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By Alissa Hammond

Homecoming 2007 will have many free events for UT students, faculty, staff and alumni, as they celebrate The University of Toledo, the second home to many throughout their college careers, with the theme “There’s No Place Like Home.”

The Homecoming Commission, the UT chapter of Blue Key National Honor Fraternity, the UT Alumni Association, Student Government and the Dean of Students Office have a wide variety of events planned for students throughout Homecoming week, Monday through Saturday, Oct. 1-6.

UT’s longest tradition, Homecoming week is a great opportunity for students to share their school spirit with others and take advantage of free activities and food, according to 2007 Homecoming Co-Commissioners Kim Jesse and Laura Jesse.

“I have been attending UT Homecomings for almost 20 years now,” Kim said. “I am the third generation in my family to come to UT, and it has always been a big tradition for my family, along with many other families, to come back to Toledo for this event. It’s as if UT is a second home, and that is why the commission chose “There’s No Place Like Home’ for the 2007 Homecoming theme.”

Some of the events for the week will include:

Monday, Oct. 1
What Not To Wear, Glass Bowl, 7 to 9 p.m.
Watch as the Homecoming candidates put on a fashion show in UT’s football stadium.
Movie in the Glass Bowl, 9:30 to midnight.
Bring your blankets and popcorn and watch a movie on UT’s huge screen in the stadium.
Vote for Homecoming King and Queen online.

Tuesday, Oct. 2
Annual Homecoming Bonfire, Flatlands, 9 p.m. The 2007 Homecoming Royalty will be announced, and there will be free food and music by the Travis Rocco Band.
Vote for Homecoming King and Queen online until 4 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 3
Annual Pep Rally, Centennial Mall, noon. Show your school spirit by celebrating with the football team, Rocket Marching Band, Blue Crew and UT cheerleaders. There’ll be free food, and don’t forget to take a swing at the Liberty University car. Compete alongside other UT students in Marshaling Firepower.
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Friday, Oct. 5
Annual Homecoming Tailgate, Glass Bowl, noon.
Checkout the Homecoming Parade at 5 p.m.
Vote for Homecoming King and Queen online.

Saturday, Oct. 6
Homecoming Game, Glass Bowl, noon.
Vote for Homecoming King and Queen online.

The center is scheduled to open Monday, Oct. 15. Celebratory kick-off events include a public open house Sunday, Oct. 7, featuring educational workshops, children’s activities and family fun with food and refreshments.

Additionally, UTMC has scheduled an event for the UT community from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3. The open house will feature self-guided tours, music, food and door prizes to celebrate National Customer Service Week.

“While the UTMC Orthopaedic Center is something for students, faculty, staff, alumni and supporters to be truly proud of, it is also a facility designed to deliver to them and their families university-quality orthopaedic care,” said Dr. Jeffrey Gold, provost and executive vice president for health affairs and dean of the College of Medicine. “Nothing could speak as highly continued on p. 2

Photo by Daniel Miller
Bancroft, and rededicated to the Homecoming Foundation.

ONTOUR: Julie Kandel, a senior majoring in education, right, gave a tour Friday of Gilmour Hall, the renovated home of the Judith Herb College of Education, to Judith Herb, left, and others. The state provided $12.4 million in funding for the renovation of the building, which was rededicated to the college in a special ceremony following the public tours.

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the annual “Freeze Your Rocket Off” in the UT fountain. How long can you last?

Friday, Oct. 5

Homecoming Gala, Student Union Auditorium, 6 to 9 p.m. The UT Alumni Association dinner will include the presentation of

SIGNING BONUS: UT basketball great Kim Knuth-Klaer, who signed autographs after her number was retired, will be a marshal in the parade.

Photo by Daniel Miller

this year’s Blue T, Gold T and Edward H. Schmidt Outstanding Alum awards. The cost is $25 per person. Members of the Student Alumni Association may use their free event benefit to attend. The 2007 Homecoming Court will be announced; stop by for free at 7:15 to support your candidate!

Saturday, Oct. 6

Homecoming Parade, West Bancroft Street to Middlesex Drive to Kenwood Boulevard to Cheltenham Road and back to West Bancroft, 2 p.m. A classic parade sponsored by Blue Key. The UT Homecoming marshals will be former UT basketball stars Kim Knuth-Klaer and Steve Mix. Knuth-Klaer is the MAC and UT’s all-time leading women’s scorer with 2,509 points. Mix earned All-America honors as a Rocket, was drafted by the Detroit Pistons, and spent 13 seasons in the NBA, most with the Philadelphia 76ers. Both players had their numbers retired in February.

• UT Alumni Association Tailgate Party, tent near the Health Education Building, 4 p.m. There’ll be free hot dogs, pop and chips, with music by Voodoo Libido.

Homecoming Football Game, UT vs. Liberty, Glass Bowl, 7 p.m. The Homecoming King and Queen, along with the parade float winners and decorating contest champions, will be announced. Tickets are $24 for reserved seating; $19 for general admission; $12 for children 12 and younger; half off for UT faculty and staff; and free for UT students with student ID.

For more information, contact the Alumni Relations Office at 419.530.2586 or the Student Activities Office at 419.530.7221.

UT, Buckeye TeleSystem increase bandwidth for Internet

By Matt Lockwood

Living in the residence halls at UT has several advantages, from central dining and exercise facilities to convenient laundry and lounge areas.

Until this summer, if there had been one complaint from on-campus residents, it was their ability to access the Internet.

“Our students’ Internet usage spikes late at night, and the bandwidth in the dorms just couldn’t handle it,” said Steve Swartz, acting chief technology officer.

This summer, UT Information Technology staff met with Buckeye TeleSystem to explore possible solutions. In the end, the Internet traffic in the residence halls was moved to its own separate connection and the University purchased lots more bandwidth.

Prior to the change, 33 megabytes of bandwidth were dedicated to the dorms during the day and 77 megabytes at night. Now, 200 megabytes are available for residents all the time.

“That’s more bandwidth than many colleges have in total,” Swartz said. “It also means the bandwidth that was being shared is now available for faculty and staff.”

Buckeye is credited with helping to develop the solution at an affordable cost.

“We have a long-standing relationship with The University of Toledo and, due to infrastructure already in place, we were able to make this possible at a significant cost savings,” said Joseph Jensen, president of Buckeye TeleSystem.

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of the center as those at UT who know it best regularly utilizing its services.”

A $10 million project with state-of-the-art technology geared to a comprehensive patient-centered experience, the Orthopaedic Center is adjacent to the George Isaac Minimally Invasive Surgery Center, providing easy access for patients from the initial visit to outpatient surgery and physical therapy.

Billed as a “one-stop shop,” the new center is equipped with the latest imaging and radiology technology, exam and procedure rooms, and physical therapy and patient education areas. Plus, patients soon will be able to schedule appointments via e-mail, and a staff member will be dedicated to connect patients with therapists.

UTMC is the first orthopaedic practice in northwest Ohio to offer “neck-to-toe” care, from fractures and dislocations to joint replacement and trauma. Many health-care experts say the all-inclusive offering is the wave of the future for orthopaedic medicine, and it’s something the patients say they greatly appreciate as well.

“The health-care market in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan is one of the most competitive in the country,” Ebraheim said. “The Orthopaedic Center will allow UTMC to not only remain one of the top teaching hospitals, but also to continue raising the standards for patient care. It’s our responsibility and our pleasure to provide such comprehensive, high-quality service for our patients.”

National Customer Service Week

The University of Toledo Medical Center will recognize faculty and staff during National Customer Service Week, Monday through Friday, Oct. 1-5.

The Customer Service Department will host the following activities:

• Monday, Oct. 1 — Who said there’s no such thing as a free lunch? Celebrate service excellence and welcome autumn with a bowl of warm chili and freshly popped corn, served at the customer service table in the Skyview Food Court atrium on Monday, Oct. 1, at 11 a.m. a.m. at the central communications window, located around the corner from the Police Department in the basement of Mulford Library Room 0006/0007.

• Wednesday, Oct. 3 — Join the UT community at the Employee Open House on the Health Education Building lawn. The event is being held in honor of UT Medical Center’s ongoing success and the opening of the new Orthopaedic Center. The Customer Service Department will host prize drawings from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Be sure to get your prize-drawing ticket when you grab your lunch!

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‘Topdog/Underdog’ to run Oct. 2-7 in Studio Theatre

The power of names will be explored in “Topdog/Underdog,” a drama that will be presented in the Center for Performing Arts Studio Theatre on Main Campus Tuesday, Oct. 2, through Sunday, Oct. 7.

Suzan-Lori Parks’ Pulitzer Prize-winning work is about two African-American brothers, Lincoln and Booth, whose names were given to them as a joke. They struggle with the monikers and deal with sibling rivalry, gambling, racism, work, women and poverty.

“It’s fascinating to watch the ever-changing dance of power between Lincoln and Booth as they each try to be the top dog in their relationship,” said Holly Monsos, associate professor and chair of theatre and film, who is producing the play. “As the two brothers alternate between teasing, cajoling, bickering and insulting each other, the power dynamic keeps shifting as well, right up to their final confrontation.”

Starring in the performance are Danny Ledzinger, a UT alumnus who received a bachelor of arts degree in communication in 2006, who plays Lincoln, and Tyree Troutman, a senior majoring in theatre, as Booth.

Ledzinger appeared in UT’s 2005 production of “The Jewelry Store,” and Troutman’s most recent appearance on the University stage was last spring in “Unidentified Human Remains and the True Nature of Love.” Troutman also was one of four actors selected for “Action,” which was performed at the Seventh International Festival of Drama in English in Debrecen, Hungary, in 2006.

Sylvia Carter, UT instructor of theatre, is the director of “Topdog/Underdog.” Her University directing credits include “Ain’t Misbehavin’” and “For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow Is Enuf.” Most recently Carter directed “Cuttin’ Up and Pressin’ On,” which was performed by the Clarence Smith Community Chorus. The Toledo native received a bachelor of fine arts degree in theatre from UT in 1983.

Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. for shows Tuesday through Saturday and 2 p.m. for the Sunday performance.

Tickets are $13; $11 for faculty, staff, alumni and seniors; and $9 for students. They can be purchased online at www.utoledo.edu/as/theatrefilm, at the box office prior to the shows or by calling 419.530.2375.

For more information, call the Theatre and Film Department at 419.530.2202.

National Conversation on Climate Action

By Alissa Hammond

“Understanding Climate Change,” a keynote presentation by Dr. Lonnie Thompson, a glaciologist whose research was featured in Al Gore’s documentary “An Inconvenient Truth,” will be held Thursday, Oct. 4, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the UT Law Center Auditorium on Main Campus.

The keynote is part of an educational forum that will be held with local government, academic and private sector leaders as they discuss the science of climate change and what is needed to combat global warming. Toledo is one of some 60 communities that will participate in the National Conversation on Climate Action.

Thompson is a professor in the School of Earth Sciences at Ohio State University. For more information or to RSVP for the free, public event, contact the City of Toledo Division of Environmental Services at 419.936.3015.

Researcher to talk about breast cancer work Oct. 4

Dr. Paul Erhardt, director of the UT Center for Drug Design and Development and professor of medicinal and biological chemistry, will give an update on his research on breast cancer.

His talk, “Directing Drug Distribution (Avoiding Multidrug Resistance While Targeting Cancer Cells),” will take place Thursday, Oct. 4, at noon in Nicholske Hall Room 1027 on Main Campus.

Using the chemotherapy drug Paclitaxel that is prescribed to treat some types of cancer, Erhardt has outlined negative structure activity relationships that can be exploited to avoid the P-glycoprotein transporter, a pump that keeps harmful substances out of cells.

“The P-glycoprotein transporter is associated to a large extent with the development of multidrug resistance in human breast cancer cells,” he said.

He is investigating the structural space taken up by these negative structure activity relationships, which overlap areas that can improve water solubility and that are present in certain molecules being explored for their potential to target cancer cells.

“Combining these overlapping features into various hybrid attachments, we are presently synthesizing Paclitaxel analogues that will simultaneously display increased aqueous solubility, enhanced selectivity for cancer cells compared to normal cells, and a significantly decreased liability for the development of multidrug resistance,” Erhardt said.

This research is vital to combat breast cancer so that anti-tumor agents do not succumb to multidrug resistance but instead combat the malignancy.

Erhardt’s work previously was supported by the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

In 2006, he received one of UT’s Outstanding Researcher Awards, and he also has been recognized with the College of Pharmacy’s Outstanding Faculty Member Award and Outstanding Researcher Award. His free, public talk will be a graduate seminar for the Chemical and Environmental Engineering Department.

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Patient, family say thanks with check for cancer research

By Matt Lockwood

TJ Automation is an automated manufacturing company in Archbold, Ohio. Last year after one of the family members died of a heart attack, the company put on a golf tournament and donated all of the proceeds to the American Heart Association.

TJ Automation held another golf outing last month, and this year donated the $2,000 it raised, plus a matching $2,000 from the company, to the Cancer Biology Research Fund at The University of Toledo to support basic cancer research. The family also delivered a $1,700 check for the fund in honor of Donald Grime, a longtime family friend who died recently.

The company, which is run in part by three of Jerry Winzeler’s children, decided to make the donation in recognition of Dr. David Allison, professor of surgery, who operated on Winzeler twice as a result of colon cancer.

“He treated me like a human being,” Winzeler said. “To me, he really cares about people, and we wanted to see if we could return the favor.”

Allison said, “I think that’s super; I’m honored by it.”

Earlier this month, Winzeler and several members of his family presented Allison with the checks and then toured the UT Advanced Microscopy and Imaging Center in the basement of the Block Health Science Building, where much cancer research takes place.

Following the tour, presentations on research were given by Ramona Ramdath, a doctoral student in cancer biology; Dr. Andrea Kalinoski, a post-doctoral student in Allison’s lab and technical director of the Advanced Microscopy and Imaging Center; Dr. Saad Sikanderkhel, a research fellow; and Peter Bazeley, a database specialist in bioinformatics.

“Between the three kids, we were thoroughly impressed with Dr. Allison and his staff; we had a good time,” said Tracy Dohm, Winzeler’s oldest daughter.

FOCUSING ON MAKING A DIFFERENCE: Dr. David Allison, professor of surgery, explained the two-photon laser scanning confocal microscope to Jerry Winzeler, seated, and his family. The family visited UT and delivered checks totaling $5,700 for the Cancer Biology Research Fund.

NETWORKING: Kyle Koenig, a senior majoring in pharmacy, took a business card from Tammy Birkel of Walgreens while Kelly Schoeppler, a senior majoring in pharmacy, jotted down some information during Pharmacy Day last week. More than 300 students attended the 25th annual recruiting event, where retail and hospital pharmacies, residency programs and pharmaceutical firms come to UT looking to hire future graduates.

In memoriam

Dr. Donald B. Campbell. Toledo, a clinical assistant professor of surgery at the former MCO/MUO from 1988 to 2006, died Sept. 21 at age 71.

Verna Louise Glick. Toledo, who worked at the University for 18 years, died Sept. 22 at age 90. She was a library clerk from 1963 to 1976, when she became a library assistant. Glick retired from UT in 1981.

Town Hall Meeting

with President Lloyd Jacobs

Wednesday, Oct. 3
4 to 5 p.m.
Health Education Building Room 100
Health Science Campus

Questions can be sent to TownHallQuestions@utoledo.edu.
Watch the event online at http://video.utoledo.edu.