Canaday Center exhibition features correspondence of luminaries

What do Charles Darwin, Maya Angelou, J. Edgar Hoover, Margaret Mead and T. S. Eliot have in common?

Signed letters from all of these individuals — and more than 200 other notable people — are part of the Ward M. Canaday Center’s new exhibition, “Letters of Luminaries: Notable Correspondence in the Collections of the Ward M. Canaday Center.”

The free, public exhibit will open Monday, Oct. 21.

“The signature of an important person from our past is a singular, proven connection to a significant individual’s life,” said Barbara Floyd, director of the Canaday Center. “There is a significance to those signatures that cannot be easily described, but which draws one to whatever it is they signed.”

The staff of the Canaday Center spent the past year culling through its 6,000 feet of manuscript collections to locate letters signed by important persons. They located letters from political leaders, business innovators, intellectuals, celebrities, sports figures, authors, foreign dignitaries and famous Toledoans.

In addition to the notable people, Floyd said the exhibit also features letters from ordinary people who describe extraordinary events. “To me, this is where the art of correspondence really impacts,” Floyd said.

Among the letters of ordinary people on display is a note from a person known only as Belle, who writes to someone named Matilda in May 1862 about an acquaintance — George — who left that morning to join the Union forces during the Civil War. The letter poignantly describes how Belle and her mother both cried, and how George, too, nearly cried.

“The ink on the letter is smudged in one spot, as if a drop of water had hit the

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College of Business and Innovation featured in 2014 Princeton Review

By Bob Mackowiak

The University of Toledo College of Business and Innovation is one of the nation’s outstanding business schools, according to the education services company, The Princeton Review, which features the school in the new 2014 edition of its book, The Best 295 Business Schools.

According to Robert Franek, senior vice president and publisher of The Princeton Review, “We recommend The University of Toledo College of Business and Innovation as one of the best institutions a student could attend to earn a business school degree. We chose the schools we profile in this book based on our high regard for their academic programs and our reviews of institutional data we collect from the schools. We also solicit and greatly respect the opinions of students attending these schools who rate and report on their experiences at them on our 80-question student survey for the book.”

“All of us in the College of Business and Innovation are very excited at this continuing recognition by The Princeton Review of the quality and relevance of our programs,” noted Dr. Thomas Sharkey, interim dean of the college. “We like to point out that the college is increasingly ranked and recognized by national and international organizations, and this recognition by The Princeton Review further validates the quality of our faculty, the significance of our curriculum, and the excellence of our students.”

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University leaders present vision for on-campus housing at trustee committee meeting

By Jon Struck

University officials presented to the UT Board of Trustees Finance Committee Oct. 7 a preliminary housing plan designed to ensure on-campus housing continues to meet the evolving needs and expectations of prospective students in the years ahead.

UT Provost Scott Scarborough asked trustees for feedback as he laid out a proposal in line with the Imagine 2017 Main Campus strategic plan to continue developing the Gateway project, cultivate an Academic Honors Village on the northwest corner of campus, and renovate and/or raze older residence halls based on projected housing needs.

“We’ve already begun the effort to house students in the Jesup Scott Honors College closer to the academic buildings north of the Ottawa River,” Scarborough said, referencing the renovation of MacKinnon Hall and the demolition of Dowd, White and Nash halls. “As the Honors College grows, we want to increase renovated and new housing and create a living environment where UT’s strongest students can grow academically.”

Scarborough said the Academic Honors Village would include renovations to Scott and Tucker halls to create additional single-person rooms. It also would include a third-party-funded housing unit where Dowd, White and Nash Halls once stood.

With the number of high school seniors declining, UT is already working to rebalance its enrollment population by bringing in additional adult students. This reality, combined with the suggested new
First Hussain Professor of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery to be installed Oct. 15

By Samantha Watson

Dr. Thomas Schwann will be named the first S. Amjad Hussain Professor of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery Tuesday, Oct. 15.

Schwann, UT professor of surgery and division chief of cardiothoracic surgery, is board-certified in cardiothoracic surgery. A medical graduate of Columbia University, Schwann was trained in thoracic and cardiovascular surgery at the New Haven Medical Center of Yale University.

Schwann has a national and international reputation as an innovative surgeon and a diligent researcher, said Dr. S. Amjad Hussain, UT trustee and professor emeritus of thoracic and cardiovascular surgery, adding that Schwann has deep interest in history and philosophy.

The installation ceremony will be Tuesday, Oct. 15, at 5 p.m. in Health Education Building Room 100 on Health Science Campus.

The endowed professorship recognizes Hussain, who has played an important role during his years with the former Medical College of Ohio and now The University of Toledo Medical Center.

The Hussain family provided the foundational pledge of $500,000 for the endowment and his friends, colleagues and grateful patients helped reach the $1 million goal. The endowment will support Schwann’s research projects.

Born in Pakistan, Hussain graduated with distinction from Khyber Medical College in 1962 and then received general surgery training at MCO and cardiovascular surgery training at Wayne State University in Detroit. He returned to Pakistan for four years to teach at his alma mater, then returned to Toledo to start a private practice in 1975. Hussain was named professor emeritus by MCO when he retired in 2004.

The author of more than 50 scientific papers, 13 books and an op-ed columnist for The Blade for nearly 20 years, Hussain is an accomplished surgeon, researcher and teacher who has held many leadership positions, including president of the Academy of Medicine of Toledo and Lucas County, the Toledo Surgical Society, the Association of Pakistani Physicians of North America and Khyber Medical College Alumni Association. He’s also an internationally recognized explorer and an award-winning photographer.

To RSVP for the installation ceremony, email hscevents@utoledo.edu or call 419.383.6300.

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Dr. Terribeth Gordon-Moore, senior associate dean of the college, said, “Our inclusion in this select group is a seal of quality for our degree programs. It elevates the value of degrees received, leads to increased enrollment of high-quality students, and enhances the qualifications of alumni. Furthermore, it benefits businesses nationwide by providing them with highly qualified graduates who become superb employees.”

The Best 295 Business Schools: 2014 Edition has two-page profiles of the schools with write-ups on their academics, student life and admissions. In the College of Business and Innovation profile, The Princeton Review editors describe the school as “offering a good education at a very competitive price with convenient scheduling.” Among the topics about which students surveyed had the highest consensus were smart classrooms, solid preparation in general management, and doing business in a global economy.

The school profiles in The Best 295 Business Schools have rating scores in five categories: academic experience, admissions selectivity, career, professors interesting, and professors accessible. The Princeton Review does not rank the business schools in the book on a single hierarchical list from 1 to 295, or name one business school best overall.

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third-party housing unit, could enable UT to consider razing Carter Hall, Scarborough said, suggesting the space could be used to bring athletic fields from the Scott Park Campus to Main Campus and increase student engagement.

In addition to Scarborough’s informational presentation on student housing, the Finance Committee also took action on an appropriation of $13.2 million in operating funds to pay for capital projects, equipment and renovations, recommending the slate of projects to the full board for approval.

Among the projects recommended to the full board were:

- New emergency power backup generation for UTMC;
- New boilers and chillers for Main Campus heating and cooling;
- Needed East Parking Ramp repairs following structural failures discovered during a recent inspection;
- Renovations to Scott and Tucker halls to provide Honors College housing;
- Renovations to Kobacker as UT Medical Center works with Horizon Health, which will help develop and manage UTMC’s geriatric psychiatry service; and
- Cutting-edge radiation therapy equipment for the Eleanor N. Dana Cancer Center.

“As state budgets are stressed, capital funding for universities hasn’t been able to keep pace to the degree we need it to,” UT President Lloyd Jacobs said. “While some of these investments won’t be obvious on a daily basis, all of them will ensure the campus is a stronger, safer place to learn and receive a top-tier education.”

BIG DANCE TO COME TO UT: The University of Toledo’s Savage Arena has been selected as one of 16 sites for the first and second rounds of the 2014 NCAA Division I Women’s Basketball Championship. UT will host games either Saturday and Monday, March 22 and 24, or Sunday and Tuesday, March 23 and 25. The exact dates and ticket information will be released at a later time.

Savage Arena enters its 32nd year as the home of Rocket men’s and women’s basketball and women’s volleyball, and its sixth since the completion of a $30 million renovation that has made UT’s athletic facility one of the finest arenas of its size in the country. Designed by the architectural firms SSOE Inc. and Ellerbe Becket, the remodeled Savage Arena includes a bowl-style seating configuration that brings fans closer to the action. Seating capacity for basketball is 7,300.
Business students finish first in national supply chain management case competition

By Bob Mackowiak

Supply chain management students in the UT College of Business and Innovation claimed first place in the 2013 Supply Chain Case Competition, sponsored by General Motors and Wayne State University and held in Detroit Sept. 19-21.

They bested teams from 19 other universities, including BGSU, Ohio State, Michigan State, Pennsylvania State, Rutgers and the University of Maryland.

“All credit goes to the team,” said Dr. P. S. Sundararaghavan, professor in the Information Operations and Technology Management Department and faculty adviser to the team. “The case analysis is entirely the responsibility of students, with zero input from faculty. Faculty responsibility ends with team selection. The students performed magnificently, and our UT team won big, very big, beating out teams from 19 other high-caliber business schools from around the country.

“I want to thank the college for its generous support and Senior Associate Dean Terribeth Gordon-Moore for all the encouragement.”

Team members were Justin Michael Blake, Emily Burghardt, Athreya Rajan and Sasha VonSacken.

“Congratulations to the team for their outstanding performance in this national competition, and thanks to Dr. Sundararaghavan for motivating the team,” Gordon-Moore said. “This success shines a wonderful light on our college and is additional evidence as to why UT College of Business and Innovation is increasingly nationally ranked and recognized.”

“My favorite part of the competition was competing with people from all over the nation,” Blake said. “I also enjoyed talking to people that are high up in GM. Getting first place was just icing on the cake to a great weekend. I learned so much about supply chain management within the automotive industry. It was already a great experience; winning just made it that much better.”

Business students take first place at Global Supply Chain Management Conference case competition

By Bob Mackowiak

Operations/supply chain management students in the UT College of Business and Innovation won the undergraduate student case competition in front of a panel of international judges at the Sixth Global Supply Chain Management Conference.

Teams from six universities, including the University of Evansville, Western Michigan University and Rowan University, registered for the competition, with four teams selected to present their case analyses at the conference, which was held Sept. 26-28 in Detroit.

The case analysis was entirely the responsibility of the students, with no input from faculty.

The contest was judged by an international panel of faculty members representing The University of Tokyo, IE Business School in Madrid, Spain, and Old Dominion University and Western Carolina University of the United States.

In their evaluations, panel members considered multiple criteria, including the written case analysis, presentation, and questions and answers.

The UT team of Austin Petroff, Riheng Cao, Essa Almazni and Jingwen Zhang won the competition, with judges praising the team’s work spirit and presentation.

During the competition, students also had the opportunity to participate in two employment-oriented panel discussions, several sessions on the state of automotive industry supply chain by leading experts in the field, a factory visit to the Detroit-Hamtramck plant of GM that makes the Volt, and several interviews for full-time employment and internships. They also attended a Detroit Tigers game.
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page,” Floyd said. “One can only imagine that it was Belle’s tears that stained the letter.”

Because there are no additional letters from Belle, one is left to ponder the fate of George.

The signatures of foreign dignitaries include a guest book from the American Embassy in Moscow in December 1963. It includes the signatures of all of the leaders of the Soviet Union at the time. The leaders came to the embassy to pay their respects to Ambassador Foy D. Kohler on the death of President John F. Kennedy. The guest book includes signatures from Nikita Khrushchev, Andrei Gromyko and Khrushchev’s wife. Also documenting this tragedy are letters from ordinary Soviet citizens who wrote heartfelt letters to the ambassador expressing their grief on the death of the president.

“At the height of the Cold War, these letters show that the Soviet Union was deeply affected by the assassination of Kennedy,” Floyd said. “One might not expect such sentiments, but they provide a glimpse into the lives of people that we would not otherwise know.”

The exhibit also contains letters of people as varied as Henry Clay, Langston Hughes, Susan B. Anthony and Helen Keller. The latter is signed in Keller’s distinctive printed block letters reflecting the writing style she learned after losing her sight as a young child.

In addition to “Letters of Luminaries,” the Canaday Center also has organized a smaller exhibit, “Celebrity Sightings,” on the fifth floor of Carlson Library adjacent to the center. It features enlargements of signed photographs of famous people from the Canaday Center’s holdings; these include Orson Welles, Katherine Hepburn, H.G. Wells and President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Of note is an enlargement of a photograph taken in Toledo on Sept. 22, 1967, of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. that was signed by King and given to then-UT President William S. Carlson. It was the only appearance by King in Toledo; he spoke that day at a rally at Scott High School. The photograph was taken at a reception after the speech.

Also included in this exhibit are copies of pages from scrapbooks maintained by the UT Office of Special Events from 1976 to the early 1990s that document concerts performed in Centennial Hall, now known as Savage Arena. These scrapbook pages include signatures and sentiments from Bob Dylan, Cher, Steve Martin and Bill Cosby, among others.

The exhibits will be on display Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through July 31, 2014. Special and group showings can be arranged by calling 419.530.4480. For more information, contact Floyd at barbara.floyd@utoledo.edu or 419.530.2170.

Fight for your right to read

Students watched an episode of “The Simpsons” last week during the 16th annual UT Banned Books Week Vigil. In “500 Keys,” Lisa finds a secret room full of banned books at school.

Dr. Paulette Kilmer, professor of communication and coordinator of the event, discussed the TV show after the screening. “When you talk about the right to read, you’re also talking about the right to access other cultural materials. We are talking about our freedom of expression,” she said. More than 700 attended the all-day event made possible by 33 sponsors. A total of 44 banned books were given away as door prizes.
Opera star to visit UT to present master class, discuss career, music

Legendary opera star Marilyn Horne will visit The University of Toledo Friday and Saturday, Oct. 18 and 19, to take part in a public discussion of her career and life in music and to conduct a master class with vocal students.

Horne teaches vocalists around the world. She performed regularly for many years with the Metropolitan Opera and also appeared in major opera houses around the world: La Scala, Gelsenkirchen Opera, San Francisco Opera, Opera Company of Boston and the Royal Opera House.

She was a Kennedy Center Honoree in 1995 and is a recipient of the National Medal of Arts. Her notable recordings include West Side Story, led by Leonard Bernstein, from 1984; Bizet’s Carmen in 1972, also conducted by Bernstein; Gluck’s Orfeo ed Euridice from 1970, conducted by Georg Solti; Puccini’s Suor Angelica in 1976, led by Lorin Maazel; and many Rossini operas.

The College of Communication and the Arts will present Horne Friday, Oct. 18, at 7:30 p.m. in conversation with Dr. Denise Ritter Bernardini, UT assistant professor of music and director of the UT Opera Ensemble, in the Center for Performing Arts Recital Hall. A book signing will follow in the lobby.

Tickets are available for this event for $25 each through the Center for Performing Arts Box Office at utoledo.edu/boxoffice and by phone at 419.530.2375. Seating is limited; tickets are first-come, first-served.

The master class will run from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, in the Center for Performing Arts Recital Hall. Featured singers will be Molly Bock, Lena Miller, and Sasha Noori from the UT Department of Music, and Meridian Prall of Homestead High School in Fort Wayne, Ind. UT vocalists Devon Desmond and Janaye Ashman will serve as alternates.

Reservations are required to attend the free, public master class; contact the Center for Performing Arts Box Office at utoledo.edu/boxoffice. Each person may reserve up to four seats. To make arrangements for larger, educational groups, contact kelly.mcgilvery@utoledo.edu.

These events are presented by the Department of Music in the College of Communication and the Arts’ School of Visual and Performing Arts with sponsorship from the Office of the Provost and WGTE/KnowledgeStream.

Proceeds from these events will benefit the UT Opera Ensemble. For more information, contact Ritter Bernardini at denise.bernardini@utoledo.edu or 419.530.4189.

Best-selling author to speak at Summers Memorial Lecture

A best-selling author known for his dark and funny short stories, who also happens to be one of Time’s 100 Most Influential People in the World, will speak Monday, Oct. 21, at The University of Toledo.

George Saunders, whose most recent collection of short stories titled Tenth of December was published earlier this year, will give the 24th annual Richard M. Summers Memorial Lecture at 5 p.m. in Memorial Field House Room 2100.

Saunders, who was a field geophysicist, didn’t know writing was a possible livelihood until he discovered master of fine arts programs. He applied to the MFA program at Syracuse, got in, and began his new life as a writer. He still teaches there.

He is the author of the best-selling CivilWarLand in Bad Decline and Pastoralia, as well as numerous short stories in The New Yorker and travel pieces in GQ.

His book of essays, The Braindead Megaphone, landed him spots on “The Charlie Rose Show,” “Late Night With David Letterman” and “The Colbert Report.” This year, he was named one of Time magazine’s 100 Most Influential People in the World. He also has been recognized as a MacArthur Genius Grant Fellow, which supports “extraordinary originality and dedication in their creative pursuits.”

“He’s a widely recognized writer,” said Dr. Tim Geiger, professor of English. “I think he’s going to be very entertaining, and I think he’s going to say some things to make people think about our contemporary society and where we’re going.”

Artist returns to perform for LGBTQQA History Month

The University of Toledo will host gender activist Kate Bornstein as the keynote speaker for LGBTQQA History Month Wednesday, Oct. 16.

Bornstein will deliver her signature performance, “On Men, Women and the Rest of Us,” at 8 p.m. in the Scott Park Auditorium.

Built around the notion of a not-man, not-woman identity in a world that demands a person be one or the other, it’s an evening of her favorite spoken word pieces, spanning a quarter of a century of writing and performance, and ranging from comedy, dramatic monologues, high theory and video, with time for questions and dialogue.

Bornstein is an author, playwright and performance artist known for her lectures and workshops on sex, gender and alternatives to teen suicide.

Bornstein’s latest novel, A Queer and Pleasant Danger (2012), is her memoir dedicated to her daughter and grandchildren. She tells the story of her journey and gives readers a better look into the roots of her academic and political worlds.

“I had the honor of meeting Kate a few years ago when she visited campus for Women’s History Month,” said Fatima Pervaiz, program coordinator for the UT Office of Excellence and Multicultural Student Success. “I would encourage all who are interested in anti-oppression work and intersecting identities, particularly related to gender and sexuality, to attend this free event for both education and empowerment.”

The event is sponsored by the UT Office of Excellence and Multicultural Student Success, SPECTRUM UT, President’s Lecture Series on Diversity, and Student Activities Committee, and is part of the University’s recognition of LGBTQQA History Month.
Exonerated death row inmates to share stories Oct. 22

By Rachel Phipps

In a panel discussion at The University of Toledo College of Law Tuesday, Oct. 22, three exonerated death row inmates, who were the subject of the documentary film “One For Ten,” will share their stories.

The free, public event will be held at noon in the Law Center McQuade Law Auditorium.

“Wrongful conviction is the criminal justice system’s worst nightmare,” said Daniel J. Steinbock, dean of the College of Law. “This panel will address the human cost and, hopefully, how to reduce the likelihood of conviction of the innocent.”

On Sept. 24, 1988, a jogger discovered the body of a young man floating in Doan Creek near Cleveland. The victim’s throat had been slit and there were three large stab wounds in his chest. Three local landscapers who knew the victim were arrested for the crime. During the interrogation, one of the suspects accepted a plea bargain and then testified that the other two men, including Joe D’Ambrosio, had kidnapped the victim and driven to the creek before cutting his throat and stabbing him in the water.

D’Ambrosio was sentenced to death for the crime even though the testimony against him was riddled with inconsistencies — the date and location of the murder were disputed, and no physical evidence could be found at the supposed crime scene. D’Ambrosio spent the next 20 years on death row before his conviction was overturned by a federal court.

D’Ambrosio joins fellow exonerees Delbert Tibbs, who spent two years on death row in Florida, and Damon Thibodeaux, who spent 15 years on Louisiana’s death row, on a panel to address wrongful convictions in the United States.

More information is available at oneforten.com.

In memoriam

Dr. R. Douglas “Doug” Wilkerson, Toledo, died Oct. 7 at age 69. He joined the MCO faculty as an associate professor of pharmacology and therapeutics in 1979 and was promoted to professor in 1989. Two years later Wilkerson added another title: associate vice president for research.

In 2006, the professor of now pharmacology and physiology took on a third title: associate dean of graduate programs in the College of Medicine. Wilkerson kept those three titles after MUO merged with UT that year. He was named professor emeritus when he retired in 2009.
Center for Health and Successful Living opens

By Kim Goodin

It may have been more appropriate for the ribbon cut in front of the new Center for Health and Successful Living to be pink rather than red, but the symbolism was the same.

Dignitaries and directors were joined in opening the center by Gladys Thompson, a 12-year breast cancer survivor and mother of co-director Dr. Amy Thompson.

“Witnessing her breast cancer journey and her struggles was the catalyst for the idea of this new center,” said Thompson, professor in the College of Health Sciences. “Our goal is for it to be a beacon of light, hope and support for breast cancer survivors and their families and to help reduce the risk of others developing breast cancer.”

The center is a community hub of resources, education and support for people living with chronic disease and those who seek to improve their health. Rocket Wellness, a health and wellness enhancement program for the UT community, and the Center for Successful Aging, a program for the UT community, and the Center for Health and Successful Living to be pink and white.

Dr. Timothy R. Jordan, professor in the College of Health Sciences and co-director of the center, commented, “One unique aspect of the center’s design is its emphasis on interdisciplinary teaching, learning, research and community service conducted by professors and students within the College of Health Sciences. Because these programs and services are led by faculty and students as part of academic course work, we can offer them free of charge to the community.”

Services include:
• Walking/physical activity programs;
• Support groups;
• Nutrition counseling;
• Book club for survivors;
• Recreation therapy;
• Mammography and clinical services support.

Services planned in the future include social work, physical and occupational therapy, legal services, tobacco cessation, health and wellness counseling, education and social events.

NOW OPEN: Dr. Timothy Jordan, left, Gladys Thompson, President Lloyd Jacobs, Provost Jeffrey Gold and Dr. Amy Thompson posed for a photo after cutting the ribbon for the new Center for Health and Successful Living.

The following organizations are collaborating partners with the center: Susan G. Komen of Northwest Ohio, the American Cancer Society, the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department, the Toledo-Lucas County Commission on Minority Health and the Zepf Center.
‘Hoops Hysteria’ basketball preview event slated for Oct. 24

By Paul Helgren

The University of Toledo’s “Hoops Hysteria” basketball preview at Savage Arena will take place Thursday, Oct. 24, at 7 p.m.

Rocket basketball fans can get their first look at the 2013-14 men’s and women’s basketball teams, get player autographs, as well as participate in contests and other fun activities.

Highlighting the free event will be a slam-dunk contest by the men’s team, a three-point shooting contest featuring players from both teams as well as UT students, and drawings for prizes, including an iPad mini and team warm-ups.

UT students attending the event also will receive a free T-shirt.

Throughout the event, fans will have a chance to meet the players and coaches. Free team posters will be available, as well as opportunities for autographs. Fans can purchase snacks from the concession stands as they watch the action and listen to live music.

The UT men’s team is looking to do big things in the 2013-14 campaign and has been picked to win the Mid-American Conference by several national publications. After tying for first place in the West Division last season, the Rockets return four starters to the hardwood this season, including all-conference guards Rian Pearson and Julius Brown, as well as MAC All-Freshman Team member Nathan Boothe.

The Rocket women’s team is coming off a stellar 29-4 record in 2012-13, the best single-season mark in school annals. The Rockets also captured their second MAC regular-season crown in the last three seasons with a 15-1 league ledger. Toledo also made its fourth consecutive appearance and ninth overall in the WNI.