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Paino predicts \$5.7 million cut

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Truman could face \$5.7 million in budget cuts during the 2011-12 fiscal year.

President Troy Paino predicted the amount at a July 19 presentation to discuss the budget challenges Truman will face in the coming months. The current budget is between \$110 and \$115 million, Paino said.

"I wanted to begin the communication process ... with the University community in terms of what we're facing and how we should go about making important decisions to make sure that

we not only preserve the Truman experience, but that we come out of this economic crisis better than ever before," Paino said. "I'm confident that that's going to be the case."

The cuts will most likely take place beginning July 1, 2011. Federal stabilization dollars in the state budget are preventing cuts from immediately going into effect, Paino said.

Truman's budget, consists of the auxiliary, education and general and restricted funds.

Richard Coughlin, interim Provost and vice president for academic affairs, said the meeting provided information from the

Missouri Department of Education concerning reduced state funding in the 2011-12 school year.

Coughlin said the University does not know when the situation will improve because of the high dependency on the national economy and state revenue improvement.

Dave Rector, executive director of institutional research and budgets, said the 2010-11 budget will not have a major negative financial impact on students.

Education and general budget

Money for the E&G budget is comprised of about \$40 million from the state, as well as in-state

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tuition and fees, and is 35 percent of the total budget.

The E&G budget is divided into 57.3 percent for personnel, 39.4 percent for operations and 3.3 percent for equipment.

The operations budget is bro-

ken into utilities, student aid and other costs including departments and office budgets. A majority of the cuts from the operations budget will come from personnel, Paino said.

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Above: Workers finish construction in the Ryle foyer Tuesday.
Below: (left) The new wing of Pershing is still under construction. (right) DPS building gets demolished.



Construction takes over campus

BY ANDREA HEWITT
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Truman's campus has undergone major changes since students left in May.

During the summer, eight projects were underway to renovate, deconstruct or replace buildings and systems around campus.

A major project was the completion of the north wing and cafeteria renovation in Ryle Hall.

"Ryle right now is about two weeks behind schedule, but the rooms are complete and ready to occupy, and the kitchen is being cleaned right now," Campus Planner Mark Schultz said. "The serving room area still has some cabinetry that is being installed. The dining room is wrapping up and will be completed — it's going to be last minute and rushed."

Work on the main lounge renovations will continue up until the day students move in, Schultz said. There will be some temporary walls in the lounge to isolate the construction on the south wing from the students occupying the north wing. The south wing is scheduled to be finished summer 2011.

"The hardest part is over," he said. "This summer the schedule was unbelievable. Literally they were working 'til midnight

or 2 a.m. They were working seven days a week, and they're working somewhere between 16 and 20 hours a day right now."

Two replacement projects took place this summer. One of these projects, a complete replacement of the fiber optic system to every major building on campus, is now in the final stages.

"We're getting everything tested and doing little outages all over campus," Schultz said. "Basically you unplug the old system and plug in the new one."

The other replacement was a boiler in the Power Plant to save Truman money.

"There's two large boilers that have been in use for many years, and there was a large boiler that had been inactive for over 20 years," Physical Plant Director Karl Schneider said. "Part of the project was to remove the inactive boiler and replace it with a small boiler."

Schneider said the load on the boilers is much less in the summer and the large boilers don't run as efficiently at low levels as the smaller ones, so the replacement allows Truman to save money on natural gas costs to run the boilers.

The tennis courts (see story, page 16) and the floor in the lobby of Baldwin Hall also were renovated this summer, Schultz said.

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Pershing project continues

BY ANDREA HEWITT
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After a rough winter, spring and summer have allowed Pershing construction workers to catch up on missed winter days of work.

The Pershing project includes the addition of a wing to the east side of the building, renovating Pershing Natatorium and the south wing and the addition of a new weight room where racquetball courts stood before.

The Pershing project

has experienced several major issues during construction, Campus Planner Mark Schultz said.

"We had a little difficulty at the start of the project with it starting in the winter season," said Joey Gerbes, project manager from River City Construction. "We had one of the roughest winters up in Kirksville, which made it difficult for us to get started, but we made up those days, and it looks pretty good since then."

Another major issue occurred when the scope

of the project had to be expanded to include the heating unit for the north wing when the system failed, Schultz said.

"Anytime we tear into an old building we find some things — 'Why did they do it that way' type of deal," he said. "There were some major issues in there that we had to address. We've also had some coordination issues with the new addition."

Since the funding was delayed for the north wing renovations, Schultz said, Please see PERSHING, Page 7

Admissions reaches goal with freshmen class

BY STEPHANIE HALL
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Regina Morin, vice president of enrollment management, said the university Admissions Office are well above the goal of 1,400 incoming freshmen for the first time in years.

"We pretty consistently float between 1,400 and 1,300, but we haven't been over 1,400 for about five years," Morin said.

Truman freshmen represent

approximately half of the states in the country, and about 20 different countries in the world. This year, 81 percent of freshmen students are from Missouri and 19 percent are from out of state.

"Typically every year we have a handful of students who are from those most distant states because we're right in the middle of the country," Morin said. "The strengths of the programs and the scholarships, that's what attracting them to come from so far

away."

Besides Missouri, the states with the highest enrollment are Illinois, Iowa and Kansas, respectively, and China, Vietnam and Nepal have the most international freshmen at Truman.

Although the class of 2014 comes from all over the world, they still maintain the same average ACT score of 27 and GPA of 3.76 as most years, Morin said. The top majors have been consistent, and this year's largest major

at Truman is Undecided, followed by Biology, English, Psychology, Business Administration and Exercise Science.

Morin said she thinks the increased enrollment is a result of people responding to Truman's scholarships and the low cost for a highly selective school.

"The value of Truman is really resonating in this economy," Morin said. "Just talking to my colleagues at the private schools, some of them are down in their

freshmen numbers."

Morin said the location and safe feeling of Truman's campus draws many students to Kirksville.

"There's so much uncertainty in our country, and people are being burdened in so many ways that it's refreshing to come to a place like Kirksville that just appears so serene in so many ways," Morin said. "I think our location and atmosphere has a lot to do with the growth." Please see FRESHMEN, Page 7