The University of Texas at Dallas underwent several exciting changes in 2014. With the addition of our fifth and largest residence hall, second dining hall, second recreation center, second parking structure, three new retail dining locations and an addition to the Naveen Jindal School of Management (Page 4), we have now added more than 3 million square feet of new or renovated space to campus since 2007 and have approximately 5,000 students living on-campus.

As a maturing campus on the path to Tier One status, it is extremely important that we continue to address key infrastructure and service issues. Though challenging, we are excited about the University’s growth and are looking forward to the numerous projects we have on the horizon (Page 2) that will support our faculty, staff, students, community members and future generations of Comets.

While our physical infrastructure continues to expand, we are also privileged to witness the development of our University’s culture and traditions. From activities such as Make a Difference Day (Page 15) and National Night Out (Page 8), to Richardson Corporate Challenge (Page 6) and our annual UT Dallas Scholarship Golf Tournament (Page 9), our campus has truly become a vibrant community. This year, UT Dallas was also honored to serve as host of the Texas College and University Facilities Professionals Conference (TCUF) (Page 10), the Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (Page 12), and The Wall that Heals.

None of this would be possible without our outstanding students and employees. This year, we recognized several staff members who have served the University for more than 20 years, which is a testament to the caliber of employees and the workplace environment we are fortunate to have at UT Dallas (Page 10).

As we look forward to what lies ahead in 2015, we anticipate many improvements and some growing pains along the way. But, I am confident that both the University and the local community will benefit from the progress we make, and that our office will continue to support a culture of service excellence and an environment of enormous energy and excitement. UT Dallas continues to be a very special place at a very special time!

Dr. Calvin D. Jamison, Vice President for Administration

Audit & Compliance Corner

Departmental Restructure

The UT System Board of Regents has restructured the internal audit functions at eight academic institutions (all except UT Austin) to have audit functions and people who work in audit report to the UT System. Effective September 1st, the UT Dallas Office of Audit and Compliance has been reorganized as follows:

Internal Audit: The internal audit staff will report directly to UT System and indirectly to the audit committee and the President. The internal audit office remains responsible for providing audit and assurance services to UT Dallas, and helping enhance our operations, governance, risk management, and control processes.

Compliance: The compliance staff will report directly to the Vice President for Diversity and Community Engagement under the newly formed Office of Institutional Equity and Compliance. Compliance is responsible for compliance training, facilitation of the compliance programs in our designated high-risk areas, and assistance with compliance with federal, state, and local policies and procedures.

Annual Compliance Training

The Office of Institutional Equity and Compliance will begin annual compliance training in January 2015. Topics include information security, campus safety, privacy, ethics, camps and more. Whatch your email or log in to eLearning through Galaxy to see your assigned courses.

Available in eLearning – January 2015

Coming this spring, a vibrant new North Mall.
**Campus Development**

**Coming Soon**

With the continued growth in enrollment and the goal to reach Tier One status, the University has several upcoming projects in process, including Northside at UT Dallas and expansions to both Callier Center Richardson and the Student Services Building. The Board of Regents also approved construction of the Davidson-Gundy Alumni Center on the UT Dallas campus, tentatively scheduled to break ground in late 2015, with completion in 2017. A building for the Brain Performance Institute near UT Southwestern is also in the planning stages.

**Construction Updates**

In partnership with the City of Richardson, UT Dallas Facilities Management will begin work to add a new segment to Loop Road in January 2015. Once completed, the new addition will cut through the center areas of parking lots A, B, C, and D, and will connect into the existing Loop Road segments near Parking Structure 3 and the Supplemental Utility Plant (SUP). Once completed, the new road segment will cut through the center areas of parking Lots A, B, C, and D, and will connect the existing Loop Road near Parking Structure 3 to the north with the existing Loop Road near the Supplemental Utility Plant (SUP) to the south. The project includes a new bridge near lot R and renovated road connections at W. Lookout Drive and at Facilities Way.

Work on this project will be completed in phases, starting with parking lots A and B. Portions of lots A and B will be barricaded before Jan. 5 so allow crews to start work. The affected lots will still be open for parking, but please be aware that there will be additional construction traffic and activity in the area. Once the road work is complete in lots A and B, the lots will be resurfaced, restriped and fully reopened. Crews will then begin work in lots C and D following the same process. Weather permitting, the parking lot phases of the project should be completed before the start of the fall 2015 semester. All phases of the project will be completed by late fall 2015.

In spring 2015, crews will break ground on a 53,037-square-foot expansion to Callier Center Richardson. The project is slated for completion in summer 2016.

Summer 2015 will bring the start of the Student Services Building expansion, which will add approximately 68,700 square feet to the existing building for student services office space and a large auditorium.

Construction also continues on the North Mall Enhancement Project, slated for completion in spring 2015, and on the new Bioengineering and Sciences Building, slated for completion in late 2015. There will also be further expansion in Synergy Park North with the addition of a Wellness Center for faculty and staff.

Visit www.utdallas.edu/PardonOurProgress for additional updates on these and other projects happening on campus.

**Departmental Updates**

**STAR Award Winners**

4th Quarter 2014
- John Curmon
- Mike Ridgeway
- Anthony Stulsky, Jr.
- Misty Izaguirre
- Cindy Percival
- Stuart Smith

3rd Quarter 2014
- Rodolfo Arredondo
- Patrice Holt
- Jessica Granstaff
- Troy McFarland

**Staff Members Honored for Service to University**

Congratulations to the Administration staff members who were recently recognized at the Annual Service Awards and Quarter Century Club Ceremony. We thank you for your dedication to the mission of the University and for providing service excellence throughout your career with UT Dallas.

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Departmental Updates

Professional Development Day
UT Dallas students and staff members streamed through the Founders 2nd floor atrium Thursday, December 4, to take part in the first-ever Professional Development Day.

The event, hosted by the Dallas chapter of the Association for Talent Development (ATD), UT Dallas Human Resources and Information Resources, featured a dozen booths with information inviting guests to further develop skills ranging from self-defense and research to public speaking and learning HTML.

“It’s all about continuous learning and development,” said Kathy Murphy, ATD’s vice president for personal development.

“We’re extremely pleased to team up with UT Dallas on this venture and look forward to future events like this one that helps professionals become well-rounded by expanding their competencies,” Murphy said.

Outstanding Employees

Fourth Quarter, 2014 – Mariah Armitage, director for Emergency Management and Business Continuity. Mariah just started working at UT Dallas in March 2014, but in a short time has made a significant impact in providing emergency preparedness and response support to the University. She has increased emergency-notification testing, reached more than 2,000 students, faculty and staff through public education efforts, responded to some 88 incidents on campus since March and coordinated information sharing between the University and city, county and state officials during the first Ebola outbreak in the United States. She consistently goes the extra mile to ensure the safety of the campus and keeps stakeholders aware of potential threats.

Third Quarter, 2014 – Nancy Bowles, specialist for Institutional Equity and Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO). Nancy is a UT Dallas employee in the Office of Human Resources who began her tenure in December 2005 as a compensation manager and in the last year moved into her role in Institutional Equity. Nancy has excelled taking on new responsibilities in UT’s efforts to practice and support diversity and inclusion in the workplace. She has demonstrated her value by helping to develop the first website for Institutional Equity (IE), representing UT Dallas at various diversity meetings focused on reaching organizations that support veterans and people with disabilities, moving effortlessly into a role that requires discreet handling of sensitive situations, pitching in with office projects, ensuring that her work is above and beyond what is expected, and possessing invaluable institutional knowledge.

Athletic Facilities Upgrade
In light of the UT Dallas’ increasing participation in NCAA tournament play, the University’s athletic facilities have undergone major upgrades.

The upgrades to the sports fields and Activity Center help ensure that the University “will have one of the premier Division III programs in the country,” said Bill Petitt, director of athletics.

By the end of 2014, the University will have invested $500,000 in improvements to fields, training rooms and facilities, including a new conference room.

“After we hosted the NCAA Division III National Tournament (first and second rounds for men’s basketball) last spring, we knew we needed conference space,” Petitt said. “There’s a certain protocol they require. They needed a place to have postgame interviews.”

The conference room, located in a courtyard area between the Activity Center and athletics offices, also will serve as a VIP room and a space for teams to review game videos.

For the latest upgrades, Petitt asked coaches for input on their most immediate needs before he determined what would benefit the most people, including players, parents and fans.

Completed projects include a new softball infield and repair to the outfield sod, remodeling and expanding the athletic training room in the Activity Center, and re-sodding two of the 10 fields at the soccer complex.

Ongoing projects include the new conference room, which awaits its HD projector, as well as replacing dugouts at the baseball field, expanding seating and the hitting facility, and adding countdown clocks for visiting team locker rooms.

The department also purchased new video equipment to enhance production of live video streaming for Comet home games.

“About 1,900 people watched the tournament play online last spring. This will make a better experience for parents and fans who can’t be at the game in person,” Petitt said.

Petitt, who took over the athletic department in July, had been interim director since January when longtime director Chris Gage retired.
**Campus Development**

**As the University and Enrollment Grow, Services Expand**

Getting around a growing campus is made easier with planning. UT Dallas offers multiple transportation options and hundreds of new parking spaces to meet campus growth.

“We opened a record number of new projects this fall which will change and enhance the campus environment,” said Dr. Calvin Jamison, vice president for administration. “We will have nearly 5,000 students living on campus this year, and these new facilities will offer more convenience not only for residents, but for commuters and employees, as well.”

Residence Hall West is now home to 600 freshmen participating in Living Learning Communities. The building features classroom, collaboration and study spaces, on-site laundry and kitchen facilities, and an outdoor volleyball court, arbor and lounge area.

Recreation Center West — adjacent to Residence Hall West and Dining Hall West — will keep the same hours as the Activity Center on the south side of campus, and will be open to all students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members. Those with memberships will have access to both Recreation Center West and the Activity Center, and enrolled students simply need their Comet Cards to access either facility. Guest passes will only be available for purchase at the Activity Center, but the pass can be used at either facility. The 25,000-square-foot recreation center has two courts for basketball, badminton and volleyball, a cardio and weight area with new equipment, and a group exercise room. The men’s and women’s locker rooms have day-use lockers and two showers each.

Dining Hall West is open to all students, faculty, staff, and community members for breakfast, lunch and dinner on weekdays and brunch and dinner on weekends. The new dining hall building also houses a full-size Papa John’s Pizza and a convenience store, which offer grab-and-go options, healthy snacks, frozen foods and toiletries. Both retail stores are open until 1 a.m. Monday through Thursday, 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 10 p.m. on Sunday.

The growing Naveen Jindal School of Management also opened a 110,000-square-foot addition on the first day of school. The new building has more classroom and office space, trading and sales labs, student collaboration and study space, and an expanded Career Management Center. It also includes a new Jason’s Deli.

The former Arts and Technology Building has been renovated and renamed as the Physics Building, and is now home to the Physics Department. Synergy Park North now houses UTDesign, the Office of Development and Alumni Relations, the Office of Audit and Compliance, and the Office of Human Resources training team. University Web Services also will move to Synergy Park North this fall.

**New Buildings and Services on Campus**

The campus community was greeted by several new facilities and amenities this fall.

“The addition of Residence Hall West, Recreation Center West, Dining Hall West and Parking Structure 3 is truly a game changer in terms of activity in the north part of campus,” said Dr. Calvin Jamison, vice president for administration. “We will have nearly 5,000 students living on campus this year, and these new facilities will offer more convenience not only for residents, but for commuters and employees, as well.”

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**Recycling**

Coca-Cola Recycling’s mobile unit visited the UT Dallas campus during Homecoming week to promote the benefits of recycling beverage containers.

Parked at Chess Plaza, the Recycling Education Vehicle featured video screens and interactive displays designed to teach and develop plans to boost recycling efforts on college campuses.

Coke bottles, for example, can be sterilized (melted down and reformed) and used again to distribute Coke products. They also can be melted down and turned into polyethylene terephlate (PET), which can make a yarn fiber to be interwoven with cotton to create T-shirts, jackets, pants, gloves and other clothing accessories.

The display also featured a bicycle placed on turbines that allowed pedal power to generate electricity to charge smartphones and other gadgets. A number of students tried it out to confirm its ability to restore power to their cell phones.

“It takes five minutes of pedaling to boost battery power by 2 percent,” the Coca-Cola Recycling representative told students.

**Departmental Updates**

Facilities Management Maintenance Foreman Baldemar Flores recently received a CARE Award from the Staff Council and University President David E. Daniel for outstanding service. Sam Eick, Flores’ supervisor, nominated Flores for the award and said during the ceremony that he considers Flores the “work horse of the department.”

**Green Scene**

Students on Chess Plaza received Koozies from a Coca-Cola Recycling representative during Homecoming week. Coca-Cola Recycling brings their Recycling Education Vehicle to campus twice a year to teach and develop plans to boost recycling on campus campuses.

A display illustrates what happens to recycled Coke bottles. In a three-step process, bottles are either melted down and reformd to distribute more Coke products or they are melted down and turned into a plastic yarn that is similar to nylon that can be interwoven with cotton to create T-shirts, pants, gloves, jackets and other clothing accessories.

**University President**

University President David E. Daniel presented (from left) Rick Grant, Baldemar Flores, Rachell Reilly, CZarina Cardo, Linda Sensibaugh and Judy Barnes with fall CARE Awards for their outstanding service.

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Green Scene

Princeton Review Recognizes UT Dallas for Sustainable Practices

For the third consecutive year, UT Dallas has earned recognition as one of the most environmentally responsible colleges in the U.S. and Canada in The Princeton Review’s Guide to 332 Green Colleges.

UT Dallas, one of seven universities in Texas to make this year’s list, was commended for establishing an Office of Sustainability, which seeks to “mitigate UT Dallas’ footprint on the environment, to raise visibility and awareness of environmental issues on campus and our community, and to engage UT Dallas students, faculty and staff in developing sustainable policies and practices.” The office works with other departments on campus to organize environmentally focused events, such as this week’s Earth Week, and supports organizations such as the Community Garden and Green People, a new student organization.

In addition to incorporating sustainable building practices and using only Green Seal cleaning products on campus, the University was applauded for its growing recycling and composting programs. UT Dallas recycles more than 1.5 million pounds of paper each year, in addition to collecting cardboard, aluminum, plastic, ink cartridges and other recyclable materials to minimize the amount of waste it sends to the landfill. Food scraps from the dining hall and landscaping debris are also repurposed to support the University’s internal composting program.

“It has been exciting and extremely rewarding to see the increase in environmental initiatives on campus,” said Thea Junt, UT Dallas energy conservation and sustainability manager. “The University’s sustainability program started through Facilities Management and our green building projects. Now, we have green student programming, like Earth Week, and continue to build sustainability into our coursework.”

The University is growing its sustainability-focused course offerings with research at the Renewable Energy and Vehicular Technology (REVT) Laboratory and classes such as Honey Bee Biology, Future Energy Resources and The Oceans. It has also made transportation alternatives available to the campus community, including the Zipcar vehicle sharing program, discounted DART transit passes and free Comet Cruiser and Comet Cab campus shuttles.

“We are proud of the efforts our campus has made to achieve this honor,” said Dr. Calvin Jamison, vice president for the Office of Administration. “Our hope is that as the University continues to grow, our sustainability program will become even more comprehensive for students, faculty and staff. In addition to enhancing our campus, it continues to be a competitive advantage because of the environment we’ve created and the impact it will have on the next generation.”

The Princeton Review chose the schools for this guide based on a survey it conducted in 2013 of administrators at hundreds of four-year colleges to measure the schools’ commitment to the environment and to sustainability. The institutional survey included questions on the schools’ course offerings, campus infrastructure, activities and career preparation. The 2014 edition of the guidebook is free to download and offers profiles of each school with a special focus on sustainability initiatives.
Community News

2014 Corporate Challenge Results

UT Dallas literally took the cake this year’s Richardson Corporate Challenge, winning the cake competition for the second consecutive year while helping to raise $190,000 – a new fundraising record – for Special Olympics Texas.

Corporate Challenge gathers Richardson-area businesses each fall to compete in 10 weeks of Olympic-style contests with as many as 26 athletic and non-athletic events held from late August through early October. UT Dallas has participated in the competition since 1997, and, this year, enjoyed its best Corporate Challenge showing in recent memory, finishing second overall in its division and taking home the silver plaque. This University also won its division’s Spirit Award, a giant megaphone, for best participation and sportsmanship.

“Corporate Challenge allows us to demonstrate our commitment not just to developing a quality campus, but to being a good corporate citizen by helping to raise money for an important cause,” said Dr. Calvin D. Jamison, vice president for administration. “It gives our faculty and staff members an opportunity to enjoy camaraderie and friendly competition in a way that showcases the extraordinary spirit of our campus community.”

Throughout this year’s 10-week campaign, UT Dallas accumulated a total of 381 points and seven medals, including four gold, one silver and two bronze.

UT Dallas won gold in badminton; the 15K bike race, led by Max Miley; golf, led by Dr. Jamison; and softball, which featured Dean of Students Gene Fitch, Rec Sports Director Tricia Losavio and Athletics Coach Polly Thomason. The University captured silver in swimming and bronze in billiards and tennis.

The cake team, led by UT Dallas Venture Development Coordinator Kimberly Warren, included Theresa Diaz, Nicole Harrington, Georgetta Oliver, Irene Bellatin, Vanessa Balderrama, Karen Garcia, Maria Reyes, Kelly Kaar and Jayaar Medlock. The cake featured a scene with Temoc visiting Spirit Rock on the UT Dallas campus. It won for its artistry as much as for its taste, the judges said.

Green Scene

UT Dallas students planted 27 trees outside the Naveen Jindal School of Management building as part of Viva Volunteer 2014 on Make a Difference Day. Some 609 UT Dallas Comets helped serve 24 local nonprofit agencies, and, in just one morning of service, donated more than 2,000 volunteer hours saving agencies more than $47,800. Beneficiaries of their time and elbow grease included a local animal shelter, a soup kitchen, a homeless shelter, the University’s Community garden and a creek bed.
Auxiliary Services' Bike Sale
From the Mercury

Auxiliary Services sells items to the public three times a year: a furniture sale in September and January, as well as a bike sale, which was organized for the first time this year on Nov. 19 at the surplus warehouse. The event was open to students, faculty and staff.

“It is labor-intensive for us to set up, so it’s difficult. But, it’s certainly worth it to the students, staff and faculty,” said Assistant Vice President of Auxiliary Services Bob Fishbein.

UTD Police hands over any abandoned bikes collected at the end of the school year to Auxiliary Services. The police continue to put out notices on social networking websites for 60 days for students to claim their bikes.

The bikes are cleaned up and priced according to how they would be priced at state auctions. Prices ranged from $20-60, and 250 bicycles were featured.

Other items sold by the department included old PCs, chairs, couches, desks, office furniture and scientific equipment that had been stored in the surplus warehouse.

Students stood beside the bikes they hoped to buy 15 minutes before the sale officially started at 11 a.m., and all bikes were sold before the sale ended at 1 p.m.

“Since it was so successful, we’ll do the bike sale again next year,” Fishbein said. “I’m very proud of it.”

Did you know?

UT Dallas has:
- 23,095 students enrolled; 5,000 live on campus
- More than 3,000 faculty and staff members
- 133 academic programs across seven schools
- 256 clubs and student organizations
- Grown from $59 million in research funds in FY2008 to a projected $99 million in FY2015
- Raised more than $260 million through its Capital Campaign
Community News

National Night Out

For the third consecutive year, UT Dallas has been honored by the National Association of Town Watch for its participation in 2014 National Night Out festivities. Students, faculty, staff and neighbors came out for National Night Out, the annual crime prevention block party held at the courtyard of Residence Hall North, on Tuesday, Oct. 7.

Pegged as an evening of free food, fun and music, National Night Out draws neighbors outdoors in their communities to send a clear message to the criminal element that they will not tolerate crime and violence and are united in fighting crime together.

Senior Public Safety Officer David Spigelmyer, who organized the event for the third year in a row, had a dunking booth, the Power Dancers, cheerleaders, pep band and Temoc on hand to help entertain participants. Police Lt. Ken McKenzie grilled hot dogs and veggie burgers to give away to students and visitors, along with hot buttered popcorn.

A half-dozen booths stood in the courtyard offering leaflets and information on crime-prevention activities and forms to join organizations ranging from MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) to RAD (Rape Aggression Defense).

The event was sponsored by the UT Dallas Police Department, Residential Life and the National Association of Town Watch.

Emergency Preparedness Fair

Emergencies can range from inconvenient to devastating, but advance preparation often goes a long way toward mitigating the effects.

To ensure preparedness, UT Dallas’ Department of Environmental Health and Safety held its 8th Annual Emergency Preparedness Fair from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16 in the Visitor Center Atrium.

“It’s important to prepare for emergencies because it’s not if something will happen, it’s when it will happen,” said Emergency Management Specialist Angela Dees.

The fair is timed each year to coincide with National Preparedness Month, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Ready Campaign.

“We promote three emergency response procedures: shelter in place, evacuations and lockdown. Also, we urge students, faculty and staff to be aware of our emergency notification systems and want them to know what each alert means and what the appropriate response should be when receiving the alerts,” Dees said.

Hundreds of students, faculty and staff members streaming through the atrium were encouraged to follow basic health, safety and emergency preparation steps. Fair attractions and activities included:

- Information booths
- Fire extinguisher training
- Smoke simulation
- Emergency response vehicle display
- Food, drinks, music and prizes

Members of the UT Dallas Community Emergency Response Team program presented information about their group at one of the dozen booths set up for the event.

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TCUF brings together facilities managers, architectural firms and construction contractors to discuss past and future building projects. This year’s focus was on learning new ways to turn existing buildings into needed structures that meet new requirements for fast-paced changes taking place on campuses around Texas.

A number of area architecture and construction firms held open houses during the week for conventioners to visit their places of businesses in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

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Pegged as an evening of free food, fun and music, National Night Out draws neighbors outdoors in their communities to send a clear message to the criminal element that they will not tolerate crime and violence and are united in fighting crime together.

Senior Public Safety Officer David Spigelmyer, who organized the event for the third year in a row, had a dunking booth, the Power Dancers, cheerleaders, pep band and Temoc on hand to help entertain participants. Police Lt. Ken McKenzie grilled hot dogs and veggie burgers to give away to students and visitors, along with hot buttered popcorn.

A half-dozen booths stood in the courtyard offering leaflets and information on crime-prevention activities and forms to join organizations ranging from MADD (Mothers Against Drunken Driving) to RAD (Rape Aggression Defense).

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Emergency Preparedness Fair

Emergencies can range from inconvenient to devastating, but advance preparation often goes a long way toward mitigating the effects.

To ensure preparedness, UT Dallas’ Department of Environmental Health and Safety held its 8th Annual Emergency Preparedness Fair from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16 in the Visitor Center Atrium.

“It’s important to prepare for emergencies because it’s not if something will happen, it’s when it will happen,” said Emergency Management Specialist Angela Dees.

The fair is timed each year to coincide with National Preparedness Month, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Ready Campaign.

“We promote three emergency response procedures: shelter in place, evacuations and lockdown. Also, we urge students, faculty and staff to be aware of our emergency notification systems and want them to know what each alert means and what the appropriate response should be when receiving the alerts,” Dees said.

Hundreds of students, faculty and staff members streaming through the atrium were encouraged to follow basic health, safety and emergency preparation steps. Fair attractions and activities included:

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Auxiliary Services’ Bike Sale
From the Mercury

Auxiliary Services sells items to the public three times yearly: a furniture sale in September and January, as well as a bike sale, which was organized for the first time this year on Nov. 19 at the surplus warehouse. The event was open to students, faculty and staff.

“It is labor-intensive for us to set up, so it’s difficult. But, it’s certainly worth it to the students, staff and faculty,” said Assistant Vice President of Auxiliary Services Bob Fishbein.

UTD Police hands over any abandoned bikes collected at the end of the school year to Auxiliary Services. The police continue to put out notices on social networking websites for 60 days for students to claim their bikes.

The bikes are cleaned up and priced according to how they would be priced at state auctions. Prices ranged from $20-60, and 250 bicycles were featured.

Other items sold by the department included old PCs, chairs, couches, desks, office furniture and scientific equipment that had been stored in the surplus warehouse.

Students stood beside the bikes they hoped to buy 15 minutes before the sale officially started at 11 a.m., and all bikes were sold before the sale ended at 1 p.m.

“Since it was so successful, we’ll do the bike sale again next year,” Fishbein said. “I’m very proud of it.”

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Judges from Isabelli’s, a Richardson confectionery specializing in chocolates and truffles, appeared to enjoy UT Dallas’ cake right away.

As the sign says, there were no refunds or exchanges. Everything was sold within the four-hour window of the sale.

Did you know?

UT Dallas has:

- 23,095 students enrolled; 5,000 live on campus
- More than 3,000 faculty and staff members
- 133 academic programs across seven schools
- 256 clubs and student organizations
- Grown from $59 million in research funds in FY2008 to a projected $99 million in FY2015
- Raised more than $260 million through its Capital Campaign

Just like the county fair ... you bake all night and decorate all day and, after every judge has tasted and inspected it, if you are deemed the winner, you take home the blue ribbon!

Cake committee members prepare to make baking history. They are (from left) Theresa Diaz, Kelly Kaar, Nicole Harrington, Vanessa Balderrama, Georgetta Oliver, Kim Warren and Karen Garcia.

UT Dallas’ Corporate Challenge Cake won best in division for the second consecutive year. Members who helped bake the cake, which featured sections of key lime, amaretto and chocolate, included (from left) Nicole Harrington, Barbara Hollis, Georgetta Oliver, Karen Garcia, Kelly Kaar and Vanessa Balderrama.
Community News

2014 Corporate Challenge Results

UT Dallas literally took the cake at this year’s Richardson Corporate Challenge, winning the cake competition for the second consecutive year while helping to raise $190,000 – a new fundraising record – for Special Olympics Texas.

Corporate Challenge gathers Richardson-area businesses each fall to compete in 10 weeks of Olympic-style contests with as many as 26 athletic and non-athletic events held from late August through early October. UT Dallas has participated in the competition since 1997, and, this year, enjoyed its best Corporate Challenge showing in recent memory, finishing second overall in its division and taking home the silver plaque. This University also won its division’s Spirit Award, a giant megaphone, for best participation and sportsmanship.

"Corporate Challenge allows us to demonstrate our commitment not just to developing a quality campus, but to being a good corporate citizen by helping to raise money for an important cause," said Dr. Calvin D. Jamison, vice president for administration. "It gives our faculty and staff members an opportunity to enjoy camaraderie and friendly competition in a way that showcases the extraordinary spirit of our campus community."

Throughout this year’s 10-week campaign, UT Dallas accumulated a total of 381 points and seven medals, including four gold, one silver and two bronze.

UT Dallas won gold in badminton; the 15K bike race, led by Max Miley; golf, led by Dr. Jamison; and softball, which featured Dean of Students Gene Fitch, Rec Sports Director Tricia Losavio and Athletics Coach Polly Thomason. The University captured silver in swimming and bronze in billiards and tennis.

The cake team, led by UT Dallas Venture Development Coordinator Kimberly Warren, included Theresa Diaz, Nicole Harrington, Georgetta Oliver, Irene Bellatin, Vanessa Balderrama, Karen Garcia, Maria Reyes, Kelly Kaar and Jayar Medlock. The cake featured a scene with Temoc visiting Spirit Rock on the UT Dallas campus. It won for its artistry as much as for its taste, the judges said.

Green Scene

Tree Planting

UT Dallas students planted 27 trees outside the Naveen Jindal School of Management building as part of Viva Volunteer 2014 on Make a Difference Day.

Some 609 UT Dallas Comets helped serve 24 local nonprofit agencies, and, in just one morning of service, donated more than 2,000 volunteer hours saving agencies more than $47,800. Beneficiaries of their time and elbow grease included a local animal shelter, a soup kitchen, a homeless shelter, the University’s Community garden and a creek bed.
Princeton Review Recognizes UT Dallas for Sustainable Practices

For the third consecutive year, UT Dallas has earned recognition as one of the most environmentally responsible colleges in the U.S. and Canada in The Princeton Review’s Guide to 332 Green Colleges.

UT Dallas, one of seven universities in Texas to make this year’s list, was commended for establishing an Office of Sustainability, which seeks to “mitigate UT Dallas’ footprint on the environment, to raise visibility and awareness of environmental issues on campus and our community, and to engage UT Dallas students, faculty and staff in developing sustainable policies and practices.” The office works with other departments on campus to organize environmentally focused events, such as this week’s Earth Week, and supports organizations such as the Community Garden and Green People, a new student organization.

In addition to incorporating sustainable building practices and using only Green Seal cleaning products on campus, the University was applauded for its growing recycling and composting programs. UT Dallas recycled 215,487 pounds of paper last year, in addition to collecting cardboard, aluminum, plastic, ink cartridges and other recyclable materials to minimize the amount of waste it sends to the landfill. Food scraps from the dining hall and landscaping debris are also repurposed to support the University’s internal composting program.

“It has been exciting and extremely rewarding to see the increase in environmental initiatives on campus,” said Thea Junt, UT Dallas energy conservation and sustainability manager. “The University’s sustainability program started through Facilities Management and our green building projects. Now, we have green student programming, like Earth Week, and continue to build sustainability into our coursework.”

The University is growing its sustainability-focused course offerings with research at the Renewable Energy and Vehicular Technology (REV) Laboratory and classes such as Honey Bee Biology, Future Energy Resources and The Oceans. It has also made transportation alternatives available to the campus community, including the Zipcar vehicle sharing program, discounted DART transit passes and free Comet Cruiser and Comet Cab campus shuttles.

“We are proud of the efforts our campus has made to achieve this honor,” said Dr. Calvin Jamison, vice president for the Office of Administration. “Our hope is that as the University continues to grow, our sustainability program will become even more comprehensive for students, faculty and staff. In addition to enhancing our campus, it continues to be a competitive advantage because of the environment we’ve created and the impact it will have on the next generation.”

The Princeton Review chose the schools for this guide based on a survey it conducted in 2013 of administrators at hundreds of four-year colleges to measure the schools’ commitment to the environment and to sustainability. The institutional survey included questions on the schools’ course offerings, campus infrastructure, activities and career preparation. The 2014 edition of the guidebook is free to download and offers profiles of each school with a special focus on sustainability initiatives.
**Campus Development**

**As the University and Enrollment Grow, Services Expand**

Getting around a growing campus is made easier with planning. UT Dallas offers multiple transportation options and hundreds of new parking spaces to meet campus growth.

“We opened a record number of new projects this fall which will change and enhance the campus environment,” said Dr. Calvin Jamison, vice president for administration. “We will have nearly 5,000 students living on campus this year, and these new facilities will offer more convenience not only for residents, but for commuters and employees, as well.”

Residence Hall West is now home to 600 freshmen participating in Living Learning Communities. The building features classroom, collaboration and study spaces, on-site laundry and kitchen facilities, and an outdoor volleyball court, arbor and lounge area.

Recruitment Center West — adjacent to Residence Hall West and Dining Hall West — will keep the same hours as the Activity Center on the south side of campus, and will be open to all students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members. Those with memberships will have access to both Recreation Center West and the Activity Center, and enrolled students simply need their Comet Cards to access either facility. Guest passes will only be available for purchase at the Activity Center, but the pass can be used at either facility. The 25,000-square-foot recreation center has two courts for basketball, badminton and volleyball, a cardio and weight area with new equipment, and a group exercise room. The men’s and women’s locker rooms have day-use lockers and two showers each.

Dining Hall West is open to all students, faculty, staff, and community members for breakfast, lunch and dinner on weekdays and brunch and dinner on weekends. The new dining hall building also houses a full-size Papa John’s Pizza and a convenience store, which offer grab-and-go options, healthy snacks, frozen foods and toiletries. Both retail stores are open until 1 a.m. Monday through Thursday, 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 10 p.m. on Sunday.

The growing Naveen Jindal School of Management also opened a 110,000-square-foot addition on the first day of school. The new building has more classroom and office space, trading and sales labs, student collaboration and study space, and an expanded Career Management Center. It also includes a new Jason’s Deli.

The former Arts and Technology Building has been renovated and renamed as the Physics Building, and is now home to the Physics Department. Synergy Park North now houses UTDesign, the Office of Development and Alumni Relations, the Office of Audit and Compliance, and the Office of Human Resources training team. University Web Services also will move to Synergy Park North this fall.

**New Buildings and Services on Campus**

The campus community was greeted by several new facilities and amenities this fall.

“The addition of Residence Hall West, Recreation Center West, Dining Hall West and Parking Structure 3 is truly a game changer in terms of activity in the north part of campus,” said Dr. Calvin Jamison, vice president for administration. “We will have nearly 5,000 students living on campus this year, and these new facilities will offer more convenience not only for residents, but for commuters and employees, as well.”

Parking lot expansions added more than 350 residence hall permit spaces to Lot T, and 64 orange, gold, and purple permit parking spaces to Lot J. Lot T will be primarily for residence hall permit holders and will also feature a new location for Zipcar, a car-sharing service that requires a membership.

This fall, the University also debuted Parking Structure 3 (PS3), on the corner of Rutford Avenue and Loop Road. The garage has approximately 750 parking spaces, with parking on the top level for those with residence hall permits, pay-by-space parking for visitors on the first level, and parking for those with purple, orange, gold and green parking permits on the remaining levels. Additionally, the structure houses offices for the Parking and Transportation department and retail options, including an Einstein Bros Bagels. An HDP Express is tentatively scheduled to open during the spring 2015 semester.

For up-to-date construction information and tips for getting around campus, visit the Pardon Our Progress website at:

www.utdallas.edu/pardonourprogress

**Recycling**

Coca-Cola Recycling’s mobile unit visited the UT Dallas campus during Homecoming week to promote the benefits of recycling beverage containers.

Parked at Chess Plaza, the Recycling Education Vehicle featured video screens and interactive displays designed to teach and develop plans to boost recycling efforts on college campuses.

Coke bottles, for example, can be sterilized (melted down and reformed) and used again to distribute Coke products. They also can be melted down and turned into polyethylene terephalate (PET), which can make a yarn fiber to be interwoven with cotton to create T-shirts, jackets, pants, gloves and other clothing accessories.

The display also featured a bicycle placed on turbines that allowed pedal power to generate electricity to charge smartphones and other gadgets. A number of students tried it out to confirm its ability to restore power to their cell phones.

“*It takes five minutes of pedaling to boost battery power by 2 percent,*” the Coca-Cola Recycling representative told students.

**Departmental Updates**

**University President David E. Daniel** presented (from left) Rick Grant, Baldemar Flores, Rachell Reilly, Czarina Cardo, Linda Sensibaugh and Judy Barnes with fall CARE Awards for their outstanding service.

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**Facilities Management Maintenance Foreman**

Baldemar Flores recently received a CARE Award from the Staff Council and University President David E. Daniel for outstanding service. Sam Ecke, Flores’ supervisor, nominated Flores for the award and said during the ceremony that he considers Flores the “work horse of the department.”
Departmental Updates

Professional Development Day

UT Dallas students and staffers streamed through the Founders 2nd floor atrium Thursday, December 4, to take part in the first-ever Professional Development Day.

The event, hosted by the Dallas chapter of the Association for Talent Development (ATD), UT Dallas Human Resources and Information Resources, featured a dozen booths with information inviting guests to further develop skills ranging from self-defense and researching to public speaking and learning HTML.

“It’s all about continuous learning and development,” said Kathy Murphy, ATD’s vice president for personal development.

“We’re extremely pleased to team up with UT Dallas on this venture and look forward to future events like this one that helps professionals become well-rounded by expanding their competencies,” Murphy said.

Outstanding Employees

Fourth Quarter, 2014 – Mariah Armitage, director for Emergency Management and Business Continuity. Mariah just started working at UT Dallas in March 2014, but in a short time has made a significant impact in providing emergency preparedness and response support to the University. She has increased emergency-notification testing, reached more than 2,000 students, faculty and staff through public education efforts, responded to some 80 incidents on campus since March and coordinated information sharing between the University and city, county and state officials during the first Ebola outbreak in the United States. She consistently goes the extra mile to ensure the safety of the campus and keeps stakeholders are aware of potential threats.

Third Quarter, 2014 – Nancy Bowles, specialist for Institutional Equity and Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO). Nancy is a UT Dallas employee in the Office of Human Resources who began her tenure in December 2005 as a compensation manager and in the last year moved into her role in Institutional Equity. Nancy has excelled taking on new responsibilities in UTD’s efforts to practice and support diversity and inclusion in the workplace. She has demonstrated her value by helping to develop the first website for Institutional Equity (IE), representing UT Dallas at various diversity meetings focused on reaching organizations that support veterans and people with disabilities, moving effort- lessly into a role that requires discreet handling of sensitive situations, pitching in with office projects, ensuring that her work is above and beyond what is expected, and possessing invaluable institutional knowledge.

Athletic Facilities Upgrade

In light of the UT Dallas’ increasing participation in NCAA tournament play, the University’s athletic facilities have undergone major upgrades.

The upgrades to the sports fields and Activity Center help ensure that the University “will have one of the premier Division III programs in the country,” said Bill Petitt, director of athletics.

By the end of 2014, the University will have invested $500,000 in improvements to fields, training rooms and facilities, including a new conference room.

“After we hosted the NCAA Division III National Tournament (first and second rounds for men’s basketball) last spring, we knew we needed conference space,” Petitt said. “There’s a certain protocol they require. They needed a place to have postgame interviews.”

The conference room, located in a courtyard area between the Activity Center and athletics offices, also will serve as a VIP room and a space for teams to review game videos.

For the latest upgrades, Petitt asked coaches for input on their most immediate needs before he determined what would benefit the most people, including players, parents and fans.

Completed projects include a new softball infield and repair to the outfield sod, remodeling and expanding the athletic training room in the Activity Center, and re-sodding two of the 10 fields at the soccer complex.

Ongoing projects include the new conference room, which awaits its HD projector, as well as replacing dugouts at the baseball field, expanding seating and the hitting facility, and adding countdown clocks for visiting team locker rooms.

The department also purchased new video equipment to enhance production of live video streaming for Comet home games.

“About 1,900 people watched the tournament play online last spring. This will make a better experience for parents and fans who can’t be at the game in person,” Petitt said.

Petitt, who took over the athletic department in July, had been interim director since January when longtime director Chris Gage retired.

Campus Development

The athletics conference room will be the place for post-game interviews, a space for UT Dallas teams to review game videos and may serve as a VIP room.

Among last summer’s upgrades to the athletics department was the remodeling and expansion of its training room. Of note, free weights, new exercise equipment and adjustable tables that feature the Comets logo are now available to athletes.

Comet colors orange and green adorn the Athletic Department foyer after an upgrade involving new flooring and paint.
Campus Development

Coming Soon

With the continued growth in enrollment and the goal to reach Tier One status, the University has several upcoming projects in process, including Northside at UT Dallas and expansions to both Callier Center Richardson and the Student Services Building. The Board of Regents also approved construction of the Davidson-Gundy Alumni Center on the UT Dallas campus, tentatively scheduled to break ground in late 2015, with completion in 2017. A building for the Brain Performance Institute near UT Southwestern is also in the planning stages.

Construction Updates

In partnership with the City of Richardson, UT Dallas Facilities Management will begin work to add a new segment to Loop Road in January 2015. Once completed, the new addition will cut through the center areas of parking lots A, B, C and D, and will connect into the existing Loop Road segments near Parking Structure 3 and the Supplemental Utility Plant (SUP). Once completed, the new road segment will cut through the center areas of parking Lots A, B, C and D, and will connect the existing Loop Road near Parking Structure 3 to the north with the existing Loop Road near the Supplemental Utility Plant (SUP) to the south. The project includes a new bridge near lot R and renovated road connections at W. Lookout Drive and at Facilities Way.

Work on this project will be completed in phases, starting with parking lots A and B. Portions of lots A and B will be barricaded before Jan. 5 to allow crews to start work. The affected lots will still be open for parking, but please be aware that there will be additional construction traffic and activity in the area. Once the road work is complete in lots A and B, thelots will be resurfaced, restriped and fully re-opened. Crews will then begin work in lots C and D following the same process. Weather permitting, the parking lot phases of the project should be completed before the start of the fall 2015 semester. All phases of the project will be completed by late fall 2015.

In spring 2015, crews will break ground on a 53,037-square-foot expansion to Callier Center Richardson. The project is slated for completion in summer 2016.

Construction also continues on the North Mall Enhancement Project, slated for completion in spring 2015, and on the new Bioengineering and Sciences Building, slated for completion in late 2015. There will also be further expansion in Synergy Park North with the addition of a Wellness Center for faculty and staff.

Visit www.utdallas.edu/PardonOurProgress for additional updates on these and other projects happening on campus.

Departmental Updates

Staff Members Honored for Service to University

Congratulations to the Administration staff members who were recently recognized at the Annual Service Awards and Quarter Century Club Ceremony. We thank you for your dedication to the mission of the University and for providing service excellence throughout your career with UT Dallas.

Years of Service:

- **Auxiliary Services**
  - Katie Johnson
  - Paul Overby
  - George Palin
- **Facilities Management**
  - Jacqueline Camargo
  - Emiliano Carrion
  - Austin Ferguson
  - Kenneth Perkins
  - Anthony Rubio
- **Human Resources**
  - Ellen Ammons
  - Betty Burns
- **University Police**
  - David Brock
  - Steven Fraser
  - Randall Holton
  - Jacqueline Steiner
  - Brice Wade
  - Georgia Weyers

Facilities Management

- Jose Alvarez: 5 years
- Jose Byrd: 5 years
- Bron Clayton: 25 years
- George Eicke: 27 years
- Keith Ferguson: 5 years
- Marco Antonio Galindo Contreras: 5 years
- Karen Hart: 20 years
- Joe Jennings: 29 years
- Kelly Kinnard: 5 years
- Matthew Lanty: 5 years
- Marta Larin: 10 years
- Steven Lyles: 25 years
- Jeffery McQueen: 11 years
- Alvino Nunez: 5 years
- Luis Rodriguez: 5 years
- Anthony Stulsky Sr.: 11 years
UT Dallas: The Excitement and Challenges of a Maturing Campus

The University of Texas at Dallas underwent several exciting changes in 2014. With the addition of our fifth and largest residence hall, second dining hall, second recreation center, second parking structure, three new retail dining locations and an addition to the Naveen Jindal School of Management (Page 4), we have now added more than 3 million square feet of new or renovated space to campus since 2007 and have approximately 5,000 students living on-campus.

As a maturing campus on the path to Tier One status, it is extremely important that we continue to address key infrastructure and service issues. Though challenging, we are excited about the University’s growth and are looking forward to the numerous projects we have on the horizon (Page 2) that will support our faculty, staff, students, community members and future generations of Comets.

While our physical infrastructure continues to expand, we are also privileged to witness the development of our University’s culture and traditions. From activities such as Make a Difference Day (Page 15) and National Night Out (Page 8), to Richardson Corporate Challenge (Page 6) and our annual UT Dallas Scholarship Golf Tournament (Page 9), our campus has truly become a vibrant community. This year, UT Dallas was also honored to serve as host of the Texas College and University Facilities Professionals Conference (TCUF) (Page 10), the Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (Page 12), and The Wall that Heals.

None of this would be possible without our outstanding students and employees. This year, we recognized several staff members who have served the University for more than 20 years, which is a testament to the caliber of employees and the workplace environment we are fortunate to have at UT Dallas (Page 10).

As we look forward to what lies ahead in 2015, we anticipate many improvements and some growing pains along the way. But, I am confident that both the University and the local community will benefit from the progress we make, and that our office will continue to support a culture of service excellence and an environment of enormous energy and excitement. UT Dallas continues to be a very special place at a very special time!

Dr. Calvin D. Jamison, Vice President for Administration

Audit & Compliance Corner

Departmental Restructure

The UT System Board of Regents has restructured the internal audit functions at eight academic institutions (all except UT Austin) to have audit functions and people who work in audit report to the UT System. Effective September 1st, the UT Dallas Office of Audit and Compliance has been reorganized as follows:

Internal Audit: The internal audit staff will report directly to UT System and indirectly to the audit committee and the President. The internal audit office remains responsible for providing audit and assurance services to UT Dallas, and helping enhance our operations, governance, risk management, and control processes.

Compliance: The compliance staff will report directly to the Vice President for Diversity and Community Engagement under the newly formed Office of Institutional Equity and Compliance. Compliance is responsible for compliance training, facilitation of the compliance programs in our designated high-risk areas, and assistance with compliance with federal, state, and local policies and procedures.

Annual Compliance Training

The Office of Institutional Equity and Compliance will begin annual compliance training in January 2015. Topics include information security, campus safety, privacy, ethics, camps and more. Whatch your email or log in to eLearning through Galaxy to see your assigned courses.

Annual Compliance Training

The Office of Institutional Equity and Compliance

- Information Security
- Campus Safety
- Privacy
- Ethics
- Camps
- & More

Available in eLearning – January 2015

Coming this spring, a vibrant new North Mall.
The Office of Administration and its affiliated departments firmly believe in developing a giving spirit. And that spirit shines through year-round, especially during the run-up to the annual holiday party, when departments unite to donate, collect and deliver goods to help UT Dallas students and local charities.

This season, more than 1,000 items were collected and distributed to help four local charities: Promise House, the Comet Cupboard, the Juliette Fowler Home and the Salvation Army. We’d like to thank everyone who gave of their time, money and effort in support of others throughout North Texas.

Office of Administration’s Karen Garcia (left) and Vanessa Balderrama (right) celebrate with one of our littlest guests.
‘Tis the Season of Giving!

Oak Cliff’s Promise House, a Dallas Morning News charity, provides outreach to people ages one to 24, offering emergency shelter, transitional living space and pregnant-teen and teen-parenting services to North Texans in crisis.

From left: Dr. Jamison, Vanessa Balderrama, David Roberts, Karen Garcia, David Fulton and Zach Bartush, Promise House community resource coordinator, help place donations on shelves at Promise House, which currently provides for 63 residents.

These six bikes were donated to the Salvation Army, where they’ll provide transportation to those sheltering at one of their area facilities. Facilities Management staffers recondition abandoned bikes each year to give away during the holidays.

What’s a holiday party without an appearance by Mr. and Mrs. Claus? Facilities Management’s Nina Del La Rosa was thrilled to get the photo op. Special thanks goes out to the University’s North Pole connections.

Members of the Facilities Management Custodial Services team and their holiday party cake-walk earnings. From left: Celestina Paramo, Lupe Aguilar, Bron Clayton, Roxana Rivera, Barry Rhymes, Marta Larin, Lakesha Reedy and Maria Duran.

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