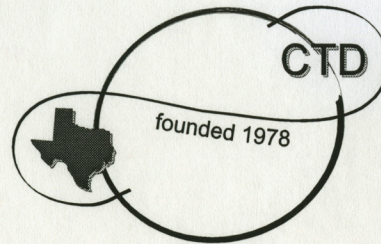


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University of Michigan Honors Austin Advocacy Leader

Austin, Texas, September 8, 2006—The University of Michigan has announced that Dennis Borel, an Austin advocate for people with disabilities, has been selected to receive the 2006 James Neubacher Award.

The national award memorializes Neubacher, an advocate and journalist whose catchphrase was “Raise a little consciousness, raise a little hell!” Neubacher’s column for the Detroit Free Press acquired national recognition as a voice for those with disabilities; many of the columns went on the Knight-Ridder wire for national readership.

Faculty, staff, students and alumni of the university are eligible for this award honoring achievement in improving rights and opportunities for people with disabilities. The selection committee noted that, since his appointment as executive director of the non-profit Coalition of Texans with Disabilities (CTD) in 2000, Borel has implemented a variety of innovative strategies that has resulted in not only removing legal and regulatory barriers to full participation in all aspects of the community but also shattered harmful stereotypes about people with disabilities.

Borel, a 1974 Michigan graduate, said “My time at the University was very special. To receive a professional honor from my alma mater for work I love doing is exceptionally meaningful.” He will travel to Ann Arbor in late October for the awards ceremony and plans to stay over for the UM-Northwestern football game at the famed Michigan Stadium.

About CTD

CTD is social and economic impact organization benefiting Texans with disabilities of all ages. It is a statewide coalition of individuals and organizations controlled by Texans with disabilities representing cross-disability needs while working together to eliminate barriers to full participation in life. For more information: www.cotwd.org

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