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in the bank

Athletic concessions	\$7,241.01
Washer/dryer commission	\$89,897.02
Vehicle parking stickers	\$129,309.00
Refrigerator rental	\$116,367.86
Add/drop fee	\$116,575.00
Library fines	\$24,817.59
Parking fines	\$49,859.00
Bonus bucks	\$6,673.50

Sums noted for fiscal 2007



Source: Judy Mullins, University controller
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Nickels, dimes add up

Fines and fees fund sundry services across Truman's campus

BY JULIA HANSEN
Staff Reporter

Believe it or not, parking in a yellow zone on campus might have paid for horse feed on the University Farm.

Revenue that the University collects every academic year from things like concessions at athletic events, library fines and washer-dryer commission is deposited into a general revenue fund, budgeted as a revenue source and redistributed to departments throughout campus.

The educational supplies budget for the University is the money distributed to departments for classroom spending. These supplies can include anything from crickets to classroom textbooks.

"[Educational supplies] are just odds-and-ends things that are used routinely for the classes that you wouldn't usually think about," said Angela Carron, supervisor of accounts payable.

The budget for educational supplies in the 2007 fiscal year was \$164,867 higher than for the 2006 fiscal year. Educational supplies cost \$419,830 in the 2005 fiscal year, \$276,795 in the 2006 fiscal year and \$441,662 in the 2007 fiscal year.

The educational supplies budget fluctuated throughout the years because some classroom supplies, like

calculators and computer programs, are reusable, Carron said.

The University budgets its money by gathering revenue in an account, then distributing the money according to each department's need.

"Think about [University budgeting] like at home," said Judy Mullins, University controller. "You've got different sources. You may have a job you work with, you may get a scholarship and grandma and grandpa may give you some money. You put it all together and you spend it how it needs to be spent. That's how we do it. ... The vast majority of the money just goes in the pot and gets budgeted as needed."

The University's total revenue for fiscal year 2007 was \$86,039,800, a \$2,389,308 gain from the 2006 fiscal year.

In the previous fiscal year, Pickler Memorial Library took in \$24,817 in library fines, Mullins said. This consists of money collected for overdue, damaged or lost books, DVDs and other library materials. The library itself does not keep any money collected from fines, said Richard Coughlin, chief information officer and dean of libraries and museums. The fines collected from students are placed in the University's general revenue account.

From the University, the library receives an annual acquisitions budget to buy materials including new and replacement books, database subscriptions and periodicals, Coughlin said.

At 10 cents per copy for black and white and 50 cents per copy for color, the copiers in the library and around

campus brought in \$36,330 in the 2007 fiscal year.

This amount, however, is not profit for the University, Coughlin said. The money covers supplies, lease payments and maintenance of the machines. Truman does not own the copiers. Instead it has a four-year lease contract with the company that owns them.

"It's not a profitable operation," Coughlin said. "The money that we get from the copiers goes directly back into a fund that pays for the copiers, the maintenance and the toner or ink. ... I think as of this point it's possible we could make some profit, but what's happening is student copying has declined. They are just storing more things on their network drives, on their hard drives or they're printing more so they're not copying. Our copying numbers in the past several years have dropped by well over half."

The revenue from photocopies in the 2006 fiscal year was significantly higher than the 2007 fiscal year. In fiscal year 2006, photocopies brought in \$46,489, 22 percent higher than the amount collected in fiscal year 2007.

"Honestly, right now it looks like the school needs all the money it can get really because ... it needs a lot of renovations," sophomore Kristin Haluszczak said. "Also I feel like I honestly couldn't go to as good of a school for the amount I'm paying to go here. ... I don't feel like I'm getting cheated by the school, if that's what people think."

Lack of spaces hurts revenue

BY MARIAH BOHANON
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Parking on campus can be difficult to say the least, but this year the number of spots available is causing problems for more than just frustrated students.

At the Board of Governors' meeting Saturday, documents showed that the Department of Public Safety received about \$7,000 less in revenue from parking permit fees this year.

Tom Johnson, director of DPS, said the difference in revenue was due in part to the loss of about 200 parking spaces across campus because of various construction projects. The amount of money collected each year from parking permit fees can fluctuate because of the differences in the number of parking spaces available, Johnson said.

Johnson said the revenue from permit sales does not go directly to

DPS. Once the fees are collected, the money goes to various departments on campus, including the Residence Life Program, he said.

Students have widely varied opinions on the need for a \$50 permit to park on campus. Parking decals must be visible on the driver's side rear window of any car parked on campus, aside from cars with a visitor's parking pass. Student permits are designated as blue for commuters and green for residents. The decal colors help DPS separate student and faculty parking lots and can be used to ticket a car parked in the wrong lot.

Johnson could not confirm reports that a parking garage will be built on campus in the near future.

Junior Heather Mallet said that even though she doesn't have a car on campus, she empathizes with the students who have to struggle to find a parking space.

"I see a lot of people parking on

the streets, nowhere near campus," she said.

Jordan Constance, a freshman from Columbia, Mo., said she brought her car with her to college because she considered it a necessity. She said she doesn't think the parking permit fee is unfair because it is less than at many other schools.

"I'm used to parking at Mizzou, and this is not nearly as bad as that," Constance said.

Other students find that having a vehicle on campus is not worth the hassle of buying a permit and finding an available parking space. Freshman Lindsey Booher said she took her car back to her home in St. Louis after the end of Truman Week because it was so difficult to find a parking space near Dobson Hall. Booher said she had to park illegally at times and did not want to purchase a permit for unavailable parking spaces.



Photo illustration Rachel Tharp/Index
Officer Clint Embree of the Department of Public Safety demonstrates ticket-writing procedure. DPS has been cashing in on fewer parking violation fines because there are fewer spaces on campus, DPS Director Tom Johnson said.

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