RFK Jr. to discuss environment Sept. 20 at UT

By Alissa Hammond

Robert F. Kennedy Jr., named one of Time magazine’s “Heroes for the Planet,” will present “Our Environmental Destiny” Thursday, Sept. 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Union Auditorium on Main Campus. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m.

Kennedy is senior attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council, chief prosecuting attorney for the Hudson Riverkeeper — for which he received the Time magazine honor — and president of the Waterkeeper Alliance.

His speech is the second in the College of Arts and Sciences’ Edward Shapiro Distinguished Lecture Series. This series was named in memory of Dr. Shapiro, a UT economics professor for 22 years who donated more than $4 million to the college during his lifetime.

“The University of Toledo is honored to welcome such a passionate advocate for the environment,” said Dr. Yueh-Ting Lee, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. “Fostering public discussion and debate of important issues is central to the mission of this college, this University and to the memory of Edward Shapiro.”

Benjamin Wendell, nephew of Shapiro, said that his uncle believed deeply in the power and promise of education, and his contributions were aimed at both the students and the community.

“He wanted the speakers to be experts in their fields, scholars and people of purpose,” Wendell said. “Kennedy certainly meets and exceeds those criteria. I think this is an amazing opportunity for the Toledo audience to gain some insight on a topic that affects us all.”

Kennedy is a clinical professor and supervising attorney at Pace University School of Law’s Environmental Litigation Clinic and co-host of “Ring of Fire” on Air America Radio.

He has worked alongside Latin American and Canadian indigenous tribes in negotiating treaties to protect their traditional homelands. He also has led the fight to protect New York City’s water supply.

Tickets for the event are no longer available; however, a simulcast presentation will take place in Doermann Theater on the third floor of University Hall. While seating in Doermann is limited, it is free and open to the public.

UT officials: Information security must stay top of mind

By Jon Strunk

While efforts to transition every UT employee and student to a Rocket identification number are proceeding on schedule, the recent thefts of two University of Toledo computers containing personal information of some faculty, staff and students need to serve as reminders to all UT employees to limit the use of personal information as they conduct University business.

“Every person who ever comes into contact with the personal information of students and other UT employees needs to ask, ‘Am I accessing this information because it is essential to my job or simply out of habit or convenience?’” said Bill Logie, vice president for administration.

Those who currently need to access personal information must understand the legal and ethical responsibilities UT employees have for keeping this information private and secure, Logie said, adding that employees need to “re-evaluate their use of personal information and immediately discontinue its use except in essential circumstances.”

Bob Hogle, acting chief operations officer in the Office of Information Technology, emphasized that it doesn’t take the theft of a computer to result in a loss of information.

“Personal information should never be e-mailed or transmitted via a Blackberry or other wireless device,” Hogle said. “Also, don’t store it on devices like jump drives or CDs, as those can be lost or stolen as well.

“Think of it this way,” he suggested. “Before you hit ‘send’ or save sensitive information to a storage device, ask yourself if you would be comfortable if someone else was treating your private information the same way.”

Hogle said the goal of altogether eliminating UT’s use of Social Security numbers should be completed by February for students, with the last group of employees being transitioned several months after that.

All UTAD users should store documents that may contain sensitive information on their University-provided personal drive (H drive) or appropriate departmental shared drives, according to Paul Nelson, senior information security analyst. These areas restrict access to only the appropriate users, mitigating a higher risk of exposure.

“The H drive can be accessed at files.utoledo.edu with your UTAD credentials.”

Photo by Jack Meade

CONGRATULATIONS: Mike Eberly shook hands with Lily Schroeder, daughter of Danielle Schroeder, a senior in the College of Engineering, who recently received the Women in Engineering Scholarship during the Catharine S. Eberly Center for Women’s Legacy Celebration. Several scholarships were given out at the event, and the Woman of the Year Award went to Janis Weber, president of Ohio Computer Training. More than $3,200 was raised through the online international art auction and the Legacy Celebration to benefit the center and its programs.

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Office of Multicultural Student Services undergoes renovation

By Alissa Hammond

The Office of Multicultural Student Services, located in Student Union Room 2500 on Main Campus, is receiving an extreme makeover.

Previously known as the Multicultural Student Center, the Office of Multicultural Student Services has undergone renovations totaling up to $59,000, which does not include the computers that need to be purchased for the workstations.

There will be an open house Tuesday, Sept. 25, from 2 to 4 p.m. to celebrate the reopening of the office, which will offer a more user-friendly atmosphere.

The newly designed area will have a receptionist at the entrance to greet students.

Nina Grant, senior director of the Office of Multicultural Student Services, said, “Prior to the renovation, students were unaware that our offices were located in the back. Now we will have someone there, ready to help students as soon as they come in.”

Also new to the area will be a small computer workstation, which may eventually hold about eight computers, although there may only be four on hand until more money is available. There will be a computer workstation for persons with disabilities as well. Also in the renovated area will be a lounge area with furniture for students to come and study or relax between classes.

The area will have workstations for the office’s work-study students, and the staff members will keep their current locations. Exhibits also will continue to be on display in the gallery.

The renovation was sparked as a result of an outside consultant who was brought in last year. According to Grant, the consultant completed a site observation and surveyed a number of students, staff and faculty about the office. “What was commonly said was that the space was not being maximized, and a more comfortable, user-friendly area needed to be constructed,” Grant said.

New design templates available in portal

By Deanna Woolf

Zip together a simple flyer, newsletter or trifold brochure in minutes with the new UT logo templates available in the myUT portal.

“The marketing staff developed the templates to give people the ability to work on simple jobs that don’t need a custom graphic design solution and require a fast turnaround time,” said John Adams, senior director of University Marketing. “We wanted to give people the opportunity to create some basic marketing support materials, while ensuring the integrity of the UT logos and the University brand.”

The templates, which run in Microsoft Publisher, feature correctly sized and placed UT, UT Medical Center and UT Athletics Rocket logos and areas for text. The types of templates available are newsletters, flyers, invitations, note cards, programs and accompanying envelopes. Users are able to open the templates, add their information, and send the job to a local computer printer or to UT’s Printing Services.

The templates are available in the Marketing Toolbox channel, located in the Resources tab of the myUT portal at myut.toledo.edu. The templates manual in the channel provides instructions for use and details on printing prices and instructions.

“We hope the templates are a valuable tool for UT students, staff and faculty to use to publicize their programs and events,” Adams said. “The Office of Marketing is still available to help anyone who is in need of professionally designed marketing materials or marketing strategy assistance.”

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tials, is backed up, and can be accessed from almost anywhere via the Web,” Nelson said. Students each have 50 MB of space allotted on the drive, and employees have at least 250 MB.

Nelson added that remembering to reduce the chance that anyone’s personal information might be lost or stolen.

“UT faculty, staff and administrators have a responsibility to our students — past, present and future — to access only the information needed to do our jobs and to treat that personal information with the strictest confidentiality, security and discretion,” Logie said.

Play to highlight child sex trafficking

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tickets for “My Real Name: Breaking the Silence of Child Sex Trafficking in Ohio” are on sale for $15 in Health and Human Services Building Room 2630 on Main Campus from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tickets for the Sept. 27 Scott Park Campus performance and the Sept. 28 Doerrmann Theater show also can be purchased the night of the play for $20. Both performances will be from 7 to 9 p.m.

The play is an artistic retelling of life in child sex trafficking, featuring a mix of survivors and actors presenting true stories of life as child prostitutes.

All proceeds will benefit Second Chance, a program of Toledo Area Ministries, which helps victims of child sex trafficking and adult prostitution.

Low-impact workout program offered

The University of Toledo Community Wellness and Health Promotion Services is sponsoring the Toledo Rocket Workout Program.

These 30-minute, low-impact series of exercises are designed to strengthen, increase range of motion, and promote circulation throughout the body.

Classes are held Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in the Morse Center Racquet Ball Court No. 2 on the Health Science Campus. The first session runs through Oct. 11. Space is still available.

The second session will begin Wednesday, Nov. 7.

For more information or to register for this program, contact Bianna Russell at 419.383.BFIT (2348).

In memoriam

Janet I. Navarre, Toledo, who volunteered in the Pastoral Care Office at the University Medical Center for seven years, died Sept. 8 at age 74.
Educator spreads message of peace during summer travels

By Roxanne Ring-Spears

Dr. Dale Snauwaert, associate professor of philosophy of education in the Department of Educational Foundations and Leadership, traveled the world this summer. He shared his expertise on peace education in Costa Rica, China and Spain.

“It was a personally and professionally enriching summer,” Snauwaert said of his globe hopping.

In May, Snauwaert led a group of seven UT graduate students to the United Nations-mandated University for Peace in Costa Rica. He and David Ragland, UT doctoral student in philosophy of education, team-taught a course titled Global and Philosophical Issues in Peace Education for UT and University for Peace students.

“The course focused on the principles of the Earth Charter as a philosophical framework for peace education,” Snauwaert said. “The Earth Charter is a framework of cosmopolitan and environmental ethical principles formed through cross-cultural dialogue and endorsed by the United Nations. It was recently adopted by the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization as the ethical and educational framework for the Decade of Sustainable Development.”

As part of the course, the class visited a successful inner-city school for economically disadvantaged students; the school’s curriculum is based upon the principles of the Earth Charter. The group also visited the Caribbean coast and met with leaders of the Marcus Garvey Center in Limon.

“The experience in Costa Rica was deeply enriching for all, both intellectually and personally,” Snauwaert said.

In June, Snauwaert was part of a UT delegation to China. The delegation explored cooperative relationships, faculty and student exchanges, and research and program offerings with Chinese universities. They visited six cities, including Qinhuangdao, home of Yanshan University, the institution that signed a formal agreement for reciprocal campuses with UT. Snauwaert gave four public lectures on the “Philosophy of American Education.”

“The lectures emphasized the importance of an education devoted to the liberation of the mind and critical thinking,” he said. “I think this philosophical perspective was well-received by the Chinese students who are living through a period of profound change in their society.”

In July, Snauwaert was among 70 peace scholars and educators who attended the International Institute on Peace Education’s 25th anniversary celebration at the United Nations in New York. The event brought together 300 international peace educators, scholars, activists and UN officials to discuss the progress of the field of international peace studies and peace education.

“The institute at the UN was both a celebration and assessment of the field of peace education. It was inspiring to reflect on the impact that [peace educator] Betty Reardon has had on the development of the field and her impact on so many lives,” Snauwaert said.

Snauwaert’s summer travels highlight the transformative power of international and cross-cultural experience as well as the importance of an education for peace, justice and democracy.

“Being immersed in a different culture challenges our basic assumptions about the world; it is a potent stimulus for self-reflection,” he said.

PHOTO OP: Dr. Dale Snauwaert posed for a photo in the Forbidden City in Beijing.
UT to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

By Chelsea-Lynn Carey

The University of Toledo has a multitude of events planned for Hispanic Heritage Month, Sept. 15 to Oct 15.

The Office of Multicultural Student Services and Office of Latino Initiatives, along with Latino community organizations, have planned:

• “Buenas Palabras” through Monday, Oct. 15. Watch for posters around the University with “buenas palabras” (good words) from poets and writers of Latino descent.
• “Latino Spirit: Visual Heritage” through Monday, Oct. 15. There will be Latino art displayed in the Office of Multicultural Student Services Gallery in Student Union Room 2500 on Main Campus. The selection of works includes silk-screens, intaglio prints, woodcuts, pastels and acrylics by Latino artists.
• Library Spotlight: Hispanic Heritage Month through Monday, Oct. 15. Carlson Library will have a slide presentation on the library news page at http://library.utoledo.edu/inf/news.html highlighting Hispanic Heritage Month.
• Hispanic Heritage Month Kick-Off Celebration Monday, Sept. 17, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Student Union South Lounge. The UT community is invited to sample appetizers and Latino music.
• Latino Student Union Open House Monday, Sept. 17, from 8 to 9 p.m. in Student Union Room 3513. Stop by to meet members of the Latino Student Union and learn more about the organization.
• “Multicultural Jeopardy: Hispanic Heritage” Thursday, Sept. 20, from noon to 1 p.m. in the Student Union South Lounge.
• “Unity Through Diversity, Discovery and Dialogue: Latino vs. Hispanic — Which Term is Preferred?” Friday, Sept. 21, from noon to 1 p.m. in Student Union Room 3018.
• Charlar Sessions: Latin American Liberation Philosophy” Tuesday, Sept. 25, from noon to 2 p.m. in Student Union Room 2584. The speaker will be Dr. Nita de Oliviera, UT visiting professor of philosophy.
• Hispanic Heritage Celebration Tuesday, Sept. 25, at 7 p.m. in the International House Multipurpose Room. There will be authentic Hispanic food and the film “Pan’s Labyrinth” will be shown.
• Football Tailgate Party Saturday, Sept. 29, from 5 to 7 p.m. on Centennial Mall. Come join the Latino Alumni Affiliate, Minority Alumni Affiliate, Office of Latino Initiatives, African-American Student Enrichment Initiatives Office, Latino Student Union and the Black Student Union before the UT-Western Michigan football game.
• “Honoring Oscar Romero, Archbishop and Martyr of San Salvador (1917-1980)” Sunday, Sept. 30, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Corpus Christi University Parish, 2955 Dorr St.
• Commuter Break Thursday, Oct. 4, from noon to 1 p.m. in the Student Union South Lounge. Come taste a variety of Latino foods.
• Latino Meet ‘n’ Greet Thursday, Oct. 4, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Rocket Hall Rocket Room. Sample Latino food and music and meet UT’s Latino faculty and staff.
• EXPLOSION II Friday, Oct. 5, at the Toledo Hilton Hotel on the Health Science Campus. This is a business and career expo for, by and with Latinos. The event is sponsored by the Northwest Ohio Hispanic Chamber.
• Latino Affiliate Homecoming Brunch and Silent Auction Saturday, Oct. 5, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Driscoll Alumni Center. Food will be provided by El Camino Real, and the silent auction will raise funds for a Latino Affiliate Scholarship.
• “Unity Through Diversity, Discovery and Dialogue: Latino Art” Thursday, Oct. 11, from noon to 1 p.m. in the Office of Multicultural Student Services Gallery in Student Union Room 2500. George W. Neubert, director of the Flatwater Folk Art Museum and Flatwater Arts Foundation, will discuss “Latino Spirit: Visual Heritage.”
• Zumba Thursday, Oct. 11, from 7:45 to 8:45 p.m. in the Student Rec Center Aerobics Room. Come join a workout inspired by Latin music and dance.
• Hispanic Heritage Month Closing Celebration from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, in Libbey Hall. Latino faculty, staff and students will be honored.

For more information, contact the Office of Multicultural Student Services at 419.530.2261.

The Lucas County Commissioners invite you to celebrate the 86th birthday of UT’s jazz legend Jon Hendricks

Tuesday, Sept. 18
9:30 a.m.
One Government Center

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