

UT Medical Center named Toledo's best for third straight year

By Jon Strunk

For the third straight year, U.S. News & World Report has recognized The University of Toledo Medical Center as one of the best hospitals in the region.

The magazine ranked UTMC as a high performer in six clinical specialties, as many as any institution in the area for 2013-14.

"U.S. News has recognized that The University of Toledo Medical Center offers patients superior care, a great experience and a higher degree of healing," said Norma Tomlinson, UTMC executive director.

"Caring for patients is a team effort, and this is an accomplishment that the entire team should be proud of," she said.

U.S. News listed UTMC as a high performer in:

- Geriatrics;
- Kidney disorders;

- Neurology and neurosurgery;
- Orthopedics;
- Pulmonology; and
- Urology.

"Hospitals across the nation look to America's top tier academic health centers to set the standards for health care, and Toledo is no different. It is the blend of educational programs, innovative research and patient-centered clinical care that sets the stage for this recognition," said Dr. Jeffrey P. Gold, chancellor, executive vice president for biosciences and health affairs, and dean of the College of Medicine and Life Sciences.

"This is one more example of the incredible momentum that our UT team has created. I want to thank and congratulate

everyone who works so hard to provide this quality of health care, one patient at a time."



Associate professor to study invasive species in Caribbean as Fulbright Scholar

By Samantha Watson

When an invasive species gets introduced to a new ecosystem, its disruption can cost millions — sometimes billions — of dollars.



Bossenbroek

That economic impact has been the focus of Dr. Jonathan Bossenbroek, UT associate professor of ecology, who received a Fulbright Scholarship to do his research at the University of West Indies at St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago.

Bossenbroek said what he looks forward to most is networking with other ecologists and economists on an international level. While in the West Indies, he will work closely with an agricultural economist to analyze the spread and economic impact of invasive species, including the lionfish and the green mussel.

"Some invasive species have negative economic impacts, and they're often hard to quantify," Bossenbroek said. "Understanding how these species impact the overall economy will give strength to the argument that we need to be more careful about moving species around."

Bossenbroek has seen firsthand the impact an invasive species can have on an ecosystem with the zebra mussel in the Great Lakes and the emerald ash borer throughout the Midwest and beyond. One area of research where he hopes to get more

Spend Sunday at Art on the Mall July 28

By Samantha Watson

Art on the Mall, a tradition for more than 20 years at The University of Toledo, will return Sunday, July 28.

The free, public event will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Centennial Mall on Main Campus, where more than 100 booths will feature unique works of acrylic, glass, jewelry, mixed media, oil, photography, pottery, textiles, basketry, watercolor, wood and more.

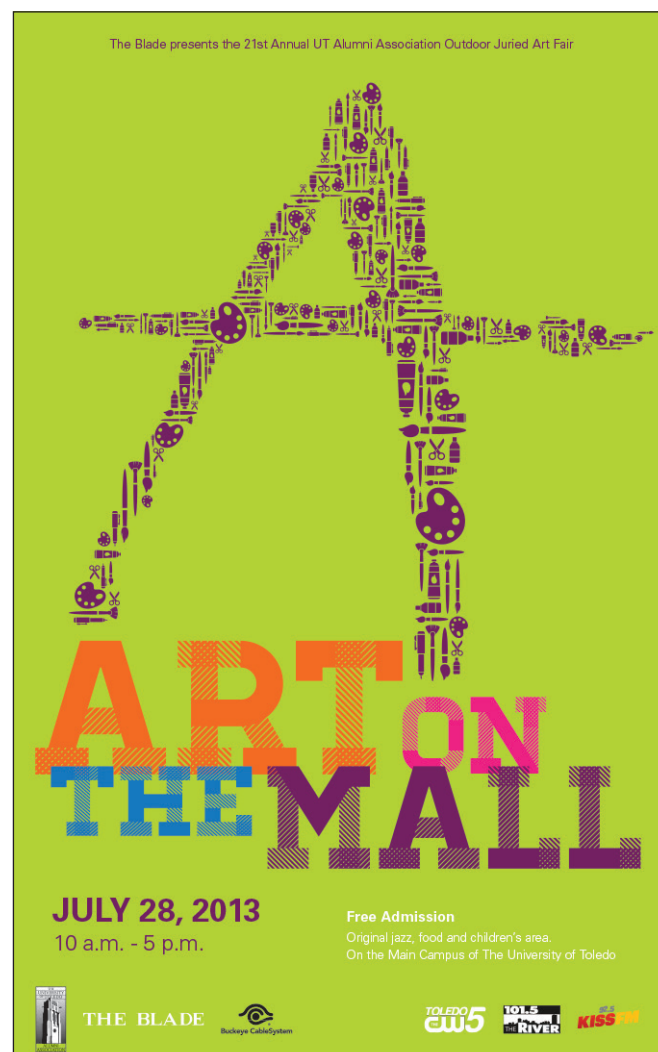
Throughout the day, guests can take in not only works of art but also music, live pottery demonstrations, children's activities, food and new this year — a beer garden. Guests who are 21 and older with a valid ID can buy three types of beer from Great Lakes Brewing Co.

"We have some folks who have been with us for a long time, and we also have some new artists, which is great," said Ansley Abrams-Frederick, director of alumni programming in the Office of Alumni Relations. "It's exciting to see some work that you haven't seen before."

Artwork will be for sale at each booth; for customers who typically don't carry cash, credit cards can be used at a payment booth set up inside the Student Union.

Artists have the chance to win awards at the juried event. UT's Best of Show is the highest honor and goes to the best artist with an affiliation to the University; current students, faculty, staff, retirees, alumni and parents are eligible.

Throughout the day, the UT Ceramics Program will have pottery demonstrations near its booth, where guests can watch the



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UT Medical Center named 'Leader in LGBT Healthcare Equality' in national survey

By Jon Strunk

The University of Toledo Medical Center has been recognized as a "Leader in LGBT Healthcare Equality" in the Healthcare Equality Index 2013, an annual survey conducted by the Human Rights Campaign Foundation, the educational arm of the country's largest lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) organization.



UTMC earned top marks for its commitment to equitable, inclusive care for LGBT patients and their families, who can face significant challenges in securing adequate health care.

"One of the most important values of The University of Toledo is to treat all persons equally, regardless of characteristics, including but not limited to age, gender, ethnicity, religion, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression," said Norma Tomlinson, executive director of UTMC. "A visit to a health-care provider is often stressful as it is, and the last thing any patient or family needs to worry about is being treated differently."

"We are very proud of the role we play in the community as a place where anyone can come and feel safe and feel accepted," said Lawrence J. Burns, vice president for external affairs, who oversees UT's Office of Equity, Diversity and Community Engagement. "It is through our hospital and health-care services that the community most frequently interacts with The

University of Toledo, and this recognition is one more example of UT employees living out our values and commitment to equality."

UTMC was one of a select group of 464 health-care facilities nationwide to be named Leaders in LGBT Healthcare Equality. Facilities awarded this title meet key criteria for equitable care; these include non-discrimination policies for LGBT patients and employees, a guarantee of equal visitation for same-sex partners and parents, and LGBT health education for key staff members.

"LGBT patients deeply appreciate the welcoming environment provided by a Leader in LGBT Healthcare Equality," said Shane Snowdon, director of health and aging at the Human Rights Campaign. "It makes a big difference to know that your local health-care facility is fully committed to giving you the same care it gives your neighbors and co-workers."

For more information about the Healthcare Equality Index 2013 or to download a free copy of the report, visit hrc.org/hei.

Undergraduate Admission staff, administration moving to Libbey Hall

By Samantha Watson

Starting this August, prospective students and their families will be introduced to The University of Toledo in Libbey Hall, a historic building on UT's Main Campus.

"We're extremely excited to move to that part of campus," said William Pierce, director of undergraduate admission. "I'm looking forward to being close to University Hall and Centennial Mall; that's really the heart of campus."

The move is expected to happen before Monday, July 29, so that the office is prepared to begin recruitment for the 2014-15 academic year beginning in August.

Since this April, contractors have been busy renovating Libbey Hall to maintain its charm while making it a modern and usable space for UT enrollment.

The second floor, which is used as a dining hall for banquets, will remain a gathering place for the UT community and offer upgrades to presentation technology. The third and fourth floors, which have been vacant, will become home to several new offices.

On the third floor, offices will house admission officers who help new students understand what UT is about and what options they have for education. On the fourth floor will be more enrollment specialists, including Pierce and Dr. Cam Cruickshank, vice president for enrollment management and online education.

An open house will be held once the move is complete; watch for the date to be announced.

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involved is the economic distress caused by these species, in order to encourage prevention.

"It's much easier to understand the cost once they show up and are doing damages, but spending money on prevention is risky," Bossenbroek said. "You're spending that money ahead of time and you don't really see the benefit except that the organism doesn't show up."

In addition to furthering research, Bossenbroek hopes to develop a new class for UT during his sabbatical in the Caribbean. He will work with faculty at the

University of West Indies at St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago to create a course for both universities with a mix of ecology and economy based on his research.

Bossenbroek will travel with his wife and three sons, ages 5, 9 and 12. He is excited about exposing his children to a new culture and expanding their view of the world.

"It'll be quite an adventure," he said.

He and his family leave in August and will be in the Caribbean through the academic year.

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artists work and ask questions. There also will be stations for children to have their faces painted or create their own art and take it home.

Guests can listen to music throughout the day with performances from the Toledo School for the Arts and the Jazz Collective with Christy Lanning from 10 a.m. to noon, Afro-Caribbean Dance and Drum from noon to 2 p.m., and Glass City Steel from 2 to 5 p.m.

Food will be for sale all day; vendors will include previous years' favorites: Karen Anne's Kettle Corn, Opa! Gyros, Everhart SnoBiz, Maui Wowi, K & K Concessions and Let's Go Nuts. Two new booths will join the event this year: Asia Fusion Elite and Jeanie's Weenies.

Parking is free for guests in Lot 1 South, Lot 1 North and Lot 13, with free shuttles to and from Centennial Mall that

also can help transport large purchases if needed.

This year's presenting sponsor is The Blade; other sponsors include ProMedica, Buckeye CableSystem, Toledo 5 The CW, WGTE Public Media, Great Lakes Brewing Co., Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority, Clear Channel Communications, Mail It! and Homewood Press.

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UTMC's EduCare Center to celebrate 20 years of support for children

By Susan Ross Wells

The University of Toledo Medical Center will celebrate the EduCare Center's 20th anniversary Wednesday, July 24, at 9:30 a.m. at 1932 Birchwood Ave. in Toledo, marking two decades of support and care for both medically complex and healthy children as envisioned by Toledo pediatrician Dr. Libby Ruppert.

The celebration will include a recognition program, developmental screenings for infants and toddlers, children's activities, an open house of the facility and more.

Twenty years ago, Ruppert, Toledo pediatrician and professor at the Medical College of Ohio, had a vision for a facility to support and care for medically complex children as well as healthy children. Ruppert conducted extensive research on the needs of children with disabilities, dedicating her professional career to the issue.

"What I was looking for is something that did not invade the home," said Ruppert, UT professor emeritus and EduCare founder. "I wanted to create something that would allow families to access the level of care that their youngsters needed and

provide opportunities for socialization, education and learning."

Her vision for Toledo became reality in 1993 when an abandoned elementary school on Birchwood Avenue in a quiet south Toledo neighborhood reopened as the EduCare Center and reintroduced the building to children's laughter.

"I think what makes the EduCare Center so unique is that it really is a collaboration of organizations," said John Trunk, superintendent for the Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities. "The founders, including Dr. Libby Ruppert, recognized early on that what organizations could do together far exceeded what any one organization could do individually."

The EduCare Center provides education, child care and health care for children with and without special needs. The EduCare Center is a collaboration between the Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities' Early Intervention Services, The University of Toledo Early Learning Center, the Prescribed Pediatric Center operated by Anne Grady Services, and special education classes of the Toledo



Dr. Libby Ruppert talked with Rod Standiford and his son, Michael, at the EduCare Center.

Public Schools. Medical and nursing students from UT Medical Center assist with care at the center.

Ruppert worked with UT's Lawrence J. Burns — who served as MCO's vice president for institutional advancement at the time and today leads UT's External Affairs Division — to secure grant funding

for the new program. Initial major donors included the Hasbro Children's Foundation, the Satellites of the Medical College of Ohio, the Kettering Fund, National City Bank, the Harris McIntosh family, General Mills Inc. and the Children's Miracle Network.

In memoriam

Dr. Simmie S. Blakney, Toledo, professor emeritus of mathematics and advocate for equal rights, died July 15 at age 85. He joined the UT faculty as an associate professor in 1964 and was promoted to professor in 1971. The native of Shubata, Miss., was the first African American appointed chair of the Mathematics Department; it was a post he held for 10 years. Blakney was one of the founding members of the UT Caucus of Black Faculty and Staff, which became the Association of Black Faculty and Staff. He served as chair of the organization from 1971 to 1975 and in 1982. He also helped establish the UT Office of Minority Affairs and assisted with drafting the University's first affirmative action document. In addition, he served as chair of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Scholarship Committee and was a member of Faculty Senate and the Upward Bound Program's Academic Advisory Committee. Blakney, an associate of the Danforth Foundation, also administered funding from National Science Foundation grants for in-service institutes for high school math teachers. He was named professor emeritus when he retired from the University in 1990 and continued to teach through UT's Upward Bound Program.

Edward J. Fitzgerald, Toledo, who was an Eucharistic minister at MCO for 25 years, died June 22 at age 95.

Marilyn L. (Schalitz) Martin Monti, Toledo, who was a longtime member of the Satellites Auxiliary, died July 1 at age 84.

Bettie J. (Anderson) Rees, Holland, Ohio, who was a secretary in the UT President's Office from 1953 to 1957, died July 2 at age 94.

Sharon M. (Laughlin) Yost, Rossford, manager of the Neurology Department from 2003 to 2010, died July 13 at age 70.



Blakney

Students: Deadlines approaching

Friday, Aug. 9

This is the official deadline for students to pay outstanding balances for fall 2013 and previous semesters, or to make their first Installment Payment Plan payments.

Wednesday, Aug. 14

Students who have not paid outstanding balances in full or made arrangements through the Installment Payment Plan will be subject to registration cancellation on Wednesday, Aug. 14.

Per UT's registration cancellation policy, students may be dropped from registered classes, current housing assignments and all University-related services. Until financial arrangements are made, these students also may not be eligible to re-register for any classes or receive housing assignments.

Detailed information regarding important dates for fall semester is available at utoledo.edu/offices/treasurer.

Students are encouraged to contact Rocket Solution Central at 419.530.8700 for assistance.

UT student collects more than 1,200 shoes for Haiti

By Khyara Harris

Jordan Keefe was inspired to start his own nonprofit to help others after completing the Learning Through Service course spring semester at The University of Toledo.

In the class, which was designed by Dr. Sammy Spann, assistant provost with the Center for International Studies Programs, students focus on countries and regions in need in an effort to instill activism and initiative.

Keefe and 12 other students concentrated on Les Cayes, Haiti, and the Hut Outreach Program, which is a Christian Humanitarian Aid organization that works in the region to help empower the people of Haiti by providing food, water, housing, education and medical care.

During spring break, the students traveled to the city to volunteer with the Hut Outreach Program. While volunteering at a schoolhouse and hospital, Keefe and his peers saw endless need for the Haitians, but did not know how to exactly give back.

“I saw kids walking around either barefoot or with two-liter pop bottles on their feet to keep from getting parasitic diseases,” Keefe said. “It changed us a lot. And after we left, we wanted to do something more.”

This led to the launching of Save The Feet, an organization that collects unwanted shoes and donates them to impoverished countries. So far, the group has collected more than 1,200 pairs of shoes.

“Our goal was to get at least 1,000. We’ve passed this and I couldn’t be happier,” he said.

Keefe is collecting shoes and raising funds to take the footwear to Les Cayes, Haiti.

“We are collecting all types of shoes; it doesn’t matter what kind or age,” he said. “If you have shoes that you don’t use anymore, bring them to me.”

Shoes can be new or used, in any style and any size. To donate, visit savethefeet.org.



Photo by Khyara Harris

REALLY BIG SHOE COLLECTION: Jordan Keefe showed off some of the more than 1,200 pairs of shoes he has collected so far through Save The Feet. He plans to take the footwear to distribute in Les Cayes, Haiti.



Photo from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro

READY TO RUN: Linh Nguyen has been named the director of the cross country and track and field program. He comes to Toledo after coaching for the past 12 seasons at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, the past seven as the head coach of the men’s and women’s outdoor track and field teams. Under Nguyen’s leadership, the Spartans became a perennial contender in the Southern Conference, culminating in one of the best years in program history in 2011-12. Nguyen was named Southern Conference Cross Country Coach of the Year in 2011 after leading both the men’s and women’s teams to conference titles.

Engineers Without Borders UT chapter teams up with Toledo Run or Dye to raise funds for Honduras work

By Casey Cheap

The UT chapter of Engineers Without Borders has partnered with Toledo Run or Dye, a 5K run that will be held Saturday, Aug. 10, at 9 a.m. to raise funds.

The student organization’s goal is to raise \$67,700 for its pedestrian bridge project in Los Sanchez, Honduras, as a part of an ongoing relationship with the community. The group has raised \$21,000 so far, according to Katie Burns, sponsorship chair of the UT chapter of Engineers Without Borders.

“We don’t have specific funding,” Burns said. “We rely on grants from corporations, nonprofits, individual donations and support from local engineering firms.”

In 2009, the UT chapter helped the Los Sanchez community find a sustainable solution to the lack of access to potable water. The problem was solved with a gravity-fed water distribution system that was designed and implemented so that each household in the community would have a tap.

After the water distribution system was installed, the community approached the UT chapter about building a bridge so the Rio Buscagua can be crossed safely during the rainy season.

The UT chapter of Engineers Without Borders consists of around 40 members, both undergraduate and graduate



students, and adviser Dr. Yongwoo Seo, associate professor of civil engineering. Three students and the technical mentor will travel to Honduras for the next trip in August.

The bridge will be completed in three stages scheduled to take place in August, December and spring break 2014. Once the land survey is finished, the concrete abutments will be placed, followed by the cables and decking materials.

“We are building it so the wood decking can be replaced at any time,” Burns said. “We want to make it economically sustainable for the community to maintain.”

The bulk of funds raised will be used for concrete and rebar, Burns said.

Those who register for the Toledo Run or Dye and use the special registration code will receive a \$5 discount, which will go directly to the UT chapter of Engineers Without Borders for its fundraising efforts.

Anyone interested in registering for the Toledo Run or Dye can go to runordye.com and enter the code “RODEWBUT5.”

Those looking to donate to Engineers Without Borders can do so at www.ewbutoledo.com/donate.

Artist fired up about colorful clay jewelry

By Samantha Watson

Kimberly Arden can't remember a time in her life when she wasn't creating something.

"I have to create, it doesn't matter where I am," Arden said. "I've always been this way; that's how I'm wired."



ART WEAR: Kimberly Arden models some of the jewelry she makes from clay and sterling silver.

Arden, of Temperance, Mich., recalls selling arts and crafts on her father's card table when she was a kid, making everything from coasters to jewelry. Whenever she made something she was particularly proud of, she would give it as a gift to her mother, who was an artist.

Arden's specialty these days is jewelry, which she will showcase at The University of Toledo's Art on the Mall Sunday, July 28. Her jewelry features beads and medallions made from polymer clay, a medium she's worked with for 25 years.

Polymer clay comes in a large variety of colors and can be cured with the use of an ordinary oven. Arden uses this clay in her creations by designing canes — large chunks of clay with designs of flower petals, leaves, etc.

Arden then squeezes the ends of these canes to reduce the design and make it more intricate. She then slices off small pieces and uses the individual leaves and petals to create tiny pieces of art, which are assembled to make jewelry, including necklaces, bracelets and earrings.

Because of this technique, colors are actually baked into the jewelry, making the pieces more resistant to scratches or fading than if they were painted. Arden uses sterling silver to complete her pieces, creating jewelry both affordable and fine.

This week, Arden will be replenishing her stock of handmade jewelry, having sold



Photos by Samantha Watson

COLORFUL CREATIONS: Kimberly Arden fabricates canes from polymer clay to make jewelry.

many of her pieces at the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair, one of the largest art fairs in the country with more than 1,000 artists.

"I love the fact that I'm coming out of Ann Arbor with a week to go before Art on the Mall because there are so many people there that know me," Arden said. "They're

going to want to see what's new, and I'm going to have to pull it out of my hat."

Take a close look at her work at kimberlyarden.com.

Art on the Mall will take place Sunday, July 28, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Centennial Mall on UT's Main Campus.



CENTER STAGE: Joel Tse, UT flute instructor and principal flute with the Toledo Symphony Orchestra, taught a Flute Workshop last month in the Center for Performing Arts. Students learned breathing, technique, rhythm and music theory during the six-day session.

Photo by Daniel Miller

Honors College faculty member teaches in Germany

By Casey Cheap

Dr. Barbara A. Mann, assistant professor of humanities in the UT Jesup W. Scott Honors College, recently returned from an international lectureship at the University of Duisburg-Essen in Germany.



Mann

Mann's engagement at the university came through its Anglophone Studies Department, which offers degrees in English

literatures, primarily in British and American literature and history.

The graduate students in Anglophone studies are required to speak, read and write fluently in English through immersion training and attend lectures on American literature, culture and history taught by an American professor. Students also engage verbally with the visiting faculty member and write papers on the material for their own faculty.

Mann gave three lectures. The first lecture, "Discussion on Recent Trends in Native-American Studies," focused on the Doctrine of Discovery, which, under a series of 15th-century Vatican papal bulls, justified the European powers' invasion and seizure of the Americas.

In "Native-American Studies: Indigenous Focuses, Methods and Concepts," Mann discussed the cultural distinctions between European thought, which tends to be linear and works from a

base number of one, and traditional Native-American thought, which is binary and works from a complex twinship principle with a base cultural number of two.

In "The Art and Politics of the Harlem Renaissance," Duisburg-Essen's Anglophone graduate students received historical context on and examples of artistic expressions of authors, artists and performers of that cultural movement of the 1920s.

Mann was invited to be the guest lecturer by Dr. Barbara Buchenau, chair of North American Cultural Studies at the University of Duisburg-Essen. She heard Mann speak at a conference about 16 years ago and was so impressed that "she kept up on all my research thereafter," Mann said.

When Buchenau received her funding as the departmental chair to bring in an international speaker for 2013, she told Mann that she instantly thought of her.

Mann did not experience culture shock upon arrival because she had lived in Germany in the late 1960s. However, she was taken aback by just how well her work was known to those in the Anglophone Studies Program.

"Finding all my books in the university library system was humbling," Mann said. "The students had prior knowledge of who I was."

Mann said she is looking into bringing a speaker from the University of Duisburg-Essen to the UT Jesup W. Scott Honors College in the future for an ongoing, international research exchange and to forge a teaching relationship between the two universities.

Author of psychiatric service dog book to hold free seminars at UT July 27, Aug. 10

By Casey Cheap

Two trainings focusing on therapeutic aspects of the human-animal bond will bring Jane Miller, a clinical social worker and certified dog behavioral consultant, to The University of Toledo.

Miller, the author of *Healing Companions*, one of few books published on psychiatric service dogs in the country, will provide trainings Saturday, July 27, and Saturday, Aug. 10. Both events will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Student Union Auditorium on Main Campus.

The July 27 session is titled "Animal-Assisted Therapy in Social Work Practice: An Overview," and the Aug. 10 session will be "Psychiatric Service Dogs and Emotional Support Pets in Social Work Practice."

"There is an increasing demand for psychiatric service dogs," said Dr. Janet Hoy, assistant professor in the UT Department of Criminal Justice and Social Work. "There are many more people requesting psychiatric service dogs than there are people knowledgeable to train them."

The trainings are open to all majors and backgrounds, and social workers can earn up to six continuing education credits toward the biennial 30-credit requirement for licensure renewal.

Miller's book promotes awareness of health benefits in the human-animal bond, and how psychiatric service dogs have helped people with post-traumatic stress disorder, bipolar disorder and mental illnesses that cause flashbacks.



Miller and dogs

"The dogs can be trained to recognize when a person is having a flashback," Hoy said. "They can be trained to interrupt that process and help ground the person — bring him or her back to the present moment — by putting a paw on them or nuzzling against the person experiencing a flashback."

Other examples of tasks psychiatric service dogs can be trained to do include but are not limited to doing an "all clear" check of an empty house; turning on lights in a dark home; bringing medications to a person; and providing a "buffer zone" while out in public for people who have a fear of being attacked from behind.

There is no cost to attend the seminars, which are being jointly sponsored by the UT Social Work Program and Student Social Work Organization.

Those interested in attending the trainings can register by sending an email to angela.campbell@utoledo.edu.



CHANGING LANDSCAPE:

Demolition crews recently razed Dowd, Nash and White halls on Main Campus. To continue to honor the former UT presidents for which the residence halls were named, the Crossings has been renamed Presidents Hall, with each wing recalling the individual leaders: third UT President John Worthington Dowd, seventh president Philip Curtis Nash and eighth President Wilbur Wallace White, as well as 15th President Daniel M. Johnson. University officials are reviewing redevelopment opportunities for the site.

Photo by Daniel Miller

UT to host Ohio Diversity Officers Collaboration conference July 26

By Casey Cheap

The fifth annual Ohio Diversity Officers Collaboration Diversity Conference will be held Friday, July 26, in the Student Union.

The theme of the conference is “Building Affinity Groups: How to Engage Students, Alumni and Employees in the Diversity Conversation.”

The conference will take place from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Student Union Ingman Room, with lunch served in Student Union Room 2592 at noon.

There also will be a reception Thursday, July 25, at 6 p.m. at The Hotel at the UT Medical Center.

Dr. Scott Scarborough, provost and executive vice president for academic affairs, will give opening remarks at 9 a.m.

Dr. Cynthia Jackson Hammond, president of Central State University, will speak before lunch, and Phillip Berry, the executive director of the Association of Diversity Councils, will speak in the afternoon.

Hammond is the former provost and vice president for academic affairs at Coppin State University in Baltimore and a tenured faculty member at California State University, Dominguez Hills. She began her career in higher education in 1987 as an instructor and coordinator of



developmental reading at the University of Louisiana at Monroe.

Berry is the former vice president of Global Workplace Initiatives and corporate officer for Colgate Palmolive. He was responsible for developing, implementing and evaluating diversity and inclusion strategies at Colgate-Palmolive.

“Hosting the state diversity officers’ conference is a way to share best practices and highlight the great work that so many are doing at UT,” said Dr. Shanda Gore, associate vice president for equity, diversity and community engagement. “I am looking forward to hearing from fellow officers as well as what work diversity councils are doing around the nation.”

Gore is expected to present on UT’s “Building a Culture of Diversity” professional diversity certificate, made available through the Office of Equity, Diversity and Community Engagement and the UT College of Business and Innovation’s Office of Quality and Continuous Learning.

Registration for the conference is \$25 and is due by Tuesday, July 23. Register at <https://commerce.cashnet.com/uaie>.

Rocky’s Technology Center to offer devices to UT community

By Tobin J. Klinger

Apple enthusiasts and gamers soon will have an on-campus location to scope out the latest gadgets and games thanks to a new retail outlet in the Student Union.

Renovations are under way in the former bookstore space, and in approximately 30 days, the University will be home to Rocky’s Technology Central. The retailer will feature Apple products, personal computers, games, gaming systems and a variety of related items.

“We are hoping to create a one-stop shop for all members of the UT family,” said Joy Seifert, director of auxiliary services. “Whether you’re a MAC user, an avid gamer or in need of a new personal computer, we’ll be able to meet your needs.”

The University had been in discussions with Apple for some time leading up to the announcement that such a store would be opening on campus.

“Apple is very particular about who they partner with for this kind of store,” Seifert said. “Those who are fans of the Apple approach will find this space quite appealing.”

In addition to Rocky’s Technology Central, Rocket Wireless will move from Rocket Hall Room 1917 into the newly renovated space.

“Many of our auxiliary operations will now be housed in the Student Union,” Seifert said. “It’s all part of an ongoing effort to provide the highest level of customer service to students, faculty and students.”

In order to shop at Rocky’s Technology Central, a customer must have a valid Rocket Card.

The store will serve as the primary mechanism for ordering University gadgets and computers. Details will be available in conjunction with the store opening in August.

Interim CFO named

UT President Lloyd Jacobs has asked Jen Pastorek, director of supply chain management, to serve as interim chief financial officer and vice president of finance following the retirement of David Dabney earlier this summer.

“Every year this institution spends millions of dollars on supplies and services across its campuses, and Jen’s leadership in managing this dynamic process efficiently and cost-effectively is incredibly impressive,” Jacobs said.

“Jen has earned tremendous respect from the entire University community during her time at UT and is the ideal choice to provide leadership for the finance division and The University of Toledo during the transition as we finalize our search for a senior vice president of finance and administration,” he said.

Jacobs added that during this interim period, no functions will move nor will any organizational chart changes occur.

Pastorek, who started working at UT in 2003, said she was honored to serve as interim CFO.

“I have a lot of affection for this University and the people and students



Pastorek

who make it such a great place to work and learn,” Pastorek said. “There is a great team of people in the finance division, and we’re going to continue moving this institution forward in the days and weeks ahead.

“There’s no pause button in modern higher education and health care, and I’m excited by what we can do to elevate The University of Toledo,” she said.

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The Lonely Friends take Local Band Challenge to perform at Music Fest

By Casey Cheap

The Lonely Friends, a band formed in 2011 for a high school fundraiser, have won the UT Local Band Challenge to perform at The University of Toledo's Music Fest 2013.

The band, described as "old-school rock with influences of blues and some metal to keep it fresh," was selected from performance videos uploaded to the Music Fest Facebook page July 1-7. Community members voted the next week for the local band they wanted to see perform at Music Fest Friday, Sept. 13, and the majority of votes — more than 8,000 — came for The Lonely Friends.

"I was surprised that we won," said Travis Geiman, the band's guitarist. "We kept posting the competition to Facebook throughout the week and were in the top 10, but we didn't think it would be us. Everyone is happy that we won."

The band came up with its name from the game Rock Band. The Lonely Friends was processed one time by the name generator and band mates thought it was kind of funny and have stuck with it ever since.

In addition to Geiman, The Lonely Friends features Michael Barlos on vocals, Anthony Kitts on bass and Nick Duszynski on drums.

The quartet formed in 2011 when Maumee High School needed a group to



The Lonely Friends

play for a marching band fundraiser. Alumni of the school Geiman, Kitts and Duszynski previously had been in the marching band and Barlos in choir, so they gave it a shot, thinking at the time it was temporary.

They are in the process of mixing their first album, which will be released this

summer, Geiman said. The band also has the first few songs finished for a second album.

The Lonely Friends have performed one or two shows per week since the summer started. Music Fest 2013 will be the biggest concert they play to date.

"I hope everyone enjoys Music Fest, and hopefully they take something away

from the music we play and can relate to it in some way," Geiman said.

For more information about Music Fest, visit utoledo.edu/musicfest, and for more about The Lonely Friends, visit facebook.com/TheLonelyFriends.

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