Homecoming to be ‘Blast From the Past’

It’s time to remember the old days and look back on good times: Nostalgia will rule at The University of Toledo’s “A Blast From the Past” Homecoming.

Make some new memories at events that pay tribute to the past. Homecoming week activities planned for this year’s celebration include:

Monday, Oct. 20
• Corn Horn Tournament, 5 to 8 p.m., Student Recreation Center.

Tuesday, Oct. 21
• Field Day, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Centennial Mall. Check out the free food and games. At noon, the top 10 Homecoming candidates will be announced.
• Kickball Tournament, 6 to 8 p.m., Glass Bowl.

Wednesday, Oct. 22
• Midnight Breakfast, 11 p.m. to 1 a.m., Parks Tower.

Thursday, Oct. 23
• College of Business and Innovation Alumni Affiliate Dean’s Breakfast, 7:30 a.m., Toledo Club Centennial Room, 235 14th St. Hear from the college’s new dean, Dr. Gary Insch, as well as UT alumni and local business leaders during the program, which will start at 8 a.m. Register for the free program by contacting the Office of Alumni Relations at 419.530.ALUM (2586) or shirley.grzecki@utoledo.edu.
• Ultimate ‘90s Roller Rink Experience, 7 to 9 p.m., Tennis Courts. The top five Homecoming candidates will be announced.

Friday, Oct. 24
• Homecoming Alumni Gala and Awards Ceremony, 6 p.m., Student Union Auditorium. The Alumni Association will present this year’s Blue T, Gold T and Edward H. Schmidt Young Alum Award, and college and affiliate award winners will be honored. Tickets are $30 per person, $11 for children. See story on p. 4. To make a reservation, contact the Alumni Office at 419.530.ALUM (2586) or shirley.grzecki@utoledo.edu.

Being prepared

Heather Lorenz, director of environmental health and radiation safety, left, explained how to suit up properly if treating a patient with Ebola to Dr. Joan Duggan, professor of medicine and director of the Ryan White HIV Center; center; and Laura Hickey, nurse in the Emergency Department. See story on p. 3.

‘Wash in-Wash out’ to be discussed at UTMC town hall Oct. 21

The University of Toledo Medical Center will hold a town hall meeting focusing on the “Wash in-Wash out” campaign and procedures.

The town hall will take place Tuesday, Oct. 21, at 11:30 a.m. in the Four Seasons Bistro Atrium.

A panel of administrators will discuss “Wash in-Wash out” and answer questions about the policy.

The panel will feature David Morlock, CEO of UTMC and executive vice president for finance and administration; Dr. Carl Sirio, chief operating, clinical and medical officer at UTMC and senior associate dean for clinical affairs in the College of Medicine and Life Sciences; and Dr. Christopher Cooper, dean of the College of Medicine and Life Sciences.

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VP/athletic director inducted into Missouri Valley College Athletic Hall of Fame

By Paul Helgren

University of Toledo Vice President and Athletic Director Mike O’Brien was inducted into the Missouri Valley College Athletics Hall of Fame in a ceremony Saturday in Marshall, Mo.

The ceremony took place as part of MVC’s homecoming festivities.

O’Brien played two seasons of basketball at Missouri Valley College from 1973 to 1975. He was voted captain his senior season and graduated with honors in 1975 with a bachelor of science degree in education.

He also was a member of the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity and involved in a number of other activities during his time at Missouri Valley.

“I am very grateful to the Missouri Valley College Athletic Hall of Fame induction committee for this tremendous honor,” O’Brien said. “I enjoyed my time at MVC and owe much of my success to the mentoring I received there. I am honored to join numerous great student-athletes, coaches and administrators in the MVC Athletic Hall of Fame.”

O’Brien is in his 13th year at UT, the second longest tenure among current Mid-American Conference athletic directors. During his time at Toledo, the Rockets have won or shared a combined 27 MAC Championships in nine difference sports.

In addition, he has overseen a number of renovation and construction projects to athletic facilities, including the $30 million Charles A. Sullivan Athletics Complex and Savage Arena, which opened in 2008.

O’Brien also has raised Toledo’s academic profile as Rocket student-athletes have produced an overall GPA above 3.1 over each of the past 11 semesters. UT also earned the MAC Institutional Academic Achievement Award in 2011-12 and 2012-13 as the conference school with the highest overall grade point average.

He was named the Football Bowl Subdivision Northeast Region Athletic Director of the Year in 2012. O’Brien has served as the chair of the MAC Athletic Directors Committee and is the conference’s athletic director representative to the College Football Playoff Committee.

Former UT basketball player finds piece of history

By Kevin Bucher

James JP Horne played basketball for The University of Toledo from 1995 to 1997. Until recently, he believed the jersey he wore during his days on the court was gone forever.

A few weeks ago, Horne noticed something interesting in the Hillebrand Clinical Skills Center as he was preparing for an interviewing encounter, an exercise that is part of the graduate nursing program. He is enrolled in the UT Master of Science in Nursing Degree and Clinical Leadership Program.

In the Hillebrand Clinical Skills Center, there is a mannequin that formerly was used for simulation exercises but has been retired to a waiting room where students make suggestions regarding its attire.

A couple of years ago, the Athletic Department donated UT basketball and football jerseys for the mannequin. While waiting for the interviewing encounter, Horne saw the mannequin dressed in a basketball uniform.

Noticing the uniform was the one used during the time he played, he got up and walked across the room to look at it.

“I noticed that the mannequin was wearing the same style of jersey we wore in the mid-90s. I couldn’t believe my eyes when I pulled up the jersey to see my number 14; the memories that induced were overwhelming,” Horne said.

He and his father had been looking for years for the jersey.

“My initial thoughts were about my father, who has recently been diagnosed with primary progressive multiple sclerosis. He’s always wanted to see that jersey in a shadow box, and the possibility of being able to give him something he’s talked about for the last 15 years will be a moment I’ll cherish for the rest of my days,” Horne said.

He made arrangements with the UT Athletic Department to exchange his jersey for another one. On Oct. 9, he was finally able to take home his jersey.

Horne said he plans to build a shadow box for the jersey and give it to his parents.

“I’d like to thank two fantastic people in the Athletic Department, David Nottke [senior associate athletic director] and Mike Renard [head equipment manager], I’ve known them since my playing days in the 1990s, and they were happy to help me procure my old jersey.

“It’s people like David Nottke and Mike Renard, along with Coach Tod Kowalczyk and Coach Jason Kaslow, that make UT athletics great. I’m blessed to be a part of the UT basketball family,” Horne said.
UTMC officials outline Ebola preparedness

University of Toledo Medical Center leaders sent a letter Thursday to clinicians updating them on the status of UTMC’s preparedness and planning should a patient with Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) be admitted.

“Since July, The University of Toledo Medical Center has been planning for the possibility of a patient with EVD being treated at UTMC,” wrote Dave Morlock, chief executive officer, Dr. Carl Sirio, chief operating and clinical officer, and Dan Barbee, vice president for patient care services.

“In recent weeks, and following news of EVD cases in Dallas, UTMC’s safety and health leadership has been continually training personnel who are designated to care for a patient with EVD should that situation arise,” they wrote, noting that UTMC’s Emergency Department has been asking for travel histories from patients who visit since July.

“No staff member will be asked to care for a patient with EVD or Ebola-like symptoms who has not been trained in putting on and taking off EVD-protective equipment,” they wrote.

UTMC officials said they have been in continual coordination with the Lucas County Health Department, have kept apprised on advisories and information from the Centers for Disease Control, and also contacted and integrated information from the University of Nebraska Medical Center, which has treated cases of EVD.

“While The University of Toledo Medical Center is ready to respond should a patient with Ebola be admitted, please keep in mind that at the present time, per the Centers for Disease Control and the World Health Organization, EVD can only be contracted with direct contact with the bodily fluids of an infected person. UTMC will continue to monitor the situation and will update information knowing that this is a very dynamic situation,” Morlock, Sirio and Barbee wrote.

As UTMC responds to the changing realities of EVD, employees are advised to visit http://utole.do/infectioncontrol as well as regular communications vehicles for updates.

In memoriam

Gerald T. “Gerry” Carter, Toledo, former math and computer programming instructor, died Oct. 9 at age 78.

Dr. Marvin E. Gottlieb, Toledo and Cleveland, a faculty member at MCO for nearly three decades, died Oct. 10 at age 80. He joined the faculty as an assistant professor of psychiatry in 1968 and was promoted to associate professor in 1970. Gottlieb served as acting chair in 1972 and 1973. In 1988, he was promoted to professor of clinical psychiatry with tenure. When he retired in 1996, Gottlieb was awarded professor emeritus status.

Sheila R. Sauter, Holland, director of admitting at MCO from 1991 to 1993, died Aug. 2 at age 64.

Correction

Dr. Carl Sirio’s title was incorrect last week in a story about the new menu for third-shift employees at UT Medical Center. He is chief operating, clinical and medical officer at UT Medical Center, and senior associate dean for clinical affairs in the College of Medicine and Life Sciences.

Hot shots

Heather Perne, a student in the Bachelor of Science Nursing Degree Program, gave a flu shot last week to Dr. Deborah Matlin, associate professor and director of continuing nursing education. Flu vaccinations will be available this month and in November. See the schedule at http://utole.do/flu.
Alumni to be honored at annual Homecoming Gala Oct. 24

By Dan Saevig

Twenty outstanding alumni from around the world will be recognized Friday, Oct. 24, at The University of Toledo Alumni Association’s Homecoming Gala.

The event, which annually draws capacity crowds to the Student Union Auditorium, will begin at 6 p.m.

The program features outstanding graduates from each of the University’s colleges, as well as the recipients of the Alumni Association’s highest honors: the Gold T, the Blue T and the Edward H. Schmidt Outstanding Young Alum.

Benjamin Tran of Dayton, Ohio, is the 2014 recipient of the Schmidt Award, which is presented to a graduate who is 35 years of age or younger in recognition of outstanding achievement in his or her field of endeavor.

A 2005 graduate of the College of Engineering, Tran is an electronics engineer at the Air Force Research Laboratory at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. He was honored earlier this year with the National Security and International Affairs Medal for creating and deploying a new aerial sensor system to help Army and Special Forces units detect and destroy deadly improvised explosive devices.

His invention has been placed on unmanned aerial vehicles and is the first to include radio frequency sensors in combination with electro-optical and infrared sensors, which has greatly expanded situational and operational awareness. Prior to his breakthrough, IEDs had accounted for two-thirds of the casualties to U.S. coalition forces in Afghanistan. For his efforts, Tran was recognized at the White House last month as a recipient of the Samuel J. Heyman Service to America Medal, which is the United States’ most prestigious award dedicated to honoring this country’s civil servants.

Dr. Nina McClelland of Ann Arbor, Mich., is this year’s recipient of the Gold T, which is presented to a graduate in recognition of outstanding career accomplishment.

McClelland, who completed a bachelor’s degree in biology in 1951 and a master’s in chemistry in 1963, is recognized globally as one of the most influential people in environmental science. For 15 years, she served as president, chief executive officer and chair of the board of trustees of the National Sanitation Foundation, which now has offices and laboratories in 40 countries.

Former chair of the American Chemical Society, it was McClelland who developed a Water Quality Index to report water quality in lakes, rivers and streams. In time, states and water authorities were required to annually report water quality to Congress using the index. After the Safe Drinking Water Act was passed, she developed a standard adopted by the government regarding chemicals used to treat drinking water as well as one covering all products that come in contact with drinking water via its treatment, storage and distribution.

Upon her retirement from the National Sanitation Foundation, she formed a consulting firm whose clients included the World Bank. From 2008 to 2011, she served as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. McClelland was awarded an honorary PhD by the University in 2003.

The Blue T recipients are Jim and Nancy Lapp of Toledo. This award is presented to an Alumni Association member who has made outstanding contributions to the progress and development of the Alumni Association and the University.

The Lapps — husband and wife — are proud graduates. Jim earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration in 1973 and a master of business administration degree in 1974 from the College of Business and Innovation, while Nancy completed her bachelor’s in 1974 and was awarded a master’s in 1977 from the Judith Herb College of Education. Combined, the pair spent some 65 years as employees at UT, with Jim serving a variety of administrative positions in undergraduate admissions and in what is now the College of Adult and Lifelong Learning, while Nancy served as coordinator of undergraduate advising in the College of Business and Innovation.

The Lapps have given freely to the University of their time, talent and treasure. Nancy is a charter member of Women & Philanthropy, an organization devoted to providing lasting assistance to the University, and she became that organization’s first lifetime member. Jim served for two years as president of the UT Retirees Association, during which time UTRA was recognized as the Alumni Association’s Affiliate of the Year. The couple has a pillar in the William and Carol Koester Alumni Pavilion, have supported a variety of departments, including athletics, and they have endowed a scholarship in the College of Business and Innovation. Last year, they were recognized at the community-wide National Philanthropy Day as UT’s choice for the Outstanding Community Volunteer Award.

A very limited number of seats remain for the Homecoming Gala. Tickets are $30 and $11 for children.

Call the UT Office of Alumni Relations at 419.530.2585 (ALUM) for more information or to make reservations.
Count on it: ‘The Adding Machine’ to provoke thoughts about man vs. machine

By Angela Riddel

The UT Department of Theatre and Film will open its first play of the season Friday, Oct. 24, with its production of American playwright Elmer Rice’s “The Adding Machine.”

The play follows the story of an ordinary accountant, Mr. Zero, who murders his boss after learning he will be replaced at work by an adding machine. This action — his only unique and spontaneous act after a lifetime of obedience — and its consequences are explored in Rice’s expressionistic play.

After he is sentenced and executed for murder, Mr. Zero finds his afterlife to be a most unexpected experience. Funny, sad, poignant and startling, this metaphorical play will be a visually rich contemplation on right and wrong, life and death.

“The character of Zero is an everyman,” said Irene Alby, UT associate lecturer and interim chair of the Department of Theatre and Film, and director of the play. “He’s the lowest common denominator who blames everyone else, never has an original thought, never thinks outside the box. He’s a person who does what he’s told and doesn’t question it. His fear of what others think of him is his driving motivation in life.”

Alby added that the 1923 play is still relevant.

“We’re taking the play out of its time and making it more timeless,” she said. “Its themes are about dehumanizing technology, increased isolation and the mechanization of humanity. Today, we have machines replacing jobs that people used to do, the outsourcing of jobs, the effects of texting and social media replacing face-to-face interaction.”

She said the play will weave modern technology into the action and use highly choreographed and heightened movement to enhance the expressionistic style of the writing.

IN A BOX: UT theatre alumna Elif Erturk, who plays Daisy, and theatre student Tyler Mitchell, who has the role of Mr. Zero, rehearsed a scene from the UT production of Elmer Rice’s “The Adding Machine.”

UT Opera Ensemble to present three one-act operas downtown

The University of Toledo Opera Ensemble will perform three one-act operas in its production of “American Triptych: A Salute to American Opera” Thursday and Friday, Oct. 23 and 24, and Sunday, Oct. 26. Performances will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and 4 p.m. Sunday in downtown Toledo at the Blarney Event Center, 601 Monroe St., a location that lends itself well to the character of the operas on the program.

The three operas to be performed are “The Face on the Barroom Floor” by Henry Mollicone, “A Hand of Bridge” by Samuel Barber and “A Game of Chance” by Seymour Barab.

In “The Face on the Barroom Floor,” the legend of the woman whose image was painted on the floor of a Colorado saloon is reenacted in the life of a modern woman. When two couples get together for “A Hand of Bridge,” their innermost thoughts and feelings are revealed. Barab’s “A Game of Chance” finds fate granting the heart’s desire of three young women who are reminded: Be careful what you wish for.

Advance tickets are $12.50 for general admission and $10 for students and seniors 60 and older. When a table of eight is purchased, all seats are $10 each; use the promo code “table” when ordering. Visit utoledo.edu/boxoffice.

All seats will be $15 at the door.
Landing an editing job at a nationally recognized publication is an honor that a University of Toledo grad was recently bestowed.

Anna Neller, who started her master of sociology degree in August, was selected by the American Sociological Association (ASA) to be the 2014-2015 student editor of the Medical Sociology Newsletter.

“It’s still pretty brand new to me,” she admitted with a laugh. “But thus far, it has been an incredible experience. One of my first assignments was to develop interview questions for Reeder Award winners, Catherine Ross and John Mirowky. Conducting this interview was a true honor.”

She said, “[This position] is a unique opportunity because it’s for the ASA, which is one of the leading organizations for sociology. It’s in the field, the concentration that I most want to study — medical sociology. So this is incredible.”

The newsletter is a quarterly publication that serves as a platform, bringing together individuals that share a common interest in health, illness and medical care as sociological phenomena, according to the ASA website.

Neller also did her undergraduate work at UT majoring in interdisciplinary studies with a focus in disability and health care.

“Originally, I was a registered nursing student,” she recalled. “I really liked hearing the life stories of the patients and spending time with patients, but I did not care for the clinical aspect of interacting with patients such as administering shots or drawing blood. In fact, I actually spent most of my time talking to patients.”

Neller remembered Associate Sociology Professor Mark Sherry’s Health and Gender class, which she said was the moment that everything clicked for her.

“When I was taking the Health and Gender class, Dr. Sherry did a lecture on Holocaust victims,” she said. “Some of the first Holocaust victims were actually people with impairments. By far, that was one of the most profound lectures I had ever experienced. It was like a light bulb had been turned on in a dark room and I knew what I was supposed to be doing — helping anyone who’s been oppressed or had their human rights violated.”

In addition to being a student of Sherry’s, Neller also worked closely with him for several semesters refining her approaches on both sociological methods and theories, and reviewing disability literature. Currently, she is Sherry’s graduate assistant.

“It is an incredible achievement to be selected by the national leaders in medical sociology for such an esteemed position,” Neller said. “Anna’s influence on the field will extend beyond graduate students, because her contributions will be sent to hundreds of professors across the country and the world. Her work will be widely read, and she will be able to help shape the contributions of medical sociology to the national dialogue on issues like health-care reform and bioethics.”

Neller said her goal is to earn her PhD and eventually teach at a university, which her position as editor will help her achieve. But for now, she is focused on completing her master’s degree and learning from her new job.

“My expectation is to be reaching out to fellow graduate students and making both intellectual and social connections with them. Ultimately, I want to collaborate with them in regards to further developments in the realm of medical sociology,” she said.

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The University of Toledo
College of Nursing Information Session

Tuesday, October 28, at 5 p.m.

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Wednesday, Oct. 22
5 to 7 a.m.

Transportation Center
Room 1009

Details regarding health-care plans are available online at hr.utoledo.edu

Employees with questions about online enrollment may email benefits@utoledo.edu

Deadline to enroll: 11:59 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14
Register for Wound and Hyperbaric Symposium

By Lindsay Mahaney

Members of the medical community are invited to participate in this year’s Wound and Hyperbaric Symposium: Advancing the Standards in Wound and Hyperbaric Medicine.

The event will take place Friday and Saturday, Nov. 7 and 8, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn in Perrysburg.

Participants will have the opportunity to take part in this two-day event, which will focus on the diagnosis and treatment of a wound. Friday’s portion will teach about the advances in treatments and how to properly take care of injuries, including the management of atypical wounds, vascular testing in lower extremity wounds, billing, documentation and the electronic medical record. Saturday’s portion will be comprised of hands-on workshops or an all-day back to basics course.

The cost is varied: $75 for Friday, $100 for Friday and a Saturday workshop, $160 for Friday and the back to basics course, $35 for just a workshop Saturday, or $100 for just the back to basics course.

Students and residents will be free of charge, but must register.

Online registration is encouraged at cme.utoledo.edu using Visa, MasterCard or Discover. Space is limited, so participants are encouraged to register early.

For more information, call the UT Center for Continuing Medical Education at 419.383.4237.

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“Wash in-Wash out” focuses on the importance of hand washing in patient-care areas. It also outlines the options available to staff, these include traditional soap and water and waterless sanitizer.

UTMC staff members are encouraged to attend the event. Attendees will be eligible to win tickets to an upcoming Toledo Walleye or Detroit Red Wings game.

Immediately following the town hall, a special celebration will be held in recognition of International Infection Prevention Week. Complimentary pumpkin cupcakes and other items will be offered.

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11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. | Town Hall Meeting
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. | Pumpkin Cupcakes & Goodies

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Saturday, Oct. 25
• The Edward C. Schmakel Homecoming Parade, 9:30 a.m. Sponsored by Blue Key, the parade will begin at West Bancroft Street and go to Middlesex Drive to Hughes Drive to Cheltenham Road and back on West Bancroft Street.
• Alumni Tailgate, 11 a.m., William and Carol Koester Alumni Pavilion.

Stop by for free hot dogs, chips and pop; beer, wine, bloody marys and Rocket fuel (vodka mixed drink) will be available for purchase with proper ID. And there’ll be live music by Five O’Clock Rush.
• Toledo vs. UMass Homecoming Game, 2 p.m., Glass Bowl. See you at the game! Cheer on the Rockets and see the crowning of the Homecoming king and queen.

Tickets are $25 for reserved seating; $12.50 for children 12 and younger; half off for UT faculty and staff; and free for UT students with IDs. For tickets, call 419.530.GOLD (4653).

Sunday, Oct. 26
• Golden Anniversary Class of 1964 Luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Stone Oak Country Club, 100 Stone Oak Blvd., Holland. Cost is $25. For more information, call the Alumni Office at 419.530.ALUM (2586).

For more information, go to utoledo.edu/homecoming/events.html or call the UT Alumni Relations Office at 419.530.ALUM (2586) or the UT Office of Student Involvement at 419.530.4944.