

# TU Asking For Opinions On New Campus Plans

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The University of Toledo is asking people what they think about three possible development plans for the main campus.

The three plans, named the mall scheme, academic plaza scheme, and river scheme, were presented yesterday in the auditorium of the Student Union to faculty, staff, students, administrators, and nearby residents, all of whom were asked for their opinions and ideas.

Bohm-NBBJ, a planning consultant firm from Columbus, developed the designs, said Ernest W. Weaver, Jr., chairman of the university's 10-member master plan advisory committee.

The committee was appointed last spring by Dr. James D. McComas, TU president.

William J. Griffith, the firm's campus and facilities planning consultant, said a final proposal will be presented to the administration in December.

Mr. Griffith said the mall scheme proposes a second mall similar to Centennial Mall in the western part of the campus next to the Bowman-Oddy Laboratories.

The academic plaza scheme suggests placing any new academic buildings in high density along the south side of the Ottawa River, allowing the preservation of larger open spaces on campus.

The river scheme also suggests the second mall area as well as greater development along both sides of the river.

Included in all three schemes are:

▶ Development of a TU-owned plot of land along the east side of Westwood Avenue and another plot just north of it that the university has an option to buy. The sites would be used for a research and development center and additional parking.

▶ Development of the TU-owned land west of the Continuing Education Center across Bancroft Street from the main campus, west to Meadowwood Drive. Faculty housing would be built on the site nearest Meadowwood so the area would blend into nearby privately owned homes. The other plots would be for a park and an alumni center with parking, he said.

▶ Construction of a major loop road at the outer edge of the campus that would provide access to all parking lots, connect with all major campus entries, and allow a car-free pedestrian area within the loop.

▶ A new 650-space parking garage near Douglas Road.

▶ Additional surface parking.

▶ New student housing in the area southwest of the Glass Bowl.

Mr. Weaver said none of the three schemes suggests removing existing structures, but adoption of the mall or river schemes would require relocating the steam plant and the Reserve Officers Training Corps building.

The schemes will be displayed at a booth on Centennial Mall Saturday afternoon during homecoming.

Survey ballots are available wherever the plan is presented, allowing those interested to register opinions and make comments.