Picture-perfect Homecoming

The Toledo Rockets delivered a happy ending, rallying from a 13-point halftime deficit to defeat UMass, 42-35, in front of more than 20,000 UT fans in the Glass Bowl. Kareem Hunt rushed for a career-high 198 yards, and the defense shut down the Minutemen. The Homecoming victory lifts the Rockets to 5-3 and keeps them on top of the West Division of the Mid-American Conference with a 4-0 league mark.

Prime time

Thanks to your votes, the University of Toledo bow tie was worn by Ken Rosenthal, Fox Sports baseball reporter, Saturday during game four of the World Series. “For the third year, UT and its commitment to fighting prostate cancer was featured on a national stage and seen by millions,” said Larry Burns, UT vice president for external affairs.

Interim president to give address Oct. 29

Dr. Nagi Naganathan, UT interim president, will deliver the state of the University address Wednesday, Oct. 29.

The address will begin at 11 a.m. in Doermann Theater. Guest parking will be available in the grass lot between Drummond and Goddard roads.

A shuttle from Scott Park Campus will depart at 10:35 a.m. for those wishing to attend the address. It will leave from University Hall at 12:20 p.m., returning passengers to Scott Park. Shuttles from Mulford Library on Health Science Campus will depart at 10:10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., and take passengers to University Hall. Passengers will be picked up for the return to Health Science Campus at 12:20 p.m.

A reception with light refreshments will follow the address.
President’s Lecture Series on Diversity seeks to fund events

By Kevin Bucher

Established in 2008, the President’s Lecture Series on Diversity aims to promote diversity-related events for The University of Toledo community.

The series is responsible for promoting awareness of diversity issues through public activities and events open to UT and the surrounding communities.

“One of our goals is to make the University climate more aware and welcoming to diversity,” Dr. Isabel Escobar, professor of chemical and environmental engineering, and associate dean of research development and outreach in the College of Engineering, said. “We want to improve and further the already diverse climate here at UT.”

The President’s Lecture Series on Diversity has sponsored and funded a number of events at UT in the past; these include “Walking in Women’s Land: Indigenous Women’s Rights in Chiapas, Mexico,” a lecture by Rosalind Santiz-Diaz in March; the Women of the World Symposium in 2013; the UT Indian Students Cultural Organization’s Diwali Festival of Lights in 2013; a religious luncheon and panel discussion in 2012; and “Elf on the Shelf: Vignettes of the Harlem Renaissance” in 2010.

Most recently, the President’s Lecture Series on Diversity has helped fund the Muslim Student Association Cultural Celebration Dinner.

“We want to help put together, fund and promote diversity events on campus,” Escobar said. “We provide funding for excellent ideas related to diversity, and we would like to see more requests because we are eager to make them happen.”

For more information and funding application forms, go to http://www.utoledo.edu/diversity/psld or contact Escobar at isabel.escobar@utoledo.edu.

UT contracts with Title IX expert for broad institutional review

By Jon Strunk

Interim President Naganathan updated UT Board of Trustee members on the University’s ongoing efforts to prevent sexual assault and the resources available to support survivors at its Oct. 20 Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting.

Naganathan announced that UT will contract with Bisi Okubdejo of BallardSpahr to conduct a review of the University’s response to sexual misconduct on campus and its policies and procedures regarding Title IX.

Okubdejo is a former supervisory general attorney with the U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Civil Rights with extensive experience in advising colleges and universities on Title IX and Clery Act compliance.

“Ms. Okubdejo recently conducted a similar review at the University of Cincinnati,” Naganathan said, “and I believe this overview is consistent with The University of Toledo’s commitment to creating a culture of sexual assault prevention as well as a culture where survivors are encouraged to come forward and are well-supported through medical, academic, counseling, law enforcement and other resources.”

In addition, based on recommendations from the White House, students will no longer be included on the panel. Instead, a single panel of specially trained faculty and staff will hear all cases involving Title IX.

UT’s Student Senate recently passed a measure also calling for students to no longer be included on the panel.

Additionally, a series of Title IX training sessions will also be conducted by Okubdejo.

This was an opportunity for top UT officials to hear from Title IX experts about the most recent recommendations from the White House as well as gain access to best practices from four-year and two-year colleges across the country in the areas of Title IX as well as sexual assault prevention and response,” Naganathan said.

Finally, the announcement was made that the UT President’s Lecture Series on Diversity seeks to fund events. For more information or to donate to the UT Sailing Club, email sailing@utoledo.edu.

SMOOTH SAILING: Members of the UT sailing team posed for a photo after winning the Intercollegiate Offshore Regatta.

Currently, the crew is trying to raise funds for the trip.

“We want to thank our families for helping us and especially the DelBello family, who housed us in New York during the competition,” Blackburn said.

For more information or to donate to the UT Sailing Club, email sailing@utoledo.edu.
Opportunity to pay tribute to military personnel

So many names on so many plaques — Veterans’ Plaza is an ever-present reminder of the courage and commitment made by servicemen and women.

Located between University Hall and Memorial Field House, the plaza is an integral part of Main Campus. The U.S., Ohio and POW/MIA flags are displayed around the clock and lit up at night.

“Veterans’ Plaza is a place to pause and reflect on our freedoms,” Vern Snyder, vice president for institutional advancement, said. “It’s a respected site that speaks to the history of our great nation and the military personnel who sacrificed so much to keep our country strong.”

Those who wish to celebrate and remember a loved one can be part of the inspirational memorial.

An individual name can be included on a main plaque for $100, or a larger custom plaque can be purchased for $1,000. After the cost of the plaque, gifts are tax-deductible. For details, go to http://utole.do/veteransplaza.

“As we approach Veterans Day, it’s important that we remember those who have served our country,” Snyder said. “The UT Veterans’ Plaza is a constant reminder for our community and campus.”

‘The Relevant University’ to air Oct. 28

By Sam Naumann

Tune in to “The Relevant University” Tuesday, Oct. 28, at 7 p.m. on AM 760 WJR.

This month, Lawrence J. Burns, UT vice president for external affairs, discusses the importance of visual literacy as the Toledo Museum of Art prepares to host the 47th Annual Conference of the International Visual Literacy Association Wednesday through Saturday, Nov. 5 to 8.

In this episode:
- Debra Davis, dean of the UT College of Communication and the Arts, shares insight on the academic relevance to visual literacy and describes the University’s role in the conference.
- Roy Schneider, manager and medical illustrator at The University of Toledo’s Interprofessional Immersive Simulation Center, discusses how development in his line of work is improved by visual literacy.
- Nick Sousanis, who will give this year’s keynote address at the conference, talks about his work as a Detroit-based artist now working out of New York City.
- And Adam Levine, assistant director at the Toledo Museum of Art, discusses the importance of visual literacy and what it’s bringing to Toledo.

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

Listen at utole.do/therelevantuniversity

Open Enrollment Deadline: 11:59 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14

Details regarding health-care plans are available online at hr.utole.do. Employees with questions about the online enrollment may email benefits@utole.do
National philanthropy expert to share road to success Nov. 5

By Cynthia Nowak

Carol Goss is selling hope — for free.

Goss, an advanced leadership fellow at the Harvard University School of Business, will share a free, public talk — “No Longer Stuck in Place: Hope for the Future” — as the first speaker in the 2014-15 season of the Brothers on the Rise, Alpha Phi Boule and Association of Black Faculty and Staff Lecture Series.

Goss is the founder of Stand Up for Success, an organization that uses stories and education to help young people in the African-American community succeed. Goss directs the National Philanthropy Leadership Institute, which is part of the Institute of Contemporary Philanthropy at the University of Toledo, and teaches courses in leadership, culture and philanthropy at the university.

Her presentation will be held Wednesday, Nov. 5, at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Ingman Room.

The subject of hope, particularly as it applies to young people from disadvantaged backgrounds, is familiar territory for Goss, who retired last year after 15 years with Detroit’s Skillman Foundation, the last nine as president of that storied nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the future of Motor City children.

“I’ve mentored a lot of young people, given them a lot of advice on how to be successful, and I believe that older adults with experience should find ways to share,” said Goss, whose career in philanthropy also includes stints with the Stuart Foundation in San Francisco and the W.K. Kellogg Foundation in Battle Creek, Mich.

The success Goss will speak about can come from directions many young people haven’t even considered, she noted: “I hope that young people will think about other options like having your own business or pursuing careers in higher education. Opportunities for success are out there, and they represent achievable goals.”

Such goals don’t happen magically, she added. “Success requires a very intentional effort. But before that, young people need to have hope. They need to be able to see themselves as having a future and having a goal before they can work toward both. That sense of hope is what I plan to talk about.”

Goss, who grew up in Detroit as one of five children in the tight-knit Goings family, gave credit to her family and the surrounding community: “There was a shared commitment to protection and encouragement for children. The challenges that today’s young people still face were there, but the support we had was strong.

“Nowadays that protection and encouragement are sometimes lacking in families and in communities. Yet that doesn’t mean that young people today can’t be successful.”

With three daughters, Goss is especially tuned in to the challenges facing young African-American women trying to escape poverty. She cited a study by the National Women’s Law Center showing a startling lack of progress.

“We don’t hear about the abysmal high school graduation rates and college matriculation rates for these girls, or how many of them as adults are still relegated to low-wage jobs. We have to do something about this.”

A call to action will be central to her speech. “My message is a message of hope,” she said. “If the students who listen will work hard, if they’ll display grit and determination, if they really see themselves in the future and work toward that goal, they don’t have to be fated to a life of poverty.

“Success is tangible, and it can be achieved.”

The event is co-sponsored by the Black Student Union, Latino Student Union and the Association for the Advancement of African American Women.

International model/activist to give presentation Oct. 30

By Aimee Portala

Yomi Abiola, a Nigerian model, will give a presentation titled “Beauty and Body Image — Cultivating the Whole Person” as part of The University of Toledo Catherine S. Eberly Center for Women’s Lecture and Film Series.

The free, public event will take place Thursday, Oct. 30, at 5:30 p.m. in Doerrmann Theater.

Abiola is a model, journalist and activist, and was the first African face for Maybelline cosmetics. She has appeared in Vogue Italia, British Elle and Harper’s Bazaar, and is a graduate of the Columbia School of Journalism and the Paris Institute of Political Science.

Abiola believes that the fashion industry’s global scope positions it perfectly to find and promote solutions to problems that include fair pay, workplace safety, women’s health, diversity and environmental sustainability.

For more information about the lecture, contact Emily Kizer at 419.530.7232 or emily.kizer@utoledo.edu.

UT Water Task Force to lead discussion at Science Café event

By Cassandra DeYoung

The Science Behind the Toledo Water Crisis” will be the topic at The University of Toledo’s Science Café Tuesday, Oct. 28.

The free, public event will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. in Libbey Hall on Main Campus.

The café is designed to give under-graduate and graduate students and community members a chance to meet and engage with science and engineering experts in an informal, social setting.

The following UT Water Task Force members will lead the discussion at the event:

• Dr. Kevin Czajkowski, professor in the Department of Geography and Planning;
• Dr. Patrick Lawrence, professor and chair of the Department of Geography and Planning, who led a restoration project of the Ottawa River;
• Dr. Isabel Escobar, professor in the Department of Chemical and Environmental Engineering, and interim associate dean of research, development and outreach in the College of Engineering;
• Dr. Daryl Dwyer, associate professor in the Department of Environmental Sciences and director of the Stranahan Arboretum; and
• Dr. Carol Stepien, Distinguished University Professor of Ecology in the Department of Environmental Sciences and director of the Lake Erie Center.

“One of the task forces’ goals is to educate the community about the science behind the water crisis,” Escobar said. “This event allows us to connect to the UT community to answer questions about the scientific reasons for why the water crisis occurred and to share what we are doing about the problem.”

The event is hosted by Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society at The University of Toledo, and will have refreshments. Winners of the Raftopoulos and the Eleftherios Theodosiou Sigma Xi Young Investigator Research Award also will be announced at the event.

For more information, contact Stepien at carol.stepien@utoledo.edu.
‘Landform’ exhibit featured in Carlson Library

By Cassandra DeYoung

This fall semester, Carlson Library is displaying Judith Greavu’s “Landform” series.

The 13-piece exhibit is located on the first floor of Carlson Library and shows different geological formations created out of bronze, aluminum, wood and stone.

“The series celebrates geological forces as well as human intervention with those forces,” Greavu said.

The exhibit includes a piece titled “Warm Springs,” which has a stream made out of bronze and beads of carnelians within the metal waterway.

Another piece on display is “Hill With Effluent,” which appears to have a gray bronze stream splitting two green bronze hills that sit on top of a square of oak.

Many of Greavu’s works are of an environmental nature and can be found on her website, judith.greavu.com.

Last year, Greavu’s piece titled “Current Forces” was installed outside Bowman-Oddy Laboratories and dedicated during UT’s Celebrate Our River Week in September.

Many of her works include bronze, which requires the use of the lost wax casting process. This involves reproducing a structure through the use of molds and castings, similar to photography with negatives and positive prints but in three dimensions.

“It’s an exciting process to use to make the forms you want,” Greavu said. “It’s an extensive process that involves making a model, then a negative mold of silicon rubber or plaster and a positive of wax into that mold. The wax then gets a mold that takes great heat so that the wax can be melted out and molten bronze can be poured into it.”

Greavu received her master of fine arts degree at Bowling Green State University and taught at Ohio Northern University from 1985 until 2005. Since retiring, she is focusing on her art.

Her work has been displayed locally and across the country, including at the Toledo Area Artists Annual Juried Exhibit, the Midwest Sculpture Initiative, the Sculpture Center in Cleveland and ArtSpace in Lima, Ohio.

The free, public exhibit can be seen during Carlson Library hours: Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to midnight, Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday from 9 a.m. to midnight.

UT set to kick off novel writing month with Oct. 28 meeting

By Lindsay Mahaney

Students, faculty, staff and community members are encouraged to break out their pencils and fire up their laptops as this year’s national writing month kicks off at the University.

November is National Novel Writing Month or NaNoWriMo. With the goal of finishing 50,000 words, more than 300,000 writers will gather worldwide to support each other. The University of Toledo is ready, as well.

Several intensive writing sessions are being offered at Carlson Library throughout the month, providing writers with snacks, support and tips from others writers going through the “novel-writing on steroids” experience.

“The secret to NaNoWriMo success is the formidable deadline of writing 50,000 words within 30 days,” said Ruth Jacobs, library media tech assistant. “To have any hope of finishing in time, a writer must throw perfectionism out the window and simply write everything that comes to mind.”

“The beauty and fun of this process is discovering what you are capable of creating, and discovering where your own imagination will take you,” she said.

The festivities will start with an information session Tuesday, Oct. 28, at 5:30 p.m. in Carlson Library Room 2010.

The write-ins will be held in the same room throughout the month:

- Saturday, Nov. 1, from 1 to 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 4, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 11, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 18, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 25, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

A closing celebration will be held Monday, Dec. 1; the time will be announced later in November.

“Being creative is something that I believe we all need,” Jacobs said. “Writing will reveal facets of yourself that you might not notice even otherwise. You may write for the world, a select group of friends, or just for yourself. No matter which you choose, it has value. I urge everyone to write his or her own story, instead of letting it fade away to be forgotten.

Whether or not one finishes the 50,000-word challenge, the reward of unfolding your own amazing story remains.”

For more information or to RSVP for the write-ins, email nano@utoledo.edu.
Rocket basketball to host ‘Tricks, Treats and Dunks’ season preview Oct. 29

By Paul Helgren

The University of Toledo basketball teams will host “Tricks, Treats and Dunks,” a special free season preview, Wednesday, Oct. 29, in Savage Arena at 6 p.m.

The evening will begin with trick-or-treating from 6 to 6:40 p.m. at stations located in the arena concourses. Fans can dress in their Halloween costumes and get treats and prizes.

Free schedule posters will be provided for fans to get autographs from UT men’s and women’s basketball players. And there will be activities for kids.

At 6:45 p.m. the fun moves onto Nichols Court, where a contest for best Halloween costume will be judged. Prizes will be given for best costumes for both children and UT students. There also will be raffle prizes for both fans and UT students throughout the night.

Following the best costume contest, the 2014-15 UT men’s and women’s basketball teams will be introduced. The Rockets will participate in a three-point shooting contest that will feature players from both teams as well as UT students. The event will conclude with the men’s slam-dunk contest.

Fans can buy snacks from the concession stands as they watch the action and listen to music played by a DJ.

The UT men’s team is coming off a stellar season in 2013-14 in which the Rockets won a school-record 27 games. The Rockets return four starters from last year’s team, including three All-Mid-American Conference players, senior guards Julius Brown (first team) and Justin Drummond (third team), and senior forward J.D. Weatherspoon (honorable mention).

The Rocket women’s team returns seven letterwinners from last season’s squad, including two-time All-MAC selection senior guard Inma Zanoguera.

The UT Athletic Ticket Office will be open during the event for fans who wish to purchase season tickets or who want more information about tickets. Fans also may call 419.530.GOLD (4653) for more information.

Glow run and walk at UTMC to support cancer research

By Amanda Benjamin

Hundreds will light up the night at The University of Toledo Medical Center’s Eleanor N. Dana Cancer Center Friday, Nov. 7, for Get it Glowing, a family-friendly event that benefits the American Cancer Society and Relay For Life of Greater Lucas County.

The evening event will include a 5K run and walk, with a one-mile walk for kids. Participants are encouraged to dress in their best glow attire, including glow sticks and glowing T-shirts. Awards will be given for best costumes for both children and UT students. There also will be raffle prizes for both fans and UT students throughout the night.

The event also will include a question-and-answer session with specialists from the Eleanor N. Dana Cancer Center: Dr. Samay Jain, urology; Dr. Jason Schroeder, neurosurgery; Dr. Krishna Reddy, radiation oncology; and Dr. James Willey, pulmonology.

Race day registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the walk for kids at 7:30 p.m. and the 5K run and walk at 8 p.m.

For more information about the race, contact Stacey McDevitt at staceystoneware@yahoo.com.

Craft show set for Oct. 29 in Rocket Hall

By Lindsay Mahaney

For more than 10 years, crafts, art, jewelry and books have been sold annually in Rocket Hall to ring in the holiday season.

The University of Toledo’s annual Rocket Hall craft show will be held Wednesday, Oct. 29, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Secor Road lobby.

Items created by UT students, employees, alumni and community members will be for sale; these will include holiday gifts and décor, jewelry and homemade crafts. Prices start as low as $1.

“One of our new vendors this year is a UT graduate who will be selling six books of local and regional interest that he has written and self-published,” said Lynne Downes, records management officer and this year’s craft show organizer.

Downes said the books focus on events around Ohio, like the all-star baseball game that was played in Cleveland during the sport’s golden age.

A cookbook fundraiser also will take place with proceeds going to Jennifer Rippke, the sister-in-law of Program Accountant Julia Rippke, to help with her fight against neuroendocrine carcinoma. The cookbook, I Heart Family, will be sold at Rippke’s table for $10, along with crafts and baked goods.

“Many UT employees have supported this project by contributing recipes to the cookbook and donating their time and talents,” Downes said.

For more information, contact Downes at 419.530.5810 or lynne.downes@utoledo.edu.
Law alumnus to discuss bankruptcy and Catholic Archdiocese

Bankruptcy attorney Howard Levine will return to his alma mater Thursday, Oct. 30, to discuss his experience in guiding a Catholic Archdiocese through Chapter 11 proceedings.

The free, public talk is titled “A Catholic Archdiocese in Chapter 11: Causes, Controversies and Legal Challenges.”

Levine is a partner at the law firm of Sussman Shank LLP in Portland, Ore. His practice focuses on representing debtors and creditors in Chapter 11 reorganization cases, out-of-court workouts and debt restructurings.

His firm represented the Archdiocese of Portland and the Society of Jesus, Oregon Province, in the first Chapter 11 cases filed in the United States by a Catholic Archdiocese and a Catholic religious order. These cases involved a complex combination of issues arising under state law, constitutional law, insurance law and canon law, and their unusual interplay with the U.S. Bankruptcy Code.


In memoriam

Marianne W. Alderman, Sylvania, former CEO of the UT Credit Union, died Oct. 20 at age 85. She worked at the credit union from 1975 until her retirement in 1992, and oversaw the merger of the UT and MCO credit unions.

Dr. Udayan Nandkeolyar, Toledo, professor and chair of the Information Operations Technology Management Department in the College of Business and Innovation, died Oct. 15 at age 61. He joined the faculty as an assistant professor in 1988. His research focused on supply chain management, enterprise resource planning and logistics.

A service will be held Saturday, Nov. 1, at the Hindu Temple, 4336 King Road, Sylvania. Prayers will start at 5:30 p.m., guests are invited to share memories at 6:30 p.m., and dinner will be served at 7 p.m.

Leonard “Lenny” Rhodes, Monclova, died Oct. 18 at age 87. He was a star basketball player for the Toledo Rockets, lettering from 1947 to 1950. Rhodes scored 811 points for UT, but was known for his defensive prowess. He played semi-pro basketball and suited up for the Harlem Globetrotters for one year. In 1987, he was inducted into the Varsity “T” Hall of Fame. Rhodes was a former trustee of the UT Alumni Association. Tributes are suggested to the Rocket Fund through the UT Foundation.

Patricia A. Tucker, Maumee, a data entry operator in the Quality Management Department at MCO from 1974 until her retirement in 2001, died Oct. 19 at age 68.

Profeminist men’s movement advocate to speak Nov. 3

By Cassandra DeYoung

Rob Okun, feminist advocate, editor and author, will visit The University of Toledo Monday, Nov. 3, to spread the message of profeminism and social justice.

The free, public event will take place in the Student Union Auditorium from 7 to 8 p.m. There also will be a resource fair before the event at 6 p.m. The resource fair will include 15 organizations from UT, the community and Bowling Green State University.

Since 1997, Okun has been the editor of Voice Male, a magazine that gives a range of male perspectives from childhood, adult, fatherhood and social classes through essays, commentaries and stories. The mission of the magazine is to explore issues relevant to men’s development and health in an effort to decrease the isolation and violence that plagues part of the male population.

Okun also has published a book, Voice Male: The Untold Story of the Profeminist Men’s Movement, a collection of more than 100 stories, commentaries and essays previously published in the magazine.

Additionally, he has spoken at a number of colleges and universities, including Boston College, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Towson University, Tulane University and the University of Massachusetts.

“We are really excited to have Rob Okun come to our campus because we feel that there is a lot of energy on college campuses about this issue,” Dr. Stanley Edwards, director of the UT Counseling Center, said.

“Rob has done a lot of research, written a book, and is a part of numerous organizations that focus on the profeminist men’s movement and how men can get involved in the mission to eliminate sexual violence,” Edwards said. “We felt he would complement the efforts of our Sexual Assault Education and Prevention Program, and connect well with the University community.”

After his talk, Okun will sign books in the Student Union Auditorium. The signing is sponsored by the People Called Women bookstore, a local feminist bookstore.

For more information about Okun and his book, contact him at 413.687.8171 or rob@voicemalemagazine.org.

For more information about the event, contact Michael Desposito, graduate assistant in the UT Counseling Center, at 419.530.2426 or michael.desposito@rockets.utoledo.edu.
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