

Tower Talk

Sandra Koepke, editor

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

One of the things that makes me very proud to be a part of UTRA is the fact that our organization continues to provide scholarship support to numerous students, both on Main Campus and Health Science Campus. I have had the wonderful opportunity to meet many of our scholarship recipients, and I continue to be impressed by the caliber of the undergraduate and graduate students to whom we provide financial assistance. I know that these students are appreciative of our support. It is the generosity of the UT retiree community, through their gifts to our two scholarship funds, that allows us to do this.

Pam Pullella, UTRA Scholarship Committee chair, has been hard at work putting together a fundraising campaign for our UTRA Scholarship Fund. When you receive this solicitation, I ask that you think of the students who already have been helped by this scholarship and of those students who will benefit in the years to come, and that you then make the decision to join us in supporting the UTRA Scholarship Fund.

I also want to thank Keith Schlender, Health Science Campus Retirees Scholarship Committee chair, for leading efforts this past year to raise money for the HSC Retirees Scholarship. Once again we asked our retirees to support this scholarship, and once again our members came through with their support.

In addition, I thank all of the members of our two scholarship committees. These committee members recognize the importance of our scholarships and give of their time and energy to support these efforts.

And finally, of course, I want to again thank all of our UTRA members who have been generous in the past, and for what I hope will be a continuing support of our scholarships. We should all take great pride in the support UTRA provides to our students.

On another note, Bill Logie, along with Dan Saevig and Ryan Hieber from our Alumni Relations Office, worked over the summer to get clarification on the use of the UT Medical Center by our OPERS members who are under Humana. As you will read in this issue, our members under the Humana plan who use UTMC will be treated as though they are "in network." That is certainly great news.

UTRA members will once again find a wide variety of upcoming programs and activities to take their minds off the cold and the snow. Please check them out. I look forward to seeing you at our events!

James W. Lapp, President
UTRA

NEW SCULPTURE FLOWS ON MAIN CAMPUS

Judith Greavu pays tribute to the Ottawa River with her sculpture titled "Current Forces."

The work consists of three cast bronze sections mounted on six brass tubes; it weighs more than 1,000 pounds and is 15 feet long, 5 feet wide and 10 feet tall. It recently was installed on the south side of Bowman-Oddy Laboratories and Wolfe Hall.

"The piece evokes the course of the Ottawa River as it flows through two counties and shows the shape and form and depth of the river," said Dr. Steven LeBlanc, executive associate dean for academic affairs and professor in the College of Engineering, who is chair of the Campus Environs and Beautification Committee. "The piece complements the educational and research interests of several of the academic departments that occupy the Bowman-Oddy complex." Greavu said, "The surface of the water gives only hints of the

life forms that inhabit a stream. The large lower surfaces of the 'water' — the cast bronze sections — in the sculpture allow for imagery and textural development that show some of those life forms."

Indeed, close inspection of the dry verdigris patina discovers a turtle, deer and raccoon tracks, mussels and fish. And five fused glass circles feature fish and crayfish in the artwork. When the sun strikes these spots, it's reminiscent of light on the river.



"Current Forces" by Judith Greavu was inspired by the Ottawa River. The new sculpture recently was installed south of Bowman-Oddy Laboratories and Wolfe Hall.

"The glass medium enhances the watery expression of the sculpture," Greavu said.

The river image also could be seen as a visual metaphor for the diverse and dynamic science disciplines housed in Bowman-Oddy Laboratories and Wolfe Hall.

"I hope viewers see beyond the 'story' of the river and the life forms and the symbolism to recognize the purely formal visual forces of the piece," Greavu said.

She was selected from approximately 20 artists from across Ohio who submitted proposals, according to LeBlanc. The artist is known for her work that is fluid and symbolic of nature. Greavu was an associate professor of art at Ohio Northern University from 1985 until her retirement in 2005. Funding for "Current Forces" came from the Ohio Percent for Art Program related to the renovation of Bowman-Oddy Laboratories and Wolfe Hall.

COOL, CLEAR WATERS

By Augusta Askari

Have you recently taken a stroll along the banks of the Ottawa River as it flows through UT's Bancroft Campus? Have you noticed how the water ripples over and eddies around strategically placed rocks and fallen trees? Have you realized that you are able to see sunlight and shadows playing tag through the branches of mature trees along the banks of the river? Did you peer over the bridge railings to watch some of the 40 different native species of fish swimming underneath or hiding nearby while protected by concrete barriers projecting into the river? Did you enjoy a picnic lunch as you rested on a bench by the Ottawa River? Have you admired panoramic vistas made visible following removal of invasive non-native plants that formerly grew wildly along the banks? Did you see some of the 300 newly planted indigenous plants? Have you ever considered the Herculean efforts required to remove unsightly debris and to restore some of the features natural to the Ottawa River?

The Ottawa River restoration work on 3,700 feet of the waterway on UT's Main Campus began in 2005 with the formation of the UT President's Commission on the River, headed by Dr. Patrick Lawrence, professor and chair of the UT Department of Geography and Planning. The project was funded by a \$235,000 grant from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and a \$151,000 grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. This project was supported by several other organizations, including the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments, EnviroScience, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Partners for Clean Streams and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Faculty, staff, students and volunteers worked together to achieve the physically challenging task of clearing underbrush and preparing for industrial machinery to

REMEMBER WHEN?

By Mary Ann Heinrichs

Remember how you felt on that first day when you became a member of the University? What were your expectations; did they materialize?

Remember when they put a dirt floor in the Memorial Field House so that the athletes could practice football and baseball?

Remember when the itinerant tenant in the "Blue Room" above the stage in Doermann Theater was discovered. Apparently, he established a comfortable home for himself. Rumor said that he even had an electric blanket.

Remember when Vice President Lance Thompson was almost the only one watching the UT girls' basketball games? When did they change the name to "women's basketball team"?

Remember when the UT Chorus appeared on "The Ed Sullivan Show" in 1958? Did you know anyone who was a member of the group?

Remember when the Student Union had bowling lanes? Or when did the faculty and staff bowling leagues begin?

place aquatic improvements such as huge boulders and logs to mimic the river's natural flow patterns.

The Sept. 20 ribbon-cutting dedication ceremony celebrating the habitat restoration was attended by UTRA President Jim Lapp and his wife, Nancy and Shirley Joseph.

On Sept. 21, several UTRA members, including Jim and Nancy Lapp, Shirley Joseph, Nancy Wellman, Lynn Brand and Betty McKissen, volunteered at the registration table for the annual Clean Your Streams Day.



UTRA members Nancy Lapp, Shirley Joseph, Augusta Askari and Nancy Wellman volunteered at the registration table for Clean Your Streams Day.



UTRA members Lynn Brand, Jim and Nancy Lapp listened to Dr. Patrick Lawrence give instructions for the community-wide volunteer effort called Clean Your Streams, which was held Sept. 21. Lawrence, professor and chair of geography and planning, is chair of the President's Commission on the River.

UTRA SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

By Pamela Pullella

UTRA had some wonderful applicants this year for our scholarship. The Scholarship Committee was faced with the daunting task of choosing only two students to receive scholarships.

Matthew Hankenhof (son of Barbara Hankenhof) was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. Matt is a senior majoring in civil engineering with a minor in entrepreneurship and small business. His goal is to one day be in a management position on construction projects. He is well on this way to achieving that goal. He has served internships with the Ohio EPA and with Rudolph Libbe. An Eagle Scout, Matt has run his own lawn care business since 2005. While he was very involved in high school, Matt has continued in leadership positions throughout his college career. A member of Tau Beta Pi (engineering honor society), Matt has volunteered with Habitat for Humanity, Catholic Student Association, Levis Leadership Program, Rocket-to-Rocket Program and many more. Matt stated in his essay, "The experiences taught me time management skills, flexibility, customer satisfaction and leadership."

Patrick Winslow (grandson of Lowell Gill and great-grandson of June Baldwin Winslow) was awarded a \$500 scholarship. Patrick is a sophomore majoring in chemical engineering. He graduated as salutatorian from high school and has worked part time with Gordon Food Service and Press Publications. During middle school, Patrick became involved backstage during live theater productions — an interest that continues today. He has participated in Drama Club and worked as a stage manager. One of his greatest accomplishments was receiving the Sharlow Award for outstanding student technician.

Congratulations to our scholarship awardees!

HEALTH SCIENCE CAMPUS SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

By Keith Schlender

One of the major goals of the Health Science Campus retirees is to recognize outstanding students by providing scholarships 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 \$1,000 scholarships in each of the four colleges on the HSC: Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Nursing, Medicine and Life Sciences, and Graduate Studies.

The recipient in the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences is Tessa Conner. Tessa, a native of Dalton, Ohio, received the bachelor of science in pharmaceutical sciences pharmacy health-care administration. She was competitively selected to receive both admission and a teaching assistantship in the master of science in pharmacy health-care administration program for fall 2013. Tessa's selection was based on her high level of academic excellence and her involvement in service and professional efforts. As an undergraduate student, she was active in the Lambda Kappa Sigma fraternity, where she participated in several events such as Project Hope. Professionally, under the direction of Cindy Puffer at UT Medical Center, Tessa was involved in several projects focusing on improving the pharmacy-services related patient experience. Her experiences at UTMC were vital in her decision to attend graduate school.

The recipient of the scholarship in the College of Nursing is Chandni Patel. Chandni is in her second year in the doctor of nursing practice degree program, and this is the second year she has been selected for a scholarship. She graduated May 2012 magna cum laude with a UT bachelor of science degree in nursing. While an undergraduate, Chandni served as a board member for 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. Her academic and scholarly performance in the doctor of nursing practice degree program has been outstanding. She achieved a 4.0 GPA in her first year. This past year, she had a poster presentation of her research titled "Evaluating Best Teaching Practices in Faculty Teaching Second Degree Nursing Students" at the Quality and Safety Education for Nurses (QSEN) Forum 2013, an oral presentation on this topic at Sigma Theta Tau International 42nd Biennial Convention in November, and again at Lourdes University QSEN conference in June.

The recipient of the scholarship in the College of Medicine and Life Sciences is Chris Traner. Chris is a second year medical student from Strongsville, Ohio. He is a cum laude graduate from Miami University with a bachelor's degree in biochemistry, economics and zoology. On campus, Chris is involved in many activities. He serves as the College of Medicine Ambassador for Medical Student Council, and together with a third-year student launched a medical school mentorship program for pre-health professional undergraduates at both UT and Bowling Green State University. That program is in its second year and has around 70 medical student-undergraduate pairs participating. Additionally, he helped welcome the

college class of 2017 last summer at orientation, and was a lead tour guide for the April 2013 Liaison Committee on Medical Education accreditation site visit. He is the 2013-14 director of medical procedures for the Community Care Clinic, which operates free health clinics at the Mildred Bayer Clinic for the Homeless and at the Cedar Creek Church South Campus. He is responsible for training first-year physician assistant and medical students the skills necessary to work with the clinic patients. Last summer, he helped the anatomy faculty create new learning tools for this year's anatomy course for physician assistant and medical students, as well as assisted in organizing the new Liberato Didio and Peter Goldblatt Interactive Museum of Anatomy and Pathology. Chris is working on a retrospective case study that he hopes to have published in an anatomy educational journal. To help future medical students, Chris has mentored premedical students through the Medical College Admissions Test process as well as created effective study plans for the exam. He has assisted the college Admissions Committee by hosting meet-and-greet events the evening before medical school applicants are interviewed and serves as a tour guide the day they are interviewed. His main interest is pursuing a career in academic medicine. Chris plans to apply to residency programs in either physical medicine and rehabilitation or neurology. In his "spare time," Chris likes playing the saxophone and he reports that he has "loved nearly every minute of his UT medical school experience."

The scholarship for the College of Graduate Studies is shared by two students: Qiming Duan and Yi Yao. Qiming joined the biomedical sciences cardiovascular and metabolic track as a PhD candidate in 2009. Both in the classroom (GPA of 3.76) and in the laboratory, he is one of the most successful students in the program. He is doing his dissertation research under the mentorship of Dr. Sandrine Pierre. Her laboratory studies specific intracellular pathways involved in the integrated response of the myocardium to ischemia-reperfusion injury, i.e., heart attack. By combining techniques of molecular and cell biology with assessments of cardiac function, Qiming's research unraveled a new mechanism by which ischemia-reperfusion injury leads to cardiac cell death. His studies may lead to the development of novel approaches for therapeutic intervention for the treatment of myocardial infarction. Qiming's research has contributed to three published co-authored manuscripts, one in the American Journal of Physiology-Heart Physiology and two in the Journal of Biological Chemistry, and two first-author manuscripts in preparation as he finishes his fourth year in the program. He has presented his work before leaders

in the field at regional, national and international meetings. Qiming was selected as a semifinalist at the 2013 HSC Graduate Student Research Forum Poster Competition. He has made significant progress toward his dissertation research and is well on track for the completion of his degree in 2014. Qiming's enthusiasm and community involvement goes beyond basic sciences. He is described as a very active and warm-hearted individual involved in campus life. He served as a student representative on the Biomedical Science Council from June 2011 to June 2012.

Yi is a fifth-year PhD student in the graduate program of biomedical sciences. She joined Dr. Akira Takashima's laboratory in the infection, immunity and transplantation track in 2010. She has made outstanding achievements in her academic education (GPA of 3.87) and scientific research. The major research interest of Takashima's laboratory is in the biology of two specific types of immune cell: dendritic cells and neutrophils. These cells help to protect the human body from infectious bacteria and other insults. Yi has made significant contributions to the recent discovery of a new immune cell population, termed "hybrid," which exhibits properties of both dendritic cells and neutrophils. For example, these hybrid cells can capture and kill bacteria rapidly and, at the same time, help target these same bacteria to other immune cells for additional killing techniques against them. In essence, the hybrid cells play dual protective roles against bacterial infection. Yi co-authored two scientific papers that were published in Blood in 2013 and a recent paper accepted for publication in PLoS One, describing the above discovery. In her dissertation project, Yi has been studying mechanisms regulating the activation of neutrophils against bacterial invaders. Briefly, she found that neutrophil activation takes place in a sequential manner (one step after another), and she developed a system to actually see the dynamic behaviors of activated neutrophils in living animals. She presented her scientific experiments at the international 46th Annual Meeting of Society of Leukocyte Biology in October 2013 in Rhode Island. Her findings contribute knowledge to the scientific world of many inflammatory diseases, such as rheumatoid arthritis, psoriasis, inflammatory bowel disease and atherosclerosis. In addition to her scientific and academic excellence, Yi has played leadership roles in various community activities. Most notably, she served as the president of the Chinese Student and Scholar Associations from 2011 to 2013. Her warmth and compassion are well-recognized in the UT community.

Our goal for the coming academic year is to again grant four \$1,000 scholarships.

UPCOMING EVENTS 2014-2015

- Wed., Jan. 15, local Toledo historian Clint Mauk will speak on the Ohio/Michigan War, Driscoll Alumni Center Schmakel Room, 1 p.m.
- Sun., Jan. 26, Toledo Walleyes vs. Greenville Road Warriors, all-American buffet and game, \$33 includes bus
- Sat., Feb. 15, lunch with the Golden Alumni Society and Lady Rockets game vs. Ohio University, time and cost TBA
- Sun., Feb. 16, Toledo Opera Gala "Ladies in Red," Valentine Theatre, 2 p.m., \$32
- Feb. 23-Mar. 2, Florida and Bahamas cruise, reservations through Grand American Tours
- Wed., Mar. 5, Ritter Planetarium program on black holes, 1 p.m., \$5
- Fri., Mar. 14, Dr. Murthy Gokula and Dr. Gayle Kamm will speak on problems with medications, Driscoll Alumni Center Schmakel Room, 1 p.m.
- Fri., Apr. 4, opening night of "Cabaret" at the UT Center for Performing Arts, 7:30 p.m., \$12
- Mon., Apr. 14, joint meeting with BGSURA in Bowling Green, details TBA
- Tues., Apr. 22, Toledo Museum of Art docent-led tour of the exhibit "The Art of the Louvre's Tuileries Garden," 2:30 p.m., \$5
- Thurs., May 1, Hoen's Nursery. "How to" of container gardening; bring own supplies or purchase there; plants are 10 percent off and dirt is free, 11 a.m.
- May 17-23, bus tour to Atlantic City, Philadelphia and New York, \$499/person double occupancy
- May, walk in Toledo Botanical Gardens, details TBA
- Wed., June 11, annual meeting, Belmont Country Club, 11:30 a.m., cost TBA
- June, Sauder Village, details TBA
- Fri., July 18, Toledo Mud Hens game and buffet, 7 p.m., cost TBA
- Wed., Aug. 6, performance of "The Last Romance," Purple Rose Theater in Chelsea, Mich., 3 p.m., \$25
- Aug. 18-22, bus trip to Mackinac Island, \$469/person double occupancy, details TBA
- Sept., Rockets football game, details TBA
- Oct., chocolate tasting, details TBA
- Nov., tour of the National Museum of the Great Lakes, details TBA
- Dec., annual holiday party, details TBA

Thursday Lunch Bunch dates

- Jan. 16, Gradkowski's, 1440 Secor Road, 1 p.m.
- Feb. 20, Uncle John's Pancake House, 3131 Secor Road, 10:30 a.m.
- Mar. 20, Doc Watson's, 1515 S. Byrne Rd., 1 p.m.
- Apr. 17, Aladdin's Eatery, 4038 Talmadge Road, 1 p.m.
- May 15, Real Seafood at the Docks, 1 p.m.
- June 19, Miss Lily's, 24174 Front St., Grand Rapids, 1 p.m.
- July 17, Carrabba's, 3405 Briarfield Blvd., Maumee, 1 p.m.
- Aug. 2, IHOP, 6535 Airport Hwy., Holland, 10:30 a.m.
- Sept. 18, Shawn's Irish Tavern, 7436 W. Bancroft St., 1 p.m.

Contact Bobbie Raeder, rootig@bex.net, if you would like to be included on a monthly reminder e-mail list.

Cards and games

- Second Tuesday of each month, 2 to 4 p.m., The Hotel restaurant on Health Science Campus, ample parking in front of hotel

For additional information, contact George Kertz at gkertz@utoledo.edu.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

By Nancy Wellman

Membership is planning to hold a reception for new retirees Friday, Feb. 21, from 10:30 to noon at the Grape Leaf Diner, 909 S. McCord Road, Holland. Flyers will be sent inviting new members.

The UTRA Membership Committee is working on updating the membership list, culling out duplicates and correcting spelling errors, etc.

The committee asks that any UTRA member who does not already receive information via e-mail and would like to contact Nancy Wellman at meadbakes@french.toast.net.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

I am a volunteer with the Area Office on Aging of Northwest Ohio. I am looking for volunteers for the Project MORE, a volunteer reading mentoring program for kindergarten through third-grade students who need assistance with or are at risk for reading failure.

I am interested in connecting with retirees who may be looking to share their time a few hours a week with one of these children.

If you would like to volunteer, contact Jackie Simpson at the Area Office on Aging of Northwest Ohio at 419-382-0624, ext. 2218.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

By Patricia Harmon

The annual meeting was held at Belmont Country Club in Perrysburg. After a delicious lunch, new UTRA board members were introduced. A 50/50 raffle added money to the scholarship fund. And members enjoyed talking to old friends.

Our annual trip to a Mud Hens game was June 21. We enjoyed the all-American buffet in the Nest and then watched the game. Some stayed to watch the Friday night fireworks. This annual event is always enjoyable.

The lodge at Strawberry Acres was the site for our summer picnic. It was an opportunity to enjoy an afternoon of good food provided by members as well as delicious catered food. Some played croquet, others tossed horseshoes. It should be noted the rules were bent because we had not played for many, many years. There were card players and others who just enjoyed talking with friends.

In August, some members went to the Croswell Opera House to a performance of "42nd Street" and enjoyed a meal at the Stable Restaurant. The play was well done; we will go again.

Several of our members enjoyed our annual trip to the casino. The buffet was excellent. We have no reports of wins and losses.

One of our new activities this year was going to the Rockets first home football game. We enjoyed the hospitality at the Alumni Pavilion. Hotdogs and chips

are free. The tailgating, the band and students all made for a very festive atmosphere. And best of all the Rockets won.

Dr. Andy Jorgensen, UT associate professor of chemistry, talked to us about climate change and what the future may bring. His knowledge and presentation was enlightening. The severe storms we have had recently remind us to take notice.

We took a walk with a naturalist at Side Cut Metropark on a foggy morning in early October. Twenty of us saw blue herons, ospreys and had to duck so falling walnuts would not hit our heads. The river was very low; we could have walked across to an island in the river. The fog gave the morning an eerie feel.

The Sandpiper cruise was sold-out. Sixty of us went up the river past parks and big homes and under bridges. Local historian Fred Folger provided commentary as well as Mary Dalby, the boat captain. We saw the widest place in the river and saw many birds. Lunch was provided by Marco's Pizza. It was a perfect day to be on the river; the weather was great.

Dick Eppstein, director of the Better Business Bureau, talked to a roomful of retirees about scams and schemes to take your money. Many of these scams have been around for a long time, but people still fall for them. Seniors are often targeted. He also talked about charitable giving and said many organizations spend more on advertising and salaries than what goes to charity. He suggested giving to local charities.

VIRGINIA BEACH



Bus trip to Virginia Beach was enjoyed by UTRA members. Rainbows, cruise and visit to gardens and naval base were some of the highlights.

BELMONT LUNCHEON

Belmont Country Club was the location for the annual meeting in June.



MUD HENS

UTRA retirees had fun on the first day of summer at the Mud Hens game. There was a buffet in the Nest and fireworks after the game.



PICNIC

Summer picnic at Strawberry Acres included lots of food, conversation and games.



PLAY "42ND STREET"



UTRA members had lunch at the Main Street Stable in Blissfield, Mich., and watched the play "42nd Street" at the Croswell Opera House in Adrian, Mich.

HOLLYWOOD CASINO

Gambling and lunch at the Hollywood Casino is an end of summer event.



SIDE CUT

A guided walk in October at Side Cut Metropark was taken by UTRA retirees.



TAILGATE PAVILION

September pre-game party was held in the Alumni Pavilion prior to kickoff.



SANDPIPER CRUISE



Beautiful fall color cruise on the Maumee River was well attended by UTRA members.

BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU TALK



Richard T. Eppstein of the Better Business Bureau was very informative and entertaining to a full house in the Driscoll Alumni Center.



BENEFITS COMMITTEE UPDATE

By William Logie

We have several important updates to provide our members this month.

As many of you were aware, if you are an OPERS member with Medicare, the current Humana Supplemental plan lists our own hospital as "out of network." Thanks to Dan Saevig and his staff, we met with the head of the hospital, Norma Tomlinson, and Chief Financial Officer Bryan Pyles and they agreed that anyone with Humana would be treated as if they were in network! We also learned that OPERS negotiated an exclusive with ProMedica thereby excluding not only our state hospital, but Ohio State University as well. Something for our legislative affairs people to consider?

In other news, Dan is extending all the appropriate alumni benefits and discounts to all our retiree members. They will be issuing a new membership card that will tie to your date of enrollment in the retiree association. For example, if you joined the association in September, your renewal will be sent out for the following September, rather than in January of the new year.

Your Benefits Committee has made significant progress in addressing several key issues that impact all of our retiree members. This could not have been possible without the efforts of the Alumni Office, your officers and committee members. You will be receiving a letter that outlines the specifics of the Humana plan and whom to contact if you have any issues. Additionally, your new membership cards will be included, as well as the alumni discounts update.



August 29, 2013

OPERS Membership
Address 1
Address 2
City / State Zip / Code

Dear OPERS Member:

The intent of this letter is to clarify any confusion that may exist regarding The University of Toledo Medical Center's (UTMC) network status with your health insurance plan, Humana Medicare Advantage. Technically, UTMC is out-of-network with Humana Medicare, which is why the hospital is not listed in Humana's Provider Directory; however, your health benefit plan through OPERS allows you to see any provider, regardless of network status, at no additional cost. In fact, your 2013 Coverage Guide, which can be found by visiting www.opers.org, states that, "you will not see any cost share difference if an out-of-network provider is used. Humana processes claims for any provider that accepts Medicare or Medicare assignment."

Again, please allow me to reiterate the statement that you may come to the University of Toledo Medical Center for your health care needs with no additional out-of-pocket expense due to UTMC's out-of-network status with Humana Medicare. As the areas only Academic Medical Center, please allow us the opportunity to not only provide you with the highest quality medical care, but also an excellent patient experience.

Please refer to your OPERS 2013 Coverage Guide for additional information or feel free to call me directly at (419) 383-6338.

Sincerely,

Anthony J. Westfall, MHSA
Director of Managed Care, University of Toledo Medical Center

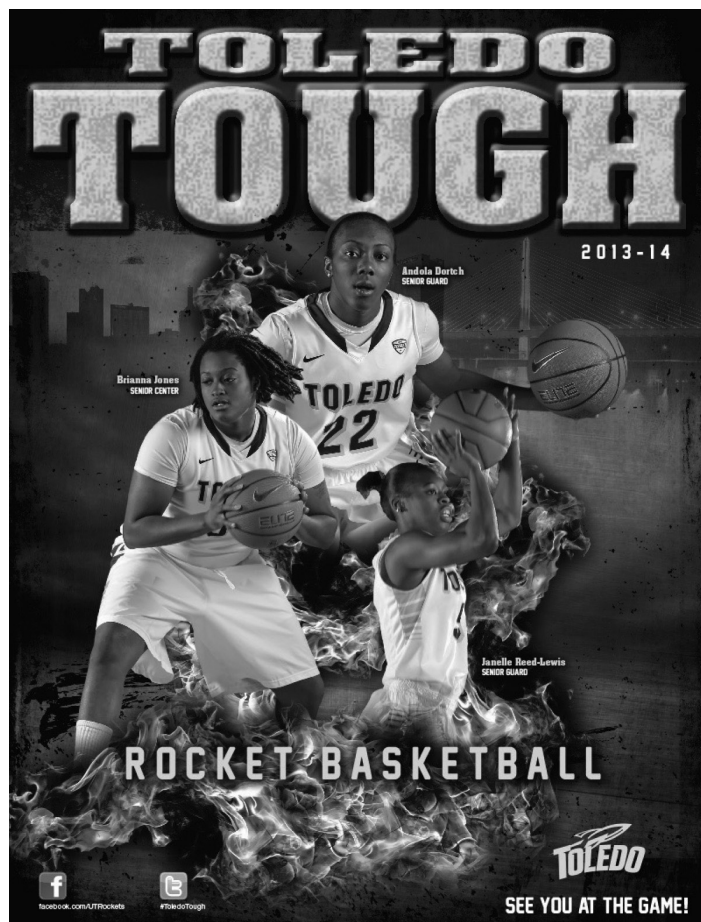
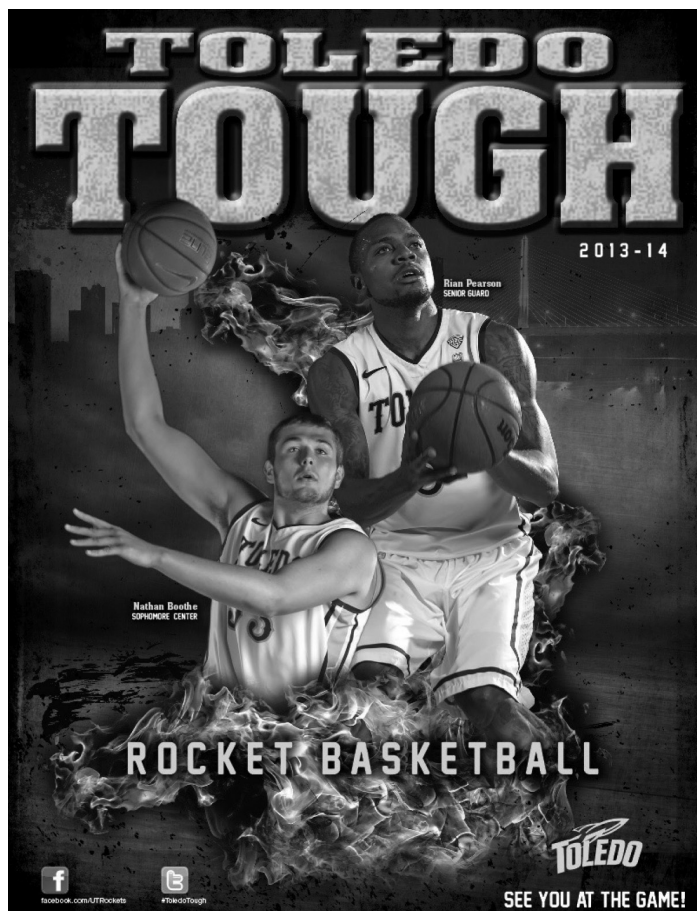
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2014 TOLEDO MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Wed.	Jan. 8 at	Western Michigan*	Kalamazoo, MI	7 p.m.
SAT.	JAN. 11	CENTRAL MICHIGAN*	SAVAGE ARENA	6 P.M.
WED.	JAN. 15	BUFFALO*	SAVAGE ARENA	7 P.M.
Sat.	Jan. 18	at Akron*	Akron, OH	TBA
WED.	JAN. 22	NORTHERN ILLINOIS*	SAVAGE ARENA	7 P.M.
SUN.	JAN. 26	KENT STATE*	SAVAGE ARENA	6 P.M.
Wed.	Jan. 29	at Miami*	Oxford, OH	7 p.m.
Sat.	Feb. 1	at Ohio*	Athens, OH	TBA
WED.	FEB. 5	BOWLING GREEN*	SAVAGE ARENA	7 P.M.
Sat.	Feb. 8	at Ball State*	Muncie, IN	2 p.m.
WED.	FEB. 12	OHIO*	SAVAGE ARENA	7 P.M.
Sat.	Feb. 15	at Eastern Michigan*	Ypsilanti, MI	2 p.m.
Thur.	Feb. 20	at Bowling Green*	Bowling Green, OH	7 p.m.
SUN.	FEB. 23	BALL STATE*	SAVAGE ARENA	6 P.M.
Wed.	Feb. 26	at Northern Illinois*	DeKalb, IL	7 p.m. (CT)
SAT.	MAR. 1	WESTERN MICHIGAN*	SAVAGE ARENA	6 P.M.
Tues.	Mar. 4 at	Central Michigan*	Mt. Pleasant, MI	7 p.m.
FRI./SAT.	MAR. 7/8	EASTERN MICHIGAN*	SAVAGE ARENA	TBA
Mon.	Mar. 10	MAC Tournament - First Round	Campus Sites	TBA

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



2014 TOLEDO WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Sat.	Jan. 4	at Central Michigan*	Mount Pleasant, MI	Noon
THUR.	JAN. 9	NORTHERN ILLINOIS*	SAVAGE ARENA	11 A.M.
SUN.	JAN. 12	MIAMI*	SAVAGE ARENA	2 P.M.
Wed.	Jan. 15	at Buffalo*	Buffalo, NY	7 p.m.
Sat.	Jan. 18	at Western Michigan*	Kalamazoo, MI	2 p.m.
THUR.	JAN. 23	BALL STATE*	SAVAGE ARENA	6 P.M.
Sun.	Jan. 26	at Ohio*	Athens, OH	TBA
THUR.	JAN. 30	AKRON*	SAVAGE ARENA	7 P.M.
SUN.	FEB. 2	BOWLING GREEN*	SAVAGE ARENA	NOON
Thur.	Feb. 6	at Miami*	Oxford, OH	7 p.m.
Sun.	Feb. 9	at Kent State*	Kent, OH	2 p.m.
SAT.	FEB. 15	OHIO*	SAVAGE ARENA	2 P.M.
Wed.	Feb. 19	at Eastern Michigan*	Ypsilanti, MI	7 p.m.
SUN.	FEB. 23	WESTERN MICHIGAN*	SAVAGE ARENA	2 P.M.
Thur.	Feb. 27	at Northern Illinois*	DeKalb, IL	7 p.m. (CT)
SUN.	MAR. 2	CENTRAL MICHIGAN*	SAVAGE ARENA	2 P.M.
WED.	MAR. 5	EASTERN MICHIGAN*	SAVAGE ARENA	7 P.M.
Sat.	Mar. 8	at Ball State*	Muncie, IN	2 p.m.

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 * Mid-American Conference game

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Abid A. Al-Marayati, Toledo, professor emeritus of political science, died July 29 at age 81. He joined the UT faculty in 1968. Over the years, he served as chair of the Department of Political Science and as director of the Center for International Studies. In 1982, Al-Marayati received one of the University's Outstanding Teacher Awards. He served as a visiting professor and guest lecturer around the world, including in Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Australia, New Zealand and China. The native of Iraq was a scholar on the Middle East and wrote several papers and articles; he was the author and co-author of the books *A Diplomatic History of Modern Iraq*, *Middle Eastern Constitutions and Electoral Laws* and *The Middle East: Its Governments and Politics*.

Trisha Ann (Adamski) Appelhans, Luckey, Ohio, a paramedic and nurse in the UT Medical Center Emergency Room from 2000 until 2012, died June 22 at age 34.

Dr. Donald A. Baker, Toledo, assistant professor of orthopedic surgery, died Sept. 20 at age 69. He joined the MCO faculty in 2001. He received a football scholarship to UT, where he played for the Rockets from 1961 to 1963. Baker graduated with a bachelor's degree in education in 1966 and was an assistant football coach for the Rockets in 1969 and 1970, the first two seasons of Toledo's 35-0 streak. He returned to the classroom to pursue medicine and graduated from MCO in 1976 and completed his residency there in 1981. In 2003, Baker was inducted into the Varsity 'T' Club for his gridiron play. He was a member of the UT Foundation Board of Trustees. The family suggests contributions to the Dr. Donald A. Baker Scholarship Fund through the UT Foundation.

Bonnie Jeanne (Haffelder) Billnitzer, Toledo, who was an office manager at MCO from 1973 to 1977, died Oct. 1 at age 78.

William F. Brandel, Toledo, a Satellites Auxiliary volunteer, died May 13 at age 89. For 20 years, he distributed communion at the hospital.

Dr. Simmie S. Blakney, Toledo, professor emeritus of mathematics and advocate for equal rights, died July 15 at age 85. He joined the UT faculty as an associate professor in 1964 and was promoted to professor in 1971. The native of Shubata, Miss., was the first African American appointed chair of the Mathematics Department; it was a post he held for 10 years. Blakney was one of the founding members of the UT Caucus of Black Faculty and Staff, which became the Association of Black Faculty and Staff. He served as chair of the organization from 1971 to 1975 and in 1982. He also helped establish the UT Office of Minority Affairs and assisted with drafting the University's first affirmative action document. In addition, he served as chair of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Scholarship Committee and was a member of Faculty Senate and the Upward Bound Program's Academic Advisory Committee. Blakney, an associate of the Danforth Foundation, also administered funding from National Science Foundation grants for in-service institutes for high school math teachers. He was named professor emeritus when he retired from the University in 1990 and continued to teach through UT's Upward Bound Program.

Laura Alma (Lyman) Brecher, Toledo, who taught nursing at UT and MCO, died May 31 at age 80. She received a master of education degree from UT in 1979.

Albert Brookenthal, Toledo, a pharmacist who worked in the Student Medical Clinic from 2007 to 2009, died June 1 at age 84. The UT alumnus received a pharmacy degree in 1954.

Barry R. Burk, Toledo, a longtime HIV/AIDS advocate who volunteered at MCO/UTMC, died Oct. 5 at age 67. Tributes are suggested to the UT Hope Chest Fund or the Ann Wayson Locher Fund through the UT Foundation.

Dr. Robert J. Burns, South Fort Myers, Fla., professor emeritus of psychology, died June 7 at age 96. The Toledo

native was a UT alumnus; he received a bachelor's degree in business administration in personnel administration in 1941 and a master of arts degree in psychology in 1950. He joined the UT staff in 1946 as assistant director of evening sessions and alumni relations, and assistant editor of *The University Bulletin*. In 1951, Burns was appointed assistant professor of psychology. Six years later, he was promoted to associate professor. He served as acting department chair from 1961 to 1964, received his doctorate from the University of Michigan in 1966, and was named a professor in 1972. During his career at UT, Burns developed the industrial psychology major, was an academic adviser to students for 35 years, and served on numerous committees. The pioneer in the study and analysis of the psychology of aging and retirement was one of the governor's delegates to the first White House Conference on Aging, which established the structure of the Area Offices on Aging. In 1974, Burns was elected president of Senior Centers Inc., a nonprofit corporation established to develop and operate Toledo's first center to provide comprehensive services for the aged. When he retired in 1982, Burns was designated professor emeritus. He was a member of Chi Rho Nu, which became Theta Chi fraternity and served as faculty adviser for 28 years. Tributes may be made to the Robert and Anne Evans Burns Scholarship through the UT Foundation.

Richard "Rick" P. Byrnes, Fremont, Ohio, former instructor who taught physics and mathematics, died June 11 at age 70.

Robert J. Calkins, Maumee, former UT Medical Center employee, died Aug. 17 at age 66.

Dr. Laurence "Larry" J. Coleman, Knoxville, Tenn., who served as the Judith Daso Herb Endowed Chair in Gifted Studies and professor of curriculum and instruction from 2001 until his retirement in 2011, died Sept. 5 at age 71.

Helen Cortes, Toledo, a custodian at UT from 1981 until her retirement in 1993, died Oct. 21 at age 94.

Joseph Czerniejewski, Toledo, a custodian at UT from 1977 until his retirement in 1993, died Sept. 8 at age 81.

Barbara J. Dickman, Toledo, a former nurse's aide at MCO, died Aug. 23 at age 75.

James R. Findlay Sr., Sylvania, a respected business leader known for his philanthropy and love for UT, died Oct. 20 at age 87. He graduated from the University with a bachelor's degree in business administration in 1948. He was co-founder and former president of Impact Products Inc., and also established Canberra Corp., Fresh Products and Ad Sensations. Findlay co-founded the UT Center for Family and Privately Held Business. He and his wife, Celia, who was a 1949 UT alumna, supported the University over the years. Their generosity benefited the Athletic Department, Camp Adventure, National Youth Sports Program, the Catharine S. Eberly Center for Women, the College of Business and Innovation, and the Judith Herb College of Business. In 2001, the Findlay Athletic Complex on Scott Park Campus was dedicated; the couple funded the home of UT's baseball, softball and soccer programs. "This is a great university, and we always try to do our best to support it. Celia and I are thankful for everything the University has done for us," Findlay said at the dedication. The couple contributed more than \$1.4 million to the University, establishing eight endowments and impacting the lives of countless students. He was a past president of the UT Foundation Board and the UT Alumni Association, served as chair of the Business Advisory Board for the UT College of Business, and was a past president and member of the Downtown Coaches Association. Findlay also was a contributor to the Glass Bowl Stadium Project and a former member of the UT Athletic Committee and the Rocket Fund Advisory Board. In 1993, he received the Pacemaker Award from the College of Business for outstanding achievement in business as well as contributions to the community and the University. Findlay also received the UT Alumni Association's Blue T in recognition of his dedication to his alma mater. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Findlay Youth Fund or the Celia Findlay UT Education Scholarship through the UT Foundation.

Marion F. Fitch, Toledo, a former police chief and detective who taught criminal justice classes at UT, died Oct. 17 at age 82. The UT alumnus received a bachelor's degree in adult liberal studies in 1976, education specialist and master of education degrees in 1980, and master of arts degree in political science in 1982.

Edward J. Fitzgerald, Toledo, who was an Eucharistic minister at MCO for 25 years, died June 22 at age 95.

Genevieve M. Gunn, Toledo, a computer operator in data entry at MCO from 1978 to 1989, died Aug. 26 at age 77.

Richard G. Habib, Toledo, a librarian and business services officer at UT from 1958 until his retirement in 1987, died Oct. 4 at age 90. He received a bachelor's degree in philosophy from UT in 1949.

Dr. Miles P. Hacker, Sylvania, professor of pharmacology, died June 14 at age 66. A UT faculty member for more than 10 years, he received the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences' Professor of the Year Award, an honor indicative of the admiration students had for him. Hacker was one of the authors of the textbook titled *Pharmacology: Principles and Practice*. An adviser for the college's Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences Program, he was instrumental in establishing it and developing its curriculum. Hacker also made contributions toward the establishment of the doctoral degree in experimental therapeutics. Among his research accomplishments, Hacker developed pixantrone, a cancer medication that inhibits DNA synthesis of cancer cells, contributing to the field of cancer research and treatment worldwide.

Jeanne C. Harper, Swanton, a clerical specialist in the surgical intensive care unit at MCO from 1985 to 1992, died May 25 at age 67.

Caroline Heintz, Ottawa Hills, former instructor of continuing education classes at UT, died Oct. 17 at age 93.

Annmari (Kwiatkowski) Heldt, Toledo, former director of personnel at both UT and MCO, died Sept. 24 at age 66. She also served as interim director of employee and labor relations at UT from 2003 to 2007. A scholarship fund in her name for UT Medical Center will be established; donations are being accepted via PayPal to annmarieheldtscholarshipfund@hotmail.com; those wishing to send checks may email and receive postal mailing address.

Helen Hillman, Charleston, S.C., a longtime Toledo resident who was a member of the Satellites Auxiliary and volunteered in the MCO gift shop, died Sept. 23 at age 98. Contributions may be made in her memory to the Fredrick Joel Hillman Scholarship Fund in the UT College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences through the UT Foundation.

Lawrence "Larry" J. Hilton, Swanton, auto mechanic 3 in the UT Motor Vehicle Department, died Aug. 31 at age 54. He joined the University staff in 1988.

Jeanne A. Hockley, Toledo, a longtime member of the Satellites Auxiliary, died July 22 at age 86.

Robert L. Hurd, Perrysburg, a former volunteer at UT Medical Center, died Aug. 24 at age 84.

Joanne M. (Pawelczak) Katafias, Toledo, a former member of the Satellites Auxiliary, died July 29 at age 84.

Dr. William J. Lenz Jr., Toledo, died June 30 at age 68. He held a volunteer faculty appointment as a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Psychiatry from 1977 to 1995 and as a clinical associate professor from 1996 to 2004.

Joseph R. Links II, Hudson, Mich., died July 23 at age 68. He joined the UT faculty as an instructor in business technology in 1969 and was promoted to assistant professor in 1973 and later to associate professor. In 1974, Links received one of the University's Outstanding Teacher Awards. In addition to teaching, he served as coordinator of the former Community and Technical College's Computer Programming Technology Program.

Maxine M. Madrzykowski, Maumee, a former food service worker in the Student Union, died June 14 at age 86.

Josh H. Malone, Delta, Ohio, a stationary engineer at MCO from 1983 to 1992, died Sept. 26 at age 61.

Marilyn L. (Schalitz) Martin Monti, Toledo, who was a longtime member of the Satellites Auxiliary, died July 1 at age 84.

Milton E. Martin, Toledo, died Aug. 1 at age 69. He was hired in 1990 and worked as a custodian in University Hall and the Student Union. Martin retired as a maintenance repair worker in 2007.

Paul McCray, Toledo, a former nurse at UT Medical Center, died Aug. 15 at age 61.

Kristi G. Miller, Defiance, Ohio, a registered nurse at UT Medical Center from 2011 to March 2013, died June 4 at age 36.

Marilyn J. Miller, Toledo, died Aug. 2 at age 71. She joined the UT staff as a secretary in 1976 and worked in the College of Engineering until her retirement in 1997.

Roy A. Miller, Gahanna, Ohio, a former UT instructor, died Sept. 29 at age 96.

Marc L. Moralez, Toledo, a former instructor of theatre, died Aug. 27 at age 43.

Dr. Joseph P. Moran Jr., Jackson, Mich., died July 30 at age 97. He was a clinical associate in surgery from 1969 to 1980, when he was named clinical assistant professor of surgery, a position he held until being appointed clinical associate professor in 1987. He was affiliated with MCO through 1989.

Anna (D'Michalis) Nicholas, Toledo, a secretary in the English Department from 1980 until 1994, died June 6 at age 77.

Phyllis (Eck) Nordin, Rochester, N.Y., died July 23 at age 84. An artist known for work in stained glass, metals, fibers and stone, Nordin was commissioned to design a fountain for the University's centennial. The Toledo Edison Memorial Fountain was built in front of the Student Union in 1980. She also created a bronze work titled "Reunion" for the Driscoll Alumni Center.

Robert A. Papenfuss, Maumee, a member of the Satellites Auxiliary who served as a patient advocate and later a greeter at the hospital, died Oct. 12 at age 88. He received a bachelor's degree in business administration in marketing from UT in 1950. Surviving is his wife, Jane, who worked in personnel at MCO.

Paul Paquette, Toledo, professor of criminal justice from 1993 to 2003, died Sept. 12 at age 65. A nationally recognized expert on terrorism, Paquette joined the University as director of the two-year corrections program at the former Community and Technical College.

Bettie J. (Anderson) Rees, Holland, Ohio, who was a secretary in the UT President's Office from 1953 to 1957, died July 2 at age 94.

Leona F. Restorick, Canal Fulton, Ohio, who volunteered at MCO as a member of the Satellites Auxiliary, died April 10 at age 93.

Dr. David S. Rosenberger, Altoona, Pa., who worked at the University for more than two decades, died Jan. 13 at age 87. He joined the College of Education and Allied Professions in 1960 as an associate professor and was named professor in 1964. He served as chair of the Department of Administration and Supervision from 1964 to 1967, and as assistant dean of the college from 1967 to 1971. After overseeing Educational Placement Services from 1965 to 1975, Patterson helped establish University Placement Services, which he directed from 1975 to 1977. He was named professor emeritus when he retired in 1983.

Bernard R. Sanchez, Oregon, professor emeritus of music, died Oct. 13 at age 78. The New Orleans native joined the UT faculty in 1963 and served as chair of the Department of Music from 1976 until his retirement in 1993. While he was head of the department, master's degrees in music performance and music education were

added to the program. The trumpet player was a member of the UT Brass Quintet for many years. Sanchez also was principal trumpet with the Toledo Symphony Orchestra for seven years and with the Toledo Opera Orchestra. At the University, he served as conductor of the UT Brass Choir, the UT Wind Ensemble, the UT Chamber Orchestra and the UT Orchestra. He also conducted the Jewish Community Center Orchestra and the Northwest Ohio Regional Orchestra. Sanchez also was a guest conductor with the Toledo Ballet, the Toledo Symphony and Toledo Opera Orchestra.

Dr. Richard L. Schafer, Toledo, died Sept. 24 at age 89. He was a clinical associate professor of medicine at MCO from 1969 to 1985 when he was appointed to associate professor of medicine and director of the UT Student Medical Center. He retired in 1994 and was named clinical associate professor of medicine in 1999 and clinical professor in 2006.

Dr. Robert "Bob" A. Schmall, Temperance, Mich., died Aug. 19 at age 80. He was a former part-time instructor.

Carol K. Finnegan Simpson, Monclova, Ohio, a former UT employee, died Aug. 8 at age 73.

Dr. George M Taoka, Toledo, professor emeritus of economics and finance, died Sept. 20 at age 97. He joined the UT faculty as an instructor of commerce in 1948 and was named professor in 1959. Taoka served as chair of the department, which changed names over the years. He was one of the first recipients of the University's Outstanding Teacher Award when it was established in 1964. The native of Watsonville, Calif., served on Faculty Senate when it formed, was vice president and treasurer of the UT chapter of the American Association of University Professors, and was a member of several other institution committees. He also was faculty adviser to Alpha Kappa Psi. Taoka retired in 1982 and continued to teach part time for several years. Tributes are suggested to the College of Business and Innovation through the UT Foundation.

Caroline "Carol" L. Topliff, Maumee, who was head nurse in the emergency room at the former Maumee Valley Hospital and MCO from 1960 until her retirement in 1991, died Sept. 18 at age 74. Tributes are suggested to the Dorothy Hussain Scholarship Fund in the College of Nursing through the UT Foundation.

Dr. Parimal R. Vyas, Toledo, died Sept. 2 at age 58. He was a volunteer clinical assistant professor from 1987 to 1993 and was named volunteer clinical associate professor in 1994 in the Department of Urology.

Dr. R. Douglas "Doug" Wilkerson, Toledo, died Oct. 7 at age 69. He joined the MCO faculty as an associate professor of pharmacology and therapeutics in 1979 and was promoted to professor in 1989. Two years later, Wilkerson added another title: associate vice president for research. In 2006, the professor of now pharmacology and physiology took on a third title: associate dean of graduate programs in the College of Medicine. Wilkerson kept those three titles after MUO merged with UT that year. He was named professor emeritus when he retired in 2009.

Marilyn Williams-Bayer, Hillsdale, Mich., a registered nurse at MCO from 1978 to 1988, died May 20 at age 77. She received a master of education degree from UT in 1985.

Maria A. Wilson, Toledo, died Aug. 29 at age 84. She was a custodian in Environmental Services at MCO from 1979 until her retirement in 1992.

Sharon M. (Laughlin) Yost, Rossford, manager of the Neurology Department from 2003 to 2010, died July 13 at age 70.

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