

Tower Talk

Sandra Koepke, editor

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Millie Allred

As I write this, the fall season is unfolding in all its glory: plenty of sunshine, soft breezes and a blazing show of color — gold, apricot, lemon, crimson, bronze and cinnamon. It's enough to take one's breath away. What a beautiful time of the year to enjoy UTRA's trip to Savannah, Ga. How fortunate we are to have the strong support of our board as well as the Alumni Office in all our program endeavors. I appreciate this joint effort in making my tasks easier to accomplish.

The University of Toledo Retirees Association through board member Dr. Richard Perry proposed the building of a Veterans Memorial to honor those who served in the Armed Services. That proposal not only came to fruition, the groundbreaking ceremony was held at the site Sept. 18. The board will be discussing various options for UTRA's contribution.

Since I like to look ahead as to what UTRA can accomplish, I'll give you my vision for what I see in our future. I see a vast area of land on which we have several types of buildings. One large building is the new Center for Alumni and Retiree Services. Inside, we have offices; a large room for strength and body building equipment; shower facilities; water therapy resources; several game rooms; a large area for lectures, programs, luncheons and dinners; several meeting rooms; large handicapped-accessible restrooms; TVs and other technical equipment; a beautiful lobby with water fountains and areas for live plants; and maybe a restaurant where alums and retirees

could gather for lunch. At various distances around this building, I see a variety of lovely townhouses and single-family homes to house retirees and alums that enjoy all the services offered. Anything you care to add? Wouldn't this enhance the prestige of the University? What a challenge as well as an opportunity to invest our time and energy to mold a future to our liking.

LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

Help us grow are 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.

MEMORIAL FIELD HOUSE PLAZA TO HONOR VETERANS

By Sherry Stanfa-Stanley

The University of Toledo is honoring members of the nation's military services through a new Veterans' Plaza, an outdoor monument to be located outside one of the oldest and most historic buildings on campus, the newly renovated Memorial Field House.

The UT Board of Trustees recently approved the estimated \$250,000 project, and the University is seeking support for the project from veterans' organizations and individuals who wish to remember a loved one, friend or comrade. Naming opportunities include \$100 donations for nameplates, \$1,000 for plaques, and \$5,000 for memorial stones or benches.

"UT graduates and veterans all over the region are becoming aware of this plaza, and are responding with their donations honoring loved ones," said Gordon Haggett, who is directing the project. "To have the support of the community, veterans' groups and the University's administrative officers shows the incredible importance of having this plaza on our beautiful campus."

For more information about the Veterans' Plaza or to make a gift, contact Haggett at gordon.haggett@utoledo.edu or Vern Snyder, UT vice president for institutional advancement, at 419.530.8425.

THE VIEW FROM COLUMBUS

By Bob Niedzielski

Michael J. Nehf, newly named STRS Ohio director, was the guest of the Ohio Council of Higher Education Retirees at its Sept. 16 meeting. Nehf spent more than a dozen years in the Chicago area, first with the Chicago Municipal Pension System as controller, and then the Chicago Teachers Retirement System as executive director. Prior to joining STRS July 1, the certified public accountant had been the executive director of the Employees Retirement System of Georgia for three years, where he administered 11 benefit plans, including schools, judges and deferred compensation savings programs, with total assets of \$16 billion.

Nehf gave as his top priority the need to shore up STRS health-care funding. As of Dec. 31, 2007, the Health-Care Stabilization Fund (HCSF) balance was \$4.04 billion. For calendar year 2007, the total input to the HCSF was \$734 million (employer contributions \$97 million, member premiums \$212 million, Medicare Part D subsidy \$38 million, investment income \$387 million). Health-care expenditures from the HCSF for that period totaled \$518 million (medical claims, prescription drugs, administrative fees). For 2007, Aetna, Medical Mutual and Caremark claims only, STRS paid \$453.8 million, while out-of-pocket costs for enrollees totaled \$154.6 million. Assuming the current 1 percent employer contribution and an optimistic 8.0 percent investment return, a shortfall of \$481 million in the HCSF is anticipated for 2025. Put another way, somewhere between 2009 and 2011, STRS Ohio will begin to consistently tap into the HCSF principal. Nehf indicated that STRS will begin to do so this year. He noted three possible solutions to the problem: Reduce the STRS subsidy, reduce benefits, make the subsidy available only to retirees age 65 or older, none of which he suggested was viable.

He also pointed out that Ohio law does not allow the legislature, for example, to use pension monies to balance the state budget. However, it could legislate the diversion of future pension fund monies. It is also of interest to note that, in the current investment environment, STRS lost \$3 million Sept. 9 in the Fannie Mae/Freddie Mac fiasco. At the same time, however, it gained \$50 million in Fannie Mae/Freddie Mac bonds, according to the Columbus Dispatch.

As of Jan. 1, 2008, \$12.2 billion was needed to fully fund the STRS Health-Care Program. Thus, with the balance at \$4.04 billion, as noted above, there is an \$8.2 billion funding gap. While currently 1 percent of the employer contribution goes into the HCSF, 5.92 percent is needed to pay off the unfunded liability in 30 years. That 5.92 percent should look familiar. That's where HB 315, which I dealt with at length in the last issue of Tower Talk, comes in. It was introduced into the Ohio legislature one year ago by Rep. Scott Oelslager (R-North Canton), with 14 co-sponsors, including Rep. Edna Brown (D-Toledo) and Rep. Matt Szollosi (D-Oregon). There have been no hearings on this bill, and none are expected during this legislative session. Oelslager is committed to this legislation and hosted at least three meetings this summer for interested parties, such as STRS staff and representatives of Health-Care Advocates, the Ohio School Boards Association and the Ohio

Association of School Business Officials. His goal is to "find areas of common agreement and identify stumbling blocks to move this legislation forward." Even though the legislation will need to be reintroduced next year, we should keep the pressure on legislators with telephone calls, letters, visits and e-mails. It also would be helpful to contact local school board members. Interestingly, no alternative approach has been proposed by opponents of this legislation that would generate the level of revenue needed to fund health care.

For several reasons, the OPERS Health-Care Fund is not in as dire straits as that of STRS:

- OPERS started its fund earlier than STRS did;
- The OPERS contribution to its fund is 4 percent, compared to the STRS 1 percent; and
- STRS members work longer, live longer and generally have higher pensions.

As we are well aware, private firms, and some public systems as well, have in the past few years, if not eliminated pension systems altogether, replaced traditional Defined Benefit (DB) pensions with 401(k)-type Defined Contribution (DC) plans. In 2007, 21 percent of full-time employees nationwide had a DB plan, compared to 54 percent in 2004.

Seventeen years ago, school employees in West Virginia, including teachers, bus drivers, custodians and other staff, made that switch. As employees retired, however, most of their balances in those accounts were very small, according to The Wall Street Journal. That was the case for those employees who invested too conservatively. Those who invested too aggressively in stocks, on the other hand, are having difficulty in the current bear market. On April 30, 2008, the average account balance in the DC plan was \$41,478, and only 105 of the 1,767 employees older than 60 had balances of more than \$100,000. As a result, 14,871 school employees, 78 percent of the total, in a vote July 1 authorized by the state legislature switched back to a DB plan. Although teachers making the switch will receive reduced benefits since they've contributed less over the years than other workers, they will have the opportunity to make contributions to "buy back" full benefits.

Even though the trend has been in the opposite direction, recent studies have highlighted the advantages of the DB plan compared to the DC plan. Sen. Robert P. Casey (D-PA) conducted a hearing of the Joint Economic Committee in July to "examine the public and private sector impacts of DB pension plans in the public sector." The hearing was titled "Your Money, Your Future: Public Pension Plans and the Need to Strengthen Retirement Security and Economic Growth." Hearing participants noted that DB plans have earned more money for retirees, created more jobs, and provided more liquidity in various sectors than DC plans.

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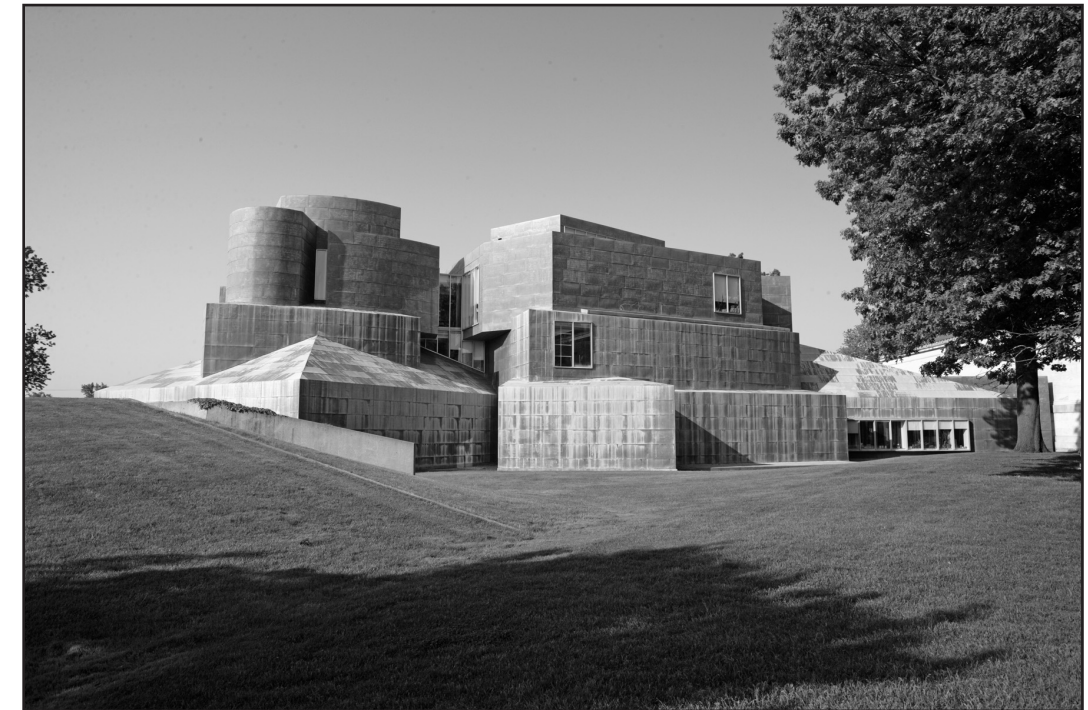
THE UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO

— AN ARCHITECTURAL GEM

By Barbara Floyd

We believe that you are going to respond to the challenge of a beautiful environment, that the traditions which have grown up about this noble architecture will stimulate you to greater efforts in learning, and to finer decorum, and to a deeper resolve to use your education to further truth, justice and beauty. This is our faith in you.

— UT President Henry J. Doermann on the new Bancroft Street Campus, 1931



The Center for the Visual Arts on the UT Toledo Museum of Art Campus was designed by world famous architect Frank Gehrey. Gehrey, who recently designed the Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, Spain, is a contemporary architect. The building, which opened in 1992, stands in contrast to the adjacent main museum building, which is built in the classical style.

When Henry Doermann arrived at The University of Toledo in 1928 to assume the presidency, what he found was a campus housed in several ugly makeshift buildings located at various locations in the city. Most classes were held at Scott Park in a converted factory building, and other classes were held in an office building downtown. Doermann realized that if the University was to succeed, it required a real campus, and hopefully one which proclaimed its permanence by recalling the great universities of Europe. He succeeded in getting a bond levy placed on the ballot in November 1928 to raise \$2.8 million for building a new UT campus. Thanks to the efforts of students and faculty who went door to door campaigning for the levy, it passed by 10,000 votes.

The architectural style Doermann selected for the new campus was Collegiate Gothic. This style was popularized for

colleges in the early 20th century by architect Ralph Cram, who felt that the style would return universities to "those eternally battered but eternally enduring principles in life and thought and aspiration which make up the great Anglo-Saxon heritage." The Toledo architectural firm of Mills, Rhines, Bellman and Nordhoff Inc. was selected to design the first two buildings on the UT campus. They extended the Collegiate Gothic style to an imagined master plan for the University where all buildings would look similar to University Hall and the Field House, and would be clustered around a central oval.

Collegiate Gothic remained the dominant UT style until the 1950s and 1960s, when UT buildings changed to reflect more modern elements. Called the International Style, the new look emphasized flat planes, modern building materials like glass and concrete, and boxy designs. The first UT building to reflect this

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ADD NEW DIMENSION TO YOUR RETIREMENT

By Barbara J. Hogan

Did you know UT is a member of a consortium that provides educational opportunities to Europe and Eurasian countries? This is a very tightly guarded secret! No, not really, but very few retired faculty and staff are aware that there is an opportunity right here to meet people from other cultures and countries. By committing just a few weeks a year, we can further the goals of this program and make new friends from distant cultures and communities without leaving our homes.

The Great Lakes Consortium for International Training and Development (GLC) consists of The University of Toledo, Bowling Green State University, Lourdes College and WSOS Community Actions Commission Inc. The GLC is the local hosting organization for the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Community Connections Programs that sponsors educational programs. The Community Connections Programs are designed to promote public diplomacy through the exchange of cultural ideas and values between participants, U.S. families and local community host organizations. Since its inception in 1999, the GLC has received eight grants to provide international exchange programs in northwest Ohio from the U.S. State Department and four from USAID Community Connections Program.

You now know more about the GLC than my husband, Alan, and I did the first time we housed a guest. Our commitment was the result of a dinner party we hosted. Several of the people present at the dinner party were discussing a previous GLC program. It sounded like an opportunity that was time-limited, and we could support UT initiatives. In addition, we could present the face and values of real people from the United States to our guests. Basically, try to make a difference in the world, one person at a time. Those seemed like good reasons to become involved with the Great Lakes Consortium for International Training and Development. So we volunteered to be a host home.



Standing outside of the Hungarian Club of Toledo where most welcoming receptions are held are, from left, Alan Hogan, Barbara Hogan, Yuriy Zvelindovsky from Odessa Ukraine, Al Baldwin and Peter Ujvagi. Baldwin, State Rep. Ujvagi and Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur played a role in the development of the GLC.

That was the summer 2006. Since then, we have hosted guests for three different programs. Each program was three weeks long. So far, three of our guests have come from Ukraine, the city of Odessa and two small cities in the Cherkasy Oblast, and two from Belarus, the cities of Minsk and Gomel. Our knowledge of Eastern European geography has improved significantly. The greatest problem has been communication since only one guest could speak English. The Russian language has required the sharpest learning curve for us. We now have a wonderful cheat sheet from Russian to English and we have bought the first in a series of Russian language software. New friends right here in Sylvania are another wonderful byproduct of GLC hosting — two women who emigrated from Ukraine and speak both Russian and Ukrainian. They have helped us with translation multiple times. Our grandson said hosting guests was like playing a three-week game of charades! Where there is a will there is a way, and we have implemented several different ways! Most of our guests have been just as anxious to speak English as we are to learn Russian. Our guests also have cooked dishes from their culture. Plov, a lamb stew, has been added to our favorite recipe files. Our grandchildren were bashful and shy with the first guest. They now are anxious to meet the latest guests and learn about their communities and share stories.

Participation as a host family with the GLC has been one of the highlights of our retirement. It has added a new dimension to our retirement goals: visiting our guests in their home countries, as each of our new friends has invited us to visit.

I hope to have stimulated your interest in participating as a host home for the GLC. If so, contact Project Manager Elizabeth Balint. Her offices are located in the UT Catharine S. Eberly Center for Women in Tucker Hall, phone 419.530.8572.

Feel free to talk with us about our experiences; we love sharing the stories.

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In August, the National Institute of Retirement Security (www.nirsonline.org) released a report, "A Better Bang for the Buck — The Economic Efficiencies of Defined Benefit Pension Plans." The study found "that the cost to deliver the same level of retirement income to a group of employees is 46 percent lower in a DB plan than it is in a DC plan." The DB plan saves 15 percent by virtue of longevity risk pooling, 5 percent by portfolio diversification, and 26 percent because of superior investment returns, thereby stretching taxpayer, employer or employee dollars further. The study concludes: "Hence, DB plans should remain a centerpiece of retirement income policy and practice, especially in light of current fiscal and economic constraints."

As always, consult your STRS, OPERS, ORTA and/or PERI newsletters and Web sites to keep up to date on these and other issues.

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 or 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.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The annual U.S. News and World Report "Best Hospitals" named UTMC best in the region for kidney, brain and urologic treatment.
- The renovated Memorial Field House will house 54 state-of-the-art classrooms, 70 faculty offices, a three-story central atrium and a 250-seat auditorium. At peak hours, more than 1,500 students will have classes in the building, making it as busy as the mall during Christmas time.
- UT has one of the largest distance-learning programs in the nation, with 12,000 students enrolled in more than 970 courses this year.

ARCHITECTURAL GEM

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style was the Engineering-Science Building (now the Health and Human Services Building). The International Style dominated UT architecture throughout the 1960s and 1970s, and included Snyder Memorial, Parks Tower and Savage Hall (before current renovations).

But some changes began to appear in the 1970s that harkened back to the Collegiate Gothic style. A transitional period saw buildings that while modern in design, were not simply sleek, flat boxes. Rather, they combined geometric shapes. Included was Carlson Library, with its eight protruding towers that hint of the University Hall tower. This was also the period when many of the buildings of the former Medical College of Ohio were constructed, and these, too, reflected a transitional design called New Formalism, promoted by MCO architect Minoru Yamasaki.

By the 1980s, the architecture of UT had come full circle with the introduction of the Postmodern Style. Postmodern buildings combined elements of many architectural styles and periods, but at UT, often reflected strong Collegiate Gothic elements. Stranahan Hall was the first Postmodern building, and there is no doubt about its Gothic roots.

Amazingly, one nearly consistent theme throughout the nearly 80 years of construction on the Bancroft Campus is the use of building materials. While buildings may reflect widely divergent architectural elements, most incorporate the Wisconsin Lannon and Indiana limestone used in University Hall. This consistency is unusual for colleges and helps to create a unified feeling for the campus.

SEE SPRING ISSUE FOR ARCHITECTURE ON HEALTH SCIENCE CAMPUS BY JIM WINKLER

ACTIVITIES UPDATE

From the desk of Millie Allred

The recent Niagara Falls trip found our neighbors to the north most accommodating. We had spacious rooms, great service and a super breakfast buffet we enjoyed with great gusto and relish. We spent several days taking in the sights of Queen Victoria Park, the Welland Shipping Canal, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Cosmopolitan Toronto with its majestic Casa Loma Castle, and the magnificent splendor of Niagara Falls.

UTRA's annual meeting was held in June at the Belmont Country Club. We enjoyed a delicious lunch in lovely surroundings along with excellent service. We also had the opportunity to renew old friendships and make new ones. Election of board members took place, and we also introduced the 50/50 raffle with money going to our scholarship fund.

We have a number of baseball fans in our organization, and June 17 found 50 of them in the Roost at Fifth Third Field enjoying a big picnic lunch and a tight Mud Hens game. Even though the air was a little chilly that day, from the buzz of laughter and excited cheering for the home team, everyone seemed to enjoy the outing.

In July, we visited the beautiful Schedel Gardens and Arboretum located on the Portage River in Elmore, Ohio. The flowerbeds, bushes, exotic plants and trees were all in glorious color. After our tour we lunched at Bob Evans.

A hot day in August was perfect for 51 of us to enjoy the cool interior of Motor City Casino in Detroit while trying our luck on those awesome slots. Wow, did some of us have luck with the \$25 they gave us! One lady won \$800, another \$280; several won \$60 to \$100, and one gentleman won more than \$300! The lunch was great, too. What a fun day, even I came home with \$8 more than when I left!

Our day trip to the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center took us back to a very different time in our relatively short history. We had a glimpse into the life of those in high social status by viewing the Hayes home, furnishings, clothing and other artifacts. President Hayes' tremendous library, manuscript, genealogy and photographic collections serve as an outstanding resource for researchers in a multitude of areas. We lunched in the lovely dining room of the Dillion House built in 1873.

Check over the calendar of events and join in the fun. Something special you would like to do? Tell us about it!



The annual June meeting took place at the Belmont Country Club.



UT retirees posed for a group photo in Niagara Falls.



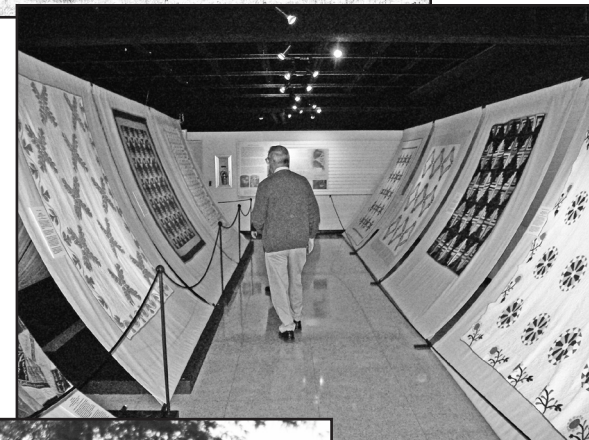
Retirees took lots of photo during their trip to Niagara Falls.



Members enjoyed lunch in the Dillion House.



UTRA members posed for a photo in front of the Hayes Home.



George Kertz views quilts on display at the Hayes Museum.



Sally Berglund, Barbara Sass and Pat Nice enjoyed the ride through Schede Gardens.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, Dec. 7
Holiday Brunch
at Inverness Club

Thursday, Dec. 18
Grandma's Country Cookin'
at Glendale at 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, Jan. 15
J. Alexanders
at 4315 Talmadge Rd. at 1 pm.

Tuesday, Jan. 27
Lynn Godfrey, R.D., C.D.E.
and Russell Smith, D.Pharm
speaking on Drug Interactions
and Drugs for Weight Management
at HSC Dana Center,
11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 19
The Grapeleaf
at 909 Mc Cord Rd. at 1p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 25
Dr. Gerald Bazer speaking
on Abraham Lincoln
in the Schmakel Room
at Driscoll Alumni Center
at 1 p.m.

Wednesday, Mar. 18
Ted Powers – Antique "Show
and Tell" in the Schmakel Room
at Driscoll Alumni Center
at 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Thursday, Mar. 19
Yang's Gourmet House
at 4446 Heatherdowns at 1 p.m.

Thursday, April 16
Ed & Mitzi's
at 220 Louisiana Ave.,
Perrysburg at 1 p.m.

April Event
UT/BG Joint Luncheon
at Toledo Country Club
Spesker, Alvin Compaan,
Ph.D. at 11:30

Thursday, May 21
Erie Street Chowder House,
in Erie St. Mkt. at 1 p.m.

UTRA RETIREES: WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO?

- UT students studying to be physicians, nurses and physician assistants gathered at the home of Dr. Larry Conway, president of the Diller Foundation, to sort and package pills and vitamins they will distribute in Nicaragua. Students will travel of Nicaragua to provide health care to the poor.
- Dr. John Chrysochoos, professor emeritus of chemistry, wrote a book about his life on the rocky shores of the Ikarian Sea on the island of Ikaria, Greece, where he experienced the occupation of Italian and German soldiers during World War II before moving to North America. His book is titled "Beyond the Blue Ikarian Sea." Chrysochoos has signed publishing rights for his next book, "Elusive Dreams," a fictional piece about all-too-real public education problems. That book is scheduled to be released in 2009.
- Pat Harmon and Sandy Koepke attended the annual Coping With Change conference held by the Ohio State University Retirees Association. Topics included the influence of the media in election campaigns and a talk by an FBI agent on fraud schemes. In addition, there were several breakout sessions covering fitness, investing money for seniors, safety at home and assisted living options. The program ended with representatives from OPERS and STRS discussing the health-care plans for the coming year.

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 to Sandra Koepke, 379 E. Woodside, Holland, OH 43528 or e-mail skoepke@utnet.utoledo.edu.

NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS

Virginia Girkins Black
Norman and Elise Blume
Richard and Norma Eastop
Kathryn and David Ellis
Alan B. Flaschner
Helen E. Hatcher
Charles and Barbara Hicks
Winifred M. Kuk
Eugene and Larissa Orlowski
John and Kate McGreevey
Tessie Mae Seamon

STUDENT REC CENTER UPDATE

The membership plan for retired Main Campus employee (full use membership) annual cost is \$110 (save \$40), Fall and Spring \$50 (save \$20), and Summer \$35 (save \$20).

DID YOU KNOW?

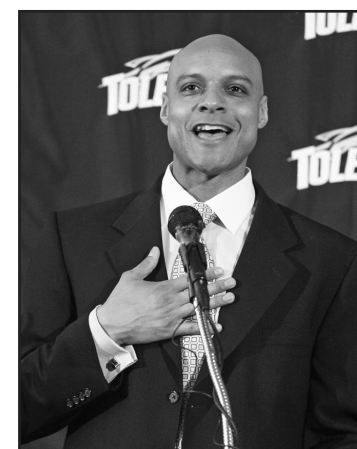
- UT and WGTE Public Media has launched "Plugged-In," a monthly program highlighting the University. It will air multiple times each month, with new episodes debuting the third Wednesday of the month at 8 p.m. on Ch. 30.
- The Princeton Review recognized the UT College of Business Administration in its 2008 "Best Business Schools" publication.
- The College of Engineering has been named one of the top 20 graduate programs in the nation by The Princeton Review.
- The College of Business Administration expansion is moving right along. The 54,000-square-foot, \$15.4 million Savage & Associates Complex for Business Learning and Engagement will extend north from Stranahan Hall up the hill between Gillham Hall and Ritter Planetarium.
- The College of Health Science and Human Service was the first public university in the nation to offer the doctor of occupational therapy degree.
- The College of Business Administration was the first MBA program nationwide to offer a graduate concentration in sales leadership accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools in Business.
- A Brigham Young University study ranked UT third in the country among universities for startup companies formed per \$1 million of funding.
- Innovation Associates ranked UT sixth among universities executing licenses and ranked UT seventh in launching startup companies when taking research expenditures into account.

NEW COACHES READY TO LEAD ROCKETS

By Paul Helgren

Toledo basketball fans have a lot to look forward to this season — new coaches and a renovated Savage Hall. Gene Cross, former Notre Dame assistant, was named head coach of the men's team, and former Evansville head coach Tricia Cullop was selected head coach of the women's team in April.

"I'm excited about joining the tradition of Toledo basketball," said Cross, who becomes the 17th head coach in UT history, replacing Stan Joplin who was released from his position last month after 12 years on the job. "I look forward to building on that tradition and taking the program to the next step."



"Toledo has everything — a beautiful campus, a very supportive administration, and all the amenities that make it a great place for student-athletes to grow and prosper," said Cullop, who replaced Mark Ehlen who resigned after 13 years as the Rockets' leader. "Knowing where this program has been and knowing its potential to be great again make this an exciting opportunity for me."

Fans will have a new view of the game, thanks to a complete renovation of the Savage Hall basketball arena. Features include new spectator seating, luxury suites and loges, a renovated Grogan Room, and a state-of-art video scoreboard and sound system.

2007-08 TOLEDO MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

| DAY | DATE | OPPONENT | LOCATION | TIME |
|-----------|------------|-----------------------|--|----------------|
| SUN. | NOV. 4 | ASHLAND (EXH) (DH) | SAVAGE HALL | 3:30 P.M. |
| SAT. | NOV. 10 | MISSOURI STATE (DH) | SAVAGE HALL | 7:00 P.M. |
| TUES. | NOV. 13 | VANDERBILT | SAVAGE HALL | 7:00 P.M. |
| Fri. | Nov. 16 | at Old Dominion | Norfolk, VA | 7:00 p.m. |
| Wed. | Nov. 21 | at Dayton | Dayton, OH | 7:00 p.m. |
| Sat. | Nov. 24 | at Rhode Island | Kingston, RI | 7:00 p.m. |
| Wed. | Nov. 28 | at UNC Wilmington | Wilmington, NC | 7:00 p.m. |
| Sat. | Dec. 1 | at Pittsburgh | Pittsburgh, PA | TBA |
| Tues. | Dec. 4 | at Houston | Houston, TX | 7:00 p.m. (CT) |
| SAT. | DEC. 8 | DREXEL | SAVAGE HALL | 7:00 P.M. |
| Sat. | Dec. 15 | at Massachusetts | Amherst, MA | 7:30 p.m. |
| Wed. | Dec. 19 | at Illinois-Chicago | Chicago, IL | 7:00 p.m. (CT) |
| SAT. | DEC. 29 | OAKLAND | SAVAGE HALL | 7:00 P.M. |
| SUN. | JAN. 6 | BALL STATE* | SAVAGE HALL | 2:00 P.M. |
| Sun. | Jan. 13 | at Northern Illinois* | DeKalb, IL | 2:00 p.m. (CT) |
| WED. | JAN. 16 | CENTRAL MICHIGAN* | SAVAGE HALL | 7:00 P.M. |
| Sat. | Jan. 19 | at Western Michigan* | Kalamazoo, MI | 2:00 p.m. |
| Tues. | Jan. 22 | at Eastern Michigan* | Ypsilanti, MI | 7:00 p.m. |
| SAT. | JAN. 26 | BUFFALO* (DH) | SAVAGE HALL | 7:00 P.M. |
| Wed. | Jan. 30 | at Akron* | Akron, OH | 7:00 p.m. |
| SAT. | FEB. 2 | KENT STATE* (DH) | SAVAGE HALL | 7:00 P.M. |
| Wed. | Feb. 6 | at Miami* | Oxford, OH | TBA |
| Sun. | Feb. 10 | at Bowling Green* | Bowling Green, OH | 2:00 p.m. |
| WED. | FEB. 13 | OHIO* | SAVAGE HALL | 7:00 P.M. |
| Sun. | Feb. 17 | at Ball State* | Muncie, IN | 2:00 p.m. |
| WED. | FEB. 20 | NORTHERN ILLINOIS* | SAVAGE HALL | 7:00 P.M. |
| SAT. | FEB. 23 | BRACKETBUSTER GAME | SAVAGE HALL | TBA |
| SAT. | MAR. 1 | WESTERN MICHIGAN* | SAVAGE HALL | 7:00 P.M. |
| TUES. | MAR. 4 | EASTERN MICHIGAN* | SAVAGE HALL | 7:00 P.M. |
| Sun. | Mar. 9 | at Central Michigan* | Mt. Pleasant, MI | 2:00 p.m. |
| Wed.-Sat. | Mar. 12-15 | MAC Tournament | Cleveland, OH (Quicken Loans Arena) | |

Home games in gold ALL TIMES LISTED ARE SITE TIMES
Schedule subject to change * Mid-American Conference Game
Listen to the Rockets on WSPD 1370 AM
(DH) doubleheader - one ticket good for both the men's & women's games

2007-08 TOLEDO WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

| DAY | DATE | OPPONENT | LOCATION | TIME |
|-----------|------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------|
| THUR. | NOV. 1 | OHIO LEGENDS (EXH) | SAVAGE HALL | 7:00 P.M. |
| SUN. | NOV. 4 | ASHLAND (EXH) (DH) | SAVAGE HALL | 1:00 P.M. |
| SAT. | NOV. 10 | IPFW (DH) | SAVAGE HALL | 4:30 P.M. |
| Fri.-Sat. | Nov. 16-17 | at Seton Hall Basketball Classic | South Orange, NJ | |
| Fri. | Nov. 16 | vs. San Diego | South Orange, NJ | 8:00 p.m. |
| Sat. | Nov. 17 | vs. Seton Hall/George Mason | South Orange, NJ | 1 & 3 p.m. |
| SAT. | NOV. 24 | EASTERN ILLINOIS | SAVAGE HALL | 7:00 P.M. |
| Thur. | Nov. 29 | at Youngstown State | Youngstown, OH | 7:00 p.m. |
| WED. | DEC. 5 | DETROIT | SAVAGE HALL | 7:00 P.M. |
| Sat. | Dec. 8 | at Bradley | Peoria, IL | 2:00 p.m. |
| Tues. | Dec. 18 | at Detroit | Detroit, MI | 7:00 p.m. |
| FRI. | DEC. 21 | UTEP | SAVAGE HALL | 7:00 P.M. |
| Sat.-Sun. | Dec. 29-30 | at Miami (FL) Holiday Classic | Coral Gables, FL | |
| Sat. | Dec. 29 | vs. Central Arkansas | Coral Gables, FL | 7:00 p.m. |
| Sun. | Dec. 30 | vs. Miami (FL)/Maine | Coral Gables, FL | 5 & 7 p.m. |
| Fri. | Jan. 4 | at Memphis | Memphis, TN | 7:00 p.m. |
| WED. | JAN. 9 | CENTRAL MICHIGAN* | SAVAGE HALL | 7:00 P.M. |
| Sat. | Jan. 12 | at Eastern Michigan* | Ypsilanti, MI | 2:00 p.m. |
| TUES. | JAN. 15 | WESTERN MICHIGAN* | SAVAGE HALL | 7:00 P.M. |
| SAT. | JAN. 19 | BALL STATE* | SAVAGE HALL | 7:00 P.M. |
| Wed. | Jan. 23 | at Northern Illinois* | DeKalb, IL | 7:00 p.m. |
| SAT. | JAN. 26 | AKRON* (DH) | SAVAGE HALL | 4:30 P.M. |
| Wed. | Jan. 30 | at Kent State* | Kent, OH | 7:00 p.m. |
| SAT. | FEB. 2 | BOWLING GREEN* (DH) | SAVAGE HALL | 4:30 P.M. |
| Sat. | Feb. 9 | at Buffalo* | Buffalo, NY | 2:00 p.m. |
| Wed. | Feb. 13 | at Ohio* | Athens, OH | 7:00 p.m. |
| SAT. | FEB. 16 | MIAMI* | SAVAGE HALL | 7:00 P.M. |
| Tues. | Feb. 19 | at Ball State* | Muncie, IN | 7:00 p.m. |
| SAT. | FEB. 23 | NORTHERN ILLINOIS* | SAVAGE HALL | TBA |
| WED. | FEB. 27 | EASTERN MICHIGAN* | SAVAGE HALL | 7:00 P.M. |
| Sat. | Mar. 1 | at Central Michigan* | Mount Pleasant, MI | 2:00 p.m. |
| Wed. | Mar. 5 | at Western Michigan* | Kalamazoo, MI | 7:00 p.m. |
| Sun.-Sat. | Mar. 9-15 | MAC Tournament | Cleveland, OH (Quicken Loan Arena) | |

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IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Monroe L. Billington, Las Cruces, N.M., professor of history from 1966 to 1968, died May 13 at age 80.

Jerry Bishop, Toledo, died July 28 at age 81. He was hired in Maintenance in 1969 and that year began police training. He became a policeman in 1970 and retired from the University in 1992.

Carl H. Boyer, Toledo, who taught at the former Community and Technical College 18 years, died April 3 at age 89. He joined UT in 1967 as associate professor of business technology, retiring as professor emeritus in 1985.

Deborah A. Braun, Toledo, former MCO nurse, died July 8 at age 54.

Gene C. Buttruff, Northwood, died Sept. 1 at age 67. He joined the UT staff in 1969 as a maintenance repair worker 2, was promoted to maintenance repair worker 3 in 1992, and retired from the University in 1996.

Arnold B. Cole, Toledo, stationary engineer 2 in Plant Operations, died June 3 at age 59. He joined the UT staff in 2002.

Minnie Coleman, Toledo, a custodial worker at UT from 1968 to 1979, died Aug. 3 at age 87.

Robert J. Conroy Sr., Toledo, an assistant men's basketball coach for 14 seasons, died Aug. 19 at age 83. He joined the staff in 1965 with Head Coach Bob Nichols. The two guided the Rockets to three Mid-American Conference championships. Conroy coached at the University until 1979.

Marlene D. Doerner, Waban, Mass., a faculty member of the former Community and Technical College, died April 2 at age 75. She joined the Department of General Studies as an instructor in 1967, was promoted to assistant professor of general education in 1972, and became associate professor of general studies in 1980. She served as acting chair of general studies in 1985, and was named chair of the department in 1991.

Helen V. Douglas, Oregon, died May 26 at age 87. She joined the UT staff as a secretary in Personnel in 1967. Three years later, she became a benefits coordinator, the position she retired from in 1987.

Lola French, Toledo, a cashier in the Finance Department from 1982 until her retirement in 1993, died May 1 at age 83.

Norma Jean Gast, Northwood, a former MCO employee, died Sept. 8 at age 64.

Linda Graves, Toledo, who worked in Central Distribution at the former MCO for 29 years, died April 17 at age 58. She was hired in 1974 and retired as storekeeper supervisor in 2003.

Melner Morine Harris, Toledo, who worked at the former MCO Hospital 18 years, died Aug. 5 at age 72. She was a nurse in Surgery/Orthopedics from 1973 to 1991.

Dorothy E. Harrison, Perrysburg, who worked in Environmental Services at the former MCO from 1988 until her retirement in 1993, died March 30 at age 78.

Mary (Wright) Hartsfield, Toledo, who worked at UT's library for almost 30 years, died April 29 at age 90. She joined the University in 1953 as chief catalog librarian, retaining that title when she became associate professor of library administration in 1973. She retired in 1981 as professor emerita.

William H. Hier, Toledo, former part-time instructor who taught computer science courses, died June 18 at age 67. He received associate's and bachelor's degrees from UT in 1988 and 1995, respectively.

Jacqueline Hill, Toledo, who worked in Housekeeping at the former MCO Hospital, died July 28 at age 56.

Mark S. Landwehr, Perrysburg, a part-time instructor with UT's TOPS (Training Opportunities for Program Staff) Jobs and Family Services Program from 1999 to 2003, died Aug. 14 at age 59. He received a certificate in legal assisting from University College in 1994.

Karen R. Hill-McLaughlin, Newport, Mich., who worked at the former MCO 25 years, died June 23 at age 66. She joined MCO in 1976 and retired as director of the Ambulatory Clinic in 2001.

Clarence F. Hyrne Jr., Holland, Ohio, who taught in the College of Law from 1949 until 1988, died April 4 at age 89. He came to UT as an assistant professor of law, remaining there until 1961, when he went to work for Toledo Trust Co., continuing to teach part time. He returned as a full-time associate professor of law in 1975, retiring 13 years later as professor emeritus.

Judith N. Gee, Toledo, died July 13 at age 67. She joined the UT staff in 1974 as a clerk 2 in Student Records and became a clerical specialist in 1978. She moved to the College of Business Administration in 1981 as a statistics clerk. In 1995, she became a records management officer in the Registrar's Office. She also worked in Plant Operations and later joined the Visitor's Center as a public inquiries assistant. Gee retired from the University in 2003.

Philip A. Luetke, Sylvania, director of athletics publicity from 1948 to 1950, died July 13 at age 85. The UT alumnus received a bachelor's degree in 1944 and served as editor of The Collegian. Luetke was the 1952-53 president of the UT Alumni Association, which honored him in 1957 with the Blue T Award. He taught communication and English classes.

William H. McCarter, Toledo, a custodial worker at the former MCO/MUO from 1988 to 2005, died May 14 at age 55.

Helen Murawski, a Gladieux employee who retired from her job as a food preparer on the Scott Park Campus in 1986, died May 29 at age 87.

Dr. Vladimir Nigrovic, 74, a physician and founding member of the College of Medicine's Department of Pharmacology, died Sept. 4 in Perrysburg. Nigrovic was a professor of pharmacology and therapeutics and a professor of anesthesiology and a vice chairman of that department at the former MCO from 1968 until his retirement in 1997. The departments of Anesthesiology and Physiology/Pharmacology plan to establish an annual lectureship in his honor.

William F. Prebe, Sylvania, who taught business economics at UT for many years, later as an associate professor, died Sept. 12 at age 86. In 1971, he was the Edwin R. Hodge graduate lecture speaker in the College of Business Administration. A longtime employee of Dana Corp., where he was promoted to economist in 1969, he also taught international business at BGSU. He earned his bachelor of business administration degree from UT in 1949 and did graduate work in marketing as well as attended the UT College of Law.

Victor J. Sautter, Grand Rapids, died June 27 at age 83. He was hired in 1973 as a welder in UT's Physical Plant and became an auto mechanic in 1977. Sautter retired from the University in 1984.

Barbara Shirk, Sylvania, an assistant in the Ward M. Canaday Center for Special Collections in Carlson Library from 1984 to 1996, died May 14 at age 73. She received a bachelor of arts degree from UT in 1984. She is survived by her husband, Dr. George B. Shirk, UT professor emeritus of elementary education.

Dr. Gregor Sido, Toledo, who was honored by the former MCO for his work in helping establish the college, died June 26 at age 86. He was a member and secretary for the planning committee whose efforts led to the chartering of what was originally the Toledo Area Medical College and Education Foundation, which changed its name to Medical College of Ohio in 1967. The family medicine practitioner served on the former MCO Foundation Board of Trustees from 1960 to 1977, when he was made an honorary trustee. In 1985, MCO recognized his service with its Distinguished Citizen Award.

Toby Sigman, Savannah, Ga., who taught for several years in the Reading and Writing Center and in the Upward Bound Program during the 1980s and 1990s, died June 27 at age 74. She was a UT alumna, receiving a bachelor's degree in 1954 and master of education degree in 1986.

Dr. Robert J. Somogye, Sylvania, who held a number of positions on UT's Scott Park Campus, died May 30 at age 78. He joined the former Community and Technical College in 1968 as director of counseling and assistant professor of general studies. Following promotions to associate professor in 1975 and professor in 1980, he was named associate dean of student support services, where he served until his 1989 retirement. He also worked as director of ComTech's Student Support Center. Somogye received a doctor of education degree from UT in 1973.

Barbara M. Surprise, Toledo, who worked more than 20 years in Telecommunications at the former MCO, died April 29 at age 85. Following her 1989 retirement, she worked as an operator several more years.

Casper F. Urzykowski, Toledo, a custodial worker at UT from 1975 until his retirement in 1996, died May 9 at age 95.

William L. Wagner, a former development officer in the Office of Development of the former MCO, died June 12 in Houston. He was 84. Wagner, who lived in Toledo from 1973 to 1996, was a retired U.S. Air Force pilot.

Franklin C. "Buddy" Wallace Jr., Toledo, a custodian at UT from 1984 to 1988, died July 25 at age 50.

Dr. Julian Wohl, Naples, Fla., professor emeritus of psychology, died May 25 at age 80. He joined UT's Psychology Department in 1961 and served as chair from 1964 to 1970. Wohl played an integral role in establishing UT's doctoral program in clinical and experimental psychology. The former director of the Clinical Psychology Training Program retired from UT in 1987, when he was named professor emeritus.

George "Bill" Woodworth, Oregon, Ohio, died April 23 at age 82. He was hired as a locksmith in UT's Physical Plant in 1974 and was promoted to locksmith 2 in 1980. He retired from the University in 1987.

Elizabeth A. Zepf, who served on the UT Board of Trustees from 1954 to 1967 and was vice chair seven years, died June 6 at age 104. In 1969, she received an honorary doctor of human letters from the University. Zepf was a member of the former UT Community and Technical College Advisory Committee. The Lucas County Mental Health Board opened the Zepf Center, named in her honor, in 1974. The Satellites of the former MCO honored her as one of the "Treasures of Toledo" in 1988.

HEALTH MATTERS

Double trouble. If you're taking low-dose aspirin, avoid ibuprofen, which can cancel out the aspirin's antiplatelet effect and cause a catastrophic stroke. A new study at the University at Buffalo and the Dent Neurologic Institute in Buffalo is the first to show the stroke danger.

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