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More than 100 artisans gather for 13th annual Art on the Mall

By Deanna Woolf

They come in vans laden with their wares from many places — North Carolina, Florida, New York, Indiana and Illinois. Anxious and expectant, they set up shop in the middle of campus, hoping that the loads for their return journeys will be a little lighter once the day is done. Catching up with other exhibitors and selling time-consuming pieces — the artists make each Art on the Mall something special.

This year, the UT Alumni Association's Art on the Mall, presented by Huntington Bank and The Blade, celebrates 13 years of browsing and buying. More than 100 artists will exhibit their works for sale during the free, public event Sunday, July 31, on Centennial Mall from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

In addition to the artists' sale, there will be a display from Toledo School for the Arts students, artist demonstrations, a children's area, food and jazz music.

"This is a fun, colorful event for the University," Eric Slough, director of alumni programming, said.

Virginia Bobian's fiber arts will be partly responsible for that color. Her afghans, shawls and scarves will make the



Metalwork by Chris Seeman

journey with her from Black Mountain, N.C., to Toledo. The reversible pieces are made from silk fabrics with patterns designed especially by Bobian.

Bobian describes herself as a self-taught artist. "My grandmother sewed and her mother before that. I was born in Buford [Township, N.C.], where everybody always did something with their hands." She buys her fabric solely from New York specialty shops. "I look for something unique and different — not mainstream. Something I would never see again," she said.

Another artist with a New York connection is Chris Seeman, who studied at UT for three years. After working as a jewelry designer for four years in New York's diamond district, Seeman decided

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Construction sights: Bofan Chen looked through a telescope and Sabreen Carroll and Kayla Ross, right, played in the Explorer's Clubhouse at Apple Tree Nursery during the recent Maniacal Mechanics Program. "Children have a natural curiosity about how things work," said Sherry Roush, UT Apple Tree Nursery site administrator. The two-week program, one of four this summer in the Explorer's Club, allowed children to exercise their building skills.

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Photo by Daniel Miller

Suited to a T: One of about 500 students received a National Youth Sports Program T-shirt last month when the five-week program began. In February, UT's program was named "best in the nation" when it received the 2004 Silvio O. Conte Award of Excellence from the National Youth Sports Corp. board of directors, making UT's NYSP the first program to win in consecutive years. The federally funded program provides youth ages 10 to 16 who are in at-risk environments with a safe alternative for summer activities, including daily recreational instruction and educational programs along with math and science tutoring, and alcohol, tobacco and drug awareness seminars.

The UT-MCO Federal Credit Union Office in Gillham Hall is moving to Student Union Room 3019 after July 28.

Bioengineering partners with MUO, industries on photo biotherapy project

By Deanna Woolf

Bandage wrappings, gauze pads and antibiotic ointments are all materials used to help treat and speed recovery from injuries. But physicians have a new tool at their disposal to promote wound healing — photo biotherapy.

This method of using light to aid recovery is the subject of an \$866,606 research grant from the Third Frontier Project through the Ohio Department of Development. The University of Toledo, the Medical University of Ohio, CAMP Inc., Enhanced System Technologies Inc., Valtronic USA Inc. and Essential Research are joining together to create a cheaper form of the current laser device and discover how it works through the Northern Ohio Center for Excellence in Product Development project.

"Normally, photo biotherapy is used in pain management," explained Dr. Brent Cameron, UT assistant professor of bioengineering. "But it is now used to heal wounds, as well."

Dr. Vijay Goel, UT chair and professor of bioengineering, said normal heating pads only penetrate so deeply, "yet with infrared light shined to heat up the area, the heat can penetrate up to 3 inches and induce healing." Cameron agreed. "There is some indication in literature that it may also promote wound healing. Patients of-

ten report a decrease in pain — but there is not yet any scientific evidence for why it works."

Cameron and other researchers will attempt to answer that question through the establishment of the center. Its resources will be developed and first utilized for the photo biotherapy project, then will be made available to companies and researchers in the northern Ohio area.

Cameron explained that two working lab stations will be created at UT. The first is the Electrophysiology Recording Station to "help take cellular measurements for the project." The second, the Optical Modeling Station, will support modeling and 3-D virtual engineering capabilities.

Cameron, Dr. Scott Molitor, UT assistant professor and undergraduate director of bioengineering, and Dr. Patricia Relue, UT associate professor of bioengineering, will help design and test the photo biotherapy device. Goel, also director of the MUO Spine Research Center, and Dr. Ashok Biyani, MUO assistant professor of orthopedic surgery, will perform the clinical tests on the device.

"Our faculty are very hard-working," Goel said. "Through this grant, we are able to establish good contacts with industries and show them that we can deliver."

\$3.2 million bequest by former UT professor to help hundreds

By Jon Strunk

It's often easy to reduce the world to numbers. Numbers describe distances, count amounts and offer comparisons. Numbers, particularly in a large scale, can be difficult to wrap your mind around. A \$3.2 million bequest to the University by former UT economics professor Dr. Edward Shapiro following his death has the potential to fall into this category.

A sum as vast as \$3.2 million can quickly become a statistic without a reminder that Shapiro's gift represents the education of one student at a time, hundreds of times over.

"These scholarships are a godsend to students," said Dr. Michael Dowd, associate professor and chair of economics. "Ed wanted to make sure that the money he was

giving went to good students struggling to make ends meet."

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Law associate dean tapped for interim dean post

By Jon Strunk

Beth Eisler, associate dean of the College of Law, has accepted the position of interim dean of the college.

"Beth brings with her not only excellent academic and administrative credentials, but also a sense of stability," said Dr. Alan Goodridge, provost and executive vice president for academic affairs and enrollment services. "I have no doubt she will provide the College of Law with strong leadership during a time of transition."

"I'm pleased to be able to continue

to be a part of the administration of many successful programs at the College of Law," Eisler said.

A member of the UT law faculty since 1987, Eisler pointed to the successes of the college's admissions and career services offices as well as the speaker series — Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg will visit next year.

"We are excited about planning for our 2006 centennial celebration and American Bar Association site evaluation. In addition, we will begin a master's in the study of law program in 2006," she said.

Corrections

Sue Ott Rowlands does not have a doctorate as was indicated in the story announcing her appointment as the interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences in the last issue.

Students who wish to volunteer as First-Year Resident Orientation Guides are asked to call Ext. 8508. Only faculty and staff may apply online at <http://residencelife.utoledo.edu/special/frog.htm>.

Get to know ...



Don Curtis

Don Curtis is the divisional webmaster in Enrollment Services, where he's worked for nearly four years. Prior to that, he taught English at UT for three years. The Detroit native received bachelor's and master's degrees in English from the University in 1994 and 1997, respectively.

Family: "My wife, Rebecca, who received a BBA in accounting from UT in 1997, and two daughters, Lily Claire, 3, and Amelia Cate, 1."

Last movie watched: "Office Space"

Three words to describe yourself: "Inventive, curious, fun."

Favorite quote: Ralph Waldo Emerson: "My life is for itself and not a spectacle."

Favorite singer or group: "My wife and I like to listen to Harry Connick Jr. together, but on my own I like Mel Tormé, Yves Montand or 1940s swing."

First job: "Picking tomatoes in the farmer's fields near my parents' house."

Favorite dessert: "The same as my dad. In restaurants he invariably orders 'pecan pie à la mode with ice cream on the side.' He's been waiting for years for some server to catch his little joke."

Where did you go on your last vacation? "West Yorkshire, England."

What do you do to relax? "I really love reading, mostly history lately, though I do try to work in a classic novel from time to time. Also, I find programming, building or fixing things is pretty relaxing. Prayer helps me get back on track."

Something people would be surprised to know about you: "I hold a QMED (Qualified Member of the Engine Department) certification from the Coast Guard. I sailed on 1000-foot freighters on the Great Lakes for eight seasons, paying my way through college."

Favorite summer activity: "Watching my two little girls discover the world."



Photo by Cathy Zimmer

"Dawg" gone: Bob Banks tried on a T-shirt he received as a joke from a student worker at his retirement party May 26. He was employed at the University 21 years as a custodial worker, mostly on the Scott Park campus. "I'll miss the people," he said. Banks plans to travel to the South.



Photo by Daniel Miller

"Over and out": Lt. Al Schreier, left, and Lt. Jeff Brough of the UT Police posed for a photo at their retirement party June 30. Schreier joined the force in 1976, and Brough started his UT career in 1974. Both men rose through the ranks and became lieutenants in 1994. Schreier plans to spend time with his two children, and Brough is going to look for a part-time job.



Walkers unite (and smile): There were 71 people from UT who participated in the American Heart Walk on campus in May. Faculty, staff and students raised \$7,345 for cardiovascular research to fight heart disease.

In memoriam

Robert J. Affeldt, Albuquerque, N.M., died June 7 at age 83. He was a professor of law at UT from 1958 to 1968 and taught labor law and civil rights. Affeldt served as acting dean for a time. In 1968, he was appointed by President Richard Nixon to director of conciliation with the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. He resigned from the post in 1970, citing the administration's policies, which he said were "encouraging and perpetuating racial discrimination in housing, employment and education," and returned to the UT faculty for several more years.

Dr. Douglas V. Austin, Toledo, died July 4 at age 67. Hired in 1969 by the College of Business Administration as associate professor and chair of the finance department, he held the position until 1982 (and again in 1985-86). He retired in 1989 as professor emeritus but continued to teach until his health no longer allowed. A nationally recognized speaker in the banking industry, he provided testimony in hearings by federal commissions and committees in Washington, D.C. At UT, he served on the Faculty Senate, the Graduate Council, on various committees and as director of the Financial Institutions Academy of the Business Research Center. Austin received a law degree from UT in 1978. In April, the college honored his lifetime achievements with a luncheon that included members of the business community.

David M. Pawlicki, Sylvania, died June 26 at age 97. His 44-year career with the University began when he was hired in 1928 as an assistant to the director of the physical plant.

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Art educator creates classroom to promote preschoolers' independent thinking

By Shannon Coon

If you walk into the Toledo Museum of Art Family Center, you may notice translucent cloth hanging beneath the overhead lighting, pastel curtains on the windows, windowsills lined with glass blocks, and Plexiglas containers holding assorted colors of water. For most of May and June, Dr. Katherina Danko-McGhee, UT associate professor of art, has been transforming the room into a Reggio Emilia-inspired environment.

Reggio Emilia, an approach to education that centers learning on the child's interest to promote critical thinking and problem solving, has been a passion for Danko-McGhee since she went on a study tour to Reggio Emilia, Italy, in spring 2001 and in fall 2004. Although she was not allowed to talk to the children or take photographs, she visited classrooms, saw children working, took notes, drew pictures to document what she saw, and talked to teachers and parents. "I was on a high for months after both trips," Danko-McGhee said. "I realized that I wanted to transport some of these ideas here."

Although many studies applaud the Reggio Emilia approach, few Reggio Emilia preschools exist in the United States. "However, when people have tried to incorporate Reggio Emilia into America, what they fail to realize is that they cannot just bring all of it from there to here. One must always be aware of the indigenous characteristics of the culture where the school is to be located," Danko-McGhee said. "What I am borrowing from Reggio Emilia is the environment. In Reggio Emilia, the environment is seen as the 'third teacher.' The [Reggio] environment is designed in a provocative kind of way to encourage a child to learn, and it can entice a child to look and ponder and become engaged in learning and discovery. In the [Reggio] environment there is not a lot of text and directions, so the child is encouraged to make discoveries on his own, but with adult facilitation. The teacher sets out a variety of materials to invoke thought and that will set the stage for constructive thinking while the child makes connections between the various items. The child uses these materials as a language to communicate a thought or idea."

To make the Family Center more aesthetically enticing, Danko-McGhee added a Matisse area where children can look at the French artist's ceramic installation in the museum and then arrange foam magnets to make their own Matisse-inspired design.

She also added a puppet area with a painting reproduction as the backdrop, characters from other paintings as the puppets, and chairs situated for children to watch performances. Chairs were upholstered in the fashion of a chair on display in the museum. Framed reproductions of paintings hang on the walls. These selected works have been found to be favorites of children in a research project conducted by Danko-McGhee. Her environment also contains a light table with glass beads for children to discover color, reflection and transparency. This light table is strategically placed near the windows. As children do their own experimenting with color on the light table, they can make their own connections to the glass blocks and water containers that sit on the window sill. A picture of an African headdress is placed on a wall near a table that has containers holding different items found on the headdress. Children can look in the boxes and try to match the items in the headdress. A literacy center includes calligraphy pens, homemade ink and an illuminated manuscript reproduction with a historical account for children to view. They are invited to make their own illuminated manuscripts using the tools provided.

"One main thing that this environment highlights is problem solving and critical thinking," Danko-McGhee said. "In America we are so geared toward standardized tests that children don't learn to think for themselves. They are programmed to learn and remember the right answer and not always permitted to venture down the path of discovery. In Reggio, the child is empowered to answer his or her own questions."

Danko-McGhee teaches AED 3100 — Art for Pre and Primary Child — and team-teaches AED 4150/5150, CIEC 4150/5150 — Setting the Stage for Learning: Inspirations From Reggio Emilia — in the summer with Dr. Ruslan Slutsky, UT assistant professor of early childhood education. Children who come into the Family Center on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays also will use the environment.

This project was funded with the help of a Center for Teaching and Learning Summer Faculty Teaching Fellowship Award, with additional funding from the Toledo Museum of Art.

Her future AED 3100 classes will help make the Family Center environment dynamic by changing interest areas in the room as part of students' assignments.



Dr. Katherina Danko-McGhee in the Reggio Emilia-inspired Toledo Museum of Art Family Center



Reproductions of paintings hang on one wall of the Family Center.

Photos by Daniel Miller

Jeweler brings eclectic mix to Art on the Mall

By Deanna Woolf

“The funny thing about me is that I seem this small, mild-mannered white woman, but many of my pieces are quite bold and ethnic-looking,” Kate Argow said of her creations. “I put a lot of different things together — things that would seem like they don’t fit.”

A self-taught artist, Argow has been interested in making jewelry ever since she can remember. After working in different jewelry stores, the UT alumna decided to start her own business crafting pieces.

Argow is not a metalsmith, instead searching for items to build each necklace, bracelet or pair of earrings. “I find pieces everywhere — antique shows, galleries, garage sales, friends who have things they don’t want,” she said with a laugh. The Sylvania jeweler uses antique brass items, watches, glass, beads and stones in her pieces.

One of her lines is titled “Time of Your Life” and consists of vintage watches incorporated into necklaces and pins. “The watches do not work, but the point is to set them to significant moments in your life — when your baby was born or when you got married,” she explained.

Her jewelry, she said, has been sold in stores in Florida, Michigan, West Virginia and Kentucky: “Wherever I travel, I walk in and say, ‘Are you interested?’”

Argow praised Art on the Mall as being “one of the best organized shows I’ve ever been a part of. I’ve heard other artists say the same thing.”

She also will bring some of her knitted shawls, scarves and purses to the event.



Vintage brass turquoise necklace by Kate Argow

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to strike out on his own. “I didn’t like the whole 9 to 5 thing,” he said. Seeman, now based in Cincinnati, travels to art shows to sell his creations.

Seeman works in metals, crafting decorative pieces that

can be hung on walls. He begins with a sheet of stainless steel, cutting it into numerous elements. “I then add enameling, gold or copper leaf, balls, nails — whatever I feel,” he said. What results is an intricate lattice of shapes and colors — something mystical and intriguing.

Shawn Losey also is familiar with metals — he worked as a welder for 15 years, building boilers. But once his com-



Ocean jasper and sterling silver ring by Shawn Losey

pany moved overseas, Losey was laid off and sought an outlet for his talents.

He invested his money in a cabbing machine to cut and polish stones and began making jewelry. “I’m all self-taught. I’ve used a lot of books,” he said with a laugh.

Losey works primarily in silver, using jasper and agate stone types. “If you don’t cut your own stones, you’re kind of limited to what you can do,” he said. Losey has created special-order pieces for customers, but tries to bring a lot of rings to each event. “That seems to be what people like the most,” he said.

For those who want more than just one day of art, the Kick-Off Gala for Art on the Mall will be held on Saturday, July 30, at 6 p.m. in the Student Union Auditorium. Area restaurants will set up grazing stations for the event. Live jazz music and a silent auction of artists’ pieces also will be part of the evening. Costs are \$50 a person and \$25 for Art on the Mall volunteers.

For tickets or more information on the events, contact Slough at Ext. 7859.

Artist creates motion-inspired ceramic pieces

By Deanna Woolf

Linda Ziemke’s first foray into the arts was as a dancer and choreographer. But she always felt something pulling inside of her when she watched people throw clay onto pottery wheels. “It just seemed that I had to do it,” she said.

She took classes at the Toledo Museum of Art and found she loved the craft. Ziemke decided to try sculptural form and “make the clay move. I had stood and watched bodies move all the time as a dancer,” she said. Now she wanted to accomplish that same feeling with ceramics.

Ziemke says she enjoys working with clay. “The feeling is wonderful — like playing with cream cheese,” she said. “Playing” is, in fact, a word that she frequently uses to describe the creative experience. An instructor at the Toledo Museum of Art, she tells her students to acquire the needed skills and “later just play with them.”

She specializes in thick porcelain vessels, rarely doing work on commission. “I make what I love to make and if people like it, then it’s a bonus,” Ziemke said.

The Maumee resident begins with asymmetrical hunks of clay and forms the pieces using her hands — in one session if possible. “There’s more continuity that way. It feels like a whole piece of music that way,” Ziemke explained. After working on the details, she fires the pieces, which sometimes come out cracked. “There’s a lot of loss — it’s really temperamental,” she said of the material.

Ziemke’s work has appeared in some 215 art shows, even traveling as far as Africa. She’s happy to count Art on the Mall among these venues. “There’s such a posi-

tive feeling there with the community,” she said. “It’s nice to see people from all walks of life.”



“Enjouee,” porcelain vase by Linda Ziemke



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UT’s Centennial Mall

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Student Union Auditorium
\$50
RSVP 419.530.2586

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Researchers look at teens, second-hand smoke

By Deanna Woolf

Nationwide, the smoking rate in adults is about 23 percent, according to a 2004 U.S. health report from the Centers for Disease Control. "So, by probability, one in four children is likely to be exposed to environmental tobacco smoke," Dr. James Price said.

Imagine his surprise when he and Dr. Timothy Jordan surveyed 574 adolescents in Toledo and found out that 54 percent had been exposed to tobacco smoke in the previous week. More than 30 percent had been exposed to three hours or more of environmental tobacco smoke (ETS), commonly referred to as second-hand smoke.

These are just two of the findings from the "Adolescent Exposure to and Perceptions of Environmental Tobacco Smoke" study that was released in the May issue of the Journal of School Health. Price, professor, and Jordan, assistant professor, and Sapna Shah, research assistant of the UT public health and rehabilitation department collaborated on the study with UT alum Dr. Joseph Dake of Wayne State University.

The researchers were funded via the Ohio Tobacco Youth Prevention and Cessation Foundation and designed a survey for students and administered it in fall 2004. "We used eight schools, five of which were public. All of them were in the city of Toledo," he explained. They viewed the schools' diverse populations as an asset to their study. "A lot of tobacco research is based on Caucasian samples — here we were able to get almost 40 percent of responders being African-American students," Jordan said.

Price was especially concerned about the high levels of ETS exposure found among students, citing its numerous health hazards. "There is a 9 percent decrease in HDL — the good cholesterol — levels in the blood of smokers," he began. "ETS exposure results in a 6 percent decrease in HDL levels. That's almost two-thirds the

damage of smoking! My concern is young people do not appreciate the changes in blood chemistry levels — heart disease is down the road. Thirty percent of adolescents [in the study] didn't believe there were any health effects from ETS exposure."

Jordan also was surprised that 30 percent of students were exposed to ETS for three hours or more at school during the previous week. "Almost all schools have anti-smoking policies," he said, leaving one to wonder how the exposure occurs.

Students' opinions about ETS also intrigued the researchers. "Twenty-eight percent said they don't go to certain businesses because of smoke," Jordan stated. "The adolescents have the spending power to affect businesses," Price added. The two also found strong support, at 69 percent, for the government being involved in making laws to protect employees. But every time the word "bar" was included in a survey question, support dwindled for ETS legislation. "I think there is an American inbred feeling of trampling on rights. Yet employees may not be able to get a job elsewhere," Jordan said.

They hope the study's results will spur people to do something about adolescent ETS exposure. "We're trying to make educators aware to change students' beliefs," Price stated. "School health educators need to incorporate more information on ETS effects into their curriculum," Jordan said.

Jordan, Price and Dake have five additional tobacco research studies under review with scientific journals. They have investigated how well health-care practitioners — nurse-midwives, pediatricians, family practice physicians and obstetrician-gynecologists — implement best practices of smoking cessation with their patients and to what degree pediatricians and obstetrician-gynecologists recommend or prescribe nicotine replacement therapy.

New Faculty Orientation slated for Aug. 17

By Vicki L. Kroll

Before they begin teaching this fall, new faculty members might want to take a class themselves. The New Faculty Orientation will take place Wednesday, Aug. 17, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Student Union Room 2592.

The daylong event is for all new full-time faculty, including tenure-track, visiting faculty and lecturers, and will feature presentations covering several topics, including library resources, syllabus design and UT benefits.

President Dan Johnson and Dan Brennan, chair of the UT board of trustees, are scheduled to address faculty members at a luncheon at noon in Student Union Room 2582.

"Orientation introduces new faculty to campus leaders and provides them with information and resources that will enhance both their teaching and their scholarship," said Dr. Bernie Bopp, director of the Center for Teaching and Learning and professor of astronomy. "Most importantly, new faculty will meet colleagues from many departments and colleges, and become part of The University of Toledo community."

Registration for the program is encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome, Bopp said.

The New Faculty Orientation is sponsored by the Center for Teaching and Learning.

New Faculty Orientation Agenda

- 8-8:30 a.m. — Registration — coffee and refreshments available
- 8:30-9 a.m. — Introductory remarks — Dr. Alan Goodridge, provost and execu-

tive vice president for academic affairs and enrollment services; Dr. Harvey Wolff, president of the UT chapter of the American Association of University Professors and professor of mathematics; and Dr. Andy Jorgensen, chair of the UT Faculty Senate and associate professor of chemistry

- 9-9:45 a.m. — Library resources — Corey Seeman, assistant dean for resource and systems management in University Libraries

- 9:45-10:30 a.m. — Center for Teaching and Learning and UT's First-Year Experience Initiative — Dr. Bernie Bopp, director of the Center for Teaching and Learning, and Jennifer Rockwood, director of the First-Year Experience Program

- 10:30-11 a.m. — Break

- 11-11:45 a.m. — Educational and Information Technologies — Joe Sawasky, interim associate vice president of educational and information technologies

- Noon-1 p.m. — Luncheon — Remarks and welcome from President Dan Johnson and Dan Brennan, chair of the UT board of trustees

- 1:15-2:45 p.m. — Syllabus Design I and II Mini-Workshops — Dr. Bernie Bopp, director of the Center for Teaching and Learning, and Dr. Ruth Herndon, associate professor of history

- 3-4:30 p.m. — University Benefits Program, including medical and insurance sign-up — Deithra Glaze, director of benefits, Human Resource

To RSVP or for more information, call the Center for Teaching and Learning at ext. 2075.

Professional Staff Council elects new members, officers

The Professional Staff Council has five new members, thanks to votes from Professional Staff Association members.

Elected last week to represent the 725 PSA members during the 2005-06 academic year were:

- **Edwina Biel**, academic adviser for transfer students, Student Success Center;
- **Deborah Andrews**, manager of graduate admissions, Graduate Studies;
- **Brooke Butler**, senior admission coordinator, Direct From High School Admission;
- **Barbara Tartaglia**, director of development, Institutional Advancement; and

- **Linda Solarek**, business manager, Distance Learning.

Council officers also were elected. Chris Gail, software specialist with College Computing in Arts and Sciences, will serve another term as chair. Ted Hubler, manager of computer repairs in Educational and Information Technologies Operations and Desktop Support, retained his post as vice chair. Cheryl Karnikowski, administrative coordinator in Facilities Management, was elected secretary.

The council promotes the PSA by seeking professional development opportunities, maintaining communications, and reviewing, initiating and making recommendations on institutional policy as it affects the association.

CWA Local 4530 to merge with CWA Local 4319

By Vicki L. Kroll

UT's Communications Workers of America Local 4530 has voted to merge with CWA Local 4319.

The proposal was approved by a 62-127 vote. There are 611 members in Local 4530.

The merger also was approved by Local 4319 members, according to Ron

Honse, president of Local 4319. "We [the local] don't release vote counts, but I can say the decision was unanimous," he said.

CWA Local 4319 has approximately 620 members and includes workers from SBC/Ameritech, Johnson Controls and the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library, among others.

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Sunday, July 31

Art on the Mall

More than 100 artists will display and sell their works. The event will feature live jazz music and children's activities. Centennial Mall. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free, public. Info: 419.530.2586.

Monday, Aug. 1

Stan Joplin Basketball Camp

For grades 4-9. Through Aug. 4. Savage Hall. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. \$165; \$145 for children of UT employees. Info: 419.530.7739.

UT Employee Computer Class

"MS FrontPage 2." First of two sessions; class concludes Aug. 8. University Computer Center Room 1600. 9 a.m.-noon. Free for UT employees. Register: 419.530.1460.

Tuesday, Aug. 2

Environmental Health and Safety Training

"Defensive Driving — Passenger Vehicles." North Engineering Building Room 2250. 8 a.m.-noon. Register: 419.530.3600.

One-Stop Registration

Apply for admission, take placement tests, receive academic advising, register for fall semester, and apply for financial aid. Rocket Hall. 2-6 p.m. Register: 419.530.5757.

Wednesday, Aug. 3

UT Employee Computer Class

"MS Access 1." First of seven sessions; class concludes Sept. 14. University Computer Center Room 1600. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Free for UT employees. Register: 419.530.1460.

Friday, Aug. 5

Summer II, III, IV End

Residence Halls Close

UT Employee Computer Class

"MS Outlook 1." First of three sessions; class concludes Aug. 19. University Computer Center Room 1600. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Free for UT employees. Register: 419.530.1460.

UT Employee Computer Class

"Building on Your Keyboarding." University Computer Center Room 1600. 1-5 p.m. Free for UT employees. Register: 419.530.1460.

Planetarium Program

"Navigating With Lewis and Clark." Ritter Planetarium. 8:30 p.m. Observing with Ritter 1-meter telescope and at Brooks Observatory follows program, weather permitting. \$4 for adults; \$3 for seniors and children ages 4-12; free for children 3 and younger. Info: 419.530.4037.

Monday, Aug. 8

Environmental Health and Safety Training

"Department of Transportation Awareness." North Engineering Building Room 2250. 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Register: 419.530.3600.

Tuesday, Aug. 9

Faculty Grades Due by 10 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 12

First Fall Deregistration 100 Percent

Planetarium Program

"Navigating With Lewis and Clark." 8:30 p.m. \$4 for adults; \$3 for seniors and children ages 4-12; free for children 3 and younger. Info: 419.530.4037.

Monday, Aug. 15

Catholic Mass

Assumption of Mary. Corpus Christi University Parish. Noon and 7:30 p.m. Info: 419.530.1330.

Tuesday, Aug. 16

Board of Trustees Committee Meetings

Student Union. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Check the board Web page one week prior to meeting for specific rooms. Info: 419.530.2814.

Wednesday, Aug. 17

New Faculty Orientation

See page 6. Student Union Room 2592. 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. RSVP: 419.530.2075.

Thursday, Aug. 18

Residence Halls Open

Friday, Aug. 19

Second Fall Deregistration 100 Percent, Future Terms 100 Percent

Planetarium Program

"Navigating With Lewis and Clark." Ritter Planetarium. 8:30 p.m. \$4 for adults; \$3 for seniors and children ages 4-12; free for children 3 and younger. Info: 419.530.4037.

Sunday, Aug. 21

Open Registration Ends

100 Percent Refund Ends

UT Cheerleading/Mascot Tryouts

For male and female students. General knowledge of tumbling helpful. Scholarships available for qualifying students. Savage Hall East Lobby. 6-8 p.m. Info: 419.530.2333.

Monday, Aug. 22

Classes Begin

Fall Semester Late Registration Begins

UT Cheerleading/Mascot Tryouts

For male and female students. Savage Hall East Lobby. 6-8 p.m. Info: 419.530.2333.

Tuesday, Aug. 23

Environmental Health and Safety Training

"Accident Investigation." North Engineering Building Room 2250. 9-11 a.m. Register: 419.530.3600.

UT Employee Computer Class

"MS Excel 1." First of three sessions; class concludes Sept. 12. University Computer Center Room 1600. 1-5 p.m. Free for UT employees. Register: 419.530.1460.

UT Cheerleading/Mascot Tryouts

For male and female students. Savage Hall East Lobby. 6-8 p.m. Info: 419.530.2333.

Art

"Ideals, Courage and Hope: The Experience of Soldiers in America's Wars"

Exhibit looks at war from the personal experiences of soldiers from the early American wars through Vietnam. Carlson Library Ward M. Canaday Center for Special Collections. Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Through Aug. 26. Free, public. Info: 419.530.4480.

"Renewed Hope: Paintings by Adam Grant"

Exhibit features works by Toledo artist Adam Grant, who was imprisoned in concentration camps during World War II. Carlson Library Art Gallery. Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-10 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, noon-5 p.m. Through Aug. 26. Free, public. Info: 419.530.4480.

"Gypsies (Romanies) and Travelers"

Books and movies from the Carlson Library collection about Gypsies (Romanies) and travelers are on display, as well as artifacts belonging to Dr. David "Jim" Nemeth, UT professor of geography. The exhibit showcases fact and fiction available about Romanies. Carlson Library First Floor. Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-10 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, noon-5 p.m. Through Sept. 30. Free, public. Info: 419.530.4049.

Scholarship

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Shelby Bensi, a 2004 UT graduate from the economics department, seems a perfect example of the type of student whose success Shapiro wanted to assure.

Bensi graduated with a list of accolades paralleled by few at UT — a 4.0 GPA, recognition as the College of Arts and Sciences' most outstanding student, an undergraduate research grant from the UT Honors Program, a research paper published in a professional economic journal studying the correlation between a state's investment in education and the corresponding economic return, and a full scholarship from the National Science Foundation to attend any of the multiple graduate schools engaged in a bidding war to attract her to their campuses.

Three years earlier, however, Bensi's future academic success was far from a sure thing.

"The summer before my sophomore year my father passed away," she said. In addition to the personal loss, her father was

her primary source for financial assistance. It was a Shapiro scholarship — from Shapiro's previous \$550,000 donation — that allowed her to stay in school.

"I can't express how grateful I am," said Bensi, now a graduate student at the University of Delaware. "If I'd have had to work 40 hours a week just to make ends meet, there's no way I could have done the honors work that was a really important part of college for me."

And Bensi's is just one success story. "Around this time next year, the department of economics will be giving out \$90,000 in scholarships from Ed alone," Dowd said. "A gift like this is just absolutely selfless. It's really something that as a faculty member really recharges your batteries and opens up so many opportunities for students."

Shapiro's gift provides \$1.25 million each to the departments of economics and English and establishes a lecture series for UT and the surrounding community.

Suggest RSS feed for myUT portal

By Deanna Woolf

Imagine logging on to one site and being able to access your UT e-mail account, Web for Students or Web for Faculty and Advisers, myUT Account and WebCT for distance learning courses at the same time and with just one password. Soon, you won't have to imagine, because myUT portal is scheduled for implementation in October.

Details for the portal are still being finalized and suggestions for RSS feeds are needed through July. RSS stands for Really Simple Syndication. The RSS feeds were designed as ways to share headlines and other Web content. Most people have seen RSS feeds in the form of headlines

on news sites or boxes listing new items on Web sites. RSS feeds may include such categories as academic interests, research, professional development, news, sports and entertainment.

By visiting http://enrollmentservices.utoledo.edu/events/register2.asp?event_id=261, you can suggest some default RSS feeds to include in the library of feeds that will be available to everyone when the portal is launched.

For more information, contact Don Curtis, divisional Webmaster with Enrollment Services, at donald.curtis@utoledo.edu or at Ext. 5879.

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UT Calendar — July 20-Aug. 23

Wednesday, July 20

Summer Law Exams Continue Through July 22

Special Board of Trustees Meeting

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

One-Stop Registration

Apply for admission, take placement tests, receive academic advising, register for fall semester, and apply for financial aid. Rocket Hall. 2-6 p.m.
Register: 419.530.5757.

Thursday, July 21

Environmental Health and Safety Training

"Asbestos Awareness." North Engineering Building Room 2250. 8-10 a.m. Register: 419.530.3600.

Goodbye Party

Say goodbye to Karen Troyer Ladman, who is leaving the University after 10 years and heading to Atlanta. Student Union Room 2592. 3-5 p.m. Info: 419.530.2729.

Office of Residence Life Open House

Check out the relocated Office of Residence Life. Ottawa House West Room 1014. 4-5:30 p.m.
Info: 419.530.2941.

Friday, July 22

Fall Fee Payment Due

Planetarium Program

"Navigating With Lewis and Clark." Learn how the explorers used the sky during their trek west. Ritter Planetarium. 8:30 p.m. Observing at Brooks Observatory follows program, weather permitting. \$4 for adults; \$3 for seniors and children ages 4-12; free for children 3 and younger. Info: 419.530.4037.

Saturday, July 23

Ragalahari 2005

Indian classical music and dance concert to benefit Asha, a nonprofit organization that educates underprivileged children in India. Center for Performing Arts Recital Hall. 5:30 p.m. \$6; \$5 for students.
Info: 419.530.2233.

Monday, July 25

Explorer's Club

"Amazing Authors." Camp for children ages 7-12 who have completed first grade and not yet entered seventh grade. Through Aug. 5. Apple Tree Nursery School. 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. \$128-\$140 per week for UT faculty, staff and students depending on hours. Register: 419.530.1070.

Golf Camp

For boys or girls ages 10-18. Through July 27. Scotch Run Golf Center, 6081 Clark Road, Ottawa Lake, Mich. 8 a.m.-noon. \$150; \$125 for children of UT employees.
Info: 419.530.7761.

Stranahan Arboretum/SciMaTEC Camp

For children ages 11-14. Stranahan Arboretum. Through July 29. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. with free extended care from 7:30-9 a.m. and 4-6 p.m. \$135 per child.
Info: 419.841.1007.

New Telephone Training

As the campus telephone system is upgraded, d-terms will be replaced by NEC telephones. Learn how to use the new equipment at 20-minute training session. University Computer Center Glass Wing. Sessions at 9, 10 and 11 a.m., and 2, 3 and 4 p.m. RSVP: mary.kurtz@utoledo.edu, 419.530.4805.

Volleyball Hitting Clinic

For players in grades 4-12. Savage Hall. 5:30-7:30 p.m. \$35; \$25 for children of UT employees. Info: 419.530.2534.

Volleyball Blocking Clinic

For players in grades 4-12. Savage Hall. 8-10 p.m. \$35; \$25 for children of UT employees. Info: 419.530.2534.

Tuesday, July 26

New Telephone Training

University Computer Center Glass Wing. 20-minute

Hit the historic streets of Toledo

By Shannon Coon

Explore the architecture and history of downtown Toledo this summer with free lunchtime walking tours.

Discover Downtown Toledo tours will take place Thursdays through Sept. 15 from 12:10 to 12:50 p.m.

Sponsored by the UT Urban Affairs Center and the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library, tours will take place rain or shine and will be conducted by tour guides trained in Toledo history and architecture.

The tours scheduled are:

- July 21 — St. Paul's Lutheran Church, meet at St. Paul's, 428 N. Erie St.
- July 28 — Madison Avenue, meet at Madison and Superior Street.
- Aug. 4 — Casey Pomeroy House, meet at 802 Huron St.
- Aug. 11 — The Oliver House, meet at plaza entrance to Maumee Bay Brewing Co. on Broadway Street.
- Aug. 18 — Jefferson Avenue, meet at Jefferson and Superior Street.
- Aug. 25 — The County Seat, meet at McKinley Statue at Courthouse on Adams Street.
- Sept. 1 — Library Square, meet at Michigan Street library entrance.
- Sept. 8 — St. Clair Village, meet at St. Clair and Lafayette streets.
- Sept. 15 — Weber Block, meet inside building at Main and Front streets on the east side.

Parking on downtown streets is free between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

For more information on the summer walking tours, contact the Urban Affairs Center at 419.530.3591 or e-mail uac@utnet.utoledo.edu.



Photo by Daniel Miller

Still standing: Built in 1859, the Oliver House is the oldest remaining structure in the downtown Toledo area. Part of it is a brewery complex today.

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Environmental Health and Safety Training

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

Volleyball Serving Clinic

For players in grades 4-12. Savage Hall. 5:30-7:30 p.m. \$35; \$25 for children of UT employees. Info: 419.530.2534.

Volleyball Setting Clinic

For players in grades 4-12. Savage Hall. 8-10 p.m. \$35; \$25 for children of UT employees. Info: 419.530.2534.

Wednesday, July 27

New Telephone Training

University Computer Center Glass Wing. 20-minute sessions at 9, 10 and 11 a.m., and 2, 3 and 4 p.m. RSVP: mary.kurtz@utoledo.edu, 419.530.4805..

Volleyball Passing Clinic

For players in grades 4-12. Savage Hall. 5:30-7:30 p.m. \$35; \$25 for children of UT employees. Info: 419.530.2534.

Volleyball Digging Clinic

For players in grades 4-12. Savage Hall. 8-10 p.m. \$35; \$25 for children of UT employees. Info: 419.530.2534.

Thursday, July 28

New Telephone Training

University Computer Center Glass Wing. 20-minute sessions at 9, 10 and 11 a.m., and 2, 3 and 4 p.m. RSVP: mary.kurtz@utoledo.edu, 419.530.4805.

Friday, July 29

New Telephone Training

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Planetarium Program

"Navigating With Lewis and Clark." 8:30 p.m. \$4 for adults; \$3 for seniors and children ages 4-12; free for children 3 and younger. Info: 419.530.4037.

Saturday, July 30

Art on the Mall Kick-Off Gala

Silent auction of works by artists who will be featured in the juried art show. Area restaurants will provide food for the event, which will include live jazz music. Student Union Auditorium. 6 p.m. \$50. Info: 419.530.2586.

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UT News publishes listings for events taking place at the University and for off-campus events that are sponsored by UT groups. Information is due by noon Wednesday, Aug. 17, for the Aug. 22 issue. Send information by e-mail to utmarcom@utnet.utoledo.edu, fax it to Ext. 4618, or drop it in campus mail to #949, UT News, Marketing and Communications, University Hall Room 2110. Due to space limitations, some events may be omitted from UT News; the complete calendar can be found online at www.utnews.utoledo.edu.