

Here comes the sun — and art



Photo by Daniel Miller

The sun was up and the sky was blue: It was a fab day for Art on the Mall July 26 as Stacy Moseetti shaded herself while looking at prints by Mr. Atomic. She was one of many who packed Centennial Mall for the 23rd annual juried art show that featured more than 100 booths.

Rockets win MAC Institutional Academic Achievement Award for highest GPA

By Paul Helgren

The University of Toledo has been named the winner of the 2014-15 Mid-American Conference Institutional Academic Achievement Award. For the academic year, UT's 399 student-athletes posted an overall athletic grade point average of 3.213.

This is the third time in the last four years that the Rockets have won the award.

"We are very proud that our student-athletes have once again earned the MAC Institutional Academic Award," said UT Vice President and Athletic Director Mike O'Brien. "Earning this honor for the third time in the last four years is an indication of the consistent effort and determination

of our student-athletes to excel in the classroom. This honor is also shared by the coaches, classroom instructors and the student athletic academic services staff who all work so hard in mentoring and nurturing our student-athletes."

The MAC Institutional Academic Achievement Award is presented annually to the conference institution that achieves the highest overall institutional GPA for student-athletes competing in institutionally sponsored sports for the academic year.

Following UT, Miami was second with a 3.207 GPA, and Eastern Michigan was third with 3.196.



UT's new disability studies degree first of its kind

By Meghan Cunningham

A new undergraduate degree in disability studies at The University of Toledo is the first of its kind in the country rooted in the humanities and social sciences and offered on campus.

"Disability has long been studied as a biomedical issue, but disability studies is dramatically different," said Dr. Jim Ferris, the Ability Center of Greater Toledo Endowed Chair in Disability Studies. "Rather than focusing on the characteristics of bodies and functional limitations or impairments, disability studies focuses on disability as a social construct."

Disability studies is a growing field with minors, certificate programs and graduate degrees being offered at more colleges across the country, but the new bachelor of arts degree at UT is the first such undergraduate program in the social sciences that is not exclusively online, said Ferris, who is professor of disability studies and director of the Disability Studies Program.

The Disability Studies Program at the University is an interdisciplinary program with the goal of fostering understanding of the contributions, experiences, history and culture of people with disabilities. The program was created in 2001 with the Ability Center of Greater Toledo and at the time was the first of its kind in the state.

"Disability studies is the scholarly understanding of disability as a sociocultural phenomenon rather than simply as a medically defined condition," Ferris said.

UT has previously offered the discipline as a minor, which is being expanded into the bachelor's degree program for students interested in careers in social service, public education, advocacy, government policy, health-care administration, human resource management or other fields.

People with disabilities make up the largest minority group in the United States with more than 56 million people or 19 percent of the population, according to 2010

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Interim leader announced as Honors College dean moves to University of Akron

As Dr. Lakeesha Ransom heads to the University of Akron to lead its Honors College as vice provost and dean, a law professor is named interim dean of the UT Jesup Scott Honors College.

Ransom joined UT as dean of the Jesup Scott Honors College in early 2013 after a career in corporate, nonprofit, educational and government organizations. She completes her tenure at the end of the month.

“One of the things I appreciate most about my time at UT was the opportunity to work with faculty and staff across the University to create momentum within the Jesup Scott Honors College,” Ransom said. “It is an exciting time at UT. Even though I won’t be here to participate, I am excited to see what the next level will be for the Jesup Scott Honors College and the University.”

Kelly Moore, vice provost for college and faculty relations, academic governance and program review, and associate professor of law, will serve as interim dean beginning Aug. 1.

“Lakeesha’s diverse professional background enabled her to enhance the reputation of our Jesup Scott Honors College, and we thank her and wish her the best in her new position,” Interim Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs John Barrett said. “Kelly Moore truly embraces our culture

as a student-centered university and will continue the ongoing efforts to elevate the college as we attract and serve more well-prepared students.”

Moore, whose scholarship focuses on tax and related property issues, joined the UT College of Law faculty in 2009. He has served as vice provost since July 2014.

“I am excited to serve the Jesup Scott Honors College as interim dean,” Moore said. “Building on the momentum of the college and the quality of the already great student experience are among the key priorities for the next year.”

Prior to joining UT, Moore was director of the Master of Laws in Tax Program at Washington University School of Law in St. Louis, and taught courses at both Washington University School of Law and Saint Louis University School of Law. During his career, he also served in the staff attorneys’ office of the Federal Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit, in St. Louis and as an associate with the law firms Sonnenschein, Nath & Rosenthal and the Stolar Partnership in Missouri.

Moore holds JD and master of laws degrees from Washington University School of Law and a bachelor’s degree in communications from Southern Illinois University.

Interim nursing dean named

By Meghan Cunningham

Dr. Kelly Phillips, a member of the UT College of Nursing faculty since 1993, has been named interim dean of the college.



Phillips

Phillips, associate professor and chair of the Department of Population and Community Care, and director of the Master of Science in Nursing Program, will lead the college while a search is conducted for a permanent dean to replace Dr. Timothy Gaspar, who is stepping down after seven years as dean.

“As the nursing profession evolves to become more specialized, the UT College of Nursing has responded with a stronger focus on graduate education and research. I am grateful for Tim’s leadership in that effort,”

Interim Provost and Executive Vice President John Barrett said. “Kelly’s expertise in advanced professional nursing education is critical in maintaining and elevating the college’s leadership position as we move forward.”

“It is my privilege to serve as interim dean of the College of Nursing,” Phillips said. “My priorities will be to lead the College of Nursing through accreditation and new curricular initiatives and to highlight the College of Nursing’s accomplishments.”

Phillips holds a PhD in higher education from UT, a master of science in nursing from the Medical College of Ohio, a bachelor of science in nursing from Franklin University in Columbus, and a diploma from Providence Hospital School of Nursing in Sandusky.

She is certified as a clinical nurse leader and recently received national recognition from the American Association of Colleges of Nursing for her contributions to clinical nurse leader education.

On the lake



Photos by Daniel Miller

Joseph Turner, at right, cleaned the rail of the UT Lake Erie Center’s new research boat prior to the July 16 dedication ceremony. Taking a tour of the state-of-the-art vessel and posing for a photo were, from left, Ohio Department of Higher Education Chancellor John Carey, UT President Sharon Gaber, and Dr. Tom Bridgeman, UT associate professor of ecology. Lake Erie Center faculty and staff are no longer restricted to field research only on calm waters as the custom-made aluminum vessel with an enclosed cabin by North River Boats/Almar Boats in Roseburg, Ore., allows them to collect data in differing kinds of weather conditions for a more comprehensive understanding of the ecology of the lake, Bridgeman said.



Learning more about fighting human trafficking



Photo by Daniel Miller

Dr. Celia Williamson, UT professor of social work and a nationally recognized expert on human trafficking advocacy, talked July 16 with Ohio Department of Higher Education Chancellor John Carey. He visited campus to discuss higher education funding and learn more about the University's new Human Trafficking and Social Justice Institute, which is under the direction of Williamson.

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Census Bureau data; that number expected to grow as the population ages, Ferris said.

“Everyone becomes disabled if they live long enough. It’s part of the aging process,” Ferris said.

The disability rights movement started in the 1970s and advanced with the Americans With Disabilities Act, which was signed into law 25 years ago by President George H.W. Bush on July 26, 1990. The growing scholarly field of disability studies works to advance the conversation further beyond discrimination and accessibility, Ferris said.

“At its heart, disability studies is about what it means to be human: who gets to participate in society and to what extent,” Ferris said. “It’s about recognizing and respecting diversity. It’s about how to think about and talk about the ways of being different in the world.”

The Ohio Board of Regents approved the bachelor’s degree program in December, and the University is recruiting its first class of students to begin their studies in the fall.



Ferris

The degree program includes study of disability culture and history, disability law and human rights, deaf studies, gender and disability, and autism and culture, as well as a mandatory internship.

For additional information on the Disability Studies Program, visit utoledo.edu/llss/disability.

In memoriam

David J. Fickel, Swanton, visiting lecturer in the College of Law, died July 21 at age 61. He retired in 2014 as administrator and clerk in charge of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Toledo. Since 1994, Fickel lectured about bankruptcy-related subjects at the University. In addition, he was the founding president of the Waite Inn of Court at the UT College of Law. Fickel received his law degree from the University in 1978. Memorials are suggested to the UT Alumni Association.

Dr. Joseph I. Shaffer, Toledo, professor of medicine, died July 20 at age 87. He joined the UT Psychology Department as an assistant professor in 1966. His early research interests included sleep and stress. The Philadelphia native was well-known for advancing the diagnosis and treatment of sleep disorders. In 1985, he founded the Sleep Network Inc., a national consortium of sleep centers. He was president of the Sleep Network and director of the Regional Center for Sleep Medicine in Toledo. In 2005, he became an adjunct professor in the MUO Department of Medicine and a professor three years later.

Sue A. Wuest, Toledo, assistant director of the UT Jack Ford Urban Affairs Center; died July 17 at age 58. She had worked at the University since 1991 and was a former member of the Toledo Planning Commission. Wuest received a bachelor of arts degree in geography from UT in 1986.

Professor receives high honors at national conference

By Lindsay Mahaney

aving received many awards over the years, the most recent one is the cherry on top of the sundae for a University of Toledo professor of chemistry and biochemistry.

Dr. Jared Anderson was named the recipient of the 2016 Pittsburgh Conference Achievement Award sponsored by the Society for Analytical Chemists of Pittsburgh. Each year the society solicits nominations and recognizes one individual



Anderson

with outstanding achievements in the fields of analytical chemistry and applied spectroscopy within 10 years after receiving his or her PhD. Anderson earned his doctoral degree in 2005 from Iowa State University.

“This is probably the most prestigious award I’ve won because I know there’s a lot of other very deserving candidates out there at a number of other universities in the world that get nominated,” Anderson said. “Since there’s a timeline, it has to be 10 years or you’re no longer eligible, and they only give one award a year; that makes the competition very fierce.”

But Anderson said he couldn’t have done it without his research team: “It’s certainly a great, great honor. But the award would not be possible without my research team. I’ve amassed a truly tremendous research team here at UT. Their hard work

and dedication to promoting our science resulted in this award.”

Anderson will receive the honor during the Pittsburgh Conference Achievement Award Symposium held in his honor at the 2016 conference, which will be in Atlanta in March. He will be presented with a scroll and a cash award at the Society for Analytical Chemists of Pittsburgh Awards Reception and Dinner. Several of Anderson’s colleagues, including Dr. Jon Kirchhoff, Distinguished University Professor and chair of UT’s Chemistry and Biochemistry Department, will speak about the great work he has done over the past 10 years.

In addition to receiving the award, Anderson will have the opportunity to present some of his work at the symposium — namely his research in new methods to extract and preserve the structure of nucleic acids.

“It’s still a very large challenge for those working with DNA and RNA to extract those compounds from a very complicated cellular matrix and store those under appropriate conditions without degradation of the nucleic acid,” he said. “We’re working on developing novel materials that allow us to extract those materials, but then also store the molecules at room temperature or different conditions that will prevent degradation.”

The research has been funded by a National Science Foundation grant totaling \$400,000.

“Good science is being done here at the University,” he said. “It’s awesome to get this award because it shows that UT is regarded. If the committee didn’t believe UT was a good school, I don’t think they’d have chosen me. This proves we are doing great work.”

Professor takes top prize for satirical cartoon caption

By Lindsay Mahaney

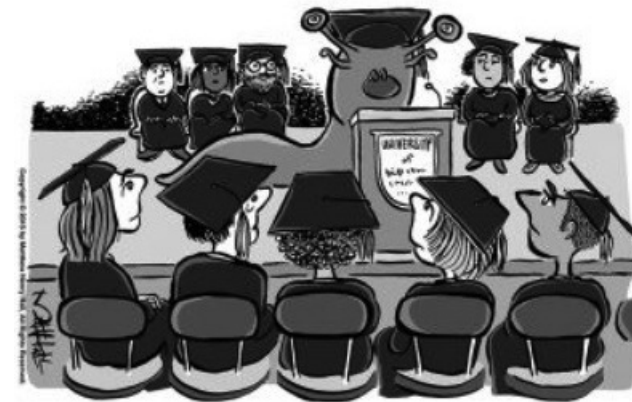
In a recent competition, a University of Toledo professor of geography and planning stood out with his environmental commentary.

Dr. David Nemeth won the May edition of Inside Higher Ed’s cartoon captioning competition. The contest, which is held monthly, requires participants to come up with a creative caption for a cartoon provided by the magazine.

“The thing about this publication is that it’s online; everybody knows about it that’s in academia, especially professors and administrators,” Nemeth said. “It’s got over a million people that tune in. You figure there’s only one winner per month, and these professors and administrators that enter this contest come from all over: Berkeley and Harvard, for example. So to see Toledo win is really cool.”

The cartoon Nemeth wrote for depicted a large slug at a podium at what appeared to be a university graduation ceremony. When Nemeth saw the image, he said he immediately thought of Chernobyl — a nuclear accident in Ukraine in 1986 that caused environmental damages and animal mutations. His caption read: “And who might have imagined that I, a humble slug from Chernobyl, would someday achieve this honor ...”

“When I saw this image, I was almost immediately thinking that slug was a mutation from that tragedy and yet the mutation had given it intellect and a sense of humility,” he said. “So the students are facing



“And who might have imagined that I, a humble slug from Chernobyl, would some day achieve this honor ... ”
--David J. Nemeth

the tragedy that ironically comes from where they’re going. They’re all going on to be scientists and bio-theorists, and they could be contributing to the problem of more potential Chernobyls.”

Nemeth also has used cartoons and other unique literary works as methods of teaching throughout his career.

“The challenge or the opportunity to teach — using cartoons, folklore, proverbs from the Bible — is a pithy way to express something that’s really profound but otherwise hard to articulate. Such brevity helps promote critical thinking.”

In addition to having the caption and cartoon published in the magazine for a month, Nemeth received a signed copy of the comic by artist Matthew Henry Hall and a cash award for his efforts.



In the limelight

Dr. Blair Grubb, director of electrophysiology services at UT Medical Center and Distinguished University Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics, received the Physician of the Year Award from Dysautonomia International at its conference July 17-20 in Washington, D.C. Posing with him were, from left, Lauren Stiles, president of Dysautonomia International; Laura Ruszczyk, Grubb’s patient who nominated him for the honor; and Ellen Kessler, vice president and CFO of Dysautonomia International.

Football player named to 2015 Allstate Good Works Team

By Paul Helgren

Oledo senior tight end Alex Zmolik has been nominated for the 2015 Allstate American Football Coaches Association Good Works Team.



Zmolik

Every year, the Allstate Insurance Co. and the American Football Coaches Association honor college players who balance academics and athletics, while

remaining committed to helping others and bettering their communities.

Zmolik is a two-year starter for the Rockets. He had a career-high 16 receptions in 2014, helping Toledo to a 9-4 mark. His career-best six receptions were key in UT's 63-44 victory in the GoDaddy Bowl last year.

Zmolik, who earned Academic All-MAC honors in 2014, is a marketing major

with a 3.42 grade point average. He is the Rockets' team leader for Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Athletes in Action activities. He also volunteers at the Boys and Girls Club a few times each month. During this past spring break, Zmolik traveled to Nicaragua, volunteering his time on a mission trip.

A total of 197 student-athletes from all levels of college football were nominated for the award. A final roster of 22 award recipients will be unveiled in September. From the nominees submitted by sports information directors across the nation on behalf of their schools, a special voting panel consisting of former Allstate American Football Coaches Association Good Works Team members and college football media members will select the 2015 Good Works Team.

Once the final team members are announced in September, fans are encouraged to visit the Allstate American Football Coaches Association Good Works Team website on ESPN.com, featuring profiles and images of the players, for the opportunity to vote for the 2015 team captain.



FOR GOOD: Alex Zmolik, center in back above, spent his spring break on a volunteer mission trip in Nicaragua. At left, the tight end made a reception against Central Michigan last season.

Assistant athletic director appointed to NCAA concussion safety committee

By Sasha Mandros

University of Toledo Assistant Athletic Director for Sports Medicine Brian Jones has been selected to participate in the NCAA Division I Concussion Safety Protocol Committee.

This committee will serve as an advocate for promoting and developing concussion safety management plans for the autonomous five Division I conferences and their member schools. They will review all submitted concussion safety protocols and the written certificate of compliance signed by the directors of athletics.

"It is an honor to represent The University of Toledo and the Mid-American Conference on the Concussion Safety Protocol Committee," Jones said. "The health and well-being of the student-athlete has always been my No. 1 priority. Serving on this committee will allow me to assist

others in reviewing their policies concerning the important issues of concussion management."

Jones has been an athletic trainer for the Rockets for the last 18 years and is in his sixth season as assistant athletic director for sports medicine.

He supervises the treatment and rehabilitation of student-athletes in the Savage Arena Athletic Training Facility, and works directly with the men's basketball program. In addition to his athletic training duties, Jones also serves as the men's basketball program's travel coordinator.

A native of La Porte, Ind., Jones received a bachelor of science degree in athletic training from Ball State University in 1995. Jones also earned a master of science degree in athletic training from Michigan State University in 1997.



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ON THE JOB: In this 2013 photo, Brian Jones, UT assistant athletic director for sports medicine, taped the ankle of basketball player Matt Smith.

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UT Health launches new Move to Improve program

By Brandi Barhite

UT Health is getting ready to implement a new mobility program that will make bed rest an exception, not the rule, for all patients staying at the hospital.

The program — one of a handful in the nation — is modeled after similar protocol at John Hopkins Hospital and the Cleveland and Mayo clinics.

“The idea behind our Move to Improve program is a pretty simple one: Get patients moving from day one,” said Corey Overmyer, director of therapy services at UT Medical Center. “We don’t want patients to wait 24 to 48 hours to see a therapist before they begin to move. Nurses and other staff are being trained to help with movement from the very start.”

Overmyer said the decision to start the mobility program is based on a variety of research that shows movement increases circulation, and reduces swelling, inflammation and the risk of blood clots.

“A body at rest stays at rest, while a body in motion stays in motion,” he said. “The longer your body is at rest here in the hospital, the longer — and more difficult — it will be for you to be in motion again.”

Tori Smith, UT Health physical therapist, said research shows that patients who do not

move are more likely to be readmitted to the hospital after 30 days.

“Patients who participate in a mobility program like we designed at UTMC will enjoy many benefits, including the potential for less physical pain and discomfort while in the hospital, and possibly a shorter stay,” she said.

The program will involve six zones of activity, which will vary in difficulty. The lowest will be rolling side to side with assistance while the highest will be walking from the bed to the hallway.

“There will be the rare case where you can’t do something with someone,” Smith said. “There should be an opportunity for just about every patient to do some type of movement on a regular basis.”

Most literature that UT Health officials looked at was related to mobility programs for ICU patients. Even though early mobility in the ICU leads to positive incomes, patients who are moved to a general medical unit are generally limited to bed rest until they are evaluated by a physical therapist, Overmyer said.

“Move to Improve is an example of an interprofessional, collaborative practice that is changing the culture,” he said. “It demonstrates that we are here to improve the human



Photo by Daniel Miller

ONTHE MOVE: Tori Smith, physical therapist, left, and Spencer Wotring, nurse, helped a patient get out of bed last week.

condition by providing patient-centered care,” he said.

Dan Barbee, vice president of clinical services at UT Medical Center, expects early mobility programs to become commonplace in hospitals, but is proud that UT Health is among elite company in implementing such a practice.

“Given how quickly hospitalized patients can decondition, particularly when they are on bed rest, there is no substitute for an aggressive and proactive plan to restore mobility,” Barbee said. “What impresses me most is that this program integrates multiple disciplines; it’s about the patient, not about any given department.”

UT Health cardiologists address FDA warning on painkillers

By Brandi Barhite

The newest federal health regulation is warning people that anti-inflammatory pain relief pills such as Advil, Aleve and Motrin can increase the risk of heart-related problems and strokes.

But that doesn’t mean that these non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) need to be removed from your medicine cabinet altogether, especially if you are in otherwise good heart health, according to UT Health physicians.

Dr. Samer Khouri, professor of medicine and associate chief of cardiology at The University of Toledo Medical Center, said that ibuprofen, Naproxen and other NSAIDs should be taken in the correct dosage for the shortest amount of time.

“There is a risk and the risk is real,” Khouri said. “This new warning is a good idea because people sometimes think that over-the-counter pills don’t come with any risks because they can buy them so easily.”

The Food and Drug Administration’s new warning states that an increased risk



Khouri

of heart attack and stroke can occur even in the first few weeks of taking NSAID drugs. The current label only warns that high dose and/or long-term use can increase the risk of heart-

related problems.

While Khouri supports the new label, he wants to make sure that the public knows that taking an aspirin like Bayer is still recommended for patients with heart disease or if you suspect you are having a heart attack or stroke. The new warning does not apply to aspirin, even though it’s technically an NSAID, he said.

“I think the public might be getting confused in this area because aspirin does not fall under this new FDA warning, although no drug is without risk,” he said. “Aspirin by itself can be an excellent medication to decrease cardiovascular disease, including heart disease and stroke, while also helping with headaches, fevers and arthritis.”

Dr. Rajesh Gupta, a cardiologist at UTMC and assistant professor of medicine, said it comes down to weighing the risks versus the benefits.

“If a 25-year-old person with tennis elbow or a sprained ankle wants to take an Aleve, then that is low risk while the treatment benefit is fairly good,” Gupta said. “However, for a 70-year-old with heart disease and a prior stent procedure, the benefits don’t outweigh the risks.”

If patients already are on a long-term Naproxen treatment, for instance, they might want to consider finding an alternative treatment, he said.



Gupta

“We have known for a many years that long-term NSAID use is associated with gastric ulcers, kidney disease and high blood pressure. This new FDA warning adds heart attack and stroke risk

to this list,” Gupta said. “In general, these medications are not suited for long-term use, but the bottom line is each person should get individualized advice from his or her doctor because not every case is the same.”

Alumnus promotes progeria education, plans Aug. 12 fundraiser

By Vicki L. Kroll

Kaylee Halko may look familiar. That's because she's helped millions around the world learn about progeria.

In 2009, she was featured on a TLC documentary, "6 Going on 60." One year later, she won more hearts on Dr. Mehmet Oz's TV show and then showed her spunk when she questioned Barbara Walters on "20/20."



Tim and Kaylee Halko

These days, the feisty 12-year-old is making folks smile in a commercial for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

"We've been very careful about what shows we've done," Tim Halko, her dad and 1995 UT alumnus, said. "We've stuck with respected shows that are educational."

Kaylee's star power is so bright, it's easy to forget that she has the rare, rapid-aging disease.

"She's always hamming it up," Marla Halko, her mom, said. "Kaylee isn't shy at all. She loves telling jokes and making people laugh."

That sense of humor and bold spirit have helped her parents and brothers — TJ, 17, Brendan, 15, and Jacob, 14 — and family and friends cope.

When Kaylee was diagnosed with progeria in 2006, there were just 12 children in the nation with the genetic condition.

"Doctors at the University of Michigan basically told us to take her home and enjoy our time with her," Tim recalled.

He and Marla learned about the Progeria Research Foundation, a nonprofit organization in Peabody, Mass., dedicated to finding a cure for the disease.

"We didn't want to sit around and do nothing, so we got involved and started raising funds for the drug trial," he said.

For eight years, Tim and Marla organized Kaylee's Course, a run and walk in Monclova, Ohio. Silent auctions and raffles at the event helped raise more than \$350,000.

"When we used to do the walk, a lot of people I worked with at The University of Toledo came out, and a lot of them worked at the walk and helped at the event," Tim said. "And friends I made while going to school at UT came out, too."

Tim joined the Medical University of Ohio Accounting Department as an accountant in 2006. After MUO merged with UT, he worked at his alma mater as accounting manager until 2008.

These days he is the controller at BX Solutions, a logistics transportation company in Swanton, Ohio. And Kaylee will start sixth grade at Eastwood Middle School in August.

"She's on the dance team now for the Edge Dance Complex in Perrysburg," Marla said. "And she's excited: This year she's going to do a solo in competition."

Kaylee also is one of 67 children in the world who are part of another drug trial. There are 125 children identified with progeria in 43 countries, according to Audrey Gordon, president and executive director of the Progeria Research Foundation.

"In just over 15 years, the Progeria Research Foundation has realized remarkable accomplishments: the 2003 discovery of the cause of progeria, the

first progeria drug trial in 2007, and the historic 2012 and 2014 discoveries that the drug lonafarnib is giving the children stronger hearts and longer lives," Gordon said. "The Progeria Research Foundation has journeyed from total obscurity of this ultra-rare disease to worldwide recognition and a treatment, all in a remarkably short period of time."

She added that scientists have made a connection between progeria, heart disease and normal aging.

"Finding a cure for one of the rarest diseases on earth may also help millions of adults who suffer from heart disease and the entire aging population," Gordon said. "We could not accomplish all of these milestones without the support of our dedicated donors, families and volunteers."

To help continue that effort, the Halkos will hold a fundraiser Wednesday, Aug. 12, at Freeze Daddy's, 8060 Monclova Road, Monclova. From 7 to 10 p.m., 10 percent of all sales will go to the Progeria Research Foundation, according to Ron Loeffler, owner of the ice cream shop.

"Our biggest fundraiser is people donating to the containers we have out," Loeffler said. "Last year we raised \$2,100."

In addition, classic wheels will be on display courtesy of the Glass City Corvette Club and the Oak Park Gang Car Club. And a 50/50 raffle will be held, along with a silent auction.



SWEET TREAT: Kaylee Halko served up an ice cream cone at Freeze Daddy's last summer.

Kaylee will work the window during the event. She recommends the bubble tea — and welcomes tips.

Another hot item on Freeze Daddy's menu: the Kaylee cone. Loeffler said he tracks 10 percent of sales of the kid-sized treat during the year and makes an annual donation to the Progeria Research Foundation.

"Kaylee is quite the character," Loeffler said and laughed. "My wife, Teri, and I have a special spot in our hearts for the family. We just really want to help them out and help the foundation find a cure."

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Professor becomes permanent national grant review member

By Cassandra DeYoung

Dr. Donald Ronning, UT professor of chemistry and biochemistry, became a permanent member of one of the national peer review groups that evaluate research grant applications sent to the National Institute of Health (NIH) July 1.

"I'm extremely honored," Ronning said. "It's a way to give back to the greater scientific community that has supported my research and to my university community by networking with researchers from other universities who may not be familiar with the research capabilities at The University of Toledo."

Ronning's peer review group is one of many at the NIH's Center for Scientific Review, a division of the national medical research agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that reviews grant applications for scientific valuation.

"There are different divisions that review grant applications specific to a field of inquiry like cancer genetics or neuroscience imaging; my section is called the drug discovery and mechanisms of antimicrobial resistance, which involves reviewing grant applicants proposing research to develop

new drugs to treat infectious disease or studying ways that pathogens develop resistance to current drugs," Ronning said.

His research focuses on understanding the molecular mechanisms by which bacterial enzymes carry out their biochemical function in cells; the knowledge is then used to design lead compounds and inform the development of new therapies to treat infectious diseases.

Those invited to serve on a study section are expected at every peer review group of their assigned section during their four-year term.

"As a permanent member, I am expected to prepare for and attend three meetings throughout the year. This equates to about five or six weeks' worth of time," Ronning said.

For more information, about the NIH's Center for Scientific Review, visit public.csr.nih.gov.



Ronning

Student trustee wants to connect with students, be their voice

By Samantha Watson

"I cried. Then I called my mom."

That was Anna Crisp's reaction when she was selected by Ohio Gov. John Kasich as the new student trustee at The University of Toledo.

Crisp, a Bluffton, Ohio, native and junior public health major at UT, has always had a passion for helping others and saw this position as a natural extension of that.

"It has always been a passion of mine to be the voice of others whose voices may not otherwise be heard," she said. "Now I'm the voice for 24,000 students, which is very intimidating to me but also an incredible opportunity."

Crisp, who will hold the position until July 1, 2017, is looking forward to educating students about the student trustee position and helping them better understand what the Board of Trustees does.

"I think a lot of students have no idea that the position exists, and that's troubling to me because as a student, you should feel that you're represented in some way and that you have someone that's speaking on your behalf," she said.

One of the ways she plans to connect with students is through student organizations and a relationship with Student Government.

"We have hundreds of student organizations on campus, and I think that's a logical avenue to go down to reach a larger amount of students," she said.

When she's not fulfilling her student trustee duties, Crisp will be busy making an impact in other ways. She is involved with several organizations such as International Service Learning, which has allowed her to go on two medical mission trips; Mortar Board Honor Society, where she helps with

the annual Wrap Up Toledo event; and Food Recovery Network, an organization she helped start at UT that collects excess food from restaurants and dining halls and takes it to Toledo's hungry.

On top of that, Crisp recently accepted a part-time position at The University of Toledo Medical Center as a patient advocate student assistant in the Department of Service Excellence. She will be helping to improve patient care by building relationships with patients and helping them connect with their physicians.

When asked why she is so involved at UT and why she thinks other students should do the same, her answer is simple.

"It's your future," she said. "Take advantage of your time here. If you spend four years here and get the degree but that's it, is that all that you wanted to get out of college?"



Crisp

Life-saving colonoscopies are worth discomfort

By Brandi Barhite

Many people dread getting a colonoscopy. They avoid it. They put it off. They say, "Maybe next year."

Dr. Arun Baskara, UT assistant professor of surgery, tried to persuade those people that avoiding a colonoscopy could



Baskara

be a bad idea when he talked about colon cancer earlier this month in the Eleanor N. Dana Cancer Center.

The lecture was part of the Tie One On Awareness

Lecture Series hosted by UT Health's Eleanor N. Dana Cancer Center.

"Prevention is better than trying to treat colon cancer," he said. "People should get their colonoscopy at age 50 if they don't have any family history. If colon cancer runs in the family, the screening may change based on what age the family member had colon cancer.

"I want to create an awareness in the community about colon cancer," Baskara said. "It is common cancer that we come across in the community. If we can catch it at an early stage, the prognosis is good."

Baskara understands that people can be scared or possibly embarrassed about getting a colonoscopy, so he talks to his patients about the fear and reassures them about the procedure.

"I make sure that my patients are asleep so they don't feel or remember anything," he said.

But the benefits of a colonoscopy should outweigh any trepidation on the patient's part, he said.

"Certain cancers behave in a certain way, whether it is in the right side of the colon or left side of the colon," Baskara said. "Some patients will have symptoms early; some patients won't have any symptoms at all until the cancer grows larger. The colonoscopy will help because cancer doesn't happen just like that. It starts as a polyp and then it can change into cancer. If we start picking it up at the polyp stage, we can prevent it from advancing to the cancer stage."

The free, public Tie One On Cancer Awareness Lecture Series will continue

this summer and fall. Upcoming Thursday lectures will be:

- Aug. 20 — Dr. Krishna Reddy, UT assistant professor of radiation oncology, will discuss radiation oncology as a cancer treatment option.
- Sept. 17 — Dr. Samay Jain, UT assistant professor and chief of the Division of Urologic Oncology, will discuss prostate cancer.
- Oct. 15 — Dr. Iman Mohamed, UT professor and chief of the Division of Hematology and Oncology, will discuss lymphedema.

Each person who attends the lecture will be entered into a drawing for tickets to an upcoming sporting event or a gift certificate for spa services.

To reserve a spot, email christopher.kosinski@utoledo.edu.

Graduate nursing information session to be held Aug. 4

By Cassandra DeYoung

The University of Toledo's College of Nursing will host a Graduate Information Session Tuesday, Aug. 4, from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

"General information about financial aid and an overview of each program along with admission requirements will be the focus of the session," said Kathleen Mitchell, assistant dean for student services in the College of Nursing. "Breakout sessions will be held for individual programs where a graduate adviser or program director will be available to answer questions."

Located in Collier Building Room 1200 on Health Science Campus, the session will feature information on the following programs:

- Post-master to doctor of nursing practice;
- Post-baccalaureate to doctor of nursing practice;
- Master of science in nursing family nurse practitioner;
- Master of science in nursing primary care pediatric nurse practitioner;
- Master of science in nursing nurse educator;
- Master of science in nursing graduate entry clinical nurse leader;

- Family nurse practitioner graduate certificate;
- Primary care pediatric nurse practitioner graduate certificate; and
- Nursing education certificate.

The session also will feature information on two new programs,

Psychiatric Mental Health and Adult-Gerontology Primary Care, to be offered at the master of science in nursing and doctor of nursing practice level at UT starting fall 2016.

To RSVP or for more information, contact the Office of Student Services at

419.383.5810 or email Bridget Irmen, secretary in the College of Nursing's Office of Student Services, at bridget.irmen@utoledo.edu.

Ideas sought for development in National Science Foundation-funded course

By Bob Mackowiak

University of Toledo faculty, staff or students who have an idea for a medical or biotechnology product may be able to get assistance in launching their idea from students participating in an innovative course this fall.

UT College of Business and Innovation and College of Engineering students will again participate in a merging of classes this semester to learn how to take creative product ideas and develop them into profitable businesses. Funding comes from UT's participation in a National Science Foundation Innovation Corps (iCorps) grant to promote the launch of new and viable business ideas.

The student teams will be mentored and coached by Dr. Ron Fournier and Dr. Patricia Relue, bioengineering; Dr. Sonny Ariss, entrepreneurship; and Professor Deirdre Jones, professional sales.

"For the 2015-16 academic year, we expect to have at least 12 student teams," Fournier said. "We expect that our students, faculty and staff have many medical or biotech related business ideas, and we would like our student iCorps teams to develop them for you. All students will sign

a noncompete/nondisclosure form to protect your interests in the idea that you submit."

"These interdisciplinary student teams will be using the iCorps Lean Launch Methodology and the Business Model Canvas for idea evaluation. The student teams also will develop and test prototypes. Opportunities for future support of viable businesses is available through the College of Business and Innovation Business Plan Competition," Ariss said.

With a product idea in place, teams develop their business models utilizing the Lean Launch Pad system, which focuses on nine basic building blocks: customer segments, value propositions, channels, customer relationships, revenue streams, key resources, key activities, key partnerships and cost structure.

If you have a medical or biotech related idea that you would like to see developed, complete the requested information at <http://utole.do/ideas>.

To receive full consideration, ideas must be received by Tuesday, Sept. 15.

Learning Ventures launches online instruction mastery program

By Samantha Watson

With more online classes being offered each year at The University of Toledo, it's important that instructors feel confident teaching over the Web.

That's why Learning Ventures just launched its Pathway to Master Online Instructor Program. The program is designed to ensure the quality of UT's fully online programs so that students can achieve their learning objectives and have satisfactory online learning experiences.

The program is made up of five courses — Online Teaching Certificate, Americans With Disabilities Act Compliance and Online Courses, Online Course Design Certificate, Applying Quality Matters Rubric, and Peer Reviewer Course. Each course prepares instructors to design, deliver and revise their online courses so that improvements can be made.

Though some of these courses have been offered before, this is the first time that they have been combined to create a program like Pathway. Participants who take each course now will get a certificate from Learning Ventures recognizing their dedication to online teaching.

By taking the Peer Reviewer Course, which is part of the requirements for the Pathway program, faculty also can become Quality Matters Certified Peer Reviewers. After completion of the course, participants submit an application for certification.

To learn more about Pathway and other courses, visit utoledo.edu/dl/faculty/pathway-program.html or contact Dr. Peter You, director of instructional design and development, at peter.you@utoledo.edu or 419.530.4016.

UT hires new treasurer

By Lindsay Mahaney

Last month, Christopher Thompson was named The University of Toledo's treasurer — a position he was already familiar with.



Thompson

Previously, Thompson served as the vice president and market manager in public finance with PNC Bank, UT's largest bondholder, where he was responsible for managing the University's

relationship with the bank. Prior to that, he held management positions with other high-profile banks in the area, including Key

Corp., Charter One Bank and Comerica Bank.

In his new position, Thompson oversees the operations of the Office of the Treasurer and the Office of Student Accounts (Bursar).

"Chris brings a strong understanding of the University's debt structure and capacity, as well as a broader perspective on the higher education industry," said Brian Dadey, UT associate vice president for finance.

Thompson received a bachelor of business administration in finance and business law from Central Michigan University and a master of business administration in finance from Wayne State University.

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Hotshots in the classroom, too



Photo by Daniel Miller

The women's basketball team is in the top 25 in the nation when it comes to its collective grade point average. The Rockets posted a 3.443 overall GPA during the 2014-15 academic year to rank No. 18 among Division I programs, according to the Women's Basketball Coaches Association. "I'm very proud of our team and its commitment to excelling both on the court and off," Toledo Head Coach Tricia Cullop said.

Summer blooms



Photo by Crystal Hand

University Photography Intern Crystal Hand took this shot of the flowers surrounding Gordon Huether's "Portal" in the traffic circle east of Stranahan Hall on Main Campus.

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Men's golf coach to represent Team USA at PGA Cup this fall

By Brian DeBenedictis

Toledo Head Coach Jamie Broce has been tabbed to represent Team USA in this fall's PGA Cup.

He will be one of 10 members of Team USA and compete against Great Britain and Ireland for the Llandudno International Trophy Friday through Sunday, Sept. 18-20, at the CordeValle Golf Club in San Martin, Calif.



Broce

Broce was among eight players penciled on to the team following the conclusion of the recent PGA Professional National Championship at the Philadelphia Cricket Club. The remaining two PGA Cup Team berths

will be determined after the 97th PGA Championship Aug. 13-16 at Whistling Straits in Sheboygan, Wis.

The PGA Cup originated in 1973 at Pinehurst (N.C.) Resort as an outgrowth of the PGA Professional National Championship. Structured after the format of the Ryder Cup that features team competition between the United States and Europe, the PGA Cup features the top PGA club professionals from both sides of the Atlantic. Competition was held annually until 1984, when both countries agreed to hold this event biennially at alternating sites.

Proceeds from the PGA Professional National Championship in 1975 at Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain, Ga., covered the expenses of the U.S. Team for the first overseas PGA Cup. A pro-am event was held prior to the 1975 PGA Cup, which raised \$12,000 and made it possible for the British PGA to stage the competition. Great Britain and Ireland Captain Christy O'Connor Sr., then 51, did his part to keep the event alive, winning the pro-am.

The teams began with nine players, but the rosters were expanded to 10 in 1988. Qualification for America's team is based upon performances in the PGA Professional National Championship. From 1973 to 1988, the European team was comprised of PGA club professionals from Great Britain and Ireland. The format was changed from 1990 to 1994, opening up qualifying spots to professionals throughout Europe. The selection process was revised in 1996 to feature only Great Britain and Ireland players.

Broce will enter his fourth season as Toledo's head men's golf coach this fall. He has guided the Rockets to a top-three finish at the MAC Championships in each of his three years and four team tournament titles.

Toledo Baseball Dugout Club to hold golf outing Aug. 7

By Brian DeBenedictis

The Toledo Baseball Dugout Club will hold its annual golf outing Friday, Aug. 7, at the Legacy Golf Club, 7677 U.S. 223, Ottawa Lake, Mich.

The event will begin at noon with a shotgun start.

The entry fee for the outing is \$100 per person for those who graduated prior to 2011 or \$75 for those who graduated from 2011 to 2015 with all proceeds going to the Rocket Baseball Program. Individuals may form their own foursome or be placed in one.

The fee includes use of the driving range prior to the event, a participation gift, pre-golf lunch, golf and a post-golf dinner.

UT Head Baseball Coach Cory Mee also is offering opportunities for hole sponsorship for the outing for \$100. Anyone can sponsor a hole — individuals, families, businesses and teams.

RSVPs are requested by Friday, July 31.

To make a reservation or for more information, call Mee at 419.530.6263.



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