

UT named Center of Excellence for renewable energy, environment

By Matt Lockwood

Ohio Gov. Ted Strickland announced Wednesday that The University of Toledo has been named a Center of Excellence in Advanced Renewable Energy and the Environment.

The center will tap UT's academic and research strengths to address the need for new clean-energy technologies and a better understanding of complex environmental systems necessary for solving global challenges.

During a visit and tour of UT's Clean and Alternative Energy Incubator on Thursday, Strickland said the designation as a Center of Excellence will help to create the economic climate and the infrastructure of support needed to harness the potential of the region's resources.

"I walked around here and visited some of these startup companies, and I thought to myself, 'Any one of them would be reason to celebrate,'" Strickland said. "But when you consider all that is going on ... it's really a magnificent thing that's happening here in

Toledo, Ohio, and The University of Toledo."

UT's Center of Excellence in Advanced Renewable Energy and the Environment's core areas of research and technology development will be focused around solar, biomass energy, wind, energy storage, conversion and management, and environmental and ecosystems. These efforts will support local industrial growth in companies that are expanding their products to become competitive in the global markets.



Photo By Daniel Miller

Gov. Ted Strickland, left, talked with longtime UT supporter Norman Nitschke during a tour of the Nitschke Technology Commercialization Complex.

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Construction continues on the Savage & Associates Complex for Business Learning and Engagement.

College of Business to dedicate Savage & Associates Complex Nov. 5

By Bob Mackowiak

The University of Toledo College of Business Administration will dedicate the new Savage & Associates Complex for Business Learning and Engagement Thursday, Nov. 5, at 1:30 p.m.

"This will be a remarkable day of achievement for The University of Toledo, the College of Business Administration, the students we serve, and our partners in the business community," said UT President Lloyd Jacobs. "With more than 3,400 students currently preparing for their futures in the global business arena, this 54,000-square-foot facility is an essential expansion that will provide the sophisticated

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Employees must re-enroll for medical plans, whether they elect to make changes in 2010 benefits choices or not, to ensure their coverage continues after Dec. 31.

Deadline to turn in forms is 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13.

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During the last decade, UT has invested heavily in faculty and research infrastructure in the area of alternative energy and recently created a School of Solar and Advanced Renewable Energy and dedicated the Scott Park Campus of Energy and Innovation. It is those types of programs and initiatives that Strickland said help lead Ohio into a new-energy economy.

“Ohio has everything that is needed to become a center for the country, and even a supplier to the world, of what is needed to take us from where we have been to where we need to be in terms of energy,” he said.

The Centers of Excellence, as outlined in the state’s 10-year Strategic Plan for Higher Education, will position the University System of Ohio to be a magnet for talent and a leader

in innovation and entrepreneurial activity by developing distinct missions for each institution that are recognized by students, faculty and business leaders, while eliminating unnecessary competition for resources, students and faculty in the state.

In all, the state named nine Centers of Excellence focused in different areas of advanced energy at eight universities throughout Ohio. The centers are expected to help the state meet the requirements of Senate Bill 221, an energy reform bill signed by the governor last year. The bill mandates that 25 percent of all Ohio’s electricity production come from advanced energy sources by 2025. The bill also aims to ensure predictability of affordable energy prices and attract new jobs to the state.

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environment requisite of superior business schools such as ours.”

The Savage & Associates Complex for Business Learning and Engagement includes 10 state-of-the-art classrooms seating from 30 to 125 students; five breakout rooms with videoconferencing capabilities; eight conference rooms; the 40-seat FirstEnergy Boardroom, and a rooftop garden.

The complex also includes five action-learning labs where students can sharpen their business skills through recordable training sessions, team projects and hands-on experience. They are the:

- Richard W. and Martha McEwen Information and Technology Management Lab;
- John B. & Lillian E. Neff Trading Room;
- PNC Entrepreneurship Lab;
- Huntington Professional Sales Lab; and
- Ernst & Young LLP Leadership Lab.

The Savage & Associates Complex also will serve as an enhanced portal to the regional business community. It has suites for the region’s largest MBA/EMBA programs, the Executive Center for Global Competitiveness, Center for Family & Privately Held Business, Center for Technological Entrepreneurship and Innovation, Ronald Langenderfer Office of Business Career Programs, the Edward H. Schmidt School of Professional Sales, and the Institute for Supply Chain Management and Information Assurance.

“Our positive relationship with the region’s business community enables us

to provide real-world experience to our students,” said Dr. Thomas Gutteridge, dean of the UT College of Business Administration. “At the same time we want businesses to know that the knowledge and expertise within the college are here to help them, and that the Savage & Associates Complex will be a focal point for businesses to access these resources.”

Reflective of both the high technology within the complex and the global impact of business in the 21st century, former UT President Dan Johnson will speak at the dedication ceremony via videoconference from the United Arab Emirates, where he is provost at Zayed University.

“Dan Johnson was president of UT when this project started, and his participation in this dedication from the other side of the world is consistent with the global reach of the UT College of Business,” Gutteridge said.

Dan Steinberg, co-president and CEO of Savage & Associates, said, “This essential project was supported by talented professionals throughout Savage & Associates. We recognize the excellent educational programs provided at the UT College of Business Administration and how a remarkable building such as this complex truly facilitates learning. We thank all the businesses, donors and sponsors who made this complex a reality.”

Before the building dedication, the College of Business Administration will have a private ceremony to formally name the John B. and Lillian E. Neff Department



Photo By Daniel Miller

A worker helped install a 1.12-megawatt solar array of First Solar panels last week on the Scott Park Campus of Energy and Innovation.

of Finance, and the John B. and Lillian E. Neff Trading Room in the Savage & Associates Complex for Business Learning and Engagement.

“The Neffs have been outstanding and enduring patrons of our business students,” Gutteridge said. “The college’s trading room would not exist without their extremely generous gifts. We are honored to name the Department of Finance after John B. and Lillian E. Neff, whose leadership will impact and inspire thousands of business students for years to come.”

Gutteridge added, “The current global economic situation further crystallizes that a UT business degree can strengthen one’s future. As the college pursues its mission to develop lifelong leaders for the world of business, the new Savage & Associates Complex for Business Learning and Engagement will provide an enriched setting for their educational journey.”

Work will continue inside the building after the dedication to prepare the facility for classes beginning in January. A schedule of dates and times will be announced in January so UT faculty, staff and students can tour the Savage & Associates Complex.

Dr. Jeffrey P. Gold, Health Science Campus provost, executive vice president for health affairs and dean of the College of Medicine, will deliver the State of The University of Toledo Health Sciences Address Friday, Nov. 20.

The talk will take place at noon in Health Education Building Room 110.

Faculty Senate votes to suspend attendance policy

By Matt Lockwood

Due to an increasing number of students showing up to classes and the Student Medical Center with flu-like symptoms, the Faculty Senate passed a resolution last week suspending the institution's attendance policy for the rest of the academic year.

The Faculty Senate previously had passed a resolution encouraging faculty to relax their attendance policies.

"We want to send a strong message to students that they should not go to class if

they have flu-like symptoms," said John Barrett, associate professor of law and president of Faculty Senate. "We respect the faculty's ability to run their classes as they see fit. However, given the severity of the potential risk to our student-age population, it is imperative that we do everything possible to break the cycle of transmission. As such, Faculty Senate thought this was the best course of action."

The full resolution is as follows: "[The Faculty Senate] resolved, that

The University of Toledo's mandatory attendance policy be suspended from this day forward through the current academic year for students with influenza-like symptoms without the need for documentation, provided that the faculty may require that they be notified of the student's intent to miss class due to illness."

Despite any illness, students are reminded they are still responsible for contacting their professors at the beginning

of an illness, not after the fact, and for completing all course work and exams.

The University also continues to fight the transmission of the virus by holding vaccination clinics. This week, students and others in high-risk categories can receive the H1N1 nasal mist vaccine Wednesday, Nov. 4, from noon to 6 p.m. in the Crossings dining area and Thursday, Nov. 5, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. in Student Union Room 2579.

Author to perform, read works Nov. 4-5

By Kate Wentz

David Roche, motivational speaker and author of *The Church of 80% Sincerity*, will visit The University of Toledo to perform and read from his works.

Roche will perform excerpts from his signature one-man show, "The Church of 80% Sincerity," Wednesday, Nov. 4, at 4 p.m. in Health Education Building Room 105 on Health Science Campus.

He also will read from his newest show called "Catholic Erotica" Thursday, Nov. 5, at 7 p.m. in Memorial Field House Room 2040 on Main Campus.

Dr. Jim Ferris, Ability Center of Greater

Toledo Endowed Chair in Disability Studies, director of the UT Disability Studies Program and associate professor of communication, said that he has known Roche for quite a few years and that his combination of wit and warmth is perfect for all audiences.

"There is a great deal of room for people to make their own connections with David," Ferris said. "I really hope that people will find something moving and amusing in his performances, and

that these performances push people to think about their judgments."

Roche was born with a severe facial disfigurement, which put him through many trying experiences as a child.

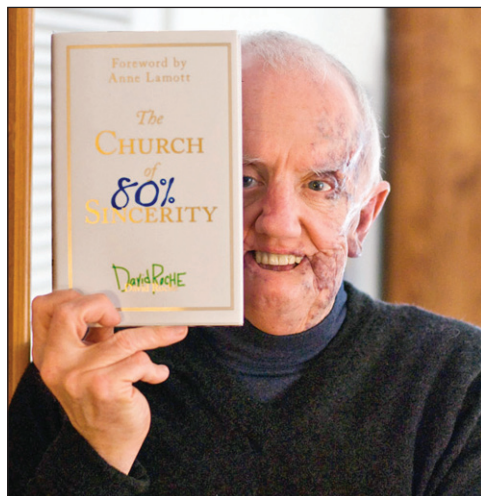
It was not until a much older age that Roche was able to come to terms with his deformities. He now considers himself to be an inspirational humorist, motivational speaker and performer who has touched lives around the world.

He has been featured on CNN and in a number of award-winning films, including "Shameless: The Art of Disability" (2006), "The Perfect Flaw"

(2005), "Face First" (1999) and "Able to Laugh" (1993).

In addition to his movies, he has performed at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., and at the Sydney Olympics Arts Festival, as well as in Canada, England, New Zealand and Russia.

For more information on these free, public events, contact the UT Disability Studies Program at 419.530.7244.



Roche



Photo By Chris Ankney

Dr. Steven Black, owner of Plastic Surgical Center in Omaha, Neb., addressed a group of about 150 students, nurses and practicing physicians at the 2009 Dottie Hussain Distinguished Lectureship Oct. 28. At the event, which took place in the Dana Conference Center Lucas Auditorium, Black discussed the concept of using every player on the team to improve wound care practices and outcomes.

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UT Community Charitable Campaign program hitting its stride

By Kim Harvey

It's been a half-and-half week for UT's annual Community Charitable Campaign, with the pledge goal nearly half-met as the program reaches its halfway mark.

Ongoing pledges, a bake sale, an online auction and more activities brought the pledge total to more than \$103,000 with about three weeks until the campaign's Nov. 20 completion.

UT's student population has joined the effort. Members of Student Government will man the traditional milk jug drive during the UT football team's Friday, Nov. 20, game against Eastern Michigan in the Glass Bowl. It's a win-win situation — get rid of some loose change as you cheer for the Rockets. Kickoff will be at 7 p.m.

The new online auction fundraiser, UTBay, continues to generate pledges. Items are added weekly to the auction, which can be viewed at www.utbay.org. A special item up for bid this week is a 12-inch-by-16-inch framed oil portrait donated by UT Medical Center faculty member Dr. Paul Brand. The portrait recreates a colorful scene in Susquehanna Valley, Va.

Brand joined the former Medical College of Ohio faculty in 1975. Currently, he is an associate professor in the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology.

His paintings have won numerous awards at the Parkwood Gallery, Spectrum, the Toledo Artist's Club, the Northwest Ohio Watercolor Society Annual and the Fifth Third Bank Show. In addition, his works have been accepted in competitive regional and national exhibitions, including the Ohio Watercolor Society annual shows, the Ohio Art League Fall Juried Show in Columbus, Ohio, the Touchstone Gallery in Washington, D.C., and the Great Lakes Pastel Society Annual in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Brand has taught courses and demonstrated techniques at several local organizations, including the Toledo Museum of Art.

Those who gave to UTC3 last week also received, as the prize patrol found winners in Dr. Nancy Collins on Health Science Campus and Tonya Tressler on Main Campus. Two winners — one each from Health Science Campus and Main Campus — will be selected each week.

UT's goal is to pledge \$250,000 or more by the campaign's conclusion. Donations may be made via e-mail or pledge cards, which are available throughout campuses. Credit cards, cash, checks and payroll deduction will be accepted.

Benefits education continues as open enrollment enters last two weeks

By Kim Harvey

Human Resources has added more education programs and scheduled table time on both Health Science and Main campuses to answer questions and accept open enrollment forms.

An education session aimed at employees who work evening hours will take place Thursday, Nov. 5, at 8 p.m. in Rocket Hall Room 1520.

Since many employees have had questions regarding new facets of their benefits options, Human Resources personnel will be available to accept enrollment forms in person Monday, Nov. 2, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Skyview Food Court, and Tuesday, Nov. 3, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Student Union.

The updated schedule of education programs is listed below:

- Monday, Nov. 2, 2 p.m., Health Education Building Room 105;
- Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2 p.m., Nitschke Hall Auditorium;
- Wednesday, Nov. 4, 9 a.m., Student Union Ingman Room;
- Thursday, Nov. 5, 7:30 a.m., Health Education Building Room 105; and
- Thursday, Nov. 5, 8 p.m., Rocket Hall Room 1520.

Open enrollment continues through Friday, Nov. 13. All employees must re-enroll by completing enrollment forms and bringing them to HR, whether they elect to make changes in 2010 benefits choices or not, to ensure their coverage continues after Dec. 31.

Forms have been posted on HR's Web site at <http://hr.utoledo.edu>. Employees who do not have access to computers may pick up enrollment packets in HR, which is located in the Transportation Center on Main Campus and is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Employees who have questions following the educational programs may e-mail benefits@utoledo.edu with their specific inquiries. HR personnel will respond within 48 hours.



Photo By Daniel Miller

SWEET TREAT: Robin Green, registration specialist in Registration, waited for her change from Jennifer Reynolds, secretary in Family Medicine, after picking up a treat at a bake sale last week on Health Science Campus. Dr. Mark Weiner, assistant professor of family medicine and medical director of physician assistant studies, helped Reynolds during the sale, which raised about \$200 for UT's Community Charitable Campaign.

In memoriam

Dr. Thomas D. Geraciotti, Perrysburg, clinical associate professor of medicine, died Oct. 25 at age 76. He began his volunteer affiliation with MCO in 1969.

Mary F. "Mefty" (Palmer) Lechman, Sylvania, director of special events at MCO from 1995 until her retirement in 2003, died Oct. 24 at age 71. She worked 17 years for the Children's Miracle Network; as director, she launched the annual dance marathon fundraising events at UT and Bowling Green State University to help pay for children's medical care. Lechman took education classes at UT from 1955 to 1957 and was a member of Alpha Chi Omega.

Richard McEwen, Macon, Ga., a Presidents Club member and donor for the College of Business Administration, died Oct. 23 at age 89. He and his wife, Martha, established funding for the college's Information Technology and Technology Management Lab that bears their names. The couple also endowed a fund for Information Technology. McEwen earned a bachelor of business degree from the University in 1942 and was a lifetime member of the Alumni Association.