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## UT offers aid to student victims of Hurricane Katrina

*By Tobin Klinger and Jon Strunk*

The University of Toledo has joined a number of institutions across the country in offering to allow students enrolled at schools devastated by Hurricane Katrina to attend classes free of charge.

"We will open our doors to anyone that was enrolled at a Gulf Coast school that has had their college life turned upside-down by this tragedy," said UT President Dan Johnson. "These students may audit our classes initially. However, if their institution cannot reopen for several months, we will fully enroll them free of charge."

Already, one student has taken UT up on the offer.

After attending one week of classes at Tulane University, first-year law student Holly Walsh was sitting in on two UT law courses Tuesday morning and was planning to attend another one Tuesday evening after evacuating New Orleans.

"We're helping her continue her studies until we hear from Tulane regarding what they want us to do to continue her legal education," said Beth Eisler, interim dean of the College of Law.

Eisler learned of the situation from

Walsh's stepfather, a UT alumnus, and immediately met with her to see if the College of Law could help out.

"The faculty have been amazing," said Walsh, who is originally from the area, adding UT also had offered to help her pursue legal internship opportunities if she wanted to go that route. Students in her morning classes even invited her to the football game, she said.

Eisler said Walsh will get individualized attention from professors if she needs help getting up to speed.

Two more law students have indicated they will take UT up on its offer, and four additional requests for information came in Thursday.

Students or family members interested in the offer are encouraged to contact Enrollment Services at Ext. 5742 or [enroll@utoledo.edu](mailto:enroll@utoledo.edu).

Meanwhile, UT is working at all levels to help victims of Hurricane Katrina. University student organizations are coordinating a week of events, Sept. 10-16, to raise money for victims of Hurricane Katrina in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. UT and the American Red Cross will collaborate to solicit donations at the

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## Employees to vote on health-care insurance changes

*By Deanna Woolf*

Employee unions and organizations have scheduled meetings and voting times for the proposed changes to health-care coverage.

Suggested changes include increased premiums and prescription drug co-pays. Also proposed are changes to spousal coverage. The full listing of proposed changes is available at the UT chapter of the American Association of University Professors (UT-AAUP) Web site at <http://www.utaaup.com/healthcarecoverage.htm>.

Communication Workers of American (CWA) Local 4530 will hold a meeting to discuss the proposal Thursday, Sept. 8, at 5:45 p.m. in the Scott Park Auditorium. Voting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 13, from 6 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Student Union Room 2561 and from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Scott Park Conference Room. To attend the meeting and to vote, CWA members must have a picture ID.

UT-AAUP will hold voting in its office in University Hall Room 5150 A-C Sept. 6-13. Electronic ballots will be available at [www.utaaup.com](http://www.utaaup.com) Sept. 7-13. Voting also will take place during membership meetings Tuesday, Sept. 6, and Wednesday, Sept. 7, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Student Union Room 2591.

The Professional Staff Association will hold a meeting to discuss changes Thursday, Sept. 8, at noon in Student Union Rooms 2582 and 2584. Members are not eligible to vote.

Mick Dier, president of the UT Police Patrolmen's Association, could not be reached for the union's information.



*Photo by Daniel Miller*

**Hoarse power:** Rocket fans had a lot to cheer about last week when Toledo beat Western Illinois 62-14 in the Glass Bowl.

## Remembering Sept. 11

The University will pay tribute to Sept. 11 by playing patriotic songs on the bell tower Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 10 and 11.

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## Databases combining for easier use

By Deanna Woolf

**E**nterprise Resource Planning. Code name: Project EntERPrise. Mission: to transfer UT's information systems from SunGard SCT Plus to SCT Banner software. Operatives: Human Resources, Enrollment, Financial Aid, Finance, and Education and Information Technology staff, employees from many divisions in the University, and the system users.

When it was first proposed several years ago, Project EntERPrise seemed like a mission impossible — fund and convert the Human Resources System (HRS), Student Information System (SIS), Financial Records System (FRS) and Student Aid Management (SAM) to new relational database software. But thanks to the efforts of ERP project members, the first Banner rollouts are just months away.

According to Brian Bushong, director of the ERP implementation team, the

myUT Portal will go live toward the end of October and the new HRS will premiere in January.

"Included in the myUT Portal is part of what is termed 'self-service' under the new software," Bushong said. "It takes many common tasks and puts them up on the Web for users to access." He offered the example of students being able to view registration information, UT e-mail accounts and Web for Students through the portal. University employees will be able to check sick and vacation balances, view deductions, and even change health insurance coverage during the open enrollment period. "There will be online tutorials" to guide users, Bushong said.

The new Banner HR system is being thoroughly tested before its debut. ERP project members are running pilot tests on 30 employees a week to make sure the payroll aspect of the system is functioning properly. They also are tweaking the

Banner software options. "The systems are built so they're flexible and that adds to their complexity," he said. They have to make sure benefits are set up properly. "There will be end-user training just prior to the go-live date" beginning in November, he said. "We've hired a trainer as part of our team and are identifying topics and people who need to be trained."

Another aspect of the software conversion is that as each module is completed, employees and students affected by the module will begin to receive new ID numbers. "Each number will begin with an 'R' followed by a randomly generated eight-digit number," Bushong said. "The 'R' stands for 'Rockets' because we had to pick a letter to begin the ID numbers."

To learn more about Project EntERPrise, attend the next open forum meeting Monday, Sept. 12, from 1 to 2 p.m. in Student Union Room 2592 or visit the Web site at [projectenterprise.utoledo.edu](http://projectenterprise.utoledo.edu).

## MadCat film festival stops at UT

**W**atch films from around the globe and try to get to "The Truth of the Matter," the theme of this year's MadCat Women's International Film Festival Tour.

Eight films from the tour will be shown Friday, Sept. 9, at 7 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts Lab Theatre. The event is open to the public, with a \$3 donation suggested at the door.

The festival exhibits innovative works of women that are provocative and unique in their use of the medium. The films in this year's tour show how the artists question their governments and challenge their actions.

Films to be screened are:

- "Which Way" (Germany). Filmmaker Claudia Herbst combines drum beats, animation, photographs and live-action sequences to explore a national tragedy.
- "Good Morning, Night" (Japan). Kiyoko Segawa uses animation to show how a family tries to ignore a coming war.
- "Travis" (United States). Kelly Reichardt explores war by using a radio interview with a mother whose son died in Iraq.
- "Call to the Dark Side" (United States). Barbara Klutinis uses the image of a boy jumping off a ledge to investigate the unknown.
- "It's Not My Memory of It" (United States). Julia Meltzer and David Thorne look at how a CIA source had his identity falsely constructed by the organization.
- "The Thief of Baghdad" (United States). Diane Nerwen created this action-fantasy starring Charlton Heston as a Texan empire-builder in Baghdad.
- "Cross Examination" (United States). Lori Hiris uses the Clarence Thomas hearings to explore politics, race, gender and power.
- "The Invisible Hand" (United States). Lori Hiris's second work of the evening looks at corporate corruption.

For more information, contact the department of theatre and film at Ext. 2202.



## Outreach and Engagement Week: UT involved in community

By Jon Strunk

**W**hether it's the College of Pharmacy managing the pharmacy for the Cordelia Martin Health Center, a UT study on second-hand smoke to provide economic context for the Toledo smoking ban, or the coordination for art students between the University and the Toledo Museum of Art, UT plays a much bigger role in the city than educating and employing thousands of taxpayers.

Every day, University professors, students and staff members take time and use their expertise to join community members to work toward solutions to the city's challenges.

To highlight these continued efforts, The University of Toledo is holding its first Outreach and Engagement Week, Sept. 19-23. More than 50 speakers will discuss their experiences working alongside members of the Toledo community on topics ranging from anti-bullying programs to the study of Toledo's history to the city's economic well-being.

"That is the true power of engagement," said UT President Dan Johnson. "The hand reached out in partnership is the same one working, contributing, building right alongside business, industry, education, government and neighbors alike."

Johnson will join the week's presenters as he and Dr. Frank Calzonetti, vice provost for research and economic

development, will discuss the University's continued efforts toward the realization of the Northwest Ohio Science and Technology Corridor.

Punctuating the week's events will be presentations by three nationally renowned researchers in the areas of outreach and service learning:

- Dr. Kenneth Reardon, associate professor and chair of the department of city and regional planning at Cornell University, will speak on the role of colleges and universities in promoting economic development.
- Dr. Edward Zlotkowski, professor of English at Bentley College and the Senior Faculty Fellow at Campus Compact, is widely knowledgeable about community engagement from both student and faculty perspectives and will present a faculty workshop on "Service Learning Pedagogy for Enhanced Learning and Civic Engagement."
- Dr. Lorilee R. Sandmann, professor in the department of lifelong education, administration and policy at the University of Georgia, will present a faculty workshop on "Building and Documenting Faculty Scholarly Engagement — An Introductory Workshop."

For a complete schedule of Outreach and Engagement Week activities, go to [www.utoledo.edu/outreachengage/O&EWeek2005](http://www.utoledo.edu/outreachengage/O&EWeek2005).

## Hurricane

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Rockets' football game against Western Michigan Saturday, Sept. 10.

Other initiatives being organized include tables in the Student Union to make sure students are up-to-date on hurricane relief efforts, the sale of donated food items, including ice cream sandwiches donated by AVI FoodSystems, and a pay-to-play dodge ball tournament.

"It's everybody's responsibility to help out," said Donovan Nichols, a former UT student trustee and current AmeriCorps Vista Service Leader at the University who helped lead the effort. "UT's mission statement calls for outreach and service to the nation and we've had a great response across campus. People are very willing to help."

"It is wonderful to see the campus community coming together to help this way," Johnson said. "Even though we are hundreds of miles away from the devastation, each one of us has the ability to help our fellow Americans return to a normal life."

For more information on specific campus-wide relief efforts or to help, contact the Dean of Students Office at Ext. 2256 or [dos@utnet.utoledo.edu](mailto:dos@utnet.utoledo.edu).

## Get to know ...



### Patricia Hollopeter

Patricia Hollopeter is a visiting assistant professor of early childhood, physical and special education. She has been teaching at the University for one year. Prior to coming to UT, Hollopeter taught eight years at Lourdes College in Sylvania, where she was chair of the Middle Childhood Education Program for five years. The native of Delaware, Ohio, holds a bachelor of arts degree in education from Ohio Northern University and a master of education degree and education specialist degree from UT.

**Family:** "Dail, husband, engineer; Stacy, daughter, is attending the Medical University of Ohio this fall; and Robert, son, returned to Bowling Green State University this fall."

**Pet:** "Little Bitt, the cutest little basset hound around!"

**Hobbies:** "Boating, swimming and shopping."

**Favorite book:** *Who Moved My Cheese*

**Last movie watched:** "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory"

**Three words to describe yourself:** "Easygoing, compassionate, dedicated."

**Favorite sports teams:** "The Cleveland Indians, baseball, and the Miami Heat, basketball."

**Favorite singer or group:** "Chicago, ABBA."

**First job:** "During college years — a waitress. First full-time job — teaching fifth grade."

**Favorite dessert:** "Apple pie."

**Where did you go on your last vacation?** "Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Our cottage in Michigan is our vacation time."

**Favorite meal to cook:** "Lasagna or chili."

**What do you do to relax?** "Be around water, watch a movie, go out to dinner."

**Something people would be surprised to know about you:** "I have an identical twin sister who lives in Columbus, Ohio."

## New UT trustee no stranger to education

By Jon Strunk

Speaking with Susan Palmer, she will tell you education has been a theme of her life ever since she graduated in 1970 from The University of Toledo with a bachelor's degree in education.

And even before adding her recent appointment to the UT board of trustees to her resumé, that assertion is hard to dispute.

Palmer followed her bachelor's with a master's degree, also from UT and also in education. She taught French at Whitmer High School, served on the Ottawa Hills local school board, and is a member of the ProMedica Health System health education research board.

But early on in her journey through a life immersed in education, it was art that offered her a second home.

"I've always been interested in art," Palmer said, recounting trips taken with her parents to the Toledo Museum of Art when she was very



Palmer

young. "I always loved going to the art museum. I was always very comfortable there."

After graduating from UT and beginning a teaching career, Palmer found a way to merge her interests in education and art by volunteering as a docent for the Toledo

Museum of Art.

A docent's job at the museum, Palmer explained, is to serve as a liaison between the public and the artwork, to offer explanations and try to help viewers better understand and engage the art.

Today Palmer is still teaching, but as coordinator of docent education for the Toledo Museum of Art, she is teaching the teachers. She educates docents on the art itself and how best to convey it to the public. Palmer said the museum has 100 touring docents and 23 in training.

Although analogous to asking which child a parent loves the most, Palmer did say that while she enjoys many types and styles of artwork, she finds contemporary art the most enjoyable right now.

"Contemporary art challenges me to continually look at how the art reflects contemporary culture," she said.

And for those still worried about Palmer having too much free time on her hands, she serves as chair of the board for Toledo Children's Hospital and is a member of the UT Foundation board of trustees.

## Student representative appointed to UT board

By Terry Biel

Joel Todd, a senior majoring in psychology, is the student representative on the UT board of trustees.

He was appointed to the one-year term by Gov. Bob Taft in July.

Todd is a 2002 graduate of Mansfield Senior High in Mansfield, Ohio, and has served as vice president of the Black Student Union and on the Student General Fee Committee. He also has served in various roles in UT-NAACP, Student

African-American Brotherhood and the DEEP Poetry Society.

In his capacity as a student trustee, Todd said he intends to represent the interests of all students equally. "I hope to be the voice of the students, not a voice for myself," he said.

After completing his degree at UT, Todd said he plans to pursue graduate studies in social work and counseling or go directly into community counseling, where he wants to help families and children in low-income neighborhoods.

## In memoriam

**Dr. Carolyn M. Duncan**, a lecturer in the Honors Program since 1998, died Aug. 17 at age 62. She earned master of art and doctoral degrees in English from UT in 1991 and 1998, respectively.

**Betty Jayne (Franklin) Houston**, Sandusky, a secretary in the College of Engineering from 1963 to 1966, died Aug. 17 at age 84.

**Ralph E. Laney**, Toledo, who worked at the University for six years, died Aug. 16 at age 79. He was hired as a maintenance repair worker in the Physical Plant in 1982 and one year later was promoted to sheet metal worker, the position he retired from in 1988.

**Dr. Sybil (Korff) Small**, Perrysburg, died Aug. 20 at age 72. She was a part-time teacher in UT's department of English for more than 25 years, starting in the late 1970s. She received bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees from the University in 1972, 1973 and 1977, respectively.

### Mark Your Calendars

Outstanding Staff Awards & Luncheon

Monday, Oct. 17

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Student Union Auditorium

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# Professor explores Catholicism south of the border

By Deanna Woolf

“I knew that some things were going to change me academically, but I didn’t expect it to affect me at a personal level.”

Dr. Richard Gaillardetz, UT Thomas and Margaret Murray and James J. Bacik Professor of Catholic Studies, is speaking about his latest research trip, seated in a cozy corner of his office on a rainy Ohio morning. And while everything seems safe, secure and certain in Scott Hall, the stories about his visit paint a different picture of life in Chiapas, Mexico — Zapatista forces controlling entire municipalities, Roman Catholic leaders working with Mayan descendants to preserve their traditions, and Gaillardetz interviewing a former bishop who arrived in a bulletproof van with armed guards.

Gaillardetz’s visit to Mexico earlier this year was part of a project titled “The Church in Global Perspective,” funded in part by a \$44,910 grant from the Louisville Institute. His trip, as well as ones to South Africa in August and the Philippines in January 2006, will help him investigate how church leaders are interacting with people from native faith traditions and how they are defining the role of the church in these countries.

Gaillardetz described Chiapas as the poorest state in Mexico and as a “tinderbox” — a place where the Zapatista forces, Mexican government officials and paramilitary groups clash. “We had to get permission to enter the Zapatista-controlled municipali-

ties,” he said. “At the outside of each one was a heavily armed post of the Mexican army. The guards there would check your license plates and write them down for each car that came in and out. Honestly, I was more afraid of the government soldiers than the Zapatistas.”

The dangerous atmosphere was especially apparent when Gaillardetz was visited by Samuel Ruiz, who was the bishop of San Cristobal de las Casas for 40 years. “He was driven for an hour and half in a bulletproof van to see me with three armed guards. There have been threats against him,” Gaillardetz explained. Ruiz is targeted because he has subtly challenged the treatment of women in the country. He is also a critic of the powerful, wealthy landowners who disenfranchised the Mayan descendants.

Interviewing Ruiz, Gaillardetz found it interesting that the former bishop had changed his initial stance on the Catholic Church’s role in the region. “When he began, he was a meztizo [indicating someone of mixed European and native heritage] and very conservative. He tried to make the local people learn Spanish and stop using Tzotzil [their native language],” Gaillardetz said. “But then he realized this was killing their culture.”

Ruiz’s new stance was manifested in the mixing of Mayan elements with Christianity. For example, one of the local Catholic churches held morning prayers on a nearby mountain — a practice with roots in ancient tradition. “In Mayan culture, there is a belief



Dr. Richard Gaillardetz, right, interviewed Samuel Ruiz, bishop of San Cristobal de las Casas.

that the gods reside on the mountains and that by touching them, you can be close to them,” Gaillardetz said.

Another thing Gaillardetz noticed was the level of accountability of church leaders in Chiapas. He watched as a village leader lectured a priest about not upholding the ideals of the church in his dealings with a candidate who was preparing for ministry as a deacon. “The priest then got down on his knees and went around to each of the leaders and the candidate and asked for their forgiveness. There was such accountability.”

He paused for a moment. “Then that made me think of accountability issues here with the sexual abuse scandals. Obviously, the worst part was the abuse that occurred. But I think that beyond that, the real scandal of the whole thing was the failure of the Catholic Church leadership to be accountable to the people.”

In the end, Gaillardetz hopes his next two trips prove to be “just as enriching, but not as risky ... I’m happy I did it,” he said. “But it was a little bit more dicey than what I normally would like.”

## UT researcher examines exercise-induced soreness

By Terry Biel

Ever thought you felt great after exercising only to be sore the next day? Have you ever wondered why the ache always gets worse before it gets better? So did Dr. Frank Pizza, UT professor of kinesiology.

After completing a \$134,000 study on exercise-related inflammation funded by the National Institutes of Health, he was surprised to find the human body beating itself up a lot more than it needed to.

Pizza’s study focused on neutrophils, special cells in the immune system found in large quantities near sites of trauma or after intense physical activity. According to Pizza, neutrophils were thought to be

responsible for cleaning up tissue during muscle repair. However, his research found that during the cleanup process, neutrophils actually cause further, “secondary injury.” This injury, he explained, may be why muscle soreness and inflammation can peak days after strenuous exercise.

“We thought the injury caused by neutrophils was a necessary consequence for repair,” Pizza said. “We found that neutrophils actually delay the repair of the injured muscle. We think, and our study has shown, that in the process of removing tissue, neutrophils do some collateral damage.” And when Pizza and his researchers blocked neutrophils from reaching damaged areas,

there was less secondary injury and muscle repair happened faster.

What’s more, scientists aren’t sure how neutrophils know to make a beeline to injured muscle. “Right now we don’t know what attracts them,” Pizza said. Though his team looked for what they considered the likely suspects, they found no significant links.

Further research, Pizza said, will focus on the contribution of neutrophils to muscle repair and investigate how neutrophils impair the healing process.

## ‘Hotel Rwanda’ actor to talk

Actor Antonio David Lyons, who played the role of Thomas Mirama in the critically acclaimed movie, “Hotel Rwanda,” will speak in the Law Center Auditorium Thursday, Sept. 8, at noon.

Lyons lived in South Africa for two years at a time when the country was trying to end apartheid and the genocide in Rwanda had ended. A first-generation American, he will share his perspective on how to exist within a global community.

Lyons will spend time before and after his speech with UT film and theatre students. He will visit classes and discuss what it’s like to work in the industry.

For more information on the free, public talk, call the Law Alumni and Communications Office at Ext. 2712.

## Go down to the river and clean Sept. 17

By Deanna Woolf

Show your love to the Ottawa River and to other area waterways during the ninth annual Clean Your Streams event on Saturday, Sept. 17, beginning at 8 a.m.



The event, organized through Maumee RAP (Remedial Action Plan) and sponsored by The University of Toledo, brings together volunteers to clean debris from the banks of local rivers and creeks.

Dr. Patrick Lawrence, assistant professor of geography, believes it's important

the UT community gives back to the Ottawa River. "I think the key thing is that the river runs through campus," he said. "It's part of our community, and we should make an effort to take the opportunity to acknowledge that we have this living system on campus and take pride in it."

Clean up sites and meeting locations for this year's event are:

- Swan Creek — Highland Park Shelter House, 1865 Finch St.
- Upper Ottawa River — Ottawa Park Shelter House, 2200 Kenwood Blvd.
- Lower Ottawa River — Ottawa River Yacht Club, 5844 Edgewater Drive
- Duck and Otter creeks — Oregon Municipal Building, 5330 Seaman Road

Volunteers need to arrange transportation to the meeting location and to the lunch in Ottawa Park following the cleanup.

For the third year, there is also a collegiate challenge pitting university groups against one another in a battle of the trash bags. Prizes will be given to the group that has the most volunteers and to the one that collects the most debris.

Groups must register before the event by calling 419.936.3751 or by submitting the registration form at <http://www.maumeerap.org/cys-preregform.pdf>.

For more information, visit the Clean Your Streams Web site at <http://www.maumeerap.org/CYS.html>.

## Constitution Day events Sept. 15

By Deanna Woolf

Think you know the U.S. Constitution? Think again. According to a survey from the National Constitution Center, only 35.5 percent of the people know that "We the people" are the first three words of the document.

Statistics like that motivated Sen. Robert C. Byrd to propose a bill requiring all educational institutions that receive federal funds to hold educational programs about the Constitution Sept. 17 each year. The date was chosen because Sept. 17, 1787, was when the delegates to the Constitutional Convention met to sign



the document and present it to the American public.

The bill passed in 2004, making 2005 the inaugural year for Constitution Day events.

Since Sept. 17 falls on a Saturday this year, The University of Toledo will celebrate Constitution Day on Thursday, Sept. 15, at 4 p.m. on the Student Union steps. The rain location is Student Union Room 2592.

"Because it's the first year, we're doing a little more general program," said Holly Monsos, interim chair of theatre and film and event steering committee chair. "We're going to have people who will read the first 10 amendments, plus three key additional amendments. After each amendment, there will be a respondent who will make a comment, tell a personal story, or share historical information about that amendment."

For more information on Constitution Day, contact Monsos at Ext. 2202.

## Campus community invited to get wrapped up in 'Quad Connections' fabric sculpture

By Tobin J. Klinger

Beginning Sept. 14, The University of Toledo's Dowd, White, Nash and MacKinnon residence halls may look more like New York City's Central Park a la Christo than the quad.

Students will join UT First-Year Experience (FYE) faculty friends, resident advisers, hall staff and other members of the UT community in creating a fabric sculpture that will envelope the quad halls in a celebration of the new academic year 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 Sept. 18 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 installation 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.

An opening ceremony will take place

Wednesday, Sept. 14, at 4 p.m. in the quad. However, participants can contribute to the sculpture in the afternoon and early evening during the week through Sept. 18.

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 event.

For more information, contact Jennifer Rockwood, FYE director, at Ext. 2330 or [jennifer.rockwood@utoledo.edu](mailto:jennifer.rockwood@utoledo.edu).



### Spirited alumnus:

Lt. Timothy Tomes, left, and a few fellow Army soldiers posed for a photo with the UT Rockets flag in Iraq. Tomes graduated from the University in 2002 with a bachelor's degree in business administration.

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# Professor probes public policy, education

By Deanna Woolf

Public policy — an intangible item whose manifestations are completely changing. You can't put it in a test tube, give it a poke or shake it around a bit to see how it works. A researcher needs the patience to sit back, relax and let it run its course, while gathering and analyzing data.

And that strategy is just fine with Dr. Carter Wilson, who seems to delight in public policy research. In addition to co-writing a study on education in the state of Ohio, he is the author of a new textbook that helps college students wade through the tumultuous sea of policy history and trends.



Wilson

Photo by Daniel Miller

The book, *Public Policy: Continuity & Change*, is the result of three years' effort to examine and forward a new theory on public policy. The publisher, McGraw-Hill, approached Wilson, professor of political science and public administration, after one of the book salespeople encouraged him to write a proposal. The work was originally an article in the *Journal of Public Policy*, which Wilson developed into a theory and then the book.

Wilson's theory is a possible explanation to the "punctuated equilibrium theory" forwarded by researcher Bryan Jones. "His theory states that public policy is stable over time and changes abruptly and profoundly in short spurts," he explained, offering the example of the New Deal era. Wilson's policy regime theory goes a step further. It states, "Public policy is based on stable patterns of political power and the presence of a dominant policy paradigm ... At certain points, the political power and policy models will shift, resulting in the rapid and abrupt changes." Such things as economic crises, technology changes and social movements can affect the political power and paradigms.

Perhaps Wilson's educational work will affect the very public policies he writes about. "A Status Report on Education Attainment of People of Color in Two Ohio Cities: Cincinnati and Toledo" was published in spring through the UT Urban Affairs Center. Dr. Esther Erkins, associate director of the University of Cincinnati Institute for Community Partnerships and assistant professor of African and African-American studies, co-wrote the

study with Wilson.

"Most of the findings I expected — the data merely confirmed my suspicions," Wilson said of the research. Both Toledo and Cincinnati public school systems showed very low math and science proficiency scores and high dropout rates. The two also noted African-American and Hispanic students were less likely to complete high school core courses and were more likely to need remedial courses in college.

Looking at the results, he and Erkins issued several recommendations to policymakers and educators. Among them: Make sure college preparatory course demands are known and put more effort into math and science education. "I am encouraged to see improvements in districts, but I'm not optimistic about funding in an era of declining public resources," he said.

Wilson is working on a follow-up study to track students once they leave universities and go into the job market. He's also investigating how family background affects one's public policy preference.

Wilson will put together a follow-up study to track students once they leave the University and enter the job market. Assisting him will be Dr. Patrick McGuire, professor of sociology; Dr. Svetlana Beltyokova, visiting assistant professor of foundations of education; Dr. Mary Ellen Edwards, professor of foundations of education; and Dr. Dagmar Morales, director of Latino initiatives.

In a separate study, Wilson will investigate how family background affects one's public policy preference.

# Class is in session with entrepreneur-in-residence

By Deanna Woolf

George Naspo, corporate executive, global entrepreneur and turnaround expert, is the inaugural entrepreneur-in-residence with the College of Business Administration for the 2005-06 academic year.

"The college takes great pride in honoring Mr. Naspo's business and entrepreneurial achievements and acknowledging the various contributions that he has made to numerous companies over the years," said Dr. Thomas Gutteridge, dean of the College of Business Administration. "We are looking forward to working with him to further the college's emphasis on technological entrepreneurship and innovation."

"I am pleased to be returning to UT and working with Dean Gutteridge and others on this entrepreneurial program,"

Naspo, a UT alumnus, said. "I hope that some of my life experiences promote the understanding that technology and entrepreneurship are exciting and wonderful fields in which to work."

Among his duties as entrepreneur-in-residence are:

- Participating in and leading class sessions on entrepreneurship.
- Developing programs and events that focus on entrepreneurship with other colleges.
- Providing input and suggestions for developing a master's degree in specialization in technological entrepreneurship for the MBA program.
- Assisting in design and fund raising for the proposed Center for Technological

Entrepreneurship and Innovation.

- Helping to establish a network of entrepreneurial partners with the college.

Naspo graduated with a bachelor's degree from UT in 1970 and served as a captain in the U.S. Army. In 1988, he was recruited by Motorola Inc. and managed one of its larger and more successful regional sales territories. He then served as vice president of sales with Cyplex Communications and helped to move the company into the wireless fixed data and telemetry markets. After executive assignments with Sierra Wireless and Securicor Wireless Technology Ltd., he was a founding principal of Aerwav Integration Services Inc. Naspo now works with portfolio businesses on startup and turnaround problems.



Naspo

Photo by Daniel Miller

## Top scholar, consultant to lecture on importance of humanities

By Deanna Woolf

Dr. Marshall Gregory, Ice Professor of English, Liberal Education and Pedagogy at Butler University, will share his insights on education and teaching during a series of presentations and workshops this year.

Gregory's two-day visits will be Sept. 15-16, Oct. 20-21, Feb. 2-3 and April 20-21.

On the first day of the visit, he will conduct an invitation-only seminar for faculty and administrators on arguments and language useful for conveying the importance of a liberal arts education to others, "especially to students and parents who tend to think of education solely as a corridor leading to jobs rather than a process leading to self-development. The justifications most often used for getting an education are financial and professional ... all they've [students] heard is 'get an education to get a good job.' We need to learn how to defend liberal arts to students in ways that show students how a liberal

education helps them do everything better, including their jobs but not limited to their jobs," Gregory explained.

He will then deliver a roundtable lecture the second day of each visit.

The first lecture will be Friday, Sept. 16, at 1 p.m. in Health and Human Services Building Room 1600. The lecture, "From Shakespeare on the Page to Shakespeare on the Stage: What I Learned About Teaching in Acting Class," focuses on Gregory's experiences in an undergraduate acting course last spring.

"I was terrible," he recalled of his acting abilities. "But I stuck around because seeing pedagogy in a context quite different from liberal arts and sciences courses jarred me out of my familiar paths of thought and invited me to think about teaching in new ways. More specifically, theatre people are good at practicing forms of learning that we in both the liberal arts and in professional education have

forgotten about. I learned a lot about being a student by taking this class ... I saw the way acting students approached learning, and I saw many practices that were both admirable and transferable to humanities courses, science courses and even pre-professional courses."

A consultant for Butler University, Emory University and Mercy College in New York, Gregory has been working in faculty development since the early 1980s when he was national director of the Lilly Endowment's Postdoctoral Teaching Awards Program.

"The work forced me to think like someone helping teachers in a generic way, not just teachers in my own field. It's not a whole lot of help for an English professor to go to someone teaching physics or political science and say, 'Here's how I teach a John Donne poem.' The question is, what kind of generic issues link us as teachers even though we are separated by

disciplines? It turns out that there are a lot of such links," he said. "I started putting together workshops, seminars and talks, and I also started bringing together groups of faculty members whom I could direct in extended conversations about these issues. These conversations are always reflective in mode and communal in format. It turns out to work extremely well. Give teachers half a chance, and they quickly learn how to teach themselves and each other to perform more reflectively and more effectively in the classroom."

Gregory's 2005-06 consultancy is sponsored by the Arts and Humanities Roundtable and the Humanities Institute. A Program for Academic Excellence Award is providing funding for the visits.

For more information on the free, public lecture, contact the Humanities Institute at Ext. 2329.

## McMaster Cosmology Colloquium set for Sept. 15

By Krista M. Hayes

The University of Toledo's department of physics and astronomy will hold its second annual McMaster Cosmology Colloquium on "The Mystery of the Accelerating Universe" on Thursday, Sept. 15, at 4 p.m. in McMaster Hall Room 1005.

The McMaster Cosmology Colloquium is named after the late Harold McMaster, who formed McMaster Energy Enterprises in Toledo. Donating approximately \$4.5 million to The University of Toledo, he and his wife, Helen, helped fund the construction of the physics and astronomy building on campus that was named for them.

McMaster demonstrated a strong interest in cosmology — the study of the universe as a whole — throughout his lifetime; therefore, the department of physics and astronomy is honoring his legacy through

an annual public lecture, said Dr. Steven Federman, UT professor of astronomy.

This year's colloquium will be given by Ohio State University's Gary Steigman, Distinguished Professor of Mathematical and Physical Sciences.

According to Steigman, "The Mystery of the Accelerating Universe" portrays strong evidence that the expansion of the universe is accelerating due to forces of gravity between galaxies and groups of galaxies. Some ideas on what may be causing this acceleration or "dark energy" and its consequences will be discussed at the lecture.

Coffee and refreshments will be available beforehand at 3:30 p.m. in McMaster Hall Room 4009.

For more information, call the astronomy and physics department at Ext. 2241.



Photo by Daniel Miller

**Put it there:** Dr. Mark Rosentraub, director of the Ohio Urban University Program and chair and director of the Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University, left, stopped by the Urban Affairs Center to say farewell to Dr. Patrick McGuire, who was director of the center for five years. Rosentraub presented a plaque to McGuire on behalf of the Ohio Urban University Program for his public service to the state, the program and the Toledo area. McGuire will return to teaching in the sociology and anthropology department. Dr. Neil Reid, associate professor of geography and planning, has been named interim director of the center.

### RSVPs requested for minority faculty, professional staff reception

The deadline to RSVP for the Minority Faculty and Professional Staff Reception is Wednesday, Sept. 21.

President Dan Johnson and Provost Alan Goodridge are hosting the third annual event Wednesday, Sept. 28.

To RSVP, contact Timothy Hunter of the Provost's Office at Ext. 2859 or e-mail [timothy.hunter@utoledo.edu](mailto:timothy.hunter@utoledo.edu).

Sept. 6, 2005

# Camp Adventure invites students to ‘Catch the magic!’

Special by Roxanne Ring

I recently had the opportunity to travel to Italy with the Camp Adventure Youth Services Program. Camp Adventure was established in 1985 by Dr. Christopher Edginton and is headquartered at the University of Northern Iowa. Dr. Tom Switzer, dean of the College of Education, was instrumental in bringing the program here. UT became a training site three years ago and has grown to become the largest of the 11 training sites. We train college students to serve as day camp counselors on U.S. military bases and embassies around the world. Campers are the children of U.S. military personnel, and this program fills their summer void with fun projects, activities and field trips.

I’ve been working closely with Toledo’s director, Sammy Spann, to provide public relations, marketing and advisory support. Dr. Edginton, therefore, invited me to join him on a tour of campsites in Italy so I could experience the adventure firsthand. I’ve heard so many of our students return from their camp experience and describe it as a “life-changing and transformational” summer that I couldn’t wait to get out into the field myself. Could I be ready to leave for Italy on two weeks’ notice? Are you kidding? I could be ready on two days’ notice!

Camp A’s tag line is “Catch the magic!” and that I did. Their mission is to provide magical moments for children that will last a lifetime and that they do. Magic is defined as reality exceeding expectations and that it is. What an exciting, rewarding, magical experience and adventure it proved to be! And Italy is beautiful, too.

One of our stops was Carne Park in Naples. Of the 150 campsites around the world, this site is the most like the three original camps. It’s a true outdoor camp where the counselors live in rustic cabins in the crater of a volcano. We met Toledo-trained counselors Rachel Niklas, Seth Bergeman and Joe Singer. The young campers were very engaged in their activities and yet they excitedly broke away to greet their visitors and tell us what a great summer they were having at Camp Adventure. Several children asked me and Dr. Edginton for our autographs! I felt like a celebrity. Let me know if you ever see my autograph available on eBay.

We also visited a camp in Gaeta, a beach town where the counselors live in apartments. The children were painting posters when we visited, and they passionately told us they had a football camp here the week before. I got goose bumps watching and listening to these young campers.



Roxanne Ring, left, and Dr. Christopher Edginton, founder of Camp Adventure, posed for a photo with UT students Amber Aziza and Christal Christian in Vicenza, Italy.



Camp Adventure counselors and children in Vicenza, Italy

Photo by Roxanne Ring

We met Soraya McCune, a Toledo-trained education major from Akron, who had a “really good” experience thanks to Toledo’s “great training.” The counselors here (and elsewhere) are “adopted” by the military families and invited to their homes for meals or provided with groceries to supplement their living stipends.

We also visited a camp in Vicenza. Two of Vicenza’s 10 camp counselors, Amber Aziza and Christal Christian, are from Toledo. I truly enjoyed getting to know these dedicated young ladies. What great representatives of our student body! The counselors at this site lived at Ederle Inn, a hotel on the military base, complete with housekeeping services. They spent their weekends at the beach or traveling around Europe. They missed their cars and learned to navigate the bus and train

systems — tasks that they mastered after a few weeks. Better than me! When we got to the campsite, the grade school children clamored for attention. They begged to sing and dance for us and we not only let them, we joined in. Imagine me performing the penguin song — my new favorite! Dr. Edginton singled out a half dozen children, brought them up front, and let them ask questions. Does the phrase “out of the mouth of babes” ring a bell? This was a highlight!

In the evenings, Dr. Edginton and I had dinner with the counselors. He told them they are serving “a very important role by answering the call to provide care and welfare for the children of U.S. servicemen and women. There’s no question that you are making a difference; you’re role models.” Edginton believes

the program’s goals for its counselors are being met. Those goals are (1) growing, learning, being transformed, (2) forming lifelong friendships, (3) impacting the lives of children, and (4) gaining an appreciation for our military.

Now that I’ve experienced this fabulous service-learning opportunity up close and personal, I couldn’t agree more. This is a win-win-win program; it truly is good for our students, our campus and our military families. I learned that Camp A is a family — as is our U.S. military. In its 20-year history, Camp Adventure has given more than 9,900 college students from across this country the summer(s) of their lives. The number of young children they have touched is astronomical. They’ve caught the magic and so have I; it’s contagious!

I’m proud to be associated with this tremendous program and would like to extend my sincerest appreciation to all of the UT and Toledo-trained students who so graciously took the time to meet and talk with me, as well as to Dr. Edginton and Dean Switzer for the opportunity.

## Camp Adventure Photo Fest

Friday, Sept. 23  
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Student Union  
Ingman Room

Counselors will share photos and stories about their summer experiences that took place around the world — Japan, Germany, Spain, Netherlands, Iceland, Italy, Belgium, China, Korea and across the United States.

RSVP by Sept. 16 to  
Ext. 5268, sammy.  
spann@utoledo.edu





## From the board

The UT board of trustees approved the following personnel action at its meeting last month:

**NEW PERSONNEL:** **Bruce Boardman**, instructional designer/trainer, ERP Project, effective May 31; **Andrew Boyd**, interim assistant football coach, Intercollegiate Athletics, effective July 1; **Ronald Burns**, interim assistant women's basketball coach, Intercollegiate Athletics, effective July 5; **Margaret Diehl**, application integration specialist, College of Business Administration, effective June 13; **Sarah Marquard**, community director of McComas Village, Residence Life, effective July 11; **Kaye Patten Wallace**, vice president of student life, Student Services, effective July 18; **Amanda Rogers**, interim assistant volleyball coach, Intercollegiate Athletics, effective July 5; **Jennifer Schilens**, hall director, Residence Life, effective July 1; **Leslie Smith**, science education coordinator, curriculum and instruction, College of Education, effective June 7; **Liyanaaratchige Tillekeratne**, interim senior research associate, medicinal and biological chemistry, College of Pharmacy, effective June 1; **Stephanie White**, interim assistant women's basketball coach, Intercollegiate Athletics, effective July 5; and **Benjamin Morin**, hall director of the Crossings, Residence Life, effective June 25.

**TENURED FACULTY APPOINTMENT:** **Daniel Hammel**, associate professor of geography and planning, College of Arts and Sciences, effective Aug. 15.

**TENURE-TRACK FACULTY APPOINTMENTS — effective Aug. 15:** **Jean Folkert**, associate professor of public health and rehabilitative services, College of Health and Human Services; **Anne Hornak**, assistant professor of educational leadership, College of Education; **Carla Johnson**, assistant professor of curriculum and instruction, College of Education; **Jamie Leonard**, assistant professor of kinesiology, College of Health and Human Services; **Kamala London**, assistant professor of psychology, College of Arts and Sciences; **Julia Martin**, instructor of library administration, University Libraries; and **Sujata Shetty**, assistant professor of geography and planning, College of Arts and Sciences.

**VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR APPOINTMENTS — effective Aug. 15 unless otherwise noted:** **Irene Alby**, theatre and film, College of Arts and Sciences; **Youri Bae**, mathematics, College of Arts and Sciences; **John Bidwell**, mathematics, College of Arts and Sciences; **Carol Bryan**, health professions, College of Health and Human Services; **Kevin Capurso**, pharmacy practice, College of Pharmacy, effective July 1; **Richard Carroll**, chemistry, College of Arts and Sciences; **Betty Coleman**, public health and rehabilitative services, College of Health and Human Services; **Carl Collins**, music, College of Arts and Sciences; **Danette Core**, health professions, College of Health and Human Services; **Jean Cortissoz**, mathematics, College of Arts and Sciences; **Dramane Deme**, theatre and film, College of Arts and Sciences; **Farid Farid**, mathematics, College of Arts and Sciences; **Carolyn Ford**, pharmacology, College of Pharmacy, effective July 1; **David Griffith**, theatre and film, College of Arts and Sciences; **Deborah Guyer**, early childhood, physical and special education, College of Education; **Julia Johnoff-Hoppe**, public health and rehabilitative services, College of Health and Human Services; **Deidre Jones**, marketing and international business, College of Business Administration; **Chris Kiel**, engineering, Lorain County Community College; **Benjamin Konop**, law, College of Law; **Yulin Li**, mathematics, College of Arts and Sciences; **Dale Metzger**, health professions, College of Health and Human Services; **Habib Muzaffar**, mathematics, College of Arts and Sciences; **Kyunglim Nam**, mathematics, College of Arts and Sciences; **Lori Nawrocki**, health professions, College of Health and Human Services; **Amy O'Donnell**, management, College of Business Administration; **Vladimir Prahcharov**, theatre and film, College of Arts and Sciences; **Jeffery Smith**, marketing and international business, College of Business Administration; **Treasure Sucheck**, chemistry, College of Arts and Sciences; **Fred Tank**, economics, College of Arts and Sciences; **John Topoleski**, economics, College of Arts and

Sciences; **Ray Treinen**, mathematics, College of Arts and Sciences; **Yulia Tyurina**, mathematics, College of Arts and Sciences; **Lani Van Eck**, sociology and anthropology, College of Arts and Sciences; **William Wolfe**, management, College of Business Administration; **Hassan Yousefi**, mathematics, College of Arts and Sciences; and **Konstantine Zelator**, mathematics, College of Arts and Sciences.

**VISITING INSTRUCTOR APPOINTMENTS — effective Aug. 15 unless otherwise noted:** **Thomas Altwood**, library administration, University Libraries, effective Aug. 30; **Kim Brownlee**, library administration, University Libraries, effective July 1; **Jennifer Brubaker**, communication, College of Arts and Sciences; and **Matthew Eshleman**, philosophy, College of Arts and Sciences.

**LECTURER APPOINTMENTS — effective Aug. 15:** **Ann Biddlestone**, social work, College of Health and Human Services; **Mike DuBose**, English, College of Arts and Sciences; **James Dyko**, early childhood, physical and special education, College of Education; **Katharine Fisher**, mathematics, College of Arts and Sciences; **Robert Imbur**, English, College of Arts and Sciences; **Marie Janes**, health professions, College of Health and Human Services; **Laura Keller**, English, College of Arts and Sciences; **Patricia Knisely**, public health and rehabilitative services, College of Health and Human Services; **Vincent Nathan**, criminal justice, College of Health and Human Services; **Michael Peeters**, pharmacy practice, College of Pharmacy; **Laurie Puszczewicz**, foreign languages, College of Arts and Sciences; **John Schlageter**, undergraduate legal studies, College of Health and Human Services; and **Matthew Seikel**, mathematics, College of Arts and Sciences.

**PRESTIGE FACULTY APPOINTMENT:** **Mary Schlemper**, adjunct professor of geography and planning, College of Arts and Sciences, effective June 15.

**CHANGES IN STAFF CONTRACTS — Donald Arndt**, from associate director to interim director of the LaValley Law Library, College of Law, salary adjusted, effective July 1; **Karen Balog**, from project manager to program manager of NASA, mechanical, industrial and manufacturing engineering, College of Engineering, effective July 1; **Amy Burns**, from assistant director to debt manager adviser, Student Financial Aid, effective June 20; **Brooke Butler**, from senior coordinator to assistant director for high school relations, Direct From High School Admission, salary adjusted, effective May 23; **Robert Bruno**, director of college computing in College of Arts and Sciences, College Computing, salary adjusted, effective July 1; **Joseph Drees**, team leader and network architect, University Network, salary adjusted, effective July 1; **Jennifer Foldvary**, from assistant director for high school relations to associate director of direct from high school admission, Direct From High School Admission, salary adjusted, effective June 3; **Joely Giammarco**, business and promotions manager, theatre and film department, College of Arts and Sciences, salary adjusted, effective, June 1; **Martino Harmon**, from director of freshman admission and interim director of African-American Student Enrichment Institute to interim director of African-American Student Enrichment Institute, effective July 1; **Sherri Jiannuzzi**, from assistant director of loans to debt management adviser, Student Financial Aid, salary adjusted, effective May 2; **Jennifer Kwiatkowski**, from associate director of direct from high school admission to interim director of freshman admission, Direct From High School Admission, salary adjusted, effective July 1; **Charles Phillips**, from server administrator to e-mail systems architect, University Network, salary adjusted, effective July 1; **Robert Phillips**, from server administrator to team leader of server infrastructure, University Network, salary adjusted, effective July 1; **William Pierce**, research analyst, Enrollment Services, salary adjusted, effective March 1; **Nancy Pietras**, director of tech prep, salary adjusted, effective July 1; **Debra Schneider**, project manager of tech prep, salary adjusted, effective July 1; **Bernard Scott**, assistant women's basketball coach, Intercollegiate Athletics, salary adjusted, effective May 2; **Terrance Teagarden**,

from coordinator of commuter programs and media to assistant director of commuter services, Residence Life, effective July 1; **Peter Thomas**, from director of immigration services to interim senior director of international student services, International Student Services, salary adjusted, effective June 1; **George Thompson**, coordinator of social work, College of Health and Human Services, salary adjusted, effective July 1; and **Thomas York**, from director of academic advising to director of student services, College of Education Student Services, salary adjusted, effective July 1.

**CHANGES IN FACULTY CONTRACTS: effective July 1 unless otherwise noted — Barbaranne Benjamin**, associate dean and associate professor, College of Health and Human Services, salary adjusted; **James Benjamin**, from professor to professor and chair of communication, converting from 9-month to 12-month administrative faculty, salary adjusted, effective Aug. 15; **William Bischoff**, from vice provost and associate professor to associate professor of biological sciences, converting from 12-month administrative faculty to 9-month faculty, salary adjusted, effective Aug. 15; **Barbara Chesney**, from associate professor to associate professor and chair of sociology and anthropology, College of Arts and Sciences, salary adjusted; **Theresa Cluse-Tolar**, associate professor and chair of social work, College of Health and Human Services, salary adjusted; **Paula Dupuy**, professor and chair of counseling and mental health services, College of Health and Human Services, salary adjusted; **Stephen Goldman**, professor and director of Plant Science Research Center, salary adjusted; **Bruce Kennedy**, from director of the LaValley Law Library and associate professor of law to associate professor of law, College of Law, salary adjusted; **Tammy Kinsey**, from assistant professor to assistant professor and associate chair of theatre and film, College of Arts and Sciences, salary adjusted, effective Aug. 15; **Richard Knecht**, from professor and chair to professor of communication, College of Arts and Sciences, converting from 12-month administrative faculty to 9-month faculty, salary adjusted, effective Aug. 15; **Ruthie Kucharewski**, from associate professor to associate professor and chair of public health and rehabilitative services, College of Health and Human Services, converting from 9-month faculty to 12-month administrative faculty, salary adjusted; **Holly Monsos**, from associate professor to associate professor and interim chair of theatre and film, College of Arts and Sciences, converting from 9-month faculty to 12-month administrative faculty, salary adjusted; **Kathleen Reed**, associate professor and chair of undergraduate legal studies, College of Health and Human Services, salary adjusted; **Margaret Trabant**, associate dean and professor, College of Health and Human Services, salary adjusted; and **Suzanne Wambold**, associate professor and chair of health professions, College of Health and Human Services, salary adjusted.

**STAFF SEPARATIONS:** **Carole Aldrich**, compensation specialist, Human Resources, effective July 5; **Lisa Alkazian**, director of development, Institutional Advancement, effective July 11; **LaShawn Clemmons**, program manager, University College, effective June 30; **Connie Cytlak**, public safety supervisor, UT Police, effective June 1; **Mark Decker**, assistant director, Ohio Police Corps, effective June 6; **Uday Hegde**, software specialist in College of Engineering, College Computing, effective June 17; **Mariola Klis**, research assistant, medicinal and biological chemistry, College of Pharmacy, effective May 27; **Brenda Lanclos**, director of student services, College of Education, effective June 30; **Margaret Lockwood-Lass**, marketing and communications specialist, UT3, effective July 6; **Ellen Nagy**, director, Career Services, effective June 30; **Bernard Scott**, assistant women's basketball coach, Intercollegiate Athletics, effective June 24; **Candace Seving**, program coordinator, University College, effective June 9; **Chad Shepherd**, community director of McComas Village, Residence Life, effective June 7; **Bruce Smith**, research technician, Plant Science Research Center, effective June 2; **Liyanaaratchige Tillekeratne**, interim senior research associate, medicinal and biological chemistry, Col-

lege of Pharmacy, effective April 29; **Robert Twells**, interim recruitment coordinator, College of Business Administration, effective June 26; **Barbara VanVleet**, college relations coordinator, College of Arts and Sciences, effective June 24; **Dennis Winston**, assistant football coach, Intercollegiate Athletics, effective June 30; and **David Wood**, construction management and technology assistance specialist, University College, effective June 30.

**FACULTY RESIGNATIONS:** **Samuel Aryeetey-Attoh**, professor of geography and planning, College of Arts and Sciences, effective Aug. 6; **Anjali Gray**, lecturer in biological sciences, College of Arts and Sciences, effective June 21; **Elsbeth Kydd**, associate professor and associate chair of theatre and film, College of Arts and Sciences, effective Aug. 12; **Maureen Ryan**, associate professor of law, College of Law, effective June 5; **Mark Squillace**, professor of law, College of Law, effective June 5; **Randy Stoecker**, professor of sociology, College of Arts and Sciences, effective June 30; **Kirby Wahl**, assistant professor of theatre and film, College of Arts and Sciences, effective Aug. 14; and **Laurene Zaporozhetz**, professor of library administration, University Libraries, effective May 31.

**FACULTY NON-RENEWAL OF CONTRACT:** **David Brown**, assistant professor of business technology, University College, effective May 6.

**STAFF RETIREMENTS:** **Jeffrey Brough**, lieutenant, UT Police, effective July 1, and **Stephen Perry**, senior director, International Student Services, effective May 31.

**FACULTY RETIREMENTS:** **Adel Ghandakly**, professor of electrical engineering and computer science, College of Engineering, effective June 24; **Naser Mostaghel**, professor of civil engineering, College of Engineering, effective Aug. 1; and **Theodore Natsoulas**, professor of history, College of Arts and Sciences, effective June 25.

**FACULTY GRANTED PROFESSOR EMERITUS STATUS:** **Bhal Bhatt**, marketing and international business, College of Business Administration, effective May 7; **Frank Kollarits**, bioengineering, College of Engineering, effective June 1; **Norbert Mills**, communication, College of Arts and Sciences, effective May 31; and **Richard Molyet**, electrical engineering and computer science, College of Engineering, effective June 1.

The military science department has moved to the Health Education Building Room 2140. The mail stop has changed to 217. The phone number remains the same — Ext. 2681.

Sept. 6, 2005

## Burning ring of fire simulated with UT professor's research

By Deanna Woolf

Radiating from a central point, flames engulf and burn the Chequamegon National Forest in Wisconsin. Slowly the destruction spreads, and areas that were lush green turn to barren brown. But then, with a click of Dr. Jiquan Chen's mouse, the forest comes alive and the computer-simulated burn begins all over again.

Chen, professor of earth, ecological and environmental sciences, along with other researchers, developed the fire management computer program, which was featured in the July Joint Fire Science Program Project Highlights newsletter.

The work dates back to a proposal Chen submitted in 2001 in which researchers asked for funding to develop a computer model that land managers can use to examine the potential effects of fire regimes and forestry practices. According to Chen, he got the idea for the fire management program from movies. "If Hollywood can produce [animated] things like 'The Lion King' and 'Aladdin,' then why can't we?"

They integrated existing computer software models, including "HARVEST," a forest management simulator, and "FAR-SITE," a fire area simulator, and others, to create one that would visually map a forest and show burn areas. The resulting computer program even allows its users to vary

factors in order to examine how forest clearing or other management methods would play out in a live burn. "We wanted to go beyond the publication of our research and provide managers with useful tools," he said.

Chen and other researchers then converted Geographic Information System (GIS) data from the Chequamegon National Forest into a computer animation of the entire park. They were finally able to run their computer program for this real-life model and see how different areas of the park would burn.

Chen believes the software can be used to save lives and valuable parts of forest ecosystems. "Ideally, we want to be able to help managers and fire fighters," he said. "If someone calls from the Sierra National Forest [in California] about a fire, we can get the GIS data, look at where the fire is going to be in 10 to 15 minutes and let them know so they can be best prepared. We can save lives and property," he explained. In addition, "we will know which lands are valuable from an ecosystem point of view. We can let them know to let the fire go or stop it in a certain direction."

Although some scientists question the validity of the software tools, Chen feels that time is too valuable to waste. "It's like the classic academics — they say, 'Don't

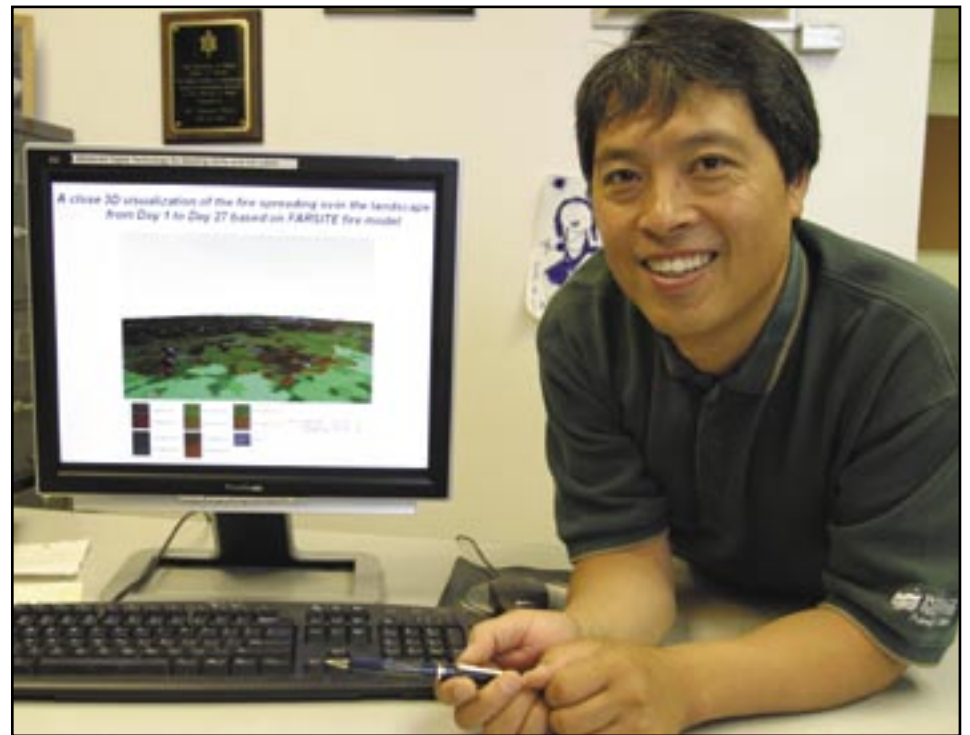


Photo by Daniel Miller

**Hot research:** Dr. Jiquan Chen shows off the fire management computer program he helped develop.

tell the story until it's perfect.' But we can't wait," he said. "If we don't respond now, we'll lose more."

Chen and his team are continuing to work on fire management data and software for forests in Washington, California, Arizona, Michigan, Missouri, South Caro-

lina and New Jersey.

For more information or to view animation of the forest, visit the program Web site at [http://research.eescience.utoledo.edu/lees/research/jfsp/index\\_files/slide0001.htm](http://research.eescience.utoledo.edu/lees/research/jfsp/index_files/slide0001.htm).

## Professor's passion for railroads preserves history of depots

By Vicki L. Kröll

Dr. Mark J. Camp was in elementary school when his life became tied to the railroad.

"In 1956, my dad put together our first model train layout in the basement. I was too young to help much, but that got me interested in trains," he recalled.

That interest grew. When Camp was learning to drive, he and his mom visited Curtice, Ohio, to see two electric locomotives.

"I went there with my camera to get some pictures of those locomotives with the idea of trying to build some models for my train layout," said the associate professor of earth, ecological and environmental sciences. "I was looking down the track and I saw this railroad station, so I went down there and took some pictures of that, as well.

"Driving home that day, I thought there probably are a lot of little depots like this in small towns around the area and I ought to just drive around and get pictures of them. I didn't realize at that age that

they were fast disappearing. I was just learning to drive."

Those first photos of a depot were snapped in 1962. Camp started taking a lot more in 1966. And he's still chugging along.

His lifelong hobby led to a book, *Railroad Depots of Northwest Ohio*, which came out in July. The 128-page work is a pictorial review of some of the more than 250 depots in 14 northwest Ohio counties that served the public during the days dominated by rail travel. The images are accompanied by historical information Camp gathered over the years at libraries and from interviews.

"I had most of the data organized in files by towns and railroads, and I just had to pull it together," he said. "I have a pretty good collection of depot photos from Ohio, Indiana and Michigan, and I collect postcards to get the images of ones that have been long gone."

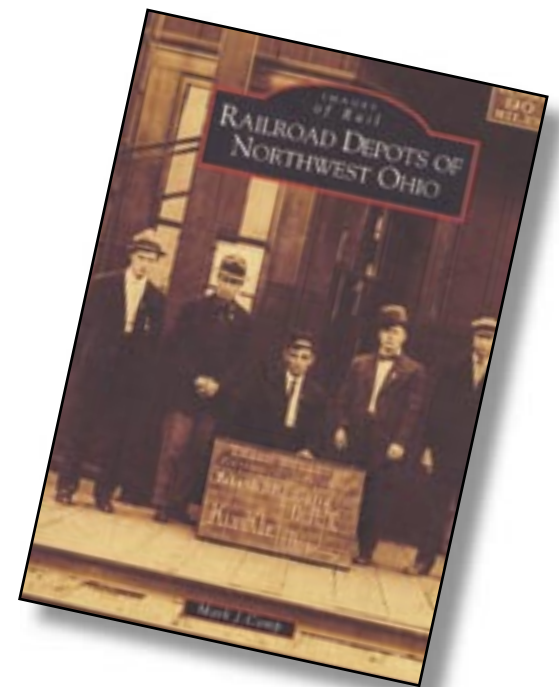
Camp clarified the difference between railroad depots and stations. "A depot is

actually a building to house people waiting for trains. The station is just a geographic point on the tracks for railroad use only. There might be a depot there, there might not. It might be out in someone's cornfield. It's a station to the railroad, but there'd be no provisions to pick up passengers there."

Most area depots are gone due to progress or neglect, he said. Some still exist, and the book closes with a chapter on depot reuse. "I'm often asked what's the common reuse of a depot," he said. "It's hard to say, but it's probably either a museum combination visitor center or a restaurant."

Local depots turned museums are in Sylvania, Maumee and Pemberville. And the depot in Waterville serves passengers of the Bluebird train.

Camp, one of the directors of the Railroad Station Historical Society, is working on more books about depots in the Buckeye State that will be published down the line. The series is part of the Images of Rail series issued by Arcadia Publishing.



## Calendar

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### uncUT Information Session

Find out how to enter the First Year iMovie Festival. Student Union Room 3018. 3-4 p.m. Info: 419.530.2330.

### McMaster Cosmology Colloquium

"The Mystery of the Accelerating Universe." Speaker: Gary Steigman, Ohio State University. McMaster Hall Room 1005. 4 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.2241.

### Constitution Day

Dramatic readings of some amendments to recognize Constitution Day. Student Union Steps (rain location: Student Union Room 2592). 4-5:30 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.2202.

### Friday, Sept. 16

#### Never Attended Instructor Withdrawal Deadline

#### Rocket Volleyball Classic

Two matches: UT vs. Chicago State at noon; UT vs. St. Francis at 7:30 p.m. Savage Hall. \$5 for adults; \$3 for students 18 and younger; \$1 for UT employees; free for UT students. Info: 419.530.4231.

#### Humanities Lecture

"From Shakespeare on the Page to Shakespeare on the Stage: What I Learned About Teaching in Acting Class." Speaker: Dr. Marshall Gregory, Harry Ice Professor of English, Liberal Education and Pedagogy at Butler University. Health and Human Services Building Room 1600. 1 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.2329.

#### "Techno-Bits"

"PowerPoint Skills: Selecting and Using a Remote Control." Carlson Library Room 1005A. 2 p.m. Sponsor: Center for Teaching and Learning. Info: 419.530.2075.

#### Planetarium Program

"Is There Anybody Out There?" This program produced by Ritter Planetarium explores the search for extra-terrestrial intelligence in the universe. Ritter Planetarium. 7:30 p.m. Observing at Brooks Observatory follows program, weather permitting. \$4 for adults; \$3 for seniors and children ages 4-12; free for children 3 and younger. Info: 419.530.4037.

### Saturday, Sept. 17

#### UT-BASH BBQ Game Day

Fall cookout, LAN party, card gaming, consoles. Student Union Room 2582. 10 a.m.-midnight. Free. Info: 419.530.4654.

#### Televised Football

UT vs. Temple. Game in Philadelphia to be carried by BCSN. 1 p.m. Info: 419.530.4920.

#### Planetarium Program

"Don't Duck, Look Up!" Join Dudley the duck as he learns about the sky with his barnyard friends. Ritter Planetarium. 1 p.m. \$4 for adults; \$3 for seniors and children ages 4-12; free for children 3 and younger. Info: 419.530.4037.

#### Rocket Volleyball Classic

Two matches: UT vs. Fairleigh Dickinson at 3 p.m.; UT vs. Youngstown State at 7:30 p.m. Savage Hall. \$5 for adults; \$3 for students 18 and younger; \$1 for UT employees; free for UT students. Info: 419.530.4231.

#### Catholic Mass

Corpus Christi University Parish. 4:30 p.m. Info: 419.530.1330.

### Sunday, Sept. 18

#### Catholic Mass

Corpus Christi University Parish. 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Info: 419.530.1330.

#### Dance Lessons

Sponsor: UT Ballroom Dance Society. Student Union Auditorium. 4-5 p.m. \$3; \$1 for students. Info: utbds@hotmail.com

#### "Building Healthy Relationships"

For campus community members who want to learn how to maintain healthy relationships with everyone. The Crossings Multipurpose Room. 7-8:30 p.m. Info: 419.530.4964.

### Monday, Sept. 19

#### Inverness Intercollegiate Golf Invitational

Watch the UT men's golf team hit the greens. Inverness Club, 4601 Dorr St. 8:30 a.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.4218.

#### Outreach and Engagement Week

Talks begin at 10 a.m. and continue to 4 p.m. Complete schedule available at [www.utoledo.edu/outreachengagement/O&EWeek2005](http://www.utoledo.edu/outreachengagement/O&EWeek2005). Student Union Rooms 2582, 2591. Free, public. Info: 419.530.2738.

#### Law Talk

"How American Workers Lost the Right to Strike and How They Will Win It Back." Speaker: James Pope, Rutgers Newark Law School. Law Center Auditorium. Noon. Free, public. Info: 419.530.2712.

### Tuesday, Sept. 20

#### Early Registration for Freshman Honors Students First Enrolled Fall 2005

#### Inverness Intercollegiate Golf Invitational

Watch the UT men's golf team hit the greens. Inverness Club, 4601 Dorr St. 8 a.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.4218.

#### Outreach and Engagement Week

Poster sessions and talks begin at 9 a.m. and continue to 4 p.m. Complete schedule available at [www.utoledo.edu/outreachengagement/O&EWeek2005](http://www.utoledo.edu/outreachengagement/O&EWeek2005). Student Union Rooms 2582, 2584. Free, public. Info: 419.530.2738.

#### Catholic Mass on Campus

Student Union Room 2562. 12:30 p.m. Info: 419.530.1330.

#### Women's and Gender Studies Film Screening

"Cada de Los Babys" University Hall Room 4180. 7:30 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.2233.

## Art

#### Center for the Visual Arts Faculty Exhibition

Forty works in a variety of media by UT faculty members in the art department are on display. Center for the Visual Arts Gallery. Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Through Sept. 16. Reception with artists Sept. 9, 6:30-9 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.8300.

#### "Quad Connections"

Campus community is invited to create a fabric sculpture to symbolize connections between Dowd, Nash, White and MacKinnon residence halls. Yarn, string, ribbon and old clothing may be used. Installation slated for Sept. 14-18. Info: 419.530.2330.

#### "Gypsies (Romanies) and Travelers"

Books and movies from the Carlson Library collection about Gypsies (Romanies) and travelers are on display, as well as artifacts belonging to Dr. David "Jim" Nemeth, UT professor of geography. The exhibit showcases fact and fiction available about Romanies. Carlson Library First Floor. Monday-Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-midnight; Friday, 7:30 a.m.-8 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; and Sunday, noon-midnight. Through Sept. 30. Free, public. Info: 419.530.4049.

#### "Social Identity: A Photography Exhibition by Anna Kreider"

Featuring works by 2005 UT graduate Anna Kreider. Catharine S. Eberly Center for Women, Tucker Hall Room 168. Through Oct. 7. Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Reception with artist Sept. 8, 5-7 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.8570.

#### "Life on Lake Erie"

See winning works from the Ohio Lake Erie Commission's photography contest. Lake Erie Center. Opens Sept. 14 and runs through Oct. 14. Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.8360.

#### Exhibition of Works by Local Latino Artists

In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month. Multicultural Student Center, Student Union Room 2500. Opens Sept. 15 and runs through Oct. 15. Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.2261.

# Catch faculty art exhibit

Forty works in a variety of media by UT faculty members in the art department are on display in the Center for the Visual Arts Gallery through Sept. 16.

A reception with the artists will take place Friday, Sept. 9, from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Gallery hours for the free, public exhibit are Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.



"Slurpie Ripple," porcelain, by Rex Fogt, professor of art



"Domestic Consumption," preprinted steel and copper, by Tedd R. McDonah, visiting assistant professor of art

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**UT Calendar — Sept. 7-20**

**Wednesday, Sept. 7**

**Center for Teaching and Learning Luncheon Seminar**

"Highlights of UT's First-Year Experience Program." Speaker: Jennifer Rockwood, FYE director. Student Union Room 2592. Noon-1:30 p.m. RSVP: 419.530.2075.

**German Coffee Hour**

"Kaffeestunde." Anyone interested in speaking German is welcome. Student Union Room 3020. 3:30-4:30 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.5506.

**Thursday, Sept. 8**

**Law Talk**

Speaker: Antonio David Lyons, actor who played the role of Thomas Mirama in "Hotel Rwanda." Law Center Auditorium. Noon. Free, public. Info: 419.530.2712.

**Professional Staff Association Health-Care Informational Meeting**

Learn about proposed changes to the health-care plan, which will be voted on by UT unions. Student Union Rooms 2582 and 2584. Noon. Info: 419.530.8477.

**Discover Downtown Toledo**

"St. Clair Village." Meet at St. Clair and Lafayette streets. 12:10-12:50 p.m. Free tours take place rain or shine. Co-sponsors: UT Urban Affairs Center and Toledo-Lucas County Public Library. Info: 419.530.3591.

**Catholic Mass on Campus**

Student Union Room 2562. 12:30 p.m. Info: 419.530.1330.

**Physics and Astronomy Colloquium**

"Simulating Non-Equilibrium Processes on the Nanoscale." Speaker: Dr. Jacques Amar, UT associate professor of physics. McMaster Hall Room 1005. 4 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.2241.

**Artist's Reception**

Meet UT graduate Anna Kreider and see her "Social Identity: A Photography Exhibition" on display through Oct. 7. Center for Women, Tucker Hall Room 168. 5-7 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.8570.

**Spectrum Meeting**

Gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender student group. Student Union Room 3020. 8 p.m. Info: 419.530.7975.

**Engineering Student Organization Meeting**

Mandatory for presidents, vice presidents and treasurers. Nitschke Hall Room 1027. 8-9 p.m. Info: 419.530.8212.

**Friday, Sept. 9**

**Engineering Library Open House**

Palmer Hall Room 2600. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Info: 419.530.8218.

**UT Employee Computer Class**

"Project Management Concept." First of two sessions — continues Sept. 16. University Computer Center Room 1600. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Free for UT employees. Register: 419.530.1460.

**Minority Women for Life**

"Holistic Health: The New Health Agenda." Student Union Ingman Room. 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Continues Saturday, Sept. 10, from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Sponsor: Black Student Union. Free, public. RSVP: andstill\_i\_rise@yahoo.com.

**Women's and Gender Studies Department Open House**

University Hall Room 4200. Noon-2 p.m. Info: 419.530.2233.

**Philosophy Club Meeting**

Scott Hall Room 1004. 1-3 p.m. Info: 419.277.1709.

**Registration Deadline for Golf Scramble Fund-Raiser**

Northwest Ohio Respiratory Care Association fall golf outing to benefit UT's Respiratory Care Scholarship Program. Four-person scrambles Sept. 16 at 12:30 p.m. \$50 per person includes golf, food and beverages. Info: 419.530.4556.

**RSVP Deadline for Interfaith Council Luncheon**

Make plans to attend the Interfaith Council Luncheon Sept. 13 at noon at Corpus Christi University Parish. "Roe v. Wade: Abortion and Its Legal Realities." Speaker: Phil Closius, UT professor of law. RSVP: susette@ccup.org.

**Miniya Kickoff**

Learn about Miniya, a mentoring and peer group for African-American female students. Student Union Room 2592. Free, public. Info: 419.530.9420.

**Faculty Exhibition Reception**

Meet UT faculty members who have works on display through Sept. 16. Center for the Visual Arts Gallery. 6:30-9 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.8300.

**MadCat Women's International Film Festival**

Eight experimental films made by women around the world will be shown. Center for Performing Arts Lab Theatre. 7 p.m. \$3 donation requested. Info: 419.530.2202.

**Planetarium Program**

"Is There Anybody Out There?" This program produced by Ritter Planetarium explores the search for extra-terrestrial intelligence in the universe. Ritter Planetarium. 7:30 p.m. Observing at Brooks Observatory follows program, weather permitting. \$4 for adults; \$3 for seniors and children ages 4-12; free for children 3 and younger. Info: 419.530.4037.

**Saturday, Sept. 10**

**Planetarium Program**

"Don't Duck, Look Up!" Join Dudley the duck as he learns about the sky with his barnyard friends. Ritter Planetarium. 1 p.m. \$4 for adults; \$3 for seniors and children ages 4-12; free for children 3 and younger. Info: 419.530.4037.

**Catholic Mass**

Corpus Christi University Parish. 4:30 p.m. Info: 419.530.1330.

**Football**

UT vs. Western Michigan. Glass Bowl. 7 p.m. \$24 for reserved seating; \$19 for general admission; \$12 for children 12 and younger; half off for UT employees with ID; free for UT students with ID. Info: 419.530.4231.

**Sunday, Sept. 11**

**Catholic Mass**

Corpus Christi University Parish. 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Info: 419.530.1330.

**Dance Lessons**

Sponsor: UT Ballroom Dance Society. Student Union Auditorium. 4-5 p.m. \$3; \$1 for students. Info: utbds@hotmail.com.

**"Building Healthy Relationships"**

For campus community members who want to learn how to maintain healthy relationships with everyone. The Crossings Multipurpose Room. 7-8:30 p.m. Info: 419.530.4964.

**Monday, Sept. 12**

**Project Succeed Orientation**

Program for women in transition following a change in marital status. Center for Women, Tucker Hall Room 168. Noon. Free, public. Info: 419.530.8570.

**Chemistry Seminar**

Speaker: Dr. Michael Richmond, University of North Texas. Bowman-Oddy Laboratories Room 1053. 4 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.7902.

**Understanding Self-Esteem Program for Women**

First of four sessions. Runs through Oct. 3. Center for Women, Tucker Hall Room 180. 6-8:15 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.8570.

**Relay for Life Kickoff**

"Marga 'Relay' Ville." Learn how to get involved to fight cancer. Sponsor: American Cancer Society. Student Union Ingman Room. 7:30 p.m. Free, public. Info: staci.macdougall@cancer.org.

**Tuesday, Sept. 13**

**Safety and Risk Management Class**

"Laboratory Safety." North Engineering Building Room 2250. 9-11 a.m. Info: 419.530.3600.

**Domestic Violence and Self-Sufficiency Support Group**

Center for Women, Tucker Hall Room 180. 10:30 a.m.-noon. Free, public. Info: 419.530.8570.

**uncUT Information Session**

Find out how to enter the First Year iMovie Festival. Student Union Room 2591. 2-3 p.m. Info: 419.530.2330.

## On the field



Photo by Daniel Miller

**On guard:** Senior goalkeeper Mary Robbins blocks a shot.

The UT women's soccer team will take on Valparaiso Friday, Sept. 9, and Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne Friday, Sept. 16, at the Scott Park Soccer Field. Both matches will begin at 5 p.m. \$5 for adults; \$3 for students 18 and younger; \$1 for UT faculty and staff with ID; free for UT students with ID. Info: 419.530.4231.

**Faculty Senate Meeting**

Student Union Room 2582. 3 p.m. Info: 419.530.2112.

**Assertiveness Training for Women**

First class of eight-week session. Runs through Nov. 8 (no class Oct. 18). Center for Women, Tucker Hall Room 180. 5:30-7:15 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.8570.

**Ecological Lecture**

"Survival in Antarctic Lakes." Speaker: Dr. Daryl Moorhead, UT associate professor of earth, ecological and environmental sciences. Lake Erie Center. 7 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.8360.

**Wednesday, Sept. 14**

**Law Talk**

Speaker: David Mayer, Capital University. Law Center Auditorium. Noon. Free, public. Info: 419.530.2712.

**Women's and Gender Studies Brown-Bag Lunch**

Speaker: Tobi Sadd of Planned Parenthood. University Hall Room 4180. Noon. Free, public. Info: 419.530.2233.

**"Techno-Bits"**

"PowerPoint Skills: Selecting and Using a Remote Control." Carlson Library Room 1005A. 3 p.m. Sponsor: Center for Teaching and Learning. Info: 419.530.2075.

**German Coffee Hour**

"Kaffeestunde." Student Union Room 3020. 3:30-4:30 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.5506.

**"Quad Connections" opening ceremony**

Kickoff of fabric sculpture installation that continues through Sept. 18. The Quad, outside Dowd, Nash and White residence halls. 4 p.m. Info: 419.530.2330.

**Chemistry Seminar**

Speaker: Dr. Janet Smith, Life Sciences Institute, University of Michigan. Bowman-Oddy Laboratories Room 1053. 4 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.7902.

**First Week UT Book Discussion**

Danzy Senna, author of *Caucasia* and Jenks Chair of Contemporary American Letters at the College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Mass., will lead a talk about her award-winning book. Student Union Auditorium. 7 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.7221.

**Thursday, Sept. 15**

**Safety and Risk Management Class**

"Asbestos Awareness." North Engineering Building Room 2250. 8-10 a.m. Info: 419.530.3600.

**Discover Downtown Toledo**

"Weber Block." Meet inside building at Main and Front streets. 12:10-12:50 p.m. Free tours take place rain or shine. Co-sponsors: UT Urban Affairs Center and Toledo-Lucas County Public Library. Info: 419.530.3591.

**Center for Women Brown-Bag Lecture**

"The Search for Solid Ground for Women in the Workplace or Why Project Succeed Needs to Continue at the Eberly Center." Speaker: Dr. Patricia Murphy, interim director of the Center for Women. Center for Women, Tucker Hall Room 180. 12:30 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.8570.

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