

Tower Talk

Sandra Koepke, editor

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I know that all of you are enjoying the fall season with our beautiful trees dressed in a blaze of color, our mums parading in all their finery, and our colorful pumpkins in all sizes decorating porches and lawns. How fortunate we are to live in an area that has the four major seasons for us to enjoy! Now we can look forward to Thanksgiving and the holiday season, including our delicious holiday brunch. However, we also have other major events to bring to your attention.

On Sept. 9, we had the groundbreaking for the Veterans' Plaza, which was dedicated Nov. 11. We give our thanks to Richard Perry, W. H. "Chip" Carstensen, Gordon Haggett, Vern Snyder, Maj. Jonathan Beasley, and several representatives of various veterans' groups for all their hard work in bringing this project to fruition. If you have a veteran you want to honor, you should call the UT Foundation and reserve your plaque as soon as possible.

I thank all the board members who work so diligently on our committees to make things run so smoothly. Joe

Sommerville and Augusta Askari with the Scholarship Committee; Al Cave with the Benefits Committee; all who serve on the Program Committee; Sandy Koepke, our resourceful editor; Bob Niedzielski who represents us on the Council of Higher Education Retirees; Lee Shields on Membership; and Reemt Baumann, our historian. A special thank you to Sally Berglund, Sue Fandrey, Jeanette Espinosa and Dan Saevig whose help we couldn't do without.

As a member, if you have anything you want to present to the board, please give me a call.

Millie Allred, President
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UTRA SCHOLARSHIP

Your grandchild or other direct descendant might be the next recipient, but they must apply! See page 8

THE VIEW FROM COLUMBUS

By Bob Niedzielski

Two issues, to no one's surprise, dominate discussions at the five Ohio public pension systems: pension and health-care funding. Poor investment returns, demographic factors and the outlook for the economy have impacted the system plans.

Each of the systems submitted a report addressing its funding problem to the Ohio Retirement Study Council (ORSC), the legislative oversight body for the systems. That report was due Sept. 9. The ORSC is made up of three house members appointed by the speaker, three senators appointed by the president of the senate, three persons appointed by the governor, one person each representing the state, local governments and public education institutions, and the five executive directors of the state retirement systems, who are nonvoting. The law stipulates that no more than two of the three house or senate

members or the gubernatorial appointees may be of the same political party.

The ORSC asked the pension systems specifically to report how they would maintain or return to the state statute's 30-year maximum funding period. Prior to the market downturn, STRS Ohio's funding period was 41.2 years. Then between July 2008 and July 2009, its unfunded liability nearly doubled to \$38.3 billion, and the funding period went to infinity. STRS had the cash flow to pay current pension benefits, but a long-term shortfall problem.

The STRS plan has five components: increase the contributions of both active members and employers, increase the final-average-salary years, change the eligibility for retirement, change the benefit formula, and reduce the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA). STRS staff members have projected that those changes would reduce the accrued

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pension liabilities by \$8.99 billion and reduce the funding period to 33.4 years. The 1 percent employer contribution to the health-care fund would be retained.

Numerous discussions involving STRS staff, the STRS Board, and the Healthcare and Pension Advocates (HPA), of which both the Ohio Retired Teachers Association (ORTA) and the Ohio Council of Higher Education Retirees (OCHER) are members, were held between March 2009, when the board began the process, until the final plan was submitted. The COLA evidently generated much discussion at these meetings, but its elimination was not one of the talking points. Currently at 3 percent annually, it would go to 2 percent annually July 1, 2011. One of the suggestions that had been considered was lowering it to 1.5 percent July 1, 2011, but then raising it to 3 percent at age 80.

All of the changes contained in the STRS plan require legislative action by the Ohio General Assembly and the governor. Because of the differences in each system's funding situation, its demographics, and its current plan design, there were wide differences among the proposed plans submitted by the five systems. According to an STRS news report, "At the beginning of the ORSC meeting, the chair of the council noted that it was clear that none of the systems would be able to 'invest' their way out of future funding challenges... Several council members expressed their distaste for proposed increases in employer contributions, citing the burden this puts on taxpayers." ORSC will discuss the plans with each of the pension systems and, eventually, draft and introduce legislation.

The OCHER met Sept. 15. It learned that, within the coming months, the affiliation of OCHER with ORTA will cease to exist. OCHER also voted to contribute \$500 to HPA. All of the HPA members contribute, with the Ohio Education Association (OEA) the largest contributor at \$75,000, which includes the salary of the HPA executive director. It also was noted that as of July 1, 2009, the total market value of STRS funds was \$55.6 billion, up \$11 billion since March.

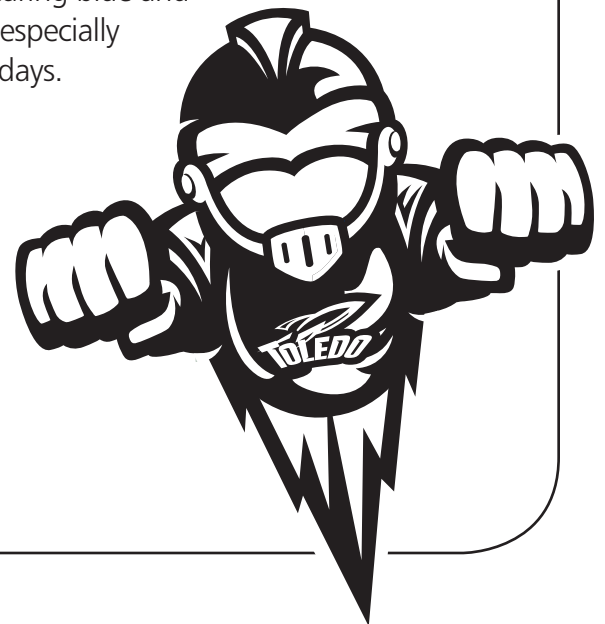
OCHER was informed that, at the ORTA May Board meeting, a report of an independent actuarial study of the STRS funding situation commissioned by the OEA and the HPA was discussed. The study indicated that the STRS funding problem was real and severe. Without changes, a 12 percent increase in contributions would be required to restore the system to the required 30-year funding period. Also, without change, the system would become insolvent in less than 25 years. ORTA also noted that the timeline imposed by the ORSC did not provide sufficient time for developing consensus among all the constituent groups in HPA.

Greg Nickell, STRS director of health care services, updated the health-care situation. He pointed out that, during 2008, the Health-Care Stabilization Fund (HCSF) decreased by \$1.34 billion, amounting to four years loss of solvency. Investment losses accounted for \$1.15 billion of that total, and \$190 million was used to cover costs not

covered by enrollee premiums and employer contributions. The current funding shortfall is not sustainable. To fund the program, 5.01 percent of the employer contribution is needed, rather than the 1 percent currently provided. As a result, the HCSF is being rapidly depleted and will become insolvent in nine years. To maintain the HCSF, and the annual required contribution below 5 percent, the STRS staff recommended setting a target of cutting costs by at least \$83 million for 2010. Changes, which the staff will be able to implement for 2010, totaled \$50 million, which Nickell indicated would add two years of solvency for the fund. One of the changes involved the adoption of the Aetna Medicare Plan for enrollees with Medicare Parts A and B, for which you have received information and made a decision about.

UTPRIDE

- UT's beloved mascot, Rocky, received a popular makeover last fall. And now there's a hip, new University logo featuring the school's biggest fan.
- UT President Lloyd Jacobs delivered a presidential proclamation declaring each Friday of the school year as "Rocket Friday," encouraging students, employees and the community to show their University pride by wearing blue and gold, especially on Fridays.



UT CAMPUSES CONTINUE TO EVOLVE

By Vicki L. Kroll

If you haven't been on the University's campuses this year, you're in for a surprise.

There's a steady stream of students going into the Memorial Field House, which opened in January. Built in 1931, the building received a \$27 million renovation and has 54 state-of-the-art classrooms and houses the English and Foreign Languages departments. The historic structure was certified as a green building with a gold rating under Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design standards.

And that temporary building that was known as the Sociology and Anthropology Building and later the Student Classroom Annex? The home for classrooms, academic departments and faculty offices for more than 40 years is but a memory. Grass is growing where it once stood. Hundreds attended a demolition party in March to swing a sledgehammer and say goodbye.

The University planted more grass seed near the Memorial Field House after the Army ROTC Center, formerly known as the Armory, came down in the spring.

On Health Science Campus, a new research center is integrating UT's basic and clinical science programs. Dedicated in April, the Joan and Julius H. Jacobson II Center

for Clinical and Translational Research is housed on the third floor of the Center for Creative Education and is

made possible thanks to a \$2 million gift from the Jacobson family.

More razing took place on Main Campus when the BP gas station at the corner of Dorr Street and Secor Road came down in June. UT turned the lot into temporary green space while plans are finalized to transform the southwest corner of campus into a commercial area with eateries, student housing and shopping centers.

Construction crews recycled the Wisconsin lannon stone from the Army ROTC Center and used the signature UT rock to put a new façade on Snyder Memorial Building, which now matches the Gothic architecture on Main Campus. The project was finished in time for fall semester.

Ground was broken in September for a new \$25 million facility for the College of Pharmacy on Health Science Campus. The building is set to open in fall 2010.

And construction began in September on Main Campus for the Veterans' Plaza, which will be dedicated Nov. 11. Located between University Hall and Memorial Field House, the plaza will serve as a place to remember those who have served this nation.

The University dedicated the Scott Park Campus of Energy and Innovation Sept. 21. A 100-foot wind turbine and a 10-kilowatt solar array have been installed by the intersection of Nebraska Avenue and Parkside Boulevard, and a 1.12-megawatt solar array will be installed near Parkside and Hill Avenue. The campus will serve as a hands-on alternative energy laboratory for teaching, research and demonstration, as well as to generate energy and reduce UT's carbon footprint.

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Jonathan Jablonski, 3, was one of hundreds that showed up to take a few swings and watch the battering of the Student Classroom Annex in March.



Workers installed a solar array in September on the Scott Park Campus of Energy and Innovation.

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In November, the new Savage & Associates Complex for Business Learning and Engagement will be dedicated. The 54,000-square-foot addition will include state-of-the-art classrooms, conference rooms, five learning labs and a rooftop garden.

Construction continues on the Fetterman Training Center, a multipurpose athletics practice facility that will be connected to Savage Arena. Longtime UT supporters Hal and Susan Fetterman committed \$1 million for the facility, which is slated to be finished in January.



Bob Ansell of Rudolph Libbe set Lannon stone on the Veterans' Plaza, which was dedicated Nov. 11. Located between University Hall and Memorial Field House, the plaza is a place to remember those who have served the nation.

REITREES: ARE YOU APPROACHING 65?

By Donna Adler

If next year, 2010, you will be turning 65, it is time to think about enrolling in Medicare.

Medicare is the federal health insurance program for people who are age 65 or older. The program is administered by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Medicare provides the base for a retiree's protection against large medical bills, but it does not cover 100 percent of your medical bills. You also should carry supplemental insurance.

Medicare consists of two parts: Medicare Part A, hospital insurance, and Medicare Part B, medical insurance. You will want to enroll in both Medicare Part A and Medicare Part B.

Medicare enrollment is handled by the Social Security Administration. If you have not applied for social security benefits or railroad retirement benefits before the age of 65, you must take the initiative and enroll in Medicare. Enrollment is not automatic. You are responsible for filing a Medicare Enrollment Application with Social Security during the initial seven-month enrollment period. The seven-month enrollment period begins three months prior to the month of your 65th birthday. It ends three months after the month of your 65th birthday.

There are different options for enrollment but the best option is: Enroll during the three-month period prior to your 65th birthday because coverage will begin on the first day of your birth month. Example: Jane Doe will turn 65 on February

26, 2009. If she applies in November or December 2008 or January 2009, coverage will begin Feb. 1, 2009. Remember to enroll in both Medicare Part A and Part B.

If you currently are insured through a PERS or a STRS health plan, you must still enroll in Medicare when you turn age 65. Failure to enroll may jeopardize your PERS or STRS coverage. For example, if PERS or STRS medical coverage would have covered 80 percent and Medicare (as primary payer) would have paid 80 percent of a claim, your retirement plan will pay nothing if you failed to enroll in Medicare when you turned age 65. Charges normally paid by Medicare will be subtracted before determining payable benefits by your PERS or STRS health insurance plan. You will be responsible for paying these charges.

Once you apply for enrollment in Medicare and you receive your Medicare card, you will need to notify PERS or STRS. They will request a copy of your Medicare card.

Medicare now becomes your primary payer, and your PERS or STRS health plan becomes the supplemental or secondary health insurance. PERS or STRS will help you during this transition period.

To obtain a Medicare Enrollment Application, contact the Social Security Office, Suite 100, Four Seagate, Toledo, 419.259.6250.

ACTIVITIES UPDATE

From the desk of Millie Allred

June was a busy month with our annual meeting at the Belmont Country Club, "Mamma Mia" at Stranahan Theater, and our bus trip to New York City. In the Big Apple, members could take in a show, shop shop shop, enjoy a variety of food, see the Statue of Liberty, visit Ellis Island, and see the sights and bright lights of the Big Apple.

July found a number of members enjoying a Mud Hens' game while eating lunch in the Roost. August is Casino Month, and this year the slots were played at Greentown Casino. Sorry, no big winners!

In September, we took a day trip to UT's Lake Erie Center to learn more about the problems with the fish and quality of water, as well as creature invasions from foreign shipping. We had a delicious lunch at Oregon Bayshore Supper Club. We also had a very interesting speaker in September: Ken Dickson spoke on Benjamin Franklin Stickney. I often wondered where Stickney Avenue got its name; now I know!

In our next TowerTalk, you will get all the information regarding the bus trip to Boston. It's sure to be a winner!



Play ball! It was a great day for a Mud Hens game. Picnic lunch and a visit from Muddy was enjoyed in The Roost.



Tour of the UT Lake Erie Center, lunch at Oregon Bayshore Supper Club, and a stop for ice cream on the way back to the University.



UT/IG retirees enjoyed Dr. Alvin Compaan's presentation at the joint luncheon held in the Toledo Club.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Sun., Dec. 6, Holiday Brunch**
at the Inverness Club
- **Thurs., Dec. 17, Garden Café,**
1220 Reynolds Road, at 10:30 a.m. (brunch)
- **Tues., Jan. 19, Dr. Bernard Bopp**
on "Seeing the Unseen: The Discovery of
Dark Matter and Dark Energy," Driscoll
Center Schmakel Room, at 1 p.m.
- **Thurs., Jan. 21, Bangkok Kitchen,**
582 Dussel Dr., .at 1 p.m.
- **February, Wine Tasting Party,**
Place and Time TBA
- **Thurs., Feb. 18,**
Toledo Museum of Art Cafe at 1p.m.
- **March, Area Office on Aging speaker,**
Driscoll Center Schmakel Room, at 1 p.m.
- **Thurs., Mar. 18, Granite City,**
Fallen Timbers, at 1 p.m.
- **April, Amish Day Trip,**
Time and Cost TBA
- **April, UT/BG Joint Luncheon,**
Place and Time TBA
- **Thurs., Apr. 15, Biaggis,**
Levis Commons, at 1p.m.
- **Thurs., May 20, Shuckers,**
14260 Airport Hwy in Swanton, at 1 p.m.
- **May 23-28, Bus Trip to Asheville, N.C.,**
and the Biltmore Estate, Cost \$469
- **June, Annual Meeting and Lunch,**
Belmont Country Club
- **Thurs., June 17, Fortune Inn,**
6725 W. Central Ave., at 1p.m.
- **June or July Annual Baseball Outing**
- **Thurs., July 15, Real Seafood,**
The Docks, at 1 p.m.
- **Aug., Bus Trip to Gamble Place,**
Time and Cost TBA
- **Thurs., Aug. 19, Shorty's,**
5111 Monroe St., at 1 p.m.
- **Sept., Bus Trip to Ford Museum,**
Time and Cost TBA
- **Thurs., Sept. 16, Bob Evans,**
Central Avenue, at 10:30 a.m. (brunch)
- **Oct. 25-29, Bus Trip to Chicago,**
Cost: \$425
- **Wed., Nov. 3, Dr. David Nemeth**
presentation on "Gypsies and Travelers
in the USA"
Driscoll Center Schmakel Room at 1 p.m.



*Annual June
Lunch was held
at the Belmont
Country Club.*



*Gambling at Greektown Casino was
enjoyed by all, especially the winners.*



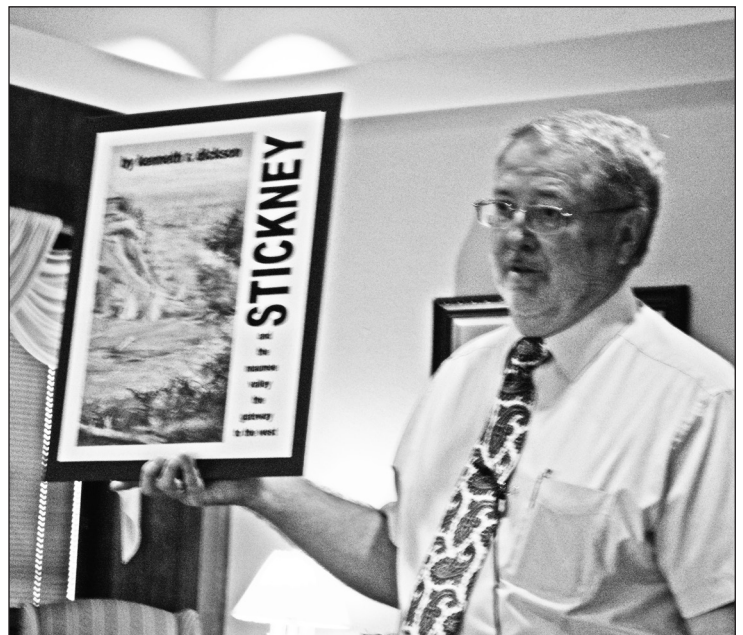
Retirees tour UT campuses. Photo taken on the Health Science Campus.



They loved New York. Members visited the Statue of Liberty, Times Square, Central Park, Rockefeller Center and Wall Street. New York Harbor Cruise made this an incredible trip.



Rave reviews on Daniel O'Donnell performance in Savage Arena.



Kenneth Dickson displayed his book cover at his presentation on "Benjamin Franklin Stickney" to the UTRA retirees.



Everyone was impressed with the newly renovated Memorial Field House.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The University of Toledo Retirees Association has awarded its 2009-10 scholarship to Emily E. Corey. She is an honor student enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences. She carries a 4.0 grade point average with a major in music and English.

Emily has been active in the UT Symphony Orchestra, UT Women's Chorus, Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi and Golden Key International Honor Society. Her community and family activities include service as a homework tutor for the Toledo Urban Impact after-school program, volunteer at Flower Hospital, and youth leader at First Alliance Church. Congratulations are extended to Emily for her outstanding work.

UTRA is proud to award her the 2009-10 scholarship. She is the granddaughter of Marlene Corey, a lifetime UTRA member.

HEALTH SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

The UT College of Medicine held its annual white-coat ceremony and medical student honors convocation in August. At that time, Dr. Augusta Askari presented our 2009 Health Science Campus Retirees' Scholarship for \$1,000 to Salvatore Frangiamore.

Salvatore is a third-year medical student who was selected by the college to receive the retirees' scholarship because of his academic standing and extensive service to the institution and the community.

He served as director of the Community Health Project after his first year of medical studies. In this capacity, he was a liaison between the College of Medicine and more than 20 social service agencies in Toledo and northwest Ohio, matching first-year students to the various agencies among which were Camp Courageous, several local hospices, and homeless shelters and a camp for diabetic children. Those students then served as interns during the summer.

As an officer in the American Medical Association, Salvatore helped to organize Cover-the-Uninsured-Week in both 2008 and 2009, and also a 5-K Race-for-the-Uninsured.

He performed excellently during his first two years as a medical student. He earned all honors and high grades and scored in the 99th percentile on the USMLE Step 1 national test.

The Health Science Campus Retirees' Scholarship winners from the colleges of Nursing, Graduate Studies, and Health Science and Human Service will be profiled in future UTRA newsletters.

2009 donations given in memory or in honor

In Memory:

John Lehnert

Joyce Rice

Eleanor Bieniek

Imogene Harmon

Ruth Dohse

Frances Leighton

In Honor:

Lynn Brand

Richard Ruppert, M.D.

Pat Windham

Jim Richard

TOP 10 REASONS TO VOLUNTEER AT UT MEDICAL CENTER

1. Complimentary meals in cafeteria
2. Access to UT e-mail
3. UTMC Morse Recreation Center discounts and privileges
4. Prescription discount at UTMC Pharmacy
5. TIRES discount at various area businesses
6. Free annual flu shot
7. Invitations to UT community and recognition events
8. Opportunity to expand networking potential
9. Gain patient contact experience
10. Support a hospital that is providing university-quality patient care

HEALTH MATTERS

The University of Toledo Medical Center has been recognized as a Get With the Guidelines Gold Sustained Performance Award recipient in a worldwide publication. A summer issue of U.S. News & World Report highlighted "America's Best Hospitals." The Sustained Performance Award is given by the American Heart Association in recognition for "two or more years at 85 percent or higher adherence in all performance measures applicable to one of more of the following: coronary artery disease, heart failure and/or stroke."

DID YOU KNOW ...

- UT's College of Law was ranked 32 out of 65 on the best-value list in the recent edition of the National Jurist Magazine. UT's law school received the highest value rating of any law college in Ohio or Michigan.
- As the northwest Ohio economy transitions toward one driven by alternative energy, a new \$5 million grant from the National Science Foundation will help UT, Toledo Public Schools and several supporting partners prepare today's K-12 students for jobs in the new work force. The Leadership for Educators: Academy for Driving Revitalization in Science (LEADERS) project will launch in summer 2010.

ON THE COURT: WOMEN'S, MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAMS SET FOR NEW SEASON

By Steve Easton and Brian DeBenedictis

See you at the game! The women's and men's basketball teams will tip off their regular seasons in Savage Arena in November.

The women will compete in the University of New Mexico Tournament following the Thanksgiving holiday.

UT finished with an impressive 11-2 win-loss mark at Savage Arena last year and has led the conference in home attendance a record 19 consecutive seasons, averaging 2,674 fans per contest in 2008-09.

"We have definitely challenged our team with our non-conference schedule," said 2008-09 Mid-American Conference (MAC) co-Coach of the Year Tricia Cullop. "We are going to play against some squads from power conferences with postseason experience."

"In the near future, we are trying to do everything we can to get some exciting home games. That is kind of our thank-you to our great fans," Cullop said.

UT's home schedule includes contests versus Saint Peter's (Nov. 21), Dayton (Dec. 9) and Indiana University-Purdue University (Dec. 12).

"I love the fact we will face quite a few strong teams in our region at home," Cullop said. "We are glad to have those teams come to our arena, and that is something we hope to continue for many years to come."

The men's basketball schedule features seven non-conference home games for the most non-league contests since the 1991-92 campaign.

Toledo led the MAC last year in attendance with 5,610 fans per game and will look to continue to set the pace again.

"After leading the MAC in attendance last season, we wanted to have as many home games as possible to give our student-athletes more opportunities to experience our home court," said second-year Head Coach Gene Cross. "Our student fan base along with our season ticket holders have been tremendous, and we want to continue to pack Savage Arena as much as possible."

The Rockets' challenging non-conference schedule includes a home date vs. Southeastern Conference foe Alabama (Jan. 4) and road tilts at 2009 NCAA Final Four participant Michigan State (Nov. 20) and Big East Conference member Cincinnati (Nov. 18). UT is slated to face opponents from 10 different conferences, a schedule that should give Cross' squad a look at several different styles of play.

"I think our non-conference schedule will challenge our young men while preparing us very well for MAC play," Cross said.



IN MEMORIAM

Jean Armus, Toledo, a testing coordinator in the MCO Department of Pediatric Neurology's Learning Disorders Unit during the 1970s, died Aug. 15 at age 77. She received a master's degree in education from UT in 1976. She is survived by Dr. Harvard Armus, UT professor emeritus of psychology.

Nicholas G. Beresky, Perrysburg, who was head tennis coach in 1951, died Aug. 24 at age 85.

William N. "Bill" Berlincourt, Oregon, Ohio, who worked at UT 19 years, died Aug. 22 at age 83. He was hired in 1970 as a custodial worker and one year later became a groundskeeper and equipment operator. He retired in 1989.

Ethel Bradford, Toledo, former English instructor, died May 6 at age 89. She received bachelor's and master's degrees in English from the University in 1975 and 1978, respectively.

Esther M. Carter, Toledo, a cook at MCO from 1985 to 1995, died May 11 at age 70.

Paul Richard Day, Toledo, died Sept. 23 at age 81. He was on the Medical College of Ohio Foundation Board of Trustees from 1985 to 1993, also serving as vice chairman.

Judith A. DeWeerd, Sylvania, who worked many years at MCO, died April 3 at age 67.

Ruth E. Duket, Maumee, a charter member of the Satellites Auxiliary since 1975, died May 6 at age 82. She served as the volunteer manager and buyer at the MCO Gift Shop for 15 years until her "retirement" in 1993.

Barbara J. Fitzpatrick, Toledo, a preschool teacher at Apple Tree Nursery School on Main Campus for 22 years, died April 1 at age 58. She retired in 2000.

Sonia M. Flower, Dillsburg, Pa., a nurse/patient education coordinator at MCO from 1980 to 1991, died May 7 at age 69. She received an associate degree in nursing from the UT Community and Technical College in 1977.

Dr. Alfred Foster, Toledo, who between 1946 and 1985 served as faculty and administrator, died March 29 at age 93. He began teaching as assistant professor of chemistry before promotion to associate professor, then to professor in 1960. From 1963 to 1968, he served as associate dean in the College of Arts and Sciences' Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics. He became acting dean of the Graduate School in 1968, holding the position until the following year when he became associate dean, a position he held until 1974. Honored with an Outstanding Teacher Award in 1977, he also served as chair of the Honors Day Committee. In 1964, he headed the faculty committee that planned the Science Building (later Bowman-Oddy Laboratories) that had its groundbreaking in 1965. Founder of the Dr. Alfred & Betty Foster Nursing Scholarship for nursing students, he retired in 1985 as professor emeritus.

Robert F. Furchgott, Seattle, died May 23 at age 92. A pharmacologist whose research led to a shared Nobel Prize in 1998, he received an honorary degree from MCO in 1997.

Dr. Charles N. Glaab, Toledo, professor of history since 1968, died May 1 at age 81. Instrumental in helping to create the doctoral program of the Department of History, he continued to direct student theses and doctoral dissertations, completing his last such work the week of his death. Co-editor of the Northwest Ohio Quarterly, Glaab authored texts that included *A History of Urban America* and *Toledo: Gateway to the Great Lakes*. He retired in 2006, when the University bestowed on him the title professor emeritus.

Elizabeth "Betty" Gueli, Toledo, who worked at UT for more than two decades, died July 6 at age 85. She was hired in 1980 as a cashier in the Bursar's Office and was promoted to cashier 2 in 1985. In 1993, she moved to Student Accounts, where she retired from in 2003.

Edward Herman, Morenci, Mich., who worked at the University 12 years, died June 4 at age 87. He joined the staff as a custodian in 1972 and became a maintenance repairman in 1973 and building services foreman in 1975. One year later he was named housekeeping manager 2, the position he retired from in 1984.

Thomas Hodges, Toledo, a custodian since 2008, died May 3 at age 45.

Evelyn Jackson, Chandler, Ariz., dietary supervisor in Food and Nutrition at MCO from 1967 until her retirement in 1994, died May 16 at age 76.

Johnnie W. "Action" Jackson, Toledo, a UT custodian from 1963 until his retirement in 1991, died April 1 at age 76. He was the first African-American president of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees AFL-CIO Local 1935/Physical Plant 4161.

Dr. Ferdinand H. Kruse, Rosita, Colo., who taught at UT from 1978 to 1998, died May 10 at age 83. He was an adjunct associate professor at ComTech, where he taught science and math, and a part-time instructor for the Department of Chemistry from 1991 to 1998.

Florence M. "Lee" Lewandowski, Toledo, a member of the Satellites who volunteered in the surgery waiting room at MCO Hospital, died July 18 at age 84.

Charles E. Mallory, Toledo, who worked at UT 11 years, died April 12 at age 88. He was hired in 1975 as a custodial worker 2 and one year later became physical education store clerk. He retired from the University in 1986.

Janet M. (Blaesing) Mauck, Toledo, who worked at MCO/MUO from 1985 to 2005, died May 21 at age 46. She was a technical typist in Admitting and the Out-Patient Medicine Clinic from 1999 until her retirement in 2005.

Dr. Kapila Moonesinghe, Toledo, who taught in the College of Engineering since August 2008 as assistant professor of engineering technology, died June 28 at age 37.

Lamora R. Mueller, Toledo, a UT faculty member 41 years, died April 16 at age 94. She received a bachelor of education degree from the University in 1936 and became a teaching fellow in physical education. Mueller was named a lecturer in 1940, an instructor in 1942, and was promoted to associate professor in 1951. She served as chair of the Women's Physical Education Department until it merged with the men's department. Mueller retired in 1977 and was honored with the designation of professor emeritus. She was a lifetime member of the UT Alumni Association and a member of Delta Delta Delta, having served as the group's faculty adviser.

Jeanne A. Nellet, Toledo, a clerk in the MCO Admitting Department from 1980 until her retirement in 1994, died Aug. 2 at age 86. She was a member of the Satellites.

Dr. Milton A. Netter Jr., Monroe, Mich., who taught in the College of Engineering for nearly four decades, died Sept. 30 at age 86. He joined UT in 1949 as an instructor of engineering mechanics and later was promoted to associate professor, chair of the Industrial Engineering Department in 1955 and professor in 1969. As chair, he developed the department into a stand-alone, accredited program. A member of Faculty Senate and several committees, he also earned a UT law degree in 1951 and was an Alumni Association member. Named emeritus in 1984, he retired two years later.

UTRA RETIREES: WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO?

Dr. Jerri Nielsen, best-selling author and 1977 Medical College of Ohio graduate, died June 23 at age 57 in Massachusetts. The physician gained international attention in 1999 when she developed breast cancer while serving as the sole physician at Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station. She wrote about the experience in *Ice Bound: A Doctor's Incredible Battle for Survival at the South Pole*. UT named an endowed scholarship in Nielsen's honor in 2008.

Nancy Pass, Waterville, a clerical specialist in the Med/Surgery Department, died July 27 at age 71. She joined the MCO staff in Dietary in 1974.

Margaret W. (Suszter) Pelish, Toledo, a nursing aid at MCO for 18 years, died Aug. 28 at age 86. She retired in 1982.

Dr. Joseph A. Provenzano, 91, Toledo, died March 30. He was a clinical assistant professor of family medicine at MCO from 1971 to 1987.

Wilma Irene (Rosenberger) Quisno, Toledo, a lecturer in business technology from 1991 to 2008, died March 22 at age 71. A lifetime member of the UT Alumni Association, she received a bachelor's degree in education in 2002 and was working to complete her MBA at the University at the time of her death.

Milford M. Romanoff, Ottawa Hills, died June 21 at age 87. He served on the UT Campus Beautification Committee during the creation of Centennial Mall and was a member of MCO's Advisory Committee. Romanoff received a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University in 1943 and was a member of the UT Alumni Association.

William E. Rose, Toledo, who donated his investment counseling expertise to many local organizations, died July 15 at age 67. He served for a number of years on the Investment Committee of the UT Foundation and on the Finance Committee of the former MUO Foundation. He was a part-time instructor for the College of Business Administration from 2001 to 2008.

Angela B. Ruth, a nurse in the MCO Oncology Department from 1975 until her retirement in 1993, died April 2 at age 74.

Edward L. Steiger, Toledo, part-time instructor at UT for 22 years, died March 30 at age 85. He received bachelor's and master's degrees from the University in 1950 and 1953, respectively.

Dr. B. William Tanner, Toledo, UT adjunct associate professor of psychology from 1968 to 1972, died June 20 at 87. He received a bachelor's degree in education in 1948 from the University and was a lifetime member of the UT Alumni Association.

Roberta D. Toensing, Toledo, a staff nurse in MCO's 5AB unit from 1987 to 1999, died Aug. 7 at age 63.

Richard M. Webster, Toledo, who taught in the Department of Music for 38 years, died Sept. 2 at 77. He came to UT in 1962 as an instructor and was promoted to assistant professor in 1965, when he also was acting chair of the department. In 1972, he became an associate professor, reaching full professor in 1979. He was named emeritus in 1993 and taught until his retirement in 2000.

Dr. Peggy Wheelock, Omaha, Neb., who along with her husband, Dr. Keith Johnson, taught and conducted research in the former Department of Biology, died Feb. 14 at age 63 of complications related to cancer. Wheelock, who came to UT in 1987 as an assistant professor, was promoted to associate professor in 1992 and professor in 1995. Her work on cell biology as it relates to cancer brought her a Research Development Award from the U.S. Army and entry into its Breast Cancer Research Program. She was named an Outstanding University Woman in 1995 and an Outstanding Researcher in 1997. She left UT for the University of Nebraska Medical Center in 2001.



Volunteer Marge Conger was one of several volunteers who attended the Satellites Auxiliary's Teddy Bear Tie-One-On Party this summer in Mulford Library. She helped put UT ribbons on some 400 stuffed toys that will be given to patients in the Pediatrics Outpatient Clinic and the Emergency Department to make the hospital a more kid-friendly place.



Peg Simon placed a ribbon on a stuffed animal frog at the Satellites Auxiliary's Teddy Bear Tie-One-On Party that took place this summer in Mulford Library. Volunteers helped put UT ribbons on some 400 stuffed toys that will be given to patients in the Pediatrics Outpatient Clinic and the Emergency Department to make the hospital a more kid-friendly place.

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