

Letter from the president



Jacobs

Welcome to the new University of Toledo!

Some might say it has been more than 40 years in the making, while others would say it has only been a few short months. Regardless of the timetable, one thing is certain: Today there is one institution where last week there were two.

The merger of The University of Toledo and the Medical University of Ohio is official, and we begin to serve northwest Ohio, the state, the region, the nation and the world as one.

The last several months have been a whirlwind journey for all of us, as we have worked to make this entity a reality. This effort has been much larger than the individuals involved. It has been about working for the greater good, and it is this attitude and approach that have brought us this far and will provide for lasting benefits in the future. Words cannot describe the appreciation I have for those who worked at our side during this important endeavor.

Our initial premise was simple: Collaboration would only take us so far, but by coming together our opportunities are limitless.

Separate for four decades, yet just a few miles apart, the Medical University of Ohio and The University of Toledo have accomplished great things. UT has served tens of thousands of students, developed a robust research agenda, and watched its law school rise into the U.S. News and World Report's top 100. Meanwhile, MUO has grown in stature as a hospital and an academic health center, training health-care professionals from across the nation, with its University Medical Center ranking as one of 15 major teaching hospitals chosen for Solucent's annual Top 100 Hospitals: Performance Improvement Leaders.

For years, discussion has ebbed and flowed about bringing the institutions together, but nothing formal materialized as circumstances conspired to keep the entities apart. Those days

are now over.

With unanimous support from the Ohio Board of Regents, the state legislature and Gov. Taft, the new University of Toledo is now a reality. We are ready to capitalize on our collective strengths to challenge minds and change the future.

The creation of the new University of Toledo brings the potential for great things to the region, by combining resources and becoming a true academic powerhouse. Toledo is now home to an institution that's professional offerings place it among an elite group of public institutions, including the University of Michigan, Ohio State University and the University of Wisconsin.

Additionally, the new University of Toledo is a key economic driver, with our more than 20,000 students investing their dollars in our educational offerings and, consequently, in the community. UT is more
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Photo by Daniel Miller

THANK YOU: Daniel Brennan presented a resolution thanking Dr. Dan Johnson for serving as the University's president since 2001 during the UT Board of Trustees meeting June 28. It was Brennan's last meeting as a trustee as his term expired. The board approved a \$260.5 million operating budget that continues support for the faculty hiring plan, which has brought 18 new research-focused faculty to the University since being implemented in Fiscal Year 2005. Read a letter from Johnson on page 2.

UToday offers new look to myUT portal login page

The new University of Toledo officially is here, and one place the change is obvious is where you enter the myUT portal.

As a way to bring together the strengths of the Monitor news and combined communications efforts of the MUO and UT communications teams, the Monitor home page, Monitor news and UT's internally focused news merged July 1 in a new communications vehicle, UToday.

Check out UToday at <https://myut.utoledo.edu>.

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than 7,000 employees strong, with each earning a living wage and spending those dollars in the area economy. Further, research dollars approaching \$60 million and more than 100,000 graduates infuse the economy with opportunity for jobs and job advancement.

Beyond the statistics, however, is the intrinsic value this institution brings to life in northwest Ohio. This is an entity that is already greatly enhancing our quality of life. Whether it is at Rockets sporting events, inside the Center for the Visual Arts, in the recovery room of the University Medical Center, or in a classroom setting, one can feel the vibrancy this institution injects into our culture and daily lives.

Remember, we are not only a university "of" Toledo; we are a university "for" Toledo.

The new University of Toledo will be dedicated to improving the human condition, in all its many facets. Whether through the performance of a medical procedure or the performance of a Shakespearean work, we are here to help our fellow humans physically and intellectually.

It is an honor to have been asked to serve as the first president of this institution by the boards of trustees. While these are challenging times for higher education in Ohio and across the country, the merger of these two great institutions will undoubtedly be a labor of love. However, this institution and this community have a symbiotic relationship, and the new University of Toledo cannot thrive and succeed without the continued support of the community.

There is a lot of work left to do before the transition is complete, but together we can conquer these challenges knowing that our efforts are for the greater good. There are many depending on us and we will not let them down. After all, we did not start down this path for the benefit of the individual. We have merged two great institutions for everyone.

Go Rockets!

Lloyd Jacobs, M.D.
President

PARTING GIFT: Daniel Brennan received a campus photo during last week's Board of Trustees meeting. It was his final meeting as chair and as a trustee.



WITH GRATITUDE: Daniel Brennan also presented a resolution to Elaine Johnson last week during the board meeting for her support of the University.

Photos by Daniel Miller

Letter from president emeritus

Friends and colleagues,

It was just over five years ago that Elaine and I made the trip from Anchorage, Alaska, to Toledo for an exciting new chapter of our lives.

Exciting is truly an understatement.

Over the course of our time here, this institution has earned its largest gift to date, broken records in terms of research dollars, won athletic championships, and hosted the president of the United States, countless dignitaries, celebrities and VIPs. In fact, our collective accomplishments are too many to name.

At historic times like this we are often tempted to look back to see how far we have come, to reminisce about the good things that have happened, and to congratulate ourselves on our progress. I would urge us not to yield to this temptation but rather spend our limited and valuable time looking ahead, setting high goals and charting a strategic course that will enable us to achieve these goals and our larger mission.

With this merger, UT will be on a larger and higher platform. From our new vantage point as the third largest university in Ohio and one of just a handful of public universities nationally that have the breadth and depth of professional schools we now possess, we should now aim higher, aspire to more, produce more graduates, attract more research funding, be a more powerful force for economic development, be a recognized proponent of high ideals, and become a leader among the nation's metropolitan research universities.

We are poised for greatness.

Together, we have built solid collaborations with our community, we have strengthened our academic profile, and we have reaffirmed our commitment to student centeredness. Essentially, we have built a foundation for the future that bodes well for the success of the new University of Toledo.

The rich histories and cultures of The University of Toledo and the Medical University of Ohio provide a wonderful foundation as we build for the future. It is a heritage that is at the heart of any of our future accomplishments.

In the coming months and years, I will focus my attention on policy issues and work to build our science and technology corridor initiative. It is an exciting opportunity, one that I believe is essential, not only for UT, but for our local region. I am honored to serve in this capacity moving forward.

Saturday morning the new University of Toledo began a new chapter in its history. I know how that chapter will read when it is written some time in the future. It will describe how these two great universities — UT and MUO — came together to form what became one of the largest, most progressive metropolitan universities in the nation. It will describe a brief period of transition and adjustment. It will tell us that there were all the anticipated challenges of merging two large institutions and cultures. But in the end, The University of Toledo became nationally and internationally known for its outstanding faculty, its innovative and creative research and scholarship, its highly successful students, its leadership in bringing about a stronger and healthier economy in northwest Ohio, and its increasingly beautiful campus. It is a bright future and, perhaps, the greatest chapter in the history of the University.

Elaine and I appreciate your continued support as we open yet another chapter in our lives. This is again an extremely exciting time for us, one we hope you will all be a part of as we work to continue to further the mission of the new University of Toledo.

Sincerely,

Dan Johnson, Ph.D.
President Emeritus

Town Hall slated to discuss pharmacy, health programs

UT President Lloyd Jacobs and Dr. Jeffrey Gold, provost and executive vice president for health affairs and dean of the College of Medicine, will discuss the Health Science Campus and the colleges of Pharmacy and Health Science and Human Service at a town hall meeting

Thursday, July 6.

The meeting will be held on the Health Science Campus in Health Education Building Room 100 from 2 to 3 p.m.

There also will be a question-and-answer session.

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Merger helps UT climb ranks of top national research institutions

By Jim Winkler

When State Rep. Mark Wagoner (R., Ottawa Hills) spoke last March at the ceremonial signing of legislation that merged The University of Toledo and Medical University of Ohio, he referenced the research of Toledo glass pioneer Michael J. Owens, founder of Owens-Illinois Inc., and said he hoped that legacy of innovation and discovery would continue through the work of UT students and scientists.

tions of higher education.

And it will rank third in the state in extramural research funding, trailing only the University of Cincinnati and Ohio State University.

That jump — and the increased visibility and stature — is one of the benefits of the merger, according to Dr. Doug Wilkerson and Dr. Frank Calzonetti, who are overseeing UT's research efforts.

boundaries, work as multidisciplinary teams and compete for large, multimillion-dollar federal and state grants. Close connections between various faculties, schools and colleges also will speed the time between lab discoveries and medical treatments, a concept known as translational research.

Calzonetti pointed out that UT and MUO ranked 203rd and 219th, respectively, for research and development spending among 620 universities for the 2004 fiscal year, according to a recent NSF report. Combining the research budgets, UT would rank 163rd.

Wilkerson explained that three years ago, when the NIH, the federal agency that funds research into human diseases, ranked universities by the amount of NIH research funding given to 532 domestic institutions of higher education, MUO ranked 133rd and UT ranked 241st. If the NIH funding both universities received that year was combined, UT would rank 127th.

Data from the research challenge program of the Ohio Board of Regents (OBOR) also shows the benefits of the merger. In fiscal year 2005, research expenditures from non-Ohio agency grants and contracts for MUO were \$15,064,586, and UT corresponding research expenditures were \$17,070,762. The post-merger combined figure becomes \$32,135,348, placing UT third among Ohio's publicly supported universities behind OSU and the University of Cincinnati in research challenge-eligible expenditures.

According to the OBOR, "External research activity, for the purposes of research challenge eligibility, is defined as funds to support research from federal, corporate, foundation or private sources outside the university and which are not a part of the public support provided by the state of Ohio."

One critical component of a thriving research program is capitalizing on promising, top-notch faculty hires, who then attract ad-

ditional new funding to the overall research programs.

"We have made some very good hires in recent years," Calzonetti explained, pointing to the addition of three Department of Chemistry faculty members — Drs. Tim Mueser, Cora Lind and Xuefei Huang — who have received NSF CAREER awards to support their teaching and research.

The University is recruiting scientists who can bring funded grant programs with them and are successful at obtaining federal funding, including a new chairman for the Department of Medical Microbiology and Immunology in the College of Medicine and scientists for the new Center for Diabetes and Endocrine Research.

But academic research is more competitive than ever, and UT is in a battle to keep its top scientists from being recruited away by other schools and to lure new ones. That means finding ways to compete with other universities, schools and industry, Calzonetti pointed out.

Officials have identified 12 areas where UT might focus its research: alternative energy; neuroscience; cardiovascular sciences; cancer; medical microbiology and immunology; transplantation; astronomy and astrophysics; biotechnology; environmental research; geographic information systems and remote sensing; science and technology education; and advanced films and coatings.

UT's potential of becoming a research force has been strengthened by the comprehensive nature of the new university, Wilkerson added. It has undergraduates, of course, but now Medicine, Law, Nursing, Education, Business, Pharmacy and Engineering colleges, a new teaching hospital where dozens of clinical research trials are under way, and more than 100 graduate programs.

Administrative research offices will be maintained on the Main and Health Science campuses.



Photo by Daniel Miller

IN THE LAB: Dr. Maurice Manning, professor of biochemistry and cancer biology, center, and Dr. Stoytcho Stoev, seated, and Dr. Lingling Cheng, both research associates in biochemistry and molecular biology, review the results of an experiment conducted as part of their National Institutes of Health-funded research into the chemical synthesis of the hormone oxytocin.

Now, with a research budget of more than \$56 million, UT has positioned itself as a future medical and technical research powerhouse. The merger will allow it to leapfrog dozens of universities in the rankings of research funding from the prestigious National Science Foundation (NSF) and in the amount of research funding awarded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to domestic institu-

They say that a higher spot on research ranking lists will translate to a better ability to retain talented researchers and recruit new scientists who already have large grants they can bring to Toledo. Those scientists, in turn, will help enhance UT's teaching and service missions and academic rigor. In addition, UT now has a larger cadre of scientists who can collaborate across academic disciplines and

Four additional transition work groups established

By Jon Strunk

Four merger transition work groups have been added to the 16 created in late January in an effort to provide additional guidance to several areas not explicitly covered by other efforts between The University of Toledo and the Medical University of Ohio.

The four work groups will focus on:

- Technology transfer and research commercialization;
- The relationship of the new UT with community colleges;
- The integration and evaluation of graduation and other ceremonies; and
- Library integration.

For additional information on the charges and membership of new work groups or other work groups, go to the UT-MUO merger Web site at <http://utmoumerger.utoledo.edu/Transition.asp>.

July 6 Celebration Picnic to mark merger

It's a cookout bringing together two families that are now one. In honor of the merger and the first meeting of the new University of Toledo Board of Trustees, the Health Science Campus is hosting the Celebration Picnic Thursday, July 6.

The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in front of the Raymon Mulford Library off Arlington Avenue. Students, staff and faculty members are invited to come and snack on hot dogs, veggie burgers, pasta salad, chips, beverages and cookies. A tent dining area will be located on the east side of the library along the ravine.

Third-shift employees are part of the celebration, too. Health Science Campus employees can pick up boxed lunches in the atrium area of the Skyview Café. Main Campus third-shift workers can pick up their lunches beginning at 8:30 p.m. in the Student Classroom Annex.

Round-trip buses will depart every 20 minutes from Lot 1 next to the Health and Human Services Building on the Main Campus and arrive at the Mulford Library Circle on the Health Science Campus. Parking is available in Lot 4 on the Health Science Campus.

Three colleges become two, health-care synergies a priority

By Jon Strunk

Leaders of the new University of Toledo have approved a plan to consolidate three colleges into two based on a recommendation from the College of Nursing, College of Health Sciences and College of Health and Human Services Work Group.

Emerging is the College of Nursing and the new College of Health Science and Human Service, which will incorporate most of the programs offered by the former Medical University of Ohio College of Health Sciences and the UT College of Health and Human Services.

"In many ways I believe this process is a microcosm of the merger itself," said Dr. Jeffrey Gold, executive vice president and provost for health affairs and dean of the College of Medicine. "There are many important and obvious synergies, such as in the College of Nursing, and some opportunities to create in the new College of Health Science and Human Service a preeminent academic unit, much of which is already recognized nationally."

Some of the changes include moving administrative responsibility for the associate's degree nursing program to the College of Nursing, broadening the Department of Public Health to include a homeland security component and transferring the expanded department to the College of Medicine, and combining doctoral degree programs in areas including physical and occupational therapy and the graduate-level physician's assistants program under the auspices of the new college.

All current programs in the three colleges will be retained during the consolidation and, for now, programs and departments will shift administratively, not physically, said Dr. Jeri Milstead, dean of the College of Nursing and convener of the work group.

Dr. Jerome Sullivan, former dean of the UT College of Health and Human Services

and now dean of the new college, said the restructuring UT went through to create the College of Health and Human Services in 1999, while smaller in scale, will help him and others during the transformational change now taking place.

"Our graduate student numbers will double; our research will increase significantly," Sullivan said, highlighting just a few of the benefits. Praising the positive attitude of the faculty and staff who comprise the new college on the Health Science and Main campuses, he added, "With the range of programs and expertise of our faculty, this college is truly dedicated to improving the human condition holistically — physically, mentally and intellectually."

Meanwhile in the College of Nursing, the merger and the work group recommendation, in large part, formalize what has been a long-standing relationship with the former UT and MUO nursing programs, according to Milstead.

"We are constantly looking at the market and evaluating the types of nurses that are needed and making sure we are educating nurses for the future," she said. "Like all health-care professions, nursing practice is continually revised and improved, and we have a responsibility to our students and more importantly to the patients to make sure we are recognizing those advances and passing them on."

Sullivan, Milstead and Gold stressed the importance of providing the highest level of education for UT students and meeting the increasing demand for well-educated and compassionate health-care professionals and scientists during and after the transition process.

For more information on the work group and to view the final recommendation, visit the UT-MUO merger Web site at <http://utmoumerger.utoledo.edu/NursingHHS.asp>.

Health Science Campus bus service increases

Parking passes, ID cards being studied

By Deanna Woolf

Since May 15, University of Toledo Transit Services buses have rumbled up and down Byrne Road six times a day during the week, shuttling UT students and employees between the Main and Health

Science campuses. "We are preparing plans to bring the Rocket Card ID to students at the Health Science Campus with this fall's incoming class."

Once the data are analyzed, a decision will be made about the route for spring



Photo by Daniel Miller

BEHIND THE WHEEL: Dustin Ballinger drove the UT shuttle bus to the Health Science Campus last week during his normal loop route that starts on Main Campus.

Science campuses.

"Dr. Jacobs thought it was important that right off the bat with the merger that we have great access between campuses," said Harry Wyatt, associate vice president for facilities management.

The route, which runs between 7:15 a.m. and 7:15 p.m., includes six stops at apartment complexes and two stops near West Campus Drive on the Health Science Campus.

The service will be expanded fall semester to 16 runs each weekday, according to Steve Wise, director of transit services. "It'll run roughly 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.," he said.

During fall semester, they will gather data on the route's riders, as users must swipe their Rocket Card IDs when boarding. "That lets us know whether students live in the area or whether they actually have a course on the other campus and have to go back and forth," Wyatt said.

However, the card readers cannot scan the Medical University of Ohio IDs. David Wahr, UT manager of campus community support services, explained, "We are certainly working toward merging the systems, and

semester 2007. But Wyatt said, "I think the difficulty is that there will still be programs that might increase usage and haven't been brought online yet." For example, parts of the College of Pharmacy could move to the Health Science Campus over time, meaning more students would need to travel between sites. "So I could possibly see us expanding this trial period," Wyatt said. Wise added, "We'll also have to look at and coordinate the bus schedule with the schedule of classes on the Health Science Campus. I think they're still working on the different schedules."

In other transportation-related news, UT and MUO parking passes will stay separate for the time being. According to Greg Graham, director of auxiliary services, "It was decided that the current parking programs of the respective campuses would remain as they are currently until next year." He added there is a reciprocal parking agreement, meaning both passes are good for any of UT's campuses.

For information on bus routes and schedules, visit the UT Transit Services Web site at <http://transit.utoledo.edu>.

Special offers celebrate merger through July 14

Main Campus

- The University of Toledo Bookstore in the Student Union is offering a 20 percent discount on all UT emblematic clothing and gift items. Store hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Starbucks in the Student Union is giving out a free tall 12 oz. traditional blend or regular coffee. Hours are Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Health Science Campus

- The Health Science Bookstore in the

Health Education Building is offering a 20 percent discount on any purchase, excluding textbooks, candy, stamps and cards. Hours are Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. and Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- Café A La Cart adjacent to the University Medical Center lobby is giving out a free 12 oz. gourmet brewed coffee or hot herbal tea with the purchase of a pastry, cookie or brownie. No substitutions are allowed. Hours are 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

College of Graduate Studies set to explore new interdisciplinary program possibilities

By Vicki L. Kroll

Medical ethics. Law and medicine. Business and medicine. The merger means more interdisciplinary program possibilities for students.

“The real opportunity will be in the development of new interdisciplinary programs that take advantage of the strengths of both campuses,” said Dr. Martin Abraham, who has been recommended to be dean of the College of Graduate Studies. “Some of these are already in the works.”

“For example, we are currently working on a PhD in bioengineering that will be jointly offered by the colleges of Engineering and Medicine,” he said. “And there is a certificate program in proteomics/genomics that will be offered jointly now.”

That’s great news for the more than 3,000 graduate students from the former UT Graduate School and MUO College of Graduate Studies.

“UT had more than 100 programs, and the merger adds about 20 more,” Abraham said. “But it really depends on how you count programs and degrees.”

He convened the Graduate Colleges Work Group to focus on merger issues and

works closely with Dr. Michael Bisesi, who likely will become senior associate dean of health science graduate programs.

“My responsibilities include overseeing the health science graduate programs relative to admissions, curricular development and modification, and graduation,” Bisesi said. “The health science programs include the graduate programs that are on the UT Health Science Campus and the graduate health science programs from the current UT College of Health and Human Services and the College of Pharmacy.”

Bisesi also touted the creative possibilities in the classroom.

“The merger may help to identify and more readily establish combined degree programs. This may include dual graduate degrees, graduate degrees combined with medicine, and/or hybrid undergraduate-graduate programs,” Bisesi said.

Abraham added, “The merger also gives us an opportunity to re-examine our processes and to become more effective in assisting our graduate students to be successful with their programs. And because of the increase in the number of programs and opportuni-

ties for students, we have new markets for recruiting and more ways to reach out to prospective students.”

Students and employees probably will not notice most changes, according to Abraham. “We’re working very hard to try to make the transition as smooth as possible for everyone so there is no disruption in services,” he said. “Eventually, as the merger fully works its way through our systems, some of our functions will become streamlined or be re-assigned and, of course, UT people will observe the changes. But we think these changes will provide greater service or new opportunities, so the changes will be seen as good for students, faculty and staff. All of this will take some time, so the benefits of the merger may not be fully realized for a year or so.”

Abraham, former dean of the UT Graduate School, will report to Provosts Jeffrey Gold and Alan Goodridge; Bisesi, chair and professor of public health and pharmacology, will report to Abraham and coordinate Health Science Campus activities with Gold. Both of their appointments are subject to approval by the UT Board of Trustees.

Campuses, distance learning to share bandwidth, save thousands

By Deanna Woolf

As Steve Swartz explains, sharing makes a lot of sense when it comes to the amount of data that can be transferred over the three University of Toledo Internet connections — the Main and Health Science campuses and Distance and eLearning.

“We have different needs at different times of the day,” said Swartz, director of technical services for the Health Science Campus. “For example, the distance-learning connection at night may be very busy, whereas the Health Science Campus may have less activity.”

In the past, increased usage had prompted administrators to purchase more bandwidth space, as each connection is only allotted a certain amount. But now with bandwidth sharing between the three connections, they can pool space and distribute what’s not being used.

Swartz offered the following scenario: “At 11 p.m., a student on the Main Campus fires up to go online. If the Main Campus bandwidth is at its maximum, the system will automatically borrow some free bandwidth from the Health Science Campus connection.”

“In the long run, it will keep us from having to purchase more and more to meet everyone’s needs,” he said. “By sharing, hopefully we will be able to deal with the peaks and valleys in usage.”

The connections between the Main and Health Science campuses will be integrated by the first day of fall classes, with Distance and eLearning added in December. “It will all be done by the end of the calendar year,” Swartz said.

In addition to bandwidth sharing, the University will save some money by coupling the three connections together to be one customer with the Ohio Academic Resources Network (OARnet), the Internet service provider. “We’re ultimately going from \$255,000 a year of combined paying to \$177,000. And this includes increasing Main Campus bandwidth from 71 to 85 megabytes,” Swartz said.

IT systems to merge gradually, software and telephone changes planned

By Deanna Woolf

Computers, the Internet, Web sites, databases and telephones — the Information Technology Work Group is handling them all as its members look at merging The University of Toledo Main and Health Science campuses’ systems.

Work group co-conveners Joe Sawasky, interim chief information officer on the Main Campus, and Josef Spencer, chief information officer on the Health Science Campus, detail plans for what’s under way and what’s still being studied.

- E-mail address books and calendar information — the Main Campus Outlook/Exchange and the Health Science Campus GroupWise e-mail systems share the same address books and show free/busy time for those on all campuses. Status: completed.
- Data network interconnect — the two data networks have a temporary connection in place that allows them to communicate directly instead of using the Internet. Status: full completion in the fall semester timeframe.
- E-mail system unification — the Health Science Campus will switch from the GroupWise e-mail system to the Microsoft Outlook/Exchange system. Status: implementation schedule is under development.
- Intranet portals — the myUT and Monitor intranet portals for students, faculty and staff members have a new, single front page for all campuses. The portals will be merged into one over time. Status: new page functional July 1, with the merging of portals ongoing.
- Finance, human resources and payroll systems — the work group team would like to consolidate and integrate the Lawson and Banner systems to allow for consistent reporting. Status: recommendation for executive consideration due July 5.
- Telephone systems — an internal network could be used, eliminating the need for local calls between campuses. The group members also are studying consolidated voice directory services. Status: planning and implementation are under way.
- Distance learning — the work group members are studying ways to merge the several distance learning systems (such as WebCT) into one seamless online learning environment for students and faculty. Status: a recommendation is being developed.

Sawasky and Spencer stress these are some of the many IT projects under way. “The work is complex and challenging, but the IT Work Group is confident in the positive changes that will be brought about for the merged institution,” Sawasky said.

At the heart of the projects are the needs of the institution, according to Spencer. “Joe and I believe that effective and efficient use of technology will enable UT to attract and retain more students and nationally recognized faculty and staff,” he said. “Our IT departments and the IT Work Group are all engaged to meet the mission and vision of the new UT.”

Sawasky added, “It has really been an absolute pleasure working with Josef and his team. Our respective IT units are already working as one team in many areas, with great bonds being forged between staff members. We complement each others’ skills portfolios very well, and IT will emerge as a stronger resource to support institutional objectives.”

Correction

Dr. Mark Sherry’s first name was incorrect in a story about staff and students presenting research at a state disability studies conference in the June 5 issue.

New trustee brings merger experience to board

By Vicki L. Kroll

John Szuch is passionate about The University of Toledo.

"My wife, Yolanda, and I believe that The University of Toledo can be the key catalyst for economic and cultural growth in northwest Ohio," he said. "All vital,



Szuch

growing cities have a major university as a major part of their fabric."

And the businessman knows the UT-MUO merger means even more possibilities.

"The UT-MUO

merger creates the third largest educational institution in the state of Ohio and provides a platform to educate future leaders and

entrepreneurs and bring intellectual talent to northwest Ohio from across the country and around the world," Szuch said. "The merger of UT and MUO provides a vehicle for research, economic development and entrepreneurship."

The chair of Fifth Third Bank of Northwestern Ohio was named by the governor last month to the UT Board of Trustees. Szuch replaces UT Trustee Daniel Brennan and MUO Trustee Charles Dana, whose terms expired. The merger calls for one trustee to replace two trustees who leave the board each year until there are the required nine members.

Szuch received a bachelor's degree in business administration and a master of business administration degree from the University in 1970 and 1975, respectively.

In 1973, he joined Trustcorp Bank in Toledo, working in lending and management positions until 1988, when he was named senior vice president responsible for

the Metropolitan Banking Division.

Szuch was co-founder, chair and CEO of Capital Bank, a \$1 billion banking organization established in 1989. Twelve years later, Capital Bank merged into Fifth Third Bancorp with a total transaction value of some \$250 million.

"The merger of Capital Bank into Fifth Third Bancorp was a complex transaction, which gives me some perspective on the UT-MUO merger," said Szuch, who chairs a \$4.8 billion subsidiary of Fifth Third Bancorp. "There is an entire range of issues, all of which are manageable, that need to be dealt with in a systematic and methodical way. I am hopeful that the Capital Bank-Fifth Third Bancorp merger experience will help me play a significant role in facilitating the UT-MUO merger and integration."

The UT alumnus has stayed involved with his alma mater. Szuch is chair and executive committee member of the UT Foundation and a member of the College of

Business Administration Advisory Board. In April, the college honored Szuch with its Pacemaker of the Year Award, which recognizes individuals for their outstanding achievements in business and service to the University.

He also is very involved in the community. Szuch is a trustee of the Toledo Symphony, St. John's Jesuit High School and the Toledo Museum of Art, and a member of the Northwestern Ohio Alternative Energy Business Council, to name a few of his affiliations.

"Yolanda and I have been lifelong Toledo residents and are committed to the community. My involvement as a trustee with The University of Toledo will give Yolanda and I an opportunity to help move the University as well as the northwest Ohio community forward," Szuch said. "We intend to be very committed and involved. We are really looking forward to this opportunity."

New Islamic studies chair announced

By Deanna Woolf

Dr. Mashhad Al-Allaf has been named the Imam Khattab Chair of Islamic Studies at The University of Toledo.

He will start the position Aug. 14 at a nine-month salary of \$62,000.



Al-Allaf

"His record of scholarship is outstanding, and we're looking forward to his building of the Islamic Studies Program here at UT," said Sue Ott Rowlands, interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

"I am honored to hold the position of the Imam Khattab Chair of Islamic Studies," said Al-Allaf. "There is no doubt that this position reflects the immense efforts and the intellectual vision of UT and the community."

Al-Allaf is the first to hold the endowed chair position, which was named for Imam Abdelmoneim Mahmoud Khattab, who served as imam and director of the Toledo Islamic Center for 16 years.

Ott Rowlands acknowledged the work and generosity of the community in raising the \$1 million needed for the position. "I

want to thank the members of the Islamic community throughout northwest Ohio for their efforts in meeting the fund-raising goals to meet this endowment," she said.

Al-Allaf has taught at Washington University, St. Louis University and Webster University, all in St. Louis. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Baghdad in Iraq and his doctoral degree, with a concentration in modern philosophy, science and metaphysics, from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

He is the author of several books, including *The Essential Ideas of Islamic Philosophy* (2006) and the forthcoming *Islamic Biomedical Ethics: A Multicultural Approach and Islamic Philosophy of Science and Logic*, of which he serves as co-author.

"My plan for the Islamic studies curriculum will cover a wide range of topics, including Islamic philosophy, theology, culture and art; contemporary issues in Islam; Islam and feminism; Islamic law; Quran; Hadith; study abroad courses; and many more," he said. "Islamic studies will not only bring students to a level of better understanding, but will also strengthen the bonds among communities at large. It is through education that misconceptions could be eliminated."

New University Medical Center chief of staff begins duties

By Jim Winkler

Dr. Christopher Lynn has been elected as the 21st chief of the medical staff of the University Medical Center and started his new job July 1.



Lynn

In the post, Lynn, associate professor of medicine and co-director of the Division of General Internal Medicine, will serve as the chief administrative officer for the more than 400 physicians with admitting privileges at UMC. He succeeds Dr. Deepak Malhotra and will serve in the post two years.

A native of Potomac, Md., a Washington, D.C., suburb, Lynn is a 1978 graduate of Duke University and earned a doctor of medicine degree in 1983 from the former Medical College of Ohio. He completed residency training at MCO and joined the faculty in 1986.

The chief of staff is elected by members of the medical staff and is responsible for reporting on quality and safety of patient care to the board of trustees, for

enforcing medical bylaws and procedures, for overseeing the credentialing and privileging process, for communicating policies and procedures to the medical staff, and for representing the concerns of the medical staff.

"I want to thank Dr. Malhotra for the outstanding job he has done in leading our medical staff the past two years and helping strengthen our commitment to safe, quality, cost-effective health care," said Mark Chastang, vice president and UMC executive director. "We also look forward to Dr. Lynn's leadership as we continue to work hard to offer the best possible medical services to the community."

The medical staff also elected Dr. Sanford Kimmel, a longtime MUO faculty member and professor of family medicine, as vice chief of staff; Dr. Thomas Padanilam, assistant professor of orthopaedic surgery and chief of foot and ankle surgery, as secretary-treasurer; and Dr. Rhonda Hercher, assistant professor of surgery and Emergency Department physician, as member-at-large.

From the UT board

The UT Board of Trustees approved the following personnel actions at its June 28 meeting:

NEW PERSONNEL: **Stanley Clayton**, assistant football coach, Intercollegiate Athletics, effective March 27; **Yolanda Durden**, associate director, Excel Prep Tech and Gear Up, effective April 17; **Valerie Householder**, staff pharmacist, Student Medical Center, effective March 28; **Sarah Jasinkowski**, interim academic adviser, College of Business Administration, effective April 17; **Karen Lucarelli**, coordinator, University College, effective April 10; **Tammy Oelkrug**, manager, Graduate School, effective May 15; **Mark Rhea**, assistant football coach, Intercollegiate Athletics, effective March 27; and **Nicholas Siefke**, program researcher, Excel Prep Tech and Gear Up, effective April 5.

TENURE-TRACK FACULTY APPOINTMENTS: **Joseph Dake**, assistant professor of public health and rehabilitative services, College of Health and Human Services, effective Aug. 7; **Brian Fink**, assistant professor of public health and rehabilitative services, College of Health and Human Services, effective Aug. 7; and **Surya Nauli**, assistant professor of pharmacology, College of Pharmacy, effective July 1.

VISITING FACULTY APPOINTMENTS — effective Aug. 7 unless otherwise noted: **Dorothy Cashell**, visiting instructor of English, College of Arts and Sciences; **Deborah Coulter-Harris**, visiting instructor of English, College of Arts and Sciences; **Leslie Edgerton**, visiting assistant professor of English, College of Arts and Sciences; **Gerald Natal**, visiting instructor/information literacy librarian, University Libraries, effective July 1; and **Lani Van Eck**, visiting assistant professor of sociology and anthropology, College of Arts and Sciences.

CHANGES IN STAFF CONTRACTS: **Karen Gallo-Willard**, head pharmacist, Student Medical Center, salary adjusted, effective Jan. 1; **Thomas Kina**, from electronics specialist to chemical instrumentation specialist, Chemistry Department, effective April 1; **Kristin Kirschbaum**, from interim director to instrumentation analyst, Instrumentation Center, College of Arts and Sciences, effective May 27; **Susan Shelangoskie**, instructional designer, Distance Learning, salary adjusted, effective April 1; and **Sandra Stutzenstein**, from program coordinator to coordinator, Earth, Ecological and Environmental Sciences Department, College of Arts and Sciences, salary adjusted, effective April 30.

CHANGE IN FACULTY CONTRACT: **Sara Lindquist**, from associate professor and interim chair to associate professor and chair of English, College of Arts and Sciences, effective July 1; **Joel Lipman**, director, Stranahan Arboretum, professor of art and English, College of Arts and Sciences, sal-

ary adjusted, effective July 1; **Marietta Morrissey**, associate dean, College of Arts and Sciences, professor of sociology, salary adjusted, effective June 1; **Ellen Pullins**, associate professor of marketing and international business, College of Business Administration, salary adjusted, effective Feb. 21; **Karen Roderick-Lingeman**, lecturer of art, College of Arts and Sciences, salary adjusted, effective Aug. 6, 2005; **Mark Sherry**, from Ability Center of Greater Toledo Endowed Chair in Disability Studies and assistant professor to assistant professor of sociology, College of Arts and Sciences, effective May 11; and **Constantine Theodosiou**, associate dean, College of Arts and Sciences, professor of physics, salary adjusted, effective July 1.

STAFF SEPARATIONS: **D. Michael Collins**, interim executive director, Ohio Police Corps, effective Jan. 23; **Farhad Davoudzadeh**, senior research associate, Mechanical, Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering Department, College of Engineering, effective April 28; **Jason Dorsey**, research laboratory technician, Pharmacology Department, College of Pharmacy, effective April 27; **Sarah Marquard**, community director, Residence Life, effective May 19; **Benjamin Morin**, hall director, Residence Life, effective June 28; and **Heidi Morris**, interim chief of medicine, Student Medical Center, effective June 30.

FACULTY SEPARATION: **Cynthia Cook**, assistant professor of public health and rehabilitative services, College of Health and Human Services, effective May 15.

FACULTY RETIREMENT: **Herschel Bentley**, professor of mathematics, College of Arts and Sciences, effective May 12; **John Cryan**, professor of early childhood, physical and special education, College of Education, effective June 30; **Larry Curtis**, professor of physics, College of Arts and Sciences, effective May 31; **Richard Edwards**, professor emeritus of law, College of Law, effective May 5; **Robert Elliott Jr.**, professor of psychology, College of Arts and Sciences, effective July 1; **David Ellis**, professor of physics, College of Arts and Sciences, effective May 31; **Philip James**, professor/dean, College of Arts and Sciences, effective May 31; **Ronald Lora**, professor of history, College of Arts and Sciences, effective May 12; **Frank Merritt**, professor of law, College of Law, effective June 30; and **Adolf Witt**, professor of astronomy, College of Arts and Sciences, effective June 30.

FACULTY GRANTED EMERITUS STATUS: **Robert Elliott Jr.**, professor emeritus of psychology, College of Arts and Sciences, effective June 26, and **Ronald Lora**, professor emeritus of history, College of Arts and Sciences, effective May 5.

From the MUO board

Holding its last meeting ever, the Medical University of Ohio Board of Trustees approved June 26 the appointment of nine new full-time faculty members and accepted the resignations of five others.

The new appointees are Drs. Gregory Filatoff, instructor of anesthesiology; Paul Schaefer, assistant professor of family medicine; Vicki Ramsey-Williams, assistant professor of neurology; Angela Kueck, assistant professor of obstetrics-gynecology; and three assistant professors of orthopaedic surgery — Drs. Haleem Chaudhary, Jason Levine and Amish Patel. Other new appointees are Lisa King, instructor of nursing, and Meredith McCombs, instructor of nursing.

Dr. Haitham Elsamaloty was promoted to associate professor of radiology, and trustees approved the retirement of Dr. Richard Yeasting, professor of neurosciences, who will remain on the faculty half-time to teach.

Dr. Daniel Rapport, associate professor of psychiatry, was named director of consultation/liaison

services in the department, and Dr. Diana French, professor of nursing, was given additional duties as chair of the Nursing College's Primary Care Department.

Two part-time faculty members, Dr. Rekha Chaudhary, assistant professor of medicine, and Karol Zsarnay, instructor of nursing, gained full-time status.

Trustees accepted resignations from Drs. Marsha Paul, assistant professor of medicine; Aiman Zaher, associate professor of pathology; Dan Schifter, assistant professor of radiation oncology; Thomas Mehelas, associate professor of surgery; and Elizabeth Grothaus, instructor of nursing.

Trustees also passed a resolution thanking Charles Dana for his six years of service on the board. Dana, who is president of composites solutions business at Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corp., was appointed to the board in August 2000 by Gov. Bob Taft to fill the unexpired term of Howard M. Selland.

“When I needed my hip replaced, the staff members at MUO’s University Medical Center went out of their way to make me feel comfortable.”



Dr. Gregory Georgiadis, MUO associate professor

Bob Glover, UT auto mechanic 2

Bob broke his hip in an auto accident in 2001 and Dr. Gregory Georgiadis, Medical University of Ohio associate professor of orthopaedic surgery and a surgeon at University Medical Center, helped to repair it.

But a year later, a replacement was necessary. Dr. Georgiadis not only advocated on Bob's behalf to use a newer type of replacement, "he spent a lot of time with me, showing me my X-rays, showing me what needed to happen, telling me my options," said Bob.

Thanks to the state-of-the-art replacement, Bob's pain has been reduced and he can maneuver better. But that doesn't mean this mechanic is off the hook. "Every year, I've got to go in for a warranty checkup," he said.

To learn more about MUO specialists or to locate a doctor, call the Referral Resource Center at 800.556.5444.

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CHECKING OUT: Dale Ebersole, special collections librarian in the Ward M. Canaday Center for Special Collections, and his wife, Celia, right, talked with, from left, Dulce and Bob McLean at his retirement party last week. Ebersole also worked as a reference librarian and as a cataloger during his 38 years at the University. "I helped design the interior layout of Carlson Library," he said. "It's one of the easiest to use academic libraries of its size in the country." Ebersole plans to spend time with his family, especially his granddaughter, Lila. "I enjoy being an Ohio Reads volunteer serving with a kindergarten class at Glenwood School in Rossford," he said. "For the last 11 years, I assisted my wife, Celia, with the Cherub Choir at Zoar Lutheran Church in Perrysburg. I also have been a Boy Scout volunteer for 25 years."



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PHARMING OUT: Several people stopped by a recent retirement reception for Chuck Hicks, associate professor of pharmacy practice, above, and Dr. Jerry Sherman, professor of pharmacology, below. Hicks, who worked at UT 35 years, is seen here with Dr. Richard Hudson, professor of medicinal and biological chemistry, right, and Dr. Gayle Kamm, part-time pharmacy practice faculty member and alumna of the UT College of Pharmacy. "I hope to continue working with the college after retirement, travel to see children and grandchildren, participate in habitat and medical missions, and pursue interests such as gardening and fishing," Hicks said. "Certainly, I will miss the interaction with faculty, pharmacists and students." Sherman, seen here with Dr. Diane Cappelletty, associate professor of clinical pharmacy, worked at UT 28 years. "I will continue to be productive as a part-time professor and consultant, play golf and travel," Sherman said. "At UT, I have had the opportunity to serve as faculty, as an administrator, to be involved in athletics serving as chair of the athletic committee multiple terms, and was honored by faculty to have been elected twice as chair of Faculty Senate. What a great career to have the opportunity to work at something you really enjoy and get paid for doing it."



Photo by Terry Fell

RETIREMENT AND ALL THAT JAZZ: Dr. Roger Ray, director of the Humanities Institute and interim chair of history, right, talked with Dr. Cynthia Price and her husband, Dr. Henry Rennie, during his retirement party last month at Murphy's Place, one of Ray's favorite Toledo spots. Ray was hired as an assistant professor of history in 1969, and was promoted to associate professor in 1972 and to professor in 1979. He was named the first director of UT's Humanities Institute in 1986. "I am retiring to practice the world's greatest art, cooking," Ray said. "For 40 years, I have been an avid cook, and in retirement will seek to improve by taking a short non-credit course in cooking at one of the culinary schools in Chicago." He hopes to teach at UT in 2007-08 under the Retirement Incentive Program.



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In memoriam

Dr. David R. Cheney, Toledo, who taught in the English Department for 25 years, died June 18 at age 84. He joined the UT faculty in 1965 as an associate professor and was promoted to professor in 1967. Cheney served as a graduate adviser, director of graduate studies and chair of the Graduate Studies Committee, helping to establish a doctoral program in English. He was a noted scholar on Leigh Hunt, English essayist and writer. Cheney retired from the University in 1990.

Dr. Chidambaraswamy "Swamy" Jayanthi, Bloomington, Ill., who taught in UT's Department of Mathematics, died June 25 at age 78. He was hired as an assistant professor in 1966 and was promoted to professor in 1969. Handling undergraduate, graduate and postdoctoral classes, he retired from UT in the early 1990s. In 2002, he established the Saraswathi Jayanthi Memorial Scholarship Fund in honor of his wife.

Dr. Thomas G. Klever, Toledo, died May 31 at age 75. He held a volunteer faculty appointment as a clinical associate professor in the Department of Family Medicine at the former Medical College of Ohio and former Medical University of Ohio from 1971 to 2004.

Jeffery S. Rhodes, Toledo, economic development coordinator through University College from 2000 to 2001, died June 20 at age 47. He received a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering from UT in 1983. His wife, Dawn Rhodes, UT interim vice president of Finance, Technology and Operations, and their children — Jordan, Taylor, Morgan and Jeffery II — would like to thank their UT family for support during this difficult time.