

Tower Talk

Sandra Koepke, editor

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In writing this, my first message as UTRA president, I decided to keep with tradition by taking a moment to introduce myself to those members who may not know me. I am both an alumna and a retiree from The University of Toledo. I received my bachelor and master degrees from the College of Business Administration, and in 1975 began my career on Main Campus. I was an academic adviser in the former Office of Evening and Special Services, a division of the office of Undergraduate Admission that provided support services for the University's nontraditional students. In 1995, I moved to our SeaGate Campus, where I served for three years in the University College Division of Contract Education as the health industry program manager. In 1998, I returned to Main Campus as the assistant director of University College's Division of Interdisciplinary and Special Programs. A year later, our offices were relocated to the Scott Park Campus, and I was there until my retirement at the end of 2005. During my years at UT, I remember having at least a dozen different offices spread over three campuses. I never did it, but I used to think I should have just kept all of my office furniture on wheels to expedite the moves.

At least one piece of good news came from Columbus this past September. After a protracted process that started more than three years ago, state legislators finally enacted (and the governor signed) pension reform legislation brought forward by the different state retirement systems in Ohio. In terms of pensions, the changes mostly fall upon those system members who have yet to retire, although current STRS retirees will see a change in their cost of living allowance. Changes in health-care coverage will have an impact on both current and future retirees under STRS and OPERS. It is safe

to say that OPERS members will feel a bigger impact, with significant changes to their health-care benefits beginning Jan. 1, 2014, and phased in over a number of years. I encourage everyone to be prepared for these changes by reading the STRS and OPERS newsletters and monitoring their websites for the most up-to-date information.

Your UTRA Executive Board is off to a fast start this year in the planning and implementation of many programs and activities for 2012-2013. We will of course continue to provide a wide range of fun and educational activities for our membership while making strides this year to increase our organization's visibility and grow our membership. The board also is working to secure and articulate the benefits our UTRA members are meant to enjoy.

UTRA committees are functioning under the direction of both returning and new committee chairs. I would be remiss if I did not thank Millie Allred (who decided to step down this year as chair of the Program Committee) for her many years of hard work and leadership in that position. Leading our committees this year are: Benefits – Bill Logie; Communications (Newsletter) – Sandy Koepke; Health Science Campus Scholarship – Keith Schlender; Membership – Lee Shields; Program – Pat Harmon and Bobbie Raeder; and UTRA Scholarship – Reemt Baumann. I am fortunate to have the support of these individuals. We all share the desire to make this a productive year for UTRA and would look forward to hearing your thoughts and ideas.

James W. Lapp, President
UTRA



Members of the UTRA Executive Board proudly displayed the Affiliate of the Year UT Retirees Association 2012 banner.

NEWS FROM COLUMBUS

By Bill Logie

By now both STRS and OPERS retirees (and those about to retire), have been notified by their respective retirement systems what the new pension legislation means to them. To say the least, many of the new reforms are somewhat complicated and have a varying degree of impact on every member of the pension system.

Just to highlight a few of the more significant changes:

- While many people are “grandfathered” under years of service, (e.g. Group A, B or C, and I’ve spoken with those who are “hanging in” to get the 10 years of service because they believe they will have health care, assuming they reach that mark before 2013), under the new health-care changes, they must retire before 2014 or they will fall under the (new) 20 years of service rule and now must meet the new eligibility requirements.

- For STRS, several people have a provision that the employer can “buy” service credit, but here again it must be bought and the retirement must occur before 2014 or the time is lost.
- For those who are Medicare B eligible, OPERS will phase out (over the next three years) the Medicare reimbursement, and in 2014, the retiree must buy supplemental coverage through a “connector” rather than the OPERS provided coverage (except for those not eligible for Part B). Also, dental and vision may have to be purchased by the member, rather than as currently provided. This will be determined in 2013.

The “take away” message is get online with your respective system (OPERS, STRS OPERS/LE) and if you haven’t set up a personal account, please do that as soon as possible. Read the various pamphlets they provide and respective blogs as they contain a wealth of information!

FACULTY SLEUTH UNEARTH'S MYSTERY OF COURTYARD SENTINELS

By Cynthia Nowak

How many towers does University Hall possess? If you’re talking stone and mortar, the clock tower is the only candidate, but suppose that sheer upward heft is the defining characteristic. In that case, two other UT landmarks might make the grade: the massive trees at the center of each of the building’s enclosed courtyards.

The trees, whose branches almost literally tickle the windows of University Hall’s six floors, seem to have been in place forever, given their height. In truth, their origins are mysterious: What species are they? Why were they chosen? And by whom?

Walt Lange, a professor emeritus and a superannuate faculty member in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics — and a certified tree farmer — set out to uproot the mystery of the trees, which he’d long admired as healthy specimens.

First, their identity. Lange, well known as a regional conservationist, had to give the trees a close examination before he had a definite answer.

“Initially I thought the trees were bald cypress, but I have since determined that they are *Metasequoia glyptostroboides*, which has the common name of dawn redwood,” he said.

“*Metasequoia* isn’t to be confused with the giant California sequoias,” he added. “That’s a different species. In fact, the *Metasequoia* may be even more interesting.”

Until recently, dawn redwoods were considered fossil trees, extinct for millions of years. It was in 1947 that a forestry expedition uncovered a number of the trees alive in a remote area of southwest China. To preserve the species from logging, the trees were propagated among arboreta around the globe. *Metasequoia* proved easy to grow in temperate regions, where it’s now widely planted as an ornamental tree.

Lange now had the species and a date: Given the 1931 completion of University Hall, the dawn redwoods must have

been planted later. An archival photograph Lange found in the Ward M. Canaday Center for Special Collections showed flowers growing in the spaces that would someday house the trees.

But who replaced lilies with *Metasequoias*? “I had heard several years ago that they were planted by [the late] Professor Robert Jackson, who was in the Mathematics Department from 1963 until he retired in 1974,” Lange said. “My search in the Canaday Center did not substantiate that. However, Dr. Ivie Stein, who joined the Math Department in 1971, recalls having had a conversation with Bob Jackson in which Bob indicated that he had planted the trees.”

Lange is still hoping that other members of the UT community will be able to corroborate Stein’s memory and give a specific year for the trees’ planting.

“Given that the trees have become such an integral part of University Hall, I’d like to place a small plaque in one of the courtyards to honor the person who did the plantings,” Lange said.

Anyone with information on the trees’ origins can contact Lange at walter.lange@utoledo.edu.

In the meantime, UT’s redwoods should continue to provide shade, shelter and beauty. As Lange noted, “Given their location, there may be nothing to limit just how much more they can grow.”



It would take more than one person to hug the dawn redwood in University Hall’s east courtyard, Walt Lange noted, measuring the tree’s 124-inch circumference.

OUR BEAUTIFUL ALUMNI PAVILION

By Millie Allred

My sister, Lenore Mortemore, and I were delighted to receive an invitation to the dedication of the Alumni Pavilion. The picture on the invitation gave a view of this splendid, majestic building sitting on a hill. Then we saw this endless stairway and wondered how two alums in their 80s would ever make it to the top? No problem — the talented planning committee took into consideration all groups of their alumni.

The big evening arrived, and we parked our car in the parking lot and were met with a golf cart that took us around the bend and right up to that fabulous building. What a beautiful sight! Round tables all dressed in blue and gold, the UT Marching Band, the dedication ceremony, chatting with friends, eating Tony Packo's delicious food.

This marvelous, festive evening was the result of our treasured leadership of a very active alumni group. William and Carol Koester, who made it possible with their generosity, the alums who dedicated the pillars, and others who provided the pavers, and our outstanding Executive Director of Alumni Affairs Dan Saevig.

Congrats to our Dan Saevig for the new Alumni Pavilion

Excerpts from letter sent to The Blade Sept. 30 by Tim Croak, UT Class of 1982

"As much as this new addition to the campus is a tribute to the prestigious alumni and to the University, it is also a tribute to the person who has strengthened and enhanced the connection between the two that is needed to make this beautiful type of structure possible — Alumni Director Dan Saevig.

Dan has filled the shoes of his predecessor — longtime Alumni Director Ed Schmakel — with energy, devotion and integrity by reaching out to alumni, bringing them into the University community, and for many of us — being the face of the University.

This pavilion is the lengthened shadow of Ed Schmakel and Dan Saevig, and we alumni honor their dedication representation of The University of Toledo."

UTRA SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED FOR 2012-13 HEALTH CARE RUNS IN FAMILY

Each year the UTRA Scholarship is awarded to a UT student who is the direct descendant of a UT faculty/staff retiree who is a dues-paying UTRA member. The applicant's class standing, GPA and performance in campus and/or community activities are among the factors considered in determining this scholarship award.

We are pleased to announce that the 2012-13 UTRA Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 has been awarded to Elizabeth Lemon. Liz is the granddaughter of UTRA member Betty Lemon. Betty worked at the University from 1998 until her retirement in 2006. She was an assistant professor and assistant director of the University's Associate Degree Nursing Program. After retirement, Betty continued as an adjunct faculty member in nursing until 2009.

Liz is a 2010 graduate of Notre Dame Academy, where she finished her high school career with a 4.3 grade point average. She has continued that academic excellence at The University of Toledo. Now a junior, she is a nursing major with a GPA of 3.979. Liz comes from a family with many strong ties to the health-care profession. In addition to her grandmother, her father, Mike, is a doctor, and her mother, Barb, is a nurse. She also has an aunt who is a doctor, and other aunts who are nurses. After graduation, Liz plans to work with Doctors Without Borders and then possibly pursue advanced study to become a nurse practitioner.

Outside the classroom, Liz competes on the University's women's cross country team. This past October, the team won its third straight Mid-American Conference Championship, and for her efforts Liz earned all-MAC honors. Liz is very family-oriented and enjoys spending what spare time she has with her parents and three brothers.

Liz was honored at the annual UTRA Holiday Brunch in December at the Inverness Club.

Your grandchild (or other direct descendant) could be our next scholarship recipient, but only if he or she applies. For a scholarship application and additional information, contact Sally Berglund in the Alumni Office at 419.530.2586. The application deadline for the 2013-14 academic year is July 1.

UTRA is able to award this scholarship to deserving students such as Liz because of the generosity of our donors, both our members and others who support this effort. As we thank those who have made donations in the past, we encourage all members to consider making the UTRA Scholarship Fund a part of their charitable giving. Gifts of any amount always are appreciated, and if you wish, can be made to honor or remember a noteworthy person in your life. Please contact the Alumni Office (419.530.2586) for information on how you can contribute to the UTRA Scholarship Fund.



HEALTH SCIENCE CAMPUS SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

Since the time of its founding as the MCO Retirees Association, one of the major goals of the Health Science Campus Retirees is to recognize outstanding students by providing them scholarship support. Funding for the scholarships comes from three sources: income from the HSC Retiree Scholarship Endowment, fundraising activity such as the hospital shoe sales, and contributions from HSC retirees. This fall, we were able to grant a \$1,000 scholarship to a student in each of the four Health Science Campus colleges: Medicine and Life Sciences, Graduate Studies, Nursing, and Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences.

The recipient of the scholarship in the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences was Rachael Jetson. Rachel is in her final year of her PhD studies. She was a "straight A" student in her course work and subsequently has been doing the same quality of laboratory work toward her dissertation. She independently mentored a professional pharmacy undergraduate student's honors thesis project. She is active in the UT Graduate Student Association, and this fall she was the captain of the college's Susan G. Komen Race for Breast Cancer team.

The recipient of the scholarship in the College of Nursing was Chandni Patel. Chandni matriculated in fall 2012 to the Doctor of Nursing Practice Degree Program. She graduated magna cum laude from the UT Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree Program in May 2012. While an undergraduate, Chandni served as a board member for the Student Nursing Association. She was active in the Indian Student Cultural Organization and served as a tutor in the academic enrichment center and a supplemental instructor in the Learning Enhancement Center.

The recipient of the scholarship in the College of Graduate Studies was Dipali Nemade. Dipali is student in the Master of Public Health Degree Program. Dipali's interest in public health began at an early age. At 14, she received a Child Scientist Award from the prime minister of India for her project on "Prevention of Malnutrition in Children Using Locally Available Food." After completing her medical training, she began her career in community medicine in India. Her desires to learn about public health in developed countries led her to join the Master of Public Health Degree Program at UT. In addition to her outstanding academic performance, Dipali organized and conducted physical fitness programs for the YMCA and has also received a grant from Youth Service America in partnership with United Health Care to prevent childhood obesity. She has tutored medical, public health and nursing students in the UT Academic Enrichment Center. After completing her degree, Dipali plans to enroll in a PhD program where she hopes to conduct research on chronic diseases that pose a challenge for health care.

The recipient of the scholarship in the College of Medicine was Steve Cogorno. Steve graduated from the University of California at Santa Cruz with a degree in computer and information sciences. He worked for several years as a software engineer before entering the UT medical

school. Steve said, "UT medical students are fortunate to have so many ways to serve our local community as well as people around the world in need of medical care." He has taken advantage of several of these programs. He has been very active in UT Community Care Clinics. This student-run clinic serves members of the community who are uninsured and unable to afford medical care. Along with the community physicians who volunteer their time, medical students evaluate and treat patients free of charge. During the 2011-12 academic year, Steve was selected to be the executive director. During that period, 171 medical and physician assistant students held 84 clinics that treated 1,136 patients. The executive board raised \$6,000 to buy supplies and provide medications for their patients. Steve has participated in the medical mission trips to Guatemala and Nicaragua for the past two years, and next year he will be a team leader. Steve said, "These missions are excellent reminders of why we have chosen to be physicians. Small interventions that we take for granted like antibiotics or even Tylenol are often unavailable or unaffordable. While these are certainly educational experiences for us, the most important aspect is the patients we treat."

Each of these recipients are clearly deserving of the scholarship support we were able to give them. Our goal for the coming academic year is to again grant four \$1,000 scholarships.

The HSC Scholarship Committee members are saddened by the recent death of Dr. Richard Ruppert, former MCO president. Ruppert was for many years an active member of the committee and was responsible for making contacts that brought in significant support for the scholarship fund. He will be missed but not forgotten.

RECENT LIFETIME MEMBERS

Don and Susan Beeman

M. Christine Braithwaite

Charles and Kathy Helmick

Patricia Holtz

Ruth Klein

Susan Lyons

Dorothy Okuley Art and Cynthia Sherette

Thomas and Barbara Trimble

John and Janet Vargo

Judith Wilkinson

UPCOMING EVENTS 2013

- Sun., Jan 27, Walleyes Game vs. the Evansville Icemen, Cost: \$33/person that includes free parking at the Driscoll Alumni Center, roundtrip transportation to the Huntington Center, dinner in the Aquarium and game ticket. The bus will leave the Driscoll Alumni Center at 3:15 p.m. Game Time: 5:05 p.m.
 - Fri., Feb. 15, State Rep. Teresa Fedor will present a lecture on human trafficking in the Driscoll Alumni Center Schmamel Room, 1 p.m.
 - Sat., Feb. 16, Lunch with Golden Alumni/Lady Rockets, Cost and Time: TBA
 - Tues., March 5, Antiques Road Show in the Driscoll Alumni Center Schmamel Room, 1 p.m.
 - April, Joint Meeting with Bowling Green, Speaker: Dr. Karen Bjorkman, Distinguished University Professor of Astronomy and department chair, 1989 - University of Colorado, luncheon at Stone Oak Country Club, 11:30 a.m.
 - May, Day Trip to Mansfield, Ohio, to tour the prison and Kingwood Gardens, Date and Time: TBA
 - May 20-25 Virginia Beach, six days and five nights, Cost: \$575 per person, double occupancy
 - Fri., June 7, Annual Meeting and Lunch at Belmont Country Club, 11:30 a.m.
 - Fri., June 21, Mud Hens Game. Drive on your own and have dinner in the Nest (outdoor picnic area) prior to the 7 p.m. game, Cost: TBA
 - Thurs., July 11, Annual Picnic at Strawberry Acres at McCord and Angola Roads, 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Cost: TBA
 - Aug., Casino Outing and Lunch, Date and Cost: TBA
 - Dec., Holiday Brunch, Place, Day and Cost: TBA
- March 23-30, 2014, eight days and seven nights, Florida and the Bahamas with Norwegian Cruise Lines. Cost approximately \$2,000/person including round-trip airfare from Detroit. Watch for further information

DID YOU KNOW?

There is now another way you can find out about all the exciting events happening within the UT Retiree Association? To receive all of your UTRA notifications via email or if your email address recently has changed, please call Ryan Hieber in the Office of Alumni Relations at 419.530.5359 or email Ryan. Hieber@utoledo.edu. Not only do you receive the notifications faster, you are helping our group save money on printing and postage. Stay current and stay informed!

2013 THURSDAY LUNCH BUNCH DATES,

- Brunch 10:30 a.m., Lunch 1:00 p.m.
- Jan. 17, Bravo Cucina Italiana, 5001 Monroe St. (Westfield Franklin Park)
- Feb. 21, Reynolds Garden Café, 1220 Reynolds Road
- Mar. 21, New Empire Chinese Restaurant, 6540 Centers Drive (Spring Meadows Shopping Center)
- Apr. 18, Granite City at Fallen Timbers Shopping Center
- May 16, The Grape Leaf, 909 S. McCord Road
- June 20, The Seafood Restaurant, 5504 Alexis Road
- July 18, Charlie's Restaurant, 6945 W. Central Ave.
- Aug. 15, Mancy's Italian, 5453 Monroe St.
- Sept. 19, Burger Bar, 4400 Heatherdowns Blvd.
- Oct. 17, Tony Packo's, 1901 Front St.
- Contact Bobbie Raeder: rootig@bex.net, if you would like to be included on a monthly reminder email list.

CARDS AND GAMES

- Second Tuesday of each month, 2 to 4 p.m. at the Hilton Toledo Hotel on Health Science Campus

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

The Program Committee has been working hard to plan interesting programs and excursions for your enjoyment. We are trying to provide an assortment of activities to pique the interest and activity levels of our members. We have two programs that are ongoing. The Lunch Bunch and the Tuesday Games programs have been popular activities. The dates and times can be found in this newsletter.

We will attend a Walleye game in January. This includes a bus from Main Campus and a buffet before the game. We will join the Golden Alumni Society for lunch and attendance at the UT women's basketball game in February. State Rep. Teresa Fedor will talk about human trafficking and her legislation to curb it.

Other activities for the year are the popular antiques show, a day trip to Mansfield to tour an old prison and to visit Kingwood Gardens, and the annual joint meeting with BGSU retirees. We will go to Virginia Beach in May. The annual meeting will be held in June at Belmont. We are planning a picnic at Strawberry Acres. We hope to do a cruise on the Norwegian Cruise Line in March 2014. There is a list of programs in this newsletter.

There are several activities in the planning process. We would like to hear from you. Contact any member of the program committee if you would have heard a good speaker or would like us to plan a program or trip. We would appreciate your input.

MIKE O'ROURKE GARDEN GUY



Mike O'Rourke from Black Diamond shared his garden knowledge on "Flowers and Bushes at Their Best." Location and lunch were awesome at the Brandywine Country Club.



BELMONT LUNCHEON

Belmont Country Club was the perfect setting for our June 8 Annual Meeting.



PICNIC



Millie Allred, past president and chair of the UTRA Program Committee, deserves a round of applause for organizing our first picnic in Strawberry Acres Shelter House. Great food, music and games! The rainy day didn't prevent all from having a great time. Looking forward to next year same place.

HOLLYWOOD CASINO LUNCH



Hollywood Casino was the destination for a great buffet and gambling in August.

GRAND CANYON TRIP



The September Great Trains and Grand Canyons tour featuring five nights in Sedona was enjoyed by UTRA members. Photos by Mary Richard, member of Program Committee

IN THE MOOD



In The Mood at Stranahan Theater was enjoyed in fourth-row seats by more than 50 retirees Oct. 25.

STEVE KRAMER



Steve Kramer, UT professor emeritus (entertained the retirees with his lecture on "Engineering – Past, Present and Future" Nov. 15) standing next to Jim Lapp, UTRA president.



2013 TOLEDO MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

| DAY | DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | TIME |
|--------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Wed. | Jan. 16 | at Western Michigan* | Kalamazoo | 7 p.m. |
| Sat. | Jan. 19 | at Ohio* | Athens | 6 p.m. |
| WED. | JAN. 23 | AKRON* | SAVAGE ARENA | 7 P.M. |
| SAT. | JAN. 26 | BOWLING GREEN* TIE ONE ON | SAVAGE ARENA | 7 P.M. |
| Wed. | Jan. 30 | at Ball State* | Muncie | 7 p.m. |
| Sat. | Feb. 2 | at Northern Illinois* | DeKalb | 3 p.m. (CT) |
| WED. | FEB. 6 | MIAMI* | SAVAGE ARENA | 7 P.M. |
| SAT. | FEB. 9 | EASTERN MICHIGAN* | SAVAGE ARENA | 7 P.M. |
| Wed. | Feb. 13 | at Buffalo* | Buffalo | 7 p.m. |
| Sat. | Feb. 16 | at Central Michigan* | Mt. Pleasant | 7 p.m. |
| SAT. | FEB. 23 | ESPNU (BRACKETBUSTERS) | SAVAGE ARENA | TBA |
| WED. | FEB. 27 | WESTERN MICHIGAN* | SAVAGE ARENA | 7 P.M. |
| SAT. | MARCH 2 | BALL STATE* | SAVAGE ARENA | 2 P.M. |
| TUES. | MARCH 5 | NORTHERN ILLINOIS* | SAVAGE ARENA | 7 P.M. |
| Fri./Sat. | March 8/9 | at Eastern Michigan* | Ypsilanti | TBA |

HOME GAMES IN BOLD CAPS. All times listed are site times. Schedule is subject to change.
* Mid-American Conference game

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Guard Rian Pearson was the only player in the Mid-American Conference last season to rank in the league's top 10 in points, rebounds and steals, and was second in the conference with 10 double-doubles.



Guard Andola Dortch was named the Mid-American Conference Defensive Player of the Year last season.



2013 TOLEDO WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

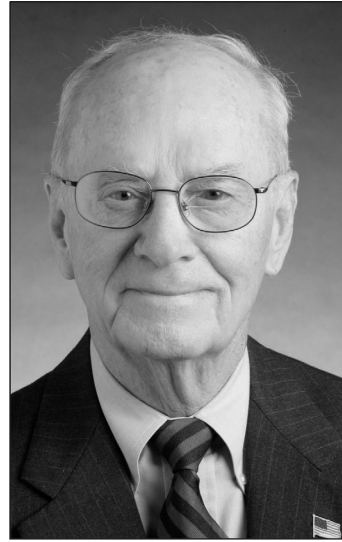
| DAY | DATE | OPPONENT | SITE | TIME |
|--------------|----------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Wed. | Jan. 16 | at Eastern Michigan* | Ypsilanti | 7 p.m. |
| SAT. | JAN. 19 | BUFFALO* | SAVAGE ARENA | 2 P.M. |
| Wed. | Jan. 23 | at Akron* | Akron | 7 p.m. |
| Sat. | Jan. 26 | at Northern Illinois* | DeKalb | 3 p.m. (CT) |
| THUR. | JAN. 31 | OHIO* | SAVAGE ARENA | 7 P.M. |
| SUN. | FEB. 3 | WESTERN MICHIGAN* | SAVAGE ARENA | NOON |
| Wed. | Feb. 6 | at Miami* | Oxford | 7 p.m. |
| Sun. | Feb. 10 | at Ball State* | Muncie | 2 p.m. |
| SAT. | FEB. 16 | KENT STATE* | SAVAGE ARENA | 2 P.M. |
| WED. | FEB. 20 | NORTHERN ILLINOIS* | SAVAGE ARENA | 11 A.M. |
| Sun. | Feb. 24 | at Central Michigan* | Mount Pleasant | 2 p.m. |
| Thur. | Feb. 28 | at Western Michigan* | Kalamazoo | 7 p.m. |
| SUN. | MARCH 3 | EASTERN MICHIGAN* | SAVAGE ARENA | 2 P.M. |
| WED. | MARCH 6 | BALL STATE* | SAVAGE ARENA | 7 P.M. |
| Sat. | March 9 | MAC Tournament - 1st Round | Campus Sites | TBA |
| Wed. | March 13 | MAC Tournament - 2nd Round | Cleveland | TBA |
| Thur. | March 14 | MAC Tournament - Quarterfinals | Cleveland | TBA |
| Fri. | March 15 | MAC Tournament - Semifinals | Cleveland | TBA |
| Sat. | March 16 | MAC Tournament - Finals | Cleveland | TBA |

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WELCOME NEW RETIREES

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Frederick R. Almaguer | Deborah J. MacDonald |
| Kazimierz Antoniak | Jeanne Marie Majerowski |
| Sherri L. Armstrong | Roberta H. McGill |
| Nancy J. Bertram | Beverly A. Moore |
| Charles V. Blatz | Sharon L. Musch |
| David Browning | Deborah J. Musteric |
| Julie I. Christy | John P. Niefer |
| Barbara J. Cook | Lorraine P. Oden |
| Corliss Kaye Crowder | Walter W. Olson |
| Cheri Csortos | Shirley A. Pawlowski |
| Ophelia Dominik | Julie R. Quinonez |
| Phyllis Edwards-McGhee | Karen C. Reitz |
| Mary T. Erard | Donald A. Shonebarger |
| Roy W. Eulberg | Toni L. Snodgrass |
| Terry J. Fell | Michael Thomas Stark |
| Luzminda P. Garcia | Thomas A. Stuart |
| Ellen G. Ingram | Edward K. Suh |
| Rickie W. Keck | Bobbie Thomas |
| Daniel D. Kennedy | James E. Tierney |
| Anna M. Koelsch | James A. Tscherne |
| Norma Kohn | Pamela A. Wawrzyniak |
| Daniel R. Kory | Mary Ellen Wedding |
| Susan M. Kudelka | Elizabeth A. Witt |
| Karen Lengel | Rick L. Yunker |
| Allan G. Liby | Gary E. Zdawczyk |

RICHARD D. RUPPERT



During his 16-year tenure as the third president of the former Medical College of Ohio, Dr. Richard D. Ruppert, who died at age 81 last October, not only were clinical services and biomedical research activities increased, but the School of Nursing, School of Allied Health and the Graduate School were established.

Named president in August 1977, Ruppert oversaw the completion of the campus master plan approved by the first MCO Board of Trustees; this

included construction of the 270-bed MCO Hospital, the Ida Marie Dowling Hall, the Kobacker Center, the Eleanor N. Dana Conference Center and the Toledo Hilton Hotel.

Ruppert was born in Middletown, Ohio, worked on the family farm in Franklin, Ohio, five years after graduating from high school before going to Ohio State University, where he earned a bachelor of science degree and a doctor of medicine degree. In 1959, he married a medical school classmate, Elizabeth Spencer, who also is an MCO retiree.

After completing an internal medicine internship at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center in Chicago, Ruppert returned to Ohio State, where he was a resident in gastroenterology and served as chief resident for one year. He was a professor in the Department of Medicine for nine years. He was named assistant dean of the College of Medicine in 1970 and, in 1972 became medical director for patient services.

In 1974, he became vice chancellor for health affairs at the Ohio Board of Regents until he was named MCO president in 1977. After leaving MCO, he continued community service as a member of the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority Board from 1989 to 1999. He also played leadership roles with United Way of Greater Toledo, president of the Toledo Rotary Club, the Ohio Historical Society, and was a member of the Hayes Presidential Center Board from 1996 to 2011. He also was campaign chair and president of the Fort Meigs Historical Society and president of the Torch Club in 2012.

His numerous honors included being named OSU Man of the Year in 1970, a Jefferson Award for community service in 2009, and being named Master Fellow by the American College of Physicians in 2007.

REMEMBER WHEN?

By Mary Ann Heinrichs

Remember the Kick that Won the West? That was the 30-yard field goal, kicked by Dave Crots, in the waning seconds in the football game against Bowling Green at Bowling Green. The kick was made against a strong wind and barely made it over the crossbar. Check the picture of it in Centennial Hall.

Remember the baccalaureate on the eve of commencement — an inspirational, solemn occasion.

Remember when the Dana Conference Center was first built under tons of dirt? Were you claustrophobic on your first visit there? What important use is it now being prepared for?

Remember when George Kertz lay injured behind Carter Hall because the paramedics could not find him. The dispatcher sent them to The University of Toledo.

Remember when the Faculty Wives maintained gardens in the University Hall courtyards? The colorful flowers brightened the area.

Remember when the Glass Bowl received its name and why? Also remember when they installed lights in the stadium so that we could play night games there.

IN MEMORIAM

Karen M. Ackerman, Swanton, a former MCO employee who worked in students grants, died Oct. 28 at age 70.

Mike Amrhein, Lombard, Ill., a graduate assistant for baseball in 2004 and 2005, died July 5 at age 37.

Joanne N. (Haisch) Appeddu, Perrysburg, died Aug. 22 at age 74. The former UT instructor received a master's degree in education and media technology from the University in 1969.

James E. Arbaugh, Toledo, professor emeritus of business technology, died Sept. 3 at age 83. He received a bachelor of business administration degree in marketing from UT in 1956 and returned to his alma mater to be an instructor in commercial studies. Arbaugh became an assistant professor and served as chair of the Department of Business Technology. During his 35 years at the University, he served on Faculty Senate, as chair of the University Y Board of Managers, and as faculty adviser to Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Paul L. Arndt, Toledo, a former part-time instructor of marketing, died Nov. 2 at age 73. The 1962 UT alumnus received a bachelor's degree in business administration. Arndt was a member of the UT Presidents Club and the Rocket Club.

Dr. Winfield S. "Ed" Bollinger, Toledo, professor emeritus of political science, died Aug. 25 at age 76. He joined the UT faculty as an assistant professor of political science in 1967. Winfield served as director of the Criminal Justice Program and helped establish a degree program for police officers. He retired in 2000.

Amelia M. (Jurasek) Brady, Toledo, former secretary at MCO, died Oct. 7 at age 82.

Warren E. Buckey, Naples, Fla., and Ludington, Mich., died Oct. 2 at age 86. In 1980, Ohio Gov. James Rhodes appointed Buckey to a nine-year term on the UT Board of Trustees. The Toledo lawyer and certified public accountant served as chairman of the board for six consecutive years. He also was chairman of two presidential search committees that selected Dr. James McComas and Dr. Frank Horton as the 12th and 13th presidents of the University, respectively. From 1990 to 1996, Buckey was a member of the UT Foundation Board of Trustees. The Barberton, Ohio, native was a member of the Presidents Club. Tributes may be made to the Warren and Jan Buckey Graduate School Scholarship Fund through the UT Foundation.

Dr. Martha E. Carroll, Toledo, professor emerita of special education, died July 10 at age 72. She joined the UT faculty as an assistant professor in 1974 and later was promoted to associate professor and professor. During her career, Carroll served as chair of the Special Education Services Department for seven years. In 1992, she received one of UT's Outstanding Teacher Awards. Five years later, she was recognized as one of the University's Outstanding Advisers. Carroll worked with community organizations such as the Maumee Valley Girl Scouts and the Learning Disabilities Association to teach leaders how to work with individuals with disabilities. She retired from UT in 1999. Tributes may be made to the Martha E. Carroll Swimming Fund at the UT Foundation.

Bobby B. "Bob" Clark, Toledo, a UT police officer from 1968 until his retirement in 1997, died Nov. 12 at age 80.

Linda M. Cook, Temperance, Mich., a former clerical specialist at MCO/MUO, died July 17 at age 70.

Clara E. Corona, Toledo, a former UT employee, died June 25 at age 85.

Willie M. Davis, Toledo, who worked at UT more than three decades, died Oct. 25 at age 65. She joined the staff in 1980 and worked in Athletics for many years before moving to the Physics and Astronomy Department, where she was a secretary until her retirement in 2011.

Mary M. Durfy, Allen Park, Mich., died June 22 at age 94. For more than 20 years, she was a volunteer with the Satellites Auxiliary and worked in the former MCO gift shop.

Jo Ann Earlywine, Toledo, a registered nurse at MCO from 1975 until her retirement in 1998, died May 8 at age 78.

Carl D. Everage, Toledo, a custodian in 2008 and 2009, died Oct. 27 at age 51.

Dr. Ahmad M. Farhoud, Toledo, associate professor of engineering technology, died Nov. 15 at age 49. He received three degrees from UT: a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering in 1985, a master of science degree in 1987 and a doctorate in 1992. Farhoud began

teaching at his alma mater in 2000 when he joined the Engineering Technology Department as an assistant professor. Six years later, he received tenure and was promoted to associate professor. Farhoud also served as an undergraduate adviser for electrical engineering technology. In 2004, he received the College of Engineering's Outstanding Teacher Award.

Jo Ann Ford, Toledo, a former UT employee, died Oct. 30 at age 65.

Lucille Griffin, Toledo, who worked at UT nearly 30 years, died Oct. 6 at age 89. She joined the UT staff as a domestic worker in 1972, became a custodian in 1973, and retired in 1990.

Richard "Dick" Haberstock, Waterville, Ohio, a former volunteer at MCO, died Nov. 14 at age 82.

Jeanette Harper, Toledo, who worked as a hospital aide in Sterile Processing at MCO from 1969 until her retirement in 1998, died Oct. 5 at age 74.

Josephine A. (Ulibaldi) Hibbeln, Ogden, Utah, UT associate professor of nursing science for 30 years, died June 19 at age 77. She received a master's degree in nursing in 1989 and a nurse practitioner certification from MCO.

Theodore E. Hubler, Northwood, who worked at UT in Information Technology from 1986 until his retirement in 2006, died Aug. 13 at age 66. He was hired as a computer operator and named manager of computer repair in 1991. Hubler returned to the University in 2008 and worked as a computer operator 2 until 2009.

Reynaldo G. Jaso, Gibsonburg, Ohio, who was a custodian at UT from 1985 until his retirement in 1995, died May 31 at age 83.

Daniel J. Kalo, Vero Beach, Fla., a former UT instructor, died April 22 at age 64.

Delwin N. Ketterman, Toledo and Marblehead, Ohio, a longtime part-time faculty member of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, died July 21 at age 75. He received a bachelor's degree in education in 1960 from the University, where he played football for the Rockets. Ketterman was a member of the UT Alumni Association and the Varsity T Club.

Lynne R. King, Maumee, a former volunteer at UT Medical Center, died Nov. 19 at age 77.

Florence E. Kirian, Toledo, died Nov. 5 at age 92. She was an accounting clerk at the Maumee Valley Hospital and later at the Medical College of Ohio from 1951 until her retirement as a clerical supervisor in 1976. She volunteered at the hospital as a member of the Satellites; she was a finance officer for the auxiliary.

Dr. Kathleen E. "Kay" Korthuis, Lambertville, Mich., died Oct. 6 at age 78. She joined the MCO faculty as an instructor of medical-surgical nursing and as a health clinician in 1973. She left in 1986 and returned six years later. When Korthuis retired in 1996, she was a professor and associate dean in the College of Nursing Graduate Program. She received a doctorate in guidance and counselor education from UT in 1982.

John Kutsch Sr., Oregon, Ohio, a respiratory therapist at UT Medical Center, died Nov. 3 at age 58. He joined the MCO staff in 2003.

Lucille R. Laskiewicz, Toledo, a former employee of the UT Bookstore, died July 1 at age 87.

Edgar E. Maddux III, Swanton, a paramedic at MCO until 2002, died April 29 at age 50.

JoAnn F. Maher, Parrish, Fla., an alumna of UT and local educator who supported girls' athletics and their equal participation in sports at area schools following Title IX, died Dec. 16 at age 79. She was a member of the UT Athletic Board and served one term as chair. Maher also was a lifetime member of the UT Alumni Association and served on its board. She received bachelor and master of education degrees from the University in 1955 and 1980, respectively. Her husband has established the JoAnn Francis and James E. Maher Scholarship in her honor through the UT Foundation.

Ilesha McCadney, Toledo, a clerk in Human Resources and Talent Development, died Aug. 7. She was 34. She started working at UT in 2006, became a customer service representative in 2008, and was named a clerk in 2009. McCadney was an alumna of The University of Toledo; she received a bachelor of science degree in individualized programs in 2005. She was working on a master's degree.

Mary Joy McCoy, Toledo, former medical billing specialist at MCO, died Oct. 6 at age 72.

Karen McGruder, Washington, D.C., a former employee who worked in Carlson Library, died June 9 at age 54.

Dr. William J. Meyer, Maumee, died Aug. 12 at age 84. He was a clinical assistant professor in the MCO Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology from 1972 through 1995.

Stephany Cichy-Mikolajczyk Mikols, Sylvania, a UT employee for more than two decades, died Aug. 9 at age 62. She was hired as a clerical specialist in the Graduate School in 1989 and later worked in the College of Arts and Sciences before becoming a secretary in the Placement Office. In 1996, she became a secretary 2 in the Geology/Environmental Sciences Department and was promoted to business services officer in the Department of Physics and Astronomy in 2006. She retired in 2011. Mikols received a bachelor of science degree in administrative services from the University in 1998.

Dorothy C. (Downey) Mohler, Sylvania, a former MCO employee who in Mulford Library, died June 16 at age 90. She received master of arts and education specialist degrees from UT in 1979 and 1988, respectively.

Bea (Onsted) Noble, Toledo, a former MCO employee, died May 5 at age 81.

Chester W. Operacz, Holland, Ohio, who retired as a locksmith from the University, died Nov. 8 at age 93.

James R. Osborne, Northwood, a former MCO security officer, died Aug. 29 at age 69.

Dr. Cloyd A. Payne Jr., Toledo, died June 26 at age 72. He was a part-time faculty member in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, where he taught since 1986. Payne received his doctorate from UT in 1978.

Stella L. Prichard, Toledo, died Oct. 14 at age 92. She was a member of the Satellites Auxiliary who worked in the original gift shop at the hospital and on Escapades International for 18 years.

Virginia "Jennie" K. Riedy, Columbus, a former nurse at UT Medical Center, died Oct. 23 at age 60.

Paul A. Rioux, Toledo, a part-time instructor in the Engineering Technology Department, died Aug. 18 at age 78. Since 2007, he taught Metal Machining and Process Lab. He is survived by Allen Rioux, associate professor and chair of engineering technology.

Bryan A. Rogers, Novi, Mich., died July 5 at age 86. He was a charter member of the UT Business Advisory Council and was on the advisory board for the former UT Community and Technical College.

Kenneth Russell, Monclova, who taught CPR at MCO/MUO/UT Medical Center for many years, died Sept. 1 at age 77. He became a certified instructor of cardiopulmonary resuscitation in 1982 and began teaching.

Margaret Schneider, Toledo, a secretary in the College of Law from 1971 until her retirement in 1981, died Aug. 20 at age 95.

Joanne Schwartzberg, Toledo, associate professor emerita of nursing, died May 6 at age 77. She joined the MCO faculty as an assistant professor in the College of Nursing in 1973. Over the years, she made substantive contributions to the instructional curriculum and teaching of both undergraduate and graduate students. Schwartzberg served as associate dean for the Registered Nurse Program and collaborated on a number of geriatric research projects. She retired in 1994.

Consuelo Temple Scott, Toledo, a former MCO employee who attended UT in the 1960s, died April 27 at age 82.

David LeRoyd Shaffer, Toledo, died May 11 at age 70. He was a grants accountant at UT for more than a decade and served as a financial officer for the Associated Physicians of MCO.

Paula J. (Moehlman) Shaffer, Toledo, an employee of MCO for 25 years, died July 31 at age 53. She was hired as a nurse in 1982. She retired as nursing director of the fifth floor in 2007. Shaffer received a bachelor of science degree in nursing from UT in 1981 and a master of science degree in nursing from MCO in 1998.

Richard L. Sheets, Perrysburg, died July 25 at age 41. He was a project manager in Facilities from 2008 to 2012.

Elizabeth J. Smith-Ensign, Toledo, a former secretary at MCO, died July 15 at age 87. In 2009, she received a bachelor of arts degree from UT.

William R. Smith, professor emeritus of theatre known for detailed set and costume designs, died Sept. 14 at age 74 in his Toledo home. Smith joined the UT Department of Theatre in 1972. His creativity was in the spotlight. He conceptualized and supervised construction of costumes for more than 50 University productions, including "Evita," "House of Blue Leaves," "Our Town," "Glass Menagerie" and "Travesties." His set designs graced the stage for "The Visit," "The Measures Taken," "The Way of the World," "The Miser," "Dangerous Liaisons" and "Monkey Music." Smith's baritone voice echoed throughout the theater during rehearsals for UT plays that he directed: "Candide," "Agnes of God," "Medea," "The Scarf," "Equus," "Chicago" and "Bent." In 1992, he was named professor emeritus. Tributes are suggested to the William R. Smith Alumni Fund, which will be for student professional development to cover the cost of travel and registration for conferences, as well as to bring in visiting artists to conduct workshops. Contributions through the UT Foundation can be made online at <https://give2ut.utoledo.edu>.

Edward G. Studer, Perrysburg, died Nov. 2 at age 90. He volunteered as a patient advocate and greeter at MCO.

Lawrence E. Trausch, Toledo, a former lay minister at MCO, died May 21 at age 75.

Paul L. Vahle, Toledo, who had worked with the UT ROTC Program and was a longtime member of the Lady Rockets Fan Club, died April 26 at age 87.

Pamela D. Van Camp, Toledo, who played an integral role in the creation of the UT Sexual Assault Education and Prevention Program in the early 1990s, died May 12 at age 64.

Maybelle Waldeck, Toledo, a clerk typist in the UT library in 1969 and 1970, died Sept. 25 at age 87.

Dr. Robert E. Walden, Toledo, MCO professor emeritus of psychiatry, died Oct. 12 at age 92. He was hired in 1968 as an associate professor of psychiatry and an associate professor of community medicine. He helped develop classes for the first students who started in 1969. An advocate for humane care for those with mental illness, Walden served as director of psychiatric inpatient services and played a part in developing MCO's first clinical psychiatric unit. In 1970, he was asked to plan a center that would provide a wide range of health services when the Model Cities program contracted with MCO. One year later, the Cordelia Martin Health Center opened, and Walden was its director. He served on the MCO Affirmative Action and Admissions committees. In addition, he was an adjunct associate professor of psychiatry at The University of Toledo and was a past president of the Ohio Psychiatric Association.

J. Thomas Ward, Maumee, died July 16 at age 78. In 1965, he was named acting director of UT's Stranahan Arboretum and helped develop the 47-acre site bounded by Sylvania Avenue and Corey Road.

Dr. J. Hugh Webb, Toledo, died April 19 at age 90. He was appointed to the volunteer faculty rank of clinical associate of neurosurgery in 1970 and was clinical associate professor of neurological surgery when he left in 1999.

Doris (Collins) Williams, North Fort Myers, Fla., a former nurse at MCO, died June 7 at age 83.

Genevieve "Jean" Zalecki, Whitehouse, a former MCO employee, died May 9 at age 77. The last position she held was secretary 2 in the Pathology Department.

Sharon L. (Dickens) Zupancic, Maumee, a secretary in the MCO Family Medicine Department from 1998 to 2001, died May 15 at age 65.



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