

Calendar of Events 2007-08

Wed., June 6	Daniel O'Donnell at SeaGate Theatre at 3 p.m., \$56
Fri., June 15	Annual Meeting at Belmont Country Club
Thurs., June 21	Garden Cafe on Reynolds Road at 10:30 a.m.
Thurs., July 19	Rosie's on McCord at 1 p.m.
Tues., July 31	Mud Hens in the Roost at noon, more info to come
Aug. TBA	Windsor Gambling Trip, more info to come
Thurs., Aug. 16	Elephant Bar at Westfield Shopping Center at 1 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 20	Blue Pacific Grill on Dussel Drive at 1 p.m.
Mon., Sept. 24	Smoky Mountain Trip, 5 days, 4 nights, \$530
Thurs., Oct. 18	Grumpy's at S. Huron Street at 1 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 2	Program on Care Giving in the Dana Center, more info to come Arranged by Augusta Askari
Sun., Dec. 2	Holiday Brunch at Inverness Club, 11 a.m. social hour, lunch at noon
Wed., Feb. 20	"Where Did I Leave My Keys?" at Health Science Campus at noon, Cost TBA

Tower Talk

Sandra Koepke, editor

Message from the president



George Kertz
President, UT Retirees Association

This is my last message as president of UTRA. I have enjoyed serving as your president, and appreciate the support and assistance that I have received from the members of the UTRA Board. Also, on behalf of all of the UTRA membership, I express our gratitude to the Alumni Office staff, Vern Snyder, Dan Saevig, Sue Fandrey and especially Sally Bergland, for their contributions to the operation and success of our organization.

A major event of this past year has been the merger of the retiree associations of The University of Toledo and the former Medical University of Ohio. The transition proceeded very smoothly, thanks to the cooperation of the boards of the two associations. The current UTRA Board consists of retirees from both institutions.

Millie Allred and the other members of the Activities Committee have been doing a marvelous job planning events for our members. Guest speakers included Dr. S. Amjad Hussain, professor emeritus of thoracic and cardiovascular surgery at the UT College of medicine and from The Blade; Steve Pollick from The Blade; and Don Adams of the Geek Squad. Bus trip destinations included Amish country, Branson for a show extravaganza, and Washington, D.C., for the Cherry Blossom Festival. There was a repeat, by popular demand, of the Ted Powers' Antiques Road Show and Tell, and there were several

shows at Stranahan Theater and the SeaGate Convention Centre. They also organized the joint meeting with the Bowling Green retirees at the Toledo Museum of Art Glass Pavilion this year. They also are organizers for two of the major annual events — the holiday brunch at the Inverness Club and the annual membership meeting, which will be at the Belmont Country Club Friday, June 15. And more ... !

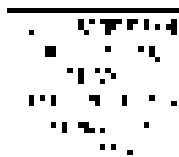
I think that the vast majority of you would agree that we have some of the best retiree plans in the nation, but there is need for vigilance. On the national level, the suggestion that all state employees be included in the Social Security system does not seem to go away. On the state level, the legislature considered giving elementary and secondary teachers the option of choosing a retirement system other than STRS, an option that college faculty already have. Both of these could have a serious negative effect on the amount of funds entering our systems. The state plan mentioned above was tabled, thanks to some quick action by some retirees in Columbus. In the future we may be calling on you to e-mail your representatives and senators in Washington and Columbus. Along with that of their other constituents, our voice must be heard.

Finally, on behalf of all of the board members, I want to express our appreciation to everyone who has contributed to the UTRA scholarship fund. Do you have a grandchild or great grandchild who is eligible to apply? If so, encourage him or her to do so.

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UTRA Tower Talk

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Sign up: UTRA membership has its privileges

By Jim Richards

If you don't have a UTRA membership card, get one now.

It's valuable.

With the merger of The University of Toledo and the former Medical University of Ohio, University of Toledo Retirees Association and the former MUO Retirees organization also have merged.

Dues in the merged UTRA continue as \$15 annually or \$125 for lifetime.

All UTRA members may obtain an annual parking permit by showing an UTRA membership card and his or her driver's license in Rocket Hall Room 1606, located off Secor Road. (You may want to wait until mid-August. The current permits expire Aug. 30 and the new ones will run from Sept. 1, 2007, until Aug. 30, 2008). The permits are valid on all UT campuses.

UTRA members also are eligible for discounts at bookstores and gift shops on both the Main Campus and the Health Science Campus, formerly MUO.

Members can sign up to use the Student Recreation Center on Main Campus for \$70 a semester and \$55 for the summer — or \$140 on an annual basis and get summers free. (Call Sue Nowak at 419.530.3700 for information — but do it soon. She is planning to retiree and join UTRA soon.)

Another site for information: Go online (www.utreccenter.com). Retirees also can arrange to use the Morse Center facilities on the Health Science Campus. For details call 419.383.5370.

Advance purchase of tickets to University of Toledo athletic events, including football, basketball and other sports, are available at half price with a UTRA membership card. The reduced prices are not available at ticket offices at the event.

Prior to the merger, UT retirees also were eligible for free dial-up Internet access and e-mail. MUO also provided that benefit; however, details concerning how that benefit can be extended to all are still being worked out. Watch for notices when details are complete.

UT retirees also were eligible for fee waivers for individual, spouse and IRS dependents, and details concerning how that might affect retirees from the former MUO also are under consideration and will be determined later. The same is true about dental/vision insurance coverage that is available to UT retirees at additional cost.

UTRA members receive two newsletters annually and communications about special events, trips and meetings.

RETIREEES ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Remember, your annual UTRA dues expire in June of each year. You must be a current dues-paying member in order to be eligible for the Dental and Vision plans and to receive mailings for events that are held throughout the year. Dues are \$125 for a life membership or \$15 for an annual membership.

If you are interested in joining UTRA, please return the enclosed form to the UT Alumni Office, Driscoll Alumni Center, 2801 W. Bancroft St., Toledo, OH 43606 or call the office at 419.530.4237 and renew over the phone.

Name _____

Spouse _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Social Security Number _____

Spouse SS # _____

Phone (_____) _____ Years at UT _____

Position held _____

Annual dues \$15 _____

Life Membership \$125 _____

Method of Payment:

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PERFORMING ARTS *continued from pg 8*

yet quite cowardly and was inspired by a hated childhood teacher of Jarry. The resulting political satire caused a riot at its premiere in Paris in 1896. "Bat Boy: The Musical" is an exciting collaboration between the Music and Theatre Departments and includes a bat child found in a cave, mysterious cow deaths, jealous veterinarians, blood, violence, singing and interspecies romance! This musical based on tabloid headlines has become a worldwide hit.

The Film and Video production schedule includes "Homecoming and Children Will Listen," a screening featuring the work of Charlene Gilbert, the new director of the the Catharine S. Eberly Center for Women in the Lab Theatre at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 24. NextFrame Film Festival is a touring festival that focuses on cutting-edge student work from around the world. A documentary program in conjunction with this festival will screen on Sept. 14, and an animation/experimentation program screens on Sept. 15 in the Lab Theatre at 7:30 p.m. Spring semester film showings begin with documentary filmmaker Mike Majoros, director and editor of "The Singing Revolution," "Rolling" and "Unfinished Symphony," presenting a screening of his work and conducting a workshop with film students in the Lab Theatre March 14 and 15.

The annual Censorship Symposium focuses on contemporary issues of censorship at the University, local and national level. The symposium occurs March 29 and 30, and the schedule of screenings and related events will be announced in early March. Graduating film/video seniors get to present overviews of their work during the Senior Film Student Showcases that occur throughout April in the Lab Theatre. The Annual Film Video Showcase takes place on April 25 in the Lab and Studio Theaters. This event features work by students in all levels of the production courses and has become so popular that the Film Department has had to expand it into two rooms to accommodate the audience. All events for the Theatre and Film Department are open to the public and information about the events is available at www.theater.utoledo.edu or by calling 419.530.2202.

Perhaps the most astonishing aspect about the Departments of Music and Theatre and Film is the campus- and community-wide outreach that occurs. The concerts in the Music Department would not be possible if they solely featured the people at UT who are majoring in various aspects of music. Roughly two-thirds of the participants in all the musical ensembles are not music majors, and many of the participants in theatrical productions are not theatre and film majors. There are pharmacy majors who play French horn, criminal justice majors who play clarinet, pre-medical majors who perform on the violin, communications majors who act in the plays, physics professors who sing tenor in the choirs, and environmental science professors who play trumpet in the jazz band. There is a magical inclusiveness in these departments that is rare and wonderful. They offer

the University community and the city of Toledo quality entertainment; both on the professional and university performance level, and they do it in abundance with great dedication and commitment. Please consider attending some of the performances this article mentions, UT retirees and alumni are valued.

IN MEMORIAM *continued from pg 10*

Carolyn Warner Harrison, Toledo, who worked in the UT Faculty Senate Office from 1973 to 1990, died Dec. 7 at age 78.

Dorothy "Dottie" G. (Brown) Hussain, Maumee, a longtime emergency room nurse at the former Medical College of Ohio Hospital, died Dec. 2 at age 62. She started nursing at MCO in 1975 and after a five-year stint with the former St. Vincent Medical Center, returned to MCO in 1983, working in the emergency room as a critical care nurse until her retirement in 1996. She was twice named Nurse of the Year at MCO, an honor based on peer nominations.

James A.C. Johnson, Toledo, who worked as an analyst in Systems at UT for 11 years, died April 7 at age 89. He retired from the University in 1984.

Karl H. Koester, Toledo, who worked as a lab senior technician at the University Medical Center from 2005 to 2006, died Jan. 2 at age 69.

Wendy L. (Rutherford) Krupa, Martin, Ohio, a technical typist in the Admitting Department of the former MCO/MUO Medical Center from 1993 to 2006, died March 21 at age 44.

Stacey (Trzcinski) Leffler, Toledo, a part-time nurse in the Surgery Department, died April 14 at age 40. She was hired by the former MCO in 1989. Leffler was a 1995 graduate of UT's former Community and Technical College.

Donald "Ducky" Lewis, Toledo, a former assistant football coach, died March 13 at age 73. He coached defensive ends and linebackers under Head Coach Frank Lauterbur from 1968 to 1970, when UT started its 35-0 streak. He left with Lauterbur in 1971 to take a job at the University of Iowa. Lewis returned to Toledo and coached the offensive line under Head Coach Jack Murphy from 1975 to 1976. Lewis was a UT alumnus, receiving a bachelor's degree in education in 1960.

Barbara Ann Machcinski, Toledo, who worked at UT as a custodian for more than two decades, died April 17 at age 71. She joined the staff in 1966 and retired in 1989.

David E. Machcinski, a custodial worker on the Health Science Campus, died Jan. 26, at age 64. He joined the staff at the former MCO in 1992.

Malcolm C. Maddy, Beaverton, Ore., who was an assistant professor of engineering technology at the former ComTech from 1967 to 1968, died Dec. 28 at age 70. A lifetime member of the Alumni Association, he earned his master's degree in engineering from UT in 1969 and attained the rank of Captain in the U.S. Air Force.

Dr. Patrick McGuire, Toledo, former director of UT's Urban Affairs Center, died March 18 at age 53. He joined the UT faculty as an assistant professor of sociology in 1987 and was promoted to associate professor in 1993. He wrote two reports for the city of Toledo that evaluated the economic and social impacts of electrical operations in the Glass City and northwest Ohio during the 1990s. In 1999, McGuire was named director of the Urban Affairs Center, an applied social science-based research entity dedicated to improving the quality of life and economic vitality of the Toledo area. Under his leadership, the center's budget increased

Co-founder and first president of UTRA dies

Dr. James A. Brunner, who was instrumental in founding The University of Toledo Retirees Association and who served as its first president, died Feb. 3 at the age of 83.

After teaching at Ohio State and Otterbein College, Brunner came to The University of Toledo in 1951, where he served as the chair of the Marketing Department for 25 years, retiring as professor emeritus in 1992.

His service as the first chair of UT's Campus Beautification Committee came about thanks to a reputation for gardening, a legacy from his parents. In 1976, UT President Glen Driscoll called Brunner into his office with a challenge. "I hear you're the one professor that likes to dig in the dirt," Driscoll said. "Our campus is anything but attractive. Therefore, I challenge you to create something beautiful for The University of Toledo."

Brunner is perhaps more than any other person responsible for the renowned appearance of the Main Campus. In 2003, the American Society of Landscape Architects designated the University as one of the country's most beautiful campuses, one of only 22 colleges and universities so honored. In 1996, UT dedicated the Brunner Garden to honor his beautification work.

As a teacher, Brunner mentored many students who later achieved great career success; he received UT's Outstanding Teacher Award in 1968. He served for more than 30 years as faculty adviser to Beta Gamma Sigma, the College of Business Scholastics Honorary. He helped bring the freshman honor society, Phi Eta Sigma, to UT and initiated the freshman leadership society, Lambda Sigma, to recognize students with outstanding service as campus leaders.

Brunner was a charter member of the UT Presidents Club. His philanthropic interests also included the Brunner Scholarship Fund, the Brunner Faculty Service Award in the UT College of Business Administration, and the establishment of the Brunner Multimedia Center in Stranahan Hall. In 2001, UT paid him high honor by creating the Brunner Society.

Colleen B. Anderson, Woodville, Ohio, a custodian at UT from 1977 until her retirement in 1988, died March 7 at age 84.

Thomas H. Anderson, 82, Toledo, a local civic and business leader, philanthropist and a strong supporter of the former Medical College of Ohio, died Nov. 30. He was a member of the Mayor's Medical School Study Committee that worked in the early 1960s to determine the need for a medical school in northwest Ohio and which led to the establishment of the Toledo State College of Medicine in 1964. In 1967, the school's name was changed to Medical College of Ohio. Anderson served on the board of the former Maumee Valley Hospital, where MCO was initially established, and later was a member and chairman of the MCO Board of Trustees from 1980 to 1989. He also served on the MCO Foundation Board of Trustees. In 1990, he received MCO's Distinguished Citizen Award.

Earl W. Bitz, Holland, Ohio, died Feb. 17 at age 79. He joined UT in 1970 as a custodian and held positions in housekeeping, including supervisor, until 1978, when he became a maintenance repair worker. He retired from that position in 1989.

Geraldine V. Bouyer, Toledo, a custodial worker at the former MCO from 1977 to 2000, died Jan. 14 at age 58.

Phyllis J. Church, Toledo, who worked at UT 22 years, died Nov. 7 at age 71. She was hired as a clerk in the Cashier's Office in 1970 and moved to Finance as cashier in 1976. Four years later, Church was promoted to accountant, the position she retired from in 1992.

Edrene (Benson) Cole, Toledo, died Jan. 6 at age 75. The longtime teacher and education administrator was one of the founders of UT's Toledo Excel Program to better prepare under-represented minority students for college. She completed three education degrees at UT: bachelor's in 1955, master's in 1972 and education specialist in 1974. Honored with many UT awards over the years, Cole received an honorary doctorate in education from the University in 2006 during the spring commencement.

Cornelia M. Collier, Toledo, who worked as a secretary in the Pediatrics Department at the former MCO in 1999, died Jan. 29 at age 66. She also was a medical transcriber at MUO.

Isabell M. Cousino, Holland, Ohio, who worked in the Dietary Department of the former MUO from 1972 to 1982, died March 11 at age 94.

William P. Day, Sylvania, who taught in UT's Department of Communication for more than 20 years, died Dec. 24 at age 80. The longtime area reporter and editor joined UT in 1970 as a visiting lecturer in journalism. Upon his 1984 retirement from The Blade, he became assistant professor of communication. He served as faculty adviser to The Collegian, the student chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists and the Public Relations Student Society of America. In 1987, he received an Outstanding Teaching Award; in 1990, the UT Panhellenic Association named him Faculty Member of the Year. He retired from the University in 1991.

Dr. Kenneth J. DeWitt, Toledo, Distinguished University Professor Emeritus of Chemical and Environmental Engineering, died Dec. 29 at age 68. He joined the College of Engineering in 1965 as assistant professor, becoming associate professor in 1969 and professor in 1975. From 1981 to 1984, he served as the college's associate dean of graduate studies. The internationally known engineering expert in fluid-thermal physics and transport phenomena was named an Outstanding Teacher in 1975 and a Distinguished University Professor in 1987 as part of UT's Program for Academic Excellence. He also was an instructor and researcher at the NASA Glenn Research Center in Cleveland.

Charles Dolph, Sylvania, who had been working at UT since 2006 as business continuity administrator in the Office of Educational and Information Technology, died Jan. 11 at age 62.

Daniel M. Gore, Toledo, who taught public speaking at UT for 10 years, died Feb. 18 at age 94.

William W. Guy, Toledo, who worked at the former MCO more than two decades, died March 23 at age 67. He joined the Information Systems staff in 1978 and was a PC LAN support technician when he retired in 2002.

THE VIEW FROM COLUMBUS

By Bob Niedzielski

COPING WITH CHANGE

Every fall for the past nine years, the Ohio State University Retirees Association (OSURA) has hosted a "Coping with Change" conference. The morning session features a keynote address, usually followed by a general session. After lunch, several workshops are available, followed by separate meetings for STRS and OPERS retirees that update health-care options and issues for the coming year.

Dr. Glen Aukerman, medical director of OSU's Center for Integrative Medicine, was the keynote speaker last year. The workshop options were "Safe Driving for Seniors," "Relaxation and Meditation Through Yoga," "Herbs and Dietary Supplements: Do They Really Work," "Funeral Pre-Planning — What Should You Know?" and "At Home Care — What Assistance Is Available?" The general session was titled "Tomorrow at OSU — A Look at the Master Plan."

The OSU Center for Integrative Medicine opened 19 months ago, and has been visited by more than 20,000 patients. In addition to traditional medical staff, it employs chiropractors, acupuncturists, art therapists and massage therapists. The center "provides an evidence-based, patient-centered approach to holistic health care." Aukerman has been in the OSU Department of Family Medicine since 1995 and chaired it from 1995 to 1998. He is a past president of the American Academy of Family Physicians and is board-certified in holistic medicine.

A 2000 health and retirement study by the National Institutes of Health National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) found that 88 percent of respondents age 65 and older used CAM. Dietary supplements were cited by 66 percent of respondents, while 46 percent mentioned chiropractic use. Prayer and exercise also were named. Women use CAM more than men.

Aukerman stressed that understanding healthy aging requires interdisciplinary work in nutrition, genetics and inflammation. Living to age 100 and beyond involves a complex combination of genetics, environment and lifestyle. Aging and longevity are only partially under genetic influence. A fair amount of the gain comes from nutrition. Chronic illness and diet-related health problems pose the most serious threat to

public health. Sixty-five percent of U.S. adults over age 20 are overweight or obese, for example.

According to Aukerman, major dietary changes occurred when persons quit growing their own gardens. One of the results is a latex chemical problem. Latex depresses the immune system. Naturally occurring latex is trapped in plants/fruit that are picked green for shipment. When the plant or fruit is treated with ethylene gas in grocery warehouses, the problem is compounded. Dried, canned or frozen foods contain less latex. He also suggested that hard water, which contains calcium and magnesium, is beneficial. Those minerals are absent in bottled water. Other comments Aukerman made were to avoid all flax products (magnesium oxide is a better choice), decrease omega-6 but increase omega-3 (with omega-3 eggs or omega-3 fish oil) in diets, eat Pacific wild salmon instead of farm-fed or Atlantic salmon, and consume cinnamon to help lower blood sugar.

The Center for Integrative Medicine Web site is <http://medicalcenter.osu/patientcare/hospitalsandservices/primarycare/im>.

Other Web sites of interest are <http://efaeducation.nih.gov> for daily diet analysis; www.naturalstandard.com for evidence-based CAM reviews; and www.nutritiondata.com/facts for individual food choices.

DISCLAIMER: Consult your physician before acting on any of the above information.

Communicating effectively with legislators

By Bob Niedzielski

A panel discussion on influencing legislation was held at a recent Ohio Council of Higher Education Retirees (OCHER) meeting. The three panelists, one from the Ohio Retired Teachers Association (ORTA), another from the STRS Governmental Relations staff, and the third from the Interuniversity Council, raised a number of points. Common to each presenter, however, were the importance of building alliances, maintaining communications, keeping information concise, consistent and positive, and using personal letters and visits, rather than relying on e-mails.

As one of the OCHER panelists pointed out, higher education typically has few vocal advocates. Whether it's at legislative hearings, cocktail parties or in our neighborhoods, "... people are interested in roads, schools and guns. You never hear about higher education. We have to keep reminding people that higher education should be viewed as an investment rather than as a cost to taxpayers."

STRS Ohio has provided some general guidelines for communicating with legislators:

- Do be courteous.
- Do personalize your message.
- Do keep the message short and succinct.
- Do keep letters to one page and state the purpose at the beginning.

- Do commend legislators for past or current actions.
- Do give reasons for your position.
- Do ask legislators for a statement of their position on the issue.
- Do include your address and sign your name.
- Do follow up with legislators after your letter has been answered and thank them. If they have agreed with your position, ask them to take a leadership role. If they disagree or are undecided, send additional information.
- Don't be unrealistic in your request.
- Don't send form letters or cards.
- Don't try to address multiple subjects.
- Don't assume the legislators know all the details of your proposal.
- Don't threaten or attack.
- Don't degrade your legislators or your opposition, and don't impugn their motives.

Finally, don't make enemies of legislators, since you may need them as friends in the future.

Rockets to play Purdue, Iowa State in Glass Bowl this season

By Paul Helgren

The University of Toledo's 2007 football schedule features seven home games, including the season opener vs. Purdue Saturday, Sept. 1, and a battle with Iowa State Saturday, Sept. 22.

The Rockets also host Liberty in the Homecoming game Oct. 6, as well as four Mid-American Conference matchups: Western Michigan on Sept. 29, Ohio on Oct. 20, Northern Illinois on Oct. 27 and Eastern Michigan on Nov. 3. Six of Toledo's seven home games will occur in a seven-week period from Sept. 22 to Nov. 3. All seven home games are scheduled for Saturdays, with the Eastern Michigan game being the only November date in the Glass Bowl.

Toledo's five road games include a non-conference contest at Kansas Sept. 15, as well as MAC games at Central Michigan Sept. 8, Buffalo Oct. 13, Ball State Nov. 13 and Bowling Green Nov. 23.

So far, two games on the schedule are set for national TV broadcasts, although more could be added at a future date. The game at Ball State Tuesday, Nov. 13, will be on ESPN2, while the Bowling Green game Friday, Nov. 23 will be on ESPNU.

Head Coach Tom Amstutz said the 2007 schedule will be a challenge for his team but a treat for Rocket fans.



"It's a very challenging schedule but a good one in that we have seven home games and a chance to play a Big Ten team and a Big 12 team at home in the Glass Bowl," Amstutz said. "It's a great opportunity for our fans that they get to see us play Purdue and Iowa State at home."

The Rockets return 18 starters from last season's team, which finished 5-7, 3-5 in MAC play. Among those 18 starters are four first-team All-MAC players: senior running back Jalen Parmele, senior tight end Chris Hopkins, senior offensive tackle John Greco and sophomore safety Barry Church.

For season ticket information, call the UT Athletic Ticket Office at 419.530.GOLD.

The University of Toledo 2007 Football Schedule

Sat.	Sept. 1	PURDUE	GLASS BOWL	7 p.m.
Sat.	Sept. 8	at Central Michigan*	Mt. Pleasant, Mich.	TBA
Sat.	Sept. 15	at Kansas	Lawrence, Kan.	TBA
Sat.	Sept. 22	IOWA STATE	GLASS BOWL	7 p.m.
Sat.	Sept. 29	WESTERN MICHIGAN*	GLASS BOWL	7 p.m.
Sat.	Oct. 6	LIBERTY (Homecoming)	GLASS BOWL	7 p.m.
Sat.	Oct. 13	at Buffalo	Buffalo, N.Y.	TBA
Sat.	Oct. 20	OHIO*	GLASS BOWL	7 p.m.
Sat.	Oct. 27	NORTHERN ILLINOIS*	GLASS BOWL	7 p.m.
Sat.	Nov. 3	EASTERN MICHIGAN*	GLASS BOWL	7 p.m.
Tue.	Nov. 13	at Ball State* (ESPN2)	Muncie, Ind.	7:30 p.m.
Fri.	Nov. 23	at Bowling Green* (ESPNU)	Bowling Green	2:30 p.m.



HOME GAMES IN BOLD CAPS All times listed are site times *Mid-American Conference Game
Schedule as of March 14 – subject to change

THE CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS ON THE UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO MAIN CAMPUS

By Bonnie Fleming

The Center for the Performing Arts on The University of Toledo Main Campus is a unique, dynamic and active atmosphere. The sights and sounds result from a delightful array of talented college students preparing themselves for a life of artistic fulfillment. Two departments, the Music Department and the Department of Theatre and Film, coexist in collaborative creative harmony.

UT's Music Department provides a series of recitals and concerts each semester. Most of these events are free and all of them are open to the public. Audiences are growing each semester, as community members learn about the excellent quality of the performances. Three concert series regularly bring national and internationally known performers to UT. The Jazz Master Series is funded by grants from The University of Toledo Program for Academic Excellence. Each year several jazz legends come to campus to entertain students, faculty and staff as well as community members. An element of the series also provides students and interested community members with the opportunity to benefit from special master classes. Learning directly from the living legends in one's chosen field is a magnificent opportunity.

The Dorothy Mackenzie Price Piano Series brings four concert pianists a year to perform at UT and provide master classes to UT students and community students who are instructed by members of the Toledo Piano Association. These talented pianists engage the audience in the performance by speaking to them about the works that they play. Each pianist brings a unique perspective on the works, and the interaction with the audience during the recital provides invaluable insight into the masterworks of piano literature that they perform.

Another series of concerts brings in four vocalists each year. The Vocal Series gives student vocalists the chance to work with another professional in their field during a master class. Then the master vocalists each perform a recital that gives Toledo audiences the opportunity to hear professional vocal artistry in an intimate chamber setting.

Of course, UT's Music Department also sponsors a plethora of concerts performed by the talented University of Toledo students. The Wind Ensemble, Symphonic and Concert Bands as well as the University Symphony each typically performs four concerts throughout the school year. The Men's Chorus, Women's Chorus and Concert Chorale do the same. The award-winning extremely active Jazz Ensemble performs four big band concerts throughout the year, but they also perform in combos every second and fourth Monday of each month at Murphy's Place, 151 Water St. in Toledo. UT Jazz Night at Murphy's Place is a

great favorite among UT students and alumni alike. These large ensemble concerts are, at times, combined into gala events, which include all of the ensembles in a great panorama of UT talent. During the fall semester there is a Showcase Concert, while in the spring semester there is an entire week of special events surrounding the annual Spring Festival of New Music. 2007 marked the Music Department's 30th anniversary of this celebration of the great variety of 20th- and 21st-century music.

All of the events sponsored by the UT Music Department are open to the public; information about upcoming events is available at www.music.utoledo.edu or by calling 419.530.2448.

The Department of Theatre and Film is equally active and vital within the University community. Each year the production season for the Department of Theatre and Film is filled with groundbreaking theatrical events and interestingly compelling viewing opportunities in video and film. The 2007-08 theatre production season is called "Voices From the Margins" and it begins Sept. 7 and 8 in the Center for Performing Arts Center Theatre at 7:30 p.m. with a presentation of a one-man show by Tibor Varszegi called "The Age of Impeachment I.-The Crook." Varszegi is an artist from Hungary who will be in residence to enrich the education of UT theatre students as well as to entertain and educate Toledo audiences with this unique production. "Topdog/Underdog" is a play by Suzan-Lori Parks, who won the Pulitzer Prize for Drama with this work about two brothers, Lincoln and Booth, who grapple with sibling rivalry and the destiny implied by their names. This play will be performed in the Studio Theatre October 2-7.

Visiting artist Varszegi will teach a course in theatrical improvisation and the results of the work students in his class do during the course will be displayed Oct. 11 and 12 in University Hall Room 5130G in a series of themed works produced under the title "Etudes." Caryl Churchill wrote "Top Girls," a play that explores what it takes for a woman to come out on top in a "man's world." She mixes fantasy with reality in this postmodern look at capitalism, class, gender politics and feminist theory, which is scheduled for performance in the Center Theatre November 9-18. The fall season concludes with "24 Hour Plays," the third annual evening of short plays written, rehearsed and performed in 24 hours. This chaotic tradition yields fascinatingly entertaining rewards; the performance will be in the Studio Theatre at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 1.

The spring semester theatre production schedule includes "Ubu Roi" by Alfred Jarry in the Center Theatre February 15-24 and "Bat Boy: The Musical" in the Center Theatre April 11-20. "Ubu Roi" is an anti-hero who is odiously vile and

HOW OUR DUES ARE SPENT

From the Desk of Millie Allred

The UTRA Program Committee plays a key role in the association's steering committee because it provides the membership with a variety of programs from which to choose. Over the last few years we have presented some splendid, exciting, educational, memorable and quality programs for your enjoyment. Even a few risqué ones too — such as "The Full Monty" and "The Underpants"! There have been day trips, three-, five- and seven-day trips, speakers, dinner theaters, plays, musical shows, Christmas brunch, dinner meetings, boat trips, Glass Pavilion lunch and tour. Most of these have a cost to them; however, some are free to the membership and their guests as the cost is paid by the UTRA's treasury.

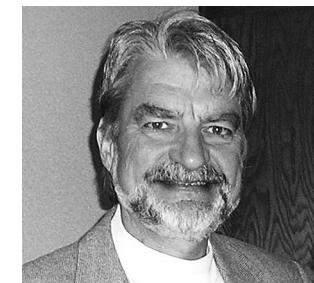
Ted Powers from Ancestor House Antiques was the speaker several times for our Antiques Show and Tell and also evaluated items brought by members. These events usually cost \$300. The Geek Squad from Best Buy sent Dan Brown to discuss the mysteries of new technological gadgets such as the latest Ipods. The charge for this program was \$229. Other informative speakers, such as Steve Pollick on environmental issues, Dr. S. Amjad Hussain on the Taliban and Chuck Thayer from Habitat for Humanity, did not charge as they considered it a community service. However, our organization did provide a small gratuity.

The Washington trip was fabulous! We enjoyed the hotel, food, tour guide, camaraderie, and we didn't have to drive. Some of the sights we were able to take in included the World War II Memorial, Iwo Jima Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, Embassy Row, U.S. Capital, White House, Supreme Court and a visit to the Smithsonian. What an exceptional time we had.

As many of our members like three- or five-day trips, watch for information regarding the Smoky Mountain Trip planned for September. Also, if any member wishes to serve on the Program Committee, give me a call. You don't have to be on the board to serve and you can get as creative as your imagination will allow.



Millie Allred introduced Ted Powers to UTRA members.



Steve Pollick, outdoor editor for The Blade, educated UTRA members on the aspects of environmental issues.



Ted Powers gave history and estimates the worth of our priceless possessions.



The Geek Squad and Rocket Wireless entertained and informed UTRA members on the newest and best in technology. Carole Sedlock from Rocket Wireless encouraged retirees to purchase their cell phone package from UT and receive savings and personal attention from UT staff.

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The December Holiday Brunch was held at the Inverness Club. Members said the buffet was wonderful and it is always a great time to see old friends.

The tour of The University of Toledo's Health Science Campus was well attended in January. Dr. Barbara Kopp Miller spoke on "Successful Aging" at the luncheon.

In February, we had the second Antique Show and Tell. Photos tell the story.

The Geek Squad and Rocket wireless was well received by the UTRA members.

The annual joint meeting of retirees from Bowling Green State University and The University of Toledo was held in the beautiful Toledo Museum of Art Glass Pavilion. After lunch members enjoyed the speaker Dr. Don Bacigalupi, director of the Toledo Museum of Art. Tour of the Glass Pavilion followed.



Jim Richard introduced Dr. Don Bacigalupi, director of the Toledo Museum of Art, at the Glass Pavilion Luncheon.



BGSU and UT retirees enjoy the Glass Pavilion luncheon and interesting speaker.



Happy group that went on the Washington, D.C., bus trip.



Travelers on the move in Washington.



Resting their feet, waiting for their next adventure.



UTRA members rest under the cherry tree.



The wheels on the bus go round and round on their way to Washington, D.C.