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Netters thumped.
The Rocket tennis squad lost 2 of 3 matches this weekend. Saturday they beat Chicago-Illinois. See page 5.



MU330.
Psycho ska artists MU330 played Frankies Saturday night. See page 8.



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Judge James Jensen, left, answers a question during Thursday's panel discussion. Gerald Gordon of the Ohio Board of Regents and Kenneth White from the Kendrick law firm listen.

Panel supports law college

By Jennifer McKenzie
COLLEGIAN STAFF REPORTER

Guest speakers at an open forum encouraged the crowd of about 100 that, despite past reports in The Blade, UT law students are doing well.

The open forum, held Thursday at the 5 p.m. forum in room 1006 of the College of Law Building, was sponsored by UT's College of Law.

Pointing to the number of students who have passed the BAR, the speakers said that UT's law school needs and deserves more positive comments.

Gerald H. Gordon, Ohio Board of Regents; Judge Peter Handwork, 6th District Court of Appeals; James Caruso, incoming president of the UT Law Alumni Association; Judge James Jensen, Common Pleas Court Judge; Kenneth

White, President of the UT Law Alumni Association; Doug Chapman, Associate Dean; and Albert Quick, Dean of the College of Law were guest speakers.

Gordon related a number of positive and negative facts about Ohio. Ohio has the ninth highest tuition in the country, 16th largest economy in the world, and is 44th in the country for the number of high school graduates that go on to graduate from college.

He also said that UT has great pharmacy, engineering and law programs.

They told that UT law students have been at or above the national average in the past three or four years.

UT used to be ranked at the bottom end of Bar statistics in the country.

Chapman said that UT Law School has a stronger teaching faculty and everyone was doing a good job.

Jensen who is a UT Law graduate and works in Lucas county, said that eight out of ten of the Common Pleas Court Judges in Lucas county are UT graduates.

Students can be successful and good anywhere as long as they give it some effort and pass the Bar, said Jensen.

Handwork is also a UT law graduate of the class of 1966.

It was noticed that someone from The Blade was present reporting on the Forum.

Some spectators commented on the editorial and the fact that The Blade wrote about something that they did not have any information and knowledge about UT law faculty but they made criticisms about them anyway.

Gordon said to one spectator that he should "stop letting The Blade spank him".

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The Agenda

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Happenings

- **"Better Yourself with Yourself".** Self-Esteem Workshop. Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. SU 2584. Speaker, Rev. Gail Wright.
- **An introduction to Objectivism.** The Objectivist Club at UT. Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., SU 2562. For more information call 531-0256 or email danconia@eecs.utoledo.edu
- **Financial Aid Workshp.** Thursday, 6 p.m., SU 2591. Bring 1996 Federal Income Tax return and parents' form. RSVP by Feb. 10th. Call 530-4168.
- **"Sweetheart Dance,"** winter semiformal. Friday, Meadowbrook Place, 4480 Heatherdowns. Money due by today at 5 p.m. in the Interfaith Center or at the Newman Club Office SU 1505.
- **Mecha-LSU 25th Annual Scholarship Dance.** Saturday, SU Auditorium, 8 p.m.-2 a.m. Call 530-4326 for tickets.

Meetings, colloquiums

- **Mecha-LSU General Body Meeting.** Today, 7 p.m. SU 2591. All members expected to attend. Call 530-4326.
- **UT Wilderness Expeditions Club.** Tuesday, 9 p.m., SU 3018. Contact Eric at 531-5024 or email wildep@uoft03.utoledo.edu
- **Public Relations Student Society of America.** (PRSSA) General Meeting. Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., SU 2574. For more information, call Marcus at 861-1822.
- **Native American Student Association.** Thursday, 7 p.m., SU 2562. For more information, call 361-7808.
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Every Week

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- **Alpha Phi Omega National Co-ed Service Fraternity.** Mondays, 9 p.m., SU 2584.
- **Army ROTC Leadership Lab.** Fridays, 2:30 p.m., Army ROTC Drill Hall, Army ROTC building. For information call 530-2681.
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- **Circle K International Community Service Club.** Meetings Wednesdays 7:30 p.m., SU 3020. For more information call 530-1697.
- **College Life.** Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., SU 2582. For more information call 536-5532.
- **College Republicans.** Tuesdays, 8:30 p.m., SU 2562.
- **Ecumenical Bible Study.** Thursdays, 4 p.m., 3rd floor of Interfaith Center; 5 p.m., Upper Room Prayer Gathering, Interfaith Center. For more information call Julie at 536-6308.
- **Fellowship of Christian Athletes.** Thursdays, 9 p.m., Savage Hall, Hall of Fame Room.
- **International Student Association.** Fridays, 4 p.m., SU 3018.
- **Kaffeestunde,** German coffee hour. Wednesdays, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., SU Cafeteria. Anyone interest in speaking German is welcome to attend. Call 530-2649.
- **Lesbian and Bi-Sexual Women's Discussion Group,** Thursdays, 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Catharine Eberly Center for Women Conference Room. For more information call 530-2425.
- **Men's Club Volleyball Team Practice.** Mondays. Wednes-

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