

Dean announces 'bridge funding' availability during address

By Tobin J. Klinger

The College of Medicine is working to launch a program that will provide Health Science Campus faculty members who have not received funding on a competitive renewal application after a period of demonstrated research productivity an opportunity to apply for temporary bridge funding to maintain a productive research laboratory while full support is sought from outside agencies, Dr. Jeffrey Gold, Health Science Campus provost, executive vice president for health affairs and dean of the College of Medicine, announced during his state of the college address Nov. 16.

"We recognize that the environment for earning extramural funding in health and biomedical research has become exceptionally competitive," Gold said. "In an effort to keep important initiatives moving forward during potential lapses in funding, we will offer our College of Medicine faculty the ability to apply for



Photo by Daniel Miller

Dr. Jeffrey Gold delivered the state of the College of Medicine address last week.

awards totaling \$350,000 in fiscal year '08."

Investigators with a history of research productivity whose competitive renewals do not receive funding initially but who are likely to successfully compete for renewed research funding in the future with an amended application may apply, according to Gold.

"Bridge-funding awards will be limited to \$50,000 and a maximum of one year or until the grantee re-establishes funding from other sources, whichever comes first," Gold said. "The applicant's department will be responsible for supporting 30 percent of any award."

The College of Medicine bridge fund is designed to be self-sustaining, he added.

The awards will be made three times annually — Jan. 1, May 1 and Sept. 1 — with applications due to the vice president for research administration before Nov. 1, March 1 and June 1 of each year in order to

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Project SEARCH finds home at University

By Vicki L. Kroll

People like to work at the University for a variety of reasons.

"I like to meet new people," said Mike, who washes buses in Transit Services.

"It looks nice and pretty," said Jen, who works in the Student Union cafeteria.

"You can get your exercise," said Maggie, who also works in the cafeteria.

"I feel like we are welcome here," said Steve, who helps clean at the Student Recreation Center.

Steve's right. He and seven other students from Penta Career Center in Perysburg are welcome at UT, where they take a class and work across campuses.

It's all part of Project SEARCH, a program designed to prepare students with disabilities for entry-level employment positions, that's run by Penta, UT, the Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission, and the Lucas County and Wood County boards of mental retardation and developmental disabilities. Project SEARCH — Students Exploring Alternative Resources at Children's Hospital — was started in 1996 at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical

Center. Now there are programs across the country.

"Our students participate in Project SEARCH classroom instruction at The University of Toledo and then take part in internship experiences in a variety of departments on UT's Main Campus and at the Health Science Campus throughout the school day during the academic year," said Amanda Ratliff, Project SEARCH instructor at Penta Career Center. "This is a tremendous opportunity for the students because not only do they get to participate in a variety of work experiences, but it helps them build essential skills needed to gain employment after they complete their high school education."

This is the first year for Project SEARCH at UT, but it looks like it won't be the last — everyone has been happy with it.

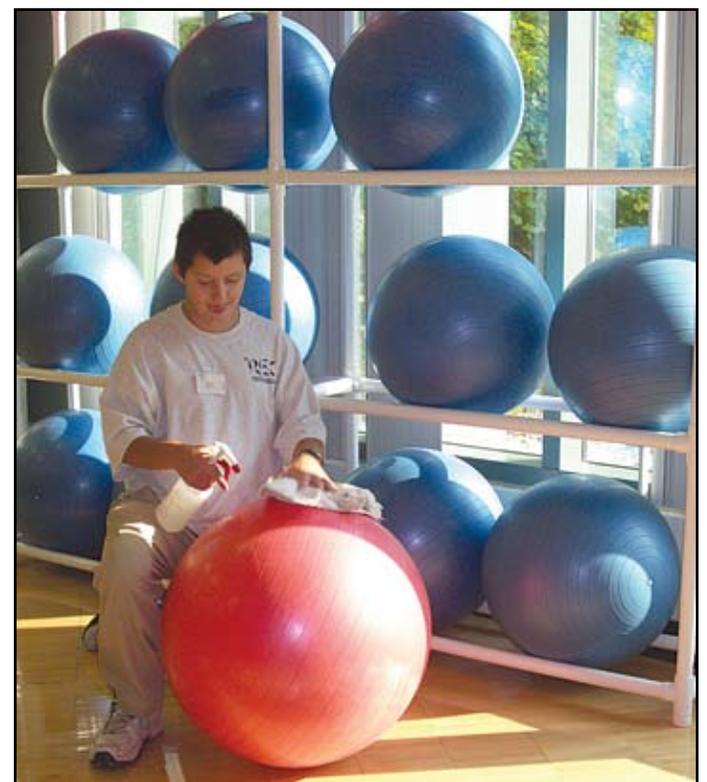
"Mike's main job is to clean the inside and outside of all UT shuttle buses," said Diana Watts, transit coordinator with Transit Services. "He works Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and cleans one bus thoroughly a day. With the help

of his coach, Cheryl Schober, Mike sweeps and mops the passenger area. He also cleans all the windows and handrails in the passenger area along with cleaning the driver's area. Then he washes the outside of the bus if weather permits."

"I like to be able to be outside to wash the buses," Mike said.

"We really like having Mike around; he has helped improve the image of our service," Watts said. "We have received nothing but compliments about how much cleaner our buses look, and it's all because of Mike's hard work."

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FITTING IN: Steve disinfected a fitness ball at the Student Recreation Center.

Apple Tree Nursery School considers offering kindergarten

By Alissa Hammond

Apple Tree Nursery School may be offering a new service to UT students, faculty and staff next year. If there is an interest in it, the nursery will offer a kindergarten for 2008 and 2009.

The Apple Tree Board of Trustees, led by Apple Tree Director Sherry Roush, is looking into offering a kindergarten class again on Main Campus. The school formerly operated a kindergarten for five years before discontinuing it after Toledo Public Schools moved to a full-day program and the demand for a kindergarten at UT decreased.

Since the program was discontinued, the University community has expressed a renewed interest in bringing it back. The kindergarten would operate from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with the option of before- and after-school care from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The calendar for the class would run in sync with the UT calendar, and those reserved in kindergarten would have reserved spots in summer care. With being located on UT's Main Campus, it would be convenient for faculty, staff and students, Roush said.

There will be an informational meeting Tuesday, Jan. 15, at 6 p.m. at Apple Tree. Babysitting will be available during the meeting. Tuition rates for the kindergarten class have not been established yet.

The child-to-teacher ratio for the kindergarten class will be 10 to one, with a maximum group size of 20 children with two teachers. All children must meet the age eligibility requirement, which can be met in one of two ways: child is 5 by Aug. 1, or child is 5 by the date required by the school district he/she will enter in the first grade.

The kindergarten classroom would be arranged with learning centers for the children to explore. Each week teachers

will prepare new learning opportunities that are imbedded into learning centers. These learning opportunities are directly tied to the state of Ohio's Kindergarten Learning Standards, as well as important social, emotional and physical development experiences, according to Roush.

If Apple Tree's kindergarten returns, the daily routine would be:

9 a.m. — morning meeting

9:30 a.m. — learning centers

11:15 a.m. — outside time

Noon — lunch

12:45 p.m. — body break

2 p.m. — cooperative experience

3 p.m. — dismissal

"Apple Tree is proud to be a part of the diverse University community, and we invite anyone to stop by and see what we have to offer," Roush said.

Apple Tree Nursery School was one of the first centers in Ohio to achieve a Three-Star Step Up to Quality Award from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services — Bureau of Child Care and Development in 2006. This rating was retained this year, and is the highest award in the system. The Main Campus location became accredited by the Academy of Early Childhood Programs in 1999 and remains accredited.

Registration will be available at the informational meeting, as well as by calling 419.530.1071 and setting up an appointment with the director of Apple Tree. There will be a \$35 registration fee and a contract committing to kindergarten tuition for the complete school year to sign when rates are established. The deadline for registering is Feb. 1.

Two finalists for senior vice president position to visit campuses

By Tobin J. Klinger

The search for a permanent senior vice president for finance and administration is entering the finalist phase, with two candidates undergoing institution-wide interviews beginning Monday, Nov. 26.

The finalists are:

- Bill Logie, interim senior vice president for finance and administration at The University of Toledo; and
- Dr. Scott Scarborough, former executive vice president for operations at DePaul University in Chicago.

Each will meet with various constituent groups around the campuses, including members of the senior leadership team, finance and administration employees, as well as hospital leaders. In addition, there will be open forums on the Main and Health Science campuses.

Scarborough will be at UT Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 26 and 27, with open forums Monday from 4 to 5 p.m. in Health Education Building Room 100 on the Health Science Campus and Tuesday from noon to 1 p.m. in Student Union Room 2591 on Main Campus.

Logie will interview Wednesday and

Thursday, Nov. 28 and 29, with open forums Wednesday from 4 to 5 p.m. in Health Education Room 100 and Thursday from noon to 1 p.m. in Student Union Room 2584.

Logie has served as interim senior vice president since the departure of Daniel Morissette in August. He has been the vice president for administration since 2006, and served as vice president for human resources at the former Medical College of Ohio/Medical University of Ohio from 1999 to 2006, after spending five years with Michigan Gas Utilities. He holds a juris doctor from The University of Toledo.

Scarborough began at DePaul University in 2003, after working for the Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust Co. and spending nearly 10 years in the University of Texas System. A graduate of the University of Texas in Arlington, he earned his PhD in strategic management.

"We have moved rapidly through this process and have emerged with two highly desirable candidates," said Dr. Lloyd Jacobs, UT president. "Let me encourage you to attend the open forums and be a part of the process as we look to fill this important position."

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be eligible for evaluation and consideration for the next funding cycle.

"Our primary objectives will be to keep experienced research teams together and to support projects with the best chances of obtaining funding within a reasonable time frame," Gold said.

According to the bridge-funding policy that will be forwarded for approval by the Research Advisory Council, the number and amount of the awards will depend on the availability of funds and are made at the discretion of the dean of the College

of Medicine. Depending on the number of applications received and the size of the bridge-funding pool, it is possible that some meritorious applications will not receive funding. In such cases, the unfunded applications may be forwarded to the next cycle.

"This program is symbolic of our commitment to supporting the research efforts of our faculty," Gold said. "The research enterprise is key to the mission of our University and future success."



Photo by Daniel Miller

CUTUPS: Nico, left, and Jackson used construction paper for art projects last week at Apple Tree.

UT BOOKSTORES' NINTH ANNUAL FACULTY/STAFF HOLIDAY GALA

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"Janelle has been a wonderful help in our department," said Bobbie McGill, staff nurse in the Hemodialysis Unit on the Health Science Campus. "She answers phones, files patients' flow records, prepares hemodialysis access prep kits, stocks supplies, and is very good with patients."

"Josh works as a receptionist in the Loans and Special Accounts Office," said Stephanie Blausey, assistant bursar in the Bursar's Office. "He has helped our office by simply being himself and allowing others to recognize his potential in an office setting."

"Josh is warm and funny and joins right in with the office antics," Blausey continued. "We have noticed that Josh's confidence has flourished when greeting students

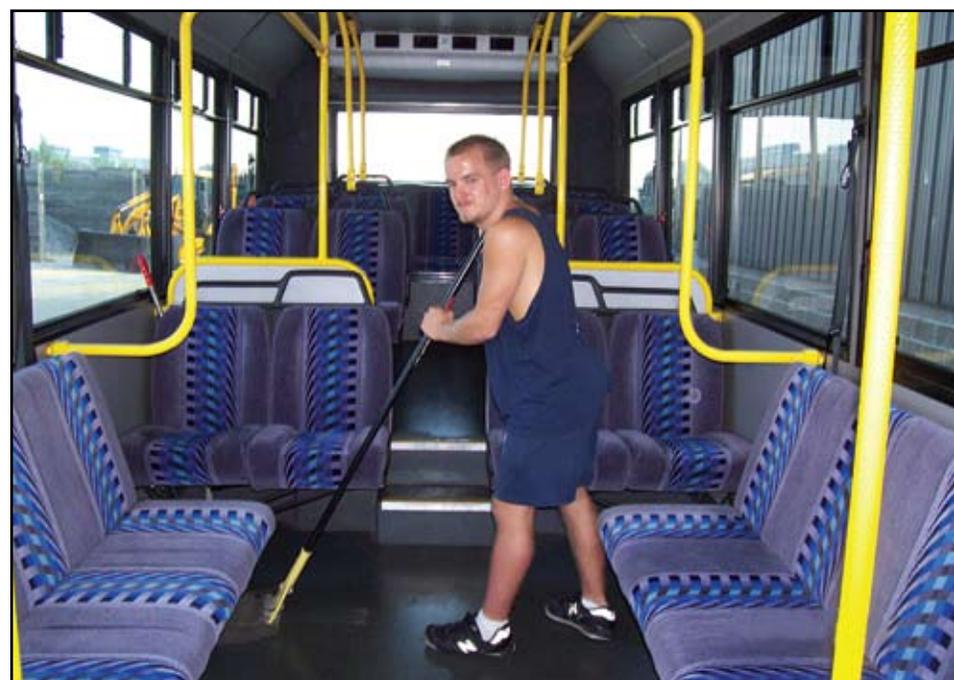
frames and vacuums the leisure pool. Steve has done an excellent job for us."

"It's very beneficial to have this demographic working with us because regardless of what we feel, everyone has someone of limited ability in their household, and it's very important that they're working," said Tony Sloan, director of retail operations of AVI Foodsystems Inc. "My kids do an excellent job. I work with their coach every day to make sure their experiences here are positive."

The students have definitively benefited from their time at UT.

"I learned how to complete my résumé," Maggie said.

"I had my first job interview," Matt said. "I was able to improve my interview-



CLEAN MACHINE: Mike mopped one of the UT shuttle buses.

and staff, and he is very professional when he escorts a student to an office for assistance."

"Project SEARCH is cool," Josh said.

"Steve does some important jobs at the center," said Nancy Burhans, associate director of the Student Recreation Center. "He disinfects the weight machines, yoga mats, the aerobic mats and the fitness balls. He also wipes down the weight machine

ing skills."

"I learned how to get around campus," Steve said.

"This will help me to find a job," Jen said.

"Project SEARCH is excellent for UT so that everyone has the opportunity to meet these students and get to know them as individuals and co-workers," Blausey said. "It's a win-win situation for both parties."

SCHEDULE GRADUATE PHOTOS

Faculty and staff or members of their families who will graduate from UT in December may contact the University Communications Office if they wish to have a photo taken and published in UT News.

Call Joanne Gray at 419.530.2675 to schedule an appointment before Friday, Dec. 21.

Photos will appear in the Jan. 7 issue of the paper.

UT Medical Center prepares for tobacco-free campus

By Jon Strunk

As The University of Toledo Medical Center joins more than 20 hospitals in northwest Ohio implementing a tobacco-free campus beginning Jan. 1, the UT Office of Community Wellness and Health Promotion has organized a series of events to help smokers kick the habit and to promote healthy decisions among all UTMC students, employees and visitors.

"One bad habit can lead to others. The focus of this movement is not a countdown to eliminate tobacco, it's a timeline for creating healthier people," said Michelle Peterson, wellness coordinator. "The deadline can help add that additional push needed to embrace a healthier lifestyle."

Along with Vicki Riddick, director of the Community Wellness and Health Promotion Office, Peterson has worked to organize events, which began Nov. 15 with the Great American Smokeout, a national yearly event designed to encourage tobacco users to quit smoking for the day or smoke less than usual.

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 20, visitors to the Skyview Cafeteria will have the chance to "Go Cold Turkey" and sign up to win a Thanksgiving turkey. Employees also will be able to sign up to adopt a smoker.

"Having someone to support you and provide you with encouragement when

you're facing an urge to smoke has been shown to be a critical component to quitting smoking," said Dr. Jeffrey Gold, provost, executive vice president for health affairs and dean of the College of Medicine.

Those interested can sign up for smoking cessation classes, which begin Monday, Nov. 26, from 11 a.m. to noon in Health Education Building Room 227, by contacting Peterson at 419.383.BFIT (2348).

Other events leading up to UTMC's Jan. 1 tobacco-free environment include:

- Monday, Nov. 26, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Skyview Food Court — Trading Places — Healthy stations will be set up to trade in unhealthy habits for healthy treats;
- Monday, Dec. 3, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Skyview Food Court — Triggers and Urges — What to do to curb your urge;
- Monday, Dec. 10, from noon to 1 p.m. in Dowling Hall Room 2315 — "The Impacts of Smoking and Your Heart" will be presented by Gold. A healthy lunch also will be served;
- Monday, Dec. 17, through Friday, Dec. 28 — The Gift of Health — Drop by the Morse Center and work out free of charge; and
- Tuesday, Jan. 1 — UTMC will be tobacco-free.

In memoriam

Laurie Faulkner, Toledo, who worked part time as an interview clerk in Opinion Research from 1987 to 1995, died Nov. 9 at age 58.

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UT employee traveling to London to help publicize Toledo

By Cynthia Nowak

“I could just as easily have thrown a dart at the map, for that is essentially all the thought that went into my decision to move to Toledo.” So begins an essay by Paul Casmus, a records technician in the UT Medical Center Department of Radiology. His figurative dart scored a bull’s-eye — one that’s sending him to London this week.

Casmus’ enthusiastic Glass City en-

Houston lectured on. It’s a phenomenal feeling to come in contact with something you only hear about. Or I would see the L on the bottom of drinking glasses back in Texas, or know about Owens-Corning because of the insulation in every Southern home, and here I am where they and Libbey Glass have their world headquarters.”

He pointed to Fifth Third Field and the



Photo by Daniel Miller

TICKET TO RIDE: Paul Casmus, winner of the liveable city essay contest, is ready for London — and the Underground.

dorsement is the winning essay in the contest sponsored by UT’s Office of the President in conjunction with University Communications. Faculty, staff and students were invited to submit their take on why Toledo is the world’s most liveable city. A judging committee cited Casmus’ “lively and literate style” in choosing him to join Mayor Carty Finkbeiner and his delegation in London for the United Nations International Awards for Liveable Communities (LivCom) Nov. 22-26. Toledo is one of seven finalists in the global competition for municipal livability. The others: Edogawa, Japan; Lyon, France; Malmo, Sweden; Manukau, New Zealand; Niagara, Canada; and Wenjiang, China.

“It’s a huge deal,” said Casmus, who came to Toledo 12 years ago from his hometown of Houston. “In Houston, you don’t have these kinds of opportunities. It’s not often you get to write an essay and represent the city. It’s not often, either, you get the chance to audition singing the national anthem for a baseball team, but I did that, singing for the Mud Hens for the last three seasons.

“The first time I walked through the Toledo Museum of Art, I ran across a painting my art appreciation instructor back in

Toledo Zoo as “examples of doing something on a small scale and doing it beautifully.”

Although he’s traveled Europe, including two trips to Toledo, Spain, as part of the Toledo Catholic diocese choir (“thanks to the nation’s first sister cities relationship,” he pointed out), this will be his first time in London.

More than ready to carry the figurative banners for Toledo and for UT, he said, “It’s an honor, and at the same time it’s almost a sacred trust, to let London know there’s a fine educational institution on the other side of the pond happy to extend their welcome. I can’t think of anything better than to be an ambassador for the University and for Toledo; they’ve been a great place to set down my roots.”

The LivCom Awards, founded in 1997 and endorsed by the United Nations Environment Program, is the world’s only competition for local communities that focuses on environmental management and the creation of liveable communities. The awards are intended, in the words of the official Web site, “to encourage best practice, innovation and leadership in providing a vibrant, environmentally sustainable community that improves the quality of life.”

Life in Toledo: Confessions of a Transplant

By Paul Casmus

I could just as easily have thrown a dart at the map, for that is essentially all the thought that went into my decision to move to Toledo. I needed to make a life for myself and Toledo seemed as good a place as any other. It was a decent size and in a part of the country I had yet to explore. Other than references by Max Klinger on “M*A*S*H,” I knew nothing about Toledo. I had previously made acquaintance of a reputable character whose mother would open her home to me while I got my footing. And so, in early spring of 1994, I packed my world into a small rental truck and left the homogeneous suburbs of my formative years behind me. Thus began an adventure of happy discovery that continues to this day in the city that has won my heart.

My hostess, a native who has raised a large family, was my first exposure to this community of hospitality and industry. I met people who thought nothing of working on their own cars or replacing the roof on their homes rather than hiring it out. When they could not do it on their own, they were certain to know someone willing and capable of helping. I began to see the diversity of a community that continues to be the destination of immigrants who aspire to work for a better life for their families. Everyone seems possessed of a gracious welcome for the newcomer, for their families remember the experience of relocation. Words like “stranger” or “outsider” do not seem to exist in the vocabulary of the average Toledoan. And the city to which I found myself welcome is every bit the physical treasure to complement the treasure of the hospitality of its populace.

Toledo is an ordinary city cut from extraordinary fabric, home to an art museum of world-class status. Its symphony orchestra and zoo are of a caliber only dreamed of by larger cities. The Mud Hens, the best-known minor league baseball team in the nation, play in their downtown stadium, the structure of which reflects the civic pride that comes from doing something well on a small scale. Toledo is happy to leave the big-city experience to the likes of Chicago, Cleveland, Columbus and Detroit — all of which are close enough for a day trip. Toledo has all that one needs to go about the business of living without the hassles of urban giantism.

Toledo is affordable. The cost of living allows for quality and value for the hard-earned paycheck. Housing ranges from the historic homes of the Old West End to the modern comfort of contemporary housing developments to the cosmopolitan taste of downtown lofts and back again to the available, well-kept homes in neighborhoods that have been home to generations of hard-working wage earners.

Toledo is diverse. The summer calendar is dotted with ethnic festivals celebrating the many cultures that have made a place for themselves in this remarkable city. Spiritual life is found in church, mosque, synagogue and temple — echoing the reputation of the ancient city of Spain whose name we share. One can at any time have a literal taste of any culture in this city at any of the many family-owned restaurants. Dining here is not just a function of nourishment, it is an adventure sure to nourish the human spirit.

Toledo is committed. A well-maintained system of roads and transportation — including bridges of engineering wonder — allow anyone to get anywhere in the city in less than 40 minutes without the menace of daily traffic congestion. World-class health care in this city recently boasts itself as the developmental home of the altruistic kidney donor network. The public school system has recently undertaken the task of modernization of its infrastructure, building new schools that reflect a new millennium of education. Toledo as well maintains a strong presence of educational opportunity in its private schools, community colleges and its university. The commitment to the quality of life can be seen as well in the captains of industry who can be seen Friday night at a black-tie fund-raiser and then Saturday morning with their sleeves rolled up, building a Habitat for Humanity.

Toledo is liveable. The spirit of this city pours forth from its friendly neighborhoods, its cultural treasures, its industrious work force and its ever-changing, ever-welcoming diversity. Its civic pride is as right-sized as its self-image. The blending of its past and its future make for a dynamic atmosphere in which one can build a life of value, meaning and wonder.

I may not be able explain why I chose to come to Toledo, but I’m happy to say why I choose to remain here.

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