Local woman needs votes to become CNN Hero of the Year

By Samantha Watson

A fter her father witnessed a drowning when he was young, Wanda Butts was raised with no exposure to swimming and in turn raised her son the same way.

When her 16-year-old son drowned in 2006, Butts knew she didn’t want another mother to experience the pain she felt, so she started the Josh Project. This organization, named after her son, has taught more than 1,200 children and adults how to swim.

“I believe that swimming is a basic life skill,” Butts said. “The younger one can begin learning this skill, the better.”

In five years, the project has grown, and more children join every day. Since May, the Josh Project has been housed on the Scott Park Campus of Energy and Innovation in The University of Toledo Minority Business Development Center, which helps small minority businesses reach their potential.

Now Butts has a chance to be recognized nationally for her work — as CNN Hero of the Year. With the help of supporters, Butts can win not only recognition, but also a cash prize that could help the Josh Project immensely.

Butts has been honored by CNN for her dedication to the safety of children in the Toledo area. By offering low-cost swimming lessons, she is saving lives every day — and children love to show off their T-shirts that say “I can swim.”

Though the organization’s main focus is teaching people how to swim, Butts realizes that this is only half the battle of water safety. That’s why the organization also teaches children how to be safe while swimming and educates parents on how to use life vests correctly and what to do in a water emergency.

The organization has a large focus on minority children because they are three times more likely to drown than non-minority children.

interim vice provost for enrollment management named

By Jon Strunk

A s UT plans for strategic enrollment gains, a new leader takes the office's reins.

An enrollment management leader with decades of successful enrollment growth and student recruitment and retention experience has been selected to serve as The University of Toledo’s interim vice provost for enrollment management.

Dr. Cam Cruickshank oversaw dramatic enrollment increases as vice president for enrollment management at Tiffin University before founding Ivy Bridge College, an online school formed in partnership with Tiffin that in four years enrolled more than 3,500 students and 200 employees. In October 2011, Cruickshank founded Enrollment Builders, where he serves as principal consultant.

Dr. Scott Scarborough, provost and executive vice president for academic affairs, said Cruickshank will play a key leadership role in developing the enrollment management component of the Main Campus Strategic Plan.

“President Jacobs and our Board of Trustees have made it clear that recruiting and retaining more students who are better prepared academically is a top priority for this University,” Scarborough said. “Cam will be an important member of my leadership team as we work to accomplish that goal.

“Additionally, I’ve asked Cam to focus his time identifying some of the barriers and challenges that may exist as students navigate...”

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UT establishes School of Healthcare Business Innovation and Excellence

With a goal of enhancing the business of health care in northwest Ohio and beyond, The University of Toledo has established the School of Healthcare Business Innovation and Excellence.

“Tremendous advances in health care have been achieved through a variety of activities, such as new medications, breakthrough surgical procedures, medical devices, high-tech diagnostic equipment, innovative treatments and progressive approaches to delivering care,” said Dr. David Dobrzykowski, director of the school. “There are additional opportunities to significantly improve the efficiency, effectiveness and quality of health care by understanding and improving the business aspects of health care. We can further enhance the quality of health care while eliminating waste, increasing productivity and reducing costs.”

The UT College of Business and Innovation and the College of Medicine and Life Sciences have taken a leadership role in establishing the new school.

“Utilizing interdisciplinary expertise from a variety of business fields, including finance, management, information technology, operations management, process improvement, marketing and more, the faculty of the UT College of Business are ready to help you and your medical team enhance your operations and achieve your business goals,” explained Dr. Thomas Sharkey, interim dean of the College of Business and Innovation.

“Through research, community engagement and educational endeavors, this school serves as a premier resource for directly impacting quality health-care delivery,” he added.

Dr. Jeffrey P. Gold, dean of the College of Medicine and Life Sciences, said the college’s participation in establishing and supporting the School of Healthcare Business Innovation and Excellence is a natural extension of its longstanding mission.

“The UT College of Medicine and Life Sciences is a world-class educational institution for those interested in becoming physicians. We do an excellent job providing students with the knowledge, skills and attitudes to practice medicine in a wide diversity of communities. It is becoming increasingly important that education must include components of the business of health care,” Gold said. “Working with the UT College of Business and Innovation, we believe we can help prepare tomorrow’s physicians to best serve their patients, not only by providing the best medical care, but by practicing optimal business practices.”

“The School of Healthcare Business Innovation and Excellence is also for administrators, nurses, therapists, professionals working in hospitals, and nonprofit organizations, and others working in the health-care field,” Gold added.

“We know that we can play a pivotal role in enhancing care, not just in northwest Ohio, but throughout the United States and beyond.”

As the school expands, other UT colleges and programs may become involved; these may include the College of Business and Innovation’s Executive Center for Global Competitiveness, UT Medical Center, Judith Herb College of Education and Health Science and Human Service, and the colleges of Engineering, Law, Nursing, and Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences.

“Establishing the School of Healthcare Business Innovation and Excellence is a timely and relevant step for The University of Toledo,” noted UT President Lloyd Jacobs. “The health-care arena is experiencing tremendous change on many fronts, and it is appropriate that UT brings its information and expertise into the community to benefit all involved. Collaborative efforts with health-care providers, business leaders, government policymakers and others will produce breakthrough enhancements that increase efficiencies, reduce costs and, ultimately, provide better, more patient-centered care.

“Furthermore, the school will partner with businesses and organizations beyond the University, such as health-care providers, labor unions, governments, business and economic development agencies, and insurance providers, which will provide direction for educational, research and outreach programs,” Jacobs added.

A variety of undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs focused on skill development at the intersection of health care and business are available through the school. Contact Dobrzykowski at 419.530.2342.

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times more likely to drown than children who are white. Lessons are given to any child, though, because drowning is the second leading cause of unintentional injury or death for children ages 1 to 14.

The Josh Project also has inspired others to start similar initiatives where they live. In Norfolk, Va., professional swimming coach Shaun Anderson established the Josh Project at Norfolk State University.

Butts made it to the top 10 CNN Heroes of the Year and is vying for the top honor with nine other winners across the country. For her to win first place — a cash prize and training from the Annenberg Foundation — she needs supporters to vote for her at cnn.com/heroes from now through Wednesday, Nov. 28. Each person can vote 10 times a day.

The Josh Project is assisted in its efforts by UT’s Minority Business Development Center, the Toledo Sail & Power Squadron, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary 9th District, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and the Greater Toledo Aquatic Club.

Butts said she hopes to see water safety training included in the Toledo Police Department’s Safety City. The program teaches children about traffic safety with the use of bicycles.

Every year on Dec. 9, which is Josh’s birthday, the organization hosts a fundraiser. This year’s event will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Ramada Inn, 3536 Secor Road in Toledo. Tickets are $50 per person. Bruce Wigo, executive director of the International Swimming Hall of Fame in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., will be the keynote speaker.

To learn more about the Josh Project, visit joshproject.org and be sure to tune in to CNN Sunday, Dec. 2, at 9 p.m. to watch “CNN Heroes: An All-Star Tribute.”
Dr. Clint Longenecker, Stranahan Professor of Leadership and Business Excellence in the College of Business and Innovation at The University of Toledo, has been nominated to win the Economist Intelligence Unit Business Professor of the Year.

The award, presented by The Economist publication and sponsored by Hult International Business School, was created to find and recognize the best business professor in the world. A group of Longenecker’s former students nominated him, and current and previous students can vote beginning Tuesday, Oct. 23.

Longenecker, a graduate of UT, has been a faculty member here for more than 30 years. During his career, he has received more than 40 awards for his outstanding leadership, teaching, research and service to the community.

“Not only is he a great teacher, but he really cares about his students,” said Laura Brady, a UT graduate student and a former student of Longenecker. “He’s always available whenever students have problems in the classroom or in their personal life. He is always there to talk, give advice or help his students find jobs or internships.”

Longenecker has held seminars and lectures all over the world, teaching a variety of pupils. He has given lectures in Russia, Haiti, Zimbabwe, Barbados and Hungary, as well as delivered seminars to members of the United States military.

“What’s unique about Clint is his ability to connect with students,” said Trent Miller, a UT graduate student and another former student. “During my first class session with him last spring, he introduced himself to students and they introduced themselves to him as they entered the room. Within an hour and a half, he had everyone’s names memorized and knew something about them. This certainly gave me the impression that he was interested in more than the course material — his interest was in the people.”

Any student who has had or currently has Longenecker as a professor can vote by completing a form online at businessprofessoraward.com. Once a vote is cast, it must be verified via email before the deadline at 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 23.

The 10 professors who receive the most votes will make the list, along with five other professors selected by the judges so faculty at larger universities do not have an advantage. From these 15 professors, four will be chosen by the judges to compete in a live teach-off.

For the teach-off, the top four will be flown to London, where they will present a short lecture to a live classroom audience and online. The presentation will be on a topic of their choice; at the end, viewers will vote and the winner, who will receive the title of Economist Intelligence Unit Business Professor of the Year as well as $100,000, will be announced live.

For more information on the award and to vote for Longenecker, visit businessprofessoraward.com.

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the admissions, enrollment and financial aid processes,” he said.

Cruickshank, who received his PhD in higher education from The University of Toledo, said he was excited for the opportunity to return to his alma mater and believed he could offer a unique perspective.

“In the short amount of time I’ve been back, there is definitely a feeling of returning home. There’s also a strong sense of momentum that I’ve gotten from Dr. Scarborough, his team and everyone I’ve met, and it is exciting to be a part of this university,” Cruickshank said.

During the next weeks and months, Cruickshank said he will meet with enrollment personnel to learn more about UT recruitment and enrollment operations, identify future leaders, and work to develop that talent.

“We will remain focused on increasing the enrollment of students who are academically better prepared for the rigors of a college education and are a good fit for The University of Toledo,” Cruickshank said.

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**Students given opportunity to witness court cases on campus**

*By Samantha Watson*

Students will attend real court cases right here on campus Wednesday, Oct. 24, when the Sixth District Court of Appeals holds arguments in the McQuade Courtroom.

UT students, as well as students from area high schools, are invited to sit in on these court cases, which will begin at 9 a.m. in the courtroom, which is housed in Health and Human Services Building Room 1419. There will be six arguments from 9 to 11 a.m.; after the cases, students will be given the opportunity to ask the judges questions.

“That’s unique about Longenecker’s former students nominated him, and current and previous students can vote beginning Tuesday, Oct. 23.

The Sixth District Court of Appeals handles appeals from cases arising in Courts of Common Pleas from Erie, Fulton, Huron, Lucas, Ottawa, Sandusky, Williams and Wood counties. The panel of judges this year includes Judge Peter M. Handwerk, Judge Arlene Singer and Judge Thomas J. Osowik, all of the Sixth District Court of Appeals.

Handwerk taught at UT for 26 years in the Department of Undergraduate Legal Specialties and coached UT’s mock trial team for 19 years. With his assistance, the program brought recognition to the University, and other faculty members continue to mirror his efforts and enthusiasm for the legal profession.

For more information, contact Schlager at 419.530.7748 or john.schlager@utoledo.edu.
SPRUCING UP: These two students were among the 421 volunteers at UT who participated in the 16th Annual Clean Your Streams event last month. More than 1,100 volunteers in the Toledo area removed debris from more than 50 sites at local rivers, streams and shorelines. At the University, volunteers filled 100 trash bags and collected more than 1,500 pounds of items that included a car piston, fire extinguisher, mattress, bowling ball and fake moustache. UT volunteers picked up 20 sites at the six areas on Ottawa River and Swan Creek, including Main Campus, Health Science Campus, Scott Park Campus of Energy and Innovation, Ottawa Hills and the city of Toledo. Clean Your Streams is organized by Partners for Clean Streams with the UT sites coordinated by the President’s Commission on the River.

ROOTING FOR TREES: Casey Kimball, left, and Shawna Bessette planted a tree earlier this month as part of the Ottawa River restoration project. They were two of the 25 volunteers who helped put in more than 300 trees and plants as part of the project sponsored by the President’s Commission on the River.

Public meeting to outline phase two of Ottawa River restoration project

By Vicki L. Kroll

Plans for the Ottawa River’s in-stream restoration will be detailed at a public meeting Tuesday, Oct. 30, at 4 p.m. in Snyder Memorial Building Room 3066.

The project team, including the President’s Commission on the River, Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will present plans and field questions about phase two of the restoration.

In 2009, the commission started the habitat restoration efforts for the 3,700 feet of the waterway that runs through Main Campus. Funding the current work is a $235,000 grant from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and a $111,000 grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

“A variety of techniques using natural materials — rocks, logs and wood — will be used to create changes in the river flow and to enhance the aquatic habitat and provide shelter for fish and aquatic organisms,” said Dr. Patrick Lawrence, professor and chair of the Department of Geography and Planning, and chair of the President’s Commission on the River.

In natural streams, water flow varies and has more movement and diverse materials, he said. Right now, the river is flat and there are no changes to the way the water moves.

Phase two of the Ottawa River restoration calls for recreating nature in various ways in five sections of the waterway.

Riffles — short, shallow areas of stream that increase the speed of water flow — and large cover stones will be installed. Locked logs and aquatic plantings also will assist with water movement. Lunkers — cave-like spaces beneath the banks — for fish will be built. Cut banks and grade work also will be utilized to create areas for water storage as in-stream elements are added, as well as to control for erosion.

Signage will explain the added features and why they were installed.

The project will serve as a demonstration of ways to restore an urban river. And it will mean more fish and wildlife, Lawrence said.

“We want to attract more fish and critters fish eat, and improve the diversity of plants and other animals that call the river home,” he said. “Forty species of fish already have been identified in the Ottawa River, but we want to do much better and have an improved aquatic habitat for plants and animals.”

Phase two restoration plans will be finalized in early 2013, with the in-stream and associated bank work, including the addition of native plants, slated to begin next summer.

Recent work on the project included adding a cut bank south of the Law Center to allow for more water storage during potential higher river levels. And earlier this month, more than 300 native plants and trees were put in along the banks of the river.

“We hope to improve the condition of the Ottawa River on campus while educating the UT and local communities about what can be done with urban streams,” Lawrence said.

Free parking for the meeting is available in Lot 10, north of the Glass Bowl.

For more information, contact Lawrence at patrick.lawrence@utoledo.edu or 419.530.4128.
UT continues to promote sustainability on campuses

By Casey Cheap

UT took another step toward becoming a climate-neutral campus by joining nearly 900 universities and businesses nationwide with a membership to the Association for the Advancement in Sustainability in Higher Education.

The association’s goal is to create a prosperous, ecologically healthy world, a more environmentally friendly planet through higher education.

According to Brooke Mason, UT interim sustainability specialist, because the University has purchased the institutional rights to a membership with the Association for the Advancement in Sustainability in Higher Education, anyone with a UT email address can set up a free account.

“The association is a network of schools and companies that focuses on higher education sustainability,” Mason said. “Anything that has to do with sustainability and higher education is listed there, whether it is education, dining, energy, waste, water and transportation. It works like an idea-sharing network. The site can set up a free account.

Mason said that in addition to raising awareness about sustainability, UT will look to start a bike-sharing program and will study the feasibility of composting.

In 2009, UT President Lloyd Jacobs signed the Presidents’ Climate Commitment, an agreement among presidents of universities across the nation to combat global warming. This made UT one of more than 600 U.S. universities to pledge to become more climate-neutral.

Mason said students, staff and faculty with ideas on how to improve sustainability on campus can communicate their ideas at greeniningUT at Facebook.com/greeningUT or Twitter.com/greeningUT.

October edition of ‘The Relevant University’ to look at patient safety

By Tobin J. Klingers

On Aug. 10 of this year, an incident took place at the University of Toledo Medical Center that rendered a kidney designated for transplant unusable.

Since then, in-depth analysis has taken place to better understand what happened and how to ensure that a similar situation never occurs again.

Now the University is sharing its experience on the latest episode of “The Relevant University,” which will air Tuesday, Oct. 23, at 7 p.m. on AM 760 WJR.

The program will focus on how this incident already has made UTMC better, how understanding how human errors occur has become a critical component of national patient safety initiatives, and how this understanding benefits the next generation of health-care professionals.

Guests include:

• Dr. Lloyd Jacobs, president of The University of Toledo;
• Dr. Joanne Conroy, chief health-care officer from the Association of American Medical Colleges;
• John Nance, author of Charting the Course and Why Hospitals Should Fly; and
• Kevin Sack, a New York Times reporter who has written extensively about political and social issues surrounding transplantation.

The show also can be heard in its entirety at utoledo.edu/therelevantuniversity.

Hussain Lecture Series to celebrate legacy of former publisher

By Amelia Acuna

The 2012 S. Amjad Hussain Visiting Lecture in the History of Medicine and Surgery will bring to life the legacy of a man who has a rich history of service to his community, the United States and beyond.

The University of Toledo will celebrate the life of Paul Block Jr., former publisher of The Blade, with “A Confluence of Science, Journalism and Civic Leadership” Wednesday, Oct. 31, at 5 p.m. in Health Education Building Room 110 on Health Science Campus.

Dr. Maurice Manning, Distinguished University Professor of Biochemistry and Cancer, will share the story and legacy of Block. He will discuss 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. MCO later became the Medical University of Ohio and went on to merge with The University of Toledo in 2006.

An accomplished journalist and chemist, Block was instrumental in shaping perceptions of the region and helping it flourish.

UT supports disabilities essay contest

By Casey Cheap

Junior high and high school students with disabilities in Toledo and Lucas County are encouraged to enter in a competition and win a UT scholarship.

The Lucas County Commission on Disabilities is partnering with UT and The Blade to offer two $500 scholarships to students who write the best essay on how disabilities have affected them.

The essays will be awarded to the two students who best answer how living with a disability or knowing someone who has a disability has impacted their lives.

One scholarship will be presented to a middle school or junior high student and the other to a high school student. The winner and student must sign a President’s Statement Commitment, according to Dr. Jim Ferris, Ability Center of Greater Toledo Endowed Chair of Disability Studies and director of the UT Disability Studies Program, which is in the School for Interdisciplinary Studies in the College of Languages, Literature and Social Sciences.

“UT was gracious enough to provide the scholarship, and The Blade stepped up to promote it,” said Ferris, associate professor of communication.

UT’s mission is to pay attention to how city and county policies affect people with disabilities. It is a joint body of the city of Toledo and Lucas County, with half of the board appointees from Toledo, and half from other parts of the county.

The commission has worked with the Toledo Police Department on how to respond to calls with people who have mental disabilities and has worked to make sure authorities who take part in disaster relief are prepared to rescue persons with disabilities.

With this competition, the commission wants students to think beyond what normally are called disabilities.

“Young people should think about the range of disabilities in new ways,” Ferris said. “It is not a defect; it is a difference. It has its own richness. People with disabilities, more than anyone else, show why our species is the dominant species on Earth: It is because we humans are so adaptable and flexible. The most adaptable and creative people on the planet, of necessity, are people with disabilities.”

Ferris said UT students and faculty will judge the essays.

The submission deadline is Wednesday, Oct. 31.

Students ages 11 to 18 interested in the essay competition can view the criteria to apply at toledobladerewards.com/contest.
American Pharmacists Month recognized at UT

By Amelia Acuna

How well do you know your pharmacist? The American Pharmacists Association is encouraging you to get to know the folks behind the counter a little bit better, and The University of Toledo College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences is helping to drive that message.

During October, the organization is advocating “know your pharmacist, know your medicine” as part of American Pharmacists Month.

“The most satisfying part of becoming a pharmacist is knowing how much you will help the patient,” said Sarah Milkovich, a fifth-year pharmacy student at the University. “There couldn’t be anything more rewarding in the world than putting all that difficult schooling you went through to use.”

According to Dr. Christine Hinko, professor and associate dean for student affairs for the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, UT is taking the lead on making sure its pharmacy students are well-prepared for the ever-changing field.

“Nationally, pharmacists are becoming more involved in comprehensive patient care with a new focus on medication therapy management or MTM,” Hinko said. “That means that the pharmacist has the ability to assess the patient’s drug therapy and develop a medication action plan to assure compliance, safety and efficacy. Educating the patient is a key component. Our curriculum is designed to develop these MTM skills in our student pharmacists.”

UT offers a residency program that allows pharmacy students real-world experience, giving them the patient-centered encounters before they land a job. Opportunities like the Community Pharmacy Residency Program equip residents to provide services to diverse patient populations, collaborate with other health-care providers as part of an integrated team, and develop and provide high-quality, patient-focused care.

For four consecutive years, the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences has offered a Student Leadership Retreat. This year, 40 students participated in an all-day program that included an analysis of their interpersonal communication style and a team-building exercise on an outdoor challenge course.

“We’re very proud to offer these kinds of unique opportunities to our students who are aspiring to be effective leaders in their profession,” Hinko said. “We are helping to build on their individual strengths and skills, which is vital to their professional development.”

Lecture series looks to use of biblical satire for understanding

By Brian Pursue

Investigating the Bible through a lens of literary satire will be the focus of an upcoming lecture by Dr. James Waddell, the Markowicz Visiting Assistant Professor of Judaism and Jewish Biblical Studies, Thursday, Oct. 25.

The free, public event will begin at 7 p.m. in the Richard and Jane McQuade Law Center Auditorium. It is part of the UT Center for Religious Understanding Fall Lecture Series.

Waddell will help audience members understand the methods used by biblical authors and what their use of satire meant in their own contexts.

“I think this is an important topic to investigate because it helps us to understand how our understanding of the Bible has changed over time,” Waddell said.

Waddell received his PhD in Near Eastern studies with a specialization in Second Temple Judaism from the University of Michigan, and teaches ancient Judaism and Biblical Studies at UT.

He hopes the lecture will help with what he considers a general tendency to misunderstand the Bible as well as its place in organized religions.

“When we take the broader contexts of the biblical books into consideration, not only does it enrich our understanding of why the biblical authors wrote them in the ways that they did, but it also enriches our understanding of what these ancient texts can mean for us today,” Waddell said.

Visitors may park in the Law Center lot for the event.

For more information on this and other upcoming lectures and the Center for Religious Understanding, visit utoledo.edu/liss/philosophy/cfru.

The American Council for Pharmacy Education accreditation report noted that the model UT is using by having third-year and fourth-year PharmD students serve as teaching assistants for first- and second-year pharmacy students is one that should be commended and emulated by others.

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UT Community Charitable Campaign continues toward $175,000 goal

By Kim Goodin

More than 400 employees have pledged donations to this year’s University of Toledo Community Charitable Campaign (UTC3) as it approaches its midpoint.

With about $88,000 in pledges committed, Vicki Riddick, UT senior wellness officer and UTC3 chair, said there’s plenty of room to grow toward the campaign goal of $175,000.

“The campaign is off to a fantastic start,” Riddick said. “I’m so thankful for the ongoing support and love, seeing our employees showing off their totes around campus.”

Those who give at least $120 to the campaign receive special tote bags as a symbol of appreciation.

The campaign is specific to the UT community and targets four local federations: the United Way of Greater Toledo, Northwest Ohio Community Shares, Community Health Charities of Ohio and EarthShare of Ohio. These organizations represent hundreds of local and international charitable organizations around the globe.

Members of the University community can explore their giving options on the UTC3 website at bit.ly/UTCCC. By entering a user code and a password supplied in emails sent to each employee, users view a variety of organizations and match giving preferences with charities that reflect their philanthropic passions.

To receive a paper pledge, call 419.383.6406 or email vicki.riddick@utoledo.edu.

Paper pledges may be turned in to the following UTC3 representatives:

- Donna Braswell, Wolfe Hall Room 1235L, Main Campus;
- Kim Crozier, Rocket Hall Room 1300, Main Campus;
- Sandra Manton, Learning Resources Center Room 2011G, Scott Park Campus; and
- Jennifer Reynolds, Dowling Hall Room 2285, Health Science Campus.

The UT community also can donate to causes not specifically listed, such as UT’s organ donation program or autism center, by indicating the program in the online donation process.

Last year’s average pledge was $198, or about $9 per paycheck. Riddick believes that with participation from everyone in the UT community, the $175,000 goal can be exceeded.

IN THE BAG: Tom Garey, left, Howard Newman and Donna Braswell show off the tote bags employees who give more than $120 receive after donating to UTC3.

Faculty and staff who donate more than $120 to the campaign will be invited to a celebratory event Friday, Dec. 7, on Scott Park Campus. Riddick said the format will be a bit different this year.

“Rather than a traditional, sit-down breakfast, we’ve decided to host an open house of sorts to be more flexible for employees’ busy schedules,” Riddick said. “Don’t worry; we’ll still have breakfast and the great prize selection our donors look forward to. Rocky and Rocksy will also be there to give some high-fives. We hope to see as many of our employees as possible there.”
Rap over Miles!
THURSDAY, OCT. 25
Student Union, Rocky’s Attic
So are you a poet and you want everyone else to know it? Show us your rhyming skills at the Miles Davis-themed open mic poetry slam competition. Prizes will be awarded to the best of the best! Material must be clean, free of derogatory content and foul language, and no more than five minutes.

Ashley Kahn Lecture
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 14
Center for Performing Arts Recital Hall
Ashley Kahn is an American music historian, journalist and producer, as well as a regular commentator on NPR’s Morning Edition. Join us for a multimedia presentation and lecture on one of his most critically acclaimed books about Miles Davis’ jazz album, Kind of Blue.

Music to Your Ears
SATURDAY, DEC. 1
Student Union Tom Trimble Student Lounge
Come one, come all! Celebrate various genres of music as guest DJs spin a variety of music. This dance is to celebrate and embrace the many genres of music that exist in our diverse world. We encourage all students to bring their favorite music and the DJ will play it. Light snacks will be provided.

MASH UP!
MONDAY, DEC. 10 (Electronic submissions due)
Mash your heart out and enter to win the MASH UP contest! The contest encourages all students to be creative and define themselves through music. Applicants must use their own original music and are not permitted to violate any copyright laws. Submit the final product to ammon.allred@utoledo.edu. The winner will be announced at the beginning of spring semester.