

Basketball player selected candidate for 2014-15 Senior CLASS Award

By Brian DeBenedictis

Toledo senior Inma Zanoguera has been selected as one of 30 NCAA women's basketball student-athletes for the 2014-15 Senior CLASS Award.

Zanoguera becomes only the second player in the storied history of the Rockets' program to make the list.

Former Rocket Naama Shafir earned this prestigious honor on two occasions during the 2011-12 and 2012-13 seasons, respectively.

Zanoguera is also one of two representatives from the Mid-American Conference in 2014-15, joined by Akron's Sina King.

To be eligible for the award, a student-athlete must be classified as an NCAA Division I senior and have notable achievements in four areas of excellence: community, classroom, character and competition.

On the court, the two-time All-MAC honoree is averaging squad bests in scoring (16.4 points per game), rebounding (6.7 rebounds per game), assists (5.7 assists per game, 20th in NCAA, as of Jan. 21), steals (1.9 steals per game), minutes played (36.1 minutes per game), overall field goal percentage (.473, 96 of 203) and free throw percentage (.926, 88 of 95, sixth in NCAA).

She currently leads the league in helpers, free throw percentage and minutes played, as well as ranks second in assist/turnover ratio (2.2, 102-47, 43rd in NCAA) and thefts, fourth in scoring, ninth in overall field goal percentage, 13th in defensive boards (4.7 rebounds per game) and 15th in overall rebounding and offensive caroms (2.0 rebounds per game).

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Zanoguera

Photo by Daniel Miller

Dates set for presidential finalists' campus visits

By Jon Strunk

The dates have been set for campus visits for The University of Toledo's three presidential finalists.

Candidates will tour UT's campuses; meet with faculty, staff, students, administrators, alumni and community members; and participate in open question-and-answer forums on Main Campus and Health Science Campus.

The dates for the visits are:

- Wednesday through Friday, Feb. 18-20 — Dr. Michele Wheatly, professor and senior adviser to the president at West Virginia University;
- Sunday through Tuesday, Feb. 22-24 — Dr. Christopher Howard, president of Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia; and
- Wednesday through Friday, Feb. 25-27 — Dr. Sharon Gaber, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Arkansas.

"We're working very hard to ensure that through smaller meetings or the open forums, every constituency group has a chance to hear from the candidates and ask questions," said Joseph Zerbey, chairman of the UT Board of Trustees.

"We'll also have a way for the UT community to provide feedback on the candidates through the

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UT researchers to lead majority of Ohio water quality research projects

By Meghan Cunningham

The University of Toledo is slated to lead eight out of the 18 research projects to be funded with \$2 million in state of Ohio research monies to address water quality and algal bloom toxicity.

UT is to receive more than \$830,000 of the \$2 million dedicated by the Ohio Board of Regents under the recommendation of a committee tasked with deciding how to best utilize and invest the funds. The Ohio Board of Regents announced the research project proposal last week.

The University is investing an additional \$200,000 to support the research efforts of its faculty.

"The faculty at The University of Toledo were prompt to help when Toledo's water supply was impacted by toxic algae in Lake Erie and continue to offer their expertise as we seek solutions to the algal blooms that negatively impact our community and others throughout Ohio," UT Interim President Nagi Naganathan said. "Given our location on Lake Erie and breadth of expertise in environmental sciences, environmental engineering, medicine and spatial sciences, UT is well-positioned to provide the important solutions we need to address this concern."

The UT researchers who will receive funding for their projects are:

- Dr. Thomas Bridgeman, associate professor in the Department of Environmental Sciences, who will work to extend early-warning capacity for harmful algal blooms by placing sensors up to eight miles away from intakes in areas where high toxin levels tend to develop during blooms, and investigate environmental variables that provide insight on conditions that promote production and release of algal toxins.
- Dr. Isabel Escobar, professor in the Department of Chemical and Environmental Engineering, and interim associate dean of research, development and outreach in the College of Engineering, who will study alternative water treatment processes to remove algal toxins, address transport of toxins through drinking water distribution systems, and compare processes to detect cyanotoxins.
- Dr. Kenneth Hensley, associate professor of pathology, who will develop a method to detect toxins in

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Now open



Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey, center, cut the ribbon on the new Schoolcraft to U facility Jan. 27 with the help of Lawrence J. Burns, UT vice president for external affairs, left, and Dr. Conway Jeffress, Schoolcraft College president, right. The recently renovated 10,000 square feet of space in the Jeffress Center on Schoolcraft's Livonia campus will allow people in southeast Michigan to earn a UT degree closer to home through the Schoolcraft to U partnership that features UT programs in professional studies, criminal justice, health information administration and nursing.

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In the classroom, Zanoguera is a two-time Academic All-MAC honoree and was on UT's dean's list on four occasions. She possesses a 3.575 grade-point average in communication with a minor in business.

In the community, Zanoguera and the Rockets have been involved in such projects as the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, Walk to Defeat ALS, Ovarian Cancer Walk, Habitat for Humanity, youth clinics and camps, Wendy's Little Dribblers, Delta Dental Give a Kid a Smile, and have sponsored a family for Christmas, to name few.

An acronym for Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School, the Senior CLASS Award focuses on the total student-athlete and encourages students to use their platform in sports to make a positive impact as leaders in their communities.

The Senior CLASS Award winner will be announced during the 2015 NCAA Women's Final Four.



The 30 candidates will be narrowed to 10 finalists later in the regular season, and those 10 names will be placed on the official ballot. Ballots will be distributed through a nationwide voting system to media, coaches and fans, who will select one male candidate and one female candidate who best exemplify excellence in community, classroom, character and competition.

Zanoguera and the Rockets will hold the seventh annual "Rockets For the Cure"

sponsored by Kroger Saturday, Feb. 7, as the Midnight Blue and Gold entertain Ball State at 2 p.m. in Savage Arena. The game will benefit the Susan G. Komen for the Cure of Northwest Ohio and the Eleanor N. Dana Cancer Center. Fans are encouraged to wear pink in support of cancer research. For tickets and to check out the Legends Online Auction, go to utrockets.com.

UT announces 15-day enrollment numbers

The University of Toledo announced its official 15-day census numbers Tuesday as UT officials say the institution remains on course to achieve its strategic multi-year plan that will increase the number of well-prepared students.

"We've raised our academic standards and have focused on enrolling more well-prepared students. We knew that would cause a modest enrollment decrease in the short term. Come this fall, we expect to see the year-over-year enrollment figures start climbing," said Cam Cruickshank, vice president for enrollment management and online education.

For spring semester, UT enrolled 18,783 students. At this time last year, the University enrolled 19,037 students.

Cruickshank also noted that the students UT has enrolled over the last several years are more academically prepared and more likely to return following their freshman year.

"In the last two years, we've increased both our first-to-second semester persistence rate and our first-to-second year retention rate. The result is that we'll have greater numbers of continuing students at the same time we plan to have a larger incoming class of students next fall," Cruickshank said, noting that spring enrollment is always dependent on the preceding fall enrollment.

Rocket football to hold signing day Feb. 4 before basketball game

By Paul Helgren

The University of Toledo football coaching staff will host a special presentation of its 2015 recruiting class Wednesday, Feb. 4, in the Fetterman Practice Facility in Savage Arena prior to the UT men's basketball game that evening vs. Eastern Michigan.

The signing day event will begin at 5:30 p.m. The basketball game will begin at 7 p.m. Fans must have a ticket for the basketball game to attend the signing day event.

Head Coach Matt Campbell and his assistant coaching staff will review their 2015 recruiting class and show video highlights of each signee at the event.

Feb. 4 is the first day that high school seniors are allowed to sign national letters of intent.

Toledo's 2015 recruiting class will be officially announced live online at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 4. Fans may watch the announcement live ("Inside the War Room") on Rocket Vision at UTRockets.com.



UT community's celebrities waiting for a good cause

By Lindsay Mahaney

Guests will be wined and dined by celebrity waiters at the Catharine S. Eberly Center for Women's annual fundraising dinner.

The Eberly Center's seventh annual Celebrity Wait Night will be Thursday, Feb. 12, at the Pinnacle at 1772 Indian Wood Circle in Maumee with cocktail hour at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m.

Local celebrity servers, including UT Board of Trustee member Dr. S. Amjad Hussain, UT Women's Basketball Coach Tricia Cullop, UT Interim Provost John Barrett and United Way of Greater Toledo President Karen Mathison, will wait on tables.

Additionally, for the first time, Eberly Center scholarship recipients will receive recognition at the dinner.

"This is not only the night of the largest fundraiser we have, but the night we build awareness about how we impact UT and the surrounding area," said Dr. Shanda Gore, UT associate vice president for equity, diversity and community engagement, and chief diversity officer. "A large percentage of women come to explore opportunities and use the initiatives and classes we offer as a stepping stone for broadening their career and education."

Tickets will be available until Wednesday, Feb. 4. They cost \$60 per person or \$500 for a table of 10. Wine at cocktail hour and dinner are included. An additional cash bar will be available during cocktail hour.

UT Vice President for External Affairs Lawrence J. Burns and WTOL's Jerry Anderson will emcee a silent auction that will take place during the event. Items up for bid include a time-share at Hilton Head, Toledo Zoo memberships, Cleveland Cavaliers tickets, Detroit Tigers tickets, and a painting of The University of Toledo by Aaron Bivens, which he will create during the event.



Celebrity Wait Night



CATHARINE S. EBERLY CENTER FOR WOMEN
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All proceeds will go toward Eberly Center initiatives, events, classes and scholarships.

Tickets can be purchased in person at the center in Tucker Hall Room 0168, by calling 419.530.8570 or at utoledo.edu/centers/eberly.

Outstanding Adviser Award nominations due Feb. 20

By Cathy Zimmer

Do you know an outstanding adviser at The University of Toledo?

The deadline to nominate someone for the 2015 Outstanding Adviser Award is 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20.

"The award is for those advisers who have gone above and beyond to help empower their students," said Dr. Kristen Keith, UT associate professor and undergraduate adviser in the Department of Economics, who is chair of the Outstanding Adviser Award Selection Committee. "We are looking for nominations from students because they are the ones who work with advisers most and whose academic lives are affected the most by outstanding advisers. Alumni, faculty and staff are also encouraged to submit a nomination."

The online nomination form is at utoledo.edu/offices/provost/adviser_award.

Past recipients of the award are not eligible; a list of winners is online with the nomination form.

The Outstanding Adviser Award will be selected by the committee after those nominated submit their philosophy statements to show how they advise their students.

"There will be two recipients of the Outstanding Adviser Award, each receiving \$1,500," Keith, who won the award in 2013, said. "The philosophy statements are important; they demonstrate the objectives an adviser has when working with students and what academic advising means to them."

The Outstanding Adviser Award was developed in 1986 for advisers who effectively demonstrate interpersonal skills, educate and empower students to make informed academic decisions, prioritize their commitments to maximize academic success, and who are knowledgeable of UT policies and resources.

The UT Outstanding Awards Reception will take place Monday, April 27, at 5:30 p.m. in the Student Union Ingman Room.

New location for Lucas County Veterans Service Commission

By Kevin Bucher

A community where veterans can come together and receive the services they need in Lucas County sounded like a dream, but now it is becoming a reality.

The Lucas County Veterans Service Commission is moving from Monroe Street to a more centralized location where other services for veterans are available.

The move will begin Thursday, Feb. 5, with the new office, located on the second floor at 2595 Arlington Ave., open Monday, Feb. 9.

"Providing a centralized location is another step to offering holistic services to the veterans or northwest Ohio," said Navy Reserve Lt. Haraz N. Ghanbari, UT military liaison. "I am thankful to those at the University and the county for working together to bring this move to fruition. Our

partnership with the Lucas County Veterans Service Commission only continues to grow."

"We wanted a strategic location where veterans could go and know they would be able to receive the services they need — medical, counseling, support groups or financial," said Lee Armstrong, executive director of the Veterans Service Commission in Lucas County. "It was a perfect fit because of the location and because of the partnership we have with The University of Toledo and other key agencies."

The commission soon will be located by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Toledo Community Based Outpatient Clinic on UT's Health Science Campus. And the Commons at Garden Lake, a new 75 single-bedroom apartment complex for homeless

veterans, is set to open in the fall. Coupled with the Vet Center, Guard and Reserve Military Support Group, 1Vet Matters and the Veteran Affairs Homeless Program, the area is quickly growing as a place to help and support veterans, Armstrong said.

The Veterans Service Commission provides support to veterans in Lucas County that includes emergency financial services, help with filing compensation and pension claims, and identification services to those who have been honorably discharged.

"The ultimate goal is to create a campus for veterans to come and have access to the services they need, and we could not be happier with the help we have received from our elected officials and The University of Toledo to make this move possible," Armstrong said.

National Science Foundation workshop set for Feb. 5-6

By Lindsay Mahaney

Scientific innovation and research is constantly making an impact in the medical community, and The University of Toledo is contributing to the story.

The University of Toledo will host a biannual conference this week to review projects conducted through the National Science Foundation's center on campus. The conference will be held Thursday and Friday, Feb. 5 and 6, at the UT College of Engineering Complex starting at 7:30 a.m. both days and ending at 7 p.m. Thursday and 1 p.m. Friday. It will include presentations from students, faculty and staff about their research as well as keynote speakers.

The Center for Disruptive Musculoskeletal Innovations (CDMI) was founded by Dr. Jeffrey Lotz of the University of California at San Francisco and Dr. Vijay Goel, UT professor of bioengineering and orthopedic surgery, last July through the National Science Foundation's Industry/University Cooperative Research Center. This center is one of only four nationally in the area of health and safety. It joins industry members and faculty from UT and the University of California at San Francisco to define and fund industry-inspired, precompetitive research projects and other collaborative initiatives, according to Goel. The center maintains itself as a primary source for fundamental research on clinical

outcomes and cost data, implant materials, tissue engineering, biosensors, implant testing protocols, and novel imaging in the musculoskeletal domain.

"To have a National Science Foundation center is very prestigious," Goel, CDMI co-director, said. "To see that the faculty are working side by side with industry to translate research discoveries is exciting, and it allows us to accelerate our efforts to create value for society."

Last July, faculty members proposed projects to the CDMI Industry Advisory Board, which evaluated, ranked and voted to fund 15 projects this year, Lotz, director and vice chair of research, said.

One of the exciting aspects of the biannual meeting is that students will present the CDMI project updates to the Industry Advisory Board, which consists of high-level executives in 12 businesses or organizations in the medical field, including Medtronic, Depuy Spine, Orthofix, Eli Lilly and Co., Osteonovus, Spinal Balance, and the Foundation for Osteoporosis Research and Education.

"This will be a unique training experience for many of our students since they will be able to meet and interact with many of the industry executives and get immediate feedback on their projects," Goel said.

Marcel Ingels, a second-year bioengineering master's student, is one of the presenters slated for the workshop. His research focus has been on the development of robotic knee joint surgical instruments. Ingels explained that he, under supervision from Bioengineering and Orthopedic Surgery Professor Dr. Anand Agarwal, has been working on a surgical tool that will be used to dissect hard tissue during a total knee arthroplasty, more commonly known as knee replacement — a surgical procedure to relieve pain by replacing the worn-out weight-bearing surfaces of the knee joint.

"It's hopefully going to be a popular technique to improve surgical success," Ingels said.

Marie Zipp, a second-year occupational therapy doctoral student, also will present at the conference. Zipp, along with her research partner, Alyssa Kihara, and Occupation Therapy Professor Dr. Martin Rice, have been conducting the study titled "Peak Back Torque and Range of Motion as Predictors for Subsequent Back Injury at 6 and 12 Months: A Cohort Study." This study uses a device developed by one of the Industry Advisory Board companies, Turning Point, that measures the range of motion and amount of torque an individual is able to generate in the back during the twisting of the shoulders or hips.

Zipp explained that they also plan to look at the hospital's injury records of UT medical care employees after six and 12 months from the initial time they take their back measurements to track whether any participant has a back injury from handling a patient. Together, the data will enable the trio to determine whether such back metrics can be used to predict back injury in health-care workers.

The best part about being involved in the conference, according to Ingels, is that students receive feedback from industry to help them develop into successful engineers.

"We're working hand in hand with the industry and getting face time with industry members," he said. "They're going to get to see what we're producing out of this lab and hopefully it'll turn into a job."

Zipp agreed: "It is a great opportunity to be presenting at the CDMI conference. I feel honored to be able to present to so many people and to be able to learn from others' projects as well. I hope to be able to meet and thank some of the individuals who have helped us with our project along the way, and to have the opportunity to gain the skill and comfort to present at a forum like this one."

For more information, visit nsfcdmi.org.

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- biological samples, such as urine or blood, to assess exposure to toxins.
- Dr. Jason Huntley, assistant professor of medical microbiology and immunology, who will test conditions that promote microcystin-degrading bacteria to form biofilms on filters currently used in municipal water treatment facilities.
- Dr. Patrick Lawrence, professor and chair of the Department of Geography and Planning, who will organize available information and engage Maumee watershed stakeholders to help them make informed decisions and suggest best management practices.

- Dr. Thomas Sodeman, professor of medicine and chief of gastroenterology and hepatology at UT Medical Center, who will study the impact of pre-existing liver disease for susceptibility of microcystin hepatotoxicity.

A group of more than 60 university researchers, including four from UT who co-chaired focus group areas, were convened by Board of Regents Chancellor John Carey to recommend how the funds would be invested. The group made recommendations looking at five key areas: Lake Erie harmful algal blooms and lake water quality; drinking water testing and detection; agricultural land-use practices, sources of enrichment, water quality, and engineered systems; hu-

man health and toxicity; and economics and policy reform.

"This group put a great deal of time and effort into addressing this important issue," Carey said. "I am very proud of the effort of the researchers from both the public and private higher education institutions. This collaborative effort is evidence of the value of higher education in Ohio to solving the toxic algae issue. We need to build upon this model with other important issues facing our state."

The newly funded research projects will add to UT's already robust work in the area of water quality.

Shortly after the August water crisis in Toledo, a University of Toledo Water Task Force was created. Comprised of faculty

and researchers spanning the University's colleges, UT Medical Center and UT Lake Erie Center, the task force serves as a resource for officials at all levels of government and coordinates existing UT Lake Erie research and ongoing related investigative efforts on water resource management and water quality.

"We are committed to our role as a public research university and are pleased we have the faculty expertise to support our region," said Dr. Frank Calzonetti, UT vice president for government relations and chief of staff to the president, who is chairing the task force. "UT is in a unique position to provide the resources and expertise sought by our local and regional stakeholders to address this issue."

Senior lecturer directing Village Players' 'Venus in Fur'

Just in time for Valentine's Day, The Village Players will serve up David Ives' two-person play, "Venus in Fur."

John DuVall plays Thomas Novacheck, a writer and director searching for the perfect leading lady for the theatrical adaptation of *Venus in Fur*, the 1870 sadomasochistic story by Leopold von Sacher-Masoch. And Christina D'Amato is Vanda Jordan, a brazen, desperate actress, vying for the role.

In the play within the play, the two read the script with fun, flirty and erotic results.

"The play is a sexy comedy perfect for a Valentine's celebration," Jennifer Rockwood, UT senior lecturer of theatre and director of the production, said. "Critics have called it a revenge comedy."

"Venus in Fur" will be performed Friday and Saturday, Feb. 6 and 7, at 8 p.m. at the Village Players Theatre, 2740 Upton Ave.

Tickets for the Village After Dark production are \$10 and are available at the box office the night of the show.



ROLE PLAYING: John DuVall and Christina D'Amato rehearsed a scene for "Venus in Fur."

For more information, go to thevillageplayers.org.

UT Presidential Ambassadors accepting applications

By Cassandra DeYoung

The University of Toledo Presidential Ambassadors are seeking outgoing and enthusiastic UT students for spring 2015 recruitment.

As an ambassador, select students serve the Office of the President by fostering good relations between the University's student body and its alumni, faculty, staff and donors. Their purpose is to represent and promote UT at various University events.

"We only accept the finest students on campus," said Michele Ross, UT events coordinator and Presidential Ambassador adviser. "A minimum 3.0 GPA is required to be eligible, and students must show leadership qualities by being active on campus."

Students selected for this honorary organization have the opportunity to interact with distinguished business, religious, government and educational leaders by attending and assisting with UT exclusive events.

"These students gain access to invitation-only events where many University donors and leaders are in attendance," Ross said. "This includes access to the presidential suite at UT football games, annual donor recognition events, anniversary events, College of Medicine events."

To obtain an application or gain more information about the organization, visit facebook.com/utoledopresidentialambassadors.

"We will select approximately 20 to 25 applicants to take the place of current graduating members," Ross said.

Applications must be printed out and submitted to Ross at the Office of Special Events in the Peterson House by Friday, Feb. 13, at 5 p.m.

For more information about the application process, contact Daniel Arendt, Presidential Ambassador vice president of membership, at daniel.arendt@rockets.utoledo.edu.



Photo by Mickey Ross

WELCOME: Presidential Ambassadors Victor Aberdeen, left, and Jason Wanamaker greeted guests who attended an annual donor event last year.

American Red Cross hosting blood drive this week

By Cassandra DeYoung

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive Monday through Wednesday, Feb. 2-4, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"One person can save three lives," said Erica Holland, donor recruitment representative for the American Red Cross Blood Services. "Each donation is broken down into red blood cells, platelets and plasma, which can be used for blood transfusions and to help burn victims and cancer patients."

The blood drive will be held in the Student Union Ingman Room on Monday and Tuesday. On Wednesday, the blood drive will be held in the Student Recreation Center Oak Room.

"Our goal is to collect 300 units of blood a year; that supplies 24 hospitals in the western Lake Erie region," Holland said.

Donors are encouraged to schedule an appointment, but having one is not necessary. To schedule an appointment, visit



redcross.org and enter sponsor code UTMMAIN.

Those who participate will receive a coupon for a free Chipotle burrito.

Volunteer opportunities are available as greeters, escorts and canteen supervisors. To volunteer, contact Jennifer Hughes, donor recruitment account manager of the American Red Cross western Lake Erie region, at jennifer.hughes@redcross.org or 419.764.4168.

Rocketing on the water: sailing yarns from Key West

By Daniel Miller

There's just something about improbability and coincidence that leads to the best stories.

More about that later.

Four years ago, I was introduced to the world of competitive sailboat racing through some good friends at the Center for Creative Instruction (CCI) on Health Science Campus, and it immediately became a labor of love. So, when I'm not making pictures as UT's photographer, I'd rather be out sailing. Especially in the middle of winter.

In January, I had the incredible opportunity to join an all-star crew, racing a yacht named *The Holy Toledo!* in the Ft. Lauderdale to Key West Race. The 40th iteration of the offshore ocean race attracted participants from such far-reaching places as Texas and Rhode Island and even included a brand new 88-foot state-of-the-art carbon fiber super yacht among the competitors. Quite a daunting prospect for a relative beginner like myself, but the 70-degree temperatures of Florida in winter did sound pretty good, so I told the rest of the crew to count me in. Hot on the heels of the Rockets' victory in the GoDaddy Bowl, we hit the road with the sailboat in tow.

So far I've written about the race, but not the crew. I have to confess how surprised I was to find out how much sailing talent we have here on Lake Erie and at the University. Two of the boat's owners, Tom Andrews, a UT alumnus and one of the founders of CCI, and Clif Vaughan, UT alumnus and husband of Bobbi Vaughan, the current CCI director, have decades of sailing experience and have won more races than they can count. (I'm guessing that means the real number is more than 10 apiece.) We also had the privilege of counting UT engineering student Luke Gossman as one of the crew. Luke is a member of the UT Sailing Club that won accolades at the Intercollegiate Offshore Regatta, earning the right to compete in the 47th EDHEC Sailing Cup in La Rochelle, France, this April. Clearly, I was in good company and by far the least experienced sailor onboard. No pressure.

I'll risk being anticlimactic in saying that the race went very well for us and hope it's not overly hokey to report that we had "fair winds and following seas." It was a great sail and *The Holy Toledo!* finished first in her class, ahead of seven other boats, with a time of 23:51:39.

No trip is complete without some interesting stories, so this is where the

forementioned coincidence comes in. The night after docking in Key West, I was doing some "sight seeing" at an establishment of local color, as sailors do, and found some crew from another boat that belongs to the same yacht club as ours. As we were exchanging congratulations, I mentioned my position at UT and the boat owner's son got really excited, saying that his father just had to meet me. It turns out that they were Bill Bollin and his son, John, and were huge UT supporters. Even more unlikely, Bill was on the same charter flight as I was, traveling to and from the GoDaddy Bowl, not 11 days earlier! We spent more time talking about the football game than the race.

I really thought the odds against "running into" a fellow Toledo alum like that were pretty long. As it turns out, stranger things can happen, and I apparently knew nothing about odds. (In my defense, I was an art major, not mathematics.)

So, the time had come to pack everything, hitch the boat up to the truck, and head back to Toledo. As you might imagine, Key West can be cramped and full of tight corners, which isn't an ideal place to be pulling a 33-foot boat, so we were being extra careful navigating around some closed streets. As we hit the A1A, right next to the ocean on the south side of the island, we pulled over for a routine check of the trailer lights. That's when the first Key West patrol car pulled up. It was eventually joined by four more. As we were told by the first officer, we were being pulled over for hit and run — on another police car. Oops.

Unknowingly, we scratched the front bumper of a patrol car with the trailer's license plate while turning one of the many corners. After the officer in question arrived, we went to look at the damage and talk to him about what had happened.



Photo by Misty Matter

The *Holy Toledo!* crew, from left, Clif Vaughan, Tom Andrews, Al Newell, Steve Morrow, George Sipel, Daniel Miller and Luke Gossman leave the docks of the Ft. Lauderdale Yacht Club for the start of the Ft. Lauderdale to Key West Race Jan. 14.



Photo by Daniel Miller

Misty Matter and Al Newell posed with Key West Police Officer Bob Bulnes on the shoulder of Florida State Road A1A in Key West Jan. 17.

This was when I learned that the universe truly does have a warped sense of humor. As luck would have it, we quite literally ran into another UT alum.

Key West Officer Bob Bulnes told us how surprised and amused he was when he saw the name of the boat. (Not amused enough to help us evade a ticket for failure to maintain lane, though.) Just being an alum wasn't enough; he was actually a tight end for The University of Toledo's football team from 1979 to 1981, and he finished his

athletic career with a Rocket victory in the California Bowl. Despite living in the city that claims the southernmost point in the country, Bulnes said he makes a special trip back up to Ohio every year for the Bowling Green game, and he still keeps in contact with former Head Coach Chuck Stobart.

Miller is photographer 2 at the University.

Students benefit from residence hall discount

Everyone loves a discount, but a discount initiative offered through the Office of Residence Life can actually go a long way in helping UT students complete their degrees.

The Stay & Save Program offers all UT students living in the residence halls during the 2014-15 academic year a 25 percent housing discount for the 2015-16 academic year, as long as they have a cumulative 2.0 GPA by the end of this summer.

"We understand how some first-year students may be struggling academically as well as financially, so we wanted to be as inclusive as possible," said Virginia Speight, director of residence life. "Sometimes it takes students a little longer to get their academic footing, so it's our hope that this housing discount will be an incentive for more students to stay in school."

The room rate discount applies during both fall 2015 and spring 2016 semesters, and students must be in good financial standing to apply. Meal plans are not included as part of the discount and will still need to be purchased by all students living in residence halls.

"When you consider that we have students who might consider dropping out because they're concerned about having their fees fully covered, it just makes sense to offer discounts like this," Speight said.

"In the end, everyone benefits when students stay the course, successfully complete their degrees, and fully enter society."

Full Stay & Save information can be found at <http://utole.do/staysave>. Questions can be directed to the Office of Residence Life at 419.530.2941.



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25% DISCOUNT

All students living on campus in the residence halls during the 2014-2015 academic year with a cumulative 2.0 GPA by the end of summer are eligible for a 25% housing discount for the 2015-16 academic year.

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presidential search website. As I have said from the beginning, we are committed to being as transparent as possible throughout this process."

The presidential search website is utoledo.edu/presidential-search.

Noting the visit on Sunday, Feb. 22, Zerbey emphasized that day would include a tour of UT campuses and that all

interactions with members of the University community would take place during the workweek.

Zerbey said invitations to leadership groups across campus and publicity regarding the campus open forums would go out in the next few days.

The Study Hour Club, Toledo Chapter of The Links, Incorporated and The University of Toledo present:

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

Featuring guest speaker

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Associate Dean, College of Languages, Literature and Social Sciences,
Associate Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology

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University schedules events for Black History Month

“I Am Because We Are” is the theme of The University of Toledo’s 2015 celebration of Black History Month.

During February, offices, departments and student organizations have planned several events.

“The theme comes from the meaning of the Nguni Bantu term ‘Ubuntu’ popularized in modern culture by Nelson Mandela. It is human kindness and the recognition of human kindness. I am because you are,” David Young, director of the UT Office of Excellence, said. “This is the 50th anniversary of the famous Selma-to-Montgomery march and so many other landmark civil rights initiatives, so we say we are because of the sacrifice of others, and others will be because of the work and sacrifices we make now.”

Listed by date, events will include:

Monday, Feb. 2

- Black Cinema/Bracelet Workshop, 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Student Union Room 2500.

Tuesday, Feb. 3

- Game Plan for Life — Part One, 7:30 p.m., Student Union Room 2582. Sponsor: Brothers on the Rise.

Wednesday, Feb. 4

- Multicultural Lunch and Learn, 11:30 a.m., Student Union Room 2500. Stop by to eat and share your opinions.

Thursday, Feb. 5

- Diversity Training Workshop, 7 to 9 p.m., Student Recreation Center Maple Room.

Saturday, Feb. 7

- Kickoff Soul Food Luncheon, noon to 2 p.m., Student Union Auditorium. Speaker: Dr. Willie McKether, associate dean of the UT College of Languages, Literature and Social Sciences, and UT associate professor of anthropology, will discuss collecting oral histories from African Americans and what he learned from the project. The UT Gospel Choir also will perform. Sponsors: UT, Study Hour Club and the Toledo chapter of The Links Inc. The event is free and open to UT students, faculty and staff, but a ticket must be obtained by calling the Office of Excellence and Multicultural Student Success at 419.530.2261 or emailing oemss@utoledo.edu. Tickets for the public are \$20 and may be purchased by contacting Erin Thomas at 419.530.5214 or erin.thomas@utoledo.edu.

Monday, Feb. 9

- Black History Trivia, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Student Union Trimble Lounge.

Tuesday, Feb. 10

- Game Plan for Life — Part Two, 7:30 p.m., Student Union Room 2582. Sponsor: Brothers on the Rise.

Wednesday, Feb. 11

- Multicultural Lunch and Learn, 11:30 a.m., Student Union Room 2500.

Thursday, Feb. 12

- “We Are STEM — Science, Technology, Engineering and Medicine” with Dr. Yvette Perry, UT assistant professor of family medicine and director of student affairs, career advising and professional development in the College of Medicine and Life Sciences. Time and location to be announced.

Friday, Feb. 13

- Black Student Union Fashion Show, “Black Revolution,” 7:30 p.m., Student Union Auditorium. Tickets: \$10 general admission, \$15 VIP available at Ask Rocky on second floor of Student Union.

Saturday, Feb. 14

- Career Interest in Law Symposium, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Law Center. Sponsors: Thurgood Marshall Association, Brothers on the Rise and Talented Aspiring Women Leaders.

Sunday, Feb. 15

- Film screening of “Selma” at Rave Cinemas Westfield Franklin Park Mall. Students should call the Office of Excellence and Multicultural Student Success at 419.530.2261 for time of screening and tickets; seating is limited.

Tuesday, Feb. 17

- “I Am Because She Was,” 7 p.m., Student Union Room 2582. Sponsor: Talented Aspiring Women Leaders.
- Mentor Match, 7:30 p.m., Student Union Room 3018. Sponsors: Brothers on the Rise and the Office of Excellence and Multicultural Student Success.

Wednesday, Feb. 18

- Africana Studies Brown-Bag Lecture, 12:30 p.m., Student Union Room 2500.
- Speaker: Rodney O’Neil, chief executive officer and president of Delphi Automotive PLC, 7 p.m., Student Union Ingman Room. Sponsors: Association of Black

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Thursday, Feb. 19

- African Dance Workshop, 7 p.m., Health Education Center Dance Studio. Sponsor: UT FIRE Squad Dance Team.

Saturday, Feb. 21

- Student Trip to Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in Detroit, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For details, contact the Office of Excellence and Multicultural Student Success at 419.530.2261.
- Third Annual Greek Basketball Tournament, 5 to 10 p.m., Health Education Center Gym.

Monday, Feb. 23

- Talented Enlightening Diverse Dialogue, 7:30 to 10 p.m., Student Union Room 2584.

Tuesday, Feb. 24

- Behind the Music, 7:30 p.m., Student Union Room 2582. Sponsor: Black Student Union.

Wednesday, Feb. 25

- Speaker: Kevin Powell, political activist and author, 7:30 p.m., Student Union Auditorium. He has written 11 books, including *Barack Obama*, *Ronald Reagan and the Ghost of Dr. King: Blogs and Essays*, which examines politics and social issues like gender violence, immigration and equality.

Events are free unless otherwise listed.

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