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Students gathered recently for a prayer vigil for Hurricane Katrina victims. Several events were held last week and more than \$5,300 had been raised as of noon Friday, according to Donovan Nichols, AmeriCorps*VISTA student leader. For the latest total, go to www.servicelearning.utoledo.edu.



Photos by Daniel Miller

Michell Domke, a senior in University College, scooped some ice cream for a donor Wednesday during an ice cream social to raise funds for hurricane relief efforts.

UT Outreach and Engagement 'King Gimp' to discuss documentary, societal struggles

By Jon Strunk

When "King Gimp," the movie documenting Dan Keplinger's life from age 12 to 25, won an Oscar in 1999 for highlighting the growth and societal struggles of a man with cerebral palsy, Keplinger was presented with yet another challenge: Rather than accept the award, he had to watch from the back rows as the stage was not wheelchair-accessible.

Keplinger will visit The University of Toledo for a free screening of his Oscar-winning film and a presentation Wednesday, Sept. 21, in Nitschke Hall Auditorium as part of the University's Outreach and Engagement Week. Doors open at 3 p.m. and the film will start at 3:45 p.m. A question-and-answer session will follow.

The film covers Keplinger's period when he found his identity as an artist. In the film, Keplinger relates how his mother refused to put him in an institution because she wanted him to experience the excitement of the waves by the seashore and play in the snow like any other child. When he got bored at a school for children with



"Darkness" by Dan Keplinger
special needs, his mother tried to have Keplinger mainstreamed into his neighborhood high school, despite opposition.

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Controversial historian to speak at UT

By Deanna Woolf

Dr. Norman Finkelstein, assistant professor of political science at DePaul University, will address "Israel and Palestine:



Finkelstein
Roots of Conflict, Prospects for Peace" on Thursday, Sept. 29, at 7:30 p.m. in the Driscoll Alumni Center Auditorium.

Finkelstein's latest book, *Beyond Chutzpah: On the Misuse of Anti-Semitism and the Abuse of History* (2005), was published amidst threats of legal action from Harvard professor Dr. Alan Dershowitz. In his new work, Finkelstein accuses Dershowitz of plagiarism and falsifying information. This is part of the book's thesis, that scholars have misrepresented facts to support Israel in its conflict with Palestine. Finkelstein particularly takes aim at Israel's human rights record, comparing it to reports from international aid organizations.

"We are interested in showcasing a

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Unions reject proposed health-care changes

By Deanna Woolf

Three University of Toledo employee unions rejected the health-care changes proposed by the administration last week.

Vote tallies were:

- Communication Workers of America Local 4530 — 314-24;
- UT American Association of University Professors — 298-30; and
- UT Police Patrolman's Association — 24-1.

According to Jim Sciarini, associate vice president for human resources, the next step is for the Joint Benefits Committee to meet Sept. 30 to continue negotiations.

He added, "The administration and the union representatives have contacted the fact-finder appointed by the State Employment Relations Board to schedule hearing dates in the event the parties are not able to reach agreement."

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"No one could understand that I was an intelligent person inside of this body," he said.

"Most people think 'gimp' means someone with a lame walk," he said. "But 'gimp' also means a 'fighting spirit.'" Keplinger's fighting spirit, his resilience, his desire to triumph and his artistic brilliance shine throughout the film.

When the documentary's victory was announced during the Academy Awards, Keplinger jumped out of his wheelchair with glee, which the New York Post called "the heart-wrenching surprise of Oscar night." "Instead of focusing on a triumphant smile," the Post wrote, "the camera caught Dan, 27, jumping off his wheelchair, flailing his arms in the air like a windmill, and writhing around on the floor of the Shrine

Auditorium. The academy and audiences watched — at first in shock. Then it dawned on them that this crazy man rolling on the floor was screaming with joy."

Outreach and Engagement Week, Sept. 19-23

More than 50 speakers will discuss their experiences working alongside members of the Toledo community on topics ranging from anti-bullying programs to the study of Toledo's history to the city's economic well-being.

For a complete schedule of Outreach and Engagement Week, go to www.utoledo.edu/outreachengage/O&EWeek2005.

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broad diversity of historical opinions," said Dr. Timothy Messer-Kruse, professor and chair of history. "In the interests of fairness I have also extended an invitation to Dr. Dershowitz to come another time for a lecture. He has, however, declined."

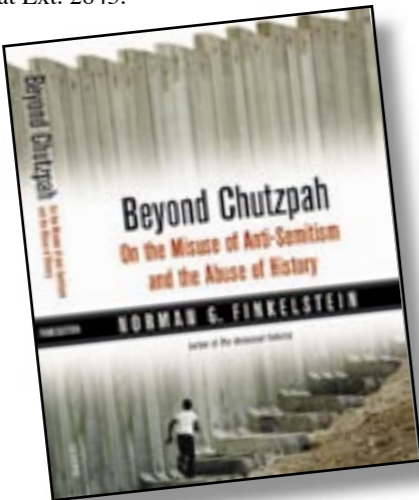
Finkelstein is the first speaker in the history department's "Engaged History" Lecture Series for the 2005-06 academic year.

"This year, the motivation is to work within the stated mission of the University," Messer-Kruse said. "We view engagement in two ways. Engaged history means an approach to make history relevant to the present. It also means that we are engaged in our community."

Finkelstein is also the author of *The Holocaust Industry: Reflections on the Exploitation of Jewish Suffering* (1995), which accused American-Jewish organiza-

tions of extorting money from European banks and giving just a small amount of it to Holocaust survivors.

For more information on the free, public event, contact Messer-Kruse at Ext. 2845.



UT to hold second national prostitution conference

By Jon Strunk

For a long time, those advocating on behalf of prostitutes — either for assistance to help them leave the sex trade or, in some cases, to decriminalize it entirely — have spent more time arguing with each other than they did pushing for policies to help these women.

That's why Dr. Celia Williamson, UT associate professor of social work, and Dr. Lynda Baker, associate professor of library and information science at Wayne State University, have worked to bring together a diverse crowd of academics, law enforcement officers, former and current sex workers, and those simply advocating on the behalf of prostitutes.

The Second National Conference on Prostitution, Sex Work and the Commercial Sex Industry will be held Thursday, Sept. 29, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday, Sept. 30, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Student Union and will feature about 30 different presentations covering the spectrum of views on the sex trade.

"Regardless of whether you see prostitutes as victims or merely as women doing a job," Williamson said, "surely everyone can agree that the drug use and the violence against these women that is such a common part of life in street prostitution is something that needs to be addressed."

Williamson, who runs Second Chance,

a Toledo organization that helps women leave a life of street prostitution, said she hopes by bringing the collective power of these organizations together, some of the infighting will turn into a more uniform lobbying position that will help change a public and governmental view that these women are not worthy of help.

Presentations will include:

- A critical analysis of government policies addressing sex work and the corresponding federal funding by Dr. Melissa Ditmore, who works for the Network of Sex Work Projects Core Group in New York, at 9 a.m. Sept. 29 in Student Union Room 2582;
- A look at how the government is combating international human trafficking and sexual slavery from Steven Wagner, director of the Trafficking in Persons Program of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, at 9 a.m. Sept. 30 in Student Union Room 2582; and
- How some sex workers are uniting to help build their political clout and advocate for their rights in the sex trade by Robin Few of the Sex Workers Outreach Project in San Francisco at 2:45 p.m. Sept. 30 in Student Union Room 2582.

For a complete presentation listing or to register for the conference, contact Williamson at 419.530.4084.



Photo by Daniel Miller

Back at attention: Jeff Zenz of the Northwest Ohio Peace Coalition replaced tombstones that were part of "Arlington Toledo," a display of more than 2,000 markers that represent U.S. soldiers killed in Iraq and Afghanistan. Vandals uprooted the display, which was on campus for two days as part of the Bring Them Home Now Tour.

UT staffer, alum give a voice to Ottawa Hills

By Deanna Woolf

It began like a tale of espionage — a seemingly ordinary meeting, a business proposition and a secretive promise of more information.

Tony Bassett, UT alumnus, was approached by an accountant, who has a child in the same school as Bassett's daughter. "He said, 'You're a journalist. Do you ever think about getting back into it?'" Bassett recalled. "He said, 'All I can tell you is it's a publication.' I'm throwing all this stuff at him and he says, 'In three months, I'll call you and you can sign a confidentiality agreement.'"

After receiving the accountant's call, Bassett showed up, signed the agreement and was offered ownership of the Village Voice of Ottawa Hills. The first thought on Bassett's mind? "I've got to have Yarko."

That would be Yarko Kuk, support services manager with the UT Police Department. The two have been friends ever since working on The Collegian together. After graduating from UT, Kuk became a dispatcher for the UT Police, while continuing to work as a writer. Bassett was a reporter with The Blade for eight years and now is a realtor with the Danberry Co.

The two never lost touch, as was evident by the 17 phone messages Kuk received from Bassett about the opportunity. Kuk was on vacation at the time and was intrigued by the messages when he returned.

After Kuk signed a confidentiality agreement and learned about the Village Voice, they began negotiations for ownership. On Jan. 3, 2005, the two men became the official editors/publishers of the 30-year-old monthly paper that serves the community west of the UT Bancroft campus.



Bassett, left, and Kuk

Photo by Daniel Miller

Kuk's enthusiasm for the Village of Ottawa Hills is the primary reason he decided to take part in the paper. "I grew up in it — I've lived there since I was 8," he said. "People have their stereotypical views of it ... but the people have a huge bond." Kuk recalled when his father was in hospice. "We would come home and our lawn would be mowed, the leaves raked and someone would have brought dinner over," he said.

The nature of the publication and opportunity for upgrades impressed Bassett. When the accountant initially presented him with the business details, he was surprised at the layout method. The paper was printed by cutting out ads and articles, pasting them together on a board to form each page, then photographing the entire board and printing the negatives. "I thought this is a monthly publication, it's easy, the reporting is nonconfrontational, and I've just identified \$15,000 worth of savings," he said.

Technological upgrades are some of the things Kuk and Bassett have changed since their first issue of the Village Voice in February. They now lay out the pages with computer software and use digital photographs. They have created e-mail addresses for news and advertising inquiries. Bassett and Kuk have used high school students to help with photography and writing. After experimenting with spot color, the two premiered the first all-color issue in July. "We've gotten a huge, huge response," Kuk said.

Even though both men have lived in the community for several years, they learned more about the village and its residents through the paper. Bassett was surprised by the controversy surrounding the Complete the Dream project, which raised funds for upgrades to the baseball and softball fields. "People thought it was just going to be used for the boys and not the elementary fields [where the girls play] ... it all has to do with miscommunication," he said.

Kuk has enjoyed interviewing village residents. He recently did a story on his neighbor, Ed Rohr, who is working on building a better mole trap. "He's the most unassuming, quiet guy," Kuk said. His work on the Village Voice also has solidified his high opinion of residents. "Sure, there are people who are colorful in the wrong way — but you shouldn't paint everybody who lives there with a nasty brush ... they give a lot to causes and do a lot of neat stuff," Kuk said.

Bassett and Kuk are anxious to explore content and format changes in the future, but are comfortable with taking it slow. "We're trying not to rush it," Kuk said. "We want to get it right the first time." And Bassett would likely attribute that strategy to his partner's personality. "The man is compulsively anal-retentive, and you can quote me on that."

In memoriam

Robert F. Koebe, Worthington, Ohio, died Aug. 29 at age 77. He taught political science and history at UT from 1951 to 1957. Koebe received a law degree from the University in 1962.

Jerry Gray, Toledo, a student affairs training coordinator in 1981, died Sept. 6 at age 58.

Patricia Zaski, Sylvania, a secretary in the Office of Alumni and Development in 1987, died Sept. 10 at age 67.

Get to know ...



Matt Seikel

Matt Seikel is a lecturer in the mathematics department. He joined the UT faculty this semester. Seikel holds bachelor's and master's degrees in chemical engineering from UT and Ohio State University, respectively. The New Philadelphia, Ohio, native also received a master of science degree in mathematics in 2003 and a master of education degree in curriculum and instruction in 2004, both from UT.

Family: "My wife, Anne, and our 2-year-old son, Jacob."

Hobbies: "Gardening, reading, and computer programming. Maybe I need to get out more!"

Last movie watched: "The March of the Penguins." Penguins have a lot of drama in their lives!"

Three words to describe yourself: "Tired toddler chaser."

Favorite sports teams: "Ohio State Buckeyes and Toledo Rockets."

Who would you want to trade places with for a day? "I think that it would be fun to be a local weatherman for a day."

First job: "The first job for both my brother and I was helping out on the family grain farm."

Favorite dessert: "Tapioca pudding."

Where did you go on your last vacation? "We went to Great Wolf Lodge, an indoor water park in Sandusky, Ohio. Jacob had fun, and my wife and I got a chance to be kids again!"

What do you do to relax? "I really enjoy landscaping around the house. However, I am getting to the point where I am running out of places to start new plants and trees!"

Something people would be surprised to know about you: "Once upon a time, I played trumpet in the Rocket Marching Band!"

Professor journeys to Germany to explore war trials

By Deanna Woolf

“What immediately strikes you is the utter emptiness,” said Dr. Michael Bryant, peering over the photographs of parking lots and bricked courtyards. In each picture there is a marker — sometimes a street sign or a plaque — that bears the word “synagogen,” German for “synagogue.” These are the only reminders of where Jewish houses of worship stood before they were wiped out in one evening of violence.

It was Nov. 9, 1938 — “Kristallnacht,” the “Night of Broken Glass” when Germans attacked and destroyed Jewish synagogues, businesses, schools and homes. Police officers and town officials stood by and watched as property was razed or burned to the ground. While the bystanders evaded prosecution at the time, Bryant wanted to know what happened to these people once crimes against Jewish citizens were tried after World War II.

For the past two summers, the assistant professor of history and criminal justice has traveled to Baden-Württemberg, Germany, to research 100 postwar trials related to the Night of Broken Glass. Concentrating his research on archives in Freiburg and Karlsruhe, Bryant has found that “initially, we see an earnest desire to prosecute. But, at the same time, Germany is trying to be a country again and move on.” Contractors, electricians, police officers and even a mayor were indicted in the trials. “But they hardly did any time,” Bryant explained. “They were convicted, but were given very lenient probations ... they were quickly recycled back into society.”

This project is the latest manifestation of Bryant’s fascination with Germany and Nazi trials. His interest was first piqued

more than 15 years ago, when he was a law student studying in the country. “I am a bibliophile, and in my wanderings, I came across a book by Ernst Klee, who made a career by investigating the euthanasia link to the Final Solution,” he recalled.

The euthanasia program began in 1938 and refers to the Nazi government’s efforts to kill all mentally ill patients. Bryant said many people referred to them as “life unworthy of life” and “burdens on the German people.” Gas chambers were used to murder the patients.

Euthanasia was in many ways a prologue to the Final Solution, the plan to exterminate all Jewish people, according to Bryant. “It provided the technical know-how, it provided them with trained people who kept items hush-hush, and it provided them the opportunity to think in practical terms,” he said. The gas chamber technique and the people who carried out the euthanasia were later used in concentration camps.

This interest developed into his doctoral dissertation and the forthcoming book, *Confronting the “Good Death”* (2005), in which Bryant went one step further to look at how euthanasia crimes were tried following WWII.

He found that U.S. officials were concerned about defending their sovereignty from external intrusion. Euthanasia acts were crimes committed under government orders — it was a domestic issue, and U.S. officials could not interfere without setting a precedent that could some day be used to justify others’ intervention in U.S. affairs. So American officials, in order to advance and sustain their power, “made the theory that the euthanasia program was done to free up nurses and doctors and medical



Memorial area where a synagogue once stood in Breisach, Germany

facilities to supply and support the German forces.” Bryant said. “This allowed them to make it an international issue crime and thus prosecutable under international law. At the same time, this theory enabled the U.S. to prosecute an essentially domestic program without fear that their jurisdiction over it could be used later to interfere with American sovereignty.”

While Bryant believes Germans have handled the reconciliation of their past well, he has found sore spots still remain. In the town of Waldkirch, some students began investigating the history of one of the mayors. “He was a member of the order police that were used in paramilitary tasks. Later, information came out that they were complicit in the killing of Jews,” Bryant said. While the students were researching, “the people in the town were quite upset. They tried to get them to stop. They didn’t really want them stirring up the past.”



Bryant

Photo by Daniel Miller

Economist to speak on oil, politics at Mikhail Memorial Lecture

By Krista M. Hayes

Distinguished economist and author Robert Mabro, president of the Oxford Institute for Energy Studies, will deliver the fifth annual Maryse Mikhail Memorial Lecture on Sunday, Oct. 2, at 3 p.m. in the Law Center Auditorium.

The title of Mabro’s lecture is “The Economics and Politics of Oil.” An expert in these fields, Mabro will explore the international relations of oil, gas and other energies.

“His lecture will deal with oil and its relationship to economic development and political power — a topic that should be of interest to us as we try to deal with issues related to oil production, distribution and

pricing,” said Dr. Samir Abu-Absi, UT professor and associate chair of English.

After receiving a degree in civil engineering from Alexandria University in Egypt in 1956, Mabro studied philosophy in France from 1962 to 1964 and obtained a master of science degree in economics with distinction from London University in 1966. In 1969 he took a position at Oxford University as senior research officer in the economics of the Middle East.

Mabro’s interest in oil began to develop in 1972, and his first publication in this area, co-written with the late Elizabeth Monroe, was *Oil Producers and Consumers: Conflict*

or *Cooperation* (1974). In 1976, together with Aubrey Jones, he founded the Oxford Energy Seminar, which is held annually at St. Catherine’s College in Oxford.

Mabro’s publication list includes 13 books and monographs, with a large number of articles in journals and papers in collective books. His most recent book, *Oil Markets and Prices: The Brent Market and the Formation of World Oil Prices*, was co-written with Paul Horsnell. Mabro has received many awards, with the most recent being the medal of Francisco Miranda, given to him by the president of Venezuela.

The Maryse Mikhail Lecture series at

The University of Toledo was established to honor the work and contributions of Mikhail and her involvement in educational, philanthropic and interfaith organizations.

The annual event is made possible through the Maryse Mikhail Endowment Fund, established in June 2000 by Ramzy and Maryse Mikhail. “The purpose of the fund is to support an annual lecture that addresses issues related to Arab culture, literature, politics, history, economics and other aspects of life in the Middle East,” Abu-Absi said.

For more information on the free, public lecture, contact Abu-Absi at Ext. 2318.

Pianist to perform, give master class

By Deanna Woolf

Pianist Dr. Sylvia Wang will visit campus to deliver a master class and recital Saturday, Oct. 1, at 10 a.m. and Sunday, Oct. 2, at 3 p.m., respectively.

The events, held in the Center for Performing Arts Recital Hall, are part of the Dorothy MacKenzie Price Piano Series, named for the UT alumna who donated money to bring four teacher-performers to campus this academic year.

During the master class on Saturday, students will play, and Wang, associate professor of music performance studies at Northwestern University, will give them public lessons.

For the recital Sunday afternoon, Wang will play music by Haydn, Prokofiev, Chopin and Debussy.

A native of Penang, Malaysia, Wang has performed throughout the United States, South America, Asia and Europe. She was a prizewinner and finalist in the J.S. Bach International Piano Competition in Washington, D.C., and the Royal Overseas Music Festival. Wang was conferred an honorary associateship in the Royal



Wang

Academy of Music in 2001.

For more information on the free, public events, contact the department of music at Ext. 2248.

Salzedo Harp Duo to play at Center for Performing Arts

By Terry Biel



Lendrim, left, and Guinn

The Salzedo Harp Duo of Nancy Lendrim, University of Toledo adjunct professor of music, and Jody Guinn will perform Sunday, Sept. 25, at 7 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts Recital Hall.

Lendrim is principal harpist with the Toledo Symphony Orchestra, and Guinn is principal harpist with both the Akron Symphony Orchestra and the Cleveland Opera Orchestra.

Lendrim and Guinn have performed together in harp ensembles and orchestras for 25 years. They are both former students of Alice Chalifoux and formed the Salzedo Duo in 2000 to promote the music of Carlos Salzedo, harpist and composer noted for writing works for the stringed instrument. They were awarded a Mellon Foundation Grant shortly afterward through the Toledo Symphony Orchestra in support of their efforts and were invited in 2002

to perform at the eighth World Harp Congress in Geneva.

“We are very excited to have such fine musicians as Nancy and Jody kicking off our Faculty and Guest Artist Recital Series,” said Dr. Lee Heritage, associate professor and chair of music. “They bring a great deal of national and international experience.”

Repertoire for the concert includes several original works and transcriptions by Salzedo, as well as works by Rameau, Bach, Mendelssohn and Debussy.

For more information on the free, public recital, contact the UT music department at 419.530.2448.

Wind Ensemble Concert to feature saxophonist, former department chair

By Terry Biel

The UT Wind Ensemble will perform in concert Friday, Sept. 30, at 8 p.m. in Doermann Theater.

The evening will include a concerto for alto saxophone by Ingolf Dahl to be performed by UT Director of Jazz Studies Gunnar Mossblad, and two pieces led by guest conductor Jamie Hafner, former chair of the UT music department.

“It’s not just a band concert,” said Dr. Jason Stumbo, UT director of bands. “We have two very special guests with us. Gunnar is a very well-known musician, both nationally and internationally. Most of us that know him on campus think of him as a ‘jazz guy,’ but he’s really very well-versed in classical music literature.”

“And, of course, we’re excited to

have Jamie Hafner back with us for this concert.” Stumbo added. “Everyone in the department who knew him when he was here is thrilled that he’s coming for a performance, and I know for a fact that he can’t wait to get back.”

The UT Wind Ensemble is an auditioned group of about 50 players, including around 15 music majors. Future events include a special Halloween concert Monday, Oct. 31, at 8 p.m. in Doermann Theater. The theater will be decorated in recognition of the date, and the concert will feature appropriately themed works.

For more information on this free, public concert, contact the music department at Ext. 2448.

Sub-Saharan Film Festival heats up fall semester

By Deanna Woolf

From the 17th century to the present day, from Senegal to Zambia, discover Africa, its people and the issues they face during the Sub-Saharan Film Festival, part of the 2005-06 theatre and film season, “Conflict, Courage and Compassion: Our World on Stage and Film.”

Film dates, titles and synopses are:

Friday, Sept. 30

- “Adanggaman” (2000), written and directed by Roger Gnoan M’Bala from the Ivory Coast. This historical drama tells the story of African villagers who were captured and forced into slavery by the title character.

Friday, Oct. 28

- “Waiting for Happiness” (2002), directed by Abderahmane Sissako. This film won the International Critics Award for best film at the 2002 Cannes Film Festival. It follows Abdallah, an outsider who takes an interest in the inhabitants of Nouadhibou, Mauritania.

Friday, Dec. 2

- “Moolaadé” (2004) and “The Making of Moolaadé” (2004), written and directed by Ousmane Sembene from Senegal. Seven years ago, Colle refused to let her daughter be circumcised. Four girls later seek refuge in her home from the operation, putting Colle in the middle of the debate.

All films will be shown in the Center for Performing Arts Lab Theatre Room 1039 at 7 p.m. A \$3 per person donation is suggested.

For more information, contact the department of theatre and film at Ext. 2202.



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Professor researches muscle atrophy

By Deanna Woolf

They are tiny, even for mice. The little puffs of black fur roll around in wood chips, sip water and nibble on food in the laboratory. Weighing in at around 15 grams, these rodents are dwarfed by their normal-sized counterparts that usually weigh between 25 and 30 grams. But these tiny mice are special, altered so that a protein atrophies their muscles. And they could hold the key for helping humans who experience muscle loss from injury, bed rest or space travel.

It's all part of a research project by Dr. Thomas McLoughlin, assistant professor of exercise physiology, to look at the protein FoxO1. "The protein appears to have a role in catabolism of muscles," he explained. "I'm trying to identify which genes get turned on and off by the protein." It's the changes in these genes that eventually lead to atrophy, or shrinking of the muscle's size and mass.

While researchers are still investigating how atrophy occurs on the molecular level, the physical process is well-understood. McLoughlin said that once a muscle is unloaded — weight taken off or function taken away — "it shrinks up." This can occur due to prolonged bed rest or injuries that require crutches or casts for treatment.



Photo by Daniel Miller

McLoughlin

When he worked as an athletic trainer, McLoughlin saw children's muscles atrophy from as little as two weeks wearing a cast. "It's really amazing," he said.

Even people at the peak of physical fitness can experience muscle atrophy. "You never really see astronauts coming off the ships," McLoughlin said. "Spending a few months in space, they lose muscle

mass and some cardiovascular function. They're weak from the effects of micro-gravity when they return. They sometimes have to be carried off the ship." He said that with such strong atrophy in a relatively short amount of time, "it has implications when we talk about going to places as far away as Mars."

But that might be easier thanks to the

mice, which were imported from and engineered in Japan to express FoxO1. Once at UT, the mice were bred and tested to verify that they contained the protein. "DNA from the mice is screened to determine the presence of the gene," McLoughlin said. "If the mice contain the gene, we study muscles from the mice to determine the role of the gene in the control of muscle atrophy."

McLoughlin's work has implications for more than kinesiology and exercise science. "For cancer regulation, atrophy would be a good thing," he said. "We would want to shut down the growth of the cells." The research also could help decrease the effects of aging. "We can avoid the cycle of becoming older and more frail, then being injured, recovering, and then getting older and more frail again."

In order to prevent muscle atrophy, McLoughlin advised people, "especially the elderly," to stay active and engage in strength training. He also said if a person is about to undergo surgery on places like the anterior cruciate ligament, he or she should expect some major training before the operation. "Doctors and therapists like to have you get the muscles as strong and as large as possible to minimize muscle loss during recovery," he said.

Students travel to national disability conference, present research

By Deanna Woolf

This summer, seven University of Toledo students and Dr. Mark Sherry, the Ability Center of Greater Toledo Endowed Chair of Disability Studies, went to San Francisco to present their research during the Society for Disability Studies 2005 Conference.

"This is the best firsthand learning experience," Sherry said. "They were the only undergraduate students accepted to present. It's a real reflection on the program and the students." He also mentioned that the editors of Disability Studies Quarterly said they would publish the students' papers within the next year.

Attending were Lorie Born, Melissa Brammer, Kami Jeffries, Lori Miller, Kelley Wyse, Lisa Johnson and Megan Lucas. "I was excited!" said Johnson of when she heard her group's work was accepted for the conference. Along with Lucas and Brammer, she interviewed several local disabled African Americans about their life experiences for a paper titled "Race, Disability and Life Stories." "The stories that were told were very emotional and educational. It was a learning experience," she said.

Connecting with subjects through friends and local organizations, they wanted to see if there were unique issues that disabled African Americans face. Johnson was especially touched by one of the stories. "There was a young lady who is a student here at The University of Toledo. She was blind, and she was trying to go back to college to get a degree. People around her discouraged her by telling her it was impossible to obtain her goals. She was determined to pursue her dreams and that really touched me a lot," she said.

The second presentation by UT students was "Disability Organizations: Serving Ethnically Diverse Populations." Born, Brammer, Jeffries, Miller and Wyse interviewed employees from Toledo disability organizations to find out how they serve ethnic minorities. "We found the biggest problem is outreach to Hispanics," said Jeffries, disability studies graduate assistant. "One of the representatives even said, 'We don't really work with people with disabilities.'"

The group members also came up with recommendations for improving service to

ethnic minorities, such as diversity training, and working with the community to increase communication and awareness.

Sherry and Jeffries also were part of a round-table discussion about developing disability studies programs. "Professors are interested in starting their own programs," he said. "We are seen as an emerging program. People want to know more about us — how we get students engaged ... We encourage them to change hearts and minds and the world."

Many of the students enjoyed their first time presenting at a conference. "The people were truly inspiring ... they were very encouraging about what we had done



UT students met Nora Roberts, mother of Ed Roberts who led the independent living movement, while in San Francisco. Posing for the photo, from left, were Kelley Wyse, Lorie Born, Melissa Brammer, Lisa Johnson, Kami Jeffries, Nora Roberts, Lori Miller and Jeremy Lumby.

and how we put our stories together. It was truly an overwhelming and great response," Johnson said.

"I think going puts it all together," Brammer said. "It really emphasizes the importance of the issue. It really opens your heart."

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Thursday, Sept. 29

Early Registration for Freshmen First Enrolled Fall 2005 With at Least Nine Potential Earned Hours

"Prostitution, Sex Work and the Commercial Sex Industry"

Two-day national conference features research to educate social service, health-care and criminal justice professionals about the needs and risks of women involved in commercial sex work. Student Union Rooms 2582, 2584, 2591. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Concludes Sept. 30, 9 a.m.-3:45 p.m. \$120, \$15 for students. Info: 419.530.4665.

College of Engineering Fall Career Fair
Professional attire required for students. Nitschke Hall First Floor. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Info: 419.530.8014.

Center for Women Brown-Bag Lecture
"The Violence Continues: A Community Response to the Murder and Assault of Women in Northwest Ohio." Speakers: Campus and community activists. Center for Women, Tucker Hall Room 180. 12:30 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.8570.

Physics and Astronomy Colloquium
"Highly Obscured Active Galactic Nuclei, With Starbursts and Without." Speaker: Nancy Leveson, University of Kentucky. McMaster Hall Room 1005. 4 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.2241.

Student J.A.M. (Jesus and Me)
Dodge ball, book club. University Bible Fellowship, 2841 Dorr St. 6-8 p.m. Info: 419.578.5813.

"Engaged History" Lecture
"Israel and Palestine: Roots of Conflict, Prospects for Peace." Speaker: Dr. Norman Finkelstein, author of *Beyond Chutzpah: On the Misuse of Anti-Semitism and the Abuse of History* (2005) and assistant professor of political science at DePaul University. Driscoll Alumni Center Auditorium. 7:30 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.4719.

Friday, Sept. 30

UT Employee Computer Class
"Incorporating Video Into PowerPoint." University Computer Center Room 1600. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Free for UT employees. Register: 419.530.1460.

"Techno-Bits"
"Basic Sound File Capture and Editing With 'Audacity.'" Carlson Library Room 1005A. 2 p.m. Sponsor: Center for Teaching and Learning. Info: 419.530.2075.

Planetarium Program
"Is There Anybody Out There?" This program produced by Ritter Planetarium explores the search for extraterrestrial intelligence in the universe. Ritter Planetarium. 7:30 p.m. Observing at Brooks Observatory follows program, weather permitting. \$4 for adults; \$3 for seniors and children ages 4-12; free for children 3 and younger. Info: 419.530.4037.

Sub-Saharan Film Festival
"Adanggaman" (Ivory Coast, 2000). Center for Performing Arts Lab Theatre. 7 p.m. \$3. Info: 419.530.2202.

Wind Ensemble Concert
Directed by Dr. Jason Stumbo, UT assistant professor of music. Doermann Theater. 8 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.2448.

Saturday, Oct. 1

Piano Master Class
Dr. Sylvia Wang, associate professor of music performance at Northwestern University, will give public lessons to piano students. Part of the Dorothy MacKenzie Price Piano Series. Center for Performing Arts Recital Hall. 10 a.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.2448.

Planetarium Program
"The Moon Witch." Program explains the mysteries and phases of the moon. Ritter Planetarium. 1 p.m. \$4 for adults; \$3 for seniors and children ages 4-12; free for children 3 and younger. Info: 419.530.4037.

Volleyball

UT vs. Akron. Savage Hall. 3 p.m. \$5 for adults; \$3 for students 18 and younger; \$1 for UT employees; free for UT students. Info: 419.530.4231.

Catholic Mass

Corpus Christi University Parish. 4:30 p.m. Info: 419.530.1330.

Sunday, Oct. 2

Catholic Mass

Corpus Christi University Parish. 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Info: 419.530.1330.

Bahá'í Programs

Multi-faith devotionals and musical interlude, general information session, choir practice. Student Union Room 2562. 2-6 p.m. Info: 419.882.5642, 419.882.1844.

Homecoming Game Show Contests

Come on down and win prizes playing "Wheel of Fortune" and "The Price Is Right." Student Union Auditorium. 2-5 p.m. Info: 419.530.7221.

Piano Performance

Featuring Dr. Sylvia Wang, associate professor of music performance at Northwestern University. Part of the Dorothy MacKenzie Price Piano Series. Center for Performing Arts Recital Hall. 3 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.2448.

Maryse Mikhail Memorial Lecture

"The Economics and Politics of Oil." Speaker: Robert Mabro, president of Oxford Institute for Energy Studies, Oxford, United Kingdom. Law Center Auditorium. 3 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.2318.

Dance Lessons

Sponsor: UT Ballroom Dance Society. Student Union Auditorium. 4-5 p.m. \$3; \$1 for students. Info: utbds@hotmail.com.

"Family Feud" with Homecoming Court Candidates

Put together a team of five and meet and compete against the Homecoming court candidates. Student Recreation Center. 8:30-11:30 p.m. Register: kkrouse@hotmail.com.

Monday, Oct. 3

"Good Morning Commuters"
Breakfast items will be handed out near the Student Union to celebrate Homecoming Week. 7:30-11 a.m. Info: 419.530.7221.

UT Sports Trivia
Tower 98 staff will test sports knowledge for prizes. Part of Homecoming Week. Student Union area. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Info: 419.530.7221.

Project Succeed Orientation
Program for women in transition following a change in marital status. Center for Women, Tucker Hall Room 168. Noon. Free, public. Info: 419.530.8570.

HIV Testing
Free and anonymous testing provided by Substance Abuse Services Inc. Walk-ins welcome. Student Medical Center. 1-3:45 p.m. Info: 419.530.3464.

Flag Football

Part of Homecoming Week. Carter Field. 4-7 p.m. Info: 419.530.7221.

Deadline to Submit Entries for Photographic Exhibition

Entries for the Toledo Friends of Photography 2006 National Juried Photographic Exhibition are due. Download prospectus at tfop2006.org. Exhibit to take place Jan. 13-Feb. 10 at the Center for the Visual Arts. Info: 419.536.6122, tfop@serv.org.

"Good Evening Commuters"

Food will be handed out near Rocket Hall and Stranahan Hall to celebrate Homecoming Week. 5-7 p.m. Info: 419.530.7221.

Dodge ball

Teams of six can register to play. Part of Homecoming Week. Student Recreation Center. 7-9 p.m. Register: jenn21684@aol.com.

Movie Night

See "Friday Night Lights." Part of Homecoming Week. Glass Bowl Stadium. 9 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.7221.

Tuesday, Oct. 4

Early Registration for New Freshman Honors Students First Enrolled Spring 2006

Homecoming Carnival Games
Centennial Mall. 10 a.m. Info: 419.530.7221.

Wing-Eating and "Fear Factor" Contests
Part of Homecoming Week. Near the Student Union. 11 a.m. Register: rachel.shon@utoledo.edu.

Homecoming Pep Rally

Join the Toledo football team, cheerleaders and UT Marching Band to psyche up for the game. Student Union steps. Noon. Info: 419.530.7221.

RSVP Deadline for Alumni Gala and Awards Ceremony

Make plans to attend this Homecoming program Oct. 7. \$25. RSVP: 419.530.2586, www.toledolumni.org.

UT Symphony Orchestra Concert

Conducted by Rico McNeela, UT associate professor of music. Doermann Theater. 8 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.2448.

Art

"Gypsies (Romanies) and Travelers"

The exhibit showcases fact and fiction available about Romanies. Carlson Library First Floor. Monday-Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-midnight; Friday, 7:30 a.m.-8 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; and Sunday, noon-midnight. Through Sept. 30. Free, public. Info: 419.530.4049.

RSVPs requested for minority faculty, professional staff reception

The deadline to RSVP for the Minority Faculty and Professional Staff Reception is Wednesday, Sept. 21.

President Dan Johnson and Provost Alan Goodridge are hosting the third annual event Wednesday, Sept. 28.

To RSVP, contact Timothy Hunter of the Provost's Office at Ext. 2859 or e-mail timothy.hunter@utoledo.edu.

Mark Your Calendars

Outstanding Staff Awards & Luncheon

Monday, Oct. 17

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Student Union Auditorium

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UT Calendar — Sept. 21-Oct. 21

Wednesday, Sept. 21

Outreach and Engagement Week

Poster presentations begin at 9 a.m. and talks begin at 10 a.m. and continue to 4 p.m. Student Union Rooms 2582, 2591. Tour of Neff Financial Trading Floor, Stranahan Hall Room 2051 at 3:30 p.m. Reception with Dr. Edward Zlotkowski at Libbey Hall 6:30-8 p.m. Complete schedule available at www.utoledo.edu/outreachengage/O&EWeek2005. Free, public. Info: 419.530.2738.

Women's and Gender Studies Brown-Bag Lecture

"Ten Threats to Women's Reproductive Health." Speaker: Johnetta McCollough, interim executive director of Planned Parenthood of Northwest Ohio Inc. University Hall Room 4180. Noon. Free, public. Info: 419.530.2233.

Bahá'í Campus Association Meeting

Student Union Room 1507. 3-4 p.m. Info: 419.882.5642, 419.882.1844.

RSVP Deadline for Minority Faculty and Professional Staff Reception

Make reservations for the Sept. 28 event, 5-7 p.m. RSVP: 419.530.2859, timothy.hunter@utoledo.edu.

Scholarship Deadline

Materials for the Dr. Patricia Groves Women's and Gender Studies Scholarship are due. University Hall Room 4260. Info: 419.530.2792.

German Coffee Hour

"Kaffeestunde." Anyone interested in speaking German is welcome. Student Union Room 3020. 3:30-4:30 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.5506.

Chemistry Seminar

"The Versatility of Nickel Cycloaddition Catalysts." Speaker: Dr. Janis Louie, University of Utah. Bowman-Oddy Laboratories Room 1053. 4 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.7902.

Project Succeed Orientation

Program for women in transition following a change in marital status. Center for Women, Tucker Hall Room 168. 5:30 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.8570.

Thursday, Sept. 22

Outreach and Engagement Week

Poster presentations begin at 9:30 a.m. and talks begin at 10:30 a.m. and continue to 4 p.m. Student Union Rooms 2582, 2591. Talk and faculty workshop in Driscoll Alumni Center Board Room at 9:30 a.m. Complete schedule available at www.utoledo.edu/outreachengage/O&EWeek2005. Free, public. Info: 419.530.2738.

Safety and Risk Management Class

"Hazardous Waste." Learn proper storage, labeling, disposal procedures and University policies. North Engineering Building Room 2250. 9-11 a.m. Register: 419.530.3600.

College of Pharmacy Convocation and Awards

Doermann Theater. 11 a.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.1997.

Center for Teaching and Learning Luncheon Seminar

"Dealing With Classroom Behavior Issues." Speakers: Lori Edgeworth, UT director of judicial affairs, and Susan Andrews, University ombudsman. Student Union Room 2592. Noon-1:30 p.m. RSVP: 419.530.2075.

University Women's Commission Mixer

Learn more about the University Women's Commission, meet members and join the organization. Student Union Room 2591. Noon-1:30 p.m. Info: 419.530.2606.

Center for Women Brown-Bag Lecture

"What Does It Mean to Be a College-Educated Woman in the 21st Century?" Center for Women, Tucker Hall Room 180. 12:30 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.8570.

Physics and Astronomy Colloquium

"All About FUSE: The Far Ultraviolet Spectroscopic Explorer." Speaker: Warren Moos, Johns Hopkins University. McMaster Hall Room 1005. 4 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.2241.

Student J.A.M. (Jesus and Me)

Dodge ball, book club. University Bible Fellowship, 2841 Dorr St. 6-8 p.m. Info: 419.578.5813.

Toledo Symphony Benefit Concert

Corpus Christi University Parish. 8 p.m. \$15. Funds to benefit the parish. Info: 419.530.1330.

Friday, Sept. 23

Graduate Fall Graduation Application Deadline

Outreach and Engagement Week

Tour of Neff Financial Trading Floor, Stranahan Hall Room 2051 at 9:30 a.m. Camp Adventure Photo Fest Student Union Ingman Room 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Faculty Workshop in Student Union Rooms 2582 and 2584 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Complete schedule available at www.utoledo.edu/outreachengage/O&EWeek2005. Free, public. Info: 419.530.2738.

Praxis I Writing Workshop

Test-taking strategies and grammar review for education students. Writing Center Conference Room, Carlson Library Room 1005. 2-4 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.4939.

Deadline for Faculty/Staff/Student Auction

Make a donation to be auctioned off during Homecoming at Arnie's Saloon, 3332 W. Central Ave., Oct. 6. Proceeds to benefit Habitat for Humanity. Info: 419.530.4456.

Volleyball

UT vs. Bowling Green. Savage Hall. 7 p.m. \$5 for adults; \$3 for students 18 and younger; \$1 for UT employees; free for UT students. Info: 419.530.4231.

Planetarium Program

"Is There Anybody Out There?" This program produced by Ritter Planetarium explores the search for extraterrestrial intelligence in the universe. Ritter Planetarium. 7:30 p.m. Observing at Brooks Observatory follows program, weather permitting. \$4 for adults; \$3 for seniors and children ages 4-12; free for children 3 and younger. Info: 419.530.4037.

Saturday, Sept. 24

Rocket Women's Fall Golf Classic

Watch the UT women's golf team hit the greens. Heatherdowns Country Club, 3910 Heatherdowns Blvd. 8:30 a.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.7761.

Planetarium Program

"Don't Duck, Look Up!" Join Dudley the duck as he learns about the sky with his barnyard friends. Ritter Planetarium. 1 p.m. \$4 for adults; \$3 for seniors and children ages 4-12; free for children 3 and younger. Info: 419.530.4037.

Volleyball

UT vs. Miami. Savage Hall. 3 p.m. \$5 for adults; \$3 for students 18 and younger; \$1 for UT employees; free for UT students. Info: 419.530.4231.

Catholic Mass

Corpus Christi University Parish. 4:30 p.m. Info: 419.530.1330.

"Pibare Krishna Rasam"

Performance to benefit ASHA for Education. Ottawa Hills High School Auditorium, 2532 Evergreen Road. 5 p.m. \$15, \$10 for students. Info: 419.861.3972.

Praise and Worship Night

University Bible Fellowship, 2841 Dorr St. 7-9 p.m. Info: 419.578.5813.

Sunday, Sept. 25

Rocket Women's Fall Golf Classic

Watch the UT women's golf team hit the greens. Heatherdowns Country Club, 3910 Heatherdowns Blvd. 8:30 a.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.7761.

Catholic Mass

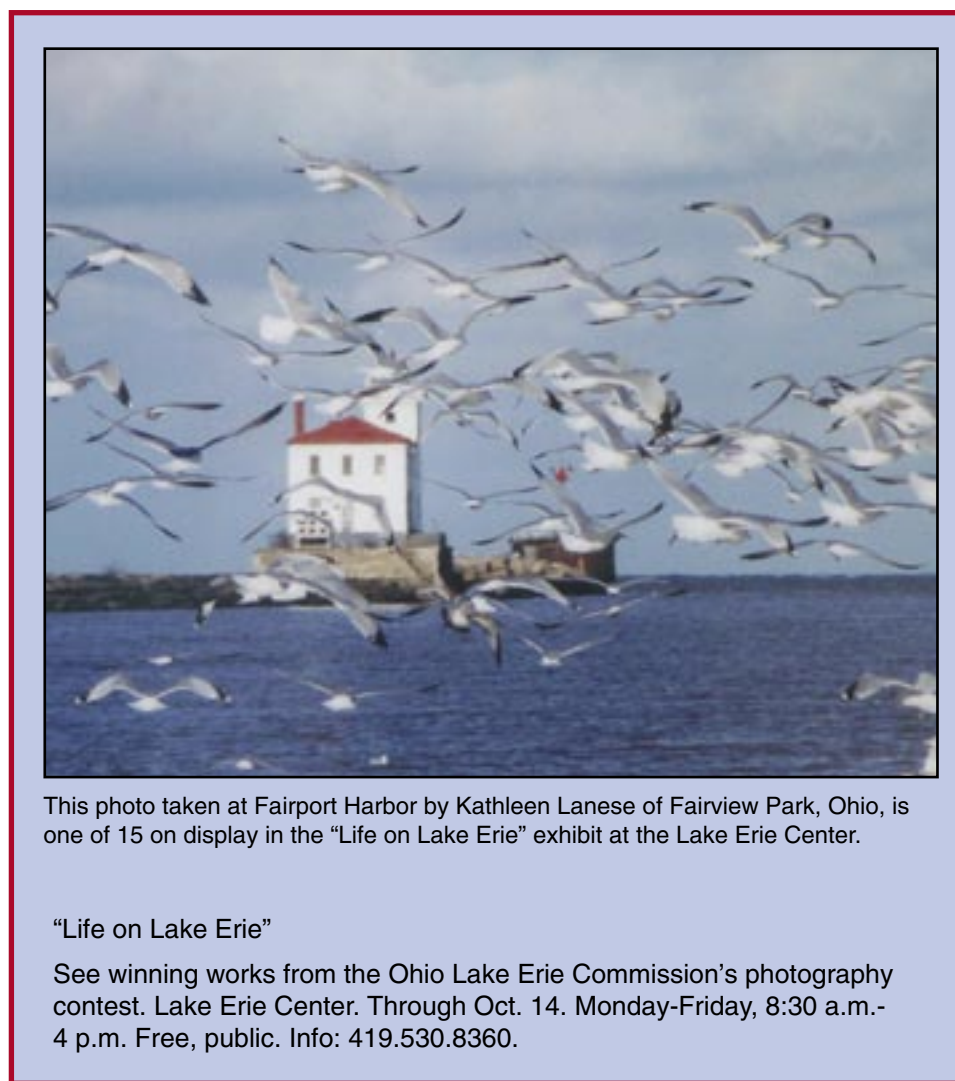
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This photo taken at Fairport Harbor by Kathleen Lanese of Fairview Park, Ohio, is one of 15 on display in the "Life on Lake Erie" exhibit at the Lake Erie Center.

"Life on Lake Erie"

See winning works from the Ohio Lake Erie Commission's photography contest. Lake Erie Center. Through Oct. 14. Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.8360.

Guest Artist Recital

The Salzedo Harp Duo, featuring Nancy Lendrim, UT adjunct professor of music and principal harpist with the Toledo Symphony Orchestra, and Jody Guinn, principal harpist with the Akron Symphony Orchestra and the Cleveland Opera Orchestra. Center for Performing Arts Recital Hall. 7 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.2448.

Monday, Sept. 26

HIV Testing

Free and anonymous testing provided by Substance Abuse Services Inc. Walk-ins welcome. Student Medical Center. 1-3:45 p.m. Info: 419.530.3464.

Chemistry Seminar

"Using Dendrimers to Study Protein-Carbohydrate Interactions." Speaker: Dr. Mary Cloninger, Montana State University. Bowman-Oddy Laboratories Room 1053. 4 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.7902.

Guest Artist Recital

Percussionist Gordon Stout, professor of percussion at Ithaca College, Ithaca, N.Y. Center for Performing Arts Recital Hall. 8 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.2448.

Tuesday, Sept. 27

Early Registration for Freshmen First Enrolled Fall 2005 With at Least 10 Potential Earned Hours

Safety and Risk Management Class

"Bloodborne Pathogens." For UT employees who have jobs where they may be exposed to blood or body fluids. North Engineering Building Room 2250. 9:30-11 a.m. Register: 419.530.3600.

Ohio Parents' Week Talk

"Who Cares for the Caregivers? Community as Extended Family." Speaker: Shay Bilchik, president and CEO of the Child Welfare League of America. Health and Human Services Building Room 1711. 10 a.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.5307.

Faculty Senate Meeting

Student Union Room 2582. 3 p.m. Info: 419.530.2112.

"Increase Your Study Skills"

Program sponsored by Miniya, a mentoring and peer group for African-American female students. International House Sixth Floor. 6 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.9420.

Televised Football

UT vs. Fresno State. Game in Fresno, Calif., to be carried by ESPN2. 9 p.m. Info: 419.530.4920.

Wednesday, Sept. 28

UT Employee Computer Class

"Migration From MS Office 2000 to XP." University Computer Center Room 1600. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Free for UT employees. Register: 419.530.1460.

Law Talk

"Slavery in the 21st Century." Speaker: Carol Chehade, author of *Big Little White Lies* (2001) and independent filmmaker. Law Center Auditorium. Noon. Free, public. Info: 419.530.2712.

"Techno-Bits"

"Basic Sound File Capture and Editing With 'Audacity.'" Carlson Library Room 1005A. 3 p.m. Sponsor: Center for Teaching and Learning. Info: 419.530.2075.

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