Trustees approve 2014 budget

By Meghan Cunningham

The UT Board of Trustees last week approved a fiscal year 2014 budget that University leaders say puts students first.

The $775.2 million budget includes no increases in undergraduate tuition, room and board, or general fees, which UT committed to in November very early in the budget process as part of a pledge to keep higher education affordable.

“While many institutions talk about putting students first, we are actually doing so with this student-centered budget,” UT President Lloyd Jacobs said. “In addition to controlling the costs for students and their families, we are making strategic investments to enhance the academic experience of our students.”

Jacobs said UT students will benefit from more experienced professors in the classroom, given the new faculty workload requirements. At the same time, class size has been held stable with a student-to-faculty ratio of 19 to one.

The only personnel cost increases are for additional academic advisers and new success coaches who assist students through their college experience.

In recent years, UT has moved $12 million from backroom functions to the classroom. The 2014 budget continues such adjustments by deferring funding for some facilities and equipment upkeep so that money can be used for academic operations.

By the standards, the combined $775.2 million budget consists of a $498.8 million, break-even budget for academic operations and $276.4 million for the clinical enterprise that includes a 6.5 percent operating margin.

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STILL SEEKING JUSTICE: Dr. Angela Davis, Distinguished Professor Emerita of History of Consciousness at the University of California at Santa Cruz, talked about racism in the criminal justice system during her keynote address at the fourth National Conference on Restorative Justice, which took place last week on Health Science Campus. “Keepin’ It Real — Race and Restorative Justice” was the theme of the three-day event. Davis has fought for prisoners’ rights for more than four decades, dating back to the campaign to free the Soledad Brothers that led to her own arrest and 16-month incarceration. She is a founding member of Critical Resistance, a national organization dedicated to dismantling the industrial prison complex, and an affiliate of Sisters Inside, an abolitionist organization based in Australia that works in solidarity with women in prison.

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Trustees also approved the adoption of remediation-free standards established by Ohio’s public college and university presidents. The standards use ACT and SAT sub-scores to determine if a student needs remediation.

Students with an English score of 18 or higher on the ACT and SAT scores of 430 or higher in writing and 450 or higher in critical reading do not need remedial education in that subject. Students with a reading sub-score of 21 or higher on the ACT and 450 or higher on the SAT and mathematics sub-scores of 22 or higher on the ACT and 520 or higher on the SAT also do not need remediation in those subjects.

Dr. Scott Scarborough, provost and executive vice president for academic affairs, shared with the trustees the various tools used by the University to improve the college readiness of students; these include the Aleks Learning System and the MyCompLab system.

Dr. Shanda Gore, associate vice president for equity, diversity and community engagement, also gave a report on the Campus Climate Faculty and Staff Survey taken every two years to assess the climate of the University. The next survey will be in 2014.

Two board members were honored as their terms on the board expire June 30. William C. Koester, who most recently served as board chair, was appointed to the UT Board of Trustees in 2004, and Susan E. Gilmore was appointed in 2004 to the Medical University of Ohio Board of Trustees. Beginning July 1, Joseph H. Zerbey IV will serve as chair, and Sharon Speyer will serve as vice chair.

Correction

The June 10 story about the proposed 2014 budget incorrectly used 2013 budget data. The recommended 2014 budget is a total of $775.2 million with a $498.8 million, break-even budget for academic operations and $276.4 million for the clinical enterprise that includes a 6.5 percent operating margin.

‘The Relevant University’ to air June 25

By Meghan Cunningham

Tune in to “The Relevant University” Tuesday, June 25, at 7 p.m. on AM 760 WJR.

This month, Lawrence J. Burns, UT vice president for external affairs, explores how we can do more by working together through partnerships and collaborations.

In this month’s episode:

• Tom Kelley, senior vice president of marketing for Marathon Petroleum Corp., shares the story behind becoming the title sponsor of a longstanding northwest Ohio LPGA tournament.

• And David Schamer, director of not-for-profit banking for Huntington Bank, provides information about the company’s many partnerships with colleges and universities, including UT.

The University and Detroit’s WJR Radio produce the monthly, hourlong program that explores the critical role higher education plays in our world.

Listen at www.utoledo.edu/therelevantuniversity.

THANK YOU:

William Koester, chair of the board, presented trustee Susan Gilmore with a proclamation thanking her for her service. Her term and Koester’s expire at the end of the month. President Lloyd Jacobs presented Koester with a proclamation as well.

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Brought to you by The University of Toledo
Kate’s Closet open for donations at Eberly Center for Women

By Khyara Harris

If you’re looking to aid in the empowerment of women, you don’t have to look very far. You can start by simply cleaning out your closet.

The Catharine S. Eberly Center for Women recently introduced Kate’s Closet, a new program to further advance the empowerment of women in the workforce, and is accepting donations.

Kate’s Closet is a helpful resource for women who participate in Eberly Center programming that need professional attire at no cost. Starting in August, participants can make an appointment to shop in the closet with a trained volunteer style consultant.

“We are accepting everything from shoes to suits to jewelry as long as they are business casual and above,” said Emily Hardcastle, community outreach manager in the Office of Equity, Diversity and Community Engagement. “We are looking for clean, gently used or new professional clothing. Donations also could be tax-deductible.”

All donations are made by appointment only.

If you are interested in donating gently used or new professional clothing or in volunteering to be a style consultant, contact Hardcastle at 419.530.7232 or emily.hardcastle@utoledo.edu.

SUITING UP: Claudia Cortez, a senior in the College of Business and Innovation who is an intern in the Catharine S. Eberly Center for Women, left, and Emily Hardcastle showed off some of the professional attire donated to Kate’s Closet.

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Saying he had a bias toward action, Danielson emphasized that about 20 members of his staff had joined him in the journey to Toledo as evidence of his interest in hearing ideas from the energy experts assembled.

Joining Danielson in giving keynote speeches were U.S. Rep. Marcy Kaptur and U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown; Deborah Wince-Smith, president and CEO of the Council on Competitiveness, also gave remarks.

Jacobs said the summit served as further evidence of UT’s leadership position in alternative energy manufacturing.

“It was an honor to host the Department of Energy, to hear from strong UT friends like Rep. Kaptur, Sen. Brown and the office of Sen. Portman, and to meet a new friend in Assistant Secretary Danielson,” Jacobs said.

“When so many groundbreaking ideas emerging from The University of Toledo in alternative energy during the last 30 years, it only seems fitting to gather the best minds in the field as we prepare for the next three decades of clean energy and manufacturing.”

NAVAL PROMOTION: Haraz N. Ghanbari, The University of Toledo military liaison, was promoted to the rank of Navy lieutenant during a ceremony in front of the UT Veterans’ plaza earlier this month. Promoting Ghanbari were World War II Navy veteran Robert Barger, left, and Korean War Navy veteran Gene Carrick, while Vietnam War Army veteran Dave Caughorn, left, and Vietnam War Navy veteran John Bumbaugh held the American flag.

Photo by Daniel Miller

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UT receives recognition for contributions to research on star formation

By Courtney Ingersoll

I t Thomas Allen’s town had not lost electricity during his summer break in high school, he might have never been able to view the night sky without light pollution, and go on to be acknowledged for his research on the stars.

Between watching the Discovery Channel growing up and the “night the lights went out,” Allen, a graduate student in the Department of Physics and Astronomy at The University of Toledo, found his love for astronomy, and specifically for the formation of stars.

Recently, he has been observing a star-forming region as part of his PhD thesis work. His work touches on the question “Where do we come from?” by examining other stars and accompanying solar systems in the process of forming.

Allen’s study on star birth within the cluster of Cep OB3b located in the northern constellation of Cepheus, including the different stages of the process and the changes that stars endure, was acknowledged in a recent news announcement from the National Optical Astronomy Observatory that can be found at http://utoledo.edu/astronomynews.

To obtain data, Allen and his team spent four nights of observing time with the 0.9-meter telescope at the WIYN (University of Wisconsin, Indiana University, Yale University and the National Optical Astronomy Observatory) Observatory on Kitt Peak near Tucson, Ariz.

“The research connects UT with the wider astronomical community and brings us more prestige and awareness for the work we are doing here,” Allen said. “Through the research group that I joined as an undergraduate, I had the opportunity to work with Professor Thomas Megeath on a few projects. I considered Toledo so that I could work with him and continue the research that I enjoy.

“Upon visiting Toledo, I found a department that is active, dynamic and takes an interest in its students. It is the combination of research opportunity and department environment that led me to choose Toledo. The choice is even better now that we are partners with the Discovery Channel Telescope.”

This recognition for Allen comes on the heels of UT joining a consortium with the Discovery Channel Telescope, the fifth largest telescope in the continental United States and one of the most technologically advanced.

“In particular, the Discovery Channel Telescope will be something I can use to continue my research in the future,” Allen said.

Allen will continue his thesis work by studying massive young clusters of stars during the next year as he looks to complete his PhD in astronomy and gain a better understanding of the conditions that form planets and maybe help answer the question “Where do we come from?”

Law professor’s article twice-named one of 10 best for 2012

By Rachel Phipps

A recent article by Geoffrey Rapp, Harold A. Anderson Professor of Law and Values, has been named to two lists of noteworthy 2012 law review articles.

Tax Notes identified Rapp’s article titled “Mutiny by the Bounties: The Attempt to Reform Wall Street by the New Whistleblower Provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act,” published in a 2012 edition of the Brigham Young University Law Review, as one of the 10 most notable articles on employee benefits published last year.

According to Tax Notes, Rapp’s article on the Dodd-Frank bounty program “pieces together why the Dodd-Frank provisions were drafted the way they were,” and “proposes two fixes” that “would go a long way to promoting [Dodd-Frank’s] whistleblower provisions,” and makes “significant recommendations.”

Rapp’s “Mutiny by the Bounties” article also recently was recognized by Donald C. Langevoort, the Thomas Aquinas Reynolds Professor of Law at Georgetown University, as one of eight to 10 securities law articles published in the law reviews during 2012 especially worthy of a wider audience. Rapp’s article will be included in Securities Law Review 2013, published by the West Group and edited by Langevoort.

“Geoff Rapp is noted for innovative and creative scholarship that has an impact on major legal controversies. It is no surprise that his article has achieved this recognition,” said Daniel J. Steinbock, dean of the College of Law.

Rapp teaches and writes in the areas of corporate law and torts. He has written more than 30 law review pieces, including works published in some of the nation’s top law reviews. In 2011, Rapp testified before the U.S. Congress on the topic of Dodd-Frank whistleblower bounties.

His piece is the second by a UT College of Law professor in recent years to be included in a Tax Notes listing of noteworthy articles. Professor Kelly Moore’s 2010 Southern Illinois University Law Journal article, “Previously Taxed Property Credit and the 2035(b) Gross Up,” was identified as one of 10 important estate and gift tax articles by Tax Notes in 2011.
Art faculty members win Blackboard Catalyst Award for innovative online class

Seder Burns and Phoebe Ballard, faculty members in the UT Department of Art, won a Blackboard Catalyst Award for Exemplary Course Program, which honors the design and development of innovative courses that represent the best in technology and learning.

Their online course, Fundamentals of Digital Media, also was one of 10 exemplary course winners recognized as Directors’ Choice for Courses With Distinction.

Part of the annual Blackboard Catalyst Awards Program since 2000, the Exemplary Course Program Award highlights technologically rich, engaging, well-designed and pedagogically sound courses that showcase best practices for the user community. More than 160 entries were evaluated in a peer-review process by more than 300 faculty and instructional designers. Submissions were judged on course design, interaction, collaboration, assessment and learner support.

“The Exemplary Course Program gives faculty of online and blended courses the opportunity to reflect on their own course design and to gain new insights about best practices in online instruction,” said Ballard, instructor of art, senior instructional designer in UT Learning Ventures and University alumna.

“Using the Exemplary Course Rubric, we were able to identify unique and exemplary design elements that make Fundamentals of Digital Media a high-quality, interactive and engaging learning experience for our online students."

The Blackboard Catalyst Awards annually recognizes innovation and excellence in the Blackboard global community of practice, where teachers and learners work every day to redefine what is possible when leveraging technology.

“Catalyst Award winners represent some of today’s finest examples of leveraging technology to improve the education experience,” said Ray Henderson, chief technology officer and president of academic platforms at Blackboard. “Each winner has established best-in-field approaches in critical areas, including online learning, course development, school communication and mobile education. We congratulate the winners on their vision and their excellent work.”

Burns, lecturer in the Art Department, and Ballard will be honored alongside other Blackboard Catalyst Award winners during BbWorld, Blackboard’s annual user conference, in July in Las Vegas. Additionally, their course will be highlighted on the Blackboard Catalyst Award website at blackboard.com/catalyst.

To learn more about UT’s online degree and certificate programs, visit utoledo.edu/dl, email UTDL@utoledo.edu or call 419.530.8835.

In memoriam

Dr. Robert J. Burns, South Fort Myers, Fla., professor emeritus of psychology, died June 7 at age 96. The Toledo native was a UT alumnus; he received a bachelor’s degree in business administration in personnel administration in 1941 and a master of arts degree in psychology in 1950. He joined the UT staff in 1946 as assistant director of evening sessions and alumni relations, and assistant editor of The University Bulletin. In 1951, Burns was appointed assistant professor of psychology. Six years later, he was promoted to associate professor. He served as acting department chair from 1961 to 1964, received his doctorate from the University of Michigan in 1966, and was named a professor in 1972. During his career at UT, Burns developed the industrial psychology major; was an academic adviser to students for 35 years, and served on numerous committees. The pioneer in the study and analysis of the psychology of aging and retirement was one of the governor’s delegates to the first White House Conference on Aging, which established the structure of the Area Offices on Aging. In 1974, Burns was elected president of Senior Centers Inc., a nonprofit corporation established to develop and operate Toledo’s first center to provide comprehensive services for the aged. When he retired in 1982, Burns was designated professor emeritus. He was a member of Chi Rho Nu, which became Theta Chi fraternity and served as its faculty adviser for 28 years. Tributes may be made to the Robert and Anne Evans Burns Scholarship through the UT Foundation.

Maxine M. Madrzykowski, Maumee, a former food service worker in the Student Union, died June 14 at age 86.

Kristi G. Miller, Defiance, Ohio, a registered nurse at UT Medical Center from 2011 to March 2013, died June 4 at age 36.

Anna (D’Michalis) Nicholas, Toledo, a secretary in the English Department from 1980 until 1994, died June 6 at age 77.
Graduate Student Association recognized nationally

By Casey Cheap

The UT Graduate Student Association has been recognized by the National Association of Graduate and Professional Students in the spring issue of its publication The Postgraduate Voice.

A news article called UT a leader in support for graduate education and complimented the institution for investing in its graduate students. The publication also announced two awards for the University: the New Member of the Year Award and the 2013 Friend of Graduate Students Award.

In the last four years, the UT Graduate Student Association has gone from being a relatively unknown organization with four executive board members to representing the University’s 4,700 graduate students.

The association has increased its budget from less than $4,000 to $154,000, which puts it on par with graduate student associations at other Ohio universities and has allowed the group to create initiatives in support of students.

“The new blood brought new vision,” Joshua Waldman, outgoing association president, said about the student leaders elected to run the organization, including former presidents Thehaznan (Thihaal) Ponnaiyann and Michael Bechill. “The visions of these individuals and others spurred the implementation of new programs such as the Travel Reimbursement Program and the annual Midwest Graduate Research Symposium.”

The symposium is a multi-university and multidisciplinary event that is focused on giving graduate students the experience required to better their presentation skills and to meet fellow graduate students and potential collaborators from schools throughout the region.

“We could not fulfill all the needs of each student before,” Waldman said. “Now we have invested more into programs like the symposium and travel reimbursement, which allows graduate students to attend conferences where they speak about and showcase the exceptional research being conducted at UT. We also have been able to award research funding through the newly formed Graduate Research Award Program, which averaged $2,000 for the 10 student projects.

“I am honored to have served such an intelligent and vibrant group of individuals,” Waldman added.

The National Association of Graduate and Professional Students presented the Friend of Graduate Students Award to Dr. Patricia Komuniecki, vice provost for graduate affairs and dean of the College of Graduate Studies.

“Dr. Komuniecki’s commitment to graduate education continues to positively impact graduate students at The University of Toledo and throughout the nation,” according to the article in The Postgraduate Voice.

Komuniecki is a strong advocate for UT graduate students and has been an adviser to the Graduate Student Association since her appointment as dean in January 2009. She has worked with the organization as it underwent its recent transformation.

“I am very grateful for the support for graduate and professional students from the UT administration,” Komuniecki said. “They took a leap of faith that will have a positive impact on future graduate enrollment and have showcased UT at the international level.”

All-American Blood Drive June 28 in Rocket Hall

By Casey Cheap

The American Red Cross will hold its annual All-American Blood Drive Friday, June 28, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the front lobby of Rocket Hall on UT’s Main Campus.

Walk-in donors will be accepted, but scheduled appointments are preferable, said Teresa Houck, the donor recruitment supervisor for the Western Lake Erie Blood Service.

Each donor will receive an American Red Cross All-American T-shirt.

“This is a very fun event that we have been doing for a lot of years,” Houck said. “Our region needs to collect blood every single day to continue supply to area hospitals.”

There will be live broadcasts throughout the day from 13 ABC News, which is sponsoring the event.

To schedule an appointment for the All-American Blood Drive, call 1.800.RED.CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org and enter the sponsor code “ALLAMERICAN.”

Eleanor N. Dana Cancer Center to offer free breast health screenings June 28

By Khyara Harris

The Eleanor N. Dana Cancer Center will host a breast health and education day Friday, June 28, with free mammograms and clinical breast exams for eligible women.

The event will take place from 1 to 5 p.m. in the center, located at 1325 Conference Drive on the UT Health Science Campus, and include educational information to raise awareness about breast cancer.

Women who are eligible for the screening are those who are at least 40 years of age, have not had a mammogram in at least two years, have personal or family history of breast cancer, or are uninsured or underinsured.

To determine eligibility and schedule an appointment, contact Jan Tipton, clinical oncology nurse, at 419.383.5170.

The screening day is supported with a grant from the Susan G. Komen Northwest Ohio Affiliate.
Rockets land impressive Academic Progress Rate scores; men’s basketball continues to rise

By Paul Helgren

UT student-athletes continue to score in the classroom, according to the latest Academic Progress Rate figures released June 13 by the NCAA.

Five sports received perfect marks of 1,000 for 2011-12, the most recent academic year used: women’s basketball, men’s golf, women’s swimming, men’s tennis and women’s tennis.

Also, the men’s basketball program finished with an APR for the 2011-12 school year of 959. Combined with its APR of 939 in 2010-11, Head Coach Tod Kowalczyk’s program has a two-year score of 949, which means the men’s basketball program will face no NCAA penalties for the 2013-14 season.

Men’s basketball’s four-year figure is 902, a significant jump from its 858 mark in 2009-10. The future looks even brighter as the men’s basketball APR for 2012-13 currently projects at 981.

“It’s great to see all of our sports post impressive APR numbers,” said UT Vice President and Athletic Director Mike O’Brien. “It’s an important marker that shows that our student-athletes are on track to graduate. Special credit should be given to Tod Kowalczyk and our men’s basketball team for dedicating themselves to academics and changing the culture of the program.”

“We expect our players to be accountable for themselves in every aspect of their student-athlete experience, from their play on the court, to their performance in the classroom to their conduct in the community,” Kowalczyk said. “We are very pleased with our latest APR score, and we expect to raise that number even higher next year and in the future.”

APR is a gauge of every team’s academic performance at a given point in time. Points are awarded on a semester-by-semester basis for eligibility, retention and graduation of scholarship student-athletes. 1,000 is considered a perfect score. Sports that fail to reach the “cut point” (930 for two years or 900 for four years) can be penalized with the loss of scholarships, practice restrictions and post-season bans.

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#Four-year data from academic years 2008-09 through 2011-12

A MAN FOR MORE SEASONS: Men’s Basketball Coach Tod Kowalczyk has signed a contract extension through the 2018-19 season. “The job Tod has done turning around our basketball program in such a short time has been remarkable,” UT Vice President and Athletic Director Mike O’Brien said. “Tod and his staff have transformed the culture within the program both on and off the court. We have put our Academic Progress Rate issues behind us, and we’ve done so while making steady on-court improvement that includes tying for first place in the Mid-American Conference’s West Division this past season.” Kowalczyk was named head coach in March 2010, assuming the reins of a program that had endured three straight losing seasons and was coming off a 4-28 win-loss mark. Last season, the Rockets tied for first place in the MAC’s West Division with a 10-6 league mark. In 2011-12, Kowalczyk guided Toledo to a 19-17 ledger to equal the second-best win improvement (plus 15) in the nation. The Rockets also have displayed significant academic improvement under Kowalczyk. The team’s most recent Academic Progress Rate figure was 959 with an expected mark of 981 for the 2012-13 season. The Rockets also posted a 2.982 team GPA in the 2013 spring semester.

Photo by Daniel Miller
Don’t lose your seat

Don’t lose your spot in class or your residence hall!
Make arrangements to get your account up-to-date before registration cancellation could impact your progress toward your degree.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**Wednesday, July 3**
Pay outstanding balances of $500 or more from summer and previous semesters in full to avoid registration cancellation. Please pay immediately to avoid fees and negative credit reporting.

**Friday, Aug. 9**
Payment deadline for all fall 2013 fees. This is the due date to pay fall 2013 and prior fees and to make first payments under the Installment Payment Plan (IPP). You can access the IPP through your student account on the MyUT portal.

**Wednesday, Aug. 14**
You may be subject to fall 2013 registration cancellation if you haven’t paid the balance of your student account or made your first IPP payment by this date. This means your classes may be dropped, and your room assignment, meal plan and parking privileges also may be lost.

Visit [myUT.utoledo.edu](http://myUT.utoledo.edu) today to pay balances or drop classes.

**Registered for classes but not returning?**

**Just Drop It!**
You must drop/withdraw from classes prior to the start of the term to avoid a $500 fee. If you are not removed from classes for non-payment and don’t plan to attend, you must drop them.

**Other Important Dates**
Please visit the Treasurer’s website at [utoledo.edu/offices/treasurer/](http://utoledo.edu/offices/treasurer/) for more Important Dates.