Vice president for institutional advancement to retire

For more than a decade, Vern Snyder has led The University of Toledo’s friend-raising and fundraising efforts. It has been 12 years of major gifts, many frequent-flier miles, and witnessing of scholarships awarded, faculty hired and facilities built.

Come June 30, Snyder plans to step away from fundraising and UT, retiring after more than $160 million was raised by him and his team for students, staff, faculty and fans.

“One of the great things about any fundraising position is people you meet and the generosity of spirit you see every day,” Snyder said. “Large gifts can do transformative things for a department or a college, but some of the most powerful memories I have come from people of modest means who sacrifice to fund something important to them that will live on long after they are gone.”

Snyder arrived at UT in 2001 and led the planning and execution of “The Time Is Now” capital campaign from 2002 through 2008, raising $106 million for the University. Part of that amount was the largest gift in UT’s history: $15 million from University graduates Judith and Marvin Herb, and their sons, Thomas and Jon, to fund scholarships as well as educational assessment support and research initiatives in the — now named — Judith Herb College of Education.

UT is in the midst of a $200 million capital campaign, “A University Rising,” and Snyder is leaving the person ultimately chosen as his successor a strong team and a record of outstanding philanthropic success, said UT President Lloyd Jacobs.

“Vern’s leadership was on full display in 2006 when midway through UT’s capital campaign he was asked to embrace alumni and donors of the former Medical College of Ohio,” Jacobs said. “His will be as lasting an impact on this institution as anyone. It is through his work and donors’ generosity that higher education is made more affordable to thousands of students in perpetuity.”

Vice president for research appointed

Dr. William Messer has been involved in research for most of his professional career as a professor of pharmacology. And the attraction of helping coordinate and lead the research efforts of The University of Toledo was enhanced when he assisted Dr. Jim Trempe with an endeavor on behalf of the state to attract pharmaceutical companies to Ohio.

“It gave me a glance at the role UT plays and the role our research plays outside of the University,” said Messer, who was appointed in December, following Trempe’s retirement, as UT’s vice president for research, pending approval by the Board of Trustees.

“This institution has outstanding faculty across all disciplines, and I want to be a voice to promote research and scholarly activity and be an advocate on their behalf to help ensure access to the resources they need to create new knowledge,” Messer said.

UT President Lloyd Jacobs said Messer has an impressive portfolio that demonstrates his expertise and excellence.

Education dean named

It’s official: Dr. Penny Poplin Gosetti is the dean of the Judith Herb College of Education.

The longtime UT faculty member served as interim dean since last January. Her appointment was approved by the Board of Trustees in November.

“This is a fantastic fit,” she said. “I’m so excited to be working with a talented group of faculty members and staff to teach students and take the Judith Herb College of Education to the next level.”

Poplin Gosetti spearheaded a project to put together a new strategic plan for the college. The Judith Herb College of Education will be the first of the colleges to unveil its plan.

“Penny is the perfect person to lead the Judith Herb College of Education,” said Dr. Scott Scarborough, provost and executive vice president for academic affairs. “She has played a pivotal role in the Higher Education Program for two decades, and she has excelled in leadership positions in the Office of the Provost.”

Since 2007, Poplin Gosetti has had three titles in that office, with the most...
**Business expert talks strategy**

*By Meghan Cunningham*

It is not possible to have a good strategy without first diagnosing the problem, business expert Richard Rumelt told the crowd at the third address in the inaugural Jesup Scott Honors College Lecture Series.

“It’s bad strategy when it’s all performances goals. It’s bad strategy when there’s no diagnosis,” Rumelt said.

Too often what some call strategy is in reality just “fluff.” Far too many institutions have broad statements that their mission is to delight customers and their strategy is to invest in growth, he said.

“You can’t have strategy without diagnosis. You cannot solve a problem you have not defined,” he added.

While it is important to clearly state a mission, values and goals, statement alone is not a strategy, said Rumelt, the Harry and Elsa Kunin Professor of Business and Society at the UCLA Anderson School of Management.

Developing good strategy starts with diagnosis and must include guiding policy and coherent action.

“When we see good strategy, we are surprised,” he said.

One reason there is so much bad strategy is the concept of “new thought” — that if you think something hard enough it will happen. It’s just not true, Rumelt said. Political pressures also make it difficult to sufficiently diagnosis a problem or grant individuals the appropriate power to act.

Rumelt used a variety of examples from both his consulting experiences and popular culture to relate his concepts to the audience. Steve Jobs reorganizing Apple to relate his concepts to the individuals the appropriate power to act. Rumelt’s suggestion for young people or new companies is to consider their ambition, goals and values, then identify specific challenges that are reasonably achievable.

“It’s not about what do I wish. It’s about this balance between importance and doability,” he said. “Choice is not easy. It’s about saying no to a bunch of things and yes to something else.”

Rumelt has been voted one of the world’s Top 50 Business Thinkers by the Thinkers50 program sponsored by the Harvard Business Review. He maintains a multifaceted career in teaching, research and consulting, with the focus on competitive advantage and strategy, industry dynamics and overall management.

Rumelt’s book *Good Strategy/Bad Strategy: The Difference and Why It Matters* helped guide the content of the UT Main Campus strategic plan “Imagine 2017.”

The Jesup Scott Honors College Lecture Series kicked off in September with education innovator Salman Khan, founder of Khan Academy, and in November UT heard from political consultant James Carville. Arizona State University President Michael Crow will deliver the final lecture of the academic year Monday, March 10. Visit utoledo.edu/honorslecture to order tickets and learn more.

**Freedom Rider to speak at conference for minority youth**

*By Samantha Watson*

When Diane Nash told her family she joined the civil rights movement, her grandmother told her she had “gotten in with the wrong bunch.”

That didn’t stop Nash from using nonviolence to make things happen, and neither did being arrested dozens of times. Her work led to the desegregation of lunch counters in Nashville and sparked countless campaigns for civil rights.

Nash, a 75-year-old Chicago native, is most known for continuing the Freedom Rides from Montgomery, Ala., to Jackson, Miss., even after extreme mob violence against other riders.

“It was clear to me that if we allowed the Freedom Ride to stop at that point, just after so much violence had been inflicted, the message would have been sent that all you have to do to stop a nonviolent campaign is inflict massive violence,” Nash said in the PBS film “Freedom Riders.”

Nash will be the keynote speaker for the 30th Annual Conference for Aspiring Minority Youth hosted by Toledo Excel at The University of Toledo. The free, public conference for middle and high school students and their parents will take place Saturday, Jan. 25, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Student Union Auditorium.

“I think it’s going to be a great thing for students in this area to understand more about who she is and what she has to say right now,” said David Young, director of Toledo Excel. “She is a great advocate for peace.”

The conference is expected to bring in more than 600 students from Toledo Public Schools, youth groups, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Boys & Girls Club and more to campus. It was created to inspire students to take their lives into their own hands and introduce them to role models similar to themselves who lead successful lives.

“That’s always been the theme of the conference — to encourage students, inspire students,” Young said. “Even before I was director for Toledo Excel, I was involved with the conference because I thought it was such a great thing for students in this area.”

Along with hearing from Nash, the conference also will offer a free lunch for all attendees and separate sessions for students and parents. Attendees will have the chance to meet local leaders, including UT Senior Vice President for the Student Experience Kaye Patten Wallace, Toledo Mayor D. Michael Collins, Lucas County Auditor Anita Lopez and Ohio Sen. Edna Brown.

Nash also will speak with UT students who are interested in hearing from her Friday, Jan. 24, at 3 p.m. in Student Union Room 2582.

RSVPs for the free, public conference are encouraged; call 419.530.3823.

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With numerous facilities to point to, Snyder singled out his involvement in the development and construction of the Veterans’ Plaza located on the northwest corner of Centennial Mall.

“It’s a special place for a lot of people, myself included. I was honored to be part of a team of UT and community members to help make it happen,” he said.

Snyder also pointed to the transition over time of development officers and employees to the UT Foundation. The result is a savings of $4 million to the University.

“You won’t find a better return on investment rate anywhere on campus,” Snyder said with a smile.

While Snyder insists he won’t be lured back to development in the future, it’s likely his telephone will be ringing. With that Advanced Certified Fund Raising Executive credential behind his name — one of only 96 nationwide and three in the state of Ohio — it’s a safe bet fundraising executives and organizations will be calling for guidance and advice.

“UT has been wonderful to my wife, Sue, and me for these last 12 years, and this community will remain our home,” Snyder said. “This is a good time for me to step back, and I’m excited for this University’s future.”

**MAN WITH A PLAN:** Richard Rumelt fielded questions following his talk last week in Doermann Theater during a Jesup Scott Honors College Lecture. Dr. Scott Scarborough, provost and executive vice president for academic affairs, is in the background.
Farewell reception for chancellor/executive VP/dean slated for Jan. 29

By Meghan Cunningham

The University of Toledo will recognize Dr. Jeffrey P. Gold for his contributions to medical education and health care in the Toledo region with a farewell reception Wednesday, Jan. 29.

After nine years leading The University of Toledo College of Medicine and Life Sciences and UT Medical Center, Gold has accepted an opportunity at the University of Nebraska to serve as chancellor of the institution’s medical center.

Gold will give a presentation at 3 p.m. followed by a reception from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Radisson Hotel Mahogany Room at The University of Toledo.

“Jeff has provided UT transformational leadership during his tenure, and this is an opportunity to not only thank him for his dedication and hard work, but to learn from his experiences and observations,” Jacobs said.

As chancellor and executive vice president for biosciences and health affairs, Gold oversaw academic operations on the UT Health Science Campus and the clinical operations of UTMC and ambulatory care sites. Gold also served as dean of the College of Medicine and Life Sciences.

He joined the Medical College of Ohio in 2005 from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine-Montefiore Medical Center in New York City.

A native of Brooklyn, N.Y., Gold earned his bachelor’s and medical degrees from Cornell University in 1974 and 1978, respectively, and completed residency and fellowship training at the New York Hospital, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, Brigham & Women’s Hospital and Boston Children’s Hospital.

Gold is a board-certified thoracic surgeon and specializes in adult and pediatric cardiac surgery.

Nominations sought for Diane Hymore Award

By Cynthia Nowak

How do you publicly salute the giving heart? Is it possible to recognize someone’s extraordinary passion for service to others?

Dr. Kaye Patten Wallace thinks so. “Exceptional employees are not the exception at The University of Toledo,” said the senior vice president for the student experience.

“Thanks to our annual Outstanding Employee Awards program, high-performing staff members receive the accolades they deserve.”

However, Patten Wallace had a particularly extraordinary employee in mind as the model and namesake for an award that was instituted last year.

Diane Hymore, director of senior administration operations and longtime executive secretary to President Lloyd Jacobs, was honored last April as the first recipient of the Diane Hymore Exemplar of Excellence Award.

Nominations are open for the 2014 award, which will be presented to an individual whose work defines the core values of the University in Hymore’s spirit of support, encouragement and service.

“Diane truly has what some people call a servant’s heart,” Patten Wallace said. “The many, many people Diane touched through her work would just call it being extraordinary. Her approach toward everyone was ‘How can I help?’ Not because it was her job, but because she genuinely loved helping people.”

She noted that Hymore, who worked at the University from 2001 until her retirement in 2013, never sought recognition: “She was very humble about her contributions, but she lived our core values of respect and kindness toward others, from students to visitors to faculty and other staff. “Diane managed to blend professionalism with compassion; that’s a wonderful combination, and one we’re honoring with this award.”

Jacobs added, “Diane’s legacy is as an exemplar of excellence and her entire life speaks to the value of this award. To me, she has been a valued colleague and a wonderful friend.”

The deadline for nominations is Friday, Feb. 21. The nomination form may be found online at http://utoledo.do/hymore or you may obtain one via email by contacting cynthia.nowak@utoledo.edu.

Send completed forms to the same email or fax a printout to 419.530.8567 or send it to Mail Stop 963.

Presidential Ambassadors seek new members

By Sam Naumann

The University of Toledo Presidential Ambassadors are searching for new members to join their organization.

Students who have a cumulative GPA of 3.0, strong campus and community involvement, and an outgoing personality are invited to apply to the organization that serves the Office of the President.

Candidates for Presidential Ambassador can be nominated by others or self-nominated.

Nomination forms are available from Michele (Mickey) Ross, UT events coordinator, at michele.ross2@utoledo.edu. All nominations must be emailed to Ross by 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24.

For more information about the Presidential Ambassadors program, visit http://utoledo.do/ambassador or email Juza at taylor.juza@rockets.utoledo.edu.
Students: Use Intern in Ohio to land internship this spring

By Courtney Ingersoll

Since the initial launch of Intern in Ohio last March, nearly 2,500 new internship opportunities have been posted by almost 400 companies.

Students who are seeking internships and co-op opportunities for spring and summer positions are encouraged to register on Intern in Ohio at interninohio.com to use the free web-based program that helps connect students and employers through an online matching system.

Intern in Ohio continues to offer a growing network of opportunities and quality matches between candidates and employers based on skills, interests and requirements.

“We have been able to see and hear great success stories from the users of Intern in Ohio,” said Lawrence J. Burns, vice president for external affairs. “There has been great feedback from the students who have already landed internships through the site, and we have been able to apply that information to help other students looking for opportunities.”

Students who are registered on Intern in Ohio but haven’t found a match or students who are new to the site are urged to consider the following suggestions when trying to find a match opportunity:

• Stay active — log in every 30 days.
• Complete your profile — fill out all sections for school, major, class level and GPA.
• Skill sets — pick one to two skill sets and answer all questions.
• Respond to requests — accept or deny employer requests within seven days.

Faculty and advisers also are encouraged to use the system to help their students who are looking for spring and summer internships or co-op positions.

Dean

recent being vice provost for assessment, accreditation and program review. She held administrative responsibility for the preparation of UT’s self-study submitted to the Higher Learning Commission of North Central Association of Colleges and Schools prior to the on-site visit. In 2012, the University received continued accreditation.

Prior to that, she was executive assistant to the president from 2002 to 2007 for Dr. Dan Johnson and Dr. Lloyd Jacobs. She also served as interim vice president for student life for one year during that time.

Since joining UT in 1994, Poplin Gosetti has served on the board of the Catharine S. Eberly Center for Women and taught a graduate-level course on Women in Higher Education.

She also was co-director for the National Science Foundation Institutions Developing Excellence in Academic Leadership grant.

A native of California, Poplin Gosetti holds a doctorate in instructional leadership from the University of Oregon, a master’s degree in counseling from California State University in Long Beach, and a bachelor’s degree in psychology from the University of California at Los Angeles.

Vice president for research

when it comes to the full spectrum of activities associated with research.

“Whether through his own research into Alzheimer’s disease, his work to develop and commercialize compounds he and his team discovered in the lab, his work advancing research through animal studies and clinical trials, or his work as a department chair helping other faculty hone their research efforts, Bill has been a research leader on campus for a long time,” Jacobs said.

“I have no doubt UT’s research strength will continue to grow under Bill’s leadership.”

Messer said the past four years immersed in a healthcare environment following the College of Pharmacy’s move to Health Science Campus provided further insight into the benefit and need for increased interaction between basic sciences and clinical research.

Even as federal and state research funding sources find themselves squeezed, Messer said he sees a bright path forward for UT.

“There are always leaner times, but even in the last few days we’ve seen some signs that Congress may be moving to reduce some of the cuts to major federal research organizations,” Messer said. “The key is always to be ready and well-positioned. Strong faculty with great ideas will find ways to get funded.”

Messer also emphasized that successful research efforts require more than just researchers.

“We have an outstanding staff in the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs that does a great job working with faculty in developing grant proposals, identifying funding opportunities, working out research contracts, coordinating with the Office of Grants Accounting, and handling all of the compliance issues,” he said.

‘The Relevant University’ to air Jan. 23

Tune in to a special edition of “The Relevant University” from the 2014 North American International Auto Show to air Thursday, Jan. 23, at 7 p.m. on AM 760 WJR.

Host Lawrence J. Burns, UT vice president for external affairs, will report on the future of the auto industry and what the Detroit auto show means to the Motor City.

In this month’s episode:

• News/Talk 760 WJR radio personality Paul W. Smith discusses what the annual auto show means for the city of Detroit.
• Robert Shuman, chair of the 2014 auto show, shares what’s new at the event that attracts thousands of international media members and auto fans each year.
• Kevin Wickenheiser, vice president of the software manufacturing firm Nysus Solutions, talks about how his University of Toledo education prepared him for a career in the auto industry.
• And Dhani Jones, former NFL linebacker and bow-tie aficionado, shares the story behind his BowTie Cause philanthropy organization.

The University and Detroit’s WJR Radio produce the monthly, hourlong program that explores the critical role higher education plays in the world.

Listen at utoledo.edu/therelevantuniversity.
Works by health science artists to go on display this week

The 2014 Health Science Campus Artist Showcase will run from Thursday, Jan. 23, through Monday, March 17, on the fourth floor of Mulford Library.

The ninth annual event will feature artwork from students, faculty and staff affiliated with the health sciences on both Health Science and Main campuses.

This year’s exhibit will feature the work of nearly 30 artists. A variety of media on display will include painting, drawing, sculpture and photography.

An artists’ reception will take place Friday, Jan. 31, from 4 to 6 p.m. Jennifer Diaz Warner Giovannucci will be the guest speaker. Giovannucci, a classically trained portrait artist, is a laboratory technician in the Department of Neurosciences. She will talk about her experiences in art, including her study of anatomy and the human form.

For more information on the free, public exhibition, visit http://libguides.utoledo.edu/hscart or contact Jodi Jameson at jodi.jameson@utoledo.edu or 419.383.5152.

Art Department receives accreditation

By Kevin Bucher

The Department of Art at The University of Toledo has gained full membership with the National Association of Schools of Art and Design, building on its accreditation awarded in 2004.

“We are extremely proud of this accomplishment,” said Chris Burnett, associate professor and chair of the Department of Art. “It demonstrates two levels of significance: We have continued to meet the high standards of the National Association of Schools of Art and Design, and through diligent planning and reform have integrated our own standards and strengths in an exemplary way.”

The department had achieved associate membership in 2004 and since then made comprehensive changes to its curriculum. It is also in the process of hiring an art education lecturer and revising the New Media Design Practices Program as a bachelor of fine arts concentration.

The National Association of Schools of Art and Design commission made the decision to grant the University full membership in November.

“It was definitely a cohesive effort with everyone in the department, and we could not have done it without our amazing faculty and students,” Burnett said.
Final information session set for those planning to enter business innovation competition; be there Jan. 28

By Rob Mackowiak

The final information session for UT students, faculty and staff who want to enter the fourth annual business innovation competition sponsored by the College of Business and Innovation will be offered Tuesday, Jan. 28, from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the PNC Entrepreneurship Lab, located in Savage & Associates Complex for Business Learning and Engagement Room 3100.

“The first three years of the business competition were a remarkable success as we received dozens of entries from across the UT campuses,” said Dr. Sonny Ariss, professor and chair of the Management Department. “We are expecting another tremendous array of entries this year and trust the contest will continue to advance a creative culture of growth in all areas of the University.”

The College of Business and Innovation is providing prize money of $10,000 for first place, $5,000 for second place, $2,000 for third place, and $500 for honorable mention. Entries must be submitted by Friday, Feb. 21, and winners will be announced Tuesday, April 15.

There is no cost to enter the competition. Registration must be completed online. Winners must prove that they have formed an LLC or S Corp in order to receive the financial award.

Ariiss explained that competition entries must be submitted using Lean Launch Pad concepts, which enable people to develop their business model upon nine basic building blocks: customer segments, value propositions, channels, customer relationships, revenue streams, key resources, key activities, key partnerships and cost structure.

“The College of Business and Innovation is ready to offer guidance to help these teams effectively implement their plans, emerge beyond the University, create jobs, and enhance area economic growth,” he said. “Entrepreneurship within the corporate business structure, known as intrapreneurship, is also important today because corporate America is looking for innovative thinking from their employees.”

“The spirit of entrepreneurship is critically important to the ongoing success of every university and every community,” noted Dr. Thomas Sharkey, interim dean of the college. “That is why the College of Business and Innovation has stepped forward to be the sole sponsor of this event, providing all of the prize money.”

“We strive to live up to our name, which incorporates both business and innovation,” Sharkey added. “The College of Business and Innovation is increasingly recognized on both national and international levels for providing a premier business education and for helping our students obtain internships while here and jobs upon graduation. This business competition truly reflects our emphasis on supporting innovation, fostering creative thinking, and nurturing the entrepreneurial environment, which is so essential for the life and growth of this region.”

To register or for more information, go to utoledo.edu/business.

Eberly Center for Women offers array of programs

By Leisha Lininger

The Catharine S. Eberly Center for Women is offering classes and new events during spring semester.

For those passionate about justice and who want to learn more about inspiring women, join the Eberly Center Thursday, Feb. 6, to watch “Half the Sky: Turning Oppression Into Opportunity Worldwide.”

This six-part PBS documentary series found its roots in Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn’s book of the same title, and features brave women and girls fighting to change their circumstances.

The screening will show the maternal mortality section and encompasses the effort to end female genital mutilation. A discussion will follow the inspirational screening.

If brushing up your computer skills is a New Year’s resolution, purse the Eberly Center schedule to find the best fit. Classes in Computer Basics, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Excel Advanced and Microsoft PowerPoint are available for $45. Each three- or two-week session is offered during weekday mornings and/or evenings.

With a strong focus on educating, empowering and engaging, the Eberly Center’s pinnacle program is its Women’s Success Series, which will be offered from Jan. 27 to March 24 in nine weekly sessions on Mondays. Participants will identify career paths, develop skills, determine next steps in education, and prepare themselves for success. The cost is free, but the spots are limited.

Preparations also are under way for the Sixth Annual Celebrity Wait Night, a premier event hosted at the Pinnacle in Maumee. Serving as a fundraiser for the Women’s Success Series, Eberly Center scholarships and programming, this night features local celebrities as waiters, as well as auction items to bid on while you wine and dine. Call to reserve a seat or table for Thursday, Feb. 13, from 6 to 9 p.m.

And Adventure Fridays are back. Join the Eberly Center for a CPR class Feb. 7 to be certified in AED and CPR for infant, child and adults. Your certification will last two years, and the fee is $10. If art is your forte, come to the free Toledo Museum of Art guided tour March 14 and learn about artwork by women and about women. Or if cooking is up your alley, join Pam’s Corner and the Eberly Center for an afternoon of baking, cooking and sampling April 4. The fee for registration is $5. Transportation will be provided but slots are limited, so call and register today.

For all UT students, programming registration is free. Scholarships also are available on a limited basis.

All events and programs can be found at utoledo.edu/centers/Eberly under programs and activities. Stop by the center in Tucker Hall Room 0168 or call 419.530.8570 for more information or to request a copy of the 2014 spring calendar.

The Eberly Center is a part of the Office of Equity, Diversity and Community Engagement and is on Facebook and Twitter at @EberlyCenter.
$30,000 available in grants from Women & Philanthropy

Friday, Feb. 14, is the deadline to submit an application for a grant from Women & Philanthropy at The University of Toledo.

“We are pleased to announce that Women & Philanthropy at The University of Toledo has allocated $30,000 — the largest amount to date — to award in grants for UT projects and programs in 2014,” said Judy Potter, member of the Women & Philanthropy Grants Committee. “I would like to encourage UT staff, faculty and students to apply.”

Women & Philanthropy was chartered in 2006 and made its first award to the University in 2008. Through this giving circle, members of diverse backgrounds and interests work collaboratively and pool their charitable gift dollars to make positive, meaningful and immediate impacts at the University.

In six years, the group has gifted $214,931 in 10 grants to the University, according to Chris Spengler, director of advancement relations in Institutional Advancement, member, and administrative contact for Women & Philanthropy.

Through their generous support, members of Women & Philanthropy have created a permanent legacy at The University of Toledo, Spengler said.

Women & Philanthropy is seeking grant applications for 2014. All UT staff, faculty and students are eligible to apply. The grant guidelines, application form, and information on previous grants can be found on the Women & Philanthropy website: u Toledo.edu/offices/women_philanthropy.

Members of Women & Philanthropy will review the grant applications, and the recipient(s) will be announced in early May.

Time to apply for University Women’s Commission Scholarships

Applications are being accepted for the University Women’s Commission Scholarships for female students for the 2014-15 academic year.

The commission will award three $1,000 scholarships at the UT Outstanding Women’s Award Ceremony Wednesday, April 9.

The application and guidelines can be found on the University Women’s Commission website, u Toledo.edu/commissions/uwc, or the Financial Aid Scholarships and Awards website, financialaid.utoledo.edu/scholarshipcontents.html, under general scholarships.

Friday, March 14, is the deadline to submit applications to Dawn Steinmiller in the Financial Aid Office, Rocket Hall 1200.

For more information, contact University Women’s Commission Co-Chairs Marie Janes at 419.530.4523 or marie.janes@utoledo.edu or Kathy Grabel at bokat@buckeye-express.com.

Applications sought for Association of Black Faculty and Staff Scholarship

Applications are being accepted for the Association of Black Faculty and Staff Scholarship for the 2014 spring semester.

The $800 scholarship is for a UT undergraduate student who is of African or African-American descent.

In order to qualify for the award, students must possess a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher, have earned at least 30 credit hours, have a current FAFSA on file and demonstrate financial need, and be involved with UT and the community.

The scholarship was established in 1997 as an incentive for the recipient’s all-around achievements as a UT student.

The application deadline for the non-renewable award is Friday, Jan. 31.

Students can access the application at http://www.utoledo.edu/financialaid/scholarships/pdfs/scholar_2014_2015/blackfacultysscholapp.pdf.

In memoriam

Mary Ann Collier, Toledo, who worked in records management at MCO, died Jan. 11 at age 83.

Richard J. Gross, Sylvania, a Toledo businessman who first suggested the need for an area resource to bring together family businesses, died Jan. 10 at age 86. Gross, who led Gross Electric Inc. for nearly 50 years, was a founding member of the UT Center for Family Business, which opened in 1992. He served on the center’s advisory board through 1998.


Norman A. Koenigseker, Sylvania, a faculty member at UT for 25 years, died Jan. 7 at age 69. In 1988, he joined the Engineering Technology Department. Over the years, he served as chair and was the faculty adviser for the UT chapter of Tau Alpha Pi. While at the University, he helped with capital projects and campus planning for a few years, received the 1995 Engineer of the Year Award from the Toledo Society of Professional Engineers, and was named a University College Fellow in 1997. Koenigseker retired as associate professor in 2013. The UT alumni received a bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering in 1969 and a master’s degree in higher education in 1998.
UT to shoot for bow tie record Feb. 5

By Tobin J. Klinger

The University of Toledo’s annual Tie One On event has rapidly become a tradition on campus and in the community.

Since its inception in 2011 as a fundraiser for cancer care, awareness and outreach at The University of Toledo Medical Center, the event has made bow ties a significant part of campus culture.

Now organizers are trying to further link the UT name to the distinctive, symmetrical neckwear by pursuing the world record for the number of bow ties tied simultaneously.

“Bow ties have become a big part of life at UT,” said Lawrence J. Burns, vice president for external affairs and Tie One On founder. “What started out as a way to inject fun and fashion into the daily life has evolved into a rallying point for the Rocket Nation.”

This year’s Tie One On event will be held Wednesday, Feb. 5, at 7 p.m. in Savage Arena when the UT men’s basketball team takes on rival Bowling Green.

As in past years, participants will attend a meet-and-greet in the Fetterman Athletic Training Facility, where they will receive their tie. However, this year, attendees will be asked to remain in the facility so UT can pursue recognition from Guinness World Records for the most bow ties tied simultaneously.

“This effort is designed to further our goal of making Tie One On a year-round idea on campus,” Burns said. “We are getting more and more student involvement through the new Bow Tie Tuesday initiative and seeing them attend the event in greater numbers.”

To register for Tie One On, visit utoledo.edu/tieoneon. The $100 donation includes a bow tie, ticket to the game, the reception and a chance to be a part of history. A silent jersey auction also accompanies the event.

“We’ve raised more than $40,000 for cancer care, awareness and outreach,” Burns said. “Now we’re taking it to the next level, and we hope the community will turn out in force to help us kick cancer’s butt.”

UT Men’s Basketball Head Coach Tod Kowalczyk and other basketball staff members will be wearing bow ties during the game to support the fight against cancer.

Want to participate? Donate $100 and receive a bow tie and a ticket to the game:
• $20 for students
• Pre-game bow tying with refreshments
• Proceeds will benefit cancer care, awareness and outreach
• Contributions are tax deductible to the full extent provided by law

Sign up online at utoledo.edu/tieoneon
Partnering with BowTie Cause | bowtiecause.org

We will be attempting The Guinness Book of World Records ‘most bow ties tied simultaneously’ during this event. Come be a part of history!