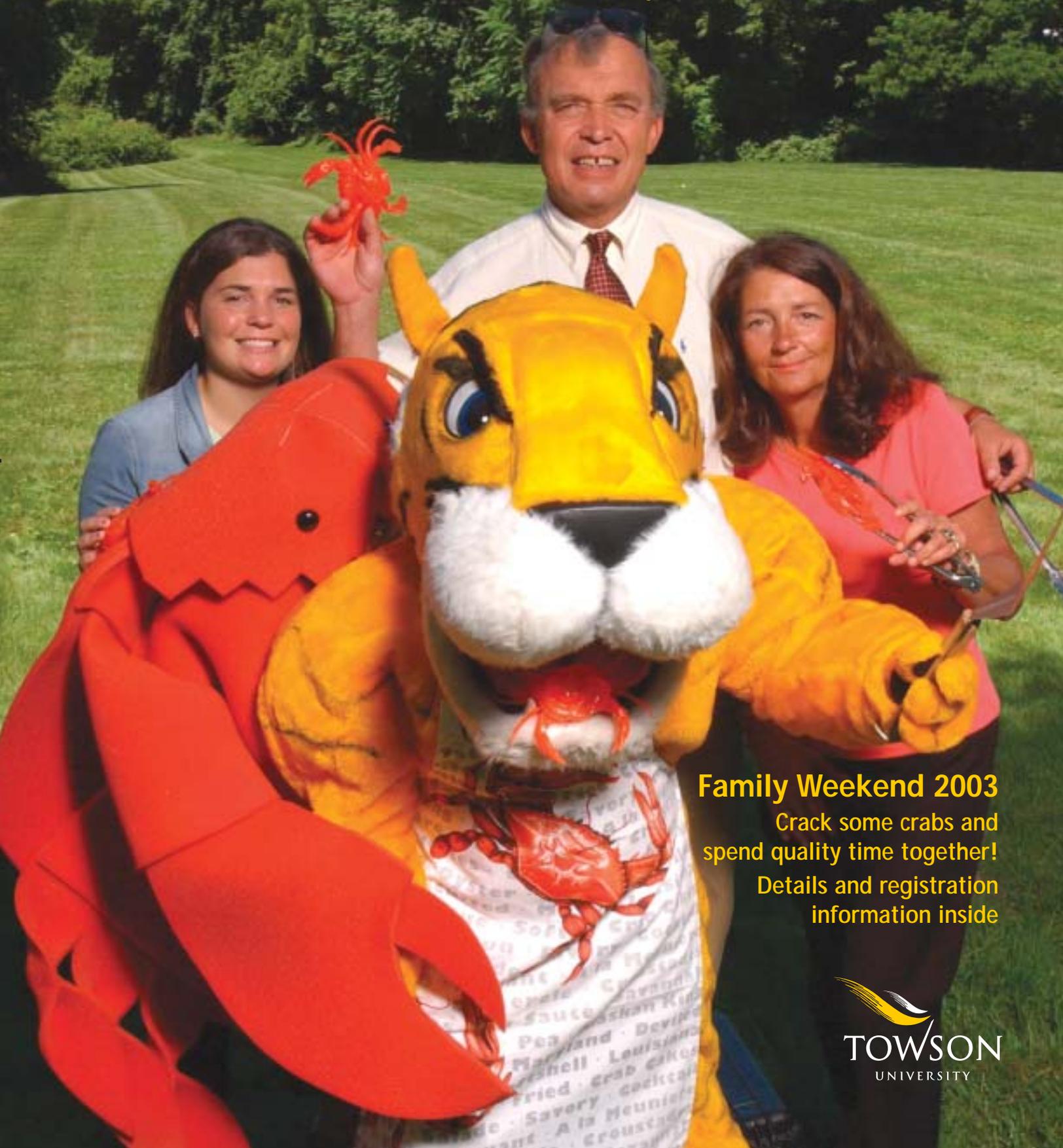


Parent Pride

A Newsletter for Parents and Families of Towson University Students

Fall 2003



Family Weekend 2003

Crack some crabs and
spend quality time together!

Details and registration
information inside



FROM THE PARENTS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Dear Parents, Families and Friends,

As our sons and daughters say with the vowel sounds prolonged, “Wassup?”

For the Parents Association, the advocacy group that seeks to strengthen the parent, student and university relationship, annual dues are what’s up.

Why dues? Because budget restrictions imposed by the state of Maryland have reduced our operating income, forcing the association to look elsewhere to subsidize projects and offset expenses.

A large portion of the dues will also help fund a \$1,000 scholarship – one this year and, we hope, more as we grow – to be awarded ONLY to a student of a member of your Parents Association.

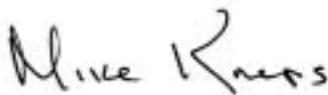
And if this weren’t reason enough to join, membership in the Parents Association also carries other benefits. Parents are entitled to discounts at campus eateries and the University Store, get several free parking passes per semester, and automatically receive *Parent Pride*. Member parents will also be entered to win a free night this spring at the Berkshire Marriott Conference Hotel, located adjacent to campus.

The cost? All of this for only \$30 annually per family.

So annual dues are “wassup” this year for your Parents Association, along with a host of benefits to make joining even more rewarding and exciting.

“Wassup” in this issue of *Parent Pride* is your invitation to this year’s Family Weekend. It’s going to be a fun-packed couple of days and a great opportunity to spend time with your Towson student. Plus, the drawing for our first \$1,000 scholarship will happen during Family Weekend, so don’t miss it! You will not receive other materials in the mail, so take this opportunity to find out about the activities planned and fill out your registration.

I look forward to seeing you there!



Mike Kreps
President

Towson University Parents Association



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Pictured on the cover: Bonnie and the late Bernie Dabrowski with their daughter, TU student Katie Dabrowski (see story on pg. 10)

Special thanks to Hometown Girl & Co., 1001 W. 36th St., Hampden, for the use of their crab costume.

Robert L. Caret Becomes Towson's 12th President

Returning to his Towson roots, Robert L. Caret became the 12th president of Towson University on July 1, 2003. As a former faculty member, dean, executive vice president and provost of Towson University, Caret served at Towson for 21 years before assuming the presidency of San José State University of the California State University System in 1995. Named as one of Silicon Valley's 100 power brokers by *San Jose Magazine* in its May 2003 issue, Caret has been credited with raising the profile of one of the largest universities in California and developing strong community partnerships.

Caret received his Ph.D. in organic chemistry from the University of New Hampshire in 1974 and his bachelor's degree in chemistry and mathematics from Suffolk University in 1969. He also received an honorary doctor of



Robert L. Caret

science degree from Suffolk University in 1996, as well as an honorary doctor of

humane letters degree from the National Hispanic University in 1997.

Caret has made numerous presentations and published professionally in the fields of chemistry, chemical education and higher education. He has authored chapters in two monographs on the mission and role of institutions, and has co-authored and published four textbooks in the fields of organic chemistry and allied health chemistry. His awards and recognitions include the State of Maryland Governor's Employee Incentive Award, the San José Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce Leadership in Excellence Award (1999), the Italian American Heritage Foundation Achievement Award (2001) and the Outstanding College President Award from the All-American Football Foundation (2001). He is listed in several editions of *Who's Who in America*.

Homecoming 2003: The Biggest Homecoming Game Ever!



Be part of history at the Homecoming football game vs. Holy Cross on October 11 as Towson University dedicates its new stadium to honor the late Johnny Unitas – NFL Hall of Famer and friend of Towson. A parent of three TU students, Johnny U. also served as community liaison for Tiger Athletics. Halftime ceremonies featuring Governor Bob Ehrlich, Baltimore County Executive Jim Smith, Mayor Martin O'Malley, former Colts star Tom Matte and, of course, Sandy Unitas, will celebrate Homecoming and pay tribute to the life of Johnny Unitas.

We expect a sellout, so get your tickets early! Call the Towson Ticket Office at 410-704-2244, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, visit TowsonTigers.com.

Not Your Grandparents' Work Ethic

The following, by Carol J. Vellucci, Career Center director, was adapted from an article published the week of Aug. 9-15, 2002, in the Baltimore Business Journal.

Employers often wonder whatever happened to the work ethic. There appears to be a widely held suspicion that members of Generation X (born 1965-1978) and Generation Y (born 1979-1998) have no concept of work as intrinsically valuable and important.

It is fundamentally true that younger employees exhibit different behaviors at work and have different attitudes about work than their older colleagues. But this doesn't necessarily mean they lack a work ethic. It's more likely that these two generations have blossomed into practitioners of the new, improved, be-all-that-you-can-be work/life philosophy.

Let's take a look at two specific issues.

Hard work: Do XYers work hard? Absolutely. Do they work the same way as you, your father or your grandfather did? Absolutely not. They may not spend extra hours in the office to complete a project by the end of a workday because the workday no longer has a definitive end. Telecommuting and flex time make it easier for twenty-somethings to work from home at unconventional times, say 3 a.m. or on weekends, and still complete their work by the deadline. Smart companies who recognize the needs of younger workers attract high quality employees. Towson University graduate Marques Jackson '03, B.S., computer information systems, recently landed a job with a technology equipment firm in Columbia, Md. The company offered formal hands-on training, tuition assistance for continuing education, flexible schedules, and an informal corporate culture. That's a winning combination for XYers who value access to knowledgeable mentors, flexibility, and a casual, team-oriented environment.



Carol J. Vellucci, director, Career Center

Delayed gratification: The work ethic was based on the premise that hard work and personal sacrifice would lead to future rewards. But XYs are accustomed to instant gratification. With 24-hour access to information, entertainment, and peers, their mantra might be "Why wait?" They use their time to solidify important family and social connections that cannot be delayed six minutes let alone six months. Joseph Chamberlain teaches a professional experience course for Towson University business students who are employed as summer interns. "Each term, we do a values exercise, and family always emerges as one of the top three values." They don't want to sacrifice personal relationships for money.

And why should they? Their parents substituted work time for family time only to be downsized at the end of their careers. Corporate mismanagement has robbed faithful employees of their financial cushions, dashing their hopes of spending more quality time with family in retirement. So even though it appeared that young people were too busy attending to the beeps and whirs of their electronic equipment to listen to

their parents, they apparently did pay attention.

The Boomer generation taught them to question authority, identify their priorities, value family, and embrace their individuality. Using the gifts of education and technology, they created an alternative work ethos that makes sense based on the priorities and values they learned from their parents and grandparents.

Towson University Career Center

The Career Center at Towson University helps students get ready for the world of work, providing a host of tools to aid in career searches and preparation, as well as services and information leading to academic internship opportunities, and on- and off-campus full-time and part-time employment.

Career Center Services for Students

- E-Recruiting (Web-Based Resume Management/Career Search System)
- Career Fairs/Job Fairs
- Career Advising
- Career Resource Library
- Graduate School Information
- On-Campus Interviewing
- Student Employment (on- and off-campus)
- Resume Referral Services
- Internships
- Professional Development Seminars (Resume Writing, Interview Skills Training, Networking)

For more information, visit www.towson.edu/careercenter, call 410-704-2233, or stop by 7800 York Rd., suite 315. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-5 p.m., open until 7 p.m. on Tuesdays during fall and spring semesters.

CLUB CORNER

Campus Activities Board (CAB)

Offers Events and Leadership Opportunities for TU Students

Much more than just fun and games, the Campus Activities Board (CAB) has an important function around Towson University. CAB exists to ensure that the range of events happening around Towson meets the needs of the diverse student population.

Throughout the school year CAB keeps the campus buzzing with coffeehouse concerts; shows featuring comedians, hypnotists and musicians; cultural activities and a movie series that plays recent box office blockbusters on campus for free. The programming series culminates with Tigerfest, an annual Towson tradition held in May, marking the close of the academic year. This

all-day outdoor festival attracts students and community members to enjoy the Towson spirit through food, games, music and much more.



The student-run board is the programming arm of the Student Government Association and has been active for four years. Besides providing a range of activities and events, CAB was created so those interested in event planning would be able to learn about programming first-hand. There are currently about 30 active members. Once a month, general meetings are held to discuss upcoming events and brainstorm.

“It’s not a large time commitment. You can get involved as little or as much as you like,” says Kristin Collier, past director of CAB. “Ideas, preparation, running events, there are endless opportunities for students to get involved, have a great experience and gain leadership skills.”

Leadership positions are readily available for those who want to tackle an even larger challenge as a CAB committee chair. The committees include: coffeehouse, comedy, concerts, daytime, lectures, movies, public relations: membership, public relations: advertising, public relations: human resources, special events, Union concerts and webmaster. Each committee is overseen by a chair who is selected after an application and interview process. All of the committees are under the supervision of the CAB director who is also chosen through an interview process.

Through commitment and dedication CAB puts together successful events that students and the community can enjoy, working to get students involved in campus life and make leadership opportunities available.

For more information about CAB, visit www.towson.edu/cab, call 410-704-2070 or stop by their office in the University Union.

Student LIFE Line

410-704-LIFE (5433)

Have a question about TU?

An answer is just a phone call away!

LIFE Line is a telephone line created to answer your questions about the university. LIFE Line is staffed and ready to assist callers Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. After 5 and on weekends, callers can leave voice mail messages, which will be responded to the next business day.



Friday October 24

Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic Open House

1 - 4 p.m.

Van Bokkelen Hall, lower level
Free hearing screenings are offered to students and family members.

Women's Soccer

Towson University vs.
James Madison University
3 p.m.



Towson Center Field
Root for your Tigers as they battle conference foe, the JMU Dukes. *Free*

Field Hockey

Towson University vs. Drexel University
4 p.m.



Unitas Stadium
Cheer on the Tigers as they face off against CAA rival, the Drexel Dragons. *Free*

Planetarium Show

7:30 p.m.

Smith Hall 521

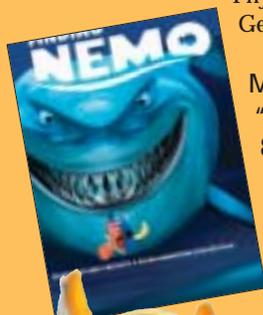
Telescope viewing to follow (weather permitting). Sponsored by the Dept. of Physics, Astronomy and Geosciences. *Free.*



Movie Night
"Finding Nemo"
8 p.m.

University Union, Patuxent Room
Relax with some popcorn and soda and enjoy a hit movie perfect for the whole family.

Sponsored by the Campus Activities Board.
Free.



Saturday October 25

University Family Brunch

9 - 11 a.m.



University Union, Susquehanna Dining Halls
Enjoy a delicious full brunch menu and meet Towson University vice presidents, deans and department chairs.

\$15 adults; \$12 Parents Association members; \$10 TU students and children 18 and under

Parents Association Annual Meeting

11 a.m. (immediately after the brunch)

University Union, Susquehanna Dining Hall
Interested in learning more about the Parents Association or getting more involved? At the General Meeting, officers will give status reports on current projects and seek volunteers for help on new projects. You'll have a chance to meet the officers and communicate directly to them the issues or concerns you may have about your student's experience at TU.

Climbing Wall Exhibition

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Burdick Hall, Fitness Center

Challenge your family on the climbing wall. The Peregrine's Nest, Towson's new state-of-the-art climbing wall will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All equipment is provided and our highly trained staff will belay your family members. No experience is necessary!



Chemistry Magic Show

10:30 - 11:50 a.m.

Smith Hall 556

As part of National Chemistry Week, this show reveals the wonders of chemistry. Witness tricks such as the volcano, gold pennies, traffic lights, and a liquid nitrogen demonstration. This event will amaze adults and children alike!

Sponsored by the Student Affiliates of the



American Chemistry Society at Towson University and the First Year Experience Advisers of the Chemistry Department.
Free.

Study Abroad Information Session

10:30 - 11 a.m.

University Union, Patuxent Room
Learn about the exciting opportunities available to Towson University students to study around the world.

Rescue Simulation by the Baltimore

County Fire Department
11 a.m.



Towson Center, Lot 21

A great event for the kids! Witness a realistic rescue at a crash site. Afterwards, the kids are invited into the stadium for lunch and to play in the Tiger Zone. The \$5 package includes a ticket for the football game and a food voucher for a hot dog, bag of chips, and soda at the concession stand. *\$5 per child (parents are welcome to watch, but must buy a regular game ticket)*

Pre-Game Social

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Towson Center Parking Lot

Students, families and friends are invited to warm up for the big game by joining the Student Government Association for fun and free hot chocolate. Sponsored by the Student Government Association.

The Jingle Bell Spectacular

featuring the National Champion Towson University Dance Team
1 p.m.

Center for the Arts, Concert Hall
A Phenomenal Dance Showcase.

Sponsored by the Towson University Dance Team.

Admission: \$10

Call 410-704-ARTS (410-704-2787)

Family Weekend 2003 + October 24-26

Football
1 p.m.



Towson University vs. Elon University

Unitas Stadium

Support the Tigers as they battle the Phoenix of Elon University.

Adult game tickets \$10; student (under 18)/senior citizen game tickets \$7;

Towson University students are admitted free with TU OneCard; parking \$5 per car

Family Crab Feast and Bull Roast



4 - 8 p.m.

Burdick Field (Rain Location: University Union, Susquehanna Dining Halls)

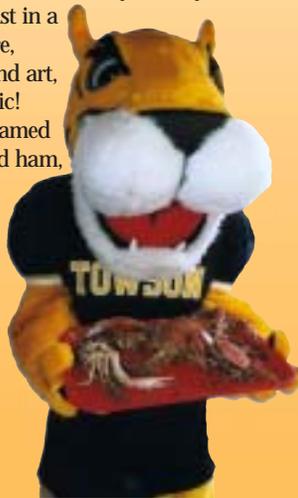
Enjoy our second annual Maryland-style crab feast and bull roast in a festive atmosphere, complete with sand art, sock art and music!

Food includes steamed crabs, pit beef and ham, cream of crab soup, buffalo wings, vegetable lasagna, chili, pasta shells, corn on the cob, mashed potatoes, salads and cake.

Beer is available to those of legal age.

\$35 adults;

\$30 Parents Association members; \$25 Towson students and children 18 and under



Leaders in Residence Life Reception
4 - 6 p.m.

University Union, Patuxent Room

The Department of Housing and Residence Life takes this opportunity to recognize the on-campus leaders serving resident students. Resident assistants, Community Center staff and the student leaders of University Residence Government and Building Council will be honored. Sponsored by Housing and Residence Life.

Catholic Mass and Dinner
6 - 8 p.m.

Newman Center Chapel, 7909 York Road, across from Stephens Hall

All families are welcome to attend Mass at 6 p.m. and remain afterwards for complimentary dinner and socializing.

Family Casino Night
7 - 11 p.m.



University Union, Potomac Lounge
Bigger and better than last year! Music, entertainment, prizes and more! Join us for casino-style games, win play money and earn fun prizes! No age requirement to play. Sponsored by the Campus Activities Board. Free

Paws Celebration
Open until 11 p.m.

University Union, first floor
Come by after the football game or during Casino Night and grab a bite or relax in Paws, Towson University's newest dining location. Play pool or ping-pong and watch movies on the giant-screen. A full-service menu will be offered.

Sunday October 26

Episcopal Worship Services

8, 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

Trinity Episcopal Church, 120 Allegheny Avenue, north off Burke Ave., the Towson Bypass

Lutheran Worship Services

8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. traditional worship, 5 p.m. contemporary

Ascension Lutheran Church, 7601 York Road, two blocks south of Towson University

For more information, contact Lutheran Campus Ministry at 410-321-4484.

Catholic Brunch and Mass

9 a.m. Brunch, 11a.m. Mass, 12:30 p.m. Lunch

Newman Center, 7909 York Road, across from Stephens Hall

For more information contact the Newman Center at 410-828-0622.

Icon Legend



= Kid-friendly events
(See page 8 for details.)



= Use Family Weekend registration form for this event (pg. 9)



= Athletic events

Women's Soccer
1 p.m.



Towson University vs. George Mason University

Towson Center Field

Cheer on the Tigers against CAA rival, the George Mason Patriots. Free

International Cello Festival: Recital
7:30 p.m.

Center for the Arts, Harold J. Kaplan Concert Hall

Towson University/Maryland Cello Ensemble Cecylia Barczyk, cello; Reynaldo Reyes, piano. Join Cecylia Barczyk as she celebrates 30 years of teaching and performing internationally, including 20 years at Towson University. The program highlights the singing qualities of the cello with music written by East-European composers. \$12 general; \$8 students and seniors

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Additional Performances

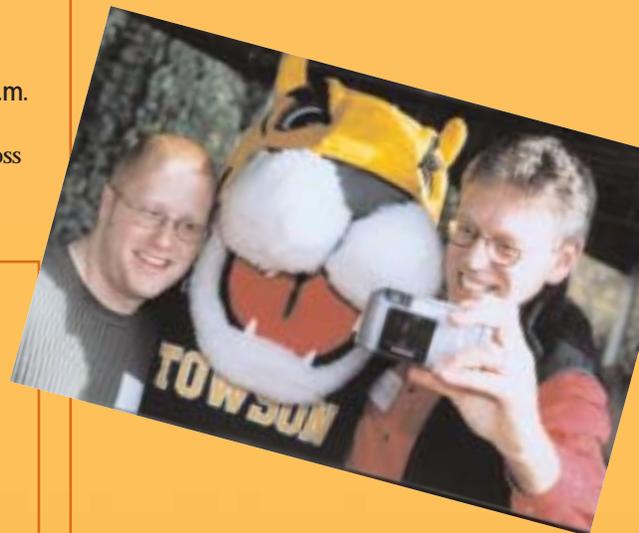
"Day of Absence"

A Performance by the Kuumba Players
October 23-25, 7 p.m.

Center for the Arts, Studio Theatre
Towson University's resident African American theatre troupe, The Kuumba Players, perform Douglass Turner Ward's compelling play "Day of Absence."

A "talk-back" follows the Sunday night performance. For more information, please call 410-704-3851.

Sponsored by the African American Cultural Center and the TU Department of Theatre Arts.



Family Weekend 2003 + October 24-26

Special Programming

Sibling Weekend in the Residence Halls
Sponsored by the Office of Housing and Residence Life and the University Residence Government (URG). Students are required to register their siblings by picking up a registration form from their Community Center (front desk in each residence hall). Students and their siblings can pick from a variety of events offered through Family Weekend and additional programs sponsored by URG. A full schedule of events will be available at the time of registration. Family Weekend programs noted by the icon – on the schedule of events are kid-friendly events that Sibling Weekend participants may wish to attend.

Join the Parents Association!

Join the Parents Association and you will...

- Get a chance to win a scholarship for your student
- Get discount coupons at the bookstore
- Get discounts on home athletic tickets
- Get Proud Parent Temporary Hangtags
- Get discounts on Family Weekend Activities
- Get a copy of the Family Handbook
- Get a chance to interact with key university officials
- Get Parents Association memorabilia
- Get to meet other parents and learn from their experiences
- Get a chance to make a difference at TU

Parents Association Dues
\$30 per family

Questions? Contact Dr. Teri Hall, Assistant Vice-President for Student Involvement and Transitions at 410-704-3307.

Accommodations

Burkshire Marriott Conference Hotel

\$114/one bedroom
\$134/one bedroom with den
800-435-5986
www.marriott.com
Block rate code "TFF"

Sheraton Baltimore North

\$99/single or double
\$109/single or double includes breakfast for two, \$10 for each additional adult
800-433-7619
www.sheraton.com

Embassy Suites- Baltimore/Hunt Valley

\$119/single or double
\$134/triple
\$149/quadruple
Rates include a complimentary, fully cooked-to-order breakfast and a two-hour Manager's Reception.
410-584-1400
www.embassysuites.com

Days Inn Baltimore/Towson

\$59/single or double
Rate includes full complimentary breakfast.
410-882-0900
www.daysinn.com
Block rate code "TOUN"

Chase Suite Hotel

\$85/studio
\$100/one-bedroom
\$129/two-bedroom
888-433-6141
www.woodfinsuitehotels.com

Please make all reservations by September 24, 2003, to receive the block rate.

Campus Services

Friday, October 24

University Union

University Store8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
Information Desk.....8:30 a.m.-10 p.m.

Dining Options

Paws7 a.m.-11 p.m.
Susquehanna Food Court,
University Union7 a.m.-3 p.m.
Glen Dining Hall7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
Newell Dining Hall.....7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
Newell Den7:30 a.m.-11:30 p.m.
7720 Café7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
Brick Street Café7 a.m.-3 p.m.

Enrollment Services Center

(open Friday only)
Admissions Office8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Financial Aid.....8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Bursar's Office:

Customer Service
Center8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Registrar's Office.....8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Career Center

(7720 York Rd.)8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday, October 25

University Union

University Store8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
Information Desk.....8:30 a.m.-11:30 p.m.

Dining Options

Paws11 a.m.-11 p.m.
Glen Dining Hall11 a.m.-7 p.m.
Newell Dining Hall11 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Newell Den4:30-11:30 p.m.

Handicap Shuttle Service- TU van will run noon-10 p.m.

Sunday, October 26

University Union

University Store.....8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Dining Options

Paws.....2-10 p.m.
Glen Dining Hall11 a.m.-7 p.m.
Newell Dining Hall.....11 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Newell Den4:30-11:30 p.m.

Registration form on next page.



Family Weekend 2003 Registration

Please use the envelope provided and return this form no later than October 17, 2003.

We kindly ask that you make your reservations in advance to help us prepare our programs for the correct number of guests attending.

Name _____
 Relationship to student _____
 Name _____
 Relationship to student _____
 Name _____
 Relationship to student _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ E-mail _____
 Towson University student's name _____
 Towson University student's name _____

UNIVERSITY FAMILY BRUNCH

Adults @ \$15 # attending _____ = \$ _____
 Parents Association members @ \$12 # attending _____ = \$ _____
 TU students and children 18 years and under @ \$10 # attending _____ = \$ _____

LIVE RESCUE SIMULATION

Children @ \$5 #attending _____ = \$ _____
 Child's name(s) _____

FAMILY CRAB FEAST AND BULL ROAST

Adults @ \$35 #attending _____ = \$ _____
 Parents Association members @ \$30 #attending _____ = \$ _____
 TU students and children 18 years and under @ \$25 #attending _____ = \$ _____

PARENTS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

Membership \$30 per family _____ = \$ _____

Not a member of the Parents Association yet? Join now and take advantage of discounts on Family Weekend events. Just include the membership form (back cover) and dues in the Family Weekend envelope.

Although the following activities are complimentary for all Family Weekend guests, we kindly ask that you indicate which events you are interested in attending so we may prepare for the correct number of guests.

MOVIE: FINDING NEMO # attending _____
CHEMISTRY MAGIC SHOW # attending _____
FAMILY CASINO NIGHT # attending _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Please make all checks payable to: Towson University Parents Association or complete the information below to charge your total cost:

Circle One:  
 Acct. # _____ Exp. date _____
 Name on card _____ Signature _____

For all pre-paid events no tickets will be distributed. Your name will appear on a registration list at each event for which you are registered.

Memorial Scholarship Honors Bernie Dabrowski

In tribute to TU parent and Parents Association board member Bernie Dabrowski, who died in July, the Parents Association has established the Bernie Dabrowski Memorial Scholarship.

Funded by association dues, \$1,000 annually will be awarded to the son or daughter of a member of the Parents Association. The recipient will be picked at a drawing during Family Weekend.

Dabrowski, who was a real estate agent, is survived by his wife Bonnie, TU assistant director, University Union, and five children. Their son Benjamin graduated from Towson in 2001, and their daughter Katie is a junior.

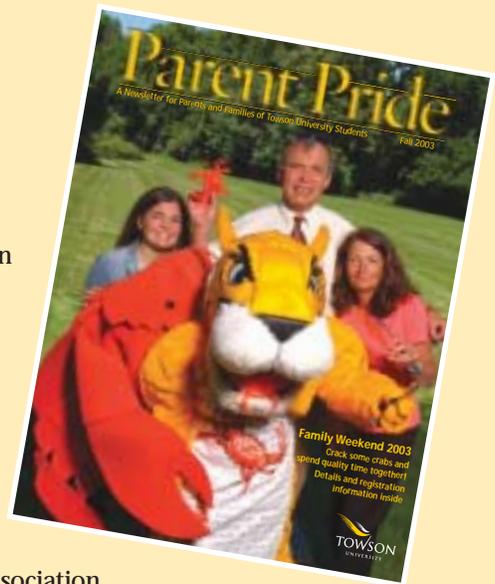
“An annual scholarship is a fitting tribute to my husband,” says Bonnie Dabrowski. “He loved being involved with Towson, whether cheering on the Tigers at athletic events or volunteering for the Parents Association board. My family and I are fortunate to be part of a group that came together to honor Bernie. This confirms why I choose to work at Towson University and send my children here.”

Besides being a dedicated family man and Towson supporter, Dabrowski was an expert crab eater, according to Teri Hall, assistant vice president, Student Involvement and Transitions.

“At last year’s Family Weekend, Bernie gave me a lesson about crab structure and how to eat them,” Hall remembers. “My favorite part, though, was when he decided the lesson was over and just started cracking crabs and handing me the meat!”

Our cover photograph on this issue of *Parent Pride* demonstrates the Towson spirit of the Dabrowski family. Bernie, Bonnie and Katie Dabrowski spent a pleasant July afternoon on campus posing for pictures. Sadly, Bernie Dabrowski died later that evening. At the family’s request, we ran the picture as planned. The image is a poignant memorial to a man who had an enduring connection to Towson University.

The entire Towson community sends condolences to the Dabrowski family and salutes Bernie Dabrowski, devoted husband and father, tireless TU supporter and crack crab cracker. He will be greatly missed.



Academic Calendar

Fall 2003

Classes begin	August 27
Change of Schedule period begins	August 27
Labor Day—no classes	September 1
Change of Schedule period ends	September 9
Last day to drop a course with no grade posted to academic record	September 9
Last day to add a course	September 9
Last day to withdraw from first 7-week courses with a grade of W	September 12
Mid-semester and end of first 7-week courses	October 17
Second 7-week courses begin	October 20
Last day to withdraw from second 7-week courses with a grade of W	November 5
Last day to withdraw from full semester courses with a grade of W	November 7

Last day to change to or from Pass or Audit grading options	November 7
Thanksgiving holiday—no classes	November 26-28
Classes resume	December 1
Last day of classes	December 12
Final examinations begin	December 13
Last day of examinations and end of semester	December 19
Commencement	January 11

Minimester 2004

Minimester begins	January 5
Minimester Change of Schedule period	January 5-6
Martin Luther King Day—no classes	January 19
Minimester ends	January 23

Tiger Athletics: the Year in Review

by Josh Verb

The Tigers experienced an up and down year on the playing fields and courts of Towson University during 2002-2003, with 12 of 22 teams recording winning records.

The Tiger football team enters its last season of Patriot League play in 2003-2004 before moving to the Atlantic 10 Conference in 2004. They had a winning 6-5 season including upsetting defending Patriot League champion and perennial division I-AA powerhouse, Lehigh, for the first time in school history.

Women's soccer won six games this past season including victories over local rivals UMBC, Mt. St. Mary's, and George Washington.

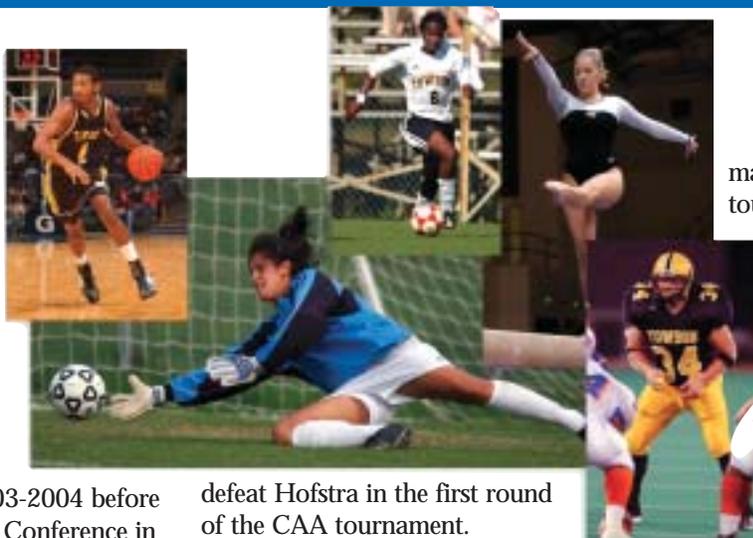
Men's soccer finished the year with a strong 10-8-2 record. Tiger standouts Machel Millwood and Andy Hicks were drafted by the San Diego Sockers and the Baltimore Blast respectively, both of the Major Indoor Soccer League.

The men's and women's cross country teams had strong seasons. The women's squad placed first twice including winning the Towson Invitational. The men's highest finishes were two third-place showings at the Baltimore Metro meet and the Towson Invitational.

Head coach Lynette Mitzel led the Tiger field hockey team to a 10-9 record, earning her Towson University's women's coach of the year award. The field hockey team completed only the second winning season in school history.

Towson volleyball turned in one of the better performances of the year going 23-10. Coach Chris Riley's Tigers lost to George Mason in the CAA semifinals. With a nucleus of young players returning this year, the Tigers are once again expected to be strong contenders.

The men's and women's tennis teams struggled, ending the season with identical 2-3 records. The women did



defeat Hofstra in the first round of the CAA tournament.

CAA All-Rookie team performer Lawrence Hamm led a young bunch of Tigers on the basketball court. With the return of all five starters for 2003-2004, they are looking to improve on their 4-24 season. Local products Jonathan Pease and Holden Plack are expected to bolster a solid young team.

The 2002-2003 women's basketball season saw Mia Chapman join the Towson "1,000-point club," while the Tigers finished the season with a 3-25 record. Head coach Joe Matthews will receive help next season from transfers Brandi Harris and Kacy O'Brien.

The gymnastics team did extremely well with a season that included two first-place finishes. Tiger team member Kristen Presutti was honored as the NCAA Southeast region gymnast of the year.

Tiger swimming and diving produced two elite performers to go along with solid team performances. Junior swimmers Aaron Krause and Jen Irby were named CAA and ECAC most outstanding performers. Krause is also ranked 23rd nationally in the 200-yard backstroke.

Men's lacrosse turned in what is widely considered the finest performance of any Tiger team during the 2002-2003 year. Coach Tony Seaman led his troops to the NCAA quarterfinals and a number nine national ranking. Their 9-6 record included a 15-10 victory over Charles St. rival Loyola. The Tigers featured three All-Americans in Dan Cocchi, Ryan Obloj and Adam Baxter. The Tigers

made their second trip to the NCAA tournament in the past three seasons.

The women's lacrosse team started off strongly, going 3-0 out of the gate, and finished the season with a 7-9 record.

Freshman Becky Trumbo was named to the CAA first team and was also the CAA rookie of the year. The Tigers will have a new head coach this coming season when former Princeton assistant coach Missy Holmes takes the helm.

Mike Gottlieb's Tiger baseball team finished the season at 28-23 and just missed an NCAA tournament berth. Brian McKenna was named to the Verizon Academic All-America team and was first team All-CAA. Junior Mike Costello was an All-CAA first team performer and has since joined former Tiger stand-out Gregg Davies in the Baltimore Orioles organization.

With star pitcher Beth Miller sidelined with a knee injury, the Tiger softball team had to find other players to step up if they wanted to return to the CAA championship game. Jessica Wides met the challenge by becoming the 2003 CAA pitcher of the year. Towson finished the season 31-22-1, losing the championship game to Hofstra 1-0.

Coach Roger Erricker's track team entered the outdoor season with a lot of solid performers. No star shined brighter than Javionni Gooden who finished eighth in the triple jump at the NCAA eastern regional.

The Tiger golf team finished almost 30 games over the .500 mark with a record 63-35-1. They ended their CAA play with a third-place finish at the league championships, only four strokes back. Sophomore Billy Wingerd was named to the All-CAA first team.

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