

New Alan Barry Accounting Lab named in honor of generous UT business grad

By Bob Mackowiak

When The University of Toledo College of Business and Innovation dedicated the new Alan Barry Accounting Lab last week, it recognized and honored the alumnus whose gift made it reality.

Alan H. Barry, a 1966 graduate of the college, made the generous leadership donation to establish a unique accounting lab to help students who love accounting as much as he did.

“As an accounting grad, it’s always nice to look for ways to help students who are like I was,” Barry said. “This lab is something that will be used by many students, and because I was already involved with the College of Business, it just made sense to support it.”

“The University of Toledo is so fortunate to have generous alumni like Alan Barry who achieve great success and then give back to ensure our students today have access to the very best tools and help them succeed,” said UT Interim President Nagi Naganathan. “The Alan Barry Accounting Lab will be integral to students’ education and their success for years to come and help us showcase Alan’s contribution.”



Photo by Daniel Miller

INVESTING IN THE FUTURE: Karen and Alan Barry posed for a photo in the new accounting lab that was dedicated last week. The Alan Barry Accounting Lab is located in Savage & Associates Business Complex Room 2130.

“The Alan Barry Accounting Lab is one of the things that we can do for business students that is not done elsewhere,” Dr. Gary Insch, dean of the UT College of Business and Innovation, said.

“We are a business school, and we have business professionals who can help us. Furthermore, the establishment of the lab again demonstrates the college’s continuing

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Benefits open enrollment for 2015 to begin Oct. 1

Open enrollment for 2015 health benefits will take place throughout the month of October as employees and their families reassess their health-care needs for the coming year. New benefit selections will be effective Jan. 1.

“The most important advice we can provide to an employee is to be an active participant in the open enrollment process,” Jovita Thomas-Williams, associate vice president for human resources and talent development, said. “Health-care needs can vary from year to year, and when you combine that with the changing health-care landscape, it’s critical for employees to educate themselves on their available coverage options and re-evaluate their choices.”

Similar to last year, open enrollment will be conducted online. Any required documentation such as spousal/domestic partner health-care eligibility affidavits, birth certificates and marriage certificates must be turned in to the HR Office.

Employees must complete the online open enrollment if they:

- Change benefits;
- Add, delete or change dependents;

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Therapy dog brings smiles to UTMC cancer patients

By Aimee Portala

Two-time cancer survivor Jane Ann Zeigler-Wentz ended up at The University of Toledo Medical Center during her second bout with cancer in 2011.

“I received wonderful care while at UTMC. I ended up having to spend a few months in a nursing home for rehab, and I missed my dogs. I knew therapy dogs are beneficial to recovery, which got me thinking,” Zeigler-Wentz said.

When Zeigler-Wentz found out her two poodles were unable to pass certification tests, she started researching which breeds would be most suitable for therapy dog training. Her research led her to Porshia, a multi-generation Australian Labradoodle.

Porshia is certified through Therapy Dogs International (TDI), the oldest and largest therapy dog organization in the United States. As of 2012, more than 24,000

dogs and their handlers are registered with TDI.

“Porshia is intelligent, intuitive and well-behaved,” Zeigler-Wentz said.

She and Porshia have been going through formal training since the Australian Labradoodle was 10 weeks old, and continue to go once a week to ensure the canine maintains her well obtained skill set.

Multiple doctors advocated for the addition of therapy dog visits to aid patients in their treatment and healing process. Zeigler-Wentz and Porshia visit UTMC’s Eleanor N. Dana Cancer Center on Wednesday afternoons.

“The response has been phenomenal. Not only am I proud of

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Photo by Daniel Miller

SIT! Porshia, the therapy dog, relaxed in the Eleanor N. Dana Cancer Center before she visited patients.

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Fluid discussion



Photo by Daniel Miller

Ohio Sen. Sherrod Brown, right, and Interim University of Toledo President Nagi Naganathan met Friday with UT's Water Task Force to discuss proposals the group is making for policymakers and continue the ongoing dialogue between researchers and elected officials about ways to address the problems of algal blooms in Lake Erie.

Pitching in



Photo by Mary-Bec Gwyn

Detroit Tigers pitcher Max Scherzer presented a check for the Strikeouts for Scholarships Program last week to Kevin Taylor, UT interim brand and licensing manager, as Paws, Aimee Portala, UT media relations specialist, Brendon Schwiebert, graduate assistant in external affairs, and Rocky cheered. As of Sept. 23, Detroit pitchers struck out 1,150 batters during the regular season to earn \$115,000 for the program that provides scholarships to qualifying Michigan students. A total of 782 new students from southeast Michigan enrolled at UT this fall, according to Lawrence J. Burns, vice president for external affairs. That brings the number of students from the Mitten State to 2,650.

Student appointed to UT Board of Trustees

By Cassandra DeYoung

Daniel Arendt, a junior pharmacy major at The University of Toledo, has been selected as the new student representative on the UT Board of Trustees.



Arendt

On Sept. 5, the governor's office named Arendt the new student trustee. His two-year term will continue until July 1, 2016.

"I am in love with this University, and I want to further

my involvement in making sure that all students are represented and by helping this University mold the future for many students now and in the future," Arendt said.

The position allows him to attend any committee meetings and to give student insight on points of discussion.

The board really is concerned about what is going on and about students' opinions, Arendt said. Without student trustees giving the current student perspective, board members can only base

decisions on how they remember college or through their kids' experiences.

Arendt will be on the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, which oversees and continuously improves upon University academic, activities and student programs.

"I have had the opportunity to be heavily involved on campus in my time at the University, and I believe that this involvement has helped me truly see the student experience from almost all perspectives," Arendt said.

He is involved in 11 activities and offices on campus, including Presidential Ambassadors, Lambda Sigma National Honor Society, Levis Leadership UT, Liffoff UT, Resident Student Association and Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity.

"I really want students to understand that I'm doing this because I want to," Arendt said. "I want to be there for other students because I'm a student, too, so I want to be utilized as a resource to get things done."

Arendt joins fellow student trustee Laura Halpin, who has been working with the board for the last year.

Join interim president for walk Oct. 1

By Samantha Watson

If you haven't yet met Dr. Nagi Naganathan, interim president of The University of Toledo, you'll have your opportunity soon.

Naganathan — who prefers that students call him Dr. Nagi — launched a new initiative this semester called Walk with the President. His goal is to make himself accessible to students so that they feel comfortable speaking with him.

"Many students are uncomfortable approaching administrators; I want to change that with this initiative," Naganathan said. "Getting to know the students on a more personal level makes it easier for me and our leadership team to improve our students' experiences at UT."

So far, the interim president has sat at a lunch table and conversed with the students in the Student Union, visited the Student Activities Fair and student organization meetings, attended and spoke at a Student Government meeting, and participated in the car bash on Centennial Mall.

"The goal right now is two-fold," said Clayton Notestine, president of Student Government. "Give students a chance to interact with the president to provide feedback and, more importantly, give

President Nagi a chance to hear from students directly."

Wednesday, Oct. 1, at 4:30 p.m. in front of Mulford Library on Health Science Campus, Naganathan will hold his next Walk with the President. All students are welcome to attend this walk and pick up a healthy snack to go afterward.

"It's important to me that I make myself available to all students, no matter which campus they frequent," Naganathan said. "I feel all of our students deserve to have their voices heard, and I want to go and meet them at campus locations their class and study schedules require them to be at."

Students who cannot make the Oct. 1 Walk with the President need not worry; Naganathan plans to continue this initiative throughout the year with new locations and times so that he can reach as many students as possible.

"The walks are incredibly valuable for me, personally, because a lot of UT's issues or areas of improvement require natural conversation," Notestine said. "Eating lunch with him, talking about why I like Centennial Mall, and speaking for myself as myself — it has been more rewarding and effective than any formal complaint or letter I've made."

Symphony marketing director to showcase orchestration of digital media at conference

By Lindsay Mahaney

To Ashley Mirakian, the term digital media is about more than social networks; it's about having strong digital content when promoting your cause.



Mirakian

When she comes to speak at the uHeart Digital Media Conference, the Toledo Symphony director of marketing and public relations said she plans to talk about more than just the orchestra, but all nonprofit organizations in the area.

"My focus is not just going to be representing what we do at the Toledo Symphony, but also talking about what is going on in health care, social services and the broader arts community," she said.

"I want people to come away from the conference knowing we have expertise in Toledo that we can be proud of."

Mirakian said she hopes to cover a broad spectrum of ideas, such as ProMedica's Witness to Hunger campaign and Harbor Corp.'s social media program, as well as the steps the symphony is taking to improve its digital media platform.

She has been working to incorporate digital content during orchestra concerts, which is something she also plans to speak about. By adding video of musicians and angles of the stage while the symphony plays, Mirakian said she is hoping that the audience members' ears will be guided through the music.

"In terms of our own digital footprint, I really want to talk about using media enhancements and streaming opportunities to envision the future of the concert experience," she said.

In addition to her work with the symphony, Mirakian serves as the chief marketing counsel for the Toledo Opera.

She earned her master of arts degree in arts administration from Indiana University.

The uHeart Digital Media Conference will be held Thursday and Friday, Oct. 9 and Oct. 10, at the Radisson Hotel on UT's Health Science Campus.

Early registration tickets cost \$80 and student tickets cost \$55. Starting Friday, Oct. 3, the cost will be \$100.

For more information and to register, visit <http://uheartdigitalmedia.com>.

UT to host business contest like 'Shark Tank' Oct. 9

Northwest Ohio's largest entrepreneurial business pitch competition, Pitch & Pour, will take place Thursday, Oct. 9, at The University of Toledo.

Hosted by the UT LaunchPad Incubation Program, the third annual event will be held in the Tom and Elizabeth Brady Innovation Center, located inside the Nitschke Technology Commercialization Complex. Beverages and hors d'oeuvres will begin at 5:30 p.m.; presentations of selected proposals will follow at 6:30 p.m.

Admission is free; however, LaunchPad Incubation is requesting attendees pre-register online at pitchandpour.com.

"Having a venue for area entrepreneurs to showcase their ideas to business leaders and investors who can help them move their vision forward is a priceless opportunity," Molly Reams Thompson, director of UT's LaunchPad Incubation, said. "The judges and investor attendees come to this event looking for up-and-coming ventures to connect with. It has been an instrumental boost to a number of our past competitors."

Pitch & Pour is a competition similar in style to "Shark Tank." Teams have five minutes and five slides to pitch their business concepts. Any technology-based startup can apply, and selected teams will be able to pitch their submitted ideas for a chance to win cash and prizes. Five business judges will determine the winner.

In addition to the competition, Pitch & Pour is a powerful networking event for connecting startup companies, UT student entrepreneurs, and area businesses and investors.

"We're inviting the business and investor community to join us, too, for music, great food, local microbrewed beverages, and the opportunity to mix with budding young business talent while enjoying the engaging and entertaining competition," Thompson said. "It's a true celebration of the innovative spirit that's being created at The University of Toledo and in the community. I believe we've created a high-energy environment conducive for business and investors to connect with fresh ideas and bright people."

She added, "We sponsor this event because we are committed to business development in the northwest Ohio region. The event also gives us the opportunity to recruit entrepreneurs with business concepts in the early stage, or pre-market entry stage, that the LaunchPad Incubator can support through funding guidance, business mentoring and collaboration with our many resources."

The UT LaunchPad Incubation Program works to bolster innovation in northwest Ohio by providing access to capital, resources and expertise focused on enhancing community collaboration and communication for entrepreneurial development.

Pitch & Pour is being held in conjunction with UT's second annual uHeart Digital Media Conference, which will take place Thursday and Friday, Oct. 9 and 10, at the Radisson Hotel on Health Science Campus. For more information and to register, go to uHeartDigitalMedia.com.

For more information on the competition, go to pitchandpour.com or contact Thompson at molly.thompson@utoledo.edu or 419.530.6044.



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Professor to give Eastern thought talk Oct. 1

By Lindsay Mahaney

There are several parallels that can be found in Medieval Japanese art and contemporary American society; that concept will be explored in The University of Toledo Center for Religious Understanding's annual lecture in Eastern thought this week.

University of Michigan Art History Professor and Associate Chair Kevin Carr will speak Wednesday, Oct. 1, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Center for Performing Arts Room 1039.

The free, public talk titled "The Limits of Compassion: Insights From Medieval Japanese Buddhism for Contemporary America" will be followed by a reception.

"One of the things I've been looking at in Medieval Japan are how people formed conceptual maps of the world and how they used art to shape what the world looks like," Carr said.

He explained that the conceptual maps he is referring to are the images in our minds of the relationships and ideas on which we place high importance.

"Let's say you're new to The University of Toledo and you're really into the sciences," he explained. "To you, the science buildings will be larger than the art museum, for example."

Carr said he will transition from the topic of Buddhist conceptual maps to a comparison of compassion in modern American society and what it means to us today.

"Ultimately, I want to connect something very esoteric, like 13th and 14th century Japanese ideas, with something much closer to home," he said.

When asked what he'd like the audience to take away from his presentation, Carr said: "I'd like them to think about the shape of their world in their minds; to try and reflect on what their worlds look like, and how those images affect their actions, who matters and why, and how those maps in their head were created. I'm hoping they go away with a little more cognizance that they've created circles of compassion and those aren't necessarily inevitable."



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'Why Innocent People Plead Guilty' topic of Oct. 6 lecture

By Rachel Phipps

Jed S. Rakoff, a senior U.S. district judge for the Southern District of New York and author, will deliver a free, public talk in the Cannon Lecture Series titled "Why Innocent People Plead Guilty" Monday, Oct. 6, at noon in the Law Center McQuade Law Auditorium.



Rakoff

The New York Times recently described Rakoff as "a maverick jurist who picked a three-year fight to make the Securities and

Exchange Commission tougher on a Wall Street bank," and Rolling Stone deemed him as "a sort of legal hero of our time."

In his lecture, Rakoff will show that criminal justice in the United States bears no relationship to what the founding fathers contemplated or what is seen on television. It has become overwhelmingly a system of plea bargaining, largely controlled by prosecutors, who can make it inordinately risky for even an innocent defendant to go to trial. As a result, Rakoff contends, as many as 10,000 or more innocent people are in prison because they plead guilty to "lesser" offenses in order to avoid the risk of being convicted of crimes carrying much longer terms.

After describing the current state of affairs, Rakoff will suggest some possible solutions.

"Judge Rakoff has been willing to question long-standing legal policies and practices in ways that have prompted change," Daniel J. Steinbock, dean of the College of Law, said. "His take

on sentencing guidelines and the plea bargaining they encourage is sure to be both stimulating and influential."

Rakoff has been a senior U.S. district judge for the Southern District of New York since 1996. Before joining the federal bench, he served as law clerk to Judge Abraham Freedman of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and as an assistant U.S. attorney, where he was chief of the Business & Securities Fraud Prosecutions Unit in the Southern District of New York.

He also was a litigation partner at the law firms Mudge, Rose and Fried, Frank.

In addition, he is an adjunct professor at Columbia Law School, where, since 1988, he has taught courses on white collar crime, class actions, the interplay of civil and criminal litigation, and science and the courts.

Rakoff received his bachelor's degree from Swarthmore College, a master's degree from the University of Oxford, and his law degree from Harvard Law School. He was awarded honorary degrees from Swarthmore College and Saint Francis University.

The Cannon Lecture Series was established in 1980 in memory of Toledo attorney Joseph A. Cannon through a generous gift from his family and friends. The lecture series is intended to provide an opportunity for the College of Law, the University and the greater Toledo community to host individuals of national prominence who, in discussing questions of law and society, will emphasize the humanistic dimension as well as the limitations of the legal system.

Yoga and poetry set to merge for an English class spring semester

By Lindsay Mahaney

The relationship between poetic rhythm and the rhythm of the body; the relationship between meter and heartbeat; the relationship between breathing and the idea of learning to breathe language; these are just some of the parallels that UT Associate Professor of English Melissa Gregory finds between yoga and poetry.

For the second time, Gregory will teach a unique version of Reading Poetry (ENGL 2730) that combines the two topics this spring.

“For me, the main connection between the yoga part and the poetry part are that they both teach you to be more introspective,” she said.

“They help you to look inside yourself and think about what’s happening there. They help to cultivate an internal self that is something I think in our current culture is in jeopardy.”

Gregory, who is also a yoga instructor, started the class in spring 2013. She came up with the idea in part because of all the literature that focuses on the human body. Many of the poems studied in class focus on the connection between mind and body, which fits the theme of the course, she said.

The second reason she decided to create the class was because of her own experiences discovering the importance of forging a healthy



STRIKE A POSE: Students who took Melissa Gregory's special section of Reading Poetry last spring smiled for the camera during a class.

relationship between her body and mind, which is something she said she didn't realize was important until she was older.

Students are constantly busy making it difficult for them to settle in and concentrate, Gregory said; that's why she finds the workout at the beginning of class helpful to de-stress and let them focus on poetry.

“Because the yoga part is truly collaborative and we're all doing this physical activity and it's noncompetitive, everybody is just kind of experimenting with what they

can do, it fosters a kind of intimacy that I think doesn't occur in a more conventional classroom,” she said.

Gregory said she finds this integrated style of teaching so helpful that she now applies it to her other classes as well.

“Sometimes I make my 4000-level Victorian Lit class get up and stretch,” she said then smiled.

The class will meet from 9 to 11:30 a.m. on Fridays in the Student Recreation Center Aerobics Room next spring. Each session

will begin with a 50-minute workout and will transition into the study of poetry.

This three-credit-hour course fulfills the UT humanities requirement or the language, literature and social sciences English literature requirement.

For more information, contact Gregory at melissa.gregory@utoledo.edu or visit tinyurl.com/yogapoetry.

Celebrating the right to read



Photo by Daniel Miller

LaVelle Ridley, a student in the Jesup Scott Honors College, gave a talk on “Censorship in Black: Hurston, Ellison and Baldwin” Thursday during the 17th Annual UT Banned Books Week Vigil. He centered his presentation on three prominent African-American writers to convey how literary censorship also functions as social oppression of marginalized communities. Inspired by the American Library Association's Banned Books Week, the daylong event featured speakers from the UT and local communities who talked about censorship and the importance of personal reading.

Liszt scholar to open piano series this weekend

William Wellborn will kick off the UT Music Department's Dorothy MacKenzie Price Piano Series this week.

He will present a master class Saturday, Oct. 4, from 10 a.m. to noon, and a recital Sunday, Oct. 5, at 3 p.m. The free, public events will be held in the Center for Performing Arts Recital Hall.

Wellborn's program will include Liszt's Mephisto Waltz and Beethoven's Piano Sonata in E flat major, Op. 31 No. 3. He also will perform sonatas by Domenico Scarlatti and some Schubert songs transcribed by Liszt.

The pianist is on the national board of the American Liszt Society and is the founding president of the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of the American Liszt Society.

Wellborn has been a faculty member of the San Francisco Conservatory of Music since 1989. He

has been on the faculty of the Austrian International Piano Seminar and Festival in Wiener Neustadt, Austria since 2008.

Since 1999, Wellborn has directed European musical tours exploring the lives and music of great composers. His most recent 2014 tour focused on Mozart, with visits to Austria, Germany and Italy.

For more information on the series, contact Dr. Michael Boyd, UT professor of music, at michael.boyd@utoledo.edu or 419.530.2183.



Wellborn

Therapy dog

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Porshia, but of the patients for being so open,” Zeigler-Wentz said. “My goal was to get involved with UTMC because of the wonderful care I received. We are happy to be working with the Dana Cancer Center and are grateful for their trust and support.”

Patients are asked if they are comfortable having a therapy dog visit. A bone or paw symbol is placed by the patient’s name on his or her room number to indicate that Porshia is welcome.

Research has shown therapy dog visits have many benefits, including lowering blood pressure, decreasing pain and the need for pain medication, relieving anxiety, and lessening the symptoms of depression. It’s been found that therapy dog visits not only help those with physical and emotional needs, but also appear to benefit the patient’s family, as well as the clinical staff.

“The caregivers and staff love Porshia. We aren’t just here for the benefit of the patients, but for those joining a family member or friend during treatment and, of course, the nurses and administrative staff,” Zeigler-Wentz said.

Zeigler-Wentz and Porshia were introduced to a young girl in the lobby, who was looking forward to meeting them.

“Children younger than 16 are not allowed beyond the lobby, and this little girl was excited to spend time with Porshia,” Zeigler-Wentz said. “They sat together while the girl talked and colored. We try to coordinate a time to visit with her while she waits.”

Zeigler-Wentz added, “There is so much love in Porshia’s eyes, it’s like she can see right to your soul. We are blessed to have such an incredible dog.”

She and Porshia are planning on participating in specialized training to certify both of them for emergency



Photo by Daniel Miller

MAKING A DIFFERENCE: Porshia greeted patient Tricia Maassel, who was happy to see her four-legged friend.

response and disaster relief situations. Porshia has received hours of sound training, which has accustomed her to loud noises such as sirens, ambulances and overhead announcements, which will give her a head start above other dogs when she enrolls in this advanced certification.

“We are happy to give back and serve in any way we can,” Zeigler-Wentz said. “Our main passion is to give light in a dark world. Cancer is often a difficult and dark place to be.”

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- Have a spouse/domestic partner enrolled in Paramount ES or Frontpath;
- Have children older than the age of 19;
- Enroll in a medical care flexible spending account, a dependent care flexible spending account or a health savings account (if eligible).

As with last year, users will go to an open enrollment link on the myUT portal located on the University’s internal website. A series of prompts will lead each employee through the process. Employees must have their user names and passwords activated before they can enter the portal.

Details regarding each health-care plan will be on HR’s website beginning Wednesday, Oct. 1; this will include a short PowerPoint presentation on the benefit offerings. Computers will be available for employee access Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Human Resources and Talent Development Office in Academic Services Center Room 1000 on Scott Park Campus and also in the Facilities Support Building on Health Science Campus.

Benefit representatives also will be around at various times across all shifts and all campuses. A list of the dates and locations will be available on the website.

Employees with questions about online enrollment are advised to email benefits@utoledo.edu. Individuals with more complex questions or who require personal one-on-one assistance to enroll can schedule an appointment with a benefit representative for assistance through the same email address: benefits@utoledo.edu.

Although open enrollment ends at 11:59 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31, employees are encouraged not to wait until the last minute.

Outpouring of emotion



Photo by Daniel Miller

UT student Kelly McHugh stopped last week to see the umbrellas on display for Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN) Day and T-shirts from the Clothesline Project. The exhibits were on Centennial Mall Sept. 25 for RAINN Day, which is held annually to raise awareness and educate students about sexual violence on U.S. college campuses. The Clothesline Project is an initiative in which women affected by violence create T-shirts as part of their healing process. Professionals from the UT Counseling Center also were at the event to speak with students, faculty and staff.

Bank accountability: Volunteers help at Clean Your Streams Day

More than 1,000 volunteers, including 323 from the University who helped on Main and Health Science campuses, participated in the 18th annual Clean Your Streams Day.

A total of 94 trash bags weighing 1,439 pounds were filled on Main Campus. Items that were collected included a Confederate flag, lobster crate, fire pit and kid’s pool, according to Ava Slotnick, outreach coordinator with Partners for Clean Streams.

On Health Science Campus, 3,755 pounds of garbage was picked up. A trashcan, velvet cape, traffic cones, vacuum cleaner, pool cover, 42-inch projection TV and a seat from a car were recovered, Slotnick said.

The University of Toledo is a community sponsor and a partner for the event, which engages community members to help clean up the banks of Swan Creek, the Ottawa River, the Maumee River and other local waterways.

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vibrant relationship with the regional business community.”

Recalling his time in the UT business college, Barry said, “I was born and raised in Toledo, and worked my way through school. Accounting was my course of study and my first love, and I have remained close to the Accounting Department and made many friends there.

“I was talking with Dr. [Hassan] HassabElnaby [professor and chair of the UT Accounting Department] at a student scholarship event, and he was saying he would like a leadership lab for accounting students. I have always been interested with the leadership aspect and was involved with the Ernst & Young Leadership Lab in the Savage & Associates Business Complex. The need for the accounting lab was explained, it hit close to home, and I said, ‘Let’s do it.’”

Barry was the former president and chief operating officer of Masco Corp., retiring in 2008 after more than 35 years with the company.

He and his wife, Karen, also have made generous gifts in recent years to the Alan and Karen Barry Scholarship Fund, which provides support for full-time UT business accounting students based on both merit and needs. He also is active in the UT Alumni Association, was a Blue Key Member, and currently serves on the UT Foundation Board of Trustees.

Furthermore, through Barry’s support, the College of Business and Innovation’s

Accounting Department will start the Alan Barry Workshop Series this fall. These workshops are free for accounting students and provide additional skills needed for the job market and the information age.

“The purpose of the new Alan Barry Accounting Lab is to enhance the accounting students’ learning experience and also to provide a wide array of services to both accounting students and area residents,” HassabElnaby noted.

“For students, the lab will provide one-on-one tutoring services, assistance with writing projects, and the most advanced accounting simulation software to help students improve their understanding of important accounting concepts,” he explained. “It will hold the review material for the very important and demanding certified public accountant (CPA) exam, and it will be a resource for college accounting professional organizations, such as Beta Alpha Psi.”

This lab also will be the first nationwide to have a certified management accountant (CMA) lab license, where students can have free access to the CMA review material from Wiley, a leading provider of educational programs for professionals and students, to prepare for the exam.

“For the community, the lab will serve as the location of the free income tax preparation assistance the College of Business and Innovation provides each year to qualified low- to moderate-income individuals and



Photo by Daniel Miller

SHEARS! Cutting the ribbon of the new Alan Barry Accounting Lab last week were, from left, Dr. Gary Insch, dean of the UT College of Business and Innovation, Alan and Karen Barry, and Interim UT President Nagi Naganathan.

families in the Toledo area during the spring income tax filing season,” HassabElnaby said.

Although the College of Business and Innovation had an accounting lab, the room was small and only had equipment to provide tutoring services for sophomore accounting students.

The new lab will have six computers and a printer, as well as licensed software such as QuickBooks Pro 2014, GoVenture accounting

simulation software, WhiteSmoke premium writing software, Yaeger CPA review program and more.

The Alan Barry Accounting Lab is located in Savage & Associates Business Complex Room 2130. It will be open to students Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m.

In memoriam

Jody Matzinger, Toledo, who worked at the University 21 years, died Sept. 19 at age 66. She was hired as a secretary in 1987 and worked in the Medical Director’s Office at MCO. In 1990, she became a technical typist in the Heart Station, where one year later she became a records technician 2. Matzinger then worked as a registration specialist in the Registration Department until her retirement in 2008.

Christopher J. Pio, Toledo, former UT employee, died Sept. 13 at age 28.

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Events slated at UT for LGBTQA History Month

The University of Toledo will celebrate LGBTQA History Month with several events this October.

The Office of Excellence and Multicultural Student Success, LGBTQA Initiatives and Spectrum UT are dedicated to serving the needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning and allied students.

"I believe LGBTQA History Month is important to recognize because it signifies to the entire community that LGBTQA individuals are as valid and worthy of celebration as anyone else," LaVelle Ridley, president of Spectrum UT, said. "The fact that we are able to put on events in celebration of our heritage demonstrates The University of Toledo's commitment to fostering diversity, especially among students."

Listed by date, events scheduled to increase awareness for LGBTQA History Month include:

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 1

- "Taking Pride in Our History" by Tyler Quinn Parkins, UT student, 12:30 p.m., Student Union Room 2500.
- Marriage Equality Reception, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., Student Union Room 2500.

THURSDAY, OCT. 2

- Spectrum Hate Crimes Candlelight Vigil, 8 to 10 p.m., Student Union Steps.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 8

- National Coming Out Day Celebration, noon to 2 p.m., Student Union Room 2500. Stop by and receive a "Gay? Fine by me" T-shirt and show your support.

THURSDAY, OCT. 9

- Spectrum Meeting on Transgender Community and Identity, 8 to 10 p.m., Student Union Room 2582.

FRIDAY, OCT. 10

- Safe Place — LGBTQA Ally Training, 1 to 4:30 p.m., Rocket Hall Room 1530.

TUESDAY, OCT. 14

- OUTLaw Film Screening, "Bridegroom," Law Center Room 1006.

THURSDAY, OCT. 16

- LGBTQA Short Stories with the Honors Book Club, 4 to 5 p.m., International House Multipurpose Room.
- Spectrum Drag/Talent Show, 8 to 10 p.m., Rocky's Attic in the Student Union.

MONDAY, OCT. 20

- Honors Film Screening, "Beginners," 8 to 10 p.m., MacKinnon Hall Room 1370.

TUESDAY, OCT. 21

- All Love Photo Shoot, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Student Union Room 2500. Free professional shoot that will provide prints to all participants.

THURSDAY, OCT. 23

- Spectrum UT Film Screening, "Rocky Horror Picture Show," 8 to 10 p.m., Student Recreation Center Oak Room.

TUESDAY, OCT. 28

- "Queering Blackness: Representations of Black LGBTQ Figures" by LaVelle Ridley, student in the Jesup Scott Honors College and president of Spectrum UT, 5 to 6 p.m., Student Union Room 2591.

THURSDAY, OCT. 30

- Kenote address by writers Carl Phillips and Mark Doty, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Student Union Room 2592.

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Phillips is a professor of English and African and Afro-American studies at Washington University in St. Louis, and his books include *The Art of Daring: Risk, Relentlessness, Imagination* (2014), *Silverchest* (2013), and *Quiver and Arrows: Selected Poems, 1986-2006* (2007). Doty won the 2008 National Book Award for *Fire to Fire: New and Selected Poems*, and his *Dog Years* was a New York Times bestseller in 2007.

FRIDAY, OCT. 31

- Spectrum UT Halloween Ball, 8 to 10 p.m., Student Union Room 2582.

For more information on these events, call the UT Office of Excellence and Multicultural Student Success at 419.530.2261.