

UT Medical Center opens new Wound Care and Hyperbaric Center

By Meghan Cunningham

The University of Toledo Medical Center will celebrate the region's first multiple patient hyperbaric chamber with the opening of the new Wound Care and Hyperbaric Center.

The UT Medical Center has long been the place for healing the most complex wounds and ulcers, and the addition of the new multipatient hyperbaric chamber system from OxyHeal Health Group will allow the hospital to offer the most up-to-date, comprehensive treatment.

UTMC leaders will be joined by Toledo area physicians to celebrate the Wound Care and Hyperbaric Center at a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 2:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17; the center is located in the newly renovated north entrance to the medical center off Arlington Avenue.

"The Wound Care and Hyperbaric Center brings together specialists from across UT Medical Center to provide patients with the best possible care for their wounds and ulcers," said Dr. Munier M.S. Nazzal, medical director of the Wound Care and Hyperbaric Center and chief of the UTMC Division of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery. "The unique large hyperbaric chamber allows our center to treat more patients in a more comfortable environment with the latest technology available."

Hyperbaric oxygen therapy is a treatment method in which the patient breathes 100 percent oxygen while at increased, higher than sea level atmospheric pressure inside a hyperbaric chamber. The therapy is used for a variety of conditions, including diabetic ulcers, radiation tissue damage, and crushed injuries and severed limbs. The treatment also is used for emergency treatments for carbon monoxide and cyanide poisoning.

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Photo by Daniel Miller

ADVANCED HEALING: UT Medical Center is the first hospital in the region with a multiple patient hyperbaric chamber. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place Friday, Feb. 17, for the new Wound Care and Hyperbaric Center.

Tap a tip to UTPD with new text service

By Kim Goodin

UT has initiated another tool to enhance campus safety with a Text-a-Tip service.

Text-a-Tip allows anyone to funnel non-emergency information to The University of Toledo Police Department dispatchers with a few taps of a cell phone. Users simply should input smart code 69050 and key the following in the text box: UTPD, followed by one space, then the message.

"Campus safety is everyone's responsibility," said UTPD Chief Jeff Newton. "Text-a-Tip allows anyone with a cell phone to do his or her part in making UT a safer campus. We're hoping to get information folks might not otherwise forward through a phone call."

Once a tip is sent, the user will receive a return message. In situations when non-valid tips are sent repeatedly, the user will be cautioned.

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UTMC takes academic health care to patients with new family physicians clinics

By Jon Strunk

Residents of northwest Ohio soon will find university-quality health care closer to home as UT Medical Center begins opening a series of primary care clinics across the region.

Embracing the institution's educational mission, the first clinic — accepting patients beginning Thursday, Feb. 16 — will offer a weekly wellness class led by UTMC physicians, nutritionists and therapists in addition to a fully functional laboratory and one-on-one clinical care with a UTMC physician.

Dr. Lawrence Monger will lead the first clinic and join University and hospital leaders when they cut the ribbon on UTMC's first Family Physicians Primary Care Clinic located at the northeast corner of Talmadge Road and Sylvania Avenue near Westfield Franklin Park Mall Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 9:30 a.m.

"As the only university medical center in the region, it is important that we make that level of care available to families throughout the region who have trouble fitting a doctor's visit at UTMC into their busy schedules," said Dr. Scott

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Photo by Daniel Miller

INVITING ATMOSPHERE: This is the waiting room of the UTMC Family Physicians Primary Care Clinic, located near Westfield Franklin Park Mall.



Photo by Daniel Miller

CHECK IT OUT: Rocky gave high-fives to students Quante Hinkston, left, and Jonese Washington when they stopped by the open house for the Office for the Student Experience. Located in Student Union Room 2521, the office aims to create a hassle-free environment that emphasizes customer service. At the open house, the office launched its newest resource for students, Rocket Rapid Response. In addition to stopping by the office, students can get assistance by phone at 419.530.5923 and email to rocketresponse@utoledo.edu. Students also can fill out the customer care form at www.utoledo.edu/feedback.

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The treatment increases the oxygen levels in the plasma up to 15 times the normal level, which provides oxygen to deprived tissues. The treatment also has been shown to stimulate new blood vessel growth.

“Hyperbaric oxygen therapy or ‘high dose oxygen’ utilizes the drug ‘oxygen’ to treat a variety of comprehensive wound and advanced indications,” said W. T. “Ted” Gurneé, president and CEO of OxyHeal Health Group. “Many of the advanced therapies require a university organization’s research and clinical skills to prove that efficacy. OxyHeal is thrilled to be involved with The University of Toledo Medical Center to bring these new solutions and advanced healing techniques to our Toledo patients.”

The new hyperbaric chamber at UTMC, Model OxyHeal 8000-10, is designed to treat up to 10 seated patients simultaneously. The “Omega” shaped geometry of the chamber also provides the option to treat up to four patients lying down. The chamber allows patients additional comfort during their treatments, which can be up to two hours, and patients could require multiple treatments.

The large chamber, which is 21 feet long and 10 feet wide, is the first of this type in the United States and the only multiple patient hyperbaric chamber in northwest Ohio.

“Our patients and the community expect the very best care from their academic health center, and the new UT Wound and Hyperbaric Center is another example of our efforts to provide up-to-date and comprehensive medical treatment at UT Medical Center,” said Dr. Jeffrey P. Gold, chancellor, executive vice president for biosciences and health affairs, and dean of the College of Medicine and Life Sciences.

A multidisciplinary team of physicians, nurses, medical assistants and hyperbaric technologists certified in hyperbaric oxygen therapy operate the Wound Care and Hyperbaric Center and work closely with UTMC physicians and specialists, including vascular surgeons, plastic surgeons, infectious disease specialists and podiatrists.

For more information about the UT Wound Care and Hyperbaric Center, call toll-free 855.59.WOUND.

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Scarborough, senior vice president and executive director of UTMC.

“By positioning ourselves very near the Westfield Franklin Park Mall and other commercial centers in our community, UTMC Primary Care Physicians will be a more convenient way to access the best medical care in the region,” Scarborough said.



Monger

Monger, who comes to UTMC from the St. Vincent Health system in Indianapolis, said that his specialty in internal medicine and his interest in preventative

medicine, weight loss, exercise and nutrition will provide educational opportunities well beyond what patients would get during a standard doctor’s visit.

“The University provides the education framework for those looking to improve their health that can make the process a lot less intimidating,” Monger said. “A doctor may recommend that patients lose weight and exercise, but for many, that conversation with a nutritionist or a fitness trainer in a supportive setting is the difference between success and giving up.”

The Six Weeks to Wellness educational program is slated to take place from 6 to 7 p.m. each Tuesday starting March 6. Space is limited, and registrants for the initial six-week class will receive a discount. These classes will address:

- Healthy Living, Healthy Weight — how lifestyle and genetics impact health;
- Healthy Eating — eat healthy on any budget, cooking demonstrations, menu planning;
- Fitness for Life — learn how to develop a safe fitness program;
- Getting the Knots Out — benefits of massage therapy, yoga, Pilates;

- Fitness on the Go — develop fitness plans for at home or while traveling; and
- Ageless Living — how to commit to wellness for a lifetime.

“As the demand for university-quality care has continued to grow, we’ve looked for ways to meet that need,” said Dr. Jeffrey P. Gold, chancellor, executive vice president for biosciences and health affairs, and dean of the College of Medicine and Life Sciences. “University medical centers set the bar for health care in many communities. Our success in conveying this message has led to the need for us to continue to expand to areas where families can quickly and conveniently receive the best care available.”

Gold and Scarborough said UTMC is looking at other sites around northwest Ohio where similar University Primary Care Clinics could be located.

Monger also highlighted the high-touch/high-technology and information security the new office will provide patients.

“Patients will find a much more seamless experience that will automatically and securely connect with the emergency room, pharmacy, laboratory, radiology or other records from patients’ visits at UTMC or future family physicians locations,” Monger said.

Monger, who will be the lead physician at the clinic, is board-certified in internal medicine — the specialty that provides primary, comprehensive, lifelong care to adolescents and adults with both simple and complex diseases. He is a graduate of Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine in Cleveland and completed his residency training at the University of Minnesota School of Medicine. He has practiced medicine for 17 years, including five years as a medical officer in the U.S. Army.

To make an appointment at the clinic or to register for Six Weeks to Wellness, call 419.383.5000.



Photo by Terry Fell

INSPIRING SPEAKER: George Rice III, CEO and head coach of Triple Threat Enterprises in Washington, D.C., was one of the speakers at UT's 28th Annual Conference for Aspiring Minority Youth. He encouraged area students to think beyond the present and understand their daily decisions have major impacts in long-term planning.

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Newton said a few applications of the service could include reporting non-emergent suspicious persons, possible criminal activity and security issues, such as an unsecured building door.

He cautioned that Text-a-Tip is not the best method to summon help during true emergencies.

"During incidents when quick response from officers or emergency medical personnel is needed, it's still best to call the UTPD," Newton explained. "The text message is a convenient vehicle for situations that are less urgent."

UTPD can be reached 24 hours a day at 419.530.2600.

Text-a-Tip is the latest in a series of tools UT has employed with an ongoing focus on safety.

"We're trying to stay as current as possible with new technologies as they come into play," Newton said. "Like UT Alert and UTPD on Facebook, this is another avenue for us to connect with our students and the campus community by tapping into the methods they're using to communicate."

Talk on 'New Atheism' to take place Feb. 16

By Feliza Casano

The Center for Religious Understanding's spring lecture series will begin this week with the annual Murray/Bacik Lecture in Catholic Studies, "The New Atheism: A Catholic Response," to be presented by Dr. Peter Feldmeier, the Murray/Bacik Chair of Catholic Studies at The University of Toledo.



Feldmeier

Feldmeier will address a philosophical and cultural movement known as the "New Atheism" during the lecture in the Law Center Auditorium at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16. The talk will explain the movement and what Feldmeier sees as its damaging effect on public discourse.

"The movement has already captured enough interest to sell a lot of books and it is making some noise," he said. "The lecture will frame authors who are vigorously antagonistic toward religion, unaware of limits in the scientific method and their own lack of knowledge about religiously mature discourse."

Feldmeier will address topics from New Atheism books, including *God Is Not Great* by Christopher Hitchens and *The God Delusion* by Richard Dawkins, both of which have contributed to a change in stance toward religious believers to "open dismissal if not ridicule."

"I feel the university setting is really the right forum for bona fide intellectual discussion about New Atheism," Feldmeier said. "It's especially important because many intellectuals who are otherwise knowledgeable about many things outside their own field are particularly not knowledgeable about religious studies. This is an opportunity to see how religions frame themselves."

The free, public lecture will be broadcast on WGTE's Knowledge Stream website, www.knowledgestream.org.

The next talk in the spring series will be the Annual Lecture on Eastern Religious Thought Tuesday, March 20.

In memoriam

Dr. James Bradford, Toledo, who was director of audiovisual media and technology at MCO from the late 1970s into the 1980s, died Feb. 4 at age 68.

Barbara K. Roberson, Rossford, former Carlson Library employee, died Feb. 2 at age 76. She received a bachelor's degree from UT in 1959.

Frank A. Sipos, Toledo, a former coach of the soccer club, died Feb. 2 at age 78.

Forums scheduled during Higher Learning Commission site visit

By Kim Goodin

A series of open forums will be held on Health Science and Main campuses late this month as part of UT's continuing accreditation process with the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

Visitors representing the HLC will be on campus Monday, Feb. 27, and Tuesday, Feb. 28, to meet members of the UT community and evaluate the University's compliance with five key criteria for continuing accreditation.

According to Dr. Penny Poplin Gosetti, vice provost for assessment and strategic planning, the forums will provide opportunities for UT faculty, students and staff to participate as valuable resources of information in the process, which has been ongoing for more than three years.

"The HLC team will have an agenda for each forum," Poplin Gosetti explained. "My understanding is that it is a person-to-person opportunity for the team to ask questions going back to our self-study report. Since the self-study outlines how UT meets each criterion, the site visitors will want to further explore this information with stakeholders who are most affected by it."

The self-study report was published online in December. It is available on UT's Higher Learning Commission website at www.utoledo.edu/accreditation/index.html.

Scheduled for Monday, Feb. 27, are:

- Main Campus Faculty Forum, 4 p.m., Student Union Room 2582;
- Health Science Campus Faculty Forum, 4 p.m., Health Education Building Room 110;
- Main Campus Staff Forum, 4:30 p.m., Student Union Room 2591; and
- Main Campus Student Forum, 4:30 p.m., Student Union Room 2584.

Slated for Tuesday, Feb. 28, are:

- Health Science Campus Staff Forum, 11 a.m., Toledo Hilton Oak Room, and
- Health Science Campus Student Forum, 4 p.m., Health Education Building Room 103.

Why is accreditation important?

In general, the accreditation process sparks comprehensive self-evaluation and reflection toward a path of continuous improvement.

"Continued accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission affirms that UT has met or exceeded the organization's five criteria toward excellence," said Dr. Penny Poplin Gosetti, vice provost for assessment and strategic planning. "Accreditation can be considered a valuable stamp of approval, endorsing UT's deep commitment to educational quality and improvement."

Accreditation affects UT's faculty, staff and students in the following ways:

- Quality education: Accredited colleges and universities deliver quality educational programs.
- Financial aid: Accredited schools receive federal student financial aid funds.
- Transfer: Most colleges and universities accept transfer credits only from accredited schools.
- Graduate school: Most graduate programs accept only students with degrees from accredited schools.
- Tuition assistance: Employers are more likely to endorse and reimburse tuition for courses taken at an accredited school.

The five criteria of the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools

UT will be evaluated for continued accreditation based on five criteria:

Criterion I: Mission and Integrity

Criterion II: Planning for the Future

Criterion III: Student Learning and Effective Teaching

Criterion IV: Acquisition, Discovery and Application of Knowledge

Criterion V: Engagement and Service



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Student designs costumes for 'King Oedipus' production

By Angela Riddel

When the UT Department of Theatre and Film production of Sophocles' Greek tragedy "King Oedipus" opens this week, the cast will be wearing costumes designed by student Lynnette Bates.

Bates is a senior pursuing a dual major in theatre and Japanese language. She served as an assistant designer on the UT production of "Labyrinth" in 2010, but this is her first play as the lead designer.

"This is the first time my designs are being taken off the page and made into reality," she said.

Mentoring the process of transforming her designs into fabric is Daniel Thobias, assistant professor of theatre, and Kaye Pope, costume shop manager.

Bates said she appreciates Thobias' insight: "He is really creative and has lots of useful ideas for how to bring some of the odder aspects of my designs to life. He has challenged me to always think about the big questions, like, 'What do you want to say about this character with this article of clothing?' and 'Remember that this costume is going on stage, so how are the lights and distance from the audience going to affect how it looks?'"

"Lynette is a great young designer, and it's been my pleasure to work with her," Thobias said. "She has a definite vision of what she intends for the show to look like. She expresses this well in her costume renderings, which are superior for somebody who has only begun to explore costume design."

In preparing for the show, Bates read the play several times, which she said is essential for designing costumes. "It's also important at this stage to understand major themes in the script and start exploring what each character's personality and goals in the play are," she said. "What characters wear should reflect their personalities and give clues as to how they connect with the other characters in the play."

She has worked closely with the play's director, Dr. Edmund Langan, assistant professor of theatre. "It is his

vision and concept for the play that everyone is working together to bring to life. If the designs don't fit the concept, then there is a disconnect between what the director works on in rehearsal and what the audience sees on stage, and that can be detrimental to a show.

"Here at UT, the directors are very creative and free with the way they interpret scripts, so we rarely do a traditional production of any play," Bates said. "We are being taught to be innovative, not copycats. Again, it's incredibly important to explore the director's conceptual work so that designs help support the unique world of the play that he or she wants to create."

The costumes also must work well with the design of the set. Donald Fox, visiting assistant professor of theatre, designed the set for "King Oedipus."

"Donald has designed a set with a giant sandbox in the middle, and several traps in the floor for entrances. As a costume designer, I need to make sure that what I create is both safe and set-friendly for the actors," Bates said. "I also try to keep my designs relatively comfortable for the actors to allow them more freedom in their movement on stage."

So what visual concepts will the audience see in this play?

"We tossed ideas back and forth and found that the Steampunk aesthetic [Victorian era incorporating technological elements] lent itself very well to [Lingan's] directorial concept for 'Oedipus,'" Bates said. "I hope my costumes will help pull the audience out of the world we live in and transport them into the world of 'Oedipus.'"

"King Oedipus" will open Friday, Feb. 17, at 7:30 p.m. After the performance, the audience will have the



Photo by Sean Koogan

DESIGNING WOMAN: Lynnette Bates holds a mask that will be worn by a chorus member in the UT production of "King Oedipus."

opportunity to talk with the show's cast, director and designers.

Performances will continue Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 18-19, and Wednesday through Sunday, Feb. 22-26. The show will begin at 7:30 p.m. except Sundays, when the curtain will go up at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$13 for general admission; \$11 for faculty, staff, alumni and seniors; and \$7 for students. They can be purchased online at utoledo.edu/boxoffice, by calling 419.530.2375, or by visiting the Center for Performing Arts Box Office.



ON EXHIBIT: Photos "She Dances" by Shirley Pawlowski, executive secretary 2 in Information Technology, and "The Brooklyn Bridge" by Gretchen D'Arcangelo, a student in the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, are two of more than 50 works on display in the Health Science Campus Artist Showcase. The free, public exhibition can be seen on the fourth floor of Mulford Library through Tuesday, Feb. 21.



Feb. 17 deadline to register for Geriatric Medicine Symposium

By Nicolette Jett

By 2030, the number of U.S. adults 65 or older is projected to more than double to nearly 71 million. The rapidly increasing population of older Americans has far-reaching implications for our nation's public health system and will place unprecedented demands on health care and aging-related services.

To help meet the needs of the aging population, The University of Toledo will hold the 16th Annual Geriatric Medicine Symposium, "Improving the Health and Fitness of Older Adults in Our Community," from 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Friday, March 2. The symposium will move to a new location: the Hilton Garden Inn at Levis Commons in Perrysburg.

The symposium will present physicians, nurses, nursing home administrators, occupational therapists, psychologists, social workers and other health-care providers with the latest information on public health efforts to promote wellness and functional independence in the aging population. Each attendee will leave the event with a better understanding of the barriers to patient adherence, as well as tools and methods that can be used to overcome them.

"Older adults who practice healthy behaviors, take advantage of clinical preventive services, and continue to engage with family and friends are more likely to remain healthy, live independently, and incur fewer health-related costs," said Dr. Victoria Steiner, UT assistant professor of medicine and assistant director of the Center for Successful Aging. "This symposium will provide insight into what resources are out there in northwest Ohio to help health-care

providers enhance the health and fitness of their older clients."

UT faculty members Dr. Stephen M. Roberts and Dr. Michele M. Masterson, associate professors of rehabilitative services, will be joined by guest faculty, including:

- Dr. Brian Appleby, physician at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation's Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health;
- Dr. Cheryl Lahey, staff pharmacist at Hospice of Northwest Ohio;
- Dr. Donald Mack, assistant professor of clinical family medicine at Ohio State University;
- Dr. Henry Ng, assistant professor and program director at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine;
- Emilie Wenzler Owens, vice president of nutrition and wellness at the Area Office on Aging of Northwestern Ohio Inc.; and
- Judge Jack Puffenberger of the Lucas County Probate Court.

The symposium will be presented by The University of Toledo's College of Medicine and Life Sciences, Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Center for Successful Aging and Center for Continuing Medical Education, as well as the Ohio Geriatrics Society.

Deadline for registration is Friday, Feb. 17. Fees are \$50 for UT faculty and staff, \$50 for Ohio Geriatric Society members, \$25 for UT students and residents, and \$70 for other geriatric health-care professionals. If space is available, registration will be available at the event.

For more information, visit cme.utoledo.edu.

Department of English to host Shapiro Essay Revision Contest Feb. 20-23

By Paul Webb

Are you interested in making up to \$500 in a couple hours? Are you a talented writer? If so, make sure you participate in the Shapiro Essay Revision Contest.

Open to all undergraduates, the contest provides students with a badly written essay, which they have to revise during a two-hour time period.

Dates, times and locations for the contest are:

- Monday, Feb. 20, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Memorial Field House Room 2420;
- Tuesday, Feb. 21, from 5 to 7 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. in Memorial Field House Room 2420;
- Wednesday, Feb. 22, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Memorial Field House Room 2420 and from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Writing Center, located in Carlson Library Room 1005; and
- Thursday, Feb. 23, from noon to 2 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. in Memorial Field House Room 2420, as well as from 7 to 9 p.m. in Collier Building Room 1000B on Health Science Campus.

"We are really putting in effort to expand the contest. During the past two years, we have gone from four to eight sessions," said Dr. Deborah Coulter-Harris, associate lecturer in the Department of English and director of the contest. "We want to provide as many students as

possible with the opportunity to fit the contest into their busy schedules."

Winners will receive cash awards that range from \$75 to \$500. There will be a total of 15 winners chosen.

"Not only is it a great way for students to win money, but it is wonderful to see what great work our English composition teachers have accomplished in their classrooms," Coulter-Harris said.

A pen, dictionary and thesaurus are allowed, but laptops and other resources are prohibited during the contest. No advance registration is needed, but students need to bring their Rocket IDs to the session.

"I'm really pleased with how this contest has grown over the years under Dr. Coulter-Harris' leadership," said Dr. Sara Lundquist, associate professor and chair of the Department of English. "It is great to see that our students have the confidence to revise and know how to produce good writing. This skill is transferable to all professions and walks of life after college."

Through the essay revision contest and the other Shapiro writing contests, the Department of English will award a total of 57 cash prizes this year. The contest is named for and supported by funds established by Dr. Edward Shapiro, professor emeritus of economics, who retired from UT in 1989 after 22 years of service.

Apply for University Women's Commission Scholarship

Applications are being accepted for the University Women's Commission Scholarship for female students for the 2012-13 academic year.

The commission will award one \$1,000 scholarship at the UT Outstanding Women's Award Ceremony Tuesday, April 24.

The application and guidelines may be obtained at the University Women's Commission website www.utoledo.edu/commissions/uwc or at the Financial Aid Scholarships website www.financialaid.utoledo.edu/scholarshipcontents.html and proceed to the general scholarship information.

The deadline to submit applications is Friday, March 30, to Sharon Power in Financial Aid, Rocket Hall Room 1200.

For more information, contact University Women's Commission Scholarship Co-Chairs Marie Janes at marie.janes@utoledo.edu or 419.530.4523 or Kathy Grabel at bokat@buckeye-express.com.

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UT collecting materials for RecycleMania

By Paul Webb

The University of Toledo is competing in the RecycleMania Tournament for the third straight year, and for the first time, electronics will be counted as one of the categories for the 2012 contest.

"RecycleMania gives each institution a 30-day window in which to collect electronics. We kicked ours off Saturday with Community Electronics Recycling Day," said Marcie Ferguson, strategic plan coordinator in the Office of the Vice President for Administration. "One of the best parts about the electronics category is that we were allowed to open it up not only to UT, but to the entire community. It really gave the community a responsible way to dispose of electronics that is safe for the environment."

Many types of electronics were accepted Saturday; these included small appliances, computers, copiers, scanners, printers, cell phones and flat-screen televisions.

Faculty, staff and students who have electronics to recycle can call Rocket Recycling Services year round at 419.530.1415 to arrange to have items picked up. To be counted toward RecycleMania Tournament results, items must be picked up by Saturday, March 10, Ferguson said.

The electronics recycling is just part of the overall RecycleMania event, which is collecting paper, corrugated cardboard, bottles and cans.

During last year's event, UT recycled more than 250,000 pounds of material. The Rockets also placed first in the paper category for MAC schools and third in the paper category for the state of Ohio.



2012 RecycleMania officially started Sunday, Feb. 5, after a two-week pre-season leading up to the kickoff. The University has gotten off to a strong start with 37,964 pounds of materials collected during the two week pre-season. As of Feb. 9, Toledo was ranked 68th out of 133 competing institutions at the beginning of the competition.

To donate your recyclables, look for the big blue recycling bins in most buildings on all campuses.

"Recycling helps the environment and helps us reduce our carbon footprint. It also saves UT money because it reduces the amount of trash hauled away to landfills," Ferguson said. "All around, recycling is a good thing for UT."

For more information, contact Rocket Recycling Services at 419.530.1415.

UT Community Care Clinic receives grant thanks to student

By Feliza Casano

The UT Community Care Clinic received a \$1,000 grant from the Ohio Association of Physician Assistants, which awards the grant each year to a cause nominated by an association member.

Jon Priebe, a graduate student in the UT Physician Assistant Program, nominated the clinic for the grant.

"The clinic provides care for several acute and chronic conditions. We also do flu shots and physicals for people who might not get them otherwise," Priebe said.

The UT Community Care Clinic has two sites, one in downtown Toledo and another in Perrysburg, and operates on Tuesday and Wednesday nights. The clinic provides health care for uninsured, underinsured and underserved populations in the area.

The clinic is staffed mainly by volunteer physicians and students, including a physician assistant liaison such as Priebe.

"My goal was to bring attention to the care clinic," Priebe said. "Many people don't know about it, and it's the students who make it what it is. The community makes the clinic a great place."

The grant will be used to purchase medication as well as diabetic and other testing supplies, which Priebe said comprises most costs associated with the clinic.

Guest parking passes available through online system

By Meghan Cunningham

The guest parking registration at The University of Toledo now is available online with the same system that all faculty, staff and students use for their parking permits.

All guests to UT are encouraged to visit guestparking.utoledo.edu to register and receive a daily parking permit for \$3.

The online system allows guests to register for a permit before coming to campus by creating an account with a personal email address and entering their vehicle information and the days the guest pass is needed. Guests passes, which are the equivalent of a C Pass, continue to be the same price of \$3 and are available for up to five consecutive days.

"The University automated our parking system to get rid of the hassle of hanging tags and paper permits for students and

staff, and that convenience is now extended to guests of the University," said Joy Gramling, director of auxiliary services. "Guests can register up to two weeks in advance for a pass. With this system, we have eliminated the need for guests to come to Rocket Hall to get their pass. Now they park in the closest C lot to their destination, rather than stopping by Rocket Hall first."

The departmental day guest pass system will be added to the automated system and is being finalized with the expectation to launch soon.

For more information, including a tutorial for obtaining guest permits, visit utoledo.edu/parkingservices, or contact parkingservices@utoledo.edu.

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UT to hold 'Rockets for the Cure' Feb. 18

By Brian DeBenedictis

Toledo will hold its fourth annual "Rockets for the Cure" Saturday, Feb. 18, as the Midnight Blue and Gold host Western Michigan at noon in Savage Arena.

The game will help benefit the Susan G. Komen for the Cure of Northwest Ohio. The team encourages everyone in attendance to wear pink in support of cancer research.

Groups of 15 or more can purchase tickets for this event for only \$3. The first 500 group tickets sold will receive a free commemorative T-shirt. Registration deadline for the group rate is Friday, Feb. 17, at 5 p.m. and is based on availability.

A memorabilia raffle will take place during the game, along with an opportunity to purchase "Rockets for the

Cure" T-shirts for \$10 each. Proceeds from the raffle and T-shirt sales also will benefit the Susan G. Komen for the Cure of Northwest Ohio.

Immediately following the MAC West Division showdown, guest emcee and WTOL anchor Chrys Peterson will host a live auction for the UT players' pink game jerseys.

Last season, Toledo raised a record \$14,366 for Susan G. Komen for the Cure, surpassing the previous year's total of \$11,393.



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GROWING SUPPORT: Some 325 participated in the "Tie One On" event at the Feb. 4 men's basketball game and raised approximately \$15,000 for UT's Dana Cancer Care Center in support of prostate cancer care. A total of \$4,000 was raised at the inaugural bow-tie event last year. "I want to thank everyone who participated in a very special night," Head Men's Basketball Coach Tod Kowalczyk said. "Our 'Tie One On' event raises money for a great cause, and I hope it can continue to grow more in the future."