Vote for Rocky the Rocket in the 2013 Capital One Mascot Challenge

By Kevin Bucher

It’s time to show Rocky the Rocket how much we appreciate his school spirit by supporting him in this year’s Capital One Mascot Challenge. Rocky won the 2012 write-in contest and is one of the 16 college mascots competing in this year’s national competition. With the outstanding support from Rocket Nation, Rocky received the most votes in last year’s write-in contest when Toledo fans had the opportunity to vote their mascot into the challenge.

“It says a lot about our university and our ability as a community to rally behind a great effort because we beat out schools that were much larger than us,” said Lawrence J. Burns, UT vice president for external affairs. “We were very proud of the fact we won that write-in contest and that also gives us great momentum to win the entire Capital One Mascot Challenge.” Rocky was created in 1966, but began his tenure as official mascot in 1968 under Director of Student Affairs Dan Seemann, who helped transform him into the powerful, charismatic character known and loved by many today.

The mascot challenge began Thursday when voting lines opened, and the season continues until Sunday, Nov. 24. If Rocky were to make the playoffs, voting would continue through Sunday, Dec. 15, with the winner announced Jan. 1.

Rocky is going to need all the support he can get as he squares off against the Duck of the University of Oregon in his first matchup, which began Monday, Sept. 2. Students and fans will have the opportunity to continue to vote.

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Stand Your Ground laws topic of Sept. 9 panel discussion

By Rachel Phipps

The Trayvon Martin/George Zimmerman case and verdict have raised the visibility of Stand Your Ground laws in this country. A panel of experts will provide an overview of these laws and of Ohio’s proposed version Monday, Sept. 9, at noon in the Law Center McQuade Auditorium.

Jelani Jefferson Exum, UT associate professor of law, will moderate the discussion with panelists James Carlisle, Toledo lawyer and a 1985 alumnus of the UT College of Law, Gregory Gilchrist, UT associate professor of law, and Nicole Porter, UT professor of law.

“This panel will get beyond the rhetoric and examine how these laws work and...”

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Kobacker Center to celebrate 30 years of serving Toledo area youth

By Meghan Cunningham

The Kobacker Center at The University of Toledo Medical Center will celebrate 30 years of serving the behavioral and emotional needs of area youth with a rededication ceremony, Sept. 6.

“As we recognize 30 years of service to the community, we also commit to continuing to provide the needed mental health services for children and adolescents in the Toledo area,” said Karon Price, agency executive director of the center. “Our goal is to provide and improve quality, family-centered care through active research, new therapies, and preventive programming.”

The rededication ceremony will take place at 10 a.m. in the center located on the UT Health Science Campus.

The Kobacker Center was dedicated in 1983 and serves children and teens who struggle with severe emotional troubles such as intense anger, chronic depression and thoughts of suicide.

The center is the only inpatient hospital in the region that cares for the mental health needs of children younger than 9 and the only agency in the area that offers a complete continuum of inpatient and outpatient care in one location.

The center provides diagnostic assessments, medication management, individual and group therapy, and after-school and summer programs.

For more information about the Kobacker Center, visit utmc.utoledo.edu/depts/kobacker or call 419.383.3815.

Former Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court judge to discuss ‘A Better Secret Court’ Sept. 5

By Rachel Phipps

U.S. District Judge James G. Carr, who served on the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court for six years, will discuss the court’s history and recent controversy during a lecture at the UT College of Law Thursday, Sept. 5.

The free, public talk titled “A Better Secret Court” will be held at noon in the Law Center McQuade Auditorium.

Congress created the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court in 1978 as a check on executive authority. Recent disclosures about vast data gathering by the National Security Agency as part of its PRISM surveillance program have raised concerns about the court’s effectiveness in protecting American citizens.

Carr has suggested, in a New York Times op-ed and in testimony for the Senate Judiciary Committee in August, that Congress take a simple step to restore confidence in the court’s impartiality and integrity: authorize its judges to appoint lawyers to serve the public interest when novel legal issues come before it.

“We are very fortunate to have in Toledo a former member of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court and a national expert on electronic surveillance in the person of Judge Carr,” said Daniel J. Steinbock, dean of the UT College of Law. “We welcome the opportunity to hear his thoughts on the latest revelations about National Security Agency surveillance.”

Carr is a senior federal judge for the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio. He was nominated by President Bill Clinton in 1994 and served on the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court from 2002 to 2008 and as chief judge from 2004 to 2010.

Before being appointed to the federal bench, Carr spent time in private practice in Chicago, as a professor at the UT College of Law, and as a magistrate for the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio.

He is a graduate of Kenyon College and Harvard Law School.

University selects executive vice president for finance and administration

By Tobin J. Klinger

Pending approval from the Board of Trustees, the University will welcome an executive vice president for finance and administration Sept. 15.

President Lloyd Jacobs announced last week that he has entered into negotiations with David Morlock, who will bring more than 25 years experience in finance to UT.

Most recently with Accretive Health, a Chicago-based, publicly traded health-care consulting firm with $1 billion in market capitalization, Morlock will oversee several core University functions, drawing upon his more than 20 years experience with the University of Michigan Medical Center, where he served as chief financial officer.

“We are thrilled to bring someone of David Morlock’s caliber to The University of Toledo,” Jacobs said. “His background and experience will serve us well as we move boldly forward on many new initiatives and work to reshape the landscape of higher education in northwest Ohio. With the ever-changing climate in health care and academia, we need someone with David’s vision to help maintain and grow our relevance.”

“I’m excited and humbled to be joining The University of Toledo at this critical time,” Morlock said. “UT has a great reputation in higher education and across southeast Michigan that we can build upon to attract students and patients to our academic and clinical offerings. I’m eager to work alongside the leadership team to help achieve our collective mission.”

“David’s role will have a broader portfolio of responsibility than previous positions,” Jacobs added. “In addition to the financial, information technology and auxiliary functions, he will have responsibility for administration and facilities, including human resources.”

Morlock earned his MBA at Eastern Michigan University and a bachelor’s degree in finance from Slippery Rock University.

The board is expected to take action on the appointment at the next full meeting.

Morlock will replace David Dabney, who retired earlier this year. Jennifer Pastorek is serving as interim vice president for finance.
Savage & Associates Complex for Business Learning and Engagement receives environmental recognition

By Bob Mackowiak

The University of Toledo’s Savage & Associates Complex for Business Learning and Engagement, an expansion of the College of Business and Innovation, has received Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification from the U.S. Green Building Council.

“LEED certification identifies Savage & Associates Complex for Business Learning and Engagement as a pioneering example of sustainable design and demonstrates your leadership in transforming the building industry,” said S. Richard Fedrizzi, president and CEO of the U.S. Green Building Council.

“In honor of this impressive achievement and in appreciation of your participation in LEED, we are pleased to present you the certificates recognizing your accomplishment. Your project’s final LEED rating reflects 33 documented and approved points, which correspond to the silver certification level under the LEED for New Construction rating system.”

A plaque recognizing the achievement was placed in the second-floor atrium of the complex during a recent ceremony. “Our goal is to acquire at least a LEED silver certification on all UT construction projects and, ultimately, to have our environmental impact be zero to achieve carbon neutrality,” noted Charles Lehnhert, UT vice president for administration. “I subscribe to the notion that if you are doing good planning, good engineering and good architecture, you will be implementing green principles anyway.”

Lehnhert explained that some of the criteria contributing to the Savage & Associates Complex LEED certification included recycling all construction material; using energy-efficient insulation, air handlers and glass; and changing the original orientation of the building as buildings facing south receive more sun throughout the day, absorb more heat, and require more cooling.

“From the beginning of developing a new facility for the college, we focused on what it takes to have something that was aesthetically appealing, effective and efficient. These were inseparable concepts,” said Dr. Thomas Gutteridge, UT senior vice provost and interim dean of the College of Social Justice and Human Service, who was dean of the College of Business and Innovation during the project’s development and construction.

“The keys to the new facility were that it would be very functional; dedicated to experiential learning through learning laboratories; would be technologically sophisticated; and that it also would be open to serve the business community,” he added. “The complex is clearly delivering on all cylinders, as promised. It is a facility that meets the needs of students, faculty and the business community.”

Robert Savage, co-founder and former president of Savage & Associates, said, “From my viewpoint, the outside of the building blends with the Lannon stone appearance of other UT buildings, but today this building is ‘green.’ The University has responded to the community to be a leader in green projects, and this building symbolizes the kind of technology students today need to succeed.”

“It’s great as an architect to have a project become real,” said Hal Munger of Munger, Munger + Associates Architects Inc. “Symbolically, this building is a bridge from Stranahan Hall to Bancroft Street, and from the past to the future. A project such as this takes a team and a lot of effort, and we are glad to be a part of it.”

Dr. Thomas Sharkey, interim dean of the College of Business and Innovation, added, “The Savage & Associates Complex is a sophisticated and environmentally friendly building that facilitates the learning and discovery of the students who come here. It contributes, with our faculty and staff, to our growing reputation as the premier business college in this region.”

Dedicated in 2009, the $15.4 million, 54,000-square-foot Savage & Associates Complex for Business Learning and Engagement includes 10 classrooms; five action-learning labs, including the John B. and Lillian E. Neff Trading Room with 15 Bloomberg terminals and the Huntington Professional Sales Lab; outreach and engagement suites; and the LaValley Family Rooftop Garden.

RSVP for luncheon on changing role of women in family business

The Center for Family and Privately Held Business will hold a luncheon Tuesday, Sept. 17, at 11:30 a.m. at the Pinnacle in Maumee.

On the menu for discussion: “From Head of the Family to Head of the Firm: The Changing Role of Women in Family Business.”

“Statistics show that women are starting and taking over businesses at a higher rate than men,” said Angie Jones, program director at the Center for Family and Privately Held Business.

At the event, Karen Cady and Dawn Jinsky of Plante Moran, certified public accounting and business advisory firm, will explore the issue of women in leadership positions in family businesses. They will address:

• The challenges and opportunities facing the growing number of women leading family businesses; and
• Work and family life balance.

“Guys, don’t sit this one out because you think this is a women-only seminar. Odds are you already work with women in your business and can benefit from this discussion about the role men play in a woman-led family business,” Jones said.

“And we’ll be talking about what happens when a woman is not technically involved in day-to-day operations, but still is very influential in the business.”

These issues will be highlighted in a case study by Kathy Dul Aznovorian, owner of two family businesses, one of which is a manufacturing firm started by and handed down from her mother.

The lunch is free and open to the public; however, registration is required by Wednesday, Sept. 11. Go to http://utoledo.edu/womeninfamilybusiness.

GREEN RECOGNITION: Posing for a photo with the plaque signifying Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification for the Savage & Associates Complex for Business Learning and Engagement are, from left, Dr. Thomas Sharkey; Robert Savage and his wife, Susan Savage; Dr. Thomas Gutteridge; and President Lloyd Jacobs.
Aloha!

Learn how to expand educational horizons at information sessions

By Cathy Zimmer

The Center for International Studies and Programs is hosting daily information sessions for students interested in learning how to explore their world and enhance their academic career.

Programs highlighted during the information sessions will include study abroad, National Student Exchange and Camp Adventure.

Information sessions will be held throughout fall semester in Snyder Memorial Building Room 1100 on:

- Monday and Tuesday from 11 a.m. to noon;
- Wednesday and Thursday from 3 to 4 p.m.; and
- Friday from noon to 1 p.m.

Students can register online at utoledo.edu/cisp/infosession; walk-ins are welcome.

“Students will learn about various options that fit their goals and interests,” said Michelle Ploeger, international education specialist. “We also will go over the different programs and provide next steps to get them on their way. Ideally, students will want to plan a year out from when they want to depart.”

Ploeger added, “Students are encouraged to attend a daily Center for International Studies and Programs information session. These sessions will serve as a good starting point where they can learn more.”

The Center for International Studies and Programs supports internationalization efforts at The University of Toledo by creating links among students, faculty, 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.

The center is committed to the belief that effective cross-cultural interaction leads to global understanding and ultimately to a more rewarding human experience and to a better, more peaceful world.

ON-LOCATION EDUCATION: Lydia Kane, a film major who participated in an International Study Abroad Program in Barcelona, Spain, in 2012, stopped for a photo in front of the Sagrada Familia church, one of the city’s most popular attractions.
ARTFUL CAUSE: Senior Lecturer in Art Karen Roderick-Lingeman and Professor of Art Tom Lingeman traveled to Washington, D.C., in June and installed nearly 3,000 ceramic bones made in Toledo at an international installation called “One Million Bones” on the National Mall. Participants from around the globe contributed bone sculptures to the project, which was designed to recognize the victims and survivors of ongoing genocides and mass atrocities worldwide. UT art students as well as residents in the Arts Living Learning Community made some of the symbolic bones last year. The campus and Toledo communities also contributed to the installation. Learn more about the project at onemillionbones.org.

Submissions sought for Ottawa River Photography Contest

Students: It’s time to enter the 2013 UT Ottawa River Photography Contest. The President’s Commission on the River is sponsoring the competition. Gift cards will be awarded for first, second and third place.

Photographers of all skill levels are encouraged to enter the contest; cell phone photos will be accepted.

Students are limited to a maximum of three separate photo entries. Digital manipulation should be limited to basic light and color correction.

Entries should include a high-resolution jpeg image of the Ottawa River on Main Campus and can focus on scenic views, wildlife, nature, people or any river-related topic or theme.

A panel of photography and Ottawa River experts will judge the entries. Decisions of the judges will be final.

Entries must be received by 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 16.

Email photos, along with student name, Rocket ID and phone number, to Dr. Patrick Lawrence, UT professor and chair of the Department of Geography and Planning, and chair of the President’s Commission on the River, at patrick.lawrence@utoledo.edu.

Awards will be presented Thursday, Sept. 19, at noon at the Student River Plaza, located between the Student Union and Carlson Library, as part of Celebrate Our River Week.

Looking to gain experience putting on music events?

Need community service hours?

Let us know!

Music Fest 2013 is Friday, Sept. 13, and we’re looking for students, faculty and staff to volunteer that day! Sign up at http://utoledo.dmhelp or contact Ashley Brady, volunteer coordinator, at ashley.brady@rockets.utoledo.edu.
Success coaches help students navigate their way to graduation

By Cynthia Nowak

UT success coaches. They’re like personal trainers — but the exercises they provide to students are focused on a goal of successful graduation with a UT degree.

The newly launched University program is an initiative of the UT Strategic Plan, “Imagine 2017,” designed to enhance the student experience and increase retention, explained Dr. Kaye Patten Wallace, senior vice president for the student experience. The program matches new and transfer students with a success coach who will be a personal resource from admission through graduation.

“Each coach has an assigned roster of students,” she said. “Each success coach will work very proactively with his or her students and develop a personal relationship with them. They’ll connect with students regularly by whatever means is necessary — phone, texting, email, written messages — to keep them on track for their ultimate goal of graduation.

“Success coaches will be the single point of contact to assist students with any question, problem or concern they have related to their UT experience.”

Some of the areas in which success coaches help students are:

• Connecting them with appropriate academic resources such as tutoring, the Writing Center and the Math Lab;

• Ensuring they respond to necessary deadlines and helping them navigate paperwork;

• Assisting them in choosing student organizations and activities; and

• Helping them manage the multiple priorities of college life.

Success coaches provide one-on-one communication and support, and remain throughout the student’s entire academic journey at UT.

“A success coach is the student’s constant,” said Dr. Julie Fischer-Kinney, associate dean of YouCollege, who in her new role as supervisor of the success coaches reports directly to Patten Wallace. “They begin with a student’s initial adjustment to the policies and procedures of college, then move to transformational support as each student finds his or her place in the academic community and begins planning for a successful life after graduation.”

Success coaches have been assigned to students through four of the University’s five portal colleges — YouCollege, Adult and Lifelong Learning, Jessup Scott Honors and UTXnet World Campus. However, students with coaches are enrolled in colleges throughout the University in every major.

The comprehensive and ongoing training the success coaches receive includes both best practices for successful communication with their students, and an in-depth knowledge of the University’s programs, policies, procedures, systems and culture.

Also emphasized in the coaches’ training, Patten Wallace added, is the process of building relationships across the University community. “The coaches will work closely with advisers in the academic colleges, and partner with staff in service areas like Rocket Solution Central and student accounts to help students get the information they need.

“Collaboration and teamwork are the goals. Coaches should be viewed by the rest of the UT community as partners and allies, working together for the success of our students.”

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In memoriam

Barbara J. Dickman, Toledo, a former nurse’s aide at MCO, died Aug. 23 at age 75.

Robert L. Hurd, Perrysburg, a former volunteer at UT Medical Center, died Aug. 24 at age 84.

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for Rocky in weekly head-to-head matchups against other mascots such as Sparty of Michigan State University and Bucky Badger of the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

“I think it puts us and our brand at the level we deserve to be,” Burns said. “We have spent a number of years increasing the UT brand recognition in communities such as Detroit and Columbus, and around the world for that matter. This is another visible step in the evolution of the UT brand to the world stage.”

Capital One is providing two new options to vote this year: a weekly 25-point challenge and a weekly 100-point challenge.

Fans wishing to earn 25 or 100 points for Rocky need to complete the challenge and post it on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram using the hash tag #CapitalOneRocket.

The first 25-point challenge is to write a cheerleader-type cheer for their mascot and post it to Facebook or Twitter using the correct hash tag for their school, which for UT is #CapitalOneRocket.

To earn 100 points, fans need to film themselves performing the cheer in public and then upload it.

Additionally, fans can continue to place single votes, submit content, and find information about the weekly challenges by visiting capitalonebowl.com and clicking “vote” for their mascot. Voting multiple times is allowed, so be sure to help Rocky as much as possible.

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what they are really about,” said Daniel J. Steinbock, dean of the UT College of Law. “It will allow the community to get the benefit of the kind of faculty expertise our students are exposed to every day.”

House Bill 203 seeks to bring a version of the Stand Your Ground law to Ohio. Under current law, a person has no duty to retreat before using deadly force if that person is in his or her own home or automobile. The proposed legislation tracks Florida’s law and expands the right to use deadly force without a duty to retreat to any place a person has a lawful right to be.

The panel will survey Stand Your Ground laws in the United States and analyze them from legal, historical and feminist perspectives.
Back on campus following military duty

By Haraz N. Ghanbari

Humbled is the word I often use to describe my recent three-week underway on the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman — 4.5 acres of sovereign U.S. territory with a population of almost 5,000.

We departed Norfolk, Va., steamed across the Atlantic, the Mediterranean, through the Straits of Gibraltar and into the Port of Marseille, France. I’ve been a Navy public affairs officer since 2009, but reporting aboard the Truman July 22 was my first time going to sea.

My military service began with an enlistment in the Army National Guard as a high school senior in 1999. In 2007, I was honorably discharged as a sergeant with one deployment to Bosnia in 2001. On Christmas Eve 2010, I arrived in Kandahar, Afghanistan, as a junior naval officer and was attached to the Army’s 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) as the officer in charge of imagery for the International Security Assistance Force Regional Command (South) for a seven-month deployment.

Nothing in a combined 12 years of military service is comparable to the 24-hour operations of the carrier. Getting underway is a unique experience that not all sailors are afforded in part because of sea and shore rotations. I knew how blessed I was to be serving aboard the Truman, and I wanted to remember every bit of it.

The Truman, named for our 33rd President Harry Truman, and the other nine carriers are essentially self-sustained floating airports. They are often described as a small city complete with its own ZIP code, post office, medical and dental facilities, athletic facilities, bars, restaurants, and chapels. The crew’s culinary specialists serve more than 18,000 meals daily.

One evening while on the flight deck, I looked up and was amazed at the sky full of stars. I looked down at my watch, subtracted six hours for the change back to Eastern Standard Time, and thought about my friends and family who were at home eating dinner or perhaps taking in an evening baseball game.

As I took a moment to absorb my surroundings, including the roar of the jet engines, the smell of the fuel, the steam of a catapult launching a jet from 0 to 140 plus miles per hour in two seconds, or the young sailors and Marines aboard the deck, seamlessly executing their responsibilities, I was reminded that an estimated 1 percent of the U.S. population has served in the military.

Further estimates conclude that in the next five years, 1.5 million active-duty, reserve and National Guard troops will transition to civilian life. It’s a fair assessment to conclude some of those veterans will be students on UT campuses.

During the three weeks, I worked closely with the Truman’s mass communication specialists — the reporters and photographers who tell the Navy’s story for the ship’s daily newspaper as well as external audiences. Their stories, photos and videos also are shared across a variety of social media venues such as Facebook and Twitter — the latest technology used to communicate directly with the American people and others around the world.

The Truman is 1,092 feet long and 257 feet wide, so it took a few days to get acquainted with the ship, and I needed to stop and ask for directions more than once. It was an opportunity to learn about the other departments on the ship and broaden my professional development. The average age of a sailor or Marine is 24 or younger, and they all have a story and a reason for serving.

The U.S. Navy is important when considering the following facts: water covers about 70 percent of the Earth’s surface, about 80 percent of the world’s population lives near the ocean, and about 90 percent of all international trade travels by sea. America’s Navy protects American interest anywhere, anytime.

Those aboard the carrier are constantly training, practicing, qualifying on new standards, reviewing and progressing forward until their roles are second nature. They respond when called, and do so with pride and professionalism.

The day I flew home from France, the ship and her crew continued east toward the Persian Gulf to an area known as the U.S. Fifth Fleet Area of Responsibility. There, the Truman will support combat operations in Afghanistan as well as security and stabilization operations in the region.

I returned to campus a few days before the start of a new semester, rejuvenated and committed to assisting our student veterans successfully transition from military service to the classroom and beyond.

As the semester shapes up and I begin to meet with new and returning students, my conundrum will be who to cheer for when the Rockets host the Naval Academy Saturday, Oct. 19, for an evening football game in the Glass Bowl.

Ghanbari is a military liaison with the Military Service Center and the Adult, Transfer and Military Admission Office.
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