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## Where Has All the Money Gone?

### Student Parking Fees Revisited

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Many Penn State Harrisburg students are asking why parking fees are charged every year. Specifically, they are wondering why the charges are not included with the tuition.

Dr. Jerry South, Assistant Provost at PSH, oversees the parking funds. He explained the campus was presented with an opportunity to obtain more federal funding. To obtain these funds, however, the campus' operating budget had to be cut by 10 percent.

A budget reduction study began in 1993 to decide what to trim. Once the study chose the cutbacks to make, the federal replacement funds could be requested, South said. However, replacement funds could not be used for pro-

grams which were reduced.

The decision was made to remove something from the operating budget that did not directly effect the education or services provided to the students at PSH. Operating costs of maintaining the roads and parking lots totaled over \$100,000. So it seemed logical to remove these expenses from the operating budget. By putting them into a separate program, the roads and lots could be maintained while the needed reduction in the budget was accomplished.

The faculty also pay a price for these budget reforms. They pay \$10 a month through a payroll deduction, South said. Unlike students however, the faculty must pay for a full year even though they may only teach nine months.

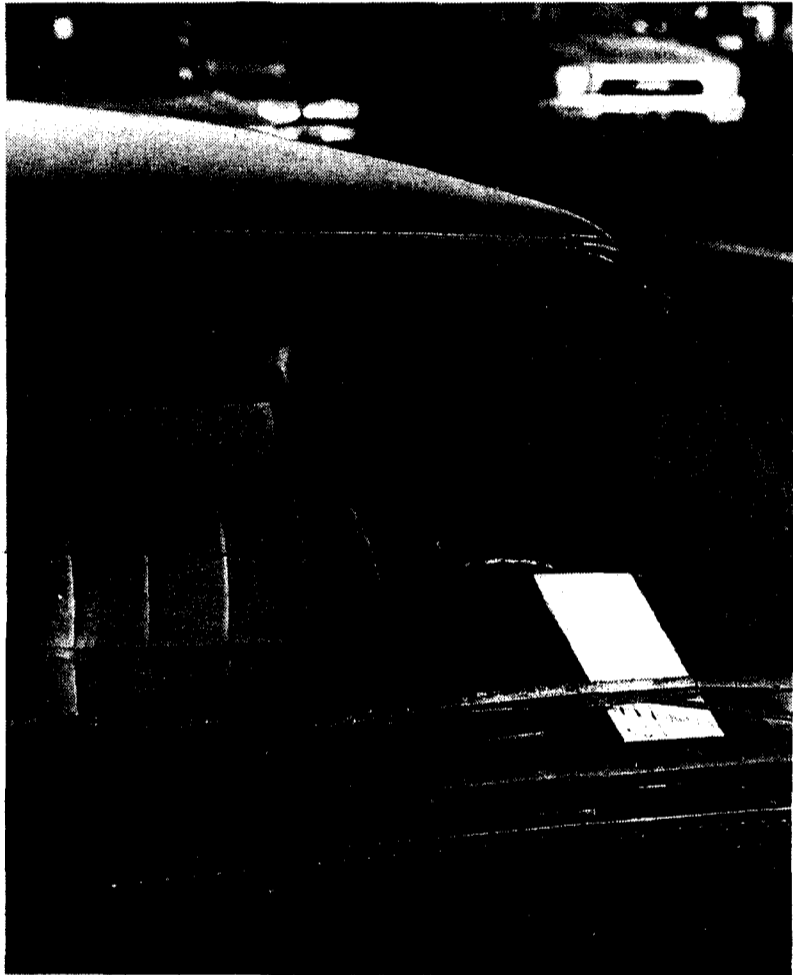
The use of all these fees can be found in the Source and

Use of Funds Statement, available at the vehicle registration office. It reports the current budget runs over \$183,000. So where do all this parking money go?

Most of the money is used for maintenance of roads and lots, maintenance support, and the salaries and wages of the clerks and staff who support the registration program. Also, the road signs on campus were refurbished this year to make the signs easier to read and understand.

Money is used for snow removal as well. This expense varies year-to-year. If there is a heavy snowfall, a contractor with the proper heavy equipment must be called to assist the campus crew with removal. Obviously, this will

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PARKING FEES - The fee-free alternative.

## Meade Heights Dirty, Bug Infested, Students Complain

### Food & Housing Services Counters Help Was Available

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Moving into a new home is always a special moment. For some, on-campus housing may be the first "home away from home" that they experience. Many high school students even count down the days until they can move out and start new lives for themselves.

Sunday, Aug. 24, was moving day for all residents at Penn State Harrisburg's Meade Heights. Keven Kerschner, a new student, showed up to move into his new residence. "I could not wait to move in," he said, "but when I opened the door, I was ready to

go back home."

The problem was, his new home at Meade Heights was not vacant. It was already occupied, but not by other students. Instead, Kerschner walked in to see ants and cockroaches had made themselves at home.

Moreover dirt, grease and scum covered the walls and floors. Old broken furniture and old mattresses were left there from before, he said. It appeared that no one had even attempted to clean the house before the new students arrived.

"I never expected to move into a pig pen," said Kyle Hartman, one of Kerschner's roommates. "I figured the place would be clean before we got here."

Another roommate, Eric Ney

agreed. "I was very disappointed," he said, "I can't believe that I actually live here. This is not what I expected at all."

This story is not an isolated incident. A house just a few doors up the street from Kerschner's had the same problems of bugs and dirt.

"I was shocked when I opened the door and witnessed how disgusting the place looked," said resident Patty Wrona. "My parents were just as upset and could not understand why the place was not cleaned."

However, most of the Meade Heights houses were not as dirty. The majority of them were cleaned before anyone moved in. Jo Ann Coleman, manager of



Meade Heights originally served as housing for military personnel in the '60s, now hundreds of students call the complex home, at least temporarily.

Housing and Food Services, explained they contract the cleaning to outside companies. If necessary they will do it them-

selves. However, when the

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