

# Tower Talk

Sandra Koepke, editor

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe that two years have passed since I became president of The University of Toledo Retirees Association. The time has gone so quickly.

Serving on the UTRA Executive Board has been a great experience. I have been most fortunate to be surrounded by a very dedicated and hard-working core group of UTRA members. The members of our board continue to give their time and effort to ensure the success of our organization. The committee chairs I have had the privilege of working with have all done a wonderful job. I hope that as you read their reports in *Tower Talk*, you appreciate everything they (and their committee members) do for UTRA. We have been reaching out to new UT retirees to increase our membership, we have worked to increase benefits for our members, we have grown our scholarships, and we have had outstanding programs and events that have taken into account the diverse interests of our members.

When I first became a member of the UTRA Executive Board, I learned to appreciate the support that UTRA receives from the Alumni Relations Office. As president, my appreciation of what that office does for us has increased ten-fold. Having had the opportunity to speak with retirees from other groups throughout the state, it is obvious that there are very few retiree associations that have anything close to the support we have. I thank Dan Saevig, associate vice president, for everything he does to assist us, and I also extend my appreciation to the many others in that office with whom we work. Ryan Hieber has served as our principal liaison, and we also have received tremendous support from

Sally Berglund, Shirley Grzecki and Cecelia Clarke (a UTRA member who volunteers in the office). Speaking of Ryan, we were all sorry to learn that he was leaving the Alumni Relations Office (and UTRA) to take a new position with the UT Foundation. Ryan has been a great asset, and we wish him well on his new venture. Stepping in as our new liaison is Marcus Sneed. He started working with us earlier this year, and I know that many of you already have had the chance to meet him. Marcus has jumped right in to help keep things running smoothly; UTRA remains in good hands.

We all know that retirees are winners, and that fact was once again confirmed when UTRA recently was honored as the 2014 Alumni Association Affiliate of the Year. As you remember, UTRA also earned this award two years ago. I thank those who worked to put our application together, and especially Sally Berglund for spearheading that effort.

While I am stepping down from the Office of President, I am certainly not leaving UTRA. Serving on the UTRA Executive Board has given me the opportunity to meet many fellow UT retirees, and I have made many new friends. I look forward to maintaining these friendships, making new ones, and continuing to be involved with this wonderful association of University retirees. I thank you for the opportunity to have served as your president, and I hope you all continue to share my pride in UTRA!

James W. Lapp,  
UTRA President

## UT RETIREES ASSOCIATION RECOGNIZED AS AFFILIATE OF YEAR

By Vicki Kroll

They've done it again.

Members of the The University of Toledo Retirees Association pitched in and helped the UT Alumni Association and their former employer.

For those efforts, UTRA was named the 2014 Alumni Association's Affiliate of the Year. It's the second time in three years the organization has received the designation.

The announcement was made at the UT Alumni Association's annual meeting at the William and Carol Koester Alumni Pavilion.

"This honor reflects the hard work of many individuals and is a testament to the involvement of our membership in the University and Toledo communities," said Jim Lapp, UTRA president who retired in 2005 as assistant director of the Division of Student Success in University College.

Each year, UT Alumni Association Affiliates compete for this award. The selection committee evaluates the affiliates on a number of factors, including service to the Alumni Association, the University and the community;



*Jim Lapp, president of the UT Retirees Association, left, accepted the banner proclaiming the group as the UT Alumni Association's Affiliate of the Year from David Dobrzykowski, president of the UT Alumni Association.*

collaboration with other organizations and affiliates; scholarships supported; and sponsored events and programs.

Representing all retirees from the University and from the former Medical College of Ohio, UTRA organized nearly 40 events. The group counts 1,100 active, dues-paying members.

"The number of events, programs and trips that we continue to sponsor is a big factor in this award," Lapp said. "Since last spring, we have arranged more than 35 activities that have been attended by well in excess of 1,000 of our members and their guests. Plus, we continue to have our monthly game days and the monthly social luncheons."

In addition to keeping in touch, members value giving back to the University.

"As a group, the UT Retirees Association raised more than \$10,500 for two scholarships – one for Main Campus, the other for Health Science Campus – which now have endowments totaling more than \$60,000," Dan Saevig, UT associate vice president of alumni relations, said when announcing the honor.

"We are thankful for the UT Retirees Association's continuous support," Saevig said.

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## UT OPENS NATION'S MOST ADVANCED HEALTH-CARE TRAINING FACILITY

On April 21, UT opened its new three-story, 65,000 square foot Interprofessional Immersive Simulation Center on Health Science Campus.

In this center, health-care professionals learn to care for patients by practicing skills and procedures using simulation, as well as to work as teams in a virtual hospital equipped with human patient simulators. In addition, the center introduced 3D and Virtual Immersive Environments to medical education.

"These resources will be available to all colleges on the UT campus, offering transformative opportunities for students in other disciplines – spanning the arts, humanities, natural sciences and engineering," said Dr. Pamela Boyers, executive director of the center. "All of this amazing technology is not limited to studying medicine; modeling and simulation are used extensively in other industries such as oil and gas, manufacturing and aviation."

"Academic medical centers are expected to be on the leading edge when it comes to integrating technology into curriculum," UT President Lloyd Jacobs said.

"Graduates in medicine, nursing, pharmacy, therapy and the other health professions will be far ahead of their peers as they start to treat patients. The result will be fewer medical errors and better patient outcomes."

While individual technological components may exist at other centers, UT is among the first to bring together this range of simulation technologies, in what Boyers calls the tri-center concept.

The Virtual Immersive Reality Center features the first five-sided, seamless, LED iSpace in the world, as well as a large, curved, interactive and 3D wall and two smaller 3D walls—all offering virtual immersive experiences and an unlimited range of images. For example, in these virtual immersive environments, health-care students and other users "fly through" HD images of the human body from cells to organs, work on an oil rig, or design a new kind of automobile.

The Advanced Clinical Simulation Center on the second floor includes an intensive care unit, trauma suite, operating room and a labor and delivery room, as well as pediatric and ambulatory rooms. Debriefing rooms encourage team problem solving and discussions to improve patient care.

The third floor's Progressive Anatomy and Surgical Skills Center features several suites with stations and advanced procedural skills training labs.

In addition to supporting faculty and students at the University, the Interprofessional Immersive Simulation Center also works closely with several global industry collaborators, the U.S. military and other health-care organizations.

"Working collaboratively with experts in fields other than health care helps us broaden our knowledge and skills as we expand our capabilities. Our goal is to provide the best possible education and training so that patients are the beneficiaries of the safest, highest quality and cost-effective care," Boyers said.



Medical student Mark Abraham practiced surgery with a few pointers from Cristina Alvarado, clinical simulation and education research associate, during an open house in the Interprofessional Immersive Simulation Center on Health Science Campus. The new three-story, 65,000-square-foot facility features the Virtual Immersive Reality Center, the Advanced Clinical Simulation Center, and the Progressive Anatomy and Surgical Skills Center.

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## NEWS FROM COLUMBUS

By Jim Lapp

In terms of investment returns, last year was a very good one for all of Ohio's public retirement systems. The Ohio Public Retirement System (OPERS), the largest of the systems, had an investment return of 13.9 percent, which resulted in record total pension assets of \$88.6 billion. The State Teachers Retirement System (STRS), next in size, earned 17.4 percent, with assets now totaling \$72.3 billion. The Ohio Police and Fire Fund stands at \$14.1 billion in assets following a return

of 16.5 percent. The School Employees Retirement System had an investment return of 16.1 percent, ending with \$12.1 billion in its pension fund. And the Ohio Highway Patrol Retirement System earned 18.8 percent on its investments and has total assets of \$810 million. If only every year could be like this!

I hope that you will read the article Bill Logie, UTRA Benefits Committee chair, has included in this issue regarding OPERS health-care benefit changes. Health-care coverage is certainly important to all of us, and we all need to be prepared for changes that will not benefit us, at least financially.

Just like our OPERS members, STRS members also will see changes, but not as severe. As everyone remembers, pension reform legislation was passed by the Ohio General Assembly two years ago. A part of that process required the state pension systems to take measures to begin to bring their unfunded pension liabilities down to a 30-year funding period. According to the Segal Co. (the STRS board's actuarial consultant), the STRS plan, as approved by the General Assembly, brought its funding period down to 36.1 years. There was just one problem: The Segal Co. had made an error. Because of some double counting, it miscalculated (overstated) the impact on the pension fund as member contributions increased from 10 percent to 14 percent. The Segal Co. notified the STRS board of this error Jan. 9, noting that after correcting the error they had now increased the funding period approximately four years, to 40.2 years. A subsequent analysis done by a different actuarial firm, at the request of the STRS board, agreed with the revised funding period.

So how does this tie into health care? It does because STRS is now pressured again to lower its unfunded liability period and doesn't want to go back so soon to change (lower) pension benefits or increase members' pension costs. The board has decided instead to redirect the 1 percent of the employer contribution that has been going into the health-care fund and instead put that amount into the pension fund. This shifts approximately \$100 million annually from health care to the pension fund, and will begin July 1. The board has the authority to direct all or part of this 1 percent back into the health-care fund (and can make catch-up payments) once the financial condition of the pension fund improves. The loss of this \$100 million means the health-care fund must make changes to protect, and improve, its solvency, which drops to 20 years without the 1 percent of the employer contribution. The goal is to extend the projected solvency of the STRS health-care fund to at least 65 years by 2025.

Changes to the STRS health care program have been proposed to the STRS board for both 2015 and 2016.

#### **The 2015 changes were approved by the board at its May meeting, and include:**

- Reducing the subsidy multiplier to 2.2 percent per year of service, a reduction of 0.1 percent.
- Encouraging use of in-network providers for Aetna Medicare Plan members by reducing the in-network deductible and the primary care physician office visit copay, while increasing the out-of-network out-of-pocket limit and the coinsurance percentage.
- Increasing deductible and coinsurance out-of-pocket limits for Medical Mutual Plus and Basic Plans.
- Increasing covered brand-name deductible and maximum annual expense under the Express Scripts Plan, and increasing the shared cost of specialty medications.

#### **Recommendations for 2016 include:**

- Reducing the subsidy multiplier to 2.1 percent per year of service, a reduction of 0.1 percent.
- Reducing the deductible under the Aetna Medicare Plan for in-network coverage, and increasing the out-of-pocket limit and the coinsurance percentage for out-of-network coverage.
- Combining the two Medical Mutual Plans into a single plan and increasing the deductible and the coinsurance out-of-pocket limits.
- Increasing the prescription drug coverage maximum expense limit to match expected 2016 Medicare changes.

This is not meant to be an inclusive listing of all changes. Look for detailed information that will be sent to all STRS members once board action has been taken.

UTRA will continue to do its best to keep all University retirees apprised of developments within the retirement systems.

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## **OUR NEW ALUMNI LIAISON: MARCUS SNEED**

Joining the UTRA family is Marcus Sneed. He will provide support to The University of Toledo Retirees Association by assisting in coordinating and planning activities.

Marcus has been with the Office of Alumni Relations for six years. During that time, he has been working with various alumni affiliates and chapters under the UT Alumni Association. He is a 2007 graduate from the UT College of Business and Innovation and is pursuing an MBA. Marcus is ecstatic of the opportunity to work with an energetic and enthusiastic group.

In the short time Marcus has been working with us, he has shown a commitment to upholding the great traditions of UTRA and hopes to see the organization grow in the years to come.

## TRAILBLAZING PROFESSOR TO BE HONORED FOR SERVICE TO STUDENTS, COMMUNITY

When the University unveiled the Dr. Lancelot C.A. Thompson Meeting Room in Student Union Room 2592 in February, the designating sign wasn't large enough to include the many reasons for the honor.

One reason is the students. Thompson, professor emeritus of chemistry and 55-year UT veteran, was one of the first four recipients of the institution's Outstanding Teacher Award, an honor based on student nominations.

His passion, then and now, is helping students – so much so that Thompson was dismayed when then-UT President William Carlson offered the vice presidency for student affairs in 1968.

"I told him, 'I don't think so,'" Thompson recalled. "I told him that I had no experience as an administrator.

"He told me, 'I don't need one; I need someone who can get along with faculty and students.' So I said, OK, as long as I could still teach."

Thompson held the position for 22 years, also serving as assistant dean for undergraduate study in the College of Arts and Sciences, and dean of student services. He said, "I think a lot of people don't realize that the first job of an administrator is being able to connect with all kinds of people, not just other administrators."

Thompson has long served as a mentor to many students, particularly student-athletes. A native of Jamaica, Thompson came to the United States on a track scholarship.

"Over the years, Lance has been an adviser, a mentor and, most of all, a friend to many of our student-athletes. The wisdom and guidance Lance provides plays an important role in their lives," said Mike O'Brien, UT vice president and athletic director.

To help inspire the next generation of college students, Thompson also continues to help organize the annual Aspiring Minorities Youth Conference.

"Lance's mark on The University of Toledo and in particular on the Division of Student Affairs is immeasurable," said Dr. Kaye Patten Wallace, senior vice president for the student experience. "He's a true student services professional who gave us a blueprint for service and optimism and dedication."

Then there's the community service. Thompson's includes serving on the executive committee of the Bridge Inc., the Toledo Health Planning Association Board, the Toledo Development Committee, and the board of trustees of the Neighborhood Health Association. In addition, he served on the Toledo Labor Management Citizens Committee, the board of trustees

for the Better Business Bureau, Connecting Point, and the board of directors of the American Red Cross. A member of Kiwanis International since 1971, he has served as president and remains active.

And back when UT was a municipal Toledo University, its fate hanging by a 2-mill levy presented to local voters in a 1959 special election, Thompson pounded the pavement for his school.

"It rained all day. I lost a suit and a pair of shoes working door to door in the black neighborhoods, getting people out to vote," he said. The levy passed by a razor-thin margin of 144 votes: "If it hadn't, there would not have been a University of Toledo in 1967."

The multiplicity of reasons for honoring Thompson came together Wednesday, Feb. 19. The dedication event was well attended by students, faculty and staff.

Just don't place Thompson's legacy in the past tense; he's still primed for service. "Helping students is a part of me," he said. "I will continue to do it until I'm six feet under.

"If anything is said about me, just let it be that I cared about people, especially students, so they had all the help available to them."

Thompson served as the second UTRA president from 1997 to 1999. He continues to be an active member of the UTRA Executive Board.



*Dr. Lance Thompson, center, is surrounded by members of his fraternity, Alpha Phi Alpha, who joined an overflow crowd in Student Union Room 2592 when it was dedicated as the Dr. Lancelot C.A. Thompson Meeting Room in February.*



## OPERS RETIREE HEALTH-CARE UPDATES

*By Bill Logie*

On behalf of UTRA, I attended the OPERS Retirement Health-Care Seminar in April. To say the least there were significant updates and material presented, which I will highlight below.

Because of the individual applications of some of the changes and an ever-changing landscape, I would recommend that you open your own personal OPERS account if have not already done so. It takes less than

10 minutes and it will not only keep you updated on pending changes, but offers a personal estimator that will give you a projected view of your new premiums, spousal coverage, etc. (The OPERS website: [opers.org](http://opers.org). Simply click "member login," select "need account," enter the requested information, and it will take you through the registration steps. On the left side is a section titled "information resources" that will take you to the allowance estimator).

**Here are the highlights of the pending changes:**

- OPERS is the 11th largest system in the country, with approximately 191,000 retirees and \$1.6 billion in health-care expenses.
- Allowance (the amount OPERS pays toward the total monthly coverage) will be based on years of service and age at first enrollment in OPERS health-care plan. No rounding of the numbers.
- Under certain circumstances, re-enrollment is permitted, if you enrolled in an employer plan.
- Spouses will have access to the OPERS Medicare Connector, with the retiree paying the full cost of spouse's coverage beginning in 2018. No access to OPERS Health Plan (subject to review in 2021).
- Regarding the new Medicare Connector, currently planned for 2016, a member will not be able to choose either an Advantage Plan or Medicare Supplemental Plan coverage except through the Connector. No shopping using external sources! In addition, the monthly allowance will be paid into a Retiree Medical Account. You will then pay your own monthly premiums; however, you can use any balance to pay your monthly Medicare Part B costs.
- You will shop for both Medicare Advantage and supplemental plans, including Part D, prescription Drug, Dental and Vision will continue being offered as now, with you paying the entire cost.
- Medicare Part B Reimbursement will be phased out according to the following schedule:
  - 2014 \$96.40;
  - 2015 \$63.62;
  - 2016 \$31.81; and
  - 2017 \$0.
- For those retirees and their spouses who do not qualify for Medicare Part A, OPERS will provide Medicare Part A equivalent coverage.

While the above is only a summary, I would again encourage you to contact OPERS either through their website or directly at 1.800.222.7377. The information I have provided is subject to modification, revision, recession etc. Please rely on the OPERS website for the most up-to-date information.

UTRA is planning to offer an OPERS seminar this fall once more specifics regarding the Connector are available.

## DEADLINE NEAR FOR UTRA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

*By Pam Pullella*

The deadline for eligible students to apply for The University of Toledo Retirees Association Scholarship is Tuesday, July 1.

The scholarship is available to direct descendents of University faculty/staff retirees who are dues-paying members of UTRA or of deceased members who were active members at the time of their death.

Recipients shall be full-time, second-semester freshman, sophomores, juniors or seniors with a 2.5 GPA or higher. Applicants must provide evidence of satisfactory campus and/or community involvement. Awards may be renewed for up to three years, but applicants must re-apply.

The application can be found by clicking on "Scholarships" from the UT Financial Aid home page or by entering the following web address [utoledo.edu/financialaid/scholarships/general.html](http://utoledo.edu/financialaid/scholarships/general.html) and scrolling down.

Questions can be directed to the Office of Alumni Relations, 419.530.2586, or Pam Pullella, UTRA Scholarship Committee chair, 419.882.1018.

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## HEALTH SCIENCE CAMPUS SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

*By Keith Schlender*

This academic year \$1,000 in scholarships were awarded in each of the four colleges on Health Science Campus: College of Medicine and Life Sciences, College of Nursing, College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, and College of Graduate Studies.

It is the goal of the Health Science Campus Scholarship Committee to award \$1,000 scholarships to doctoral or master's students in each of the four colleges this fall.

Health Science Campus retirees should have received a solicitation letter in mid-May. Retirees can elect to contribute to current year scholarships, the endowment, or they can split their gift.

In addition to contributions, we support the scholarships with shoe sales in the hospital cafeteria. We sell high-quality shoes that are very popular with hospital staff members who spend many hours on their feet. We had a successful sale in May and plan another sale Sept. 2 and 3. The sale runs continuously for nearly 40 hours to cover all hospital shifts. If you are willing to schedule a shift for a few hours, please contact Carol Okenka at [cboenka@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cboenka@sbcglobal.net) or call the Alumni Relations Office at 419.530.2586. You should try it. You may even find it fun.

# PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

By Patricia Harmon

In January, Clint Mauk, a local historian, presented a program on the Ohio/Michigan war. There were no shots fired, so there were no casualties. Toledo was awarded to Ohio, and Michigan got the Upper Peninsula. Mauk also talked about some of the mistakes that make history interesting. The trip to the Walleyes game was canceled because of weather.

UTRA members were the guests of the Golden Alumni Society for lunch before the Lady Rockets game vs. Ohio University. Mike O'Brein vice president and athletic director, and Tricia Cullop spoke about the women's team and UT athletics. They also spoke about the academic program. Many of the athletes have a GPA of 3.0 or better.

The day after the ball game, we shifted gears and went to the opera. The Toledo Opera Gala "Ladies in Red" was five singers who sang music one would have heard before. All had beautiful voices. It was good for those of us who are not opera fans. We also had the opportunity to speak with some of the singers after the performance.

On March 14, the Driscoll Alumni Center Schmadel Room was filled to hear Dr. Murthy Gokula and

Dr. Gayle Kamm speak about issues with medicines in an older population. Many had questions and concerns answered by the presenters.

Also in March we learned about black holes during a program at the Ritter Planetarium. The presentation was interesting, and everyone came away with new information.

Several members attended the opening night of "Cabaret." It was a performance put on by the UT Theatre and Film Department. Retirees were seated in the Kit Kat Club at round tables just below the stage. They became part of the play as actors moved in and around the tables. The performers danced on the tables and often sat down at the tables becoming part of the audience.

The annual meeting with BGSU was in Bowling Green this year. The lunch was good and the program put on by Ray Heitiger and Ragtime Rick was great. Heitiger spoke about his education and how a math major became a blues musician. Everyone came away with a smile.

Forty of us spent an afternoon in Paris at the Toledo Museum of Art on April 22. Several had lunch in the café before a tour of "The Art of the Louvre's Tuileries Garden." The docents were knowledgeable and added to the experience.

## HOLIDAY BRUNCH

The 2013 Holiday Brunch was held at the Inverness Club.



## TOLEDO WAR

Clint Mauk "The Toledo Wars."

## TOLEDO BOTANICAL GARDENS

A horticulturist led a tour at Toledo Botanical Gardens.



## MEDICATIONS

Dr. Murthy Gokula and Dr. Gayle Kamm gave a talk titled "Medication in Aging Adults: Toward Healthy Living."



## HOEN GARDENS

Members learned the basics of container gardening at Hoen's Greenhouse and Garden Center.



## BG/UT LUNCHEON

The Annual Joint BGSURA and UTRA luncheon took place at the Bowling Green Country Club with speaker Ray Heitger, who talked about "Music, Math & Cake Walkin' Jass Band Melodies."



## NEW MEMBER EVENT

The Annual New Retirees Reception was held at the Grape Leaf Diner.



## LIFE AFTER RETIREMENT

By Nancy Wellman

That was the theme of the annual New Retirees Reception this year. Held Feb. 21 at the Grape Leaf Diner, new retirees mixed with UTRA board members and friends.

The restaurant provided a grazing buffet, and the Membership Committee organized welcome-to-retirement gift bags.

Board President Jim Lapp welcomed the newest UT retirees, and Bobbie Raeder, Program co-chair, presented the varied activities planned for UTRA members for the remainder of this year.

Special prizes were raffled off to lucky winners. UTRA thanks Jeff Traudt, Colleen Strayer of Barnes & Noble and Amy Finkbeiner, service excellence operations manager at UT Medical Center, for their wonderful donations.

One of the many benefits of UTRA is free membership for the first year, then retirees can choose to become an annual or lifetime member. A pamphlet outlining the many benefits of UTRA membership was given to each retiree. The Membership Committee will be working on a more comprehensive document, including the many discounts available to UTRA members around town.

If you know of a new retiree or someone anticipating retirement, please contact Nancy Wellman (419.536.2429) or Marcus Sneed ([marcus.sneed@utoledo.edu](mailto:marcus.sneed@utoledo.edu)) so that we may welcome them into the organization.



### Coming Together

*Keith Schlender and Shirley Monto of the Satellites Auxiliary tied a UT ribbon on a teddy bear last week in the Mulford Library Board Room. Volunteers placed ribbons on more than 330 stuffed animals that will be distributed in the Emergency Department, Pediatrics Outpatient Clinic and the Community Care Clinic, according to Lynn Brand, president of the Satellites.*

## REMEMBER WHEN

By Mary Ann Heinrichs

**Remember when** Willard Scott on “The Today Show” wished University College Happy Birthday for its 10th anniversary? He also noted that the college was in Toledo, Ohio. That was free expensive publicity!

**Remember when** Toledo basketball greats Ralph Lewis, Steve Mixand Ray Wolford helped to break ground for Centennial Hall? What about the performance by Bob Hope when it opened?

**Remember when** President Carlson moved from his home in Scott House to the new president’s residence on Bancroft? He had been a neighbor of the sororities who rented the other apartments.

**Remember when** the University purchased surplus military housing and moved it to campus? The area was dubbed “Nashville” after President Nash. It was mainly for military veterans who were attending the University under the GI Bill of Rights. Did you know anyone who lived there?

## UTRA BOOK BUDDIES BOOK CLUB

Starting Sept. 3, on the first Wednesday of each month, the UTRA Book Buddies will meet from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the restaurant of the Radisson Hotel on Health Science Campus.

We will discuss a book chosen the previous month. Participants are encouraged to read the book prior to each meeting; however, that is not a requirement for attendance. Leaders will take turns so that if we have 12 regular members, each one will be presenting comments and facilitating the discussions only once a year.

For our first meeting Sept. 3, we will read and discuss *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie. This is a novel based upon experiences while living on the Spokane Indian Reservation. Awards include New York Times Bestseller, National Book Award, Boston Globe Horn Book Award and New York Times Book Review Notable Book.

If interested in joining the book club, please call Marcus Sneed at 419.530.5378. E-mail reminders will be sent each month.





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## 2014 TOLEDO FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>AUG. 30</b>	<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE</b>	<b>GLASS BOWL</b>	<b>7 P.M.</b>
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>SEPT. 6</b>	<b>MISSOURI</b>	<b>GLASS BOWL</b>	<b>NOON</b>
Fri.	Sept. 12	at Cincinnati (ESPNU)	Cincinnati, OH	7 P.M.
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>SEPT. 20</b>	<b>BALL STATE *</b>	<b>GLASS BOWL</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>SEPT. 27</b>	<b>CENTRAL MICHIGAN *</b>	<b>GLASS BOWL</b>	<b>TBA</b>
Sat.	Oct. 4	at Western Michigan *	Kalamazoo, MI	7 P.M.
Sat.	Oct. 11	at Iowa State	Ames, IA	2:30 P.M. CT
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>OCT. 25</b>	<b>UMASS * (HOMECOMING)</b>	<b>GLASS BOWL</b>	<b>2 P.M.</b>
Tue.	Nov. 4	at Kent State * (ESPN2/ESPNU)	Kent, OH	8 P.M.
Tue.	Nov. 11	at Northern Illinois * (ESPN2/ESPNU)	DeKalb, IL	7 P.M. CT
<b>WED.</b>	<b>NOV. 19</b>	<b>BOWLING GREEN *</b>	<b>GLASS BOWL</b>	<b>8 P.M.</b>
Fri.	Nov. 28	at Eastern Michigan * (ESPNU/ESPN3)	Ypsilanti, MI	TBA
Fri.	Dec. 5	MAC Championship game # (ESPN2)	Detroit, MI	TBA

**HOME GAMES IN BOLD CAPS.** All times listed are site times. Schedule is subject to change.

\* Mid-American Conference Game. Listen to the Rockets on the Rocket Sports Radio Network, WSPD AM-1370

# West Division champion vs. East Division champion, Ford Field, Detroit, MI

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## IN MEMORIAM

**Shirley Armstrong**, Walpole, Maine, a member of the Satellites Auxiliary, died Dec. 26 at age 84.

**Alphonsus L. "Red" Barron**, Millbury, Ohio, a UT continuing education instructor from 2001 to 2003, died April 10 at age 93.

**Patricia A. (McNamara) Beazley**, Toledo, a local artist whose portraits of faculty and administrators hung at the University, died Feb. 5 at age 83.

**John Bennett Bacon**, Toledo, who taught at UT and several universities, died Feb. 16 at age 73. An author, his books included *Being and Existence: Two Ways of Formal Ontology and Ontology, Causality and Mind*.

**Mary L. Binegar**, Toledo, who worked in MCO's Dietary Department from 1976 until her retirement in 1991, died Nov. 17 at age 89.

**Beverly Ann Blake**, Toledo, who worked in the UT Finance Office from 1990 to 1995, died April 3 at age 80.

**Elvine M. Britter**, Holland, Ohio, who was supervisor of food services at MCO from 1962 until her retirement in 1992, died March 26 at age 94.

**Carol Brandt Brug**, Toledo, who was a part-time instructor in the Department of Mathematics for 22 years, died March 9 at age 60. She received a bachelor of science degree from UT in 1987.

**Diane R. Buchanan**, Toledo, a housekeeper for 18 years at the former Toledo Hilton on Health Science Campus, died Jan. 15 at age 54.

**William A. "Bill" Cameron**, Toledo, a UT faculty member from 1997 to 2002, died April 11 at age 86.

**Jacob A. "Jake" Campbell**, Toledo, a custodian at UT from 1997 to 2006, died April 29 at age 54.

**Pixi Lee Carone**, Maumee, who was an EKG technician in the Cardiac Station at MCO from 1981 to 1992, died Jan. 30 at age 84. She retired in 1995.

**Mary Ann Collier**, Toledo, who worked in records management at MCO, died Jan. 11 at age 83.

**Millianne (Priest) Duffey**, Toledo, a secretary at MCO from 1980 until her retirement in 1988, died Feb. 24 at age 89.

**Thomas D. East III**, Toledo, died Dec. 11 at age 81. He joined the Department of Music as an assistant professor in 1971 and was named associate professor in 1982. East was director of opera studies and oversaw numerous UT productions. The tenor sang in opera houses in Germany and across the United States. In 1992, he received emeritus status.

**Maurice "Mort" Edgington**, Ottawa Lake, Mich., who worked at the University 25

years, died Nov. 11 at age 88. He joined UT in 1966 as an instructor in commercial studies. Six years later, he was named assistant professor of business technology and coordinator of Transportation and Physical Distribution Technology in the former Community and Technical College. Edgington was named associate professor in 1976 and professor in 1991. He also served as coordinator of Retail Management Technology, as well as Transportation Management. Edgington retired in 1991.

**Belva K. "Bitz" Evangelista**, Toledo, a former MCO employee, died Nov. 24 at age 76.

**Marguerite E. (Pollex) Faulkner**, Toledo, a clerk who worked in UT Student Records from 1971 until her retirement in 1990, died March 12 at age 92.

**Anne Cahalane Free**, Toledo, died Dec. 26 at age 81. During her career, she taught in the English Department. She is survived by Dr. William N. Free, professor of English.

**Delories A. Galloway**, Toledo, died April 28 at age 85. She was a custodial worker at UT from 1975 until her retirement in 1989.

**Robert G. Glover**, Toledo, died Dec. 20 at age 62. He joined the University in Fleet Operations in 1991 and retired as auto mechanic 2 in 2012. Glover served as president and vice president of the Communications Workers of America Local 4530 and, following the merger with Local 4319, as unit director and secretary-treasurer.

**Dr. Sabry F. Gohara**, Ottawa Hills, associate professor of surgery, died April 25 at age 71. He volunteered as a clinical assistant professor in the MCO Department of Surgery in 1981 and was named assistant professor in 2000. Gohara was promoted to associate professor in 2012. He is survived by his wife, Dr. Amira Gohara, dean emerita and professor emerita of pathology.

**Richard J. Gross**, Sylvania, a Toledo businessman who first suggested the need for an area resource to bring together family businesses, died Jan. 10 at age 86. Gross, who led Gross Electric Inc. for nearly 50 years, was a founding member of the UT Center for Family Business, which opened in 1992. He served on the center's advisory board through 1998.

**Ronald H. Hall**, Temperance, Mich., died Jan. 11 at age 83. In 1980, he became an adjunct instructor in the Geology Department.

**Bonita "Bonnie" C. Heuerman**, Toledo, died Nov. 15 at age 67. She was a visiting assistant professor of nursing at UT and an alumna of the University, receiving a master of education degree in 2005.

**Patsy Ruth (Martin) Hoag**, Toledo, a member of the Satellites Auxiliary, died Dec. 19 at age 82.

**Shirley H. Ignasiak**, Toledo, died Nov. 13 at age 80. She was a nurse at MCO from 1979 until her retirement in 1991.

**David L. James**, Toledo, a painter journeyman at the University, died Feb. 28 at age 48. He joined the UT staff in 2008.

**Rosemarie Kehres**, Toledo, who was a member of the Satellites Auxiliary, died March 3 at age 84.

**Robert L. Kimdell**, Toledo, a boiler engineer at MCO from 1981 to 1992, died Nov. 17 at age 65.

**Norman A. Koenigseker**, Sylvania, a faculty member at UT for 25 years, died Jan. 7 at age 69. In 1988, he joined the Engineering Technology Department. Over the years, he served as chair and was the faculty adviser for the UT chapter of Tau Alpha Pi. While at the University, he helped with capital projects and campus planning for a few years, received the 1995 Engineer of the Year Award from the Toledo Society of Professional Engineers, and was named a University College Fellow in 1997. Koenigseker retired as associate professor in 2013. The UT alumnus received a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering in 1969 and a master's degree in higher education in 1998.

**Frank X. Lauterbur**, Toledo, UT football coach and athletic director from 1963 to 1970, died Nov. 20 at age 88. Lauterbur, who had a 48-32-2 record at UT, began the famous 35-0 Rocket streak from 1969 to 1971. His teams won Mid-American Conference titles in 1967, 1969 and 1970. The 1969 and 1970 teams were nationally ranked in the top 20 of Wire Service Polls and won Tangerine Bowl Championships. In both of those seasons and in 1967, Lauterbur was named MAC Coach of the Year and Ohio College Coach of the Year. A total of 55 players recruited by Lauterbur were either first- or second-team All-MAC; four of those players won National All-America Honors: Tom Beutler, Curtis Johnson, Chuck Ealey and Mel Long, who are all in the University's Varsity T Hall of Fame. Lauterbur left UT following the 1970 season to become the head coach at the University of Iowa. He also coached in the NFL with the Baltimore Colts, the Los Angeles Rams and the Seattle Seahawks. He was inducted into the Varsity T Hall of Fame in 1983 and the MAC Hall of Fame in 1990. While at the University, Lauterbur also served as a board member and later president of the UT Federal Credit Union. Memorial contributions can be made to the Lauterbur Scholarship Fund through The University of Toledo Foundation, P.O. Box 586, Toledo, OH 43697.

**June L. Mallory**, Toledo, died March 3 at age 84. She was hired as a clerical specialist in 1965 and worked in the UT library. She retired as a secretary in 1987.

**James J. Malone**, Sylvania, who was a budget coordinator for the College of Engineering in 1985 and 1986, died Nov. 30 at age 90.

**Betty A. Mangas**, Toledo, former UT employee, died Dec. 9 at age 81.

**John M. McIntosh Sr.**, Holland, Ohio, died Jan. 20 at age 92. He was a stationary engineer at MCO until his retirement in 1976.

**Carolyn L. Garrison Miller**, Hamtramck, Mich., professor emeritus of health and human services, died Jan. 29 at age 81. She joined the University in 1977 as an instructor of public service technologies. She retired in 1993. The Toledo native received an associate's degree from UT in 1974.

**William "Red" Mitchell**, Toledo, who coached the UT Hockey Club during the 1966-67 season, died April 1 at age 84.

**Adela Mundt**, Maumee, local restaurateur and UT Medical Center benefactor, died Feb. 25 at age 77. She helped lead several area restaurants: Loma Linda, Ventura's and Barron's Café. Since 1970, she owned Loma Linda; the Swanton establishment is often cited as the first area restaurant to serve Mexican food. In the late 1980s, Mundt had a new Loma Linda built next to the original, which then was torn down. Her success was in the spotlight when the U.S. Small Business Administration named her Small Business Person of the Year in 1992 for the Cleveland District. When her husband, Alfred, had a heart attack in 1983, the couple sought care at the former Medical College of Ohio. Alfred had quadruple bypass surgery and after congestive heart failure, he received a heart transplant in 1998. The grateful couple became major supporters of the UT Medical Center, establishing the Adela and Alfred Mundt Endowed Professorship in Transplantation Cardiology, and also making a significant contribution to the Eleanor N. Dana Cancer Center at UTM. Tributes are suggested to the Mundt Cardiology Fund or the Dana Cancer Center at UT Medical Center through the UT Foundation.

**Dr. George A. Nankervis**, Akron, professor and chair of the MCO Department of Pediatrics from 1979 to 1985, died April 8 at age 84. He received the Golden Apple Award for teaching in 1982.

**Mary C. (Sue) Nissen**, Oregon, Ohio, who worked in MUO/UT Health Information Management from 2005 to 2009, died March 28 at age 72.

**William H. Patterson Jr.**, Canton, Mich., died Feb. 8 at age 92. The retired executive worked four decades for the former Sheller-Globe Corp. He received a bachelor's degree in business administration with a major in accounting from UT in 1943. An avid Rocket fan, Patterson was involved with his alma mater, serving as president and vice

president of the UT Alumni Foundation's Board during the 1970s. He also chaired the foundation's investment committee. In 1983, Patterson received the Pacemaker Award from the College of Business for outstanding achievement in business as well as contributions to the community and the University. In 1990, he received the Blue T Award, which recognizes contributions to the UT Alumni Association and the University. The family suggests tributes to the UT Foundation.

**Sharon Kay Periat**, Sylvania, died March 5 at age 66. She started working at the University in the late 1980s at the former Community and Technical College as a placement-testing monitor. Periat then became a part-time adviser to those seeking associate degrees. In 1999, she was named an adviser in the College of Health and Human Services, where she later became director of student services. In 2010, Periat received one of the Outstanding Women Awards from the University Women's Commission. She retired in 2011.

**Paul R. Reineck**, Toledo, died Nov. 9 at age 62. He was a lab worker at the hospital from 1977 until his retirement in 2012.

**Joann R. "Robbie" Robinson**, Holland, a nurse at MCO from 1976 until her retirement in 1993, died Nov. 26 at age 83.

**Dr. Robert T. Sandin**, Minneapolis, died April 5 at age 86. He joined UT as a professor of higher education and director of the Center for the Study of Higher Education in 1971. He served as assistant vice president for academic affairs from 1969 to 1971, when he was named director of planning.

**Adamae Schooner**, Holland, a dietary food service worker at MCO from 1982 to 1991, died April 27 at age 84.

**Janet S. Schroeder**, Toledo, an administrative assistant in the Urology Department and Pain Clinic from 1993 until her retirement in 2003, died Nov. 13 at age 71.

**Edward J. Shultz**, Toledo, died Feb. 12 at age 69. The retired chair and CEO of the former Dana Commercial Credit Corp. served on the College of Business Advisory Board and college committees.

**Melvin Stewart**, Toledo, who was a member of the Satellites Auxiliary, died Feb. 22 at age 75.

**Noel Stock**, Toledo, who taught in the UT English Department for more than two decades, died Nov. 16 at age 84. He was a visiting professor from 1969 to 1971 when he was named professor. The noted expert on Ezra Pound retired from the University in 1991.

**John A. Toepfer**, Waterville, died March 29 at age 80. The owner of Four Wheel Drive Diversified Inc. in Maumee was a member of the UT Center for Family Business and

Privately Held Business and had served on its board.

**Carlene Thomas**, Atlanta, died Dec. 24 at age 91. She was the assistant to the president of Maumee Valley Hospital and helped with the transition to the Medical College of Ohio. She worked at MCO from 1967 until her retirement in 2002 when she was assistant to the chair of the Biochemistry and Cancer Biology Department.

**Beverly J. "Bev" Vasko**, Toledo, died April 21 at age 61. She was a counselor in Student Services from 1993 to 1998. The UT alumna received a bachelor of arts degree in social work in 1988 and a master of liberal studies degree in 2002.

**Bernice "Bea" Waite**, Toledo, who volunteered as a member of the Satellites Auxiliary, died Feb. 5 at age 94.

**Dr. William "Bill" Wiersma**, Holland, professor emeritus of education, died April 25 at age 83. He joined the UT faculty as an assistant professor of educational research and measurement in the College of Education in 1963. Two years later, he was promoted to associate professor and founded the Center for Educational Research and Services and served as its director for 22 years. Wiersma was named professor in 1967. He wrote or co-wrote seven textbooks and was recognized for his work in the classroom in 1979 when he received one of the University's Outstanding Teacher Awards. He retired from UT in 1987, was named professor emeritus, and continued to teach part time for 14 years.

**Clarence H. Wright**, Floral City, Fla., who worked in UT Maintenance from 1970 until his retirement in 1991, died Nov. 19 at age 86.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Catherine Bryant  
Donna Buza  
Diana French  
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Elizabeth Henderson

## RECENT LIFE MEMBERS

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## UTRA Tower Talk

### UPCOMING EVENTS 2014

- Friday, July 18, Mud Hens vs Louisville Bats, 5:30 p.m. buffet, 7 p.m. game, Cost: \$26
- Sunday, Aug. 17, "Sweet Charity" at the Crowell Opera House, Cost: \$20, 30 tickets reserved. Optional lunch at Stable at your expense before show
- Monday-Friday, Aug. 18-22, bus trip to Mackinac Island. \$469/person double occupancy
- September, Tom Walton will speak on the loss of the Edmund Fitzgerald in the Driscoll Alumni Center Schmadel Room, date and time TBA
- October, guided tour of Woodlawn Cemetery, date and time TBA
- November, tour the National Museum of the Great Lakes, details TBA
- Sun., Dec. 7, Holiday Brunch, Inverness Club

#### Thursday Lunch Bunch Dates

##### Brunch 10:30 a.m., Lunch 1 p.m.

- June 19, Miss Lily's, 24174 Front St., Grand Rapids, lunch
- July 17, Carraba's, 3405 Briarfield Blvd., Maumee, lunch
- Aug. 2, IHOP on Airport Hwy. (across from Spring Meadows), brunch
- Sept. 18, Shawn's Irish Tavern, 7436 W. Bancroft St., lunch
- Oct. 16, Adam's Place, 2417 W. Laskey Road  
Contact Bobbie Raeder: [rootig@bex.net](mailto: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, 2-4 p.m. in the Radisson Hotel Restaurant on Health Science Campus, ample parking in front of hotel. For additional information, contact George Kertz at [gkertz@utoledo.edu](mailto:gkertz@utoledo.edu). E-mail reminders will be sent each month.

#### UTRA Book Buddies Book Club

- Starting Sept. 3 and then first Wednesday of each month, 2-3:30 p.m. in the Radisson Hotel restaurant on Health Science Campus, ample parking in front of hotel. For additional information, call Marcus Sneed at 419.530.5378. E-mail reminders will be sent each month. See article in this issue on page 8.

#### Events of interest?

Our Program Committee has provided us with opportunities for some excellent activities: theater productions, special interest programs, lectures, trips to special places.

If you have suggestions for activities that you think would be interesting to the UTRA membership, send your suggestions to Sally Berglund at [sally.berglund@utoledo.edu](mailto:sally.berglund@utoledo.edu) (419.530.4237) or to Marcus Sneed at [marcus.sneed@utoledo.edu](mailto:marcus.sneed@utoledo.edu) (419.530.5378). They will forward your suggestions to the Program Committee.