

Undergraduate Connections



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Assistant Dean for Student Services Mary Ormson Retires

Mary Ormson is retiring! After 20 years of service to the UT College of Business as Assistant Dean for Student Services, Dean Ormson is heading off to Hot Springs, Arkansas for a relaxing and fun retirement. Her retirement is effective December 31, 2007.

Dean Ormson began her career in January 1972 as an Assistant Director of Admissions with Alverno College in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and since then has worked at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, University of Wisconsin Center-Waukesha, Iona College, and UT. Dean Ormson earned her Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Sociology and the Master of Science in Education in College Student Personnel Services from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

In addition to making numerous presentations at regional and national NACADA (National Academic Advising Association) conferences, Dean Ormson has earned several awards, including UT Outstanding Adviser (1999), NACADA Certificate of Merit for Outstanding Academic Advising (2000), and the UT College of Business Outstanding Professional Staff Award (2007).

Please stop by Student Services before the end of December to wish her well on her path to retirement!



Extremely Important Deregistration Information

The evening of December 28th will be the **ONLY** de-registration prior to the spring term. Deregistered courses will be available at 7am on Saturday, December 29th, 2007.

Graduation Information

University Commencement for **December 2007** graduation candidates will be held on Sunday, December 16th. Please refer to the Commencement information on the Registrar's webpage.

Applications for **May 2008** graduation candidates were due to Rocket Hall in November. All candidates who applied on time will receive a confirmation letter along with verification of any remaining degree requirements from Barb Snavely in December. If you missed the deadline, applications may still be submitted. Contact Barb at barb.snavely@utoledo.edu for more information.

Applications for **August 2008** graduation candidates who want to attend the May 2008 ceremony are due to Rocket Hall Room 1200/1100 Rocket Hall by February 2008. Applications for all other **August 2008** and **December 2008** graduation candidates are due by the beginning of April 2008. Verification letters for August candidates are mailed in May. Verification letters for December candidates are mailed in June.

Contact Barb Snavely at barb.snavely@utoledo.edu if you have additional questions concerning graduation.

Academic Advising Information

Important Spring 2008 Dates to Remember

Deregistration – Friday, December 28
Classes Begin – Monday, January 7
MLK Day (No Class) – Monday, January 21
Last Day to Add/Drop – Tuesday, January 22
Scholarship Application Deadline - January 31
Summer Registration Begins – Monday, February 11
Job Fair - Friday, February 15
Spring Break – Monday-Sunday, March 3-7
Last Day to Withdraw – Friday, March 21
Last Day of Classes – Friday, April 25
Final Exams – Monday-Friday, April 28-May 2

December Walk-In Advising Times (for BBA students)

Finals Week:

December 11 Tuesday 10am - noon
December 12 Wednesday 4 – 6 pm
December 13 Thursday 2 – 4 pm
December 14 Friday 10am – noon

December 17 Monday 10am – noon

Summer 2008 Courses: The list of summer 2008 courses should be available on myUT in early January. Watch the site for updated info.

Associate's Degree students should contact Pam Pullella at 419-530-3246 for academic advising.

International Business Institute News

The International Business Institute (IBI) will be sending two groups of students to China as part of the Asian Business Experience. The trips will take place during spring break and between Spring and Summer semesters. The purpose of the trip is to foster international business relations through meetings with several global companies, and to provide a unique cultural experience that is vital with the recent increase of diversity in the workplace. If you would like to receive more information regarding international business and what the IBI can do for you please contact *Dr. Don Beeman* at Don.Beeman@utoledo.edu or visit www.ibi.utoledo.edu.

The International Business Association recently visited Chicago, which included meetings with representatives from The Palmer House (The longest continually run hotel in the United States), and the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. The IBA will be leading another trip to California in the spring semester. For more information regarding the California trip or the IBA please contact *Lindsey Danforth* at Lindsey.Danforth@utoledo.edu or visit www.iba.utoledo.edu.

News from the Ed Schmidt Center for Professional Sales

The University of Toledo's Edward Schmidt School of Professional Sales (ESSPS) won First Place in the Sales Team Award at the Russ Berrie Institute's (RBI) National Sales Challenge on November 9-10th. Competing for the ESSPS team were three competitors: Steven Harvey, Laura Jesse, and Steven McKinney, all seniors in the Professional Sales Major in the College of Business.

Awards in each category and for individual overall and team overall were given for first to fourth place. In addition to the first place win in the team overall contest, the students won: First place in speed selling and second place overall in individual competition (Steven McKinney), fourth place overall in individual competition (Steven Harvey).

The University of Toledo hosted the 2007 Pi Sigma Epsilon (PSE) North-Central Regional Conference on October 26-27. About 100 marketing and sales students from UT, OSU, Miami University, and University of Akron swept into Toledo for a weekend of fraternal camaraderie, educational speakers, workshops, and competitions. At the end of the weekend, it was the UT ESSPS students sweeping ALL of the conference awards. Awards won by the UT PSE chapter included: Best Marketing Plan and Best Business Plan. Individual awards included: Pro-Am Sales Contest 1st place – Steve McKinney, 2nd place – Dominique Jackson, and Speaker Competition Winner – Steve McKinney.

Also, for sales majors and minors and pre-sales majors ONLY, the Schmidt School will host a Networking Night Recruiting Night on March 18th from 6-8pm.

Updates from COBA College Computing

Classroom Renovations

Now that everyone has been in the lower level of Stranahan you may have noticed the classrooms that were renovated. Many rooms went under some renovations this summer and received new, more comfortable, chairs to replace the old pedestal style and heavy metal chairs. Some of the classrooms have also received new whiteboards to replace the older style chalk boards. This was done to not only allow teachers to use different color ink when teaching, but to cut down the amount of chalk dust in the basement to help eliminate the asthma problems associated with it. A few of the classrooms also received a new coat of paint, and new flooring. We are planning to update more equipment over the holiday break so keep your eyes open when you get back for brand new teaching equipment in the classrooms.

Color Printing and Document Scanning

For any student who may not know, we offer color printing services to COBA students. Each semester you get a certain amount of color prints based on how many credit hours you are taking. For each credit hour you take you get 3 color pages. The average student that takes 12 credit hours will receive 36 color prints a semester. Color printing is done from the ST 125 computer lab, and only occurs when the Virtual Lab is staffed. For more information on color printing you can visit the Lab Assistants in the Virtual lab ST 125. We have also replaced the scanner in ST 125. The old scanner was the cause of much headache due to jamming and inaccurate color representation. The new scanner is made to handle the amount of use students give it and is ready for you to use.

“H:” Drive Space

College of Business Students have an advantage over other students on campus. All COBA students have had their “H:” drive size increased from the University standard. The standard H: drive size is only 50MB. As a COBA student, your “H:” drive has been increased to 500MB in size. Unfortunately, some students did not get their drive sized increased. If you notice that your “H:” drive is still at 50MB please stop by the College Computing Office in Stranahan room 5007 and we can get your drive increased to 500MB in size.

New Desktops

You may notice that the computer labs in our building have different looking computers than they did last year. Every three years our computer labs are refreshed with new machines to provide you with the best computing experience possible. This year, we opted to purchase what are called Small Form Factor (SFF) machines from Dell. Even though they look small they are very powerful. Their small size gives students the advantage of having more usable desk space. You may also notice that in ST 1019 and ST 125 you now have 19” Monitors instead of the 17” you had last semester.

New Wireless Equipment

Stranahan Hall went under a massive wireless reconfiguration over the summer. Most of you with a laptop have already experienced this change. The old wireless network on campus did not support Windows Vista. Due to the lack of support the network needed to be upgraded. Stranahan now has a total of 40 wireless access points, including 2 that are projecting signals to the area outside Stranahan to give students wireless internet on the benches. If you have a laptop and would like it to be configured to use the wireless network in our building, please bring the laptop up to Stranahan room 5007 and we will be more than happy to assist you.

Student Suggestions

The College Computing Department would love to hear from you. We are always trying to make our labs and our classrooms better for our students. If you have any suggestions or comments that you think will help make our lab and classrooms better, we want to hear them. Feel free at any time to stop up to our office in Room 5007 or send us an e-mail at COBA-CCD@UToledo.edu.

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