

Significant Events in UT History, 1978-1993

February 1978: Blizzard closes down campus for three days and causes \$130,000 in damages.

March 1978: Governor James Rhodes orders UT to reduce energy consumption by 25 percent to do its part to help the energy crisis.

September 1978: Continuing Education Center is dedicated.

March 1979: UT Rockets defeat Iowa in a come-from-behind victory in the NCAA basketball tournament. Unfortunately, UT loses to Notre Dame in the next round.

September 1979: The Ward M. Canaday Center for Special Collections is dedicated in Carlson Library.

October 1980: UT become the fastest growing university in Ohio.

November 1980: Centennial Mall is dedicated.

March 1981: Recession and state's fiscal crisis requires UT to raise fees and freeze hiring.

April 1981: \$2.5 million addition to the Law Center is dedicated.

May 1981: the Bancroft Street campus marks its 50th anniversary.

December 1981: UT Football Rockets win the California Bowl in a 27-25 come-from-behind victory over San Jose State.

March 1982: Attendance in five years of operation at Centennial Hall (now Savage Hall) tops 1.5 million people.

July 1982: UT marks its 15th years as a state-supported institution.

December 1982: Ground is broken for Stranahan Hall.

May 1983: Jamie Farr is awarded an honorary degree at the Honors Day Convocation.

January 1984: The Civil Engineering addition to the Engineering Science Building is dedicated.

October 1984: Stranahan Hall is dedicated.

June 1985: Glenn Driscoll retires as president after 13 years of service. James McComas is selected to replace him.

October 1985: James McComas is inaugurated as president.

November 1985: Helen and Harold McMaster donated \$1.2 million for a new physics and astronomy building.

- July 1986: UT receives its largest grant to date, \$4 million from the State of Ohio for the Edison Center.
- March 1987: The University of Toledo at SeaGate is dedicated.
- October 1987: McMaster Hall is dedicated.
- June 1988: President McComas announces he is leaving to go to Virginia Tech University.
- October 1988: Frank Horton is selected as 13th president, to replace interim president John Stoepler.
- April 1989: Frank Horton is inaugurated as UT's 13th president.
- November 1989: Football Coach Dan Simrell is removed from his position, and replaced by Nick Saban.
- March 1990: The library begins project to automate its catalog.
- November 1990: Plans approved for a new art education center, to be built at the Toledo Museum of Art.
- October 1992: Soon-to-be President Bill Clinton visits Toledo for campaign rally.
- December 1992: Center for the Visual Arts opens.
- January 1993: Funding is approved for the new Pharmacy, Chemistry, and Life Sciences building, to be completed in 1995.
- April 1993: Vice President Al Gore holds an economic summit at UT.

FUN FACTS ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO

1966

- Toledo University wins approval to become state university in 1967.
- Student radio station established.
- Computer dating started in the Student Union, cost \$1.00.
- Ritter Planetarium built.
- TU Arboretum opened.
- New York cast of The Fantasticks performed at Doermann Theater as part of Convocation.

1971

- Vernon Smith named Athletic Director.
- William Carlson announces he will retire in 1972 after 14 years at UT president.
- Ground broken on the new UT Law Center.
- Park Tower dedicated, named for Dean Donald Parks.
- Kenny Rogers and the First Addition performed.

1976

- Cheech & Chong, Mel Blanc, and Johnny Cougar (later John Mellencamp) performed at UT.
- Allen Ginsberg spoke.
- Centennial Hall (now Savage Hall) was dedicated at a concert featuring Al Hurt & His Orchestra, Bob Hope, Gordon Lightfoot, and the Cake Walkin' Jazz Band.
- UT Hall of Fame Instituted.
- Lots of politicians spoke: Ted Kennedy, Jimmy Carter, Bob Dole, and John Glenn (Gerald Ford spoke at the University of Michigan).

- Lady Rockets win MAC championship.
- Gary Pinkel named Head Football Coach.
- Larry Gibson named new Head Coach of UT Men's Basketball.
- Ground broken on Academic House and Art Museum campus.
- Joe Piscopo appeared at Savage Hall; National Shakespeare Company performed at Doermann Theater.
- The finals of Moot Court Competition at UT Law School judged by Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, Ohio Supreme Court Justice Thomas Moyer, and then US Solicitor General Ken Starr (yes, that Ken Starr).

1996

- Allen Bohl announces he is leaving Athletic Director job for Fresno State University.
- Lady Rockets win MAC Championship again.
- UT students make the world's longest ice cream sundae on Centennial Mall; 144 feet.
- Johnnie Cochran speaks at Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Dinner.
- Pat Buchanan speaks at the Student Union as part of his Presidential run.
- Ralph Nader appeared twice; once at Doerman Theater in a panel discussion on health care, second at the Law School commencement.
- Melissa Etheridge performed at Savage Hall.
- Peter Liske named new Athletic Director.
- Body piercing and tattoos become fashion statements, as do khakis and Tommy Hilfinger.

ATHLETIC FACTS

September 25, 1937: First game played in the Glass Bowl

UT against Blufton College (See Collegian)

First Black Football Team members: Fall 1942 season

First Black Baseball players: 1941, Bobby Nash and Frankie Clemons

1942, Davage Minor, and Emlem Tunnell

First Marching Band appearance: 1929 UT vs. BG football game

The band had no uniforms, but they arrived two weeks later.

The 33 members, (mostly freshmen), were directed by Royden Bachman

First Homecoming game: October 25, 1924

The University of Toledo

Facts About UT

- ◆ Total Number of Employees.....5,039
- ◆ Total Number of Students.....24,541
- ◆ Contribution to Toledo Economy
.....\$400 million per year
- ◆ More Than 400,000 Visitors Attend UT
Events Per Year
- ◆ Estimated Spending of Out-of-Town
Students in Toledo Area During
Academic Year.....\$105 million
- ◆ 400 Research Projects Completed for
Businesses Over the Past 3 Years
- ◆ 63 Research Relationships Developed
with Industries During '91-'92
- ◆ Total University Purchases '91-'92
.....\$47 million
- ◆ Total Revenue Budget '91-'92
.....\$180 million
- ◆ Value of Capital Projects Currently
Under Way.....\$102 million
- ◆ Value of Planned Major Capital Projects
.....\$259 million

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Did You Know?

- ◆ **Second Largest Employer in Lucas County**
- ◆ **UT's Center for the Visual Arts Designer Frank Gehry was Named 1992 Designer of the Year by Time Magazine**
- ◆ **Ranks 33rd out of 3,500 Colleges and Universities in the Number of New National Merit Scholars Enrolled for Fall of '92**
- ◆ **One of the Oldest and Most Comprehensive Honors Programs in the Country at a Public University**
- ◆ **Fastest Growing State University in Ohio for the Past 20 Years**

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