Mother, son set to graduate together

On Mother’s Day this year, some will give cards and others will send flowers, but Josh Day is sharing something a little more unique with his mother — graduation.

Kristine and Josh Day are both graduating from the College of Health and Human Services Sunday, May 8, with bachelor’s degrees in nursing and criminal justice, respectively. Although they didn’t initially plan for it to happen, the two will undoubtedly have the best seats in the house to cheer each other on.

Josh graduated in 2000 from Start High School and began attending classes at the University. Kristine, however, decided to go back full time once she felt her youngest child was old enough. “I took some courses at St. Vincent’s and Lourdes [College] and transferred in here,” she explained. “It takes a lot of courage to fit it into your life and adjust it. The hardest part is getting started.”

During their years at UT, the two supported each other through words of encouragement and advising sessions. “My mom really kept me going,” Josh said. “She kind of pushed me out the door, saying, ‘You can do it.’” Kristine appreciated her son’s technical expertise. “I didn’t even know how to turn a computer on,” she said of her time before attending UT. Even after a thorough computer course with a helpful professor, Kristine would still ask Josh for help with some of her online classes.

Kristine said she tried to “stay out of Josh’s way as much as possible,” but their schedules never happened to include the same classes. “One of my best friends had a class with her,” Josh recalled. That

President, trustees give generously to campaign

The donation to The University of Toledo’s capital campaign by one of its most passionate supporters was a story that almost went untold.

When approached, President Dan Johnson and his wife, Elaine, were eager to donate to the University, but originally wanted to keep their gift anonymous.

Vern Snyder, vice president for institutional advancement, said he asked the couple to set aside their modesty in this case as knowledge of the president’s gift would set the pace of the current “Time is Now” capital campaign and would encourage others to give.

“Dan and Elaine, your generosity will help to transform the lives of countless students and ensure a better tomorrow,” Snyder said, announcing the donation at the 2005 spring convocation Wednesday.

The students Snyder referred to are those who will benefit from the newly established Dan and Elaine Johnson Scholarship Endowment. The Johnsons donated $100,000 to create a scholarship fund that will foster the preparation of elementary and secondary teachers who come from the inner city and are pursuing plans to return to inner-city schools to teach and pass on what they have learned.

Snyder also announced
Local leaders to speak at commencement ceremonies

By Vicki L. Kroll

Dick Anderson, chairman of the board of The Andersons Inc., and Dr. Lloyd A. Jacobs, president of the Medical College of Ohio, will deliver addresses at UT’s commencement ceremonies Sunday, May 8, in Savage Hall.

Anderson will speak at 10 a.m. for the colleges of Arts and Sciences, Engineering, and Health and Human Services. Jacobs will speak at 2 p.m. for the colleges of Business Administration, Education, Pharmacy and University College.

There are 2,612 candidates for degrees, including those who will finish classes in August, from the University’s seven colleges. There are 529 candidates for doctoral, education specialist and master’s degrees, and 2,083 for bachelor’s and associate degrees.

Anderson has been with the agricultural business and retail company since it was founded in 1947 by his father and four older brothers. He started as a crew boss and oversaw the construction of the first grain elevator in Maumee. In 1986, he became president and chief executive officer. Anderson was named to his current position in 1999. The company has annual revenues of about $1.2 billion.

The UT College of Business Administration honored Anderson with its Pacemaker of the Year Award in 1989 and gave him an honorary doctorate of commercial science in 1999. The Maumee resident was inducted into the Ohio Agricultural Hall of Fame in 2001.

Jacobs became MCO’s sixth president in 2003. He introduced a customer-oriented mission for the institution and initiated the name change to the Medical University of Ohio at Toledo to reflect the school’s broader scope. That name change will take place June 8.

Prior to coming to MCO, the vascular surgeon was chief operating officer of the University of Michigan Health System and senior associate dean for clinical affairs at the University of Michigan Medical School, where he was professor of surgery. The native of Holland, Mich., has conducted research on vascular surgical disease.

Atlanta judge to address law graduates

C. Ray Mullins, U.S. bankruptcy judge in Atlanta, will speak at the UT College of Law graduation ceremony Saturday, May 7, at 10 a.m. in the Student Union Auditorium.

There are 136 candidates for law degrees, including those who will finish classes in August.

Mullins was appointed to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Northern Georgia in 2000. Prior to that, he was a partner in the Atlanta law firm of Kilpatrick and Cody.

In 1982, he received a law degree from UT. Mullins also is an alumnus of Bowling Green State University, where he received bachelor’s and master’s degrees.

Board

continued from page 1

C. William Fall, chair of the committee, last week.

If approved by the full board during the regular meeting, the contract with the Communications Workers of America Local 4530 will be the only remaining contract still in negotiation. Negotiations of a health care package that would affect all bargaining units are ongoing.

In other committee action last week:

• The finance committee forwarded a proposal to award the student health insurance contract to the Maksin Group, which will reduce annual premiums by 328 or 27 percent. Trustees also voted to move forward fee recommendations, including increases for graduate tuition, law school tuition, as well as room and lab fees;

• The committee on academic affairs moved forward proposals for a new Master of Studies in Law Program and a Master of Social Work Program; and

• The committee on strategic issues and planning endorsed a proposal by President Dan Johnson to pursue $300,000 in state funding to study the feasibility of developing a public-private funding model at UT.

Campaign

continued from page 1

that members of the president’s cabinet and the board of trustees had given generously to the University, the latter group pledging gifts of more than $1 million.

Wednesday’s convocation ceremony also marked the kickoff of the faculty and staff portion of the campaign effort.

“Donors don’t give to institutions just because the universities need the money,” Snyder said. “They want to see that what they’re investing in will positively impact UT students and the communities we serve. That’s why the faculty and staff component of the ‘Time is Now’ campaign is so critical. Donors look to the attitudes of the people who are closest to the organization to help determine whether a donation to The University of Toledo is money well spent.”

The faculty and staff portion of UT’s last capital campaign just under a decade ago raised $1,113,983 in gifts and pledges.

The Office of Institutional Advancement will accept pledge cards throughout the summer.

Pen pals: Dr. Russell Reising, UT professor of English, left, talked with author Tom Robbins prior to the Summers Memorial Lecture April 15. Robbins’ talk celebrated words. “Language isn’t just a means of telling the story, it is the story,” he said. “I’m for writing not to record but to transform.” Robbins is known for his witty wordplay and imaginative fiction; his works include Even Cowgirls Get the Blues (1976), Still Life With Woodpecker (1980), Fierce Invalids Home From Hot Climates (2000) and Villa Incognito (2003).

For breaking news, go to www.utnews.utoledo.edu.

Mother, son

continued from page 1

friend would join the two in an unofficial conference before registration each year.

“We would ask each other, ‘Is this a good one to take?’” Kristine described.

Josh and Kristine both worked throughout their college years, learning to balance work and family. Josh, married with a 2-year-old son, said he never felt like he missed out on the traditional college experience. “I like how my life is — I go home to my wife and child. I didn’t feel left out or intimidated.” Josh even credits his son with encouraging him to finish college. “I thought about providing a good life for him to live — I knew I had to buckle down and finish,” Kristine said.

Kristine said her being a student didn’t affect the role she plays in the family. “I am the mom still. If anything, I feel that I’m more in tune with their world.”

While Kristine originally expected to graduate within three years, it took her two years to complete one year of the program. Josh then upped his credit hours during the 2004-05 year to graduate. “I looked at my stuff and realized we were probably going to graduate together,” he said.

Kristine and Josh plan to line up next to each other to walk across the stage for graduation and celebrate the event with family members who are traveling to Toledo for the big day. She will work at the Medical College of Ohio, and Josh is interviewing with various police departments.

As for their time at UT, they say they have learned to persevere. “There might be times when your mind is playing tricks on you, saying you can’t do it,” Josh said. “But if I can do it, almost anyone can.” Kristine remarked. “When you first start, four or five years may seem like a long time. But definitely go for it — it’s a great accomplishment.”
Get to know…

Dan Galvin

Dan Galvin has worked at UT since 1990. He is the operations technician at the Student Recreation Center. The Chicago native received a bachelor of arts degree in radio and television production from Southern Illinois University.

Hobbies: “Collect Disney-theme stuff, especially pins, play disc golf, videography, driving travels, WXUT disc jockey.”

Last movie rented: “The Incredibles”

Three words to describe yourself: “Dedicated, sarcastic, humorous.”

Who would you want to trade places with for a day? “One of the crew members aboard the International Space Station. I hope that we get to Mars within my lifetime and hopefully may be able to do low-orbit space travel.”

Favorite quote: “Toledo is better than to follow. I saw this somewhere when I first moved to Toledo and it just kind of stuck in my head.”

First job: “Taking surveys for the mayor of Chicago’s youth employment program, which meant going door to door annoying people about fairly useless information, but it was a way to make money at 14 years old.”

Favorite dessert: “Key lime pie (since French fries don’t count as dessert).”

Favorite meal to cook: “BBQ chicken on the Foreman grill.”


Something people would be surprised to know about you: “I have done a music radio show on the campus station WXUT for 13 years.”

Making a big splash: Five-time Olympic medalist Janet Evans talked about what she has learned through swimming and international competition at the recent UT women’s swimming and diving banquet. She competed in Seoul in 1988, Barcelona in 1992 and Atlanta in 1996. Evans won four gold medals and one silver.

Spring shoots: Alyssa Solze, right, and Jessica Talmon, both sophomores in the College of Health and Human Services, played laser tag during the Spring Week festival on Centennial Mall.

Inkling: Kerry Moriarty, a freshman in the College of Education, received a temporary tattoo during the Spring Week festival on Centennial Mall.

Associate vice president takes job with OBOR, interim named

By Tobin J. Klinger

Dr. Paula Compton, associate vice president for enrollment services, has accepted a position with the Ohio Board of Regents (OBOR) and will leave the University April 29. This marks the end of Compton’s second tour at UT, which began in 2002. She will move to Columbus to work as director of articulation and transfer at OBOR.

“Paula has provided exemplary leadership during these years, and we wish her well as she takes on a challenging new role,” said Dr. Alan Goodridge, provost and executive vice president for academic affairs and enrollment services.

Carolyn Baumgartner, director of financial aid, has accepted an offer to serve as interim associate vice president for enrollment services as a national search is conducted. Lisa Hasselschwert, senior associate director of financial aid, will take on Baumgartner’s duties on an interim basis during the transition.

“Carol and Lisa have been intimately involved in our enrollment operation, and I am confident that we will be able to meet and exceed enrollment expectations with their leadership,” Goodridge said.

“I have cherished my time at UT,” Compton said. “It has been a real pleasure working with my colleagues in enrollment services as well as those across the campus. I hope our paths cross again soon in my new role with the regents.”

In memoriam

James A. Diroff, Lambertville, Mich., a part-time instructor in the engineering technology department since 2001, died April 16 at age 57.

Schedule graduate photos

Faculty and staff members or members of their families who will graduate from the University in May can contact the Marketing and Communications Office if they wish to have a photo taken and published in UT News.

Call Joanne Gray at Ext. 2675 to schedule an appointment by Wednesday, May 11. Photos will appear in the May 16 issue of the paper.
Astronomy professor honored for research

Dr. Steven Federman is a star researcher. The astronomy professor received the Sigma Xi/Dion D. Raftopoulos Award for Outstanding Research for studying interstellar clouds to find out how stars are formed.

He picked up a plaque and check for $1,500 at the Sigma Xi annual banquet April 16.

Federman uses spectroscopy to study the physical environment of interstellar gas clouds where stars are born. He makes many measurements with telescopes at the McDonald Observatory at the University of Texas at Austin, the Far Ultraviolet Spectroscopic Explorer and the Hubble Space Telescope. To help interpret his astronomical spectra, he acquires lab data on atoms and molecules. He also investigates isotopic ratios to understand the sites where elements are produced by nuclear reactions.

“Dr. Federman has studied atomic and molecular processes in interstellar space using high-resolution visible and UV spectroscopy for 25 years. The main recent interests in his observational program have been light element synthesis and chemical fractionation in carbon monoxide,” wrote one nominator. “The work on isotope ratios is clarifying the relative importance of various processes that synthesize the light elements.”

“This combination of original research in the distinct fields of theory, experiment and observation is very rare among active scientists,” noted another nominator. “In this way, Federman has been able to make significant contributions to our understanding of the chemical

Center for Teaching and Learning awards five to develop, enhance teaching efforts

For the third year in a row, the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL) has awarded Summer Faculty Teaching Fellowship Awards to finance the development or revision of courses at the University.

Five faculty members are this year’s recipients. “I am happy to congratulate and honor them,” said Dr. Bernie Bopp, CTL director and professor of physics and astronomy. “The winners represent the best and most creative of the proposals and promise some wonderful opportunities for students.”

This year, the center received 21 applications for the awards, which provide financial compensation for new course materials, travel time, or for faculty members to work on new or current courses full time during the summer. Bopp said there were entries from nearly every college at UT. “The faculty creativity never fails to amaze me,” he said, referring to the fact that each submitted proposal was unique.

The entries were judged by the CTL Advisory Committee, which includes members from the colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Education, Health and Human Services, Law, Pharmacy and University College. Other committee members include Bopp, Dr. Alice Skeens from the Faculty Senate, and a representative from the College of Engineering who could not take part in the deliberations this year.

The winners and their projects are:

- **Dr. Katharina Danko-McGhee**, associate professor of art, “The Environment as Third Teacher.” Danko-McGhee’s project is the redevelopment of AED 3100/5990, Art for the Pre and Primary Child, which was inspired by her visit to schools in Reggio Emilia, Italy. She plans to immerse students in a classroom that acts as a “third teacher” — a learning environment organized in an aesthetically pleasing way — with the hopes that the education students will integrate similar strategies into their future classrooms.

- **Dr. Emilio Duran**, assistant professor of biology, “BIOL 2700: Critical Thinking and Writing in the Biological Sciences.” Citing the popularity and positive student reception of a 4000-level version, Duran wants to develop this course to teach students about the nature of science, the implementation of the scientific method and the use of critical thinking. The Writing Across the Curriculum course will be worth two or three credits for biology majors.

- **Dr. Danny Pincivero**, associate professor of kinesiology, “KINE 4540/4550: Applied Biomechanics/Applied Biomechanics Laboratory.” Pincivero will use the award to fund the redevelopment of these courses, which will now be centered on problem- and quantitative-based approaches to learning biomechanics.

- **Dr. Melinda Reichelt**, associate professor of English, “Revising ESL Writing: Creating a Mentoring Course for ESL TAs and Updating Three First-Year ESL Courses.” Due to the fact that many of the teaching assistants have no experience in teaching English as a second language (ESL) courses, Reichelt plans to develop an orientation class and a mentoring course for new teaching assistants in the ESL program. She also will redevelop three first-year ESL composition courses.

- **Dr. Ozcan Sezer**, assistant professor of finance, “Integration of the Neff Financial Trading Floor With the MBA Investment and Derivatives Courses.” Harnessing the software resources of the Neff Financial Trading Floor, Sezer will integrate active materials into the FINA 6140 and FINA 6340 courses. In the first course, students will work on portfolio selection and performance evaluations with historical and 20-minute delayed data. The second course will involve a simulation of a trading room environment for a risk management team of an oil company.
Poets recognized in EarthFest competition

By Eric Elliott

Five poets were honored during the sixth annual EarthFest Environmental Poetry Contest presented by the UT Society for Environmental Education.

Listed by category, the winners are:
- UT Faculty — Dr. Skaidrite Stelzer, assistant professor of English;
- UT Staff — Dan McGuire, associate director of Toledo EXCEL;
- UT Students — Eric Elliott, a graduate student in the College of Arts and Sciences;
- Off-Campus Adult — Bill Frogameni, UT alumnus who received bachelor’s and master’s degrees in English in 1993 and 1999, respectively; and
- Off-Campus Student — Anna Klis, a student at Notre Dame Academy.

A $50 cash prize was awarded in each category.

The contest was co-sponsored by the English department, the College of Law, the Campus Democrats, and the earth, ecological and environmental sciences department.

Sixteen Stories Up

By Eric Elliott

I.
Lunch break hangs in the Owens-Illinois air vents like a raspy ghost. Outside double-pane glass mini-skyscrapers stand tall and flexed against the Ohio breeze fighting off warm whispers of southwestern skies. Pushing Corpus Christi Albuquerque Phoenix back against a burned backdrop. Back as far as the sun clinging to its tiny scrap of blue. After the gold-rush sunset sky hangs a motionless afterthought above turning leaves. A still, black, goodbye Heaven alone brings itself to whisper.

II.
Owens-Illinois invented the digital signs pinching New York City’s darkness. It crafted the eyes that allowed us satellites to witness the moon — forget for a moment our failure to orbit anything larger than ourselves. The corporate office stumps meekly under clouds — a strong, glass facade hiding empty stories from the public reflecting, into the morning sun, bright hopes from traffic below. Below me, pigeons wander cracked cement ledges above fertilizer buds — white pod-stars in a cosmos of topsoil and sticker-bush roots.

III.
Sixteen stories down Toledo sparkles traffic signals and brake lights to this fugitive moon. Here, at the table rocking with each lift and land of my arm it is lightless and quiet. The voice in my head talking empty streets into offerings lifting up to the hunger hovering above this city, talking this clip-on-tie to flat gray wind unhinging its starched white sky carrying me up through the cardboard-paneled ceiling to a harbor of birdsong and sweet October breath.

IV.
Through these plated windows silhouettes of wings and fat pigeon-bellies thieve into empty space leave their voices outside in southbound lights and currents. Over crumbling sidewalks wind drives footprints back across the litter of evolving time. Somewhere above these spinning pixels, busy planets splatter about the galaxy collecting like the grease our science and faith wipe into memory’s gaping black jaw.

Pussywillow Sunday

By Dr. Skaidrite Stelzer

Someone tell her to watch out for that bottom step, When her hands are full of branches Blocking her sight.

Rhubarb curled tightly underground, Fossilized purple scroll-work, Written beneath the shifting frost of spring.

While we sing all the songs we still remember about Jesus. Remember how they taught them in public school then. And we sang them again and again With no meaning.

The grapes of wrath. I always wondered about that anger In a second language.

Somewhat like killer tomatoes. Now merged with the genes of fish So they can stay on the counter for weeks Before the small black spots grow on their bellies.

We call it Pussywillow Sunday “Is that only in Latvia?” my sister asks me. And what were the words in Russian?

Where does the language go when the translators die?

Through the branches there are hands of light reaching. If you cut them too early, No shadow can grow.

That last step is always there to trip you Before you come home.

An Hour Too Late

By Dan McGuire

It is deceptively beautiful, driving through Ashland, Kentucky, in late September — Rolling hills dense with changing trees, The languid Ohio sunlit and gleaming As barges and boxcars abruptly converge Along its banks: Ashland Coal and Iron Railway Co., a smoking monstrosity Where Uncle Bob analyzed loads of coal For God-knows-what 70 hours a week, Wedded to his job for better or worse. In the end he was unrecognizable — stage Four lung cancer concealed through Stages one, two and three, terrified Of spending the little life he had left In a hospital instead of chain-smoking Winstons and watching NASCAR In the modest apartment he called home. During the five-hour drive to bring him Back to Toledo a final time, I recalled His wry sense of humor, uncanny ability To remember special occasions and Always sending a card, how he came To every basketball game I ever played. I thought about the time he helped me Haul all my belongings off to college In his brand new truck, telling grown-up Stories because I was finally old enough. Ultimately, I arrived an hour too late His landlord informed me, the body Already transported to the coroner’s. Teary-eyed, he handed me the keys And offered his condolences, said what A good friend and man Bob had been. Inside the empty apartment, I recalled The lifelong narcolepsy that haunted Him day and night, circulation problems Inside the empty apartment, I recalled A good friend and man Bob had been. And offering his condolences, said what A good friend and man Bob had been. Half his toes, I realized his lightning-quick Death from the cancer to be much like Ashland, Kentucky: a blessing in disguise.

Playing possum:
Linda Gorey of Nature’s Nursery Center for Wildlife Rehabilitation showed off Maxwell the opossum last week to children from Apple Tree Nursery School. Part of EarthFest 2005, the presentation on Centennial Mall featured the marsupial and Buzz the owl, Maize the snake and Adobe the turtle.

Photo by Bill Hartough
FYI on FYE Part III: Education beyond the classroom

By Terry Biel

This article is the last in a three-part series regarding the First-Year Experience Program. Previous articles can be found at www.wtnews.utoledo.edu.

One of the goals of the FYE Program is to build and sustain a vibrant and diverse college community committed to students in their first year at UT. That vital “community” aspect is being addressed with several proactive initiatives that reach out far past lecture halls, lab hours and homework.

The Residence Life Faculty Friends Program, backed by FYE, seeks to bridge the formal academic environment with the humanity of both teacher and student. Interested UT faculty members apply for the program and those selected for participation are given passes for two meals per week per semester. They spend time with students, dine with them, attend and run residence hall programs, and are friends and advocates for them. In addition, each residence hall’s faculty friends “team” is appropriated a sum to run programs and events for students in their assigned residence halls. Faculty friends receive no stipend or other compensation for their time.

“When a student comes and sees faculty at the front of a classroom, it can be intimidating,” says Tamara Clark, assistant director for residential education. The Faculty Friends Program, she explains, helps to ease that tension and educates both faculty and students in regards to how they think of each other. The program also bridges the gap between academics and student life. “We are all partners in student success,” Clark adds. Research also has consistently shown the success of students at college, in particular first-year students, is greatly enhanced through positive extended interaction with faculty members.

Presently, there are 11 faculty friends assigned to Carter Hall or the quad. The program would like to have faculty in all the dorms, Clark says, both to increase programming and more importantly increase contact between faculty and students. “That’s the point,” she says, “it isn’t just presenting. It’s coming in and being there for the students.”

Addressing student health and safety issues is the Life@College series. Funded primarily by the UT Office of Recreation, Life@College focuses on educating students in their first semester at UT about lifestyle choices involving alcohol, relationships and sexual health through student skits and presentations. With additional FYE funding, the series has been expanded to include a third session, featuring a guest speaker and focusing on motivation, individual initiative and character building. On average, more than 1,600 students attended each of the three fall sessions.

The FYE-sponsored Primos peer-mentoring initiative is looking out for entering Latino undergraduates. Even with declining overall enrollment, Hispanic enrollment at UT increased 4.2 percent annually from 2000 to 2003, according to reports by the Office of Institutional Research. However, the year one to year two retention rate for Hispanic students during this time remained 4 percent to 13 percent lower than that of white students.

Five Primos peer mentors this year, under the guidance of Dr. Dagmar Morales, director of Latino initiatives, run a series of programs designed to help Latino students fit that figure. Primos (which is Spanish for “cousins”) mentors have helped to guide over 70 first-year Latino students since the fall semester.

“We tell students they need a mentor,” Morales says, “but who knows what that is [as an entering freshman]?” Rather than rolling the dice on Latino freshmen’s futures, Primos mentors proactively reach out to entering students and prevent feelings of isolation or frustration with the academic system. Events range from a slumber party to participation in the annual Latino Youth Summit on campus.

Also addressing disparity in minority retention is the new African-American Student Enrichment Initiatives Office. Presently under the leadership of interim director Martino Harmon, the office will open this fall, offering supplemental advising, mentorship activities and enrichment programs while researching further opportunities to improve offerings for African-American students at UT.

For more information on FYE programs, contact Jennifer Rockwood, UT director of FYE, at Ext. 2230 or jennifer.rockwood@utoledo.edu.

Get a piece of the action, help install fabric sculpture at quad

By Tobin J. Klinger

Dowd, White, Nash and MacKinnon residence halls may look more like New York City’s Central Park a la Christo than the quads.

Students are joining UT First-Year Experience faculty friends, residence advisers, hall staff and other members of the UT community in creating a fabric sculpture that will envelope the halls, in a celebration of spring and the pride of the quad residents.

This interactive “Quad Connections” display will be created in the spirit of New York City’s “The Gates by Christo” and will have a finite life on campus. The sculpture will grow until April 29 through campus-wide and community participation and will be removed one week later. It will not obstruct sidewalks, driveways or doorways and will not cause safety or accessibility issues.

The art installment will develop through the fabric sculpting process, which will likely include wrapping trees, creating webs and building linear fabric connections. Yarn, string, ribbon and old clothing cut into 3-inch strips will be among the primary art supplies.

The First-Year Experience Initiatives, College of Arts and Sciences, the Office of the Provost, FYE faculty friends, the UT department of theatre and film, the Residence Life Office and the Dean of Students Office are sponsoring the project.

For more information, contact Jennifer Rockwood, FYE director, at Ext. 2230 or jennifer.rockwood@utoledo.edu.

Energetic discussion: Toledo Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur talked with Student Government President Tom Crawford and Vice President Ashley Sheridaon following an Earth Day news conference at The University of Toledo. Kaptur joined President Dan Johnson and Metroparks of Toledo Director James Spengler to champion the use of renewable cleaner-burning biodiesel fuel. The University has been using biodiesel since last September.
**Calendar continued from page 8**

**University College Commencement and Honors Convocation Dinner**
Student Union Auditorium. 6 p.m. Info: 419.530.3201.

**College of Law Commencement**
Speaker: Dr. Ray Mullins, U.S. bankruptcy judge in Atlanta and 1982 UT law alumnus. Student Union Auditorium. 10 a.m. Info: 419.530.4131.

**College of Education Graduation Reception**
Music Mission, Philippines 2005.” public; donations requested to benefit “Send the Children.” Featuring Ike LaFontaine and his family. Center for Education. Doermann Theater. 5:30 p.m. Info: 419.530.2164.

**Softball**
UT vs. Akron. Scott Park. Doubleheader starts at 1 p.m.; $3; $1 for UT employees and children 12 and younger; free for UT students with I.D. Info: 419.530.2299.

**College of Arts and Sciences Honors and Awards Reception**
Doermann Theater. 2 p.m. Info: 419.530.2164.

**College of Business Administration Graduation Ceremony**
Doermann Theater. 5:30 p.m. Info: 419.530.5426.

**Gospel Concert**
Featuring Ike LaFontaine and his family. Center for Performing Arts Recital Hall. 7 p.m. Free; public; donations requested to benefit “Send the Music Mission, Philippines 2005.” Info: 419.574.2714.

**College of Education Graduation Reception**
Student Union Auditorium. 7 p.m. Info: 419.530.5282.

**Sunday, May 8**
University of Toledo Commencement
Dick Anderson, chairman of the board of The Andersons Inc., will speak at the ceremony for the colleges of Arts and Sciences, Engineering and Health and Human Services at 10 a.m. Dr. Lloyd Jacobs, president of the Medical College of Ohio, will speak at the ceremony for the colleges of Business Administration, Education, Pharmacy and University College at 2 p.m. Savage Hall. Info: 419.530.4829.

**College of Pharmacy Commencement Ceremony and Reception**
Nitschke Hall Auditorium. 11 a.m. RSVP: 419.530.1934.

**Baseball**
UT vs. Buffalo. Scott Park. 1 p.m.; $3; $1 for UT employees and children 12 and younger; free for UT students with I.D. Info: 419.530.2239.

**Tuesday, May 10**
Faculty Grades Due by 10 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 11**
Project Succeed Orientation

**Friday, May 13**
Second Summer and Future Terms
100 Percent Deregistration
Deadline for Submitting Online Requisitions to Purchasing for Fiscal Year 2005 for Purchases Requiring Advertised Bids

**Saturday, May 14**
Back to the Future Marathon
Friday, May 27
Residence Halls Open
Monday, May 16
Summer Classes Begin — Sessions I, IV and Law
"Ideals, Courage and Hope: The Experience of Soldiers in America’s Wars”

**Renewed Hope: Paintings by Adam Grant**
Exhibit features works by Toledo artist Adam Grant who was imprisoned in concentration camps during World War II. Carlson Library Art Gallery. Monday-Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-midnight; Friday, 7:30 a.m.-8 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sunday, noon-noon-midnight. Free, public. Info: 419.530.2234.

**Fabric Art Exhibition**
Featuring works by Ellen Leonard. Catharine S. Eberly Center for Women, Tucker Hall Room 168. Opens May 16 and runs through July 15. Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.8570.

**Retail operations to unveil UT version of ‘eBay’**
By Tobin J. Klinger
A s students prepare for the end of the semester ritual of selling back textbooks, a new Web site is being launched that allows users to sell items to the general public rather than just to privately owned bookstores.

The UT Exchange Program will come online Friday, April 29, through the University’s retail operations department, at www.ute.xchange.utoledo.edu.

While the launch is designed to coincide with the end of the academic year, items for sale will not be limited to textbooks.

“Students will be able post used books for sale online,” said Christopher Giuliano, a Student Government senator who assisted in the site’s development. “Students can also sell any unwanted items such as chairs, bookshelves and furniture that they do not want to transport home at the end of the semester or as they graduate.”

UT Exchange sellers may submit multiple photo images along with a description of the sale item. All submissions will be reviewed prior to posting for appropriateness. The auction items and advertisements will be posted online within a 24-hour period.

“The UT Exchange provides a unique online campus-based auction and classified program to students, faculty and staff,” said Greg Graham, manager of retail operations.

Those posting items online will be charged a flat fee of $3 per submission for auction items and classified advertisements. While all transaction fees and shipping costs will be settled between the seller and purchaser, UT Exchange will accept Discover, MasterCard and VISA and Pay Pal for transaction settlements.

A “buy it now” option also will be a feature of the site, allowing customers to make purchases immediately.

**Astronomy professor continued from page 4**
and physical nature of interstellar clouds, with decisive implications for theories of nuclear synthesis, star formation and planet formation.”

Since 1990, Federman has received grants totaling $1.7 million for his research. He has written 85 papers for scientific journals and 38 for conference proceedings. He is the topical editor for atomic and molecular spectroscopy for the Journal of the Optical Society of America B and vice president of the International Astronomical Union’s Commission 14 on Atomic and Molecular Data.

In 2002, the native of Queens, N.Y., was elected a Fellow of the American Physical Society.

**Chinese art continued from page 8**

“Dragon and Phoenix,” “We Chinese people still call ourselves ‘the Descendants of the Dragon.’ The dragon is the totem in ancient China,” Hu said. “When I heard about the exhibition, dragon is the first thing that popped into my mind.”

Hu started using a brush pen as a teenager, but didn’t have any formal training until he took a calligraphy class in college. He has won awards at all levels back in his homeland of China. “The limited white paper leaves unlimited space for my artistic imagination and aesthetic creation,” Hu said. “I can be inventive with the strokes of Chinese characters, and I am free to present my perceptions of the meaning of the words.”

“Visitors not only have the chance to see artworks of mixed media not usually seen here in Toledo, but also to get to know some Chinese artists living in town,” Hu said. “This is a collection of genuine artworks by adults and children from the Chinese community in Toledo.”

For more information on the free, public event, or on purchasing any of the pieces, contact Jing Meyer, coordinator of advising for pharmacy student services at Ext. 1916.

*UT News is published for faculty and staff by the Marketing and Communications Office biweekly during the academic year and periodically during the summer. Copies are mailed to employees and placed in newsstands on campus.*
Chinese art on display one more week
By Megan Mangan

Life is fun when fantasy and reality is well-blended and balanced.

These are the words of Shichang Hu, one of eight artists to have his work on display at the Chinese Culture and Art Exhibition at the Student Multicultural Center in Student Union Room 2500.

The exhibit is open Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and runs through April 29.

Hu, a UT graduate, has two calligraphic works on display, both being truly symbolic of the Chinese culture. One piece is titled “Dragon,” and the other is continued on page 7.

UT News publishes listings for events taking place at the University and for off-campus events that are sponsored by UT groups. Information is due by noon Wednesday, May 11, for the May 16 issue. Send information by e-mail to utmarcom@utoledo.edu, fax it to Ext. 4618, or drop it in campus mail to #949, UT News, Marketing and Communications, University Hall Room 2110. Due to space limitations, some events may be omitted from UT News, the complete calendar can be found online at www.utoledo.edu.