

Sweet home Alabama: Rockets to play UTEP Miners in Mobile GMAC Bowl

By Paul Helgren

The University of Toledo football team will take on the University of Texas-El Paso from Conference USA in the 2005 GMAC Bowl in Mobile, Ala., Wednesday, Dec. 21.

The game will be televised at 8 p.m. on ESPN from Ladd-Peebles Stadium.

"This is a great reward for our players, especially the seniors, who have worked very hard this season and are deserving of a bowl with the stature and reputation of the GMAC Bowl," said Toledo Head Coach Tom Amstutz. "We look forward to our stay in Mobile and playing against UTEP, an excellent Conference USA opponent."

"We're really excited about earning an invitation to the GMAC Bowl," UTEP

Coach Mike Price said. "Our players are really going to enjoy Mobile. It's a special place with a lot of history. The GMAC Bowl people do a tremendous job with hospitality. We're facing a tough opponent in Toledo. It should be an exciting game."

UT was co-champion of the West Division of the Mid-American Conference and had the conference's best overall record at 8-3. This will be UT's 10th bowl appearance and its fourth since Amstutz became head coach in 2001.

UTEP is 8-3 and finished second in the Western Division of Conference USA with a 5-3 record. The Miners have won 16 games over the last two seasons. Only the 1987 and 1988 teams had more victories (17) over a

two-year period. This will be UTEP's 12th bowl appearance.

Tickets are \$45 and \$15 for UT students with a student I.D. For tickets, call 419.530.GOLD or go online at www.utrockets.com.

The Alumni Association is offering a special package for the game. Cost is \$999 per person for double occupancy and \$1,149 for single occupancy and includes:

- A round-trip flight, leaving Toledo Express Airport on Monday, Dec. 19, at 7 p.m. and returning from 3 to 4 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 22;
- All shuttles and transfers in Mobile;
- A game ticket;

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Photo by Daniel Miller

READY TO RUN: Senior running back Trinity Dawson has gained 1,170 yards on 208 carries and scored five touchdowns this season.

Woman who enrolled at UT after job eliminated set to graduate



Mullins

By Deanna Woolf

"I was in a dilemma at 56 years old," said Jacquelyn Mullins.

Her company had downsized, leaving Mullins without a job. "I had worked in the community, but I didn't have a degree ... they used to grandfather you in. Now a bachelor's degree is almost like a high school degree," she said.

"She didn't know where she would turn, and she was very depressed," said friend Robin Calhoun, executive coordinator in the Office of the Provost. "I suggested she go back to school because she had a lot of experience" to supplement a degree.

But first, Mullins had to overcome her negative thoughts. "A lot of the obstacles

were my low self-esteem, as far as the University was concerned," Mullins said. "I didn't think I would qualify ... I had the desire, but the fear was just stopping me."

Members of the UT admission staff helped her overcome her anxiety. "I called Chris Henderson [associate director of adult student recruitment]. She met me at Scott Park, where I was more comfortable." From there, the two visited the Bancroft campus and Mullins enrolled at UT.

Mullins was nervous — just like any first-year student — when classes began. "The first day of classes, she was so overwhelmed. She didn't know where to go — she kept calling me," said Calhoun,

whom Mullins affectionately calls her "daughter."

Once Mullins learned her way around campus, she focused on her classes. "I took skills classes to bring myself back up to par," she said. "I took anywhere between nine and 15 hours each semester. I didn't work — I just devoted myself to school." She also credits the TRIO Program and Dr. Mary Glen, professor of sociology, and Dr. Janice Carson, assistant professor of social work, with pushing her to succeed.

Mullins decided to major in mental health, due to her experiences on the job and as a patient. "I was hospitalized for six

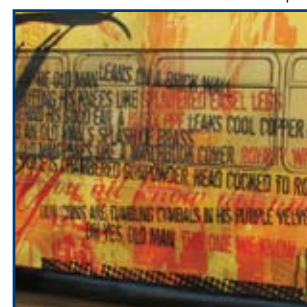
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Board unanimously endorses moving merger forward

By Tobin J. Klinger

The board of trustees last week unanimously approved a resolution that could ultimately lead to the merger of UT and the Medical University of Ohio at Toledo. MUO trustees unanimously adopted a similar resolution during a meeting last week.

"I think this is the best day we've had since I've been here," said President Dan Johnson following the vote.

In what he described as a "historic day," Johnson noted the Faculty Senate, the Graduate Council and the UT Foundation Executive Committee passed resolutions in support of the proposal.

The board resolution states that trustees "approve the goal of combining The University of Toledo and the Medical University of Ohio at Toledo and authorize and direct the president of The University of Toledo to collaborate with the president of the Medical University of Ohio to develop for the consideration and action of the boards of trustees of the respective universities appropriate terms and conditions for such a combination in a memorandum of understanding."

"I want to express appreciation for the vision and leadership of Dr. Dan Johnson and Dr. Jacobs," said Dan Brennan, chair of the UT board. "[I thank them] for their vision, commitment and ability to leave

egos behind to make this happen."

"I'm very optimistic about our collective futures," said Trustee William Fall.

Trustee Susan Palmer also weighed in positively, stating, "We need to dive in and we need to make this happen."

"I think such a merger is going to improve excellence in our education and excellence in student recruitment," said Trustee William Koester.

In a separate meeting, the UT Faculty Senate passed a resolution by a 36-2 margin, with three abstaining, in support of the merger in principle, noting they look forward to working with both boards and the MUO Faculty Senate in partnership as planning and implementation of such a merger proceed in an atmosphere of shared governance.

Some senators expressed concern with moving forward too quickly, stating that not enough information was available to make an educated decision.

"We support this process," said Dr. Thomas Barden, a senator and chair of the Graduate Council. "But you can't really support something until you've seen it."

Senator Joel Lipman said that after attending the MUO Faculty Senate meeting Dec. 5, he has a positive outlook on the future and the potential merger.

CWA authorizes strike, AAUP still voting

By Vicki L. Kroll

UT members of the Communication Workers of America (CWA) Local 4319 voted last week to authorize a strike.

A special election was held Dec. 7 in response to the UT board of trustees' rejection of the fact-finder's report on health-care benefits last month. Ninety-one percent of those who cast ballots voted to authorize the strike.

"The members have sent a message that this is an issue they're willing to strike over," said Ron Honse, president of CWA Local 4319.

No strike date has been set. The union is required to give a 10-day notice prior to striking, and another meeting would be held before that action would be taken. Negotiations may continue in the meantime.

There are more than 600 members in Local 4319 at the University.

The UT chapter of the American Association of University Professors also is holding a strike authorization vote. Members have until noon Tuesday, Dec. 13, to submit a ballot.

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- The mayor's luncheon at noon on Tuesday, Dec. 20, featuring speaker Terry Bradshaw;
- A Mardi Gras parade and fireworks on Tuesday, Dec. 20;
- Alumni Association Mardi Gras post-parade party with a live band;
- Alumni Association pre-game tent party at

- the game; and
- A two-night hotel stay.

To sign up for the package, call the Alumni Association at Ext. 2586. Game, party and transfer tickets also are available on an individual basis.

Businessman returns to alma mater to talk at Dec. 17 commencement

Robert C. Savage, chair of the board of Savage & Associates Inc., will address more than 1,800 graduates at The University of Toledo's fall commencement ceremony Saturday, Dec. 17, at 10 a.m. in Savage Hall.

There are 1,888 candidates for degrees, including those who finished classes in August, from the University's seven colleges. There are 499 candidates for graduate degrees — doctoral, education specialist and master's degrees — and 1,389 for bachelor's and associate degrees. The College of Law will hold its own commencement ceremony Dec. 17.

Savage graduated from UT in 1959 with a degree in finance and joined Savage & Associates, the company his brother, John, founded in 1957. Since then, the insurance and financial and estate planning

firm has become one of the top 100 companies in the country with more than 130 associates, including 62 agents.

Robert Savage has been recognized for his leadership and business achievements as a chartered life underwriter agent with the company. He was the 36th inductee into the General Agents and Managers Association International's Management Hall of Fame and the recipient of the 2002 Lifetime Achievement Award presented by the Ohio Association of Insurance and Financial Advisers. He is a life member of the Million Dollar Round Table, the premier association of financial professionals.

He served three terms as a member of the Toledo City Council, was elected vice mayor of Toledo, and was the recipient of the Treasure of the Community Award from the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Lucas County prosecutor to speak at law commencement

By Vicki L. Kroll

UT alumna Julia Bates, Lucas County prosecutor, will return to her alma mater to address College of Law graduates Saturday, Dec. 17, at 10 a.m. in the Law Center Auditorium.

A total of 27 students are candidates for law degrees. Jeffrey A. Webb will deliver the valedictory address.

Bates received a law degree from the University in 1976 and went to work in the Lucas County Prosecutor's Office, which was led by Anthony Pizza. She was elected prosecutor in 1996 and succeeded Pizza in office. She ran unopposed for re-election in

2000 and 2004.

While in office, Bates has helped start the Senior Protection Unit, Economic Crime Task Force, Child Prosecution Unit and the Cold Case Squad. Her office has been honored for its work by the U.S. Department of the Treasury, the U.S. Department of Justice, Ohio Victims of Crime Compensation Program and the Association for Children for Enforcement of Support.

She is a state representative to the National District Attorneys Association and was the first woman to serve as president of the Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association.



HOLIDAY GREETINGS: President Dan Johnson greeted Debbie Schaefer, public inquiries assistant in the Registrar's Office, as she entered the President's Holiday Reception last Thursday. About 900 people attended the event.

Photo by Daniel Miller

Quips, behavioral scales and rodent tails: 45 years in pure research

By Cynthia Nowak

“Rats after lunch?” asks the breathless graduate student. “Rats tomorrow,” answers her blasé professor.

That Pythonesque exchange — three days before Thanksgiving, no less — made perfect sense given the setting: the office of Dr. Harvard Armus, professor of psychology and researcher in the behavior and learning processes of *Rattus norvegicus*, the laboratory rat. During his 45-year service at UT, the New York native has performed studies centering on how the rats respond to factors such as reinforcement, conflict and frustration, and how those factors affect the way the rats learn.

However, Armus, honored at the Dec. 5 UT Service Awards, was at the moment — possibly as an experiment with a too-earnest reporter — cheerfully downplaying his work. “What else can I do? I don’t have any other talents. I can do electrical wiring, I do good rough carpentry, but I’m a lousy glassblower,” he said blithely.

A moment later, though, the truth came out and he spoke enthusiastically about his current research with paramecia, the one-celled, microscopic animals that lack even a nervous system — let alone the ability to press a lever to obtain a food pellet. “I’m seeing if they can learn, and so far the results are actually very encouraging,” he said. Not that the process wasn’t without adjustments to both researcher and subjects. “Because most of my work has been with rats, where electric shocks are the nasty things the animals want to avoid, we had a lot of initial problems. We tried to etch mazes into slides or use hydrofluoric acid — it didn’t work.”

Ultimately, Armus and his students designed a v-shaped glass trough capped on both ends and attached to a standard

microscope slide. The trough was filled with water and two battery-charged wires were inserted to produce electric shocks on demand. Since paramecia can differentiate between dark and light, the watery environment was divided accordingly. “So I figured that half would go to the dark side, half to the light side, and we’d shock them with six-and-a-half volts to see if they learn to avoid that,” he said. But the one-celled creatures managed to surprise him: “What we found was that if they were on the side near the negative electrode, the shock wasn’t aversive; it was attractive. The positive shock was aversive.

“What does it mean? It may be related to potassium presence in the paramecia — but although we now have a way of rewarding and punishing them, and although we’ve sent the results to a couple of [scientific] journals for publication, people are a little wary about publishing anything like this because there have been past attempts to condition paramecia, with strange results. We’ll see if the papers are accepted for publication.

“So at this point I’m not sure yet what any of it means, although it seems real — until someone discovers that it isn’t real.”

It’s a veteran researcher’s candor on the apparent mutability of scientific conclusions. He’s no less candid when he’s asked if he extrapolates his animal research to discover commonalities with human traits and behaviors. “Absolutely not,” Armus said. “I’m interested in some basic learning questions with animals, and I can’t see many practical applications.”

Practical or not, he admitted to at least some intersections between human and animal behavior: “Surprisingly, many of the findings in this type of research can be

generalized even to humans, in similar, very simple situations — such as reaction time to lights going on and off — for which human complexities are irrelevant. After all, the knee-jerk reaction, another simple situation, is the same in a human as in a chimp.”

He admitted, however, that the studies of the chimpanzee Washoe, who learned American Sign Language and appears to have taught it to an infant chimp, gives him pause — as does the brief experiment in Indonesia teaching wild orangutans how to sign. Then impishness won out again: “Imagine the experience of going through the jungle and coming across a wild orang who signs to you, ‘Good morning, how are you?’”

More seriously, he mused on the difficulties pure research faces. “The scientific community’s attitude is fine; the availability of federal funding is less than fine,” he said. “It’s decreasing because of the emphasis on practical applications. Organizations like the National Institutes of Health have less money for basic research.”

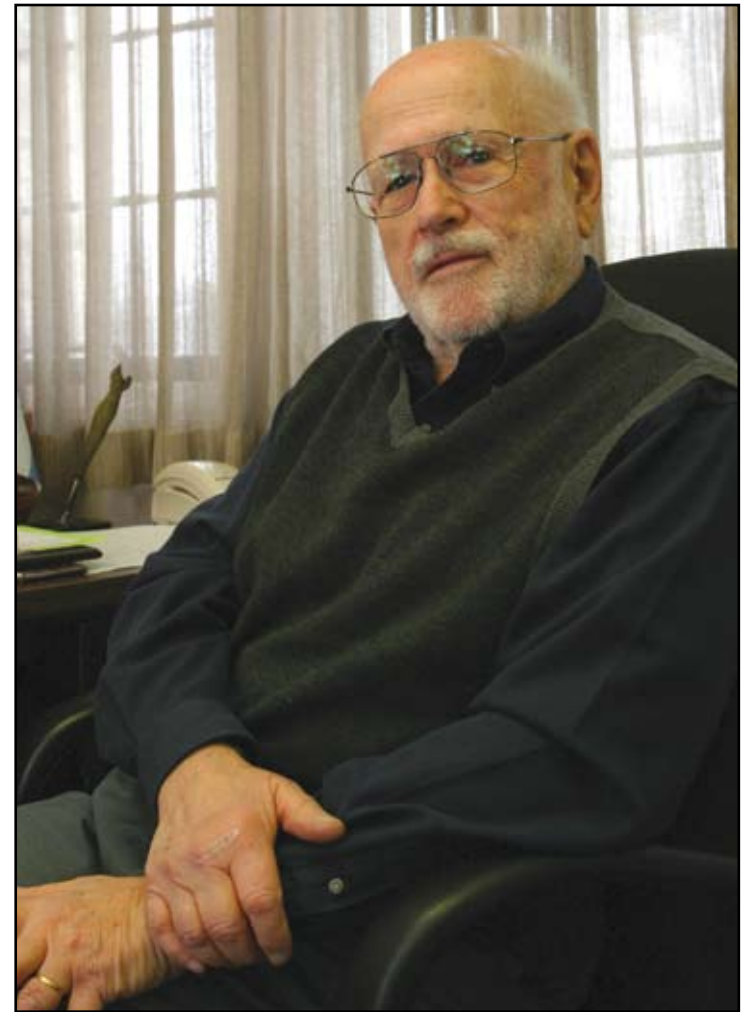


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Armus

It doesn’t have him planning his retirement party just yet. “At the end of the day, I enjoy what I’m doing. If you can get paid for doing what you like, why do anything else?”

As if realizing that he was in danger of becoming as earnest as some reporters, he added, “I can’t retire; I haven’t won a Nobel Prize and I haven’t gotten a McArthur Award.”

In memoriam

William A. Shay, Sylvania, retired copy editor of *The Blade* and former part-time communication lecturer at the University, died Dec. 4 at age 83. For some 20 years starting in 1958, he taught classes that included copy editing, reporting and the history of American journalism.

Schedule graduate photos

Faculty and staff or members of their families who will graduate from the University in December may contact the Marketing and Communications Office if they wish to have a photo taken and published in *UT News*. Call Joanne Gray at Ext. 2675 to schedule an appointment by Friday, Dec. 16. Photos will appear in the Jan. 9 issue of the paper.

Union members nominate unit directors, election slated for Jan. 4

By Vicki L. Kroll

Nominations for the UT blue- and white-collar unit directors for the Communication Workers of America Local 4319 were made last week.

Bob Glover, auto mechanic 2 with Transit Services, and Mike Ledford, maintenance repair journeyman with Plant Operations, will square off for the blue-collar unit director post.

Lynn Gowing, printing coordinator

in the Marketing and Communications Office, will run unopposed for the white-collar unit director position.

An election will take place Wednesday, Jan. 4, in Student Union Room 3016 from 6 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and in the Scott Park Conference Room from 1:30 to 5 p.m.

Each director will serve a three-year term.

THE YEAR IN REVIEW



Congrats on grant for National Center for Parents



Johnson at State of University Address



Amstutz



High-fives for NYSP

JANUARY

- Dr. Carol Bresnahan, professor of history, starts her new job as vice provost for academic programs and policies.

- UT's National Center for Parents receives \$500,000 grant from the Edward Byrne Discretionary Grant Program to study the effects and needs of children whose mothers are incarcerated.

- During the State of the University Address, President Dan Johnson discusses implementing a penny or half-cent sales tax to mitigate the tuition costs of Ohio public university students.

- Law Professor David Harris leads the first European conference on racial profiling in Budapest, Hungary.

- A total of 18,045 students attend the University, down from 19,018 in spring 2004.

- Football Coach Tom Amstutz is named 2004 Ohio College Football Coach of the Year.

- UT's National Youth Sports Program is recognized for a second year as being the "best in the nation," receiving the 2004 Silvio O. Conte Award of Excellence from the National Youth Sports Corp. board of directors. This marks the first time a program has won in consecutive years.

FEBRUARY

- Julian Bond, civil rights activist and executive chair of the NAACP, gives a talk, "Under Color of Law," in the Law Center.

MARCH

- Trustees approve a \$300 million master plan that calls for construction and renovation of classroom, laboratory, student housing and parking spaces during the next decade.

- The Student Medical Center receives reaccreditation from the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care.

- The UT chapter of the American Association of University Professors and the UT lecturers bargaining unit vote to accept contracts.

APRIL

- Jon Hendricks, Distinguished University Professor of Jazz, receives a 2005 Governor's Award for the Arts.

- The Communication Workers of America Local 4530 rejects a contract offer by a 252-206 vote.

- President Johnson travels to Columbus to address Ohio legislators on the consequences declining state funding has on public university students; he also discusses the proposed half-cent sales tax to help cut students' tuition.

- The Division of Distance and eLearning receives the "Best Practices in Student Services" designation from the Ohio Learning Network.

- Author Tom Robbins gives the Richard M. Summers Memorial Lecture April 15.

- Five-time Olympic medalist Janet Evans speaks at the UT women's swimming and diving banquet.

MAY

- More than 700 area junior high and high school students attend the Latino Youth Summit.

- CWA members approve a contract offer, 314-105.

- UT receives a grant of more than \$1 million from the U.S. Department of Education's Institute of Education Sciences as part of the government's Reading Scale-Up Program.

- UT leaders put together a plan to reallocate \$4.9 million in anticipation of the state's fiscal year 2006 budget shortfall.

- It is announced Dr. David Stern, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Phil Closius, dean of the College of Law, will return to instructional faculty spring semester 2006.

JUNE

- A new CD, *Jazz at The University of Toledo*, is released just in time for the Art Tatum Jazz Heritage Festival.



Latino Youth Summit



UT's jazz CD



Art on the Mall



UT delegation visits China

THE YEAR IN REVIEW



Bond



Renderings of master plan



Robbins



Evans

- The board of trustees approves a proposal for a joint bachelor of science in information technology and applied organization technology programs between UT and Owens Community College.

- Joan Uhl Browne completes her nine-year term on the UT board of trustees.

JULY

- Sue Ott Rowlands, professor and chair of theatre and film, begins her job as interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Beth Eisler, associate dean of the College of Law, is named interim dean of the college.

- Susan Palmer, coordinator of docent education at the Toledo Museum of Art, is appointed to the UT board of trustees.

- Dr. Kaye Patten Wallace starts her new job as vice president of student life.

- A \$3.2 million bequest by Dr. Edward Shapiro, former economics professor, will provide scholarships to economics and English students.

- Dr. Ron Speier, associate vice president/ dean of students, decides to return to teaching and to move to North Carolina to be closer to his family.

- UT CWA members vote to merge with CWA Local 4319, which has more than 600 members from SBC/Ameritech, Johnson Controls and the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library.

- Around 15,000 attend the 13th annual Art on the Mall.

AUGUST

- President Johnson leads a UT delegation to China to formalize relations between UT and Chinese higher education, research and business institutions.

- In an effort to improve retention and transition, the African-American Student Enrichment Initiatives Office opens.

- Pat Besner, senior director of the Recreation Office, is named interim dean of students.

- Ottawa House East and Ottawa House West open.

SEPTEMBER

- UT joins a number of institutions around the country offering free classes to students enrolled at schools devastated by Hurricane Katrina. More than \$12,000 is raised during Hurricane Katrina Relief Week.

- Overall headcount for fall semester is 19,201, down from 19,489 students in 2004.

- CWA, UT-AAUP and UT Police Patrolman's Association reject changes to health-care coverage.

- UT researchers receive \$33.8 million in grants in fiscal year 2005, up \$1.5 million from 2004.

OCTOBER

- The UT Foundation allocates \$1 million for finance students to invest in the market.

- The Oscar-nominated documentary "Twist of Faith" is shown on campus. No movie theaters in Toledo carried the film for the public to see.

- The Ward M. Canaday Center for Special Collections receives records and artifacts from Owens-Illinois Inc.

NOVEMBER

- Activist Winona LaDuke gives a talk, "Environmental Politics and Sustainability in the New Millennium," on campus.

- UT trustees reject the fact-finder's report on health-care benefits.

- MyUT portal goes live. It is the first of five new modules to replace UT's administrative information systems over the next three years.

- President Johnson sends an e-mail to the campus community to say UT and the Medical University of Ohio are considering a merger.

- High-energy costs and lower-than-expected enrollment leads to a projected \$10.7 million shortfall for fiscal year 2006. Vice presidents are asked to identify \$4.5 million in reductions.

- The Rockets accept an invitation to play in the GMAC Bowl Dec. 21 in Mobile, Ala.



Students move in to Ottawa House



Hurricane Katrina ReliefWeek events raise funds



Tony Comes from "Twist of Faith"



LaDuke

Staff member has a penchant for poetry

Jazzy poem to appear on city bus

By Deanna Woolf

Director of external affairs and communications for pharmacy by day and a creative writer by night, Heather Van Doren has proved her college adviser wrong. “She said, ‘You cannot excel at both.’ But I couldn’t listen to her.”

While working at places like the American Red Cross, the Erie Street Market, Fifth Third Bank and UT, Van Doren’s short stories and poems have appeared in online magazines and journals such as Word Riot, Yankee Pot Roast, Long Story Short, the Spillway Review and Poetry Scotland.

Recently, Van Doren’s poem, “Steep Sidewalk Jazz,” was chosen as the winner in the Toledo City Paper’s Jazz Poetry Contest and was transformed into a bus wrap for Art in TARTA, a project to encourage appreciation of the arts through enhancement of buses, shelters and stops.

A co-worker’s comments prompted Van Doren to take up creative writing more than 10 years ago. “I had this column in the manufacturing company newsletter, and people would stop me and ask what I was writing about — they looked forward to it,” she said. “I had someone tell me, ‘You missed your calling.’ I thought, how could I miss it at 25 [years old]?”

Van Doren looked into higher educa-



Van Doren and the plaque she received for her winning poem

tion and enrolled at Bowling Green State University with journalism as her major and creative writing for a minor. “I’m from a blue-collar, working-class background,” she said. “I was the only person in my family to go to college.”

She said she likes to explore these roots in her writing. “A lot of people think poetry is about flowers, fields and deer, but my favorite things to talk about are that

background, the city ... and my family.”

And those themes played into “Steep Sidewalk Jazz.” Van Doren came up with the idea for the poem while in New York City this past summer. “They had street musicians everywhere — in the subways, on the corners — and they were really good.”

She blended that with imagery from Murphy’s Place in downtown Toledo. “If you’ve ever been there on Jefferson [Street], the street is pretty slanted,” she said. “The rusty pipe is a reference to Rusty’s.”

Van Doren first saw the design of the bus Dec. 4 during the opening gala of the second year of the Art in TARTA. “I was excited to see my work in that format,” she said. It also was significant because her dad just retired as a bus driver.

While Van Doren’s bus is tooling around the streets for the next two to four years, she plans to continue writing and submitting poems and stories. She’s also

Steep Sidewalk Jazz

By Heather Van Doren

The Old Man leans on brick
jutting his knees like splintered easel legs.
Behind his good ear, a rusty pipe leaks
cool copper backup
to an Old Man’s splash of brass.
The Old Man poses like a matchbook cover,
royalty with no royalties.
His voice is chambered gunpowder, head
cocked to rooftop heaven. *You all know dis one?*
Our coins are tumbling cymbals
in his purple velvet case.
Oh yes, Old Man, this one we know.

taken up playwriting. “It’s probably come from my PR jobs and speechwriting,” she said. “There’s just something about people performing your words.”

A display of the Art in TARTA bus designs and poems will be at the Arts Commission of Greater Toledo, 1838 Parkwood Ave., Suite 120, through Jan. 13. Books of the poems and designs are available at the commission for \$5.



Photo by Daniel Miller

SMILE: Dee Morales, director of Latino initiatives, third from left, posed for a photo with former UT student Nate Schank, her daughter, Ashley Schroeder, 2005 graduate, and family friend Nicole Wright at her retirement party last week. Since 1981, Morales has worked at the University in several offices, including Upward Bound, Student Support Services, Continuing Education’s Personal Interest Programs and Career Services, prior to launching Latino initiatives five years ago. “I think it is time to go on the road with the knowledge I have gained in the last 36 years and use it to influence policies in higher education that impact underrepresented groups,” Morales said. “There is a lot of work to be done in social justice.”



Photo by Daniel Miller

OLD FRIENDS: UT retiree Jim Thomas talked to Nancy Ruiz at her retirement party Nov. 29. “I’ll miss all the wonderful and interesting people I’ve met and worked with over the years,” Ruiz said. She started working at the University as a clerk/typist in the purchasing department in 1965. Ruiz became a buyer in 1973, purchasing agent in 1975, senior purchasing agent in 1993 and purchasing manager in 2000. “I plan on enjoying some leisure time, traveling and visiting family members across the U.S., doing volunteer work at church, enjoying my grandchildren, and the rest I’ll play by ear,” she said.

UT shines at Crystal Awards

By Deanna Woolf

The University of Toledo won four Crystal Awards and five merit awards during the Toledo professional chapter of the Association for Women in Communications' 2005 Crystal Awards.

The University of Toledo Alumni Magazine received a Crystal Award in the magazine design category. The magazine is designed by Meredith Thiede, computer graphics design artist with the Office of Marketing and Communications, and edited by Cynthia Nowak.

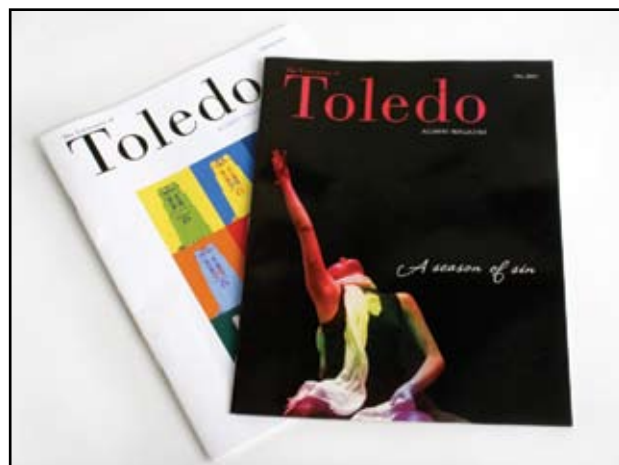
Nowak also won a Crystal Award in the single feature story category for "The Art Has Its Reasons," from the spring 2005 issue of the alumni magazine.

Joan Bishop, computer graphics design artist in the Office of Marketing and Communications, won a Crystal Award for the "2004 Summary of Sponsored Activities" for the Office of Research in the less-than-four-color/nonprofit annual report category. Bishop also was awarded a Crystal in the special purpose/nonprofit publication category for "Finding the Hidden Treasure" for the First-Year Experience Program. Jeanne Hartig, executive director and special assistant to the president for marketing and communications, wrote the piece.

"A Century of Excellence," a commemorative publication for the 100th anniversary of the founding of the College of Pharmacy, received a merit award. The piece was written by Heather Van Doren, director of external affairs and communications for the

College of Pharmacy, and designed by Bishop.

Thiede won a merit award in the covers category for The University of Toledo



AWARD-WINNING MATERIALS: Toledo Alumni Magazine featuring Thiede's and Nowak's work

Alumni Magazine spring 2005 issue and in the special purpose/nonprofit publication category for *The University of Toledo Alumni Who Have Changed the World*. The book was edited by Nowak.

Liz Allen, computer graphics design artist with Marketing and Communications, won a merit award for "Home at UT" for the Office of Residence Life.

A merit award also was given for the "Discover What's Inside" television commercials for the Office of Undergraduate Admission. The spots were produced by Thomas Osswald, television producer with the department of communication.

The Toledo chapter presents the Crystal Awards each year to honor communication professionals in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan.

Arts and Sciences dean search begins

By Deanna Woolf

The committee is formed and The Chronicle of Higher Education is running the advertisement — the search for the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences is officially under way.

Dr. Jerome Sullivan, dean of the College of Health and Human Services and search committee chair, gave a timeline for the search. After Jan. 12, "the committee will consider a first cut of 10 to 12 candidates. The committee will then meet and interview those candidates. From that list, we will invite anywhere from four to five [candidates] to campus to be interviewed by

constituents throughout Arts and Sciences and the University. We want to get the four to five candidates to campus by late February or early March."

The committee will then recommend three to four candidates to Provost Alan Goodridge, with an offer expected in early April. The anticipated appointment date for the new dean is July 1, 2006.

For information on committee members and to view a copy of the advertisement, visit the College of Arts and Sciences Web site at <http://www.utoledo.edu/colleges/as/index.asp?id=378>.

OPERS employee contribution to rise .5 percent in 2006

By Deanna Woolf

The Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) employee retirement contribution rate will increase, effective in January.

Non-law employees will contribute 9 percent in 2006, versus 8.5 percent contributed in 2005.

The raise stems from the Health-Care Preservation Plan approved by the OPERS

Retirement Board in September 2004. The employee and employer contribution rates will rise incrementally over a three-year period to help fund health-care coverage for retirees.

For more information about the increase, contact the payroll department at Ext. 8780 or OPERS at 1.800.222.7377.

Woman to graduate

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months ... What you see now is not what I was in the 1970s, having to overcome the mental illness."

Mullins felt her experience helped her relate to clients during her internships. "Education is the key to recovery. The more you can be educated on the disability, the more you can overcome it ... I was able to encourage them to be able to overcome — to say, 'This is something that's a stepping stone,'" she said.

Now 62, Mullins will graduate Dec. 17 with her bachelor's degree. "My faith and my determination to make it through have

inspired me," she said. "I never dreamed I could go to a university."

"This brought new life to her — she thought she was at the end of the road," Calhoun said. "She's an inspiration — she shows dedication and commitment. I am so proud of her."

After graduation, Mullins said she'd like to get a master's degree in disability studies, but needs time to rest.

She's also encouraging other adults to continue their education. "Try it or you'll never know," she said. "It just might pan out."



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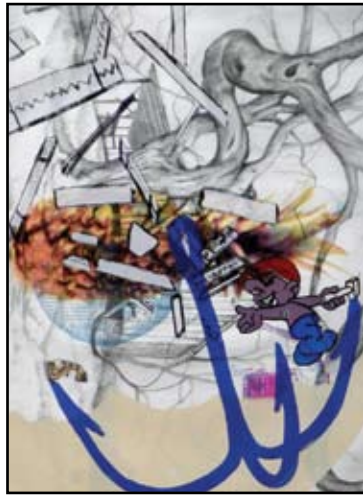
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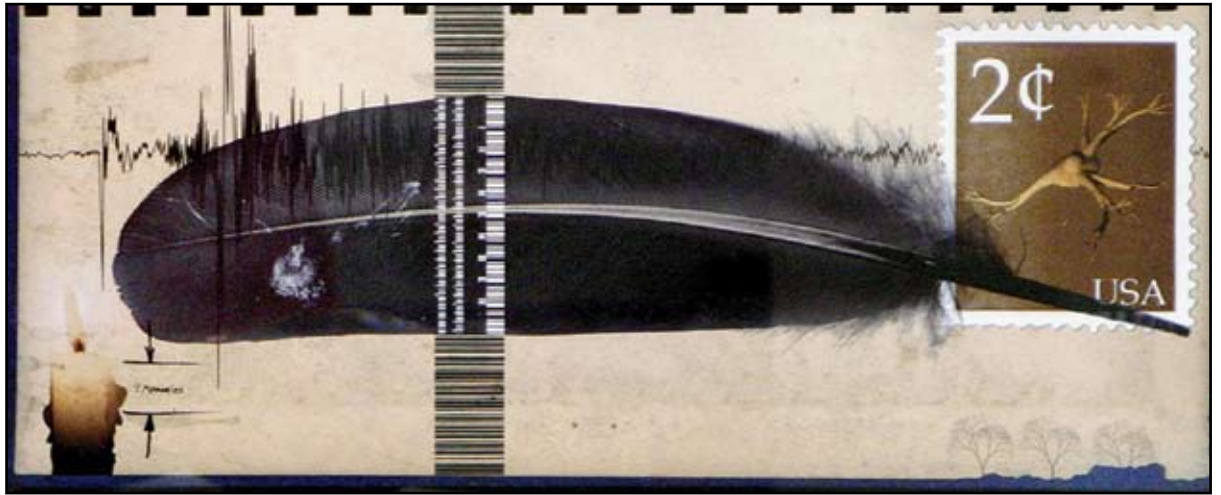
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2005 University of Toledo Authors and Artists Exhibit

See scholarly research published during the past academic year as well as artwork by some 75 UT faculty members. Canaday Center for Special Collections in Carlson Library. Through Dec. 30. Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.2170.



"Hook" by Arturo Rodriguez



"Nine Memories" by Peter Patchen

UT CALENDAR — DEC. 14-JAN. 10

Wednesday, Dec. 14

Exams Continue Through Dec. 16

Timecards Due by Noon

Safety and Risk Management Class

"Laser Safety." North Engineering Building Room 2250. 11 a.m.-noon. Register: 419.530.3600.

UT Employee Computer Class

"Incorporating Video Into PowerPoint." University Computer Center Room 1600. 1-5 p.m. Free for UT employees. Register: 419.530.1460.

Thursday, Dec. 15

Review Rejected Timecards

Friday, Dec. 16

Residence Halls Close

Spring Payment Due

UT Foundation Board Meeting

Driscoll Alumni Center Board Room. 8 a.m. Info: 419.530.7730.

Submitting Grades Through Web Portal Workshop

The Registrar's Office will offer assistance to submit grades through the new myUT Web portal. Rocket Hall Room 1550. 9-11:30 a.m. Info: 419.530.4863.

Planetarium Program

"Holiday Lights." Learn how the calendar and holiday customs are related to the nighttime sky. Ritter Planetarium. 7:30 p.m. Observing at Brooks Observatory follows program, weather permitting. \$4 for adults; \$3 for seniors and children ages 4-12; free for children 3 and younger. Info: 419.530.4037.

Saturday, Dec. 17

Commencement

Speaker: Robert Savage, chair of the board of Savage & Associates Inc. Savage Hall. 10 a.m. Info: 419.530.2738.

Law Commencement

Speaker: Julia Bates, Lucas County prosecutor. Law Center Auditorium. 10 a.m. Info: 419.530.2717.

Planetarium Program

"Santa's Secret Star." Learn how Santa uses the stars to find his way back to the North Pole. Ritter Planetarium. 1 p.m. \$4 for adults; \$3 for seniors and children ages 4-12; free for children 3 and younger. Info: 419.530.4037.

Women's Basketball

UT vs. Oakland. Savage Hall. 5 p.m. \$9; \$4.50 for children 12 and younger; half off for UT employees; free for UT students. Info: 419.530.4231.

Men's Basketball

UT vs. St. Bonaventure. Savage Hall. 7:30 p.m. \$10 and \$7 for reserved seats; \$6 for general admission; half off for children 12 and younger; half off for UT employees; free for UT students. Info: 419.530.4231.

Sunday, Dec. 18

Catholic Mass

Corpus Christi University Parish. 11 a.m. Info: 419.530.1330.

Monday, Dec. 19

Project Succeed Orientation

Program for women in transition following a change in marital status. Center for Women, Tucker Hall Room 168. Noon. Free, public. Info: 419.530.8570.

Submitting Grades Through Web Portal Workshop

The Registrar's Office will offer assistance to submit grades through the new myUT Web portal. Rocket Hall Room 1550. 2-5 p.m. Info: 419.530.4863.

Tuesday, Dec. 20

Submitting Grades Through Web Portal Workshop

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Faculty Senate Meeting

Student Union Room 2582. 3 p.m. Info: 419.530.2112.

Wednesday, Dec. 21

Faculty Grades Due at 10 p.m.

Men's Basketball

UT vs. East Carolina. Savage Hall. 7 p.m. \$10 and \$7 for reserved seats; \$6 for general admission; half off for children 12 and younger; half off for UT employees; free for UT students. Info: 419.530.4231.

GMAC Bowl

Toledo vs. Texas-El Paso in Mobile, Ala. Game will be televised by ESPN. 8 p.m. Info: 419.530.4653.

Thursday, Dec. 22

Personnel Action Forms Due

Friday, Dec. 23

University Closed

Planetarium Program

"Holiday Lights." Learn how the calendar and holiday customs are related to the nighttime sky. Ritter Planetarium. 7:30 p.m. Observing at Brooks Observatory follows program, weather permitting. \$4 for adults; \$3 for seniors and children ages 4-12; free for children 3 and younger. Info: 419.530.4037.

Saturday, Dec. 24

Catholic Mass

Christmas Eve service. Corpus Christi University Parish. 10 p.m. Info: 419.530.1330.

Sunday, Dec. 25

Catholic Mass

Christmas service. Corpus Christi University Parish. 11 a.m. Info: 419.530.1330.

Monday, Dec. 26

University Closed

Tuesday, Dec. 27

Timecards Due

Wednesday, Dec. 28

Board of Trustees Meeting

Student Union Room 2592. 8:15 a.m. Info: 419.530.2814.

Men's Basketball

UT vs. Oakland. Savage Hall. 7 p.m. \$10 and \$7 for reserved seats; \$6 for general admission; half off for children 12 and younger; half off for UT employees; free for UT students. Info: 419.530.4231.

Thursday, Dec. 29

Review Rejected Timecards

Friday, Dec. 30

First Spring Deregistration 100 Percent

Health Insurance Waiver Deadline

Students registered for six or more credit hours will be assessed \$551 on their accounts unless a waiver is received. Info: 419.530.3466.

Monday, Jan. 2

University Closed

Summer Open Registration Begins

Wednesday, Jan. 4

CWA Election

Communication Workers of America Local 4319 will vote for blue- and white-collar unit directors. Student Union Room 3016. 6 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Scott Park Conference Room, 1:30-5 p.m. Info: 419.530.3397.

Friday, Jan. 6

Second Spring Deregistration 100 Percent

Future Semesters Deregistration 100 Percent

Saturday, Jan. 7

Women's Basketball

UT vs. Ball State. Savage Hall. 7 p.m. \$9; \$4.50 for children 12 and younger; half off for UT employees; free for UT students. Info: 419.530.4231.

Sunday, Jan. 8

Open Registration Ends

Residence Halls Open

Monday, Jan. 9

Spring Classes Begin

Session One Begins

Late Registration Begins

Tuesday, Jan. 10

Personnel Action Forms Due

Men's Basketball

UT vs. Buffalo. Savage Hall. 7 p.m. \$10 and \$7 for reserved seats; \$6 for general admission; half off for children 12 and younger; half off for UT employees; free for UT students. Info: 419.530.4231.

ART

"Cultural Domestication — Instinctual Desire"

See contemporary Czech art — photography, installations, stitched figures, paintings and videos — by Jiri Cernicky, Milena Dopitová, Zdena Kolečková, Alena Kotzmannová, Jan Mancuska and Jiri Pňhoda. Center for the Visual Arts Gallery. Through Dec. 31. Free, public. Info: 419.530.8300.

"Fourth Dimension" and "Paper Works"

Exhibition of mixed-media works by Veronica Kaufman and "scherenschnitte" or decorative paper cuttings by Mary Gaynier. Catharine S. Eberly Center for Women, Tucker Hall Room 168. Opens Jan. 9 and runs through Feb. 24. Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Reception with artists Thursday, Jan. 19, 5-7 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.8570.

'Children's Nutcracker' at UT Dec. 17

By Deanna Woolf

The Elena Bartley Ballet Academy, along with other dance groups, will perform the "Children's Nutcracker" on Saturday, Dec. 17, in Doermann Theater at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 each and are available by calling Elena Bartley at 419.381.1246. They also can be purchased at the theater beginning one hour prior to the performance.

In addition to dancers from the academy, students from the Flint Youth Ballet in Flint, Mich., members of ALMA Drum & Dance, and students from the Queen of the Apostles School will perform.

UT News publishes listings for events taking place at the University and for off-campus events that are sponsored by UT groups. Information is due by noon Wednesday, Jan. 4, for the Jan. 9 issue. Send information by e-mail to utmarcom@utnet.utoledo.edu, fax it to Ext. 4618, or drop it in campus mail to #949, UT News, Marketing and Communications, University Hall Room 2110. Due to space limitations, some events may be omitted from UT News; the complete calendar can be found online at www.utnews.utoledo.edu.