

## UT senior named Ohio's Outstanding Nursing Student of the Year

By Chelsea-Lynn Carey

Chase Scarbrough, a senior in the College of Nursing, was named the Outstanding Nursing Student of the Year for Ohio during the recent State Nursing Student Association annual convention in Columbus.

Scarbrough was nominated for this award by The University of Toledo Student Nurses' Association (SNA) and the faculty in the college.

He believed himself to be a future leader, he said, but he needed to become a better student leader, and he wanted to be involved in community events.

"I was informed that SNA organized events and programs to benefit the Toledo community. Volunteering my time for my community seemed like a great way to grow as a nurse and as an individual," Scarbrough said.

"When I first started getting involved with SNA, I realized that this organization had the potential to make a huge difference in this community," he added. "I was lucky to have a board full of leaders elected alongside of me to help accomplish all of the



Photo by Daniel Miller

**CONGRATS:** President Lloyd Jacobs congratulated Chase Scarbrough, a senior nursing student, who was named Ohio's Outstanding Nursing Student of the Year.

projects we would ambitiously undertake."

Scarbrough was excited to see that his fellow students were as eager to be involved in the community as he is. Together, they raised money for needy families in Toledo for the holidays, and they volunteer at the

Ronald McDonald House to cook dinner for families of children who are hospitalized, promote the benefits of nursing at local schools, and make care packages for soldiers overseas.

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## University to bring parity to tuition benefit for all employees

By Tobin J. Klinger

"This is something we have been working toward since the earliest merger discussions," said Dr. Lloyd Jacobs, president of The University of Toledo, of a new policy that will bring Health Science Campus employees the tuition benefit equivalent to those on the Main Campus.

"We're going out on a bit of a financial limb in doing this," Jacobs said, "but it is simply the right thing to do."

Dr. Jeffrey Gold, Health Science Campus provost, executive vice president for health affairs and dean of the College of Medicine, formally announced the new policy at his state of the college address Nov. 16.

"We are pleased and proud to offer all of our eligible Health Science Campus employees a tuition benefit that will enable them to take advantage of the richness of the University's academic offerings in the same way Main Campus employees have been enjoying," Gold said. "There are many excellent programs to choose from, and we hope our employees will seize upon this opportunity."

Under the policy, eligible employees, spouses and their dependents are able to enroll in classes with tuition waived each semester. Employees can take up to eight hours toward an advanced degree.

"This brings tuition parity to a benefit that has been top of mind for many members of our campus community," said Bill Logie, interim senior vice president for finance and administration. "By offering this benefit now, we are not only responding to the desires of our Health Science Campus employees, but showcasing the institution's desire to have true equality across all campuses."

The new policy will not apply for AFSCME 2415 employees until the membership has voted to accept the change to their contract. Additionally, the new policy will eliminate the practice of educational reimbursement and the dependent tuition waiver for Health Science Campus faculty used at the College of Medicine, with those full-time Health Science Campus

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## Researcher helps set record straight on Native Americans of Ohio for new CD-ROM

By Vicki L. Kroll

You can explore earthworks and mounds, discover timber temples, and admire the artistry of objects made by Native Americans 2,000 years ago in the Ancient Ohio Valley — all at your computer, thanks to a new CD-ROM.

"EarthWorks: Virtual Explorations of the Ancient Ohio Valley" was released earlier this fall. The disc features more than two hours of interactive video navigation that invites viewers to take a journey through the past, complete with animated reconstructions.

"The hope is to get the CD-ROM in the schools for teaching, and that would include anything from grade school on up. People don't have to be academic to understand it," said Dr. Barbara Alice Mann, UT associate

lecturer in the English Department and a Bear Clan Ohio Seneca who served as an expert on the 10-year project.

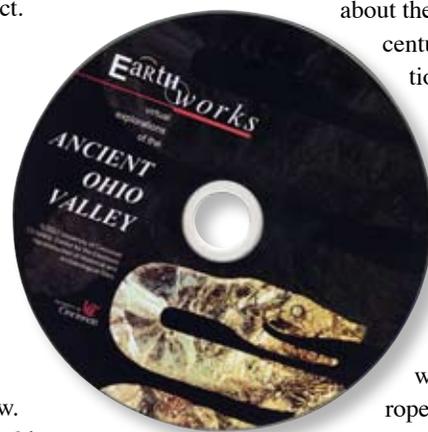
"It's for instructional purposes. We want libraries to have copies of the CD-ROM because one of the things we discovered is that very, very little has actually been written about the mounds, and a lot of the older materials were completely bonkers," she said.

And Mann would know. The noted Native-American historian has written one of the most popular books on the subject — *Native Americans,*

*Archaeologists and the Mounds* (2003).

"At first when settlers were talking about the mounds in the 18th century, there was no question that Native Americans had constructed them. Then by the early 19th century, Western scholars started trying to say that the mounds were not Native-American, that an earlier race, who were probably European or at least Atlantean, had constructed the mounds," she said. "Another theory was that the

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## UT to house new Ohio clean energy center

By Matt Lockwood

**D**ue to its reputation as a leader in alternative energy, The University of Toledo has been selected to house the University Clean Energy Alliance of Ohio, which will coordinate collaboration among state universities in the discovery, development and commercialization of energy-related technology.

A memorandum of understanding was signed this spring by Ohio's 15 largest universities forming the alliance at the direction of Gov. Ted Strickland. Its creation underscores the importance of secure and clean energy to both the state and the nation as a whole.

The University Clean Energy Alliance of Ohio will be housed in UT's Clean and Alternative Energy Incubation Center.

"Ohio is as good as any state in the country when it comes to research credentials in energy and environment," said Dr. Frank Calzonetti, vice president for research development. "But we need to work together instead of competing."

Calzonetti said in addition to UT's strengths in alternative energy and technology commercialization, he believes the

University was selected to host the alliance because of the strong support by UT President Lloyd Jacobs, U.S. Rep. Marcy Kaptur, Toledo Mayor Carty Finkbeiner and other area politicians.

The alliance's board hopes to have an executive director in place at the beginning of next year. UT will provide a support staff member.

"This designation puts UT in position to help the state tell the story that there is a lot going on in Ohio in alternative energy," said Diane Miller, interim assistant director of the incubation. "It also makes UT the go-to place in the state to learn about advanced energy."

The other participating institutions are the University of Cincinnati, Cleveland State University, Miami University, Ohio State University, Wright State University, University of Akron, Case Western Reserve University, University of Dayton, Ohio University, Central State University, Bowling Green State University, Kent State University, Shawnee State University and Youngstown State University.

## Carlson Library open 24 hours five days a week to better serve students

UT students now have one more location for those late-night study sessions as the newly opened Information Commons on the first floor of Carlson Library keeps its doors open around the clock Sunday through Thursday, starting this week.

"Increased access to information for students was the reason for creating this facility," said Dr. John Gaboury, dean of

University Libraries, "and in this case, access means both providing the best and newest technology as well as maximizing the amount of time we're available to serve students' needs."

Since the Information Commons opened in early October, Gaboury said there has been a marked increase in students us-

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faculty currently employed continuing to be eligible.

"Employees utilizing the current Health Science Campus educational reimbursement program will have two years, until Dec. 31, 2009, to complete their degree, or transfer into The University of Toledo," Logie said. "Currently, employed faculty on the Health Science Campus will still be allowed tuition waivers for their children to attend the College of Medicine or pursue other Health Science Campus-based graduate programs, but faculty hired on or after January 1, 2008,

will not be eligible for these waivers for their children."

"This is a huge step in bringing together our cultures," Jacobs said. "We accomplished a great deal, but we have a long way to go before this process is complete. This policy is symbolic of our commitment to making it happen as soon as possible."

Complete details, including frequently asked questions, are available at <http://hsc.utoledo.edu/depts/hr/index.html>. Questions not covered online can be directed to [hsc-tuitionwaiver@utoledo.edu](mailto:hsc-tuitionwaiver@utoledo.edu).

## Events slated for AIDS Awareness Week

By Matt Lockwood

**U**niversity of Toledo students have planned several activities for AIDS Awareness Week, which starts Monday, Nov. 26.

Students will provide information about the disease, distribute red ribbons, and sign people up for the Walk for AIDS, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Student Union on Main Campus.

In addition, events are planned throughout the week:

### • Monday, Nov. 26 — AIDS Awareness Week Opening Ceremony

Listen to members of the University community speak about the disease at this official opening of AIDS Awareness Week at 11 a.m. in the Student Union Ingman Room.

### • Wednesday, Nov. 28 — AIDS Memorial Quilt Display

View part of the masterpiece that spreads a message of remembrance, awareness and hope. The quilt has more than 91,000 names of AIDS victims and has been viewed by more than 15 million since 1987. Panels of the quilt will be on display from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Student Union Auditorium.

### • Thursday, Nov. 29 — AIDS Memorial Quilt Display

View panels of the quilt from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Student Union Auditorium.

Free HIV testing will be administered by the AIDS Coalition Toledo-Northwest

Ohio from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Student Union Rooms 2574, 2579 and 2591.

Chelsea Gulden will share her story about becoming HIV positive through what she thought to be a committed relationship at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Auditorium.

### • Saturday, Dec. 1 — Walk for AIDS

Show support for the fight against AIDS by participat-

ing in the walk, which will start at noon at the Student Recreation Center on Main Campus.

Closing Ceremony — The event will take place at 4 p.m. at the Student Recreation Center.



Photo by Bill Hartough

Panels from the AIDS Memorial Quilt were at UT in 2003.

### • Tuesday, Nov. 27 — HIV/AIDS: The Reality

Learn more about HIV and AIDS through the showing of the African movie, "Angel," at 5 p.m. in Doermann Theater on Main Campus.

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He will start medical school in the fall, but plans to be an advocate for the nursing profession.

"My ultimate career goal is to combine the education I have received as a nurse with the education I will receive as a medical student, to become a well-rounded health-care provider who will understand the importance of holistic care," Scarbrough said.

Student awards are a reflection of the faculty and staff of UT and their commitment to help students excel in their chosen field, he said.

"The faculty at The University of

Toledo College of Nursing have encouraged and promoted every endeavor I have accomplished," Scarbrough said. "The University of Toledo promotes their students to get involved and become leaders in their respected fields. This award is more than a personal award; it reflects the achievements of the entire nursing faculty and my fellow classmates that participate, plan and achieve above and beyond all expectations.

"It feels good to know that my actions have not gone unnoticed and this award strengthens my motivation to reach new goals in the future."

## Researcher

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ancient Romans or, alternately, the ancient Egyptians, built them. Any theory would fly so long as it wasn't Native Americans who built the mounds. And that was crazy."

Although the Atlantean and Roman theories were debunked by the early 20th century, the scholarly rumor that the ancient mound builders were unconnected with modern natives continues into the present. Native-American elders in Ohio requested help from Mann to stop the spread of such nonsense.

"The elders in Ohio came and asked me if I could straighten out some things, so I did," she said. "There are very few Native Americans with PhDs and in a position in academia to correct things that we know are wrong based on our traditions; so few of us are in a position to put something on the record that I have an obligation to my community and to our ancestors to do so."

Mann continues to correct Native-American history with the CD-ROM, which was funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, Ohio Historical Society, Ohio Humanities Council and the University of Cincinnati.

She also is serving as an expert for an episode on the mound-building cultures for "First Nations," a series being produced by Thinkfilm Inc., Washington, D.C., that is set to air on the Discovery Channel in 2008.

"The program is in production now," Mann said. "They told me they'd have reenactors. I provide the actual knowledge of the history."

And she's working on her ninth book, which will use historical, medical and oral tradition to examine the charges of the deliberate spread of disease by the settlers to



Photo by Daniel Miller

Dr. Barbara Alice Mann posed for a photo with the beaded Bear Clan shield she made. It shows the bear standing atop the wampum belt of the Iroquois League.

Native Americans.

"I don't know of a single Native American who hasn't heard this as an allegation as a traditional story — that disease was not accidentally spread, but deliberately spread in an attempt to wipe out people — because it wasn't long before the Europeans noticed we got sick and died from diseases they had immunities to," Mann said.

She will examine four representative instances for which there are Western records as well as oral tradition.

Dr. Joan Moon, UT assistant professor of nursing, will contribute medical discussions of diseases, early inoculation practices and initial treatments to the book, due out late next year.

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ing library facilities.

"We're still working to fine-tune one or two things, but on the whole, I think the Information Commons is a great example of the University creating something to match the study habits and lifestyles of UT students."

The Information Commons combines information technology resources, such as media labs where students can produce and

edit audio and video content, with group study spaces and a room designed specifically for students to practice giving presentations.

With the UT Tutoring Center and the Writing Center nearby, Gaboury said the University has centralized and made more convenient many of the tools that help students succeed academically.

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## Modified vision statement reflects University's transformative nature

By Tobin J. Klinger

Some months ago, The University of Toledo adopted new mission, values and vision statements in support of a new strategic plan.

However, one piece has been modified to better reflect UT's transformative nature and the impact the institution can have at home and around the world.

"We have added some language to the vision statement to better describe The University of Toledo's power to change the world," said Dr. Jeffrey Gold, Health Science Campus provost, executive vice president for health affairs and dean of the College of Medicine. "During these past few months, we have come to collectively better appreciate that the things we do in Toledo have an effect across the globe."

The revised University of Toledo vision statement is:

*The University of Toledo is a transformative force for the world. In so doing, The University of Toledo will become a thriving student-centered, community-engaged, comprehensive research university known for its strong liberal arts core and multiple nationally ranked professional colleges, and distinguished by exceptional strength in science and technology.*

"By continuously striving to improve the human condition, we are a transformative force," said Dr. Rosemary Haggett, Main Campus provost and executive vice president for academic affairs. "Our work with students and patients is a higher calling. The research we perform changes lives. We are a transformative force for the world."

The vision statement is available online at <http://www.utoledo.edu/campus/about/vision.html>. It is part of the strategic plan, "Directions: The University of Toledo."

## UT sales students dominate national, regional competitions

By Jon Strunk

Three students from the University's Edward Schmidt School of Professional Sales won the first place sales team award at the Russ Berrie Institute's National Sales Challenge Nov. 9 and 10.

In addition to the team victory by Steven Harvey, Laura Jesse and Steven McKinney, all seniors in professional sales, McKinney and Harvey each earned individual awards and will be profiled in an upcoming issue of Selling Power Magazine. McKinney placed first in the speed selling competition and second in the overall individual category, and Harvey placed fourth in the overall individual category.

"These students' success really speaks to the superior sales program we have at The University of Toledo and the quality of our students," said Dr. Richard Buehrer, adding that UT's Edward Schmidt School of Professional Sales has established a strong reputation with championships and high placements at sales competitions across the country.

More than 50 students from schools across the nation competed in a simulated sales call, a speed selling contest where students create and deliver to executives a pitch selling their skill sets, and a time manage-

ment and prioritization competition.

Buehrer, UT professor and director of the Edward Schmidt School of Professional Sales, said the competition was sponsored by a number of national firms dedicated to promoting the profession of personal selling as consultative, ethical and relationship-based.

UT is one of 11 universities that is part of the University Sales Center Alliance (USCA), institutions with dedicated sales programs within their business colleges that provide greater focus on sales education and practices. Six USCA schools competed.

"Businesses looking to hire the best graduates look for students with a USCA school on their resume," said Dr. Ellen Pullins, Schmidt Research Professor of Sales and Sales Management. "Performances like those at Russ Berrie are proof our students are not merely applying the lessons they learn in the classroom, but mastering these skills as they enter the job market."

Additionally, UT also swept all awards when it hosted the 2007 Pi Sigma Epsilon North Central Regional Conference in October. About 100 marketing and sales students from UT, Ohio State University, Miami University and the University of Akron competed in the event.

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