UT prepares for enrollment-related budget shortfall

By Tobin J. Klinger

The University is preparing to deal with budget shortfalls once enrollment figures are finalized next month, leaders reported to the board of trustees academic affairs committee Aug. 16. Meanwhile, some gains on strategic enrollment initiatives are being seen.

“We are unlikely to attain our budgeted enrollment,” said Dr. Robert Sheehan, senior vice provost for academic affairs, noting the fiscal year ’06 budget was developed assuming enrollment would be restored to 2003 levels.

“It is important that we understand where this lack of attainment is happening,” Sheehan told committee members. However, the enrollment picture is not without positive gains, Sheehan pointed out, noting gains on student-preparedness measures, graduate education, and distance and e-learning.

ACT scores among incoming students average 21.7, an increase from 21.1 in 2004. Meanwhile, the average grade point average is 3.12, up from 3.02 in 2001. According to Sheehan, these numbers are difficult to impact and any gain is considered significant.

“Graduate student credit hours are up 5.7 percent, where we had estimated a loss,” Sheehan pointed out, noting gains on student-preparedness measures, graduate education, and distance and e-learning.

Library of Congress honors volunteer for work on Veterans History Project

By Vicki L. Kroll

Living through kamikaze attacks. Enduring typhoons. Surviving in the ocean with sharks. These are some of the stories Bud Fisher has collected for the Veterans History Project.

“Each story is different. It’s amazing what some of these people went through,” he said. “And these are not special people, this is the guy next door. Everybody was a potential hero; some of them just had it thrust upon them.”

In July, Fisher was recognized for his efforts — championing the collection of stories in northwest Ohio for the Veterans History Project. The 2002 UT alumnus was one of 12 honored by the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

As of Aug. 1, Fisher had recorded 220 accounts as part of the national effort to preserve the stories of war veterans. More than 35,000 stories have been collected across the country, according to the Library of Congress.

“It was nice to be recognized in Washington and it was nice to learn from what other people are doing around the country,” said the 74-year-old.

The honorees conducted a workshop in D.C. to learn from each other and help educate project volunteers in the nation’s capital.

“I came back here with some ideas that I shared with my Veterans History Project partner, Bea Bridenbaugh,” Fisher said. “We are in the process of trying to find other means of seeking out veterans.”

New tactics include contacting nursing homes and retirement villages for interviews and possible in-house interviewers;
Dear students, faculty and staff,

I always look forward to the beginning of fall semester because it is a time to welcome our new students, faculty and staff — and to say welcome back to those of you who spent the summer doing research, writing and preparing for the new academic year. It is also a chance for me to thank all of you for your hard work and continued service to our University during the time between graduation and the start of fall classes.

I have just returned from a trip to China where I met with Chinese educators to find ways to strengthen our ties and find ways to encourage their students to come to UT. Before I left Ohio, I read the latest book from Tom Friedman, the Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist for The New York Times, titled The World is Flat, and my experiences in China affirmed his premise that we must adapt to the changes that are under way in education, society and business as a result of globalization.

It is important that all of us in the UT community play a role in maintaining and strengthening our reputation for excellence as a student-centered, metropolitan research university. The research that is moving out of our laboratories will find its way into the global marketplace. Our faculty are teachers, mentors, scholars, researchers, authorities and experts in their fields — and they are raising the visibility of Toledo across the country and around the world. Our outstanding alumni have changed that world in areas ranging from microsurgery to community activism.

We need to give our students our best insight and wisdom so that they can stand out and become leaders of this new and complex world in which we live.

All that we do here at UT should be focused on their success.

In upcoming issues I look forward to updating you on exciting initiatives ranging from prioritization and the capital campaign to the research and technology corridor. It is a challenging and energizing time to be part of the UT community.

Thanks for what I know will be a good academic year for all of us.

Sincerely,

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of approximately 100 students,” Sheehan said. “We are seeing a continued trend toward distance learning,” he later added, and noted that 3,975 individual students are taking courses through distance and e-learning.

“We have a whole population who are learning to learn this way,” said Richard Stansley, vice chair of the board, commenting on the prevalence of online charter schools.

“We are poised to be a leader among four-year institutions to receive those students,” Sheehan said.

“Obviously, we are not going to achieve our stretch goals,” said William R. Decatur, executive vice president and chief operating officer. “We are looking at alternative strategies to deal with a shortfall.”

Enrollment figures will not be finalized until the 15th day of fall semester, and budget officials hope to fully understand the financial impact shortly thereafter.

In other board action, the committee on finance, technology and operations forwarded a proposal to the full board for an $11.5 million project to renovate Gillham Hall. Trustees will consider the item during their regular meeting Aug. 23.

Honors Program director to retire after more than three decades at UT

In 1992, a new director was named for The University of Toledo Honors Program. Now, 13 years later, he is stepping down.

“It’s just the right time,” said Dr. David Hoch, associate professor of English, of his plans to retire after 36 years at the University.

Credited by his colleagues with numerous accomplishments during his tenure, Hoch retained his modesty, even as he plans to depart.

“What you have here is an extremely modest man,” remarked Dr. Bill Bischoff, a former Honors Program director who has agreed to accept the post again on an interim basis.

“David was instrumental in doubling the number of the students in the Honors Program,” Bischoff said. “We have seen more Fulbright and prestige scholarships under his tutelage than ever before.”

And while Bischoff also points to Hoch’s role in tightening relationships between admissions and the program, as well as service learning at UT (a concept gaining momentum across campus), the outgoing director shies away from the credit.

“Our successes are based on solid partnerships forged with quality faculty, staff and students across campus,” Hoch said. “Together we have elevated the profile of the institution and have consequently attracted some really talented students.”

Hoch will remain with the University until January to assist with the transition to Bischoff, who led the program from 1985 to 1988. The associate professor of biology helped transition the program from the College of Arts and Sciences to a University-wide initiative.

“He’s a fantastic choice. Couldn’t have done any better,” Hoch remarked of Bischoff’s selection. Then joked, “In fact, it’s real improvement.”

A search for a permanent director is expected during the academic year.

Interim dean of students selected

Pat Besner, senior director in the Office of Recreation, has been tapped to serve as interim associate vice president and dean of students.

Her appointment begins Aug. 22.

Besner has worked in the Division of Student Life for the duration of her tenure at The University of Toledo and said she is excited to continue serving as an advocate for students. She will assist newly appointed Vice President for Student Life Dr. Kaye Patten Wallace as Patten Wallace begins implementing her vision for student life at UT.

“Dr. Patten Wallace has a strong focus on being here for students, and I’m looking forward to helping her make The University of Toledo a premier student-centered institute,” Besner said.

“Pat has displayed exemplary leadership as senior director in the Office of Recreation, where she has served for the last 24 years,” Patten Wallace said. “She is very student-centered and has strong administrative skills. She is well-liked and respected by our students, and I am pleased she has accepted this important interim position.”

Besner has worked at UT since 1974. During her time with the recreation program, she has moved from the Health Education Building to Savage Hall to the Student Recreation Center. She served as assistant director for recreation before she became the director in 1981.

Counseling Center relocates to ROTC Armory

The University Counseling Center moved from Gillham Hall to the ROTC Armory Room 1300 last week.

The phone number, Ext. 2426, and mail stop, 917, will remain the same.
Get to know …

Bob Hogle

Bob Hogle is the director of University networks in Educational and Information Technology. He has worked at UT for nearly eight years. The Toledo native received a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Ohio State University.

Family: "Divorced father of two. My son, Rob, graduated from UT last year in mechanical engineering and works for the Department of Defense. He will begin his master’s in aerospace engineering this fall at the University of California at San Diego. My daughter, Jenilee, is attending UT majoring in criminal justice in the College of Health and Human Services."

Hobbies: "Home remodeling."

Favorite book: *Halftime* by Bob Buford

Last movie watched: "Wedding Crashers"

Three words to describe yourself: "Fun, happy, driven."

Favorite sports team: "Detroit Tigers — they’re starting to be considered a sports team again, aren’t they?"

Who would you want to trade places with for a day? "Anyone over 5’7"."

Favorite quote: "Carpe diem — seize the day."

Favorite singer or group: Passion

First job: "Bottled soda pop for Towne Club Bottling."

Favorite dessert: "Ice cream."

Where did you go on your last vacation? "Mammoth Cave."

Favorite summer activity: "Playing tennis."

What do you do to relax? "Walk in the metroparks."

Something people would be surprised to know about you: "I was a three-time state qualifier in high school wrestling."

Good times: Karen Troyer Ladman, right, shared a laugh with, from left, Deb Sobczak, coordinator of advising and student services in the College of Pharmacy, Dr. Christine Hinko, professor and associate dean of student services in the College of Pharmacy, and Martino Harmon, interim director of the Office of African-American Student Enrichment Initiatives, who stopped by her goodbye party. Ladman worked at the University for 10 years. She was director of academic resources in the Office of the Provost since 1999, and before that was assistant director of the Executive MBA Program. "What I will miss most are the people," she said. "People are what make UT special and set us apart from other universities." She moved to Atlanta to be with her husband, Maj. Bruce Ladman. The two met on campus when he was an assistant professor of military science.

Summer grad: Valerie Kwapich, daughter of Cathi Kwapich, director of enrollment services for transfer and international students in Adult and Transfer Admission, received a bachelor’s degree in business administration with a major in marketing and a minor in management in August. She plans to pursue a career in marketing.

Slice of life: Dr. Ron Speier cut into the cake at his goodbye party last month as Sandy Tiel, administrative secretary in the Dean of Students Office, and Julia Wingard, senior director of student unions, watched. Speier came to the University in 2003 to serve as associate vice president/dean of students. He decided to move back to North Carolina to return to teaching in the public schools and be closer to his family.
UT hosts part of international study looking at gene coding

By Deanna Wolf

From the Glass City to the Land of the Rising Sun — UT researchers are working with a Japanese professor to measure the interaction between skin pigmentation genes and physical presentation.

Dr. Sumiko Anno, a member of the department of civil engineering with the Shibaura Institute of Technology in Japan, decided to conduct an extensive study to determine which gene codes for melanin production. “She checked the research and was surprised to find that no one had found this yet,” said Dr. Koichi Saiyo, a visiting scholar from Japan with the bioengineering department.

After collecting 100 samples from Japanese participants, Anno asked Saiyo through a mutual friend if he would help her obtain 100 Caucasian samples at UT. The answer was “yes,” and students lined up to be a part of the study last spring.

Researchers plucked participants’ hairs to obtain DNA samples and had them swab the inside of their cheeks to obtain buccal cells. “We can extract the complete DNA from this — it is the safest technique to use for the person and for the experimenter,” Saiyo said.

Researchers also measured skin pigmentation on subjects’ cheeks and back areas. “This is because the cheek area may have been modified by tanning,” Saiyo explained.

Dr. Vijay Goel, chair and professor of bioengineering, was surprised by the turnout. “We had more students lined up outside — we had to turn people away.”

After the samples were collected, Anno extracted and analyzed the DNA using UT facilities. “We were able to help her with our own bio-processing lab,” Goel said. “We had almost everything she needed.” This was fortunate because it would have been difficult to take the samples on the plane back to Japan due to biological concerns, Saiyo said.

Anno is working on collecting and analyzing samples from the Kenyan area in Africa for additional skin pigmentation types. The research will then be presented at the 2006 International Society of Physical Anthropology in Japan, with Goel and Saiyo in attendance.

New associate dean named

Dr. Debra Stoudt, professor of German, has been appointed interim associate dean for arts and humanities in the College of Arts and Sciences.

“Dr. Stoudt brings to the position a wealth of experience in the key areas of recruitment, curriculum, strategic planning and assessment,” said Sue Ott Rowlands, interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. “Her service to the University as a professor of German and as an advocate for liberal arts education is well-known.”

Stoudt will begin serving in the position Monday, Aug. 22.

Dr. Dan Watermeier, professor of theatre and the previous associate dean, will return to teaching duties.

In memoriam

Kara L. Holman, Ottawa Lake, Mich., a custodian at the University, died Aug. 1 at age 52. She joined the staff in 1994 and had worked in the Student Union since 2000.

Dr. John D. Polus, McKinney, Texas, an instructor in the electrical engineering department from 1967 to 1972, died Aug. 6 at age 70. While at UT, he served as faculty adviser to the student branch of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers. Polus received bachelor’s and master’s degrees in engineering from the University in 1965 and 1971, respectively.

Henry S. Pucilowski, Toledo, died Aug. 13 at age 85. He was an instructor of vocational education at UT from 1969 to 1977, and served as director of the University’s Education Professions Development Act Program. Pucilowski received bachelor’s and master’s degrees in education from UT in 1967 and 1974, respectively.

Dr. John (Jack) W. Pulley Jr., Charleston, S.C., a 17-year veteran of UT’s faculty, died June 7 at age 83. He was hired as associate professor of French and chairman of UT’s foreign language department in 1966. Promoted to professor in 1973, he chaired the department until the following year, retiring as professor emeritus in 1983. His service included the Faculty Senate and various University committees.
Art on the Mall

Glass bowls: Marbel Hollerbach, left, and Jill Jackson checked out glass bowls by artist Steve Kemmerley, a 1995 UT alumnus.

Reflective works: Susan Ferguson looked at black-and-white prints by photographer Mary Pencheff during the UT Alumni Association’s Art on the Mall last month. Around 15,000 attended the 13th annual juried art fair on campus last month.

String along: Kathleen Bula strung some beads together in the young artist area during Art on the Mall.

‘Social Identity’ explores concept of labeling

By Deanna Woolf

They stare out from the black-and-white photographs, their forearms bared with words like “Crone,” “Incompatible” and “Stay At Home Mom” on their skin. They look at viewers, with defiant and challenging gazes, asking, “When was the last time you labeled someone like this?”

Artist Anna Kreider, a UT alumna, surveys her work and reflects for a moment. “A lot of people have an idea of identity that is unique to them, but that is not so. All people have ideas of who they are from others,” she said.

“Social Identity: A Photography Exhibition by Anna Kreider” is the result of her exploration of cyber arts, photography, writing and how social labeling affects people. The exhibit runs through Oct. 7 in the Catharine S. Eberly Center for Women in Tucker Hall Room 168.

Kreider, who worked on the photographs for her bachelor of fine arts exhibition in spring 2005, got the idea for the series from women’s body issues. “There is a standard of beauty — that we’re all supposed to be 6-feet tall and be skinny ... but that is not achievable,” she said.

Kreider’s artistic process was much more complicated than just snapping a picture. She first interviewed subjects about their experiences and what labels they felt others placed on them. “It was important to me that they choose the label,” she said. “I wanted to interfere as little as possible.” Kreider also asked the subjects to write about how they decided on the label or to share an anecdote about their labels.

The final products, which Kreider said took two to three weeks to complete, blend photographs, text and the subjects’ handwriting. Each one is like an encapsulated life story — a snapshot of how deeply people are affected by words.

“I was just the female of my species,” the woman who labeled herself “Asexual” proclaims. “I’m a mom. I’m not supposed to buy cute panties. I’m not supposed to wear revealing clothing. I should always have a Kleenex in my pocket and wet wipes in my purse.”

“The Priest” shows a clergy member who says his friends call him “Jim,” except when they need something religious — then it’s “father.” “Not American” depicts the feelings of an Indian couple, who find that others speak loud and slowly when they communicate with them.

“I wasn’t expecting to be given a show right off the bat [after graduating],” Kreider said of her exhibit. “I’m very happy. I feel that my work goes along with the spirit of the center.” The free, public exhibit is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A reception with the artist will be held Thursday, Sept. 8, from 5 to 7 p.m.
UT student runs for Toledo City Council

By Deanna Woolf

For some students, important dates fall semester include Homecoming, fall break and the last day of exams. But two dates in particular loom in Ernie Berry’s mind — Sept. 10 and Nov. 8.

Berry, a graduate student, is running to be city councilman at large in Toledo. Those days represent the primary and general elections — days when the field of candidates will be whittled down to 12 and finally six, who will serve on city council.

“I’m really serious about this,” said Berry, who graduated from UT in May with bachelor’s degrees in political science and history. “I think the political science staff and faculty will be overjoyed. They know they did a good job because I can start pursuing it right out of college.”

Berry, an independent, decided to run because he thought city council was a good starting point — and because he has many ideas for improving Toledo. His vision for the city includes bringing in more lucrative jobs, creating safer neighborhoods, and helping Toledo transition into the technology era.

Berry realizes he faces challenges as “this is like a race and incumbents start out at mile marker 13,” he said. To get his name known, he uses his Web site, T-shirts and campaign literature. In addition, Berry attended weekend festivals throughout the summer to speak with voters. “A lot of people say, ‘I’m going to vote for you because you are young,’” he said. Due to his independent status, “others are sometimes skeptical and think this guy is not in the mainstream. But many people like to see I’m an independent thinker.”

Right now, Berry is putting “everything toward commercials” on television. To raise money, he held one spaghetti dinner early in August. He also is calling area labor unions to ask about endorsements, but “they’re waiting to see who makes it through the primary.”

Berry plans to split his time between classes and campaigning this fall. “If I get elected, I’m going to continue classes, but I plan on putting 40 hours a week into it. The way I feel is I’m there to serve the people — 40 hours a week is minimal,” he explained. “But if I lose, I’ll have something else. I’m not putting all my eggs in one basket and expecting to win the lottery.”

The University of Toledo does not endorse any candidate for any public office.

Upcoming auditions for three UT theatre productions

By Deanna Woolf

If you fancy a turn on the stage, then come to the Center for Performing Arts Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 29 and 30, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. to try out for three plays.

Auditions will be held for “The Women of Lockerbie,” which runs Oct. 18-23, “Homebody/Kabul,” which runs Nov. 4-20, and the soon-to-be-announced production for the Hungarian performance tour, which runs from May 5-7 in Debrecen, Hungary.

People from all majors are encouraged to audition. The directors also are looking for technicians, stage managers and others to fill backstage roles.

Callbacks will be held Wednesday, Aug. 31, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts.

For more information on audition requirements, check the department of film and theatre Web site at http://www.theatrefilm.utoledo.edu/home.asp or contact the office at Ext. 2202.

Alumni directory launched

By Deanna Woolf

Did Sue ever move to California to pursue that acting career? Whatever happened to Ben from biology class? Is Markus still in the computer industry? Catching up with old classmates is just a click away, thanks to the online directory from Alumni Relations.

According to Dan Saevig, associate vice president of alumni relations, the directory was launched because “we felt this was one way to reach out to alumni across the country.” People can access information on old friends and colleagues anytime via the Alumni Association Web site at http://www.utoledo.alumni.utoledo.edu or http://www.utoledo.onlinecommunity.com/authenticate.htm.

University of Toledo alumni, former current students and staff can access the directory and post their contact information. One does not need to be a member of the Alumni Association to use the free service.

To register for the service, a user must visit the Web site and enter his or her name and graduation year in the provided box. Staff and faculty members should enter “staff/faculty” in the class year box, current students can list their anticipated graduation years, and former students can list the years they attended.

In addition to accessing basic contact information via the directory, Saevig explained users can add pictures in their profiles, post information about their significant others and children, list job openings, post resumes, sign up to mentor students, and register and pay for alumni events online.

Since the site was launched April 30, 1,843 people have signed up for the directory. According to Saevig, the oldest graduate is from the class of 1938 and the largest grouping is from the class of 2004, with 122 members registered.

Twenty-one companies are signed up to offer jobs, as well.

To comply with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, users may opt out of having their personal information displayed on the directory.
AVI announces new venues, fall hours

By Joanne Woolf

Two more places to eat, ice cream treats and a Japanese treat are among the new additions to the campus dining scene.

The Ottawa House East dining facility and Taylor and Byrnes will open in October in the new residence hall. The latter features sandwiches, soups and salads.

Hershey’s is scheduled to open a new ice cream station at the Back Yard Burger inside the Student Union Sept. 1. Customers will be able to select their own toppings and ice cream flavors for custom creations.

Sushi with Gusto is now open at the Cyber Fresh Café. A chef prepares the sushi at the location, with prepackaged items for sale at the Convenience Store in the Horton International House.

Mission Nutrition is another new program through AVI that provides nutritional information on all main entree items in the dining halls. The information is located on the sneeze guards above the food.

Dining hours for venues are as follows:

- The North Food Court in the Student Union, Monday through Thursday, 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Starbucks in the Student Union, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Cyber Fresh and Freshens Smoothie in Rocky’s Student Lounge, Monday through Thursday, 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday through Sunday, 10:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.
- Scott Park Café in the Student Center, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- South Dining Hall in the Student Union and the Horton International House, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Sky Rise Café in Parks Tower, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- The Crossings, Monday through Sunday, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Libbey Hall, Monday through Friday, 7 to 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Salsa’s Mexican Grill in Carter Hall, Monday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- International House Convenience Store, Monday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For more information on dining services and venues, contact AVI at Ext. 3663.

‘No Coke — Pepsi’ on campus

University administrators have awarded an exclusive campus-wide pouring rights contract to Pepsi Americas. The contract covers all UT campuses, beverage machines, athletic concessions at the Glass Bowl and Savage Hall, dining halls and venues, and convenience stores.

According to the seven-year contract, the University will receive approximately $43,000 per year for student programs, $86,500 per year for athletics, $8,000 per year in donated beverage products, and $216,000 per year in commissions from product sales.

“AVI announces new venues, fall hours”

Select one: Anand Katta, a graduate student in the College of Pharmacy, purchased a drink from one of the new Pepsi machines Friday.
Calvin Theatre Auditions  
Center for Performing Arts. 6:30-9:30 p.m.  
Info: 419.530.2202.

Jazz Concert  
Gene Parker Jazz Quartet. Corpus Christi University Parish. 8 p.m.  
Free, public. Info: 419.530.1330.

Thursday, Sept. 1  
Discover Downtown Toledo  
“Library Square.” Meet at the Michigan Street entrance to the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library, 325 N. Michigan St. 12:10-12:50 p.m.  
Free tours take place rain or shine. Co-sponsors: UT Urban Affairs Center and Toledo-Lucas County Public Library. Info: 419.530.3591.

Mandatory Student Organization Meeting  
Student representative from organization must attend this session or Sept. 2 meeting. Student Union Room 2592. 8:15 a.m.  
Info: 419.530.1460.

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Info: 419.530.1460.

Student Employment Job Fair  
Learn about part-time on- and off-campus job opportunities. Student Union Ingram Room. 1-4 p.m.  
Info: 419.530.4341.

Toledo Rockets vs. Western Illinois Leathernecks  
Thursday, Sept. 7  
Glass Bowl Stadium 7 p.m.  
Tickets: $24 for reserved seating; $19 for general admission; $12 for children 12 and younger; half off for UT faculty and staff with ID; free for UT students with ID.  
Info: 419.530.4653