

Memorial Field House grand opening, President's Backyard BBQ set for Sept. 18

By Jim Winkler

During its history, UT's Memorial Field House hosted concerts by The Mamas & the Papas and The Temptations, talks by anthropologist Margaret Mead and civil rights activist Dick Gregory, Rocket basketball games featuring future NBA star Steve Mix, numerous commencements, and the first-ever Holiday on Ice production on Christmas Day in 1943.

Soon, the building constructed in 1931 with its castle-like turrets will reclaim its former pivotal place in the life of UT students as home to 54 state-of-the-art classrooms, 70 faculty offices, a three-story central atrium, a 250-seat auditorium, and an educational incubator to develop innovative teaching methods. It also will house the departments of English and Foreign Languages.

A grand opening celebration for the renovated Memorial Field House and the

third annual President's Backyard BBQ will be held Thursday, Sept. 18, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with a formal program at 12:30 p.m. on Centennial Mall in front of the building's entrance.

The entire University community is invited to have a free lunch and tour the Memorial Field House.

Transportation will be provided to the Memorial Field House from the Health Science and Scott Park campuses every 20 minutes between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. The bus stop on Health Science Campus is in front of the Mulford Library and in Lot 21 near the bus shelter at Scott Park.

"We plan to have music playing in the mall by artists who performed in the old Field House, and as people tour the building, they will be able to watch a great video about its history," said Matt Lockwood,

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Photo by Daniel Miller

SMOOTH OPERATORS: Sal Murslovic, kneeling, and Mike Nicoll of Michelutti Brothers Inc., tile and terrazzo contractors in Eastpointe, Mich., were installing a terrazzo floor in the Memorial Field House last week.

Enrollment up; direct-from-high-school population largest ever

By Jon Strunk

Enrollment at The University of Toledo surged this semester, up 5.8 percent University-wide over last fall, marking the third consecutive year of increasing student numbers at UT, according to the official 15-day census count.

UT has enrolled 22,336 students for the 2008 fall semester, up from 21,119 at this time last year. Full-time equivalency (FTE) — the figure used to determine UT's state subsidy — also increased, up almost 7 percent. FTE is calculated by taking the total number of course credit hours taken by students divided by 15.

Additionally, UT's incoming direct-from-high-school population of 3,899 is the largest in its history, bringing in 304 more students — on top of last year's increase of more than 400.

Lawrence J. Burns, vice president for external affairs, also pointed to an increased percentage of upperclassmen continuing their education, proof that UT's retention efforts also are paying off.

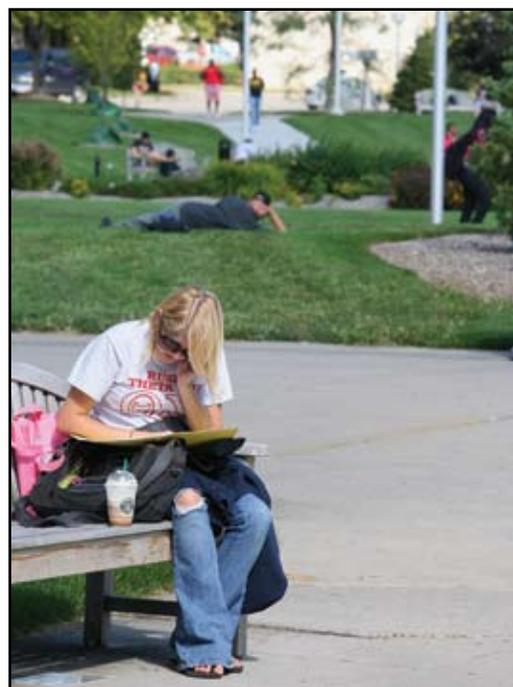


Photo by Daniel Miller

SOAKING UP THE SUN: More students were enjoying the nice weather last week on Centennial Mall as enrollment is up on UT's campuses this fall.

"This is a University-wide effort. Not only are we bringing in more freshmen and new students, but we're also keeping, and ultimately graduating, more of the students we bring in," Burns said, pointing to the new UT Learning Collaborative created to help both new and continuing students succeed at the University.

Kevin Kucera, associate vice president for enrollment services, emphasized that not only is this year's class of first-year students larger, it is more diverse and better academically prepared.

"Our scholarship model continues to offer more aid to more students and combined with the outreach from our recruiters, students, faculty, staff, alumni and so many others, UT is a place where students increasingly see their future," he said.

Kucera said one of the key areas of focus has been increasing diversity and

highlighted the rising number of African-American students — up to 719 from 600 last year — and Hispanic students — up to 139 from 106 last year.

"In the last two years, the number of African-American students is up more than 45 percent, and Hispanic students are up more than 40 percent," Kucera said.

"In the last two years, our undergraduate population has grown by more than 1,500," he said.

In its strategic plan, UT established a goal of increasing the number of undergraduates to 20,000 and, echoing the growth Kucera mentioned, UT President Lloyd Jacobs said the University's efforts were right in line with strategic goals.

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director of public relations and chair of a committee that put the event together.

The building's \$27 million, 145,000-square-foot renovation will open for classes in January. BHDP Architecture of Cincinnati developed the design.

The University, known for its research

cools more than half of UT's Main Campus.

Featured interior elements will include an "academic sidewalk" of terrazzo flooring leading to a three-story central "town square" space. The "town square" will give the building's interior an open feeling and allow students and faculty to gather and



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This photo shows the basketball court in the Memorial Field House shortly after the building opened in 1931.

in alternative energy and commitment to sustainability, is seeking LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Silver certification for the Memorial Field House. More than 50 percent of construction debris has been recycled and otherwise diverted from landfills; this includes tons of concrete from the former gymnasium's bleachers that is being utilized by Owens Community College for fire and police rescue scenario training.

New energy-efficient, automated heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems have been installed, and a large skylight allows sunlight to brighten the building. The building also houses a chill water plant that

socialize. Classrooms and labs have been designed with a focus on flexibility and state-of-the-art technology. Hallway walls eventually will be adorned with photos from past events, including concerts, athletic events and commencements.

The building's Collegiate Gothic exterior features have been preserved, including its battlements along rooflines of the main entrance and a central bay window, which is a common Gothic feature. The existing Lannon stone façade has been refurbished, and new double-insulated replacement windows have been added, replicating the original character of the building.

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versity decided what we want to look like in the future. A growing, better-prepared, more diverse student population is exactly what this University needs to continue the institutional momentum that leads to attracting strong faculty, to increased research, and the creation of new knowledge," Jacobs said. "Toledo needs to hold itself out as a

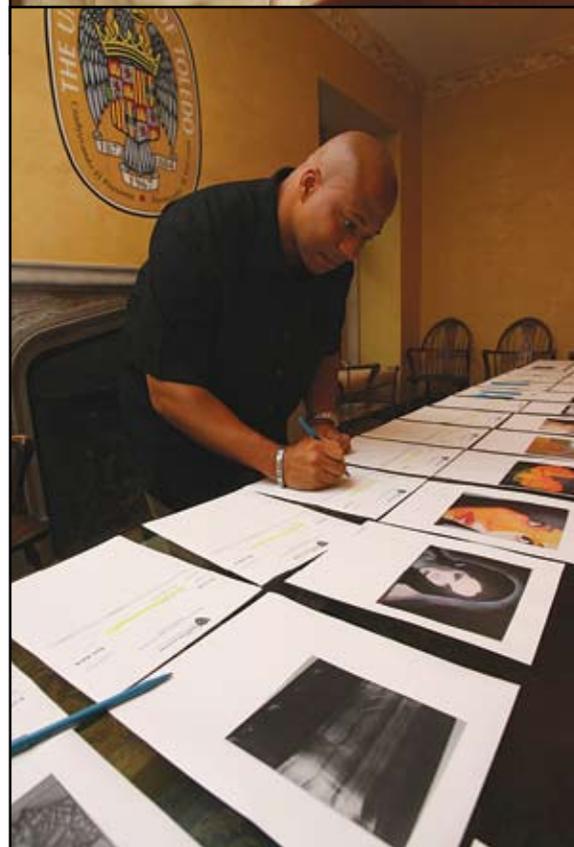
university city, and UT's building strength is key to that effort."

Burns added, "I want to thank so much Kevin and his team in Enrollment Services for the hours of travel, recruitment and student follow-up that did so much to get UT to what we're celebrating today."



Photos by Daniel Miller

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: State Sen. Teresa Fedor read a proclamation in honor of the Catharine S. Eberly Center for Women's 30-year anniversary as Charlene Gilbert, center director and professor in the departments of Women's and Gender Studies and Theatre and Film, listened last week. The proclamation stated that since the center was established in 1978, it has advocated for equity in education, work and health, and should be recognized for its contributions to the University and the community. Sammy Spann, director of Camp Adventure, was one of many who placed bids on artwork during the center's silent auction. A total of \$5,748 will come in as a result of the auction, raffle and donations pledged during the courtyard legacy celebration, according to Kaye Conner, records management officer at the center. Proceeds will help support the Eberly Center and its programs.



Nursing faculty member named to national leadership post

By Jim Winkler

Dr. Linda Pierce, professor of nursing, has been named president-elect of the 5,000-member Association of Rehabilitation Nurses (ARN).

She will assume the new post at the group's 34th annual education conference in San Francisco Oct. 1-4. She will serve as president in 2009-2010.

"ARN's vision is to reshape health care by integrating rehabilitation nurse concepts into care for everyone while becoming the pre-eminent organization for rehabilitation

nursing in the nation and world," Pierce said. "We have the opportunity to promote this vision through new and evolving partnerships in practice, education, research and public-policy advocacy."

Pierce has been active in ARN professional activities for more than 20 years. The Toledo native joined the College of Nursing in 1994 and is certified in rehabilitation nursing. Her research and practice focus on people with chronic conditions such as stroke and dementia, and their caregivers.

Provosts announce 2008-09 Distinguished University Professors

By Kim Harvey

The offices of the provosts, Health Science Campus and Main Campus, announced that, pending approval by The University of Toledo Board of Trustees, four faculty members will be appointed new Distinguished University Professors.

The appointees chosen from nominations submitted last academic year are Dr. Robert W. Collins, James M. Klein, Dr. Maurice Manning and Dr. Matthew H. Wikander.

"We are delighted to recognize these senior faculty for their distinguished careers and contributions to The University of Toledo," said Dr.

Rosemary Hagggett, Main Campus provost and executive vice president for academic affairs. "These four individuals join a select group of faculty who have earned this special recognition."

"These Distinguished University Professors are symbolic of the excellence we strive to achieve, every day, here at the University," added Dr. Jeffrey Gold, Health Science Campus provost, executive vice president for health affairs and dean of the College of Medicine. "As you'll see from their credentials, these colleagues are defined by their academic achievements, as well as their desire to share their knowledge with their peers and their students."

Collins is professor of physics and Nippon Electric Glass Endowed Chair in Silicate and Materials Science in the College of Arts and Sciences.

His nomination cited Collins' excellence in teaching and research, noting that he has been instrumental in securing more than \$32 million in funding for UT's photovoltaics program. "Rob is a strong leader in the PV group, which is leading a revitalization of the economy of northwest Ohio," according to the nomination.

Collins also has developed four new courses for a proposed interdisciplinary doctoral program that will engage faculty from three colleges and five departments. He also has published more than 300 peer-reviewed articles and given 75 invited presentations with approximately 200 citations.

"I am grateful for this honor and look forward to working within UT and state-wide to achieve recognition as the leading center for basic sciences of photovoltaic materials and devices," Collins said. "In the four-plus years since I have arrived at UT, I have found an extraordinarily stimulating environment for such an effort and have received great support from the state of Ohio, the University, the colleges, and many faculty and industry colleagues throughout the state."



Collins

Klein is a professor in the College of Law.

His nomination cited Klein's longtime leadership in legal service, professional development and athletic law. He helped initiate the College of Law's Legal Clinic, served as a member of the American Bar Association's Accreditation Committee from 1997 to 2003, and worked on major reforms of the National Collegiate Athletic Association's bylaws concerning academic progress, eligibility, and legislative review and interpretations.

"Many alumni have shared with me that their work with Professor Klein changed their lives," wrote his nominator. "Rarely do I attend an Ohio or national function without having judges and bar leaders ask me to convey their respects to Professor Klein."

"I have always considered it a privilege to be a member of the legal profession and a faculty member in the University of the city where I was born and raised," Klein said. "During my career, I have experienced many rewarding milestones; none means more to me than this one."

Manning is a professor in the Department of Biochemistry and Cancer Biology in the College of Medicine.

Highlights of his achievements in research, education and scholarship include international recognition on clinical research on hypertension and uterine contractions and a current research project that has been funded for 33 consecutive years by the National Institutes of Health — a record among active UT faculty.

Manning is a 10-time winner of the Golden Apple Award for excellence in teaching and also has won the Dean's Award for Teaching Excellence.

"By every measure that one can apply to faculty performance, Dr. Manning has excelled in scholarship, teaching and professional outreach," wrote his nominator.

"I'm delighted, surprised and deeply



Klein

honored by the Distinguished University Professorship," Manning said. "This recognition of my efforts by the University community means my academic efforts are appreciated."

Wikander is a professor in the Department of English in the College of Arts and Sciences.

His expertise in literature, particularly the work of William Shakespeare, is internationally renowned. He has written three books of literary criticism, as well as numerous articles in acclaimed journals and books of his field, including *Shakespeare Survey*, *Shakespeare Quarterly*, *The Cambridge Companion to O'Neill* and *The Blackwell Companion to Tragedy*.

"These are premier venues for scholarly work which accept only the most accomplished and serious work," wrote Wikander's nominator. "UT students are studying with a world-class Shakespearean; one who brings to them his love, enthusiasm and clear sense of the continuing relevance of his subject, as well as a decided flair for the dramatic."

UT-Fresno State game time changed for ESPNU broadcast



The University of Toledo home football opener vs. Fresno State Saturday, Sept. 20, will be carried nationally on ESPNU. Game time for the contest has been moved to 8:15 p.m. It originally was scheduled for 7 p.m.

The Rockets will have at least two other games on national TV: at Akron Wednesday, Nov. 5, on ESPN2 or ESPNU, and a home game against Bowling Green Friday, Nov. 28, on ESPN Classic.

Canaday Center for Special Collections exhibit to examine disability history in region

“From Institutions to Independence: A History of People With Disabilities in Northwest Ohio,” an exhibition, will open Tuesday, Sept. 23, at 4 p.m. in the Ward M. Canaday Center for Special Collections in the William S. Carlson Library on Main Campus.

Dr. Jim Ferris, the new director of UT’s Disability Studies Program, will be the opening speaker.

The exhibit features archival materials collected by the Canaday Center over the past five years that document disability history in the Toledo area.

“The history of people with disabilities is largely unknown,” said Barbara Floyd, director of the Canaday Center. “This exhibit is an opportunity for our community to learn about the lives of people who have, for much of our nation’s history, been invisible because they were locked away in institutions or kept hidden by their families who felt shamed by them.”

Floyd said that like other under-represented groups such as women and minorities, the history of disabled people is only beginning to be discovered. Yet northwest Ohio has played a significant role in disability history.

For example, she said, the Toledo State Hospital was the first publicly supported mental health facility in the country to be built using the cottage system, where patients were housed in small, family-like settings rather than in large wards. Josina Lott began the first sheltered workshop for developmentally disabled people that was not a part of a residential institution. The Toledo Rotary Club was one of the first philanthropic organizations in the nation to take on the cause of disabled children and helped to found the Feilbach School for Crippled Children in Toledo in 1918 and the Opportunity Home for disabled children requiring long-term care in 1930.

“Parts of this story are known to some in our community, but this exhibit is unique in that it looks at our disability history overall and attempts to place the experience of those in northwest Ohio within the larger context of what was happening in the state and nation,” Floyd said.

She said the exhibit shows how in the 20th century disabled people moved out of large residential institutions as ideas about treatments changed, and they returned to their communities to live independently. Society slowly changed its views of disabled people, and with the passage of the Americans With Disabilities Act in 1990, their



This photo of Thomas Whitaker, who operated a newsstand in the downtown Toledo post office during the 1930s and 1940s, is included in the exhibit.

civil rights were finally recognized and protected.

The exhibit looks at the lives of those with mental illness, vision and hearing impairment, and physical and developmental disabilities. It also focuses on the impact of the polio epidemics of the 1940s and 1950s on Toledo, and how local organizations sought to provide vocational rehabilitation and employment to the disabled. It includes an examination of the impact of the eugenics movement on the disabled. And the exhibit analyzes the disability rights movement, and how organizations and services changed to provide more independence for the disabled.

The exhibit will be on display Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., through Feb. 27. Evening and weekend tours are available by appointment. The exhibit and associated events are free and open to the public, and a free exhibition catalog will be available. The exhibit and events have been funded through a grant from the Office of the Provost’s Academic Excellence Program.

In addition to Ferris’ opening talk, a series of public events have been planned to coincide with the exhibit. Listed by date, these are:

- Wednesday, Oct. 8 — “Deaf Hearing Boy: A Life in Northwest Ohio,” a book signing and talk by author Robert H. Miller, professor emeritus at the University of Louisville, at 3 p.m. in the Canaday Center. The talk will concern Miller’s experience growing up as the hearing child of two deaf parents in Toledo and Defiance.

- Thursday, Oct. 23 — “Humanitarianism



Also in the exhibit is this photo of a Toledo girl learning to walk again after polio at the Opportunity Home on Central Avenue circa 1940.



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Children at the Feilbach School for Crippled Children posed for a photo at Christmas.

Through Institutionalization: The Medical Treatment of Ohio’s Insane in the 19th Century,” a talk by Dr. Deborah Marinski, Ohio University Southern, at 3 p.m. in the Canaday Center. This lecture is based upon Marinski’s dissertation for her degree from UT’s Department of History.

- Saturday, Nov. 8 — The premiere of “My Black Bird Has Flown Away: The Life of Hugh Gregory Gallagher,” an original one-man play by playwright Carlton Spitzer, starring Broadway actor Jeremy Lawrence, at 7:30 p.m. in the UT Center for Performing Arts Studio Theatre on Main Campus. The play is about the life of disability scholar and activist Hugh Gallagher, who wrote the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 and the book *FDR’s Splendid Deception*. Gallagher was a nationally known figure in the dis-

ability rights movement, and the Canaday Center preserves his personal papers in its collections.

- Thursday, Nov. 20 — “Warm Springs: Traces of a Childhood at FDR’s Polio Haven,” a book signing and talk by Toledo native and author Susan Richards Shreve, Department of English, George Mason University, at 1 p.m. in the Canaday Center. This talk, which is co-sponsored by the President’s Lecture Series on Diversity, will focus on Shreve’s life with polio and her “coming of age” at the polio treatment facility in Georgia in the 1950s.

For more information on events or to schedule a special showing of the exhibit, contact the Canaday Center at 419.530.4480.

The world as it is: Documenting disabled lives

By Dr. Jim Ferris

Disability has been a part of human experience as long as there have been humans. But, as historians are only recently coming to realize, this crucial aspect of the human story has been ignored in written histories. As historian Douglas Baynton observed, “Disability is everywhere in history, once you begin looking for it, but conspicuously absent in the histories we write.”

“From Institutions to Independence: A History of People With Disabilities in Northwest Ohio” is an important step toward redressing that conspicuous absence. The Regional Disability History Archive Project at the Ward M. Canaday Center for Special Collections has begun the vital work of collecting materials that document disability history; this exhibit illustrates the richness of that work.

Why is it important to place disabled people* in history — in the histories that we write? Certainly it is important to document that disabled people make contributions, too; countering the long-running canard that disabled people are worthless can hardly be overvalued. But recognizing the role of disability in human history is necessary for an even more important reason: Disabled people are and always have been an essential part of the human fabric, and we ignore that fact at our own peril.

Why peril? It is dangerous for humankind not to see the world as it is — especially when we think we are seeing it clearly, especially when we are using that flawed perspective on the world to take actions that affect the lives of real people. How we think about the world and how we understand our places within it have great consequences. When we act as if disabled people are only “consumers,” are only what the Nazis called “useless eaters,” we lose sight of the truth that our tribe, our nation, is not made up of the independent here and the dependent over there, that we are all in fact interdependent, all part of a grand fabric, outside of which none of us is able to step, that none of us can step back far enough to see fully, even though we might like to think we can see it pretty well.

What makes up this fabric? The ideas and institutions, the patterns and textures, are certainly important. But there is no fabric without the individual threads — no one of them dictates the whole, but each is essential to it. When we decide to ignore a significant portion of the fabric, it diminishes our perspective on and understanding of the whole.

Without disabled people, there is no true, accurate picture of human history —



Ferris

of the world, of the nation, of northwest Ohio. Strong archives flesh out our understanding by providing details. This archive, as shown in the exhibit, is particularly strong at this point in providing contemporaneous information about how those who sought to improve the lives of disabled people set about their work, and how they understood what they were doing. This is far from the end of the tale, of course, but it is an important step in telling this vital and overlooked story. And the exhibit heralds an important resource for those who study disability and disabled lives through history.

In profoundly important ways, the world is the way it is due to the decisions men and women made in the past. And we cannot understand our world as it is without some understanding of how we got here. This exhibit and the archive it heralds are important pieces we can use to build and deepen our understanding.

Some day, others will write histories of today. They will look at this time and place, seeing what their ideas and the historical record of artifacts and texts allow them to see. Will they see the disabled people of today? Where will they see them? This exhibit and this archive suggest that disabled people will not be hidden away, will not be overlooked, as was past practice. By collecting these materials, by caring for them and making them available both to scholars and to the public, by insisting on our past, we articulate a present, and we claim a future. Ultimately, that is what the Regional Disability History Archive Project offers us: the possibility of a future of greater understanding. This is an important way of keeping faith with those

who came before; this is part of fulfilling our responsibility to those who will follow us. Here is where we came from; let us learn from it as we seek to build that better future.

*I use the phrase “disabled people” instead of the people-first phrase “people with disabilities” in keeping with the call from Simi Linton and others to center disabled

experience and claim a political identity. See *Claiming Disability: Knowledge and Identity* by Simi Linton (New York: NYU Press, 1998).

Ferris is the Ability Center of Greater Toledo Endowed Chair in Disability Studies, director of UT's Disability Studies Program, and associate professor of communication.

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Diversity mural set for unveiling Sept. 16

By Jacob Corkins

The official unveiling of the diversity mural, "Recovering Hidden Past: Public Portraiture," in Rocket Hall on Main Campus is slated for Tuesday, Sept. 16, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

UT President Lloyd Jacobs and Main Campus Provost Rosemary Haggett will speak at 3 p.m.

In spring 2006, students in a Public History Theory class were assigned to survey and analyze the public artwork of the University and found that most permanent art was of white male administrators.

After researching UT's history at the Ward M. Canaday Center for Special Collections in Carlson Library, the students realized the art didn't accurately depict the complexity or diversity of the institution.

This led the students to propose the mural as a steppingstone to show UT's diverse history through public art.

In April 2007, a committee was formed and charged with creating the mural; Jennifer Rockwood, director of the First-Year Experience (FYE) Program, was named chair.

"This yearlong FYE student-centered project characterizes the energy and enthusiasm of the students in a variety of disciplines to showcase the history of diversity at UT in the first Main Campus building where many students will enter on their academic journey," she said.

Designed by Andrew Maurer, 2007 UT graduate with a bachelor in fine arts, the mural reflects the University's mission statement to emphasize "human diversity, respect for individuals and freedom of expression."

Maurer began the project in October 2007, and with the help of history students Katie N. Green, 2006 graduate, Justin Pfeifer, 2007 graduate, senior history major Joshua Gulch and FYE students, the project was completed this summer.

The blend of silhouetted campuses and events from the University's diverse past creates a fitting tribute to UT's rich history, according to Rockwood.

Light refreshments will be served during the free, public event.

Constitution Day to highlight drive to engage young voters

By Kim Harvey

On Sept. 17, 1787, the signatures of 39 men on the United States Constitution blazed a trail for a fledgling nation to follow.

To commemorate this date in American history, The University of Toledo will celebrate Constitution Day Wednesday, Sept. 17, with a number of activities on Centennial Mall in front of the Student Union on Main Campus. Student Government representatives also will be out in force to register new voters and update information for registered voters.

Kristina Karbula, Student Government vice president, said, "We thought this was a perfect day to announce our huge project of students registering students to vote. This election could see the biggest voter turnout ever. It's important to get students out as first-time voters to establish a pattern of civic responsibility."

Karbula said Student Government is working in conjunction with a program called Student Empowerment Training, which sponsors civic activism projects. The goal is to register 35,000 new voters across the state by Oct. 6.

"Our goal at UT is to register 8,000 students, which is about one-third of the student body," she said. "Within the next few weeks, we'll do a 'dorm storm' with

door-to-door registration of kids on campus and send text messages that can connect students to online registration sites."

According to Aaron Baker, government relations specialist, Constitution Day recognition is required for all state institutions that receive federal funding. UT has planned events in conjunction with the day since 2005 through a committee comprised of students, faculty and staff.

"The intent is for the events to be educational and empowering," Baker said. "Hopefully, students will be reminded of the significance of the document and what it means to them. This year has particular importance because we have a historic election coming up."

Dr. Rosemary Haggett, Main Campus provost and executive vice president for academic affairs, will kick off festivities at noon with remarks about the importance of voting. Several tables manned by Student Government members will be available for voter registration.

As with most birthdays, Baker said, celebratory cake will be offered.

In addition to its registration efforts, Student Government also has received permission to host a voting precinct in Carlson Library for the Nov. 4 general election.

Professor asks: Is there a Catholic vote?

By Jon Strunk

If you've watched any political coverage this campaign season, you've seen the pie charts splitting up the electorate into demographics — often identifying groups of people according to their faith. "Let's look at the Catholic vote," the commentator says.

In his annual Murray/Bacik Lecture in Catholic Studies, Dr. Richard Gaillardetz will ask people to step back from the statistics and question the original premise in a discussion titled "Is There a Catholic Vote? Perils and Possibilities of Faith-Based Voting."

Gaillardetz, UT Thomas and Margaret Murray and James J. Bacik Professor of Catholic Studies, will host the annual lecture Tuesday, Sept. 16, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Law Center Auditorium on Main Campus.

"I think it's wholly appropriate to bring religious convictions into the political conversation, but I think those views should represent more than one religious perspective," Gaillardetz said.

Gaillardetz warned against the tendencies of such religious communities to encourage single-issue voting. In his lecture, he will offer guidelines to help voters consider how their faith convictions might inform their voting patterns.

"The role of religion in the voting booth is much more complicated than many of the caricatures of religious voters seen on the news," he said.

Twenty-five years ago, Gaillardetz said, was the emergence of the religious right. Its political influence instigated a strong critique by the left against the intrusion of



Gaillardetz

religion into politics.

"In the last five to 10 years, we've started to see a moving to the middle, with people of all religious convictions more comfortable publicly discussing how their faith affects their voting decisions," he said.

So is there a Catholic vote?

"I don't think there's this monolithic, united group of Catholic voters, no, but that doesn't mean that a Catholic's faith doesn't — or shouldn't — play a significant role in the political discussion," Gaillardetz said.

He added that while his studies focus on the Catholic faith, the issues of religious convictions and politics are relevant to all persons of faith.

The free, public event is sponsored by the UT Program in Religious Studies.

Scientist to discuss accelerating universe

The Accelerating Universe: Ten Years On" will be the topic of the annual McMaster Cosmology Colloquium Thursday, Sept. 18, at 4 p.m. in McMaster Hall Room 1005 on Main Campus.

Dr. Joshua Frieman of the University of Chicago's Fermilab Center for Particle Astrophysics will be the guest speaker.

"Just about 10 years ago, new precise measurements provided the first indication to astronomers that the entire universe, which was already known to be expanding, was actually expanding faster and faster as time goes by, accelerating the expansion," explained Dr. Karen S. Bjorkman, UT professor and associate chair of physics and astronomy. "These results were both exciting and very puzzling, since they posed serious problems for our understanding of both the past and future fate of our universe.

"In some sense, the findings pointed to very profound and fundamental questions

about the underlying physics involved," she continued. "One of the key mysteries was what the unknown energy source might be to drive this acceleration; astronomers called this source dark energy. Together with the already discovered so-called dark matter, the implication was that we don't yet understand what almost 96 percent of the universe is made up of!"

Frieman will discuss what scientists have discovered about dark energy and dark matter during the last decade. He also will present ideas proposed as explanations and talk about future observations and experiments that may unravel these scientific mysteries.

Refreshments will be served prior to the colloquium in McMaster Hall Room 4009.

For more information on the free, public event, contact the Physics and Astronomy Department at 419.530.2241.



UT slates events for Hispanic Heritage Month, Sept. 15-Oct. 15

From tamale making and discussing the presidential election to salsa dancing and reading poetry — The University of Toledo has several events scheduled to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, Sept. 15 to Oct. 15.

“It is important for us to take the time, especially during this celebration month, to recognize the achievements of Hispanic and Latino Americans as part of our American history and culture, and to express our rich cultural diversity,” said Nina Grant, senior director of the Office of Multicultural Student Services.

Listed by date, events planned by the Office of Multicultural Student Services and the Office of Latino Initiatives, along with UT student and Latino community organizations, are:

Monday, Sept. 15

- Hispanic Heritage Month Kick-Off Celebration, noon to 2 p.m. in the Student Union South Lounge on Main Campus. The UT community is invited to sample Latino food and music.

- Latino Student Union Open House, 8 to 9 p.m. in Student Union Room 3515. Learn about one of UT’s oldest student organizations and see what programs are planned for the year.

Tuesday, Sept. 16

- ¡Vamos a Charlar!, 6 p.m. at Rocky’s Attic in the Student Union. Learn proper table etiquette and have a free meal. RSVPs are not required, but space is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Wednesday, Sept. 17

- “Latino Influence on Film,” 4 to 6 p.m. in Carlson Library Room 1025 on Main Campus. Daniel E. Feinberg, lecturer in University Libraries, will show how to use library resources to discover more information about Latino films and movie stars.

Thursday, Sept. 18

- Multicultural Jeopardy, noon in the Student Union South Lounge. Stop by and test your Hispanic heritage knowledge and maybe win a prize.

Saturday, Sept. 20

- Latino Tailgate Party, 6 to 7:30 p.m., Lot 25 near Rocket Hall on Main Campus. Psyche up for UT’s football home opener against Fresno State. Kickoff will take place at 8:15 p.m. in the Glass Bowl.

Monday, Sept. 22

- Commuter Break: Where’s Waldo? and Latino Munchies, 3 to 5 p.m. in Student Union Room 2500. Have some Latino food and learn about the Where’s Waldo contest.

- Latino Student Union Social Night, 8 to 10 p.m. in the Student Union Recreation Center on Main Campus. Play volleyball, shoot some hoops or relax in the pool. Pizza and pop will be served during the event.

Tuesday, Sept. 23

- Latino Poetry Reading, 8 p.m. in the Crossings Multipurpose Room on Main Campus. Poet and storyteller Bobby González will be the featured artist during the event, where coffee will be served.

Thursday, Sept. 25

- Tres Leche Cake Giveaway, noon to 2 p.m. in the hallways of the Scott Park Student Center on Scott Park Campus. Members of Sigma Lambda Gamma and Sigma Lambda Beta will hand out cakes.

- Comedian Alex Ortiz, 7 p.m. in the Student Union Auditorium. Meet the fireman-turned-comedian after the free show at a reception in the Office of Multicultural Student Services, Student Union Room 2500.

Thursday, Oct. 2

- Brown-Bag Seminar, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the Catharine S. Eberly Center for Women, Tucker Hall Room 0180 on Main Campus. Sabina Elizondo-Serratos, director of the UT Latino Initiatives Office, will give a talk on “Sí Se Puede: Latinas in Toledo Breaking Barriers.”

- Latino Student Meet’n’Greet, 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Rocket Hall Rocket Room. Meet Latino faculty and staff in an informal setting, learn about Latino organizations at UT and sample Latino food.

Friday, Oct. 3

- ¡Explosión III! Hispanic Business and Consumer Expo, 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Dana Conference Center on Health Science Campus. To register and for more information, contact Monica Perez at monica.perez@hickoryfarms.com.

Saturday, Oct. 4

- Latino Alumni Affiliate Annual Homecoming Brunch, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Driscoll Alumni Center Schmakel Room on Main Campus. Authentic Latino cuisine will be served, and there will be a silent auction to benefit the Latino Alumni Affiliate Scholarship. Reservations are required for this free event; call 419.530.5378.

Tuesday, Oct. 7

- Tamale Making Social, 2 to 8 p.m. in Scott Park Student Center Room 1250 on Scott Park Campus. Learn how to make tamales; all ingredients will be provided.

Thursday, Oct. 9

- ¡Sí Se Puede! Ensuring Latino Student Success, 8:30 a.m. in the Dana Conference Center Williams/Defiance Rooms on Health Science Campus. President Lloyd Jacobs will host a special breakfast meeting.

Friday, Oct. 10

- Salsa Night, 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. in the Student Recreation Center. Professional instructors will be on hand to teach Latino dances.

Tuesday, Oct. 14

- Election '08, noon to 2 p.m. in Student Union Room 2591. Members of the Latino Student Union will discuss the presidential election. Pizza and pop will be served.

For more information, contact the Office of Multicultural Student Services at 419.530.2261 or the Office of Latino Initiatives at 419.530.2992.

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- A demonstration rain garden north of the Glass Bowl near the Ottawa River on Main Campus will be dedicated Monday, Sept. 15, at 4 p.m.
- Jazz icon Jon Hendricks, UT Distinguished Professor of Jazz, will celebrate his 87th birthday with a concert with University music faculty at Murphy's Place, 151 Water St., Monday, Sept. 15, at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and \$3.
- The Memorial Field House and the President's Backyard BBQ will take place Thursday, Sept. 18, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Centennial Mall on Main Campus.
- The fifth annual Prostitution, Sex Work and Human Trafficking Conference, which looks at the legal, societal and personal consequences of prostitution, will be held Thursday and Friday, Sept. 18 and 19. Visit <http://prostitutionconference.com> for details.
- The UT home football opener vs. Fresno State Saturday, Sept. 20, will be played at 8:15 p.m. It originally was scheduled for 7 p.m.
- Family status changes that impact health plan coverage must be reported to Human Resources within 30 days to be reflected in benefits.



Photo by Daniel Miller

'EXTREME' MEETING: Paul DiMeo, a designer from ABC's TV show "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition," shook hands with MacKenzie Collins, daughter of Kelly Collins, assistant softball coach, before taking to the field last week to play against the UT softball team in a charity game. DiMeo and the cast of the show were in Toledo to remodel the home of the Frisch family.

In memoriam

Norma Jean Gast, Northwood, a former MCO employee, died Sept. 8 at age 64.

Dr. Vladimir Nigrovic, 74, a physician and founding member of the College of Medicine's Department of Pharmacology, died Sept. 4 in Perrysburg Township. Nigrovic, a native of Yugoslavia, was a professor of pharmacology and therapeutics and a professor of anesthesiology and a vice chairman of that department at the former Medical College of Ohio. As an anesthesiology professor, he cared for patients in the operating room, taught medical students and residents, and conducted research into the use of muscle relaxants in surgery. Even though he retired in 1997 from the practice of anesthesiology, Nigrovic still had an office on Health Science Campus, where he conducted studies into theoretical pharmacology. He joined the MCO Department of Pharmacology in 1968 and later joined the Department of Anesthesiology as a practicing clinician after finishing medical and residency training in Germany. The departments of Anesthesiology and Physiology/Pharmacology plan to establish an annual lectureship in his honor.

UT Medical Center 'breaking silence' about ovarian cancer with walk/run

By Megan Lewis

The UT Medical Center will hold a walk/run to break the silence about ovarian cancer Saturday, Sept. 20, at 8:30 a.m. on the Health Science Campus.

The "Break the Silence" campaign is hosted by the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition (NOCC) of northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan and PureOlogy Serious Colour Care.

The event will focus on increasing awareness and encouraging dialogue about the symptoms and risk factors of ovarian cancer among women and their physicians.

Before the walk/run begins, there will be activities for the kids and a raffle for gift baskets. In addition, doves will be released in memory of those who have lost their fight to this disease.

Last year, approximately 700 people,

including 50 ovarian cancer survivors, participated in this event.

Currently, there is no test for ovarian cancer and, unfortunately, almost 70 percent of women are not diagnosed until the disease is in advanced stages when survival rate is low, said NOCC President Gini Steinke. "Ovarian cancer is the most deadly of gynecological cancers, and this year alone over 20,000 women of all ages will be diagnosed and 15,000 will die," Steinke said.

Age group registration prices before Sept. 16 are: adults, \$25; children 10 to 17, \$15; and children 5-10, \$5. After that date, registration prices will be: adults, \$30; children 10 to 17, \$20; and children 5-10, \$5.

To register, go to www.active.com and type ovarian cancer in the search engine.

Professional development classes offered

By Kim Harvey

Many experts agree that you can achieve excellence by making continuous learning a habit.

Taking professional development courses through the Office of Quality and Continuous Learning (OQCL) makes it easy to learn new professional skills and enhance old ones in areas such as public speaking, finance and accounting, mentoring, business writing, management techniques, strategic planning and conflict resolution.

Currently, 26 courses are offered for UT employees. According to Carrie Herr, director of the Executive Center for Global Competitiveness in the College of Business Administration, "The OQCL evolved from a collaborative effort between administrative offices and the College of Business to address continuous improvement and professional development needs at the University.

"We've formed lifetime partnerships with external businesses through the Executive Center for Global Competitiveness to provide assistance with their competitive needs," Herr said. "Because the need to be competitive within higher education is also vital, OQCL creates continuous improvement and professional development opportunities for UT employees."

Dr. Thomas Gutteridge, dean of the College of Business, added, "As we looked at how we were going to fill the void identified on campus for meeting professional development and continuous improvement needs, we realized we have many experts and resources available at UT, and why not

tap into that well of knowledge? The Office of Quality and Continuous Learning connects the appropriate resources and services necessary to address those needs."

Suggestions from the UT community, results from performance reviews and external business indicators helped shape OQCL's curriculum, which Herr expects to include online courses in the future.

Instructors are comprised of faculty, adjunct faculty and additional experts.

Employee feedback has been positive to courses offered last spring. The first course of the 2008-09 program, Building UT Community, begins Wednesday, Sept. 17. Employees are encouraged to visit the OQCL site at www.utoledo.edu/offices/oqcl/Professional_Development.html to register for their chosen and approved courses. The classes are free of charge.

William Logie, vice president for human resources and campus safety, said the professional development program will continue to evolve based on employees' suggestions.

"When our employees succeed, the University succeeds," Logie said. "Part of helping our faculty and staff achieve is understanding which skills sets require enrichment. Employees who complete the courses take the tools they've learned back into their work environments, increasing knowledge and productivity on a campus-wide level."

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