

Merger momentum continues: UT enrollment up again

By Jon Strunk

Main Campus enrollment at the University is up 1 percent from spring 2006, a sign, according to UT officials, that the momentum generated from the merger with the Medical University of Ohio and the enrollment increases of fall 2006 are continuing to build.

“We’re seeing increases in our direct-from-high-school, transfer and graduate student populations,” said Kevin Kucera, associate vice president for enrollment services. “All that hard work by our recruit-

ers and everyone on the enrollment team is really producing some outstanding results.”

UT has enrolled 17,976 students for the 2007 spring semester, up from 17,792 at this time last year. Full-time equivalency (FTE) — the figure used to determine UT’s state subsidy — also increased, up to 14,904 from 14,768 last year. FTE is calculated by taking the total number of course credit hours taken by students divided by 15.

Graduate FTEs are up 7.5 percent as 42 additional graduate students are en-

rolled. The number of transfer students has increased and — a phenomenon that is somewhat unusual for a spring semester — UT added 38 new direct-from-high-school students, data show.

“We’re in the middle of our push for a strong enrollment class for the 2007 fall semester, but I think these numbers show our daily individual outreach efforts and institutional strategies are catching the attention of prospective students and their parents,” said Lawrence J. Burns, vice presi-

dent for enrollment services, marketing and communications.

Also recently catching the attention of students and their families is news of UT’s commitment not to raise tuition for the 2007 fall semester, which was announced by UT President Lloyd Jacobs Jan. 15.

“Just as important as our commitment to first-class education must be our commitment to University accessibility for students and their families as tuition continues to climb,” Jacobs said.

Provost search enters semi-finalist phase

By Tobin J. Klinger

The search for the next provost for The University of Toledo Main Campus is about to move into the semi-finalist phase.

The search committee has agreed upon 10 candidates to invite for first-round interviews, during which each will visit campus. The brief interviews are scheduled for the weekend of Feb. 3-4.

“We have a pool of topflight candidates with impressive credentials and considerable experience,” said Dr. Carter Wilson, professor of political science, chair of the Faculty Senate on Main Campus and co-chair of the search committee. “Members of the search committee put forth extra efforts to ensure a highly diverse pool of candidates.”

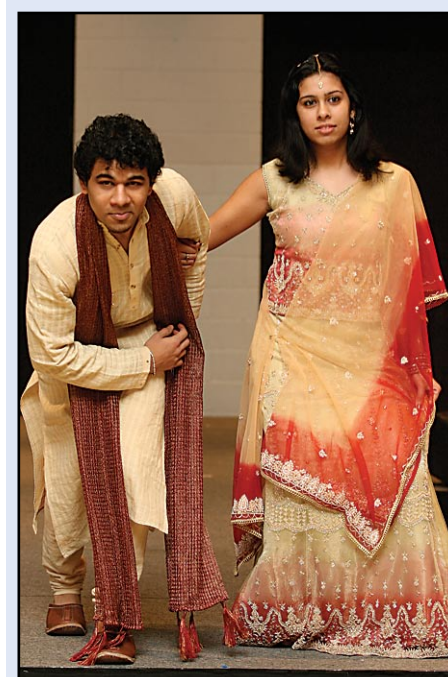
Following the weekend of interviews, the committee will attempt to narrow the pool down to three or four finalists. Finalist

interviews will take place between Feb. 19 and March 2 and will include participation from the entire campus community.

“We plan to wrap up the first round of interviews with a consensus on who we would like to bring back,” said Dr. Penny Poplin Gosetti, associate professor of higher education, executive assistant to the president and co-chair of the search committee. “We are working now to put together a full day of interviews for the finalists that will include open forums and time with specific groups.”

Names of the finalists will be released once the candidates have agreed to return to campus for the last round of interviews.

Wilson and Poplin Gosetti characterize the semi-finalist pool as being made up primarily of sitting deans, vice provosts and provosts.



Photos by Daniel Miller

ECLECTIC EXPERIENCE: Chinh Nguyen, a senior in the College of Pharmacy, finished putting up the sign for the Vietnamese Student Association at the 15th annual International Village/Food Festival last week on Main Campus. Abhishek Rathod, left, a graduate student in the College of Engineering, and Meesha Kaw, a freshman in the College of Arts and Sciences, showed off Indian clothing on the runway during the fashion show. Faisal Alqahtani, a freshman in the College of Engineering, right, talked with Dan Harrison, a teacher at the Toledo Academy of Learning, and Tashemia Allen, a student at the academy. Nearly 200 people attended the two-day event.

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UT piloting electronic portfolio system

By Krista M. Hayes

The University of Toledo recently obtained a license for Epsilon, an electronic portfolio management system that allows students to use extensive resumé and career builder software to produce portfolios via the Internet.

"This software has the potential for involving many students and faculty in the development of online electronic portfolios, which could serve as powerful tools to assess student learning, as well as becoming portable, transferable records of what they have accomplished — a kind of 'super-resumé' career-building tool," said Dr. Bernie Bopp, UT professor of astronomy and director of the Center for Teaching and Learning.

According to Dr. Ronald Opp, UT associate professor and chair of the Department of Educational Leadership and chair of the University Assessment Committee, the Epsilon program

was created by the CyberLab at Indiana University-Purdue University in Indianapolis by Dr. Ali Jafari and associates. Jafari is professor of computer and information technology and director of the CyberLab at the university. Opp said Epsilon has been in development for a number of years, and UT has licensed the beta version for the purpose of piloting the program.

"The system works in a fashion similar to Facebook and MySpace," Opp said. "Students and faculty create their own electronic portfolios and decide what, if anything, they upload to their portfolios and make available to the general public.

"The system is ideal for documenting the skills and abilities that one has developed at UT and making this information available to potential employers," Opp added. "It also serves as a repository for student documents that faculty can use to document student mastery of skills and abilities for assessment and program review purposes."

Opp said the system will be in use by faculty and students on a pilot basis this semester, with the anticipation that it will be made available to the entire campus community in the fall.

Registration is free for any student, faculty or staff member, but the individual must use his or her UT e-mail address to register.

"As of last month, UT became only the second institution in the world to have a license agreement for the current version of



Photo by Daniel Miller

Dr. Milton Hakel talked about the Epsilon system during a recent Center for Teaching and Learning luncheon.

Epsilon," said Michael Currey, UT interim institutional research assistant for the Office of Strategy and Institutional Research. "The other is the American University of Paris."

According to Currey, Bowling Green State University was one of the first institutions to use Epsilon. However, BGSU has an earlier version of the system and has not yet signed a license agreement for the current beta version.

Epsilon was brought to UT by Dr. Milton Hakel, BGSU professor of psychology.

Hakel recently discussed BGSU's experiences using the Epsilon system and the reasons why faculty and students need electronic portfolios at a Center for Teaching and Learning luncheon attended by more than 60 instructors and staff.

"Epsilon electronic portfolios for students combine documentation, reflective self-assessment of those documents, and evaluation and certification by faculty in a unified framework that shows tangibly what students can do with their knowledge," Hakel said. "Students use electronic portfolios as a ready means to showcase their achievements and discover that reflecting on their work leads to deeper engagement in learning and higher confidence in being effective performers."

For more information on the Epsilon electronic portfolio system, visit <http://epsilon.com/Epsilon/Public/Home.aspx> or contact Opp at ronald.opp@utoledo.edu.

University begins NCAA self-study

By Jim Winkler

The University of Toledo has begun a campuswide self-study of its athletics program as part of the National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA) Division I certification program.

The self-study will cover three specific areas — governance and commitment to rules compliance, academic integrity, and commitment to equity and student-athlete welfare.

"The certification program is aimed at ensuring integrity in the institution's athletics operations," said Lawrence J. Burns, vice president for enrollment, marketing and communications, who was appointed by UT President Lloyd Jacobs to chair the University's NCAA Self-Study Steering Committee. "The process opens athletics to the rest of the University community and to the public. Institutions benefit by increasing campuswide awareness and knowledge of the athletics program, confirming its strengths, and developing plans to improve specific areas. It allows us to step back and see how we are doing and how we can improve."

While academic accreditation is common for colleges and universities, the NCAA certification focuses solely on athletics programs. The Division I NCAA membership overwhelmingly supported the program and its standards at the 1993 NCAA Convention. UT completed its first self-study in 1999 and was unconditionally certified. It also submitted an interim status report in 2003. Today, the NCAA requires certification every 10 years.

The steering committee's three subcommittees and their chairs are: governance and commitment to rules compliance, Jane Roman, Toledo attorney, UT alumna, former student-athlete in women's basketball and member of the Varsity "T" Hall of Fame; academic integrity, Dr. Nagi Naganathan, dean and professor of the College of Engineering; and

equity and student-athlete welfare, Dr. Kaye Patten Wallace, vice president for student affairs. Jacobs and the subcommittee chairs are members of the steering committee.

In preparing the report, the subcommittees will address standards, or operating principles, which were adopted by the NCAA to place a benchmark by which all Division I members are evaluated.

Other steering committee members are Kelly E. Andrews, associate athletics director and senior woman administrator; Alfred A. Baker, member of the UT Board of Trustees, UT alumnus, former student-athlete in football and a member of the Varsity "T" Hall of Fame; Dr. Kristopher Brickman, associate professor of surgery and medical director of the UT Medical Center Emergency Department; Tyler Hotchkiss, law student; James Klein, professor of law and NCAA faculty athletics representative; Kevin Kucera, associate vice president for enrollment services; Dr. William E. McMillen, vice president for government relations; Michael O'Brien, director of intercollegiate athletes; Dan Saevig, associate vice president for alumni relations; and Dr. Alice Skeens, associate professor of psychology.

"The goal of the NCAA is to ensure broad-based participation from a wide variety of constituent groups inside and outside athletics," Burns noted. "The idea is to involve as many people outside of athletics as possible."

Once UT has concluded its self-study, an external team of reviewers will conduct a three-day evaluation visit on campus Sept. 23-25. The reviewers will be peers from other colleges, universities or conference offices. The team will report to the NCAA Division I Committee on Athletics Certification. The committee will then determine UT's certification status and announce the decision during the 2007-08 academic year.

Black History Month Update/Corrections

The Murphys, featuring Clifford Murphy on bass and Claude Black on piano, will perform at the Black History Month Kick-Off Luncheon Thursday, Feb. 1, at 11:30 a.m. in the Student Union Auditorium.

The gospel performance scheduled for Feb. 24 has been canceled.

Dr. Willie McKether was incorrectly identified in last week's issue. The UT assistant professor of anthropology will give a brown-bag talk, "Black Migra-

tion," Thursday, Feb. 8, at noon in Student Union Room 2500.

Persons interested in signing up for the bus trip to the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center on Saturday, Feb. 17, may register only in the African-American Student Enrichment Initiatives Office in Student Union Room 1531. Cost is \$7 per person for the trip, which will leave at 8 a.m. and return at 8 p.m.

Go to www.multicultural.utoledo.edu to see the Black History Month calendar.

Students catch UT buzz with Saturday enrollment events

By Cynthia Nowak

The UT campus may quiet down for the weekends, but that's when prospective students are hearing the blue and gold message loud and clear, thanks to a Saturday program organized through the Division of Enrollment Services.

Working with the individual colleges, the division is using the days — Feb. 3, Feb. 10, Feb. 17, March 17 and March 24 — to give admitted students an in-depth look at the University. Students who accept the personalized invitations sent by their colleges enjoy a visit crammed with useful information, one-on-one time with faculty and staff, and even time for a relaxed lunch.

"Each college has its own morning agenda that runs from 10 to noon," explained Tamara Johnson, assistant director in the Office of Undergraduate Admission. "From noon to 3, the students can choose from a



Photo by Maggie Diehl

A prospective UT student filled out an evaluation with his father during an open house held by the College of Business Administration last spring.

number of optional programming choices. The colleges host luncheons where students can spend time with faculty and staff. There's a chance to learn about scholarships and financial aid, and tours of all the residence halls, where students can even sign up."

She added, "A lot of students have already visited the campus; they're at the point where they're still deciding between a few schools. Even so, this is probably the first time they've gotten an in-depth look at UT."

Noting that since most students are accompanied by parents, "This is the program where we want to win over all of them. We're hoping that students leave saying, 'OK, this is the place for me.'"

The program, which is also promoted through high school guidance counselors, an e-newsletter and a Web site, is a yearly event that's traditionally well attended. Some 1,450

students took part in last year's program, Johnson said.

Students who haven't yet connected with UT aren't forgotten, either. Winter Experience Days, which are held according to the same schedule, bring to campus high school juniors, plus seniors who have not yet been accepted into UT. Instead of attending the college-hosted morning programming, they come to Rocket Hall for a 45-minute UT overview. "It's useful because most of the students haven't yet visited the campus," Johnson said. That's followed by a guided tour, then a lunch at one of UT's cafeterias. In the afternoon, they can participate in any of the sessions with admitted students.

For more information on either program, contact Johnson at 419.530.5716.

Prostitution, sex trafficking stories of local women, girls to be told Feb. 2

By Krista M. Hayes

"My Real Name: Breaking the Silence on Child Sex Trafficking in Ohio," a play about adult prostitution and child sex trafficking, will be presented Friday, Feb. 2, at 7 p.m. in Doermann Theater on Main Campus.

During the play, the stories of area women and girls will artistically be retold, with details of their involvement in prostitution and sex trafficking in the Toledo community and of their life underground. The performance will be presented by the UT Department of Social Work with Toledo Area Ministries and the Second Chance Program.

According to Dr. Celia Williamson, UT associate professor of social work and chair of the Second Chance Board of Directors, Toledo has been cited by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children as a major hub for recruitment of teens in sex trafficking. Williamson said more than 600 prostitution-related arrests occur in Toledo every year, most involving girls and adult women with children.

"There is no accurate national data, state data or local data of how many women and girls are currently involved in prostitution and sex trafficking in Toledo," Williamson said. "However, we do know that approximately 40 percent of women in jails and transitional houses in Toledo have been involved in prostitution. Of those, almost

half began before age 18. Without intervention, 77 percent of teens who are lured into prostitution by traffickers will graduate into adult prostitution."

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Toledo Area Ministries at 419.242.7401 or at tam@tamohio.org.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Second Chance Program of Toledo.

"The program works with victims of child sex trafficking and adult prostitution, and works directly with young girls and women to help them be safe, heal, leave the life, and establish healthy connections within the community and their own lives," Williamson said.

"We chose to hold the play at UT because Toledo has been identified as a major hub for the recruitment of trafficking victims in the United States," she said. "Because we are a major hub, we need to educate ourselves and become sensitized to the issue.

"The performances are powerful and the information is powerful," Williamson added. "People will leave with a profound understanding of the issue, what it does to girls, women and boys, how it destroys lives, and what we are doing to help victims recover."

For more information on the event, contact Williamson at 419.530.4084 or at celia.williamson@utoledo.edu.

Submit dates for 2007-08 academic planner

Next year's UT academic planner is being created, and now is your chance to submit information from your department or organization.

If you have any events, programs or important information to be included in the weekly calendar of the planner, e-mail information to orientation@utoledo.edu with the subject line "Planner Dates."

The planner will cover August 2007 to June 2008.

Submissions are due by 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16.

Planners will be distributed to all new incoming students at Rocket Launch and Rocket Transition programs, as well as be sold by bookstores.

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Works by University authors sought

The deadline for submitting materials for the 2006-07 University of Toledo Authors and Artists Exhibit is Friday, Feb. 16.

Faculty members who have published books, articles and conference papers since October 2005 are encouraged to submit these materials for inclusion in the exhibit. This year, the exhibit also will include works published during the past year by faculty on the Health Science Campus in addition to faculty on the Main Campus.

The exhibit, an annual event since the 1950s, will be on display in the Ward M. Canaday Center for Special Collections from March 28 through May 4. Faculty with works in the exhibit will be honored at a reception hosted by President Lloyd Jacobs on Wednesday, March 28, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Community leaders also will be invited to the opening.

Faculty authors on the Main Campus should submit their publications to Suhasini Kumar, Government Documents Department, Carlson Library, MS #509. Faculty members on the Health Science Campus should submit their publications to Jolene Miller, Mulford Library, MS #1061. Faculty in the Department of Art with work to display should contact David Guip at 419.530.8306 to make arrangements to have their art featured in the exhibit. Please provide a complete bibliographic citation for each publication to assist with the preparation of the exhibit catalog.

For more information, contact Kumar at 419.530.4485.

Administration division announces new roles for three

By Tobin J. Klinger

Additional streamlining efforts and a resignation have brought about new roles for three members of Vice President of Administration Bill Logie's team, while creating new opportunities for the organization.

Matt Dills, director of human resources, will assume the role of acting associate vice president for Main Campus human resources, with the departure of Jim Sciarini, associate vice president for Main Campus human resources, who has accepted a position with Sun Oil in Oregon, Ohio.

"Matt has really stepped up to the plate for us during this time of transition," Logie said. "He'll be keeping things moving forward as we evaluate the overall HR organization and use Jim's departure as an opportunity to make sure we have the right structure in place."

Logie has asked Carrie Herr, director of the Executive Center for Global Competitiveness, to put together a task team through the Office of Quality and Continuous Learning to assess the structure of Human Resources across the institution and make recommendations.

Meanwhile, the roles of Vicki Riddick, director of employee and student health services, and Norine Wasielewski, senior director of health and wellness, have changed.

Riddick will provide leadership for employee and student health educational initiatives across the University, and Wasielewski will focus on the operation of the clinical enterprises, including the Student Medical Center and the Employee Health Primary Care Clinic.

"There are numerous educational initiatives under way at The University of Toledo," Logie said. "Vicki will face the job of pulling them all together into a unified employee and student wellness program."

"We'll be looking to Norine to help take our internal clinical enterprises to the next level."

Under the new model, Riddick will report to Dr. Pat Metting, associate dean for student affairs, and Wasielewski will report to Vickie Geha, administrator for ambulatory services and behavioral health.

"Merging the various pieces of the new institution is an ongoing process," Logie said. "We knew from the beginning that we would need to seize on opportunities as they presented themselves, and this is a perfect example of that type of situation."

The organizational review of Human Resources is expected to be finalized by April 1.



Photo by Daniel Miller

GOODBYE: Mary Richard, supervisor of mail services, right, talked with Pat Fields at her retirement party last week. Fields worked at UT 28 years in the College of Pharmacy — as a secretary in the Pharmacy Practice Department for 16 years and as a records management officer in the Student Affairs Office for 12 years. "I will miss the contact with the pharmacy students and working with the staff and faculty in the College of Pharmacy," Fields said. "Seeing the graduates walk across the stage to receive their diplomas during commencement always gave me a good feeling." She plans to complete needlework projects she started over the years. "I will enjoy having more time to spend with my husband, Len, and our Jack Russell terrier, Gizmo, as well as our children and grandchildren," she said. "To just relax and act like I don't have a care in the world sounds great, too."



FIRE UP: "Natural Transition," stoneware by Julie Webster, UT senior majoring in art and law and social thought, was one of several works in the Ohio Undergraduate Ceramics Exhibition to receive an award from Ceramics Monthly Magazine. The free, public exhibit is on display in the Center for the Visual Arts Gallery on the Toledo Museum of Art Campus through Friday, Feb. 2. Gallery hours are from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Photo by Daniel Miller

In memoriam

Charles Dolph, Sylvania, who had been working at UT since 2006 as business continuity administrator in Educational and Information Technology, died Jan. 11 at age 62.