Government strategist James Carville chats about political climate

By Meghan Cunningham

There are three reasons America's political climate is the way it is today, according to national political consultant James Carville: where we live, our inability to compromise, and how we get our information.

Carville, who is perhaps best noted for his role helping elect William Jefferson Clinton to the U.S. presidency in 1992, offered those reasons and encouraged young people to overcome them in a lighthearted talk Nov. 18 as the second guest in the Jesup Scott Honors College Lecture Series at The University of Toledo.

If Mitt Romney had broken even in three specific urban counties in the 2012 presidential election, he would have defeated Barack Obama, Carville said, adding that where we live and where we draw congressional districts are important factors in elections

Carville identified a certain percentage of what he called "apocalyptic declinists" — those who instead of saying "my opinion is better than yours" jump to say that the other person's view is destructive to the very fabric of the nation.

"If you believe that, how do you compromise?" Carville asked rhetorically.

The proliferation of information in the 24/7 news media makes it too easy to only get your news from a liberal or conservative source that you agree with, rather than trying to use that information to do your research, he said

"Don't go through life looking to be validated. Go through life looking to be enlightened," Carville said.

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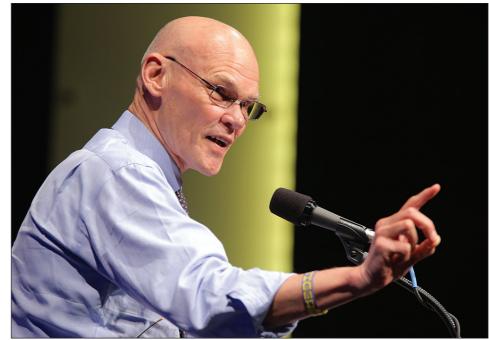


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RAGIN' AND ENGAGIN': James Carville lived up to his "Ragin' Cajun" moniker during his appearance in the Jesup Scott Honors College Distinguished Lecture Series.

Photo by Daniel Miller

SNOWY SITE: Snow will be drifting into the forecast as winter is on its way. There are rare occasions when severe winter weather may alter operations at the University. Read more on p. 3.

Results released for UT-led international clinical cardiovascular outcomes in renal atherosclerotic lesions trial

By Jon Strunk

pening narrowed arteries to the kidney didn't help patients any more than taking medicine alone, according to a late-breaking clinical trial presented at the American Heart Association's Scientific Sessions 2013 in Dallas and released simultaneously in the New England Journal of Medicine.

The clinical trial was led and the results were presented by Dr. Christopher J. Cooper, professor and chair of the Department of Medicine.

In the cardiovascular outcomes in renal atherosclerotic lesions trial, 947 patients with renal artery stenosis, in the setting of



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Approaching spring semester deadlines identified

By Cynthia Nowak

espite winter's approach, spring semester 2014 — which begins Monday, Jan. 6 — is just one calendar page away.

To help students stay on top of approaching semester deadlines, the Division of Student Affairs is teaming with various administrative offices to offer reminders.

"We're taking a proactive approach," said Dr. Kaye Patten Wallace, senior vice president for the student experience. "Everyone is liable to procrastinate, and if you're a student, delaying until you miss a critical deadline can create snags in your academic journey. We're working to emphasize the most important deadlines for our students."

Emails to students will go out over the upcoming weeks, identifying key deadlines:

- Friday, Dec. 27, is the due date for spring 2014 semester payments, which includes the first Installment Payment Plan and/or the completion of financial aid processes;
- Monday, Jan. 13, is the date at which late fees are assessed for past due balances (those covering spring and prior semesters); and
- Monday, Jan. 20, is the last day to drop for spring semester.

The University offers multiple resources to assist students in completing all necessary processes before the deadlines, Patten Wallace noted.

"Students who have been assigned a success coach can discuss their specific

situation and any questions with their coach," she said. "The coaches are trained to be the first-line resource for students."

In addition, staff at Rocket Solution Central in Rocket Hall Room 1200 can walk students through any questions that may be more complicated. Students also can speak with staff by calling 419.530.8700.

Students can use the myUT portal (myut.utoledo.edu) to accomplish multiple tasks: Check their student account, apply for or check on the status of financial aid, make payments, apply for the Installment Payment Plan, or add or drop classes.

The Office of the Treasurer — utoledo.edu/offices/treasurer — offers the most up-to-the-minute information on approaching academic deadlines, plus answers to questions on the Installment Payment Plan, and a link to a student budget template to assist in financial planning.

A video to assist students is online at youtu.be/Ley3pMTkWKI.

Dropping classes in a timely manner is essential to avoid having to pay for those classes, Patten Wallace said: "If you're a student and decide you're not going to attend a class you registered for, you must drop it before classes begin January 6. After that date, you'll have financial responsibility for any class you didn't drop."

She suggested using the myUT portal or visiting Rocket Solution Central to drop any classes, adding, "Whatever method is utilized, students need to complete that drop."

Life-saving compound developed, patented at UT licensed to Prolong Pharmaceuticals

By Jon Strunk

compound developed at The University of Toledo that can be used to prevent blood vessels from leaking fluid into surrounding tissue following a traumatic injury to the human body has been licensed to Prolong Pharmaceuticals LLC, South Plainfield, N.J., for continued development and commercialization.

The invention uses polyethyleneglycol (PEG) to modify albumin, a protein found in blood, to expand the blood's volume and prevent it from escaping through holes in blood vessels.

"The University of Toledo is proud of our role in developing this technology that has the potential to save lives and limit the internal fluid leakage that can lead to multi-organ dysfunction and failure, and even death," UT President Lloyd Jacobs said. "This technology is an example of the great contribution the science developed and patented at The University of Toledo can have on people around the globe."

The technology — developed by Dr. Ragheb Assaly, professor of medicine, Dr. David Dignam, professor of biochemistry and cancer biology, and Dr. Joseph Shapiro, professor of medicine — promises to

become the optimal blood volume expander to prevent decreased blood volume caused by severe burns, hemorrhagic shock, sepsis, anaphylaxis, traumatic brain injury, adult respiratory distress syndrome and other injuries.

PEG-albumin has been tested in animal models and in all cases has demonstrated superiority to regular albumin as a plasma expander, according to the researchers.

"The University is excited to enter into this license with Prolong Pharmaceuticals for the development and commercialization of this technology," said Stephen Snider, vice president of technology transfer and associate general counsel. "This collaboration with Prolong will serve to bring this life-saving treatment to patients and further UT's mission to improve the human condition."

Prolong Pharmaceuticals is developing products to treat several diseases and their debilitating co-morbidities that reduce quality of life and increase medical cost and mortality.

For more information, go to prolongpharma.com.



Photo by Daniel Mille

WELCOME: President Lloyd Jacobs greeted representatives from the Lowell Observatory, Flagstaff, Ariz., and other partners in the Discovery Channel Telescope during a special meeting on campus last month. The Lowell Partners' Advisory Board meeting brought together the entities involved in the Discovery Channel Telescope project and related facilities. In addition to UT, academic partners are Boston University, the University of Maryland and Northern Arizona University. UT became a part of the consortium operating the Discovery Channel Telescope in 2012.

Spring 2014 deadlines you can't afford to miss!

Dec. 27, 2013 - Due date for Spring 2014 Semester payment

Jan. 6, 2014 - Spring Semester classes begin

Jan. 13, 2014 - Late fees assessed for past due balances

Jan. 20, 2014 - Last day to drop for Spring Semester

If you decide not to attend a class you are registered for, you MUST drop it before class begins to avoid financial responsibility. Use the MyUT portal or go to Rocket Solution Central to drop any classes.

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Former football coach part of UT's 35-0 streak passes away

Frank X. Lauterbur, Toledo, UT football coach and athletic director from 1963 to 1970, died Nov. 20 at age 88.

Lauterbur, who had a 48-32-2 record at UT, began the famous 35-0 Rocket streak from 1969 to 1971. His teams won Mid-American

Conference titles in 1967, 1969 and 1970.

The 1969 and 1970 teams were nationally ranked in the top 20 of Wire Service Polls and won Tangerine Bowl Championships. In both of those seasons and in 1967, Lauterbur was named MAC Coach of the Year and Ohio College Coach of the Year.

A total of 55 players recruited by Lauterbur were either first- or second-team All-MAC; four of those players won National All-America Honors: Tom Beutler, Curtis Johnson, Chuck Ealey and Mel Long, who are all in the University's Varsity T Hall of Fame.

Lauterbur left UT following the 1970 season to become the head coach at the

University of lowa. He also coached in the NFL with the Baltimore Colts, the Los Angeles Rams and the Seattle Seahawks.



Lauterbur

He was Lau inducted

into the Varsity T Hall of Fame in 1983 and the MAC Hall of Fame in 1990.

While at the University, Lauterbur also served as a board member and later president of the UT Federal Credit Union.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Lauterbur Scholarship Fund through The University of Toledo Foundation, P.O. Box 586, Toledo, OH 43697.

Winter weather policy details delay, class suspension procedures

ith the chill of winter just around the corner, employees and students should be aware of inclement weather procedures.

The University of Toledo is a community and a home for many, and ordinary seasonal inclement weather is something all must expect and deal with during winter months.

"Our primary concern is the safety of our students, employees and patients," said David Morlock, executive vice president for finance and administration. "With that in mind, our goal is to get the word out on delays or class suspensions as quickly as possible."

In the rare event of a major snow or ice storm or other inclement weather that necessitates UT delaying or suspending classes or campus events, the University will announce this information through several communication vehicles:

- UT Alert text message and email (visit the myUT page and click the link to sign up);
- Web: myut.utoledo.edu and utoledo.edu;
- Phone: 419.530.SNOW (7669);
- Social media: UT on Facebook and Twitter; and
- Local media.

Morlock said UT policy is to remain open whenever possible to minimize interruption of teaching and research. Additionally, he emphasized that UT Medical Center never closes.

Decisions to suspend or delay classes due to weather are based on the conditions of campuses and area roads, and reports from local weather forecasters and local transit authorities. Optimally, suspending announcements occur in three phases, including decisions to suspend morning classes by 6 a.m., afternoon classes by 10 a.m. and evening classes by 3 p.m. This approach provides flexibility should conditions improve.

The suspension of College of Medicine and Life Sciences classes applies only to

the basic science teaching programs. All clinical programs — third- and fourth-year clerkships — are conducted as usual.

In addition to UTMC, other University operations that never cease include the research facility on Health Science Campus, telephone services, the UT Police Department and the Computing Center. Basic services across the University — food service for students in residence halls, electricity, heat, water, snow removal, and emergency repairs and maintenance — also will continue.

The severe weather policy stipulates that Health Science Campus employees who come to work during storms will be paid for hours worked. Hourly employees who fail to report because of inclement weather will be subject to pertaining policies.

Employees deemed essential to the continuation of these functions are determined by management. Questions of status should be directed to supervisory personnel.

Morlock emphasized that caring for UT Medical Center patients is an essential component of the University. Even when Lucas, Wood and Fulton counties declare states of emergency, patients depend on UTMC staff to provide university-quality care.

If UT employees are stopped by the police during a state of emergency, they should show their identification badges and explain they are on their way to work. County officials recognize that even during a state of emergency, employees must report to work.

Employees on Main Campus who are deemed essential and must report to work during a snow or ice storm should show their UT identification card if stopped by law enforcement officers.

If a sports contest is scheduled, the Athletic Department, after consultation with UT Police, will determine if the event will occur.

In memoriam

Mary L. Binegar, Toledo, who worked in MCO's Dietary Department from 1976 until her retirement in 1991, died Nov. 17 at age 89.

Bonita "Bonnie" C. Heuerman, Toledo, died Nov. 15 at age 67. She was a visiting assistant professor of nursing at UT and an alumna of the University, receiving a master of education degree in 2005.

Robert L. Kimdell, Toledo, a boiler engineer at MCO from 1981 to 1992, died Nov. 17 at age 65.

Janet S. Schroeder, Toledo, an administrative assistant in the Urology Department and Pain Clinic from 1993 until her retirement in 2003, died Nov. 13 at age 71.

Correction

There were two errors in a story about UT receiving the Reeher Peak Performance Award that ran in the Oct. 21 issue. The award was not given to the school with the highest increase of annual giving dollars and donors in the same year, but was presented to 18 schools that increased both dollars and donors in the same year. The story also stated that UT did better than Duke University, Fordham University and Johns Hopkins University; however, these schools also received the honor.

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Self-portraits to be featured in Yours Truly' exhibit Dec. 7

UT art students and local artists will offer reflections of themselves in the "Yours Truly" exhibition, which will be on display Saturday, Dec. 7, from 6 to 11 p.m. in the Secor Gallery, 425 Jefferson Ave

Works will be in the sixth-floor gallery and open studios on the fifth, sixth and seventh floors. The free, public event is part of the seventh annual "'Tis the Secor."

Advanced art students from the Concepts in Art Studio and Theory class have created an unusual group of self-portraits in response to the question, "Who am I?"

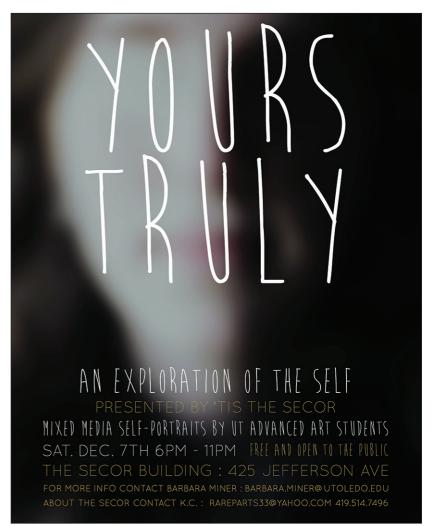
"The show, 'Yours Truly,' is the culmination of a great deal of hard work," Barbara Miner, UT associate professor of art, said. "These pieces are the result of an entire semester spent writing reflectively about works as varied as Robert Frost's 'The Road Not Taken,' Walt Whitman's *Leaves of Grass*, Hans Christian Andersen's 'The Emperor's New Suit' and Nobel Prize-winning scientist E.O. Wilson's *Letters to a Young Scientist*.

"Yours Truly" highlights how the students stretched the self-portraits in unexpected ways.

"In addition to exploring existentialism and contemporary art criticism, students gamely tackled issues of what role failure plays in the creative process and the unanticipated benefits of failure as a means of growth," Miner said. "We also explored the issue of art's intrinsic value both from a monetary standpoint as well as from the view that all societies create and value art."

She said the Concepts in Art Studio and Theory class isn't like any other studio course: "This class is about building community through intense dialogue, hashing out where these young artists stand in terms of their own artworks and the greater community, and creating a lasting set of research and reflection skills that are truly cross-disciplinary."

For more information on "Yours Truly," contact Miner at barbara.miner@ utoledo.edu or 419.530.8315.



Hendricks to sing at UT Jazz Holiday Concert Dec. 5

Swing into the season with the UT Jazz Holiday Concert Thursday, Dec. 5, at 7 p.m. in Doermann Theater.

Special guest vocalist Jon Hendricks, UT Distinguished Professor of Jazz, will perform at the concert, which also will feature the UT jazz faculty group CrossCurrents, and the UT Jazz Ensemble, Vocalstra, GuitArkestra, and the Latin Jazz Ensemble.

The concert program will include holiday classics from Stan Kenton, Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman, Johnny Warrington and many others.

Patrons are invited to come early to have their photos taken with Santa. These free portraits will be taken in Doermann Theater from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. and be sent via email.

There will be a golf cart shuttle service from parking area 13 off Campus Drive to Doermann Theater.

Tickets — \$10 general admission and \$5 for students and seniors — are available in advance or at the door. Cash, checks and major credit cards will be accepted. Call the UT Center for Performing Arts Box Office at 419.530.2375 or go to utoledo.edu/

This annual event is presented by the UT Department of Music Jazz Studies Program.

For more information, contact Gunnar Mossblad, UT professor of music and director of the Jazz Studies Program, at gunnar.mossblad@utoledo.edu.



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International Education Week Photo Contest winners announced

Three UT students and two employees are being recognized for their shots submitted to the International Education Week Photo Contest.

Lydia Kane, a senior majoring in film and video production, took first place in the student category for her shot of Toledo, Spain. Frances Bradford, a sophomore majoring in communication, placed second with her shot from Haiti, and Andrea Tsatalis, a freshman studying biology, took third place with her shot of Olympia, Greece.

In the faculty and staff category, Elaine Coopshaw, secretary 2 in the College of Engineering Graduate Studies and Research Administration Office, won first place with her photo of Anu Mutyala, an electrical engineering and computer science student, whom she calls "Little Bird."

"I have so enjoyed being her friend as she learns to fly," Coopshaw said. "This photo was taken at my home in the sticks of rural Wauseon around Thanksgiving last year." Daniel Klett, university architect in Facilities and Construction Planning, took second place with his shot of Amsterdam.

The winning photos are on display in the Center for International Studies and Programs, located in Snyder Memorial Building Room 1000.

The contest was part of International Education Week.



"Little Bird" by Elaine Coopshaw won the employee catetory.



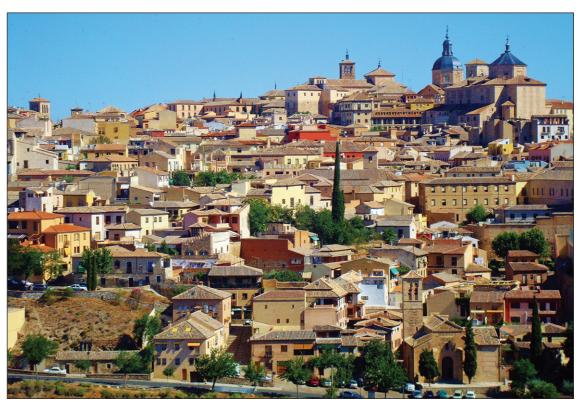
"Birthplace of Olympic Torch" by Andrea Tsatalis placed third in the student category.



This shot from Amsterdam by Daniel Klett came in second in the employee category.



A photo taken in Haiti by Frances Bradford was second in the student category.



Lydia Kane won the student category with this photo of Toledo, Spain.

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Culture Ambassadors seek recruits

By Leisha Lininger

Join the Culture Ambassadors at The University of Toledo.

Since 2009, the Culture Ambassadors have raised awareness about local events related to diversity and promoted a welcoming and inclusive environment at the University.

And the group is always looking to add members.

"I have had the privilege to work with numerous outstanding individuals from students, staff and faculty members, as well as members of the community, including Josina Lott, WWII and Vietnam veterans, people with ALS, and people from various religious backgrounds that have helped me learn about and better understand others' beliefs and cultures," said Toni Blochowski, assistant to the chancellor for the academic health center, who is a three-year member and the membership coordinator for the Culture Ambassadors.

With the opportunity to serve on four committees, members can participate via

outreach, enrichment, the student climate survey task force and/or faculty/staff climate task force.

"The goal of the entire group is to work through these committees to build a welcoming and inclusive environment on campus," said Emily Hardcastle, community outreach manager in the Office of Equity, Diversity and Community Engagement, who is a two-year member and group administrator for the Culture Ambassadors. "It is also a great opportunity for networking with faculty, staff and students across campus."

Members receive a pin and polo as well as a variety of opportunities to volunteer throughout the year at various events such as the annual lawn games at Josina Lott.

"I was a member of Culture Ambassadors as a student and now as a staff member," Hardcastle said. "It is just a very welcoming group of individuals passionate about diversity and UT. We always have a good time, and the group is a great way to learn, grow and get out in the community."

The Culture Ambassadors are part of the Office of Equity, Diversity and Community Engagement. Membership requirements entail involvement in at least one committee and attendance at group meetings, which convene every other month.

"Since its inception, the goal has always been to be a group of inclusion and to make sure that the campus is welcoming," said Dr. Shanda Gore, associate vice president for equity, diversity and community engagement, and UT chief diversity officer. "I believe that anyone who is joining this group will find that their time spent is well-spent in helping others and doing the mission of the University."

Contact Blochowski at toni.blochowski@utoledo.edu or 419.261.1658 or visit utoledo.edu/diversity/



ambassadors to find out more and to apply for membership.

Follow the Culture Ambassadors on Twitter at @utoledoca or utcultureambassadors.tumblr.com.

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chronic kidney diseases or high blood pressure, were randomly assigned to receive standard combination medical therapy for blood pressure, cholesterol and drugs to prevent blood clotting alone, or these medications combined with a vesselopening procedure.

The rate of death and other serious complications, including heart attack, stroke or hospitalization for heart or kidney disease, was comparable between treatment methods. Complications occurred in 35.8 percent of the medication-only group and in 35.1 percent of the combined-treatment group, not a significant difference.

Renal artery stenosis, which affects nearly three million people in the United States, can cause high blood pressure and kidney failure, and is associated with heart and blood-vessel disease and death.

Standard treatment includes medication to decrease high blood pressure and cholesterol, combined with a procedure in which a small balloon is inserted into the clogged blood vessel and inflated to open

it. A small, wire-mesh tube (stent) often is inserted to help keep the vessel open.

Speaking to more than 150 medical students, physicians and clinicians during a grand rounds presentation at UT Medical Center a few days after the scientific sessions, Cooper said the initial goal was to test the hypothesis that a stent would significantly reduce the major negative impacts of a narrowed or blocked artery to the kidney and justify the costs, time and stress to the patient of a procedure to implant a stent.

"Stenting of atherosclerotic renal stenosis has been reasonable, despite several negative studies, because other studies suggested it might lower blood pressure and stabilize kidney function," Cooper said.

"But in our study, opening narrowed kidney arteries with stents provided no additional benefit when added to medications that lower blood pressure, control cholesterol levels, and block substances involved in blood clotting."

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A professor of practice at Tulane University in New Orleans, Carville said he tells his students, "It's not important what I think. It's important that you think."

Carville argued that America has certainly seen darker days, such as the year 1862 during the Civil War. But something good came out of that when a Vermont congressman proposed and advocated for the Land-Grant Colleges Act, which was signed into law by President Abraham Lincoln. The morals, according to Carville, that it's never a bad time to invest in young people or the future.

"Don't let the doomsayers and the naysayers have the final say," he said. "You have the final say."

Carville answered a number of questions submitted to the Jesup Scott Honors College Twitter account, @UTHonors, including whether he has ever considered running for office himself.

After a quick succession of no's, Carville joked, "I wouldn't vet well" and "My kids don't need to know everything." Carville's guess on the candidates to be nominated? Scott Walker and Hilary Clinton.

Would Condoleezza Rice be nominated by the Republican Party? No. What about another Bush? It's possible.

Advice for aspiring politicians? Be ready to fail publicly, be ambitious, and make what you do matter be your reward.

"If you want to go into politics and you don't like people, it's not going to be very happy," he said.

Carville is the second guest in the Honors College Distinguished Lecture Series. Education innovator Salman Khan, the founder of Khan Academy, spoke in September.

Still to come will be business strategy expert Richard Rumelt Monday, Jan. 13, and Arizona State University President Michael Crow Monday, March 10.

Visit utoledo.edu/honorslecture to order tickets and learn more about the speakers.

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DEDICATED: Ann Redmond, left, and Nancy Lapp checked out the renovated Women & Philanthropy Media Room in Savage Arena last month. Thanks to a \$23,000 grant from the group, the room that hosts media and news conferences for UT athletic and special events now includes colorful graphic images depicting the history of Rocket sports on the walls as well as new furniture, carpeting and lighting. Lapp, a retired UT employee, is chair of the Women & Philanthropy grants committee, and Redmond is the wife of Robert Redmond, former member of the UT Board of Trustees. In six years, the organization has given 10 grants totaling \$241,931 to the University, according to Chris Spengler, director of advancement relations in Institutional Advancement and member and administrative contact for Women & Philanthropy.



'TIS THE SEASON TO SHOP: Joely Giammarco, senior business manager with the UT Learning Collaborative, checked out the Department of Art's holiday sale last month at the Center for the Visual Arts. A portion of the proceeds will go toward the UT Student Art League and Department of Art Visiting Artists Program.

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AIDS Awareness Gala to take place Dec. 6

he African Peoples Association and the Center for International Studies and Programs will hold the fourth annual AIDS Awareness Gala Friday, Dec. 6, in the Student Union Auditorium.

Doors will open at 7 p.m.

The event with a formal dress code — black, red and white — will feature singing, dance and poetry by UT students, along with speakers who will discuss the effects of the AIDS virus and ways to reduce the spread of the infection.

Tickets are \$8 for members of the African Peoples Association, \$10 in advance at the "Ask Rocky" desk in the Student Union, and \$15 at the door.

A portion of the ticket sales will be donated to the Ryan White Program at The University of Toledo Medical Center.

"The African Peoples Association continues its tradition of hosting the AIDS Awareness Gala to promote awareness of the virus and safer sex practices among the students and surrounding community," said Victor Aberdeen Jr., UT junior majoring in communication and English, and president of the association.

For more information on the gala, contact Aberdeen at victor.aberdeen@rockets.utoledo.edu or 614.707.8302.

UT employees may schedule graduate photos

Faculty and staff or members of their families who will graduate from UT in December may contact the University Communications Office if they wish to have a photo taken and published in UT News.

Call Laurie Flowers at 419.530.2002 to schedule an appointment before Friday, Dec. 20.

Photos will appear in an upcoming issue of the paper.

