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## UT, MUO launch Web site to follow merger

By Tobin J. Klinger

**T**he University of Toledo and the Medical University of Ohio have launched a new Web site that will serve as a means to keep the community informed about the proposed merger of the two institutions.

Located at <http://utmuomerger.utoledo.edu>, the site not only contains news about

the merger, but also important documents and contact information that will prove important as the effort unfolds.

Of primary interest to the UT campus community is information about the various transition committees that have been established.

Optimistic that members of the Ohio

General Assembly will vote to approve the merger, UT President Dan Johnson and MUO President Lloyd Jacobs have identified chairpersons to lead transition committees.

Dr. Thomas Gutteridge, dean of the UT College of Business Administration, has been named to chair the Executive Steering Group. Its charge includes coordinating

transition work groups and activities, ensuring that strategic initiatives are maintained, prioritizing merger sub-projects, providing accounting of costs of the merger, and maintaining effective communication with all stakeholders as appropriate.

Read about the other groups and charges at <http://utmuomerger.utoledo.edu>.

## Screenings, forums to focus on race, provoke discussions

By Deanna Woolf

**“R**ace is one topic where we all think we’re experts. Yet ask 10 people to define race or name ‘the races,’ and you’re likely to get 10 different answers. Few issues are characterized by more contradictory assumptions and myths, each voiced with absolute certainty,” stated Larry Adelman, executive producer of the series “Race — The Power of an Illusion.”

The series, which aired on PBS, is part of a University-hosted video screening and community forum, designed to challenge public perceptions and provoke discussion

about what race means.

The first showing and discussion will be held Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 7 p.m. in Doermann Theater.

Sam Giles, senior coordinator of Toledo Public Schools and College of Education outreach with the Office of Undergraduate Admission, said he got the idea to organize the event after viewing the series with a roommate. “It’s strictly mind-altering truth. It leaves you in a state with question marks above your head, thinking, ‘How do I look at the world now?’” he said. “After each

video, my roommate and I would sit around and talk about it. We said, ‘We’ve got to show this to people.’”

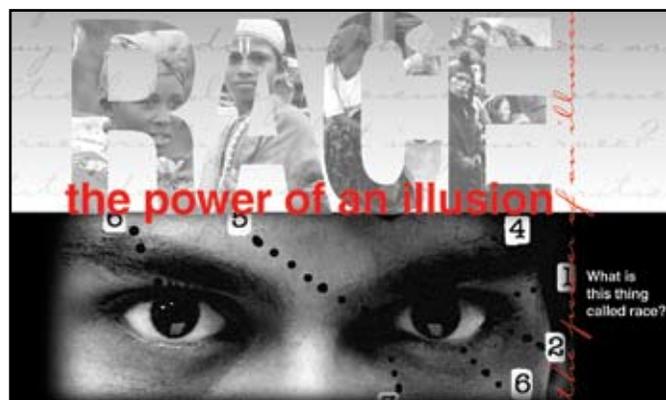
Episode one, “The Difference Between Us,” shows how scientific evidence is proving race is not a biological construct. In the episode, a diverse group of students

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Photo by Terry Fell

**SLIDE RULES:** Trombonist Delfeayo Marsalis led a master class for UT music students last week in the Center for Performing Arts Recital Hall. He told stories about his legendary family, talked about the importance of listening, and jammed with a group of UT music students and faculty members. “We’re proud of our Jazz Master Series and all of the great artists that UT music brings to our campus and our community,” said Dr. Lee Heritage, associate professor and chair of music. “With skills and real-world experiences like few others, these world-class professionals help our students achieve their goals.”



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## Symphony to play Employee Appreciation Concert Feb. 16

By Vicki L. Kroll

The Toledo Symphony Orchestra will perform at the Employee Appreciation Concert Thursday, Feb. 16, at 8 p.m. in Doermann Theater.

Under the direction of Chelsea Tipton II, the symphony will play Dvorak's "Festive March," Saint-Saens' "Carnival of Animals" and Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture."

Dr. Michael Boyd, UT professor of music, and Valrie Kantorski of the Toledo Symphony will be the piano soloists for "Carnival of Animals." Sue Ott Rowlands, interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and professor of theatre, will narrate "Carnival of the Animals," reading poems by Ogden Nash.

"The piece works on several levels," Boyd said. "It can be enjoyed by children because of the amusing, descriptive poems that precede each piece, but the music, while being entertaining to listen to, is a well-crafted work."

This is the second year Boyd will play at the concert. "There is always an appreciative audience for this concert, which speaks for the fact that UT employees do appreciate the gesture," he said.

All faculty and staff are invited to attend the event.

"We hope the faculty and staff members know how much we value them and



Boyd Photo by Bill Hartough

all that they do at the University," said President Dan Johnson. "This concert is a way to thank them for all their hard work."

This is the fourth year for the event, which is underwritten by private parties, according to Jeanne Coates, special events coordinator in the Office of the President.

A reception will take place from 7 to 7:45 p.m. outside Doermann Theater.

RSVPs are requested to Coates at Ext. 8527.

## Law dean search progress update

Special by Kathleen Amerkhanian

The search committee for a new dean for the UT College of Law will soon narrow down the number of candidates who will remain under consideration for the position.

"The committee is focusing its efforts," said Dr. John Gaboury, dean of University Libraries and chair of the search committee. "We're making very good progress in reviewing candidates and nominees and conducting in-depth reference interviews."

The committee — made up almost entirely of members of the law school community — is in the process of narrowing down candidates to a group of eight. After interviewing that group, the committee will recommend three to four finalists to Dr. Alan Goodridge, provost and executive vice president for academic affairs and enrollment, by the end of February. Each finalist will then be invited to campus for a two-day interview.

Law school students, faculty, staff and alumni will have opportunities during the on-campus interviews to meet with the final group of candidates, Gaboury said.

The time period between the recommendation of the finalists and making an offer to one candidate will depend on the schedules of UT President Dan Johnson, Goodridge and Dr. Lloyd Jacobs, president of the Medical University of Ohio, who also will be involved in the process. The anticipated appointment date for the new dean is July 1.

Members of the search committee include representatives from the College of Law faculty, staff, alumni and student body. The committee also has been working with Dr. Elaine H. Hairston, senior consultant with an academic search firm based in Washington, D.C., who has mounted a national search for candidates and nominations.

## New interim VP role leads to changes in division

By Tobin J. Klinger

Dawn Rhodes has a new job. The former associate vice president for finance and planning is now serving as interim vice president for finance, technology and operations, as William R. Decatur, executive vice president and chief operating officer, prepares to depart for

Ohio University next month.

"I'm honored to be asked to serve," said Rhodes, who will earn \$175,000 in the position. "The division will not sit idle in the weeks and months ahead. There is a great deal of work to be done in anticipation

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## Spring overall enrollment down 1.4 percent, graduate levels up

By Jon Strunk

Highlighted by gains in graduate student enrollment, the number of full-time UT students dropped slightly — down 0.7 percent — while the University's fall 2005 enrollment decline carried forward to spring semester, according to figures released last month.

The number of full-time students, termed Full-Time Equivalency, is determined by dividing the number of credit hours for which students have registered by 15. The state defines a 15-credit-hour course load as that of an average full-time student.

UT's overall headcount is 17,792 for spring 2006, down from 18,045 last year, and mirrors fall's enrollment levels with a decline of 1.4 percent.

"It's right around what we expected," said Dr. Rob Sheehan, senior vice provost for academic affairs and enrollment services.

"Simply put, students who don't

enroll in the fall aren't here to take classes in the spring," he said, explaining a retention concept common in higher education. "Fewer students start college in the spring and, as a result, spring enrollments are generally smaller."

Sheehan did note gains, highlighting increases of 6 percent in graduate student enrollment, a 3.9 percent gain in the College of Pharmacy, and a rise of 3.5 percent in the College of Arts and Sciences.

He also said the drop in the College of Education might be deceiving because the state's reporting deadline falls before some students may have registered.

"Education courses don't always fall into the traditional academic cycle," he said, noting the continuing education that teachers need sometimes prevents uniform start and end dates. "By the end of the semester, the college's enrollment picture may look quite different."

## New health-care contract slated for implementation this month

By Tobin J. Klinger

The board of trustees voted 5-2 last week to accept a negotiated health-care contract, which was adopted by the University's three bargaining units. This clears the way for February implementation of the plan that will be in effect through 2007.

The agreement calls for several changes in the University's health-care package, including:

- Working spouse health coverage premiums based on income;
- Same- and opposite-sex domestic partner benefits for a monthly premium; and
- A revised prescription drug program that features on-campus dispensing at preferred

co-payment rates and 90-day maintenance drug fills.

The Communications Workers of America Local 4319 voted Jan. 26 to accept the health-care contract, which also was approved by the UT chapter of the American Association of University Professors.

The contract was approved by a 320-38 vote by CWA members; 89 percent of AAUP members accepted the agreement.

On Jan. 23, the UT Police Patrolman's Association ratified the contract by a 19-6 vote.

Details of the agreement are available at <http://uthealthbenefitfacts.utoledo.edu>.

## GETTOKNOW



DR. JOANNE BERISWILL

**DR. JOANNE BERISWILL** is an assistant professor of curriculum and instruction in the College of Education. She has worked at the University for almost four years. Her research interests include Web design, visual design and technology teaching. The native of Lakeland, Fla., received a bachelor of arts degree in Spanish and a master of education degree in curriculum and instruction from the University of South Florida, and master of science in instructional systems technology from Indiana University, where she is completing her doctoral degree.

**HOBBIES:** Hiking, sewing, gardening

**FAVORITE AUTHOR:** Jorge Luis Borges

**LAST MOVIE WATCHED:** "Cinderella Man"

**THREE WORDS TO DESCRIBE YOURSELF:** Creative, caring, curious

**LAST BOOK READ:** *How to Make a Good Brain Great*

**FAVORITE SPORTS TEAM:** Indianapolis Colts

**FAVORITE QUOTE:** "If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away." — Henry David Thoreau

**FAVORITE SINGER OR GROUP:** Out of the Grey

**FIRST JOB:** Labeling and sorting catalogs

**FAVORITE DESSERT:** Cheesecake

**FAVORITE MEAL TO COOK:** Gumbo

**SOMETHING PEOPLE WOULD BE SURPRISED TO KNOW ABOUT YOU:** I am a poet at heart.

**FAVORITE WINTER ACTIVITY:** Watching the snowflakes fall

## Outstanding Women Award nominations sought

By Krista M. Hayes

**T**he University Women's Commission will accept nominations for its annual Outstanding Women Awards through Friday, Feb. 24.

All women involved in the UT community, including students, are eligible for the award. Nominees will be evaluated on active support of women's issues, positive attitude toward responsibilities, involvement in the UT community, longevity (minimum of five years), contribution and achievement. Past award winners are ineligible.

All nominators must complete an award nomination form and write a letter of recommendation addressing why they believe the nominee is outstanding.

Awards will be presented on Thursday, March 30, at 2 p.m. in the Student Union Auditorium.

For information on nominations and past award winners, contact Patty Mowery, executive secretary for the dean of the College of Engineering, at Ext. 8000 or at [patricia.mowery@utoledo.edu](mailto:patricia.mowery@utoledo.edu).

All nomination materials should be mailed to Mowery at Mail Stop 310.



Photo by Daniel Miller

**NOW SERVING:** Rita Haddad, a sophomore in the College of Arts and Sciences, served up falafel at the UT Arab Student Union booth during the recent International Village/Food Festival.

**HUG FOR THE ROAD:** Ron "Beck" Beczynski received a hug from friend Kay Miller at his retirement party Jan. 27 in the Savage Hall Joe Grogan Room. He worked at UT 38 years. In 1967, he started in maintenance in the Physical Plant and then moved to Intercollegiate Athletics, where he was a groundskeeper, facilities operations manager, and since 1990, athletics facilities director: "I'm going to miss the happy family atmosphere at UT, and I'm especially going to miss the players, coaches and staff in athletics," Beczynski said. "I thought it was time to move on. I'm 62 years old, healthy, and I wanted to enjoy retired life. I'm ready for it." So ready that he left Jan. 28 for a week in the Dominican Republic. "I'm going to enjoy traveling and the warm weather, and spend some time in Florida," he said.



Photo by Terry Fell

## In memoriam

**Freda E. (Custis) Carlson**, Dublin, Ohio, died Jan. 17 at age 92. Following her retirement from the Sylvania school district, she joined UT's American Language Institute soon after it was founded in 1977, teaching part time as a reading specialist. She taught similar classes in continuing education. Carlson was an alumna of UT, receiving three degrees — bachelor's and master's degrees in education in 1962 and 1967, respectively, and an education specialist degree in 1973. She was a member of Phi Delta Kappa, Pi Lambda Theta, Delta Kappa Gamma and Phi Kappa Phi, and a lifetime member of the UT Alumni Association.

**Lloyd Lapp**, Toledo, who taught at UT for 38 years, died Jan. 26 at age 90. He joined the history department as an assistant professor in 1946, was promoted to associate professor in 1957, and to professor in 1976. Lapp served as an adviser in the department and the College of Arts and Sciences and as president, vice president and secretary-treasurer of the UT chapter of Phi Kappa Phi for a number of years. In 1984, he was granted emeritus status when he retired from the University. He received bachelor's and master's degrees from UT in 1937 and 1940, respectively, and

was a member of the Alumni Association. Lapp also was a member of the Endowment Benefactors, the Jesup Scott Society and the Heritage Society. He established several endowed scholarships — the Betty and Lloyd Lapp Academic Award in History; Lloyd B. Lapp History Books Fund; Arnold Lapp Scholarship in Accounting, which was in honor of his brother; a former professor and chair of accounting; Betty J. Lapp Scholarship for students in history, economics or political science; Betty Ash Lapp Award for students in the College of Arts and Sciences or the College of Education; and the Bertha and William Lapp Endowment for Anglo-American Constitutional History.

**Margaret J. (Applegate) Kitchen**, Sylvania, who taught for some 30 years in UT's geology department, died Jan. 22 at age 83. She joined the University in 1962 as a part-time instructor and retired in 1993 as an adjunct associate professor. She was named director of the Subsurface Data Center when it was established in 1967 to collect, assemble and computerize geologic and hydrologic data. She also practiced law with the local firm Kitchen and Kitchen, and taught environmental law at UT. Kitchen received a law degree from the University in 1952.

## UT team builds mobile cart to collect ecological data

By Deanna Woolf

**T**he National Ecological Observatory Network (NEON), the first countrywide ecological measurement and observation system, could potentially be the largest U.S. environmental program ever conceived.

If Congress funds the NEON proposal this year, scientists and researchers from 20 regions across the country will compete for millions of dollars and 30 years' worth of NEON funding.

And thanks to the hard work of Dr. Jiquan Chen and other members of UT's NEON team, the University will be ready to apply.

The UT NEON team is made up of 15 faculty members from seven academic units, with Chen and Dr. Hans Gottgens, UT associate professor of earth, ecological and environment sciences, as directors. The team recently unveiled a mobile flux cart — a moving data collection machine — to gauge their readiness and organization.

"As far as my knowledge, the cart is the first of its kind," said Chen, UT professor of earth, ecological and environmental sciences.

The cart can measure temperature, moisture, wind, carbon dioxide, and water moving in and out of the environment. Its data also are accessible through the Internet. "We're moving our fancy data collection into the field — anyone can see the real-time data from anywhere if they're connected," Chen said. "If you can connect to the cart from your office, you can see the numbers and the graphs, so basically you can see what is going on 150 miles away," he explained.

The cart is important in that it addresses a key need of the NEON program — how



Photo by Terry Fell

**SOME ASSEMBLY REQUIRED:** Dr. Asko Noormets, a postdoctoral research associate, left, and Qinglin Li, a doctoral student, put together the mobile flux cart designed to collect environmental data that is available in real-time on the Internet. The cart was tested on campus before it was sent to Michigan State University for another trial run. Noormets and Li work with Dr. Jiquan Chen in the Landscape Ecology and Ecosystem Science Lab.

to make the most of scarce resources. "No matter how much money Congress will give us, we will never have enough people, money or time to monitor all areas of the United States at all times," Chen said. A cart can be moved into an area and left to collect data, without constant human control. The carts also are relatively cheap to build. "The cart is only a couple hundred [dollars] without the sensors. They have to be easy to make and economical," he added.

Because of their portability, the carts also will allow NEON researchers to quick-

ly converge on an area and collect data. "We can take it to any area of the United States at any time," Chen said. "There may be unusual events — a volcano eruption, a hurricane, outbreaks of insects or diseases — teams have to be ready to go at any time. Many of these events happen fast and on a short timescale. If we miss those opportunities, we will miss those effects."

The cart was tested briefly on the Bancroft campus, and on Jan. 26, the UT NEON team members moved it to Michigan State University's Kellogg Biological Station, the

future NEON regional headquarters, for additional testing.

Dr. G. Philip Robertson, MSU professor of crop and soil sciences and chair of the Great Lakes NEON region, suggested a name of "J-Rover" for the mobile cart in honor of its inventor, Jiquan Chen.

Chen said the device is collecting 70 to 80 megabytes of data a day — which is a lot, considering some floppy disks can hold 1.44 megabytes of data. Through the field test, UT NEON team members also are hoping to solicit the opinions of fellow researchers. "We know it needs to be modified, and we want good feedback from all sorts of people," Chen said.

The cart, worth about \$70,000 with its sensors, and the UT NEON team's organization were funded by an interdisciplinary research grant from the UT Office of Research. Dr. Frank Calzonetti, vice provost for research and associate vice president for economic development, said he is behind Chen's efforts, as receiving NEON funding "would be very big and will give us real national recognition."

"This is one of our premiere areas of research. We are very well-positioned to compete," Calzonetti said.

Chen said the competition will be stiff, though. "There are 20 regions and dozens of university teams that have been working on the self-organization process. I know the University of Washington and the University of New Mexico have been working, back to 1996 or 1997. We have been working and are catching up fast. We have our niche and our strength. Through this exercise and others, I hope UT will be able to compete."

For more information, visit <http://research.eeescience.utoledo.edu/lees/NEON>.

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of our merger with the Medical University of Ohio."

"Dawn has the experience and a proven track record of success that made her ideal to serve in this capacity," said UT President Dan Johnson.

"The combination of UT and MUO is exciting, but making it a reality will be a lot of hard work," said MUO President Lloyd Jacobs, who will lead the dual entity beginning July 1. "Dawn will play a vital role in the transition, and I am pleased to have her on board."

Brian Bushong will serve as interim associate vice president for finance and

planning, with responsibility for the Budget and Planning Office, the Bursar's Office, the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) project, and a "dotted-line" reporting relationship for Institutional Research.

Lorinda Bishop, University registrar, will handle Bushong's duties as ERP director, with Tom Short, associate registrar, serving as interim registrar.

"Obviously, we are asking folks to take on some additional responsibilities as we move forward," Rhodes said. "We have the right people in place at all levels of the division to get the job done, whether it's merger-related or regular daily business."



Photo by Daniel Miller

**SHOW OF SOLIDARITY:** President Dan Johnson, left, and President Lloyd Jacobs, center, signed a merger recognition agreement with Ronald Honse, president of Communications Workers of America (CWA) Local 4319, right, Jan. 30. The agreement provides assurances to UT's CWA and MUO's American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 2415 that the bargaining units will remain intact during the merger and for a minimum of three years after the effective date.

## Piano expert to instruct, perform on campus

By Deanna Woolf

**D**r. Richard Shuster, assistant professor and piano coordinator at Texas Woman's University, is the third performer to visit The University of Toledo as part of the Dorothy MacKenzie Price Piano Series.



Shuster

The series was named for the UT alumna who donated

money to bring four teacher-performers to campus during the 2005-06 academic year.

On Saturday, Feb. 11, Shuster will give

a master class at 10 a.m. in the Center for Performing Arts Recital Hall. He will critique the performances of Toledo-area students.

Shuster's recital will be held Sunday, Feb. 12, at 3 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts Recital Hall.

Shuster is a soloist, collaborative artist, lecturer and educator. He was also the recipient of the prestigious Fulbright Full Grant for study at the Franz Liszt Academy in Budapest, Hungary. He has appeared as a guest artist and teacher throughout the United States and in Budapest, Berlin and the Caribbean. He has been a faculty member at Ithaca College in Ithaca, N.Y., and the Indiana University Young Pianists Program.

For more information on the free, public events, contact the music department at Ext. 2448.

## Updated Greek tragedy looks at justice, sacrifice

**H**onor and treachery are explored in Jean Anouilh's "Antigone," which will open in the Center for Performing Arts Center Theatre Friday, Feb. 17.

Cornel Gabara, UT visiting assistant professor of theatre, will direct the production, which is part of the theatre and film department's season, "Conflict, Courage and Compassion: Our World on Stage and Film."

German occupation in Antigone's faithfulness to her dead brother and her opposition to the dictator.

"The issue of how to live out our own personal ethics and belief systems if they contradict the law of our country is an issue that certainly resonates with us today," Monsos said. "From civil rights to abortion, from resistance to the war to the death penalty debate, we continue to struggle to determine

how to live ethically when good people don't agree on what that means. How far will you go for what you believe? As far as Antigone?"

The cast features UT students Jessica Kight as Antigone, Seth Shaffer as the chorus, Nicole Corpus as the nurse, Nikki Soldner as Ismene, Alex Klinefelter as Haemon, Christina D'Amato as Creon, Brian Hillard as the first guard, Ernest Green as the second guard, Mike Dessert as the third guard, Brad Arner as the messenger, Pete Cross as the page, and Bonnie Billups as Eurydice.

Performance dates for "Antigone" are Friday through Sunday, Feb. 17-19, and Wednesday through Sunday, Feb. 22-26. A signed performance



Photo by Daniel Miller

**SHOPTALK:** Pete Cross as the page and Jessica Kight as Antigone rehearse a scene.

The modern update of Sophocles' play opens with Antigone's brothers fighting for control of Thebes. Both die in combat, and their uncle, Creon, takes the throne. He buries one nephew but issues a mandate that the other be left on the battlefield. Antigone believes her brother deserves a proper burial and fights with her uncle.

First staged in Paris during the Nazi occupation in World War II, the play depicts an authoritarian regime with characters that mirror the predicament of the French people of the time. According to Holly Monsos, interim chair and associate professor of theatre, the French audience saw its own resistance to the

for hearing-impaired patrons is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 23. Curtain time for Wednesday through Saturday performances is 7:30 p.m. Sunday performances begin at 2 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$13 for general admission, \$11 for seniors and UT faculty, staff and alumni, and \$9 for UT students.

A preview performance is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 16, at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$9; seating is limited.

Tickets are available at the Center for Performing Arts Theatre Box Office at Ext. 2375 or online at [www.theatrefilm.utoledo.edu](http://www.theatrefilm.utoledo.edu).



Photo by Terry Fell

**IN FRONT OF THE CAMERA:** Filmmaker Rory Kennedy was interviewed by local media when she was on campus Jan. 25. Some 150 people attended her talk, "Domestic Violence: A Family Affair," in the Law Center Auditorium. Kennedy, co-founder and co-president of Moxie Firecracker Films Inc., discussed documentaries on domestic violence she filmed.

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compare their DNA to see to whom they actually are the most similar.

Following the screening, a panel of UT faculty will discuss issues from the episode.

The second and third installments of the series and community forums will be held on March 2 and 23.

"It's not something that's going to save the world in three evenings," Giles said, "but hopefully, as a community, we can look around and analyze our society with a different outlook."

For more information on the free, public events, contact Giles at Ext. 5701.

## Vice chancellor to return to alma mater to speak at MLK Scholarship Benefit Dinner

By Deanna Woolf

**D**r. John Rudley, vice chancellor and vice president for administration and finance at the University of Houston, will be the featured speaker at the 2006 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Benefit Dinner.

The event is sponsored by UT President Dan Johnson and will be held Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 6:30 p.m. at the Inverness Country Club, 4601 Dorr St.

Rudley has served as the vice president for business and finance at the Tennessee Board of Regents, which is the sixth largest post-secondary education system in the na-



Rudley

tion, and the senior technical adviser to the U.S. Department of Education.

He graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration from The University of Toledo in 1970 and played on the Rockets basketball team from 1966 to 1969. He received his master's and doctoral degrees from Tennessee State University.

Four scholarships ranging from \$3,000 to \$5,000 will be presented at the dinner. One scholarship is from the College of Health and Human Services, one is from ProMedica Health System, and two are from the MLK Scholarship Fund.

The scholarship dinner begins at 7 p.m. and is \$40 per person or \$320 for a table of eight.

Checks or requisitions can be made payable to the UT Foundation/MLK. Payment and a copy of the requisition form should be sent to Community Relations and Special Events for the Office of the President, Mail Stop 962. Reservations must be received by Wednesday, Feb. 15.

For more information, contact the Office of Community Relations and Special Events at Ext. 2200.

## Black history

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### Tuesday, Feb. 14

• "History of Middle-Eastern and African-American Relations" black-bag presentation, noon, Health and Human Services Building Room 1711.

### Wednesday, Feb. 15

• "Race: The Power of an Illusion" video screening and community forum, 7 p.m., Doermann Theater.

### Friday, Feb. 17

• Black Student Union Scholarship Fashion Show and Dance, 7 p.m., Student Union Auditorium and T-Section. Costs are \$7 for the fashion show, \$6 for the party afterward and \$10 for both.

### Monday, Feb. 20

• "A Cut Above: How Cornell McBride Made Millions in the Hair Care Biz," 7 p.m., Student Union Ingman Room. McBride will share his story of entrepreneurial success.

### Tuesday, Feb. 21

• "Immigration and its Impact on African Diaspora" black-bag presentation, noon, Health and Human Services Building Room 1711. Dr. David Baker, UT assistant professor of criminal justice, will present.

### Wednesday, Feb. 22

• Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Dinner, 6:30 p.m., Inverness Country Club, 4601 Dorr St. Dr. John Rudley, vice chancellor and vice president for administration and finance with the University of Houston, will speak. Four scholarships will be

awarded. Costs are \$40 per person or \$320 for a table of eight. RSVP and mail payment to Community Relations and Special Events for the Office of the President, Mail Stop 962, by Wednesday, Feb. 15.

### Thursday, Feb. 23

• Poetry Slam, 7:30 p.m., Rocky's Attic. Poets Shihan, Kelly Zen-Yie Tsai and Black Ice from HBO's "Russell Simmons Presents Def Poetry" will perform.

### Monday, Feb. 27

• Dr. Lancelot Thompson Achievement Night, 6:30 p.m., Student Union Auditorium. Thompson, a retired UT vice president and professor emeritus of chemistry, is scheduled to speak.

### Tuesday, Feb. 28

• "Restorative Justice of the Black Community" black-bag presentation, noon, Health and Human Services Building Room 1711. Dr. Morris Jenkins, UT assistant professor of criminal justice, will speak.  
• "Bridging the Gap," 7 p.m., Student Union Auditorium. Jeff Johnson, BET personality and former UT student, will speak.

Exhibits on various aspects of African-American culture include "Economic Empowerment" Feb. 5-18 and "Bridging the Gap" Feb. 19-March 4. The displays will be located in the Student Union South Lounge.

All events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted.

For more information on the activities, contact the Multicultural Student Center at Ext. 2261.

## The class of 1776: Historian to discuss George Washington and peers

By Deanna Woolf

**D**r. R. Don Higginbotham, Dowd Professor of History at the University of North Carolina, will speak about "Washington's Remarkable Generation" as part of the Engaged History Lecture Series on Thursday, Feb. 16.

The speech will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Driscoll Alumni Center Room 1019.

Higginbotham is a specialist in American history to 1815. He also has done studies comparing the American Revolutionary War to the Mexican, Vietnam and Confederate revolutions.

His books include *Washington: Uniting a Nation* (2002), *George Washington Reconsidered: Selected Essays* (2001) and *George Washington and the American Military Tradition* (1985). He is working on a non-military account of Washington and the American Revolution.

The event is sponsored by the UT department of history and the Fort Meigs Military History Roundtable.

For more information on the free, public event, contact the history department at Ext. 2845.

## Annual readings of 'Vagina Monologues' set for Feb. 10-11

By Deanna Woolf

**O**n Friday, Feb. 10, and Saturday, Feb. 11, the "v-word" will be spoken without trepidation. The annual performances of "Vagina Monologues" by Eve Ensler will be held at 7 p.m. each night in the Scott Park Auditorium.

The event, put on by UT students, benefits the University's Sexual Assault Education and Prevention Program and is part of V-Day, an international event to raise money and awareness for anti-violence groups.

"The subject is vaginas, but it's more about women finding their own empowerment," Lesley Wright, student organizer and actor, said of the play. "And a lot of it is to bring awareness of violence against women — not just in the United States, but also in the world."

The UT production is basic — actors reading from scripts against a plain backdrop. "It's just letting the monologues speak for themselves," Wright said, adding that the monologue rotation varies slightly each year.

Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for general admission. They are on sale at Rocket Copy in the Student Union and at People Called Women, 3153 W. Central Ave. Tickets also can be purchased before each show.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and local organizations will have informational booths set up outside the auditorium.

For more information on the performances, contact the Sexual Assault Education and Prevention Program at Ext. 3432.

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

Speaker: Megan Morris, UT freshman in the College of Arts and Sciences, will discuss research in women's and gender studies. University Hall Room 4180. Noon. Free, public. Info: 419.530.4236.

### Informational Session on Washington, D.C., Internships

Speakers: Rob Walter, the Washington Center, and past interns will talk about opportunities, how to earn college credit, scholarships. Student Union Room 2591. 4 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.6039.

### PhD Literature Presentation

"Amino Acid Membrane Transporters." Speaker: Jennifer Dlwgosh, UT doctoral student. Bowman-Oddy Laboratories Room 1059. 4 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.7902.

### RSVP Deadline for Free Bowling

UT faculty, staff, students and alumni can sign up for free bowling tournament that will take place Feb. 17 at 9:30 p.m. at Bowlero Lanes, 4398 Monroe St. RSVP: 419.530.2586.

### Video Screening and Community Forum

"Race — The Power of an Illusion." Screening of first episode, "The Difference Between Us," of PBS series, followed by a discussion about race. Doermann Theater. 7 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.5701.

### Guest Lecture

"Jesus Was a Jew, But Can a Jew be for Jesus?" Speaker: Rabbi Tovia Singer. Driscoll Alumni Center Auditorium. 7:30 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.392.8941.

## Thursday, Feb. 16

### Center for Teaching and Learning Luncheon Seminar

"Exploring the Carlson Library Information Commons Concept — the Nexus of Library Services and Advanced Technologies." Speaker: Dr. John Gaboury, UT dean of University Libraries. Student Union Room 2592. Noon-1:30 p.m. RSVP: 419.530.2075.

### Law Lecture

Speaker: Lisa Cook, Michigan State University. Law Center Auditorium. Noon. Free, public. Info: 419.530.2712.

### Center for Women Brown-Bag Lecture

"Eleanor Roosevelt Speaks Her Mind." Speaker: Gail Conrad, American Association of University Women — Leaders in Residence Program. Center for Women, Tucker Hall Room 180. 12:30 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.8570.

### Artist Master Class

Featuring heldentenor Graham Sanders. Part of Vocal Arts Series. Center for Performing Arts Recital Hall. 2 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.2448.

### Physics and Astronomy Colloquium

Speaker: Gordon Aubrecht, Ohio State University. Bowling Green State University Overman Hall Room 123. 4 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.2241.

### Returning to Learning

Program for women interested in going back to college. Center for Women, Tucker Hall Room 180. 6 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.8570.

### Hazel Barnes Society Meeting

Scott Hall Room 1004. 7:15 p.m. Info: 419.530.4516.

### History Lecture

"Washington's Remarkable Generation." Speaker: Dr. R. Don Higginbotham, author of *Washington: Uniting a Nation* (2002) and *George Washington Reconsidered: Selected Essays* (2001). Driscoll Alumni Center Room 1019. 7:30 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.2845.

### Preview Theatre Performance

"Antigone." Jean Anouilh's modern update of Sophocles' play is set in Paris during World War II. Directed by Cornel Gabara, UT visiting assistant professor of theatre. Center for Performing Arts Center Theatre. 7:30 p.m. \$9. Info: 419.530.2375.

### Employee Appreciation Concert

Toledo Symphony Orchestra to perform. Doermann Theater. 8 p.m. Reception in lobby at 7 p.m. For UT employees and their families. RSVP: 419.530.8527, jcoates@utnet.utoledo.edu.

## Friday, Feb. 17

### Theatre Workshop

Featuring Jean-Guy Lecat, technical designer and space designer. Center for Performing Arts. Two sessions: 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Free for UT students; \$10. Register: 419.530.2202.

### UT Employee Computer Class

"Open Lab and Keyboarding." University Computer Center Room 1600. 2-4:30 p.m. Free for UT employees. Register: 419.530.1460.

### Planetarium Program

"Skywatchers of Africa." Find out how the people of Africa have used the sky to survive and shape their spiritual lives. 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.

### Theatre Performance

"Antigone." Jean Anouilh's modern update of Sophocles' play is set in Paris during World War II. Directed by Cornel Gabara, UT visiting assistant professor of theatre. Center for Performing Arts Center Theatre. 7:30 p.m. \$13; \$11 for seniors and UT employees and alumni; \$9 for students. Info: 419.530.2375.

## Saturday, Feb. 18

### College of Engineering Open House

Part of National Engineers Week. Nitschke Hall. 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.8045.

### Miniya Program

"What's Your Relationship IQ?" Student Union Room 2500. Noon. Sponsor: Miniya, a mentoring and peer group for African-American female students. Free, public. Info: 419.509.9420.

### Planetarium Program

"Follow the Drinking Gourd." Learn how African-American slaves used the constellations to find their way North to freedom. 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.

### Women's Basketball

UT vs. Eastern Michigan. Savage Hall. 7 p.m. \$9; \$4.50 for children 12 and younger; half off for UT employees; free for UT students. Info: 419.530.4231.

### Theatre Performance

"Antigone." Center for Performing Arts Center Theatre. 7:30 p.m. \$13; \$11 for seniors and UT employees and alumni; \$9 for students. Info: 419.530.2375.

## Sunday, Feb. 19

### Theatre Performance

"Antigone." Center for Performing Arts Center Theatre. 2 p.m. \$13; \$11 for seniors and UT employees and alumni; \$9 for students. Info: 419.530.2375.

### Vocal Performance

Featuring heldentenor Graham Sanders. Part of Vocal Arts Series. Center for Performing Arts Recital Hall. 3 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.2448.

### Dance Lessons

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

## Monday, Feb. 20

### HIV Testing

Free and anonymous testing by Substance Abuse Services Inc. Walk-ins welcome. Student Medical Center. 1-3:45 p.m. Info: 419.530.3464, 419.243.7274.

### Pop Bottle Rocket Challenge

High school and college students will design and fly rockets made from 2-liter plastic bottles. Part of National Engineers Week. Nitschke Hall Courtyard. 2:30 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.8212.

### Motivational Talk

Speaker: Cornell McBride, author of *A Cut Above: How Cornell McBride Made Millions in the Hair Care Biz* (2006). Student Union Room 2520. 7 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.471.1772, 419.530.2261.

## Tuesday, Feb. 21

### Car Accuracy and Splat Egg Drop Contests

Part of National Engineers Week. Nitschke Hall. 2 and 2:30 p.m., respectively. Free, public. Info: 419.530.8212.

### French Conversation Group

All levels welcome. University Hall Room 5130H. 2 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.2031.

### Women's and Gender Studies Film Screening

"Heart of the Sea." Documentary on Hawaiian surf legend Rel Sunn. University Hall Room 4180. 7:30 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.4236.

### Student Alumni Association Meeting

Student Union Room 2582. 7 p.m. Guest speaker at 7:30 p.m. Info: 419.530.2586.

### UT Jazz Ensemble

Directed by Gunnar Mossblad, UT associate professor of music. Center for Performing Arts Recital Hall. 8 p.m. \$5, \$3 for students and seniors. Info: 419.530.2448.

## Art

### "Fourth Dimension" and "Paperworks"

Exhibitions of mixed-media works by Veronica Kaufman and "scherenschnitte" or decorative paper cuttings by Mary F. Gaynier. Catharine S. Eberly Center for Women, Tucker Hall Room 168. Through Feb. 24. Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.8570.

### Toledo Friends of Photography National Juried Exhibition

Kathy Vargas, San Antonio artist and photographer, selected 70 black-and-white and color images from more than 600 entries for the exhibit. Center for the Visual Arts Gallery. Through Feb. 10. Monday-Saturday, 8 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.8300.

### Black History Month Displays

"Economic Empowerment" Feb. 5-18; "Bridging the Gap" Feb. 19-March 4. Student Union Display Case. Free, public. Info: 419.530.2261.

### "One Point to the Next"

Three-D drawing constructed of fine fishing line by Mary McCarthy, director of collections at the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago. Center for the Visual Arts Gallery. Opens Feb. 19 and runs through March 17. Monday-Saturday, 8 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Slide show by artist Thursday, Feb. 16, at 7 p.m. in CVA Haigh Auditorium. Free, public. Info: 419.530.8300.

## Letter

I read with interest the article appearing in the last issue of UT News concerning Dr. Christina Fitzgerald's purchase of a fragment of a medieval manuscript.

Dr. Fitzgerald stated she purchased the item so she could convey to her students in her Early English Literature class what medieval manuscripts look like.

I would encourage any UT faculty and students interested in rare and unique printed materials to contact the faculty of the Ward M. Canaday Center for Special Collections, located on the fifth floor of Carlson Library. The Canaday Center has several examples of works of this time period, from individual leaves to complete books. These items have been collected and preserved in the center so that faculty, students and visiting scholars can access such materials, and we are happy to accommodate almost any request, especially from faculty who wish to incorporate such items into their classes.

In addition to examples of early printed works, the Canaday Center has 50,000 rare books covering areas such as African-American literature, Southern literature, modern poetry and women's social history. The center also collects unpublished manuscript materials focused on the history of Toledo and northwest Ohio in addition to the historical records of UT. The archival holdings are presently over 10,000 linear feet.

For more information on the Canaday Center, or to schedule a class to visit, contact us at Ext. 2170.

Barbara Floyd

Director, Ward M. Canaday Center for Special Collections

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**UT CALENDAR — FEB. 8-21**

**Wednesday, Feb. 8**

**“Dam Decommissioning and Ecosystem Restorations”**

Workshop presented by UT and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Student Union Room 2582. 9:45 a.m.-3:15 p.m. Free, public. Register: 716.879.4162, michelle.a.wozniak@usace.army.mil. Info: 419.530.8451.

**German Coffee Hour**

“Kaffeestunde.” Anyone interested in speaking German is welcome. Student Union Room 3020. Noon-1:30 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.5506.

**Criminal Justice Career Fair**

Health and Human Services Building Room 1711. Noon-3 p.m. All students welcome. Info: 419.530.4341.

**Wine & Cheese Reception**

Event prior to UT-Akron women’s basketball game. Savage Hall Joe Grogan Room. 5:30-7 p.m. \$15. Proceeds to benefit UT women’s athletics. Info: 419.530.4653.

**Women’s Basketball**

UT vs. Akron. Savage Hall. 7 p.m. \$9; \$4.50 for children 12 and younger; half off for UT employees; free for UT students. Info: 419.530.4231.

**Thursday, Feb. 9**

**University Women’s Commission Faculty Lecture**

“Stress Reduction Techniques.” Speaker: Jennifer Rockwood, director of the UT First-Year Experience Program. Student Union Room 2591. Noon-1 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.8212.

**Center for Women Brown-Bag Lecture**

“Diversity and Complexity in the Classroom: What African-American Women Students Want.” Speakers: Members of Miniya, a mentoring and peer group for African-American female students. Center for Women, Tucker Hall Room 180. 12:30 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.8570.

**“Techno-Bits”**

“Setting Up and Using Portable LCD Projectors.” Carlson Library Room 1005A. 3 p.m. Sponsor: Center for Teaching and Learning. Info: 419.530.2075.

**Hazel Barnes Society Meeting**

Topic: Christine De Pizan, philosopher of political science. Scott Hall Room 1004. 7:15 p.m. Info: 419.530.4516.

**Friday, Feb. 10**

**Labyrinth Day**

Walk the labyrinth modeled on the one in the cathedral of Chartres, France. Corpus Christi University Parish. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.1330.

**Chemistry Seminar**

“The Crystal Structures of Cellulose.” Speaker: Dr. Paul Langan, Los Alamos National Laboratory, Bowman-Oddy Laboratories Room 1059. Noon. Free, public. Info: 419.530.7902.

**Men’s Tennis**

Two matches: UT vs. Illinois-Chicago at noon, UT vs. Youngstown State at 7 p.m. Laurel Hill Tennis Club, 2222 Cass Road. Free, public. Info: 419.530.4925.

**“Techno-Bits”**

“Setting Up and Using Portable LCD Projectors.” Carlson Library Room 1005A. 2 p.m. Sponsor: Center for Teaching and Learning. Info: 419.530.2075.

**RSVP Deadline for Interfaith Council Luncheon**

Make plans to attend the lunch Feb. 14 at Corpus Christi University Parish. \$5 donation. RSVP: 419.530.1330, susette@cccup.org.

**“The Vagina Monologues”**

Performance to benefit UT Sexual Assault Education and Prevention Program. Scott Park Auditorium. 7 p.m. \$10, \$5 for students. Info: 419.530.3432.

**Planetarium Program**

“Skywatchers of Africa.” Find out how the people of Africa have used the sky to survive and shape their spiritual lives. 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, Feb. 11**

**Baseball Spring Training Camp**

Hitting for grades 1-6, 9-11: 1:30 a.m.; grades 7-12, 4-6: 30 p.m. Pitching and catching session, 12:30-3 p.m. Scott Park Indoor Baseball Facility. \$50 per session. Info: 419.530.3097.

**College of Engineering Open House**

Part of National Engineers Week. Nitschke Hall. 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.8045.

**Artist Master Class**

Featuring pianist Dr. Richard Shuster, assistant professor and piano coordinator at Texas Woman’s University. Part of Dorothy MacKenzie Price Piano Series. Center for Performing Arts Recital Hall. 10 a.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.2448.

**Planetarium Program**

“Follow the Drinking Gourd.” Learn how African-American slaves used the constellations to find their way North to freedom. 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.

**Men’s Tennis**

UT vs. Wright State. Laurel Hill Tennis Club, 2222 Cass Road. 2 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.4925.

**“The Vagina Monologues”**

Performance to benefit UT Sexual Assault Education and Prevention Program. Scott Park Auditorium. 7 p.m. \$10, \$5 for students. Info: 419.530.3432.

**Men’s Basketball**

UT vs. Bowling Green. 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: 419.530.4231.

**Toledo Opera Gala Valentine Concert**

Featuring the UT Concert Chorale and Community Chorus. Toledo Museum of Art Peristyle Theater. 8 p.m. \$12-\$50. Info: 419.255.7464.

**Sunday, Feb. 12**

**Women’s Tennis**

UT vs. Bradley. Laurel Hill Tennis Club, 2222 Cass Road. Time to be announced. Free, public. Info: 419.530.4925.

**Piano Performance**

Dr. Richard Shuster, assistant professor and piano coordinator at Texas Woman’s University. Part of Dorothy MacKenzie Price Piano Series. Center for Performing Arts Recital Hall. 3 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.2448.

**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. Parks Tower Multipurpose Room. 6:30-8 p.m. Info: 419.530.4964.

**Monday, Feb. 13**

**UT Employee Computer Class**

“Intro to Computing.” First of two classes; concludes Feb. 14. University Computer Center Room 1600. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Free for UT employees. Register: 419.530.1460.

**Pharmacy, Medicinal and Biological Chemistry Seminar**

“FDA, Toxicology, Drug Development.” Speaker: Dr. Brenda Zimmer, public affairs specialist, U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Bowman-Oddy Laboratories Room 2850. Noon. Free, public. Info: 419.530.2902.

**Enterprise Resource Planning Open Forum**

Rocket Hall Room 1530. 1-2 p.m. Info: 419.530.3292.

**HIV Testing**

Free and anonymous testing by Substance Abuse Services Inc. Walk-ins welcome. Student Medical Center. 1-3:45 p.m. Info: 419.530.3464, 419.243.7274.

**Chemistry PhD Literature Presentation**

Ahmad Taha, UT doctoral student. Bowman-Oddy Laboratories Room 1059. 4 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.7902.

**Tuesday, Feb. 14**

**Board of Trustees Committee Meetings**

Student Union Rooms 2584 and 2591. 8:15 a.m. Info: 419.530.2814.

**French Conversation Group**

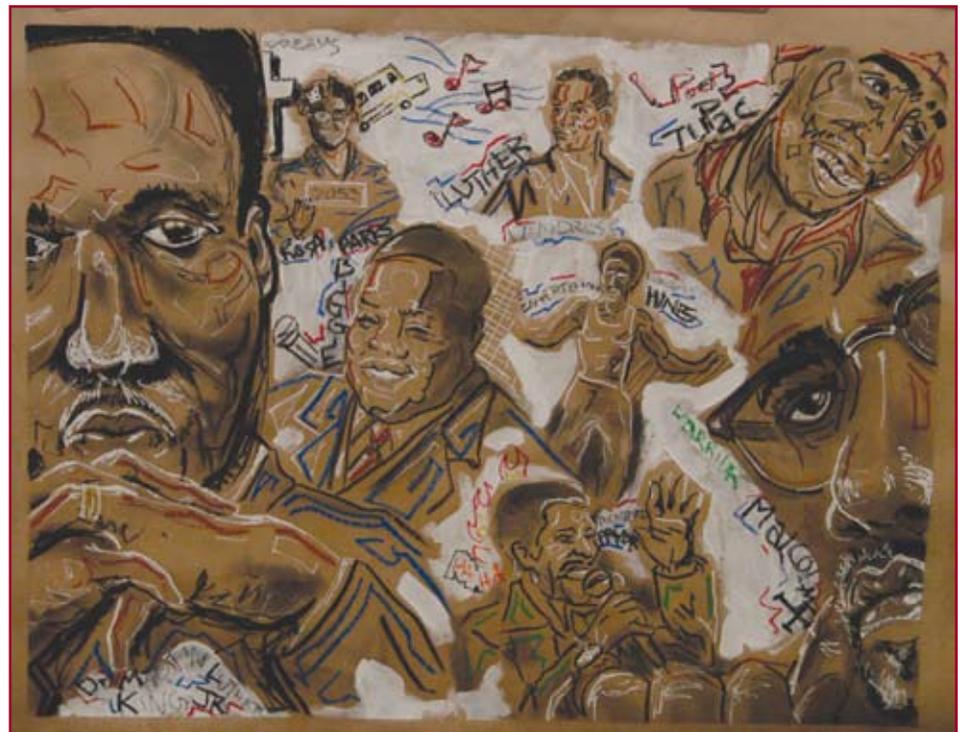
All levels welcome. University Hall Room 5130H. 2 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.2031.

**Faculty Senate Meeting**

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

**RSVP Deadline for Catholic Faculty Staff Renew**

Make plans to attend Feb. 15 at Corpus Christi University Parish. RSVP: 419.530.1330, susette@cccup.org.



“A Heritage of Heroes” by Joshua Archer, UT senior majoring in art, was featured on the Black History Month calendar this year.

# ‘Bridging the Gap’ focus of Black History Month at UT

By Deanna Woolf

“**B**ridging the Gap: Civil Rights Generation to Hip-Hop Generation” is the theme of the 2006 Black History Month activities at The University of Toledo.

Black History Month originated in 1926, when Harvard scholar Dr. Carter Woodson organized a weeklong observance in February to coincide with the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. Activities at UT to celebrate the influence and contributions of African Americans range from informational displays to poetry readings and speakers.

Event dates and information are as follows:

**Monday, Feb. 6 through Friday, Feb. 10**

- “A Look Into Black Music,” 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Student Union South Lounge.

**Wednesday, Feb. 8**

- “Tribute to Black Music,” 7:30 p.m., Student Union Room 2592. UT students will perform in homage to black music.

**Friday, Feb. 10**

- “Apollo Night,” 7 to 10 p.m., Rocky’s Attic. To sign up to sing, dance, rap or share your talents with the crowd, call 313.732.5614. Costs are \$7 for the show, \$5 for the party and \$10 for both.

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**Valentine’s Day Special at Libbey Hall**

Dinner and entertainment. Libbey Hall. 5:30, 7 and 8:30 p.m. \$25 per couple. RSVP: 419.530.8415.

**Earth, Ecological and Environmental Sciences Seminar**

“Bacterial Pollution in Maumee Bay: Current Perspectives and Future Promise.” Speaker: Dr. William Von Sigler, UT assistant professor of earth, ecological and environmental sciences. Lake Erie Research Center. 7 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.8360.

**Wild Ones Meeting**

Native plant landscaping will be discussed by Todd Crail, UT graduate student. Stranahan Arboretum Education Meeting Room. 7 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.841.1007.

**Wednesday, Feb. 15**

**German Coffee Hour**

“Kaffeestunde.” Anyone interested in speaking German is welcome. Student Union Room 3020. Noon-1:30 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.5506.

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UT News publishes listings for events taking place at the University and for off-campus events that are sponsored by UT groups. Information is due by noon Wednesday, Feb. 15, for the Feb. 20 issue. Send information by e-mail to utmarcom@utnet.utoledo.edu, fax it to Ext. 4618, or drop it in campus mail to #949, UT News, Marketing and Communications, University Hall Room 2110. Due to space limitations, some events may be omitted from UT News; the complete calendar can be found online at www.utnews.utoledo.edu.