

## Donation from the heart helps fund transplant program

By Kim Harvey

**A**lfred and Adela Mundt have put their money where their hearts are.

By their own words, the local restaurateurs have enjoyed 11 “miraculous” years since Alfred, 73, received a heart transplant at the former Medical College of Ohio, now The University of Toledo Medical Center. In return for not only their medical care, but also for the kindness they’ve received from those within UTMC’s cardiac system, they’ve donated \$1 million to help revive the heart transplant program.

“Without their help, we may not have had these 11 years,” Adela commented shortly before the May 21 opening of UT’s Heart and Vascular Center. “We decided to do everything we could to help UT help other people.”

The Mundts’ donation will fund a transplant-congestive heart failure cardiologist, whom UT is currently recruiting from candidates across the country. The cardiologist will combine with an endowed professorship in thoracic and cardiovascular surgery, which was funded through a \$500,000 donation from Dr. S. Amjad Hussein, a UT trustee, retired surgeon and professor emeritus.

“The new Heart and Vascular Center brings together the necessary components for advanced cardiac and vascular care and

a new heart transplant program in a state-of-the-art setting,” said Dr. Jeffrey P. Gold, Health Science Campus provost, executive vice president for health affairs and dean of the College of Medicine. “In addition to facilitating transplants, many vascular and cardiac services will be offered, including diagnostics, surgery and rehabilitation. Our research capabilities also will allow us to study ways to prevent and medically treat congestive heart failure, which is one of the leading reasons for transplantation.”

The 24,820-square-foot Heart and Vascular Center is located on the first floor of UTMC.

The Mundts’ experiences with UT’s cardiac programs began after Alfred suffered a heart attack in 1983. Their primary cardiac physician, Dr. Thomas Walsh, saw the Mundts through Alfred’s quadruple bypass surgery, arrhythmia problems and, eventually, a heart transplant following congestive heart failure.

“We’ve had a close-knit relationship with the people in the cardiac programs,” Adela said. “You don’t find anything like it anywhere else. The doctors and staff talk to you like you are their only patient in the world.

“We formed a bond many years ago, and it only gets stronger.”

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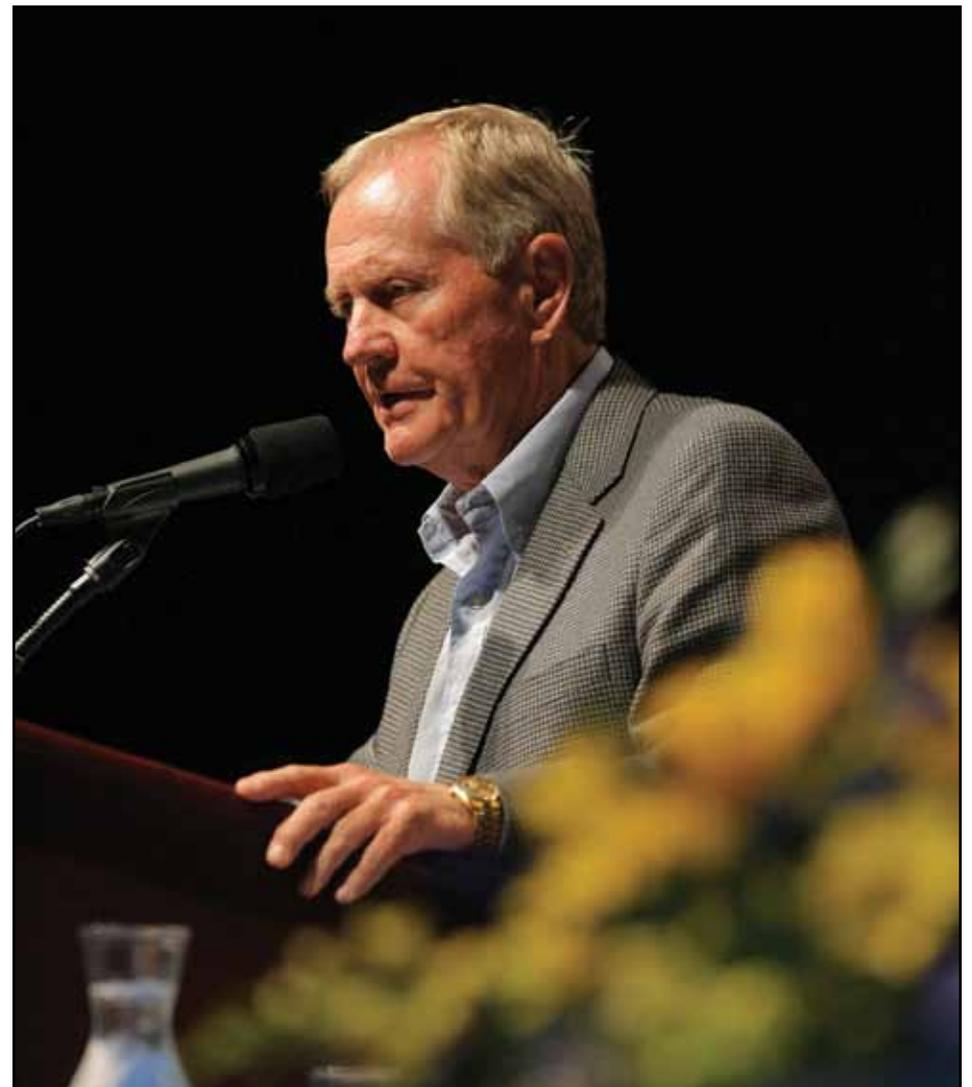


Photo By Daniel Miller

**‘GOLDEN’ MOMENT:** 1961 NCAA Golf Champion Jack Nicklaus spoke to this year’s competitors at a tournament dinner May 28 in Savage Arena. Nicklaus, who was accompanied by his wife, Barbara, talked about the importance of his time playing at Ohio State University. The “Golden Bear” also discussed family, his pro career and the Inverness Club’s course, which the legend said is a great course that provides golfers with many challenges. See more photos on p. 3.



Photo By Jack Meade

The Mundt family, from left, Jeannie Kunzer, Valerie Scott, Alfred and Adela, posed for a photo with Laura Malkuian, assistant to the associate vice president for finance and development on Health Science Campus, during the grand opening of UT’s Heart and Vascular Center.

## College of Medicine commencement to take place June 5

**A** total of 192 students are candidates for degrees and graduate certificates at The University of Toledo College of Medicine commencement ceremony, which will take place Friday, June 5, at 4 p.m. in the Toledo Museum of Art Peristyle Theatre.

There are 135 students who are candidates for the doctor of medicine degree, two of whom also will earn degrees through the college’s MD/PhD program. A total of 17 students will earn a PhD in biomedical science, and 34 students will earn master’s degrees. Additionally, six students will earn graduate certificates.

Sir Bruce E. Keogh, a former cardiac surgeon who serves full time as medical director of the National Health Service (NHS) in England, will receive an honorary degree and deliver the commencement speech.

Keogh and the NHS have oversight for clinical strategy, quality and safety in England, as well as watching over policy around the pharmaceutical industry, drug pricing, prescriptions and the role of pharmacy in the country. Through Medical Education England, Keogh also has oversight of undergraduate and postgraduate education of doctors, dentists and pharmacists and

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## Four hungry mouths keep UT peregrines on the wing

By Cynthia Nowak



Photo By Daniel Miller

**TALONS APLENTY:** Dave Scott from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Wildlife held one of the four falcon chicks before banding last week.

As parents of the Toledo area's biggest peregrine falcon brood this year, The University of Toledo's resident adult pair, Belle and Allen, could claim this year's crown — if they weren't so busy feeding the four voracious offspring who received their names and leg bands last Tuesday.

A team from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) again navigated the winding approach to the top of University Hall Tower where the peregrines' nesting box is situated. With the parents wheeling and swooping overhead, the four young falcons were tucked into blanket sacks and carried to a mobile banding station ODNR set up next to the Student Union. Protected from the morning's cold drizzle, the three-week-old birds were fitted with identification bands and had their blood drawn for genetic testing, providing vital stats for the Raptor Center at the University of Minnesota, where all North American birds of prey are registered.

The peregrines' relative sizes made sexing easy, and the three large females and one smaller male were given names picked by UT employees and the Toledo Naturalists Association, the latter choosing to honor noted ornithologist Harold Mayfield and longtime association member Myrtle Sarver. Unity and Leela rounded out the quartet's monikers.

Once the newest members of UT's peregrine family were returned to the nest, ODNR loaded up their vehicles to band three chicks at the Commodore Perry nest in downtown Toledo. The two eggs at the Bay Shore Power Plant nest in Oregon will require a future visit.

Belle and Allen have so far produced nine young; this year's chicks will be learning to fly within two or three weeks. The process of going airborne has its risks, so if you happen to see a young peregrine down, call Grounds at 419.530.1011 so UT personnel can return the fledging flier to the safety of the nest.

## Transplant program

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Walsh, a longtime MCO/UTMC cardiologist, was killed in a traffic accident in 2007. The Mundts were determined that his legacy would continue with the revival of UT's heart transplant program.

"This is so important, so important," Adela said, noting events her German-born husband of 54 years has savored since his

transplant: a son's marriage, the birth of a handful of grandchildren, and a ceremony to celebrate being named a U.S. citizen.

"It's been 11 years now and we've had a few ups and downs, but they've always taken care of us at UTMC," Adela said. "That's why we have to continue this work right here."

## Integrated Heart and Vascular Center opens

By Jeffrey Romagni

Hope happens every day at America's teaching hospitals, Dr. Jeffrey P. Gold, Health Science Campus provost, executive vice president for health affairs and dean of the College of Medicine, told attendees at the May 21 grand-opening celebration for the UT Heart and Vascular Center.

"Hope happens every time a life-saving procedure is preformed for the first time, every time a patient who thought he could never walk again does, every time a person who can't afford medical care receives the best care possible, and every time a talented doctor teaches residents everything she knows," Gold said.

He is optimistic that the Heart and Vascular Center, the community's first integrated center for patient care, education and translational research in cardiac and vascular diseases, will mean more hope.

The center provides patients access to state-of-the-art facilities and nationally recognized cardiac and vascular specialists in a model that brings together multiple specialties, including cardiology, vascular medicine, vascular surgery, cardiac surgery and cardiac rehabilitation.

"This center is state-of-the-art in so many ways," Gold said. "It is designed from our perspective of extreme patient centeredness."

The celebration also featured the recognition of seven of the area's top physicians who practice at UTMC. Gold and Jim Hoffman, president of Key Bank, helped pay tribute to these doctors.

Honorees included physicians nationally recognized by their peers for exceptional specialty care from an array of disciplines, including surgery, orthopedics, cardiology and pediatrics. The seven physicians recognized were Drs. Mark Burket, Anthony Comerota, Chris Cooper, Samuel Durham, Nabil Ebraheim, Blair Grubb and Hollis Merrick.

The celebration closed with remarks from UT President Lloyd Jacobs and Richard Stansley, chair of the UT Board of Trustees.

"This kind of space is fulfilling," Jacobs said. "It speaks to the human spirit and it speaks for what happens in spaces like this to make human life better."

For more information, contact the Heart and Vascular Center at 419.383.3963.

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Keogh  
Surgery in Great Britain and Ireland, secretary general of the European Association for

postgraduate training of clinical scientists.

He has been active on many medical and professional committees. He has been secretary and president of the Society for Cardiothoracic

Cardio-Thoracic Surgery, president of the Cardiothoracic Section of the Royal Society of Medicine, and a member on the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons of England. He remains a director of the Society of Thoracic Surgeons in the United States.

Keogh was named an honorary Knight Commander of the British Empire in 2003, and subsequently became a British citizen, and his knighthood became "substantive" (no longer honorary). Keogh is an honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of London.

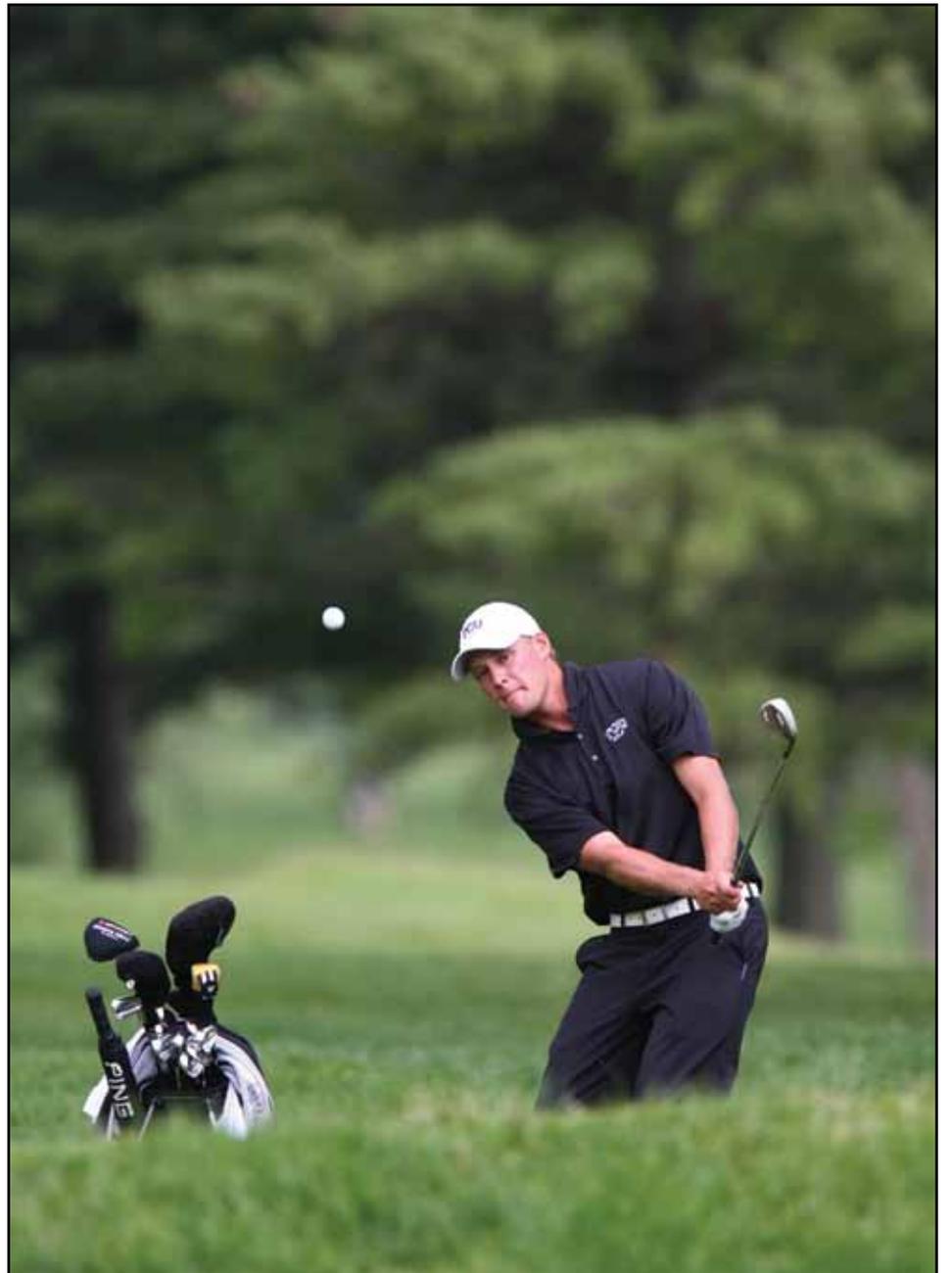
## Correction

The May 18 issue of UT News contained an error in an obituary. It was Thomas Hodges, a custodian since 2008, who died May 3 at age 45, not Thomas B. Hodges, who continues to work as a stationary engineer 2 in Plant Operations.

# UT hosts national championship

Collegiate golfers from around the nation played in the 2009 NCAA Division I Men's Golf Championship hosted by The University of Toledo at the Inverness Club last week. Play was still under way at the time of publication, but complete tournament results can be found at [myUT.utoledo.edu](http://myUT.utoledo.edu).

Photos By Daniel Miller



## University modifies admittance for some pre-major students

By Tobin J. Klinger

Area guidance counselors have been notified of a new method to admitting some pre-major students that is intended to ensure students with academic need have access to developmental resources upon entering the University.

According to Kevin Kucera, associate vice president for enrollment services, the University will defer admittance of any student with a grade point average (GPA) below 2.0 and an ACT score of less than 19 who applies to UT after July 1 until spring semester.

The change was outlined in a memorandum distributed last week.

"Previously, a direct-from-high-school student choosing to enroll at UT with a grade point average below 2.0 and an ACT score of less than 19 would only be allowed to schedule 11 hours of course work until he or she had completed all required developmental classes," Kucera said. "While it was the University's intent to ensure this student population was able to receive the resources they would need to succeed, it inadvertently

created some issues for families seeking financial aid, dependent insurance coverage and other important things that are linked to a 'full-time student' status."

He continued, "As a result, we have modified the admittance of our pre-major students in this category. Under the new model, students electing to enroll at UT with a GPA below 2.0 and an ACT score of less than 19 after July 1 will have their admittance deferred until spring semester (January 2010)."

Kucera said this model is fairly common across higher education, particularly at schools with branch campuses where admittance is often deferred from the main campus to the alternative campus until the following semester/quarter.

"By deferring admission for this group, the University can better ensure developmental resources will be available to students who are eager to earn a college degree, but lack some essential pre-college course work," Kucera said.

## Student-athletes earn record 3.157 GPA last semester; women's soccer sets all-time high team mark

By Paul Helgren

UT student-athletes earned a collective grade point average of 3.157 spring semester, by far the highest GPA since the department began keeping records in 1991. The previous high mark was 3.059 in the 2006 spring semester.

The 3.157 GPA also marked the sixth time in the last eight semesters that UT student-athletes earned a combined GPA over a 3.0. Additionally, 11 of UT's 15 sport programs had team GPAs of 3.0 or above.

Individually, 24 student-athletes earned perfect 4.0 GPAs last fall, while 113 individuals (more than 33 percent) earned a spot on the dean's list by garnering at least a 3.50 GPA.

What's more, 57 percent (192 of 336) of UT student-athletes achieved a 3.0 grade point average or better for spring semester, the second-highest percentage above a 3.0 in school history and the 11th consecutive semester in which at least half of Rocket student-athletes earned a 3.0+ GPA.

"I am very proud of our student-athletes for this terrific achievement," Athletic Director Mike O'Brien said. "A combined grade point average of 3.157 is a fantastic number."

Women's soccer led the way with a team GPA of 3.685, the highest ever recorded by a Rocket squad. The previous high mark was 3.683, set by women's soccer in the 2006 spring semester. Other teams above a 3.5 GPA were women's cross country (3.613) and women's tennis (3.505).

"I would like to congratulate Coach Brad Evans and the women's soccer team," O'Brien said. "Not only did they win their third straight MAC Championship last fall, they also compiled an incredible 3.685 team grade point average."

Another bright spot academically was the dramatic improvement of the football team. The football team's GPA rose from 2.370 last fall to 2.922 this spring, an average increase of more than half a grade per player.

Tim Beckman, who took over as UT's head football coach last December, instituted a number of changes to the program. For example, he divided his squad into eight "teams" that compete in all areas, including academics. He requires his players to sit in the first two rows in class and to meet personally with their instructors at the start of the semester.

## Jefferson honoree wears many hats of volunteerism

By Kim Harvey

Chances are you've seen Dr. Barbara Kopp Miller in action.

It could have been as a community speaker, a grief educator, a student mentor, a teacher, or a member of one of several local organizations benefiting the geriatric population.

Kopp Miller, who has been honored with May's monthly Jefferson Award, is blessed with endless energy and a sharp, "can-do" attitude. Since she's a sought-after speaker on a number of topics, including women's issues, grief and bereavement, sexuality, grant writing, gerontology and caregivers, these attributes allow her to juggle her positions of associate professor of occupational therapy and public health and homeland security and administrative director of the Center for Successful Aging with a generous amount of community service added to the mix.

Kopp Miller doesn't complain about her hectic schedule. "We do things on Sundays," she said good-naturedly. "We do things in the evenings. It's just a lot of fun to go out and talk with people. With every bit of education we do, someone leaves with knowledge they didn't have. It's knowledge that can improve their lives."

As a contributor to several organizations, including the Lutheran Homes Society Community Services Board, Ohio Research Council on Aging, WBGU/PBS, Northwest Ohio Journal productions, YWCA, Northwest Ohio Gerontological Association, Zonta International of Toledo and several more at UT, Kopp Miller has focused on geriatrics and women's and children's issues. According to Dr. Patricia Hogue, associate professor and assistant dean for diversity recruitment

and retention, Kopp Miller is a firm believer in getting things done.

"If Barb is on your committee, you know you're getting a person who will be there and give it all she has," Hogue said. "Barb gets things done. She is always engaged and thinking of 'What's next?'"

Kopp Miller is a leader and participant in community health fairs, conferences and grant initiatives that provide screenings and information. Many of her contacts have been garnered through her 18 years at UT, but her dedication to geriatric affairs stretches into her personal life as well.

"She gives a lot of herself," Hogue said, "well over and beyond the duties needed to fulfill her position as a professor. She's just a quality individual who cares about other people."

As a young graduate student, Kopp Miller said she realized that the geriatric population had many health needs and too few providers who understood them.

"We need to educate health-care professionals and communities regarding the difference between normal age-related changes and disease-related changes," she said. "As people get older, their needs change in many ways, but they still basically want the same things most of us want: to have enjoyable lives and live as independently as possible."

Today, she added, one in 12 people is 65 years or older. By 2030, one in five people will fit into this category of "older adults."

"The majority of older adults live within our communities," Kopp Miller said. "They're our neighbors and our family members. If we educate ourselves about their needs and provide access to the resources they need, the entire community benefits."



Photo By Jack Meade

Dr. Barbara Kopp Miller, right, and Dr. Patricia Hogue looked over one of many pamphlets they've collaborated on over the years.

## Art instructor bases 'Recent Work' on religion, pop culture

By Emily Hickey

**“W**hen the artist has fully invested himself or herself in a work, that work becomes a candid snapshot of his or her person,” said local artist Dan Hernandez, whose second solo exhibition of his boyish and playful creations is on display in “Recent Work” at the Madhouse Gallery, 1215 Jackson St. in Toledo.

Hernandez is a man with many roles. He is the manager of Firenation Glass Studio and Gallery in Holland, Ohio; former volunteer on the visual arts committee for a local nonprofit organization, Art-O-Matic 419; and instructor to aspiring artists through The University of Toledo Art Department.

As an artist, Hernandez mixes religion, mythology and pop culture to blur boundaries and question iconography, collectables and devotion. Some of his works include stacking scenes relating to video game lev-

els, and the design of old religious artifacts telling stories in levels.

“My recent work isn’t intended to be religious or realistically military; it is playing at both of these aspects,” he said.

Before educating and inspiring artists at UT, Hernandez was a visiting lecturer and studio assistant with American University’s Art in Italy Program.

“Much of the research needed to complete the paintings in this exhibition stems from the time I spent in Italy,” he said.

He has shown his work in nearly 20 group exhibitions across the nation.

“Recent Work” will be on display in the Madhouse Gallery weekdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Friday, June 12.

For more information on Hernandez or his free, public exhibition, visit [www.danhernandez.org](http://www.danhernandez.org).



Hernandez

Photos By Liz Allen



“The Life of Shipwreck” by Dan Hernandez is included in “Recent Work.”

## Sandberg Lit Institute to welcome children’s authors, illustrators

By Jon Strunk

**B**ringing in children’s book authors and illustrators from across the nation, The University of Toledo Judith Herb College of Education will host the 37th Annual Sandberg Literacy Institute each weekday from 1:30 to 5:15 p.m. from Monday, June 15, through Friday, June 26, in the Scott Park Auditorium on Scott Park Campus.

Created by the late UT faculty member Dr. Herbert Sandberg, the institute features two weeks of workshops with 10 children’s book authors and illustrators. This year’s theme, “Mirrors on Ourselves, Windows on the World,” reflects how children’s literature enables persons to see themselves in new ways and learn more about other people, places and cultures throughout the world.

“Dr. Sandberg’s enthusiasm for and enjoyment of children’s literature was contagious, and he took it as his mission to spread that enthusiasm and enjoyment to all with whom he came in contact,” said Dr. Jenny Denyer, UT associate professor of education. “The literature experiences of the children of northwest Ohio were greatly enriched because of Dr. Sandberg’s work with classroom teachers.”

Listed by date, this year’s authors and illustrators will be:

**June 15** — James Bruchac ([www.jamesbruchac.com](http://www.jamesbruchac.com)), a naturalist, expert tracker and Native-American storyteller from the Adirondacks in New York, who thrilled the audience last year with a chilling ghost story from his collection, *When the Chenoo Howls: Native American Tales of Terror*.

**June 16 & 17** — Alma Flor Ada ([www.almaflorada.com](http://www.almaflorada.com)) and F. Isabel Campoy ([www.isabelcampoy.com](http://www.isabelcampoy.com)), both prolific writers, recently have co-authored *Authors in the Classroom: A Transformative Education Process*, a book especially for teachers, with practical guides and

prompts to get children, parents and teachers writing. “This book represents the fruits of eight years of joint efforts of encouraging teachers to dare to experience the joy of writing,” Ada wrote on her Web site.

**June 18** — Wendy Halperin, [www.wendyhalperin.com](http://www.wendyhalperin.com);

**June 19** — Heather Henson, [www.heatherhensonbooks.com](http://www.heatherhensonbooks.com);

**June 22** — Phil Bildner, [www.philbildner.com](http://www.philbildner.com);

**June 23** — Marc Tyler Nobleman, [noblemania.blogspot.com](http://noblemania.blogspot.com);

**June 24** — Mike Spradlin, [www.michaelspradlin.com](http://www.michaelspradlin.com);

**June 25** — Yona McDonough, [www.yonazeldismcdonough.com](http://www.yonazeldismcdonough.com); and

**June 26** — Marc Harshman, [www.marcharshman.com](http://www.marcharshman.com).

“Children who come to associate books and reading as pleasurable, magical, inspiring and interesting are more likely to be highly motivated to learn to read for themselves and more likely to become readers for life,” said Dr. Susanna Hapgood, UT assistant professor of education. “We want all children to have access to the fabulous stories and fascinating ideas that books can provide. An early start — with adults that the children love and respect at home and at school — will help lay the foundation for a lifetime of learning.”

Authors’ books for autographing will be available for purchase on site. More information on each speaker and the institute is available at UT’s Sandberg Literacy Institute Web site at <http://www.utoledo.edu/education/sandberg/index.html>.

UT students can attend the whole institute for undergraduate or graduate course credit but must be able to show their UT student status when registering. (See Web site.) All others interested in the institute (but not for course credit) are invited; the cost is \$10 per day for UT students and \$30 per day for all other guests. Parking passes will be available on site for a nominal fee.

For more information, contact Denyer at [jenny.denyer@utoledo.edu](mailto:jenny.denyer@utoledo.edu) or Hapgood at [susanna.hapgood@utoledo.edu](mailto:susanna.hapgood@utoledo.edu).



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# Tenure, promotions for faculty approved by Board of Trustees

**T**enure for 26 faculty members was approved by the Board of Trustees May 18.

Listed by college, faculty receiving tenure and promotions are:

**College of Arts and Sciences — Dr. Olugbenga Ajilore**, who was promoted from assistant professor to associate professor of economics; **Dr. Jared Anderson**, who was promoted from assistant professor to associate professor of chemistry; **Dr. Charles E. Beatty**, who was promoted from assistant professor to associate professor of history; **Dr. Patricia Case**, who was promoted from assistant professor to associate professor of sociology; **Dr. Anthony Edgington**, who was promoted from assistant professor to associate professor of English; **Dr. Melissa Gregory**, who was promoted from assistant professor to associate professor of English; **Dr. Sanjay Khare**, who was promoted from assistant professor to associate professor of physics; **Dr. Christine Mayer**, who was promoted from assistant professor to associate professor of environmental sciences; **Dr. S. Thomas Megeath**, who was promoted from assistant professor to associate professor of astronomy; **Dr. John Sarnecki**, who was promoted from assistant professor to associate professor of philosophy; **Dr. William Taylor**, who was promoted from assistant professor to associate professor of biological sciences; and **Dr. William Von Sigler**, who was promoted from assistant professor to associate professor of environmental sciences.

**College of Business Administration — Dr. Amal A. Said**, who was promoted from assistant professor to associate professor of accounting; **Dr. Xiao Fang**, who was promoted from assistant professor to associate professor of information operations technology management; **Dr. Oczan Sezer**, who was promoted from assistant professor to associate professor of finance; and **Dr. Robert D. Yonker**, who was promoted from assistant professor to associate professor of management.

**Judith Herb College of Education — Dr. Jenny Denyer**, who was promoted from assistant professor to associate professor of curriculum and instruction, and **Dr. Sekhar Pindiprolu**, who was promoted from assistant professor to associate professor of early childhood, physical and special education.

**College of Engineering — Dr. Abdul-Majeed Azad**, who was promoted from associate professor to professor of chemical and environmental engineering; **Dr. Cyndee L. Gruden**, who was promoted from assistant professor to associate professor of civil engineering; **Dr. Ahalapitiya Jayatissa**, who was promoted from assistant professor to associate professor of mechanical, industrial and manufacturing engineering; and **Dr. Ganapathy Narayanan**, who was promoted from assistant professor to associate professor of engineering technology.

**College of Health Science and Human Service — Dr. Phillip Gribble**, who was promoted from assistant professor to associate professor of kinesiology.

**College of Medicine — Dr. Constance Shriner**, who was promoted from assistant professor to associate professor of family medicine.

**College of Pharmacy — Dr. Mary Borovicka**, who was promoted from assistant professor to associate professor of pharmacy practice, and **Dr. Eric Sahloff**, who was promoted from assistant professor to associate professor of pharmacy practice.

Trustees also approved promotions for other faculty members. Listed by college, they are:

**College of Arts and Sciences — Dr. Jacqueline Layng**, from associate professor to professor of communication; **Dr. Paulette Kilmer**, from associate professor to professor of communication; and **Dr. Lirim Shemshedini**, from associate professor to professor of biological sciences.

**Judith Herb College of Education — Dr. Robert Schultz**, from associate professor to professor of curriculum and instruction.

**College of Health Science and Human Service — Dr. Celia Williamson**, from associate professor to professor of social work.

**College of Medicine — Dr. Cletus Iwuagwu**, from assistant professor to associate professor of medicine, and **Dr. Isabel Novella**, from associate professor to professor of medical microbiology and immunology.

**College of Pharmacy — Dr. Steven Martin**, from associate professor to professor of pharmacy practice.

**University Libraries — Suhasini L. Kumar**, from associate professor to professor of information and instruction services.

# UT director receives Fulbright Award for travel to Japan



Pirog

**D**r. Ron Pirog, director of The University of Toledo's Study Abroad Program, has been selected as a Fulbright scholar for the U.S.-Japan International Education Administrators Program.

Pirog is one of approximately 1,100 U.S. faculty and professionals who will travel abroad through the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program this academic year. Recipients of Fulbright awards are selected on the basis of academic or professional achievement, as well as demonstrated leadership in their fields.

His duties will include visits to various cities and academic institutions in Japan. He will join others in meeting with leaders from government offices and academic institutions to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and Japan. For three weeks in June, Pirog will travel between the cities of Tokyo, Kyoto and Hiroshima.

"I am honored to have been chosen for this program, and I am very much looking forward to traveling to Japan and meeting and exchanging ideas with government officials and education administrators as part of this prestigious program," Pirog said. "Besides, in all my travels as director of the Study Abroad Program, this will be my first visit to Japan."

The Fulbright Program, America's flagship international educational exchange program, is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Since its establishment in 1946 under legislation introduced by the late Sen. J. William Fulbright of Arkansas, the Fulbright Program has provided approximately 286,500 people with the opportunity to observe each others' political, economic, educational and cultural institutions, to exchange ideas, and to embark on joint ventures of importance to the general welfare of the world's inhabitants. The program operates in more than 150 countries worldwide.



Photo By Daniel Miller

**MAKING A SPLASH:** UT was the center of discussion regarding Great Lakes issues during the 52nd Annual Conference on Great Lakes Research, which took place the week of May 18. More than 650 scientists, researchers, educators and students attended numerous sessions, including keynote speaker Dr. Rita Colwell's talk, "Climate, Oceans, Infectious Diseases and Human Health: The Cholera Paradigm." One of the world's most respected scientists, Colwell is a distinguished professor at the University of Maryland and Johns Hopkins University and former director of the National Science Foundation. UT hosted the event in partnership with the International Association for Great Lakes Research.

## From the board

The UT Board of Trustees approved the following personnel actions at its May 18 meeting:

**NEW PERSONNEL:** **Jenilee Adkins**, interim enterprise application developer, Information Technology, effective March 30; **Nancy Borders**, contracts administrator, Medicine, effective April 1; **Todd Clark**, interim budget analyst, Controller's Office, effective March 30; **Todd Cramer**, research technician, Biological Sciences, effective May 4; **Jamie Daughton**, interim curriculum systems analyst, Registrar's Office, effective April 14; **Deborah Keller**, planning specialist, Public Health and Homeland Security, effective April 28; and **Betty Whitlock**, food service supervisor, Food and Nutritional Services, effective April 10.

**FACULTY APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS:** **Amanda Barlow**, assistant professor of neurosciences, effective Aug. 1; **Viviana Ferreira**, assistant professor of medical microbiology and immunology, effective June 15; **Jennifer Hill**, assistant professor of physiology and pharmacology, effective June 15; and **Walid Mahmoud**, assistant professor of surgery/ER, effective June 1.

**CLINICAL ASSISTANT PROFESSOR APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS:** **Timothy Anders**, Family Practice, effective Jan. 1; **Joseph Attaya**, Family Medicine, effective Jan. 1; **David Bakus**, Surgery, effective May 5; **David Buck**, Family Medicine, effective April 1; **Douglas DiOrto**, Family Medicine, effective April 23; **Vanessa Gibson**, Surgery, effective April 1; **Erika Giordano**, Family Medicine, effective April 1; **Celest Doreen Lopez**, Pediatrics, effective April 1; **Jeffrey Milks**, Family Medicine, effective April 1; **Purvi Saraiya**, Neurology, effective July 1; **Jeanne Schall**, Family Medicine, effective Jan. 1; **Clara Marie Schermerhorn**, Pediatrics, effective April 1; **Asok Sinha**, Surgery, effective April 1; **Ana Thompson**, Family Medicine, effective Jan. 1; **Michael Warren**, Family Medicine, effective April 1; **Lori Wright**, Family Medicine, effective March 11; and **Donald Zaksek**, Psychiatry, effective April 1.

**CHANGES IN STAFF CONTRACTS:** **Rose Ackerman**, from program manager to academic adviser, Gateway Program, salary adjusted, effective March 16; **Barbara Akpanudo**, nurse practitioner, Medicine, salary adjusted, effective April 13; **Christy Brown**, from clerical specialist to supervisor of record completion and release of information, Health Information Management, salary adjusted, effective March 16; **Shawn Bussell**, from admission coordinator to assistant director, Admission, salary adjusted, effective Jan. 1; **Julie Butcher**, evening supervisor of records management, Health Information Management, salary adjusted, effective Feb. 27; **Scott Case**, from director of college technology to director of hospital client services, Information Technology, effective April 8; **Lori Felczak**, genetic counselor, Pediatrics,

salary adjusted, effective July 1; **Sara Felske**, from database administrator to assistant manager of server administration, Information Technology, effective March 8; **Aaron Flynn**, from director of client services to director of academic client services, Information Technology, effective April 8; **Joely Giammarco**, from business manager, University College Degree Programs, to business manager, Learning Collaborative, salary adjusted, effective Oct. 6; **Daniel Gierhart**, supervisor of central transcription services, Health Information Management, salary adjusted, effective Feb. 27; **Brenda Grant**, interim senior director of budgeting for academic affairs, Provost's Office, salary adjusted, effective Feb. 2; **Kim Hall-Sprague**, from bursar to interim associate vice president for finance, Bursar's Office, effective March 4; **Amy Jacob**, supervisor of coding, Health Information Management, salary adjusted, effective Feb. 9; **Xin Jin**, interim enterprise application developer, Information Technology, salary adjusted, effective March 2; **Jillian Kindler**, from customer service specialist to human resource representative, Human Resources, salary adjusted, effective March 30; **Patricia Knisley**, from coordinator of cardiac nutrition in Cardiac Rehab and lecturer in Rehabilitative Services to lecturer in Rehabilitative Services, salary adjusted, effective July 26; **Yaroslav Kuk**, support services manager, University Police, salary adjusted, effective Jan. 1; **Caryl Liber**, from secretary, Bioengineering, to curriculum systems analyst, Registrar's Office, salary adjusted, effective April 20; **Michael Lowry**, from administrator to assistant manager of information security, Information Technology, effective April 8; **Ruth Meinhart**, from assistant dean and director of Student Success Center to administrative director, Gateway Program, salary adjusted, effective Sept. 1; **Luanne Momenee**, from director to administrative director, Learning Enhancement Center, salary adjusted, effective Sept. 1; **Karen Niner**, from supervisor/case manager to manager, Outcome Management, effective March 18; **Angela Paprocki**, from director to administrative director, Office of Accessibility, salary adjusted, effective Sept. 1; **Kaye Patten Wallace**, vice president for student affairs, contract renewed, salary adjusted, effective Nov. 16; **Heather Pierson**, from admission coordinator to assistant director, Admission, salary adjusted, effective Jan. 1; **Kimberly Pollauf**, from academic adviser to director, University College Degree Programs, salary adjusted, effective March 14; **Mark Ray**, from interim director to director, Workplace Credit Programs, salary adjusted, effective April 27; **Dina Sabry**, from full-time to part-time grant assistant, Orthopedics, salary adjusted, effective March 29; **Doug Sinnott**, from systems architect to assistant manager of technology collaboration services, Information Technology, effective April 8; **Stephen Snider**, director of technology licensing and contracts, Patent Technology, salary adjusted, effective Feb. 14; **Aureliano Urbina**, from coordinator, Project Scout, to volunteer and customer service supervisor, Customer Service, salary adjusted, effective March 24; and **Norine Wasielewski**,

from administrator, Quality and Clinical Safety, to joint commission and clinical safety officer, Quality Management, salary adjusted, effective March 29.

**CHANGES IN FACULTY CONTRACT:** **Imran Ali**, from professor and associate dean for medical education, professionalism and diversity to professor of neurology and associate dean for clinical undergraduate medical education, professionalism and diversity, effective Jan. 1; **Jamie Barlowe**, from professor and interim chair to professor and chair of women's and gender studies, effective March 20; **Frederick Cason**, from associate professor to associate professor of surgery and residency program director, salary adjusted, effective July 1; **Isam Daboul**, associate professor of medicine, granted personal leave, effective May 13; **Randall Ellingson**, associate professor of physics, granted leave of absence, effective Jan. 1; **Joan Griffith**, from associate professor to interim chair of pediatrics, salary adjusted, effective April 1; **Sandra Hensley**, instructor and infection control practitioner, status changed from faculty to salaried appointment, effective July 1; **Rhonda Hercher**, from assistant professor of surgery to assistant professor of surgery and physician assistant studies, effective Jan. 1; **Bina Joe**, associate professor of physiology and pharmacology, salary adjusted, effective May 1; **Zhixing Kevin Pan**, from professor to professor of medical microbiology and immunology and director of immunology, infection and transplantation track, salary adjusted, effective July 1; **Dorothea Sawicki**, from professor and director of immunology, infection and transplantation track to professor of medical microbiology and immunology, salary adjusted, effective July 1; **Randall Schlievert**, from associate professor and director of pediatrics residency program and assistant dean for graduate medical education to associate professor of pediatrics and director of pediatric residency program, salary adjusted, effective Jan. 1; **Joseph Shaffer**, professor of medicine, salary adjusted, effective May 25; and **Mary Smith**, from professor and associate dean for graduate and clinical medical education to professor of medicine and associate dean for graduate medical education, effective Jan. 1.

**STAFF SEPARATIONS:** **William Arnholt**, systems analyst 2, Information Technology, effective May 12; **Timothy Ault**, senior research analyst, Geography and Planning, effective Feb. 16; **James Brazeau**, security officer, University Police, effective March 16; **Deanna Buckley**, revenue services analyst, Revenue Cycle, effective July 26; **Leslie Conley**, associate director, Direct From High School Admission, effective April 15; **Bryan Dadey**, assistant controller, Controller's Office, effective April 20; **Dorothy Edwards**, mail center supervisor, Mail Services, effective July 26; **Christine Holtgrieve**, cardiac image analysis supervisor, Heart Station, effective June 11; **Jennifer Horvath**, interim assistant volleyball coach, Intercollegiate Athletics, effective

March 21; **Russell Kahler**, manager of server administration, Information Technology, effective April 10; **Mary Jo Lisowski**, manager of billing and collections, Patient Financial Services, effective June 30; **Marybeth McCreery-Stegman**, library associate 2, Mulford Library, effective May 12; **Jack Meade**, photo lab supervisor, University Marketing, effective Aug. 11; **Theodore Rath**, interim assistant strength coach, Intercollegiate Athletics, effective April 20; **Sandra Rivers-Gill**, manager of diversity programs, Institutional Diversity, effective July 26; **Bianna Russell**, health planning coordinator, Community Wellness and Health Program, effective May 12; **Rebecca Rynn**, manager, Glendale Medicine Clinic, effective July 26; **Wendy Shreve**, clinical nurse specialist, Trauma Program, effective Feb. 17; **Ann Smith**, infection control coordinator, Infection Prevention and Control, effective March 20; **William Twining**, storekeeper 3, Distribution Services, effective May 12; **Jim Winkler**, communications manager, University Communications, effective July 26; and **Gary Wirzyllo**, clinical associate, College of Nursing, effective May 1.

**RESIDENCY COMPLETED:** **Alexander Chop**, Surgery, effective April 30; **Melissa Harris-Martorana**, Medicine, effective April 30; and **Brian Lindeman**, Family Practice, effective March 15.

**FACULTY SEPARATIONS:** **Kimberly Bushrow**, instructor of physician assistant studies, effective July 31; **Karen Graham**, assistant professor of physician assistant studies, effective Aug. 24; **William Jacobus**, professor of physiology and pharmacology, effective June 30; **James Maloney**, professor of medicine, effective May 4; **Michael Saad**, assistant professor of family medicine, effective June 30; and **Divya Vijendra**, assistant professor of medicine, effective June 30.

**STAFF RETIREMENTS:** **Michael Allison**, clinical safety coordinator, Quality Management, effective April 30; **Nancy Borders**, contracts administrator, Medicine, effective March 31; **Geraldine Burton**, coordinator, eLearning and Academic Support, effective May 15; **Jeff Janson**, manager of data center operations, Information Technology, effective April 30; and **Theresa Rudnicki**, manager of recovery room, OPS-PACU, effective March 31.

**FACULTY RETIREMENTS:** **Diana French**, professor of nursing, effective June 30; **Paul Lehmann**, professor of medical microbiology and immunology, effective July 31; and **Roland Skeel**, professor of medicine and chair of institutional review board, effective June 30.

**FACULTY GRANTED EMERITUS STATUS:** **Lucy Goodenday**, professor of medicine, effective July 18; **James Price**, professor of health and rehabilitative services, effective May 18; and **Bernard Spiegel**, professor of health and rehabilitative services, effective May 18.

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## Pharmacy to adopt summer hours starting June 8

By Chris Ankney

The University of Toledo Main Campus Pharmacy is adopting new hours for the summer months. Starting June 8, the pharmacy will be open on Monday from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Karen Gallo-Willard, head pharmacist of the Main Campus Pharmacy, said the hour changes reflect a shift in usage needs and a desire to reduce overhead.

"Summers are not typically a time of high prescription volume," Gallo-Willard said. "Mondays are the busiest, so we will have extended hours on Monday, but so many of our faculty and staff leave campus for the summer that it's just not used as much."

In addition, Gallo-Willard said the pharmacy will implement new hours on the

weekends and select holidays, opening at 9 a.m. and closing at 2 p.m.

"We've looked at our pharmacy utilization data and the new weekend hours reflect the times of highest demand," Gallo-Willard said. "We will continue to be open seven days a week and will remain open during our more popular times, but we need to be as fiscally responsible as possible."

For refills, the pharmacy staff continues to encourage patients to use the online refill system and interactive voice response system by calling 419.530.3471 even when the pharmacy is closed.

The summer hours will remain in effect until Aug. 17 when the pharmacy begins to gear up for fall semester.

## Road repair to begin next week on Health Science Campus

By Kim Harvey

Road and pavement repair will take place on Health Science Campus starting Monday, June 8.

Doug Collins, director of facilities and construction, said the repairs are expected to be complete by mid-August.

"The work will affect traffic flow mainly from the Glendale entrance and around the Ruppert Health Center and the Kobacker Center," Collins said, noting that roads will be closed in phases to allow for minimal disruption. "We'll have detour signs and safety barricades in place begin-

ning June 8. We ask employees to be a little more careful in construction areas and follow the signage."

New pavement will be constructed on Transverse and Health Center drives between West Medical Loop and Hospital Drive. East Medical Loop from the Glendale entrance to Health Center Drive also will have pavement, curbs, gutters and catch basins repaired.

Schedules with more specific road closing dates will be posted on myUT.utoledo.edu next week.

## In memoriam

**Robert F. Furchgott**, Seattle, died May 23 at age 92. A pharmacologist whose research led to a shared Nobel Prize in 1998, he received an honorary degree from MCO in 1997.

**Dr. Ferdinand H. Kruse**, Rosita, Colo., who taught at UT from 1978 to 1998, died May 10 at age 83. He was an adjunct associate professor at the former Community and Technical College, where he taught science and math, and a part-time instructor for the Department of Chemistry from 1991 to 1998.

**Janet M. (Blaesing) Mauck**, Toledo, who worked at MCO/MUO from 1985 to 2005, died May 21 at age 46. She was a technical typist in Admitting and the Out-Patient Medicine Clinic from 1999 until her retirement in 2005.



Photo By Daniel Miller

**ONE FOR THE ROAD:** Pat Zielinski, center, posed for a photo at her retirement party with Institutional Advancement co-workers Pat Baldwin, secretary 2, left, and Patty Zomkowski, secretary. Zielinski, secretary 2, has worked in Institutional Advancement 15 years and for the UT Foundation two years. "I will miss the people that I have met over the years and especially those in the Driscoll Alumni Center who have become my extended family," she said. Zielinski plans to spend time in Charlotte, N.C., with her two grandchildren, Avery and Jack. "In January, my husband, Dennis, and I are expecting our first local grandchild. I know that will keep me busy," she said. "I think most of all I will enjoy just getting up in the morning and saying to myself, 'Now what would I like to do today?'"



Photo By Jack Meade

**PIECES OF THE PAST:** Dr. Diana French, professor of nursing, center holding quilt, listened to a story from golf pro Sandy Osterman, left, who was one of many who stopped by French's retirement party in the Hilton Faculty Club. The photo quilt was a handmade gift from former nursing student Jean Austin. French has worked at MCO/MUO/UT since 1983, taking one year off for the Army. Over the years, she served as associate dean of the RN/BSN Program, chair of the Primary Care Department and as lead faculty for the Nurse Practitioner Program. "I will miss my collegial relationships and the friendships I have developed with fellow faculty — their energy, creativity, dedication to the students and to the profession of nursing," French said. "I'll also miss participating in the educational preparation of nurse practitioners and clinical nurse specialists, as well as working with a great support staff."

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