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A plan to pave the former Nashville housing complex site and the football practice field for parking and to install artificial turf in the Glass Bowl Stadium was approved today (April 10, 1974) by The University of Toledo's Board of Trustees.

The plan provides for about 600 parking spaces on the practice field and another 250 spaces at the Nashville site. It also provides a permanent playing and practice field in the stadium and calls for six lighted tennis courts to be constructed on the west edge of the present practice field.

Parking fees will not be increased and no state subsidy or student instructional fee receipts will be used for the project, UT President Glen R. Driscoll stressed.

"Short of building a high-rise structure, to which I am opposed because of the uncertainties of the energy crisis, the practice field is the only area that we could identify to retain sufficient parking. Taking that field leaves no alternative but to provide for practice in the stadium by adding a permanent surface. Fortunately that alternative will make the stadium available for almost unlimited use by students and community groups when it is not needed for football," Dr. Driscoll said. Condition of the natural turf has ruled out most extra use of the stadium in the past, he added.

The plan replaces parking spaces which will be lost through anticipated construction of the Theater-Music Building, on the north bank of the Ottawa River east of the Law Center, and a multipurpose activities center, south of the river and northeast of the Health Education Center, and through the relocation of Westwood Avenue.

The new tennis courts replace those lost when parking lot F, east of the Field House, was paved.

The University is now amortizing the cost of its newest parking facilities at \$100,000 a year. These facilities will be amortized in two years. Notes will be issued for the new project, estimated to cost about \$1,080,000, until Oct. 15. At that time long-term bonds will replace the notes.

Parking amortization will be increased by \$20,000 to \$120,000 for fiscal 1974-75 because parking revenues have exceeded expenses by that amount this year. The additional money will be used toward interest payments on the notes for the new project.

Cost of the new project will be paid from parking receipts, which will also include a parking charge for athletic events to be instituted this fall.

The new parking lots, tennis court and stadium surface are to be ready by September.

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The University of Toledo's Board of Trustees today (April 10) approved general and auxiliary fund budgets for the 1974-75 fiscal year totaling \$31,776,123, which is 4.4 per cent greater than estimated income and expenses for the current year.

The Board also approved a \$1,080,000 plan to construct two new parking areas on The University's main campus -- on the existing football practice field north of the Glass Bowl and on the site of the former Nashville student housing complex-- to install artificial turf on the Glass Bowl playing field. The new parking lots will add a total of 850 parking spaces to those already available on the main campus.

The Board authorized the issuing of general receipts bond anticipation notes to provide financing of the parking, artificial turf and tennis court construction program.

The Board increased the tuition surcharge for out-of-state students attending the University from \$385 to the legal maximum of \$400 per quarter, and increased most dormitory rentals by \$15 to \$20 per quarter. Both increases will be effective June 1.

It also approved two new associate degree programs within the University Community and Technical College in correctional technology and in real estate technology, and accepted gifts and grants valued at \$55,988.

In presenting the budget for the coming year to members of the Board, University President Glen R. Driscoll drew special attention to the cost of energy consumption on the University's two campuses, noting that the cost of oil, natural gas and electricity during this and the next fiscal year "is a problem in excess of \$600,000."

"Our biggest expense," Dr. Driscoll said, "is in oil, our single largest source of energy. Prices have moved from 10 cents a gallon early in this fiscal year, to a current level of 26.6 cents a gallon. We are gambling that those prices will prevail in the coming year, or that we will be able to further reduce consumption to a level which will leave us at the level of costs which we have budgeted. That is a large gamble."

Dr. Driscoll suggested that University-funded research, the development of new and present academic programs and plans for acquiring special equipment might have been conducted on a much stronger basis if the University had not been faced with increasing energy costs.

"I personally feel," he said, "that the State of Ohio should address itself to this problem, and the impact of the energy crisis on institutional budgets. I have so advised the chancellor of the Board of Regents, and have appealed to legislators from northwestern Ohio to give us their assistance. The problem is here and it gives no signs of going away in the next year or in the next biennium. It may even get worse."

The 1974-1975 University budget approved today was presented in two segments, a general fund budget totaling \$26,826,000, and four auxiliary fund budgets totaling \$4,950,123.

The Board also reappointed Robert J. Nichols as the University's head basketball coach, Robert J. Conroy and James J. McDonald as assistant basketball coaches, and approved a two-year renewal of a contract between the University and WSPD-Radio for broadcast of the UT football and basketball games.