Higher Learning Commission site visit continues through Feb. 29

By Kim Goodin

A team representing the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools will be on Health Science and Main campuses through Wednesday, Feb. 29, as part of UT’s continuing accreditation process.

“This site visit is the culmination of nearly three years of reflection, evaluation and planning,” said Dr. Penny Poplin Gosetti, vice provost for assessment and strategic planning. “We’ve presented a self-study report as a means of communicating how we meet the Higher Learning Commission’s five key criteria toward continued accreditation. Now it’s time for the HLC team to get a hands-on look at how we strive toward excellence in education.”

Forums for faculty, staff and students to participate in the site visit are scheduled today and tomorrow:

**Faculty forums**
Monday, Feb. 27, at 4 p.m.
Student Union Room 2582, Main Campus

UT receives share of $7 million in grants for freight, transit systems research

By Nicolette Jett

UT’s University Transportation Center will receive a share of two grants worth $7 million from the U.S. Department of Transportation as part of $77 million awarded nationally for research and education.

The U.S. Department of Transportation Research and Innovative Technology Administration used a competitive selection process to select 10 Tier 1 University Transportation Centers to receive the funding.

The grants will support specific areas of study — truck, rail, waterway, air, and multimodal freight planning, management and operations — and advance U.S. transportation technology and expertise in research, education and technology transfer.

“The research grants are another important way UT is helping to be part of the community,” said Diane Miller, UT executive director of federal relations. “Our representation as a transportation hub is important to the region and as an interdisciplinary center for UT.”

UT’s University Transportation Center was established seven years ago with the assistance of Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur, who added the University to the Safe Accountable Flexible Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users of 2005. The act established it as a Tier II University Transportation Center; since that time, UT has excelled and become a Center of Excellence in Transportation and Logistics. Because of its standing, UT had the opportunity to become a member of a Tier I University Transportation Center consortium.

“Tier I status is very competitive and the application process is extensive,” said Rich Martinko, director of UT’s University Transportation Center. “We are honored because it is such a huge accomplishment to achieve Tier I status and it validates the hard work and projects that have been implemented as a result of our research.”

Since UT participates in two consortia, the center will have access to grants led by UT.
Intensive English program to take students on learning adventure to Grand Canyon

By Felicia Casano

An innovative English language program will take 19 UT students to the Grand Canyon for spring break.

Through the English Outdoors Program sponsored by the American Language Institute, students from non-native English-speaking populations experience educational trips to different locations in the United States as part of an advanced English class.

“English Outdoors follows principles of experiential education. The American Language Institute is the only intensive English program in the United States that offers an experiential education program,” said Alex Wrege, an English as a second language specialist in the American Language Institute.

During spring break, students in the Advanced Reading and Writing class will take a four-day, 12-mile hiking trip to Havasu Falls in the Grand Canyon. The class spent the past six weeks researching and planning the trip, including the types of equipment they will need as well as their food plan, using an iPad app designed for the course.

“Some students see no real purpose in writing,” Wrege said. “We realized it’s important for students to write about things they find personally interesting or important, so during the trip they’ll be writing journals.”

The students in the program are from a number of nations, including South Korea, China and Saudi Arabia. Of the students attending the trip, two are American while the other 17 are international. Half of the international students came in with no English skills and advanced to the class, while others entered at the advanced level.

Wrege, a former international student from Germany, said seeing the country he was studying in was an important part of his educational experience.

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The UT English Outdoors Program has taken students on two other trips this year: to the Upper Peninsula in Michigan for a hiking trip to the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore and to the Everglades for a kayaking adventure.

The program will take students on additional trips to parts of the Appalachian Trail in Tennessee in May and to the Rocky Mountain National Park in July.

To learn more, visit americanlanguageinstitute.org.

Attorney who argued Supreme Court case on GPS surveillance to speak March 1

By Rachel Phipps

In a lecture at the UT College of Law this week, attorney Stephen C. Leckar will discuss the Supreme Court’s recent decision in U.S. v. Jones, which places limits on warrantless GPS surveillance.

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Leckar will speak Thursday, March 1, at 11:45 a.m. in the Law Center Auditorium. His free, public lecture, “U.S. v. Jones: How We Got There and What We Learned,” is part of Toledo Law’s Day After Speaker Series.

In a line of cases spanning several decades, the United States Supreme Court has considered police use of new technology, from telephone wiretaps to thermal imaging devices, through the lens of the Fourth Amendment’s protections against unreasonable search and seizure. In U.S. v. Jones, No. 10-1259, the court examined the use of the Global Positioning System to track a suspect’s car without a warrant.

In its Jan. 23 decision in the case, the Supreme Court held that attachment of a GPS tracking device and its use to monitor a car’s location for 28 days is a “search” for purposes of the Fourth Amendment.

In the weeks since, experts and commentators have lit up the blogosphere with clashing views on whether the court’s decision permits shorter-term surveillance and under what circumstances a warrant will be required. The spirited debate continues, and it seems certain that the court will grapple with questions of police surveillance and electronic privacy again soon.

“We are delighted to have a participant in one of the most consequential cases of this year’s Supreme Court docket — a case that will influence the court’s treatment of all manner of police surveillance for years to come,” said College of Law Dean Daniel J. Steinbock.

Leckar, an attorney at Shainis & Peltzman Chartered in Washington, D.C., has served as lead counsel in more than 20 complex criminal appeals before the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. He is a graduate of Georgia State University and Duke University School of Law.

Each year as part of its Day After Speaker Series, the UT College of Law invites a lawyer who will argue before the Supreme Court that term to visit the Law Center after the appearance to share his or her experience and to discuss the case.

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the University of Wisconsin (freight research) and San Jose University (transit research).

The grants will fund research, outreach and education on multimodal freight and transit systems.

“I would like to thank UT President Lloyd Jacobs for his continuous support of our initiative and the many team members from the colleges of Engineering, Business and Innovation, and Languages, Literature and Social Sciences. I especially want to highlight the contributions of Dr. Peter Lindquist and his team for their role in our University Transportation Center success,” Martinko said.

The UT center is the only Tier I Logistics University Transportation Center in Ohio.

“I am so delighted that the University competed for and was awarded these two prestigious grants. It will advance the University to the cutting edge of innovation as our nation develops transportation systems for the 21st century and beyond,” Kaptur said. “The University of Toledo has again demonstrated its national leadership in the transportation community.”

For more information on UT’s University Transportation Center, visit www.utoledo.edu/research/utuc.
**Nominations for Outstanding Adviser Award due March 16**

Students, alumni, faculty and staff are encouraged to nominate candidates for the 2012 Outstanding Adviser Award.

The criteria used to select the recipients include:

- Effective interpersonal skills — Demonstrates a caring attitude toward students, is available for frequent or regular contact with advisees, and refers students to appropriate offices.
- Engages in development advising versus simply scheduling courses — Motivates and encourages students to explore options to make decisions; monitors student progress toward academic and career goals; and assists students in identifying strengths and weaknesses and plans a course of study that builds on strengths and overcomes weaknesses.
- Is knowledgeable about UT policies and resources — Uses appropriate information sources; conveys accurate information regarding courses, majors, degree requirements and student services; and demonstrates mastery of institutional regulations, policies and procedures and helps to manage bureaucracy effectively.

Nomination forms must be submitted online no later than 5 p.m., Friday, March 16 at utoledo.edu/offices/provost/adviser_award/index.html.

Nominees will be notified by the selection committee and asked to submit a resume or curriculum vita and a personal philosophy on advising.

Winners will receive a cash prize of $1,500. Awards will be presented at the Academic Honors Reception Monday, April 23, at 6 p.m. in the Toledo Hilton Ballroom.

For more information, contact Donna Belkofer of the Office of the Provost at 419.530.2738.

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**March 9 deadline to nominate ‘Outstanding Teacher’**

Is there a special faculty member who inspired, motivated and challenged you? Put it in writing! Nominations are being accepted for the Outstanding Teacher Awards, now in its 47th year.

The online nomination form is at www.utoledo.edu/offices/provost/outstandingteach. Completed nomination forms must be submitted online or received in the UT Alumni Office, Driscoll Alumni Center, Mail Stop 301, no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, March 9, to be considered.

Students, alumni, faculty and staff are encouraged to nominate faculty who exemplify excellence in teaching.

Any full-time faculty member who has not received the Outstanding Teacher Award is eligible; a list of past winners is online with the nomination form.

The outstanding teachers are selected by a committee of UT faculty and a student representative who review nominations. The committee’s deliberations are confidential; no one outside the group knows the content of the nominations or the identity of the nominators.

The content of the supporting statement from the nominator weighs heavily in the evaluation of candidates. Nominators are asked to give specific examples that demonstrate the nominee’s ability as an outstanding teacher.

Each recipient will receive a cash prize of $1,500. Awards will be presented at the Academic Honors Reception Monday, April 23, at 6 p.m. in the Toledo Hilton Ballroom.

For more information on nominations, contact Amanda Schwartz of the UT Alumni Relations Office at 419.530.7859 or at amanda.schwartz@utoledo.edu.

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Health Education Building Room 110, Health Science Campus

**Staff forums**
Monday, Feb. 27, at 4:30 p.m.
Student Union Room 2592, Main Campus
Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 11 a.m.
Toledo Hilton Oak Room, Health Science Campus

**Student forums**
Monday, Feb. 27, at 4:30 p.m.
Student Union Room 2584, Main Campus
Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 4 p.m.
Health Education Building Room 103, Health Science Campus

The forums will serve as opportunities for members of the HLC team to verify and expand on information presented in UT’s self-study report, available at utoledo.edu/accreditation/pdf/selfstudy.pdf.

The self-study is based on evaluation of UT’s achievement in five key criteria determined by the HLC: mission and integrity; planning for the future; student learning and effective teaching; acquisition, discovery and application of knowledge; and engagement and service.

The HLC team will meet with administrative leaders Wednesday morning to present preliminary comments regarding the site visit.

More comprehensive information will be released throughout the next few months and reported in UT News.

“The continuing accreditation process has been quite valuable to UT as an institution,” Poplin Gosetti said. “Self-reflection is a meaningful way to determine what you’re doing well and what needs improvement. We’ve already made significant headway in some of the areas we’ve identified for improvement and will continue to do so in other areas long after the site visit.”

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**In memoriam**

Patrice Lee Marie, Toledo, who worked in Food and Nutritional Service at MCO from 1985 to 1990, died Jan. 28 at age 60.

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**HR to open Health Science Campus office March 5**

By Jen Stroak

With a new name designed to recognize all the services it offers, the UT Office of Human Resources and Talent Development will begin rolling out a new approach to doing business that is focused on partnership during the coming months.

“We want to work strategically with academic, clinical and business unit leaders to help them achieve their goals,” said Connie Rubin, who leads the office with Kevin West.

One key change will be having five HR professionals on Health Science Campus in order to provide strategic performance management, in-person consulting services, assistance for unit leaders to design strategies for the goals they have been asked to accomplish, and personalized coaching and mentoring for employees and managers.

“We want unit leaders to collaborate with Human Resources and Talent Development by having a committed Human Resources and Talent Development staff person readily available on site to help them meet the strategic goals of their units,” West said. “The University’s continued success is dependent upon great leadership and vision coupled with strategic management of our most valuable resource, our outstanding employees.”

West and Rubin both pointed to Directions 2011, UT’s strategic plan, as the lodestar Human Resources and Talent Development will focus on as it works to change its structures and processes to better align with the needs of the University.

Adding the Health Science Campus office is just one example of this restructuring. Beginning Monday, March 5, Human Resources and Talent Development will be located in the Facilities Support Building Room 1000, east of the Collier Building.

“We’re excited by the change because we think the move of five Human Resources and Talent Development professionals will improve service for UTMC and the Health Science Campus colleges,” Rubin said. “We have improved service online with self-service options like bidding, address changes, leaves of absence, and Family and Medical Leave Act applications. Now we are purposefully positioning our staff so they can provide value-added support for all HR functions.”

West added, “We anticipate doing the same thing on Main Campus in the future.”

The Health Science Campus satellite office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday with flexible hours offered for third shift as needed.

For more information, contact Rubin at 419.530.1464.
Study abroad this summer in China; grant deadline March 1

By Cathy Zimmer

UT students are invited to take advantage of a rich cultural immersion experience this summer from July 15 through Aug. 2.

A language and cultural program will take participants to a variety of places in China, from Qinhuangdao, Beijing and Xi’an to the Great Wall and Terracotta Warriors. Plus, students will experience a close-up look at the Chinese economy.

“This program is designed in cooperation with UT’s partner in China, Yanshan University, to provide students with intensive Chinese language, culture and history instruction,” said Dr. Minhua Wu, assistant director of the UT Confucius Institute and visiting associate professor. “It is a wonderful opportunity to experience China.”

The first 12 days will be spent in Qinhuangdao. Students will stay at Yanshan University, where they’ll learn the Chinese language, culture and economic dynamics, and go on sightseeing excursions. The last five days will be a field trip to Xi’an and Beijing to explore Chinese history.

The deadline to apply for this opportunity is Friday, May 4.

“UT students can earn transfer credit for UT courses such as Survey of Chinese Culture, Doing Business With Asia, Special Topics in Asian Studies and others,” Wu said. “Students also can receive credit hours in Chinese language; however, advance approval from the Foreign Languages Department chair will be required.”

Students interested in the educational trip are encouraged to apply for the Center for International Studies and Programs Travel Grant for funding up to $1,200. Applications must be received by Thursday, March 1.

Funding options also are available for students completing the Chinese language training class at UT’s Confucius Institute; in-China expenses are fully covered by Confucius Institute headquarters. A new language class will begin this June.

Visit the Confucius Institute website to learn more about the study abroad trip and Chinese language class: www.utoledo.edu/offices/ogi/Confucius_Institute/study%20abroad.html.

For more information regarding UT’s Confucius Institute, contact Wu at minhua.wu@utoledo.edu.

For information and an application for the study abroad trip, contact Dr. Gene Chang, UT professor of economics and director of the Asian Studies Institute, at gene.chang@utoledo.edu.

National Engineers Week

Photos by Daniel Miller

ALL TOGETHER NOW: College of Engineering faculty and staff, from left, Greg Gaustad, Susan Rowe, Jon Pawlowski and Dr. Isabel Escobar; took on students in an old-fashioned tug o’ war contest.

CAREFUL CONSIDERATION: Melissa Brown pulled a plank from the Life-Size Jenga Competition, which took place in front of Nitschke Hall.

MARSHMALLOWS AWAY! Stephen Thompson tested the tiny catapult he made for the Mini-Trebuchet Competition.
Event to promote student safety during spring break

By Paul Webb

With spring break next week, The University of Toledo wants to raise awareness and promote safety among students during their time away.

The Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Prevention Committee will host the Spring Break Safety Fair from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, in the Student Union Tom Trimble Lounge and Ingman Room.

“Spring break is always a risky time for students,” said Alexis Blavos, UT alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention specialist. “We want to make sure that all of our students are being safe while they are on spring break.”

The fair will feature numerous informational tables, including UT Police offering self-defense lessons, pharmacy students providing tips for sun safety, and Colleges Against Cancer sharing information on tobacco and other drugs.

There also will be HIV testing, body fat analysis, sexual assault prevention information and many other services. Free T-shirts and food from Subway will be awarded to anyone who visits at least seven of the information tables, some of which will have their own prizes such as UT sunglasses.

Spring break is next week with students returning to classes Monday, March 12.

Enrollment in PSA Sick Leave Bank open in March

Open enrollment for the Professional Staff Association’s Sick Leave Bank will take place from Thursday, March 1, through Saturday, March 31.

The bank is a voluntary program open to Professional Staff Association (PSA) members on all campuses.

Eligible employees are defined in PSA bylaws as “all non-bargaining unit employees on all campuses whether salary or hourly, classified or unclassified, full or part time, excluding those with faculty rank.”

The bank collects one-time, voluntary donations of sick time from PSA personnel to assist those who may be stricken with catastrophic injury or illness.

PSA members may donate 16 hours and part-time members may donate eight hours of personal sick time to the bank, which is administered by Human Resources. Participants donate the time only once, no matter how long they continue their employment at UT.

To enroll, simply complete the PSA Sick Leave Bank enrollment form, which can be found at www.utoledo.edu/depts/hr/forms/sabor.html. Return the completed form to PSA Sick Leave Bank, care of Deborah Sobczak, chair of the Sick Leave Bank Committee, MS 608, by Saturday, March 31.

Additional details, including a link to the sick leave policy, are available at www.utoledo.edu/org/psa/sickleavebank.asp.

ARTFUL CAUSE: Students in the Arts Living Learning Community — Megan Valley, seated, rolling clay; Jennifer Maynard, standing; and Mike Kolundrovich — made clay bones for a collaborative art project. Students created some 750 bones for One Million Bones, which is designed to recognize the victims and survivors of the ongoing genocides and mass atrocities in Sudan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Burma. Kate Abu-Abi, director of the UT Arts Living Learning Community, said the project was started by artist Naomi Natale after a visit to photograph orphans in Africa left her overwhelmed by the devastating effect of genocide on the populations of the continent. The bones created at the University will be part of an installation on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., in spring 2013. “Each bone is a way to unearth a person, a way to make a tangible representation of someone silenced by genocide,” Abu-Abi said. The UT community is invited to another bone-making session Thursday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the Ottawa House East Multipurpose Room. The event is sponsored by the Arts Living Learning Community and the College of Innovative Learning. To learn more about the project, visit www.onemillionbones.org.
Departmental guest parking passes now available online

By Meghan Cunningham

Departments in need of guest parking passes now can use the online parking system to sign up visitors to park on campus.

In the past, department representatives needed to contact Auxiliary Services and receive either a date-stamped white one-day paper pass or a blue multi-day permit for visitors. That system has been automated with the rest of faculty, staff and student parking permits.

The first step is for a department representative to complete the online form available at utoledo.edu/parkingservices to establish an account. The accounts require a department email address rather than an individual email, which already is tied to an individual parking permit account. If you need a departmental email, contact the IT Help Desk at 419.530.2400, 419.383.2400 or ithelpdesk@utoledo.edu.

Once the form is complete, email it to parkingservices@utoledo.edu. An account will be set up and a confirmation email sent to the department account with a temporary password allowing access to the system at guestparking.utoledo.edu along with a step-by-step guide to add guests. Once the account is set up, the department can log in with that email and password to add guest passes whenever necessary.

The department guest passes are valid for one to three days and can be secured up to 10 days in advance of the visit. The same vehicle information is needed as is for faculty, staff and student passes: license plate number and make, model, year and color of the vehicle.

All requesting departments will be granted access to issue the day guest passes; those divisions with need for guest passes for longer amounts of time, such as for contractors or sales representatives, need to make a note of that in the comments section of the Departmental Parking Guest Request Form to be granted additional access.

There is no charge for the departmental guest parking passes, which are the equivalent of an A Pass. Any citations associated with a department guest permit will be the responsibility of the department that brought the guest on campus.

“We are pleased with the progress we have made including all types of parking passes into the automated system that allows the University to move away from the hanging tags and paper permits of the past into an online system that is more convenient for people to access and update,” said Joy Gramling, director of auxiliary services.

The departmental guest permit system went live mid-February following the individual guest parking registration system earlier in the month.

Individual guest passes are $3 per day and are available at the same website, guestparking.utoledo.edu. A personal email address is needed to create a guest account. Individual guest passes are the equivalent of a C Pass and are available for up to five consecutive days.

For more information, visit utoledo.edu/parkingservices or contact parkingservices@utoledo.edu.

AAA to offer UT Rockets membership cards

By Meghan Cunningham

The University of Toledo is partnering with AAA to help members show their Rocket pride with new UT Rockets AAA membership cards.

UT alumni, staff and students and Rocket fans now can receive the blue and gold membership cards complete with a Rockets logo from any AAA Northwest Ohio office.

“The entire community is embracing the Toledo Rockets as a symbol of pride for Toledo, and we are excited for this opportunity to partner with AAA Northwest Ohio as another way for people to take pride in The University of Toledo and the greater Toledo area,” said Lawrence J. Burns, UT vice president for external affairs.

The University and AAA Northwest Ohio officially will launch the new AAA/UT co-branded membership card during a pre-game reception at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 3, in Savage Arena prior to the men’s basketball game against Eastern Michigan.

Any member of AAA in the northwest Ohio region, regardless of level, can switch to the UT Rockets AAA card and receive it at their next renewal. New AAA members also can get the branded membership cards, which will be available beginning Monday, March 5.

The University of Toledo is the first college to partner with AAA Northwest Ohio for co-branded membership cards.

“There is a lot of pride in the Toledo Rockets across the region, and we are happy to partner with the University to support that pride and also reach the younger population with our membership plans that offer a lot of great benefits for college students,” said April Cochran, marketing operations manager for AAA Northwest Ohio.

AAA recently launched student membership that includes the standard AAA benefits — roadside assistance and travel agency services — and has safe tow and safe ride services specifically for students if they are unable to drive or are stranded for any reason. The student membership also features bike assistance and e-coupon emails.

“Our Rocket fans are among the best college sports fans in the country, and AAA has a long, proud history of providing quality services to their customers in our area. This partnership was a natural fit to bring them together,” said Mike O’Brien, UT vice president and athletic director. “It is our hope that UT students and the entire community take advantage of the new membership cards to show their Rocket pride as they enjoy their AAA membership services.”

As North America’s largest motoring and leisure travel organization, AAA provides more than 52 million members with travel, insurance, financial and automotive-related services. Since its founding in 1902, the not-for-profit, fully tax-paying AAA has been a leader and advocate for the safety and security of travelers. AAA clubs can be visited at AAA.com.

The University has a similar partnership with Huntington Bank with the option for UT Rockets debit cards. The Toledo Fire Department also included the UT Rockets logo on its Firehouse Coins, which are used to honor special occasions, and the Lucas County Auditor’s Office has incorporated the logo in its inspection seals.

UT SPIRIT TO GO: Rocky and Racksy show off the new UT Rockets AAA membership card.
Major-Palooza to take place Feb. 29

By Cathy Zimmer

Students: Are you undecided about your career? Know what job you want but not what major you’ll need to get it? Have you declared a major, but now are thinking about changing it?

The University of Toledo is hosting its annual Major-Palooza Wednesday, Feb. 29, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Student Union Auditorium.

The overall goal of Major-Palooza is to help students explore majors and career paths. Students will be able to:

- Talk with faculty members, academic and career advisers, and student leaders about UT’s different undergraduate and graduate majors;
- Hear about required courses;
- Learn what they can do with a specific major; and
- Find out what to consider when choosing or changing majors, such as how classes would transfer.

Students also can hear about occupations that match their interests and personalities, salary and job outlook information, and classes that can enhance specific career areas.

Close to 50 academic departments, which include more than 75 majors, will participate in the event.

“All students exploring majors or careers are encouraged to come and check it out,” said Terri Burnett, assistant director of career services. “Students find that a key part of their decision-making process is to talk with people connected to a department that they are considering.

“Departmental representatives can talk about classes, fun and interesting things students have done or studied, and where alumni have found jobs. Students often feel more comfortable declaring their major after they have talked to people affiliated with a particular area of study,” she said.

All undecided students from Gateway Programs’ QUEST Program are required to attend.

“Based on past student evaluations, more than 50 percent of QUEST students tell us that after Major-Palooza, they are ready to declare a major,” Burnett said. “Overall, past student evaluations have shown that most students feel more confident with their career choices after attending Major-Palooza.”

Major-Palooza is sponsored by Career Services and UT’s Gateway Program.

For more information about Major-Palooza, contact Burnett at 419.530.4454 or terri.burnett@utoledo.edu.

Eberly Center to host Celebrity Wait Night fundraising event

By Paul Webb

Celebrity waiters, raffle prizes and a live auction will be a few highlights of the Catharine S. Eberly Center for Women’s fourth annual Celebrity Wait Night fundraiser Thursday, March 1, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Parkway Place, 2592 Parkway Plaza, Maumee.

During the event, local celebrities will wait on tables; servers will include Toledo Mayor Mike Bell, State Rep. Teresa Fedor, UT Women’s Basketball Coach Tricia Cullup, UT Vice President for External Affairs Lawrence J. Burns, ABC 13 Reporter and Anchor Kristian Brown, and Toledo Public Schools Superintendent Jerome Pecko.

“Celebrity Wait Night is a fun way to get our supportive community members involved with the Eberly Center,” said Dr. Shanda Gore, UT associate vice president for equity, diversity and community engagement. “Wait Night is the center’s largest fundraiser and provides revenue that allows the center to provide services for more than 300 individuals each year. We truly appreciate everyone’s support.”

Last year, more than 270 people attended Celebrity Wait Night, and organizers are expecting even higher attendance this year.

Tickets are $40 per person to cover the cost of the meal. All the money raised from tips, the raffle and auction will go to fund Eberly Center initiatives, including the Women’s Success Series. Monies raised also will support the new Eberly Center Resource Room, which provides access to a computer, phone, fax machine and other office supplies.

For more information, contact the Eberly Center at 419.530.8570.
The opening event Thursday, March 1, at 3 p.m. will feature John Jaeger, historical interpreter, as “The Black Swamp Doctor.”