

## UT president announces he will step down June 30, 2015

By Jon Strunk

After eight years leading The University of Toledo and another three as head of the former Medical University of Ohio, Dr. Lloyd Jacobs announced Friday that he will step aside as UT's president effective June 30, 2015.

"My time in Toledo has been among the most personally rewarding years of my life, and Ola and I are looking forward to many more at UT and in the community," Jacobs said. "I'm excited by a new opportunity to help UT and other universities adapt to the financial and resource pressures that will grow only more challenging over time."

Joseph Zerbey, chair of the UT Board of Trustees, said Jacobs has defined what transformative leadership truly is.

"Lloyd Jacobs not only led the way to make the merger with MUO a reality, he has led the implementation of the vision behind the merger and in a very literal way transformed this institution into one that is far greater than the sum of the two organizations that came together in 2006 to comprise the new University of Toledo," Zerbey said.

Zerbey indicated that Jacobs will lead a new Institute of University Transformation. While still an initial vision that will be fleshed out over time, Zerbey said the institute would help integrate the ways technology can be used to improve the learning and retention of skills and information, increase access, and reduce costs for students.

"I have spoken often about the danger of higher education pricing itself out of the market. This is why I've been committed to ensuring UT has been a leader in slowing the pace of tuition increases," Jacobs said. "UT plays a critical role in this community, and it is essential that The University of Toledo keeps pace with the rate of societal transformation taking place all around us."

"This University and this community owes Dr. Jacobs a debt of gratitude for his success in raising UT's national profile," Zerbey said, adding

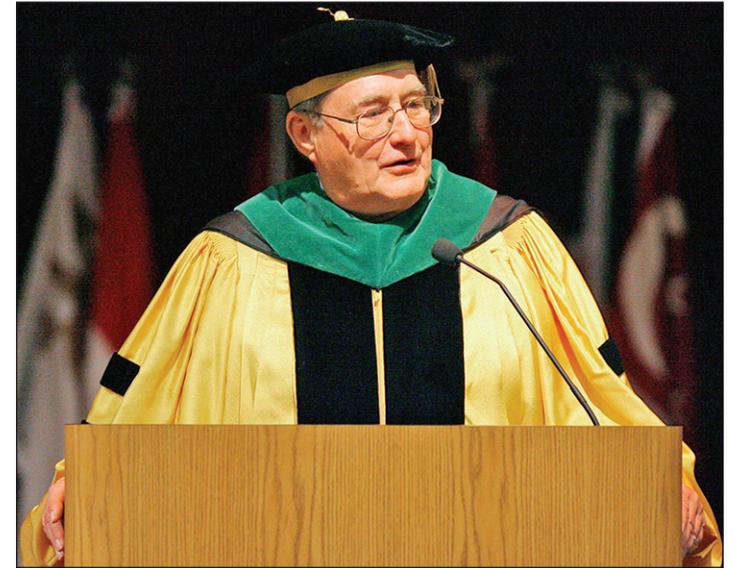


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Dr. Lloyd Jacobs spoke at his investiture as UT president in 2006.

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## NCAA Tournament on campus

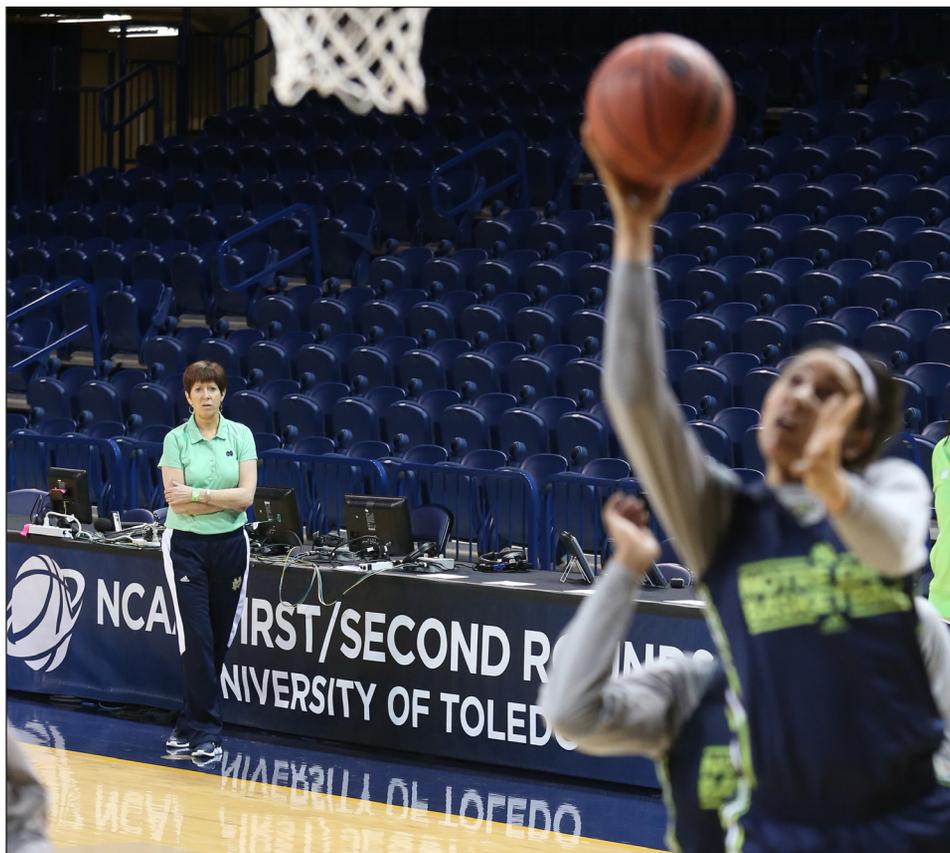


Photo by Daniel Miller

Muffet McGraw, head women's basketball coach of Notre Dame, watched the regional No. 1 Seed Fighting Irish practice in Savage Arena Friday for their first-round game of the 2014 NCAA Women's Basketball Championship. Winners from Saturday's games will face each other Monday, March 24, at 6:30 p.m. in Savage Arena. For tickets, go to the UT Athletic Ticket Office, online at utroquets.com or call 419.530.GOLD (4653).

## Cooper Tire CEO and wife donate \$1 million for engineering leadership institute

By Jon Strunk

An institute created to teach University of Toledo engineering students leadership skills was the recipient of \$1 million gift from Roy Armes, CEO of Cooper Tire and a 1975 UT mechanical engineering graduate, and his wife, Marcia.

During a ceremony honoring the couple at the College of Engineering Thursday afternoon, Dr. Nagi Naganathan, dean of the College of Engineering, thanked the Armes and announced that the Engineering Leadership Institute would be renamed the Roy and Marcia Engineering Leadership Institute.



Photo by Daniel Miller

Roy and Marcia Armes posed for a photo with Dr. Nagi Naganathan, right, prior to a ceremony to thank the couple for their \$1 million gift to the College of Engineering.

"The Engineering Leadership Institute is a transformational initiative for our students," Naganathan said. "We are

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Read where UT medical students will complete their residencies.

## UT Parkinson center recognized by Michael J. Fox Foundation

By Samantha Watson

The Gardner-McMaster Parkinson Center at The University of Toledo Medical Center placed second in a competition against 23 other Parkinson centers across the United States and Canada.

The goal of the three-month competition, hosted by the Michael J. Fox Foundation, was to enroll the most volunteers into the Fox Trial Finder, which matches patients and age-matched controls with clinical trials examining new potential treatments for Parkinson's disease. The competition added more than 1,400 new volunteers — 505 of them coming from UTMC.

"Getting as many Fox Trial Finder volunteers as possible ensures that when a new study starts, researchers have a well-characterized database at their fingertips to pre-screen people who are primed to participate in research," said Claire Meunier, director of research partnerships at the Michael J. Fox Foundation.

Volunteers in the Fox Trial Finder system consist of more than 27,500 patients

with Parkinson's disease and control participants without the degenerative disorder. Clinical trials remain one of the most crucial steps on the path to developing better treatments for Parkinson's patients; however, finding people to participate in these studies often can be difficult.

When participants can't be found, it delays the completion of the study — which could postpone possible approval of new experimental treatments by months or years. The Fox Trial Finder works to match people with Parkinson's to studies they are appropriate to participate in, speeding the whole research development and approval process.

"For years, one of the major challenges facing clinical research in Parkinson's disease was the need for an efficient and effective way to identify and recruit potential clinical trial candidates," said Dr. Lawrence Elmer, director of the UT Gardner-McMaster Parkinson Center. "Fox Trial Finder is certain to benefit patients and their families, but most importantly, advance



breakthroughs in the treatment and cure of Parkinson's disease far more rapidly than any of us could have ever imagined."

The University of Colorado Hospital Movement Disorders Center in Denver won first place in the competition, referring 563 volunteers.

Next month, patients in the greater Toledo area with Parkinson's disease and their families can get the latest information about research and treatments at the 17th Annual Parkinson's Disease Symposium. In honor of the second-place performance of the UTMC group, Michael J. Fox representatives will be in attendance, and

the Fox Foundation will co-sponsor the day's activities.

In addition, Dr. Brian Fiske, vice president for research programs at the Michael J. Fox Foundation, will be the featured speaker.

The event, presented by the Gardner-McMaster Parkinson Center and Parkinson Foundation of Northwest Ohio, will take place Saturday, April 5, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Parkway Place, 2592 Parkway Plaza in Maumee.

## Medical students learn of residencies at Match Day reception

By Aimee Portala

Shouts of "Congratulations!" and tears of joy filled the Great Hall of Stranahan Theater as fourth-year medical students opened envelopes to reveal their residency placements.

Match Day is an annual event where medical students learn where they will spend the next three to seven years and, possibly, their entire medical careers.

"Match Day is a key milestone in the developmental life of a physician. The process of obtaining a residency is much more competitive and much more difficult than it used to be," said Dr. Ron McGinnis, interim dean for the College of Medicine and Life Sciences. "The class of 2014 matched in a number of highly competitive specialties."

The 167 students matched with institutions across the country, including Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Tufts Medical Center and the Cleveland Clinic.

Hallie Baucher is headed to Dartmouth to study pediatrics.

"I just love working with kids and when I visited Dartmouth; it felt like a second home," Baucher said.

Thirteen students will continue their training at The University of Toledo Medical Center, with 65 total matching in Ohio.

Cheryl Chen and Eric Hu are both headed to the Cleveland area for their residencies. Chen matched in psychiatry at Case Western, and Hu matched in anesthesiology at the Cleveland Clinic.

"There is a lot of work that needs to be done in the field of psychiatry, and my goal is to be an advocate for mental health," Chen said.

"I chose anesthesiology because it is a combination of thinking and doing. The job is hands-on, but there is also a lot of thinking through what you are doing and what needs to be done next," Hu said.

Chen and Hu made a couple's match to ensure they would be placed in the same region.

The UT students matched into 22 specialties, with 72, or 43 percent, in primary care fields, and 95, or 57 percent, entering other specialties. The top specialties for this graduating class were internal medicine, pediatrics, emergency medicine and orthopedic surgery.

Michigan was the most popular behind Ohio with 25 students matching, followed by California with 13, Illinois with 12 and Pennsylvania with 10. Overall, students matched with programs in 29 states.



Photo by Daniel Miller

**CONGRATS:** Anurekha Gollapudi, who matched with Stanford University in pediatrics, left, hugged Stephanie Dallas, who matched at the Vanderbilt University Medical Center in obstetrics and gynecology, as Sarah Igoe, who will complete her residency at Einstein Campus/Montefiore Medical Center in orthopedic surgery, watched.

## Huntington regional president, UT business students to receive Pacemaker Awards

By Bob Mackowiak

The University of Toledo College of Business and Innovation and the Business Engagement and Leadership Council will recognize both business and academic excellence during their 51st annual Pacemaker Awards Friday, March 28, at the Inverness Country Club.

The 2014 recipient of the Business Pacemaker Award is Sharon Speyer, president, Northwest Ohio Region,



Speyer

Huntington National Bank.

Speyer has been with Huntington Bank and its predecessor banks since 1992. Huntington National Bank, a subsidiary

of Huntington Bancshares, is a \$59 billion regional bank holding company headquartered in Columbus, Ohio. In addition to her role as president, Speyer previously served as general counsel for Sky Bank.

She received her juris doctorate from The University of Toledo College of Law after earning her bachelor of arts degree in international studies from Ohio State University.

Speyer serves on numerous boards and committees, including Aspire, Marathon Classic executive board, Regional Growth Partnership board, Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority board, and the Toledo Symphony

Board of Trustees. She is also vice chair of The University Toledo Board of Trustees.

“Sharon Speyer’s highly successful career, community involvement and outstanding leadership make her the ideal business professional to receive this year’s Pacemaker Award,” said Dr. Thomas Sharkey, interim dean of the UT College of Business and Innovation. “Furthermore, her commitment to The University of Toledo, both as an alumna and as a concerned officer of the Board of Trustees, is to be applauded.

“From Stephen Stranahan to Robert Savage, Harold McMaster to Marianne Ballas, recipients of the Pacemaker Award over the past five decades read as a who’s who of current and legendary business leaders in the Toledo region,” Sharkey added. “As the college’s highest honor, the Pacemaker Award recognizes an individual for outstanding achievement in business as well as contributions to the community and the University.”

Student Pacemaker Awards are presented to UT College of Business and Innovation graduate and undergraduate students for their outstanding academic achievement, University and community service, and leadership.

The 2014 student Pacemakers are: Accounting — Todd Fry and Megan Massi; Finance — Ethan Barteck and Justin Blake; Information Operations Technology Management — Robert Cagle and Cody Mohler; Management — Taylor Juza and Amy Cress; Marketing/International Business — Nicholas Dorner and Nicole Diegel; MBA — Leandra Hutchinson; PhD — Nehemiah Scott.

## UToledo Inside set for March 26

Students transitioning from college to employment and the College of Medicine’s Match Day will headline the next edition of UToledo Inside Wednesday, March 26, at 11 a.m. in the Student Union South Lounge.

University of Toledo President Lloyd Jacobs will host along with Larry Burns, UT vice president for external affairs. Jacobs will take questions live, via email at townhallquestions@utoledo.edu and by way of UT’s social media platforms. The event will be webcast live at video.utoledo.edu.

One year ago, UT joined with the Detroit-based firm Digerati to launch Intern in Ohio, a student-employer matching service designed to help students land internships and make them more marketable upon graduation.

Jacobs and Burns will discuss how Intern in Ohio and the digital portfolio company, Seelio, are helping students market themselves to employers, and how some faculty are using these services to

augment their instruction with Debra Davis, dean of the College of Communications and the Arts, Dave Strukel, associate lecturer of communication, and Ed Lingan, associate professor and chair of the Department of Theatre and Film.

The president also will welcome to the show three graduating seniors who already have secured jobs or job offers to discuss the paths they took and how younger students can follow in their steps.

Dr. Ron McGinnis, interim dean of the College of Medicine and Life Sciences, and a graduating medical student will discuss last Friday’s Match Day, when graduating medical students across the nation learn where they will complete their residencies.

Jacobs and Burns also will discuss the upcoming UT Climate Survey of employees and students, an April 2 open house with Schoolcraft College in Livonia, Mich., and successful seasons of men’s and women’s basketball.

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grateful and delighted that Roy and Marcia have set a strong foundation for not only our current students, but for generations of students to come.”

The Engineering Leadership Institute, which was launched with philanthropic support from the Armes family in 2009, provides leadership opportunities for 12 to 15 sophomores and juniors in the college.

Students are nominated by their departments and are selected through a rigorous process that includes interviews with the dean. The students will participate in seminars, team-building exercises, and public speaking opportunities, including attending one or more national conferences.

“The Engineering Leadership Institute is about selecting top students out of

engineering and helping them develop their leadership skills along with their academic skills,” said Roy Armes, noting that success in the field of engineering extended beyond just the subject matter.

“As a business leader, [leadership skills] are the kinds of things I’m looking for when we look for students or new hires in our company,” he said. “This provides students with a competitive advantage, and it’s something a lot of other universities don’t offer.”

“It is very exciting to see these young adults emerge,” said Marcia Armes. “It’s very satisfying, and I feel very fortunate that we are able to give back to the University and to this group of students.”

## In memoriam

**John Bennett Bacon**, Toledo, who taught at UT and several universities, died Feb. 16 at age 73. An author, his books included *Being and Existence: Two Ways of Formal Ontology* and *Ontology, Causality and Mind*.

**Marguerite E. (Pollex) Faulkner**, Toledo, a clerk who worked in UT Student Records from 1971 until her retirement in 1990, died March 12 at age 92.

**Melvin Stewart**, Toledo, who was a member of the Satellites Auxiliary, died Feb. 22 at age 75.

## Renowned scholar on race, criminal justice to speak March 25

By Aimee Portala

**R**enowned scholar Dr. Khalil Gibran Muhammad, author of *The Condemnation of Blackness: Race, Criminality, and the Making of Modern America*, will give the second annual Distinguished Scholar Lecture for The University of Toledo School of Interdisciplinary Studies.

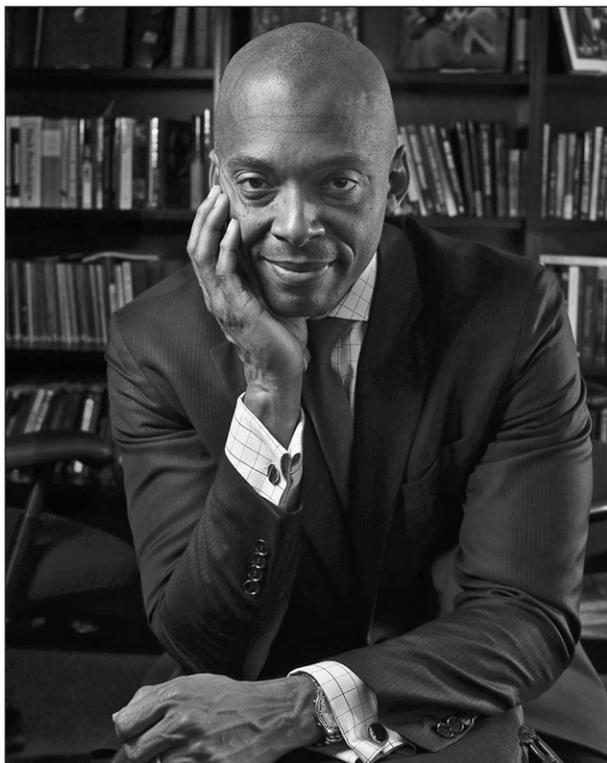
He will discuss contemporary issues of race and criminal law Tuesday, March 25, at 7 p.m. in the Law Center McQuade Law Auditorium.

Muhammad is a leading academic on the enduring link between race and crime that has shaped and limited opportunities for African Americans.

Formerly a professor of history at Indiana University, Muhammad was appointed the director of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture at the New York Public Library in 2010.

Since taking on the directorship of the Schomburg Center, he has become a sought-after analyst of such issues as “stand-your-ground” legislation and the current crisis of mass incarceration.

“I treasure this opportunity to wed my passion for African-American history with my commitment to scholarship,” Muhammad said. “I am committed to promoting the voice of black people as they have engaged in the most significant issues of our times. What matters to me is that they and people of the African diaspora are able



Muhammad

to articulate why their humanity matters, to show and showcase their contributions to the world, and to have in a sense a history that is validated and respected and made meaningful to humanity at large.”

He is working on a book titled *Disappearing Acts: The End of White Criminality in the Age of Jim Crow*, a follow-up to his first influential historical treatment of race and criminality.

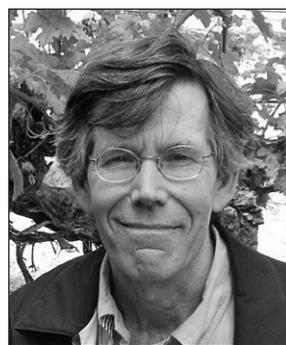
For more information on the free, public lecture, contact Dr. Renee Heberle, [renee.heberle@utoledo](mailto:renee.heberle@utoledo), director of the UT Inside Out Prison Exchange Project, or Charlene Gilbert, director of the UT School of Interdisciplinary Studies, at [charlene.gilbert@utoledo.edu](mailto:charlene.gilbert@utoledo.edu).

## Award-winning author to speak March 26

By Aimee Portala

Dr. Lawrence Coates, award-winning author of *The Garden of the World*, will visit The University of Toledo to discuss the novel writing process, the challenges of writing historical fiction, and the history of the wine industry in California.

He will speak Wednesday, March 26, at 6 p.m. in Libbey Hall.



Coates

Coates was awarded the 2013 Nancy Dasher Award for *The Garden of the World* from the College English Association of Ohio, which

recognizes outstanding publications by faculty from member departments of the professional organization.

*The Garden of the World* takes place during Prohibition and depicts the struggles of a pioneer winemaking family determined to make the finest wines in California.

A Publisher's Weekly review of the novel from March 2012 stated, “Coates does an admirable job in exploring the bonds between misguided father and prodigal son, all against a backdrop of a fallen American Eden.”

Coates' first novel, *The Blossom Festival*, won the Western States Book Award for Fiction and was selected for the Barnes & Noble Discover Great New Writers Program. He recently was awarded the Barthelme Prize for Short Prose from the Gulf Coast literary journal. He is the recipient of a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship in Fiction.

The California native served in the Coast Guard and the Merchant Marine prior to attending college. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of California, Santa Cruz, a master's degree from the University of California, Berkeley, and a doctorate from the University of Utah. He teaches creative writing at Bowling Green State University.

The free, public event is sponsored by the UT Department of English Language and Literature.

## Students to present research at Midwest Graduate Research Symposium this weekend

By Kevin Bucher

**G**raduate students from around the Midwest have been invited to share their research at The University of Toledo.

The fifth annual Midwest Graduate Research Symposium will take place Saturday, March 29, from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Memorial Field House and Student Union.

More than 60 universities have been invited to participate in the event; graduate students from all disciplines will present oral and poster presentations of their research.

“What's cool about this event is that it is multidisciplinary: The variety of presentations makes it unique,” said Alcy Barakat, a first-year graduate student and chair of the UT Graduate Student Association's Public Relations Committee.

The symposium is sponsored by the UT Graduate Student Association and has

been recognized as a great opportunity for networking.

The keynote speaker at this year's symposium will be Toledo native Dr. Thomas Wakefield, professor of vascular surgery for the University of Michigan Health System.

“He is a champion of his field, and I think anytime you can get somebody who is that well-recognized in their own field, it's an inspiration to anyone aspiring to get to that level,” Barakat said.

Two winners from the poster and oral presentations will receive plaques and certificates.

For more information, visit [utoledogs.com](http://utoledogs.com), or contact Barakat at [alcy.barakat@rockets.utoledo.edu](mailto:alcy.barakat@rockets.utoledo.edu).

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## 'The Relevant University' to air March 25

**T**une in to "The Relevant University" Tuesday, March 25, at 7 p.m. on AM 760 WJR.

This month, Lawrence J. Burns, UT vice president for external affairs, is joined by an innovative group of entrepreneurs who share the stories behind getting their businesses off the ground.

In this month's episode:

- UT student Jordan Keefe talks about starting the nonprofit organization Save The Feet to help the people of Haiti.
- Toledo-area pastor Tom Schaeffer chats about starting a craft brewery

in downtown Toledo called Black Cloister Brewing Co.

- Tankeeya Butts discusses the Josh Project that teaches families about water safety.
- Jacques Panis, president of Shinola, talks about the popular American-made watches.

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## Pharmacy students to present research at annual exposition

By Kevin Bucher

**S**tudents from The University of Toledo College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences will present their work at the Annual American Pharmacists Association Meeting and Exposition Friday through Monday, March 28-31.

The meeting will take place at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Fla.

This is the first year the American Pharmacist Association accepted oral presentations. UT students will present three out of the 12 posters that were accepted.

"We encourage our faculty and students to present their research at professional symposia such as the American Pharmacists Association annual meeting," said Dr. Steve Martin, professor and chair of the Department of Pharmacy Practice. "Not only does it allow them to share their cutting-edge work with the profession, but also it showcases the very high level of pharmacy practice here in northwest Ohio."

Giving poster presentations will be:

- Kelly Gaffney, pharmacy student and undergraduate research assistant

in the Center for Pharmaceutical Care and Outcomes Research Lab, who will present "Evaluating Patients' Perceptions of Blister Packs Dispensed in a Community Setting and Its Impact on Their Adherence."

- Kevin Omerza, pharmacy student and first-year graduate student, who will discuss "A Qualitative Analysis Assessing Patients' Perceptions of Services Offered in an Adherence Pharmacy Program."
- And Tessa Conner, first-year graduate student, who will cover "Cost of Intermittent Participation in Medication Therapy Management."

Four other presentations will be given by UT students at the conference as well.

"We are lucky here at UT to have outstanding faculty practitioners who provide patient care at our medical center, clinics and outpatient pharmacies," Martin said.

## Coming together



Photo by Daniel Miller

Keith Schlender and Shirley Monto of the Satellites Auxiliary tied UT ribbons on a teddy bears last week in the Mulford Library Board Room. Volunteers placed ribbons on more than 330 stuffed animals that will be distributed in the Emergency Department, Pediatrics Outpatient Clinic and the Community Care Clinic, according to Lynn Brand, president of the Satellites. Marianne Ballas, dealer and owner-operator of Ballas Buick GMC, and chair of Women & Philanthropy at The University of Toledo, presented a \$1,400 check to the Satellites Auxiliary to ensure the continuation of the program to help comfort young patients.

## Graduate Program Fair slated for April 1

**T**he College of Graduate Studies will host a Graduate Program Fair Tuesday, April 1, in the Student Union Ingman Room. The event will run from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Various UT graduate programs will have representatives at the fair to speak with interested students and answer questions.

Graduate admissions representatives also will be there to explain the application process.

Any student who completes an inquiry card will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a \$50 Amazon.com gift card. Students who complete the inquiry card also

will have the application fee waived for one future application.

"The University of Toledo offers more than 170 graduate degree programs that can help you get ahead in today's competitive economy," said Corey Sampsel, graduate orientation and enrollment specialist in the College of Graduate Studies.

"National studies show that jobs requiring graduate degrees are on the rise, and UT is ready to help you stay ahead of this trend," he added.

For more information, stop by the Graduate Program Fair or email [corey.sampsel@utoledo.edu](mailto:corey.sampsel@utoledo.edu).

The Annual Imam Khattab Lecture on Islamic Thought

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## THE DAY BEFORE DOOMSDAY:

### ISLAMIC REFLECTIONS ON TOMORROW'S ETHICS

By

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Free and open to the public, with free reception following. Visitors parking in the Driscoll Alumni Center parking area will not be ticketed. For information on campus buildings and parking locations, visit [utoledo.edu/campus/maps/maincampus](http://utoledo.edu/campus/maps/maincampus). For additional information, contact [cfru@utoledo.edu](mailto:cfru@utoledo.edu) or 419.530.6187.

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## Author to speak about new book on FDR, polio

Author James Tobin believes Franklin Delano Roosevelt would not have become president if he had not contracted polio.



Tobin

Tobin will discuss his theory and his new book, *The Man He Became: How FDR Defied Polio to Win the Presidency* (Simon & Schuster, 2013),

Wednesday,

April 2, at 3 p.m. in the Ward M. Canaday Center for Special Collections on the fifth floor of UT's Carlson Library.

The free, public talk will be followed by a book signing and reception.

In his new work, Tobin, who won the National Book Critics Circle Award for his previous book titled *Ernie Pyle's War*, examines how FDR used his battle with polio as the narrative that helped get him elected president in 1932.

"The conventional wisdom is that FDR became president in spite of polio. I think

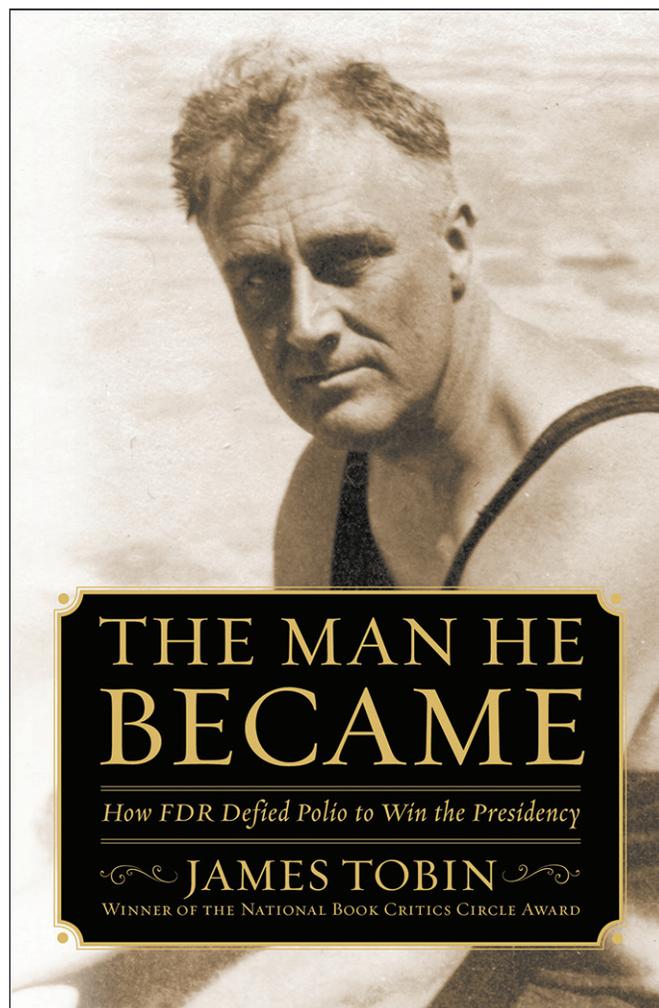
the evidence suggests an alternative truth — that he became president because of polio," he said.

Tobin contends that Roosevelt's long recovery period kept him out of the presidential race in the mid-1920s when he would not have stood a chance of winning. He also believes that FDR's public battle to overcome the effects of polio established him as a fighter in the minds of the American public, and this narrative helped him to get elected in the darkest years of the Great Depression. Before polio, FDR was hampered by his image as an aristocrat, but after polio, FDR could present himself as a man of the people willing to fight for the nation's recovery.

"Polio by itself did not make Roosevelt the man he became," Tobin concluded. "But one cannot see Roosevelt in full without a deep understanding of his encounter with disease and disability. Without the polio virus and what it did to FDR, the history of American life since the 1920s would not be what it has been."

Copies of Tobin's book will be for sale at the event.

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## Stop by Humanities Happy Hour March 28

By Aimee Portala

The Humanities Institute in the College of Languages, Literature and Social Sciences will present Humanities Happy Hour, an evening of free food and intellectual inquiry.

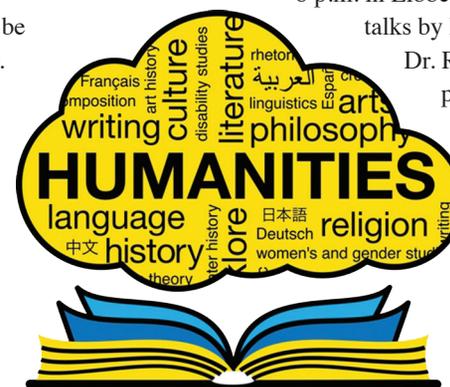
The free, public event will be held Friday, March 28, from 5 to 8 p.m. in Libbey Hall. The monthly event also includes a cash bar.

Two speakers will be featured this month. Dr. Parama Sarkar, UT assistant professor

of English, will present "Identity and Performance in Indian Diasporic Cinema," and Dr. Matt Yockey, UT assistant professor of theatre and film, will present "Let's Send Batman to Vietnam." The short talks will take place from 5:30 to 6 p.m.

The next Humanities Happy Hour will take place Thursday, April 24, from 5 to 8 p.m. in Libbey Hall and will feature

talks by Dr. Todd Michney and Dr. Roberto Padilla, assistant professors of history.



## UT Engineers Without Borders to host annual Building Bridges 5K

By Aimee Portala

The University of Toledo chapter of Engineers Without Borders will host its annual Building Bridges 5K Saturday, April 12, to raise money for a project in Los Sanchez, Honduras.

The Building Bridges 5K will be at 9 a.m. beginning at the UT Student Recreation Center.

Registration is \$16 prior to Saturday, March 29, when the fee will increase to \$20.

The organization is hoping to have 200 participants this year, an increase over last year's 114.

Engineers Without Borders partnered with the community of Los Sanchez, Honduras, in 2008 to find a sustainable solution to the lack of access to potable water. After implementing a water distribution system in 2009, the people of Los Sanchez approached the organization about building a pedestrian bridge across the river, Rio Buscaga.

Rio Buscagua separates Los Sanchez, a rural community of about 200 to 250 people, and other small communities in the area from the nearby town of Orocuina. This separation can be life-threatening during the rainy season. The inability to cross the river severs access to doctors, hospitals, markets, sources of employment and schools. Community members believe that year-round access to Orocuina is vital and would have a substantial effect on their growth.

"The people of Los Sanchez are very hard-working," said Lisa Kingsolver, chemical and environmental engineering student and president of the

UT Engineers Without Borders chapter. "The people are very community-minded. They know what's best for them, and they want to make sure they reach their shared goals."

The bridge team submitted a design proposal to Engineers Without Borders USA in December 2012. On its implementation trip to Los Sanchez in August, the travel team and members of the community agreed that the bridge would need to be redesigned.

The team consulted with the Los Sanchez community, the town of Orocuina, faculty and technical advisers to rework the design and submitted a new proposal to Engineers Without Borders USA in February. The team is anticipating approval soon, pending a few minor changes to the design and construction plan, and hopes to implement the new bridge design this summer.

"We have had several meetings with community leadership. They are very opinionated, but very respectful," Kingsolver said.

More than \$14,000 has been raised toward the goal of at least \$30,000 through grants, corporate partnerships, individual donors and proceeds from the Building Bridges 5K. The project was awarded major grants from Henkel, a manufacturing company, and the Association for Bridge Construction and Design.

For more information on the run or to make a donation, contact Kingsolver at [lisa.kingsolver@rockets.utoledo.edu](mailto:lisa.kingsolver@rockets.utoledo.edu).



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## Men's basketball coach named finalist for Hugh Durham Award for coach of the year

By Steve Easton

Head Coach Tod Kowalczyk is one of 15 finalists for the 2014 Hugh Durham award, according to CollegeInsider.com.

"It is always so difficult to limit the list of finalists," said CollegeInsider.com's Angela Lento. "This list could easily include 25-plus names."

Kowalczyk guided the Rockets to a school-record 27 victories, a figure that ranks fourth in Mid-American Conference history, as well as a share of the program's eighth MAC regular-season title.

Toledo opened its season with 12 straight victories, matching the second-best start in school history, before dropping a 93-83 decision at national power Kansas.

UT also set school records for most points (2,694), free throws made (643), free throws attempted (887), and was second in school history in field goals made (929)

and fourth in assists (509) and blocked shots (101).

The Rockets are set to return four starters from their record-setting squad for the 2014-15 campaign, including first-team All-MAC honoree Julius Brown (14.9 points per game, 6.0 assists per game) and third-team All-MAC selection Justin Drummond (14.2 points per game, 5.2 rebounds per game).

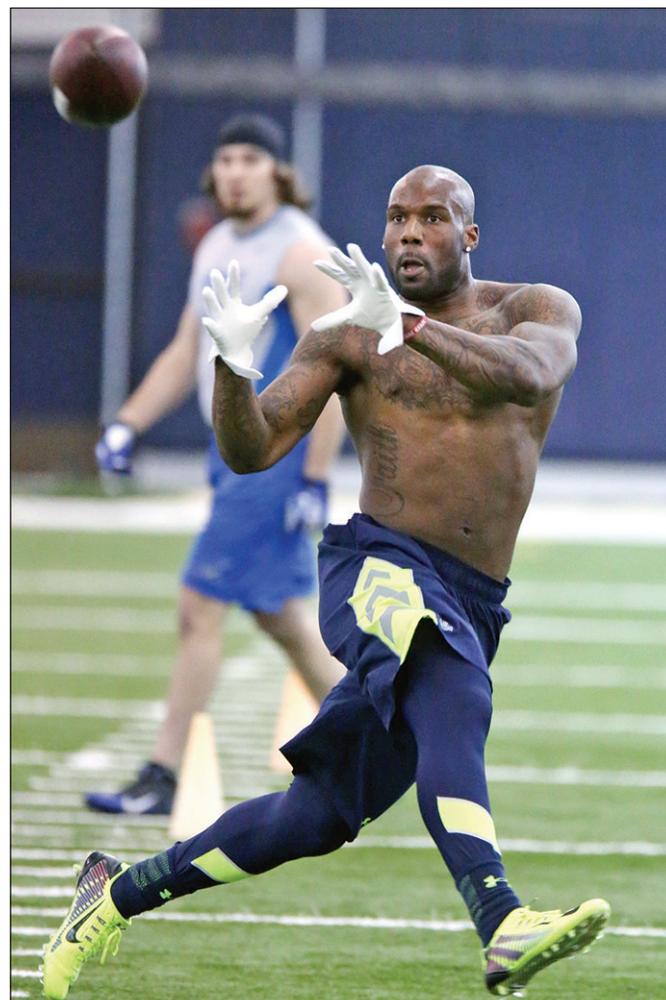
The Hugh Durham Award is given annually to the nation's top mid-major coach. The award is named in honor of Durham, who retired at the end of the 2004-05 season. Durham is one of just 12 coaches to have led two different programs to the NCAA Final Four (Florida State in 1972 and Georgia in 1983). He is the only coach among that group to have led both schools to their lone Final Four appearance.



Kowalczyk

The winner of the 2014 Durham award will be announced at the CollegeInsider.com Awards Banquet April 4 in Dallas, site of the Division I Men's Basketball Championship.

## Real catch



Former UT running back David Fluellen worked out for scouts at NFL Pro Day, which was held earlier this month in the Fetterman Training Center. He finished his Rocket career with 3,336 rushing yards, which ranks fourth all-time at the University. A two-time first-team All-Mid-American Conference selection, Fluellen rushed for 100 or more yards 13 times in his career. He gained 1,121 yards in 2013 despite missing most of four games due to injuries.

Photo by Daniel Miller

# UT president

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that UT areas like the Interprofessional Immersive Simulation Center and the Ruth M. Hillebrand Clinical Skills Center are examples of pieces with a natural fit into the future Institute of University Transformation.

According to Zerbey, a national presidential search is planned, and a formal search process will be announced soon.

Dr. Lloyd A. Jacobs became the 16th president of The University of Toledo in July 2006 when he was selected to lead the merged institution created by the union of the former Medical University of Ohio and UT.

Jacobs has been a champion for increased access to higher education with UT taking a leadership role in freezing tuition in 2007 and 2008, and again in 2013 for undergraduate students.

During his tenure, the University has invested more than \$200 million in capital improvements, mainly by renovating existing academic buildings, classrooms and athletic venues. And the University celebrated the successful completion of

its largest capital fund campaign in history that raised more than \$106 million. A new \$200 million campaign is already a quarter of the way to its goal.

Jacobs was named the sixth president of the Medical College of Ohio — later renamed Medical University of

Ohio — in November 2003. Prior to coming to Toledo, he was chief operating officer of the University of Michigan Health System, one of the largest systems in the country, and senior associate dean for clinical affairs at the University of Michigan Medical



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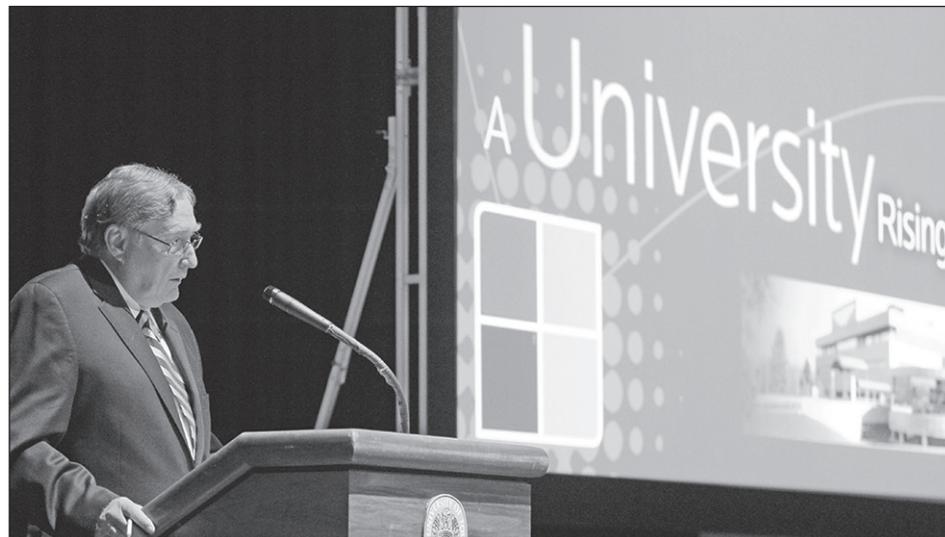


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President Lloyd Jacobs gave his annual address to the community in 2012.

School. He also held a faculty appointment as professor of surgery.

A native of Holland, Mich., Jacobs is a U.S. Marine Corps veteran. He earned a bachelor's degree from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, and a doctor of medicine from Johns Hopkins University School of

Medicine in Baltimore. A vascular surgeon, he completed surgery residency training at Johns Hopkins Hospital, the University of California at San Diego Hospital and Wayne State University Hospital in Detroit.



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# University Teaching Center, Office of Assessment, Accreditation and Program Review to host open house March 28

By Cathy Zimmer

The UT community is invited to attend an open house in the University Teaching Center Friday, March 28, from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. in University Hall Room 5120.

“This will be a good opportunity for faculty to stop by and meet the team,” said Dr. Constance Shriner, associate provost for faculty development. “Visitors will learn about key programs and training available to help engage students and become more comfortable with using new technology.”

Brief remarks from Dr. Scott Scarborough, provost and executive vice president for academic affairs, will be made at 10:30 a.m. Light refreshments will be served.

The University Teaching Center promotes excellence in teaching and learning and serves as a resource for all UT faculty.

“The University Teaching Center and the Office of Assessment, Accreditation and Program Review seek to create a culture that values and rewards activity that enhances instruction and student learning,” Shriner added.

The Office of Assessment, Accreditation and Program Review provides leadership and resources for accreditation, periodic academic program review, and student learning outcomes assessment across the University. It supports the University Assessment Committee in documenting the evaluation of student learning and helps Faculty Senate in the review of UT’s general education curriculum.

The University Teaching Center offers presentations, discussions and workshops focused on techniques and technologies for teaching. The center will help faculty utilize various technology tools, including the green screen studio where they can create their own instructional video, as well as a number of Apple devices and applications. The center also serves as a resource for faculty interested in teaching models such as the flipped or blended classroom.

In addition, the University Teaching Center coordinates the Student Observer Program, a unique opportunity designed to assist faculty with developing or improving their teaching. Student observers are carefully selected and trained undergraduate students who sit in on classes and work with the faculty to improve teaching. The observations serve as an excellent resource for instructors, providing valuable data to supplement student evaluations, according to Shriner.

Academic Classroom Services, which provides prompt, quality technical support, consultation and training for the classroom

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Light refreshments provided.



arena, and is an integral part of institutional support for teaching, is part of the center.

“I also want to highlight the University Teaching Center website,” Shriner said. “The site shares information about our programs and services, and includes a Carlson Library guide, a web resource featuring a variety of teaching resources, from articles and books to DVDs and more.”

Another key program the center has invested in is Go2Knowledge, a library of

professional development webinars. Users can watch on their own or as a group, with more than 90 trainings in six categories: At-Risk Populations, Campus Safety, Organizational Development, Student Success, Teaching and Learning, and Technology. UT faculty and staff are able to watch these at no charge; details on accessing the webinars can be found at [utoledo.edu/offices/provost/utc](http://utoledo.edu/offices/provost/utc).

## Professional training and development available through iCare University

By Cynthia Nowak

With an eye on both service excellence and professional development, iCare University is offering staff, faculty and student workers a full calendar of training programs that run through June.

Housed in Ottawa House East, iCare University focuses on initiatives that promote high standards of service, recognize employee dedication, and deliver training opportunities.

“Our vision is to build on the excellence that already exists at The University of Toledo,” said Tony Urbina, iCare University director in the Office for the Student Experience. “We can achieve national recognition for distinctive, comprehensive service to our students, and training is key to that goal.

“Whether we teach students in a classroom or we work with students in a

frontline office, we need to have a sustained focus on improving our craft as professionals. Training can accomplish that, and iCare University provides that high level of training in-house.”

Interdepartmental collaborations provide continuous educational opportunities, he added. They include sessions on leadership, cutting-edge classroom technology and customer service.

“Whether you’re faculty, staff or a student employee, there’s something for everyone,” he said.

For a full schedule of available training opportunities, visit the iCare University website at [utoledo.edu/icare/index.html](http://utoledo.edu/icare/index.html).

Upcoming classes include:

- Wednesday, March 26, from 9 to 10 a.m. in Ottawa House East Room

1101 — Treasurer’s office/loan and special account overview. Learn about the process of billing, collection and depositing. Facilitated by Stephanie Blausey, director of loans and special accounts. Targeted toward professional staff, advisers, success coaches.

- Thursday, April 3, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in Ottawa House East Room 1101 — Webinar: “Managing Overly Involved Parents: Effective Strategies for De-Escalating Aggressive Behavior.” Facilitated by Tony Urbina. Targeted toward frontline employees, professional staff, advisers, success coaches.
- Tuesday, April 8, from 3 to 4 p.m. in University Hall Room 5120 — Creating, uploading and captioning

short videos using YouTube.

Facilitated by Angela Paprocki, University Teaching Center. Targeted toward faculty and instructors.

- Thursday, April 10, from noon to 1 p.m. in Ottawa House East Room 1101 — Leadership Series Part 1: “Lead With Meaning.” Motivate your staff, department and co-workers to become productive change agents. Facilitated by Mario Toussaint, author, motivational speaker, and director of food and nutrition at UT Medical Center. Targeted toward directors, managers and supervisors.

For more information, contact Urbina at 419.530.5922 or [tony.urbina@utoledo.edu](mailto:tony.urbina@utoledo.edu).

# Undercover with the Blue Crew

By Dr. Clinton O. Longenecker

The Blue Crew! If you are a UT Rocket sports fan, then these three words bring a wide range of sights, sounds and, quite possibly, experiences with these most loyal UT student fans.

The Blue Crew has been part of the UT sports scene since 1999. That year, a small, dedicated group of diehard students decided to become “super fans” and don gold masks, blue and gold crazy wigs, and those now-infamous blue jumpsuits emblazoned with their catchy aliases.

The students who make up the Blue Crew are part of the undercover cheering society that maintains their anonymity while being center stage at nearly every major UT sporting event. Whether it’s basketball, baseball, softball, football, soccer, swimming or any UT sporting event, you will likely find Blue Crew members like “Pumbaa,” “Boyfriend,” “Buckets,” “Riot” or “Jukebox” cheering, dancing and inciting UT fans to give it up for the Rockets! Blue Crew legends include such names as “Elvis,” “Hollywood,” “Guam,” “Tweek” and “Milkshake,” who demonstrated their love for UT while having big fun!

I have been a fan of the Blue Crew as long as I can remember and have great appreciation for their support of our great University and our terrific athletic department. I have fond memories of the Blue Crew rushing the field, waving UT flags in Beaver Stadium when UT upset Penn State University 24-6 in 2000. And firing up the crowd when the UT women’s soccer team won the Mid-American Conference title in 2010. And they did an awesome job of rousing our fans when our Lady Rockets defeated USC in the 2011 NIT National Championship game in Savage Hall.

I could go on, but the important point is this student group supports our athletes and our University with little or no fanfare about who they are and why they are doing what they do. While our cheerleaders, Dancing Rockettes and band members do an awesome job, we know who they are and can recognize and thank them when we walk across campus. But the Crew operates incognito, so they never receive the thanks and praise they deserve.

As a former UT football player (1973-1976), loyal Rocket fan, and someone who studies human behavior for a living as a management professor in our College of Business and Innovation, I wanted to find out what makes these super-fans tick. So I recently was invited to go undercover with

the Blue Crew and see what it was like to be on the other side of the gold mask. (And I took my lovely wife and loyal Rocket fan, Cindy, undercover with me.)

Here is what I learned as a member of the Blue Crew:

- On the surface, the gold masks can appear a little scary, and yet as you walk through the crowd, kids of all ages are quick to give you a high-five and a “Go Rockets!”
- I was surprised to see how many people wanted to have their pictures taken with us.
- There’s something pretty cool about looking out and seeing people that you know and they don’t know who you are, which can be a license for fun.
- The Crew members never stop cheering, dancing and engaging the crowd; they are perpetual motion machines, and that takes a lot of energy.
- Blue Crew members are totally committed to our University and view their role as that of “special ambassador” and student representative.
- It’s a whole lot of fun to lead cheers and jump around with purpose in Savage Arena.
- Members were quick to coach and instruct Cindy and me on the finer dimensions of a particular dance or cheer that was part of their repertoire.
- And Crew members are very serious students balancing school, travel and events.

What advice might Blue Crew members offer UT fans?

“New Guy” said, “Come and support our Rockets as the more we cheer, the better they seem to play!”

Pumbaa stated, “The Blue Crew is always going to support the Rockets, but also our community. Make sure we see you at the game!”

Buckets added, “I love supporting our school; it’s fun and fantastic, and I want to encourage everyone in our community to get behind the Rockets!”

This experience was tremendous fun, and it was a real honor to meet the members of the Blue Crew up-close and personally while still in character.

So thanks, Blue Crew, for all that you do to support our student-athletes, our

University and our community! Cindy and I had a blast behind the mask!

*Longenecker is the Stranahan Professor of Leadership and Organizational Excellence in the College of Business and Innovation.*

**KICKLINE:** Members of the Blue Crew, from left, “Cindy Girl” Longenecker; “The Old One” Dr. Clint Longenecker; “Jukebox,” “Pumbaa,” “Buckets” and “Riot” danced during a recent women’s basketball game.



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**Legal issues affecting students focus of free event April 2**

By Cynthia Nowak

Everyone knows about the complexity of legal issues, but an upcoming event will provide crystal-clear information to college students about laws and legal issues that can directly affect their lives.

“A Real Look at Legal Issues That Can Impact Students,” a free, public panel discussion, will be presented Wednesday, April 2, from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Student Union Ingman Room.

“We’re covering three areas that students often don’t think about from a legal standpoint: sexual misconduct and domestic violence, drug use and legalization, and social media,” said Dr. Willie McKether, UT associate professor of anthropology and Brothers on the Rise adviser.

“These are all issues that can have real legal consequences for students, and can affect their lives for a long time. We’ve assembled a panel of experts from different parts of the local legal community. They’ve worked with young people, they know these issues — like how you can actually lose your job over what you say on social media — and they’ll share that expertise with our students.”

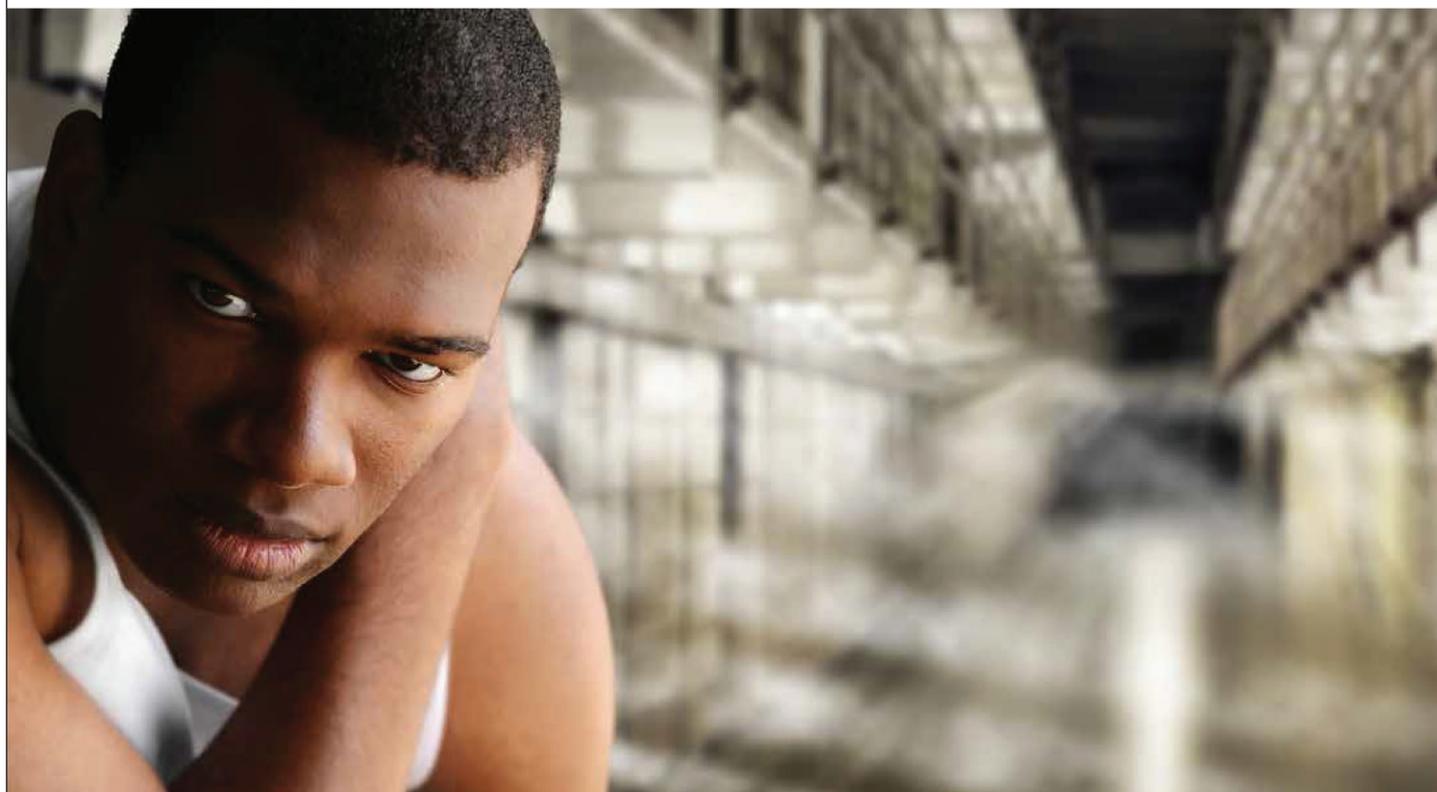
The collaborative event is sponsored by Brothers on the Rise, the Association of Black Faculty and Staff, the UT College of Law and Alpha Phi Boule, the last a community partner that was instrumental in securing a panel of legal professionals.

Students will get life-relevant legal information from four panelists: Ray Arce, an employment attorney with Marshall & Melhorn; Judge Myron Duhart of the Lucas County Common Pleas Court, who will moderate; Jelani Exum, associate professor in the UT College of Law; and Lindsay Navarre, assistant Lucas County prosecutor.

“Call this being legally proactive,” said Dr. Anthony Quinn, UT associate professor of biological sciences and Brothers on the Rise adviser. “Students will learn a great deal of real-life information from these experts. There’s nothing theoretical about what the panelists will share; it’s the lowdown on what students need to know about these issues.”

Students will have a chance to ask the panelists questions, and light refreshments will be available.

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