

November 2022



Our capital campaign goal is to raise \$5,000 on GivingTuesday, November 29, 2022 to make many much needed repairs and improvements to the concession stand equipment.

The concession stand is one of our major fundraising events that raises \$5,000 to \$6,000 every year to support the marching band program. To continue to be able to earn at that level and serve the Marquette community, we need to re-invest in the equipment. This year we experienced the failures in our aging equipment and maintenance & repairs need to be made. This is a one-time investment in the future of the concession stand's success which in turn will benefit the Marquette Band program & the Marquette Football community by continuing to be able to provide fantastic food and cold drinks!

This \$5,000 will go towards making much needed improvements in the concession stand. These improvements will include:

- Maintenance & service repairs to the Ice making machine
- Replace the white refrigerator that is held together by Duct Tape and a Bungee Cord!
- Repair or replace the 2 Coke coolers that are no longer working.

These appliances are well past their prime and something finally needs to happen.

Here is a summary of all the machines that failed on us this year and why it is important to repair or replace them.

To start of our season, the ice machine stopped working the week before our first home football game



(Ice Maker Machine Completely empty without ice cubes)

So, we were forced to get ice from different locations, bring them to the concession stand and ice down all the drinks in coolers prior to each game. This was costly and a logistics nightmare.

As you can see below it takes a lot of coolers and dedicated volunteers to plan and coordinate what we had to do this summer to have cold drinks for the patrons of this year's concession stand.



(All of these coolers were needed to ice the drinks down so they would be cold by game time)

We would have to go into the concession stand two days prior to the game and as you can see in the pictures below, we had to ice down all of the drinks in the various sized coolers.



In addition to the Ice machine failing on us, we had to nurse our old white fridge in the back along as much as we could. This refrigerator with a small top mount freezer is on its last days. We had to “engineer” several make-shift repairs to this fridge to get us through the year.

The old white fridge in the back is so old, that as seen in the pictures below, the rubber seal around the fridge and freezer openings has completely separated from the doors. We have tried to repair it several times with no avail..



The fridge was losing so much cool air around this faulty seal this year that we had to use Duct Tape to keep the doors closed when we would leave the concessions stand at the end of the night after a football game just so our food wouldn't spoil.



It got so bad that towards the end of the season this year we had to resort to using a Bungee cord to keep the seal flush at night after we left.



As if it couldn't get any worse, we started the year with the 2 Coke Machines struggling to keep our drinks cool. Now keep in mind these Coke machines are from the 80s and 90s.



At the beginning of the school year, the Coke coolers worked, but they were starting to give us problems. Keep in mind these Coke coolers are from 1988 & 1992 respectively. The Coke cooler from the 80s kept drinks somewhat cool. Usually around 50 degrees. Not cool and as you can see in the picture below, the temp is in the Spoilage Range on the temperature gauge.



We also noticed this year that the other Coke cooler machine from the 90s was struggling even more to keep drinks cold. This Coke cooler would struggle as you can see in the picture below, just to get below 70 degrees!



Then we came in one evening to ice down drinks and we noticed that one of the Coke cooler machines was leaking a brown, sticky fluid?



As soon as we opened the door to this Coke cooler, we noticed the extreme heat coming out of this machine.



(The Temperature gauge was pegged at 120 degrees as shown in this picture.)

That is when we realized the brown liquid was actually soda that sprayed all over the inside of the cooler when the soda cans started to explode because of the extreme heat. This brown sticky liquid had covered all surfaces inside and dripped down to the bottom shelf and through the drain below.

(Notice the deformed tops and shapes of these various soda cans below)



These 2 soda cans below actually blew their lids off from the extreme heat



So we finished the year with only 1 working Coke cooler machine (55 degrees) and we are definitely to the point where we need to reinvest in the concessions stand. Here are our options:

Our research has shown that a new Coke cooler/Display refrigerator like the one we have will run around \$4,000 - \$5,000. Before we scrap the 2, old Coke coolers, we want to have a service rep come out and determine if the 2 Coke machines can be repaired?

If they can be repaired, how much will that cost? I would like to be optimistic and hope that we can repair these 2 Coke machines and replace the old white "Bungee Cord/ Duct Tapped" refrigerator for around \$5,000.

So that is our goal, to raise \$5,000 on #GivingTuesday, November 29th, 2022.

Please help us reach our goal by donating as much as you can afford. Thank you in advance and we appreciate your generosity.