

Tower Talk

Sandra Koepke, editor

MEDICAL MISSION HALL OF FAME INSTALLED

By Dan Saevig

Cleveland has the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Cooperstown honors baseball's greats. Canton is home to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Now, The University of Toledo has its own international hall of fame.

Maintenance workers on the Health Science Campus have finished installing the Medical Mission Hall of Fame in the atrium lobby of the Center for Creative Education.

The magnificent aluminum and marble display, donated by Dr. Lawrence V. Conway, UT professor emeritus of finance, honors those individuals and/or organizations that have made significant and substantial contributions to advancing the medical well-being of people throughout the world.

Conway established the Medical Mission Hall of Fame in 2004 and last year made an additional \$500,000 bequest to the College of Medicine to support students and faculty who wish to participate in medical missions. The gift also established the hall — previously virtual in nature — as part of the college.

"Dr. Conway's efforts are exemplary," said Dr. Jeffrey P. Gold, provost and executive vice president for health affairs and College of Medicine dean. "His commitment to improving the human condition and support of this college and our institution will impact countless generations.

"Our students and the medical professionals from around the world who visit the Center for Creative Education cannot help but be inspired and motivated to action by the distinction of the honorees. The message is clear: Like these people, you, too, can make a difference."

Some of the world's foremost medical missionaries have been inducted into the Medical Mission Hall of Fame: William and Kathleen Magee, co-founders of Operation Smile; Jill Seaman, International Medical



Dr. Lawrence Conway, left, and Dr. Jeffrey Gold posed for a photo by the recently installed Medical Mission Hall of Fame in the atrium lobby of the Center for Creative Education.

Relief Fund, Upper Nile, Sudan, and Time magazine's Medical Hero of the Year in 1997; Paul Farmer, founding director of Partners in Health and Time's Medical Hero of the Year in 2005; and Glenn Geelhoed, professor of surgery, international medical education, microbiology, immunology and tropical medicine at George Washington University Medical Center.

"The affiliation of the Medical Mission Hall of Fame and the College of Medicine epitomizes the progressive orientation of The University of Toledo in encouraging medical students to follow in the footsteps of those outstanding men and women who have been inducted into the hall of fame," Conway said. "Those who have been honored have contributed significantly to improving the human condition of our many medically disadvantaged brothers and sisters throughout the world."

The Medical Mission Hall of Fame will induct its next class in April.

PROFESSOR EMERITUS CONTINUES TO EDUCATE THROUGH READ FOR LITERACY

By Alissa Hammond

Dr. Bob Niedzielski, UT professor emeritus of chemistry, now serves as a volunteer tutor for Read for Literacy.

Read for Literacy is Toledo's volunteer adult literacy organization. There are 1,500 volunteer tutors who work with 1,700 adult learners in the community.



Dr. Bob Niedzielski, UT professor emeritus of chemistry and a Read for Literacy volunteer, right, worked with Henry Hartford at the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library Main Branch.

Niedzielski is tutoring a 49-year-old man who read at the first grade level when he came to Read for Literacy in March.

"Involvement in the Read for Literacy program continues to be truly rewarding for me," said Niedzielski, who was a UT faculty member 35 years. "It's very satisfying to see Henry, my student, make steady progress, and the one-on-one experience gives me immediate feedback."

After going through a four-week training session, he was assigned to Henry Hartford in March and the teaching began.

"I had the desire to stay busy and continue doing things I enjoy. This program allowed me to do that, as well as give back to the community," Niedzielski said. "With this one-on-one interaction, I can see the benefits firsthand and can have the satisfaction of seeing hard work pay off."

According to Niedzielski, his student, Hartford came to Read for Literacy wanting to improve his reading skills so that he can have the chance to better help people. Hartford is very active in mental health outreach in the community.

Hartford has been trying to learn to read for 20 years. "To some, reading and comprehending is no big deal, but to me it is a mountain, and I want to climb to the top of the mountain and conquer it," Hartford said.

"Since learning to read, I have been able to get my driver's license, read road and building signs, and will hopefully obtain my GED as I continue along," Hartford added.

"I was gratified when, perhaps a month ago, Henry mentioned that he was reading roadside signs, and that he has a keen interest in reading to his grandchildren," Niedzielski said.

Said Hartford of his tutor, "It takes a very special person to take time out of their schedule and help someone for free. He has become my friend and has been patient with me each step of the way, and I know it hasn't been easy. I hope there are others out there who can help just like Bob helped me."

For more information about the Read for Literacy program or to get involved, contact the organization at 419.242.READ (7323).

UTRA MEMBERS:

We are interested in what you have been up to since you have retired.

Send your name, year of retirement, where you worked, and title.

Please send information to Sandra Koepke, 379 E. Woodside, Holland, Ohio 43528 or e-mail skoepke@utoet.utoledo.edu.

VETERANS MEMORIAL

The University administration has approved the development of a Veterans Memorial on the campus of the University. The design and planning for its construction is underway. The initiative for this Veterans Memorial began in the summer of 2004, with a suggestion to then President Daniel Johnson, that such a memorial recognizing the service of University faculty, staff, and students would be a right thing to do. The service of University family members in the Armed Forces of the United States in all wars and police actions served to protect and ensure the academic freedom which they enjoy.

The following text is taken from a brochure prepared by the Office of Institutional Advancement under the direction of Vernon Snyder, Vice President for Institutional Advancement.

— Richard Perry

There are memorials to our veterans throughout the local community and the region. Some are small; barely noticed by those who pass. Some are large, but are lost in the hustle and bustle of everyday activities.

The University of Toledo proposes to create a site where remembering can take place and where the deeds of our service men and women can be celebrated and remembered. Most importantly, this location can serve as a reminder of the price some have paid for the freedoms generations of students enjoy.

The Veterans' Plaza will be located on the east

entrance of our state-of-the-art classroom building, which was the Memorial Field House. In the center of the campus, adjacent to Centennial Mall, the plaza will serve as a walkway to and around the classroom facility and as an access way for individuals with disabilities.

To make the Veterans' Plaza a reality, the University requests the assistance of veterans' organizations and individuals throughout the region. Each organization or individual will be asked to make an appropriate contribution to the Veterans Memorial Plaza. In recognition of these gifts, each organization or individual will be acknowledged on separate plaques. The donors may choose the language to memorialize a group of veterans, loved ones, or all of those who served.

In addition to the plaques, the plaza will feature three flagpoles for displaying the United States flag, the flag of the State of Ohio, and The University of Toledo banner. Twenty-four hour lighting will provide appropriate honors. Veterans' groups and student groups also may use the plaza for ceremonies.

In the workaday world that surrounds each of us, there is little time and few places to remember those who have served our country. The University of Toledo Veterans' Plaza will stand as just such a place for our veterans, our community and, most importantly, our students.

Please join us in creating this very special place. It is important to remember.



THE VIEW FROM COLUMBUS

By Bob Niedzielski

Jim Richard and I attended the September meeting of the Ohio Council of Higher Education Retirees (OCHER) in Columbus. Bob Gandee of Akron is president this year, and Ted Foster of Ohio University the vice president/president-elect. Roger Anderson of Bowling Green continues as secretary, while Hank Nettling of Akron is the new treasurer. Nettling replaced Tom Ridenour of Ohio State, who had served as OCHER treasurer since its inception in 1994. (Jim Richard, then representing MCO, was vice president in 1994, and OCHER president the following year.)

Robert Davis, Ohio Education Association lobbyist, gave an informative presentation dealing with effective communications/relationships with public officials, "Hook, Line and Sinkers — Delivering the Message." He spoke from his experience with the Health Care Advocates (HCA), a coalition of major management, professional and retiree organizations, including OCHER, which represents Ohio's public K-12 and higher education teachers, and which works with STRS on health-care matters.

The "hook" was "Who You Are." What you say to an elected official is viewed in the context of who you are. This includes who you represent, your professional experience, and any relationship you have with the official.

"Why You Care" is the "line." This should be both specific and general. The former includes the personal angle, how the issue impacts you, your family and your university, while the latter might include the impact on actives/retirees around the state.

The "sinker," "What You Want," is "The Ask." 1. Ask the legislator to take a specific position and to vote. 2. Try to get an answer, to have that person on record. 3. If the legislator doesn't agree with your position, ask what alternative she or he would offer.

Davis stressed that it was not enough to be right. In addition, we need to be: loud (numbers — all of us), convincing (have the information), influential (have/build a relationship), and understood (communicate effectively).

Just before lunch, we learned that Rep. Scott Oelslager (R., North Canton) had introduced HB 315, proposed health-care legislation backed by HCA and STRS. The bill had 14 co-sponsors, including two from the Toledo area, Edna Brown (D., Toledo) and Matt Szollosi (D., Oregon).

HB 315 calls for increasing the contributions of public teachers and their employers by 2.5 percent each, phased in over five years, to create an ongoing, dedicated revenue stream for the STRS Health-Care Program for current and future retired educators. Legislative action is needed because both active teacher and employer STRS contributions are at present at the maximum levels allowed by law, 10 percent and 14 percent, respectively. HB 315 has been assigned to the House Financial Institutions, Real Estate and Securities (FIRES) Committee, which is chaired by Chris Widener (R., Springfield).

This Health-Care Funding Initiative is expected to generate approximately \$94 million in its first year, and about \$500 million at the end of five years on an annual, ongoing basis. It is not possible to predict how fast health-care costs will continue to rise, but, based on available data, this increase should enable STRS to keep pace with increasing costs to ensure that affordable health-care coverage will continue for thousands of current and future retired Ohio public educators well into the future.

During a Member Education and Engagement Campaign conducted since fall 2005 by STRS and HCA, more than 12,000 STRS members provided input through postcard, online and meeting surveys. In all cases, majority support was expressed for the proposal. Quantitative random sample telephone surveys confirmed that support. Significantly, 60 percent of active teachers favored the increase.

In its afternoon session, the OCHER Advocacy Committee identified seven legislative areas/issues, with issue managers who will monitor and alert OCHER members about developments in those areas. The areas/issues are: HB 151 — Iran Divestment; HB 152 — Alternative Retirement Plans (ARP); HB 315 — STRS Health Care; Fordham Report; Higher Education Support; Medicare Advantage; Mandatory Social Security, Government Pension Offset (GPO), and Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP). The last two are national issues.

HB 152 would require boards of education to offer private ARPs to new employees and employees with less than five years of service credit. The FIRES Committee has held hearings on the bill, which is

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DISTANCE LEARNING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO

*By Dr. Karen Rhoda, administrative director
of eLearning and Academic Support*

At The University of Toledo enrollment in distance learning courses and degree programs increased in a three-year span from 2003 to 2006 by almost 50 percent. Today, 12,000 individual students are enrolled in 18,000 distance learning course enrollments. This enrollment marks UT as the largest provider of distance learning education among Ohio's universities. UT offers 40 online certificate and degree programs, both at the undergraduate and graduate level. Many of the bachelor degree programs are partnered with Ohio's community colleges allowing students to transfer to UT upon completion of their associate degree and remain in their home community.

As is the case with most institutions of higher education, UT has concentrated its efforts in the conversion of face-to-face courses to an online format. It is this delivery mechanism offered in an anytime anywhere virtual classroom that has attracted increasing numbers of students.

Across the nation, the student population taking online courses in 1998 numbered 710,000. More than 2 million students enrolled in online courses in 2002 and in 2005 more than 3 million students (the most recent figure available) enrolled in at least one online course. It is clear that the current era in higher education is unlike any other one for colleges and universities.

Utilizing technology to reach students electronically

is vital for institutions as societal processes have stepped up the pace of vast numbers of peoples' lives. Many of those seeking a higher education cannot commute to campuses in the regular and consistent manner that is demanded of students enrolled in institutions of higher education. Today's UT students find that their lifestyles demand flexibility to be able to fit higher education into their busy lives. Many students are either time-bound due to work or travel schedules or location-bound due to geographic or family responsibilities. Too, more of these students are women than men.

Students enroll in UT's distance learning program seeking the flexibility and convenience of online degree programs that allow them to balance their schedule and still pursue a college degree. This flexibility means that some students are able to increase their course load and graduate sooner while reducing their transportation to and from campus and other expenses such as those for childcare. Imagine the relief of the parent who can stay home with children after working all day, still be enrolled in college, and not pay for childcare after paying for it during the workday. And there is no inclement weather in the virtual classroom.

For more information, contact eLearning and Academic Support at 419.530.8835 or go to www.utoledo.edu/dl.

AETNA MEDICARE OPEN PLAN

OPERS offered the new Aetna Medicare Open Plan to Medicare-eligible retirees and their covered, Medicare-eligible spouses in 2008.

POINTS OF INTEREST:

OPERS discourages you from signing up for Medicare D. Please note that you may not have drug coverage with both the Medicare D and OPERS pharmacy coverage.

The new plan is projected to save OPERS more than \$20 million in 2008.

The Aetna Medicare Open Plan has the same

individual deductible amount as the current plan, no defined provider network, the ease of using a single ID card, one explanation of benefits, and a single contact for your medical coverage needs.

With the new plan, you will no longer have to coordinate with Medicare. However, you should keep your Medicare ID card with your records and important documents, but you will no longer need to present that card for your medical care.

To be completely informed on the 2008 Aetna Medicare Open Plan, check out the documents that were sent to you from OPERS or call 1.866.282.0631.

ACTIVITIES UPDATE

From the desk of Millie Allred

Our members have had the privilege of choosing from among a variety of programs since our last communication. In May, we had an Amish day trip with lunch in an Amish home, saw an Amish wedding and an Amish auction. Wow! So many buggies and horses. We had a wonderful guide and a tour of the Warther's Museum collection.

June found us at the SeaGate Convention Centre caught up in the thrill of "The Daniel O'Donnell Show." What magic! What a voice! June also found us at the beautiful Belmont Country Club, enjoying our annual June dinner meeting. The service was exceptional, the food very good, and the tables lovely with colorful crazy daisies. The Mud Hens grabbed us for an All-American buffet in the Roost before an exciting game July 31.

In August, we gathered our passports or drivers' licenses and birth certificates and headed for Windsor to enjoy a little gambling at their beautiful casino. We didn't all win; however, some won several hundred dollars! Sorry to say, I came home with \$10 less than when I started.

September found us reminiscing about yesterday at "A Tribute to Elvis Presley" at Stranahan Theater. Who can forget "Blue Hawaii" and "Jail House Rock"? It's amazing how many people still enjoy the excitement of this legendary figure. Many of us also enjoyed the five-day Smoky Mountain show trip. We were entertained at five shows with music ranging from country, swing, rock 'n' roll, disco, jazz and gospel. What a variety with so many talented individuals. The trip also included Dollywood, a tour of the beautiful Smoky Mountains, and a day of gambling at the famous Harrah's Casino.

We had a very interesting and informative program on planet- and stargazing in our own Ritter Planetarium and Observatory in October. Dr. Nancy Morrison and others were so gracious to take time to give us a lively question-and-answer period as well. Watching the program in the planetarium, one could envision one's place somewhere on planet Earth, but it was difficult to envision the vastness of the universe.

On Nov. 2, we were invited to attend a workshop on "Contemporary Issues in Care-Giving" at the Dana Conference Center on the Health Science Campus. There were many exhibits giving out a variety of pertinent material. The program presented assisted living options, nursing home rights, Medicaid 101 and a town hall meeting. It was organized by Dr. Barbara Kopp Miller, director of the Center for Successful Aging.

We will meet again Dec. 2 at the Inverness Club for our annual Holiday Brunch. After finishing your substantial food, you can experience a festive sampling of bite-size sweets that can really dazzle both the eye and the palate.

See you soon and watch the mail for future events.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2008



Thurs., Jan. 17

Chowders' & Moor at 312 South St., Waterville at 1pm.

Wed., Jan. 23

Dr. Gerald Bazer, speaking on "The 2008 Presidential Election: Candidates and Issues" in the Schmakel Room of the Driscoll Alumni Center at 1 p.m.

Wed., Feb. 20

Luncheon (Where Did I Leave my Keys) at Dana Conference Center, Health Science Campus, cost \$10.00 at 11:30 a.m.

Thurs., Feb. 21

Abuelos at Briarfield Blvd. at 1 p.m.

Thurs., Mar. 20

The Seafood at 5504 Alexis Rd. at 1 p.m.

Thurs., Mar. 20

Bus Trip to Motown Historical Museum with lunch at the Motown Soul Food Café in the Fisher Building, Detroit, Michigan, cost TBD

Thurs., April 17

Biaggis at Levis Commons at 1 p.m.

Sun., April 20

Bus Trip to Croswell Theatre in Adrian to see the musical "Beehive". Early dinner at Main Street Station, Adrian, Michigan, cost TBD

Thurs., May 15

Hamways on the Main at Promenade Shops 5577 Monroe St. at 1 p.m.

Mon.-Fri., May 12-16

5-day, 4-night bus trip to Niagara Falls and Toronto, cost \$425.00

Fri., June 13

Annual Meeting Luncheon at the Belmont Country Club, cost TBA

Thurs., June 19

Ski's Polish-American Restaurant at 5834 Monroe St. at 1 p.m.

Thurs., July 17

Jack's Place on South Byrne Rd. brunch at 10:30 a.m.

Thurs., Aug. 21

SouthBriar Restaurant at 5147 Main St., Sylvania at 1 p.m.

Thurs., Sept. 18

Zingo's Mediterranean at 106 Louisiana Ave. Perrysburg at 1 p.m.

Thurs., Oct. 16

The Spaghetti Warehouse at 42 S. Superior at 1 p.m.

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opposed by STRS. The Ohio Retirement Study Council, the legislative oversight group for the five public pension systems in Ohio, has recommended that the General Assembly not approve HB 152.

The Fordham Report, released by the Thomas B. Fordham Institute of Dayton in June, was a study it conducted about STRS. STRS was not consulted during the study, and its conclusions, according to STRS, aren't validated by its content or by any existing STRS data. The STRS response was given in its July STRS Ohio News.

OPERS will offer a Medicare Advantage (MA) plan in 2008 through Aetna, which it expects will save OPERS more than \$26 million in 2008. The STRS Board has voted not to try an MA plan on a voluntary basis. Under an MA plan, insurance companies receive a subsidy from the federal government for each Medicare enrollee. The plan must provide Medicare-equivalent benefits. The MA plan thus replaces traditional Medicare. The plans are controversial. They have been criticized as an attempt to privatize Medicare, since insurance companies are enriched while Medicare resources are drained. MA plans are paid 12 percent more than traditional Medicare for treating comparable beneficiaries. Congress continues to debate whether to continue this policy.

Repeal legislation of GPO/WEP in the U.S. House, HB 82, has 324 bipartisan co-sponsors, while the companion Senate bill, S 206, has 33 bipartisan co-sponsors. Despite such support, neither bill appears to be going anyplace soon. Some legislators believe that repeal might be viewed as endorsing "double-dipping." Others believe a modified reform rather than outright repeal would be more appropriate, and still others stress that GPO/WEP relief should only be considered as part of overall Social Security reform. This brings up the issue of mandatory SS coverage for all employees.

You are encouraged to keep up with these developments via your STRS, OPERS, ORTA and/or PERI newsletters and Web sites.

ROCKET WIRELESS CARRIER FAMILY GROWS

Retirees who use Rocket Wireless for their phone needs have even more choices this year: Alltel and AT&T are now in the lineup, joining Sprint and Verizon.

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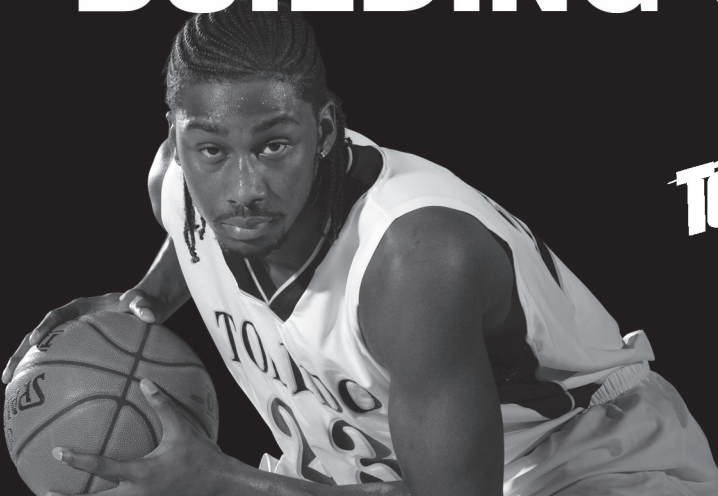
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- All the latest phones, all the popular features, and change your plan and features without changing your contract
- All proceeds benefit the University and the Alumni Association



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BUILDING CHAMPIONS



THE UT 2007-08 MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Sat, Jan 19	Western Michigan *	at Kalamazoo, MI	2:00 pm ET
Tue, Jan 22	Eastern Michigan *	at Ypsilanti, MI	7:00 pm ET
SAT, JAN 26	BUFFALO *	TOLEDO, OH	7:00 PM ET
Wed, Jan 30	Akron *	at Akron, OH	7:00 pm ET
SAT, FEB 02	KENT STATE *	TOLEDO, OH	NOON ET
Wed, Feb 06	Miami *	at Oxford, OH	7:30 pm ET
Sun, Feb 10	Bowling Green *	at Bowling Green, OH	4:00 pm ET
WED, FEB 13	OHIO *	TOLEDO, OH	7:00 PM ET
Sun, Feb 17	Ball State *	at Muncie, IN	2:00 pm ET
WED, FEB 20	NORTHERN ILLINOIS *	TOLEDO, OH	7:00 PM ET
SAT, FEB 23	ESPN BRACKETBUSTERS	TOLEDO, OH	TBA
SAT, MAR 01	WESTERN MICHIGAN *	TOLEDO, OH	7:00 PM ET
TUE, MAR 04	EASTERN MICHIGAN *	TOLEDO, OH	7:00 PM ET
Sun, Mar 09	Central Michigan *	at Mt. Pleasant, MI	2:00 pm ET
Wed, Mar 12-Sat, Mar 15	MAC Tournament	at Cleveland, OH	TBA

THE UT 2007-08 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
SAT, JAN 19	BALL STATE*	TOLEDO, OH	7:00 P.M.
Wed, Jan 23	Northern Illinois *	at DeKalb, IL	7:00 p.m.
SAT, JAN 26	AKRON (DH) *	TOLEDO, OH	4:30 P.M.
Wed, Jan 30	Kent State *	at Kent, OH	7:00 p.m.
SAT, FEB 02	BOWLING GREEN (DH) *	TOLEDO, OH	2:30 P.M.
Sat, Feb 09	Buffalo *	at Buffalo, NY	2:00 p.m.
Wed, Feb 13	Ohio *	at Athens, OH	7:00 p.m.
SAT, FEB 16	MIAMI *	TOLEDO, OH	7:00 P.M.
Tue, Feb 19	Ball State *	at Muncie, IN	7:00 p.m.
SAT, FEB 23	NORTHERN ILLINOIS *	TOLEDO, OH	TBA
WED, FEB 27	EASTERN MICHIGAN *	TOLEDO, OH	7:00 P.M.
Sat, Mar 01	Central Michigan *	at Mount Pleasant, MI	2:00 p.m.
Wed, Mar 05	Western Michigan *	at Kalamazoo, MI	7:00 p.m.

HOME GAMES IN **BOLD CAPS** • ALL TIMES LISTED ARE SITE TIMES

* Mid-American Conference Game Schedule subject to change.

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Fernando Arias, Maumee, died Aug. 7 at age 73. He had been a professor of obstetrics and gynecology in the College of Medicine since 2004.

Marian L. Baidel, Toledo, died Aug. 14 at age 62. She was a secretary in the former Community and Technical College from 1967 to 1969 and in the College of Business Administration from 1973 to 1979.

Willard L. Benjamin, Toledo, a UT employee for two decades, died Oct. 23 at age 80. After working at several newspapers, he joined the University as a public information officer 2 in University Relations in 1968. Four years later, he was named assistant to the vice president in University Development and returned to University Relations in 1973 as public information officer 3. In 1976, Benjamin became publications editor in the renamed Public Information Office. He retired from UT in 1988.

Dr. William K. Bottorff, Toledo, professor emeritus of English, died Oct. 15 at age 76. He joined the faculty of the Department of English in 1968 as associate professor and was promoted to professor in 1973. Starting in 1971, he served as director of the American Studies Program as well as chairing the program's Faculty Advisory Committee. A much-published creative writer with poems, short stories, novellas and a novel to his credit, he served as academic adviser for undergraduate writing majors and chaired the English Graduate Studies Committee. He retired in 1992.

Helen A. Brimacombe, Toledo, an account clerk in the Alumni Relations Office from 1980 to 1984, died Oct. 11 at age 89. She attended UT from 1936 to 1941.

Mamie J. Calhoun, Toledo, who worked at the University 12 years, died Sept. 27 at age 70. She joined the staff of the former MCO as a custodial worker in Environmental Services in 1994 and retired from UT in 2006.

John Colwell, Toledo, who was concert manager and administrative specialist 2 from 1967 to 1970, died May 19 at age 64.

Rosemary E. Dembroski-Skala, Perrysburg, who worked at the former MCO as a staff nurse in the Outpatient Clinic and Department of Medicine from 1982 to 1996, died June 10 at age 64.

Ruth I. Dohse, Whitehouse, who worked at the former MCO for more than two decades, died June 6 at age 65. She joined the MCO staff in 1977 as a lab assistant in the Pharmacology Department and retired in 2003. She returned to work part time as a research assistant in the department from 2003 until April this year. Dohse was a volunteer with the UT Medical Center's Satellites Auxiliary Group.

Mary E. Dombey, Lambertville, Mich., a clerical specialist for the Rehabilitative Care Unit at the former MCO from 1986 to 1999, died June 10 at age 62.

John "Jack" Dyer, Sylvania, former instructor in the Communication Department, died Oct. 12 at age 81.

Laurie Faulkner, Toledo, who worked part time as an interview clerk in Opinion Research from 1987 to 1995, died Nov. 9 at age 58.

Joe P. Elmers, Millbury, Ohio, assistant professor of engineering technology, died Aug. 14 at age 64. He was a part-time instructor for two years before joining the faculty full time in 1983. Elmers graduated from UT with a bachelor of science degree in 1968.

Maxine Erd, Toledo, a volunteer with the UT Medical Center's Satellites Auxiliary Group, died April 3 at age 87.

Diane I. Fonseca, Toledo, a custodial worker in the former MCO Environmental Services Department from 1984 to 1992, died June 21 at age 43.

Louis G. Galambos, Oregon, Ohio, who taught classes at the former UT Community and Technical College, died May 10 at age 81. He was an electronics instructor in 1961, then became an assistant professor and taught from 1965 to 1967, leaving as a lecturer in industrial technology. He earned a bachelor's degree in vocational education from UT in 1957.

Dr. George B. Gilmore, Sylvania, professor emeritus of exercise science and physical education, died Aug. 18 at age 80. He joined the faculty as an instructor in 1966 and was promoted to assistant professor in 1972 and associate professor in 1977. He received tenure in 1973. Gilmore helped develop UT's National Youth Sports Program, which provides recreational and educational activities for at-risk youth each summer. In addition to sitting on several University committees, Gilmore served as adviser for the Gymnastics and Tumbling Club and the Badminton Club. He was a golf instructor at several local clubs and performed in "The Nutcracker" with the Toledo Ballet Association. Gilmore also was involved with the Elderhostel Advisory Board and the Northwest Ohio Senior Olympics Program. In 1972, he received a doctoral degree in philosophy from UT.

Verna Louise Glick, Toledo, who worked at the University for 18 years, died Sept. 22 at age 90. She was a library clerk from 1963 to 1976, when she became a library assistant. Glick retired from UT in 1981.

Betty Gorman, Toledo, a member of the UT Medical Center's Satellites Auxiliary Group, died June 17 at age 71. She attended classes at UT and is survived by Dr. James F. Gorman, former MCO clinical associate in surgery.

Helga E. Hartman, Toledo, who worked for 30 years as a medical technologist at the former MCO/MUO, died April 20 at age 81.

Ray L. Huffman, Maumee, professor emeritus of technical science and mathematics, died June 20 at age 79. He joined the faculty of the former Community and Technical College as an instructor of general studies in 1964. He was promoted to assistant professor in 1967 and associate professor in 1974. Four years later, he joined the Technical Science and Mathematics Department and was promoted to professor in 1982. He retired in 1986 and received emeritus status. Huffman was the first faculty member from the Community and Technical College to serve as chair of the Faculty Senate in 1973-74. He also served as chair for one year of the Academic Grievance Committee and the Curriculum and Instruction Committee, and was a member of the Military Affairs Committee and the Faculty Affairs Committee. Huffman received bachelor's and master's degrees in education from UT in 1961 and 1965, respectively.

Mary Kanavel, Toledo, who worked at the former Medical College of Ohio from 1970 until her retirement in 2000 as a clerical specialist in the Intensive Care Unit, died Nov. 2 at age 73.

Dr. Charles H. Klippel, Paxton, Mass., died Oct. 11 at age 87. He was a professor of surgery and pediatrics at the former MCO from 1971 to 1987, subsequently volunteering in the Department of Surgery as a clinical professor for 10 years. The MCO Board of Trustees honored him with a resolution in 1989 citing his dedication as “a researcher, author, teacher, clinician and friend to countless children patients and their families.”

Dr. Franklin (Bud) R. Koontz Jr., Toledo, died Aug. 27 at age 68. His first UT position was in 1968 as an instructor in theatre and speech, and producer/director with University Television. His subsequent promotions included assistant professorships in speech communication and technological media; he was promoted to associate professor of the latter in 1975. In 1978, he was named associate director of University Television Services, then joined the former College of Education and Allied Professions in 1980 as professor of technological media. He retired in 2004 as professor of educational technology. A 1979 winner of the National Association of Marketing/Management Educators’ Award for Innovative Teaching, he earned a doctorate in education from UT in 1991 and served on the board of directors of Toledo Campus Ministry. An enthusiastic bagpiper, he played at special occasions and tutored other pipers.

The Rev. Mike Madden, a chaplain at the former MCO, Toledo, died Aug. 13 at age 70.

Jean F. Malcom, Toledo, a volunteer with the UT Medical Center’s Satellites Auxiliary Group, died May 29 at age 84. Malcom was a member of the Satellites since 1975 and served as the fourth president of the group. Prior to that, she was a member of the Lucas County Long-Term Care Guild. In 1982, she needlepointed the MCO seal for President Richard Ruppert.

Walter A. Martishius, Tiffin, Ohio, an adviser in Student Services on the Scott Park Campus from 1990 to 1994 and from 1996 to 1997, died April 26 at age 75. He received bachelor’s and master’s degrees in education from UT in 1958 and 1960, respectively, and was a member of the University Varsity T Club.

Sandra (Rate) Miekis, Curtice, Ohio, a nurse at the former MCO Hospital from 2000 to 2005, died Nov. 5 at age 45.

Alice Louise Mills, Perrysburg, died Sept. 30 at age 84. She worked as a clerk and then a secretary in the College of Arts and Sciences from 1965 to 1969 and returned to UT as a typist 2 from 1981 to 1986 in College of Education.

Janet I. Navarre, Toledo, who volunteered in the Pastoral Care Office at the University Medical Center for seven years, died Sept. 8 at age 74.

Henry A. Page Jr., Sylvania, who served as director of development at the Medical College of Ohio at Toledo Foundation from 1975 to 1991 and headed the hospital capital campaign, died April 26 at age 91.

Dorothy Pettee, Sylvania, an adviser in the College of Arts and Sciences from 1988 to 1999, died May 23 at age 80. She was honored

with the University’s Adviser of the Year Award in 1992. Pettee received bachelor’s and master’s degrees from UT in 1975 and 1985, respectively.

C. Joseph Sass Jr., Toledo, who taught in the College of Business Administration 28 years, died Oct. 13 at age 66. He joined the UT faculty in 1969 as an adjunct assistant professor of operations analysis, and was promoted to assistant professor in 1970 and associate professor in 1974. When he became professor in 1988, it was in the Department of Information Systems and Operations Management. During his career, Sass served as chair of the department and wrote several computer language textbooks, including *A Structured Approach to BASIC Programming* (1979) and *An Introduction to C Programming* (1993). The Toledo native retired from the University in 1997 and was granted emeritus status. Sass received a bachelor’s degree in business administration and master of business administration degree from UT in 1964 and 1969, respectively.

William J. Sheehan, Glen Ellyn, Ill., who served as executive in residence in UT’s College of Business Administration from 1985 to 1990, died Oct. 17 at age 87.

Dr. Gerald P. Sherman, Charleston, S.C., a faculty member in the UT College of Pharmacy for 29 years, died July 12 at age 67. He came to the University as an associate professor of pharmacology in 1978 and was promoted to professor three years later. He played an integral role in the development of the Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences Program and served as director of undergraduate studies in the College of Pharmacy, as well as chair of the Pharmacology Department. He retired earlier this year and was granted professor emeritus status. Sherman was a member of the NCAA’s Drug Education Committee for several years and served as chair of UT’s Faculty Senate in 2002-03. He also served as interim associate vice president for academic affairs in the early 1990s. Sherman was a member of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. Those interested may donate to the Sherman Scholarship Fund by sending a check to the UT Foundation.

Phillip A. Sinclair, Holland, Ohio, professor emeritus of business technologies, died Sept. 5 at age 93. He joined the UT faculty of the former Community and Technical College as an assistant professor in 1967 and was promoted to associate professor in 1973 and professor in 1976. Sinclair pioneered the development of instructional television and the creation of audio-visual materials for use in and out of the classroom. In 1973, he received UT’s Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award. Sinclair was among 32 Midwest faculty members selected by the People’s Republic of China to participate in its 1982 summer scientific exchange program. He was the author of two books, *Personal Creativity for Today* and *Just Grammar — How to Enjoy It*. He retired in 1984. One year later, he received the Innovative Teacher Award from the National Association of Management/Marketing Educators.

Frank J. Voss, Ottawa Hills, who served on the Medical College of Ohio Foundation Board of Trustees from 1986 to 1994 and afterward as an honorary trustee, died May 6 at age 84. He also served on the MUO President’s Council in 2000.

Wilma (Heuerman) Wallington, Holland, a part-time assistant clerk in the Registrar’s Office from 1993 to 2002, died July 28 at age 72. She attended UT from 1969 to 1976 and was a lifetime member of the Alumni Association.

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