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In a brief report to the University of Toledo's Board of Trustees, meeting today (April 13), President Glen R. Driscoll said that the Ohio Legislature must find a way to restore at least \$213 million to the funds allocated to higher education in Governor Celeste's budget measure (House Bill 291) "if higher education in Ohio is to receive only the amount originally appropriated to it in the current biennium."

President Driscoll joined the presidents of The Ohio State University and Miami University in testifying for increased support of higher education at hearings conducted by the Ohio House finance and appropriations committee last Monday (April 11) in Columbus.

He pointed out to the UT Trustees that higher education's share of state revenues for the next two years, as proposed in the Celeste budget, would drop from an average 15 per cent of the state's general fund just a few years ago to about 11.8 per cent, reflecting a loss of priority among state operations.

Admitting that he is not an economist, Dr. Driscoll speculated that despite unemployment levels in Ohio, the newly approved increase in the state income tax will produce more revenue than has been projected.

He also noted that freshman applications for next fall are greater than at this time last year, indicating that the University can expect another record enrollment as the new academic year begins in September.

He said he would be asking University Trustees and faculty to join him in contacting area legislators to persuade them that higher education needs a greater level of state support in the coming biennium than that proposed in the Celeste budget.

In other business, the Board named a new dean of the University Community and Technical College. He is Dr. Charles H. Bohlen, currently dean of the Cattaraugus County campus of Jamestown Community College in Olean, N.Y. (see enclosed release).

The Board approved revised allocations for 15 of 18 utilities and renovation projects with a total cost of \$2,840,000. Three of the projects will be deferred or funded from other sources.

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It approved transfer of the Flanigan farm property in Maumee, which it received by bequest some years ago, to the University of Toledo Corporation to permit consolidation with adjacent property which the Corporation has acquired recently.

The Board voted to approve the awarding of 20 additional grants in aid to women athletes, bringing the total number of grants available to 50. Four of the additional grants will go to the women's basketball team and the other 16 will be distributed among members of the women's softball, track, volleyball, and field hockey teams.

And it accepted a total of \$276,910.72 in various gifts, grants, and scholarships. Among them are grants for research in chemistry from the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation totaling \$106,257 and grants for engineering research from NASA and the Ohio Department of Transportation totaling \$95,266.