

## UT prepares for inevitable ash borer effects

By Deanna Woolf

**T**here are 52 ash trees in Centennial Mall, 43 around the Student Recreation Center, 70 in ornamental areas, and countless others along the Ottawa River banks on Main Campus — and they could be dead within a decade.

The emerald ash borer — it's green, its effects are mean, and it's on campus.

"This thing takes no prisoners. No ash trees survive," said Mike Young, UT manager of grounds and motor vehicle operations. "It's not a question of if the trees are going to die, it's when. When trees become infected and die, they very quickly become brittle and are a potential safety hazard."

Grounds operation staff found the bug in ash trees two years ago near the Student Rec Center and on the north side of the tennis courts this winter. "And we know it's in trees along the river. When you have a stream bed with a lot of ash trees, it's like a fast-food highway for the bugs," he said.

Although other infected areas haven't been identified, Young isn't optimistic. "By

the time you find it, it's too late. It's already been there a couple of years," he explained.

Joel Lipman, UT professor of art and English and director of the R.A. Stranahan Arboretum, reported the ash borers have been detected in trees on the arboretum premises. "We're looking at this as part of our research and education mission — that the invaders are an opportunity for research. We've argued for the right to be a research base," he said. "But the state and regional policies for dealing with the bug will trump that."

Dr. Elliot Tramer, UT professor of earth, ecological and environmental sciences, explained how state authorities have dealt with the bug. "They were hoping they could cordon off the bug by cutting down every ash tree within a half mile of each place that had an infestation," he said. "But as this strategy continued, they found they were cutting behind the ash borer instead of in front of it. They ran up the white flag in Lucas County by last September" and now focus on encouraging people to stop moving firewood out of

certain areas.

While the situation isn't heartening, the UT grounds staff members have a plan to slow the bug's blow and help the campus horticulture recover.

First, they've been injecting certain trees with insecticide to prevent the larva from establishing themselves in the trees. "If we can delay the onset of the emerald ash borer in some trees for a period of time — and use this time to remove other ash and replant with other species of trees — we can hopefully reduce the impact to the campus. We will eventually lose all our ash, but we want to be proactive and go about it in an orderly and planned way, and in such a manner as to have as little impact on the campus landscape as possible," Young said.

The Campus Beautification Committee members contracted with

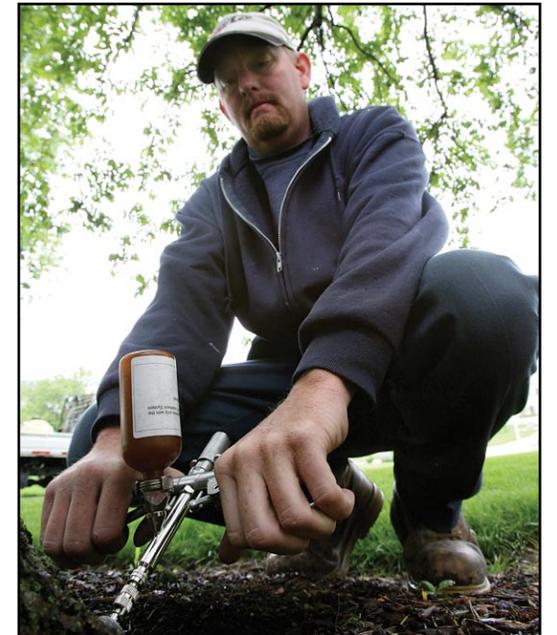


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**WORTH A SHOT:** Matt Hemming, groundskeeper 2, injected an ash tree with insecticide to try to slow the damaging effect of the emerald ash borer beetle in Centennial Mall.

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## UT researcher, Fulbright scholar investigate literacy failure causes



Photo by Daniel Miller

**STORY TIME:** Dr. Prema Rao, left, and Dr. Joan Kaderavek read to Baila Lakatos, 5, at Apple Tree Nursery School.

By Jon Strunk

**E**ducators have known for some time that the years before organized schooling are critical to a child's literacy development. By focusing on emergent literacy skills early in life, educators can identify preschool children most likely to have difficulty reading and communicating and reduce reading failure dramatically.

Dr. Prema Rao, a Fulbright scholar from India

studying at The University of Toledo, is developing an Indian-language screening test designed to identify children at risk for reading failure. India's 65 percent literacy rate is only one of her challenges; India is a nation with 22 official languages and hundreds of regional languages and dialects.

"There is a notion that literacy begins in school," Rao said, who teaches at the All India Institute of Speech and Hearing at the University of Mysore in southern India. "It is between birth and the first day of school that children develop the foundation of language,

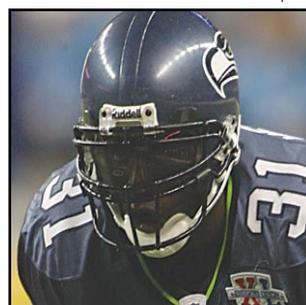
literacy, and the awareness to speech sounds essential for learning to read and write once they get into a classroom."

"Emergent literacy failure occurs when children for whatever reason don't pick up the foundation for literacy skills," she said. By developing a test to identify children who show signs of being at risk for literacy failure, she hopes to support them with emergent literacy strategies and prevent them from falling further behind year after year in their academic performance.

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## Two Distinguished University Professors named

By Vicki L. Kroll

**T**wo faculty members were appointed Distinguished University Professors at the May Board of Trustees meeting.

They are Dr. Alvin Compaan, professor and chair of physics and astronomy and director of the Center for Materials Science and Engineering, and Dr. Jeanne B. Funk, professor of psychology, who is the first woman to receive the designation.

"I feel especially privileged to be UT's first woman to be named Distinguished University Professor," Funk said. "The University of Toledo has many highly talented and accomplished women faculty, and I am both honored and humbled to be their first representative on the panel of Distinguished University Professors."

"I am indebted to UT for strong support and encouragement ever since I transferred here in 1987," Compaan said. "This has been a very stimulating and supportive environment — department, college and University — with great faculty and staff and student colleagues. They all make it easy to succeed. It is exciting to be a small part of UT's contribution toward building a foundation for solar energy to change the world."

UT has 12 Distinguished University Professorships, which are renewable. The Academic Honors Committee selects professors based on exemplary teaching, research, scholarship and professional service. Each receives an annual grant of \$5,000 for five years. The grants are funded by the UT Foundation.

"The title of Distinguished University Professor is one of the highest honors the University can bestow on faculty members," said Dr. Alan Goodridge, provost and executive vice president for academic affairs and enrollment services, who chairs the Academic Honors Committee. "We are proud to recognize faculty members who have distinguished themselves in their respective areas of research and are widely known in their fields."

Since arriving at the University in 1987, Compaan has been a driving force in alternative energy research, receiving more than \$11 million in grants from the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Department of Defense, the state of Ohio, First Solar and others, and publishing more than 140 articles in professional journals. His area of expertise: cadmium telluride photovoltaics, also known as thin-film, second-generation solar cells.

In 2003, Ohio Gov. Bob Taft presented UT with a \$2 million Wright Capital Project

Fund award to establish the Center for Photovoltaic Electricity and Hydrogen. Compaan and several colleagues are working on systems that convert solar energy into non-polluting electricity and hydrogen for fuel cells. The project is a collaboration between the University and several businesses.

Funk joined the UT faculty in 1995 and has been investigating the relationships between exposure to violent video games and children's behavior and personality. She has received continuous funding in training grants from the Ohio Department of Mental Health and local community agencies, and has published more than 50 refereed papers. Funk and colleagues have published two scales to assess children's and adolescents' attitudes toward violence and are awaiting publication of the Children's Empathic Attitudes Questionnaire, which will give researchers a contemporary tool to investigate the subtle effects of children's exposure to violence.

Her expertise on violent video games has led to interviews with The New York Times, the Associated Press, The Wall Street Journal, Time magazine and ABC's "Primetime." In 2000, Funk testified before the Senate Commerce Committee on research on the impact of interactive violence on children. She serves on an American Psychological Association-appointed committee working with the gaming industry to improve the video game ratings system.

Several new Distinguished University Professors are expected to be named in the 2006-07 academic year due to several retirements, according to Dr. Carol Bresnahan, vice provost for academic programs and policies and chair of the Academic Honors Committee, which will recommend nominees to the provost.



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## Leader in Latino higher education touts community collaborations



Photo by Terry Fell

**DISTINGUISHED GUEST:** Dr. Tomás Arciniega, right, talked with President Dan Johnson last week while visiting Toledo.

By Jon Strunk

**T**he partnerships and collaborations between universities and Latino community groups are key to increasing enrollment and retention of Latinos at institutions of higher education, said Dr. Tomás Arciniega, a leading advocate for Latinos and Hispanics in higher education, who added last week he was impressed with The University of Toledo's outreach efforts toward Latinos in the community.

"The most important thing to understand about increasing the number of underrepresented students in any American higher education institution is the need for initiatives to reach out to underserved parts of your regional populations," said Arciniega, special assistant to the chancellor of California State University and former president of California State University at Bakersfield.

"If you're really serious about wanting to reach out, you have to look at who you have on your team. Do you have the individuals who have the expertise — cultural, linguistic, etc. — to be successful?" he said, voicing a question each university community must consider.

After meeting with University and Latino community leaders, Arciniega said it was clear the local Latino community is adamant and passionate about its desire for UT's success.

"You've got some very loyal people in

the Latino communities around here who expressed very solid support for the University," he said last week.

UT President Dan Johnson said, "It truly is an honor to have a man with Dr. Arciniega's stature on campus to help provide us with ideas and facilitate conversations about how we can increase our diversity on campus and create stronger partnerships with the Latino communities in the region."

As part of a lecture he was to give to a UT doctoral class in higher education last week, Arciniega provided several compelling reasons why Latinos will play a key role in this nation's future, including:

- By 2008, the buying power of Hispanics in the United States will be \$1 trillion a year.
- By 2020, one out of every six workers will be Hispanic; by 2050 it will be one out of every four. Arciniega pointed out this is particularly important as policymakers wonder whether there will be enough people paying into the Social Security system to keep it viable.
- If the U.S. Hispanic population was its own nation, its gross domestic product would rank ninth in the world.

Arciniega was a founding member of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities, a national organization supporting Hispanic students in higher education.

The University of Toledo has established a new e-mail address — [newU@utoledo.edu](mailto:newU@utoledo.edu) — for students, faculty and staff to send questions about the merger. For more information, visit the UT-MUO merger Web site at <http://utmuomerger.utoledo.edu>.



Photo by Daniel Miller

**SHARING A LAUGH:** Reynaldo Guerra, Carter Hall operations manager, left, was one of many who stopped by to talk with Wayne Gates at his retirement party last month. Gates, assistant vice president for student life, worked at the University since 1975. His title changed over the years, but he was responsible for student housing. "There are no definite plans after retirement other than to enjoy a less-demanding schedule for awhile, visit some friends, and be more involved in volunteering," Gates said. "What I'll miss the most will be the opportunity to interact with the staff, faculty and students on a daily basis."

## Two more employees with their grads



**Elisabeth Anne Hunsaker**, daughter of Judy Babula, administrative secretary in Facilities Management, received a master of education degree in educational technology last month. She will continue to teach math at Clay High School in Oregon, Ohio. In 1996, Hunsaker graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor of education degree in mathematics from UT.



**John K. Satkowski**, son of John S. Satkowski, associate vice president for academic finance and planning in the Office of the Provost, graduated cum laude with a bachelor of education degree in May. He plans to teach either at an elementary school or secondary art students and finish a degree in special education.



Photo by Terry Fell

**TRIAL RUN:** Harry Potter, played by George Miller-Davis, was sworn in during a mock trial pitting the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry against Professor Quirrel last month in the McQuade Courtroom. Fifth-grade students from the LEAP Gifted Program at Fallen Timbers Middle School were on campus for the mock trial. Miller-Davis is the son of Charles Davis, business manager in the Chemistry Department.



Photo by Daniel Miller

**ROCKET RETURNS:** Kelly Herndon, Seattle Seahawk defensive back, is on campus to take two more classes to finish the degree he started at UT when he played for the Rockets from 1995 to 1998. "I switched majors from electrical engineering to psychology during my junior year, so that put me behind in getting my degree," Herndon said. "But I don't like not finishing things. I worked hard at my academics when I was playing college football. I wanted that hard work to pay off." He's been working hard in the NFL, too. The native of Twinsburg, Ohio, played in the 2006 Super Bowl at Detroit's Ford Field, where Pittsburgh beat Seattle, 21-10. "Playing in the Super Bowl was the best feeling in the world," Herndon said. "It's such a big stage. You know people from all over the world are watching. Not everybody who plays in the NFL gets that chance. It's also pretty amazing to think that my name is in the record book for longest interception return." He set a Super Bowl record with a 76-yard interception return.



Photo by Daniel Miller

**GOING UP:** Sherry Ankney, painter 2, recently taped the kickboard inside one of the elevator cars in University Hall before putting on a fresh coat of paint. She has worked at UT for two years.

## In memoriam

**Ernest D. Stickle**, Toledo, an assistant air quality technician in Maintenance Services from 1990 to 1995, died May 13 at age 73.

**Richard Barnes VanLandingham Jr.**, Rossford, died May 21 at age 63. In 1982, he was hired as director of the Physical Plant. Ten years later, he was named manager of special projects in Public Safety and Plant Operations and resigned in 1994. VanLandingham received a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering in 1966 from UT, where he was a member of Tau Beta Pi and a distinguished military cadet in the ROTC Program.

## Every picture tells a story: Students survey art on campus

By Deanna Woolf

**A** lunch between friends turned into a project that may change the face of The University of Toledo — literally.

In winter 2005, Dr. Diane Britton was dining in the newly renovated Libbey Hall with Dr. Carol Bresnahan, vice provost for academic programs; Dr. Penny Poplin Gosetti, executive assistant to the president; and Barbara Floyd, director of the Ward M. Canaday Center and university archivist.

As they noticed the dearth of female portraits in the dining area, Bresnahan assured them there were photographs of women in the hall — but “they were marginalized off in the bathroom.”

Bresnahan explained she had brought the idea of a portraiture inventory to the UT President’s Commission on Diversity, after kicking off a similar project at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where she was an American Council on Education Fellow. She said the idea originated after she read about symposiums at Brown University on race and diversity that brought out the concept that “the environment in which we work has a visual impact on us.”

Britton, professor of history, decided to take up the issue at the University with her Public History Theory class spring semester.

As part of the course, graduate students in the history program searched the campus for examples of public portraiture, cataloging and photographing examples of what they found. Their report, along with recommendations, will be presented to the President’s Commission on Diversity this summer.

“The basic message of the project is this: Public art tells you something about the space you’re in,” Britton said. “If everything we know about UT’s history and culture we learn from the public portraiture, what do we know?”

Well, maybe nothing. During her survey, student Stephanie Shook was struck by how bare the walls were. “We sometimes found nothing. We don’t show how wonderful the University is,” she said.

Her classmates agreed. Justin Pfeifer

said, “The dorms are seriously lacking. Most were bare ... The University has beautiful buildings and landscaping. But inside — it just reveals the hollowness of the beauty. The history is there. The portraits should be there.”

But of the portraits that were there, the students found a lack of diversity — and a lot of what they called “old white guys.” Of the 70 portraits, busts, plaques and photographs in public spaces on campus, 37 portrayed white male administrators and 16 showed white male donors.

However, art featuring students was more reflective of the UT community. For example, “In Savage Hall, there was a whole wall of past MVPs, back to the 1930s. It’s extremely diverse,” said Chris Block.

The students also noted diversity reflected in various murals, such as the ones located in the African-American Student Enrichment Initiatives Office in the Student Union and the chemistry department offices in Bowman-Oddy Laboratories.

And Drs. Howard Bowman and Harold Oddy reflect another finding — the lack of identification information for many of the portraits. The pictures of both men do not have any name plaques. Also doomed to obscurity is Walter B. Snyder. Eric Nachtman found his picture bolted to the wall across from the pop machines in Snyder Memorial Building. “There was a lot of mystery involved on who this guy was,” Nachtman said. “I did extra research at the public library and was finally able to match the picture.”

Along with the research and factual observations, many students felt the portraiture project opened their eyes to a world they had previously ignored. “Once you start looking at it and studying it — until you actually look at it — you don’t know it’s there,” Block said. Nachtman recalled being in College of Engineering buildings and noticing “whole cases dedicated to alumni — their inventions, things they did after they left UT. These little shrines were all over. But they were vastly ignored. Like people were



This mural is in the African-American Student Enrichment Initiatives Office.

Photos by Daniel Miller

oblivious to it,” Nachtman said.

Now that their work is done, the students have several recommendations to offer on UT’s public portraiture. One suggestion is to hang photographs of entertainers and speakers in the hallways of the renovated Memorial Field House. With the help of the Canaday Center, Ian Amberts did some research and found many celebrities performed there. “Roy Orbison, Jimi Hendrix, Janice Joplin, the Kingston Trio. And speakers Andy Warhol and Maya Angelou,” Amberts listed. “The University of Toledo was kind of a magnet for popular culture icons.”

The students especially want portraits created for outstanding and diverse alumni, including Mildred Taylor, author of *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*, and Dr. Nancy Collins, a stem cell researcher, and faculty members and administrators, including Sarah Williams, a member of UT’s first Board of Trustees, and Dr. Lancelot Thompson, former UT vice president for student affairs and professor emeritus of chemistry.

“People might say we’re trying to change the history of UT,” Shook said. “But



Walter B. Snyder’s portrait is in Snyder Memorial Building — near a vending machine.

we’re trying to bring out what’s hidden.”

“This course revealed how much we can change things,” Pfeifer said. “Yielding results to an entire campus shows just how influential historians can be.”

## Ash borer

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a landscape architect to develop a planting plan for three areas of Main Campus that have the highest concentration of ornamental ash. “We’re going to have a palate of plants to use in replanting, with no more than 20 percent of any one species of tree being used on campus,” said Young, meaning if a species-specific bug strikes again, the effects will not be as devastating. “The mall will have more variety and be more interesting.

As a part of nature, trees are always dying for one reason or another. It’s critical to have a plan in place to replace the trees that have died or have to be removed for one reason or another.”

Now that the plan is ready, they can begin to remove infected trees and replace them. “The quicker we get started, the better it will be in the end,” Young said. Costs to remove and replace each tree are around \$900

in Centennial Mall and nearly \$800 around the Student Rec Center.

Young is asking the campus community to be understanding once the trees come down. “It’s difficult because it may appear as if we are cutting down perfectly healthy trees,” he said. “But one needs to understand trees have a certain life span. Just like people, they grow old, they get sick, the wood decays, and their roots go bad. And it could be a

lot worse — what if all species of trees were affected by this bug?”

Tramer takes an optimistic approach to the borer infestation. “There are a lot of ash seedlings that are too young and small for the beetle to bother with. Maybe the borer will go south after running out of food here. The trees could grow up and come back. There might be a chance, 10 to 20 years down the road,” he said.

# Greenhouse cluster springs up with aid of UT, BGSU researchers

By Deanna Woolf

“With farmers and growers, if you have an idea and they think it’s good, it’s a go,” said Dick Bostdorff, owner of Bostdorff Greenhouse Acres in Bowling Green, Ohio.

And area growers saw a good idea in October 2004.

Dr. Neil Reid, associate professor of geography and planning and interim director of the UT Urban Affairs Center, and Dr. Mike Carroll, director of the Bowling Green State University Center for Regional Development, had returned from England where they studied clusters, which are geographic groups of interconnected companies in a particular industry.

“We got the idea for a greenhouse cluster and got five or six growers together to pitch it to them,” Carroll said. They also received funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to support the implementation of the cluster.

And what did the growers think? “I right away was excited about it,” said Tom Wardell, owner of Wardell’s Farm Market in Waterville, Ohio. “When I heard about the cluster program, it’s like a dream come true. More than that, we’ve got professors from two universities, bringing in people from the Regional Growth Partnership — all sorts of professional people with knowledge.”

Nearly two years after that initial meeting, the 25-plus-member cluster is going strong and has taken the name Maumee Valley Growers. Reid and Carroll will present about the project at the 2006 International Geographic Union Commission on the Dynamics of Economic Spaces in New Zealand at the end of this month.

“Where we are today compared to where we were even a year ago, we’ve made huge strides,” Reid said. Carroll agreed, “We haven’t seen anything where the design of this program is flawed. Everything we thought would happen is more or less happening.”

The cluster is organized around a champion, the person who visits the greenhouse owners and identifies issues; a project

manager, responsible for the logistics of getting the issues solved; and an advisory board, which serves as the vision and strategy team for the cluster. However, it is the growers on the board who have the final say on decisions made. “This is a bottom-up organization, driven by the growers themselves,” Bostdorff said. “Mike and Neil basically are listeners. They’re not coming out and saying we need to do this or this. They’re letting the growers say that and then doing something to help the growers solve the problem.”

The first major effort has been developing the Maumee Valley Growers’ identity and slogan “Choose the very best” to advertise in the local papers. “This is typical of how we want people to recognize us in the area. It’s a group effort and our greenhouses really do produce the very best,” Bostdorff said.

Wardell hopes the marketing campaign raises awareness of the family-owned greenhouses. “We still have people that have come here for years ask, ‘When’s the truck come in with the flowers?’ We grow everything here,” he said. “Sometimes, the public and elected officials are kind of blacked out as to what’s going on. The greenhouse industry in northwest Ohio is big.”

Indeed, the U.S. Census of Agriculture shows that Lucas County ranks in the top 4 percent nationally in terms of the value of production of greenhouse produce. “It’s about a \$100 million industry in northwest Ohio,” Reid said. Carroll noted the greenhouses employ a large number of people for their size. Wardell said he employs eight workers during peak times, while Bostdorff employs 14 to 16.

Now that the growers are busy for the spring and summer planting seasons, Reid and Carroll are working on more projects for the cluster to tackle, such as energy and insurance costs. “For the greenhouses in northwest Ohio, the energy those places suck up is phenomenal,” Reid said. They



Photo by Sue Wuest

**BLOOM ROOM:** Flowers abound at Barrows Greenhouse, which is a member of the Maumee Valley Growers.

surveyed growers about their propane use and are waiting to hear back from a provider about a collective or bulk propane purchase.

And for insurance, “we’re looking for kind of an umbrella policy,” Carroll said. “If we get 80 growers together, they have more bargaining power than each individual grower who has to negotiate their own insurance. All the little things add to the bottom line.”

“I think the future for our group — the sky’s kind of the limit. Any problems we run into that we can collectively solve will be a big plus,” Wardell said.

“It’s going to take a couple of years for things to meld together,” Bostdorff said. “We’re having a good year this year, most of us are really busy. If we can pull more people into the greenhouses and plant centers, it’s good for the people and good for us.”



Photo by Daniel Miller

A succulent plant raised by the Maumee Valley Growers

## Literacy

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By third grade, most children who are poor readers don’t recover, said Dr. Joan Kaderavek, UT professor of early childhood, physical and special education, who is Rao’s faculty sponsor during her time at the University.

Those who enter primary school with emergent literacy failure face a negative cycle, according to Rao. They have had trouble reading in the past and grow disinterested

and frustrated by it and therefore read even less.

“The children who need the most help reading are the least likely to be motivated to work at it,” Rao said.

If you don’t identify and reverse emergent literacy failure, you get a situation like the one that is facing many people in Toledo, Kaderavek said.

“In the past, there were many manufac-

turing jobs; people could learn a skilled trade, stay at the same job for many years, and make a good living,” Kaderavek said

As Toledo’s manufacturing base is replaced by technology and service industry jobs, many with poor literacy skills may find job retraining and continuing education difficult, Kaderavek said.

As India faces similar issues, Rao’s research is designed to prevent this difficult

transition later in life by ensuring literacy as new employees enter the work force.

Kaderavek and Rao also are working on a study to see if teachers’ cultural differences influence how children learn. They are reading books to children at Apple Tree Nursery School on campus to study the effects of teachers from different cultures.

## UT board approves plan to launch presence in China

By Jon Strunk

The University of Toledo plans to establish a presence in China to help recruit students and facilitate their access to the United States and UT. The charge, approved at a meeting of the UT Board of Trustees May 17, also would serve to assist regional businesses with offices in China and promote mutual economic growth.

"I think people recognize this is a global economy and there is a growing relationship between the economies of northwest Ohio and those of Asia, particularly China," said UT President Dan Johnson.

Johnson said by having offices in China, the University could not only help attract students who want to come to UT, it also would be an added resource to the dozens of Toledo businesses with operations in China as well as to UT students studying abroad there.

By increasing the number of UT students who travel to China, India and other southeast Asian countries, UT will help its

students develop a better understanding of cultures that will play a key role in the global economy, Johnson said.

Johnson returned from a trip to China in early May with a group of UT, civic and business leaders; another delegation is scheduled to depart in June. Dr. Bob Cryan, professor of early childhood, physical and special education, will lead that effort and begin establishing more permanent ties in the country.

Meanwhile, Dan Brennan, board chair, addressed the question of where UT stands on the ongoing issue of Savage Hall and the proposed downtown arena.

"We have received significant information into two or three plans regarding a wide range of proposed renovations and within the context of ongoing discussions with the city and the county, it would be imprudent of this University at this time to make a long-term decision beyond needed renovations to Savage Hall," Brennan said.

## UT staff, students present at state disability studies conference

By Deanna Woolf

"Disability studies is one of the best gems on campus," said Terri Stibaner, interpreter coordinator with the UT Office of Accessibility.

And five students in the UT Disability Studies Program got a chance to sparkle in April at the 2006 Multiple Perspectives on Access, Inclusion and Disability Conference in Columbus.

"I was really proud of the students," said Dr. Mark Sherry, Ability Center of Greater Toledo Endowed Chair of Disability Studies. "It's a real sign the program is blossoming to have this success from them."

Graduate students Stibaner and Lisa Yost, interim director of the UT Office of Accessibility, presented at the conference, in addition to undergraduate students Michael Mechlowitz, Deb Angel and Sara Peters.

Stibaner's presentation centered on a critical analysis of a book she read for one of Sherry's courses. *A Man Without Words* by Susan Schaller is an account of a Mexican immigrant's experiences learning sign language as told from the perspective of his sign language interpreter. "My point was that this was unethical for an interpreter for someone to tell another's story. This was an act of oppression, breaking confidentiality," she said.

Yost spoke about Rod Michalko's *The*

*Two in One: Walking With Smokie, Walking With Blindness*. "It's a memoir about a person who was blind his whole life and came to realize later in life that he couldn't do it without some assistance," she said. "A lot of students in our office are going through the same process — do I get a guide dog or stay with my cane? Am I making the right decision? This book was really a great thing for me."

Angel's presentation, "University of Toledo: As Seen From a Wheelchair," was a film about her experiences around campus as a student who uses a wheelchair. Mechlowitz discussed the CD *Lest We Forget: Spoken Histories* that recounts abuse in Ohio state institutions for people with developmental disabilities. Peters participated in the student perspectives poster reception, showcasing her research about service animals.

"We had the largest showing from any university," Yost said. "Mark was really proud of us stepping up to the plate."

In June, Sherry and UT students are scheduled to present at the prestigious Society for Disability Studies Conference in Maryland. This is the second year Sherry and students from the program will present their research at the conference.

## New carillon system installed

By Deanna Woolf

It started with some hiccups — the circuit cutting in and out to the speakers, producing gaps in sound.

It looked as if the "doctors" would discontinue treatment — the system was getting old, and the company may not continue providing service support.

The situation was clear — the University Hall bell carillon system was sick and needed a transplant. It was put on bed rest in February, going silent for months.

But now, thanks to donations from alumnus Bob Ossege and the President's Office, the May 30 surgery was successful. The new carillon system was installed, and electricians are working on a solution to make the cable comply with current building codes.

Mark Walker, unofficial bell carillon curator and computer graphics design artist with UT Audio-Visual Services, said the instrument offers many advantages over the older model. "This one is all digital and has a keyboard so we can play and record music," he explained. Some of the old system's songs were recorded by Walker at home on another carillon and played through the University Hall system. "It was a long and laborious process," he said.

"This instrument is much easier — we can play whatever we want to. We're not re-



Photo by Daniel Miller

**ON KEY:** Mark Walker tested the new keyboard of the electronic carillon last week.

stricted to a repertoire that's preproduced," Walker said. The sound of the bells also will be improved. "For this instrument, they took cast bells, put them in a chamber and recorded them. You will be able to hear the nuances of the clappers."

Walker said the carillon system will continue to play at the traditional times — the half-hour strikes and the songs at 11:50 a.m. and 5 p.m. "We're going to start out this instrument in a very simple way and will gradually build this up — a metamorphosis of sorts," he said, meaning different hourly chimes and features like bell peels and tolling bells that may be added for special events.

Despite these expanded playing abilities, Walker said the University has no plans for a request line. "No ZZ Top," he said. "As a rule, we only deal with official departments for official University functions."



Photo by Daniel Miller

**INFORMATION, PLEASE:** Local high school students learned how to find information more easily at a presentation last month at Carlson Library during the Latino Youth Summit. More than 700 Latino students from northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan attended the daylong event.

## From the board

The UT board of trustees approved the following personnel actions at its May 17 meeting:

**NEW PERSONNEL:** **Charles Dolph**, business continuity administrator, Educational and Information Technology Desktop Support, effective Feb. 27; **Claire Edmondson**, transfer systems coordinator, Adult/Transfer Admission, effective Feb. 27; **Kim Hall-Sprague**, bursar, Bursar's Office, effective March 3; **Jessica Heilmann**, law career services specialist, College of Law Placement Office, effective Feb. 1; **Adam Hintz**, interim coordinator of arts and sciences undergraduate recruitment, College of Arts and Sciences, effective Jan. 30; **Peter Kay**, director, Toledo Science and Technology Corridor, effective Jan. 17; **Bobbi Kent**, interim grants analyst, Controller's Office, effective March 11; **Sushant Khandekar**, lab technician, biological sciences department, effective Feb. 15; **Gimseong Koay**, research scientist, psychology department, effective Feb. 13; **Rebecca Kubacki**, interim recruitment coordinator, College of Business Administration, effective Feb. 1; **Kevin Kucera**, vice provost for enrollment management, Enrollment Services, effective May 8; **Christopher Mauter**, software specialist, College of Arts and Sciences, effective March 1; **Beth Rieman**, interim assistant soccer coach, Intercollegiate Athletics, effective Feb. 23; **Debra Robertson**, interim human resource specialist, Human Resources, effective March 13; and **Nancy Ruiz**, purchasing manager, Purchasing, effective March 10.

**TENURE-TRACK FACULTY APPOINTMENTS:** **S. Thomas Megeath**, assistant professor of physics and astronomy, effective March 31; **Rashmi Nair**, assistant professor of pharmacy, effective Feb. 23; and **Douglas Ray**, professor and dean of law, effective July 1.

**CHANGES IN STAFF CONTRACTS:** **Tom Amstutz**, head football coach, Intercollegiate Athletics, salary adjusted, effective Jan. 1; **Carol Baumgartner**, from interim associate vice president of enrollment services to director of student financial aid, Office of Student Financial Aid, salary adjusted, effective May 8; **Ambershaun Byrd**, from program manager to interim assistant director of student support services, Office of Excellence, effective March 13; **Jeng Chou**, from programmer analyst to coordinator of academic resources, Office of the Provost, salary adjusted, effective Feb. 1; **Nicholas Corne**, coordinator, Organization Development and Leadership, salary adjusted, effective Feb. 1; **John Fedor**, educational specialist in student support services, Office of Excellence, salary adjusted, effective Sept. 1, 2005; **Anne Fulkerson**, from institutional research analyst to institutional research associate, Institutional Research, effective Feb. 1; **Greg Graham**, from director of auxiliary services to acting assistant vice president, Auxiliary and Business Services, salary adjusted, effective Feb. 1; **Lisa Hasselschwert**, from interim director of financial aid to senior associate director, Office of Student Financial Aid, salary adjusted, effective May 8; **Brenda Holderman**, from interim bursar to assistant bursar, Bursar's Office, salary adjusted, effective March 4; **Stan Joplin**, head men's basketball coach, Intercollegiate Athletics, contract renewal, effective July 1; **Kamel Kamel**, network engineer, Educational and Information Technology University Network, salary adjusted, effective Jan. 1; **Daniel Kory**, from patent/licensing specialist to director of intellectual property, Office of Research, effective Dec. 1, 2005; **Beth Nicholson**, assistant director, Career Services, salary adjusted, effective Sept. 1, 2005; **Laura Nowacki**, from programmer analyst to systems analyst, Enterprise Applications, effective July 1, 2005; **Thomas Page**, controller, Controller's Office, salary adjusted, effective March 1; **Dawn Ray**, coordinator of internal admission in student services, College of Pharmacy, salary adjusted, effective Jan. 1; **Sandra Simon**, from program director to executive director, Northwest Ohio Center for Labor Management, College of Business Administration, effective Jan. 1; **Ken Smigielski**, from health and safety specialist to senior health and safety specialist, Health and Safety, salary adjusted, effective March 4; **Robin Stone**, from coordinator of academic administration services to interim director of student

support services, Office of Excellence, salary adjusted, effective Sept. 1, 2005; **Eric Szabo**, technology support specialist, College of Education, salary adjusted, effective Feb. 9; **Timothy Warga**, from athletics facilities coordinator to assistant athletic director for operations/events, Intercollegiate Athletics, salary adjusted, effective Feb. 1; **Kevin West**, from interim assistant vice president of faculty labor relations to director of faculty labor relations, Human Resources, effective March 27; and **Lisa Yost**, support services specialist, Office of Accessibility, salary adjusted, effective Jan. 23.

**CHANGES IN FACULTY CONTRACTS:** **Ruth Ankele**, assistant professor of health professions, director, salary adjusted, effective Jan. 9; **Tom Barden**, from professor of English to professor of English and director, Honors Program, converting from 9-month faculty to 12-month administrative faculty, salary adjusted, effective Feb. 13; **William Bischoff**, from associate professor and director to associate professor of biology, effective Feb. 13; **Jennifer Brubaker**, from visiting instructor to visiting assistant professor of communication, salary adjusted, effective Jan. 8; **Daniel Compura**, assistant professor of English, salary adjusted, effective Jan. 9; **Matthew Eshleman**, from visiting instructor to visiting assistant professor of philosophy, salary adjusted, effective Dec. 25, 2005; **Johan Gottgens**, associate professor of earth, ecological and environmental sciences, salary adjusted, effective Jan. 9; **David Howard**, from lecturer to associate lecturer of geography, effective Aug. 6, 2005; **Dan Johnson**, from president and professor of sociology to president and professor emeritus and Distinguished University Professor of Public Policy and Economic Development, effective July 1; **Jon Kirchoff**, associate professor of chemistry, change from 12-month to 11-month assignment, salary adjusted, effective Feb. 5; **Thomas Kvale**, from professor of physics to professor of physics and director, Undergraduate Research, converting from 9-month faculty to 12-month administrative faculty, salary adjusted, effective May 15; **Carol Nelson-Burns**, from associate professor of English and interim director, Writing Center, to associate professor of English, salary adjusted, effective May 12; **Skaidrite Stelzer**, assistant professor of English, associate director, Honors Program, salary adjusted, effective Jan. 9; and **Kathleen Thompson-Casado**, associate professor of Spanish, salary adjusted, effective Jan. 9.

**STAFF SEPARATIONS:** **Michael Angelini**, treasurer, Finance, Technology and Operations, effective Feb. 28; **Joneal Bender**, interim recruitment coordinator, College of Business Administration, effective Jan. 26; **Sean Briner**, assistant athletic director for marketing and sales, Intercollegiate Athletics, effective March 1; **Sung Choi**, senior research associate, mechanical, industrial and manufacturing engineering department, effective March 3; **William Decatur**, executive vice president and chief operating officer, Finance, Technology and Operations, effective March 3; **Michael Devlin**, assistant football coach, Intercollegiate Athletics, effective Feb. 10; **Lori Helvey**, business manager, College of Education, effective Feb. 17; **Kendra Johnson**, director, Office of Accessibility, effective Jan. 20; **Lula Johnson**, coordinator of Toledo Excel and Prep Tech, Office of Excellence, effective Jan. 26; **Kristen Lindsay**, associate director, Career Services, effective Feb. 3; **Paul McCray**, interim assistant football coach, Intercollegiate Athletics, effective Feb. 10; **Ching-Liu Peng**, budget analyst, Office of Budget and Planning, effective March 17; **Mitali Shah**, chief researcher, University College Outreach Programs, effective March 17; **Elissa Teal**, adviser in MBA Advising Center, College of Business Administration, effective March 6; and **Cari VanDyck**, interim assistant women's soccer coach, Intercollegiate Athletics, effective Feb. 22.

**FACULTY SEPARATIONS:** **Sammie Giles**, associate professor of electrical engineering and computer science, effective March 17, and **Walter Siganga**, associate professor of pharmacy practice, effective Jan. 27.

**FACULTY RETIREMENT:** **Anthula Natsoulas**, professor of curriculum and instruction, effective May 6.



**“The staff of the University Medical Center Kidney Transplant Program were with me when I started my dialysis, during my transplant surgery, and they still call to check on me.”**

Yolanda remembers the life-changing discussion she had with her doctor about her lab results. “We knew my kidneys were failing. I needed to begin dialysis and prepare for a transplant,” she said.

Soon after her diagnosis, University Medical Center Kidney Transplant Program staff contacted her to begin donor screening. Luckily, her sister was a match.

During the transplant surgery, “the staff was wonderful. From the time we were prepped, Dr. Steven Selman [transplant surgeon] and nurses let us know what was going on,” she said.

“When I woke up, I felt wonderful. I knew at that moment the kidney was working,” Yolanda said. There also were familiar faces in her hospital room – Kidney Transplant Program staff members Amy Young, Sandy Flick and Barb Wainer came to visit.

“I’ve been to other hospitals in the area, but the University Medical Center is different. The staff are with you all the way,” she said.

To learn more about MUO specialists or to locate a doctor, call the Referral Resource Center at **800.556.5444**.

Yolanda Allen,  
UT admissions analyst with graduate studies

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## Breathless: UT barbershop sextet brings harmony to work

By Stacy Moeller

**D**onning leis and straw hats, the barbershop sextet Breathless proved recently that work can be fun when they performed in the Glass Bowl for the Finance, Technology and Operations' Annual Spring Fling.

Breathless is an assembly of UT staff members who joined forces in February to bring their love of music to work,

enhancing team morale. The group originally formed to sing at Rocket Hall functions, its first performance being at the Enrollment Services' St. Patrick's Day potluck. However, Breathless takes requests and is expanding its performances.

The songs recently performed for the crowd included "Heart of My Heart," "Mr. Sandman" and their own rendition of "In the Good Ol' Summertime." After a shout of "Hana hou" from the crowd, which is essentially Hawaiian for "Encore," the sextet sang "Irish Blessing" before finishing with their own Breathless tag, which they use to start and end every performance.

"We have a great time and are developing good bonds of friendship," said Candy Hughes, data systems coordinator in Undergraduate Admission and one of the group's



Photo by Daniel Miller

**SHOWTIME:** Breathless performed at a picnic on campus last month.

baritone singers. "It's a wonderful way to relieve stress, especially since we're not known to be 'serious' singers and love a good laugh."

The sextet is made up of Rocket Hall employees and features tenor Jenny Rahe, data systems coordinator in Financial Aid; lead singers Lisa Young, public inquiries assistant in the Visitor Center, and Barb Myers, administrative assistant in Enrollment Services; baritone singers Hughes and Laura Smith, technical analyst in Financial Aid; and bass singer Brenda Holderman, assistant bursar in the Bursar's Office.

"We encourage other areas on campus to find fun things to do to bring smiles to the faces of others," Hughes added. "It's a great way to boost morale and keep others smiling."



Photo by Daniel Miller

**CONNECTING:** Carole Sedlock and Cassie Johnson, left, listened to Tricia Holtz, right, during the Finance, Technology and Operations' Spring Fling last month. The trio work in Telecommunications.

## UT faculty to groove at jazz festival June 17-18

By Deanna Woolf

**P**ut a little swing into your summer at the 2006 Art Tatum Jazz Heritage Festival, Saturday and Sunday, June 17-18, in International Park.

The University of Toledo is not only involved as an event sponsor, it's also providing some of the talent. Jon Hendricks, University Distinguished Professor of Jazz, and members of the UT Faculty Jazz Ensemble are set to perform.

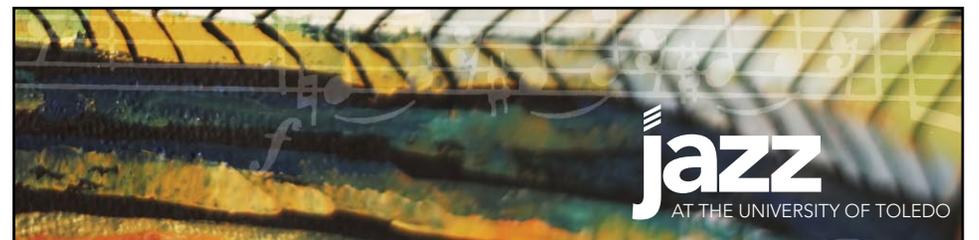
Hendricks, the father of vocalese, the setting of lyrics to jazz standards, will take the stage at 7:10 p.m. on Sunday, and the faculty members will play at 4:15 p.m. on Saturday. The ensemble is made up of Gunnar Mossblad, professor of music and director of jazz studies, on saxophone; Scott Gwinnell, visiting assistant professor of mu-

sic, on piano; Norm Damschroder, lecturer of music, on bass; and Dr. Michael Waldrop, assistant professor of music, on drums.

The festival also features performances by Al Jarreau, Peter White, Roomful of Blues, Karrin Allyson, Joey DeFrancesco, Damen Cook and Friends, the Rance Allen Group, the Ohio Music Educators Association Honors Jazz Ensemble, the Toledo Jazz Orchestra, the Blue Suit Blues Review, and Johnny O'Neal, who portrayed Art Tatum in "Ray."

Tickets are available in advance at [www.toledojazzsociety.org/TATUM/ticket\\_order.html](http://www.toledojazzsociety.org/TATUM/ticket_order.html). Costs are \$20 per day or \$35 for a weekend pass.

For more information, contact the Toledo Jazz Society at 419.241.5299.



## Drum corps season to start in Glass Bowl

By Stacy Moeller

**T**he 2006 Glassmen All-Star Review will kick off the drum corps season at the Glass Bowl Stadium Saturday, June 17, at 7:30 p.m.

The competition lineup features five corps from around the United States, including former world champions The Cavaliers, as well as the return of former world champions Phantom Regiment. Also appearing at the event will be Toledo's own Glassmen, Southwind from Lexington, Ky., and The Bluecoats from Canton, Ohio.

Package prices for the event are \$50 for VIP Gold Zone, \$30 for Alumni Blue Zone, \$14 per person for groups of 10 or more, and \$12 per person school rate, all of which must be purchased in advance. Reserved seating is available for \$16, presale only. General admission tickets will be available on the day of the show for \$16.

Gates will open at 5:30 p.m.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Glassmen ticket line at 866.468.3401. For group and package information, call 419.698.9775.



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**ALL THAT BRASS:** The Glassmen sounded off in Fairfield, Ohio, last year.

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