University to inaugurate 17th president

The University of Toledo will mark the historic inauguration of its 17th President Sharon L. Gaber Friday, Sept. 25.

The inauguration ceremony at 3 p.m. in Savage Arena will celebrate the University in the theme of “Tradition, Collaboration and Transformation.”

A processional will begin at 2:30 p.m. from the Student Union — or the Fetterman Training Center if it rains — to Savage Arena for the ceremony, which will be followed by a reception. The event is free and open to the public.

Gaber began her tenure as UT’s 17th president July 1. A city and regional planning expert, she came to the UT presidency following six years as provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Arkansas.

Earlier Friday morning, Gaber will serve as a panelist during an academic symposium at 10 a.m. in Doermann Theater.

Titled “Creating a Social Compact Between the City of Toledo and The University of Toledo: From Knowledge to Action,” other panel participants will be Dr. Michael Dear, professor emeritus of city and regional planning at the University of California at Berkeley; Dr. Kenneth Reardon, professor and director of the graduate program in urban planning and community development at the University of Massachusetts in Boston; Dr. Neil Reid, director of the UT Jack Ford Urban Affairs Center and professor of geography and planning; and Calvin Lawshe, director of economic and business development for the city of Toledo.

Dr. Patrick Lawrence, professor and chair of the UT Department of Geography and Planning, will be the moderator.

For more information, visit utoledo.edu/inauguration.

Whirlwind victory

The Toledo Rockets celebrated beating the Big 12’s Iowa State Cyclones, 30-23, in double overtime Saturday night in the Glass Bowl in front of 23,104 happy fans. Wide receiver Alonzo Russell scored a touchdown on a three-yard pass from quarterback Phillip Ely and continued his streak of 40 straight games with a catch. For the second consecutive week, UT defeated a Power Five conference team, this time in a nationally televised game on ESPNews. On Sept. 12, the Rockets upset No. 18 Arkansas, 16-12, in Little Rock. Toledo will face Arkansas State Saturday Sept. 26, at 7 p.m. in the Glass Bowl. The Rockets defeated the Red Wolves, 63-44, in the GoDaddy Bowl last year.

See you at the President’s Backyard Barbecue

Dr. Sharon L. Gaber is inviting students, faculty and staff to the President’s Backyard Barbecue Thursday, Sept. 24, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Centennial Mall.

Stop by and have a shredded beef, shredded chicken or vegan sandwich, along with chips and cookies. Lemonade and water will be available to drink.

Rocky and Rocksy will be at the event, along with members of the Blue Crew.

WXUT-FM 88.3, the student radio station, will crank up the music.

And there’ll be pedal cars provided by the ROTC Program and the Ohio Army National Guard, as well as caricature artists and inflatable games.

Come out and pick up a free inauguration T-shirt while supplies last.

The Office of the President and the Division of Student Affairs sponsor this annual event, which promises to be even more special this year.

“We have so much to celebrate — the inauguration of President Gaber and the incredible play of our Toledo Rockets on the football field,” Dr. Kaye Patton Wallace, UT vice president of student affairs, said. “Students and employees are invited to come together and show their pride in their University.”

If the weather doesn’t cooperate, the event will take place in the Student Union Auditorium.
Three to be added to Emergency Medicine Wall of Honor

By Brandi Barhite

A founder of the very honor he helped create will be one of the people recognized at the fifth annual Emergency Medicine Wall of Honor induction ceremony Tuesday, Sept. 22, at noon.

“Given the fact that I was the principal instigator for the creation of the Emergency Medicine Wall of Honor, I feel reluctant to be recognized in this fashion,” said Dr. Paul Rega, director of emergency medicine simulation education and medical adviser for disaster preparedness at The University of Toledo Medical Center.

“I am extremely humbled and grateful that I was even considered; however, it affords me the opportunity to thank everyone, over the course of 35 years, who has worked with me in emergency departments and in disaster situations to improve the health and welfare to those who sought our care,” Rega said.

The reception will start at 11:30 a.m. in the Jacobs Interprofessional Immersive Simulation Center on Health Science Campus. UT President Sharon L. Gaber will speak. The simulation center also will host a demonstration.

A plaque for each honoree will be added to the wall, located in the Emergency Department of UTMC, near the ambulance entrance.

The Emergency Medicine Wall of Honor, made possible through funding from The Blade, was established in 2011 to recognize individual achievement and self-sacrifice in the emergency medical services and emergency medicine community.

Nominations are submitted by community stakeholders and reviewed by a multidisciplinary selection committee.

In addition to Rega, this year’s honorees are:

• Thomas Couture Sr., paramedic. Dedicating more than 30 years to prehospital medicine, Couture was a founding leader of EMS in Lucas County. Beginning in the 1970s, he was instrumental in implementing policies, protocols and educational standards for the ever-growing role of the paramedic in the community.

• Karen Peckinpaugh, registered nurse. Peckinpaugh is the founder of the Forensics SANE (sexual assault nurse examiners) programs in the region. She has worked to establish community relationships that have assisted with the growth of local and regional SANE programs.

Sign president’s banner on Health Science Campus

Take a few minutes this week to write a message on President Sharon L. Gaber’s welcome banner.

On Health Science Campus, a banner will be in the Four Seasons Bistro Monday, Wednesday and Thursday Sept. 21, 23 and 24, and outside Health Education Building Room 105 Tuesday, Sept. 22. Signing can take place from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members are encouraged to stop by and will receive a free inauguration T-shirt while supplies last.

This banner, along with one already signed on Main Campus, will be on display in the lobby of Savage Arena Friday, Sept. 25, for the inauguration ceremony.

Spirit of America

Hyunjeong Jaffe, who is originally from Korea and now lives in Sylvania, waved a flag after she and 51 others were sworn in as U.S. citizens by U.S. District Judge Jack Zouhary at a naturalization ceremony last week in the Law Center McQuade Law Auditorium. Sponsored by the Office of Government Relations and the Center for International Studies and Programs, the event was held to celebrate Constitution Day at the University.
UT Health introduces new transportation system

By Brandi Barhite

UT Health is streamlining its non-emergency patient transportation system. The University has contracted with Community EMS, which is based in Ohio and Michigan, to provide all patient transportation with a fleet of five vehicles branded UT Health.

“It makes it easier from an administrative standpoint because we won’t be working with multiple different companies,” said Greg Hawkins, director of business development at The University of Toledo Medical Center. “We won’t have to make multiple calls to transport our patients. This also gives us quality control because we will have requirements on timeliness for prescheduled transports.”

Prior to this change effective Sept. 14, UT Health did not have a contract with a provider, but operated from a list of local transportation companies to assist with moving patients from UTMC to skilled nursing facilities, for instance, or from UTMC to off-site locations. While patients have the final say in transportation, most patients ask for the hospital to arrange it, Hawkins said.

Jeff Schneiderman, operations manager for Community EMS, said the partnership offers the opportunity for continual level of care.

“Most of the patients being transported will leave UTMC seeing the back of one of our squad doors,” Schneiderman said. “We want to make sure it is the best experience we could possibly give them.”

“We have been looking at the opportunity to become more efficient and timely in providing our patients a safe transition,” said Angie Ackerman, director of outcome management for UTMC. “The overall goal is to provide patient satisfaction, along with quality customer service, from a unique vendor that will have the patient’s best interest in mind.”

Ackerman said Community EMS is providing transportation to many of UTMC’s new off-site locations. She expects at least 10 transports per day.

UT women’s basketball coach to speak at Satellites’ luncheon Sept. 29

Tricia Cullop, UT head women’s basketball coach, will be the guest speaker at the Satellites Auxiliary’s luncheon Tuesday, Sept. 29, in Health Education Building Room 105.

Those who attend may bring their own lunches to the free event, or they may pay $7 for a box lunch that will include a beverage and specialty dessert.

Cash or check payable to the Satellites Auxiliary will be accepted. Complimentary valet service will be available for the event at the medical pavilion.

Registration will begin at 11:30 a.m., with lunch served at noon, and Cullop’s “Behind the Scenes” talk at 12:30 p.m.

On April 28, 2008, Cullop came to The University of Toledo with the daunting task of rebuilding a Mid-American Conference powerhouse. Fast forward seven seasons and Cullop and her squads have hung five postseason banners, including a 2011 WNIT Championship banner, two MAC regular-season title banners and four West Division banners from the rafters of Savage Arena.

Considering the Rockets experienced five consecutive losing campaigns prior to Cullop’s arrival, UT’s quick turnaround has truly been a testament to her coaching ability.

Under Cullop’s guidance, the Midnight Blue and Gold has amassed an impressive 160-74 overall record and an 84-32 conference mark. Individually, eight Rockets have earned All-MAC honors on 18 occasions. And she has been recognized for her work at UT by the conference and the Russell Athletic/Women’s Basketball Coaches Association.

The Satellites Auxiliary is a volunteer group designed to promote education, research and service programs; provide support of patient programs in accordance with the needs and approval of administration; conduct fundraising events; and provide services.

For more information or to make a reservation, contact Carol Okenka at 419.893.5840, Peg Simon at 419.491.1665 or Pat Windham at 419.385.4808.

Move to improve

Dustin Ballinger, nursing director for the Cardiovascular Unit at UT Medical Center, took a walk with patient Mohammad Anvari, who was motivated to get up and get going during the Move to Improve program launch last week. The mobility program aims to help UTMC patients feel better and recover sooner.
New exhibit will showcase talents of internationally known comic strip artist

The lifelong work of comic strip artist Peter Hoffman is celebrated by the Ward M. Canaday Center for Special Collections in the new exhibition titled “Pete Hoffman: A Comic Journey.”

The exhibit displays selections of Hoffman’s cartoon art, highlighting his long-running continuity strip, “Jeff Cobb,” which ran in newspapers worldwide between 1954 and 1978, and featured the adventures of an investigative journalist.

The free, public exhibit will open Thursday, Sept. 24, and run through Friday, May 6, in the art gallery on the fifth floor of Carlson Library.

Hoffman was born in Toledo in 1919. As a student at Warren Elementary, he started drawing, initially imitating his brother, Jack. While a kindergartner, he so impressed his teacher with a sketch of cowboys, Indians and horses that she submitted it to the Toledo Times, which published it when Hoffman was 4 years old.

As a college student at UT, Hoffman worked as staff cartoonist on both The Campus Collegian and Blockhouse, but he never had formal training. Instead, he majored in advertising and business.

After graduation from UT in 1941, he worked as an advertising artist for Tiedtke’s Department Store before joining the Army.

After the war, Hoffman visited the Toledo offices of Elmer Woggon and Allen Saunders, who hired him as a ghost illustrator for their popular adventure strip, “Steve Roper.”

Hoffman worked, uncredited, on “Steve Roper” until 1954, when he was offered a project of his own by General Features Syndicate. It was then that “Jeff Cobb” was born.

Hoffman researched, wrote and illustrated “Jeff Cobb” six days a week, including a separate storyline on Sundays that ran for a limited time. Inspired by true events, storylines ranged from insurance fraud to drug dealing, art theft to corruption, and murder to the kidnapping of political world leaders.

By 1975, “Jeff Cobb” had appeared in more than 100 newspapers worldwide, but the continuity strip was losing popularity. The strip stopped running nationally at that time, but continued to run in international papers until 1978.

Hoffman continued to do freelance work, including for UT on the occasion of his 50th class reunion in 1991. At that time, he donated the original panels of a complete, 11-week episode of “Jeff Cobb” to the Canaday Center. The bulk of his work, including a nearly complete run of the comic strip, was donated to the center in 2013 by his family after Hoffman’s death. The collection approximates more than 6,000 pieces of original artwork.

The highlight of the exhibit are 21 original panels of Hoffman’s “Jeff Cobb” strip selected from his career spanning from 1955 to 1971.

“The panels not only show Hoffman’s artistic talent, but also his ability to convey intriguing story lines through his strips,” said Sara Mouch, curator of the exhibition and assistant archivist in the Canaday Center.

The complete Hoffman collection is available to interested researchers in the Canaday Center.

For more information on the exhibit or to view other aspects of Hoffman’s collection, contact Mouch at the Canaday Center at 419.530.5578.

University spotlights George Washington exhibition

By Cassandra DeYoung

The University of Toledo’s Libraries are displaying an exhibit from the National Library of Medicine this semester titled “Every Necessary Care and Attention: George Washington and Medicine.”

“With its medical and history connection, we thought visitors on both campuses would find the exhibit to be an engaging point of interest while at the libraries,” said Jodi Jameson, instructor and librarian in the College of Nursing on Health Science Campus.

Featuring six graphic panels, the story of medicine in the early American colonial era is observed through the history of Washington’s family, staff, slaves, troops and his own health.

“Washington had a lot of different responsibilities and wore many hats,” Jameson said. “As a plantation owner, businessman, Revolutionary War general, husband, father and, of course, president, Washington’s life was full of demands. The health and safety of others was of considerable importance to him, which is reflected in the images on display.”

The free, public exhibit, which was on display in Mulford Library on Health Science Campus, now can be seen on the second floor of Carlson Library through Saturday, Oct. 10.

Carlson Library is open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday from 9 a.m. to midnight.

“Every Necessary Care and Attention: George Washington and Medicine,” shown here in Mulford Library, is now on display on the second floor of Carlson Library.
Canaday Center’s new exhibit celebrates Toledo’s global connections

From its founding in 1837, the city of Toledo established its connection to the world by taking as its name that of the ancient Spanish city.

“Greater Toledo: The City in the World,” the new exhibition by the Ward M. Canaday Center for Special Collections, celebrates those global connections by examining the people and organizations from Toledo who have shaped — and been shaped by — the world.

The exhibit will open Thursday, Sept. 24, at 2:30 p.m. on the fifth floor of UT’s Carlson Library and is one of several events during the week of the inauguration of Dr. Sharon L. Gaber as The University of Toledo’s 17th president.

The exhibit also marks the first public showing of the original “Act to Incorporate the City of Toledo, Ohio” from 1837 and the first minute book of the Toledo City Council dating from April 3 of that year. These items are part of a larger collection of early records of Toledo government that recently were transferred by the city to the Canaday Center for preservation.

Also on display will be the 1872 articles of incorporation for the Toledo University of Arts and Trades, the predecessor to The University of Toledo. Jesup W. Scott, a newspaper publisher and real estate investor, established the University that year because he believed Toledo was destined to become the “future great city of the world.”

Gaber and Toledo Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson will deliver brief remarks at the opening reception.

“The exhibit is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the long connection between the city and the University, and the connection of both to the world,” said Barbara Floyd, director of the Canaday Center and interim director of UT Libraries.

Floyd added, “It also fits in well with the theme of Dr. Gaber’s inauguration: tradition, collaboration and transformation.”

In addition to the rare opportunity to see the founding documents of the city and the University, the exhibit will include other items of note from the Canaday Center’s collection. These include records of the Association of Two Toledos, the oldest sister city relationship in the world. That organization was created in 1931 with the help of UT President Henry J. Doermann.

On display will be the original seal of UT that incorporates elements of the coat of arms of Spanish King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella. To further emphasize the connection between the two Toledos, the motto of the University was written in old Spanish, rather than the more traditional Latin.

Members of Toledo Sister Cities Inc. also have loaned items documenting the formal cultural and economic exchange relationships between Toledo and the cities of Poznan, Poland; Szeged, Hungary; and the Bekaa Valley in Lebanon.

The exhibit will feature letters from soldiers who fought in foreign wars that reflect on the impact of their overseas experience on their lives. It also will include items that document the global impact of Toledoans, including the guest book from the memorial service for President John F. Kennedy that was held in the American embassy in Moscow by U.S. Ambassador Foy Kohler, who was from Toledo. The guest book includes signatures of all of the Soviet leaders of the time, including Nikita Khrushchev and his wife.

The exhibit concludes with a look at how globalization has impacted Toledo’s economy with documentation of the world markets for goods produced by some of the city’s largest corporations. Included are photographs showing the international reach of one Toledo company that literally took the city’s name around the world — Toledo Scale — as well as items that document the global markets of Toledo’s glass corporations. Also on display are three rare original watercolors from the Willys-Overland Corp. produced at the end of World War II celebrating the role of the Toledo-made Jeep in winning the war.

Also opening Sept. 24 in the art gallery area outside the Canaday Center on the fifth floor of Carlson Library will be the exhibit “Pete Hoffman: A Comic Journey.” The exhibit displays a selection of the original artwork by Toledoan and UT alumnus Pete Hoffman, who produced the nationally syndicated cartoon “Jeff Cobb” from 1957 to 1978. See story on p. 4.

Both free, public exhibits can be seen Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., through Friday, May 6.

For more information, contact the Canaday Center at 419-530-4480.
OPINION

Teaching and transforming our students

By Dr. Clinton O. Longenecker

Well, here we are at the start of another school year filled with excitement, hope, energy, and an opportunity to make a real difference in the world with our hallowed profession!

I was recently asked by Interim Provost John Barrett and his staff to facilitate a mini-workshop on teaching for the New Faculty Orientation Program. As part of the program, we did a group exercise with UT’s 80-plus new faculty on “The Attributes of the Best Class You Ever Experienced.” Our new faculty members described their experiences, shared those with each other, and coached each other on what to do to provide our students with awesome learning experiences. It was truly inspiring to hear faculty discuss how great teachers had changed and transformed their lives!

I know that teaching is sometimes underappreciated, but I was reminded by my new colleagues that teaching has the potential to change and transform people’s lives, which is a noble calling indeed. As teachers, it’s easy to focus most of our time and energy on the “information” associated with our various courses. But we have found in our adult learning research that information is simply the foundation for great teaching. Game-changing teachers focus on providing great information in their courses for sure. But great teachers also create a learning climate for student motivation, idea integration and career application to help their students experience real transformation.

So going into this new school year, here are some of the most important things that we can do to provide our students with transformational experiences. Our students deserve cutting-edge information and knowledge, but let’s remember to use our platform to help transform our students.

Our students connect with our passion and mojo. The overarching factor for transforming students is bringing our passion, excitement, expertise and enthusiasm to each and every exchange we have with them. They can tell pretty quickly if we’ve “got mojo” for them and for what we are teaching. This single factor plays a dominant role in our ability to motivate and impact our students.

Our students want and need the “big career/skill” picture. The best teachers create relevance and idea integration. Regardless of the subject we teach, it is imperative to ground each class with a clear and concise explanation of how this class will benefit the students’ career preparation. Whether it is course content, specific skills that will be acquired, people they will meet, or practices to be mastered, it is important that we give students a strategic view of how each class will help them achieve their career aspirations. As the semester unfolds, we need to constantly illustrate how our material ties back to their career success. This simple act can have a powerful effect on a student’s motivation and commitment.

Our students want and need learning structure and clear expectations. We should never underestimate the importance of being organized and in communicating our course schedule and expectations on an ongoing basis. We want our students to know exactly what is coming and when to help them plan and organize. Let’s make it easy for students to work hard and learn. Many of us have found that it is very useful to create a course-learning contract. This document outlines the behaviors and challenging expectations that our students can expect of us and that we can expect of them. The best teachers challenge their students to be the best they can be!

Our students want access to us and need us to connect with them at a personal level. It is said that “people care how much you care before they care how much you know,” which is true in any discussion of great teachers. So there is no substitute for establishing, communicating, keeping, inviting and welcoming students to make use of office hours. The simple act of being accessible to our students can carry great weight in letting our students know we care for them and are there to answer questions and provide career counseling. Students also greatly appreciate it when we know their names. Now in big classes, this can be very difficult, but name tags, name placards or using technology to memorize student’s names can all send a powerful message that we care about them as people.

Our students want and need active hands-on learning and engagement. In every discipline, there is a time and a place for straight one-way lecture teaching. But research continues to show that real learning and transformation requires student engagement and active learning. In putting together each class, ask yourself, “What can I do to encourage student involvement, ownership and excitement around the material, foster dialogue and discussion, and build energy and enthusiasm into the session? The good news is there are lots of ways to do this and lots of people on campus to help us if we are serious about becoming better transformers. Our students want course to be fun, and maybe even entertaining, regardless of discipline. Focusing our efforts to create student motivation, integration and application of material is critical.

So here’s a thought: Instead of going into this new school year thinking of ourselves as teachers, instructors or professors, consider redefining your role to that of a transformer. A decade ago, I redefined my role as that of a transformer and it has caused me to approach teaching very differently. And as a transformer, I’m always looking for new ideas on how to improve my teaching talent, so I hope you don’t mind me sharing these thoughts.

Transforming our students just might be one of the more important activities that you and I ever participate in during our lives. And as a University of Toledo alumnus, I am very fortunate to have been transformed by the great teachers who taught me.

Have an awesome school year! And never underestimate the transformative power you possess!

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Powerful message

Savannah Stusher looked at shirts from the Clothesline Project and umbrellas that were on display in the Student Union last week as part of Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN) Day: The UT Sexual Assault and Prevention Program held the event to raise awareness and educate students about sexual violence on college campuses. RAINN Day is held annually on campuses across the country to empower college students in educating their peers. Here at UT, residence halls and student organizations embellished umbrellas with messages against violence. The event also included the Clothesline Project, an initiative in which women affected by violence create shirts to be displayed as part of their healing process.

Cultural celebration

Kassandra Reyna, president of the UT Latino Student Union, created a flower out of tissue paper at the Hispanic Heritage Month Street Fair Kickoff that was held last week on Centennial Mall. Tejano singer Yvonne performed, and El Corazon de Mexico Ballet Folklorico demonstrated cultural dances. Check out other events scheduled for Hispanic Heritage Month at utoledo.edu/studentaffairs/oemss.

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Rocket to a Cure with The University of Toledo

One in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime, and many of those diagnosed won’t have the same access to health-care resources and support.

That’s why The University of Toledo is joining the fight and participating in the 22nd annual Komen Northwest Ohio Toledo Race for the Cure Sunday, Sept. 27.

The team, Rocket to a Cure, will be led by Dr. Sharon L. Gaber, UT president, and Sharon Speyer, chair of the UT Board of Trustees.

This cause is close to Gaber and Speyer; both women are breast cancer survivors.

“As a cancer survivor, I am exceedingly grateful for those that came before me to raise money and awareness toward breast cancer research,” Speyer said. “When learning about my diagnosis, my first reaction was shock and fear. However, once I learned about the medical advancements, I had hope.”

To join UT’s team or make a donation, visit utole.do/cure. Registration is $30 per adult and $20 per youth.

Participants will receive a T-shirt and a specially designed hat in addition to making a difference in breast cancer care, support and research.

UT also will offer two shuttle buses for students to the event. Buses will leave at 8:15 a.m. from the Main Campus bus loop and travel to Monroe Street and N. Superior Street downtown and return to Main Campus around noon.

“Whether you’re a cancer survivor yourself, know someone who’s been touched by this terrible disease, or would like to join our team in memory of a loved one, we’d be honored to have you run or walk with us.”

— Dr. Sharon L. Gaber