

## Sweet Homecoming: Rockets roll



Toledo improved to 5-0 after a 38-7 Homecoming victory over Kent State on a sun-filled Saturday afternoon in front of 23,118 in the Glass Bowl. UT's defense continued its dominance, holding the Golden Flashes to 257 yards of total offense. Sophomore running back Terry Swanson carried the ball 14 times for 161 yards, and senior wide receiver Alonzo Russell caught four passes for 58 yards in the big win. The Rockets will play Eastern Michigan Saturday, Oct. 17, at noon in the Glass Bowl.

Photos by Daniel Miller



UT President Sharon L. Gaber was the grand marshal for the Edward C. and Helen G. Schmackel Homecoming Parade Saturday morning.

## Researcher receives grant to develop Alzheimer's drug

By Brandi Barhite

A University of Toledo researcher who saw his grandfather battle Alzheimer's disease is hoping to find better treatment options with the help of a new research grant.

Dr. Isaac Schiefer, recently appointed assistant professor in the Department of Medicinal and Biological Chemistry, has received a \$100,000 New Investigator Research Grant through the Alzheimer's Association.

Schiefer will walk in his grandpa's honor at the Walk to End Alzheimer's Sunday, Oct. 18, on UT's Main Campus. The walk will start at the Health Education Center with registration and check-in at 9:30 a.m., a ceremony at 11:30 a.m., and the walk at noon.

"This disease is just heart-breaking and not just for the patient," Schiefer said. "I can remember my grandma talking with my grandpa about a memorable vacation when my

grandpa said, 'I don't remember any of that.' The look on my grandma's face was crushing."

Schiefer, a synthetic bioanalytical chemist, developed a prototype molecule, which improves memory in mice, using a \$10,000 grant he received last year from the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy. His newest grant will allow him to further study the drug characteristics of the prototype molecule.

Schiefer said the molecule was designed to increase brain-derived neurotrophic factor, also known as BDNF.

BDNF, a protein, is important for long-term memory, and patients with Alzheimer's disease have been shown to have less of it. Schiefer said BDNF's ability to heal damaged brain cells could be compared to how Human Growth Hormone, known as



Schiefer

HGH, helps athletes recover from muscle fatigue or injury.

The molecule is the first step toward a drug that could be given to Alzheimer's patients.

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## Open forums to allow community input on UT facilities master planning

By Lindsay Mahaney

When putting together a campus-wide, comprehensive master plan, everyone should have the opportunity to be involved.

Earlier this year, The University of Toledo started talks regarding the first comprehensive facilities master planning process since the 2006 merger with the Medical University of Ohio. As part of the process, SmithGroupJJR — the consultants preparing the master plan — will host four public forums to provide information and discuss opinions and ideas for the project with UT constituents and members of the local community.

Two forums will be open to UT students, faculty and staff:

- Wednesday, Oct. 14, from 3:45 to 5:45 p.m. in the Driscoll Alumni Center Auditorium.
- Thursday, Oct. 15, from 3:45 to 5:45 p.m. in Collier Building Room 1200.

A second pair of forums will be open to Toledo community members:

- Wednesday, Oct. 14, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Driscoll Alumni Center Auditorium.

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## Journalist to discuss what led brothers to bomb Boston Marathon

By Rachel Phipps

On April 15, 2013, two homemade bombs exploded near the finish line of the Boston Marathon, killing three people and wounding more than 260 others.

In the ensuing manhunt, Tamerlan Tsarnaev died, and his younger brother, Dzhokhar, was captured and charged on 30 federal counts.

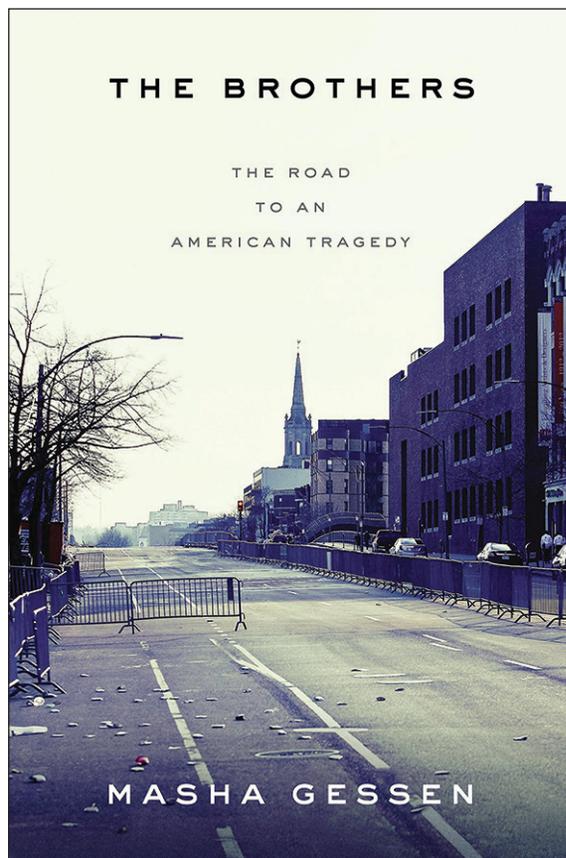
Yet long after the bombings and the terror they sowed, after all the testimony and debate, what remains unanswered is why. Why did the American Dream go so wrong for two immigrants? How did such a nightmare come to pass?

Acclaimed Russian-American journalist Masha Gessen will discuss “The Tsarnaev Brothers: The Road to an American Tragedy” Wednesday, Oct. 14, at noon in the Law Center McQuade Law Auditorium.

An immigrant herself who came to the Boston area with her family as a teenager, Gessen returned to the former Soviet Union in her early 20s and covered firsthand the transformations that were wracking her homeland and its neighboring regions. It is there that the history of the Tsarnaev brothers began, as descendants of ethnic Chechens deported to Central Asia in the Stalin era.

Gessen follows the family in their futile attempts to make a life for themselves in one war-torn locale after another and then, as new émigrés, in Cambridge, Mass.

Most crucially, she reconstructs the struggle between assimilation and alienation that ensued for each of the brothers,



incubating a deadly sense of mission. And she traces how such a split in identity can fuel the metamorphosis into a new breed of homegrown terrorist with feet on American soil but sense of self elsewhere.

Following her free, public talk, Gessen will sign copies of *The Brothers: The Road to an American Tragedy*, which was named a Best Book of the Year by Time magazine.

She also is the author of the national best-seller *The Man Without a Face: The Unlikely Rise of Vladimir Putin* and *Words Will Break Cement: The Passion of Pussy Riot*. Her award-winning work has appeared in The New York Times, Slate, Vanity Fair and elsewhere.

A longtime resident of Moscow, Gessen now lives in New York.

## President asks Morlock to temporarily resume CFO duties

UT President Sharon Gaber announced Thursday that the search process for the position of chief financial officer and executive vice president for finance and administration has concluded, and that she has decided that neither of the two remaining candidates are the best fit for the University at this time.

Gaber has asked Dave Morlock, who had previously served as both CFO of the University and CEO of the UT Medical

Center, to resume that joint role for the time being.

“Dave has graciously agreed to continue providing leadership in both of these areas. I know that with the strength of the teams he has built at UTMC and in Finance and Administration that UT is in good hands,” Gaber said.

Gaber said the University is looking to quickly identify a person to serve as interim CFO while a national search is conducted.

## Inspiring stories



Photo by Daniel Miller

UT President Sharon L. Gaber spoke Friday as part of “Straight Outta College: Exclusive Interviews With the Presidents” as Dr. Johnnetta B. Cole, director of the Smithsonian National Museum of African Art and former president of Spelman College, and Dr. Brian Kennedy, president, director and CEO of the Toledo Museum of Art, clapped. Gaber, Cole and Kennedy shared their stories to inspire students to become effective leaders. The event was sponsored by Brothers on the Rise; the UT College of Languages, Literature and Social Sciences; the departments of Sociology and Anthropology, Women’s and Gender Studies, Africana Studies, and Art; Alpha Phi Boule — which is the local chapter of the service-based professional fraternity Sigma Pi Phi; the Association of Black Faculty and Staff; and the Toledo Museum of Art.

## UT president announces national search for next provost

In the coming weeks, The University of Toledo will begin a national search for the institution’s next provost and executive vice president for academic affairs, UT President Sharon L. Gaber announced Thursday.

“The position of provost will play a critical role in advancing UT’s academic standing on a national stage and advance an academic culture that ensures our students and faculty achieve success,” Gaber said.

“From the recruitment of strong students and top faculty to increased scholarship and research expenditures to greater philanthropic giving for academic priorities, UT’s next provost will leave an indelible mark on this University,” she said.

Gaber said Interim Provost John Barrett will continue serving in the role until a permanent provost begins his or her tenure.

“I deeply appreciate John’s work and am grateful for the time and dedication for UT he has demonstrated as interim provost,” she said.

“Serving as interim provost for President Gaber, as well as for Interim

President Nagi Naganathan, has been an honor,” Barrett said, “and it has been my great pleasure during the past 15 months to help strengthen the University from this office.

“I’d like to thank the Board of Trustees, the senior leadership team, and the deans, my colleagues, the faculty, and all of the members of the UT community for your support since last July and in the months ahead.”

Gaber said Dr. Kaye Patten Wallace, senior vice president for student affairs, will chair a search committee that is being established and a search firm will be engaged to ensure that a diverse pool of the highest-caliber candidates is identified for consideration.

“I look forward to a collaborative process that incorporates input from key stakeholders across the University and among our alumni, friends and supporters,” Gaber said.

## President to talk at University Women's Commission membership drive

UT President Sharon L. Gaber will be the special guest speaker at the University Women's Commission fall meeting Wednesday, Oct. 21.

The event geared toward recruiting new members will start at 11:30 a.m. in the Savage Arena Joe Grogan Room.

"We are truly excited to have Dr. Gaber as our guest," said Kelly Andrews, senior associate athletics director/senior woman administrator in Intercollegiate Athletics, who is chair of the commission. "She is an excellent role model who exudes

empowerment and enthusiasm as she leads our University."

RSVPs for the luncheon are requested by Wednesday, Oct. 14, to [synita.gates@utoledo.edu](mailto:synita.gates@utoledo.edu).

Members of the campus community are invited to join the University Women's Commission.

Annual membership costs \$25 for UT employees and \$10 for students, and is tax-deductible.

"The main goal of the commission is to support women at UT and help them

flourish professionally," Andrews said. "The more members we have, the more scholarships we can offer."

Join or renew your membership by sending a check payable to the University Women's Commission to Jennifer McDowell Tharpe, mail stop 301, or go to [utoledo.edu/commissions/uwc/membership.html](http://utoledo.edu/commissions/uwc/membership.html).

For more information, contact Andrews at [kelly.andrews@utoledo.edu](mailto:kelly.andrews@utoledo.edu) or 419.530.2810.

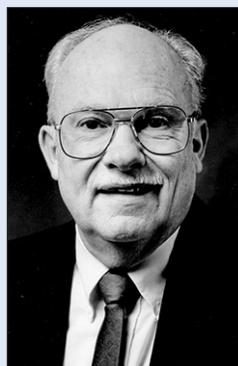


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### In memoriam

**Santiago "Jim" Flores**, Erie, Pa., died Oct. 5 at age 89. He was a custodian at MCO who retired in 1991.

**Dr. George P. Guthrie**, Estes Park, Colo., professor emeritus of philosophy, died Aug. 31 at age 86. He joined the UT faculty in 1961 and served as chair of the Philosophy Department from 1975 to 1982. His favorite courses were on modern continental thought, which included Sartre, Camus, Nietzsche and Kierkegaard. Guthrie was granted emeritus status when he retired in 1988.



Guthrie

**Jennifer Rockwood**, Toledo, who worked at UT for nearly three decades, died Oct. 6 at age 64. In 1985, she joined the faculty of the Department of Theatre and Film. She was named director of UT's First-Year Experience Program in 2003. After 10 years in that role, she returned to teaching as a senior lecturer and retired in 2014. She directed numerous productions for the University stage. In 2012, she directed a one-night-only production of "8," the controversial play dealing with the rights of same sex partners to marry in California.



Rockwood

Rockwood also shared her creative genius with the community; she directed shows for the Toledo Repertoire Theatre and the Village Players Theatre. She also was involved in many benefit performances. In 2013, she received the University's Edith Rathbun Award for Outreach and Engagement for her contribution to theater and the arts in northwest Ohio. Rockwood was a UT alumna; she graduated in 1978 with a bachelor of fine arts degree.

## Open enrollment: UT delays dependent verification process until next year

The University will delay by one year a planned dependent eligibility verification process originally slated to be part of this year's open enrollment process, UT leaders announced Friday in an email to the campus community.

Employees still need to re-enroll in their chosen health-care plan by Saturday, Oct. 31, via the employee tab inside the myUT portal.

"There have been concerns raised regarding the dependent eligibility verification process in this year's open enrollment process and the submission of documents such as marriage and birth certificates," wrote UT President Sharon L. Gaber and Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer Jovita Thomas-Williams in a letter to all employees.

"In an effort to be responsive to the concerns expressed, we have decided to delay the dependent verification assessment until next year (October 2016). For this year, we are asking employees to simply attest that the individuals they are claiming are eligible dependents."

Gaber and Thomas-Williams acknowledged and apologized for insufficient communication regarding the need for documents and the reasons for the request.

"UT has never completed a dependent verification audit," they wrote. "These audits are best practices in human resources in both the private sector as well as in public higher education."

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Photo by Daniel Miller

**FAIR DAY:** Carol Davis, account clerk in Mail Services, signed up to receive more information about VSP Vision Care after talking with Greg Pell from the company's office in Lansing, Mich., during the Benefits Fair last week on Scott Park Campus.

## Hussain lecture to delve into despair of White Plague

By Brandi Barhite

It has been known as the White Plague, Robber of Youth and the Graveyard Cough.

It has been a scourge for centuries, possibly killing more people than any other infectious disease.

But in the midst of the despair and horror, tuberculosis has inspired some of the greatest works of art and literature. In the French opera “La Bohème,” Mimì, the heroine, has tuberculosis, and Fantine in Victor Hugo’s novel *Les Misérables* becomes ill and dies from consumption.

Tuberculosis, its trail of destruction and eventual hope will be the focus of the seventh annual S. Amjad Hussain Visiting Lecture in the History of Medicine and Surgery at The University of Toledo. Dr. Robert Bartlett, professor emeritus of surgery at the University of Michigan, will present the free, public lecture, “Romance, Science and the White Plague,” Wednesday, Oct. 21, at 5 p.m.

“When people were dying of tuberculosis, it inspired sufferers and those witnessing the suffering to write books, poems and music about the experience,” Bartlett said. “It was truly phenomenal how they were able to take the horrific experience, which in many cases led to death, and leave us with some memorable works of art. It’s quite unusual for one specific disease to have such a footprint on art and literature.”

Tuberculosis was an epidemic in Europe and caused millions of deaths in the 18th and 19th centuries. While this serious disease declined after the late 19th century, it still remains a public health issue today.

Bartlett’s lecture will look at the science behind finding the cause of tuberculosis and how not knowing the source of the disease led to strange remedies.

“It affected everybody, and no one knew what caused it,” he said. “People tried all sorts of things like eating a lot of food or eating no food, drinking milk or avoiding milk, or exercising a lot or not exercising at all.”

Eventually, German bacteriologist Robert Koch discovered that the bacteria that cause tuberculosis are spread from one person to another through tiny droplets released into the air via coughs and sneezes.



Bartlett

This led to the formation of sanatoriums where sufferers could stay as they recovered. These days, a series of antibiotics for at least six to nine months are used to treat patients with only a limited time in quarantine.

“Tuberculosis is still common these days, but it is treatable in most cases,” Bartlett said. “We see it occurring in people who have a low-immune response like patients with AIDS or patients who are undergoing chemotherapy.”

Bartlett was selected for this year’s lecture by a committee that included Hussain; Dr. Peter White, professor emeritus of medicine; Dr. Gerald B. Zelenock, former professor and chair of surgery; and Dr. Steven H. Selman, former professor and chair of urology. Hussain, UT professor emeritus of thoracic and cardiovascular surgery and member of the University Board of Trustees, teaches and oversees the History of Medicine elective.

“History is an integral part of the human experience,” Hussain said. “Our job as teachers and scholars is to connect the present with the past by blowing away the cumulative dust of time. Unless we know the past, we can’t make sense of the present, nor can we chart a cohesive course for the future.”

## Alzheimer’s walk to be held Oct. 18 on UT’s Main Campus

By Cassandra DeYoung

The Walk to End Alzheimer’s will be hosted on The University of Toledo Main Campus Sunday, Oct. 18.

“Alzheimer’s is truly the long slow goodbye, the cruelest of diseases with constant grieving through each ugly stage,” said Angela Campbell, executive secretary in the College of Social Justice and Human Service. “It is a terrible feeling knowing that there is currently nothing that can help, not even a glimpse of hope to hold onto.”

She will participate in the event that will start at the Health Education Center with registration and check-in at 9:30 a.m., a ceremony at 11:30 a.m., and the walk at noon.

“My dad was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease at the young age of 65,” Campbell said. “Last year we formed Team Vanco for the walk, and we are walking again this year in memory of my grandfather, Louis A. Vanco Sr., and in honor of my father, Louis A. Vanco Jr., who is currently living with the disease.”

The event will feature music, activities, giveaways, speakers, and information tables for support groups, respite programs, and how to get involved.

“We need to raise public awareness and increase research funding,” Campbell said. “Alzheimer’s is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States and the only cause of death in the top 10 that cannot be prevented or cured.”

All funds will go to the Alzheimer’s Association, the leading voluntary health organization dedicated to the disease’s care, support and research.

Those who register and achieve the fundraising minimum of \$100 will receive a free T-shirt available at the walk.

To register online or volunteer, visit <http://utole.do/alzheimerswalk2015>.

Donations also may be submitted by check or money order through mail or hand-delivered to the local Alzheimer’s Association office, 2500 North Reynolds Road, Toledo, OH 43615.

For more information, contact Salli Bollin, event coordinator, at 419.537.1999 or [sbollin@alz.org](mailto:sbollin@alz.org).



## Researcher

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“My lab designs the drugs, makes the drugs, and then we test to see if they work,” Schiefer said. “A key component of my research is making a drug that can be manufactured quickly and cheaply.”

“If something cures cancer, but it costs too much to make or it is hard to make or too expensive, it isn’t going to

be marketable,” Schiefer said. “I want to put a drug on the market. I don’t see any reason why you can’t translate a drug from UT to the market. There are a lot of resources here. If your product is good enough, you can sell it.”

## UT production of Shakespeare's 'Henry V' reveals warrior king's darker side

By Angela Riddel

The University of Toledo Department of Theatre and Film will present Shakespeare's "Henry V," opening Friday, Oct. 16, in the Center for Performing Arts Center Theatre.

Often portrayed as chivalrous, the title character in the UT production reveals a darker, warmongering side.

The Battle of Agincourt, an enormous success for Henry and the main action of the play, was not an epic battle with breathtaking swordfights on horseback and longbow archers saving the day. In actuality, the French army got mired in mud because of their heavy armor and became sitting ducks for the English. Most recently, French academics have declared that the English behaved like war criminals, murdering prisoners and nobility who had surrendered in atrocious ways, such as setting people on fire and showing no mercy.

Agincourt winds up becoming historically unimportant since Henry died before he could claim the French crown the battle entitled him to. So why does Shakespeare write about it almost 200 years later?

"Ultimately, Shakespeare's histories are not documentaries, but a reflection on human nature at its best and worst," Irene Alby, UT senior lecturer in theatre and film, and director of the production, said. "'Henry V' is not meant to portray the king as a hero, but rather to unveil the corruption of power, the manipulation of the masses through propaganda, and, ultimately, to portray him as a warmonger."

Interestingly, the UT production of "Henry V" will coincide with the 600th anniversary of the Battle of Agincourt. The play's last performance Sunday, Oct. 25, is the actual anniversary date.

Alby said she hopes this serendipitous timing of the production and the battle's anniversary will give audiences a reason to pause and reflect on the often disastrous and tragic consequences of war, particularly wars fought for ego and glory.

"Henry V" will be performed with an intermission from Friday through Sunday, Oct. 16-18 and Oct. 23-25. Friday and Saturday shows are at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday shows are at 2 p.m.

Following the opening night performance, there will be a free reception and discussion where the audience can ask questions about the show.

Tickets are \$15 for general admission; \$10 for faculty, staff, alumni, seniors 60 and older, and military members; and \$8 for students. They can be purchased online at [utoledo.tix.com](http://utoledo.tix.com), by calling 419.530.ARTS (2787), or by visiting the Center for Performing Arts Box Office.



ROYALTY: UT student Nolan Thomaswick has the lead role in "Henry V."



Alby

## Expansions: Dave Liebman Group to perform at UT Oct. 15

By Angela Riddel

The University of Toledo Music Department and the Jazz Studies Program will welcome Expansions: The Dave Liebman Group to campus Thursday, Oct. 15.

Liebman will present a master class at 2 p.m., and the group will perform in concert at 7 p.m. Both events will be held in the Center for Performing Arts Recital Hall.

Liebman's impressive resumé includes playing saxophone and flute in the Miles Davis and Elvin Jones groups, multiple Grammy nominations, and a National Endowment for the Arts Jazz Master Award. He also was named a Jazz Educators Network Legend of Jazz and is the founder and director of the International Association of Schools of Jazz.

The Expansions group looks toward the present generation of jazz musicians who have been schooled in conservatory and university settings. Expansions features pianist Bobby Avey, reedman Matt Vashlishan, drummer Alex Ritz, bassist

Tony Marino and Liebman on the soprano saxophone and wooden flute.

The group specializes in elements of free jazz and re-arrangements of standards, all infused with the complex time signatures and harmonies being explored by new jazz artists.

*Samsara*, Expansions' first recording, was released in 2014. Midwest Record reviewed the release: "Playing with heat, passion and fire but not bombast, these forward-thinking jazzbos are sure to keep Liebman's [National Endowment for the Arts] Master of Jazz Award shiny for many years to come."

The master class is free and open to the public.

Tickets to the evening concert are \$15 for general admission, and \$10 for students and seniors 60 and older. Visit [utoledo.tix.com](http://utoledo.tix.com).

Visit Expansions: The Dave Liebman Group at <http://davidliebman.com>.

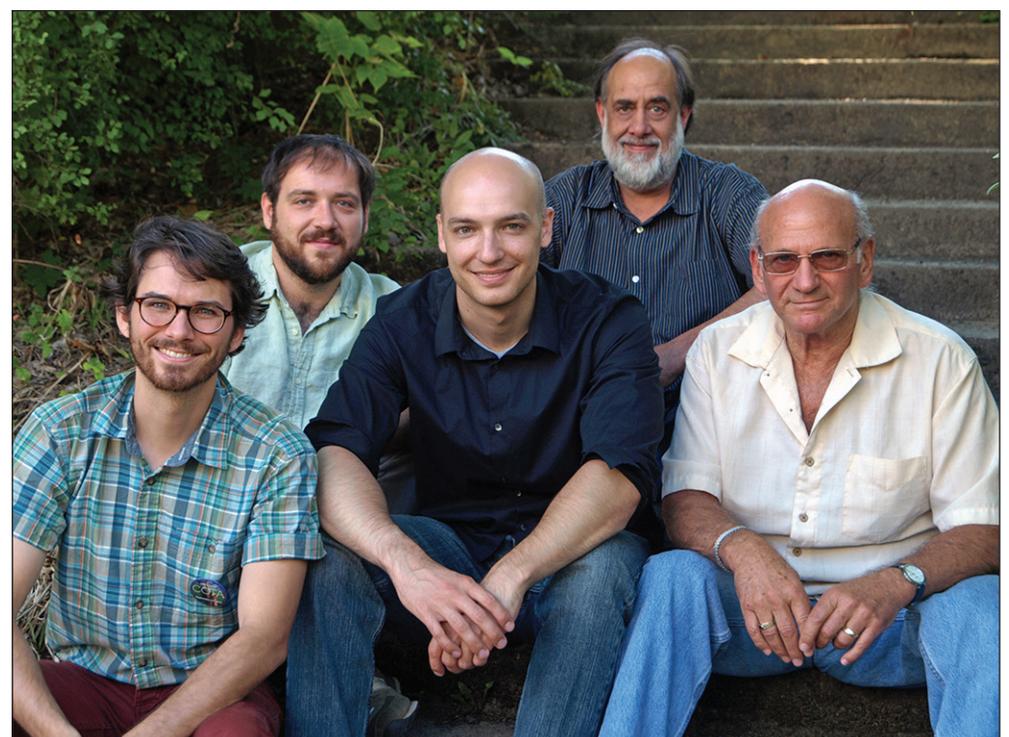


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JAZZ CATS: Expansions: The Dave Liebman Group are, from left, Bobby Avey, Alex Ritz, Matt Vashlishan, Tony Marino and Liebman.

## Women's basketball to hold fundraiser Oct. 15

By Brian DeBenedictis

Toledo will hold its fourth annual Cake, Rattle & Roll Thursday, Oct. 15 in Savage Arena.

The musical squares fundraiser hosted by the Rockets will take place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The cost is \$45 per person, \$80 per couple and \$10 per child age 12 and younger with all proceeds going to the UT women's basketball program.

Attendees also can reserve a 10-person table for \$500 or purchase the MVP package for \$1,000, which includes a reserved table for 10 and a Honorary Coach package for two. The Honorary Coach package includes two loge seats at a home game, two T-shirts, two pre-game meals with the team, access to shoot-around on game day, and pre-game talk in the locker room, as well as an autographed basketball.

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m., followed by a short program featuring former Purdue University head coach Lin Dunn and the cake walks.



Area band Nine Lives will play while fans sample sweet treats donated by local bakeries and vie for prizes.

For more information or to reserve a spot or table for the event, contact Coordinator of Women's Basketball Lauren Flaum at 419.530.2363 or lauren.flaum2@utoledo.edu.

## Rocket Roundball Social on tap Oct. 22

By Steve Easton

UT President Sharon Gaber will host the Rocket Roundball Social on the main floor of Savage Arena Thursday, Oct. 22, from 6 to 8 p.m.

All proceeds from the event will go directly to the UT Men's Basketball Progress Fund.

The Rocket Roundball Social, which is an event that has grown into a UT Basketball tradition, offers individuals the opportunity to meet Gaber, Head Coach Tod Kowalczyk, his staff and players while sampling food from some of Toledo's finest restaurants.

A silent and live auction will be held during the evening. Some of the items available for purchase include a road trip with the Rockets, all-access program pass for a game, Toledo basketball apparel and assorted memorabilia.

Individual tickets are \$75 each; a reserved table of 10 is \$1,000.

Payments can be made via cash, credit card or check. Checks should be made payable to the UT Foundation.

Reserve tickets by Tuesday, Oct. 20, by emailing toledombb@gmail.com or contacting Assistant Coach Jason Kalsow at 419.530.7739.



## One Rocket fan to win Jeep Wrangler at UT-EMU game Oct. 17

By Paul Helgren

The University of Toledo has teamed up with the Yark Automotive Group and Bud Light to give one lucky fan a two-year lease on a new 2016 Jeep Wrangler.

All fans 21 years of age and older in attendance at the Saturday, Oct. 17, football game against Eastern Michigan will be eligible to win.

One Rocket fan will be chosen randomly from the game-day crowd as a finalist. The two remaining finalists will be chosen by 104.7 WIOT.

During the game, the three contestants will be escorted onto the field. All three finalists will be given a key to the Jeep Wrangler, and one lucky fan's key will start the vehicle.

To enter the contest, visit WIOT.com or purchase a ticket to the game.

Tickets are available at the UT Athletic Ticket Office, online at <http://utole.do/football2015> or by calling 419.530.4653. UT faculty and staff can buy tickets half off with ID, and students are admitted free with their ID.

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The communication referenced more than a half dozen other Ohio public universities that have completed similar processes since 2009 and included a comprehensive listing of the documents that will be needed for the October 2016 open enrollment process next year.

"An assessment will educate us as to what types of benefits plans we should be offering to better meet the actual needs of employees. And it will provide a benchmark so that we can determine if we are improving as we work to meet the needs of employees in the years ahead.

"We can't state definitively what the assessment will or won't show until we conduct it. After our assessment next year, we will gladly share with any who are interested what the results of the assessment show and what benefits we feel we can derive from this initial benchmarking effort," Gaber and Thomas-Williams wrote.

Employees with questions can reach out to Human Resources through email at [benefits@utoledo.edu](mailto:benefits@utoledo.edu) or by calling 419.530.4747 to set up an appointment.

## Open forums

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- Thursday, Oct. 15, from 6 to 8 p.m. in Collier Building Room 1200.

These meetings will offer the opportunity for the community to meet the consultant team, learn about previous master planning efforts, understand the master planning process and schedule, and discuss any concerns or ideas about the campus.

In addition to the public forums, SmithGroupJJR will conduct informal interviews with students, as well as focused meetings with students, faculty, staff, senior administrators, city of Toledo staff and community members throughout the week. Students also can expect to receive a survey requesting feedback on campus

housing and recreation. Consultants from Paulien & Associates space analysis firm also will perform on-site assessments of the campuses' instructional spaces.

For more information, contact Facilities and Construction Executive Assistant 2 Cheryl Skolmowski at 419.530.1420 or [cheryl.skolmowski@utoledo.edu](mailto:cheryl.skolmowski@utoledo.edu).

## Center for Religious Understanding offers programs, events this fall in new space

By Lindsay Mahaney

While the mission may be to spread religious understanding throughout campus, it's always helpful to have a place to call home.

The University of Toledo's Center for Religious Understanding has a new space in University Hall Room 4700.

When the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies moved to University Hall, Dr. Jamie Barlowe, dean of the College of Languages, Literature and Social Science, dedicated the space to the center, said Dr. Jeanine Diller, director of the center.

"The center's new home has been a joy and a help," Diller said. "It is truly a pleasure to have a single place to hold as many of the center's activities as the space permits. Thanks to the help of the UT designers, we have figured out how to seat 25. These will include our student interfaith discussion forums, faculty brown-bag readings, planning meetings, and our regular staff and board meetings."

After a grand opening last May, the center is now able to offer a variety of new programs this fall. Events will include:

### Faculty Reads

UT's campus community is invited to hear faculty read from their latest work over the lunch hour. The 30-minute readings will begin at noon.

- Tuesday, Oct. 27 — Dr. Edmund Lingan, associate professor and chair of theatre, will read from his recent book, *The Theatre of the Occult Revival*:

*Alternative Spiritual Performance From 1875 to the Present.*

- Wednesday, Nov. 18 — Dr. Ovamir Anjum, Imam Khattab Chair of Islamic Studies, will read from his book, *Politics, Law and Community in Islamic Thought: The Taymiyyan Moment.*

### Windows on Contemporary Islamic Issues

Anjum will present on major issues in the Middle East. Talks will start at 9:30 a.m.

- Thursday, Oct. 15 — A reading, lecture and discussion of Lila Abu-Lughod's recent book titled *Do Muslim Women Need Saving?*
- Tuesday, Nov. 17 — Is ISIS Islamic?

### Is There a God or Some Other Ultimate Reality?

- Dr. Peter Feldmeier, Thomas and Margaret Murray and James J. Bacik Catholic Studies Professor, and Dr. Ammon Allred, assistant professor of philosophy, will discuss the significance of a higher power Wednesday, Oct. 21, at 3:30 p.m.

All the free, public events include light refreshments.

"No more special reservations required, no more 'What room is it in?' Plus the space is designed especially for [the events] — relaxed, with tea and coffee and snacks, and pictures of all the work the center has done lining the walls," Diller said.

For more information about center events and programs, visit <http://utole.do/cfru>.

## Killer smile



Photo by Daniel Miller

Brianna Stewart had fun trying to ride the mechanical shark, which was on Centennial Mall last Wednesday for Homecoming Field Day.

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## Lake Erie Center accepting submissions for photo contest

By Cassandra DeYoung

Submissions for The University of Toledo's 2015 Lake Erie Center Photo Contest are being accepted through Friday, Oct. 30.

The contest's theme is "The Nature of Our Region: From Oak Openings to Maumee Bay." Entries should capture nature in northwest Ohio and can include wildlife, plants, landscapes, and people interacting with nature.

Photos can be entered into five categories: adult, special needs adult, teens between the ages of 13 and 17, youth between the ages of 7 and 12, and junior youth age 6 and younger.

The first-place winner of each age category will receive a \$50 Visa gift card.

"We highly encourage everyone to participate; it's a great opportunity to connect with nature in a positive way," said Kathy Sullivan, communication and technology specialist at the Lake Erie Center.

Winning entries will be displayed in the Lake Erie Center's lobby and on the center's website and Facebook page.

All submitted photos will be eligible for the People's Choice Award, a separate contest where the public can vote on their favorite shots.

Entries should be submitted as digital photos in jpg, tif or png formats. Minimal digital manipulation is permitted.

To enter, email photos to lakeeriecenter@utoledo.edu with the following information: name, age and category entering, email address, phone number, number of photos being submitted, and photo locations. Each person can submit up to five photos, and there is a 15 megabyte limit per email.

For contest rules or more information, visit the center's website at [utoledo.edu/nsm/lec](http://utoledo.edu/nsm/lec).

## Announcing the 2015 Lake Erie Center Photo Contest! "The Nature of Our Region: From Oak Openings to Maumee Bay"



Camera enthusiasts of all ages and skill levels are invited to participate in the Lake Erie Center's annual photo contest! Take your best snapshots of your favorite nature topic in NW Ohio, including wildlife, plants, landscapes, or people interacting with nature, then send them in and compete. **Prizes will be given in five categories, adult, special needs adult, teen, youth and junior youth.** Entries will be put on display at the Lake Erie Center and posted on our website and Facebook page. Many prizes will be awarded, including **\$50 VISA gift cards for 1st place!**

To enter the contest, email your photos (up to 5 photos; 15 mb limit per email message) to [lakeeriecenter@utoledo.edu](mailto:lakeeriecenter@utoledo.edu). For contest rules and more details, visit our website, [www.utoledo.edu/nsm/lec](http://www.utoledo.edu/nsm/lec).

**Entries must be received by October 30, 2015!**



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