UTMC receives national award

**By Samantha Watson**

The University of Toledo Medical Center has received the Press Ganey Success Story Award, thanks in large part to the staff’s hard work and dedication to the patient experience.

“I’m very proud of [the staff],” said Dr. Scott Scarborough, senior vice president and executive director of UT Medical Center. “They have worked diligently, especially during the last two years; to be recognized in this way suggests that what they’re doing is really paying off.”

UTMC was one of only five awardees this year out of the 170 facilities that submitted information about quality improvement initiatives. Press Ganey is the health industry’s recognized leader in health-care performance improvement and works with more than 10,000 health-care organizations and 2,600 hospitals nationwide.

Watch a video highlighting UTMC’s accomplishments at bit.ly/pressganey.

“For the community, it’s important to see that an organization of this kind is committed to treating the patient as an individual and ensuring that they have as positive an experience as they can possibly have,” said Patrick Ryan, chief executive officer of Press Ganey.

The hospital recently has reached a number of milestones, demonstrating the dedication of UTMC to its patients. In June, a celebration was held for the Emergency Department staff because of a significant increase in their patient satisfaction scores. UTMC also was named a 2012 “Leader in LGBT Healthcare Equality” because of its equal treatment of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender patients.

“We still have a long way to go and we’re looking forward to the next level of our work to get there, but it’s nice to have someone recognize you along the way,” Scarborough said. “We still have a lot of work to do to get to where we ultimately want to be.”

According to Scarborough, the hospital now plans to begin a concept called “Team Care,” which will bring physicians, continued on p. 6

UT partners on Discovery Channel Telescope, a game-changer for Department of Physics and Astronomy

**By Tobin J. Klinger**

“We are playing in the major leagues,” observed University of Toledo Trustee Joseph Zerbey during a July 21 visit to the Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Ariz.

Zerbey was part of a delegation of 10 UT faculty, students and administrators who headed out West to sign an agreement making the University a partner in the Discovery Channel Telescope.

UT, Boston University and the University of Maryland have joined a consortium with the Lowell Observatory and the Discovery Channel to conduct scientific research using the 4.3-meter telescope located south of Flagstaff overlooking the Verde Valley. It is the fifth largest telescope in the continental United States.

FIRST GLIMPSE: Dr. J.D. Smith, associate professor of astronomy, viewed Venus last month through a commemorative eyepiece during a tour of the Discovery Channel Telescope facility in Happy Jack, Ariz. The newly constructed 4.3-meter telescope is located south of Flagstaff in a semi-remote area that overlooks the Verde Valley near Sedona.

To view a short video and hear more about The University of Toledo’s role with the Discovery Channel Telescope, scan here or visit utoledo.edu/dct.

State higher education leaders pick UT to unveil innovation recommendations

**By Jon Strunk**

UT President Lloyd Jacobs will welcome Jim Petro, Ohio’s chancellor of higher education, and Vinny Gupta, a member of the Ohio Board of Regents and chair of the Ohio Commercialization Task Force, to the University to discuss the task force’s recommendations for the best ways to link higher education with economic success for the state.

The presentation — the first of what will be a tour of universities across the state by Petro and Gupta — will take place Wednesday, Aug. 22, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in Doermann Theater, located on the third floor of University Hall.

Petro, Jacobs and Gupta will speak to the important role higher education has in fostering innovation and continued on p. 9
President names recommendation for provost

By Meghan Cunningham

President Lloyd Jacobs will recommend to the UT Board of Trustees that Dr. Scott Scarborough be appointed provost and executive vice president for academic affairs.

Scarborough most recently served as the senior vice president and executive director of UT Medical Center.

“I believe he will not only bring this knowledge to bear, but also his passion, dedication, expertise and versatility — leadership traits which he has demonstrated most effectively during his short, yet highly successful time leading UTMC,” Jacobs said in a letter to the University community.

The president also extended his appreciation to the University community for participation in the provost search process.

“Over the course of our search, Scott met with many constituent groups, whose feedback proved critical to his selection. He received consistent accolades for his commitment to putting students first and focusing on providing a UT experience inside and outside the classroom,” Jacobs said. “It is this philosophy that I believe will be a hallmark of tenure as our chief academic officer.”

Scarborough has been with UT since 2007 when he accepted the position of senior vice president for finance and administration. He has been overseeing UT Medical Center since May 2010. Scarborough joined UT from DePaul University and prior to that, he worked for the University of Texas System for 10 years.

“The University of Toledo faculty represent the core of this institution’s teaching and research mission, and I am excited by the opportunity to learn and to provide leadership that will enable them to be successful,” Scarborough said. “If approved by the Board of Trustees, the relationships and friendships I have established during my time at the University will be invaluable in this new position. I would like to thank Dr. Jacobs for his confidence in me and the team of thousands that comprise the academic mission of the University.”

Scarborough received his PhD in strategic management from the University of Texas at Arlington, and holds an MBA from the University of Texas at Tyler and an accounting degree from the University of Texas at Austin.

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees will consider the president’s recommendation Tuesday, Aug. 28. If approved, the appointment would go before the full board during its next regularly scheduled meeting Monday, Sept. 17.

Nobel Prize in Chemistry winner to speak Aug. 27

Dr. Ei-ichi Negishi, winner of the 2010 Nobel Prize in Chemistry, will visit The University of Toledo to discuss his research Monday, Aug. 27.

His talk, which is part of the Frontiers in Chemistry Seminar Series, will take place at 4 p.m. in Memorial Field House Room 2100.

Negishi pioneered metal-based reactions called palladium-catalyzed cross-coupling that allow for efficient synthesis of complex organic compounds.

This more precise method for coupling two carbon-containing fragments is used for synthesizing a wide array of chemicals used in medicine, agriculture and electronics.

For that work, Negishi shared the 2010 Nobel Prize in Chemistry with Dr. Richard Heck of the University of Delaware and Dr. Akira Suzuki from Hokkaido University in Sapporo, Japan.

Their methods are widely used in industry and research in a variety of applications, including pharmaceuticals that work on drug-resistant bacteria; agricultural chemicals that protect crops from fungi; and electronic light-emitting diodes used to produce ultra-thin monitors.

“Transition metals can help us synthesize a wide variety of organic compounds we need in high yields efficiently, selectively,

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ROCKET MAN: Women’s Soccer Coach Brad Evans, shown here with the Rocket flag atop Edinburgh Castle while in the United Kingdom to watch UT senior Natalia Gaitan play for Colombia at the Summer Olympics, signed a contract extension through 2016. Evans, who is about to embark on his 12th season at UT, has led the program to a 118-82-24 overall record and a 69-43-12 league mark. He has guided the Rockets to unparalleled success, culminated by three Mid-American Conference regular-season championships (2008, ’10, ’11), two West Division titles (2010, ’11), and a league-record four tourney titles (2006, ’07, ’08, ’11). The two-time reigning MAC Coach of the Year has taken the Rockets to a league-best four NCAA Championships appearances (2006, ’07, ’08, ’11). Toledo’s conference record over the last five seasons under Evans is 41-10-4 (.782), best in the league. In the classroom, the Rockets have been equally as successful. Toledo players have been selected first-team Academic All-MAC 23 times in his tenure, Academic All-District on five occasions and Academic All-America once. Under his tutelage, UT has posted team grade point averages above 3.0 each of the last 23 semesters.

Photo by Daniel Miller
Ohio governor appoints UT senior student trustee

By Samantha Watson

A University of Toledo senior heavily involved on campus, Brittney Brown now will be providing a student perspective to the UT Board of Trustees.


“I’m excited to meet new people, work with people directly at the top, make those networking connections, and hopefully make a difference,” Brown said.

Student trustees are essential to the board because they offer insight from a student perspective, Brown said. They sit on one committee and are welcome to attend all committee meetings they wish to attend.

“As student members, we don’t have a vote but we have a voice,” Brown said. “The board really values our opinions.”

Brown will serve on the finance committee, which she feels will be useful to her professional career since she is a double major in accounting and marketing.

Brown serves as a University Ambassador and works in the Office of Student Involvement. In fact, the program manager in the Office of Student Involvement, Jessica Spradley, encouraged her to apply for the student trustee position.

For the 2012-13 academic year, Brown will work with fellow student trustee Josh Beekman, who has been in the position for a year. Each student trustee works for a period of two years, with a new student appointed annually so that one veteran student works with one new student.

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States and one of the most technologically advanced.

Described by Dr. Michael Cushing, assistant professor of astronomy and director of the Ritter Planetarium, as the “Swiss Army knife” of telescopes, the Discovery Channel Telescope poses tremendous opportunities for UT researchers.

“The beauty of the Discovery Channel Telescope is that the instrument bay on the back has a little flip mirror that you can turn to any instrument you want in 30 seconds,” Cushing said. “We have a lot of flexibility in the ability to change instruments.”

“It’s a huge step forward for the group,” said Dr. Karen Bjorkman, dean of the College of Life Sciences and Mathematics, and Distinguished University Professor of Astronomy. “As astronomers, we typically have to apply for time. We have to compete with other astronomers. With access to the Discovery Channel Telescope as a science partner, we’ll be able to know that we’ll have access to this telescope over a longer period. People can plan long-term science projects that will be much more interesting and much larger in scope than what they’ve been able to do.”

Coupled with the recent installation of a new, state-of-the-art projector in Ritter Planetarium and ongoing research success among astronomy faculty, University leaders felt that the investment in the telescope consortium was a natural fit.

“We’re a modest group with eight faculty in astronomy,” said Dr. J.D. Smith, associate professor of astronomy. “But in many ways, we have been a group that is on the move. We are incredibly accomplished, particularly with space-based astronomy.”

“Sometimes the stars align to create a situation where you have all the elements for greatness, and I think that has happened here,” said Dr. William McMillen, provost and executive vice president for academic affairs.

The Discovery Channel Telescope already has released its first images, and UT faculty hope to begin using the telescope to advance research this spring.

Meanwhile, the Discovery Channel is preparing to debut a documentary about the project; “Scanning the Skies: The Discovery Channel Telescope” will air Sunday, Sept. 9, at 7 p.m.

CELEBRATING UTMC’S NATIONAL RANKING: Doug Collins, director of facilities and grounds services, helped serve lunch Friday to Dawn Wichmann, director of health information technology and health-care informatics, during the “All Hands on Deck” celebration. The event for UT Medical Center employees, physicians and volunteers was in recognition of being nationally ranked as a U.S. News & World Report Best Hospital in eight different specialties.

A SYMBOL OF PARTNERSHIP: Dr. Karen Bjorkman, dean of the College of Life Sciences and Mathematics, and Distinguished University Professor of Astronomy, showed off the commemorative Discovery Channel Telescope. She was part of the delegation that visited the Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff for a partnership signing ceremony in July.
Faculty research databases have many benefits

By Samantha Watson

The University of Toledo encourages researchers to enter their projects and grants into two databases to promote interdisciplinary collaborations and provide access to more grant-funding opportunities.

The University uses the funding opportunity database InfoEd SPINPlus Global Suite and is in the process of developing UTED, which stands for University of Toledo Expertise Database, focused only on UT research.

In order for the databases to be productive and efficient, it is important that faculty members use these resources to enter their information, said Dr. Debra Gmerek, UT associate dean of research for the College of Medicine and Life Sciences, and director of the Jacobson Center for Clinical and Translational Research.

“These databases can help our faculty find other researchers who share their interests and collaborators who have a needed expertise. Its usefulness, however, relies on the data it contains,” Gmerek said. “We therefore encourage faculty to input their research interests and expertise.”

InfoEd SPINPlus Global Suite is a top-notch funding opportunities database with more than 40,000 opportunities from more than 10,000 global sponsors. It also lists the expertise of many different researchers throughout the world.

“We were interested in having a robust database of funding opportunities available for faculty and contacted InfoEd International,” said Dr. Elsa Nadler, UT director of grants development, who helped get this service for UT. “The service this company offers is comprehensive and reasonably priced. We think the UT community will benefit greatly from this new service.”

The InfoEd database is comprised of three separate and cooperative parts: SPIN, a funding database that allows for grant searches; GENIUS, an expertise database; and SMARTS, which is a system that delivers highly relevant, targeted and perfectly matched new sponsored programs to users.

To access the InfoEd system, which is open to all faculty, staff and students, visit http://utoledo.de/infiedo. The website also has directions for faculty members to create their individual profiles.

The instructions are designed for ease of use, but if academic departments would prefer to schedule group training, contact the UT Research and Sponsored Programs Office at 419.530.2844 or 419.383.4252.

The UT Expertise Database currently includes information for faculty in the College of Medicine and Life Sciences, College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, and College of Engineering.

Faculty from these three colleges automatically should have their name and contact information in the system. The individuals then need to log in and update their profiles, which typically takes less than 15 minutes, Gmerek said.

All faculty, staff and students with a UTAD username and password can access the database at uted.utoledo.edu.

This database was created two years ago with support from Information Technology and Research and Sponsored Programs, and is an easy-to-use search engine that allows the user to find faculty members from these three colleges based on their interests or expertise. It also allows the user to see what grants a faculty member has received and provides contact information.

This database is small and fairly new, but UT hopes to include more of the colleges in the future, Gmerek said.

To access the InfoEd system, which is open to all, go to uted.utoledo.edu.

Online instructional design team receives research grant

The UT online instructional design team has been awarded a $4,000 research grant to examine gaps between student perceptions of quality in online courses and the views held by Quality Matters-certified peer reviewers.

Dr. Peter You, UT online director of faculty support, is serving as the project lead.

“Although Quality Matters peer reviewers are asked to take a student’s point of view when reviewing online courses, there might still be a gap between the perceptions of reviewers and the students who take an online course,” he said. “Therefore, it is necessary to collect feedback from students about course design.

“The results of this study will enable Quality Matters reviewers to identify the gap between the Quality Matters reviewers’ and student’s perspectives, and enable us to better understand students’ perspectives. The results also can be used for course revisions. The study also can be replicated in other institutions where Quality Matters is being implemented.”

Quality Matters is a faculty-centered, peer review process that is designed to certify the quality of online and blended courses. There are more than 500 institutions affiliated with the Quality Matters program, and Ohio has the largest statewide consortium with 58 member institutions.

The University of Toledo became a member of the Ohio Learning Network’s Ohio Quality Matters Consortium in spring 2011.

Quality Matters developed a researched-based rubric or standard of performance for evaluating and improving online and blended courses. Formatted to evaluate course design only and not course delivery or content, the rubric consists of eight broad categories broken down into 40 individual standards. These 40 standards can be used in a variety of ways ranging from providing guidelines for course development to the evaluation and certification of courses either through an internal or external review process.

UT online instructional designers are certified by Quality Matters to evaluate the setup of online and blended courses at the University, as well as Quality Matters subscriber institutions nationwide. Instructional designers use Quality Matters metrics to evaluate and improve online and blended course design in collaboration with faculty.

Faculty who are interested in learning more about the role of Quality Matters in online and blended course design may contact reter.you@utoledo.edu.

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The University of Toledo to discuss his research with the faculty and students in the Chemistry Department,” said Dr. Ron Viola, Distinguished University Professor and chair of chemistry.

After graduating from the University of Tokyo, Negishi came to America to work on his doctorate. While studying at the University of Pennsylvania, he met Dr. Herbert Brown, professor of chemistry at Purdue University and a trailblazer in synthetic organic chemistry.

In 1966, Negishi went to West Lafayette, Ind., to work with Brown at Purdue as a postdoctoral researcher. He then was a faculty member at Syracuse University for eight years.

Negishi joined the Purdue faculty in 1979 — the same year Brown received the Nobel Prize in Chemistry. In 1999, he was named the inaugural Herbert C. Brown Distinguished Professor of Chemistry, a title he still holds. He also is the Teijin Limited Director of the Negishi-Brown Institute.

For more information on the free, public talk, contact Dr. Kana Yamamoto, UT assistant professor of chemistry, at kana.yamamoto@utoledo.edu or 419.530.1507.
Assistant professor wins publication prize

By Aaron Horn

The Bread Loaf Writers’ Conference of Middlebury College recently announced that Dr. Ben Stroud, assistant professor in the Department of English Language and Literature, has been selected as the fiction prize winner for the 2012 17th annual Bakeless Literary Publication Prize for his book, Byzantium: Stories.

“I am elated, excited, overwhelmed, all of the above,” Stroud said. “I have been working on the stories for seven years, so it feels good to see the book do well.”

To enter the competition, authors submitted books anonymously. The competition consisted of two rounds of readings before the winners were selected. Randall Kenan, author of The New York Times notable book, Let the Dead Bury Their Dead, chose Stroud as the winner from a pool of 10 finalists.

The prize consists of having his book-length manuscript published by Graywolf Press, and Stroud will receive a fellowship to attend the Bread Loaf Writers’ Conference in August 2013.

“I always wanted to attend the Bread Loaf Writers’ Conference, so for this to be part of the prize is a dream,” Stroud said.

His book is a collection of tales set in far-flung places, from Berlin to Cuba to the Middle East. The stories range in subject from family life to the lives of detectives, inventors and assassins, but often center around characters dealing with disappointment or failure.

“The stories visit different places and times, but they illustrate something common that all people go through,” Stroud said. “Be it at work or in a relationship, people go through disappointment sometime in their lives.”

His stories have appeared in One Story, Electric Literature, Boston Review, Ecotone and Subtopics, among other magazines.

The 2011-12 school year was his first with the UT Department of English Language and Literature.

“I would like to thank The University of Toledo community members for all of the support that they have shown me,” Stroud said.

Serious singers sought by UT Community Chorus

By Samantha Watson

If you’re a serious singer who likes choral music, The University of Toledo Community Chorus wants your voice. No auditions are necessary, according to Dr. Stephen Hodge, UT professor of music and director of choral activities, who will direct the group.

Singers are invited to rehearsals Monday, Aug. 27, and Monday, Sept. 10. Registration will start at 6:30 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts Lobby. All practices will begin at 7 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts Room 1017. Singers should be prepared to purchase their music.

“The UT Community Chorus has been performing fine choral music for 17 years,” Hodge said. “We recently performed the Honegger ‘King David’ oratorio with an orchestra. Other concerts from the past have included Verdi opera choruses, Mozart and Haydn masses, plus folk songs, spirituals and works by contemporary composers.”

The next concert by the UT Community Chorus will feature music by Stanford, Haydn, Mozart and Rutter with organ accompaniment. The free, public performance will take place Sunday, Nov. 18, at 3 p.m. at First Unitarian Church, 3205 Glendale Ave.

For more information, contact Hodge at stephen.hodge@utoledo.edu or 419.530.4558.

Theatre auditions to take place Aug. 22-23

By Angela Riddel

The University of Toledo Department of Theatre and Film will hold auditions for the first play of the season, “Orpheus,” Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 22 and 23, from 6 to 10 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts Studio Theatre.

Written by Jean Cocteau and translated by John Savacool, “Orpheus” will be presented in the UT Center for Performing Arts Center Theatre Friday through Sunday, Oct. 12-14, and Wednesday through Sunday, Oct. 17-21.

Sign-up sheets for audition time slots are posted outside the Theatre and Film Department Office, located in Center for Performing Arts Room 1030.

Those interested in auditioning should be prepared to read from the script. A PDF of the script can be emailed to those who request it at the department office.

Those interested may sign up or call the department office at 419.530.2202.

Celebrate Navy Week with Aug. 24 concert at UT

By Angela Riddel

The Navy Band Great Lakes and Marine Corps Band New Orleans will visit the Glass City to celebrate Navy Week and the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 with a concert Friday, Aug. 24, at The University of Toledo.

“We are honored to present this bicentennial commemoration concert recognizing the tremendous contributions during the War of 1812 by our United States Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard,” said Lt. Patrick Kevin Sweeten, director of the Navy Band Great Lakes.

The free, public event is scheduled to take place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Doermann Theater, located on the third floor of University Hall.

The Navy Band Great Lakes is comprised of 45 professional musicians who perform more than 600 missions each year, including military ceremonies, public performances and more. Since the first bugler reported for duty more than 100 years ago, “Pride in Service” has been the theme for Navy Band Great Lakes.

The Marine Corps Band New Orleans began in 1978 and performs more than 250 times annually, entertaining some six million people.

“I believe the audience will take from this patriotic performance pride for our Armed Forces accomplishments over the years, while also learning some important facts about our nation’s history and the critical role our Sea Services Team plays in world affairs,” Sweeten said.

Guests attending the concert may park in the grassy area across from University Hall, between Goddard and Drummond roads with access from Goddard. Directional signs will be posted, and Rocket Patrol will be there to assist guests with parking.

This concert at UT is one of many in Toledo during Navy Week, which also will include tours of the U.S.S. Hurricane, U.S.S. De Wert and the historic U.S. Brig Niagara. The community also will have the opportunity to learn about the War of 1812 and the relevance of today’s Navy, and see the U.S. Navy and Coastguard as well as the Canadian Navy firsthand through community events and outreach.

To learn more about the Navy Band Great Lakes, visit netc.navy.mil/ustc/ navyband.

For more information about Navy Week in Toledo, visit navynavyweek.org/toledo2012.
UT works with city to provide summer jobs for local teens

By Samantha Watson

The University answered Toledo Mayor Mike Bell’s call to help teenagers find jobs and stay busy this summer.

UT Facilities and Construction offered summer jobs to 11 local teens working in Grounds and Environmental Services.

“It’s hard for kids to find jobs, and this program was very beneficial as far as giving them a chance to actually do something during the summer,” said Tom Walker, a UT student studying special education who supervised some of the teens.

Seven of the teenagers worked with Grounds under Walker’s supervision; they did landscaping, including mulching and watering all the University’s new trees around campus. The four students that worked with Environmental Services cleaned classrooms, bulletin boards and other areas in University Hall and the Student Union under the supervision of Dianna Brick, manager with Building Services.

“The University was glad to provide these students the opportunity to experience our campus and a chance to earn money this summer,” said Arlene Fell, director of environmental services. “That’s the thing that I liked best about the program, that it gave them that opportunity.”

The students also gained valuable skills for the workplace, Walker said, adding that he made sure each of them knew to show up on time, follow orders and dress appropriately. They also were taught what to do if they needed to call off from work and how to decipher all of the tax deductions on a paycheck.

“Tom is a solid worker, but he’s doing this as a mentor and it’s been a good fit for him, too,” said Doug Collins, director of facilities maintenance and grounds. “He took the initiative. He does it because it’s the right thing to do, not because he’s paid to do it, and that’s refreshing.”

Walker said that one of his favorite things about the experience was getting to know the teenagers and being able to speak with them about their career goals. All had plans for higher education by the end of the summer, he said, and some even planned to attend UT.

“It was a blast working with them,” Walker said. “You had seven different kids with seven different backgrounds. They all brought something different to the table.”

With high teen unemployment rates and a stretched recreation budget, the employment of these 11 students is part of a larger plan by the Mayor’s Office to keep the city’s youth occupied during the summer. Bell met with Chuck Lehnert, UT vice president of administration, who oversees facilities and construction and helped to make this possible.

The University is interested in offering opportunities to Toledo teenagers in future summers.

Faculty, staff 2012-13 parking permits available

Faculty and staff members can secure parking permits online for the 2012-13 academic year beginning Monday, Aug. 20.

After Friday, Aug. 31, current permits will expire.

To secure your faculty or staff parking permit, you’ll need the make of your car, the model, the year and your license plate information.

Then go online to myut.utoledo.edu, enter your UTAD username and password, select the Employee Tab and click “Request/Update Parking Permit.” Or go online to myparking.utoledo.edu and enter your UTAD username and password.

For more information, visit utoledo.edu/parkingservices.

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residents, medical students, nurses and nurse management together to provide more team-based patient care.

“This is not about any one person, this is not about any one particular charge,” said Ioan Duca, service excellence officer for the University. “This is about the UTMC family.”

big-hearted fundraiser: Olivia Ruffner presented a check for more than $1,000 to Howard Newman, UT associate vice president for development, to support cancer research in the College of Medicine and Life Sciences in honor of her uncle. The 10-year-old sold donated items at the Commodore Way flea market in Perrysburg. “My uncle has brain cancer; and I thought that something needed to be done for him,” Ruffner said. Her uncle, Mike Glanville of Powell, Ohio, was diagnosed with cancer 16 months ago. At the age of 49, he has undergone four surgeries. Ruffner decided to give the funds for research to her uncle’s alma mater, The University of Toledo.
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Bikes needed for new loan program for UT international students

By Cathy Zimmer

This fall semester, the Office of International Student and Scholar Services in UT’s Center for International Studies and Programs is piloting a new bicycle loan program called Rocket ReCycle.

“The Office of International Student and Scholar Services recognizes the needs of its international students, who are here for a limited period of time, to have basic transportation,” said Peter Thomas, director of the office. “Transportation is a real concern, and we hope the bicycle loan program will give the students more mobility and a sense of freedom to buy groceries, run errands, go to restaurants, and travel around town.”

The UT Police Department has kicked off the loan program by donating six bicycles that were left unclaimed at the end of the last academic year.

The need for bicycles may be greater, so the Office of International Student and Scholar Services is looking for donations of used bikes in good working condition.

Interested donors should contact Thomas at 419-530-4229 or peter.thomas@utoledo.edu. International students will be able to register for the bicycle loan program by completing a registration form and leaving a $25 deposit. The deposit will be fully refunded upon the return of the bike. Students also must have a bicycle helmet and lock to participate in the loan program.

“We are interested in promoting bicycle safety, particularly for international students who are not accustomed to bicycling in the United States,” Thomas added. “With this in mind, we will require international students who would like to participate in the bicycle loan program to take a bike safety course.”

International students will be able to register for a Rocket ReCycle bike loan by stopping in the Office of International Student and Scholar Services, located in Snyder Memorial Building Room 1020. Bikes will be loaned on a first-come, first-served basis. Students will be responsible for bike upkeep and maintenance.

The Office of International Student and Scholar Services provides assistance and services to international students and scholars at the University, helping them transition to life at UT and in the United States. The office serves as a resource regarding orientation, visa requirements, on-campus and off-campus housing, banking, and health insurance.

The Center for International Studies and Programs supports internationalization efforts at the University by creating links among students, faculty and staff, visiting scholars, and the community that foster cross-cultural understanding and appreciation. The center encourages global citizenship through innovative educational, cultural and service learning programming, and through student and scholar exchanges.

Retired canine officer passes away

Boomer, a German shepherd trained in bomb detection and tracking that worked at UT from 2002 until his retirement in 2009, died Aug. 13 at age 11.

The dog’s partner was John Betori, a 2002 UT alumnus, who patrolled his alma mater’s campuses 21 years before leaving in 2009 to become director of public safety/chief of police at Owens Community College.

“Boomer was a big part of the UT family and, after his retirement, really became a big part of my family as well,” Betori said. “I was proud to have had the chance to represent The University of Toledo Police Department for nearly eight years with him at my side.”

While on duty, UT’s K-9 unit provided protection details and patrolled public events to ensure safety. Boomer’s detection ability was put to use at all home UT football games from 2002 to 2008 and at high-profile campus events, including presidential campaign stops by Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton and John Kerry.

Boomer and Betori also assisted police departments in other jurisdictions, checking Cleveland Browns Stadium before all home games from 2002 through 2008 and sniffing the greens of Highland Meadows Golf Club before the Jannie Farr tournament. The two also helped federal agencies with bomb threats.

In memoriam

Theodore E. Hubler, Northwood, who worked at UT in Information Technology from 1986 until his retirement in 2006, died Aug. 13 at age 66. He was hired as a computer operator and later named manager of computer repair in 1991. Hubler returned to the University in 2008 and worked as a computer operator 2 until 2009.

Isha McCadney, Toledo, a clerk in Human Resources and Talent Development, died Aug. 7. She was 34. She started working at UT in 2006, became a customer service representative in 2008, and was named a clerk in 2009. McCadney was an alumna of The University of Toledo; she received a bachelor of science degree in individualized programs in 2005. She was working on a master’s degree.

Dr. William J. Meyer, Maumee, died Aug. 12 at age 84. He was a clinical assistant professor in the MCO Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology from 1972 through 1995.

Stephany Cichy-Mikolajczyk Mikols, Sylvania, a UT employee for more than two decades, died Aug. 9 at age 62. She was hired as a clerical specialist in the Graduate School in 1989 and later worked in the College of Arts and Sciences before becoming a secretary in the Placement Office. In 1996, she became a secretary 2 in the Geology/Environmental Sciences Department and was promoted to business services officer in the Department of Physics and Astronomy in 2006. She retired in 2011. Mikols received a bachelor of science degree in administrative services from the University in 1998.

Paula J. (Moehlman) Shaffer, Toledo, an employee of MCO for 25 years, died July 31 at age 53. She was hired as a nurse in 1982. She retired as nursing director of the fifth floor in 2007. Shaffer received a bachelor of science degree in nursing from UT in 1981 and a master of science degree in nursing from MCO in 1998.
Call for International Education Week events

By Cathy Zimmer

The UT Center for International Studies and Programs has begun to plan International Education Week, scheduled for Nov. 12-16.

International Education Week serves as a reminder that college and university campuses play a special part in shaping the awareness of everyone’s role in the global village. The week is a joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education.

UT faculty, staff and students are encouraged to explore the value of education abroad, the richness that is brought into classrooms and departments by international students and faculty, and the benefits derived from all international programs on campus.

“International Education Week is an opportunity to celebrate the international efforts that are taking place on UT’s campuses,” said Dr. Sammy Spann, assistant provost for international studies and programs. “We want International Education Week to be a University-wide celebration.”

Any group or individual interested in hosting an event during International Education Week Nov. 12-16 should submit ideas by completing an online submission form found at utoledo.edu/cisp/iew.html.

Deadline for event submissions is late October.

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commercialization among researchers and the ways the students graduating from Ohio’s public colleges and universities can maximize their ability to seamlessly enter the global economy.

Following more than eight months of research that included 10 statewide public forums, the task force of 34 members made up of individuals representing business and industry, higher education, government, venture capitalism and nonprofit organizations submitted a list of eight recommendations to Ohio Gov. John Kasich and legislative leaders:

• Remove barriers within and among Ohio universities and colleges that restrict entrepreneurial activities and technology commercialization;

• Build statewide and regional ecosystems that support Ohio’s technology commercialization pipeline;

• Promote higher education, industry, government and community collaboration in support of statewide and regional economic development;

• Nurture an environment and promote changes that support, promote and reward entrepreneurial activity within Ohio’s Higher Education Information System;

• Facilitate higher education and industry research collaborations to more efficiently and effectively utilize the Ohio Higher Education Information System resources to support and attract industry to the state;

• Develop initiatives that provide the capital resources necessary to support the Innovation Continuum and promote the growth of new industry;

• Develop a Work-Force Commercialization Continuum — in conjunction with the Governor’s Office of Work-Force Transformation — that identifies current and future requisite jobs skills and proficiency; and

• Identify, apply and track key metrics to measure Ohio’s progress related to technology commercialization and job creation.

The presentation will include a question-and-answer session and is open to the public.

University faculty, staff and students are encouraged to attend or view a live webcast at video.utoledo.edu.

Comedy show slated for Aug. 21

Start the semester off with a laugh: Check out “Comedy on the Steps” Tuesday, Aug. 21, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. on the Student Union Steps.

Performers will include Vince Morris, Ricarlo Flanagan and this year’s “Last Rocket Standing” winner Brad Winslow.

The Interfraternity Council at The University of Toledo partnered with the Toledo Funny Bone for the free, public program.

“This program is a fun and relaxing way to kick off the fall semester,” said Josh Beekman, president of the Interfraternity Council. “Laughter always brightens up a day, and we will make sure there is more than enough to go around!”

He added that some of the comedic material may not be suitable for children younger than 18.

If it rains, the free, public event will be held in the Student Union Auditorium.

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Letter

As newcomers to the Midwest, my family has been venturing to many of the cities in the area. Yesterday, we decided to spend the day in Toledo visiting the children’s museum and other attractions. On all our family ventures, we visit the local university’s campus and often times the football stadiums.

As we approached the stadium at The University of Toledo, three of your players saw my children approaching the facility. With smiles on their faces they confirmed, via my asking, and introduced themselves as football players at Toledo to my children. My children were so very excited not only to be on campus, but to meet the players. They spoke with them and told them just a bit about UT and took a picture with them.

I would like to take this opportunity to again thank them for being excellent hosts and ambassadors for UT. Although it was simply the span of about five minutes, the impression they made on my children was priceless and it will be a special memory they will always have at The University of Toledo.

If this is any indication of the program you manage at Toledo, I congratulate you and your staff for wonderful work. And I again would like to express my appreciation to the players for their positive disposition and their kindness.

Good luck on the season; you will now have eight more eyes looking at Toledo football!

Dr. Dave A. Louis, 
assistant professor of higher education, 
Western Michigan University

Letters/opinion-editorial columns

UT News welcomes letters and guest editorial columns. We may edit for clarity, accuracy and space. For author verification, we ask that you include your name and daytime phone number. Letters must be received by noon Wednesday to be considered for next week’s issue; op-eds must be received by noon Tuesday for consideration. Submissions may be sent to tobin.klinger@utoledo.edu or vicki.kroll@utoledo.edu. UT News may not be able to print all letters and columns received due to space limitations.
First Weeks events encourage student involvement

Students, get involved! It’s time to make new friends and learn about the University during UT’s First Weeks events.

“We are excited to welcome all our new and continuing students to campus beginning this week,” said Sabina Elizondo-Serratos, associate director of the Office of Student Involvement. “We encourage everyone to join in the excitement for any or all of the programs scheduled as part of our annual Division of Student Affairs First Weeks programming.

“First Weeks is a great way to introduce our new students to their campus, faculty, staff and peers. It is also serves as a ‘welcome back’ for our continuing students as they prepare to buckle down for fall semester.”

This year’s events include:

MONDAY, AUG. 20
- “Sex Squares,” 7 p.m., Student Union Auditorium. Game similar to “Hollywood Squares” will feature HIV, STD and sex-related questions.

TUESDAY, AUG. 21
- “Comedy on the Steps,” 4:30 to 7 p.m., Student Union steps. Stop by for a free comedy show featuring Vince Morris and others. Rain location: Student Union Auditorium.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 22
- Student Organization Fair, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Centennial Mall. There’s an organization for everyone; see for yourself! Get involved!
- Student Job Fair, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Student Union Auditorium. Looking for a job? Stop by and bring a résumé for a chance to talk to employers.

THURSDAY, AUG. 23
- Campus Activities and Programming Flix on the Bricks, location to be announced. 9:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUG. 24
- Free High Ropes Day, 7 to 9 p.m., Student Recreation Center. Come hang out to learn how to navigate the high ropes course.

SATURDAY, AUG. 25
- Fall Into Fitness, noon, Student Recreation Center. Meet the exercise team and get a good workout while sampling fitness classes.

TUESDAY, AUG. 28
- Meet the National Pan-Hellenic Council Greeks, 7 to 9 p.m., Student Union Auditorium. Activities and information fair on fraternities and sororities.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 1
- Rocket to the Point, 8:45 a.m., meet at Transportation Center for a trip to Cedar Point. For $20, you can ride a bus to the amusement park, receive a park ticket and a meal. Space is limited; tickets on sale at Rocket Copy in the Student Union.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 5
- President’s Backyard Barbecue, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Centennial Mall. UT President Lloyd Jacobs invites the entire campus community to this annual event.

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 11 AND 12
- Commuter Student Ice Cream Social, 5 to 7 p.m., Cold Stone Creamery, 4038 Talmadge Road. Meet other commuters and have some free ice cream. Students must bring ID and Rocket number; limited number of vouchers available. Vouchers must be used day issued.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 13
- International Student Association Welcome Dinner, 5 to 8 p.m., Student Union Auditorium. Try some free food from around the world, play some games, and meet new people.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 14
- Music Fest, 3 p.m. to midnight, grassy area south of the Memorial Field House, adjacent to Centennial Mall. See Bowling for Soup, Gloriana, Tyler Hilton, jazz artists Alexander Zonjic and Jeff Lorber, K’JON, HotSauce, and The Dumb Easies.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 15
- President’s Tailgate, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., tent near Rocket Hall and University Parks Trail. Meet UT President Lloyd Jacobs, play some games for a chance to win prizes, eat some free food, and listen to music before the UT-Bowling Green State University football game.
- Rocket Landing Tailgate, 4:45 to 6:45 p.m., Student Recreation Center Patio. Psyche up for the I-75 rivalry and celebrate the start of Hispanic Heritage Month! There’ll be free food and prizes.

- UT vs. Bowling Green State University, 7 p.m., Glass Bowl. Students are admitted free with their Rocket ID; faculty and staff can buy tickets half off with ID; $34.

For more information on these events, call the Office of Student Involvement at 419.530.4944.