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BRYANT UNIVERSITY

Financial Statements

June 30, 2007 and 2006

(With Independent Auditors' Report Thereon)

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Independent Auditors' Report

The Board of Trustees
Bryant University:

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial position of Bryant University (the University) as of June 30, 2007 and 2006, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the University's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the University's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the University as of June 30, 2007 and 2006, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

As discussed in note 15, effective July 1, 2005, the University adopted FASB Interpretation No. 47, *Accounting for Conditional Asset Retirement Obligations – an Interpretation of FASB Statement No. 143*.

KPMG LLP

October 17, 2007

BRYANT UNIVERSITY

Statements of Financial Position

June 30, 2007 and 2006

(Dollars in thousands)

Assets		2007	2006
Cash and short-term investments (note 3)	$	32,317	25,391
Accounts receivable, net		1,520	1,042
Contributions receivable, net (note 4)		846	1,699
Prepaid expenses and other assets		1,694	1,602
Notes receivable, net (note 5)		5,961	5,963
Interest rate swap (note 8)		365	422
Long-term investments (note 3)		178,108	154,727
Deposits held by bond trustees (note 7)		18,670	20,578
Land, buildings, and equipment, net (notes 6, 7 and 15)		125,126	101,700
Total assets	$	364,607	313,124
Liabilities and Net Assets			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	$	16,239	12,653
Deferred revenues and advance payments		7,138	6,963
Asset remediation obligation (note 15)		3,526	3,974
Interest rate swap (note 8)		36	—
Notes and bonds payable, net (note 7)		90,143	72,371
Refundable advances – U.S. government grants (note 5)		5,640	5,526
Total liabilities		122,722	101,487
Net assets:			
Unrestricted:			
Available for operations		22,890	13,547
Designated for long-term investment		161,726	139,477
Net investment in plant		42,316	43,675
Total unrestricted net assets		226,932	196,699
Temporarily restricted (note 9)		1,466	2,217
Permanently restricted (notes 10 and 13)		13,487	12,721
Total net assets		241,885	211,637
Commitments and contingencies (note 3)			
Total liabilities and net assets	$	364,607	313,124

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

BRYANT UNIVERSITY

Statement of Activities

Year ended June 30, 2007

(Dollars in thousands)

	Unrestricted	Temporarily restricted	Permanently restricted	Total 2007
Operating:				
Revenues:				
Tuition and fees	$ 86,962	—	—	86,962
Residence and dining	25,418	—	—	25,418
Less scholarships and grants	(25,393)	—	—	(25,393)
Net student revenue	86,987	—	—	86,987
Contributions	1,019	—	—	1,019
Net assets released from restrictions (note 11)	685	—	—	685
Government grants	652	—	—	652
Long-term investment income used in operations (note 3)	6,496	—	—	6,496
Short-term investment income	2,432	—	—	2,432
Public service	1,228	—	—	1,228
Auxiliary and other sources	4,419	—	—	4,419
Total operating revenues	103,918	—	—	103,918
Expenses (note 14):				
Instruction	27,760	—	—	27,760
Academic support	9,440	—	—	9,440
Student services	18,547	—	—	18,547
Institutional support	15,887	—	—	15,887
Public service	1,979	—	—	1,979
Auxiliary services	21,861	—	—	21,861
Total operating expenses	95,474	—	—	95,474
Increase in net assets from operating activities	8,444	—	—	8,444
Nonoperating:				
Capital contributions	—	534	412	946
Net assets released from restrictions (note 11)	637	(1,322)	—	(685)
Net unrealized and realized gain on long-term investments, less amount used in operations (note 3)	21,451	—	354	21,805
Change in fair value of interest rate swaps (note 8)	(93)	—	—	(93)
Other	(206)	37	—	(169)
Changes in net assets from nonoperating activities	21,789	(751)	766	21,804
Change in net assets	30,233	(751)	766	30,248
Net assets:				
Beginning of year	196,699	2,217	12,721	211,637
End of year	$ 226,932	1,466	13,487	241,885

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

BRYANT UNIVERSITY

Statement of Activities

Year ended June 30, 2006

(Dollars in thousands)

	Unrestricted	Temporarily restricted	Permanently restricted	Total 2006
Operating:				
Revenues:				
Tuition and fees	$ 79,894	—	—	79,894
Residence and dining	22,497	—	—	22,497
Less scholarships and grants	(22,555)	—	—	(22,555)
Net student revenue	79,836	—	—	79,836
Contributions	970	—	—	970
Net assets released from restrictions (note 11)	743	—	—	743
Government grants	647	—	—	647
Long-term investment income used in operations (note 3)	6,084	—	—	6,084
Short-term investment income	1,489	—	—	1,489
Public service	2,209	—	—	2,209
Auxiliary and other sources	3,781	—	—	3,781
Total operating revenues	95,759	—	—	95,759
Expenses (note 14):				
Instruction	23,990	—	—	23,990
Academic support	8,856	—	—	8,856
Student services	16,813	—	—	16,813
Institutional support	14,989	—	—	14,989
Public service	3,164	—	—	3,164
Auxiliary services	19,956	—	—	19,956
Total operating expenses	87,768	—	—	87,768
Increase in net assets from operating activities	7,991	—	—	7,991
Nonoperating:				
Capital contributions	—	886	395	1,281
Net assets released from restrictions (note 11)	622	(1,365)	—	(743)
Net unrealized and realized gain on long-term investments, less amount used in operations (note 3)	11,733	—	521	12,254
Change in fair value of interest rate swaps (note 8)	2,935	—	—	2,935
Other	327	144	(143)	328
Changes in net assets from nonoperating activities	15,617	(335)	773	16,055
Change in accounting principle relating to asset remediation obligation (note 15)	(3,851)	—	—	(3,851)
Change in net assets	19,757	(335)	773	20,195
Net assets:				
Beginning of year	176,942	2,552	11,948	191,442
End of year	$ 196,699	2,217	12,721	211,637

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

BRYANT UNIVERSITY

Statements of Cash Flows

Years ended June 30, 2007 and 2006

(Dollars in thousands)

		2007	2006
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Change in net assets	$	30,248	20,195
Change in accounting principle		—	3,851
Adjustment to reconcile change in net assets to cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization		12,164	10,504
Net unrealized and realized gain on long-term investments		(24,741)	(15,535)
Loss on disposal of assets		54	—
Contributions of furniture, equipment, and other assets		(33)	(67)
Contributions received for long-term investment		(459)	(415)
Change in fair value of interest rate swaps		93	(2,935)
Net change in working capital		1,118	1,659
Net cash provided by operating activities		18,444	17,257
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Additions to land, buildings, and equipment		(33,057)	(18,392)
Proceeds from sale of equipment		266	—
Proceeds from maturities and sales of investments		128,406	106,417
Cost of purchases of investments		(133,676)	(114,715)
Change in deposits held by bond trustees		1,908	(20,220)
Change in notes receivable, net		2	(491)
Net cash used in investing activities		(36,151)	(47,401)
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Contributions received for long-term investment		459	415
Repayment of principal on notes and bonds payable		(2,293)	(2,200)
Proceeds from debt issuance		20,000	30,000
Payment of bond issuance costs		(276)	(810)
Increase in refundable advances – U.S. government grants		114	57
Net cash provided by financing activities		18,004	27,462
Change in cash		297	(2,682)
Cash (overdraft), beginning of year (note 3)		(2,534)	148
Cash (overdraft), end of year (note 3)	$	(2,237)	(2,534)

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

(1) Description of the University

Bryant University (the University) is a private, nonsectarian, co-educational institution of higher education chartered under the laws of the State of Rhode Island, composed of a College of Business and a College of Arts and Sciences. The University was founded in 1863 and is located in Smithfield, Rhode Island, on approximately 400 acres. The University offers a program leading to bachelor’s degrees in business administration, communications, information technology, applied psychology, and liberal studies. Additionally, the University offers graduate programs leading to master’s degrees in accounting, business administration, information systems, and taxation.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accompanying financial statements, which are presented on the accrual basis of accounting, have been prepared to focus on the University as a whole and to present balances and transactions according to the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions.

(a) Net Assets

Net assets, revenues, expenses, gains, and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets and changes therein are classified as follows:

Permanently restricted net assets – Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that they be maintained permanently by the University. Generally, the donors of these assets permit the University to use all or part of the income and gains, if any, on related investments for general or specific purposes.

Temporarily restricted net assets – Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that may or will be met by actions of the University and/or the passage of time.

Unrestricted net assets – Net assets not subject to donor-imposed stipulations which the University may use at its discretion.

Revenues are reported as increases in unrestricted net assets unless use of the related assets is limited by donor-imposed restrictions. Expenses are reported as decreases in unrestricted net assets. Gains and losses on investments and other assets or liabilities are reported as increases or decreases in unrestricted net assets unless their use is restricted by explicit donor stipulations or law. Expirations of temporary restrictions on net assets, that is, the donor-imposed stipulated purpose has been accomplished and/or the stipulated time period has elapsed, are reported as net assets released from restrictions between the applicable classes of net assets.

Dividends, interest, and net gains (losses) on investments are reported as follows:

- as increases in permanently restricted net assets if the terms of the gift or the University's interpretation of relevant state law requires that they be added to the principal of a permanent restricted fund;
- as increases (decreases) in temporarily restricted net assets if the terms of the contributions impose restrictions on the current use of the income and/or net gains; and
- as increases (decreases) in unrestricted net assets in all other cases.

Contributions, including unconditional promises to give, are recognized as revenues in the period received. Contributions subject to donor-imposed stipulations that are met in the same reporting period are reported as unrestricted revenues. Promises to give that are scheduled to be received after the statements of financial position dates are shown as increases in temporarily restricted net assets and are released to unrestricted net assets when the purpose and/or time restrictions are met. Promises to give subject to donor-imposed stipulations that the corpus be maintained permanently are recognized as increases in permanently restricted net assets. Conditional promises to give are not recognized until they become unconditional, that is, when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met. Contributions of assets other than cash are recorded at their estimated fair value. The University reports contributions of land, buildings or equipment as unrestricted revenues unless the donor places restrictions on their use. Contributions of cash or other assets that must be used to acquire long-lived assets are reported as unrestricted revenues provided the long-lived assets are placed in service in the same reporting period. Otherwise, the contributions are reported as temporarily restricted support until the assets are acquired and placed in service.

Unconditional promises to give that are receivable as of the end of the fiscal year are recorded at their net realizable value. Unconditional promises to give that are expected to be collected in future years are recorded at the present value of estimated future cash flows. The discounts on those amounts are computed using a risk-free interest rate applicable to the year in which the promise is expected to be received. Amortization of the discount is recorded as additional contribution revenue in accordance with the donor-imposed restrictions, if any.

The University adheres to the AICPA *Not-for-Profit Organizations Audit and Accounting Guide* in reporting expenses by their functional classification. Accordingly, depreciation, interest, and operations and maintenance expenses have been allocated to functional classifications based on building square footage. In addition, total fundraising expenses were $1,706 and $1,451 for the years ended June 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

(b) Short-Term Investments

Short-term investments include cash equivalents having maturities at date of purchase of three months or less, and are carried at cost, which approximates market value.

(c) Investments

Investments are carried at fair value. All long-term investments have been reported in the financial statements at their fair value in the case of marketable securities. The fair value of publicly traded securities is based upon quotes from the principal exchanges on which the security is traded. Mutual fund investments are valued based on net asset values. The net increase (decrease) in realized and unrealized appreciation (depreciation) in the fair value of such investments has been included in the statements of activities in the appropriate net asset classification.

Alternative investments are composed of hedge funds, partnerships in venture capital, private equity, natural resources, and real estate, for which quoted market prices are not available. The estimated fair value of these investments is based on valuations provided by the external investment managers. Since limited partnership investments are not readily marketable, their estimated value is subject to uncertainty and therefore may differ from the value that would have been used had a ready market for such investments existed, and such difference could be material. These investments represent approximately 31% of total investments as of June 30, 2007 and 2006.

Management is responsible for the fair measurements of investments reported in the financial statements. The University has implemented policies and procedures to assess the reasonableness of the fair values provided and believes that reported fair values as of the statements of financial position dates are reasonable.

(d) Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, as of the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(e) Land, Buildings and Equipment

Land, constructed and purchased property, and equipment are carried at historical cost. Long-lived fixed assets, with the exception of land, are depreciated using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives, which range from three to forty years.

(f) Deferred Revenues

Students’ reservation deposits, along with advance payments for tuition, room, board, and certain expenditures that relate to the University’s summer or fall sessions, have been deferred and will be recorded as unrestricted revenues and expenses, respectively, in the year in which they are earned or incurred.

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(g) Tax Status

The University is a tax-exempt organization as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code) and is generally exempt from income taxes pursuant to Section 501(a) of the Code.

(h) Operations

The statements of activities report the changes in unrestricted, temporarily restricted, and permanently restricted assets from operating and nonoperating activities. Unrestricted operating revenues consist of those items attributable to the University's primary mission of providing education. It includes investment earnings on the University's operating funds. Investment earnings on the University's unrestricted long-term investments and all realized and unrealized gains, net of the amount appropriated for operations, are classified as nonoperating. Net assets released from restrictions for capital purposes are also classified as nonoperating. Additionally, unrestricted operating revenues include contributions received related to annual fund support, while all other contributions and related capital campaign fundraising expenses are classified as nonoperating.

(i) Asset Retirement Obligations

The fair value of a liability for legal obligations associated with asset retirements is recognized in the period in which it is incurred in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 143, *Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations* (SFAS 143), and Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Interpretation No. 47, *Accounting for Conditional Asset Retirement Obligations* (FIN 47), if a reasonable estimate of the fair value of the obligation can be made. When the liability is initially recorded, the cost of the asset retirement obligation is capitalized by increasing the carrying amount of the related long-lived asset. Over time, the liability is accreted to its present value each period, and the capitalized cost associated with the retirement obligations is depreciated over the useful life of the related asset. Upon settlement of the obligation, any difference between the cost to settle the asset retirement obligation and the liability recorded is recognized as a gain or loss in the statements of activities.

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(Dollars in thousands)

(3) Investments

Long-term investments consisted of the following as of June 30, 2007 and 2006:

		2007	2006
Equity securities and institutional funds	$	95,389	80,907
Fixed income securities and institutional funds		27,439	26,283
Alternative investments:			
Hedge funds		27,749	23,827
Real estate funds		9,343	11,941
Private equity and venture capital funds		10,842	7,131
Natural resources funds		6,878	4,187
Cash equivalents		468	451
Total long-term investments, at fair value	$	178,108	154,727

The University had open purchase commitments for its partnership investments of $13,125 as of June 30, 2007.

Long-term investment activity consisted of the following for the years ended June 30, 2007 and 2006:

		2007	2006
Long-term investments at beginning of year	$	154,727	141,231
Contributions		459	415
Interest and dividends		5,476	4,615
Net realized and unrealized gains		24,741	15,535
Management fees		(1,915)	(1,812)
Total investment earnings		28,302	18,338
Amount appropriated for operating activities		(6,496)	(6,084)
Net nonmandatory interfund transfers		1,116	827
Long-term investments at end of year	$	178,108	154,727

Management fees have been calculated based on actual costs charged by investment managers and, in the case of mutual funds, based on an approximation of expense ratios on assets under management.

Under the University’s long-term investment spending policy, up to 5% of the long-term investments’ three-year average market value is appropriated for expenditure.

Cash and short-term investments of $32,317 and $25,391 as of June 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively, include a cash balance of $(2,237) and $(2,534), respectively.

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(Dollars in thousands)

(4) Contributions Receivable

Contributions receivable consisted of the following as of June 30, 2007 and 2006:

		2007	2006
Amounts due in:			
Less than one year	$	760	1,237
One to five years		350	802
Over five years		18	20
Less discount and allowance for uncollectible contributions		(282)	(360)
Contributions receivable, net	$	846	1,699

(5) Notes Receivable

Notes receivable include funds advanced to the University by the U.S. government under the Federal Perkins Loan Program (the Program). Such funds may be reloaned by the University after collection, but in the event that the University no longer participates in the Program, the amounts are generally refundable to the U.S. government. Notes receivable are principally amounts under the Program and are subject to significant restrictions. Accordingly, it is not practicable to determine the fair value of such amounts.

(6) Land, Buildings and Equipment

The University’s land, buildings and equipment are composed of the following as of June 30, 2007 and 2006:

		2007	2006
Buildings and leasehold improvements	$	137,653	123,374
Furniture, equipment, and other assets		39,884	35,889
Land and improvements		15,816	15,051
Construction in progress		22,444	8,474
		215,797	182,788
Less accumulated depreciation		(90,671)	(81,088)
Land, buildings and equipment, net	$	125,126	101,700

Depreciation expense was $11,902 and $10,269 for the years ended June 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively. The University capitalized net interest on construction in progress in the amount of $57 and $236 in 2007 and 2006, respectively.

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(Dollars in thousands)

(7) Notes and Bonds Payable

Notes and bonds payable outstanding as of June 30, 2007 and 2006 are as follows:

		2007	2006
3%, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Bryant College Dormitory Bonds of 1969, due in semiannual installments of varying amounts to 2010	$	205	283
4.73%, RIHEBC, 1998 Master Lease, due in varying amounts to 2008		379	741
4.24%, RIHEBC, 1998 Master Lease, due in varying amounts to 2009		890	1,452
4.00%-5.00%, RIHEBC, 2001 Series, due in varying amounts to 2032		27,000	27,565
4.30%-5.125%, RIHEBC, 2002 Series, due in varying amounts to 2019		11,880	12,605
Variable rate, RIHEBC, 2005 Series, due in varying amounts to 2035		30,000	30,000
Variable rate, RIHEBC, 2007 Series, due in varying amounts to 2035		20,000	—
Less unamortized bond discount		(211)	(275)
Notes and bonds payable, net	$	90,143	72,371

Cash paid for interest was $3,165 and $2,700 for the years ended June 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

The University believes that its debt approximates fair value based on estimates using interest rates available for similar debt with equivalent maturities.

Scheduled annual principal repayments of notes and bonds payable are as follows:

		Bonds	Notes
Fiscal year:			
2008	$	1,435	966
2009		1,597	302
2010		1,808	—
2011		1,885	—
2012		1,950	—
Thereafter		80,411	—
Total principal payments	$	89,086	1,268

The 1969 HUD bonds are collateralized by a first mortgage on certain dormitories of the University.

In June 1998, the University entered into a $3,100 Master Lease with RIHEBC. The lease is collateralized by the assets purchased with the lease proceeds.

In December 1998, the University entered into a $5,000 Master Lease with RIHEBC. The lease is collateralized by the assets purchased with the lease proceeds.

In January 2001, the University entered into an agreement with RIHEBC which provided for the issuance of $30,000, 4.00%-5.19%, Higher Education Facility Revenue Bonds, Series 2001 due in varying principal payments or sinking fund payments to December 1, 2031. These bonds are a general obligation of the University, requiring a pledge of tuition and admission fees received in each fiscal year.

In May 2002, the University entered into an agreement with RIHEBC which provided for the issuance of $19,425, 2.00%-5.24%, Higher Education Facility Revenue Refunding Bonds, 2002 Series A Bonds, due in varying principal payments or sinking fund payments to June 1, 2019. These bonds are a general obligation of the University, requiring a pledge of tuition and admission fees received in each fiscal year.

In December 2005, the University entered into an agreement with RIHEBC which provided for the issuance of $30,000, variable rate, Higher Education Facility Revenue Bonds, due in varying principal payments or sinking fund payments to June 1, 2035. These bonds are a general obligation of the University, requiring a pledge of tuition and admission fees received in each fiscal year. The interest rate as of June 30, 2006 and June 30, 2007 was 3.60% and 3.65%, respectively.

In June 2007, the University entered into an agreement with RIHEBC which provided for the issuance of $20,000, variable rate, Higher Education Facility Revenue Bonds, due in varying principal payments or sinking fund payments to June 1, 2035. These bonds are a general obligation of the University, requiring a pledge of tuition and admission fees received in each fiscal year. The interest rate at June 30, 2007 was 3.65%.

(8) Interest Rate Swaps

In February 2005, the University entered into two interest rate swap agreements with a financial institution counterparty. The purpose of these agreements is to swap the variable rate on the underlying debt issued for $30,000 in December 2005, and another $10,000 of debt issued in June 2007, for fixed rates of 3.79% and 3.79%, respectively. Counterparty payments will commence monthly from November 1, 2008 through June 1, 2035. In February 2006, the University entered into another interest rate swap in order to issue a further $10,000 of variable debt in June 2007. The variable rate on the underlying debt was swapped for a fixed rate of 3.86%. Counterparty payments will commence monthly from November 1, 2007 through June 1, 2035. The University entered into these agreements to hedge cash flows attributable to interest payments on the debt issues and does not use such instruments for speculative purposes. Under SFAS 133, the instruments' fair values and changes therein must be measured in the University's net assets. The values of the swap instruments represent the estimated benefit or cost to the University to cancel the agreements at the reporting date, and are based on option pricing models that consider risks and market factors. The asset, representing an increase in value of the first two swap agreements, has been recorded as an unrestricted net asset on the statement of financial position for the year ended June 30, 2007 in the amount of $365 (an asset in the amount of $422 at June 30, 2006). The liability representing a decrease in the value of the last swap agreement has been recorded as an unrestricted net liability on the statement of financial position for the year ended June 30, 2007 in the amount of $36.

(Dollars in thousands)

(9) Temporarily Restricted Net Assets

Temporarily restricted net assets consisted of the following as of June 30, 2007 and 2006:

	2007	2006
Contributions receivable, net	$ 803	1,614
Purpose restrictions:		
Scholarships	372	333
Instruction	212	114
Academic support	16	4
Student services	21	58
Institutional support	—	4
Public service	—	26
Buildings and facilities	30	15
Other capital campaign	12	49
Total purpose restrictions	663	603
Total temporarily restricted net assets	$ 1,466	2,217

(10) Permanently Restricted Net Assets

Permanently restricted net assets consisted of the following as of June 30, 2007 and 2006:

	2007	2006
Contributions receivable, net	$ 43	85
Assets for which income is restricted for the following purposes:		
Scholarships	11,323	10,619
Instruction and other programs	2,121	2,017
Total income restricted as to purpose	13,444	12,636
Total permanently restricted net assets	$ 13,487	12,721

(Dollars in thousands)

(11) Net Assets Released from Restrictions

Net assets released from donor restrictions by incurring expenses or costs satisfying the restricted purposes or by occurrence of events specified by the donors were as follows:

		2007	2006
Buildings and facilities	$	627	648
Scholarships and other programs		695	717
Total net assets released from restrictions	$	1,322	1,365

(12) Retirement Plan

The University has a defined contribution retirement plan (the Plan) for eligible full-time academic, administrative and service personnel. The Plan is designed in accordance with the provisions of Section 403(b) of the Code. Contributions are made by the University and the participants to the Teachers' Insurance and Annuity Association – College Retirement Equities Fund (TIAA-CREF) and the Fidelity Service Company, the Plan's investment custodians, based on participant elections. The University's expense under the Plan was $2,745 and $2,546 for the years ended June 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

(Dollars in thousands)

(13) Uniform Management of Institutional Funds Act

The University is incorporated under the laws of the State of Rhode Island, and is therefore, subject to the provisions of the Rhode Island Uniform Management of Institutional Funds Act (the Act), as amended. Under the Act, the accumulated realized and unrealized gains related to the investment of a permanently restricted contribution may legally be appropriated for expenditure by the University to a specified limit, with a fixed amount remaining with the permanently restricted contribution in order to account for any changes in the purchasing power of the historic dollar value of the contribution, unless donor-imposed restrictions explicitly provide otherwise, thus preserving the buying power of these contributions. Accordingly, the net gains on permanently restricted contributions that contain no donor restrictions as to the use of income derived therefrom have been included in unrestricted net assets. The net gains on permanently restricted contributions that contain donor restrictions as to the use of income derived therefrom have been included in temporarily restricted net assets to the extent that they are not spent pursuant to the restrictions in the same period they are earned. Only the original amount of permanently restricted contributions, plus the calculation of a portion of the income and gains based upon the consumer price index, has been included in permanently restricted net assets.

(14) Natural Classification of Operating Expenses

Operating expenses by their natural classification were as follows for the years ended June 30, 2007 and 2006:

		2007	2006
Salaries and wages	$	39,589	36,692
Depreciation and amortization		12,164	10,504
Fringe benefits		11,825	10,754
Purchased services		6,111	5,335
Food service		6,131	5,693
Utilities and communications		3,381	3,631
Interest		2,744	2,307
Advertising and publications		2,113	2,106
Facility renovations		1,722	2,279
Supplies and postage		1,396	1,205
Other		8,298	7,262
Total operating expenses	$	95,474	87,768

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(15) Change in Accounting Principle

In March 2005, the FASB issued FIN 47, *Accounting for Conditional Asset Retirement Obligations – an Interpretation of FASB Statement No. 143*. This Interpretation clarifies that an entity is required to recognize a liability for the fair value of a conditional asset retirement obligation if the fair value of the liability can be reasonably estimated. SFAS 143 requires the fair value of a liability for a legal obligation associated with an asset retirement be recorded in the period in which the obligation is incurred. When the liability is initially recorded, the cost of the asset retirement is capitalized.

The University adopted FIN 47 effective July 1, 2005, and recorded a liability of $3,974, of which $3,851 was recorded as a cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle, which reflects the accretion of the liability and depreciation of the related asset component from the liability inception date through June 30, 2006. Accretion of the liability will be provided in operations for future inflation of these costs, and subsequent actual costs will be charged as incurred to the liability account.