

# Tower Talk

Sandra Koepke, editor

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*By Jim Richard*

Spring has sprung and, hopefully, by the time you read this, the Easter snows will have melted. And, almost as significant, you can look forward to the end of my term as president of The University of Toledo Retiree Association.

It has been an interesting year with the merger of UT and the Medical University of Toledo. The Transition Committee that engineered the merger of the two retiree groups slipped me in as president for the year ending in June without full knowledge of the history of UTRA.

When I retired in May 1989 from what was then MCO, Dr. Richard D. Ruppert, the president, directed me to form a retiree association for the medical school. I called the president at Ohio State, Chalmers Hixson, for guidance. He provided me with the bylaws and constitution of OSURA, which I adopted for MCO.

A few weeks later, Hixson, who, incidentally, passed away last December, invited me to Columbus to meet with representatives of Ohio University and Miami to help form a statewide retiree organization for higher education.

At that meeting, we discovered that UT and BGSU did not have retiree groups. I called Dr. Lancelot C.A. Thompson, the retired UT vice president, who was my neighbor on Cheltenham Road, and encouraged him to organize UT. Hixson and I tabbed my old high school football coach, Sam Cooper, to do the same at BGSU.

Now that I have had intimate experience with UTRA, I realize what a great job Lance did. He had the foresight to involve the UT Alumni organization and the great support of the old hockey writer, Dan Saevig, the alumni chief, has been truly significant in the growth of UTRA. Probably most important was Dan's "loaning" of staffer Sally Berglund to keep the UTRA officers on track.

The last report has UTRA membership, including UT and those from what now is the UT Health Science Campus, at 567 individuals, representing 840 households.

It is my suspicion that there are many more eligible individuals out there who are missing the opportunity

## UTRA SCHOLARSHIP

*By George Murnen*

Several years ago, our past president, Richard Perry, proposed contributing a portion of our treasury, \$10,000, to establish an endowment to provide a scholarship each year for the descendants of UTRA members. A motion was subsequently proposed and passed to increase the endowment to \$100,000 so that a number of scholarships, possibly as many as eight or nine, might be awarded each year. This award is available to the descendants of UTRA members whether they are living or not.

Currently, the endowment stands at \$25,000, one quarter of the goal. The \$100,000 goal can be reached and if it is, it will benefit not only the awardees but the University as well. The University regularly invites faculty, staff and, of course, retirees, to contribute, usually on a yearly basis. Retirees are major contributors to the University and what better way can we contribute than to provide scholarships for our descendants. If each household in the membership contributed \$100 per year over a period of three years, the goal would be exceeded. However, don't feel you must limit yourself to \$300. I urge you to give as much as you wish, and I don't say this just because I have seven more grandchildren.

to take advantage of the benefits available in UTRA membership and the continuing relationships with former associates.

Elsewhere in this newsletter, you will find information about planned activities. We have appointed a membership chair, Carol Okenka, to assist Sally in keeping the UTRA membership roster up to date as more folks retire. As my term as UTRA president ends, I urge all who read this to encourage anyone you know who might be eligible for membership but has not yet signed up to join the fun.

And, finally, thank you for the opportunity to have served as interim president!

# THE VIEW FROM COLUMBUS

By Bob Niedzielski

**A**s reported in the last issue of this newsletter, HB 315 was introduced in the Ohio Legislature in mid-September 2007 by Rep. Scott Oelslager (R., North Canton) with 14 co-sponsors, including Rep. Edna Brown (D., Toledo) and Rep. Matt Szollosi (D., Oregon). HB 315 would provide long-term solvency for the STRS health-care fund. It would increase employee contributions to STRS by 2.5 percent of salary and the employer contribution to STRS by 2.5 percent of payroll. These increases would be phased in over five years in 0.5 percent increments and could only be used to provide health-care benefits.

HB 315 has strong support from a number of groups, including the Inter-University Council of Ohio, which represents Ohio's public universities. The Ohio Director of Insurance has endorsed the bill. It is opposed by the Ohio School Boards Association and the Ohio Association of School Business Officials, which regard it as an unfunded mandate. HB 315 was assigned to the Financial Institutions, Real Estate and Securities (FIRES) Committee. Rep. Chris Widener (R., Springfield) chairs that committee, and Rep. Matt Szollosi is a member of it. HB 315 also will go before the Ohio Retirement Study Council (ORSC), which has nine voting members: three senators, three representative, and three persons appointed by the governor. The directors of each of the five Ohio public pension systems are nonvoting ORSC members. The ORSC is chaired by Sen. J. Kirk Schuring (R., Canton). Rep. Michelle Schneider (R., Cincinnati) serves as vice chair.

As of April, the FIRES Committee had not held nor scheduled any hearings on HB 315. Eight members of the FIRES Committee support the bill, four oppose it, and seven are "persuadable," while four ORSC members are in favor, but five oppose the legislation. Unfortunately, one of those positives is leaving the ORSC. Of the five negatives, it has been noted that only one of those is strongly opposed, and that the other four could be persuaded. A major concern about the bill, both in the legislature and for local school boards, is the employer contribution portion. Some legislators prefer to see active STRS members pay for the entire 5 percent increase.

It appears that this bill will not be acted on this year. At present, the main focus of legislators is the upcoming election. The fact that one-third of current House members are term-limited compounds the problem. There has been some suggestion that hearings on HB 315 may be held during the lame-duck

legislative session later this year, but it is more likely that the legislation will have to be taken up again in the next General Assembly. One of the strategies involved by its supporters is to not get a "no" answer by rushing this year. In the meantime, STRS and Health-Care Advocates (HCA) spokespersons continue to meet with school superintendents and school boards, pointing out that supporting the increase will save them money in the long run, and they will be writing to all legislative candidates about this issue.

Passage of HB 315 is critical for current and future STRS retirees. The 5 percent increase, based on current actuarial assumptions, would make the Health-Care Stabilization Fund (HCSF) secure well into the future. Current projections show that the fund principal will have to be used to pay for health care starting in 2011, and the fund will run out of money in 2021, and the STRS Ohio Health-Care Program will end.

You can help assure passage of HB 315. Contact legislators that you know and members of your local school board with whom you are acquainted. Tell them why affordable health care is important to you, and that it makes sense to secure this program for the future rather than risk adding to the ranks of uninsured Ohioans. The mailing address for all representatives is: Ohio House of Representatives, 77 S. High St., Columbus, OH, 43215. Additional contact information, such as telephone numbers and e-mail addresses, can be obtained by calling toll-free 1.800.282.0253. Those also can be obtained from the STRS Health-Care Champions Web site at [www.strsoh.org/champions](http://www.strsoh.org/champions). STRS also would appreciate any feedback you can provide after making those contacts. Send those to Laura Ecklar, STRS Director, Communication Services, by phone (614.227.4077) or by e-mail ([ecklarl@strsoh.org](mailto:ecklarl@strsoh.org)).

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Many retirees also are concerned with another issue that adversely impacts them, this time at the federal level, and which has likewise been in limbo. It has to do with repeal legislation of the Government Pension Offset (GPO) and Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP). Under current law, retirees in 13 states have their Social Security benefits reduced if they take up a second career in teaching or public service.

The GPO was enacted in 1977. It requires the Social Security Administration (SSA) to reduce a public

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# REDUCED RATES OFFERED TO RETIREES AT MORSE FITNESS CENTER, STUDENT REC CENTER

By Augusta Askari

UT retirees are eligible to join the Morse Fitness Center at the reduced rate of \$104 for an individual or \$157 for a family per year.

This entitles access to all equipment, the weight room, and the swimming pool in the Hilton Hotel. The Morse Fitness Center is located on the third floor of Dowling Hall. Both the center and the hotel are on UT's Health Science Campus.

The center is managed by the YMCA/JCC of Greater Toledo. There is no additional fee for becoming a member of this branch; however, a YMCA/JCC membership at an increased charge and also the "joiner's fee" are required before using the facilities of other branches.

The Morse Fitness Center offers a full array of exercise equipment, including treadmills, stationary bicycles, flex-steppers, step machines, wall climbers, rowing machines, arm strengtheners, walking/running track, basketball court, indoor tennis capacity, racquet ball courts, boxing bag, as well as a classroom.

Specialized classes, such as group spin cycling, step aerobics, body sculpting and yoga are available at a small additional charge. Water aerobics classes are held in the hotel's swimming pool.

In addition, arrangements may be made for personal trainers to develop individualized exercise programs.

The Morse Center, with extensive windows overlooking the campus, is open Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m.

For more information on the Morse Fitness Center, call 419.383.5370.

Retirees who would like to go to the Student Recreation Center on UT's Main Campus are welcome to purchase a membership as long as they have a sponsor who is a current member or student.

Located on the southeast portion of Main Campus, the center features two pools, dive tank, spa, sauna, game rooms, sand volleyball courts, an indoor track, multi-sport courts, auxiliary gym, cycling room, racquetball courts, climbing wall, aerobics room, resistance machines, weight room, wellness center and cardiovascular machines, including elliptical trainers, treadmills, bikes and rowers.

The cost for an annual membership would be \$360, \$145 for a semester, or \$115 for the summer.

For those who are age 65 and older, the cost would be \$205 for an annual membership, \$92 for a semester, or \$77 for the summer.

Hours are Monday through Thursday from 6:30 a.m. to midnight, Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Summer hours vary slightly.

For more information on the Student Recreation Center, call 419.530.3700 or go to [www.utoledo.edu/studentaffairs/rec/](http://www.utoledo.edu/studentaffairs/rec/).

## STUDENT REC CENTER

Emeriti and retired faculty/staff members are welcome to purchase a membership at the Student Recreation Center.

The cost is \$140 for an annual membership, \$70 for a semester and \$55 for a summer membership.

Our contact information to learn more is 419-530-3700 or [www.utreccenter.com/](http://www.utreccenter.com/)

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employee's SS spousal or survivor benefits by an amount equal to two-thirds of their public pension. Spousal and survivor benefits are normally available to any person whose retired or deceased spouse worked at a job in which he or she earned SS benefits. The GPO reduces or eliminates these benefits.

The WEP, which went into effect in 1983, reduces the earned SS benefits of an individual who also receives a public pension from a job not covered by SS. The law reduces the factor by which average earnings are multiplied to determine SS benefits. How much the factor is reduced depends on when the individual becomes eligible to retire and how many years of earnings he or she has accumulated. The WEP causes low-paid public employees outside the SS system to lose a significant portion of their SS benefits.

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# UTRA RETIREES: WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO?

**S**andy Flick, who worked in Chemistry and Registration, and David Flick, who worked in Maintenance Repair, have been busy helping at Sanger Library Book Sales. They also are members of Good Bears of the World, an international organization that gives teddy bears to children who are dealing with a variety of traumatic situations and to lonely adults, many of whom are in nursing homes. And they volunteer on the phones at the annual Labor Day Telethon.

They also volunteer with Immergrun, an organization of doctors in Toledo who perform surgery for the Amish/Mennonite people for a reduced cost as their religion prohibits them from having health insurance.

"For those folks who do not come with a van driver that they hire, we pick them up at the train or bus station and take them for doctors' appointments, tests and surgeries," David said. Sandy added, "If they are staying for several days, we see that they get to and from motel and hospital."

They have enjoyed an unbelievable reward from these lovely people who always help so many in and out of their own communities.

"This association with the Amish/Mennonite people has truly been one of the biggest blessings in our lives," Sandy said.

## BLUE AND GOLD RETIREES BREAKFAST GROUP

Retired University gals meet for breakfast on the first Tuesday of each month at 9 a.m. at Charlie's (private dining area) on Central Avenue across from Giant Eagle. Jo Ann Dixon and Doris Malinovsky, who died in 1998, were instrumental in getting the group started around 1992. They met at several locations before settling on Charlie's.

Marianne Alderman has taken over the responsibility of keeping the records and sending out e-mail reminders to members, plus she sends out get-well cards.

At present there are about 60 members, which about 20 or so show up for breakfast. Most everyone comes to the December luncheon at Red Lobster on Monroe Street.

Anyone wanting to join the group will be welcomed.

## WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN UP TO?

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

Send your name, year of retirement, where you worked, and title, and let us know what you're doing.

Please send information to Sandra Koepke, 379 E. Woodside, Holland, OH 43528 or e-mail [skoepke@utnet.utoledo.edu](mailto:skoepke@utnet.utoledo.edu).

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## UTRA NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The UTRA Nominating Committee (Reemt Baumann, Bob Niedzielski, Bobbie Raeder) submits the following slate of candidates for the Executive Board for 2008-2009:

President - Millie Allred

Vice-President - Donna Adler, Pat Harmon

Secretary - Cheryl Baker, Cynthia Sepic

Treasurer - Don Ewing

Members-at-Large (three to be elected):

Judy Fegley

Liz Ganshow

Roger Kennedy

Lee Shields

Joe Sommerville

John "Jack" Ahern, Donna Adler, and Keith Schlender continue as at-large Board members.

Nominations may be made from the floor at the UTRA annual meeting, noon, Friday, June 13, Belmont Country Club.

## 2007 HEALTH SCIENCE CAMPUS RETIREES SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

The Health Science Campus Retirees Scholarship Funds, which consist of the HSC Retirees Scholarship Fund and the HSC Retirees Scholarship Endowment Fund, continue as before our merger with UT.

In 2007, we received more than \$4,000 in donations and granted scholarships to students in attendance in the colleges on the campus where we all worked. These are the College of Medicine, College of Nursing, College of Health Science and Human Resources, and College of Graduate Studies.

The following students were chosen as 2007 recipients by the deans of their colleges:

- Medicine: J. Dane Osborn, \$600;
- Nursing: Angela Weber, \$600;
- Graduate: Goleeta Alam, \$600; and
- Health Science and Human Resources: Melissa Benson, \$300, and Tiffany Colvin, \$300.

Last year the Health Science Retirees Scholarship Fund distributed \$2,400. The HSC Retirees Scholarship Endowment Fund grew to \$9,517. Donors designate how much of their gift should be dispensed as scholarships and how much should be allocated to endowment to help fund future and larger scholarships. Every penny is valuable.

In 2008, in addition to our annual appeal for contributions, we are conducting scrub sales on the Health Science Campus to earn additional money for our funds.

We also receive named donations given in memory or in honor of special individuals. These gifts should be made payable to The University of Toledo Foundation HSCR-Scholarship Funds. If there are any questions, please call Jennifer Schaefer at 419.530.2408. To date, we have received the following:

- Donations in memory of: Eleanor Bieniek, Imogene Harmon and Ruth Dohse; and
- Donation in honor of: Lynn Brand.

## UTRA SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

This year's UTRA Scholarship was awarded to Matthew Murnen, grandson of Pat and George Murnen.

Matt is a sophomore in the College of Business Administration majoring in marketing.

His is a University of Toledo family. His parents, Kevin and Kathy, are both UT graduates, Kevin in business and Kathy in nursing. He has two younger sisters who also expect to attend UT.

Matt works part time at Werkman's Ace Hardware and enjoys golf and hanging out with his friends.

"Thank you for the award. My father was almost jumping up and down when he found out about it," Matt said.

## LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

Help us grow our membership. Please contact old and recent retirees to join UTRA and enjoy its many benefits.

Cost per year is \$15 or become a Life member for just \$125.

Membership provides fellowship with other retirees, enjoying guest speakers, stage performances, day trips and longer trips at reasonable prices.

Family members are also eligible for UTRA scholarships.

**Check out UToday at [myut.utoledo.edu](http://myut.utoledo.edu)**

# ACTIVITIES UPDATE

*From the desk of Millie Allred*

**O**ur dauntless retirees continue their zest for life enjoying their families, sport activities, traveling and participating in UTRA events. In January, Dr. Gerald Bazer, a lecturer and writer on the American presidency, discussed the election of 2008, covering candidates and issues. A lively question-and-answer period followed his informative presentation. Now we continue to watch as this historical primary unfolds.

February found more than 70 members at the Dana Conference Center to hear Dr. Barbara Kopp Miller discuss memory issues — a very timely topic for seniors! Numerous tips on how to preserve our memories were given, as well as pamphlets on the advantages of maintaining an active lifestyle. In other words, don't hang up that bathing suite, golf club, tennis racket, bowling ball, bicycle or those walking shoes. A delicious, healthy lunch was prepared by the Satellite Auxiliary ladies.

In March, we toured the Historical Motown Museum in Detroit, listening to music of the '60s, viewing the old sound room where it all began, as well as offices and other artifacts of this period. From this small beginning, many individuals and groups went on to become national musical figures. Lunch at the Soul Food Café was tasty with generous portions and some really delectable, scrumptious desserts.

April found us at the Croswell Theatre in Adrian, where we enjoyed "Beehive," the musical sensation. The show moved right along with a hot band, great costumes, big hairdos and talented singers. Stopping at the Main Street Stable on the way home was a wonderful adventure full of food, fellowship and fun.

We meet again in May for our exciting trip to Niagara Falls and Toronto. You will learn all about it in the next Tower Talk issue. For members who like to plan ahead, watch for information on the Savannah, Ga., trip planned for October 19-25 at the incredible price of \$515.

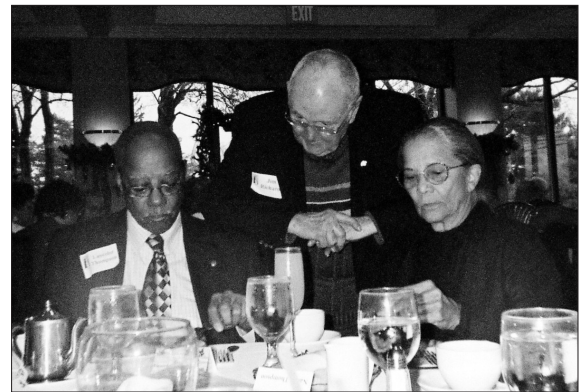
The lunch bunch meets every month; come and join the group for some interesting conversation while checking out various restaurants. The calendar of events has the time and place. Any suggestions you have for programs are always welcome — just give us a call.



*"The 2008 Presidential Election: Candidates and Issues" were presented to retirees by Dr. Gerald Bazer, retired professor, lecturer and writer.*



*UTMC Satellites Auxiliary and UTRA retirees enjoyed lunch and talk on "Where Did I Put My Keys"*



*Jim Richard, UTRA president in discussion with Lance Thompson and his wife Naomi.*

*UTRA members enjoying the beautiful view and holiday brunch at the Inverness Club.*

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*First day of Spring was enjoyed at the Motown Historical Museum.*



*Enjoying lunch at the Soul Food Cafe.*



*Waiting for those scrumptious desserts.*

Several legislative proposals have been introduced to deal with repeal of the GPO/WEP:

1. HR 82 — The Social Security Fairness Act of 2007, sponsored by Rep. Howard Berman (D-28, CA), which has 337 co-sponsors, and which the SSA estimates would cost \$41.7 billion over 10 years.
2. HR 726 — The Windfall Elimination Provision Relief Act of 2007, sponsored by Rep. Barney Frank (D-4, MA), with 16 co-sponsors, and estimated to cost \$19.0 billion over 10 years by the SSA.
3. HR 2772 — The Public Servant Retirement Protection Act of 2007, which Rep. Kevin Brady (R-7, TX) sponsored, with 21 co-sponsors, and expected to cost \$4.6 billion over 10 years by the SSA.
4. S 206 — The Social Security Fairness Act of 2007, sponsored by Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), with 35 co-sponsors.
5. S 1254 — The Government Pension Offset Reform Act, which Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-MD) sponsored, with eight cosponsors.
6. S 1647 — The Public Servant Retirement Protection Act of 2007, sponsored by Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX).

Terri Bierdeman, STRS director of governmental relations and also chair of the national Coalition to Preserve Retirement Security, has testified before both the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Social Security and the Senate Finance Committee Subcommittee on Social Security, Pensions and Family Policy on GPO/WEP. Rep. Howard P. McKeon (R - Santa Clarita, CA) has noted, "It is simply unacceptable to ask Americans to perform the most vital services in our nation and reduce their retirement benefits in the process. People who paid into the system in good faith should not be penalized for seeking a second career. Forcing such people to lose some part of 15 or 20 years' worth of benefits is not only unfair, it is self-destructive. [Legislation] something a lot of people want; it's just how to get there."

In spite of considerable support, at this time, neither House of Congress is expected to act on any of these bills this legislative session. For one thing, this is an election year. The cost of these repeals also is brought up, as is the issue of mandatory SS.

Consult your STRS, OPERS, ORTA and/or PERI newsletters and Web sites to keep up to date on issues such as GPO/WEP and HB 315.

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Norbert and Jean Mills  
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Naser and Deborah Mostaghel  
Ethel Moyer  
George and Patricia Murnen  
Sabrina Nabors  
Robert and Mary Niedzielski  
Vladimir and Elisabeth Nigrovic  
Abdul Latif and Soad Nimr  
Howard and Millie Nollenberger  
Guessler and Yvonne Normand  
Edward and Lorraine Nussel  
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Carol Okenka  
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Neil and Evelyn Palmer  
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Robert and Mary Perlinski  
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Linda Pertusati  
Deborah Pfann  
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Harry and Dorothy Privette  
Charles and Carol Quick  
Roberta Raeder  
Demetrios and Eugenia Raftopoulos  
Ronald Raitt  
Sharon Ramirez  
Ronald and Jane Randall  
James Richard  
Glenda Ried  
Richard and Lorean Roberts  
Marvin and Nancy Robon  
Newton and Beulah Rochte  
David and Camilla Rosenberger  
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Doris Short  
Joseph and Mary Simon  
Jack and Judy Simonetti  
Stefan and Hewen Slak  
Clifford and Linda Baranowski-Smith  
Robert and Marian Smith  
David Smith  
Willard and Nathine Smith  
Edwyn Smith  
Robert and Margaret Snyder  
Stephen Spielberg  
Steven and Jane Spirn  
Roy and Sheila Stein  
Rosetta Steinmiller  
Edward Stobbe  
Carolyn Stone  
Dale and Carrol Sullivan  
Guy and Joan Szuberla  
George Taoka  
Sanford and Catherine Taylor  
Brooke Taylor  
Robert and Carol TenBrook  
Gwen Terwilliger  
Lancelot and Naomi Thompson  
Joseph Thompson  
Steven and Gwynneth Tigner  
Caroline Topliff  
William and Jeanette Twining  
Susan Wagner  
Frank and Judith Walmsley  
Robert and Judith Ward  
Ernest Weaver  
Charles Weinblatt  
Edgar and Ina Weiss  
Richard and Christine Weisfelder  
Steven and Mary Weiss  
Robert and Judy Pheatt Wendt  
Ralph and Natalie Wheaton  
Richard and Pearl White  
William and Joan Wiersma  
Geraldine Wilder  
Charles Williams  
Everett and Annette Williamson  
William and Dorothy Williamson Jr.  
Caroline Wolfe  
Robert Kenneth Wolfe  
Rebecca Worthen  
Donald Yankovic  
Darryl and Charlene Yorke  
Kenneth Zajac  
Genevieve Zalecki  
Clayton and Jean Ziegler  
Herbert and Susan Zornow  
Joel and Nancy Zrull



# ROCKETS TO PLAY ARIZONA, FRESNO STATE, MICHIGAN

By Paul Helgren

**M**ichigan. Ohio State. Florida. Missouri. Arizona. Wyoming. Fresno State. These are a few of the teams on Toledo's football schedules for the next few years.

Toledo will open its 2008 season Saturday, Sept. 6, at Arizona. The Rockets' home opener is Saturday, Sept. 20, vs. Fresno State. And Oct. 11, UT will head north to play in Ann Arbor against the Wolverines.

"We are excited to get back on the football field again," said Head Coach Tom Amstutz during spring practice. "So far the '08 team has done everything we've asked them to do in winter conditioning. We had an extra-hard push in weight training this winter. It's a new team with new opportunities."

Amstutz enters his eighth season as head coach with a 55-32 record. The Rockets will return 15 starters from last season's team, which finished 5-7, 3-5 in Mid-American Conference play. Among those 15 starters are All-MAC wide receivers, senior Nick Moore and junior Stephen Williams, as well as junior quarterback Aaron Opelt. And Toledo returns eight starters on defense, including junior safety Barry Church, a first-team All-MAC selection in 2007.

Arizona, Fresno State and Michigan are the first in a string of high-profile contests for the Rocket football



Junior safety Barry Church, a first-team All-MAC selection in 2007, right, will help lead Toledo's defense.

program. Toledo has a home-and-home series with Ohio State, with the Rockets serving as the home team in 2009 at Cleveland Browns Stadium and then playing in Columbus in 2011.

The Rockets will play at Missouri Sept. 7, 2013, and the Tigers will come to the Glass Bowl Sept. 6, 2014. The Tigers are coached by Gary Pinkel, who coached Toledo from 1991 to 2000 and is the Rockets' all-time leader in victories with 73.

Other big matchups include a home-and-home series with Boise State, beginning with the Broncos coming to Toledo in 2009. The Arizona Wildcats will come to the Glass Bowl in 2010, and the Rockets will play at Florida in 2013. Toledo will play Wyoming in the Glass Bowl in 2010, and the Rockets will take on the Cowboys in War Memorial Stadium in Laramie in 2012.



## HOME GAMES IN BOLD CAPS

All times listed are site times

\* Mid-American Conference Game

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

Schedule as of April 28, 2008. Subject to change

## 2008 Rocket Football Schedule

9-6	at Arizona	Tucson, AZ	TBA
9-13	at Eastern Michigan*	Ypsilanti, MI	TBA
<b>9-20</b>	<b>FRESNO STATE</b>	<b>GLASS BOWL</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>
<b>9-27</b>	<b>FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL</b>	<b>GLASS BOWL</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>
<b>10-4</b>	<b>BALL STATE* (Homecoming)</b>	<b>GLASS BOWL</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>
10-11	at Michigan	Ann Arbor, MI	TBA
10-18	at Northern Illinois*	DeKalb, IL	3:00PM (CT)
<b>10-25</b>	<b>CENTRAL MICHIGAN*</b>	<b>GLASS BOWL</b>	<b>TBA</b>
11-5	at Akron* (ESPN2/ESPNU)	Akron, OH	8:00PM
11-15	at Western Michigan*	Kalamazoo, MI	2:00PM
<b>11-21</b>	<b>MIAMI*</b>	<b>GLASS BOWL</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>
<b>11-28</b>	<b>BOWLING GREEN*</b> (ESPNU/ESPN Classic)	<b>GLASS BOWL</b>	<b>TBA</b>
12-5	MAC Championship Game# (ESPN2)	Detroit, MI	8:00PM

## IN MEMORIAM

**Carolyn E. Border**, Toledo, part-time clerk at the former Community and Technical College from 1982 to 1996, died March 22 at age 86.

**Freddie Mae Brownlee-Harrison**, Toledo, a UT employee for 13 years, died Dec. 2 at age 80. She joined the staff as a custodian in 1968 and later that year became a clerk in the Vehicle Registration Office. In 1977, she started working as a radio dispatcher for the UT Police Department. She retired from the University in 1981.

**Marguerite V. Casey**, Maumee, secretary for the Military Science Department from 1963 to 1981, died Jan. 19 at age 91. She attended UT from 1934 to 1935 and from 1961 to 1965, working on a business degree.

**Linda Conley**, Toledo, who worked in Carlson Library 39 years, died Dec. 14 at 69. She joined UT in 1968 as a library clerk I and became clerk 2 the following year. In 1976 she was named library assistant, and library media tech assistant 2 in 1979. She became a library associate in 2001, a position she held at her passing.

**Annie L. Davis**, Toledo, a custodial worker in Environmental Services at the former Medical College of Ohio from 1978 until her retirement in 1991, died Feb. 1 at age 61.

**Dr. Marion F. Detrick**, Maumee, who taught at the former MCO 25 years, died Dec. 7 at age 84. He joined the faculty as an assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology in 1972. He returned to private practice in 1975 but continued to teach part time in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the Department of Psychiatry. In 1984, he was promoted to clinical associate professor, the title he held until 1997.

**Edward D. Ebert**, Macon, Ga., who taught in UT's Department of Mathematics for more than 40 years, died Dec. 4 at age 88. He joined UT in 1947 as an assistant professor and was promoted to associate professor in 1964, also serving as assistant chair of the department. Awarded an Outstanding Teaching Award in 1966, he was as well an undergraduate adviser in the College of Arts and Sciences and served as adviser to Phi Eta Sigma. He also served a term as president of the UT chapter of the American Association of University Professors. He and his wife, Dorothy, were the first Danford Associates in a project to bring faculty and students into closer contact through visits to professors' homes. He retired in 1984 as professor emeritus, continuing to teach classes until 1989. In 1985, he founded a scholarship fund in his name with the UT Foundation. Earning a bachelor of science degree from UT in 1940 and a bachelor of arts degree in 1965, he was a lifetime member of the Alumni Association.

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

**W.L. "Bill" Floro**, an electrician at the former MCO from 1981 until his retirement in 1992, died Feb. 13 in Tucson, Ariz., at age 79.

**Beverly J. Grimm**, Lambertville, Mich., who worked at UT 20 years, died Jan. 11 at age 76. She was hired as a typist 2 in the former Community and Technical College in 1977 and became a secretary in 1981. Ten years later, she transferred to the Physical Plant, where she retired as a secretary in 1992. Grimm was rehired in 1994 as an assistant clerk in the Registrar's Office, where she worked until 1999. She graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor of arts degree in liberal studies from UT in 2002.

**John "Wes" Haynes**, Toledo, who worked at UT 14 years, died Feb. 9 at age 73. He was hired as a custodial worker in 1983, became a custodial worker supervisor two years later, and then a building services supervisor in 1993. He retired from the University in 1997.

**Steven N. Johnson**, Toledo, UT mason journeyman, died Feb. 21 at age 50. He was hired in 1986 as a receiving clerk in Purchasing and became a cement mason one year later, mason 2 in 1993, and mason journeyman in 1998. Johnson received a bachelor's degree in business administration from UT in 2007.

**Evelyn M. Kaczmarek**, Perrysburg, who worked in the Billing Department at the former MCO, died March 24 at age 90.

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

**Dr. Sidney J. Kaplan**, Laguna Woods, Calif., professor emeritus of sociology, died March 6 at age 84. He joined the UT faculty in 1962 and served as chair of the former Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work for 17 years and as president of the UT Faculty Club. He retired from the University in 1989.

**Dr. Edward T. Kirkpatrick**, Weston, Mass., died Nov. 25 at age 82. He joined the University in 1959 as professor and chair of mechanical engineering as well as director of the Computation Center, positions he held until his departure in 1964. In the early days of the space race, he served as adviser to the Rocket Club and its controlled rocket experiments. More lightheartedly, he brought some national attention to the campus with his invention, the Twistometer, an oscilloscope that measured the torso torque and shake rate on dancers performing the Twist.

**The Rev. Robert B. Kirtland**, Toledo, who served as UT's Catholic chaplain from 1970 to 1982 and was instrumental in establishing Corpus Christi University Parish, died Feb. 3 at age 78. As the parish's first pastor, he helped in 1979 to create the University Interfaith Council, which works to unite religious communities throughout the Toledo area. Kirtland also was an adjunct professor at UT's College of Law until 2004 and helped establish UT's chair of Catholic studies.

**Deborah D. Maly**, Toledo, a staff nurse in surgery/orthopaedics at UT Medical Center from 1999 until her retirement in 2007, died Dec. 6 at age 50.

**Fern (Welker) Mervos**, Ann Arbor, Mich., died Feb. 14 at age 97. She began teaching in the Department of Mathematics while still an undergraduate, going on to earn bachelor's and master's degrees in mathematics in 1932 and 1933, respectively. She was a part-time instructor from 1932 to 1936, when she was promoted to full time. She became an assistant professor in 1943, a position she held until 1947. She was a charter member of UT's Pi Mu Epsilon chapter. A math scholarship in her name was established in 2001 by her niece, Dr. Nina McClelland.

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

**Dr. Ramzy N. Mikhail**, Maumee, who held a volunteer faculty position as clinical assistant professor in the Department of Surgery from 1971 to 2003, died Nov. 30 at age 74. He and his wife, Maryse, established a UT endowment in her name to fund annual lectures on Arab culture and issues.

**Dr. Efrain Montesinos, Key Biscayne**, Fla., died Dec. 28 at 70. He served as volunteer faculty with the former MCO from 1976 to 1977 and 1984 to 1996. Following his 1996 retirement, he was clinical professor emeritus in surgery until his death. A native of Peru, he organized numerous medical missions to that country and along with his wife, Marie, founded a charitable cardiovascular and thoracic surgery program at the Hospital Dos de Mayo in Lima.

**Frank E. Nowicki Jr., Swanton**, who worked at UT 14 years, died Feb. 8 at age 78. In 1975, he joined the UT staff as a carpenter in the Physical Plant. He was named a building maintenance supervisor in Maintenance Services in 1986 and retired from that position in 1989.

**Kenneth H. Ohlman**, Toledo, died Feb. 17 at age 77. A graduate of UT's ROTC Program, he worked in the Military Education Department for a number of years. He earned a bachelor's degree in engineering from UT in 1953.

**James S. Olszewski**, Sylvania, died Nov. 29 at age 64. The local finance executive graduated in 1965 with a bachelor's degree from the UT College of Business Administration and was a part-time instructor in the Department of Accounting for some time.

**Irene D. Rickard**, Toledo, a longtime pastoral care volunteer at the former MCO from the late 1980s to the 1990s and member of the Satellites Auxiliary, died Feb. 8 at age 89.

**Mary Ann Rieger**, Sylvania, a Gladieux employee who worked in food service in the Student Union for 28 years, died Nov. 30 at age 68.

**Lawrence L. Rowley**, Toledo, who worked at UT 32 years, died March 3 at age 71. He joined the staff in 1969 as a maintenance worker 2 in the Physical Plant and was promoted to maintenance worker 3 in 1989. He retired in 2001.

**Peggy Samborn**, Sylvania, who with her husband Al founded the Samborn Scholarship Fund and the Samborn Distinguished Lecture Series in the College of Engineering, died Jan. 25 at 88.

**Teresa Steele**, Gainesville, Fla., died Feb. 25 at age 91. She was a nursing assistant and later a supply technician at the former MCO. She retired in 1981.

**Sean Su**, Toledo, a part-time instructor in the Department of Mathematics from 1987 to 2002, died Aug. 22 at age 67.

**Harry D. Szymkowiak**, Toledo, who worked in UT's Physical Plant for 26 years, died Jan. 30 at age 77. Hired in 1961 as yardman, he moved to building maintenance two years later and became an electrician in 1967. In 1971, he was promoted to electrician foreman, then to electrician 2 in 1976, from which he retired in 1987.

**Lizzie Rebecca Taylor**, Toledo, a former volunteer at the UT Medical Center, died Feb. 24 at age 72. She helped out in Outpatient Rehabilitation, Document Reproduction and the Ruppert Health Center.

**Ernest A. Ziemkiewicz**, Lambertville, Mich., who taught percussion in the Music Department in the early 1960s, died March 10 at age 69. He played drums with local polka, jazz and big bands.

## JEFFERSON AWARD NOMINEES

UTRA is proud of UT people who were nominated for the coveted Jefferson Award by The Blade, Channel 13 and Buckeye CableSystem.

Congratulations to these ordinary people who do the extraordinary for others and their community.

Listed below are UT heroes nominated this year:

Dr. Mildred Allred  
Dr. Helen Cooks  
Pamela Crabtree  
Dr. Sayed Amjad Hussein  
Dr. Nadeem Kahn  
Dr. David Krol  
Dr. Vladimir Nigrovic  
Julie Mather Saul

A seven-judge panel selected 13 finalists from a total of 95 nominees, and three honored were from UT:

Dr. Clinton Longenecker  
Milford Romanoff  
Sam Szor

# UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Friday, June 13</b>	Annual Meeting, Belmont Country Club, Luncheon
<b>Tuesday, June 17</b>	Mud Hens Game
<b>Thursday, June 19</b>	Ski's Polish-American Restaurant at 5834 Monroe St. at 1 p.m.
<b>Wednesday, July 16</b>	Schedel Arboretum and Gardens (Carpool)
<b>Thursday, July 17</b>	Jack's Place on S. Byrne Road at 10:30 a.m.
<b>Thursday, Aug. 14</b>	Jazz Concert at Toledo Botanical Gardens
<b>Wednesday, Aug. 20</b>	Gambling Trip to Motor City, Detroit
<b>Thursday, Aug. 21</b>	Southbriar Restaurant at 5147 Main St. Sylvania, at 1 p.m.
<b>Thursday, Sept. 11</b>	Hayes Presidential Center, \$45 for home, museum, lunch in Dillon House
<b>Thursday, Sept. 18</b>	Zingo's Mediterranean at 106 Louisiana Ave. Perrysburg, at 1 p.m.
<b>Thursday, Oct. 16</b>	The Spaghetti Warehouse at 42 S. Superior St. at 1 p.m.
<b>Sunday-Saturday, Oct. 19-25</b>	Savannah, Ga., Trip, \$515
<b>Wednesday, Nov. 19</b>	Ken Levin, speaking on "Toledo History through it's Architecture"
<b>Sun., Dec. 7</b>	Holiday Brunch, Inverness Club

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