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LIFTOFF: Shaun Williams, an electrical engineering technology student, stepped back after launching a student's water-filled bottle rocket outside Nitschke Hall last Monday. The event was one of many in the College of Engineering to celebrate National Engineers Week.

Scheduling conflict cancels March 1 town hall meeting

By Tobin J. Klinger

A last-minute change in President Lloyd Jacobs' calendar has forced the cancellation of the Thursday, March 1, campus town hall meeting.

Details on the rescheduled meeting will be announced soon.

"We are holding this discussion later in the day in hopes of increasing participation

from our students," Jacobs said. "I hope you can make it out as we discuss the important issues of the day."

The meeting also will be webcast at <http://video.utoledo.edu>, and viewers will be able to participate via the Web by e-mailing questions to TownHallQuestions@utoledo.edu.

Final candidate for Main Campus provost to appear at open forum today

By Tobin J. Klinger

The last of three finalists vying for the Main Campus provost position will visit UT this week to meet with various constituent groups.

The candidate will appear at an open forum for all interested students, faculty and staff.

Dr. Rosemary Haggett, acting director of the Division of Graduate Education and senior adviser of the education and human resources directorate at the National Science Foundation, will appear on Monday, Feb. 26, from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in Student Union Room 2592 on Main Campus.

Dr. Jack Maynard, provost and vice president for academic affairs and professor of educational leadership at Indiana State University, has withdrawn his name from consideration.

The first two finalists appeared at forums last week. Dr. Rathindra Bose, vice president for research and dean of the graduate school and professor of chemistry and

biochemistry at Northern Illinois University, and Dr. Robert Sheehan, interim provost and executive vice president for academic affairs and professor of education at The University of Toledo, appeared Feb. 19 and 21, respectively.

"Hiring a new provost is a critically important decision for a university," said Dr. Carter Wilson, professor of political science, chair of the Main Campus Faculty Senate and co-chair of the search committee. "It is imperative to get the full and active participation of the faculty in this decision. We encourage as many faculty members to participate as possible."

The open forums are hosted by the executive committees of the Main Campus Faculty Senate, Graduate Council and UT chapter of the American Association of University Professors.

The candidates' curriculum vitae and interview schedules are available at <http://utoledo.edu/offices/president/provost.html>.



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PASSIONATE SPEAKER: Dr. Alvin Poussaint, professor of psychiatry and faculty associate dean for students at Harvard Medical School, gave a talk on "Breaking Down the Segregation and Disparities in Health Care: A Life and Death Issue" at the Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Benefit Dinner last week. More than 400 people heard him discuss the overall political landscape and health conditions in the South, beginning with the march led by King from Selma to Montgomery in Alabama in 1965. Poussaint also talked about being a southern field director of the Medical Committee for Human Rights, providing medical care to civil rights workers.

Architectural firm hired for Savage Hall renovation

By Matt Lockwood

Downtown Toledo architectural and engineering firm SSOE Inc. has been hired to lead the high-profile renovation of Savage Hall.

“We were looking for a company with a lot of professionals in different disciplines such as structural, electrical, mechanical and civil engineering,” said Chuck Lehnert, associate vice president for facilities and construction.

SSOE has already begun meeting with a University committee to determine the Athletic Department’s needs for the arena and to discuss building code issues.

Once it knows how to allocate space

within the renovated arena, SSOE will develop a schematic drawing of what the new and improved Savage Hall will look like. That rendering should be available this spring.

Initial work on the project will entail bringing the facility up to code and working on the building’s aesthetics, such as possibly putting in more glass so passers-by can see when an event is taking place.

“Instead of trying to create a game atmosphere, we’re trying to make it an event atmosphere,” Lehnert said.

Construction will be scheduled around Rocket basketball seasons.

Design of College of Business new complex unveiled

By Jon Strunk

The University of Toledo unveiled the initial design for the College of Business Administration’s new Savage & Associates Complex for Business Learning and Engagement at the Board of Trustees committee meetings last week.

The new building, which will extend north from Stranahan Hall up the hill between Gillham Hall and Ritter Planetarium, will house high-tech classrooms, action learning laboratories and the college’s academic programs, according to Dr. Thomas Gutteridge, dean of the College of Business

Administration.

Glass will play a central role in the new building; its eastern and western walls will primarily be glass, as will two walkways connecting the new complex to Stranahan Hall. The glass walls, which will help reduce lighting costs, are just one feature of a building full of environmentally friendly design elements, which should help achieve LEED (Leadership Energy and Environmental Design) Silver Certification for the new structure.

“This new building will house the high-tech tools and interactive environment that the next generation of business leaders will need to be successful,” Gutteridge said. “The UT College of Business Administration is already well-known, and the addition of this beautiful building will only make UT more enticing. In addition, the complex will help to bring the college’s relationship and engagement activities with the business community to their next level of excellence.”

Gutteridge said he hopes the building, designed by Toledo architectural firm Munger, Munger + Associates Architects Inc., will be ready for students by fall 2009.



PICTURE IT: This model by Munger, Munger + Associates Architects Inc. of Toledo shows how the College of Business Administration’s new Savage & Associates Complex for Business Learning and Engagement would extend north between Gillham Hall and Ritter Planetarium on Main Campus.

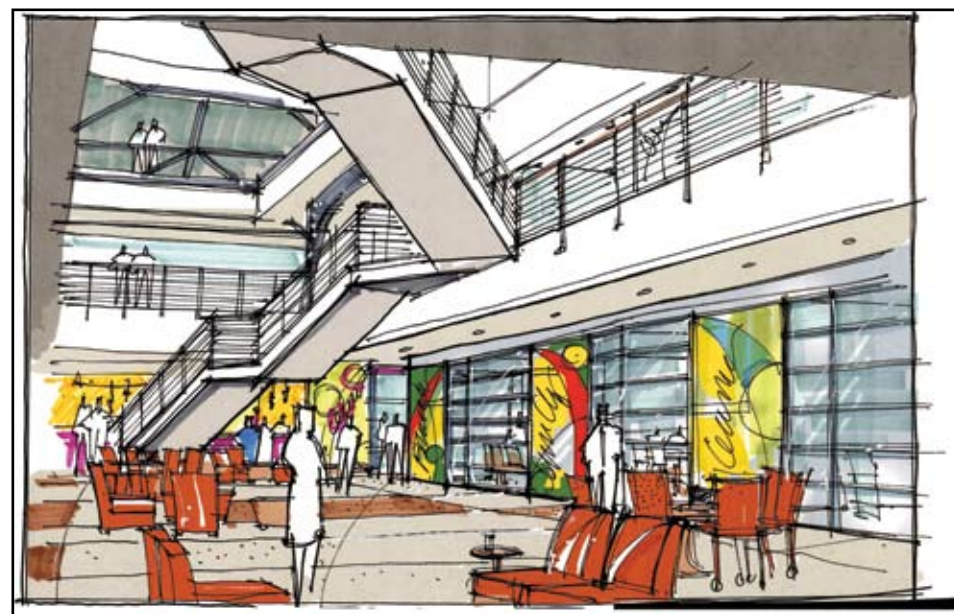
Memorial Field House: It’s alive!

By Cynthia Nowak

Mothballed no more! UT’s Memorial Field House, the site of countless athletics victories, graduation ceremonies, classic rock concerts and the start of not a few UT romances, is coming back to life as a new academic showplace.

A planned three floors will primarily house classrooms, said Chuck Lehnert, as-

be very modern, Lehnert said, the building’s multi-layered history will be a visible part of the finished product: “The exterior will be largely unchanged, except for the roofline of the north facade, facing Bancroft. Rather than the existing flat roof, the architect will use functional dormers to match Libbey Hall and the other adjacent buildings.”



RENDERING: Proposed “town square” on the first floor of the renovated Memorial Field House

sociate vice president for facilities and construction, with faculty offices on the third floor. “We’ll also prepare the interior space to accommodate anything we may want to do in the future — change classrooms to laboratories, for example. When the Field House project is complete, we’ll have met our 10-year classroom need projection and can proceed with plans to tear down the student annex and the armory.”

The five-phase project — UT is now in design and development, making mechanical and structural plans — has a September 2008 opening as its goal.

Rob Sheehan, interim provost and executive vice president, said, “We’ll be offering our students the highest quality, most state-of-the-art classrooms in the region. The Foreign Languages Department and the English Department will be enjoying new facilities there.”

Although the new interior design will

Inside, look for other key elements to play new roles. “We plan to keep some of the bleachers and the original gym floor — sanded and refinished — incorporating their retro look into the new design,” Lehnert said. “We’ll include a wall of history or an academic walkway that will illustrate some of the building’s rich history. We’re even considering possible naming opportunities with the bleachers for donors wishing to commemorate, for example, the night they sat there and saw Hendrix play.”

In addition, there’s discussion of a veterans’ tribute at the south entrance to embrace the memorial aspect of the Field House’s name.

And will the name change? That’s undecided at this point, Lehnert said — “although I really want to open the steam pipe tunnel between the Field House and University Hall to pedestrians.”



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UT medical student receives award for leadership, community service

By Stacy Moeller

The Ohio Civil Rights Commission recently presented UT medical student Bernice Rumala with an award for her outstanding leadership and community service. Rumala was one of five people honored across the state with this award.

The basis for Rumala's recognition stemmed from her involvement in the Student National Medical Association (SNMA), of which she serves as president. She used her involvement in SNMA as a chance to write a proposal to recruit students of color to the medical school.

"I wrote a proposal to address areas of recruitment, retention, education pipeline programs and community programs," Rumala said. "The initiatives in this proposal have come to fruition and as a result, we now have the highest number of underrepresented minority student matriculants in the past decade at the school."

Rumala wrote the proposal after she noticed the low number of minority students in her class at the UT College of Medicine. She proposed the first second-look weekend in the history of the University. Six of the seven minority students who participated have matriculated to the school.

According to Rumala, the goal of SNMA members is to serve as student mentors for underrepresented minority students to expose them to the health professions.

"The message that we share is that anything is possible; find your resources,

and do not let anyone discourage you from your dream," Rumala said. "One of the keys in bridging the health disparities gap is by making sure that underrepresented minority students are aware of the informational resources available to facilitate their career goals."

The SNMA chapter has partnered with the Toledo branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) to establish a community mentorship program.

"The Ohio Civil Rights Commission was having a black history celebration and asked me if I know of a recipient for the civil rights award," said WilleAnn Moore, president of the Toledo NAACP and Rumala's mentor. "I immediately thought of Bernice because of the work she's done since she's been here in the area of disparities and the health field. She is very passionate about working to fill that gap."

According to Moore, Rumala is the youngest person to receive this award.

"The young people in SNMA under Bernice's leadership have just risen to another level," Moore added. "Bernice has shown a lot of initiative as far as working with the NAACP."

Darlene Sweeney-Newbern, regional director of the Ohio Civil Rights Commission, also had positive things to say about Rumala.

"Bernice is an outstanding young lady, and her commitment and dedication to helping and assisting while maintaining



HONORED: UT medical student Bernice Rumala, left, held a certificate she received recently from the Ohio Civil Rights Commission and posed for a photo with G. Michael Payton, executive director of the Ohio Civil Rights Commission, and WilleAnn Moore, president of the Toledo branch of the NAACP.

personal growth are remarkable," Sweeney-Newbern said. "She is an amazing role model to not only African Americans, but all young people. I was very impressed by what she did in cancer research and diabetes."

Rumala hopes to continue her passion for medicine and helping other minorities succeed.

"My future goal is to serve as a dean of a medical school, provide clinical care to the underserved, and continue to serve as a voice to bridge the health disparities

gap," Rumala said. "I want to continue to serve as an ambassador for health care as a civil right, because we all have a right to a good quality of life and good health care; anything less is unacceptable."

Rumala added, "I give God all the glory for the gift of leadership and for the strength to carry forth the initiatives."

"I don't know many people her age that are so focused," Sweeney-Newbern said. "She is so passionate about what she does. We are going to hear a lot more from her in the future."



Photo by Jack Meade

REFLECTIONS: Caitlin Schein recently looked at works by Thomas Vines that are on display in honor of Black History Month in the Mulford Library glass connector on the Health Science Campus. Works by the artist also can be seen in the Office of Multicultural Student Services in Student Union Room 2500 on Main Campus this month.

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Interim dean of Arts and Sciences to depart for job at Virginia Tech

By Tobin J. Klinger

There is a new wrinkle in the search for a dean for the College of Arts and Sciences: The interim dean, Sue Ott Rowlands, has accepted a position as dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

The announcement was made Feb. 21. Ott Rowlands will start at her new post in July. She has served as interim dean since July 1, 2005.

"I have enjoyed an extremely rewarding experience personally and professionally here at UT," said Ott Rowlands, who joined the University in 2005 as professor and chair of theatre. "I will miss my many friends and colleagues as I begin this new chapter."

"Sue's departure is a sincere loss for

this institution, and a real gain for Virginia Tech," said Dr. Rob Sheehan, interim provost and executive vice president for academic affairs. "She will not only be missed by the A&S faculty, but across the institution because of the many lives she touched."

In recent months, Ott Rowlands served as a member of the Executive Strategic Planning Committee, and is credited as being a member of the team that made revisions to the draft that helped bring the document to its current form.

Advertisements in the search for a permanent dean were completed Feb. 26 and an early review of applicants is under way.

Dr. John Gaboury, dean of University Libraries and chair of the search committee, said he is optimistic that a permanent replacement will be on board by July 1.

UT students to participate in alternate spring break

By Stacy Moeller

While most college students use spring break as a chance to get away and party for a week, more than 100 UT students are choosing to use their spring break to help others through a service learning experience.

"I look at spring break as an opportunity to travel and do service," said Andrea Pallotta, fourth-year pharmacy major. "After all the positive experiences I've had, I can't imagine spring break without some sort of service."

This will mark the third year Pallotta has gone on an alternate spring break and the second year leading a trip.

"Last year I helped lead a group do hurricane relief," Pallotta said. "The experience was once in a lifetime. We all had seen images of the devastation on TV, but until you were down there, speaking with people whose whole lives had been changed by this one event, you had no idea the magnitude of the crisis."

Adam Belcher, graduate student in special education, said he chose to do the alternate spring break because it is a way to help others who may not always be able to do everything for themselves.

"I come from a low-income community in Toledo where community assistance and togetherness were always important," said Belcher, who received a bachelor of arts degree from UT in 2005. "I'm now at a point

in my life where I can give back, and I feel it is very essential to do so."

The alternative spring break will take place March 3-11. Students will team with local community agencies to offer assistance.

Students will participate at the following locations:

- Berea, Ky. — Christian Appalachian Project, 10 people;
- Cherokee, Okla. — Native-American Immersion, 15 people;
- Albany, Ga. — Habitat for Humanity, 15 people;
- Albuquerque, N.M. — Personal Challenge, 10 people;
- Bay St. Louis, Miss. — Hurricane Relief, 15 people;
- Lake Charles, La. — Hurricane Relief, 25 people; and
- Louisville, Ky. — Poverty Immersion, 10 people.

The students were recognized by the Alternate Spring Break Commission Sunday in the Law Center Auditorium on Main Campus. The event marked the second year of five-year commitments that The University of Toledo has made to the communities of Bay St. Louis, Miss., and Lake Charles, La.



Photo by Jack Meade

STRIKE A POSE: Dr. Sandy Puczynski, director of the Center for Clinical Research, posed for a photo with Dr. Dalynn Badenhop, professor and director of cardiopulmonary rehabilitation, right, and Dr. Doug Wilkerson, vice president for research administration, associate dean of the College of Medicine graduate programs and professor. Badenhop and Wilkerson were two of many who stopped by a Feb. 16 farewell reception for Puczynski, who worked at UT/MUO/MCO for 10 years.



Photo by Daniel Miller

HISTORIC PERSPECTIVE: Dr. Brenda McGadney-Douglass, associate professor of social work, recently gave a talk on the life of her great-grandfather, "Little Wyatt Tate." She told about her pilgrimage to Monroeville, Ala., to separate fact from fiction regarding stories she heard as a child that her great-grandfather, a property owner, was protecting his family and killed a sheriff and several others when they sought to arrest him for a crime that he did not commit. She documented his life by sharing stories from her mother, the only living grandchild of Tate. McGadney-Douglass supported the truth of his existence by reading an 1894 newspaper clipping from the Centennial Journal and excerpts from a book, *Little Wyatt Tate*, authored by a distant cousin, Bill Tate. "Everyone should learn about their legacies and tell someone but for the stance that they took in life, many of us would not be here today, successful law-abiding citizens enjoying freedom," she said. Her talk was one of many UT events in honor of Black History Month.

In memoriam

Earl W. Bitz, Holland, Ohio, died Feb. 17 at age 79. He joined UT in 1970 as a custodian and held positions in housekeeping, including supervisor, until 1978, when he became a maintenance repair worker. He retired from that position in 1989.

Daniel M. Gore, Toledo, who taught public speaking at UT for 10 years, died Feb. 18 at age 94.

Annie Toth, Toledo, a custodial worker at UT from 1961 to 1991, died Feb. 21 at age 83.