Gillham Hall rededication to take place Sept. 28

By Roxanne Ring

Gillham Hall, a building that has been a cornerstone of The University of Toledo Main Campus since 1952, has undergone major renovations over the course of the last two years. The state of Ohio provided $12.4 million in funding for the project. The building’s exterior remained primarily untouched while the interior was completely revamped. Gillham Hall opened for classes for fall semester and features:

• State-of-the-art classrooms that range in capacity from 18 to 40 students;
• A 75-seat tiered multipurpose auditorium/classroom/meeting room;
• Three technology support center computer labs;
• A doctoral dissertation presentation/defense conference room;
• Department suites that include student learning community space; and
• A brick entryway that offers the opportunity to inscribe dedications.

Gillham Hall will be rededicated to the Judith Herb College of Education at a special ceremony Friday, Sept. 28. Guided tours will be conducted between 2 and 3 p.m. The main event will begin on the lawn west of Gillham Hall at 3 p.m. The events are free and open to the public.

"Please join us to mark this important milestone in the history of The University of Toledo’s Judith Herb College of Education," said Dr. Thomas Switzer, dean of the college.

Town Hall Meeting

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Wednesday, Oct. 3

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Questions can be sent to TownHallQuestions@utoledo.edu.

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Speaking in character, scholar brings message of Mahatma Gandhi to Toledo

By Jon Strunk

Those who never had a chance to meet Mahatma Gandhi or hear in person his message of freedom, nonviolence and civil rights will get their chance Sunday, Sept. 30, at 3 p.m. in The University of Toledo’s Doermann Theater.

Dr. Shall Sinha, a leading expert on the life and works of Gandhi, will deliver a presentation on “Conflict Resolution the Gandhi Way” in the character of Gandhi himself. Following his presentation, Sinha will take questions from the audience, answering as Gandhi would answer.

"Gandhi showed us the power and inevitability of nonviolent resistance to human and civil rights violations," said Dr. Yueh-Ting Lee, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. "Not every society will have a leader like Mahatma Gandhi, but through people like Dr. Sinha, all have access to the philosophies and methods of one of history’s most transformative leaders."

Sinha grew up in India studying both engineering and Gandhi’s teaching and protest methods. For the last 20 years, he has been committed to the study and teaching of Gandhian principles. He and his wife, Pramila, are members of Nonviolent Peaceforce, an international non-governmental organization that spreads the Gandhian way of life throughout the world.

“Mahatma Gandhi lived and taught nonviolence. His own life is an experiment in truth,” said Ila Mehta, a Hindu Temple representative, highlighting that this is the fourth annual celebration presented by the Hindu Temple commemorating the anniversary of Gandhi’s birth. “I think this event will be a very effective way to observe the day of Gandhi’s birth as an International Day of Nonviolence, as adopted by a United
New UT center puts emphasis on peace, democratic education

By Tobin J. Klinger

The University of Toledo Judith Herb College of Education is looking to raise the level of discourse in America through a new center focused on preparing citizens to be active participants in democracy. UT will announce Friday, Sept. 28, the creation of the Center for Nonviolence and Democratic Education. "Understanding and appreciating others of Gandhian nonviolence and knowledge of teachers and administrators," said Dr. Thomas Switzer, dean of the Judith Herb College of Education. "We want to raise the level of dialogue and help shape the way our society approaches educational endeavors." The study of nonviolence and democratic education is a growing area of research interest in the United States and around the globe, according to Snauwaert. The center will bring together UT faculty members from across disciplines who have an active interest in the topic.

Prostitution conference to move hidden issues into public eye

By Jon Strunk

While Toledo has much to be proud of, one of its biggest blights is the frequent attention it receives as a major hub for child sex trafficking and prostitution. The two-day Prostitution, Sex Work and the Commercial Sex Industry Conference 2007, which will be held Thursday and Friday, Sept. 27 and 28, in the UT Student Union on Main Campus, will offer presentations on different aspects of trafficking, prostitution and sex work.

Weather permitting, a peace walk sponsored by the Hindu Temple of Toledo and beginning at 2 p.m. will precede the event. The walk will begin at Corpus Christi University Parish, 2955 Dorr St., and end at Doermann Theater.

The free, public event is sponsored by the UT College of Arts and Sciences, the UT Religious Studies Program and the Hindu Temple.

Paralegal Studies Program to bring trial to UT Main Campus

By Chelsea-Lynn Carey

The Paralegal Studies Program will host Judge Gene Znuda of the Lucas County Court of Common Pleas as he presides over a bench trial involving an active personal injury case Thursday, Sept. 27, in the Richard B. and Jane McQuade Mock Trial Courtroom in Health and Human Services Building Room 1419 on Main Campus.

Znuda will meet with students beginning at 8:30 a.m., and court will begin at 9 a.m. and last until at least 3 p.m.

The case being presented is a personal injury case, which resulted from a motorcycle accident. A passenger is suing the driver of the motorcycle from injuries sustained from an accident.

"Observing a trial is a chance for anyone to learn firsthand the high regard our judicial system merits and the protection it affords all of our citizens. This is what the Paralegal Studies Program does for students — bring the law to life," said Kathleen Reed, UT associate professor and chair of the Paralegal Studies Program.

This is one of the events for the program’s “Paralegal Studies Brings the Law to Life” theme that is the focus of this academic year.

Later this semester, UT will host Judge Timothy Kuhlman of the Toledo Municipal Court, who will be doing a “night court” session, where hearings, arraignments and pre-trial arguments will be heard on multiple cases.

During spring semester, UT will host the Ohio Sixth District Court of Appeals; this event will be a daylong session of oral arguments of appeals with at least three judges presiding.

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Nations resolution.” Mehta emphasized the importance of bringing together the Toledo community to participate in activities that help educate others of Gandhian nonviolence and knowledge.

“Understanding and appreciating differences help us to reduce conflict and violence. An educational event like this may help us to understand and appreciate human difference,” Lee said.

Watch for information about Homecoming in the next issue
**News**

**Professor emeritus continues to educate through Read for Literacy program**

By Alissa Hammond

Dr. Bob Niedzielski, UT professor emeritus of chemistry, now serves as a volunteer tutor for Read for Literacy. Niedzielski is tutoring a 49-year-old man who read at the first-grade level when he came to Read for Literacy in March. With Niedzielski’s help, he will be on his way to achieving his goals of getting a job, learning to read and write, and training to use a computer.

“Volunteer tutors who have helped 4,600 adults learn to read or strengthen their reading skills. The Toledo-Lucas County Public Library provides free office space and support services for tutoring. Faculty encourages retirees and faculty, staff and students who are looking for a rewarding experience to volunteer for the program. There are approximately 10 adult learners on a waiting list to receive a tutor. For more information about the Read for Literacy program or to get involved, contact the organization at 419.242.READ (7323).”

**Researchers: Apply for awards**

By Alissa Hammond

The Office of Research Development has announced that the 2007-08 University Research Awards and Fellowship guidelines are available. The annual internal grant program supports the research of faculty members from all disciplines on Main Campus. The programs seek to advance the faculty’s scholarly efforts.

The eight programs provide different types and levels of support:

- **Summer Research Awards and Fellowship Program** — summer research projects.
- **deArco Memorial Endowment Fund** in Support of Medical Research and Development — medical research and development projects.
- **Interdisciplinary Research Initiation Awards** — supports groups of at least four faculty from at least two academic departments in beginning a new interdisciplinary research project.
- **Phase 0 Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer Program** — work with an outside business in preparation of a Small Business Innovation Research/Small Business Technology Transfer proposal.
- **Proposal Preparation Mini-Grants to Federal Agencies** — revising and resubmitting a competitive proposal to a federal agency.
- **Visiting Faculty Research Awards** — invite a visiting faculty member into a UT research project for the summer in order to develop inter-institutional collaborations and to help forge stronger ties among undergraduate institutions.
- **Archaeological Research Endowment Fund** — archaeological research.
- **Publications Subvention Program** — publication of a scholarly manuscript by an academic press.

Applicants interested in a particular program can visit the Office of Research Development Web site at http://www.utol.utoledo.edu/research/uraf/programs.html and follow the guidelines for applying. On the page is a link to the cover sheet for that program that will need to be submitted, along with the necessary attachments, to the Office of Research Development no later than 4 p.m. on the deadline date.

Direct any questions to Dr. Elsa Nadler, director of grants development, at 419.383.6967 or at elsa.nadler@utoledo.edu.
There are fish, boats, birds, flowers, butterflies, balloons, school colors, teddy bears and even a golf hole — all symbols of the pieces of human lives.

More than 250 colorful, six-inch-by-six-inch ceramic tiles hand painted by cancer patients, their families, friends and caregivers are mounted on a wall in the UT Medical Center Skyview Food Court.

Part of the UT Medical Center Cancer Institute's Ribbons of Hope Program, the colorful tiles all feature ribbons, the national symbol in the fight against breast cancer, different designs and hand-written messages of gratitude, hope, encouragement and love to cancer survivors. Each tile tells a story — a story of life, survival, hope, courage and sometimes death, and serves as a lasting symbol of the fight against cancer.

For example, one tile features a ribbon with a golf green and hole flag with the inscription, “Dad, you already scored a hole in one with me.” There are inscriptions such as “Miracles can happen when you believe,” “Thanks to the greatest nurses in the world,” “You made me feel like dancing,” and “Laughter, love and chocolate.”

The project began four years ago when Barbara Jaska, owner of Paintin’ Plates, a business on South Byrne Road, and a cancer survivor herself, approached the Cancer Institute and the former MCO Foundation to see if the two organizations wanted to join forces to encourage cancer patients to paint ceramic tiles as a form of therapy and to raise funds for the institute and for cancer research.

Jan Tipton, oncology clinical nurse, said the project is aimed at helping patients express themselves and use art as a tool in healing. As a nurse, she knows there is not only a need for a cure, but also a need to create more awareness about the disease. It encourages cancer patients, she said, to create a personal expression of their experience and express the individual’s feelings about their battle with cancer.

“Many tiles were done to honor the memory of a loved one,” she said. “It also has been a form of therapy for caregivers in helping them express their feelings as they process the experience. It doesn’t have to be artists’ quality. It is the thought, creativity and symbolism that is therapeutic.”

Marge Rice, a retired Perrysburg schoolteacher, is one of dozens of cancer patients who have been helped by UT Medical Center cancer specialists and whose tile is displayed. She was diagnosed with stage III ovarian cancer four and half years ago and underwent surgery and aggressive chemotherapy. She said she “feels blessed” to have remained cancer-free since the original diagnosis. Her tile, which features a blue ribbon with painted yellow butterflies, honors a teaching colleague at Toth Elementary School, Sue Boals, who died of ovarian cancer.

“I’m definitely not an artist,” Rice said with a laugh, “but painting a tile was meaningful because it reminded me of my personal struggle and all those who were so supportive during a difficult time in my life.”

She remembers the joy of spending an afternoon at the shop with colleagues, dipping a slim paintbrush into paint, and dabbing the outline of her message onto the ceramic tile.

“I had such a strong, wonderful support group at Toth,” said Rice, who took a leave of absence from teaching during treatment. She added that her cancer battle was “a valuable lesson for my students.”

Today, Rice and her husband, Ron, who have been married 42 years, stay busy. They both enjoy being outdoors and have put numerous miles on their tennis shoes and hiking boots. Marge loves to garden, practices yoga, sings in her church choir, reads a lot, and is a part-time clerk at Way Library in Perrysburg.

“I believe staying physically and mentally active at any age is so important,” she said.
Celebrate right to read at Banned Books Vigil Oct. 4

By Vicki L. Kroll

“Banned Books Ahoy! Treasure Your Freedom to Read” is the theme of the 10th annual Banned Books Vigil, which will take place Thursday, Oct. 4, on The University of Toledo’s Main Campus.

UT faculty members and students, as well as librarians and authors, will give short presentations from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts Center Theatre.

“Over the years, our event has grown from a cluster of devoted souls reading passages from banned books at Thackeray’s Books into a fall campus event that brings hundreds of UT and community people together to celebrate the right to read and think freely,” said Dr. Paulette D. Kilmer, associate professor of communication and one of the organizers of the event. “We call it a vigil because that name reminds us of one of the organizers of the event. “We call it a vigil because that name reminds us of our history and our mission to bear witness and, therein, to protect intellectual freedom.”

She added banned books will be given out as door prizes throughout the day.

In the fourth week of September for more than two decades, the American Library Association, the Book Sellers of America and hundreds of other sponsors of Banned Books Week have inspired U.S. citizens to plan events celebrating intellectual freedom.

Topics and speakers for the vigil will be:
• 9 a.m. — “Reading Is Power!” by Dr. Mark Denham, UT acting associate dean for social sciences in the College of Arts and Sciences, and Dr. Marcia Suter, associate professor and director of library services;
• 9:30 a.m. — “Reading for Love of Reading: A Poem by Pinsky and a Poem by Stevens” by Dr. Sara Lundquist, associate professor and chair of English;
• 10 a.m. — “Nazi Germany and Book Burning” by Dr. Larry Wilcox, professor of history;
• 10:30 a.m. — “Better Read Than Dead: Ban These 10 Books” by Dr. Brian Patrick, associate professor of communication;
• 11 a.m. — “We Are Strangers” by Warren Woodbury, Toledo author;
• 11:30 a.m. — “The Silent Battle: Censorship in Elementary Schools” by Tara Schenkenberger, library media specialist at Penta Career Center, Perrysburg;
• Noon — “Literature, Freedom and Dissent: Reading Lolita in Tehran” by Dr. Linda Smith, senior lecturer in the Honors Program;
• 12:30 p.m. — “The Moral of the Story” by Dr. Paul Many, professor of communication;
• 1:30 p.m. — “The Media’s Contribution to the Decline of an Informed Citizenry and the Erosion of Democracy” by Dr. Carter Wilson, professor of political science;
• 2 p.m. — “Last Places for Radical Gestures: Late 20th Century Art, Imagination and Law” by Dr. Mysoon Rizk, associate professor of art;
• 2:30 p.m. — “Theatre: Scene or Obscenity?” by Irene Alby, lecturer in theatre; Cornel Gabara, assistant professor of theatre; Dr. Ben Pryor, associate professor and chair of philosophy and co-director of the Law and Social Thought Program; Dave DeChristopher, actor and author; and Holly Monsos, associate professor and chair of theatre;
• 3:30 p.m. — “Allen Ginsburg, HOWL and City Lights Books on Trial” by Dr. Tom Barden, director of the Honors Program and professor of English;
• 4 p.m. — “Let’s Play Jeopardy!” with Mark Horan, associate professor of general libraries and coordinator of general library collections;
• 4:30 p.m. — “Harry Potter and the Deathly Problem of Religious Censorship” by Dr. Sharon Barnes, associate professor of interdisciplinary studies;
• 5 p.m. — “Freedom of the Press — Except on Campus?” by Chris Ankney and Melinda Lauber, Independent Collegian editor-in-chief and news editor, respectively;
• 5:30 p.m. — “The Battle Is Never Won — Ten Years of Celebrating the Right to Read and Think Freely,” by Kilmer, Brian Hickam, assistant professor of general libraries, and Smith; and
• 6 p.m. — Art music concert with Erik Johanson, associate professor of music.

For more information on the free, public event, contact Kilmer at 419.530.4672 or paulette.kilmer@utoledo.edu; Hickam at 419.530.4493 or brian.hickam@utoledo.edu; or Smith at 419.530.6039 or lsmith2@utnet.utoledo.edu.
From the board

The UT Board of Trustees approved the following personnel actions at its Sept. 17 meeting:

NEW PERSONNEL: Sandra Afd, hall director, Residence Life, effective July 1; Brittany Austin, research technician, Environmental Sciences, effective Aug. 6; Benчис, assistant director of intramurals, Student Recreation Center, effective Aug. 14; Brian Berl, technician 1, Neurosurgery, effective June 8; John Biondi, 3-D animator, Center for Creative Instruction, effective July 5; Ronald Burnas, clinic manager, Orthopedics, effective July 1; Debra Brown, Zia director, to associate director of special events, Institutional Advancement, effective July 1; Eugene Badick, from co-director of associate to director of health-care marketing, Health-Care Marketing, salary adjusted, effective Aug. 20; Jennifer Finch, from associate to director of special events, Institutional Advancement, salary adjusted, effective June 24; Jarad Ferkowski, from associate to director network specialist, eLearning and Academic Support, effective Aug. 20; Mark Fink, from assistant director for course development to director of facility support and projects, eLearning and Academic Support, effective Aug. 6; Aaron Flynn, from interim information technology customer services director to director of client services and infrastructure projects, Information Systems, salary adjusted, effective May 21; Laura Frost, clinic manager, Orthopedics, salary adjusted, effective July 23; Judy Gaza, assistant director of student health, and microbiology, salary adjusted, effective July 1; Patrick Gammereek, from marketing to manager, Marketing, Health-Care Marketing, salary adjusted, effective July 1; Shannon Guffey, from assistant director to director of marketing, marketing and recruitment, Department of Student Affairs, salary adjusted, effective Aug. 14; Kimi Gomez, from resident to visiting clinical scholar, Orthopedics, salary adjusted, effective July 1; Terry Godin, from subscriber to director of the library, College of Information Resources, salary adjusted, effective Aug. 27; Traci Gromek, from program director to manager of retail operations and student services, Student Union, salary adjusted, effective July 1; Merle Heinske, from assistant to associate director, Division of Lab Animal Science, salary adjusted, effective Aug. 18; Christina Heimen, academic program coordinator, Electrical Engineering, salary adjusted, effective May 7;Corrie Herr, from interim director to executive director, Executive Center for Global Competitiveness, College of Business Administration, salary adjusted, effective July 1; George Hinks, from therapy supervisor to physical therapist, Coughlin Rehabilitation Center, salary adjusted, effective Aug. 20; Robert Houston, from director to interim director, information technology to information technology chief operating officer, Information Technology, salary adjusted, effective July 1; Jennifer Hurd, from assistant to director, academic accessibility specialist, Office of High School Initiatives, salary adjusted, effective Sept. 3; Joyce Kenner, from custodial worker to housekeeping manager, Environmental Services, salary adjusted, effective Aug. 13; Stacie Krehmick, from manager of RO and appeals to manager of documents and records management, Health Information Management, effective June 10; Therese Kovacs, from senior benefits specialist to senior human resources specialist, Human Resources, effective June 29; Charles Lehnert, associate vice president for finance and construction, construction, salary adjusted, effective Aug. 28; Terry Lenz, from academic advisor to academic advisor, Student Success Center, salary adjusted, effective July 7; William Logan, from vice president for finance to vice president for university and corporate relations, Construction, salary adjusted, effective Aug. 29; Jeffrey McNair, program manager of Brain Injury Program and care-rehabilitation supervisor, Coughlin Rehabilitation Center, salary adjusted, effective Aug. 20; Dave McHorter, from manager of central transcript to manager of miscellaneous and RO, Construction, salary adjusted, effective Aug. 29; William McMillen, from vice president for government relations to chief counsel for the Board of Trustees, salary adjusted, effective Aug. 20; Joanne Milhaly, diagnostician specialist, Clinical Diagnostics, salary adjusted, effective July 1; Laura Miller, director of the Library, salary adjusted, effective July 1; and Janice Miller, research techni-
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Murnion, from staff nurse to critical care educator. Surgical Intensive Care, salary adjusted, effective May 21; Sarah Myers, from acute therapy supervisor to physical therapist, Coventry Health Care Center, salary adjusted, effective Aug. 30; Shirley Neese, diagnostic ultrasound technologist, Radiology-Diagnostic, salary adjusted, effective July 1; Nanette O’Connor, director, Office of Graduate Medical Education, College of Medicine, salary adjusted, effective June 15; Tommy Osklir, manager, Graduate School, salary adjusted, effective Feb. 19; Kathy Page, from director of enrollment service to director of enrollment service and team leader, Enrollment Services, salary adjusted, effective Aug. 4; Thomas Page, controller, Controller, salary adjusted, effective June 15; Tracy Pakubab, from senior analyst to contract manager, Purchasing Services, salary adjusted, effective Aug. 20; Peter Papanikolas, from general counsel to vice president and general counsel, Office of Legal Affairs, salary adjusted, effective Aug. 20; Melissa Phillips, neurophychology fellow, Rehabilitation Psychology Services, salary adjusted, effective July 1; James Piper, director of tech prep curriculum, JHud College of Education, salary adjusted, effective July 1; Mark Ray, from program manager to acting director of Workforce Credit Program, salary adjusted, effective July 1; Carol Reichenbach, director of sponsored programs, Research and Sponsored Programs, salary adjusted, effective June 24; Duvu Rhodes, from vice president of finance and strategy to inter vice president for administration, effective Aug. 28; George Smith, from assistant director of data management, Urban Affairs, salary adjusted, effective July 1; Deborah Roberts, from interim academic program coordinator to adviser, Academic Affairs, salary adjusted, effective June 4; Tracy Rodrigues, from collection specialist to reimbursement analyst, Prime Financial Services, salary adjusted, effective Aug. 6; Rita Rogers, from account clerk to 3 reimbursement analyst, Prime Financial Services, salary adjusted, effective Aug. 6; Cynthia Sauer, from manager of billing and collections to private pay manager and patient access and financial counselor, Admitting, effective Aug. 5; Jennifer Schilins, from director of data management to interim assistant director of data management and training, Residence Life, salary adjusted, effective June 4; Matthew Schroeder, from director of institutional advancement, Alumni Office, to employee of UT Foundation, effective June 30; Michele Sheley, from administrative assistant to assistant to vice provost for student affairs, Student Affairs, salary adjusted, effective June 28; Lisa Simpson, labor and employee relations specialist, Human Resources, salary adjusted, effective Aug. 10; Eric Stang, from director of alumni programs, Alumni Relations, to director of development, Institutional Advancement, salary adjusted, effective Sept. 1; Heather Stinchcomb, from director of development: annual giving, Institutional Advancement, effective Jan. 1; Russell Smith, coordinator of managed care pharmacies, salary adjusted, effective June 24, and from coordinator of managed care pharmacies to manager of pharmacy and operations, Pharmacy, salary adjusted, effective Aug. 3; Todd Smith, coordinator of managed care pharmacies, Pharmacy, salary adjusted, effective June 24; Nicholas Sperling, from pre-doctoral research assistant to junior physicist, Radiation Therapy, salary adjusted, effective July 10; Joshua Spokes, software specialist, Jhutc College of Education Computing, salary adjusted, effective July 1; Robin Stone, from director to director of TRIO student support services, salary adjusted, effective July 21; Stephen Swartz, from director of operations/infrastructure to interim information technology chief technology officer, Information Technology, salary adjusted, effective June 25; Joel Tavormina, director, Pharmacy, salary adjusted, effective June 24; Chad Tuckerman, manager of clinical pharmacy services, Pharmacy, salary adjusted, effective June 24; Jamie Vargas, software engineer, Center for Creative Instruction, salary adjusted, effective June 25; David Wahl, from manager of campus community support to interim director of auxiliary services, IC Center, salary adjusted, effective Aug. 27; Zanthei Wanyi, associate vice president for student affairs, salary adjusted, effective Mar. 17 and July 1; Mary JoWalshock, from director of intern University College to assistant to president for economic development, Technology Corridor, to director of economic development, effective July 1; Susan Watsoner, laboratory research compliance coordinator, Research and Sponsored Programs, salary adjusted, effective June 24; Ann Yen, from acting assistant to coordinator, College of Nursing, salary adjusted, effective June 11; Brian Weinblatt, from outreach coordinator to assistant director, Alumni Relations, salary adjusted, effective June 8; Jeffery Witt, from assistant director of revenue to director of Student Recreation Center, salary adjusted, effective July 16; and Deanna Woolf, from marketing specialist to senior marketing specialist and creative, MarCom, salary adjusted, effective July 1.

CHANGES IN FACULTY CONTRACT — effective Aug. 13 unless otherwise noted: Halim Asma Azdel, assistant professor of women’s and gender studies, from paid to unpaid leave, effective Aug. 4; Lawrence Baines, associate intern associate dean and professor, Jhutc College of Education, salary adjusted, effective July 24; Asild Basu, College of Medicine, from adjusted to variable support, effective July 1; Barborunne Benjamin, associate dean and professor, College of Health Science and Human Service, salary adjusted, effective July 1; Richard Black, professor and chair of public health and homeland security to senior associate dean of College of Graduate Studies and professor and chair of public health and health security, salary adjusted, effective July 1; Mary Borowicka, assistant professor of pharmacy practice, salary adjusted, effective July 1; Yoon Chu, from associate professor to professor and acting chair of music, salary adjusted; Eduardo Tomo Calderon, Neurology, from salaried to voluntary status associate professor, salary adjusted, effective April 9; William Darby, professor of marketing, from paid to unpaid leave, effective Aug. 4; Dwaye DeMedio, from professor and intern chair to paid intern chair, history, salary adjusted, effective July 1; Michael Dennis, associate professor of radiology, salary adjusted, effective July 1; Eyre Ervin, lecturer in kinesiology, from intern to variable support, effective July 1; Hana Ferrer, professor of political science, salary adjusted; Rickye Heffner, from professor to professor and chair of psychology, effective Aug. 8; Melinda Hinton, from professor to assistant professor and chair of mathematics, from paid to unpaid leave, effective Aug. 4; James Hill, from professor to professor and acting associate chair of fine and studio arts, salary adjusted; Hiroysuki Isaki, associate professor of geography, salary adjusted, effective Aug. 4; Roger King, from professor and intern associate dean to associate dean, salary adjusted; Scott Leisner, from associate professor to associate professor and director of biological sciences, salary adjusted; Dennis Leitman, from associate dean of instruction, University of Toledo, to professor of health and social work, salary adjusted, effective July 8; Weiguo Liu, associate professor of geography, from paid to unpaid leave, effective Aug. 4; Deepak Malhotra, from professor of medicine to chair of medicine, co-director of Center for Clinical Research and professor of medicine, salary adjusted, effective April 9, and salary adjusted June 1; David Meabon, from associate professor to associate professor and interim associate chair of educational leadership, salary adjusted, effective Aug. 4; Nancy Mersereau, from professor to associate professor, Clinical Sciences, salary adjusted, July 15; John Platenflesh, from associate professor to associate professor and chair of associate professor and chair of biological sciences, salary adjusted; Penny Poplin Gosetti, from executive assistant to president to interim principal investigator, Office of Urban Affairs, salary adjusted, effective Sept. 6; Benjamin Pryor, from assistant professor and co-director of Law of Social Thought to associate professor and chair of philosophy and co-director of Law and Social Thought, salary adjusted; Jennifer Rockwood, director, First-Year Experience Program, salary adjusted, effective July 1; Steven Rader, from associate professor of anatomy to director of anatomy residency training and rehabilitation and professor of anatomy, salary adjusted, effective July 1; Dade Smardon, from assistant professor of philosophy to professor of foundations of education, salary adjusted; Eric Stander, from associate professor and chair to associate professor and chair of philosophy, adjusted; Richard Thompson, instructor of engineering technology and director of student support, salary adjusted; Debra Sundin, from professor and intern assistant to professor of Arts and Sciences, from intern to director of College of Graduate Studies and professor, salary adjusted, effective July 1; James Tierney, from intern associate dean and professor of law, salary adjusted; Sundar Ubozkudun, associate professor of political science, from paid to unpaid leave, effective Aug. 4; Jerry Van der Veen, from associate professor and co-director of Law and Social Thought and intern director of Disability Stud- ies to associate professor of sociology and co-director of Law and Social Thought, salary adjusted, effective July 1; William William, from professor to professor and chair of arts and sciences, salary adjusted, effective July 1; and Donald White, from professor to professor and acting chair of mathematics, salary adjusted.

STAFF SEPARATIONS: Heather Baumgartner, resource manager, Pharmacy Management, effective July 6; Teresa Beno, senior researcher/project manager, Geography and Planning, effective Aug. 3; William Bettigeh, resource assistant, College of Arts and Sciences, effective June 2; Lawrence Baines, from associate dean and professor, College of Medicine, effective July 2; Michael Black, hall director, Residence Life, effective June 21; Kara Blumfeldt, assistant director, Dining; From High School Admission, effective Aug. 3; Bruce Boardman, instructional designer/trainee, Project EnRtEr, effective Aug. 3; Sandra Bondeviller, TVC counselor, College of Medicine, effective July 13; John Breck, assistant football coach, Intercollegiate Athletics, effective July 6; Mary Borowicka, from associate professor and chair of music, salary adjusted; Eduard Tomo Calderon, Neurology, from salaried to voluntary status associate professor, salary adjusted, effective July 16; and Deanna Woolf, from marketing specialist to senior marketing specialist and creative, MarCom, salary adjusted, effective July 1.

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UT physician assistant group to hold run/walk to benefit cancer patients

By Chelsea-Lynn Carey

The UT Student Academy of the American Academy of Physician Assistants will host “The Race for Victory,” a 5K run and walk, Saturday, Oct. 13, at Swan Creek Metropark.

“The Race for Victory” will benefit the Victory Center, a group that supports and educates cancer patients and their families in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan, according to Ashley Finch, a UT physician assistant student and chair of the race advertising committee.

Finch said the group decided to donate the proceeds of the event to the Victory Center to benefit the local community.

“We truly felt the Victory Center is passionate about its program and very willing to make a difference,” Finch said.

Both the walk and run will begin at 9 a.m. on the all-purpose trail near the Glendale Avenue entrance of the park. Check-in for participants will begin at 8 a.m.

This race is open to all ages, and brackets will be formed according to the number of participants and their respective ages.

There will be awards for each age bracket, along with a grand prize for the top male and female finishers.

“Our motivation in creating this race was to help celebrate National Physician Assistants Week, held annually Oct. 6-12, while also supporting a local, medically related charity,” said Laura Sell, UT physician assistant student and race committee chair.

“We hope that UT students, along with the rest of the community, will join us in celebrating the physician assistant profession while raising funds for the Victory Center and their patients.”

The pre-registration fee is $20, which ends Sept. 29; race day registration is $25. With a group of 10 or more participants, the fee is $15 each.

To print a registration form, go to http://hsc.utoledo.edu/depts/stuaff/stulif/saaapa/saaapa.html.

VACATION TIME … FINALLY! Marcia Meeker, accountant 2 in Accounts Payable, left, shared a laugh with Sue Kielczewski, account clerk 3, at her retirement party last week. Meeker worked at the University for 38 years. She was a food service worker for five years and a messenger worker for two years before joining Accounts Payable. “When I first started here — it was Maumee Valley Hospital then — it was a family-type environment. I enjoyed that the most,” she said. Meeker has a lot of plans.

“I am going on my first real vacation in 30 years to New Hampshire. From there, I have plenty of home projects I have been putting off that take time to do,” she said. “My friends and I are signed up for line dancing lessons, jazzercise and bowling.”

STRETCHING OUT: Jennifer Rockwood, director of the First-Year Experience Program, led a session titled “I’m Stressed Out … What Can I Do?” during the Learning Enhancement Center’s recent Olympiad. The four-day event for students offered interactive learning workshops on topics ranging from taking notes to self-defense.

In memoriam

Margie Ceravolo, Toledo, a cafeteria employee on Main Campus for more than 20 years, died Sept. 15 at age 77.

STRETCHING OUT: Jennifer Rockwood, director of the First-Year Experience Program, led a session titled “I’m Stressed Out … What Can I Do?” during the Learning Enhancement Center’s recent Olympiad. The four-day event for students offered interactive learning workshops on topics ranging from taking notes to self-defense.

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