Veterans to be honored during annual celebration at UT

By Meghan Cunningham

The University will honor the nation’s veterans and their families by hosting the annual Toledo community Veterans Day celebration Monday, Nov. 11.

The ninth annual Veterans Appreciation Breakfast and Resource Fair will be held from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Savage Arena. The remembrance ceremony that follows the breakfast also will be held in Savage Arena. In years past, it had been at the outdoor Veterans’ Plaza.


Renuart has served the country since 1971 when he entered the U.S. Air Force. A command pilot with more than 3,900 flight hours, the general has served as the commander of Fighter Wings internationally and throughout the United States as well as director of strategic plans and policy for the joint staff and senior military assistant to the secretary of defense. He retired in 2010.

“It is important to take this opportunity to honor all of the women and men who have served this country and their families who made the sacrifice with them,” said UT President Lloyd Jacobs, who served in the U.S. Marine Corps. “UT is proud to be a recognized military friendly school in the city of Toledo, where we come together on Veterans Day each year to show our appreciation.”

GI Jobs magazine recently featured UT in its 2014 Military Friendly Schools list, recognizing the University for working with veteran-students to translate their military service experience to useable credits for their education. UT also was praised for its online learning options and affordable tuition.

Prior to the Rocket football game against Navy Oct. 19, the University designated a permanently unoccupied seat in the Glass Bowl in honor of military personnel who were or are prisoners of war or have been declared missing in action.

The Veterans Appreciation Breakfast and Resource Fair is sponsored by Block Communications Inc., Lucas County Commissioners, UT, the American Red Cross of Northwest Ohio and the Lucas County Veterans Service Commission.

Environmental scientist to prove socioeconomic impact on climate change

By Meghan Cunningham

A University of Toledo environmental researcher is out to scientifically prove the human impact on global warming by studying the interactions of natural and human systems in the Mongolian Plateau.

“Climate change is happening. We cannot stop it, but we can adapt to it,” said Dr. Jiquan Chen, UT professor of ecology. “We will not stop pollution or carbon dioxide from impacting our planet. That goes against human nature. Populations will continue to increase, and people will live the lifestyles they are accustomed to.

“In the future, what we can and need to do is slow climate change down and come up with mitigation plans, but we need to understand the human impact before we can adapt to it.”

Chen is leading a five-year project, “Ecosystems and Societies: Divergent Trajectories and Coevolution,” funded with a $1.4 million grant from the National Science Foundation.

HOT RESEARCH: Dr. Jiquan Chen, UT professor of ecology, is studying global warming in the Mongolian Plateau.

The Mongolian Plateau is a “crossroad hot spot” for the scientific community to explore the coevolution of human and natural systems, Chen said, because of the similar ecological systems and contrasting climates.

Intern in Ohio connects UT students with United Way for nearly 150 internships

By Tobin J. Klinger

This January when United Way of Greater Toledo launches its annual program to help meet the tax preparation needs of the community, its efforts will be powered in part by The University of Toledo and Intern in Ohio.

United Way is using Intern in Ohio, an online matching system, to fill nearly 150 internships as it seeks to help people save more of what they earn.

The Free Tax Preparation Program helps low- to moderate-income families in the community by preparing their state and federal returns at no cost. This year, United Way utilized Intern in Ohio to attract college students from specialized majors, like accounting, to paid and unpaid internships that provide the services.

“The experience we have had with Intern in Ohio has been incredibly positive,” said Toni Shoola, program manager. “The website is easy to use and customizable to fit diverse employer and student needs. I also am very impressed with the way it connects students to great opportunities for personal development and professional advancement.”

Shoola not only enjoyed the ease of use of the tool, but also the quality of the UT students United Way connected with.

“Intern in Ohio has helped our program connect with a large number of University of Toledo students in which we see a lot of potential,” Shoola said. “The staff at Intern in Ohio has been incredibly accommodating and helpful with posting positions on its website.”

Not only is the University partnering with Intern in Ohio to bring opportunities to students, UT faculty are involved by helping organize training for United Way’s Free Tax Preparation Program.

Dr. Laura Williams of the UT College of Business and Innovation is helping host an orientation for United Way’s tax program Wednesday, Nov. 6. Additionally, the internship opportunities have been approved for nearly 150 students United Way connected with.

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Correction

A photo credit was wrong in last week’s issue. Jack Meade took the photo of Dr. Bryan Yamamoto, professor and chair of neurosciences, that appeared on the front page.

Look for the next issue of UT News Tuesday, Nov. 12

Former MCO student now Army surgeon returns from Afghanistan

By Haraz N. Ghanbari

In one of Afghanistan’s most remote provinces situated along the southeastern border with Pakistan, a graduate of the former Medical College of Ohio spent several months treating the casualties of a decade-long war.

Dr. Daniel G. McCullough, a recently promoted major in the Army Reserve, deployed to Afghanistan in the latter months of 2012 as one of three doctors assigned to the 691st Forward Surgical Team.

“Trauma surgery was mostly what I did there,” McCullough recalled. “When the weather was good, the troops would go out and do stuff — trauma would depend on how busy they were.”

As more U.S. and coalition troops rotate out of Afghanistan, more of the daily fighting against terrorists is done by Afghan troops. McCullough said as a result of the shift in roles, there were fewer American casualties; most of his patients were Afghan soldiers, Afghan police and members of the local population.

McCullough earned his undergraduate degree in chemistry from Miami University of Ohio in 1993. In 2001, he graduated as a medical doctor from MCO and then completed his surgical residency in 2006. In 2007, the Ohio native completed a fellowship in minimally invasive surgery at the University of Virginia.

For the last six years, he has been in private practice, licensed in Maryland and Delaware, specializing in bariatric and minimally invasive surgery.

The son of former MCO President Frank S. McCullough, who was an Air Force medical doctor in the early 1970s, the younger McCullough joined the Army in August 2011 through a direct commission.

“MCO has a fabulous trauma program — for better or worse, I was exposed to a lot of trauma and a lot of vascular surgery, both of which were of critical importance for the Army,” McCullough said. “My private practice is all elective surgery — bariatric surgery, minimally invasive using video cameras and robots. Trauma is a completely different creature.”

The majority of the injuries McCullough treated while deployed were gunshot wounds and blast injuries often sustained from improvised explosive devices. Most patients would arrive via helicopter within 30 minutes of injury, and the mission of McCullough and the medical team he worked with was to stabilize, treat and transfer the patient to the next highest level of care.

Forward surgical teams typically include 20 staff members consisting of four surgeons, three registered nurses, two certified registered nurse anesthetists, three licensed practical nurses, three surgical technicians, three medics, one administrative officer and one detachment sergeant.

When McCullough talks with medical students, he often advises them to go where their heart is and not do what they think is going to have the best lifestyle.

“Where young doctors run afoul and have an unhappy career is when they choose a job because their mentor, their parent or their wallet told them to take a job,” McCullough said.

“The pay of a military doctor varies based on rank and the number of years of military service, but often doesn’t compare to higher pay of a civilian counterpart in private or general practice.

“I knew I had something the military needed and was happy to give back,” McCullough said. “From a rewarding life experience, it’s definitely worth every minute of it.”

Currently assigned to the 48th Combat Support Hospital headquartered at the Capt. John Smathers Reserve Center near Fort Meade, Md., the major said he anticipates being deployed again in early 2014 for his second Operation Enduring Freedom mission.

McCullough and his wife, Dr. Sophia McCullough, a practicing pediatrician and graduate of MCO, live in Maryland with their three children.

Veterans Appreciation Breakfast and Resource Fair

Monday, November 11, 2013
8:30 - 11:30 a.m.
The University of Toledo Savage Arena
2801 W. Bancroft, Toledo, OH 43606

This Veterans Day, join us as we recognize, honor, and celebrate America’s service members and their sacrifice for our country. We are honored to have retired General Victor E. Renaut, Jr., United States Air Force, as this year’s keynote speaker. This free event for local veterans, members of the military and their families also offers attendees access to a variety of military-focused community resources.

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Walk-In Wednesdays for academic advising to begin Nov. 6

By Cynthia Nowak

Students who have quick questions for academic advisers won’t have to make an appointment to get answers, thanks to Walk-In Wednesdays, an advising initiative that will be launched Wednesday, Nov. 6.

Continuing students who are enrolled can go to their specific college’s Student Services Office on Wednesdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to receive advising on a first-come, first-served basis.

Some issues that can be covered in the short meetings include questions about a student’s academic program or academic resources; details on degree audit reports; advice on making an academic decision such as summer classes, adding minors or taking a withdrawal; clarification of an academic policy or procedure; or help with deciding between a prepared list of options for the next semester. Students also can make an appointment for an extended meeting with an adviser.

“Walk-In Wednesdays will really optimize the advising process for our students, who often are faced with decisions that don’t require a long session with their adviser,” said Dr. Kaye Patton Wallace, senior vice president for the student experience. “The advisers on duty can answer questions quickly and allow students to move forward on their academic journey.”

Adding that students had been requesting such a service, she said, “We’re excited to be able to respond to their academic needs.”

She offered as well: “So they can make the most of Walk-In Wednesdays, we’re recommending that students prepare their questions in advance.”

Student Services offices for the participating Main Campus colleges are:

- College of Adult and Lifelong Learning: Rocket Hall Room 1300;
- College of Business and Innovation: Stranahan Hall North Room 3130;
- College of Communication and the Arts: University Hall Room 3000;
- College of Engineering:
  - Bioengineering — Nitschke Hall Room 5051; Chemical Engineering — Nitschke Hall Room 3050; Civil Engineering — Nitschke Hall Room 3006; Electrical Engineering and Computer Science — Nitschke Hall Room 2008; Engineering Technology — North Engineering Room 1600; Mechanical, Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering — Nitschke Hall Room 4006;
- College of Health Sciences: Gillham Hall Room 3100;
- College of Languages, Literature and Social Sciences: University Hall Room 3000;
- College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics: University Hall Room 3000;
- College of Nursing: Carlson Library Room 0095;
- College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences: Wolfe Hall Room 1227;
- College of Social Justice and Human Service: Gillham Hall Room 3100;
- Jesup Scott Honors College: University Hall Room 3000;
- Judith Herb College of Education: Gillham Hall Room 3100; and
- YouCollege: Rocket Hall Rooms 1830-1840.

Questions about Walk-In Wednesdays can be directed to the individual colleges.

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for course credit in both accounting and finance.

“This is exactly the type of connection we envisioned when we partnered to bring Intern in Ohio to life in northwest Ohio,” said Lawrence J. Burns, UT vice president for external affairs. “This is a perfect combination of technology, expertise and a community need that so many will draw a benefit from. We are proud to sponsor Intern in Ohio.”

“Internships are a critical force in retaining talent in this region,” said Bernie Gosky, executive director of Intern in Ohio.

“Together, we are working to increase the number of successful internships for students across the state of Ohio by connecting students based on what they can do and what they want to learn to do.”

Utilizing a revolutionary matching algorithm, Intern in Ohio connects both employers and students to internship opportunities based on skills, interests and requirements. By matching based on these factors, this free technology ensures that all internship candidates are well-suited for their experiential learning opportunities. This reduces the traditional barriers to effective internships and streamlines the hiring process to save employers time and money.

For more information or to register as a business or student with Intern in Ohio, visit InternInOhio.com. For more information on the United Way Free Tax Preparation Program, visit unitedwaytoledo.org/taxprep.
Algae topic of water conference Nov. 8

By Rachel Phipps

Algae, fueled by excess nutrients, cause economic and environmental harm and threaten public health in the Great Lakes region and beyond.

Legal and scientific experts from across the nation and Canada will tackle the algae problem at the 13th annual Great Lakes Water Conference Friday, Nov. 8, at the University of Toledo Law Center.

The free, public conference, “Algae: A Blooming Problem in the Great Lakes and Beyond,” is sponsored by the College of Law and the Legal Institute of the Great Lakes.

Keynote speaker Chris Korleski, director of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Great Lakes National Program Office, will kick off the one-day conference.

Panels focusing on “Algae in the Great Lakes” and “Algae Across the Nation” will follow. An afternoon panel titled “The Compact, the Carp and the Court” will round out the sessions.

“There is no silver bullet that will solve the harmful algae problem, but this conference contributes both legal and scientific ammunition to combat this scourge,” said Kenneth Kilbert, director of the Legal Institute of the Great Lakes and associate dean for academic affairs.

Registration is $70 for Ohio attorneys seeking 4.5 hours of continuing legal education.

For more information or to register, visit http://utoledo.do/lakes.

New institute topic of Nov. 7 talk

Learn all about UT’s new Institute for the Study and Economic Engagement of Southern Africa Thursday, Nov. 7.

Dr. Rubin Patterson, director of the new institute, will speak at 12:30 p.m. in Student Union Room 3016.

“The institute is far better known in Southern Africa than it is known right here on UT’s campus, but a series of activities, starting with this brown-bag discussion, is designed to change that,” said Patterson, professor and chair of sociology and anthropology, and director of the Africana Studies Program.

“Africa is the next frontier of economic growth, and the southern region not only has some special attributes, but it is where we have some particular expertise and decades of experiential depth,” he said. “Africa is a big place and we don’t want to be a mile wide and skin deep.

“We want to provide students and the broader campus community with in-depth knowledge and social networks concerning Southern Africa. National and international institutions of all sorts will need a lot more experts on the region, and we would like for some to be trained right here via the Institute for the Study and Economic Engagement of Southern Africa.”

Patterson’s talk is part of the Sojourner’s Truth and Africana Studies Brown-Bag Seminar Series.

For more information on the free, public talk, contact Patterson at 419.530.7253 or rubin.patterson@utoledo.edu.

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Socioeconomic systems in Inner Mongolia of China and Mongolia.

The region, about one-third of the land mass of the continental United States, is vulnerable to global warming because of its high elevation and high latitude. Previous research by Chen and colleagues has shown that the air temperature in the region is rising while precipitation is decreasing across the area.

The Mongolian Plateau was once part of the same country with predominately nomadic Mongolians, but the two countries have had contrasting political systems since 1979. Inner Mongolia, influenced by the Han Chinese, has experienced much more rapid technological change with more large urban centers, while Outer Mongolia has been influenced by the former Soviet Union and continues to be mostly pastureland, which is at risk of being overgrazed.

Natural system changes, such as precipitation and carbon loss in the region, will be examined along with corresponding human system changes, including economic and population growth, technology advancement, and lifestyle changes. A structural equation-modeling framework will show the direct and indirect causal relationships.

Chen and his team hypothesize that the human influences have exceeded the natural climate changes in the region. The theory is that in the long term, the two countries will catch up with Inner Mongolia, slowing down its rapid industrialization with Mongolia catching up, Chen said.

“Our goal is to better understand the relationship between natural and human systems, which could lead to lessons on future adaptation plans that are holistic and therefore able to make a difference in adjusting to the changing climate,” Chen said.

This research project was funded as part of the National Science Foundation’s Dynamics of Coupled Natural and Human Systems Program, which promotes collaborative research across diverse disciplines, particularly between social scientists and natural scientists.

Chen is leading the ecological and natural systems part of the study while Dr. Yaoqi Zhang, professor in Auburn University’s School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences, will lead the socioeconomic and human systems part.
Poet to read, discuss work noted for Confucian attitude

By Cathy Zimmer

Poet Ejaz Rahim will read his poem “I, Confucius” and participate in a panel discussion and book signing Wednesday, Nov. 6, at 5 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts Recital Hall.

A booklet with the “I, Confucius” poem in English and translated into Chinese will be available for audience members.

Rahim started writing poems during his school years in Pakistan, and his first book of poems was published in 1993. The preface to his latest book, his 15th, enumerates his themes as “faith and doubt, compassion and cruelty, beauty and ugliness, enlightenment and ignorance, and living and dying.”

He was educated at Burn Hall School Abbottabad, Forman Christian College and Government College at Lahore. He obtained a master’s degree in English literature and political science and a master’s degree in development studies from the Institute of Social Studies in the Netherlands.

Rahim entered the civil service of Pakistan in 1969 and retired as cabinet secretary in 2006. He served mainly in the province of Khyber Pukhtunkhwa and Pakistan’s tribal areas. He also was appointed a federal minister in the Caretaker cabinet in 2007. He was selected as an Eisenhower Fellow from Pakistan in 1989.

He remained on the advisory board of the World Health Organization (Eastern Mediterranean region) and the International Centre of Health, Kobe, Japan. He has lectured at the National Defense University and the National School of Public Policy.

The Pakistan president decorated Rahim with a national award called “Sitara-e-Imtiaz” (Star of Distinction) for his contribution to Pakistani English poetry. The Pakistan Academy of Letters also has awarded him a life fellowship, and he received an honorary doctorate of letters from the Metropolitan University of Dublin in 2009.

Rahim lives in Islamabad, Pakistan’s federal capital.

The “I, Confucius” poem looks at a Confucian attitude toward governance and serves as a kickoff to International Education Week, Monday through Friday, Nov. 11-15. Read more on p. 6.

The week serves as a reminder that university campuses play a vital role in shaping global awareness.

Refreshments will be provided at the free, public poetry reading.

Creative therapy

The Lilly Oncology On Canvas: Expressions of a Cancer Journey exhibit was at the Eleanor N. Dana Cancer Center at UT Medical Center last week. Shown here are “Signs of Hope,” a photo by a health-care professional in Michigan, top right, “Chemo,” mixed media by a person diagnosed with cancer in Utah, bottom right, and “Wild Water,” mixed media by a person diagnosed with lung cancer in Arizona. The traveling exhibition features artwork and narratives from cancer patients, their families, caregivers and friends depicting how the disease has affected their lives.

Wordplay

Spoken word poet/slam poet T. Miller from Detroit read some of her work last week in the Student Union. Dr. Glenn Sheldon, UT honors professor of humanities, also read some of his poems at the event, which was part of the University’s celebration of LGBTQIA History Month.
By Cathy Zimmer

The UT campus community, led by the Center for International Studies and Programs, will celebrate International Education Week, Nov. 11-15, with international poets kicking off activities a little early.

International Education Week serves as a reminder that university campuses play a vital role in shaping global awareness.

“International Education Week is an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide,” said Michelle Ploeger, international education specialist and coordinator of International Education Week. “This year we have partnered across campus to offer a variety of programs and activities for the UT community to enjoy and learn about different cultures and international opportunities.”

She noted there are nearly 30 events planned.

“There will be fun, academic opportunities for students, faculty and staff. These include International Village, two foreign film screenings, and a friendly UT World Cup indoor soccer tournament.”

Ploeger said, “This week provides the campus community with several opportunities to meet international students and scholars, try international food, and prepare for experiential learning outside the country.”

The kick-off events are two nights of poetry readings.

The “One Evening: Three Poetic Traditions English, Arabic and Urdu” poetry recital will take place Monday, Nov. 4, at 6 p.m. in Memorial Field House Room 2420. Dr. S. Amjad Hussain, UT trustee and professor emeritus of thoracic and cardiovascular surgery, and Dr. Samir Abu-Absi, UT professor emeritus of English, will read English translations of Arabic and Urdu poetry. Ejza Rahim will share his original English poetry.

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Listed by date, other highlights for International Education Week will include:

**Tuesday, Nov. 12**
- Study Abroad Info Session, 11 a.m. to noon, Snyder Memorial Building Room 1100. Find out how you can travel, experience another culture, and earn college credit.
- “Khush-amadid” (Welcome) to Pakistan, 3 to 4 p.m., Snyder Memorial Building Room 1100. Attendees will experience Pakistan daring

**Wednesday, Nov. 13**
- International Village, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Student Union Auditorium. International Student Association members will showcase their cultures by serving food and performing.
- International Opportunities Beyond College, noon to 1 p.m., Snyder Memorial Building Room 1100. Learn more about the Peace Corps, the Fulbright Program and opportunities to teach English abroad. Pizza will be provided.
- Resume Building Workshop: Global Careers, 2 to 3 p.m., Snyder Memorial Building Room 1100. Join members of UT’s Center for Experiential Learning and Career Development to learn how to build a resume for an international career.
- International Food Mixer and International Trivia, 5:30 to 7 p.m., Rocky’s Pub & Grill in the Student Union. Sample international appetizers, mingle with new international and American friends, and test your knowledge of international trivia and current events. Enter to win movie tickets.
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- Global Citizenship, noon to 1 p.m., Student Union Room 2584. Learn about the UT’s Center for Experiential Learning and Career Development to learn how to build a resume for an international career.
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Week recognizes nontraditional students

The College of Adult and Lifelong Learning will celebrate the successes of adult, transfer and military students during Nontraditional Student Recognition Week, Nov. 4-8.

An open house for the new one-stop location for all adult, transfer and military students will kick off the weekend celebration Monday, Nov. 4, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Rocket Hall Room 1300. The College of Adult and Lifelong Learning has moved to that location along with the offices for adult, transfer and military admission.

In this one office, students can get assistance with transferring college credit, applying for financial aid, and identifying scholarship opportunities, as well as receive academic and career advising from a staff that specializes in serving adult, transfer and military students.

The open house event also will include tours of the new Military Service Center and Veteran’s Lounge.

Events for the week will continue with students having the opportunity to meet with success coaches Tuesday, Nov. 5, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 4 to 6 p.m. in Rocket Hall Room 1300.

Career Night: How Can We Help You? will take place Wednesday, Nov. 6, at 6 p.m. in Rocket Hall Room 1530.

Dr. Dennis Lettman, dean of the College of Adult and Lifelong Learning, will hold a round table to discuss new topics and trends for adult college students Thursday, Nov. 7. RSVPs requested to call@utoledo.edu.

The week will conclude with a coffee and doughnut breakfast Friday, Nov. 8, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. in Rocket Hall Room 1300. That same day, the winner of the Nontraditional Student of the Year Award, which includes a $1,000 scholarship, will be announced.

Learn to negotiate at business program

The UT Center for Family and Privately Held Business will hold its annual recognition celebration Tuesday, Nov. 19, at 5:30 p.m. at the Sylvania Country Club.

Dr. Joshua Weiss, co-founding senior fellow of the Global Negotiation Institute of the Harvard Negotiation Project, will give a presentation titled “How to Get to Yes When the Road is Paved With No.”

“The goal of this presentation is to make you a better negotiator,” said Angie Jones, program manager at the Center for Family and Privately Held Business. “This event will give you the tools required to successfully negotiate with customers, employees, suppliers and even family members.”

Weiss will cover:

• Strategies and tactics to help you gain confidence in negotiating;
• How to negotiate with different people in a variety of relationships;
• How to focus on interests, not positions; and
• Ways to employ objective criteria in negotiations.

These negotiation tips will not only help you in your family business, but also in all aspects of your personal and professional life,” Jones said.

Funded by the Jim and Celia Findlay Foundation, the evening will include networking, a light supper, and recognition of outgoing Center for Family and Privately Held Business advisory board members.

“We will pay special tribute to longtime center supporter and our dear friend, the late Jim Findlay, at this program,” Jones said.

Findlay, a respected business leader known for his philanthropy and love for UT, died Oct. 20 at age 87. A co-founder of the Center for Family Business, Findlay and his wife, Celia, were both UT graduates who gave back to their alma mater. The couple contributed more than $1.4 million to the University, establishing eight endowments and impacting the lives of countless students.

Registrations for the free, public event are requested by Wednesday, Nov. 13; go to http://utoledo.do/register.

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• Dinner and Dancing: Salsa and Salsa, 5 to 7 p.m., International House Cafeteria. Learn to salsa with the Ballroom Dance Society and eat Mexican cuisine.

Friday, Nov. 15

• UT Professors Teaching and Learning Abroad, 10 to 11 a.m., Snyder Memorial Building Room 1100. Learn how you can spend time teaching abroad from a UT faculty member. Continental breakfast will be served.
• UT World Cup, 6 to 10 p.m., Student Recreation Center Auxiliary Gym. Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to play or support their favorite team.

• “Glowbal” Waters, 10 p.m. to 1 a.m., Student Recreation Center Pool. There’ll be food and music at this glow-stick pool party.

International Education Week is a joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education to promote programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn and exchange experiences in the United States.

For a complete list of International Education Week events, visit http://utoledo.do/internationaledweek.

Campus spirit

The spirit rock was ready for Halloween last week.

The University of Toledo is committed to a policy of equal opportunity in education, employment, membership and contracts, and no differentiation will be made based on race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, sexual orientation, veteran status or the presence of a disability. The University will take affirmative action as required by federal or state law.
Outline for career success sketched in free talk by retired CEO

By Cynthia Nowak

Planning for a career takes serious effort; landing your dream job can be even harder. Since good advice can smooth the path on both quests, everyone interested in a successful professional future can profit from an upcoming presentation by Dr. Ronald L. Thompson, retired CEO and entrepreneur, and lead director of Chrysler Group LLC.

Thompson, who also chairs the board of trustees for the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association, will share practical advice from decades of experience that includes his time as CEO and chair of the Maumee-based company Midwest Stamping. His service on many company boards includes McDonnell Douglas Corp., Interstate Bakeries Corp. and Commerce Bank of St. Louis.

Thompson is looking forward to the free, public presentation, which will be held Tuesday, Nov. 12, at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Ingman Room.

“I have a long lifetime of experiences,” he said. “I hope that in sharing them, my experiences can help others prepare for a lifetime of their own successes. Success usually isn’t something you stumble upon; opportunities present themselves and you have to be positioned and prepared to take advantage of them.”

Audience members will have the chance to ask Thompson questions in the part of his presentation that he considers as important as his speech.

“I hope that students in particular will feel free to ask questions that are relevant to them as individuals,” he said. “There’s no substitute for a real back-and-forth dialogue.”

Hosted by Brothers on the Rise, Alpha Phi Boule and the Association of Black Faculty and Staff, Thompson’s talk — “Be Prepared to Succeed” — will offer a great deal for students who are unsure about their career path, said Dr. Anthony Quinn, associate professor of biological sciences and a faculty adviser to Brothers on the Rise.

“Many students are very interested in becoming entrepreneurs after they graduate,” Quinn noted. “Here’s someone who has walked the walk and made a name for himself as an entrepreneur and as a businessman.”

However, he added, Thompson’s presentation will be useful to a wider audience: “Today’s successful businessmen come from very diverse backgrounds, and Dr. Thompson’s experiences in the trenches translate into real-world lessons for everyone who wants to stay on top of their professional game.”

Victor Aberdeen, president of the student group African Peoples Association and a member of Brothers on the Rise, was excited when he learned of Thompson’s visit.

“It’s great when UT hosts someone of his reputation,” Aberdeen said. “Many students aspire to be a success in business. Here’s a chance to learn firsthand from someone who succeeded in a big way.”

Thompson earned his PhD and master of science degree from Michigan State University and his bachelor’s degree in business administration from the University of Michigan. He’s served on the UM faculty as well as those of Old Dominion and Virginia State universities.

Among his many honors are the National Minority Entrepreneur of the Year and Outstanding Business Leader of the Year awards.

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