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Student Government is selling UT Rocket P.R.I.D.E. bracelets to fund its designated driver program, Rocket Rides, for fall semester. The bracelets are \$2 each and can be purchased at Rocket Copy in the Student Union.

Hendricks to receive Governor's Award for the Arts

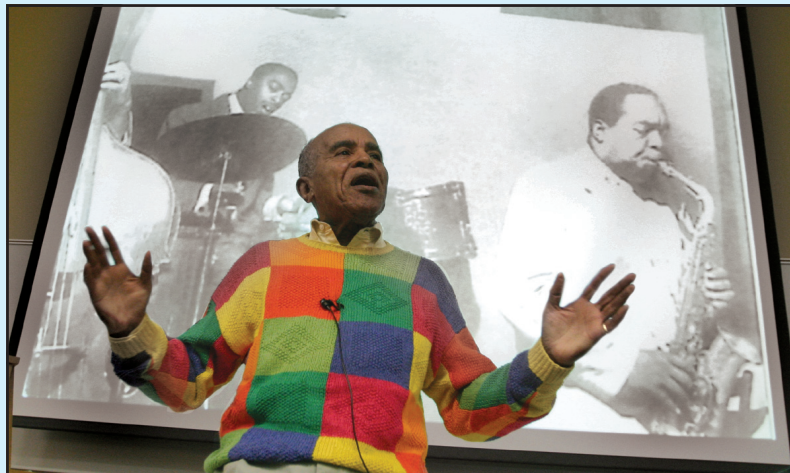


Photo by Daniel Miller

Classy jazzman: Jon Hendricks talked about saxophonist Charlie Parker, drummer Roy Haynes and bass player Charles Mingus in his History of Jazz class last week.

By Deanna Lytle

Jon Hendricks, Distinguished University Professor of Jazz, will receive a 2005 Governor's Award for the Arts on Wednesday, April 6, in Columbus.

The ceremony will take place in the Verne Riffe Center for Government and the Arts Capitol Theatre. Ohio Senate President Bill Harris and House Speaker Jon Husted

will present the awards as part of the Arts Day celebration.

Hendricks was selected to receive an award in the special recognition category for his work in vocal jazz.

"There is a saying in the Bible that a prophet is without honor in his home,"

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Local hip-hop project looks to reboot Toledo's music scene

By Vicki L. Kroll

*This is the gateway to the future
Get linked or they mute you
Technology is moving
It's about time that you should*

"Holiday (Browse With Me)" by Jameelah, Str8 Caine and Frank Swisher

Experience the revolution. Go online and check out ToledoHipHop.org. Hear some of the tracks that will be included on *Reboot!* — a compilation CD to be released in early April.

"What we're trying to do is reboot hip-hop culture," said Brian Zelip, a research associate in the Africana Studies Program. He and some 40 people — UT students and alumni as well as Toledo community members — started working on ToledoHipHop.org in December.

The project brings together UT's

Africana Studies Program; the W.J. Murchison Community Center, which provides computers and Internet access in central Toledo; the Toledo Area Lenix User Group, an open-source network; and local hip-hop and rap artists.

"When we say cultural revolution, what we're talking about is changing the relationship between the generations. And one of the things we want to do with this rap project that is focusing on information technology is create a transgeneration

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CWA rejects contract proposal

By Jon Strunk

The University of Toledo chapter of the Communication Workers of America

Local 4530 (CWA) rejected a contract offer Thursday.

Of CWA's approximately 620 members, 252 members voted to reject the University's latest proposal and 206 members voted to accept it.

Jim Sciarini, associate vice president for human resources, said negotiations will enter a fact-finding phase over the next several weeks.

UT Foundation board approves land purchase

By Sherry Stanfa-Stanley

The University of Toledo Foundation board of trustees approved the purchase of land at the southwest corner of Dorr Street and Secor Road.

At their March 18 quarterly meeting, trustees approved the purchase at a price of \$335,000, pending final closing details.

The University has not yet determined a specific purpose for the land, according to Brenda S. Lee, Foundation president. She added that UT is partnering with the Toledo-Lucas County Planning Commission regarding the development of the Dorr Street corridor, and a feasibility study will be conducted.

Minimum endowment level raised

The Foundation board has increased the minimum gift level for individual endowments under its management.

Trustees approved raising the gift minimum for endowed accounts from \$10,000 to \$25,000, effective Sept. 1. Any funds already endowed or in the process of being established at that time will be grandfathered in at the \$10,000 level, according to Lee.

Endowments are funds in which the gifts are preserved, in perpetuity, as principal. Expenditures are made from a portion of the endowment's annual earnings.

The new endowment level is more in line with current trends, Lee said.

"Although obviously still beneficial, the

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FYI on FYE: Year in review

By Terry Biel

This article is the first in a three-part series on the First-Year Experience Program.

The UT First-Year Experience Program, designed to aid in retention and improve grades for first-year students, recently celebrated its one-year birthday. With more than 15 programs up and running, it is growing fast.

As an all-encompassing enterprise designed to target academics, student life and the middle ground between the two, FYE-funded programs range from expansion of tutoring and supplemental instruction offerings to new student life endeavors and advising initiatives. In essence, FYE aims to “make everything special for freshmen,” said Jennifer Rockwood, director of the program. “Often that’s the hardest part [of college]; you’re in transition.”

In addition to lifestyle and environment changes in college, students in 1000- and 2000-level University core courses often have a very different mindset than students in 3000 to 4000 courses, since these higher level courses consist almost entirely of material in their program of study. Once over that hurdle, “research proves that if a student does well in the first year, they’ll do well the rest of the time,” Rockwood pointed out.

Dr. Bernie Bopp, director of the Center for Teaching and Learning and UT FYE committee chair, concurred with the need to better address the difficulties of first-year students at UT. Year one to year two retention rates before FYE activity hovered around 72 percent. “I think we can do better,” Bopp said, “and I think FYE is going to help do that.”

FYE itself is not a discrete program, but a series of programs under the auspices of the FYE committee, which includes administrators, faculty members and two student representatives. Each year, the committee selects a topic, sends out a request for proposals, and makes a recommendation to the Office of the Provost on which proposals to fund. Proposals must detail staffing, budget, a timeline of activities, and outcome measures by which the success of the project can be determined.

The first request for proposals, sent out during fall 2003, was very broad and asked for “new or expanded FYE activities.” A total of 10 programs were selected for funding from the first round of FYE proposals, covering a variety of academic and student life initiatives, including expanded supplemental instruction at the Learning Enhancement Center, an Arts-Living Learning community and the Primos Latino peer-mentor program.

One lack in the 2003 proposals was advising and transfer student initiatives. The fall 2004 request specifically called for proposals in these two areas. Five additional programs received funding:

- Professional development for advisers in arts and sciences — Designed to increase adviser effectiveness and raise the level of student satisfaction.
- Survey of orientation programs for adult and transfer students — Assesses current Rocket Launch freshman orientation for adult and transfer students through visits to comparable programs.
- Year of the Adviser recognition and rewards — Accompanying the Office of the Provost’s 2005 Year of the Adviser activities, this program will bring in speakers and help highlight the importance of advisers at UT.
- Training and professional development for faculty and staff advisers — Will develop innovative, effective advising strategies.
- UMAPS — Will custom-tailor informational publications based on six basic personality types, including information on UT majors, core classes, student organizations, community activities and career possibilities.

For more information on these or any other First-Year Experience programs, contact Rockwood at Ext. 2330 or see <http://utfye.utoledo.edu>.

New York real estate mogul named UT Business Pacemaker of the Year

By Tobin J. Klinger

Steven Klar, president of the Klar Organization, a diversified real estate development, building and brokerage firm, will be honored as The University of Toledo’s 2005 Business Pacemaker of the Year.

He and 14 Student Pacemaker Award winners will be recognized at a dinner on Friday, April 1, at 6:30 p.m. at the Inverness Club.

The marketing arm of Klar’s firm has sold more than 50,000 homes. The corporation has offices in New York and Florida and is influential in many sectors of real estate in the New York metropolitan area. Under his second-generation leadership, the Klar Organization started developing its own communities of high-quality housing and has built a solid reputation for rescue and completion of troubled projects.

Klar received a bachelor’s of business administration from UT in 1969, then went on to earn a law degree from Brooklyn Law School in 1973. A member of the American, New York State, Florida and local bar associations, he is admitted to practice law in both states. He was a 1978 candidate for Congress and was the founder of Long Island Citizens for Kennedy in 1980. Also in 1969, he received the Outstanding Soldier Award while serving on active duty for the U.S. Army in Fort Jackson, S.C.

In addition to his career success, Klar has been involved with numerous charities and humanitarian efforts, including Aid for the Aged, Schneider Children’s Medical Center at Long Island Jewish Medical Center, North Shore University Hospital System, United Jewish Appeal, Boys Town of Jerusalem, Israel bonds, the Little Village School, YMCA and YWCA, and the Tiles Center for the Performing Arts at Long Island. In a recent interview, Klar credited The University of Toledo’s College of Business Administration as the entity that “laid the foundation for my success in business.”

The College of Business Administration Advisory Council has selected a



Steven Klar

Business Pacemaker of the Year since 1963 to recognize individuals for their outstanding achievements in business or profession and service to the University.

Student Pacemaker Awards recognize outstanding academic achievement and service to the University and community. This year’s recipients are:

- **PhD student** — Thawatchai Jitpaiboon, manufacturing management;
- **EMBA student** — Michael Pulhuj, executive management;
- **MBA student** — Brianna Myers, international business;
- **MSA student** — Molly Motsch, accounting;
- **Seniors** — Angelique Dorow, accounting; Todd Fleming, finance; Brent Schlegel, operations management/supply chain management; Catherine Stolarski, sales and marketing; and Michael Zgonc, human resource management; and
- **Juniors** — Erin Dixon, accounting; Kelly Meighan, marketing and international business; Erin Sawtell, financial services; Philip Trendell, supply chain management and e-commerce; and Bruce Weeks, human resources.

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- Teleconference with Dr. Stephen Covey March 29
- Cesar Chavez Award dinner March 31
- Censorship Symposium April 1-2

- Toledo, Cincinnati education study by Urban Affairs Center
- Conference in Contemporary Philosophy April 1-2
- Maple Sugaring Festival April 2-3
- Education Fair April 11