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# Tower Talk

Sandra Koepke, editor

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Friday, June 10, annual meeting and lunch at the Belmont Country Club at 11:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, Aug. 2, Mud Hens game in the Roost at Fifth Third
- Aug. TBA, bus trip to gamble, Cost: TBA, Time: TBA
- Oct. 16-22, bus trip to Cape Code and Plymouth, Cost: \$549 per person, double occupancy.
- Dec. TBA, Holiday Brunch

### Thursday lunch bunch dates:

- June 16, Skillet Delights Café, 1007 S. McCord Road, 10:30 a.m.
- July 21, Claddagh Pubs of Franklin Park, 5001 Monroe St., 1 p.m.
- Aug. 18, Maumee Bay Brewing Co., 27 Broadway St., 1 p.m.
- Sept. 15, Tandoor Cuisine of India, 2247 S. Reynolds Road, 1 p.m.
- Oct. 20, Rosie's Italian Grill, 606 N. McCord Road, 1 p.m.

## Ode to the Painter

*She learned to paint on Monday, her strokes were going fine. She forgot to thaw a dinner, so we went out to dine.*

*She painted trees on Tuesday, she says they are a must. They are really quite lovely, but she forgot to dust.*

*On Wednesday, it was daisies, she said that they are fun. What lights! What darks! But the laundry was not done.*

*Her apples were Thursday, so juicy, bright and red. I guess she was really engrossed, she never made the bed.*

*It was violets on Friday, in colors she adores, it never bothered her at all, the crumbs on all the floors.*

*I found a maid on Saturday, my week was now complete. My wife can paint the week away, the house will now be neat.*

*Well, it's already Sunday, but don't call me a saint. I cursed, I raved, I ranted, the maid has learned to paint.*

– author unknown –

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With any volunteer organization like UTRA, successful programs are dependent upon some of its members being willing to put in the hard work to make things happen.

As I look back on this year, I believe that we have had some great programs. I want to thank some of the UTRA members who have been responsible for this success: Millie Allred and the members of the Activities Committee put together a series of trips and events that whether you like travel, entertainment, sports or educational programs, there was something for each member. The attendance for the various UTRA events was 738.

Bob Niedzielski not only kept us informed about the "politics of the retirement systems" in Columbus, but he also did the legwork for the outings with the Mud Hens last summer and the Walleyes this winter.

When the membership showed an interest in beginning bridge lessons, George Kertz took on the project and a series of classes were held this spring.

Behind the scenes, Jim Lapp has been preparing for what we anticipate will be an annual fund drive for the scholarship for descendants of UTRA members starting this fall. Sandy Koepke has for a number of years been the editor and does a remarkable job of lining up articles for each issue of the UTRA newsletter.

Finally, thanks to Sally Berglund, who is the "glue" that holds this organization together.

With these and others willing to do the hard work, I'm sure we will have another great coming year.

Keith K. Schlender  
UTRA president

## THE VIEW FROM COLUMBUS

By Bob Niedzielski

The situation regarding public pension system reform legislation is unsettled as I write this at the end of April. That may still be true as you read this report. Legislation had been introduced in both the House and the Senate in early February, a number of hearings have been held, and it was suggested that action would be taken quickly. Several hearings scheduled for late March and early April were canceled, however, and we were told legislators were preparing a substitute pension reform bill. Now there is some question whether legislation will be passed by the time the state budget is approved July 1.

Those of you who have e-mail addresses on file with UTRA received two communications from me in late April, one concerned with the legislation and the other with the ongoing discussion about the merits of defined benefit (DB) plans compared to defined contribution (DC) plans.

I have spoken to the DB/DC discussion in previous issues. However, because that discussion may still be in play when you read this issue, the basic points are:

**DB plans provide retirees a reasonable and reliable income they won't outlive and save taxpayers billions of dollars in potential public assistance costs, such as Medicaid and social services; DB plans are both efficient and economical; DB pensions provide a stable source of revenue for Ohio's local economies, supporting Ohio workers and the services provided by local, state and federal governments through taxes paid on those pensions.**

A popular, attention-getting practice the past few months has been to pin the blame for state budget deficits on public pension systems rather than on the real culprits, tax giveaways to corporations and the reckless actions of the financial industry. A fact sheet bearing the logos of 10 organizations, including the National Conference of State Legislatures; the National Association of Counties; the National Association

## THE VIEW FROM COLUMBUS (continued)

of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers; the International Public Management Association in Human Resources; and the National League of Cities sets the record straight:

- **Retirement systems remain a small portion of state and local government budgets.** Those pensions are not paid for by general operating revenues, but from a trust that public retirees and their employers contributed to while they were working. The portion of state and local government spending dedicated to retirement system contributions is about 3 percent.
  - **Public pension plans are not in crisis.** Most public pension systems have substantial assets to weather the economic crisis. Those that are underfunded are taking steps to strengthen funding.
  - **State and local governments already are taking steps to secure their pensions for the long term.**
  - **Public employees share in the financing of their pensions, which in many cases is in lieu of Social Security.**
  - **Pension dollars help the economy of every jurisdiction.**
  - **Long-term investment returns of public funds continue to exceed expectations.**
  - **State and local government retirement systems do not require, nor are they seeking, federal financial assistance.**
- Finally, a study commissioned by the Center for State and Local Government Excellence and the National Institute on Retirement Security, "Out of Balance? Comparing Public and Private Sector Compensation Over 20 Years," concludes that state and local employees are compensated less than comparable private sector employees. The study's key findings:
- **Jobs in the public sector typically require more education than private sector positions.** State and local employees are twice as likely to hold a college degree than those in the private sector.
  - **Wages of state and local employees are lower than those for private sector employees with comparable education and work experience.** State workers typically earn 11 percent less and local workers 12 percent less than their counterparts in the private sector.
  - **During the past 15 years, the pay gap has grown.**
  - **Benefits make up a slightly larger share of the cost of total compensation for the state and local sector.**

But even after accounting for the cost of retirement, health care, and other benefits, state and local employees still earn less total compensation than those in the private sector. On average, total compensation is 6.8 percent lower for state and 7.4 percent lower for local employees than for comparable private sector employees.

Keep up to date on these issues by regularly visiting *strsoh.org*, *orta.org*, *opers.org* and *operi.org*. Other resources include the National Association of State Retirement Administrators, *nasra.org*; National Council Teacher Retirement, *nctr.org*; and the National Institute for Retirement Security, *nirsonline.org*.

**And don't forget to keep in touch with your legislator(s)!**

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LEARNING AT LOURDES**



Lifelong Learning at Lourdes College is for people who love learning. The classes are filled with active, interested and interesting adults. There are no exams or grades, and the enthusiasm is contagious!

Lifelong Learning offers classes, special events and day trips for adults. Classes encompass a range of topics and formats with something for everyone. Investigate your genealogy or have lunch with historical re-enactors. Delve into a history class or learn to select wines. New classes always are being created to meet the requests of members.

In addition to classes, Lifelong Learners gather once a month for coffee and a lecture. Topics are varied so there is something for everyone. Come to one monthly meeting free and discover all that is happening.

Lifelong Learning also has road trips to museums, theaters and other interesting places. Everyone is invited on tours, including historic Greenfield Village Thursday, May 12.

"Exercising the mind is as important as exercising the body," offers Dr. Laura Megeath, coordinator.

"Once you try Lifelong Learning, you'll discover that this is something you really want to do."

To learn more about the Lifelong Learning program at Lourdes College, contact Megeath by phone at 419.824.3707, e-mail [lifelong@lourdes.edu](mailto:lifelong@lourdes.edu) or visit [lourdes.edu/lifelong](http://lourdes.edu/lifelong).

**Carl Nowak**, Toledo, who worked in food service on UT's campus for several years, died Feb. 10 at age 62.

**Dr. Amos C. Patterson**, Metamora, Ohio, died Feb. 13 at age 68. He joined UT in 1974 as assistant professor of educational media and technology and was promoted to associate professor in 1979. He served as an adviser to graduate and doctoral students in education and in 1989 was made director of off-campus education. In 1980, he was named Outstanding Teacher; in 1993 he was honored as Adviser of the Year. In 1997, he became director of University College's Division of Individualized and Special Programs; that same year he was made a University College Fellow and also was serving as chair of the Department of Educational Media and Technology. He served as interim dean of University College for six months and held that title when he retired in 1999.

**William "Bill" Petree**, Toledo, who worked at the University for three decades, died Oct. 1 at age 84. He joined the UT staff as an engineering technician in the Electrical Engineering Department in 1967. He was named engineering technician 2 in 1968, electronic technician 2 in 1976, and electronic technician 3 in 1979. Petree retired from the University in 1988 and returned later that year as an intermittent employee and continued working until 1997.

**Dr. Louis C. Ravin**, a retired Toledo ophthalmologist known for his generosity, died Dec. 28 at age 98. In 2004, he and his wife, Sophie, donated \$100,000 to the University for the Centennial Mall Beautification Project. The refurbished area around the University seal includes two gardens and was named the Ravin Plaza to honor the longtime Ottawa Hills residents. A Toledo native, Ravin took classes at UT in the late 1920s. He was a clinical associate in the MCO Department of Surgery's Division of Ophthalmology from 1969 to 1974.

**Herb J. Redding**, Gibsonburg, Ohio, and Jacksonville, Fla., who taught mathematics part time at UT from 1989 to 1994, died Oct. 20 at age 84.

**Kevin J. Rees**, Toledo, a perioperative technician in the Pre-Op Department at UT Medical Center from 1980 to 2008, died Dec. 11 at age 50.

**Dr. Marian Rejent**, Toledo, a clinical professor of pediatrics who helped establish programs for children with disabilities, died Feb. 27 at age 90. She was director of pediatrics at Maumee Valley Hospital when she was appointed an associate clinical professor of child health in the MCO Department of Pediatrics in 1968. In 1970, Rejent joined the faculty as an associate professor of pediatrics and social medicine, and served as acting chair of pediatrics until 1974. She left MCO when then-Gov. James Rhodes appointed her medical director of Ohio's Bureau of Crippled Children Services. She continued to serve as a clinical associate professor and was promoted to professor in 1992. In addition, Rejent was an adjunct professor of public health at UT from 1969 to 1974.

**Dr. Stuart K. Remley**, Toledo, an endocrinologist who was a volunteer faculty member at MCO for 15 years, died March 17 at age 86. He was appointed a clinical associate in the Department of Medicine in 1970, and was a clinical instructor when his appointment ended in 1985.

**Dr. Newton C. Rochte**, Sylvania, who played an integral role in establishing the University Community and Technical College during his more than 30 years at UT, died March 5 at age 90. He joined the University in 1952 as assistant director of evening sessions. In 1956, Rochte was named director of the Junior College. Under Rochte's leadership, the college expanded the number of technical, industrial and business courses offered. The number of faculty and students also increased, and the college was reorganized into the University Community and Technical College in 1962; Rochte was named dean in 1963. During his service as dean, ComTech moved to the Scott Park Campus and enrollment grew to nearly 3,000 students. He resigned from the dean post in 1974 and became a professor of adult and higher education. The Bowling Green, Ohio, native was named professor emeritus when he retired in 1984, and he continued to teach as a superannuate until 1990. Rochte was a member of the UT Retirees Association.

**Mark C. Schaffer**, Toledo, who served on the foundation boards of MUO (2006-2007) and UT (2007-2009), died Feb. 16 at age 69.

**Clarence A. Scherkoske**, Maumee, who volunteered at UT Medical Center for nearly 20 years, died Jan. 11 at age 94.

**Dr. Homer F. "Fritz" Schroeder**, Greensboro, N.C., a clinical faculty member in MCO's Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology from 1970 to 1990, died Dec. 19 at age 90.

**Doreen Canaday Spitzer**, Princeton, N.J., archaeologist, author and philanthropist, died Sept. 6 at age 95. Her gift of \$226,000 funded the construction and equipping of the Ward M. Canaday Center for Special Collections in memory of her father, the Toledo industrialist for whom it is named.

**Lyman F. Spitzer**, Perrysburg, who taught in the College of Law during the mid-1970s, died Jan. 10 at age 61.

**Wanda R. Stewart**, Toledo, a custodian at UT from 1969 to 1974, died Oct. 31 at age 82.

**Lucille C. Szczepanski**, Toledo, a member of the Satellites, died Aug. 28 at age 88.

**Bonnie A. Taylor**, Toledo, a former histotechnician at MCO, died Jan. 17 at age 65. She was a lab technician 2 in the UT Biology Department from 1970 to 1971.

**Gertrude A. "Trudy" Thomas**, Maumee, died Nov. 7 at age 98. She received a bachelor of education degree from the University in 1935. About that time, she was hired as a clerical assistant in the Dean of Administration Office. Thomas was promoted to senior clerk in 1939 and office manager in 1947. Four years later, she became the schedule administrator in the Registrar's Office. In 1953, she was named assistant registrar and later associate registrar, the position she held when she retired from the University in 1971.

**William N. Thomas Jr.**, Toledo, died Jan. 13 at age 64. He started at UT in 1975 as an instructor in basic technical and general education. Two years later, he became an instructor in technical science and mathematics, a program for which he later would serve as acting chair. In 1985, he was promoted to assistant professor of technical science and mathematics, and in 1987 he also became a part-time teacher in the Department of Mathematics on Main Campus. In 1990, he was named associate professor as well as coordinator of developmental mathematics.

**Joanne A. Trudeau**, Fort Wayne, Ind., a public health instructor at the University for several years, died Dec. 6 at age 83.

**Charles H. "Chuck" Vicinus**, Holderness, N.H., professor emeritus of theatre who directed more than 100 productions for the UT stage, died Sept. 30 at age 80. He was appointed UT professor of theatre in 1978 and was the program adviser for the acting and directing segment of the department's new bachelor of fine arts degree program. Vicinus started UT Summerstage in 1979. The program gave students a chance to work with Equity actors under Equity rules from June to August. UT Summerstage ran through the mid-1980s. During that time, Vicinus was managing director. He served as chair of the UT Theatre and Film Department for six years. In 1993, he was named professor emeritus and continued working at the University until his retirement in 2000.

**Susan Villegas**, Toledo, a nurse in the Medical Intensive Care Unit at MCO from 1979 until her retirement in 1995, died Feb. 22 at age 59.

**Dr. M. Craig Warren**, Springboro, Ohio, a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Family Medicine from 2009 to 2010, died Jan. 29 at age 34.

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**Betty E. Werner**, Monroe, Mich., a registered nurse who taught nursing at MCO until her retirement in 1989, died Dec. 30 at age 82.

**Robert G. Wingerter**, Perrysburg, who served on the MCO Board of Trustees in 1970, died Jan. 3 at age 94.

**Dr. Gene E. Wright**, Lima, Ohio, a family medicine practitioner for 43 years, died Oct. 3 at age 85. He was involved in education for many years as a clinical instructor for medical students, first at Ohio State University's College of Medicine, then as a preceptor for family practice residents at MCO, which in 1992 honored him with its Distinguished Citizen Award.

**Joyce A. Zang**, Southern Pines, N.C., a former president of the Satellites Auxiliary, died Feb. 26 at age 75.

**Donald R. Fraser**, Perrysburg and Fort Myers, Fla., died Dec. 28 at age 83. He taught patent and intellectual property law at the UT College of Law.

**Donald J. Fritz**, an employee at UT for nearly 20 years until his retirement, died Feb. 5 at age 76. He was hired as a mechanic in 1981 and promoted to mechanic 2 in 1993.

**Carol Ann Gall**, Toledo, died Dec. 28 at age 73. She was hired as a machine operator in Central Services in 1980. Seven years later, she was named mail center supervisor. In 1990, she became an administrative assistant in Central Services. Four years later, Gall went to work in Mail Services as a mail clerk/messenger, the position she retired from in 1997.

**Laurie S. Gerney**, Toledo, a nurse in the UT Medical Center Emergency Department since 2005, died Sept. 10 at age 46.

**Janice Green (Sawchuk) Cousino**, Toledo, a nurse in the area for nearly 40 years, died Oct. 5 at age 70. From 1962 to 1967, the Toledo native worked at Maumee Valley Hospital, which later became the Medical College of Ohio. She took a few years off to start a family and returned to work in the MCO Medical/Surgery Department in 1975. She retired as a nurse in 2009.

**Phyllis Jean Gross**, Toledo, a secretary in the MCO Quality Assessment Department from 1984 until her retirement in 1994, died Nov. 12 at age 85.

**Ronald L. Hadley**, Maumee, who volunteered at the former MCO, died Nov. 28 at age 73.

**Dr. John M. Howard**, Toledo, professor emeritus of surgery, died March 16 at age 91. During the Korean War, Howard directed the U.S. Army's Surgical Research Team, which pioneered the MASH unit; he received the Legion of Merit from President Eisenhower for his efforts. He joined the MCO faculty in 1974 as professor of surgery. Working with national trauma organizations, Howard spearheaded the early development of a coordinated program for emergency care of the acutely ill and injured in northwest Ohio. When he retired in 1990, Howard was named professor emeritus. Ten years later, he established the John M. Howard Endowed Professorship of Surgery Fund at the UT College of Medicine.

**L. Ilean (Myles) Hufford**, Toledo, who was the secretary for the first MCO dean, died Dec. 12 at age 78.

**David M. Huffstetler**, Toledo, died Jan. 2 at age 69. He joined the Athletics staff in 1984 and retired as head athletic trainer in 2008. Last fall, the training room in the Larimer Athletic Complex was named in Huffstetler's honor.

**Patricia Hughes**, Toledo, a former UT employee, died Aug. 22 at age 72.

**Ernest C. "Ernie" Jones**, Toledo, died Oct. 26 at age 67. For nearly a decade, he taught students in UT's Upward Bound Program, and he helped direct the National Youth Sports Program at the University from 1970 to 1994.

**Eleanor E. Keller**, Toledo, a cashier in the UT Bursar's Office for 14 years until her retirement in 1996, died March 8 at age 77.

**Dr. Larry F. Konrath**, Maumee, professor emeritus of accounting, died Oct. 17 at age 75. He joined the UT faculty as an assistant professor of accounting in 1964. When he was a professor in 1975, Konrath was named associate dean of the College of Business Administration. The Toledo native served as chair of the Accounting Department from 1985 until his retirement in 1990. He continued teaching as a superannuate until 1998 and was named professor emeritus.

**Dr. Richard M. Krill**, Toledo, professor emeritus of classics and humanities, died Jan. 15 at age 72. He joined the UT faculty as an assistant professor of classics in 1968. Three years later, he was promoted to associate professor and was named professor in 1977. Krill also was a lecturer and clinical associate in the MCO Department of Anatomy from 1969 to 1988. He retired from UT in 1999.

**Janet M. Lajiness**, Austin, Texas, died Jan. 30 at age 95. A member of the Satellites Auxiliary, she worked three days a week in the gift shop for nearly 30 years.

**Dr. Edward Lamp**, Woodville, who taught as an adjunct faculty member for a number of years, died Oct. 10 at age 68.

**Robert J. "Bob" Lanz**, Sylvania, a former instructor in the Mechanical, Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering Department, died Jan. 15 at age 79.

**Ruby C. Lindley**, Toledo, a custodian at MCO who retired in 2000, died Dec. 9 at age 73.

**Dr. Donald F. Loeffler**, Catawba Island, Ohio, died Jan. 11 at age 86. He was a clinical assistant professor in the MCO Department of Radiology in the College of Medicine from 1982 until he retired from practice in 2004.

**The Rev. Lyman W. Liggins**, Columbus, a civic leader who served on the UT Board of Trustees, died Nov. 20 at age 89. In 1978, Gov. James Rhodes appointed Liggins to fill an unexpired term on the University's Board of Trustees. In 1979, he was tapped to serve on the board for a full nine-year term. Liggins was vice chair of the board from 1984 to 1988. The native of Gallipolis, Ohio, was a UT board member during the tenure of two presidents who oversaw dramatic development and expansion of the University. He also served on the UT Foundation Board from 1990 to 1994.

**Mary Campana Madigan**, Sylvania, a charter member of the Satellites Auxiliary, died Dec. 3 at age 91.

**Dr. Michael Manheim**, Strafford, Vt., professor emeritus of English and noted Shakespeare and O'Neill scholar, died Jan. 5 at age 82. He joined the UT faculty as an assistant professor in 1961, and was promoted to associate professor in 1963 and to professor in 1967. Manheim served as associate dean for humanities in the College of Arts and Sciences from 1962 until 1966 when he was named chair of the Department of English. He led the department until 1972 and served as chair again from 1979 to 1982. The native of New York City was director of the Master of Liberal Studies Program from 1984 until his retirement in 1987. Manheim received the University's Outstanding Teacher Award in 1974, an Outstanding Merit Award in 1986, and an Outstanding Research Award in 1987.

**Dr. Indrek Martinson**, professor emeritus of astronomy at the University of Lund, Sweden, died Nov. 14, 2009, in Sandby, Sweden. The internationally recognized expert on accelerator-based atomic physics made extended visits to UT yearly, serving as an adjunct faculty in the Department of Astronomy and Physics, thanks to a collaborative exchange program established in 1970 between UT and the University of Lund. He also spent a sabbatical at UT in the mid-1980s.

**Noah E. McFadden**, Sylvania, a radiology technician assistant at UT Medical Center who joined the staff in 2007, died Oct. 21 at age 23 as a result of injuries from a car accident.

**Dulce (DiDio) McClean**, Toledo, died March 2 at age 84. She joined UT in 1969 as an assistant cataloguer, foreign languages/instructor of library administration. She became an assistant professor in 1973 and associate professor/assistant to the director for research in 1978. She retired in 1989 as supervisor of the Latin American section of cataloguing in Carlson Library.

**Georgia C. Michon**, Toledo, a former secretary in the Theatre Department, died Oct. 12 at age 61.

**William J. Moore**, Selma, Ala., a former instructor in the College of Law, died Jan. 16 at age 78.

**Dr. Ernesto E. Moreno**, Toledo, who taught Spanish in the Department of Foreign Languages from 1965 until his retirement in 1982, died Nov. 29 at age 95. At his retirement, he was named professor emeritus.

**Phyllis A. Murrell**, Toledo, died Dec. 7 at age 82. She was a secretary in the UT Admission Office in 1968 and one year later moved to the Placement Office, where she was a clerk typist until 1972.

**Ann Marie Newton**, Perrysburg, an instructor who taught medical-surgical nursing at MCO from 1974 to 1976, died Oct. 12 at age 69.

**Dr. Bogdan C. Novak**, Toledo, whose internationally recognized work in Slavic and Slovene history included three decades of teaching in the UT Department of History, died Feb. 1 at age 91. He joined the University in 1961 as an assistant professor and was promoted to associate professor in 1969, and professor in 1970. In 1964, he was given the Outstanding Teacher Award. He was named professor emeritus at his 1989 retirement and continued to teach for another two years.

## NEW SCULPTURES CAST CREATIVE AIR ON CAMPUS

By Vicki Kroll



"Matisse Cut-Out," steel, by Mike Sohikian

There are a couple of new faces in Ravin Plaza on Centennial Mall, and a hefty catfish has landed behind Carlson Library near the Ottawa River. See the stony visages titled "Happy Happy" and "The Invention," made from glacial granite by Giancarlo Calicchia, and the corten steel and stainless steel "Cat Fish" forged by Ken Thompson. The works are three of the 10 new pieces installed for the sixth annual Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition.



"Harmony," aluminum, by Douglas Gruizenga



"Passions Guardian," steel, cast iron, cast bronze and cast glass, by Glenn Zwegardt

More than 100 entries were submitted for consideration to the Midwest Sculpture Initiative. The UT Campus Beautification Committee reviewed the submissions and selected the sculptures to display. "We hope everyone continues to enjoy the beauty the Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition adds to the University's campuses," said Dr. Steven LeBlanc, senior associate dean in the College of Engineering and chair of the Campus Beautification Committee.

Glenn Zwegardt's "Passions Guardian" adds a 1,200-pound exclamation point to the Student River Plaza behind the Student Union. And Brian Ferriby's red-painted steel "Sentinel" adds a dash of color to Ravin Plaza on Centennial Mall.

Other new works on Main Campus are TJ Aitken's "Boomer's Nike," which is located near Ottawa East and the University/Parks Trail; John Sauve's



"Happy Happy," left, and "The Invention," glacial granite, by Giancarlo Calicchia

## NEW SCULPTURES (continued)

“Puppenspieler,” which is on the east side of the Health and Human Services Building; and Douglas Gruizenga’s aluminum “Harmony,” which sits near the southeast entrance to Nitschke Hall.

“Interloctangles,” a 175-pound steel work by Lee Badger, is outside UT Medical Center’s east entrance, and the steel “Matisse Cut-Out” by Mike Sohikian is on the south side of the Health Education Building on Health Science Campus.

“UT provides wonderful venues for the placement of outdoor sculpture that significantly adds to the beauty of campuses,” said Richard Eastop, former UT administrator, who serves on the Campus Beautification Committee. “We now have 14 sculptures that we own and 10 that are part of the annual rotating exhibit. The fact that we do this sets the University apart from many other institutions; I like that.”

Thanks to a generous donor, Dorothy MacKenzie Price from the UT class of 1948, one work from last year, Sohikian’s “Harp,” will stay on Main Campus. The piece was moved from the Ravin Plaza to the north side of the Snyder Memorial Building.

All artists received a \$250 stipend for their artwork, which will remain on display for the next year. This exhibition is funded by the Campus Beautification Committee.

## WELCOME NEW RETIREES

Mary A. Adams	Beverly Flores
Thomas Amstutz	Lina Gary
Josephine Andres	Carol Gedert
Ella Armstead	Vickie Geha
Jean Baker	Carol Georgevich
Leslie Barnhart	Lynn Godfrey
Susan Benedict	Laura Goodwin
Carole Black	Rick Gottfried
Lisa Bonamigo	Marvin Haas
John Bretzloff	Donald Hassen
Rosemary Carter	Linda Hegedus
Carol Crum	Kathy Helmick
Paul Csurgo	Carol Hendrzak
Kathy A. Davis	Lynn Hoffman
Kathleen Deanda	Sharon Howlin
Marie Dillon	William Hupp
Sheryl Drennen	Kathlynn Jackson
Edward Duling	Daniel Jankowski
Ann Elick	Gene Jeffers
Debra Fedderke	Lula Johnson
Diane Feudi	Charles R. Jones
Pamela Fisher	John Jurack

Dennis Koop  
Allen Kopaniasz  
Donald Kramp  
Patricia Kwiatkowski  
Myrna Loo  
Grace McClain  
Jack Meade  
Carol Michel  
Rebecca Miller  
Ramesh Modi  
Gail Parker  
Lynne Philibin  
David Prue  
James Randle  
Theresa Reineck  
Roger Rentz  
Clayton Riddel

Steven Robinson  
Thomas Sawyer  
Jean Scanlon  
Kathleen Shropshire  
Richard Smietana  
Sharon Spencer  
Joseph Suffety  
Barbara Trainor  
Janet Vargo  
Maria Villagomez  
Frances Vorderburg  
Mark Yeary

Correction from  
Winter Newsletter  
2010: Toni Blochowski  
did not retire

## UTRA SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE: JULY 1

The UTRA Scholarship is awarded annually to a UT student who is a direct descendant of a UT faculty/staff retiree (must be a dues-paying UTRA member) or of a deceased retiree who was an active UTRA member at the time of his or her death.

Applicants must have second semester freshman, sophomore, junior or senior status to apply, have a GPA of 2.5 or higher, have demonstrated performance in campus and/or community activities, and must enroll for at least 12 hours of academic work for each semester they receive financial assistance. There are no restrictions regarding college or degree program. The scholarship may be renewed for up to three years; however, recipients must reapply.

Applications for the 2011-2012 academic year are being accepted. Your grandchild (or other descendant) may be the next recipient, but only if he or she applies. For a scholarship application and additional information, contact Sally Berglund in the Alumni Office at 419.530.2586.

The application deadline is Friday, July 1. The 2011-12 scholarship recipient will be honored at the annual UTRA holiday luncheon in December.

The 2010-11 UTRA Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 was awarded to Heather Murnen, granddaughter of UTRA members George and Pat Murnen. Congratulations, Heather!

## WNIT CHAMPIONS



The Rockets celebrated and posed for photos with the WNIT Championship trophy after beating Southern Cal, 76-68, April 2 in front of a school and Mid-American Conference women’s basketball record 7,301 fans in Savage Arena. The historic postseason run saw Toledo become the first MAC basketball program to capture a national postseason tournament. The Rockets, who won the regular-season MAC Championship, extended their home winning streak to 18 games and finished their landmark season 29-8 and 14-2 in the MAC.

## IN MEMORIAM

**Dr. Glenn J. Ames**, Toledo, died Oct. 14 at age 55. He joined the UT faculty in 1988 as an assistant professor of history, was promoted to associate professor in 1993, and to professor in 1998. Ames received one of UT’s Outstanding Researcher Awards in 2004.

**Dr. Robert C. Bobo**, Sylvania, died Jan. 25 at age 68. He was an associate professor of clinical pediatrics from 1990 to 1995, and served as a volunteer clinical professor in the Department of Pediatrics from 1977 to 1990 and from 1995 until his death.

**Dr. Marios Boucouras**, Toledo and Naples, Fla., a clinical assistant professor in the MCO Department of Surgery’s Division of Orthopedics from 1970 to 1987, died Dec. 20 at age 89.

**James R. “Jr.” Boykin**, Toledo, a former UT Medical Center employee, died Dec. 15 at age 58.

**Homer Brickey Jr.**, Toledo, a longtime business columnist at The Blade who taught communication classes part time during the 1970s and 1980s, died March 12 at age 66.

**Ashel G. Bryan**, former chair of the MCO Board of Trustees, died Sept. 26 at age 89 in his Bowling Green home. From 1976 to 1985, he was a member of the MCO Board of Trustees, serving as chair for four years. Under his leadership, the Health Science Campus grew. Bryan also was a member of the MCO Foundation Board of Trustees from 1984 to 1995; he served as president from 1991 to 1994. He and his wife, Dorothy, were longtime benefactors of the Health Science Campus. In addition, they established a number of scholarship funds in their names, endowed professorships, and an emergency hardship fund for UTRC nurses. In 1987, Bryan was named an MCO Distinguished Citizen; he received an honorary degree from MUO in 1996.

**Kenneth L. Bowers**, Brooklyn, Mich., died Oct. 6 at age 81. He was hired in 1972 as a maintenance repairman and became an electrician three years later. In 1976, he was named electrician 1 and was promoted to electrician 2 in 1988. Bowers was honored with one of UT’s Outstanding Staff Awards in 1991. He retired from the University in 1992 and was a member of the UT Retirees Association.

**John T. “Jack” Cairns**, Toledo, died Jan. 23 at age 81. After a newspaper career, he joined MCO, where he was a communication specialist in the Executive Office of Communications from 1984 until his retirement in 1994.

**Robert F. Cavalear**, Perrysburg, who served on the UT Foundation Board of Trustees from 1994 to 2000, died Dec. 4 at age 85. He established a UT scholarship in his name.

**Martin L. Clark**, Toledo, died Dec. 15 at age 73. He came to UT in 1967 to work as a public information officer in University Relations. He was promoted to public information officer 2 in 1968 and to public information officer 3 in 1969. Clark was editor of UTimes from 1994 until his retirement in 1997.

**Inez K. Cox**, Toledo, died Dec. 24 at age 90. She was hired as a cashier-clerk in the UT Bookstore in 1962, and was promoted to cashier in 1968 and cashier 2 in 1969. She retired from the University in 1980.

**Dr. Bernard J. Cullen**, Maumee, professor emeritus of pediatrics and noted expert on child abuse, died Aug. 19 at age 91. He joined the faculty at MCO in 1977. An adjunct professor of psychology at UT, Cullen served on city and regional task forces and committees dealing with child abuse prevention. He was named professor emeritus when he retired in 1990.

**Mary C. (Erdman) Drew**, Maumee, who worked for more than 20 years as a secretary at MCO, died Sept. 21 at age 87. After her retirement, she volunteered in the Department of Anesthesiology and was a member of the Satellites Auxiliary.

**Marcella “Marci” (Colton) Dvorak**, Ottawa Hills, a part-time instructor in the Department of Social Work, died Jan. 31 at 57. She taught at UT since 1996.

**Perry Edmond**, Toledo, a custodial worker at the University from 1970 until his retirement in 1988, died Jan. 18 at age 88.

**Clarence R. Egert**, Elmore, Ohio, who taught mathematics at the former UT Community and Technical College for several years, died Oct. 13 at age 81.

**Candy A. Elton-Sherman**, Whitehouse, died Dec. 4 at age 61. She was hired as an account clerk in General Accounting in 1990 and became a secretary one year later. In 1996, she was named an executive secretary in University Development. In 2007, Elton-Sherman took another job in the office — budget analyst, a position she held until 2009.

**Carol A. (Pollauf) Favorite**, Toledo, a clerical specialist for Residence Life who worked in Carter Hall, died Feb. 24 at age 57. She joined the University staff in 2008.

**Philip A. Flis**, Sylvania, who volunteered as a proctor and standardized patient at MCO/MUO/UT from 1993 to 2008, died March 1 at age 81.

## 2011 ROCKET FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
<b>Thurs.</b>	<b>Sept. 1</b>	<b>NEW HAMPSHIRE-See you in your blue</b>	<b>Glass Bowl</b>	<b>TBA</b>
Sat.	Sept. 10	at Ohio State	Columbus, OH	TBA
<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Sept. 16</b>	<b>BOISE STATE-BE BOLD, WEAR GOLD!</b>	<b>Glass Bowl</b>	<b>8 p.m.</b>
Sat.	Sept. 24	at Syracuse	Syracuse, NY	TBA
Sat.	Oct. 1	at Temple*	Philadelphia, PA	TBA
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Oct. 8</b>	<b>EASTERN MICHIGAN* (HC)</b>	<b>Glass Bowl</b>	<b>TBA</b>
Sat.	Oct. 15	at Bowling Green*	Bowling Green, OH	TBA
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Oct. 22</b>	<b>MIAMI*</b>	<b>Glass Bowl</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>Tue.</b>	<b>Nov. 1</b>	<b>NORTHERN ILLINOIS*(ESPN2)</b>	<b>Glass Bowl</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Tue.</b>	<b>Nov. 8</b>	<b>WESTERN MICHIGAN*(ESPN2/ESPNU)</b>	<b>Glass Bowl</b>	<b>8 p.m.</b>
Fri.	Nov. 18	at Central Michigan*(ESPNU)	Mt. Pleasant, MI	TBA
Fri.	Nov. 25	at Ball State*(ESPNU/ESPN3)	Muncie, IN	TBA
Fri.	Dec 2	MAC Championship Game# ESPN2)	Detroit, MI	8 p.m.

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

\* Mid-American Conference Game

# West Division champion vs. Eastern Division champion



Eric Page returned three kickoffs for touchdowns last season to lead the nation. He earned first-team All-America honors as a kickoff returner by the Sporting News and the Walter Camp Foundation, among others, and was named the College Football Performance Awards national kickoff returner of the year.



Running back Adonis Thomas was second in the conference with 1,098 yards rushing last year. He led all running backs in the MAC with 6.3 yards per carry.

### UTRA SCHOLARSHIP

By George Murnen

The University of Toledo is conducting its annual Family Campaign. Retirees as a group are one of the most generous associated with the University. One way in which we can contribute also can help our grandchildren and great grandchildren and those of other retirees.

A number of years ago, Dick Perry, as president, recommended that a portion of the UTRA treasury be devoted to providing an endowment for a scholarship to benefit descendants of UT retirees. Subsequently, the Board set a goal of \$100,000 for the endowment. Currently, the balance is approximately \$23,000 and not growing. At present, only one scholarship per year is possible.

Currently, there are 595 households listed as members of UTRA. If half of these pledged \$20 per month or \$240 for the next year, the goal would be very nearly reached. I pledge my \$20 or \$240 for the next year. Who will join me?

### BRIDGE CLASSES FOR UTRA MEMBERS

By George Kertz

Some of us never played bridge before. Some of us wanted to brush up on our bridge ability. We all met on five Mondays in March and April at the Hilton Hotel on the Health Science Campus for bridge lessons sponsored by the University of Toledo Retirees Association.

Participants were Charlene Anderson, Ruth Atteneder, Marcia Buckenmyer, Jim Clemens, Janet Kania, Susan and George Kertz, Carmel Manning, Norm and Jean Mills, Carol Obloza, Mary Richard, Ann Roth, Jan Schmidt and Jacquelyn Vernet.

Our instructor was Ben Beazley, a lifetime bridge master.

*Bridge anyone?*

### ACTIVITIES UPDATE:

From the desk of Millie Allred

Last October, a busload of members and friends explored Sizzlin' Chicago. They enjoyed the fun-filled Navy Pier, Harbor Cruise, the Art Institute of Chicago, and shopped at the Water Tower Place Mall. However, it took several tries to visit the famous Willis Tower and Art Institute due to heavy rain and wind.

In November, we enjoyed Dr. David Nemeth's interesting talk on "Geography of Gypsies and Travelers" and their economic lifestyles both in the present and in the past. His information on "Gypsies and Travelers" in the USA was great, and I'm sure many decided to do some reading in this area.

Our Christmas brunch was held at the Belmont Country Club last December because the Inverness Club no longer has a Sunday brunch. The food was delicious, the camaraderie in full swing, and the

Our members love our Antique Show and Tell program, and January was no exception. Lionel McIlwain from McIlwain Antiques and Jeff Palicke were very generous in their evaluations of our treasures. All one has to do is find someone to make the purchase.

We have many hockey fans in UTRA, and they soon purchased all the available tickets for our event in March. The game between the Toledo Walleye and the Trenton Devils was very exciting. The "All-American Assist" buffet is always tasty, and the UT shuttle bus is always fun to bump around in.

Our joint meeting with Bowling Green State University was held at the Toledo Club in April. After a delicious lunch, our speaker, Dr. Richard Putney, celebrated the 150th anniversary of the Civil War with beautiful pictures of memorials at Gettysburg and other memorable places. I'm sure the audience learned many things about this war that they didn't know before.

Also in April, Dr. Steven Kramer treated our group to a wonderful presentation of his journey to India. His photos and composite video gave the audience a look at the good, bad and ugly of this fascinating country. His guides were four former students, and they were able to take him places the ordinary tourist wouldn't see. He also had the opportunity to teach a class at several universities where his former students now are professors.

# So Much To Do!

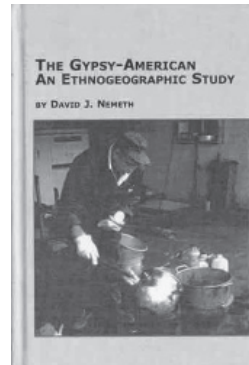


Antique Show and Tell is always a big hit with UTRA retirees. Lionel McIlwain and Jeff Palicki knew the worth and history of many of the treasures brought by our members.



Windy Chicago: Gusts of 60 to 70 miles per hour caused us to delay seeing the view from the Willis (Sears) Tower, and the cruise on the lake was changed to an architectural river cruise. Wind did not prevent us from enjoying Grant Park, Millennium Park, Willis Tower, the Art Institute of Chicago, Navy Pier, Shedd Aquarium and shopping at the Water Tower Place.

Dr. Richard Putney, UT associate professor of art, shared his vast knowledge of 1,300 monuments and markers on the Gettysburg battlefield during a talk that was appreciated by UT and BGSU retirees. After the luncheon presentation at The Toledo Club, members were eager to learn even more.



"Geography of Gypsies (Romanies) and Travelers" was presented in November by Dr. David Nemeth, UT professor of geography.



The Walleyes-Devils game went into overtime; unfortunately, the Devils prevailed. But the all-American buffet, the Toledo Coach Nick Vitucci's interesting stories and the exciting game made it a winning night.



Belmont Country Club was decorated so beautifully for our holiday lunch. We had a successful 50/50 raffle to increase our scholarship fund, and stuffed animals were donated by members to the UT Medical Center to help calm children.