Two chemistry researchers receive more than $1 million from National Science Foundation

By Deanna Woolf

The National Science Foundation (NSF) awarded more than $1 million in funding to two UT professors as part of its early career development program, CAREER.

Dr. Cora Lind, assistant professor of chemistry, received $543,000 for her project, “Exploration of Negative Thermal Expansion Materials: From Basic Properties to Formation of Composites.”

Dr. Xuefei Huang, assistant professor of chemistry, received $525,000 for “Syntheses of Hyaluronan Oligosaccharides as Biological Probes.”

“I am delighted that Professor Lind and Professor Huang are winners of the National Science Foundation’s CAREER awards,” said Dr. Frank Calzonetti, vice provost for research and associate vice president for economic development.

“These awards, the most prestigious given by the NSF to support faculty members in the early stages of their professional careers, are highly competitive and indicate the high esteem that the NSF peer reviewers and program officials regard the UT plan to integrate high-quality, promising research with educational activities by UT faculty members.

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IN THE LAB: Huang, left, and Lind

Trustees to vote on fee increase

By Jon Strunk

The board of trustees will consider a 6 percent increase in instructional and general fees Wednesday, Feb. 22.

If approved, the fee increase would go into effect fall semester 2006. UT’s College of Law and Master of Business Administration Program would increase fees by 8 percent.

Dawn Rhodes, interim vice president for finance, technology and operations, said the fee increases were necessary due to UT’s drop in State Share of Instruction dollars coupled with the University’s enrollment shortfall, bargained salary increases for UT employees, scholarship investments, increased utility costs and other strategic initiatives.

UT’s State Share of Instruction — the money allocated to public universities by the state — is expected to decrease by an estimated $1.3 million in fiscal year ’07.

Rhodes said for every 1 percent below the 6 percent cap UT would raise its fees, it would necessitate further reductions of $900,000.

C. William Fall, chairman of the finance committee, said, “We want to establish fee levels as quickly as possible so families and students can begin to prepare as soon as possible.”

Rhodes also announced that 69 positions — 25 filled and 44 vacant — were being reduced or eliminated to help balance the current fiscal year’s budget.

Since fiscal year ’03, UT has cut more than $26 million in its base budget, she said.

In addition to the fee increase, the finance committee moved to the full board approval to finance the renovations for the Memorial Field House into a high-tech classroom building and to augment Carlson Library’s technological capabilities.

Forums on health-care plan changes, domestic partner benefits set

By Deanna Woolf

With the prescription drug plan changes taking effect March 1 and domestic partner benefits open enrollment through March 10, the Division of Human Resources and the Student Medical Center have scheduled a series of forums to address questions and concerns.

Forums on health-care benefits changes and the myUT Pharmacy at the Student Medical Center will be held:

• Monday, Feb. 20, 9 p.m. in Sociology and Anthropology Building Room 1180;

• Tuesday, Feb. 21, 7 a.m. in Plant Operations Building Room 1000 and at noon in Student Union Room 2584; and

• Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2 p.m. in Rocket Hall Room 1520.

At each of the sessions, pharmacy and HR staff will distribute information and registration forms. A mailing about the myUT Pharmacy will arrive at employees’ homes this week, and the Web site www.myutpharmacy.utoledo.edu contains more information.

Forums for domestic partner benefits, which take effect April 1, will be held:

• Monday, Feb. 20, 10:30 a.m. in Student Union Room 2582 and

• Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2:30 p.m. in Student Union Room 2591.

For more information on negotiated benefits and effective dates, visit the Human Resources Web site at http://humanresources.utoledo.edu/benefits/default.asp.

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Dr. Zauyah Waite has been named the new dean of students and associate vice president for student life. "I'm very excited about the hire," said Dr. Kaye Patten Wallace, vice president for student life. "She's a top-notch professional and has a lot of experience in higher education. I think she will be a great asset for our University."

Waite said, "I am extremely excited to be offered and now accepting the position at UT. I think UT is staged at a point for greater and bigger success, and I'm ready to commit myself to make great things happen, along with students, faculty and staff."

Waite, 40, will start the position July 1 and will make $100,000 annually.

The dean of students is responsible for directing and developing programs to enhance the quality of student life. Additional responsibilities include supervising the various offices in the Division of Student Life and implementing programs and policies. The units that are supervised by the dean of students include Student Judicial Affairs, Student Activities, Student Leadership, Student Organizations, Student Union and International Student Services.

Waite has served as the director of the University of Missouri-Kansas City since 1999. Previous positions at the university's office include assistant director and student services coordinator.

She received the 2005 Outstanding Mid-Level Professional Award for Region IV West of the National Association for Student Personnel Administration and the 2005 University of Missouri-Kansas City Chancellor's Convocation Award for being the individual who most represents diversity, inclusiveness and respect on campus.

Waite received an education specialist degree in reading in 1994 and an education specialist degree in urban leadership and policy studies in 1995, both from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. She received her doctorate in urban leadership and policy studies and education at the university in 1998.

First-Year Experience funding expands programs

By Deanna Woolf

More supplemental instruction, additional activities for a mentoring program, and a new African-American leadership institute are the three projects that received First-Year Experience (FYE) Program grants totaling nearly $72,000.

Members of the FYE proposal review committee selected those projects from 16 submissions. "We looked at how these fit into the First-Year Experience Program and model we have and what the impact would be on student learning and retention," said Dr. Bernie Bopp, chair of the committee and director of the Center for Teaching and Learning.

Dr. Alice McAfee, associate professor of kinesiology, and Elyce Ervin, lecturer in kinesiology, received more than $33,000 to begin supplemental instruction for the KINE 2560 Anatomy and Physiology course. Ervin estimated nearly 400 students take the course each semester, and it is a requirement for many students in the health programs. "Unfortunately, we had a high fail rate. Supplemental instruction has done well for biology and chemistry—we're hoping students will utilize this, too," she said.

Through supplemental instruction, students attend regular lectures and can go to small, focused sessions that review class material. The program began this semester, and Ervin, who teaches two lecture portions, said she's noticed a difference in students' test scores. "I've already talked to some students, and they are having positive experiences," she added.

Phyllis Smith, director of residential life, has been through the Honors Program, she said. "We just need to be able to call on them." Barden said he wanted to work proactively to ensure diversity in the program, as well as look at Honors Readings Conference courses with an eye toward perhaps including more classic Oriental and scientific texts.

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By Jon Strunk

Dr. Tom Barden, professor of English, started his new job as director of the Honors Program last week. Barden, 59, will make $108,658 a year. He has been teaching at UT since 1976.

He said he received some advice from the former director Dr. David Hoch. "Remember, it's about the students," Barden said Hoch recently told him. "Always remember to put the students first."

Looking at the program, Barden said there was little he thought needed to change.

"Nothing's broken," he said. "Dave Hoch has done a great job with the program. I just want to continue what he's done and add some new learning opportunities for Honors students."

"Tom will be a great catalyst for the Honors Program," said Dr. Alan Goodridge, provost and executive vice president for academic affairs and enrollment. "Dave Hoch was one who did a great job of helping students meet and exceed their potential, and Tom is definitely an educator in the same mold."

The creation of an Honors Alumni Association is one thing Barden said he would like to develop to give honors students a network they can go to for academic and career advice and assistance after they leave The University of Toledo.

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MUO president discusses past, future paths at meeting with UT student leaders

By Jon Strunk

Dr. Lloyd Jacobs has traveled a long way.

During a recent forum with about 20 University of Toledo student leaders, the president of the Medical University of Ohio talked about his journey — both in miles and years — that has him on the verge of the presidency of a merged UT and MUO.

While he was serving on the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Shangri-La, someone decided that the West Coast carrier should be based on the East Coast instead. Too large to fit through the Panama Canal, the ship took the long way around.

It was the long way that led Jacobs to college and, eventually, to medicine.

The colonel whose job it was to persuade Jacobs to re-enlist after his tour of duty in the Marine Corps ended instead told him to go to college.

“I was brought up with college not even mentioned as a possibility,” said Jacobs, who went to Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. There is a lesson there, he said.

“The tiniest little thing we do to advise and mentor other people can have a profound effect.” And especially at a university, “every one of us has the responsibility to do it.”

But it was the future that most interested the UT student leaders.

“I submit that your diploma is not a fixed value instrument,” Jacobs said, when asked why the merger would benefit students. “I believe the stock of The University of Toledo will appreciate dramatically in the next couple of years.”

“The humanities need to be a highly visible priority,” said Terry Biel, speaker of Student Senate, echoing a concern voiced by several students during the discussion.

“The humanities and social sciences are tremendously important to our study of human life,” Jacobs said, adding the arts and literature are important to him personally and as a president. But he also reminded students that the merger wouldn’t stop the trend of Ohio lawmakers funding science, math and engineering at higher levels.

“We will always be in a place where we face the fact where there are good things we could do that we cannot do because of [a lack of] resources,” he said. Can we make those decisions fairly? he asked. “I think we can.”

UT President Dr. Dan Johnson said that while their styles may be different, “I think our value orientation is very similar.” He mentioned the shelves in Jacob’s office, full of books on science and medicine — but also on topics like philosophy and religion.

Jacobs described MUO students as having a strong unity of purpose and said he hoped to continue meeting with UT students regularly.

And UT students will see him on campus more, as Jacobs continues to meet with administrators, faculty, staff and students.

“I’ve spent more waking hours with Dr. Johnson in the last few months than I’ve spent with my wife,” he said.

Ohio House OKs merger bill

Special by Matt Lockwood

The Ohio House Feb. 14 voted 95-0 in favor of a bill that would result in the merger of the Medical University of Ohio and The University of Toledo.

The bill’s sponsors, Reps. Mark Wagner (R., Ottawa Hills) and Peter Uyugi (D., Toledo), spoke in favor of the bill, and no one voiced any opposition to it.

The bill will be sent to the Senate finance committee, which is expected to consider it this week.

“This is another exciting step along the road to the creation of a great university,” said MUO President Dr. Lloyd Jacobs, after the vote.

“We’re thrilled that the House of Representatives has approved this action,” said UT President Dr. Dan Johnson, agreeing that “It’s a major step as we work to create an academic powerhouse for the good of Toledo, northwest Ohio and our state.”

Both Jacobs and Johnson were recognized on the House floor for their leadership of the merger.

If approved by the Senate, the bill must be signed by Gov. Bob Taft.

The official merger would then occur July 1.

Supreme Court Justice to address gender bias

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By Deonna Woolf

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg will speak at The University of Toledo Monday, March 13, at 2 p.m. in Doermann Theater.

The title of her speech is “Advocating the Elimination of Gender-Based Discrimination: The New Look at the Equality Principle Launched in the 1970s.” Ginsburg will describe cases in which she appeared as counsel and discuss her reflections on them.

Her visit is part of the College of Law Distinguished Lecture Series.

Ginsburg became an associate justice with the court in 1993, following a nomination by President Bill Clinton. She previously had served as a judge in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit and as the American Civil Liberties Union’s general counsel. She received her bachelor of laws degree from Columbia Law School, where she later served as professor.

For more information on the free, public event, call the Law Alumni and Communications Office at Ext. 2628.
UT professor and specialist collaborate on Islam resources

By Deanna Woolf

“I love research. I really enjoy research. It’s an addiction for me,” Rajinder Garcha said.

Garcha, UT professor of library administration and monographs cataloger, also is passionate about cultural understanding. Her family is Indian, and she grew up in Tanzania. “I was always exposed to different cultures and religions. I could not understand for the life of me why these subjects weren’t taught in the early grades,” she said.

Islam is one area where Garcha feels students need to be educated, especially due to current world events. She repeated a litany of misconceptions. “All Muslims are terrorists, all Muslims are here to hurt us,” she said. Patricia Russell, senior English as a Second Language specialist with the UT American Language Institute, added, “With Sept. 11, there are so many people who don’t understand the religion. Only through education can prejudice be eliminated.”

Now teachers have a book of resources to educate their students about Islam and Muslims. The World of Islam in Literature for Youth: A Selective Annotated Bibliography for K-12 (2006) by Garcha and Russell contains more than 500 resources on Islam for school-age readers. It features 16 chapters on various aspects of Islam and includes a summary of each book, video, DVD, instructional material, audiotape and Web site.

The book’s objectivity was important to Garcha and Russell. Neither woman is a Muslim, an academic scholar wrote the introduction, and they included sources a Muslim may not have chosen. “I didn’t want readers to think, ‘Oh! This is promoting the religion.’ It’s a reference guide,” Garcha said. “There are a number of books we reviewed that had bias, and therefore we did not include them. We wanted the book to have fair and objective reviews.”

In addition to the objectivity, they used sources that were easy to read and understand. Everything from picture books for kindergartners to scientific text for high school honors students is included. And all the information is indexed according to subject and grade level — they say it’s a unique feature among annotation books. “We are very happy with the end result,” Garcha said.

In their efforts to promote understanding, the researchers actually found they didn’t know as much about Islam as they thought. “I kept reading books about ‘Hadith’ and I didn’t know what it was,” Russell explained. “Finally, we were working with a teacher at the Islamic Center of Greater Toledo, and I asked, ‘Is ‘Hadith’ the teachings of Muhammad?’” The teacher explained Hadith is a record of the Prophet Muhammad’s life, actions and deeds and is second in authority to the Quran.

Garcha was surprised to learn about Muslims’ contributions to science. For example, during the Golden Age of Islam from 750 to 1500, Muslims invented spherical trigonometry and researched optics and astronomy. They built hospitals in all major cities, and doctors even removed cataracts with hollow needles. “How advanced they were! It blew my mind. It’s just amazing,” Garcha said.

Perhaps the lack of knowledge can be explained by a lack of resources. “We were shocked because the Muslim world did so much in the area of sciences, but we could find so little for that part of our book ... there should be more,” Russell said.

They may add more sources in the future, as they have rights to update the book. But for now, each is moving on to a new project. Russell is developing a graduate curriculum program to bring international graduate students to the University. Garcha is helping to catalog the library of the Islamic Center of Greater Toledo. She’s also doing a workshop that may lead to a book of annotations about Buddhism, Hinduism and Sikhism. “I have to do the research anyway, so I might as well put it in a book,” she said.

Copies of The World of Islam in Literature for Youth: A Selective Annotated Bibliography for K-12 are for sale for $35 in the faculty authors section of the Student Union campus bookstore.

USE THE FORCE

Josh Henniger, a sophomore in the College of Engineering and member of the UT Benevolent Adventurers’ Strategic Headquarters (UT-BASH), pondered a friend’s move as they played Star Wars Miniatures between classes in the Student Union. UT-BASH will hold a convention Friday-Sunday, Feb. 24-26. See page 6 to read about a special guest who will be on campus for the event. For more information, go to ubash.toledo.edu.

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to the scientific community the increasing stature of the quality of The University of Toledo’s research programs and are further evidence of the academic standing of the faculty in our department of chemistry,” Calzonetti said.

Lind said she was surprised and happy to receive the grant. “This was my first submission ... I had not really believed this would go through on the first attempt,” she said.

Her project involves materials that shrink — instead of expand — when heated. Her goals are to prepare and characterize new negative thermal expansion (NTE) materials, characterize their high-pressure behaviors, and to prepare NTE/polymer composites with specific properties.

Huang said, “This award is highly competitive, with a success rate of below 20 percent, with applicants from universities throughout the country. Winning this award affirms my efforts to excel in both research and education.”

He will utilize the NSF grant to build a library of synthetic, contaminant-free hyaluronic oligosaccharides — molecules that play roles in tumor cell growth suppression, sensitization of multi-drug resistant cancer cells and immuno-stimulation.

Both researchers will involve graduate, undergraduate and high school students in their work. Huang also plans to organize outreach activities such as a chemistry open house and a Saturday morning science program.

Lind and Huang are the second and third members of the chemistry faculty doing CAREER-funded research. Dr. Tim Mueser, assistant professor of chemistry, received a grant in 2004 for “Structural Analysis of Branched DNA Recognition.” Mueser’s research focuses on how structure-specific recognition of branched DNA is accomplished at the atomic level.
Two pianists to bop into town for benefit concert

By Vicki L. Kroll

B
ebop pianists Barry Harris and Hod O’Brien will perform at the Art Tatum Scholarship Benefit Concert Thursday, Feb. 23, at 8 p.m. in Doerrmann Theater.

“Both of these artists are considered the consummate experts of bebop piano playing,” said Gunnar Mossblad, UT professor of music and director of jazz studies. “It’s a lost art form — there are only a few cats still doing it.”

And Harris and O’Brien do it well.

“Barry Harris is the grand master of bebop. He’s played with Coltrane, Dizzy, Miles, everybody,” Mossblad said. “Hod O’Brien took Bill Evans’ place when he was fired from the Oscar Pettiford Quintet.”

Harris performed at the Grammy Salute to Jazz Feb. 3 in Hollywood, where the Recording Academy presented President’s Merit Awards to the Detroit native and fellow piano legends Oscar Peterson and Hank Jones.

Harris started playing at age 4. “I really got my piano playing from my mom,” he said from his home in Weehawken, N.J. “Then she allowed me to go into jazz.”

He’s been boppin’ at the keyboard since. “I think it’s the greatest music in the world because it uses everything,” Harris said of the style known for fast improvisations of jazz standards.

Over the years, Harris has learned to cater to the crowd. “You have to associate with people. That’s what I do. I have to get the people going,” he said. “That’s my goal now. I’m working at the [Village] Vanguard in New York almost every night. I announce the songs, I do different things to get them going.”

O’Brien sat down at the piano when he was 8 years old.

“Boogie-woogie was the first thing I heard, and that music made a very strong impression on me,” O’Brien said from his home near Charlottesville, Va. “I went from boogie-woogie to some earlier styles of jazz — swing and Dixieland. At about 14, I started to hear Jazz at the Philharmonic and bebop recordings and that’s when I became enamored with that style.”

He noted Harris was a major influence on his playing style. “To be able to play with him is a real honor,” O’Brien said.

O’Brien’s long list of albums include two sets recorded at Blues Alley in Washington, D.C., in 2004.

Harris and O’Brien aren’t sure what they’ll play in Toledo. “I hate to plan. I hate to write stuff down. I don’t do that,” Harris said, adding he and O’Brien will just see how they feel the day of the concert. O’Brien said, “That’s the way musicians our age do things. We come from a time when we just got together and talked about tunes and played.”

The two pianists will be joined on stage by UT music faculty members Norm Damroth and Dr. Michael Waldrop on drums.

Mossblad said the music department is trying to expand the Tatum Scholarship Benefit Concert. “We thought it would be nice to bring in a piano player and another performer,” he said. “We thought it would be great to start with the keepers of the bebop style of piano playing. This will be a night that will set Toledo on fire.”

Named in honor of the great Toledo jazz pianist, the Art Tatum Scholarship is awarded annually to African-American music majors. The fund is an endowed scholar-ship administered by the UT Foundation. Nearly $10,000 has been awarded since 1994.

The visit by Harris and O’Brien is part of the music department’s Jazz Master Series, which is funded through a Program for Academic Excellence Grant.

Tickets for the 15th annual concert are $10 for students and seniors, $15 for Toledo Jazz Society members, $20 for general admission and $50 for patron reserved seating. Tickets will be available at the door except for patron reserved seating, which may be purchased from the Toledo Jazz Society at 419.241.5299.

For more information, contact the UT music department at Ext. 2448.
Horror movie actor to address civil rights Feb. 24

By Deanna Woolf

Ken Foree, known for his role as Peter J. Doyle in “Dawn of the Dead,” will speak about the civil rights movement and then appear as a guest at this year’s BASHCon.

Foree’s presentation, “The Experimental Generation and the Civil Rights Movement,” will be a review of the progress from the 1950s to the present. He will talk Friday, Feb. 24, at 2 p.m. in the Student Union Ingram Room.

Foree has appeared in 44 films, including “Dawn of the Dead” and “The Devil’s Rejects,” and 33 television shows, including “Dallas” and “The X-Files.”

His free, public talk is sponsored by the NAACP, the UT Black Student Union and UT-BASH.

Foree also will participate in a panel on “How to Survive a Zombie Attack” on Saturday, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m. in Student Union Room 3018.

For more information on the events, contact UT-BASH at Ext. 4654.

Nominate advisers, teachers, faculty researchers for recognition

By Krista M. Hayes

Mark your calendars: Feb. 22, March 3 and March 13 are the deadlines to nominate UT’s outstanding advisers, teachers and faculty researchers, respectively.

Nominations for the University’s Outstanding Adviser Awards are due to the Office of the Provost, University Hall Room 3340, no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 22.

The award recognizes advisers who demonstrate effective interpersonal skills, engage in developmental advising, and have knowledge about University policies. Past award winners are ineligible.

Nominations for the 41st annual UT Outstanding Teacher Awards are due Friday, March 3, by midnight to the Web at www.utoledo.edu/~advisor, in college offices, and at Rocket Hall, the Student Union, Carlson Library and the Student Recreation Center. For more information, contact Debbie Jones, adviser for undergraduate studies and transfer specialist for the College of Business Administration, at Ext. 2087 or deborah.jones2@utoledo.edu.

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The awards will be presented during a banquet Friday, April 21, at 5:30 p.m. in Student Union Rooms 2582 and 2584. Each award recipient will receive $1,500.

Siblings establish scholarship in memory of mother

By Vicki L. Knoll

When his mom died Oct. 27, 2004, Tred Hurst knew exactly where he had to go.

“A lot of her work was fairly unhappy. She was working with unhappy issues, people in crisis and people in pain. She was a victim advocate for battered women — she went to court with them, sat in police stations with them. She was on the front lines of the horrible details of what abuse victims go through,” she said. “I think she made the decision not to take that home.”

And Rebecca wasn’t the kind of person to want credit for anything. “She would help someone silently by doing something, and they would realize in time what she did to help them,” Angel said.

Tred agreed. “My mom was not a person who ever wanted attention. She was a behind-the-scenes person,” he said. “To kind of shine the light posthumously on her with this scholarship is nice.”

The second annual Becky’s Tea will take place Sunday, May 7, at 2 p.m. in the Student Union Ingram Room. Last year, the event raised $3,000 to help endow the scholarship.

For more information, contact Ansley Abrams, assistant director of chapter development for alumni relations, at Ext. 4316 or ansley.abrams@utoledo.edu.

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Rebecca assisted with a research project to assess the need for a battered women’s shelter in Wood County, according to Dr. Mary Krueger, director of the Bowling Green State University Women’s Center. The Cocoon Shelter in Bowling Green opened in June 2005. “Unfortunately, she did not live to see that,” Krueger said.

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The second annual Becky’s Tea will take place Sunday, May 7, at 2 p.m. in the Student Union Ingram Room. Last year, the event raised $3,000 to help endow the scholarship.

“The tea party is a wonderful way to remember my mother and raise money to send another woman through college,” Angel said.

For more information about the scholarship or Becky’s Tea, call the Center for Women at Ext. 8570.
**CALENDAR**

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**Tuesday, Feb. 28**

- **Black-Bag Presentation**

- **French Conversation Group**
  - University Hall Room 5130H 2 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.2031.

- **Faculty Senate Meeting**
  - Student Union Room 2082. 3 p.m. Info: 419.530.2112.

- **"Bringing the Gap"**
  - Speaker: Jeff Johnson, BET personality and former UT student, Student Union Auditorium, 7 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.2261.

**Wednesday, March 1**

- **Center for Teaching and Learning Luncheon Seminar**
  - "They’re Not Like Me at All: Reaching and Teaching the ‘Millennial’ Students," Speakers: Jennifer Pullwood, director of UT’s First-Year Experience Program, and Dr. Bernie Bopp, director of UT’s Center for Teaching and Learning and professor of astronomy, Student Union Room 209. Noon-1:30 p.m. RSVP: 419.530.2075.

- **German Coffee Hour**
  - Student Union Room 3020. Noon-1:30 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.5506.

- **University Women’s Commission Professional Stipend Deadline**
  - Applications available at homepage.ustUDENT.EDUCATION/USA/contact.htm for UT female faculty and staff. Submit to Brenda McKenry, mal shop, 4H, University Hall Room 2000. Info: 419.530.4659.

- **Filmmakers Competition Deadline**
  - Submit 60-second video that discourses on intellectual property in the entertainment industry. Sponsor: UT Students in Free Enterprise. Go to www.studentactivities.utoledo.edu/competition.html. Sociology-Anthropology Building Room 132. Info: 419.530.1613, lftp@ustudent.utoledo.edu.

**Thursday, March 2**

- **Center for Women Brown-Bag Lecture**
  - "History of Women’s Needlework Tools: Etui, Stilettos and the Story We tell," of PBS series, followed by a discussion about women in costume and immigration. Speaker: Jennifer Rockwood, director of UT’s First-Year Center for Teaching and Learning and professor of astronomy, Student Union Auditorium, 7 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.8307.

- **Video Screening and Community Forum**

**Friday, March 3**

- **Last Day to Withdraw**

- **Spring Awards Deadline**
  - Applications available at homepage.ustUDENT.EDUCATION/USA/contact.htm for UT female faculty and staff. Submit to Brenda McKenry, mal shop, 4H, University Hall Room 2000. Info: 419.530.4659.

- **Outstanding Teacher Award Nomination Deadline**

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- **Alternative Spring Break Send-Off**
  - Speakers UT President Dan Johnson, Dr. Badek, executive director of Toledo Campus Ministry. Some 100 UT faculty staff and students will travel to the Gulf Coast to help with disaster relief. Student Union, Ingman Room, 5 p.m. Info: 419.530.0643.

- **Planetarium Program**
  - "The Star Gazer," Ritter Planetarium, 7:30 p.m. Observation with Ritter 1-meter telescope and 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: 419.530.5701.

- **Saturday, March 4**

- **Planetarium Program**
  - "Our Planet," Ritter Planetarium, 1 p.m. $4 for adults, $3 for seniors and children ages 4-12, free for children 3 and younger. Info: 419.530.4307.

- **Latino Student Union Scholarship Dance**
  - Featuring La Onda Grupo Dezen, DJ Cany Student Union Auditorium, Doors open at 8 p.m., $5 in advance, $10 at the door. Info: 419.530.1798.

- **Sunday, March 5**

- **Stranahan Arboretum Open House**
  - Speaker: Sands Sustic, program coordinator at the arboretum. Stranahan Arboretum, 4131 Tantara Drive, 10:30 a.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.8307.

- **Monday, March 6**

- **Spring Break — No Classes**

- **Project Succeed Orientation**

- **Friday, March 10**

- **Planetarium Program**
  - "The Star Gazer," Ritter Planetarium, 7:30 p.m. Observation 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: 419.530.4307.

- **Saturday, March 11**

- **Planetarium Program**
  - "Our Planet," Ritter Planetarium, 1 p.m. $4 for adults, $3 for seniors and children ages 4-12, free for children 3 and younger. Info: 419.530.4307.

- **Monday, March 13**

- **Law Lecture**

- **Outstanding Researcher Award Nomination Deadline**
  - Forms available at research.utoledo.edu/oilaward. Complete nomination materials due in Office of Research, University Hall Room 2300, by 5 p.m. Info: 419.530.1693.

- **Tuesday, March 14**

- **French Conversation Group**
  - 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.

- **Computer Tutoring**
  - Tuesday through April 11; Center for Women, Tucker Hall Room 168. 6-9 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.8307.

- **College Planning Night**
  - For UT employees who have children in high school. Rocket Hall Room 1330. 5:30 p.m. RSVP: 419.530.5720 or enrollment.services. utoledo.edu/pebgs/ampsvstesait.asp.

- **Lake Erie Center Seminar**

- **Art**

- **"Fourth Dimension" and "Paperworks"**
  - Exhibitions of mixed-media works by Veronica Kaufman and "scherenschnitte" or decorative paper cuttings by Mary F. Gaynier. Monday-Saturday, 8 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.8570.

- **Black History Month Display**

- **One Point to the Next**

- **Exploring Texture**
  - Exhibitions of mixed media and collage by Nathene Smith, Catharine S. Eberly Center for Women, Tucker Hall Room 168. Opera Fall 28 and runs through May 10, Monday-Thursday. 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Reception with the artist Thursday, March 16, 5-7 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.8570.

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HE’S GOT THE BEAT: Resident Conductor Chelsea Tipton II directed the Toledo Symphony Orchestra during the Employee Appreciation Concert last week. This was the fourth year for the event, which was underwritten by private parties.
**UT CALENDAR — FEB. 22-MARCH 14**

**Wednesday, Feb. 22**

**Board of Trustees Meeting**
Student Union Room 275L, 8:15 a.m. Info: 419.530.2814

**German Coffee Hour**
Student Union Room 3001, Noon-1:30 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.5506

**Law Lecture**
Speaker: Reed Hopson, Pacific Legal Foundation, will talk about the case of Rags v. United States this day after he is scheduled to argue before the U.S. Supreme Court. Law Center Auditorium. Noon. Free, public. Info: 419.530.2712.

**HealthCare Open Forum**
Learn about changes to health care coverage and about my/UTPharmacy-Rocket Hall Room 1520, 2 p.m. Info: 419.530.1481, hrresources.utoledo.edu/benefits.

**Toothpick Bridge Competition**
Part of National Engineers Week, Nitschke Hall. 3 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.8012.

**Flute Master Class**
Featuring Gary Schroeder, whose recordings include flute forest and Arioso, Center for Performing Arts Recital Hall. 4 p.m. $10 off for UT students, faculty and staff. Info: 419.530.2448.

**Chemistry Seminar**

**Outstanding Adviser Award Nomination Deadline**
Forms must be received by 5 p.m. Info: 419.530.2087, deborah.pena@utoledo.edu.

**“Building Healthy Relationships”**
Parks Tower Multipurpose Room 6 p.m. Info: 419.530.4946.

**Take Back the Night Organizing Meeting**
Help plan the annual event slated for April 7. People Called Women Bookstore, 315 S. West Central Ave., 6:30 p.m. Info: 419.530.8570.

**Lake Erie Center Seminar**

**Women’s Basketball**
UT vs. Northern Illinois. Savage Hall. 7 p.m. $9; $4.50 for children. Info: 419.530.5506.

**GOING UP:**
Freshman guard Jonathan Amos takes it to the hoop.

**Poetry Slam**
Poets Shihan, Kelly Zen-Yie and Black Ice from HBO’s “Russell Simmons Presents Def Poetry” will perform. Rocky’s Attic, 7:30 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.2261.

**Theatre Performance**
“Apologies” Special signed performance, 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.

**Art Tutum Scholarship Benefit Concert**
Patrons Barry Harris and Hod O’Brien will perform. Doermann Theatre 8 p.m. $10 for students and seniors; $15 for Toledo Jazz Society members. $20 for general admission, $50 for reserved patron seating. Info: 419.530.2448, 1224.1729.

**Financial Literacy Program**
Six-week program for women, Mondays through April 10. — no class March 6. Center for Women, Tucker Hall Room 180, 6:30 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.8570.

**Dr. Lancelet Thompson Achievement Night**
Thompson, retired UT vice president and provost emeritus of chemistry, is scheduled to speak, Student Union Auditorium, 6:30 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.2261.

**University Bands Concert**
Directed by Dr. Jason Stumbo, UT assistant professor of music, Doermann Theatre 8 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.2484.

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