

## UT to honor veterans for service at annual celebration

By Haraz N. Ghanbari

**H**onor, courage and commitment are a few traits that come to mind when thinking of veterans — the men and women who proudly wore the cloth of our nation and answered the call to service.

The eighth annual Veterans Appreciation Breakfast and Resource Fair Monday, Nov. 12, scheduled from 8 to 11:30 a.m. at The University of Toledo's Savage Arena and Veterans' Plaza is an opportunity for camaraderie, education and remembrance.

"This is my first semester here, and having UT host this event is great," said Tim Hagood, a Navy veteran of Afghanistan's Operation Enduring Freedom and a student in the master's program for industrial hygiene. "I hope it brings a greater awareness that there is a huge veteran presence on campus. Having been to Afghanistan for a year, it's a time to share fellowship and remember, and that is why I enjoy sharing the stories."



In partnership with the American Red Cross of Greater Toledo, Block Communications Inc., Lucas County Commissioners and the Lucas County Veterans Service Commission, The University of Toledo is hosting the event,

which is free and open to all veterans and their families.

"The University of Toledo has created a site where remembering can take place and where the deeds of our service men and women can be celebrated and remembered,"

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## Veterans clinic to hold open house Nov. 9

**T**he U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Toledo Community Based Outpatient Clinic will hold an open house Friday, Nov. 9, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at its new location, 1200 South Detroit Ave. on The University of Toledo Health Science Campus.

The 66,000-square-foot facility was built on land purchased from the UT Foundation and replaced the existing clinic located on Glendale Avenue that the Ann Arbor Veterans Integrated Service Network leases from the University.

"The Veterans Affairs Ann Arbor Healthcare System remains committed to veterans in northwest Ohio," said Robert P. McDivitt, director of the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System. "The new Toledo clinic will create a healing community designed to best serve Toledo-area veterans."

The clinic provides opportunities for a closer relationship with the VA and new clinical training experiences for medical student rotations and resident education.

"Care for this nation's veterans is a unique privilege and represents an outstanding educational opportunity for undergraduate and graduate medical education and across the range of health professions," said Dr. Jeffrey P. Gold, chancellor and executive vice president for biosciences and health affairs, and dean of the College of Medicine and Life Sciences. "UT and UTMC are proud to participate in the delivery of their care."

"The ability for our learners to work closely with Veterans Affairs physicians and clinicians only increases the value of a University of Toledo health professional education," Gold said.

The Veterans Affairs Ann Arbor Healthcare System has had a location in

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## Winter weather policy details delay, class suspension procedures

**W**ith the chill of winter just around the corner, employees and students should be aware of inclement weather procedures.

The University of Toledo is a community and a home for many, and ordinary seasonal inclement weather is something all must expect and deal with during winter months.

"Our primary concern is the safety of our students, employees and patients," said Chuck Lehnert, vice president for administration. "With that in mind, our goal is to get the word out on delays or class suspensions as quickly as possible."

In the rare event of a major snow or ice storm or other inclement weather that necessitates UT delaying or suspending classes or campus events, the University will announce this information through several communication vehicles:

- UT Alert text message and email: Sign up for UT Alert at [myut.utoledo.edu](http://myut.utoledo.edu);

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Photo by Daniel Miller

**SOONER OR LATER:** Winter weather is on its way. There are rare occasions when severe winter weather may alter operations at the University.

**See you at the game!  
Check out the men's  
and women's basketball  
previews and schedules —  
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Photos by Paul Hokanson

**MAC CHAMPIONS!** The women's cross country team ran away with its third straight Mid-American Conference Championship Oct. 27 at Beaver Island State Park in Grand Island, N.Y. Eight of the nine Toledo runners earned All-MAC honors, and Dr. John Steinbrecher, commissioner of the conference, left, presented Head Coach Kevin Hadsell with the MAC Coach of the Year award. It was the third straight year and the fifth time in Hadsell's career that he won the honor. The Rockets now have five conference championships in program history. "Our whole game plan coming in here was to validate our ranking and to get as many All-MAC runners as possible," Hadsell said. "This should really set us up nice for the NCAA Regionals." The Rockets will prepare for the NCAA Regional Championships, which will be hosted by Wisconsin Friday, Nov. 9. Toledo will gun for its third straight NCAA Championship bid at the regional meet.

## Veterans clinic

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Toledo since 1978. The new center opened in September and offers veterans expanded services, including mental health, mental health compensation and pension exams, tele-medicine, dermatology, occupational

therapy, physical therapy, ophthalmology and dental care.

Since 1953, the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System has provided state-of-the-art health-care services to the men and women who have proudly served the

nation. Nearly 57,000 veterans living in a 15-county area of Michigan and northwest Ohio utilized the system in fiscal year 2011. The Ann Arbor Medical Center also serves as a referral center for specialty care.



Photo by Daniel Miller

**NOW SERVING:** The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Toledo Community Based Outpatient Clinic opened in September on Health Science Campus.

## Veterans

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said Army veteran Vern Snyder, UT vice president for institutional advancement. "Most importantly, this location can serve as a reminder to generations of students of the price some have paid for the freedoms they enjoy."

Following breakfast, Lucas County Commissioner Tina Skeldon Wozniak, Toledo Mayor Mike Bell and State Rep. Teresa Fedor are scheduled to deliver brief remarks. Air Force Col. Steven S. Nordhaus, commander of the 180th Fighter Wing, Ohio Air National Guard, located at Toledo Express Airport, is scheduled to deliver the keynote address.

Transportation will be provided from Savage Arena to the Veterans' Plaza located on Main Campus starting at 10:30 a.m., with welcoming and keynote remarks from UT student and Army veteran Robert Roether and UT Army ROTC Battalion Commander Joshua Fletcher.

Marine Corps Master Sgt. Steven Kosinski is scheduled to lead the remembrance ceremony to include bagpipers, a joint services honor guard, Marine League rifle volley and taps.

Free parking is suggested in Areas 3, 5 and 6 near Savage Arena.





UT RECOGNIZES NATIONAL  
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## UT slates events for National Joining Forces Week

As part of a weeklong series of events tied to the National Joining Forces initiative championed by first lady Michelle Obama and Dr. Jill Biden, The University of Toledo will hold several events to bring an awareness to the sacrifices and challenges faced by veterans and how UT is working to help in their transition.

“The University of Toledo is committed to honoring the sacrifices of our veterans and their families,” said Haraz N. Ghanbari, a Navy veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and the University’s military and media liaison. “I encourage our students, staff and faculty as well as members of the community to engage with our veteran population and attend the events we’ve planned.”

Listed by date, the free, public events are:

- Tuesday, Nov. 13** — Dr. Marijo Tamburrino, professor of psychiatry and chair of the UT Department of Psychiatry, is scheduled to discuss some of the preliminary findings she and her colleagues have discovered in a long-term survey of risk and resiliency and post-traumatic stress disorder among Ohio Army National Guard service members who have served in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan at 10:30 a.m. in Collier Building Room 1210 on Health Science Campus.
- Wednesday, Nov. 14** — Leaders from The University of Toledo and Wright-Patterson Air Force Base are scheduled to give a tour of the UT Interprofessional Immersive Simulation Center at 11 a.m. on the lower level of the Collier Building. The UT and Wright-Patterson partnership will highlight the use of science and research to study the biomarkers for health concerns such as fatigue and stress, improving human performance, strengthening casualty care and more.
- Thursday, Nov. 15** — “Joining Forces in Teaching for Better Care of Veterans,” a panel discussion along with a question-and-answer session featuring Tamburrino, Dr. Thomas Sodeman, professor of medicine and chief of the UT Division of Gastroenterology, and second-year medical student and U.S. Army veteran Robert Roether, is scheduled from noon to 12:30 p.m. in Collier Building Room 1230. The panel discussion will focus on how UT’s College of Medicine and Life Sciences is exploring a change in curriculum to enhance the education of students in relation to veterans. Learn how training future physicians to ask a few simple questions could help better meet the physical and emotional needs of veterans and their families.
- Friday, Nov. 16** — The University of Toledo’s Military Service Center, the main point of contact for students, staff and faculty veterans or those who are still serving, will hold an open house from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in Rocket Hall Room 1529. Stop by to meet the staff, including VA certifying official Cheryl Karnikowski; representatives from the Toledo VET Center, one of eight centers in Ohio that provides a broad range of counseling, outreach and referral services to eligible veterans in order to help them make a satisfying post-war readjustment to civilian life; and Brittany Powers, a social worker from the Department of Veterans Affairs, who regularly meets with student veterans to talk about resources, including VA health care and the new Toledo Community Based Outpatient Clinic located on the Health Science Campus.

## Toledo native, decorated Army soldier to visit UT

By Haraz N. Ghanbari

Stepping off a U.S. Army Blackhawk helicopter during a peacekeeping mission in Bosnia, Toledo native Kevin Zimmerman relied on his faith as he carefully navigated the heavily mined fields to help stabilize and extract nine Swedish soldiers injured by anti-personnel mines.

The highest award a soldier can receive for heroism, the Soldier’s Medal is presented for actions not directly related to combat. Zimmerman and other forces were part of a peacekeeping mission put in motion by the 1995 signed Dayton Peace Accords.

Retiring from the Army in 2000, Zimmerman now works with service members at Fort Sam Houston, while traveling around the country advocating on behalf of veterans and their families.

“Not every city and institution is as proactive as The University of Toledo when it comes to enhancing the veterans programs of the University,” Zimmerman said. “Everywhere you turn now, you hear the phrase ‘support our military,’ but the reality is in some cases, when you go to these cities or institutions, there is not really a big push to advocate for the educational advancement of the service members or their families.”

Zimmerman feels his service helps him identify with other veterans, while providing the opportunity to champion the advancement of education for his fellow service members, veterans and their families. Portions of the proceeds from Zimmerman’s book sales are donated to organizations supporting disabled American veterans, deployed soldiers and their families.

“If your community is not one that has a strong military presence, then that piece of it will fall by the way side,” Zimmerman said. “But still there are service members and families within that community who did make a sacrifice.”



Zimmerman

Hosted by the UT Military Service Center in conjunction with the University’s Military Appreciation Day, Zimmerman is scheduled to share his story before a book signing Tuesday, Nov. 6, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Barnes & Noble bookstore located in the Gateway.

The flight medic’s bravery on multiple occasions during his 1996 deployment, including the rescue of an injured Russian soldier from another mine field, would earn him two Soldier’s Medals and become the basis for his book, *A Time For Everything; The Kevin Zimmerman Story*. Originally published in 1998, Zimmerman released a second edition in January.

## UT Center for Religious Understanding’s Fall Lecture Series

### “West Meets East: A Spiritual Transformation”

by Dr. Peter Feldmeier, UT professor of religious studies and Margaret and Thomas Murray and James J. Bacik Endowed Chair in Catholic Studies

Thursday, Nov. 8, at 7 p.m.

Richard and Jane McQuade Law Center Auditorium

# UT offers first post-baccalaureate doctor of nursing practice degree in Ohio

By Kim Goodin

The University of Toledo's College of Nursing has been approved by the Ohio Board of Regents to offer the first post-baccalaureate doctor of nursing practice degree in the state.

The program is offered to baccalaureate nursing graduates who intend to continue their careers as experts in advanced practice nursing, nursing education and nursing leadership in health-care systems.

UT's first students were admitted for fall semester in August. With a new semester set to begin Jan. 7, UT invites those interested in learning more about its post-baccalaureate nursing programs to a free information session Tuesday, Nov. 13, at 5 p.m. on Health Science Campus.

Dr. Timothy Gaspar, dean of the College of Nursing, said, "The changing demands of this nation's complex health-care environment require the highest level of scientific knowledge and practice expertise to assure quality patient outcomes."

Factors building momentum for change in nursing education at the graduate level, he said, include the rapid expansion of knowledge underlying practice;

increased complexity of patient care; national concerns about the quality of care and patient safety; shortage of nursing personnel, which demands a higher level of preparation for leaders who can design and assess care; shortages of nursing faculty with doctorates; and increasing educational expectations for the preparation of other members of the health-care team.

UT's program is designed for those who have earned baccalaureate degrees in nursing, whether newly graduated or already working in hospitals and other health-care facilities.

After practicing for 16 years as a registered nurse in northwest Ohio, Sue Recker decided the new terrain of health care required additional education. With her children now in college, UT's new program came at an opportune time.

"I've always wanted to pursue higher education in the nursing field," Recker, a full-time nurse educator, said. "Although I still love taking care of patients, the post-baccalaureate doctor of nursing practice degree will open more doors for me as a nurse educator, administrator and leader."

She acknowledges that nursing has changed drastically since she began her career. "With this program, I'll enhance my own abilities for patient care and learn to better educate nurses at the bedside on how to be the most effective caregivers."

As a part-time student, Recker is in class one day per week. The program consists of a combination of campus-based and online courses. The current majors are family nurse practitioner and primary pediatric nurse practitioner. Additional majors are expected to be offered in the future.

Those who complete the post-baccalaureate doctor of nursing practice degree program will be prepared for the following types of positions:

- Advanced practice nursing practice in hospitals and communities;
- Clinical faculty in areas of practice specialization; and
- Leadership positions in health-care organizations and systems.

Graduates also will be eligible for national certification in advanced practice specialty areas.

UT's post-baccalaureate doctor of nursing practice degree program will be administered by the College of Nursing and work in cooperation with the College of Graduate Studies.

Dr. Patricia R. Komuniecki, vice provost for graduate affairs and dean of the College of Graduate Studies, said, "I'm very excited about this new pathway for post-baccalaureate students to earn the doctor of nursing practice degree. This new program, in addition to our other graduate degree programs in nursing here, has clearly established UT as a leader in the preparation of future advanced practice nurses and leaders."

To register for the Nov. 13 information session or for more information about UT's graduate nursing programs, call Kathleen Mitchell, assistant dean of student services, at 419.383.5810 or email [kathleen.mitchell@utoledo.edu](mailto:kathleen.mitchell@utoledo.edu).

## Winter weather policy

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- Web: [utoledo.edu](http://utoledo.edu) and [myut.utoledo.edu](http://myut.utoledo.edu);
- Phone: 419.530.SNOW (7669);
- Social media: UT on Facebook and Twitter; and
- Local media.

Lehnert said UT policy is to remain open whenever possible to minimize interruption of teaching and research. Additionally, he emphasized that UT Medical Center never closes.

Decisions to suspend or delay classes due to weather are based on the conditions of campuses and area roads, and reports from local weather forecasters and local transit authorities. Optimally, suspending announcements occur in three phases, including decisions to suspend morning classes by 6 a.m., afternoon classes by 10 a.m. and evening classes by 3 p.m. This approach provides flexibility should conditions improve.

The suspension of College of Medicine and Life Sciences classes applies only to the

basic science teaching programs. All clinical programs — third- and fourth-year clerkships — are conducted as usual.

In addition to UTMC, other University operations that never cease include the research facility on Health Science Campus, telephone services, the UT Police Department and the Computing Center. Basic services across the University such as food service for students in residence halls, electricity, heat, water, snow removal, and emergency repairs and maintenance also will continue.

The severe weather policy stipulates that Health Science Campus employees who come to work during storms will be paid for hours worked. Hourly employees who fail to report because of inclement weather will be subject to pertaining policies.

Employees deemed essential to the continuation of these functions are determined by management. Questions of status should be directed to supervisory personnel.

Lehnert emphasized that caring for UT Medical Center patients is an essential



UT Photographer Daniel Miller took this snowy shot on Health Science Campus.

component of the University. Even when Lucas, Wood and Fulton counties declare states of emergency, patients depend on UTMC staff to provide university-quality care.

If UT employees are stopped by the police during a state of emergency, they should show their identification badges and explain they are on their way to work. County officials recognize that even during a state of emergency, employees must report to work.

Employees on Main Campus who are deemed essential and must report to work during a snow or ice storm should show their UT identification card if stopped by law enforcement officers.

If a sports contest is scheduled, the Athletic Department, after consultation with University Police, will determine if the event will occur.



# Works by high school artists on display

There's still time to see The University of Toledo's "Focus 2012" art exhibition that features pieces from 23 northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan high schools.

The juried art exhibition is on display in the Center for the Visual Arts Gallery on UT's Toledo Museum of Art Campus Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The free, public exhibit will be up through Sunday, Nov. 11, when an awards ceremony will be held at 1 p.m.

For more information, call the UT Department of Art at 419.530.8300.



"Purpura" by Rachael Schreiner, Bryan High School



"Toadally Broken" by Katelyn Meyers, Sylvania Northview High School



"Raid" by Anna Varner, Whitmer High School



"Silhouette" by Hailey Altman, Napoleon High School



Untitled work by Ryan Keel, Whitmer High School



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FRI.	NOV. 9	NORTHWESTERN OHIO (EXH.)	SAVAGE ARENA	7:00 P.M. (CT)
FRI.	NOV. 12	AT LOUISIANA (IL)	CHICAGO, IL	7:00 P.M. (CT)
MON.	NOV. 14	AT MINNESOTA	MINNEAPOLIS, MN	7:00 P.M. (CT)
WED.	NOV. 21	AT NORTHWEST IOWA	DESAR FALLS, IA	4:30 P.M.
WED.	NOV. 22	AT FLORIDA GULF COAST/ALCON STATE	PORT MYERS, FL	4:30/7:00 P.M.
THUR.	NOV. 28	TEXAS A&M/CORPUS CHRISTI	SAVAGE ARENA	7:00 P.M.
SAT.	DEC. 1	AT CLEVELAND STATE	CLEVELAND, OH	2:00 P.M.
WED.	DEC. 5	AT DETROIT	DETROIT, MI	6:00 P.M. (CT)
SAT.	DEC. 8	AT CENTRAL ILLINOIS	CHARLESTON, IL	7:00 P.M.
TUE.	DEC. 18	SIENA HEIGHTS (EXH.)	SAVAGE ARENA	2:00 P.M.
SAT.	DEC. 29	UIO	SAVAGE ARENA	2:00 P.M.
SAT.	DEC. 31	CHICAGO STATE	CHICAGO, IL	2:00 P.M.
MON.	JAN. 9	AT KENT STATE	KENT, OH	7:00 P.M.
WED.	JAN. 12	CENTRAL MICHIGAN*	SAVAGE ARENA	7:00 P.M.

## Rocket men's basketball team picked to win MAC's West Division

By Steve Easton

The Toledo men's basketball team was tabbed to win the West Division in the 2012-13 Mid-American Conference Men's Basketball Preseason Poll released last week.

The poll was determined by a 24-member MAC News Media Panel.

Toledo received 20 first-place votes and 143 points, while Ohio was selected as the East Division winner with 19 first-place votes and 141 points. The Bobcats also garnered 18 votes to win the FirstEnergy MAC Men's Basketball Tournament with Akron receiving six votes.

Head Coach Tod Kowalczyk is entering his third season at UT's helm and

orchestrated a dramatic turnaround in the 2011-12 campaign. The Rockets registered the second-largest turnaround in NCAA Division I Basketball last year by compiling a 19-17 win-loss mark and advancing to post-season play for the first time in five years.

UT returns its entire starting lineup, including second-team All-MAC honoree and junior Rian Pearson (16.4 points per game, 8.3 rebounds per game) and 2011-12 MAC Freshman of the Year Julius Brown (11.9 points per game, 4.9 assists per game), who were named to the West Division preseason All-MAC squad.

Following UT in the West Division was defending champ Eastern Michigan (118 points, 4 first-place votes), Western Michigan (88 points), Ball State (74 points), Northern Illinois (46 points) and Central Michigan (35 points).

Joining Pearson and Brown on the West Division squad were Ball State's Jesse Berry, Northern Illinois' Abdel Nader and Western Michigan's Nate Hutcheson.

Reigning regular-season champion Akron was picked second behind Ohio in the East (122 points, 5 first-place votes) followed by Kent State (89 points), Buffalo (68 points), Bowling Green (53 points) and Miami (31 points).

The East Division squad is comprised of Ohio's D.J. Cooper and Walter Offutt, Buffalo's Javon McCrea, Akron's Zeke Marshall and Bowling Green's A'uston Calhoun.

Toledo will tip off its regular season by playing three road games over a six-day span beginning Friday, Nov. 9, at Horizon League member Loyola in Illinois. UT then will visit Big Ten foe Minnesota Monday, Nov. 12, before heading to Missouri Valley Conference member Northern Iowa Wednesday, Nov. 14.

## Toledo women's basketball picked to capture MAC West Division again

By Brian DeBenedictis

Toledo is truly the media darling of the Mid-American Conference. The Rockets have been tabbed as the favorite to win the 2012-13 MAC West Division for a fourth consecutive season, according to a vote of members of the league's media contingent as well as the conference's 12 head women's basketball coaches.

Additionally, senior Naama Shafir, senior Yolanda Richardson and junior Andola Dortch were selected to the Preseason All-MAC West Division squad. Shafir becomes the first player in league history to earn preseason honors for a fourth consecutive year, while Richardson and Dortch are first-time recipients.

Joining Shafir, Richardson and Dortch on the West Division squad were Central Michigan's Crystal Bradford and Eastern Michigan's Natachia Watkins.

Since the MAC switched to divisional play for the 1997-98 season, UT has been picked to capture the West Division crown eight times. Tabbed to finish second in the West is Central Michigan, followed by Eastern Michigan, Northern Illinois, Western Michigan and Ball State.

UT also received 16 votes to win the postseason tournament, while CMU captured 12 votes and Bowling Green had two tallies. The winner of the MAC Tournament receives an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

Toledo welcomes back 11 letterwinners, including four starters, from last year's squad that finished with a 24-10 overall record. The midnight blue and gold captured a share of a third consecutive MAC West Division crown with a 13-3 league ledger. In total, the Rockets welcome back 69.8 percent of

their scoring, 75.5 percent of their rebounding, 71.1 percent of their assists, 87.6 percent of their blocked shots and 69.8 percent of their steals. With a number of key components returning, Toledo seeks a return to the "Big Dance" for the first time since 2001.

Miami was picked to win the East Division, followed by BGSU, Akron, Ohio, Kent State and Buffalo.

The East Division squad is comprised of Akron's Rachael Tecca, Bowling Green's Alexis Rogers and Chrissy Steffen, and Miami's Courtney Osborn and Kirsten Olowinski.

The Rockets will open their season against Arkansas State Friday, Nov. 9, at 7 p.m. in Savage Arena.

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2012-13 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
THUR.	NOV. 8	WAYNE STATE (EXH.)	SAVAGE ARENA	8:00 P.M.
FRI.	NOV. 9	ARKANSAS STATE	SAVAGE ARENA	7:00 P.M.
WED.	NOV. 14	AT DAYTON	DAYTON, OH	7:00 P.M.
FRI.	NOV. 20	AT GEORGINA STATE	FORT GEORGE, GA	7:00 P.M. (PT)
WED.	NOV. 23	VS. SANTA CLARA	RENO, NV	4:00 P.M. (PT)
SAT.	NOV. 24	VS. CLEVELAND STATE/NEVADA	RENO, NV	8:00/4:30 P.M. (PT)
MON.	DEC. 1	SIU EDWARDSVILLE	SAVAGE ARENA	8:00 P.M.
MON.	DEC. 8	SOUTHERN. BONAVENTURE*	SAVAGE ARENA	8:00 P.M.
THUR.	DEC. 20	MILWAUKEE	MILWAUKEE, WI	8:00 P.M.
FRI.	DEC. 15	AT MARQUETTE	MARQUETTE, MI	7:00 P.M. (CT)
THUR.	DEC. 20	EVANSTON	SAVAGE ARENA	7:00 P.M.
FRI.	DEC. 21	PRairie View A&M/HAMPTON	ATLANTA, GA	4:00 P.M.
MON.	DEC. 28	VS. CHARLOTTE	CHARLOTTE, NC	4:00 P.M.
MON.	DEC. 30	VS. MISSISSIPPI VALLEY ST./GEORGIA ST.	ATLANTA, GA	2:00/4:00 P.M.
THUR.	JAN. 10	CENTRAL MICHIGAN*	SAVAGE ARENA	7:00 P.M.
WED.	JAN. 13	AT BOWLING GREEN*	BOWLING GREEN, OH	2:00 P.M.
WED.	JAN. 16	AT EASTERN MICHIGAN*	YPSICANTI, MI	7:00 P.M.
WED.	JAN. 18	BUFFALO*	BUFFALO, NY	8:00 P.M.



## Phi Kappa Phi Scholar to speak about Steinbeck book

Dr. Tom Barden, who recently was selected as the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi National Scholar for 2012-2014, will talk about his book, *Steinbeck in Vietnam: Dispatches From the War*, Thursday, Nov. 15, at 3 p.m. in the Ward M. Canaday Center for Special Collections in UT's Carlson Library.

Barden, dean of The University of Toledo Honors College, has been on UT's faculty since 1976. He has directed the Honors College since 2006, and also serves as the general editor of The University of Toledo Press.

In addition to his national award from Phi Kappa Phi, Barden has been honored at UT with both the Outstanding Teaching Award and the Outstanding Faculty Research Award. He also received the Edith Rathbun Award for Outstanding Community Outreach and Engagement in 2010.

*Steinbeck in Vietnam* was published earlier this year by the University of Virginia Press. It is the first complete published collection of dispatches Steinbeck wrote as a war correspondent

for Newsday. Between December 1966 and May 1967, Steinbeck reported from the combat areas of South Vietnam, and also traveled to Thailand and Laos, documenting his experience in columns for the newspaper.

"Steinbeck always wanted to be where the action was," Barden said. "Even *The Grapes of Wrath* was based on journalistic fieldwork he did, spending time with and talking to the Okies in California. In World War II, he lived in Army Air Corps barracks with a crew of airmen and published an account of their training and missions titled *Bombs Away*. In the 1950s, he went to the Soviet Union for the U.S. State Department and filed a series of essays. So his going to Vietnam as a reporter wasn't atypical for him."

Barden used collections at four research libraries in order to assemble the columns, which were the last published writings of Steinbeck before his death. Barden has included extensive notes about the writings as well as essays that set the columns within the context of what was

happening in the war and in the United States at the time.

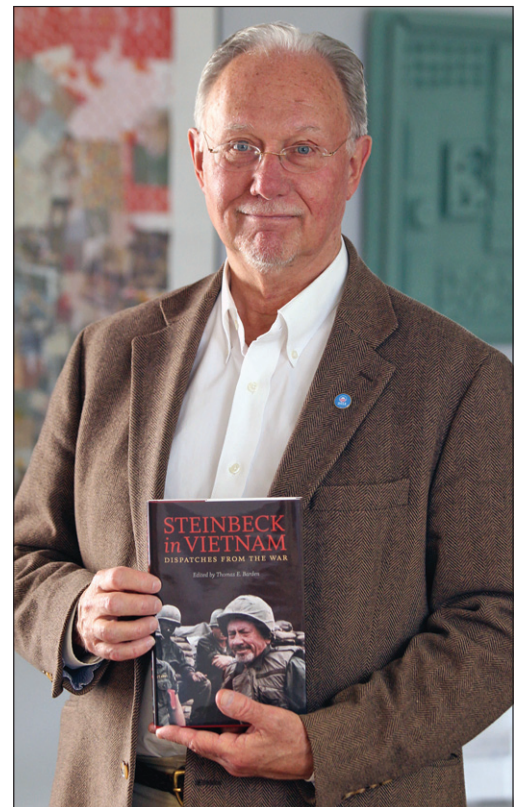
His book has been widely hailed by numerous publications, and was most recently mentioned in The New York Times Book Review. Barden also has been interviewed by National Public Radio about the work.

The Phi Kappa Phi Scholar Award was established in 1974 to recognize excellence in teaching, research and public service. It is awarded every two years by the national honor society. Barden is a member of UT's chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, serves on the executive committee, and is chair of the chapter's scholarship committee.

A reception and book signing will follow Barden's talk, and copies of *Steinbeck in Vietnam* will be available for purchase.

The free, public event is sponsored by the UT Chapter of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi.

For more information, contact Barbara Floyd, director of the Canaday Center, at 419.530.2170.



Barden

## Canines, calculus topic of Nov. 13 lecture

Dr. Tim Pennings will bring his Welsh corgi, Elvis, to discuss "Do Dogs Know Calculus?" Tuesday, Nov. 13, at 7:30 p.m. in Memorial Field House Room 2100.

The mathematician started to ponder that question whenever he would play catch with his dog since a typical calculus problem involves finding the optimal path from one place to another while traversing two different mediums involving variable speeds.

"A standard calculus problem is to find the quickest path from a point on shore to a point in the lake, given that running speed is greater than swimming speed," Pennings said. "Elvis has never had a calculus course. But when we play fetch at Lake Michigan, he appears to choose paths close to the calculus answer."

Pennings will reveal what was found when Elvis' ability was put to the test.

And Elvis will be on hand to field follow-up questions — and a few tennis balls.

You may be able to catch a sneak peek of Elvis on "Nova Science Now" on PBS Wednesday, Nov. 7, at 10 p.m. Pennings said he was told the calculating canine will be featured on that date. Elvis has appeared on the BBC, NPR and FOX.

The free, public talk is sponsored by the UT College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, the UT Mathematics and Statistics Department, Monroe County Community College, and the Pi Mu Epsilon National Mathematics Honor Society, the Ohio Gamma Chapter, which will hold its annual induction ceremony at the start of the event.

"Anyone who is interested in math is welcome to attend," said Dr. Ivie Stein Jr., UT associate professor of mathematics. "It will be a fun and interesting evening."

For more information on the talk, contact Stein at [ivie.stein@utoledo.edu](mailto:ivie.stein@utoledo.edu) or 419.530.2994.



Dr. Tim Pennings and his dog, Elvis







## UT recognized as Phi Kappa Phi Chapter of Merit

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi — the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines — recently recognized The University of Toledo as a Chapter of Merit.

The award is given to chapters that excel in recognizing and promoting academic excellence in all fields of higher education and engaging the community of scholars in service to others.

The Chapter of Merit distinction is a part of the society's chapter recognition program, which acknowledged 73 chapters with recognition this year, including 54 as a Chapter of Merit. UT was among 32 chapters that received chapter recognition in 2011.

"The sharp rise in the number of chapters that have achieved recognition this year is impressive. It shows our chapters aspire to live Phi Kappa Phi's mission to recognize academic excellence, starting on their own campuses," said Dr. Mary Todd, executive director of the society. "Chapter officers are volunteers with a deep commitment to Phi Kappa Phi; they are to be commended for their tireless effort on behalf of students."

By receiving the Chapter of Merit distinction, The University of Toledo chapter is recognized as a thriving organization that meets frequently, holds annual initiations, and applies frequently for Phi Kappa Phi's select scholarships, grants and fellowships.

"We are very grateful to the leadership of past president, Dr. Mohammed Hefzy, which led to our chapter receiving this award for two consecutive years, a first in the history of our chapter," said Wade Lee, associate professor of library administration and chapter president. "The faculty, staff and student officers of our executive

committee have worked hard to maintain an active and engaged chapter, which not only recognizes excellence but reaches out in service to our campus and community, and promotes the involvement of our chapter members through both the national and local Phi Kappa Phi scholarship and award programs."

Chapters achieving the merit distinction receive:

- A commendation letter from the society sent to chapter officers and campus administration;
- Special recognition on the society's website and publications;
- Specially designed logo for use in chapter communications;
- Recognition advertisements in local media and educational journals; and
- \$100 award.

Founded in 1897 at the University of Maine, the society has chapters on more than 300 select colleges and universities in North America and the Philippines.

The UT chapter was founded in 1952. Its roots date back to 1935 with the formation of The University of Toledo Honor Society by four faculty members who were Phi Kappa Phi members. The chapter has more than 360 members on campus.

This is not the only honor accorded to the chapter this year. Dr. Tom Barden, dean of the UT Honors College and a member of the chapter's executive committee, was named the Phi Kappa Phi National Scholar for 2012-2014 at the society's recent national convention.

For more information on Phi Kappa Phi, visit [phikappaphi.org](http://phikappaphi.org). For more information on the UT chapter, go to [pkptoledo.org](http://pkptoledo.org).



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**LAW TALK:** Stephen J. Markman, Michigan Supreme Court Justice and former U.S. attorney, recently gave a talk titled "Myths and Realities of the Judicial Power: Judicial Selection in the Reagan Administration" for the College of Law's Stranahan Lecture in the Richard & Jane McQuade Law Center Auditorium.

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## Pianist to perform recital, hold master class

By Angela Riddel

**M**ary Towse-Beck will be the second guest artist featured in the fall Dorothy MacKenzie Price Piano Series Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 10 and 11.

The pianist will present a master class at 10 a.m. Saturday and a recital at 3 p.m. Sunday. The free, public events will be held in the Center for Performing Arts Recital Hall.

For the recital, Towse-Beck will perform selections by Schubert, Beethoven, Liszt and Rachmaninoff.

The performer operates a nonprofit music program for young musicians and maintains a large private studio in New Hampshire.

Towse-Beck has been a featured artist on NPR in the United States and on Australian national radio, and has performed extensively in

America, Europe and Australia as both a solo and collaborative artist.

She studied at the Eastman School of Music and at Indiana University, where she obtained bachelor's and master's degrees in piano performance.

The Toledo Piano Teachers Association assists with The University of Toledo Dorothy MacKenzie Price Piano Series. The association provides students for the master class, publicity for the class and concert, and refreshments for the reception in the lobby following the concert.

For more information on the series, contact Dr. Michael Boyd, UT professor of music, at michael.boyd@utoledo.edu or 419.530.2183.



Towse-Beck

## Friday Night Lights Program to save energy, utility costs

By Casey Cheap

**T**he University of Toledo is taking another step toward environmental sustainability as turning off unneeded lights becomes a new priority.

Two student organizations, Engineers Without Borders and the Society for Environmental Education, have teamed up with Brooke Mason, UT interim sustainability specialist, to create the Friday Night Lights Program.

Students involved will spend their Friday nights turning out lights on campus that would be left on over the weekend. Because Friday Night Lights is not a student organization but a program between two existing student organizations, those who participate have nothing to sign to make a commitment.

"Students will be gathering in the Student Union every Friday night, buildings will be assigned, and we will have a priorities list," Mason said. "Students will then divide up into small groups with building floor plans, a clipboard and name tags."

Mason said depending on how many students participate each Friday, first covered will be high-priority buildings, and the group will get to as many buildings as

possible from there. It will take students anywhere from 20 to 40 minutes to complete an assigned building.

Pennsylvania State University and Bowling Green State University have similar programs.

"When I was a student at BGSU, I was involved in Friday Night Lights because there were so many lights not being turned off over the weekend and that is why I'm bringing it to UT," Mason said. "This is a good way to kick off the weekend for students who want some service hours."

Energy savings will be monitored and recorded at the end of the semester, according to Mason.

"We can keep track of the meter data. We will run the data and see how much total energy is being saved and how that converts to real monetary savings for the University."

The kickoff for the weekly Friday Night Lights Program will be Friday, Nov. 9, at 5:30 p.m.

Anyone interested can meet in the Student Union Food Court next to KFC and Subway.



Photo by Daniel Miller

**REMEMBERING:** Dr. Maurice Manning, Distinguished University Professor of Biochemistry and Cancer, talked about Paul Block Jr., former publisher of *The Blade*, last week as part of the S. Amjad Hussain Visiting Lecture in the History of Medicine and Surgery. More than 100 people attended the lecture, which was titled "A Confluence of Science, Journalism and Civic Leadership." Manning discussed Block's accomplishments and the significant role he played in the development of Toledo and northwest Ohio, helping to found the Medical College of Ohio. The event was part of the fourth annual lecture created in honor of Hussain, professor emeritus of thoracic and cardiovascular surgery, member of the UT Board of Trustees, and columnist for *The Blade*.



## UT Opera to return with Menotti's 'The Medium'

By Angela Riddel

After nearly 20 years, UT will perform its first full opera, Gian Carlo Menotti's "The Medium," Friday and Saturday, Nov. 9 and 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts Studio Theatre.

The performance called "Murder, Mayhem and The Medium" will open with several macabre opera classics, followed by a brief intermission and then "The Medium" in its entirety. The whole performance will last about 90 minutes.

Dr. Denise Ritter Bernardini, assistant professor of voice and director of the UT Opera program, said the production is a collaborative effort between the departments of Music and Theatre and Film.

Cornel Gabara, associate professor of theatre, will direct the performance. Gabara also is directing the Toledo Symphony Orchestra production of "The Soldier's Tale," and directed the symphony's 2011 Carnegie Hall production of "Every Good Boy Deserves Favour."

Bernardini said she is thrilled that the production is taking place. "In more recent years, the UT Opera ensemble has performed only selections from operas. Since we announced that we were doing a full opera, enrollment in UT Opera has tripled."

She added that much thought went into the decision to perform "The Medium": "I wanted something that was very accessible to the audience, something fun that even people who are new to opera would enjoy, and something that would showcase the talents of our graduate students."

"The Medium" is the story of a crafty and often cruel clairvoyant who finds herself questioning her line of work when one of her séances goes awry and a mysterious experience leads her from suspicion to paranoia and, ultimately, to tragedy.

There is no charge for admission to these performances; a \$10 donation per ticket is requested but not required. Tickets are available at the door, but since seating is limited, it is suggested that they be reserved in advance by calling the UT Department of Music at 419.530.2448. Doors will open at 7 p.m. each night.

The UT Opera will present its inaugural Holiday Opera Gala Sunday, Dec. 16, at 7:30 p.m. in Doermann Theater in University Hall.

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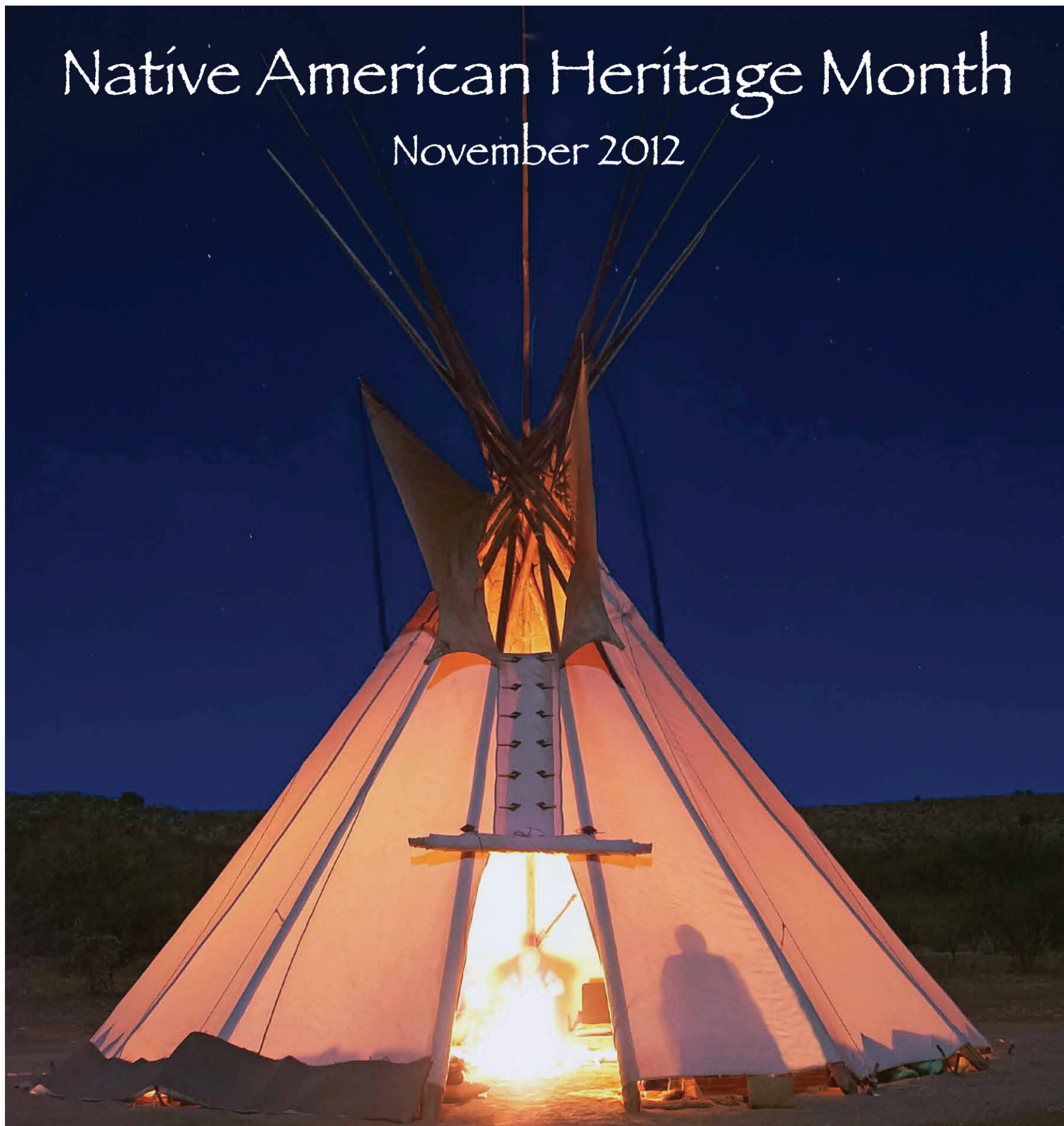
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