

Rocky gets female counterpart

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The University of Toledo will welcome a new female mascot to the UT family on Aug. 31 during the second annual Music Fest.

The mascot, Rocksly, is a female version of the current mascot Rocky the Rocket, with a ponytail and skirt..

After one month of online voting, 1,779 students and faculty chose the name Rocksly beating out other choices such as Rochelle, Rockelle and Ricki according to the UT Marketing and Communications department.

Rocksly will make appearances this fall at community service programs throughout campus; she will not, however, be present at football games this year.

This is an attempt to subtly introduce Rocksly to the UT community, according to Student Government President Matt Rubin.

Rubin said this will allow students to become acquainted with Rocksly before she appears at sporting events.

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Courtesy of UT Marketing and Communication Department

UT's new female mascot Rocksly sports a ponytail and a skirt in contrast to the original mascot Rocky. The name Rocksly was chosen by students and faculty through online voting. She will not be making appearances at football games this year.

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advisor at the UT Gateway Program Cynthia Spittler, Rocksly's purpose is to promote equality.

When Justin Veigel, a senior majoring in environmental science first heard about Rocksly,

he was skeptical.

He listed interfering with tradition, and copying rival school Bowling Green State University as problems with Rocksly.

Veigel said the university would have to consider a third mascot, one that was gender neutral, in order to be politically correct.

Other students such as John Eckhart, a sophomore majoring in adolescent math education, welcome Rocksly.

"I think it's a nice change of tradition," he said. According to Rubin, funding to create Rocksly will come from external affairs and not student's pockets.