Medical students learn residency matches, more to stay in northwest Ohio

By Jon Strunk

A s pieces of shredded envelopes hit the floor, the roars of excitement and joy from 164 UT fourth-year medical students and their families filled Stranahan Theater.

March 16 was Match Day this year and at precisely noon, UT students joined medical peers across the country in learning where they will complete their residencies and spend the next three to seven years of their lives.

“One of the things we’re most excited about is that we’ve seen a 69 percent increase in the number of UT residents who will complete their graduate medical education in northwest Ohio,” said Dr. Jeffrey P. Gold, chancellor, executive vice president for biosciences and health affairs, and dean of the College of Medicine and Life Sciences.

A total of 27 students will enter residencies in northwest Ohio, up from 16 last year. These new doctors will practice at UT Medical Center (for the fourth year in a row the most popular choice by UT medical students), Toledo Hospital, St. Luke’s Hospital and St. Vincent Medical Center.

Student James Bomer grew up in Oregon, Ohio, earned his bachelor’s degree at UT, and after he graduates from the College of Medicine, he will complete his residency in family medicine at Toledo Hospital.

“It’s home here,” Bomer said. “I grew up here in Toledo; I want to stay in the area, and Toledo Hospital has a very good family medicine program.”

U.S. official to discuss health law’s benefits for students

Dr. Carolyn M. Clancy, director of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, will talk to UT students Tuesday, March 20, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Toledo Hilton on Health Science Campus.

She will speak at a forum organized by Voices for Ohio’s Children and faculty of The University of Toledo about the Affordable Care Act passed by Congress two years ago and offer her views on the

President’s address to community will shift to September

For five years, UT President Lloyd Jacobs has given an address to the community in April to update the region on where UT is and where it is heading.

But after years of anecdotal feedback from inside and outside the University, Jacobs said he has decided beginning this year to move the address to September.

“In September, we have just welcomed a new class of students to campus and everyone is recharged by that energy,” Jacobs said. “What better time to discuss the
College of Law ranked among U.S. News & World Report’s best graduate schools

By Meghan Cunningham

The University of Toledo College of Law has long had a strong program, and we are pleased to see U.S. News & World Report’s rankings recognize that.

The UT College of Law’s part-time program was ranked 35 among the 85 part-time programs in the country in the 2013 U.S. News & World Report rankings.

Steinbock attributes the rise in ranking to improved credentials of the law school’s most recent entering class and healthy rates of employment among graduates.

In addition, National Jurist magazine in January named the UT College of Law among the “Best Schools for Public Service” for preparing law students for criminal law practice. The college was recognized as one of the top 20 schools in the nation for preparing students for prosecutor and public defender positions.

National Jurist also has named the College of Law a “Best Value” law school for three straight years, recognizing it among the U.S. law schools providing the best value in 2009, 2010 and 2011. The magazine announces the best value law schools each fall.

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benefits of the law as it relates to students being able to stay on their parents’ health insurance plan up to age 26.

Clancy, a general internist and health services researcher, is a graduate of Boston College and the University of Massachusetts Medical School. Following clinical training in internal medicine, she was a Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation Fellow at the University of Pennsylvania. Before joining the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality in 1990, she was an assistant professor in the Department of Internal Medicine at the Medical College of Virginia.

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University’s successes and its future?”

“The sentiment I have received from many faculty, staff and community members is that April represents the time when things are winding down for the academic year. And frankly, for many students and faculty, the month of April is the most hectic as they prepare for exams, the end of the semester and graduation,” he said.

A final date for the September address is being finalized and will be announced in the coming weeks. Those who had marked April 5 on their calendars for this year’s address are asked to remove it.

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Overall, UT will send 20 new doctors into emergency medicine residencies, 11 into orthopedic surgery, nine into physical medicine and rehabilitation, eight into neurology, and two into plastic surgery, all record highs for the college.

“We still have much more work to do, but it is clear we’re on the right path to recruiting and retaining more of our College of Medicine graduates in northwest Ohio,” Gold said.

Dr. Patricia Metting, senior vice chancellor and associate dean for student affairs, noted that UT and the region finds itself in a bit of a catch-22 as the quality of UT medical graduates continues to rise and they become more sought after.

“It is a bit of a double-edged sword,” Metting said.

“We want them to stay in the region, but when they are matching at some of the most prestigious hospitals and institutions in the country, you can certainly understand why they would take those opportunities.”

UT students will practice at Yale University, Beth Israel Deaconess/Harvard, the University of Michigan, the University of Colorado and Georgetown, just to name a few.

Chinwe Nwosu matched at the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore and will complete her residency in anesthesia.

“They seem to be on the cutting edge in anesthesia research and technology, and I just had a very good feeling when I visited them,” she said.

Students ranked their top institutional choices, and academic medical centers across the country ranked their top student choices. A computer program administered by the National Resident Matching Program then puts together the students and residency programs.
Professor chairs International Supply Chain Management Symposium in Tokyo

By Feliza Casano

Dr. Paul Hong, UT professor of information operations and technology management, served as conference chair of the Fifth Annual International Supply Chain Management Symposium and Workshop, which took place Thursday through Saturday, March 8-10, at the University of Tokyo.

The conference was founded and planned in part by UT faculty and brought together researchers from around the globe from more than 20 institutions, including MIT, the University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom, Seoul National University in Korea, and Zhejiang University in China.

“The symposium was organized by The University of Toledo, the University of Tokyo, Instituto de Empresa Business School in Spain, PSG Institute of Management in India and Kyungpook National University in South Korea. “UT is the founding institution of this annual symposium,” Hong said. “Our faculty have a long history of leadership in the field of supply chain management, and many have been participating in leadership roles in this symposium.”

This year, six faculty members and two doctoral students from the UT College of Business and Innovation organized, attended and presented their research.

UT business faculty who participated in the conference were Dr. Mark Vonderembse, who was a special session panel member; Dr. Sachin Modi and Dr. Udayan Nandkeolyar, who served as session chairs; and Dr. Monideepa Tarafdar and Dr. David Dobrzykowski, who were special journal issue editors.

In addition to the faculty members, doctoral students Ryan Skiver and Vincent Whitelock presented research.

This year’s symposium focused on the complexity and risk in global supply chain management, with a particular emphasis on the 2011 tsunami in Japan and the experiences of companies during and after the natural disaster. One speaker, a top executive at Toyota, talked about the way the automaker handled supply chain disasters in the wake of the tsunami.

The first International Supply Chain Management Symposium and Workshop took place at the University in 2007 under the leadership of Dr. Subba Rao, UT professor emeritus of information operations technology management, and Vonderembse. Since that time, a consistent vision has persisted to develop an international research network of leading scholars in the supply chain management field.

Thanks to the support of the UT Transportation Center as well as Dr. William McMillen, UT provost and executive vice president for academic affairs, and Dr. Thomas Gutteridge, dean of the College of Business and Innovation, the symposium has since rotated through South Korea, India, Spain and Japan.

“The symposium will return to the United States in 2013 with a focus on cutting-edge issues in supply chain management in emerging contexts,” Hong said. “Key topics that are being considered include global automotive supply chain management, financing global supply chains, green supply chain management, and health-care supply chain management. These are important issues facing topic researchers and executives alike.”

Each annual conference is accompanied by special issues of high-quality scholarly journals. The 2012 symposium includes special issues of several journals, including International Journal of Production Economics, International Journal of Productivity and Quality Management, International Journal of Business Innovation and Research, and International Journal of Business Information Systems, for which Hong, Tarafdar and Dobrzykowski worked as guest editors with teams of scholars from America, Japan, Korea and Spain.

“The goal of the symposium is to bring together researchers and leading institutions,” Hong said. “Each year, the participating researchers have used the symposium to make significant strides in research productivity, so it provides value in terms of networking and positively impacting supply chain management theory and practices.”

Hiring international students, scholars topic of presentation March 23

By Cathy Zimmer

The Office of International Student and Scholar Services will present an overview to the various non-immigrant employment visas, including information about the benefits and challenges of all the different non-U.S. citizen employment types. Friday, March 23, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Scott Park Auditorium.

“Employment types such as F-1 (students), J-1/U-2 (exchange visitors and dependent employment), H-1B (employees), O-1 (extraordinary ability), TN (Trade Nafta), and other employment options or honorariums relevant to various departments will be reviewed,” said Pete Thomas, director of the Office of International Student and Scholar Services. “We encourage all faculty and staff that may already, or would like to, work and employ these individuals to attend this presentation.”

Other topics will include the I-9 employment eligibility process and the e-verify system; time also will be reserved for questions.

“The goal of the presentation is to not only inform the UT community, but to invite international scholars and professors to work and teach at The University of Toledo,” Thomas added.

Presenters will include Thomas, Michael Allen, immigration advisor, and Christy Rakness, regulatory coordinator, of the Office of International Student and Scholar Services.

The office provides assistance and services to international students and scholars, helping them transition to life at UT and in the United States. It serves as a resource regarding orientation, visa requirements, on- and off-campus housing, banking, and international student health insurance. The office is part of the Center for International Studies and Programs.

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Maumee River focus of next ‘Quantum Leap’ research talk

By Feliza Casano

Members of the Toledo community can learn more about what’s going on in their own backyards at “The Maumee River and Its Watershed” Tuesday, March 20.

The next panel discussion in the “Quantum Leap: Science Made Easy” series will take place at 6:30 p.m. in the McMaster Center in the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library, 325 Michigan St.

The free, public talk will cover not just the Maumee River, but its entire watershed area, which includes tributaries and wetlands across northwest Ohio.

“Everything we do affects the Maumee River, which in turn affects the water we use and the food we eat,” said Dr. Elsa Nadler, director of grants development in Research and Sponsored Programs.

Dr. Tom Bridgeman, Dr. Hans Gottgens, Dr. Alison Spongberg and Dr. Daryl Dwyer, all UT faculty whose research is concentrated on the Maumee River watershed, will speak at this session.

Their talks will cover a wide range of issues, including the use of native plants to sequester and remove pollutants, the effects of runoff substances on plants and wildlife, and the conditions that promote the growth of algae.

“The goal of the series is to introduce UT research and UT researchers to the community,” Nadler said. “We all live here together, but there is not always a good understanding of what researchers do and why their work is important.”

The “Quantum Leap” series is co-sponsored by The University of Toledo and the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library.

Nominations needed for Outreach and Engagement Excellence Award

Nominations are being accepted for the Edith Rathbun Outreach and Engagement Excellence Award.

Take a few minutes to recognize a deserving colleague who has distinguished himself or herself through exceptional community outreach and excellence in community-engaged scholarship, whether in research, teaching or professional service.

Each recipient of the Edith Rathbun Outreach and Engagement Excellence Award will receive a $750 award. Two awardees will be chosen.

The Rathbun Excellence Award was endowed through a generous and growing gift from Edith Rathbun and further gifts from campus and community donors. It recognizes outstanding outreach and engagement scholarship in any field, discipline or area at The University of Toledo. Full-time faculty members in all colleges are eligible to receive the award.

The deadline to submit nominations is Monday, April 2. The one-page nomination form is available online at http://www.utoledo.edu/offices/provost/rathbunaward/.

Awards will be presented at the Academic Honors Reception Monday, April 23, at 6 p.m. in the Toledo Hilton Ballroom.

The selection committee is composed of faculty members who served on the scholarship of engagement subcommittee of UT’s former Council on Outreach and Engagement.

For more information, contact Penny Thiessen at UT’s Innovation Enterprises at penny.thiessen@utoledo.edu or 419.530-6171.

Deadline extended for Presidents Club Scholarship

Students who will be seniors in the 2012-13 academic year have until Sunday, April 1, to apply for the Frank E. Horton Presidents Club Scholarship.

Each year, the Presidents Club awards three $4,000 scholarships to full-time undergraduates who show academic merit and financial need.

Requirements include:
• A cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher;
• FAFSA on file in the Office of Student Financial Aid by application deadline;
• One letter of recommendation from a faculty member or an adviser that addresses academic performance; and
• An official transcript from the Registrar’s Office attached to the application.

Applicants are encouraged to include two additional letters of recommendation addressing personal qualities or academic ability.

Preference will be given to students who demonstrate campus and community involvement and who have attended UT their entire collegiate career.

The application is on Financial Aid’s home page, utoledo.edu/financialaid, under the Scholarships and Awards Guide in the general section.

All application materials must be submitted to the Office of Student Financial Aid/Scholarship Services in Rocket Hall Room 1200.
Student-athletes to hold ‘Jock Jams’ talent show March 26

By Paul Helgren

Rocket student-athletes will get a chance to display their off-field talents at the second annual “Jock Jams” talent show at Savage Arena Monday, March 26, from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Each UT team will present an act at the event.

Judges will include UT Vice President and Athletic Director Mike O’Brien; Ola Jacobs, the wife of UT President Lloyd Jacobs; and former Rocket and current Cincinnati Bengal quarterback Bruce Gradkowski.

Before each act, a coach from each sport will introduce the group and recognize the team’s seniors.

Admission for the event is $5 and $2 for UT students. Tickets can be purchased at the UT Athletic Ticket Office or at the door. All proceeds will benefit The University of Toledo Student-Athlete Advisory Council.

RSVPs are requested to athleticexternalaffairs@utoledo.edu.

New Writers Festival, Film/Video Showcase this week

By Angela Riddle

The University of Toledo Department of Theatre and Film will feature two events highlighting the work of its students this week.

This will be the first year for the New Writers Festival Friday, March 23, at 7:30 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts Center Theatre. Admission is free.

Four original student works will be presented as staged readings performed by student actors who participated in the Irene Ryan Audition competition at the Region III Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival in January. Two of the readings will be stage plays, and two will be screenplays. Each reading will be no more than 10 minutes in length.

In addition, the student actors will reprise their audition pieces from the festival.

The 15th Annual Film/Video Showcase will be held Saturday, March 24, at 7:30 p.m. in the Center for Performing Arts Center Theatre.

The best student films from a juried competition will be screened.

“This showcase is our version of the Oscars for aspiring filmmakers,” said James Hill, professor and chair of the Department of Theatre and Film. “It is a night when theatre and film majors put on their best attire and applaud the work of their fellow artists.”

Tickets to the showcase — $3 for students and seniors, and $5 for all others — will be available at the door.

An after party/reception will be held in Center for Performing Arts Room 1039.

STANDING ROOM ONLY: Dr. Christina Sharpe, professor of English and women’s and gender studies at Tufts University, visited UT last month and talked about her new book, Monstrous Intimacies: Making Post-Slavery Subjects. More than 120 students and faculty packed the University Hall classroom for the event sponsored by the Department of Women’s and Gender Studies, the Department of English, the President’s Lecture Series on Diversity, the Africana Studies Program, and the Master of Liberal Studies Program.

Photo by Daniel Miller
A program at The University of Toledo in which students promote healthy lifestyles and strong decision-making skills has grown in the last 12 years from 50 participants to more than 140 dedicated students in what is now the largest collegiate peer education team in the country.

The UT Student Wellness At Toledo (SWAT) Team is a group of student leaders who facilitate fun, dynamic, interactive educational programs on health and wellness. They are trained to serve as peer educators on campus; as a team, they focus on delivering interactive programs on issues that are critical to student success and college retention.

“Healthy students achieve better academic success and increased productivity, and have a more enjoyable college experience,” said Darci Ault, UT assistant director of health promotion and leadership.

The SWAT Team is based out of Student Affairs and located in the Student Recreation Center.

“Best practices show that programs have a significant advantage when they are aligned with the student recreation centers on their campuses,” Ault said. “By housing the program within the UT Student Recreation Center, student leaders are able to build upon the health and wellness of all students because of the nature of the facility and equipment available.”

College peer education programs thrive in a health and wellness environment where they can reach people, motivate them toward behavior change, and impact lifestyle choices, Ault said. In addition, the UT SWAT Team takes many programs to residence halls and classrooms. Ault was asked to deliver two presentations at the National Peer Education Conference in November in Washington, D.C., where the UT SWAT Team program was highlighted as a model for other universities that are looking to develop and expand their own specialized peer education plan.

“The UT SWAT Team model has been successful for several years, and other universities are benchmarking with us,” she said.

The student leaders on the team have a wide variety of majors and exude high energy and willingness to give students a lift, Ault said.

Some of the topics addressed by SWAT programs throughout the school year include “College: Learning to Juggle It All!” about time management, “Lighten Up!” that focuses on making smart food decisions, and “Between the Sheets,” which addresses sexual health. All the peer education programs are designed to cover issues that affect student success and retention.

The trained student leaders hold a national certification from the BACCHUS & GAMMA Peer Education Network. They also receive academic credit for serving in leadership positions.

For more information on the UT SWAT Team, visit utoledo.edu/studentaffairs/rec/campushealth/swat.
Magic comes to UT libraries through ‘Harry Potter’s World’ exhibit

By Feliza Casano

A little bit of magic is appearing in The University of Toledo libraries.

“Harry Potter: The World: Renaissance Science, Magic and Medicine,” an exhibit consisting of six panels created by the National Library of Medicine that explore the link between the Harry Potter series by British author J.K. Rowling and the history of science, is on display in Carlson Library through March 29 and will be in Mulford Library April 3-30.

“The Harry Potter series has been so widely popular across several generations and interest groups,” said Bridget Faricy-Beredo, clinical librarian on Health Science Campus who helped organize the event. “The exhibit starts with the literature and explores Renaissance-era scientific and medical ideas.”

A free, public lecture series will feature UT faculty giving one-hour talks on themes found in the Harry Potter series. Dr. Daniel Compora, associate professor of English, will present “Harry Potter as Monomyth” Thursday, March 22, at 5 p.m., and Geoffrey Rapp, professor of law, will discuss “Harry Potter and the Law” Thursday, March 29, at 5 p.m. Both lectures will be in Carlson Library Room 1025.

Lectures in Mulford Library Room 405 next month will be “Harry Potter: Monsters, Myths & Medicine” by Dr. Madeleine Muntersbjorn, associate professor of philosophy, Thursday, April 12, at 5 p.m. and “A Draught of Mandrake: Wizard’s Herbal Cures” by Dr. Steven Peseckis, associate professor of medical chemistry, Thursday, April 19, at 5 p.m.

“The lectures really take the exhibit a step further,” Faricy-Beredo said. “We’ve had an amazing response — every faculty member we contacted about the lectures has been enthusiastic and excited to participate in the series.”

The exhibit is part of the library system’s plans to become a cultural center at the University to engage the community and start conversations between students, faculty and staff.

“Harry Potter’s World” is supported by the College of Innovative Learning, The University of Toledo Libraries and the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library.

Visitors are invited to view the free, public exhibit during regular library hours. Carlson Library is open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to midnight; Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Sunday from noon to midnight. Mulford Library is open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to midnight; Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Sunday from 9 a.m. to midnight.

To learn more about the exhibit and lecture series, visit libguides.utoledo.edu/harry or contact Faricy-Beredo at bridget.faricy@utoledo.edu.

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Women’s Empowerment Summit to be held March 27

By Feliza Casano

A UT event will bring together women from across campuses for inspiration and community during Women’s History Month.

The Second Annual Women’s Empowerment Summit sponsored by the President’s Lecture Series on Diversity and the Catharine S. Eberly Center for Women will take place Tuesday, March 27, at the Toledo Hilton on Health Science Campus. The event will begin at 8:30 a.m. with breakfast and will conclude at 1:30 p.m.

The keynote speaker will be Ohio Supreme Court Justice Yvette McGee Brown. McGee Brown was the first African-American woman elected to the Franklin County Common Pleas Court and became the first African-American woman to serve on the Ohio Supreme Court in 2011. She will speak during breakfast on this year’s theme, “Healthy Personal and Professional Relationships.”

After breakfast, attendees will have the option to join two breakout sessions: “Workplace Aggression,” to be led by Dr. Lisa Pescara-Kovach, UT associate professor of foundations of education, and “Healthy Relationships” to be led by Fatima Pervaiz, program coordinator in the UT Office of Multicultural Student Development.

Following a lunch break at noon, participants may attend the final breakout session, “How to Get What You Want” by Dr. Margaret Hopkins, UT associate professor of management.

“This is such a powerful event,” said Emily Hardcastle, interim community outreach coordinator at the Eberly Center. “We have speakers from such different experiences helping provide women tools to have better experiences.”

The Women’s Empowerment Summit is part of the President’s Lecture Series on Diversity, which includes a number of events taking place across campus to celebrate diversity.

Transportation to and from the Toledo Hilton will be provided with shuttles from Main Campus at 8 a.m. and 9:10 a.m. and to Main Campus at 9:40 a.m. and 1:40 p.m.

RSVPs are requested by Wednesday, March 21, for the free, public event to plsd@utoledo.edu or call 419.530.7232.

Women in medicine topic of Satellites’ luncheon March 27

Dr. Amira Gohara, UT professor and dean emerita, will give a talk, “Women in Medicine: Personal Experiences, 1972 to the Present.” Tuesday, March 27, in Collier Building Room 2403 on Health Science Campus.

Those who attend may bring their own lunches to the free event, or they may pay $7 for lunch that will include a baked potato bar, veggie tray, fruit salad, hummus and pita, vegetarian grape leaves, dessert and beverage.

Cash or check payable to the Satellites Auxiliary will be accepted.

Registration will begin at 11:30 a.m., with lunch served at noon, and the talk at 12:45 p.m.

Complimentary valet service will be available from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for the event.

The Satellites Auxiliary is a group designed to promote education, research and service programs; provide support of patient programs in accordance with the needs and approval of administration; conduct fundraising events; and provide volunteer services.

For more information or to make a reservation, contact Rita Cark at 419.385.5407, Jeanene Pifer at 419.385.6863, Patty MacAllister at 419.383.6336 or Carol Okenka at 419.893.5840.

CONSERVATIVE FEMINIST: Dr. Christina Hoff Sommers, resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, gave the Stranahan Lecture and talked about “Sex, Lies and Feminism” last week in the Law Center Auditorium. She is the author of The War Against Boys, One Nation Under Therapy and Who Stole Feminism?"