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FROM: Kendrick Jesionowski

Educational Program to Develop Urban School Administrators

A shortage of qualified administrators in urban schools has arisen in recent years. The Toledo Public Schools is no exception.

With this in mind, The University of Toledo College of Education and Allied Professions, Toledo Public Schools, and the Toledo Association of Administrative Personnel (TAAP) are joining forces in a local effort aimed at providing exemplary leaders for urban school administrators. The collaboration is called the Urban Development Leadership Program. David McClellan, TAAP president, and Dr. Philip Rusche, dean of the UT College of Education, are co-chairs of the steering committee developing this new program.

The objective of the program is to identify and train urban school administrators in school leadership techniques with a special emphasis on urban school problems and solutions. A cohort of 25 candidates is beginning this semester, with anticipated completion of their master's degrees and licensure in two and one-half years. A \$70,000 grant from the Ohio Department of Education to underwrite the tuition of the program will provide partial funding.

"I think it's a significant program because our department of education administration, the Toledo Association of Administrative Personnel and the Toledo City Administration have all come together and identified a common concern, which is the training of administrators with a new program, and have worked in harmony to achieve it," Rusche said. "Also, nationally there's a concern about the performance of administrators and the rapid turnover within the field. I think that what this group has put together is outstanding and will end up being a model program nationally."

The program will consist of three phases: 1) Identifying and training future leaders; 2) Mentoring future urban leaders; and 3) Empowering current urban leaders.

During the project's first phase, individuals will be nominated and screened before going through selected group activities and an interviewing process to determine their participation in the program. In the second phase, a group of experienced administrators will be selected to mentor those individuals chosen to participate. The third phase of the program will allow current building administrators to renew their certificates and licenses, work toward advanced degrees, and acquire the specific school improvement skills necessary to excel in an urban setting.

"The purpose is to get more people to consider administration," Dr. Richard St. John, program coordinator, said. "We've researched programs all over the country and are tailoring

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this one to the specific needs of the Toledo Public School system. As a result, it's going to have some really neat delivery."

An additional component of the program is that it offers opportunities to current school administrators within Toledo Public Schools to improve their administrative skills relating to urban education through a UT certificate program within the college in urban educational leadership. Those who take part in the program will have to make a commitment to remain employed in TPS for at least three years.

For more information on the Urban Leadership Program, call Rusche at (419) 530-2026.

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Harlem Globetrotters Travel to Savage Hall Jan. 29

Hilarious, high-flying hoop action will come to The University of Toledo's Savage Hall when the Harlem Globetrotters bounce by on Friday, Jan. 29, at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are priced from \$11 to \$18, with a limited number of VIP and magic circle seats available. There is a \$2 discount for youths 12 and under and senior citizens. Special rates are available for groups of 25 or more. Tickets are on sale at the Savage Hall box office and the following Food Town Plus supermarket locations: 132 E. South Boundary St., Perrysburg; 1207 N. Reynolds Rd. at Dorr Street, Toledo; 3010 Navarre Ave., Oregon; 5860 Lewis Ave. at Alexis Road, Toledo; 5329 Monroe St., Toledo; and 850 S. Monroe St., Monroe, Mich.

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The 1999 tour, "Memories — Always Different, Always Fun," marks the Harlem Globetrotters' 73rd consecutive season of play. The team's roster features more than 20 court wizards, including Curley "Boo" Johnson, "Jumbo" James Bacon, Mike "The Saint" St. Julien and "Air Man" Reggie Dixon.

In November, the Harlem Globetrotters received the first Naismith Good Sportsmanship Award from the Naismith International Basketball Foundation for furthering the values of fun, respect and teamwork. The Globetrotters also won the 1998 Los Angeles Summer Pro League championship.

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Gospel Stars to Appear at Savage Hall Jan. 26

Grammy Award nominees Kirk Franklin and CeCe Winans will perform in concert at The University of Toledo's Savage Hall on Tuesday, Jan. 26, at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$29.50 and \$24.50 and are on sale at the Savage Hall box office and the following Food Town Plus supermarket locations: 132 E. South Boundary St., Perrysburg; 1207 N. Reynolds Rd. at Dorr Street, Toledo; 3010 Navarre Ave., Oregon; 5860 Lewis Ave. at Alexis Road, Toledo; 5329 Monroe St., Toledo; and 850 S. Monroe St., Monroe, Mich.

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Franklin and Winans received Grammy nominations for best contemporary soul gospel album, Franklin for *The Nu Nation Project* and Winans for *Everlasting Love*. Franklin is known for his gospel song "Stomp." Winans, who has won eight Grammy Awards, has a long string of hits, including "I'll Take You There," "Addictive Love" and "It's OK."

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