

Safety cards offer 'how to' during crisis

By Kim Goodin

In the matter of campus safety, UT follows the simple motto: "Be aware. Be alert. Be safe."

This week, wallet-sized cards designed to help members of the campus community function during crisis situations will be distributed throughout Health Science and Main campuses. The goal, according to Lawrence J. Burns, vice president for external affairs and interim vice president for equity and diversity, is to offer instruction during a time when calm may be lost.

"They're situations we don't like to think about, but they've happened at other institutions," Burns said, referring to acts of violence, weather emergencies and structure hazards. "We wanted to offer a useful tool with step-by-step procedures to help our community function in the event of an emergency."

The cards, similar to those containing athletic schedules, will be available at several key locations on both campuses, including Skyview Food Court on Health

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Plan outlines how to increase UT Medical Center patient satisfaction scores

By Chris Ankney

Increased patient-centeredness and a more focused attention on providing excellent service is the heart of a new plan aimed at improving patient satisfaction ratings at The University of Toledo Medical Center.

The plan, which was unveiled at an operations leadership team meeting Jan. 19, looks to boost UTMC's patient satisfaction scores by 15 percent over the next 11 months.

Dr. Scott Scarborough, interim vice president and executive director of UTMC, said increasing the patient satisfaction ratings is one of the last hurdles the organization must vault in order to become a world-class health-care provider.

"We know that we have the competition beat when it comes to the quality of our clinical care — it's top of the line," said Scarborough, who also is senior

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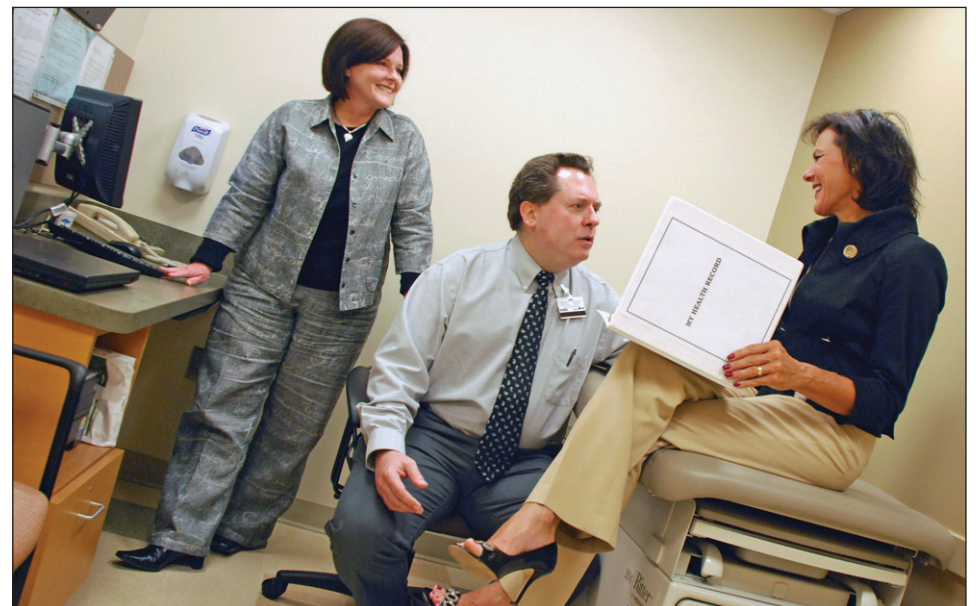


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Dr. Larry Elmer, neurology professor and medical director of the Center for Neurological Disorders, and Debra O'Connell, neurology research assistant, talked with a patient about her medical history.

Author and Army vet to speak at Aspiring Minority Youth Conference Jan. 29

By Cathy Zimmer

Youth advocate, Army combat veteran, business leader and author Wes Moore will be the keynote speaker at UT's 27th Annual Aspiring Minority Youth Conference Saturday, Jan. 29.

Sponsored by Toledo Excel and the UT Joint Committee, the conference will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Student Union Auditorium. This year's theme is "Success or Failure: The Consequence of Choice."

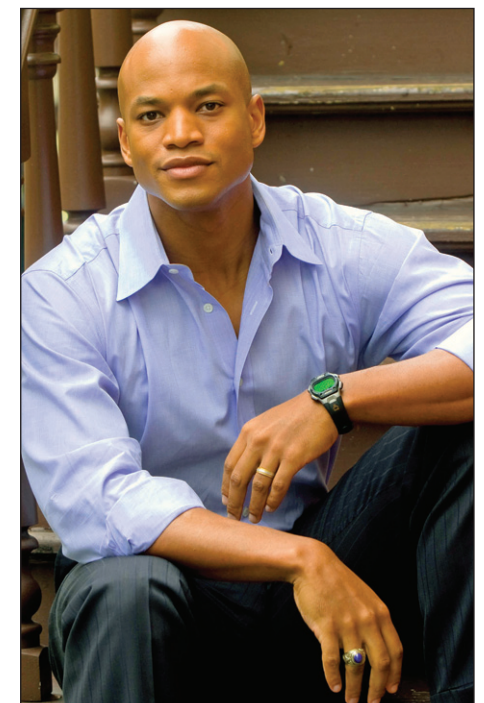
Moore will talk about the importance of making decisions and how choices impact the future.

He is committed to being a positive influence and helping kids find the support they need to enact change. He believes that public servants — teachers, mentors and volunteers who work with youth — are as imperative to the national standing and survival as the armed forces. "Public service

does not have to be an occupation," Moore said, "but it must be a way of life."

Moore graduated as a commissioned officer from Valley Forge Military College in 1998 and from Johns Hopkins University in 2001 with a bachelor's degree in international relations. He completed a master of letters in international relations from Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar in 2004.

He was a paratrooper and captain in the Army, serving a combat tour of duty in Afghanistan with the 1st Brigade of the 82nd Airborne Division in 2005 and 2006. A White House Fellow from 2006 to 2007, Moore was as a special assistant to Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. He was named one of Ebony magazine's Top 30 Leaders Under 30, and also appeared



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vice president for finance and administration. “But our patient satisfaction scores need some work.”

To meet this goal, the plan, which was presented by UTMC Director of Patient Satisfaction Ioan Duca, calls for the creation of seven specialized service excellence teams, each co-chaired by staff and faculty members.

“We have asked some of our best employees to come together to lead this charge,” Duca said. “We can’t implement effective change if we’re not engaging our most dedicated employees, so these teams and the talented people who lead them will be instrumental in developing the specific tactics and strategies that we’ll use to meet our goals.”

Each team has been charged with specific goals and measurement tools with which to report progress. The teams are:

- Patient and customer engagement team led by Chris Kosinski and Monecca Smith;
- Physician engagement team led by Dr. Ron McGinnis and Dr. Mary R. Smith;
- Employee engagement team led by Jim Nowaczyk and Connie Rubin;
- Outpatient Surgery Center service excellence team led by Ed Hall and Arlene Ford-Bond;
- Emergency Department service excellence team led by Dr. Walid Mahmoud and Tammie Yeager;

- Culture and communication team led by Amy Finkbeiner and Esther Fabian; and
- Measurement team led by Jovonne Foster and Cindy O’Connell.

A few of the goals the teams will look to accomplish are establishing hourly patient rounding with a purpose in all clinical departments; deploying universal staff scripts to provide patients with appropriate and consistent messaging; hardwiring new standards of behavior, and identifying and removing employee irritants; creating a daily communication huddle in each department; and reducing the patient wait time significantly.

The leaders from each team will form the service excellence steering committee, which will be led by Duca, Scarborough and Marge McFadden, hospital administrator. Duca and Scarborough both see this plan as the necessary next step in cementing UTMC’s position as a world-class hospital.

“In order to survive in the competitive health-care realities of today, we need to become a high-performing organization when it comes to service and the patient experience,” Scarborough said. “If we don’t do it, somebody else will do it.”

“Our patients have options,” Duca said. “And we want to give them every reason in the world to choose The University of Toledo Medical Center.”

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Science Campus and the Student Recreation Center, Rocket Hall and the Student Union on Main Campus. Departments on Health Science Campus will receive them through interoffice mail. In addition, cards will be distributed throughout residence halls and during various student meetings.

UT Police contributed the information, which includes action plans during scenarios that include tornado warning, structure fire and violence, including gunfire on campus. Emergency telephone numbers are included.

“People are used to carrying schedules of this size,” University Police Chief Jeff Newton said. “This card contributes to our

objective of keeping our campus safer by encouraging our community to practice safe habits and know what to do during an emergency.”

The cards will be re-distributed to the campus community each year and included in Rocket Launch orientation materials for incoming students.

“We want every member of the UT community — faculty, staff and students — to have access to this important tool,” Burns said, noting those who don’t receive one through planned distribution may contact Lindsay Ackerman in the Office of External Affairs at 419.530.1273.

In memoriam

Dr. Richard M. Krill, Toledo, professor emeritus of classics and humanities, died Jan. 15 at age 72. He joined the UT faculty as an assistant professor of classics in 1968. Three years later, he was promoted to associate professor and was named professor in 1977. Krill also was a lecturer and clinical associate in the MCO



Krill

Department of Anatomy from 1969 to 1988. He retired from UT in 1999. During his career at the University, he served as chair of the Foreign Languages Department and was on Faculty Senate for several terms. Krill also served on the College of Arts and Sciences Council, the University Policy Council, the Center for International Studies Committee and the University-Museum Committee on the Art Program. In addition, he played an integral role in establishing UT’s annual Foreign Language Day, which started in 1979. He was a member of the UT chapter of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi and Eta Sigma Phi, the national classics honorary. Krill served as vice president and president of the Archaeological Institute of America (Toledo Society), and also was involved with the Ohio Classical Conference (Association of University and High School Teachers of Latin). His publications included *Forty Fabulous Fables of Aesop* (1982) and *Greek and Latin in English Today* (1990).

Robert J. “Bob” Lanz, Sylvania, a former instructor in the Mechanical, Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering Department, died Jan. 15 at age 79.

Clarence A. Scherkoske, Maumee, who volunteered at UT Medical Center for nearly 20 years, died Jan. 11 at age 94.

Bonnie A. Taylor, Toledo, a former histotechnician at MCO, died Jan. 17 at age 65. She received a bachelor’s degree from UT and was a lifetime member of the Alumni Association. She was a lab technician 2 in the UT Biology Department from 1970 to 1971.



Thomas

William N. Thomas Jr., Toledo, who taught at UT for more than 30 years, died Jan. 13 at age 64. He started at UT in 1975 as an instructor in basic technical and general education. Two years later, he became an instructor in technical science and mathematics, a program for which he later would serve as acting chair. In 1985, he was promoted to assistant professor of technical science and mathematics, and in 1987 he also became a part-time teacher in the Department of Mathematics on Main Campus. In 1990, he was named associate professor as well as coordinator of developmental mathematics. The longtime educator who also taught at Toledo Public Schools earned his master of education degree from UT in 1984.

Correction

The time for the men’s basketball game against Bowling Green on Tuesday, Jan. 25, was incorrect in the story and on the poster that appeared in last week’s issue. The game for the bow-tie fundraising event will start at 7:30 p.m. in Savage Arena.

UT, city celebrate MLK Unity Day



Keon Pearson, St. Francis de Sales valedictorian, delivered a speech titled "Dreaming Big Dreams."



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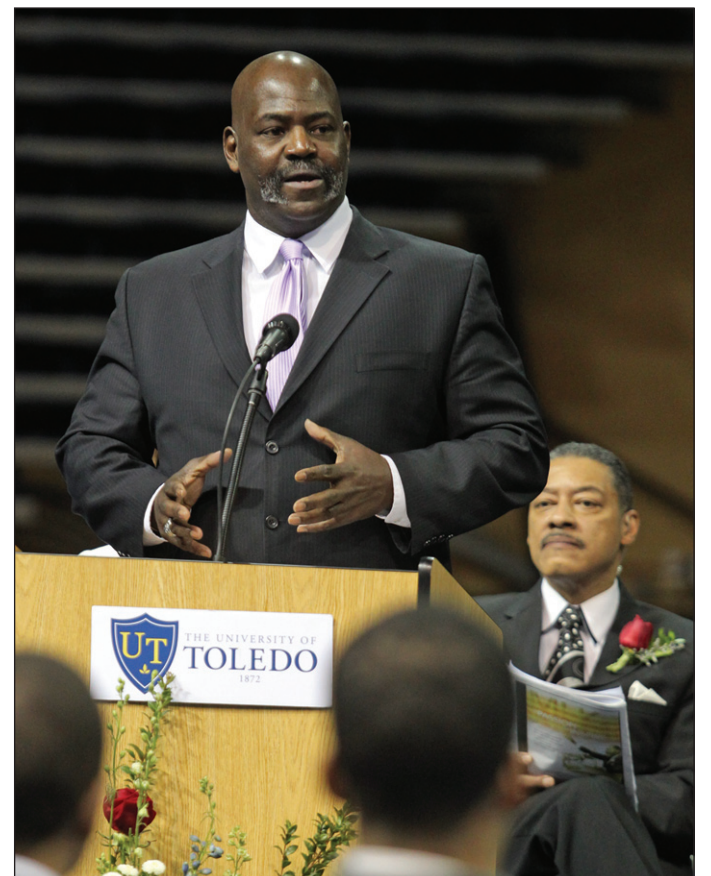
President Lloyd Jacobs talked about the importance of dreams at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Day celebration. Some 2,800 attended the event, which was held in Savage Arena. Jacobs encouraged members of the crowd: "Dream a dream that will outlive you and share Martin Luther King's dream."



The Rev. Derrick Roberts led the Toledo Interfaith Mass Choir.



Members of the Toledo Interfaith Mass Choir performed three spirited gospel songs during the event.



Toledo Mayor Mike Bell called on everyone to be involved to make changes happen in the community and said that those positive effects would spread around the state and across the country.

Geography and Planning Department receives EPA grant to help protect Great Lakes

By Ashley Traynum

The University of Toledo is looking for ways to restore and protect the Great Lakes, and the Department of Geography and Planning received a grant to do the research that will help.

The University was awarded a \$550,000 grant from the Environmental Protection Agency to develop ways to reduce the impact of sewage sludge on surface water in the Great Lakes.

Various UT departments have been studying for years the impact biosolids have on Lake Erie, and this grant will help to continue that work. The research funding through this grant will look at the extent to which biosolids applied to farm fields have an impact on the lake, and what can be done to decrease this impact while restoring natural areas and protecting future generations.

“The artificial drainage used on farm fields may allow rain to carry fertilizer and other contaminants into drainage ditches that end up in the receiving water bodies. These contaminants really should stay on the fields and away from humans,” said Dr. Kevin Czajkowski, professor of geography and planning, and lead investigator on the project.

Biosolids are great for agriculture because they can provide nutrients and structure to farm soils. The biosolids used in this region come from wastewater treatment plants. While most bacteria are killed during the water treatment process, in

some cases, pathogenic organisms, nutrients and personal care products aren’t broken down and can make it onto farm fields through the fertilizer, according to Dr. Daryl Dwyer, professor of environmental sciences, who also is involved in the research.

“The potential then exists for these substances and bacteria to be carried from the fields and into the drainage ditches that eventually flow into Lake Erie,” Dwyer said. “One possible outcome is the production of algal blooms caused by excess nutrient addition. This may contribute to areas in the lake with no oxygen — virtual dead zones where fish can’t survive.”

Therefore, one goal of the research is to keep nutrients on the fields and reduce the amount of contaminants entering Lake Erie. One way to do this is by restoring wetlands in northwest Ohio, a strategy being pursued by University researchers for drainage ditches near Lake Erie.

“Wetlands act as filters to remove bacteria before they reach the lake,” Dwyer said. “Thus, wetlands might stop pathogens from reaching Lake Erie, which will benefit not only the environment, but the public’s health.”

The project also is good for the economy because it ensures the lake will continue to be safe for recreation and fishing, he added.



Photo by Jason Witter

DIG IT: Paul Lenos, left, a student majoring in environmental sciences, Scott Denham, center, a student at Youngstown State University who will attend graduate school at UT this fall, and Robert Hanlon, a student majoring in engineering and environmental sciences, prepared a mesocosm — an experimental soil enclosure to simulate an agricultural field — to monitor runoff at Stranahan Arboretum.

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on “The Oprah Winfrey Show” to promote his book, *The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates*.

“The goal of the Aspiring Minority Youth Conference is to give students and parents a greater understanding of the critical and much needed role they can play in helping youth make good choices,” said David Young, director of the Office of Excellence and Toledo Excel Programs. “Our goal is to encourage and motivate students to be thoughtful when making decisions that will affect and shape their futures.”

After Moore’s talk, there will be breakout sessions. The parents’ session will provide information about guiding students to make positive choices and avoiding situations at school and in the community that can lead them down the wrong path. A concurrent students’ session will discuss the analytical thinking skills needed to evaluate important decisions before taking action, stressing the value of patience and forethought in the decision-making process and encouraging students to seek the advice of parents, teachers, mentors and peers when faced with difficult decisions.

Toledo Excel was established in 1988 to help groups of students underrepresented in higher education, including African, Asian, Hispanic and Native Americans,

for success in college. Through services such as summer institutes, academic retreat weekends, campus visits and guidance through the admission process, students increase their self-esteem, cultural awareness and civic involvement.

The Office of Excellence is a hub of academic programs, activities and services that reach students in the eighth grade through high school graduation and beyond. These programs include Toledo Excel, Upward Bound, Student Support Services and the annual conference for Aspiring Minority Youth.

The Office of Excellence is a division of the UT Learning Collaborative that works to support and enhance the academic journey.

The 36-member UT Joint Committee includes representatives from the University, Toledo Public and Parochial schools, and local civic and community leaders. The group’s mission is to bring together people in the community interested in the education of underrepresented youth. The UT Joint Committee also serves as an advisory board and support system for Toledo Excel.

Make a reservation for the free, public conference at www.utoledo.edu/utlc/excel or by calling 419.530.3823.

Jefferson Award nominations due today

Does an unsung hero work in your department? Do those “little things” that help in the community? If so, honor his or her efforts with a Jefferson Award nomination.

The Jefferson Awards program recognizes members of the UT community who give their time and talents to charitable organizations — local, national and international. Each recipient receives a certificate and a medallion from the national Jefferson Awards organization, in addition to a well-deserved pat on the back.

Nominating is simple: Go to UT’s Jefferson Awards Web page at <http://www.utoledo.edu/jeffersonaward/form.html>.

This month’s nominations are due by the end of Monday, Jan. 24.



Art exhibit to showcase Health Science Campus creativity

By Samantha Pixler

This year's 2011 Health Science Campus Artist Showcase will present the largest display of work from students, faculty and staff since the event started in 2005.

The display is a celebration of the arts on Health Science Campus that allows the opportunity for individuals to reveal talents not only in medicine, but in creativity and artistry as well.

The showcase will be on display through Monday, Feb. 21, on the fourth floor of Mulford Library.

An artist reception will take place from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, in Mulford Library. Dr. Donna Woodson, professor and director of women's health, will speak at the reception. Woodson, who also is an artist, will discuss the role both art and medicine can play in someone's life.

Photography, paintings, sculptures and 3-D work will be among the artwork on exhibit.

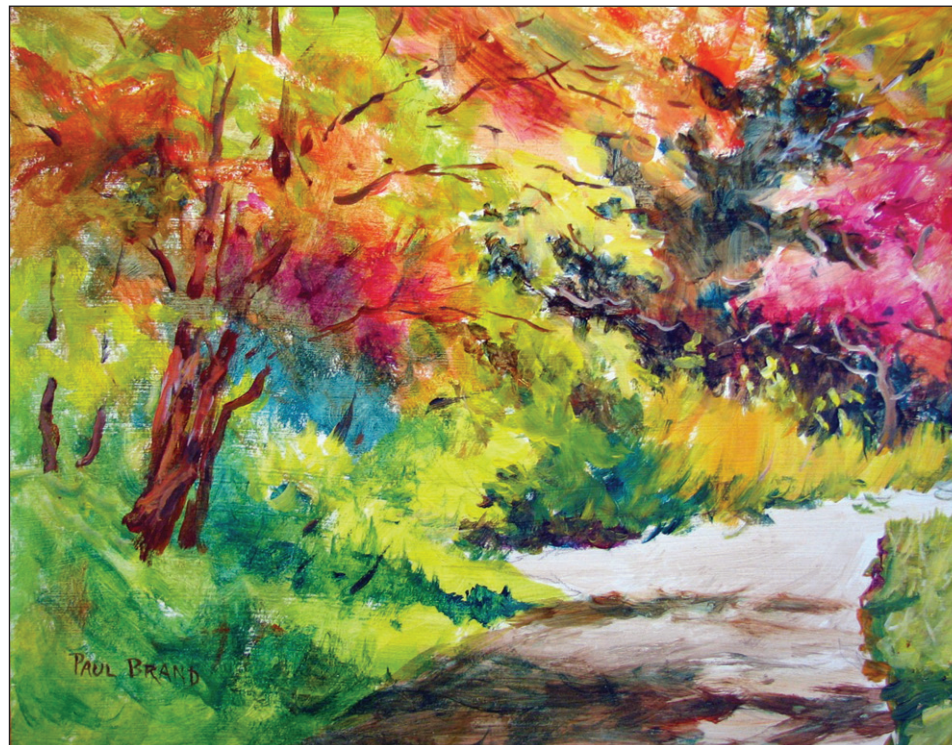
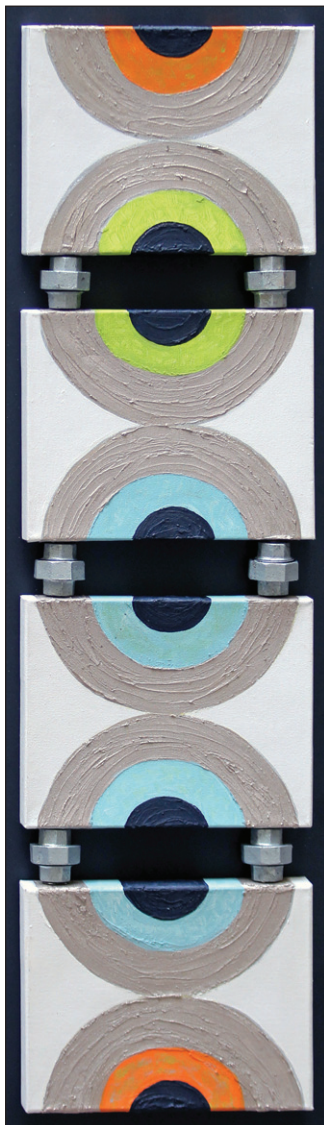
"It is a nice showing of artwork from people you wouldn't first assume to have creative talents," said Jodi Jameson, nursing librarian and chair of the event. "Most people believe health-care practitioners are only about science, but we have some talented artists on campus."

The Health Science Campus Artist Showcase can be seen during regular library hours: Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to midnight; Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Sunday from 9 a.m. to midnight.

For more information on the free, public exhibition, visit <http://libguides.utoledo.edu/hscart>.



"Machu Picchu," photo, by Eric Einstein, student



"Swan Creek Park, October 9th," acrylic painting, by Dr. Paul Brand, associate professor of physiology and pharmacology



"Bella," acrylic painting, by Megan Ewing, registered nurse, UTMC Operating Room

"Metallic Mitosis," multimedia, by Dr. Donna Woodson, professor and director of women's health

UT announces 2011 class for Varsity 'T' Hall of Fame

By Paul Helgren

Seven former student-athletes will be inducted into The University of Toledo Varsity 'T' Hall of Fame Friday, Feb. 11, at the Pinnacle in Maumee.

Social hour for the event will begin at 6 p.m., and dinner will follow at 7 p.m.

Tickets for the Varsity 'T' Hall of Fame induction dinner are \$40 and can be purchased by calling the Athletic Development Office at 419.530.2510.

The 2011 Varsity 'T' Hall of Fame inductees are:

CHRISTIN CHADWICK,

Softball (1989-92). She was a two-time All-Mid-American Conference pitcher who also earned All-Mideast Region honors in 1992. As a junior in 1991, she earned second-team All-MAC honors, winning 22 games in 32 starts and pitching a school-record 256 innings. In 1992, she received a first-team All-MAC selection as she posted a 25-10 record and a 1.13 ERA on the mound to lead UT to its third MAC title and its second NCAA Tournament appearance. An outstanding student, Chadwick earned second-team Academic All-America honors in 1991 and 1992, and Academic All-MAC in 1990 and 1991. She was a member of the 1989 and 1992 MAC Championship teams, and the seventh-place College World Series team in 1989.

On UT's career list, she ranks first in wins (72), second in winning percentage (65.5), second in game appearances (131), third in ERA (1.38), third in innings pitched (773), fourth in strikeouts (399) and fifth in starts (91). On UT's season list, she ranks second and third in wins (25 in 1992, 22 in 1991); second and third in winning percentage (8-3 in 1989 and 25-10 in 1992); second in games pitched (41 in 1991); and first in innings pitched (256 in 1991). In the MAC record book, Chadwick ranks third in career wins, fifth in career innings pitched and ninth in career shutouts. Her 25 wins in 1992 is the eighth-largest total in MAC history.

SHAUNA COTTRELL,

Women's Soccer (1996-2000). She was a two-time All-MAC honoree, making second-team All-MAC as a junior in 1997 and first-team All-MAC as a senior in 1998. As a senior, she also made third-team Great Lakes Region and All-Ohio first-team. Her team honors include Team MVP and Offensive MVP in 1998, Defensive MVP in 1997 and Most Improved Player in 1997. She tied for the team lead with seven goals in 1998, while leading the team in shots on goal. After graduation, Cottrell played soccer in Iceland for one summer and later became an assistant coach at Dayton, helping the

Flyers advance to the Sweet 16. Since then, Cottrell has lived and worked as a teacher in Sweden, her native Canada and Singapore, where she lives today.

DAVID KELLER,

Wrestling (1966-69). Captain of the 1969 MAC Championship team, Keller is the only Rocket to be named to the National Wrestling Coaches East-West All-Star meet, where he defeated 1972 Olympian Sergio Gonzales. Keller was an NCAA semifinalist and an NCAA Coaches Association All-American in 1968 (115 pounds) while finishing fourth in the 1968 Final National Olympic tryout in Greco-Roman (114.5 pounds). He was individual MAC Tournament champion as a senior in 1969 at 123 pounds, fourth as a sophomore and runner-up as a freshman. He was the National YMCA Champion in 1966 and 1967, the Ohio AAU Greco-Roman Champion in 1964-66 and 1968, and the Michigan AAU Greco-Roman Champion in 1966. He is the only wrestler in school history to win the Midlands Open Tournament.

LANCE MOORE,

Football (2001-04). Although he was a starter for only two seasons, Moore broke just about every receiving mark in the UT record books. He

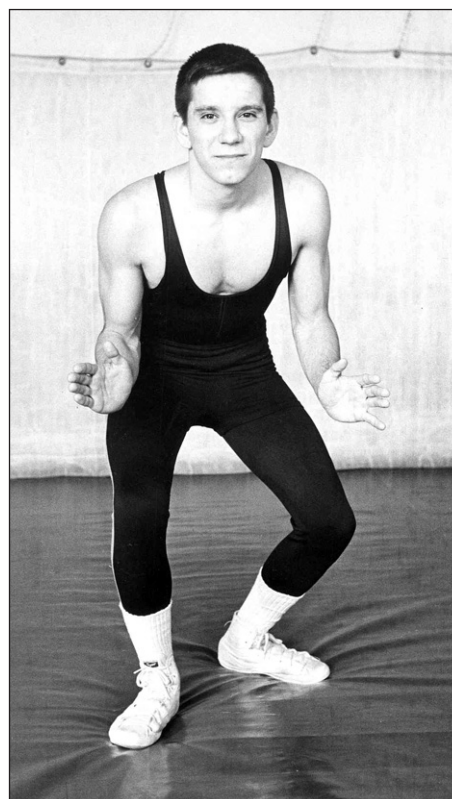
enjoyed terrific junior and senior seasons, earning first-team All-MAC honors both years, and earning honorable mention All-American honors by SportsIllustrated.com as a senior. As a junior, Moore shattered the UT record for receptions with 103, and also set marks for receiving yards (1,194) and touchdown receptions (9). His biggest game came in a 35-31 win over No. 9 Pittsburgh in which he set the school mark (since broken by his brother, Nick) with 15 receptions, including the game-winner in the corner of the end zone in the waning moments of the contest. As a senior, Moore caught 90 passes for 1,189 yards, setting the school mark for TD receptions with 15, including three scores in Toledo's 35-27 win over Miami in the 2004 MAC Championship Game. He also caught six passes as a freshman and 23 as a sophomore. Moore also was an excellent student, earning Academic All-America honors as a senior in 2004. After graduation, he was signed as a free agent by the Cleveland Browns, but eventually caught on with the New Orleans Saints, where he had a breakout season in 2008, racking up 79 receptions for 928 yards and 10 touchdowns. His playing time was limited due to injuries in 2009, but he returned to the lineup in time to play in the



Chadwick



Cottrell



Keller



Moore

Saints' Super Bowl victory, making one of the great plays in Super Bowl history to score on a two-point conversion.

GREG MORTON, Men's Tennis/Men's Basketball (1967-71). He was a three-time MAC champion, winning the league title at No. 4 singles as a sophomore in 1969, at No. 2 singles as a junior in 1970, and No. 1 singles as a senior in 1971. The Rockets won the MAC Championship title in all three of those seasons. In the 1971 season, Morton became the first Rocket tennis player to go undefeated in singles play, besting players from major conferences, including the Big Eight and the Big Ten. In 1970, Morton was a singles finalist at the Black National Tennis Championship in St. Louis. Morton also played basketball at UT, earning a letter as a walk-on in the 1970-71 season. He graduated with a degree in elementary education and went on to earn his master's degree from Cleveland State University. Morton and his wife, Beverly, are lifelong teachers who both retired last June.

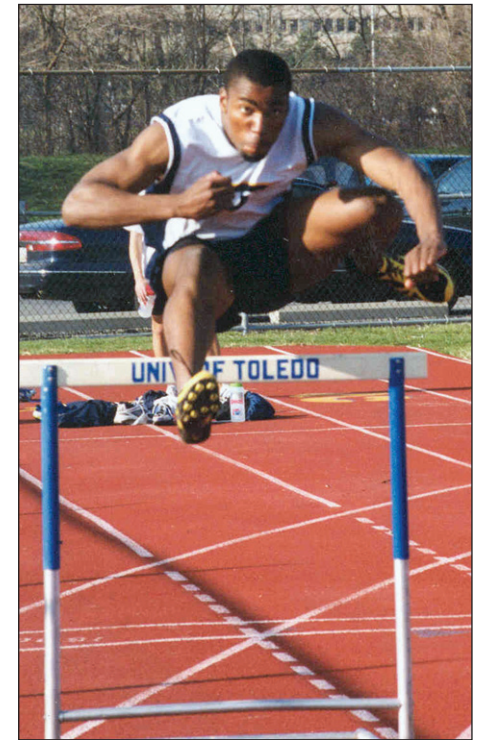
CLARENCE RUSSELL, Men's Track and Field (1993-97). He was a six-time MAC champion in the long jump and triple jump, and set league records in indoor long jump and indoor triple jump. He earned All-America honors in the long

jump in 1997, and was the UT record holder in the long jump and triple jump. He won MAC titles in the long jump in 1996 and 1997 in both the indoor and outdoor events, and the indoor triple jump in 1997. He was a member of Team USA for Pan Am Games in 1993.

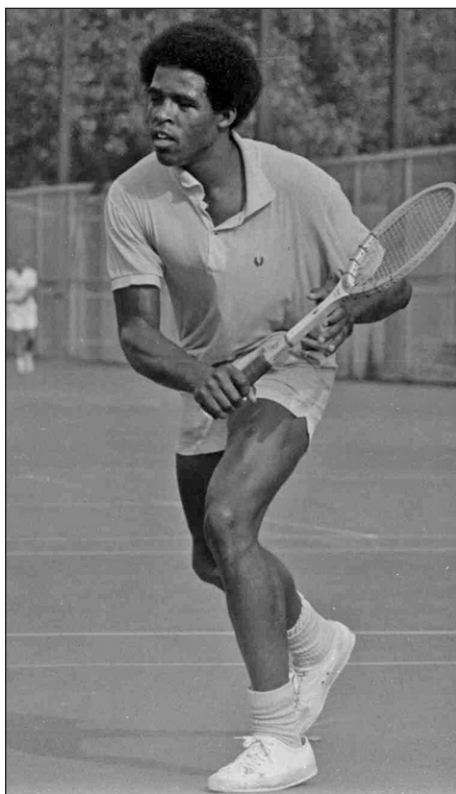
PAUL SEHZUE, Men's Track and Field/Football (1996-2000). He was a three-time MAC Champion and multi-record holder who qualified for the 2000 Olympics in Sydney for Liberia, the home country of his father. He also was on the UT football team, playing safety and special teams in 21 games in 1997 and 1998. Sehzue was the Indoor MAC Champion in the 60-meter hurdles (1999) and 55-meter hurdles (1998), as well as the Outdoor MAC Champion in the 110-meter high hurdles (1998). He also was a two-time All-Ohio Champion in the 55-meter hurdles (1998, 1999). While at Toledo, Sehzue set school records in the 55-meter hurdles (7.37), 60-meter hurdles (7.81) and 110-meter high hurdles (13.85). At the 2000 Olympics, Sehzue advanced to the quarterfinals in the 110-meter hurdles. Prior to his Olympic experience, Sehzue competed in the 1999 World Championships in Seville, Spain, also representing Liberia and competing

in the 110-meter hurdles and 4x100-meter relays. He graduated from Toledo with a bachelor's degree in individualized studies in 2002. He is pursuing his master's degree from Ohio University in education with a coaching emphasis and from Toledo in liberal studies. He is in his first year as a graduate assistant coach for the women's track and field team at UT. Prior to returning to his alma mater, Sehzue served as the athletic director and head football/track and field coach at KIPP Houston High School in Houston from 2008 to 2010. Before that, he was the assistant football/assistant track and field coach at Pullman High School in Pullman, Wash., for two years. From 2004 to 2006, Sehzue served as the assistant football and assistant track and field coach at Gulf Coast High School in Naples, Fla. Sehzue also served as an assistant track and field coach at Toledo from 2002 to 2004 following his four years as a student-athlete. He returned to UT in fall 2010 as an assistant track coach.

Two other awards will be presented during the banquet. The Distinguished Service Award will be given posthumously to former Head Athletic Trainer Dave Huffstetler and Bob Standriff, a longtime UT athletics supporter.



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Student-athletes earn 3.124 GPA last semester

By Paul Helgren

UT student-athletes earned a collective grade point average of 3.124 in fall semester, the third-highest mark in school history. The record, set last spring, is 3.165.

The 3.124 GPA also marked the fourth consecutive semester that UT student-athletes have earned a combined GPA of 3.1 or higher, and the ninth time in the last 11 semesters above a 3.0. Additionally, 11 of UT's 15 sport programs had team GPAs of 3.0 or above, and every program had a team GPA of at least a 2.7.

Individually, 31 student-athletes earned perfect 4.0 GPAs last fall, while more than one-third (124 of 368) earned a spot on the dean's list by garnering at least a 3.50 GPA. And a record 61.7 percent of UT student-athletes achieved a 3.0 grade point average or better for the 2010 fall semester, the 14th consecutive semester in which at least half of Rocket student-athletes hit that mark or higher.

"The bar for academic achievement at UT has been set very high, and our student-athletes truly lived up to that standard this past semester," Vice President and Athletic Director Mike O'Brien said. "To earn a combined 3.1 GPA for four consecutive semesters is a great achievement by our student-athletes and shows that we have reached a consistent level of academic excellence. Our student-athletes can be rightfully proud of their work in the classroom, as can everyone involved with their academic success — our coaches, our academic staff and our University faculty members."

For the second consecutive semester, women's soccer led the way with a team GPA of 3.629, followed by women's volleyball with 3.532. Men's tennis had the highest GPA for a men's team with 3.518.

2010 FALL SEMESTER GPAS (3.0+)

Women's Soccer	3.629
Women's Volleyball	3.532
Men's Tennis	3.518
Women's Swimming & Diving	3.455
Women's Tennis	3.366
Women's Cross Country	3.360
Softball	3.354
Women's Golf	3.329
Men's Golf	3.257
Women's Track & Field	3.186
Baseball	3.022

UT installs electric car charging stations on campus

By Meghan Cunningham

The University of Toledo is again on the cutting edge of the latest in alternative energy trends with the installation of electric vehicle charging stations on campuses.

A total of three intelligent plug-in electric vehicle charging devices have been installed at the University: one on the UT Scott Park Campus of Energy and Innovation and one at each of the facilities buildings on Main and Health Science campuses.

An unveiling and demonstration of the charger on the Scott Park Campus of Energy and Innovation will take place at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 24. The charger, which looks similar to a small gas pump, is located in the first row of parking area 22 near the wind turbine.

"The University of Toledo continues to be on the forefront of emerging alternative energy technology demonstrated by the wind turbine and solar panels at Scott Park, the research under way in our laboratories, and our partnerships with businesses in this arena," said Chuck Lehnert, vice president for facilities and construction. "In anticipation of members of our University community buying the Chevy Volt and future electric vehicles, we wanted to have this technology available. I'm proud to say we are on the cutting edge of doing so."

The chargers integrate GE's smart meters with Juice Technologies' Plug Smart engine that allow for intelligent charging during low-demand, lower cost time periods. And as electric vehicles become more commonplace, these charging stations also will allow those vehicles to store energy to put back into the grid.

GE and Juice Technologies announced the intelligent plug-in electric vehicle charging devices last year, and the University is among the early adopters of the technology installing them on campuses.



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CHARGED UP: Three electric vehicle charging stations, including this one on the Scott Park Campus of Energy and Innovation, have been installed at the University.

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