

## President to recommend restructuring colleges

By Chris Ankney

In an effort to reorient The University of Toledo to meet students' needs, the challenges of a changing world and increasing fiscal pressures, UT President Lloyd Jacobs presented his recommended organizational structure for the institution at a meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee Friday.

Calling the plan an amalgamation of the various plans and proposals suggested over the previous weeks and months, Jacobs said he considered all alternative plans in formulating his recommendation, which reorganizes the University into colleges, schools and departments while maintaining the position of centers and institutes throughout UT.

"The overarching purpose of a reconsideration of our structure is to accelerate our pursuit of excellence," Jacobs said, emphasizing that reorganization is not meant to fix a problem, but elevate and distinguish the University. "Nothing is broken. This is about our journey from good to great."

Jacobs' plan calls for the creation, renaming and reorganization of several colleges:

- College of Adult and Lifelong Learning;
- College of Business and Innovation;
- College of Engineering;
- College of Graduate Studies, Library and Learning Systems;
- Honors College;

- Judith Herb College of Education, Health Science and Human Service;
- College of Language, Literature and Social Science;
- College of Law;
- College of Mathematics and Science;
- College of Medicine and Life Science;
- College of Nursing;
- College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences;
- College of Solar and Advanced Renewable Energy; and
- College of Visual and Performing Arts

Under the plan, colleges would continue to serve their present function — provide a home for tenured and other faculty, an identity for students, and

budgetary authority over the schools and departments organized below it.

"The definition of colleges will be fairly clear and certain," Jacobs said. "None of that is a great departure ... there will continue to be room for and need for a tremendous amount of discussion about departments and considerable discussion about schools."

Schools, Jacobs proposed, would be distinguished and visible cross-disciplinary units existing within a single college or across multiple colleges that would borrow faculty from the sponsoring colleges. Departments, in the newly recommended

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## Game on! 'Press Play' to celebrate Homecoming

By Kate Wentz

The University is getting in the zone. This year's Homecoming theme, "Press Play," will capture the gaming spirit and feature favorite video game characters.

"We are really excited about what we have planned this year," said Nadia Zoubareva Homecoming committee member and UT senior. "We wanted a theme that would bring students and alumni together in a unique way to continue the historic tradition of Homecoming."

"Video games are something that a lot of people love to do at home, so why not bring it to campus?" said Terence Turner, Homecoming commissioner and UT graduate student. "It brings fantasy to reality while also getting the students and faculty into a competitive mindset for the game on Saturday."

Homecoming week events will include:

### MONDAY, SEPT. 27

- **Kickoff 2010, noon to 3 p.m.**, Centennial Mall (rain location Student Union). There'll be food, music, prizes and a competitive eating contest featuring pancakes. Homecoming candidates will be announced.
- **Monday Night Mayhem, 7 to 11 p.m.**, Student Union Lounge. Think you're the best Madden player? Prove it. Test your skills against the best Madden players on campus. For registration information,

contact Greg Smith at GSmith16@rockets.utoledo.edu.

### TUESDAY, SEPT. 28

- **Midnight breakfast, 10 p.m. to midnight**, International House. Sponsor: Rocket Student Association.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 29

- **Sports equipment drive for a local elementary school, noon to 4 p.m.**, Student Union steps. Those who

donate will be entered in the iPad raffle. Sponsors: Office of Academic Engagement and the Student Athlete Advisory Council. In addition, the top 10 Homecoming candidates will be announced.

### THURSDAY, SEPT. 30

- **Pep rally, noon to 2 p.m.**, Student Union steps. Psyche up for the big

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## Honors College approved by UT Board of Trustees

By Meghan Cunningham

The new UT Honors College is the evolution of the Honors Program that has met the needs of academically talented students at the University for 47 years.

The creation of the Honors College, which will replace the existing Honors Program, was approved last week by the UT Board of Trustees.

"We have been underselling honors by calling it a program," said Dr. Tom Barden, director of the Honors Program and professor of English.

There is enhanced prestige associated with an Honors College and this change will put the University's honors curriculum in line with many other major institutions in Ohio and around the country, Barden said.

"This will make a significant difference in the quality of students we attract to The University of Toledo," he said.

The UT Honors Program started in 1963 in the College of Arts and Sciences and was expanded University-wide in 1986.

There are currently 923 students in UT Honors Program, which is housed in Sullivan Hall, and the newest class has an

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# Medicine and the arts focus of History of Medicine and Surgery lecture

By Meghan Cunningham

The connection between medicine and the arts will be explored during the second annual S. Amjad Hussain Visiting Lectureship in the History of Medicine and Surgery.



Howell

Dr. Joel Howell, professor in the University of Michigan's departments of Internal Medicine, History, and Health Management and Policy, will speak

at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29, in Health Education Building Room 100 on the UT Health Science Campus.

Howell's free, public lecture is titled "Medicine and the Arts: Exploring How the

Arts Can Help Us Understand Health and Illness."

"The arts can help physicians become better doctors," Howell said. "Arts help us understand human emotions better, such as pain, and help us appreciate the complexities of the world and the lifecycle. How we listen to music relates to how we listen to patients. Discerning the complexities of a painting is not all that different from seeing the disconnect between what a patient says and what he is feeling."

Howell said he was pleased to be invited to participate in the history of medicine and surgery lecture, as this is a large part of his academic research interest.

The lecture series is named for Hussain, professor emeritus of surgery in

the UT College of Medicine, who also is a University trustee. A retired thoracic and cardiovascular surgeon, he was a faculty member for more than 30 years in the former Medical College of Ohio's Surgery Department.

"Throughout the history of medicine, there have been many great painters, musicians and writers who have had a medical background," Hussain said. "The arts are part and parcel of what we do as physicians."

Hussain has long been interested in history and the effects past events have on the modern world. He said he is honored the University sought to name a lecture series for him on a topic he thoroughly enjoys.

"Instead of a snapshot of what is happening today, medical students need

the understanding of the paths we have taken to where we are today," Hussain said. "We keep going in new directions and are learning more and more, but we cannot forget where we come from."

Hussain also is honored with an endowed professorship at the University, the S. Amjad Hussain Endowed Professorship in Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery. He is past president of the Academy of Medicine of Toledo and Lucas County, Toledo Surgical Society, Association of Pakistani Physicians of North America and Khyber Medical College Alumni Association.

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model, ordinarily would be defined by a single discipline, would always exist within a college, could exist within a school, and would be led by a chairperson. Under the recommended structure, the University would also continue to support various institutes and centers.

Jacobs said school creation would be largely in the purview of the deans of the various colleges, but offered recommendations for the creation of several schools, including:

- School of First-Year Experience, which would house what is currently the Learning Collaborative and be primarily housed in the College of Language, Literature and Social Science, but have voices from every college at the table;
- School of Libraries, housed in the College of Graduate Studies, Library and Learning Systems;
- School of Teaching and Learning, housed in the Judith Herb College of Education, Health Science and Human Service;
- School of Engineering Technology, housed in the College of Engineering;
- School of Engineering Science, housed in the College of Engineering;
- School of Computer Science, Engineering and Technology, housed in the College of Engineering;

- School of Patient-Centered Primary Care and Wellness;
- School of Chronic Disease Management and Longitudinal Care;
- School of Advanced Interventional and Surgical Care;
- School of Interprofessional Education and Advanced Simulation; and
- School of Health Innovation and Accountable Care Organizations.

Jacobs said the creation of schools would help in the drive to provide more interdisciplinary interactions for students and faculty — one of the major themes of the draft of the 2010 Directions strategic planning document.

"Reasonable people could differ about whether interdisciplinary is better served by creating smaller units or larger units," Jacobs said. "My own belief is that more access and bringing more groups to the institutional table will improve interdisciplinary more than relying on a single unit ... I believe that this is a way to accelerate our pursuit of excellence."

Ken Evans, a senior majoring in political science and public administration, and founding member of the Arts and Sciences Student Council, asked the president how there will be enough time to provide feedback by Monday, Oct. 11, the date Jacobs plans to submit the proposal to

trustees for consideration, a concern echoed by others in attendance.

Jacobs said that he will make himself available to meet with anyone over the next several weeks. Additionally, there will be a town hall meeting in the Student Union South Lounge Tuesday, Sept. 28, at 11 a.m. that will be broadcast live at <http://video.utoledo.edu>.

William C. Fall, chair of the Board of Trustees, said excellence is the future of The University of Toledo.

"We believe we can do better, we can be better than where we have been," Fall said before Jacobs delivered his recommendations. "I am very excited. I know from personal association with [Jacobs] that he is very thoughtful and very fair. He is the first to place considerations of his own aside for the betterment of The University of Toledo."

"I have this dream," Jacobs said. "I have this vision that The University of Toledo already rightfully belongs and needs to take its place among the world's greatest universities. We've made great contributions, but we can do more, we can do better."

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game Saturday. Ever been part of a car smashing? Come take a swing!

- **Talent show, 7 p.m.**, Doermann Theater. Sponsor: National Pan-Hellenic Council.
- **UT Unplugged, 7 to 10 p.m.**, the Flatlands (rain location Rocky's Attic). Bonfire, music and giveaways. Come find out who the top five king and queen candidates are.

### FRIDAY, OCT. 1

- **Rocket showdown, 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.**, Health Education Center grounds.
- **Homecoming Gala and Awards Ceremony, 6 p.m.**, Student Union Auditorium. (See story on p. 3.)

### SATURDAY, OCT. 2

- **Homecoming parade, 2 p.m.** The parade, sponsored by Blue Key, will begin at West Bancroft Street and go to Middlesex Drive to Hughes Drive to Cheltenham Road and end back on West Bancroft.
- **The ultimate tailgate, after parade until game time**, Centennial Mall. Free food and prizes.
- **UT vs. Wyoming Homecoming game, 7 p.m.**, Glass Bowl. Come cheer on the Rockets! The Homecoming king and queen will be announced. Tickets are \$24 for reserved seating; \$19 for general admission; \$12 for children 12 and younger; half off for UT faculty and staff; and free for UT students with student ID.

For more information, contact the Alumni Relations Office at 419.530.2586 or the Office of Student Involvement at 419.530.4944.



## UT Alumni Association announces award recipients

The University of Toledo Alumni Association will present the 2010 Gold T, Blue T and Edward H. Schmidt Outstanding Young Alum awards at the Alumni Gala and Awards Ceremony Friday, Oct. 1.

These three recipients will be recognized — along with distinguished alumni from each of UT's colleges — at the event, which will begin at 6 p.m. in the Student Union Auditorium.

Tickets for the gala are \$30 each and can be purchased by calling the Office of Alumni Relations at 419.530.ALUM (2586) or by visiting [www.toledoalumni.org](http://www.toledoalumni.org).

**Dr. Charles Balch** of Annapolis, Md., will be honored with the Gold T Award,



which is presented to a UT graduate in recognition of outstanding achievement in his/her field of endeavor while providing leadership and noteworthy service to the community. A 1964 graduate of UT, he is professor of surgery, oncology and dermatology at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and director of the

Johns Hopkins Clinical Research Network. He also serves as deputy director for clinical trials and outcomes research at the Johns Hopkins Institute for Clinical and Translational Research.

Recognized as one of the leading melanoma experts in the world, Balch is the editor of *Cutaneous Melanoma*, regarded as the authoritative textbook on melanoma, now in preparation for its fifth edition.

Partnering with Dr. Seng-jaw Soong, he performed one of the first prognostic factors analyses for melanoma in a landmark paper that was the first to use the Cox multifactorial regression analysis. Balch and Soong were the first to identify the major prognostic factors for Stage I, II and III melanoma that were the independent predictors of survival. Their research on the natural history and predictive factors of melanoma clinical outcome redefined the criteria used worldwide for stratification criteria and end- results reporting of clinical trials as well as TNM (tumor-node-metastasis) staging for melanoma.

Since 1997, Balch has served as chair of the Melanoma Staging Committee of the American Joint Committee on Cancer.

**Walter "Chip" Carstensen** of Brooklyn, Mich., will receive the Blue T Award, which is presented to a UT Alumni Association member and University alum who has made outstanding contributions to the progress and development of the association and his/her alma mater.

Recently named president of Block Communications Inc., Carstensen served as president of the UT Alumni Association during the 2009-10 academic year.



Carstensen

He was a driving force behind the successful completion of Veterans' Plaza on Main Campus, a tribute to those who have represented the United States in wartime and in peace. He also spearheaded the integration of the College of Law alumni operation into the UT Alumni Association. A volunteer on UT's successful \$106 million capital campaign, Carstensen has served as adviser and corporation president of Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity since 1991. He received bachelor's and master's degrees in engineering from UT in 1972 and 1974, respectively.

Prior to his appointment with Block Communications, Carstensen served as president and general manager of Buckeye CableSystem since 2002.

**Joel McGormley** of East Lansing, Mich., will be the recipient of the Edward H. Schmidt Outstanding Young Alum

Award, which is presented to a University alumnus who is 35 years or younger in recognition of outstanding achievement in his/her field of endeavor while providing leadership and noteworthy service to the Alumni Association, University or community.



McGormley

Assistant attorney general for the Michigan Department of Attorney General, McGormley became the division chief of the Appellate Division at the age of 33 — the department's youngest division chief.

In his role, McGormley oversees all of Michigan's habeas corpus litigation in federal district court and the subsequent appeals to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, as well as the criminal appeals to the Michigan Court of Appeals and Michigan Supreme Court for the state's 56 smallest counties. The 1999 graduate of the UT College of Law also has argued — and won — a case before the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington.

## Orthopedic surgeon to receive UT College of Medicine Distinguished Alumni Award

By Meghan Cunningham

A leader in spinal surgery will be honored with The University of Toledo College of Medicine Distinguished Alumni Award during Homecoming events Friday, Oct. 1, on Health Science Campus.

Dr. Howard S. An, the Morton International Endowed Chair and professor



An

of orthopedic surgery at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago, is a 1982 graduate of the Medical College of Ohio. An also

is the director of the Spine Surgery and Spine Fellowship Program at Rush.

Not only did An receive his medical degree at MCO, he also completed his internship and residency in orthopedic surgery at the Medical College of Ohio Hospital.

"This is truly a great honor. No question about it," An said. "Not only did I graduate from medical school in Toledo, but it is where I did my residency. Toledo is home."

An will deliver a free, public lecture titled "Low-Back Pain Associated With Lumbar Disc Disorders: Current Advances and Future Treatment" at noon Friday, Oct. 1, in Health Education Building Room 103. He will discuss the causes and diagnosis of back pain and the developments in treatments.

A leader in spine surgery, An has published more than 240 articles, 100 chapters and 20 books on spinal surgery and instrumentation. He is president of the International Society for the Study of the Lumbar Spine.

The UT College of Medicine also will present its Alumni Community Award to Dr. Anne Ruch, an obstetrician/gynecologist at Toledo Hospital, who is being recognized for her work with global health issues in Guatemala.

Ruch is the founder of the nonprofit organization SewHope Foundation, which is an acronym for Strengthening and Empowering With Health, Opportunity and Education. She leads six to eight short-term medical and surgical mission trips each year

to the areas of Peten, Guatemala, to provide health care to the community and nutrition for the children, as well as improve education of local health workers and other services.

Ruch, who is a 1988 MCO graduate who completed her residency in obstetrics and gynecology at the college hospital, also



Ruch

works with UT medical students who participate in annual mission trips to Guatemala.



# UT to support fight against banned books

By Samantha Pixler

Controversial themes of life, religion, love and hardship make literature a portal to understanding the human condition, but each year hundreds of groups attempt to ban these books from high schools, universities and public libraries.

The University of Toledo and the American Library Association are teaming together for the 13th annual UT Banned Books Week Vigil to fight for intellectual freedom and to celebrate the right to read.

This year's theme is "Think for Yourself and Let Others Do the Same." The vigil will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30, on the second floor of Sullivan Hall on Main Campus. The 2010

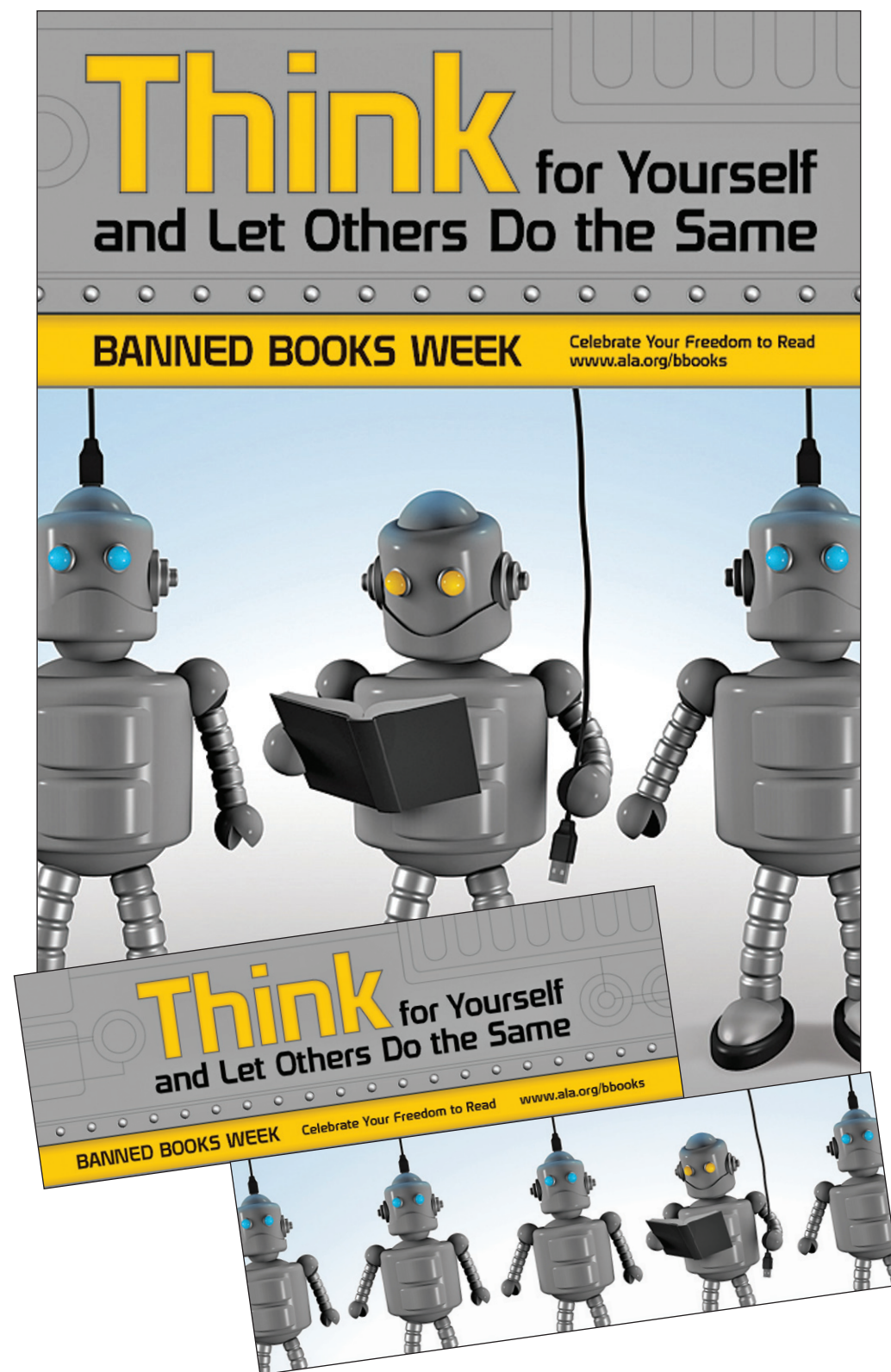
event is dedicated to Brian Hickman, a former UT employee and devoted seven-year committee member, who has taken a job out of state.

"This international event creates awareness of the right to learn, to think critically, and to express one's views," said Dr. Paulette Kilmer, professor of communication. "Our UT Banned Books Week Vigil generates conversation and contemplation about the role of reading in our democracy and our culture."

Door prizes will be given out every half hour. Food will be provided throughout the day starting with doughnuts at 9 a.m., finger foods at 11:30 a.m., and pizza served at 4:30 p.m.

Topics and speakers for the event will be:

- 9 a.m. — A greeting from Dr. Marcia Suter, associate professor and director of library service, and "Speech, Reading and the Banning of Thoughts" by Dr. James Benjamin, professor and chair of communication;
- 9:30 a.m. — "The First Amendment and the Public Interest Standard" by Dr. David Tucker, associate professor of communication;
- 10 a.m. — "Unfortunate Candor: Banning Walt Whitman," by Dr. Tom Barden, director of the Honors Program and professor of English;
- 10:30 a.m. — "Keep the Interwebs Neutral: Non-Neutrality and Censorship on the Web" by Dr. Paul Many, professor of communication;
- 11 a.m. — "We Are Strangers" by Warren Woodbury, Toledo author;
- 11:30 a.m. — "Remembering Rane Arroyo: Passionate Poet, Professor and Friend" by Dr. Barbara Mann, associate lecturer of English;
- Noon — Keynote address: "The Story of Giles Corey," an original poem by Dr. Glenn Sheldon, associate professor with the Honors Program;
- 1 p.m. — "Postcards From Prison: Censorship and the Penal System" by Dr. Renee Heberle, associate professor of political science;
- 1:30 p.m. — "Civil Rights, Civil Liberties and the Two Faces of American Culture" by Dr. Carter Wilson, professor of political science;
- 2 p.m. — "Book Burning in Nazi Germany" by Dr. Larry Wilcox, professor emeritus of history;
- 2:30 p.m. — "How to Ban a Book!" from Dr. Ben Pryor, assistant vice provost of learning ventures and associate professor of philosophy;
- 3 p.m. — Comments from UT President Lloyd Jacobs;
- 3:30 p.m. — "Jeopardy!" with Hasan Dudar and Jason Mack, Independent Collegian editor-in-chief and managing editor, respectively;
- 4 p.m. — "Remembering Judith Krug: Librarian and Founder of Banned Books Week" by Elaine Reeves, lecturer for University Libraries;
- 4:30 pm. — "Sexuality in Children's Books" from Dr. Sharon Barnes, associate professor of women's and gender studies;
- 5 p.m. — "In Moderation: Censoring Public Website Comments" by Michael Miller, editor in chief of the Toledo Free Press; and
- 5:30 p.m. — "Three Troubled Tunes" from Dr. Edmund Lingan, assistant professor of theatre, and Risa Beth Cohen.



"Students should consider the Banned Books Week Vigil a lively break from classes and their hectic schedules," Kilmer said. "They should drop in to participate in a lively dialogue about books, movies, songs, the Internet and other censorship issues."

Committee members for the event are Kilmer, Sheldon, Reeves, Dr. Linda Smith, senior lecturer with the Honors Program, Dr. Cynthia Ingham, assistant professor of history, and Melanie Dusseau, academic adviser in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Sponsors this year contributing food and prizes are New Sins Press, Barry's Bagels, Dunkin' Donuts, The Toledo Free Press, UT Business Technology, UT Dean of Students Office, UT Career Services, UT Bookstore, UT Credit Union, UT Starbucks, Glacity Theatre Collective, and UT Theatre and Film Department.

For more information on the free, public event, contact Kilmer at 419.297.2764 or pkilmer@utnet.utoledo.edu.



## Lights Resolve to rock UT Sept. 29

The Pringles Xtreme Campus Tour will stop at The University of Toledo Wednesday, Sept. 29.

Lights Resolve will perform a free concert at 4 p.m. in the Flatlands, and Jake Sasseville will bring his show, "Late Night Republic," to campus.

Hailed as a breakout band by Rolling Stone in 2009, Lights Resolve has toured with The Used, Panic at the Disco, Shiny Toy Guns, Dashboard Confessional and Straylight Run.

The alternative rockers from New York — Matt Reich on vocals and guitar, Neal Saini on drums and Luke Daniels on bass and vocals — have been together since 2006. As an unsigned band, the trio has sold more than 10,000 copies of its self-released EPs, *Prelude* and *Currency*.

Light Resolve's song "Dreaming of Love" is available to download in the Rock Band series and "Long Way to Go" was featured on MTV's "Jersey Shore." The modern rockers have appeared on Fearless TV.

Comedian Sasseville also will be at the University. He will talk to students for his new late night show.

In addition, the tour will have an interactive sponsor area, where samples of Pringles Xtreme and FRS Healthy Energy Drink will be available. And representatives from Gibbon Slackline will give demonstrations of the sport. Spin Magazine also is a sponsor of the tour.

For more information on the free, public event, go to [latenightrepublic.com/campustour](http://latenightrepublic.com/campustour).



Lights Resolve

## JACK NICHOLSON ONE FLEW OVER THE CUCKOO'S NEST



The Disability Studies Program will present a free, public screening of "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" Tuesday, Sept. 28, at 7:30 p.m. in Memorial Field House Room 2100. The 1975 drama starring Jack Nicholson won five Academy Awards.

## Papa Roach, Skillet to play Savage Arena Oct. 13

Papa Roach and Skillet will bring the Monsters of Annihilation Tour to Savage Arena for an all-ages show Wednesday, Oct. 13.

Papa Roach has sold more than 10 million records around the world and just released its seventh studio disc, *Time for Annihilation*, last month.

Skillet, the Christian rock band, is touring in support of its 2009 disc titled *Awake*.

Also appearing will be Trapt, which will have a new disc, *No Apologies*, released next month, and My Darkest Days.

The concert will start at 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$23.50 for UT students and \$27.50 in advance; all tickets will be \$32 the day of the show.

For more information, call the Savage Arena Box Office at 419.530.GOLD (4653).





## New chair of pediatrics named

By Meghan Cunningham

A pediatric physician at University Hospitals Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital has been selected the new chair of Department of Pediatrics at The University of Toledo.



Blumer

Dr. Jeffrey Blumer, who is a professor of pediatrics and pharmacology at Case Western Reserve University, will assume his new role Friday, Oct. 1.

"The University of Toledo provides a great opportunity to continue the traditional academic mission of a Department of Pediatrics that is sometimes lost among other concerns such as health-care reform or the economy," Blumer said. "The University of Toledo has made a commitment to continue to provide faculty and research in a

service environment, and I am honored to be part of that."

Blumer said he is excited about the University's recent partnership with ProMedica Health System and the College of Pharmacy's move to the UT Health Science Campus as he looks for ways to partner and grow the work of the Department of Pediatrics.

"Dr. Blumer was impressive in his leadership skills, passion for teaching, clinical experience and strong research record," said Dr. Marijo Tamburrino, professor and chair of the UT Department of Psychiatry, who served as chair of the Pediatrics Chair Search Committee. "He communicated a zest for mentoring students, residents and faculty, and articulated a clear vision for the Department of Pediatrics at The University of Toledo."

Blumer received a bachelor's degree in zoology from Pennsylvania State University, a PhD in pharmacology from Northwestern University, and an MD from Case Western Reserve University.

He is board-certified in pediatrics with a subspecialty in pediatric critical care medicine.

Blumer has spent nearly his entire more than 30-year career at Rainbow Babies Children's Hospital and as a faculty member at Case Western University, with a brief stint as a pediatrics professor at the University of Virginia from 1989 to 1991.

He has an extensive research career around drug therapies for children, studying how they respond and react to refine dosing strategies. He will bring that active research lab with him to the University.

"We are honored to have Dr. Blumer join The University of Toledo. His extensive career in pediatrics and the truly groundbreaking research he has been involved in with drug therapies for children will be a great asset to our Department of Pediatrics," said Dr. Jeffrey P. Gold, chancellor, executive vice president for biosciences and health affairs, and dean of the UT College of Medicine.

## University Mail Services changes hours on Health Science Campus

Starting Friday, Oct. 1, the mailroom on Health Science Campus will be open from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m.

"We will open the location earlier in order to improve service levels to Health Science Campus customers by earlier route deliveries and by delivering picked up mail to the post office the same day," said Fred Reese, manager of print services and interim manager of mail services.

In June, the mail service functions on Main and Health Science campuses were combined to increase operational efficiencies.

Reese said that means mail from the U.S. Postal Service is picked up from the post office, sorted at the mailroom on Main Campus, and then delivered to Health Science Campus for route distribution. Internal Health Science Campus mail is picked up, resorted and staged for next-day delivery. All outgoing mail is metered on Main Campus and delivered to the post office.

He added that the use of mail stop codes is critical to the accuracy of sorting and delivery of mail.

"All internal campus mail and U.S. Postal Service mail must be properly addressed with mail stop codes," Reese said. "Mail pieces that have codes are sorted immediately. Mail pieces without codes are put into a separate bin and set aside so someone can check the campus e-directory to find the mail stop codes."

For timely delivery of mail, Reese encourages everyone to use mail stop codes and to verify his or her mail stop code and other information in the e-directory.

"When subscribing to magazines and other periodicals, please provide your mail stop code," he said. "In addition, please have your mail stop code printed on all stationery, business cards, envelopes and invoices to ensure prompt delivery."

For more information, contact Reese at fred.reese@utoledo.edu or 419.530.7351 or Jen Pastorek, director of supply chain management, at 419.530.8707 or jennifer.pastorek@utoledo.edu.

## UT advantage gives students automatic entrance into law school

By Ashley Traynum

The decision to attend law school can be overwhelming. First there is the LSAT, then getting all the recommendations together, plus the costs associated with the applications. But The University of Toledo College of Law wants to make it easier with the UT Advantage Program.

"The UT Advantage Program offers presumptive admission to University of Toledo undergraduate students with a 3.4 GPA or who score 156 on the LSAT. This will give students peace of mind that they will have a place in the fall," said Jessica Mehl, assistant dean of admissions in the College of Law.

This is the first time the College of Law has offered this program to students; applications can be submitted starting Friday, Oct. 1. It is hoped that at least 12 to 15 students enroll; there is no application fee for any student, regardless of their credentials, to apply.

Dr. Sam Nelson, UT professor of political science, who is an academic adviser for pre-law undergraduate students, added that the program serves as a guide for students during their undergraduate years.

"You get the question, what do I need for law school? This program is valuable to freshmen because it gives them something concrete to work toward while in school if they are considering law school," he said.

Each year the law school receives more than 1,000 applications and only enrolls about 160, which means the competition can be tough. This program will not only help to alleviate the stress involved in the process, but help students remain connected to the University and Toledo community.

Breanne Democko, a second year law student, who received her bachelor's degree in political science and public administration and a minor in English from UT in 2009, said maintaining the connections she made during her undergraduate years at the University is part of the reason she chose to attend law school here.

"I interned with general counsel on the Health Science Campus in undergrad and was offered a position as research assistant while attending law school. I would not have had that opportunity if I moved away," she said.

Democko pointed out that staying in a city you are familiar has its benefits.

"Law school is a huge transition," she said. "Taking the jump to a new city can be detrimental to your studies because you're spending time figuring out the new school and area. Being settled here helped me ease into my academic experience."

In addition to maintaining the connections established during undergraduate years, Mehl said there are many opportunities for continued growth both personally and professionally at the UT College of Law.

"In addition to Toledo Law just being named best value by National Jurist Magazine, Toledo has a very close-knit legal community," she said. "There are opportunities for students to take part in pro bono work and legal clinics as they progress in their individual studies. The opportunity for hands-on experience is limitless."

Last year the UT College of Law offered more than \$1 million in scholarships and aid to its students. UT Advantage is just one more way the school aims to help students, Mehl said.

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## UT Medical Center to share how it made improvements at national conference

By Ashley Traynum

The accolades continue for The University of Toledo Medical Center. After being recognized by University HealthSystem Consortium in March for surgical care and improving patient safety measures, two University representatives will present how UTMC made these improvements possible at the University HealthSystem Consortium Quality and Safety Fall Forum.

"This presentation isn't just important to the UTMC community, it is important to patients," said Dr. Ronald McGinnis, associate dean for clinical affairs and UTMC medical director. "The Surgical Care Improvement Project aims to prevent complications from surgery like blood clots and infection. We have transformed the process and now rank in the top 10 percent of university medical centers and this helps keep patients healthy."

The University HealthSystem Consortium (UHC) is an alliance of 107 academic medical centers and 241 of their affiliated hospitals, representing approximately 90 percent of the nation's nonprofit academic medical centers.

According to its online site, the mission of UHC is to advance knowledge, foster collaboration, and promote change to help members succeed in their respective markets. The consortium's vision is to be a catalyst for change by accelerating the achievement of clinical and operational excellence.

Barb Hankenhof, clinical performance improvement coordinator, will join McGinnis in San Diego for the UHC national Quality and Safety Fall Forum Wednesday through

Friday, Sept. 29-Oct. 1. The duo will share how UTMC was able to improve its surgical care measurements through simple steps such as instituting new forms and holding educational meetings and frequent sessions with staff.

"Requirements can change quarterly and we meet with the staff to educate them on the new guidelines," Hankenhof said. "We know that there will be new challenges, but you can continue to improve if you work together."

In addition to lessons on processes that can help prevent surgical complications, McGinnis said there are some practical lessons other institutions can take away from UTMC.

"Leadership is important; from the top down, everyone was focused on the issue," he said. "We also partnered with outside agency KePRO to learn new things from other institutions. We used that information to get better and now KePRO is using us as an example because of our high level of performance."

KePRO is a quality improvement and care management organization with offices around the country.

UTMC continues to better surgical safety and recently received a high score for the number of cases that met all 10 compliance measures. The medical center received 100 percent compliance scores on six measures and 96.6 or higher on the other four measures.

"We aren't resting on our laurels. We are always testing new things to make things better," McGinnis said.

## Family medicine doctor wins state award

By Kate Wente

Dr. Sanford Kimmel, a family medicine professor at The University of Toledo, was awarded the Ohio Academy of Family Physicians Educator of the Year award for 2010.

The Ohio Academy of Family Physicians is a statewide professional association of about 4,200 members,



Kimmel

including practicing physicians, residents and medical students.

Since 1948, the academy has represented the professional interests of Ohio family physicians, provided postgraduate medical education, and encouraged medical students both to enter this field and to advance the patient-physician relationship.

"An award like this is very humbling," said Kimmel, who received the recognition in August at the annual Ohio Academy of Family Physicians dinner in Columbus. "Our group has put in a lot of time and effort and it's nice to be recognized."

Kimmel has been practicing family medicine for almost 30 years at the former Medical College of Ohio, now UT College of

Medicine, and has been a professor of family medicine since 2001. He serves as vice chair of the Department of Family Medicine as well as the new medical director for the UT Main Campus Medical Center.

He is a national expert and researcher, particularly on the topic of immunizations. He authored a chapter on growth and development for *Textbook of Family Medicine* and has published more than 40 articles in peer-reviewed publications.

He also has made contributions in the way of information about immunizations on the Internet by helping create and edit the online program called Shots 2010.

Available at immunization.org, Shots 2010 is a quick reference guide to the 2010 childhood, adolescent and adult immunization schedules for the United States, and is linked and reviewed by the Centers for Disease and Control. Details about each vaccine are available with just a click of the mouse.

Aside from his many accomplishments, including the recent Educator of the Year award, Kimmel continues to improve upon and contribute to the field of family medicine every day.

"I have learned a lot of different things over the years, but it's impossible to have all of the answers," Kimmel said. "It's a lot of fun working with the residents and students. I just hope that they can take something valuable away from me and the program here at UT."

## Participants needed in study for knee pain

By Sarah Ritenour

Dr. Naoko Aminaka, visiting assistant professor in The University of Toledo Department of Kinesiology, will conduct research on knee pain and is in need of people to participate in her study.

Aminaka is asking that anyone with front knee pain (patellofemoral pain syndrome) or knee osteoarthritis to contact her about participating in the study, which will last no more than two hours, during which participants will be asked to walk up and down stairs.

"I'm looking at a population that may complain about daily aches and pains in their knees," she said. "I want to find out if their pain is similar to those that have osteoarthritis."

Aminaka is hoping to find out what factors are causing the pain and if researchers can help reduce or eliminate the pain to avoid disabilities in the future.

"I hope to start conducting research within the next month or so and I'm looking for about 40 participants," she said.

The research will take place on Main Campus in the Applied Biomechanics Lab in the College of Health Science and Human Service. Participants could be asked to return for further studies if needed.

If you are interested in participating, contact Aminaka at 419.530.4351, 727.642.3558 or naoko.aminaka2@utoledo.edu.

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## October marks LGBT Awareness Month

By Sarah Ritenour

This October The University of Toledo Office of Multicultural Student Services will recognize LGBT History Month.

The UT Office of LGBT Initiatives will use the awareness month to continue to develop, deliver and coordinate programs and services to provide outreach, support, advocacy and community building for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender students and their allies.

Multicultural Student Services and LGBT Initiatives will host a number of events throughout October to fulfill those goals.

Events will begin with the 2010

Homecoming Parade when LGBT students participate and walk with pride flags and will conclude with a Halloween ball featuring music, dancing, food and costumes.

The Office of LGBT Initiatives aims to increase education and awareness of issues important to students, faculty, staff and the community.

Listed by date, events for LGBT History Month include:

- **SATURDAY, OCT. 2** — Homecoming Parade, meet at 9:30 a.m. in the Spectrum Office dressed in LGBT gear.
  - A Homecoming tailgating party at 5:30 p.m. in the Rocket Hall parking lot. Psyche up for the Toledo-Wyoming football game!

- **THURSDAY, OCT. 7** — “Multicultural Jeopardy” at noon in the Student Union South Lounge. The trivia contest will include history, current events and facts about LGBT culture.

— Spectrum will hold its weekly meeting at 8 p.m. in Student Union Room 2591.

- **THURSDAY, OCT. 14** — Hate Crimes Vigil at 8 p.m. on the Student Union steps where Spectrum will remember all those lost to acts of hatred.

- **TUESDAY, OCT. 19** — Same-Sex Marriage Debate at 7 p.m. in the Student Union South Lounge. Hear about the relevance of same-sex marriage in the United States.

- **THURSDAY, OCT. 21** — Diversi-Tea at 2 p.m. in Student Union Room 2500.
  - Movie screening of “The Rocky Horror Picture Show” at 8 p.m. in the Student Recreation Center Oak Room.

- **THURSDAY, OCT. 28** — Spectrum will host the Third Annual Halloween Ball at 8 p.m. in the Student Union Ingman Room. People can dress up in their favorite costumes for music and dancing.

For more information on these events, contact the Office of Multicultural Student Services at 419.530.2261.



Photo by Daniel Miller

**COMMITTED TO UT:** Women's Basketball Coach Tricia Cullop will be on the Toledo sideline through the 2017-18 season: She signed a contract extension last week. Cullop, who is about to embark on her third season guiding UT, has led the program to an impressive 43-22 overall record and a 23-9 conference mark, the second-best ledger in the league in the past two seasons. In 2009-10, Toledo claimed the outright Mid-American Conference West Division title for the first time since 2000-01, as well as advanced to the league-tourney finals. The Rockets also earned their sixth all-time appearance in the WNIT and advanced to the second round. Toledo also ranked among the top 50 NCAA Division I schools in attendance in 2009-10, averaging 2,720 fans per contest, its highest total since the 2001-02 campaign (2,846), to rank 48th nationally and first among league schools for the 20th straight season.

## Honors College

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There are currently 923 students in the UT Honors Program, which is housed in Sullivan Hall, and the newest class has an average ACT score of 28.1 and 3.92 high school GPA. “Those statistics already put the program in line with national standards developed by the National Collegiate Honors Council,” Barden said.

The Honors Program also requires a thesis and has three existing scholarships.

“The creation of an Honors College will build on our successful Honors Program that has long provided a challenging and nurturing environment for our students,” said Dr. William McMillen, interim provost and executive vice president for academic affairs.

McMillen and Lawrence J. Burns, vice president for external affairs and interim vice president for equity and diversity, also provided the Board of Trustees with an update on the new students at the University.

Total enrollment rose slightly at the University to 23,085, but the first-year student class of 3,841 is smaller by design.

Under the direction of the Board of Trustees and UT President Lloyd Jacobs to recruit better-prepared students, the University this year deferred 300 underprepared students to spring semester. The UT colleges of Business Administration, Nursing and the Judith Herb College of Education also raised their academic admission standards.

Burns and McMillen emphasized that deferments and raised standards are part of UT's strategic enrollment plan. The University expects next year's freshman class to grow, as well as to contain better-prepared students. The trend will continue with the goal of 4,000 freshmen in 2014 with a 24 composite ATC score.

Jacobs and the Board of Trustees expressed their support for continuing these strategies to raise the academic profile of the University.

## In memoriam

**Dr. Indrek Martinson**, professor emeritus of astronomy at the University of Lund, Sweden, died Nov. 14, 2009, in Sandby, Sweden. The internationally recognized expert on accelerator-based atomic physics made extended visits to UT yearly, serving as an adjunct faculty member in the Department of Astronomy and Physics, thanks to a collaborative exchange program established in 1970 between UT and the University of Lund. He also spent a sabbatical at UT in the mid-1980s.