President Dan Johnson talked to the Faculty Senate last week.

By Tobin J. Klinger

President Dan Johnson appeared before the Faculty Senate Nov. 22 to make his case for supporting an initiative he described as “achieving greatness.”

The president outlined for senate the history and his thoughts behind pursuing a possible merger with the Medical University of Ohio, as announced Nov. 15 during MUO President Lloyd Jacobs’ state of the university address.

“This is really a new ball game,” Johnson said of the proposal.

“It’s more important than who is president,” Johnson said describing the importance of moving the initiative forward.

“It’s more important than who gets credit. It’s more important than any individual. It’s more important than a board member. It’s more important than a name.”

“Collaboration can only take you so far,” Johnson said during his 30-minute presentation, punctuated with a request for an endorsement from senate, adding that only through a merger would the community and the state feel the full benefit of UT’s and MUO’s respective assets.

“This is your opportunity [to influence the process],” the president remarked of the senate resolution, noting that such a merger would have to be decided by the state legislature.

The motion was tabled, with several senators expressing discomfort with voting on the resolution, desiring additional information and the ability to make an “informed decision.”

Senator Tom Barden said that the decision to table the motion should not be viewed as a negative, and that senators would simply like an opportunity to review a consultant’s report on the subject that was commissioned by MUO.

According to Johnson, the matter will be taken up by the respective boards of trustees involved as early as next month, with the concept then moving forward to the Ohio Board of Regents and onward to the legislature, the ultimate decision-making body.

By Jon Strunk

Anticipating a budget shortfall of almost $10.7 million for fiscal year 2006, University of Toledo officials outlined recommendations to close that gap at a meeting of the Faculty Senate last week.

The deficit came about after UT was unable to attain enrollment targets for the fall semester, experienced a $2 million shortfall due to the “plateau effect” caused by a decrease in part-time students and an increase in full-time students, and adjusted its enrollment model for the spring, said William Decatur, executive vice president and chief operating officer.

The “plateau effect” Decatur referred to results because students are not charged for their 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th credit hours, long a part of the credit-hour pricing structure in Ohio.

Soaring energy costs also resulted in a $2.1 million shortfall for utilities, which will be covered with one-time dollars and contingency funds, he said.

Even with the adoption of a series of budget adjustments — such as increased overhead rates the University charges to its auxiliary operations and spending need-based

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WINTER WEATHER IS ON ITS WAY… There are rare occasions when severe winter weather may alter operations at the University. UT administrators monitor campus conditions and confer with public safety officials before making a decision to remain open, delay classes, maintain operations but cancel classes, or close the University. When there is a change to standard operation, local radio and television stations will be alerted. A message also will be posted at www.utnews.utoledo.edu and recorded on the UT snow line, 419.530.SNOW (7669).
Nov. 30 deadline to RSVP for holiday reception

By Deanna Woolf

“A World of Best Wishes,” the 2005 President’s Holiday Reception, will be held on Thursday, Dec. 8, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Student Union Auditorium.

Faculty and staff members have until Wednesday, Nov. 30, to RSVP to Deb Driscoll, senior events coordinator with the Office of the President, at Ext. 3333 or debra.driscol@utoledo.edu.

“We would like to thank the UT Foundation for their donation to support this event for employees,” Driscoll said. “The committee has been planning the event since January, and we are excited for this year’s festivities.”

UT Authors and Artists Exhibit set to open

The 2005 University of Toledo Authors and Artists Exhibit will open on Wednesday, Nov. 30, at 4 p.m. in the Ward M. Canaday Center on the fifth floor of Carlson Library.

Dr. Carol Bresnahan, professor of history and vice provost for academic programs and policies, will present the opening remarks. A reception honoring the authors and artists will follow.

The exhibit features the works of some 75 UT faculty members and includes scholarly research published during the past academic year as well as works of art produced by members of the UT art department.

The free, public exhibit is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Dec. 30.

For more information, contact Barbara Floyd, director of the Ward M. Canaday Center, at Ext. 2170.

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aid currently, rather than building up a long-term need-based aid endowment — University vice presidents have been asked to identify reductions totaling $4.5 million.

The divisions of Academic Affairs and Finance, Technology and Operations will face the largest cuts of $2.7 million and $1.5 million, respectively. Decatur told the senate that while the largest cuts for Academic Affairs were the largest in terms of absolute dollars, as a percentage of overall budget, its cut will be the smallest.

UT President Dan Johnson has decided to hold harmless several institutional initiatives, Decatur said, including the faculty hiring plan for fiscal year 2007, enrollment services, UT’s capital campaign and integrated marketing.

In addition to a buffet featuring hot and cold hors d’oeuvres, attendees can get their caricatures drawn by an artist. President Dan Johnson will be giving his toast at 4:30 p.m., followed by a drawing. “Make sure to get your complimentary ticket at the door — you must be present to win,” Driscoll said. Prizes include donated gift certificates and a gift basket.

Invitees can arrive and leave during the three hours as their schedules permit.

Service awards slated for Dec. 5

Some 370 staff and faculty members will be recognized for their years of employment at the University at the Service Recognition Awards on Monday, Dec. 5, at 1 p.m. in the Student Union Auditorium.

Employees marking five-, 10-, 15-, 20-, 25-, 30-, 35-, 40- and 45-year anniversaries as of Dec. 31 will receive awards. Sixty-nine employees to be honored have worked at UT for 25 years or more, and some recent retirees will return to attend the ceremony.

Beverages and hors d’oeuvres will be served.

For more information, call Patricia Palominos at Ext. 1471 or Andrea Cutcher at Ext. 1478.

In memoriam

William Rosenberg, Pittsburgh, professional adviser of The Collegian from 1983 to 1995, died Nov. 17 at age 90. He received a bachelor’s degree in philosophy from UT in 1937 and served as sports editor, associate editor and editor in chief on The Campus Collegian during his student days. Rosenberg went on to a long career at The Blade and was named Outstanding Alumnus by the UT chapter of Blue Key National Honor Society. He was a member of the UT Alumni Association.

Secret Santa Program

$1 tickets for the 50/50 raffle for sale to benefit holiday program that helps local families in need

New hats, gloves, toys and nonperishable food items are being collected

Drop boxes

• UT-MUO Credit Union in the Student Union
• Payroll Office, Rocket Hall Room 1700
• Human Resources Office, Transportation Center Room 1100
• Marketing and Communications Office, University Hall Room 2110

Tuesday, Dec. 6, deadline to send names of families or individuals in need

The Secret Santa Program is coordinated by the Communication Workers of America Local 4530. Raffle tickets are available from any CWA officer or by contacting program co-chairs Lynn Gowing at Ext. 7833 or Nancy Ellis at Ext. 1601.
GET TO KNOW

JULIA MARTIN

JULIA MARTIN started her job as assistant professor of library administration and business librarian at the University three months ago. She just returned to the states this summer after two years of teaching undergraduate business classes at Suzhou University in China. The native of Richfield, Ohio, holds a master of business administration degree from Cleveland State University and a master of library science degree from Kent State University. Martin said she is still readjusting, but she is happy to be back in Ohio at UT and so much closer to home.

HOBBIES: “Reading, of course, and tai chi.”

FAVORITE AUTHOR: Robert A. Heinlein

LAST MOVIE WATCHED: “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory”

LAST BOOK READ: The Crusading Wizard by Christopher Stasheff

FIRST JOB: “Reference librarian at the New York Public Library.”

FAVORITE DESSERT: “Apple pie a la mode.”

WHERE DID YOU GO ON YOUR LAST VACATION? “Urumqi and Kashgar in western China.”

SOMETHING PEOPLE WOULD BE SURPRISED TO KNOW ABOUT YOU: “I spent two years in China teaching marketing and communications to Chinese business students.”

FAVORITE HOLIDAY ACTIVITY: “Playing games with the family.”

LINED UP: Dr. Dean Ludwig, a former faculty member in the College of Business Administration, left, was one of many who stopped by to see Dr. David Hoch. With presentations from colleges and colleagues, personal tributes from friends and students, and standing ovations that wouldn’t quit, the official reception celebrating the career of Hoch, associate professor and retiring director of the UT Honors Program, packed a Student Union meeting room Nov. 17. At the University since 1969, when he joined the department of English as an associate professor, Hoch received accolades as teacher, administrator, mentor and comrade. “You leave big shoes to fill,” my friend,” said Richard Eastop, retired UT vice president of enrollment services, expressing a universal sentiment in a letter shared during the ceremonies.

ON DECK: Pat Bayus, public inquiries assistant, left, Anne Wiemer, a senior in the College of Arts and Sciences, center, and Geni Hofbauer, accountant 2 in Student Activities, checked out decorations that were for sale at the University Women’s Commission’s Holiday Bazaar. More than $1,000 was raised for scholarships, according to Christine Smallman, chair of the University Women’s Commission.

HOT TIME: Jan Tipton, systems analyst in Enterprise Applications, filled a bowl to sample an entry in the Finance, Technology and Operations Chili Cook-Off. Winners were Stephanie Blausey, assistant bursar, Bursar’s Office, first place; Brenda Holderman, interim bursar, Bursar’s Office, second place; and Larry Hilton, auto mechanic 3, Motor Vehicle Operations, third place.

Schedule graduate photos

Faculty and staff or members of their families who will graduate from the University in December may 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 Friday, Dec. 16. Photos will appear in the Jan. 9 issue of the paper.
House of sun: Professor builds solar-powered home to catch rays

By Deanna Woolf

Dr. Robert Collins is ardent: “Every house built today without solar power is a missed opportunity.” So when it came time for the professor of physics and NEG Chair in Silicate and Materials Science to set up residence in northwest Ohio, he went solar.

Collins and his wife, Linda, soon will be moving into a custom-built home, outfitted with 268 Uni-Solar roofing shingles. Solar cells, also known as photovoltaic cells, are made of a semiconductor material, treated to create a positively charged layer and a negatively charged layer. When light hits the solar cell, electrons are freed from the atoms in the semiconductor material. Attaching an electrical conductor to the positive and negative sides will form an electrical circuit through which the freed electrons can move. This electricity can be used to power anything from a calculator to a house.

The Uni-Solar photovoltaic shingles used on Collins’ house in Maumee dispel several myths about solar panels. First, they are barely noticeable — gone are the days of large, bulky solar panel units in one’s yard. “Developers who build with them like them because they blend well into the roof of the house,” Collins said.

Second, they can work even when there is some close natural shade. “People ask why we have so many trees nearby the house,” Collins said. Solar cells work best when picking up direct light from the sun. But the solar shingles are “effective at picking up scattered light — that is, light that hits clouds or filters through the leaves on trees.”

The third myth is the expense of solar equipment. “They are commercially available at a reasonable cost,” he said. “There is assistance available ... a state of Ohio grant can pay $5 a watt up to $25,000 of the system’s cost.” Collins added there is a $3,000 federal tax credit available for solar systems brought online in 2006. The Collinses’ 4.5 kilowatt system cost $37,460 total — but that was without an Ohio grant because “this system was too advanced” to fall under the current state guidelines. He believes the cost will go down as roofers and electricians become more experienced in installation and as advancements are made in the solar materials.

This solar technology also can work in conjunction with other energy-saving innovations. Collins’ house is part of the Decker Homes’ Energy Star Deer Valley subdivision, where each house conforms to specific energy guidelines. His home has argon-gas-filled wood windows with heat-reflecting glass; a high-efficiency gas furnace; fluorescent lighting; and high-performance insulation.

“It is hoped that our electric bill will be zero dollars, but solar power cannot provide sufficient energy for heating in winter,” Collins said, noting he won’t be entirely immune from this winter’s high natural gas prices.

For Collins, his first house is an opportunity for this self-described “solar fanatic” to live the technology he’s researching. “It’s great to see our work come to fruition,” he said with a smile.

But that doesn’t mean he and other members of UT’s photovoltaic research team can hang up their lab coats yet. “The solar shingles are about 7.5 efficient, meaning 7.5 percent of the power in the sunlight that impinges on the shingles will generate electricity,” he said. “But we’re working to find ways to make them more efficient and at higher rates.”

Professor honored for energy innovation

By Deanna Woolf

Dr. Alvin Compaan and his wife, Mary, are recipients of one of the 2005 Governor’s Awards for Excellence in Energy Efficiency.

The awards honor individuals and businesses that have used innovative methods to improve energy efficiency, the environment and Ohio’s economic competitiveness.

Compaan, professor and chair of physics and astronomy and director of the Center for Materials Science and Engineering, and his wife had thin-film solar panels installed on the roof of their newly built house in Holland, Ohio. The solar panels provide the power for the house and a battery-operated electric truck that he uses to commute to the University, a trip of about 20 miles per day.

“The solar panels are connected through an inverter to the electric grid so that excess power not needed in the house will flow into the Toledo Edison power grid,” Compaan said. “In the evening and on cloudy days, the house takes electricity back from the grid — just like a normal house.”

Because of Ohio’s net metering utility regulation, the Compaans pay Toledo Edison only for their net usage. “We sized our photovoltaic array at 4.3 kilowatts to be able to generate as much electricity as we use for the house and the truck,” he said. “So far, after 11 months, our net electricity usage has cost $36.” And if the power lines go out, their system is designed so that the house can be plugged into the truck batteries for power.

To the Compaans’ knowledge, their solar house and vehicle are the only such setup in the world.

The Compaans moved into their home during December 2004. They estimated the solar home saves 11,000 pounds of carbon dioxide emissions each year and the electric pickup truck saves about 400 gallons of gas each year.
Stopping bullies is subject of new book

By Shannon Coon

Dr. Lisa Pescara-Kovach, UT assistant professor of educational psychology, has made it her goal to research bullying and help prevent children from feeling its effects. Toward this goal, Kovach recently released her book, School Shootings and Suicides: Why We Must Stop the Bullies.

“I feel this book is important because it educates the reader on the importance of taking action on this issue,” Kovach said. “I hope that the reader comes away with an understanding of how serious this issue is. I also hope the reader will not remain complacent; that he or she will move forward, utilizing some of the book’s suggestions, and implement anti-bullying programs in schools.”

Kovach’s book addresses why people should be concerned with bullying, what defines bullying, factors connected with bullying, and samples of what is covered in the Preventing, Eliminating and Erasing Rejection in Our Schools (PEERS) Program Kovach created to help prevent bullying in schools. The book also features a chapter on peace education theory co-written by Kovach, Dr. Dale Snauwaert, UT chair of foundations of education, and Vicki Dagostino-Kahnz, UT doctoral student in theory and social foundations.

The book includes stories from mothers whose children committed suicide. “I am most proud of the stories told by Brenda High and Rochelle Sides. These women are two of the strongest women I know. They were open with me about their wonderful children’s lives and tragic deaths. Each has taken her grief and turned it into a dedication to this cause. It is for parents like Rochelle and Brenda that I focus on this issue in my research agenda.”

Kovach has researched bullying since April 20, 1999, the day of the Columbine massacre, and has built the topic of bullying into the child development classes she teaches at UT, has taught classes specifically on school bullying, has given talks on this subject, and helped bring Peter Yarrow from Peter, Paul and Mary to campus to talk about the Don’t Laugh at Me Program.

“I wrote this book because I feel it’s time to increase the awareness of this topic,” Kovach said. “By extension, we can no longer ignore the effects of being bullied, nor can we ignore the bullies who need help as well. Children are dying from this problem. Bullying should not be viewed as ‘child’s play’ or ‘kids being kids.’ We know too much about the ill effects of this form of aggression. Whether victims are taking their own lives or whether they’re taking others’ lives, we must aim to prevent the problem. Too many schools have very expensive, high-tech cameras in their cafeterias and other key locations in an effort to ‘catch’ the bullies, yet many of the same schools are not teaching children how to live together peacefully. A much cheaper approach is to aim to prevent bullying from occurring through a message of acceptance of all others regardless of race, sexual orientation, gender, religious beliefs, physical appearance, etc. Children cannot learn if they fear for their physical or emotional well-being. We owe it to them to create powerful, tolerant climates where everyone can thrive.”


Dr. Lisa Kovach posed for a photo with her new book, School Shootings and Suicides: Why We Must Stop the Bullies, with Dr. Dale Snauwaert, who co-wrote a chapter.
Palestinian student hopes to take counseling education to Middle East

The United States, particularly as viewed from overseas, has a culture of high volume. It is large and loud. It penetrates into the open spaces of other cultures, and those unfamiliar or not prepared for it may find their senses overwhelmed.

Which is why even after working with the different cultures of various people from international aid organizations in the West Bank, Nida Shuibat had a little trouble grasping the quietness that pervades Toledo and other American communities.

“Do people live in these other apartments? Are they empty?” asked Shuibat’s sister, Muna, during a Toledo visit. It was the noise — the children playing, the car horns honking — that were signs of life in the West Bank, Shuibat explained. Toledo was too quiet. “No one talks to each other!” she said. “American society is much more individualistic.”

While after a year she has met a few of her neighbors — thanks in part to the universal positive response to good cooking — most of her time is focused on schoolwork. Shuibat is working toward a master’s degree in community counseling at The University of Toledo through the Presidential Scholarship Program, a United States Agency for International Development-funded initiative administered by the Academy for Educational Development (AED).

Designed to provide lessons in leadership, the program has Palestinian students study in the United States and return home to apply what they’ve learned to help develop the Palestinian economy and society.

The need for counseling in a region with thousands of years of strife seems self-evident, but Shuibat said no Palestinian universities offer counseling programs at the master’s level.

Long term, that’s what she hopes to change. A master’s degree will help formalize her experience — much of it on-the-job — and assist in her goal of setting up a graduate-level counselor training program at a Palestinian university for others in the field.

At UT, Shuibat is reinforcing and learning community-counseling techniques. “It’s a rich experience with tremendous opportunities for learning and gaining knowledge,” she said, but acknowledged not all of what she learned would be accepted back home. “You have to assimilate what you can to your own culture.”

And she should have a strong sense of how to integrate theory into practice. For more than four years, Shuibat worked with mothers and malnourished children in Hebron and counseled families affected by the intifada.

In her hometown of Bethlehem, she worked as a school counselor. But she soon found she was in need of counseling herself, weighed down by the emotional exhaustion of working in such a volatile environment.

When presented with the AED’s education opportunity, however, she immediately found herself selecting counseling as a field of study in the United States.

The free time she does have has been spent traveling to Chicago and to Dearborn, Mich., where the Arabic community, culture and Arabic-language street signs help her and her husband, Mohammed, a UT doctoral student, feel more at home. Many Palestinians view the United States through the prism of U.S. government policy, she said. The result was a nation very different from what she expected. The diversity of the country was one surprise, a discovery that was new to her family when she shared it with them.

Being able to speak by Internet phone to them — sometimes several times a day — the novelty of the United States has become more routine, she said, and her parents’ message to her has become routine as well.

“They are very excited for me,” Shuibat said, “but always tell me, ‘Keep track of your studies.’”

In need of a helping paw: Animals still homeless after hurricane

According to the American Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, more than 8,000 dogs, cats, horses, livestock and other critters have been rescued in affected areas since Hurricane Katrina struck.

Joni Bishop, computer graphics design artist with the Office of Marketing and Communications, said the plight of animals was a topic at her recent American Red Cross volunteers meeting. “They are still trying to collect animals. No one has been living in New Orleans — the dogs and cats have no food and nothing to drink,” she said. “I know there are still people who need help, but they’re not dying in the street like these animals.”

Bishop returned last month from Biloxi, Miss., where she volunteered at a Red Cross shelter for two weeks.

In addition to the problem of rounding up abandoned animals, hundreds of pets have been placed at nearly 200 shelters across the country. “Even if some of the pets have microchips in them, you don’t know where the owner is,” Bishop said. Survivors could be halfway across the country from their pets. For example, she pointed to the Cincinnati Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, which has taken in cats and dogs from New Orleans. Owners nationwide have until Dec. 31 to claim their pets or else the animals will be put up for adoption.

Bishop rescued and watched over an abandoned Chihuahua during her time at the Biloxi shelter. “I still wish I would have taken her home,” she said, but added the dog has a good home with two other volunteers. She plans to adopt a small dog from a Hurricane Katrina-affected area.

For more information on reuniting pets and owners, visit http://disaster.petfinder.org/emergency. To volunteer or donate toward hurricane disaster relief for pets, visit www.americanhumane.org/site/PageServer?pagename=pa_disaster_relief.
UT slates events for World AIDS Day
By Shannon Coon

James H. Chapmyn, advocate for the rights of persons with AIDS and HIV, will give a talk about AIDS awareness titled “What Can I Do?” Thursday, Dec. 1, at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Auditorium. He is founder and president of the theater and performance lecture company Chapmyn Spoken Word.

“What I will be doing is not a play per se but a lecture performance sharing experiences and excerpts from my whole body of work,” said Chapmyn from Columbus, Ohio. “I will be using myself as a metaphor to help people understand the struggle with HIV.”

Chapmyn has been an AIDS and HIV advocate for more than 20 years. “In 1984 before it was called AIDS and we knew what was going on, I lost 17 people to the disease and became very concerned,” he said. “In 1986, concern moved to advocacy. I started advocating at my church, telling them that we cannot sit back and assume this was some great cleansing by God. In 1988, I became a full-time advocate. I worked with people in the streets, at-risk people who used sex as an income and other activities as risk.”

He will be coming to UT with Donny Monaco and Ron Jenkins, two members of the Chapmyn Spoken Word acting crew, to share excerpts from Chapmyn’s plays, which include “Womyn with Wings,” “Race, One People, One Peace,” and “Martin and Me.”

Although Chapmyn Spoken Word was created in 1988 to educate people about HIV, the company has since expanded to include issues such as race, culture and class. The company tours 80 to 100 places a year, mostly in the continental United States. The company’s goal is to “provoke dialogue and invoke change.”

“My inspiration definitely comes from people,” Chapmyn said. “I try to find creative ways to tell their stories, of course, with poetic license.”

Refreshments will be provided, and attendance vouchers will be available.

Other World AIDS Day events at UT will include Planned Parenthood and David’s House information tables in the Student Union Thursday, Dec. 1, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and anonymous HIV testing from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 1, in the Student Union.

World AIDS Day events are sponsored by Student Activities and Leadership and ACT NOW.

For more information about the free, public events, contact the Student Activities and Leadership Office at Ext. 7221.

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Glass icicle Workshop
Learn to make glass icicles with Steve Pistor, UT glazier/blower. Bowman-Oddy Laboratories Room 1079. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Free, public. RSVP: 419.530.3117.

Physics and Astronomy Colloquium

Monday, Dec. 12
Exams Begin and Continue Through Dec. 16
UT Employee Computer Class
“Migration From MS Office 2000 to xP,” University Computer Center Room 1600. 1-5 p.m. Free for UT employees. Register: 419.530.1460.

HIV Testing
Free and anonymous testing by Substance Abuse Services Inc. Walk-ins welcome. Student Center I-345. 4-5 p.m. Info: 419.530.3464.

Tuesday, Dec. 13
Health-Care Benefits, Flexible Spending Account Open Enrollment Deadline
Info: 419.530.1475.

Board of Trustees Committee Meetings
Student Union. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Check the board’s Web page one week prior to meeting for specific rooms. Info: 419.530.2814.

Safety and Risk Management Class
“Bloodborne Pathogens,” North Engineering Building Room 2250. 2:30-3:30 p.m. Register: 419.530.3600.

French Conversation
University Hall Room 5490. 2 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.2583.

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Quotidian Quilt Guild Exhibition

2005 University of Toledo Authors and Artists Exhibit
See scholarly research published during the past academic year as well as artwork by some 75 UT faculty members. Canaday Center for Special Collections in Carlson Library. Opera house with a special ceremony Nov. 30 at 4 p.m. Through Dec. 30. Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.2170.

“Cultural Domestication — Instinctual Desire” Contemporary Czech art — photography, installations, stitched tapestries. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Closed Saturday and Sunday. Through Dec. 18. The University of Toledo, Toledo, OH 43606-3390.

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Friday, Dec. 2
UT Employee Computer Class
"Project Management Concepts." First of two classes; concludes Dec. 9. University Computer Center Room 1600, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Free for UT employees. Register: 419.530.1460.

Writing Workshop for Praxis I
Session will include grammar review, sample test questions, strategies for effective essays. Writing Center Conference Room, Carnegie Library Room 1005, 12:30-2:30 p.m. Free. Register: 419.530.4939.

UT Employee Computer Class
"Building Your Keyboarding Skills." University Computer Center Room 1600, 1-5 p.m. Free for UT employees. Register: 419.530.1460.

Honors Lecture

Biological Sciences Lecture
"The Secret Life of a T cell: Connecting Events." Speaker: Dr. Alan Wolfman, Cleveland Clinic Foundation Wodell Hall. 3246, 3:30 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.1581.

Planetarium Program
"Santa’s Secret Star." Learn how Santa uses the stars to find his way back to the North Pole. Ritter Planetarium. 1 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.2202.

UT vs. Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne.
Men’s Basketball
UT vs. Northern Illinois. Savage Hall. 7 p.m. $10 and $7 for adults; $3 for seniors and children ages 4-12; free for children 3 and younger. Info: 419.530.4037.

Corn Hole Tournament
Two-person teams to compete. Student Union Ingman Room 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Student Recreation Center 6-9 p.m. $10 per team. Info: 419.504.4974.

Spanish Conversation Table

UT Employee Computer Class
"Migration From MS Office 2000 to XP." University Computer Center Room 1600, 1-5 p.m. Free for UT employees. Register: 419.530.1460.

Stress Reduction Seminar
Learn how to deal with everyday pressures with Dr. Ashley Pryor, UT assistant professor of women’s and gender studies. Center for Women, Tucker Hall Room 168. 3-4:15 p.m. Continuous monthly through Dec. 7. Free, public. Info: 419.530.2642, 419.530.8570.

German Coffee Hour
"Kaffee und Kuchen." Anyone interested in speaking German is welcomed. Student Union Room 3020, 3:30-4:30 p.m. free, public. Info: 419.530.5506.

Exhibit Opening

Chemistry Seminar
"Diogenes Activation and Monoclonal Nodotid." Speaker: Dr. Charles Reidar, University of Delaware. Bowman-Oddy Laboratories Room 1053, 4-5 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.7902.

Alcohol Awareness Workshop
Sponsored by Lambda Lambda Lambda Peer Networking Association. Find out how alcohol plays a role in sexual assault and take a sobriety test with beer goggles. Student Union Room 3018. 4-6 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.6266.

RSVP Deadline for President’s Holiday Reception
Make plans to attend the President’s Holiday Reception Thursday, Dec. 8. 3-4 p.m. Student Union Auditorium. RSVP by phone: 419.530.3222.

Student Teaching Application Deadline
Those planning to student teach in fall 2006 must submit applications to Student Field Experiences Office, Gillham Hall Room 3012. Info: 419.530.2906.

Men’s Basketball
UT vs. Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne. Savage Hall 7 p.m. $10 and $7 for reserved seats. $6 for general admission. Half off for children 12 and younger. Free for UT employees; free for UT students. Info: 419.530.4221.

Thursday, Dec. 1
Last Day of Law Classes
AIDS Information Tables
Pick up information from Planned Parenthood and David’s House. Part of World AIDS Day events. Student Union, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Info: 419.530.7221.

Pharmacy Lecture

Honors Lecture

Physics and Astronomy Colloquium

World AIDS Day Program
"What Can I Do?" Speaker: James Chupryn, advocate for the rights of persons with AIDS and HIV. Student Union Auditorium. 7 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.7221.

HIV Testing
Free and anonymous testing by Substance Abuse Services Inc. Walk-ins welcome. Student Medical Center 1:345 p.m. Info: 419.530.3644.

Chemistry Seminar

Planetary Program
"Santa’s Secret Star." Learn how Santa uses the stars to find his way back to the North Pole. Planetarium Program. 1 p.m. $4 for adults, $3 for seniors and children ages 4-12; free for children 3 and younger. Info: 419.530.4037.

24-Hour Playwriting Fest
Tetris-based playwriting Eric Pfeiffer will be in residence at UT and lead the first 24-hour playwriting fest with playwrights, directors, actors and producers to create a new play 7:30 p.m. Cumulates with production Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m. Center for Performing Arts 31 donation suggested at door. Proceeds to benefit Arts Rescue New Orleans. Info: 419.530.2202.

Saturday, Dec. 3
Glass Icicle Workshop
Learn to make glass icicles with Steve Modern. UT glassblower. Bowman-Oddy Laboratories Room 1079. Three sessions: 8:30-10 a.m., 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m. Free, public. RSVP: 419.530.2117.

Planetarium Program
"Santa’s Secret Star." Learn how Santa uses the stars to find his way back to the North Pole. Planetarium Program. 1 p.m. $4 for adults, $3 for seniors and children ages 4-12; free for children 3 and younger. Info: 419.530.4037.

Men’s Basketball
UT vs. Northern Illinois. Savage Hall 7 p.m. $10 and $7 for reserved seats. $6 for general admission. Half off for children 12 and younger; half off for UT employees; free for UT students. Info: 419.530.4221.

24-Hour Playwriting Fest
See the play that was written and produced during the first 24-hour playwriting fest. 7:30 p.m. Center for Performing Arts Studio Theatre. $3 suggested donation at door. Proceeds to benefit Arts Rescue New Orleans. Info: 419.530.2202.

Concert
Gallagher: Student Union Auditorium, 8 p.m. $35, $32, $25, students receive $5 discount with ID. Info: 419.530.2200.

Sunday, Dec. 4
Faculty Recital

Dance Lessons
Sponsored by UT Ballroom Dance Society. Student Union Auditorium. 4:30 p.m. $3. $1 for students. Info: 419.530.2203.

Monday, Dec. 5
Web Grade Openings
Law Exams Begin and Continue Through Dec. 16
Service Recognition Awards
Ceremony to honor faculty and staff who will celebrate 5-, 10-, 15-, 20-, 25-, 30-, 35- and 40-year anniversaries as of Dec. 31. Student Auditorium, 1 p.m. Info: 419.530.1471, 419.530.478.

Jazz Concert
UT Jazz Ensemble directed by Gurne Lebsadick, UT professor of music. Center for Performing Arts Recital Hall. 8 p.m. $5, $3 for students and seniors. Info: 419.530.2348.