A Greater Degree: UT launches new marketing campaign

Andrea smiled as she shared her experiences as an undergraduate at The University of Toledo.

“Toledo has helped me discover that life is more about who you want to be when you grow up, rather than what you want to be when you grow up,” she said.

As she moved out from in front of the camera, the National Merit Scholar Finalist and biology major finished telling her story. The first of what will ultimately be more than two dozen students highlighting the ways UT has helped them flourish, the University’s new marketing campaign is focused on why UT exists: student success.

For Andrea, her story is about Discovery to a Greater Degree. For Ja’Vawn, a professional sales and marketing student, his story focuses on Opportunity to a Greater Degree. For other students, it is Leadership, Passion, Exploration or Balance, all to a Greater Degree, thanks to the faculty and staff at The University of Toledo.

The initial slate of stories can be found at the campaign website: utledo.edu/greaterdegree. New stories will continue to be added in the weeks ahead.

“We wanted to convey the academic strength of our students and our University, as well as the breadth and quality of our programs,” said Jon Strunk, interim associate vice president for marketing and communications. “Once all the narratives are posted, we hope this collection of stories enables prospective students of all types to find examples of success that speak to them and their academic and leadership goals.”

In the weeks and months ahead, the campaign will be further integrated into UT’s undergraduate enrollment efforts, as well as coordinated with colleges’ outreach efforts.

Sam McCrimmon, vice president for advancement, said that future phases of the campaign also will see faculty and alumni highlighted.

“This campaign is spreading the word about our outstanding students and at the same time has been developed internally,” continued on p. 2

Increased security, efficiency prompts myUT upgrade

By Kathleen Walsh

The myUT homepage and portal will receive an upgrade Wednesday, March 16. Visitors will notice a cleaner look and a change in login procedures, but behind the scenes, the administrative team has done significant work to make the site more efficient and ensure that it delivers information and workplace tools securely.

Users will log in to a new page using their UTAD username and password. Authenticated visitors then can access tabs and personal content just as they were accustomed to doing in the previous version of the portal. The tabs, navigation and channels are still located in the same places.

“One of our goals was to keep content and its delivered location in the same relative place within the portal. If you had access to the student and employee tab, you will still have this access after the upgrade. If you are an employee looking for your leave balance, it will be available in the same location you found it before,” John Cavins, senior director of enterprise business systems in Information Technology, said.

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International Women’s Day

Talia Dunseth, right, and Tracy Davis, custodial workers, picked up some refreshments March 8 to celebrate International Women’s Day. The Catharine S. Eberly Center for Women served up sweet treats and light beverages to mark the day. “We appreciate everyone who stopped by to celebrate with us. We look forward to continuing to support women both on and off campus,” said Dr. Shanda Gore, UT associate vice president for equity, diversity and community engagement, and chief diversity officer.

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the UT Foundation’s investment success, noted Russ Mitchell, investment committee chair. “While we are always mindful of our short-term performance, UT Foundation funds are held in perpetuity. Therefore, we remain focused on long-term results rather than year-to-year returns or attempting to time the market,” he said. “Our investments continue to perform well against our benchmarks.”

The University of Toledo and the UT Foundation’s combined endowment totaled $419.2 million as of June 30, 2015.

Match Day: UT medical students to open envelopes revealing futures March 18

By Christine Long

The highly anticipated, dramatic moment when thousands of graduating medical students across the country tear open envelopes that contain their future will be Friday, March 18, at noon.

Fourth-year medical students at The University of Toledo will be at Stranahan Theater’s Great Hall to experience the annual Match Day ritual to learn where they will spend the next three to seven years training in their chosen specialty, from anesthesiology to general surgery to pediatrics.

The 2016 Residency Match Reception will begin at 11 a.m. with the envelope-opening ceremony precisely at noon.

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McCrimmon said. “With financial resources tight across the institution, I am particularly proud of what we have been able to create without spending additional dollars.”

New ads will appear each Sunday in The Blade, and McCrimmon said that digital advertising driving students to the campaign web page and enrollment sites also was central to the campaign’s strategy.

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The change in login procedure is part of a university-wide security enhancement that when completed will make signing in across multiple systems and applications a seamless process. Currently, the new single sign-on has been implemented into Blackboard, UT’s learning management system, and Rocket email, the student email system.

The upgrade also has changed the way Information Systems manages the myUT portal, moving to an in-house management solution. Some tools featured in the previous portal management platform have better solutions, according to Cavins. Those that were obsolete or had low usage will no longer be available, including groups and building customized tabs.

Information Technology’s enterprise business systems, information security and network services partnered with the Center for Creative Instruction and the University Marketing and Communications’ Web development teams to build and deliver the new upgrade.

For more information about the myUT upgrade, contact the IT Help Desk at 419.530.2400, 419.383.2400 or ithelpdesk@utoledo.edu.

Correction

Matthew Obee’s obituary that ran in the Feb. 29 issue should have listed his son, Nicholas Obee, a custodial worker in the residence halls, as a survivor.
Ohio Supreme Court Justice to participate in panel on Ohio Constitution

By Rachel Phipps

Ohio Supreme Court Justice Judith Ann Lanzinger, a 1977 alumna of the UT College of Law, will discuss the Ohio Constitution, the Modernization Commission, and possible changes to the constitution Thursday, March 17, at noon in the Law Center McQuade Law Auditorium.

The Ohio Constitution is currently under review. The Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission was established and tasked by the Ohio General Assembly with studying the constitution and recommending amendments. The commission began its work in 2013 and will continue until 2018.

The UT College of Law and the Toledo Bar Association will welcome some of the state’s leading experts on the subject to the University for a two-hour program titled “The Ohio Constitution and the Work of the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission.” Other participants will include Marc Wagoner, a member of the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission and a partner at Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick, LLP; Steven Hollon, executive director of the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission; and Steven Steinglass, senior policy adviser for the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission.

“The commission is performing an incredible service for the people of Ohio as well as for the legal profession, and yet many people remain unaware of this important work,” said Greg Gilchrist, UT associate professor of law and an event organizer.

The free, public event has been approved by the Supreme Court of Ohio Commission on Continuing Legal Education for 2.0 total hours.

For more information, go to http://utoledo.ohioconstitution.

Nominations sought for Diane Hymore Award

Tuesday, March 29, is the deadline to nominate a UT employee for the Diane Hymore Exemplar of Excellence Award. Established in 2013, the Diane Hymore Exemplar of Excellence Award is presented to those often-unheralded employees who do exceptional work, according to Dr. Kaye Patten, senior vice president for student affairs.

“Like Diane, they blend their professional abilities with compassion and caring for everyone they come in contact with.”

Hymore was director of senior administration operations and longtime executive secretary to former President Lloyd Jacobs. She was honored in 2013 as the first recipient of the award.

Nominations are open for the 2016 award, which will be presented to an individual whose work defines the core values of the University in Hymore’s spirit of support, encouragement and service.

The nomination form may be found online at http://utoledo.dianehymore, or you may obtain one via email by contacting Michele Soliz at michele.martinez@utoledo.edu.

Send completed forms to the same email, orfax a printout to 419.530.2302 or send it via campus mail to Mail Stop 522.

The winner will be recognized at the UT Outstanding Awards Reception Monday, April 11, at 5:30 p.m. in the Radisson Grand Ballroom on Health Science Campus.

In memoriam

Corlene J. Papenfuss, Perrysburg, a former UT Medical Center employee, died Feb. 27 at age 89. She received a bachelor’s degree in business administration from the University in 1968.

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Former UT president to be honored, new class to be inducted into Medical Mission Hall of Fame

The University of Toledo College of Medicine and Life Science’s Medical Mission Hall of Fame will induct its 14th class of honorees Saturday, March 19.

Dr. Zulfiqar A. Bhutta, Dr. Oheneba Boachie-Adjei and Dr. Richard Sacra will be honored during the program in Collier Building Room 1000 on UT’s Health Science Campus beginning at 7 p.m.

In addition, Dr. Daniel M. Johnson, UT president emeritus, will receive the Lawrence V. Conway Distinguished Lifetime Service Award, and the UT College of Medicine and Life Sciences Alumni Community Award will be given to Dr. Pamela J. Oatis.

When Dr. Zulfiqar A. Bhutta launched his career, neonatal pediatrics was barely a concept in his home country of Pakistan. Today, he is credited as a major force in putting the health of mothers and their babies on the development agenda not just in Pakistan, but around the world.

He is founding director of the Centre of Excellence in Women and Child Health at the Aga Khan University, with campuses in South-Central Asia, East Africa and the United Kingdom; the Robert Harding Chair in Global Child Health and Policy; co-director of SickKids Centre for Global Child Health; senior scientist at the Research Institute at the Hospital for Sick Children; and professor in the departments of Pediatrics, Nutritional Sciences and Public Health at the University of Toronto.

Bhutta’s research interests include newborn and child survival, maternal and child under-nutrition, and micronutrient deficiencies. He leads a large research group based in Pakistan with a special interest in research synthesis, scaling up evidence-based interventions in community settings and health system research. In Pakistan, he has been a driving force in improving maternal and child health through his efforts with the Lady Health Workers program and in advocating for changes to national and provincial health and nutrition policies.

He graduated from Khyber Medical College at the University of Peshawar in Pakistan in 1977, and received a PhD from the Karolinska Institute in Sweden.

Dr. Oheneba Boachie-Adjei has dedicated his life to correcting incidents of pervasive spinal defects found among many of his African countrymen. As founder and president of the Foundation of Orthopedics and Complex Spine, he has helped provide orthopedic medical care to underserved populations in West Africa and other developing nations since 1998.

Born in Kumasi, Ghana, one of the poorest areas of Africa, Boachie-Adjei and his family immigrated to the United States in 1972 after he struggled to obtain an education in Kumasi. He studied at Brooklyn College and completed his undergraduate education in 1976. In 1980, he received the doctor of medicine degree from Columbia University’s College of Physicians and Surgeons.

He was assistant professor of orthopedic surgery at the University of Minnesota; clinical assistant professor at the University of Southern California and assistant clinical professor at the University of California College of Medicine in Irvine; and associate medical director at the Southern California Complex Spine and Scoliosis Center.

In 2014, Boachie-Adjei said he left the Hospital for Spinal Surgery in New York to devote his time and talents on one of the most debilitating medical conditions in Ghana. He holds several patents for devices used in spine surgery.

For more than two decades, Dr. Richard Sacra has worked with Serving in Mission, an international Christian organization, as a medical missionary in Liberia, West Africa. He is a family medicine faculty physician at the University of Massachusetts Medical School and divides his time between Massachusetts and Liberia.

Sacra began his career in Liberia in 1995 in the midst of the Liberian civil war. After he and his family evacuated during an outbreak of fighting in Monrovia in 1996, he returned in 1997 to help re-open Eternal Love Winning Africa Hospital, which had been looted and vandalized. From 1998 to 2010, Sacra lived and worked in Liberia full time with his wife and three sons, directed the medical staff at the hospital, and taught medical students at the University of Liberia Medical School. When they began to see patients with HIV and AIDS, he initiated a program at the hospital to provide treatment, education and support to those who were living with HIV.

In September 2014, Sacra contracted Ebola virus disease in Liberia, even though he was not treating known Ebola patients. He was evacuated by air ambulance to the University of Nebraska’s Biocontainment Unit in Omaha. Along with ICU-level care, he was given an experimental drug and blood serum from a colleague who was infected first. Sacra was released after 20 days when his blood tested negative for the virus.

After he was Ebola-free, full recovery took several months. Sacra experienced a respiratory infection, muscular degeneration and eye inflammation. The graduate of Brown University and the University of Massachusetts Medical School returned to his work in Liberia in January 2015.

In 2001, Dr. Daniel M. Johnson became president of The University of Toledo, where he fostered community engagement and in 2006 helped lead the merger with the Medical University of Ohio, creating the third largest public university in the state that is now one of just 27 comprehensive schools in the country. While serving in higher education leadership positions for more than 30 years, he developed collaborations and partnerships among public universities, government entities, industrial corporations and international organizations. Johnson has been an ardent promoter of the Global Medical Missions Hall of Fame Foundation.

A 1981 graduate of the Medical College of Ohio, Dr. Pamela J. Oatis is a pediatrician who has worked with children and their families at St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center Family Care Center in Toledo for almost 35 years. She heads the Mercy Family Care Team, which connects families to a medical provider to care for them and their child, palliative care for children who are chronically ill, and family counseling. Oatis also is a clinical faculty member in UT’s College of Medicine and Life Sciences.

Dr. Lawrence V. Conway, UT professor emeritus of finance, founded the Medical Mission Hall of Fame in 2004 to honor individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to advancing the medical well-being of people around the world. In 2006, the Medical Mission Hall of Fame became affiliated with the UT College of Medicine and Life Sciences. The hall of fame can be seen in the lobby of the Jacobs Interprofessional Immersive Simulation Center.

RSVPs are requested for the free, public event: Call 419.530.2586 or 1.800.235.6766, or email medmissionhof@utoledo.edu.

For more information, contact Dan Saevig, UT associate vice president of alumni relations, at 419.530.4008.
Family makes generous pledge to UT women’s basketball program

By Brian DeBenedictis

The University of Toledo women’s basketball program has a rich tradition. The Rockets have won nine Mid-American Conference regular-season titles and advanced to the NCAA Tournament on seven occasions. UT is also the only MAC basketball program to capture a national postseason tournament, winning the 2011 Postseason WNIT.

On March 2, the rich just got richer. The Midnight Blue and Gold’s successful history and bright future played a vital role in Christine and William Spengler’s decision to donate $100,000 to the program, one of the largest planned gifts in women’s basketball history.

“We’re extremely grateful for the generosity of the Spengler family,” Head Coach Tricia Cullop said. “Having spent time on the board with Chris for Women & Philanthropy, I witnessed just how generous she is with her time. Chris is always finding ways to help others. She’s an incredible role model for my players, and I can’t thank Chris and Bill enough for thinking of UT women’s basketball. Their planned gift will help our program continue to grow for many years to come.”

The Spenglers gifted $100,000 to the UT Foundation to create a charitable gift annuity. This arrangement will provide them with an annual income from the fund and a charitable tax deduction, as well as the satisfaction of knowing the women’s basketball program will benefit from their generosity after their lifetimes.

“Bill and I have been so impressed with the direction of the program and the dedication from Coach Cullop,” said Chris, who works at UT as the director of advancement relations. “It’s a joy to watch the Rockets play, and we wanted to be a part of the process of continuing to build and enhance that program well into the future. We believe in giving back, and we’re happy we found ourselves in a position to make a gift.”

The Spenglers have long been affiliated with Rocket athletics; they have club seats for both men’s and women’s basketball, and are stadium club members for football.

“We sincerely appreciate the support we have received from Chris and Bill over the years at UT,” said Senior Associate Athletic Director for External Affairs Dave Nottke. “Their generosity and support will benefit our women’s basketball program for years to come.”

For more information about making a donation to UT Athletics, call the Athletic Development Office at 419.530.2510.

Signing off

Mark Beier, the longtime radio play-by-play voice of Toledo Rockets football and men’s basketball, has called his last game for the Midnight Blue and Gold. He announced March 2 that at the conclusion of this basketball season, he was stepping down in his role behind the UT microphone. Beier, 63, completed his 20th season calling the action for the men’s basketball team; he recently finished his 21st season calling Rocket football games. “This was not an easy decision. I have truly loved calling Rocket football and men’s basketball,” Beier said. “I’ve had so many incredible memories and have worked with so many great people at UT. It would be impossible to thank everybody.” Beier, who is perhaps best known for his trademark call, “Touchdown R-r-r-r-r-o-c-k-e-t-s!” began his journey with UT in the 1995 football season. A year later, he also assumed the play-by-play role for men’s basketball. UT Vice President and Athletic Director Mike O’Brien called Beier “one of the truly great college sports announcers in the country… He truly has been the ‘Voice of the Rockets.’ He will be a very tough act to follow.”
UT neurologist’s research links emotional abuse in children to migraines as young adults

By Meghan Cunningham

Children who are abused could be more likely to experience migraines as young adults, according to a study by a University of Toledo neurologist.

The link between migraine and abuse was stronger for emotional abuse than for physical or sexual abuse, said Dr. Gretchen Tietjen, the Clair Martig Endowed Chair in Neurology at UT and a member of the American Academy of Neurology.

“Emotional abuse showed the strongest link to increased risk of migraine,” said Tietjen, who will present her research at the American Academy of Neurology’s 68th Annual Meeting April 15-21 in Vancouver, British Columbia. “Childhood abuse can have long-lasting effects on health and well-being.”

In the study, emotional abuse was assessed by asking, “How often did a parent or other adult caregiver say things that really hurt your feelings or made you feel like you were not wanted or loved?”

The study included data from 14,484 people age 24 to 32. About 14 percent reported they had been diagnosed with migraines. The participants were asked whether they had experienced emotional, physical or sexual abuse in childhood. Physical abuse was defined as being hit with a fist, kicked, or thrown down on the floor, into a wall or down stairs. Sexual abuse included forced sexual touching or sexual relations. About 47 percent of the participants answered yes to having been emotionally abused, 18 percent physically abused, and 5 percent sexually abused.

Of those diagnosed with migraines, 61 percent said they had been abused as a child. Of those who never had a migraine, 49 percent said they were abused. Those who were abused were 55 percent more likely to experience migraine than those who were never abused after accounting for age, income, race and sex.

Those who were emotionally abused were 52 percent more likely to have migraine than those who were not abused, after accounting for other types of abuse as well as age, income, race and sex. In contrast, those who were sexually or physically abused were not significantly more likely to have migraine than people who were not abused.

The relationship between emotional abuse and migraine remained when researchers adjusted the results to take into account depression and anxiety. In that analysis, people who were emotionally abused were 32 percent more likely to have migraine than people who were not abused.

Tietjen noted that the study shows an association between childhood emotional abuse, a very common occurrence, and migraine. It does not show cause and effect, although the finding that the likelihood of having migraines increases with increasing number of abuse types is suggestive of it.

“More research is needed to better understand this relationship between childhood abuse and migraine,” Tietjen said. “This is also something doctors may want to consider when they treat people with migraine.”

Tietjen’s latest research builds on previous studies that show a connection between maltreatment in childhood and headaches later in life.

A study led by Tietjen published in the Dec. 24, 2014, issue of Neurology, the medical journal of the American Academy of Neurology, showed a higher connection between people who were emotionally or sexually abused with migraine than those who had tension-type headaches.

Her body of research has shown that early life stress is associated with blood markers of inflammation and clotting, as well a number of different medical and psychiatric conditions in adulthood.

ToledoView offers local data analysis resource to community

By Meghan Cunningham

If you want to know childhood obesity rates within a local elementary school district or find the location of every bank in Lucas County or learn how a neighborhood demographic has changed during the past 20 years, a new online database created by the Jack Ford Urban Affairs Center at The University of Toledo has the answers.

ToledoView is a compilation of economic, education, social, health and environmental data for the city of Toledo and surrounding communities that can be analyzed via downloadable maps, spreadsheets, charts, graphs or reports.

“There was a need for a one-stop data repository for economic planning and development, demographic analysis, forecasting and many other applications,” said Dr. Neil Reid, director of the center and professor of geography and planning. “In addition to the database, the ToledoView team also is available to provide advice and assistance for projects ranging from site selection for a new health-care facility to an economic impact analysis.”

The public launch of ToledoView will be Monday, March 14, at 3 p.m. in the Thomas and Elizabeth Brady Engineering Innovation Center on UT’s Main Campus.

UT President Sharon L. Gaber will give opening remarks followed by a presentation on how to use the new resource by Reid and Dr. Peter S. Lindquist, professor emeritus of geography and planning, who is one of the main architects of the database. Local elected officials also will attend the launch event.

The database includes information such as population demographics, home values, public transportation service areas, business locations and types, street and interstate networks, and health and social services.

ToledoView will be available to use as a desktop application with a paid membership for businesses, real estate developers, governmental agencies and other community organizations. The resource also will be available for a fee for individual research projects and reports. The fees will support efforts to maintain and grow the resource.

DATA PROCESSORS: Dr. Peter S. Lindquist, professor emeritus of geography and planning, left, and Dr. Neil Reid, director of the Jack Ford Urban Affairs Center and professor of geography and planning, will launch ToledoView Monday, March 14.
UT hosts heroin overdose simulation to help fight drug epidemic

By Christine Long

Lying passed out on the floor with a needle stuck in his arm, “Jasper” is no dummy.

It is a human simulator posing as a man who overdosed on heroin to teach medical students at The University of Toledo how to save a drug addict’s life.

In front of an audience, students training to be doctors, nurses and emergency responders were put to the test with a heroin overdose simulation in UT’s Jacobs Interprofessional Immersive Simulation Center on Health Science Campus.

The real-time emergency situation — from the staged apartment to the simulated hospital room — was broadcast to a crowd of recovering heroin addicts, Toledo police and fire chiefs, UT faculty and staff, and community partners to increase education about Ohio’s heroin epidemic.

“We wanted everyone to experience the high-intensity process, emotions and medical treatment of heroin overdose starting inside a home,” Tia Hornish, UT clinical simulation and education research associate, said. “By watching the situation unfold, we hope they feel a connection to what is happening to people of all ages and walks of life in our community. As health-care providers, we need to be able to understand that the heroin epidemic is not discriminating against anyone and provide resources to help addicts.”

EMT students got experience administering the antidote drug Narcan, which is now available at pharmacies over the counter, and transporting the patient to the simulated emergency room.

“Narcan is only temporary,” Dr. Paul Rega, assistant professor in the UT Department of Emergency Medicine, said. “It does not care.”

Since Narcan — also known as naloxone — wears off before the overdose, medical students then took over and ran through all of the life-threatening complications that come with a drug overdose.

“This is an area where you have a controlled setting with a high-fidelity simulator that can mimic a lot of conditions,” Rega said. “The students practice and when the real situation arises, they are not shocked by it. They can address it in a proper fashion.”

Third-year medical student Nathan Marcinkowski was the team leader.

“Normally, students don’t get to experience these types of situations until their residencies,” Marcinkowski said. “It’s great training for us and also a great experience for the community to be here. I know there is a lot of debate about Narcan, but I think it’s really good that people are interested in learning about this.”

This time, Jasper survived.

The simulation was a shock for Matt Bell, who sat watching in the audience.

“Five dollars’ worth of heroin almost killed me,” Bell, who overdosed in fall 2014, said. “Narcan saved my life.”

Bell is co-founder of Team Recovery, a local organization of recovering heroin addicts who are working to help other addicts get sober. Team Recovery holds family support group meetings once a week. Representatives also share their stories in school classrooms from sixth grade through college to spread prevention awareness.

“I graduated from high school with a 4.0 GPA, but dropped out of UT after pain pills from a baseball injury led me ultimately to heroin addiction,” Bell said. “There is a way out. This simulation may be scary to see, but people need to understand the severity and prevalence of what is happening inside so many homes in our area.”
Carlson Library renovations to start in May; print collection to close for summer

By Vicki L. Kroll

Phase one of Carlson Library’s multi-year renovation project is scheduled to begin Monday, May 9.

Work will start on the third and fourth floors, which will close for the summer. That means the library’s circulating books, print journals and print government documents will not be available.

“To protect the books from dust and debris, the stacks will be shrink-wrapped,” Barbara Floyd, interim director of University Libraries, said. “We need to protect those materials as the ceiling will be taken out and the carpet will be ripped up.”

Faculty members who need print items for course reserves for summer and fall or need books for research must identify the materials or check them out by Friday, May 6.

Graduate students and summer undergraduate research fellows will be allowed to borrow books over the summer, but checkouts must be made by 6 p.m. Friday, May 6.

Items on the library’s third and fourth floors will be coded as temporarily unavailable in the catalog, and patrons will be directed to request materials through the OhioLINK central catalog, according to Dave Remaklus, director of access services in UT Libraries.

Renovations are slated to be complete by Monday, Aug. 15, that’s one week prior to the start of fall semester.

The third and fourth floors will be painted, and new flooring and ceilings will be installed, Floyd said.

In addition, the walls across from the elevators on the third and fourth floors will be removed. “It will all be student study space when you get off the elevators on the third and fourth floors like on the second floor,” Floyd said.

“We’re going to create a lot of group and individualized study rooms on the third and fourth floors because that’s what the students really want,” she said. “There also will be individual study carrels, and lockers will be added so people can lock up their belongings.”

Faculty, students and staff with questions about the closing of the third and fourth floors and the print collection to close for summer. That means the library’s circulating books, print journals and print government documents will not be available.

“Mulford, Engineering and Canaday Center collections will not be affected by the closure, and electronic resources will be available,” Floyd added. “I think Carlson Library’s book collection will be missed the most.”

There are approximately 470,000 books on the fourth floor and about 230,000 volumes on the third floor, according to Dave Remaklus, director of access services in UT Libraries.

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Faculty, students and staff with questions about the closing of the third and fourth floors and the books, print journals and print government documents should contact Remaklus at 419.530.4030.

‘Acceptance’ author to speak before movie screening March 17

By Ashley Gearheart

Susan Coll, author of Acceptance, will be the focus of the Academic Novel Event Thursday, March 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the Maumee Indoor Theater, 601 Conant St.

Acceptance explores the college admissions process and its effects on three high school students and their families. Coll also was involved in the process of turning her novel into a Lifetime television movie.

The evening will begin with a 45-minute question-and-answer session, followed by a screening of the movie.

Popcorn and drinks will be provided at no cost, and the event is free with a University ID. Parking is free at the theater.

“The intent of the Q-and-A with Susan is to allow students to ask questions about writing the novel, getting her novel made into a television movie, the pressures when writing the next novel, how and when does she write, etc.,” said Marcia King-Blandford, vice provost for academic operations.

King-Blandford said admissions staff, administrators, faculty and students studying film, creative writing, higher education and more would benefit from the event.

Coll’s visit will be hosted by the John H. Russel Center for Educational Leadership and is part of the Academic Novel Series, which selects authors to speak based on their portrayal of an issue facing a fictionalized university.

“This is an opportunity to meet someone who has taken her passion for writing and made it her life’s work — and done it very successfully,” King-Blandford said.

For more information, contact Camila Taormina at 419.530.2152 or camila.taormina@utoledo.edu.

Fadeaway stumper

“Goghing, Goghing, Gone! The Analysis of Color Fading in Masterpieces by Vincent van Gogh” will be the topic of the Saturday Morning Science program March 19 at 9:30 a.m. in Wolfe Hall Room 1205 on Main Campus. Dr. Gregory D. Smith, Otto N. Frenzel III Senior Conservation Scientist for the Indianapolis Museum of Art, will discuss the Dutch painter’s works that include “Crow's Over Wheatfield.” The free, public event is presented by the UT Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. See more about upcoming programs at facebook.com/SaturdayMorningScience.
Juried Student Exhibition reception to take place March 17

Check out artwork on display this month in the 2016 Juried Student Exhibition in the Center for the Visual Arts Gallery on the University’s Toledo Museum of Art Campus.

A reception and awards ceremony will take place Thursday, March 17, from 6 to 8 p.m.

UT students of all ages and areas of study were permitted to submit up to three pieces of original artwork for the annual competitive event.

This year’s juror is Paula Baldoni, gallery director and owner of River House Arts Gallery in Perrysburg, Ohio.

The awards ceremony will coincide with the Arts Commission 3rd Thursday Loop as the Center for the Visual Arts is one of the galleries on the route.

The free, public exhibit can be seen through Wednesday, March 23. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

2016 Student Filmmakers Showcase set for March 19

By Angela Riddel

The UT Department of Theatre and Film will host its annual Student Filmmakers Showcase Saturday, March 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts Center Theatre.

This event will publicly present competitively selected works by student filmmakers within the Department of Theatre and Film.

The Student Filmmakers Showcase will feature a broad range of stories that have been created by UT students. The screenings will include comedies, dramas, documentaries, alternative cinema and animations. Not all film content is appropriate for young children.

Following the movies, there will be an after party with music, free food, door prizes and music open to all showcase goers.

The event is co-sponsored by the Department of Theatre and Film and The University of Toledo Film Video Society.

“It’s exciting to see everyone come together to celebrate their hard work,” Crista Constantine, student showcase organizer, said. “This year, we’ve gathered a number of judges from alumni to people in the community. We received donations from places in the community as door prizes and food for the after party.”

“This is the film and video majors’ night to shine. The old adage, ‘work is love made visible’ is all about this night,” Holly Hey, associate professor of film and faculty adviser for the showcase, said. “Putting the showcase together is no easy task, but the amount of work and resolve that these students put into their own projects and into each other’s projects is beyond comprehension sometimes. Our annual gala celebrates the love they have for filmmaking, their classmates, and the film and video program at The University of Toledo.”

The screening typically lasts until around 10 p.m. and includes a 10- to 15-minute intermission. The after party usually ends around midnight.

Ticket prices are $10 general admission and $5 for all UT employees and students, members of the military, children and seniors 60 and older. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the UT Center for Performing Arts Box Office by calling 419.530.ARTS (2787) or by visiting utoledo.tix.com.
Vocal performances scheduled this week

By Angela Riddel

The University of Toledo Department of Music will present two student vocal performances. One will spotlight several UT choirs, and the other will feature the UT Opera Ensemble.

On Thursday, March 17, the UT Concert Chorale, the Women’s Chamber Ensemble and the University Chorus will perform a program titled “The Drumsound Rises” at 7 p.m. in Doermann Theater. The concert will showcase works by composers Daniel Elder, Sydney Guillaume, Moira Smiley and Arturs Maskats.

On Sunday, March 20, the UT Opera Ensemble will perform a variety of selections from favorite operas at 3 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts Recital Hall. From Mozart to Bernstein, the program will include an eclectic mix of scenes from popular Italian, French and German operas, as well as selections from operettas.

Both concerts require tickets that can be purchased through the UT Center for Performing Arts Box Office by calling 419.530.ARTS (2787) or by visiting utoledo.tix.com.

Ticket prices for “The Drumsound Rises” are $8 general admission and $4 for students and seniors 60 and older.

For the UT Opera Ensemble, tickets are $12 general admission; $10 for faculty, staff, alumni and seniors 60 and older; and $7 for students.

Almost closing time

There are still a few days left to see the 2016 Health Science Campus Artist Showcase, which includes “Dewdrop Grass Refraction” by Dr. Rick Francis, director of research and sponsored programs, above, and “Museum Reflections 1” by Dr. Andrew Beavis, professor of physiology and pharmacology and director of the molecular medicine track of the biomedical sciences graduate program. Check out works in several 2- and 3-dimensional media by students, faculty and staff affiliated with the health sciences on Health Science and Main campuses at the free, public exhibition on the fourth floor of Mulford Library through Friday, March 18.
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Celebrate women’s history month with annual symposium March 19

By Samantha Watson

For Women’s History Month, celebrate the women of the past, present and future with the fourth annual Women of the World Symposium.

Sponsored by The University of Toledo’s Catharine S. Eberly Center for Women along with many other community partners, the symposium is organized by women for women and provides educational and networking opportunities for women throughout northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan.

“In this event designed for and by women, attendees can expect a day dedicated entirely to the celebration of women,” said Alcy Barakat, a UT alumna and member of the planning committee for the symposium. “I would encourage anyone who is thinking about coming to do so and to bring along a friend or family member for what is sure to be a fulfilling and memorable day.”

The event will begin at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, March 19, at Start High School, 2020 Tremainsville Road, kicking off with registration and a continental breakfast. The Market Place also will be open and feature more than 85 different vendors — women’s resources, women-owned businesses and sponsors — that will have tables set up with information, products and more.

At 9 a.m., Toledo Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson will give a welcome address, and this year’s SHEroes awards will be recognized.

At 10 a.m., there will be a short break, followed by the first of three breakout sessions at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m., followed by a panel discussion at 12:30 p.m.

Panelists will be Joni Johnson, founder of Humans of Toledo; Dr. Mahjabeen Islam, who specializes in addiction and family medicine; Afreen Alvi, a 21-year-old first-generation college student; and Ramona Collins, a jazz and blues vocalist, songwriter, and actress.

The second breakout session will take place at 1:45 p.m., followed by the final breakout session at 2:45 p.m.

This year’s workshops are Caring for Your Adolescent: Navigating the Minefield of Parenting; Financial Planning; How Internet, Radio and Pod-Casting Can Help Your Small Business; Domestic Violence; Real Women, Real Stories; Do You Have a Fire in Your Belly?; Dream Life: Learn From the Past and the Present, Build Your Future; Empower Yourself in Five Easy Steps; Dance Lesson — The Hustle; Charge it Right; The Golden Circle — Learn Your Why; and Maximize Success and Satisfaction. There also is a youth track with topics like dating violence, drug abuse prevention, creative writing and emotional intelligence.

At 3:45 p.m., the event will wrap up, and a raffle will be held.

To register for the event, visit wowtoledo.org. Registration for the symposium is $15 for general public and $5 for students, and it includes breakfast, lunch and access to the Market Place. For more information, visit wowtoledo.org, facebook.com/wowsymposiumtoledo, email info@wowtoledo.org or call 419.318.9705.

In addition to the Eberly Center, this year’s sponsors include the American Association of University Women of Toledo, Nirvana Now!, People Called Women, Minutemen Press, YWCA Hope Center, Toledo Negro Business and Professional Women, Curry & Associates, Women of Toledo, Independent O&P Solutions LLC, The Blade and St. Martin DePorres.
Rocket Wheels now open to employees, set to return with mass ride March 16

By Ashley Gearheart

Rocket Wheels, a bike sharing program designed by Facilities and Construction that launched last September on UT’s Main Campus, is scheduled to return for the spring season, Monday, March 14.

The season will kick off with a mass ride to promote Rocket Wheels Wednesday, March 16, at noon starting at the Rocket Hall bike rack located near the horse sculptures.

In case of inclement weather, a backup date has been set for Wednesday, March 23.

Around 30 bikes will be available for checkout by those who have registered for Rocket Wheels, according to Diana Watts, UT transit and Rocket Wheels bike share coordinator. Watts also encourages anyone with his or her own bike to join the mass ride.

The mass ride will be led by Tom Garey, manager of facilities information, who is an avid biker. Participants will be taken around Main Campus to become acquainted with the Rocket Wheels stations and other bike racks available to them.

“We plan on having each station sponsored by a student organization, UT department or local business to talk about their involvement and support of the Rocket Wheels program,” Watts said.

The mass ride will end at the Q, located in the Flatlands between Parks Tower and the Academic House. There will be free food and prizes, including a bike that will be raffled off. Local vendors, including Wersell’s Bike and Ski Shop, Spoke Life Cycles and Jimmy Johns, will help celebrate the return of Rocket Wheels.

The entire event should last about an hour, according to Watts.

Beginning this spring, faculty and staff members will be able to join the Rocket Wheels program. Additionally, bikes can be borrowed for six hours instead of four.

“A bike riding is fun and promotes a healthy lifestyle. The Rocket Wheels Bike Share gives people the opportunity to get to class without having to use their cars and eliminates the worry of finding a parking space,” Watts said. “It also provides those who do not have cars on campus a mode of transportation to get to other places around the city.”

Students and employees can check out bikes at three locations on Main Campus: near the northeast entrance of Rocket Hall, by the south entrance of Palmer Hall, and on the northeast side of the west parking garage.

For more information or to register for Rocket Wheels, visit http://utoledo.edu/rocketwheels.

Award-winning Rutgers professor to speak, teach at UT March 17

By Ashley Gearheart

Williams specializes in Victorian literature and culture and will present “Why Melodrama Matters: On the Stage, on the Page, on the Screen, and in the News” when she visits The University of Toledo Thursday, March 17, at 4 p.m. The free, public lecture will be held in the Ward M. Canaday Center for Special Collections on the fifth floor of Carlson Library.

“The English department invited Dr. Williams because she is both a superb literary scholar and excellent teacher with a reputation for intelligence and collegiality,” said Dr. Melissa Gregory, UT associate professor of English.

While at the University, Williams will teach a class on melodrama as part of Gregory’s Victorian Genres master’s seminar. She also will host a professionalization workshop for graduate students.

“[Williams]’ work on the aesthetics of 19th-century melodrama not only speaks to the study of genre, always a key concern in English studies, but also to the representation of politically charged events in our contemporary society,” Gregory said.

For more information, contact Gregory at melissa.gregory@utoledo.edu.

Stem cell investigator, UT students to present at Graduate Research Forum this week

By Samantha Watson

The University of Toledo’s Council of Biomedical Graduate Students will hold its Graduate Research Forum Thursday and Friday, March 17 and 18.

Dr. Weian Zhao, assistant professor in the Sue and Bill Gross Stem Cell Research Center at the University of California in Irvine, will be the keynote speaker Friday, March 18, at 3:30 p.m. in Health Education Building Room 110 on Health Science Campus.

Zhao is doing work encompassing bioengineering, biology and pharmacology to improve diagnostic and monitoring techniques in such fields as cancer and cardiovascular processes. He is the founder of Velox Biosystems, a startup company that aims to develop rapid and sensitive diagnostic technologies.

“Dr. Zhao’s work appeals to a variety of biomedical and pharmaceutical research applications, and his path to success is something that our graduate students should aim to emulate as they progress to the next stage in their careers,” said Adam Blatt, a fifth-year MD/PhD candidate in the infection, immunity and transplantation track, and president of the Council of Biomedical Graduate Students.

In addition to Zhao’s free, public keynote presentation, the forum’s main event will be the oral and poster presentations by PhD students in the fields of infection, immunity and transplantation; neurosciences and neurological disorders; cancer biology; cardiovascular and metabolic diseases; and pharmacy.

Each presentation will be judged by different faculty members both inside and outside of the departments the students are in. This provides an opportunity for students to thoroughly explain their research while also getting an outside perspective on their work, according to Blatt.

“The Graduate Research Forum is an excellent way for students to learn about their colleagues’ research and to practice their scientific communication skills in a friendly, instructional environment,” Blatt said.

Nearly 40 students will present on Thursday, and selected finalists will present again Friday morning. Winners will be chosen from that group by Zhao and other guest judges.
Students run with College of Medicine dean

By James A. Molnar

College of Medicine and Life Sciences students, along with some faculty and staff, participated in a run with the dean event on Health Science Campus March 10.

The monthly event is an opportunity for students to connect with Dr. Christopher Cooper, dean of the College of Medicine and Life Sciences and executive vice president for clinical affairs.

Participants, including the dean, ran approximately four miles from campus to Swan Creek Metropark and back.

A luncheon was held afterward for discussion and further one-on-one time with the dean.

“We have a very talented group of students and faculty that are committed to the emotional and physical health of our college,” Cooper said. “It is really a great pleasure spending time with these young women and men, and having the opportunity to hear directly from them their stories.”

The next run will be held Wednesday, April 6. Watch the College of Medicine’s Facebook page at Facebook.com/UToledoMed for details.

Professional Staff Association Sick Leave Bank open enrollment

By Cathy Zimmer

Open enrollment for the Professional Staff Association’s Sick Leave Bank will take place through Thursday, March 31.

The sick leave bank is a voluntary program open to all Professional Staff Association (PSA) members on all campuses.

Eligible employees are defined in PSA bylaws as “all non-bargaining unit employees on all campuses whether salary or hourly, classified or unclassified, full or part time, excluding those with faculty rank.”

The bank collects one-time, voluntary donations of sick time from PSA personnel to assist PSA colleagues who may be stricken with catastrophic injury or illness. This bank bridges the gap of time between the exhaustion of their benefits from sick, personal and vacation days to when they qualify for long-term, permanent disability benefits.

Full-time PSA members may donate 16 hours and part-time members may donate eight hours of personal sick time to the bank, which is administered by Human Resources and Talent Development. Participants donate the time only once, no matter how long they continue their employment at UT.

To enroll, log in to myUT portal. On the employee tab, click on the Professional Staff Association link. In the left-hand column under PSA Committees, click on the Sick Leave Bank Committee link. There you will find links to the policy and forms and a link of current members.

If you are not a member but wish to become one, return the completed form to PSA Sick Leave Bank care of Peter Thomas, chair of the Sick Leave Bank Committee, Mail Stop 120, by the March 31 deadline.

UT College of Medicine names alumnus urology department chair

By Lindsay Mahaney

Dr. Puneet Sindhwani has been named chair of the Department of Urology in The University of Toledo’s College of Medicine and Life Sciences.

Sindhwani has spent his entire professional career working in urology. He served as an associate professor of urology at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center since October 2005. He was the university’s chief of male infertility and andrology section and started the male reproductive health program.

Previously, Sindhwani was the surgical director of pediatric and adult renal transplantation at the Children’s Hospital and Oklahoma Transplant Center. He also headed the urology section at the VA Medical Center in Oklahoma City.

Sindhwani was a 2009 recipient of the International Exchange Scholarship Award from the American Urology Association in the field of renal transplantation. He serves on the board of directors of LifeShare Transplant Services of Oklahoma and on the Oklahoma State Medical Association Continuing Medical Education Committee. He also is treasurer of the Indian American Urological Association.

“We look forward to welcoming Dr. Sindhwani officially as he joins the senior leadership team of the College of Medicine,” said Dr. Christopher Cooper, executive vice president for clinical affairs and dean of the college of medicine and life sciences.

Sindhwani received his medical degree from Government Medical College in India in 1988. He completed his urology residency and obtained a master of science degree in biomedical sciences in 2001 from the Medical College of Ohio.
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