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President's Message

As I reflect on the past year, the first thing that comes to mind is how much I have appreciated the help and support of so many individuals. My heartfelt thanks to:

- all the members of my AUAR Board for your wise counsel and encouragement throughout a most tumultuous year.
- all the AUAR members who continue to be so supportive of our association, both by attending our many events and by contributing to our endowed scholarship.
- all the many retirees who responded to my email call for testimony regarding retiree dependent health coverage and the effect that losing it would have upon their families.
- The Akron Association of University Professors (AAUP) and its legal team for using these testimonies to fight successfully for the continuation our retiree dependent health benefits.
- The Ohio Council of Higher Education Retirees (OCHER) for passing a resolution in support of AUAR's efforts to represent the concerns of retirees regarding matters of governance and administration of our University.
- the University for all the support we continue to receive. Special thanks go out to Katy Selzer in Human Resources for her help with membership information and mailing, Chris Franz in the Alumni Office for taking all our luncheon reservations and Anthony Fawver in Printing Services for the great job he does setting up our Newsletters.
- Aramark for honoring AUAR's prior contract with The University of Akron Dining Services throughout our 2015-16 Luncheon Series.
- The University of Akron Parking Services for making it so easy to renew our parking permits.

We now look forward to the 2016-2017 academic year with optimism. Congratulations and best wishes to our Interim President, Matthew Wilson. We join him in his desire to "not only conquer our existing challenges and rebuild relationships, but also to innovate and explore new opportunities".

In August we welcomed three new members to the AUAR Board. Martha Vye (Business Technology) joined us in the role of Corresponding Secretary. She took over for Rita Klein, who is now Recording Secretary. Rita replaces Hans Zbinden, who has retired from the Board. We thank you, Hans, for all the time and effort you devoted to that position. John Heminger (Mathematics) replaced Pamela Rupert in one of our Member at Large positions. Pam continues on the Board as Public Relations Officer and Newsletter Editor "extraordinaire"! We also have two Faculty Senate Representatives. Bob Gandee continues in that position; however, since Neal Raber will become AUAR President next year, he decided to step away from the Senate. Thank you Neal for serving at a most difficult time and for your very informative and entertaining reports. Recent retiree, Ali Hajjafar (Mathematics) has been elected as our second Faculty Senator.

Note that our luncheon programming is complete and dates are set for all but one of our other events. So mark your calendar now. As always, feel free to contact me or any other board members with your suggestions and/or concerns.



Diane Vukovich

Diane Vukovich, Ph.D.
President 2015-17



In Memoriam

Editorial note: Please alert us to any member of our "University Family" whom we have overlooked.

With our condolences to their families and friends, we honor our colleagues and friends for their many contributions in making the University a better place.

Alfred L. Anderson, 73, died June 18, 2016. Alfred was a singer, stage-director, actor, and Professor Emeritus of the University's Opera/Musical Theatre. He was highly respected by his colleagues, students, and members of Akron's performing arts community.

Mike Buza, 83, passed away March 28, 2016. Mike was a mechanical engineer with the University's College of Engineering. He, also, was a charter member of the City Council of Fairlawn.

Helene Louise Carmany, 83, died February 17, 2016. As a Registered Dietitian, she taught dietetics at the University while working at Akron City Hospital, Akron General Hospital, St. Thomas Hospital, Applecreek State hospital, and Massillon Community Hospital.

Phillip C. Caslow, 67, died March 23, 2016. Phil retired from the University with 25 years of service in the Custodial Department.

Thomas Rehm Connell, 78, passed away June 3, 2016. He earned his BSEE at Purdue University (1961) and the MSEE at the University of Akron (1965). He worked at the Ohio Brass Corporation until 1980; subsequently he became a professor at the University.

Nicolas Constantindis, 80, died June 1, 2016. Nicolas was born in Cairo, Egypt and had been deprived of his sight since age of six. He attended Baldwin Wallace College and earned a Master's Degree from The Cleveland Institute of Music. He taught piano at the University. Nicolas, also, played solo concerts and with orchestras throughout the United States with much acclaim.

Mary Claire (nee Seidenstricker) Dahl, 56, died February 12, 2016. Mary was the wife of the former Executive Director of E.J. Thomas Performing Arts Hall, Dan Dahl. As President of Pipeline Packaging, she was a woman in a man's world building the company from a local distributor to a national distribution leader.

George D. Davis, 91, passed away March 29, 2016. George had been the Head of the Speech Pathology and Audiology Department for several years.

Charles M. Dye, 77, passed away February 12, 2016 in Maryville, Ill. Dr. Dye was the former Professor of Education and Dean of the Graduate School at the University.

Susan K. Gainer, 52, passed away March 11, 2016. Susan was the daughter of Edna Gainer who was a Secretary in the Student Affairs Office. She, also, taught part-time in the History Department at the University.

Evelyn Lamm Gannon, 95, died March 31, 2016. As a registered nurse during World War II, she enlisted in the Women's Air Corps serving as a flight nurse caring for and transporting injured troops returning from England to Miami, Florida. At the University, Evelyn worked as a nurse in the Infirmary.

Fred Golding, 82, passed away January 12, 2016. He was an outstanding basketball player (1956-1959) under the tutelage of Coach Russ Beichly. Fred's teams won two Ohio Athletic Conference titles and appeared in the 1958 NCAA Tournament.

Jean Shepherd Heiney, 93, died December 31, 2015. As a girl, she danced in a number of movies and attended high school on the Warner Brothers Studio lot. Later in life, she hosted talent shows on WAKR radio. Jean, also, spent many summers choreographing University of Akron musicals, including "Dames at Sea" in 1971, with Dr. Wallace Sterling.

Harriet Kunin Herskowitz, 88, died April 1, 2016. She was Chair of the Early Childhood Education Department.

Mary Jean Johnston, 87, died December 27, 2015. Shortly after graduating from Carnegie Institute of Technology, Mary entered the State Department during the recovery of Europe and Japan following World War II with assignments in Karachi, Pakistan; Frankfurt, Germany; and Tokyo, Japan. She arrived at the University in 1965 and taught until 1989.

Sebastian V. Kanakkanatt, 86, died December 27, 2015. He graduated from St. Peter's High School in Kumbalangi, India and became the first alumni teacher in this school after receiving his bachelor's degree in Chemistry from St Joseph's Jesuit College in 1950 in Thiruchirappally, India. Sebastian was also a Professor of Chemistry at the Haile Salassie Military Academy in Ethiopia before arriving at the University of Akron. He received admission to master's program in polymer science in 1961 and subsequently received his Master's and Doctoral degrees from the University of Akron. He became a member of the Faculty in 1963 and retired as a Professor Emeritus in 1995. During his tenure with the University, Sebastian was recognized for his many accomplishments: Chairman of the Polymer Degree Program Committee, thirty-five (35) publications, sixteen (16) patents, and developed a "controlled release" for the World Health Organization with applications in agriculture, polymer science, and medicine.

Lt. Col. (Ret.) John F. Kline, Jr., 63, passed away April 13, 2016. John was an Army veteran serving five years on active duty and 17 years with the U. S. Army Reserve. He taught over 20 years as an Adjunct in the History Department and worked 32 years as a cataloging specialist at the Bierce Library.

Walter David Lehrman, 91, died May 26, 2016. Walter retired from the University as an Emeritus Professor in the English Department. While at the University, he was a pioneer in the development of the Black Studies curriculum.

Jean Martin, 92, died June 1, 2016. Before her University experience, Jean worked with her husband in the operation of Martini's Restaurant on Copley Road. She retired from the University's Health Services.

Donald McIntyre, 87, died February 14, 2016. Dr. McIntyre was among the founding faculty members of the Polymer Science Department. He, also, was involved in the development of the Polymer Science Building.

Thomas Timothy Miles, 75, died January 15, 2016 in Rockwell, Texas. Tom taught broadcast media in the School of Communications at the University.

Rudolph Joseph Scavuzzo, Jr., 82, died April 24, 2016. Rudy served as the Head of Mechanical Engineering and Associate Dean of the College of Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering during his 27 years with the University.

Marie Sutherland Senn (nee Thrasher), 94, passed away April 9, 2016. Marie worked in the Registrar's Office.

Mark E. Wyatt, 67, passed away January 9, 2016. An avid sports fan & golfer, He worked in dining services from 1997 until resigning in 2010.

AUAR SCHOLARSHIP FUND

To celebrate its tenth anniversary, the AUAR established a scholarship fund to assist talented students who needed financial help in completing their undergraduate degree requirements. The first scholarship was awarded in 2008-09. Since that time, one or two scholarships have been awarded each academic year, gradually increasing from the original \$750 to the current \$1500. Scholarship recipients have been chosen by a committee comprised of retired faculty or staff members with the approval of the AUAR Board. Recipients are as follows:

2008-09, Sarah Vue, Education; 2009-10 Caryn M. Collins, Dietetics; 2010-11, Angelette Bokman, Accounting; 2011-12, Nikolas I. Krieger, Statistics; 2012-13, Melanie D. Estes, Nursing, & Kenneth W. Smith Jr., Mechanical Engineering; 2013-14, Heidi J. Suck, Nursing; 2014-15, Emily N. Bickers, Speech-Language Pathology, & John A. Worth, Mechanical Engineering Tech; 2015-16, Abigail G. Callahan, AYA-Integrated Language Arts, & Kimberlee N. Trowbidge, Art-Printmaking.

The yearly amount awarded has varied, depending on the value of our assets. Currently we have over \$94,000 in assets; more than \$32,000 was given by an anonymous donor in 2015.

Donations may be sent to the University of Akron Development office, noting the the monies should be allocated to the AUAR Scholarship Fund. We hope to reach \$100,000.

February Luncheon Focuses on Chocolate



Master Chocolatier Elliott Callahan

Our February luncheon was held on the 10th, just a few days before Valentine's Day. Fittingly our speaker was the "Master Chocolatier" from the Fannie May & Harry London Confection Brands. Mr. Elliott Calahan joined the company in August 2011 after working as a pastry chef for the Ritz-Carlton Luxury Hotels and Resorts and as the director of the baking and pastry program at the Polaris Career Center in Middleburg Heights, Ohio.

Elliott now focuses primarily on the development of new chocolate and confections for Fannie May & Harry London, which is located near the Akron Canton Airport just south of Akron. The title of his presentation was "The History of Chocolate from Beans to Bar".

This mysterious food has been used for ritual, medicine and pleasure for the past 4,000 years. The raw material for chocolate was first used by the Aztec and Mayan cultures in the "new world" and brought to Europe by the Spanish explorers. Carolus Linnaeus, the father of plant taxonomy, called it the "Food of the Gods".

Chocolate is produced from the beans (which are really seeds) found in the pods that grow on Cacao trees. The trees are mostly found on small family farms in the remote areas of West Africa, Southeast Asia and Central and South America.

The beans are harvested and leave the cocoa farms by handcarts, on donkeys or by rugged trucks. They are sold to local buyers and then processed abroad. Basically chocolate is made from cocoa beans that have been fermented, dried, roasted and ground until they liquefy into what is called a chocolate liquor, which is a non-alcoholic mixture of a natural fat called cocoa butter and cocoa solids. The chocolate liquor can be transported in either a liquid or a solid form.

Elliott explained that there are only 5 or 6 chocolate factories in the world that produce the chocolate liquor. Other companies then turn this basic material into their own unique brand of chocolate by adding sugar, vanilla, milk and other ingredients.

At Fannie May & Harry London's the liquid chocolate arrives in huge tanker trucks and is pumped to manufacturing lines where their special blend of ingredients are added and eventually formed into the delightful chocolate products we recognize and enjoy.

Based on the number of questions after the presentation, it was evident that the audience gained a new appreciation for the production of chocolate and better insight into purchasing quality chocolate for Valentine's Day.



Velma & friends



Danny Abood, Tom Vukovich and Lynn Gorman



Chocolatier Elliott Calahan with Richard Milford and Bob Gandee

2016-2017 Recognition of outgoing Board Members



Neal recognized for service as AUAR's Senate Representative



Hans recognized for service as Recording Secretary

What are they doing now?

Don Gerlach (History) is a member of the Harvard, Nebraska School Board and will run for reelection this fall.

Tom Vukovich (Student Affairs) was presented the "2016 Distinguished Alumni Award" from his undergraduate alma mater, Ohio Northern University.

Valentine's Day 2016 Celebrated at Coach House Theatre



Sharon Gandee visiting with Caesar and Linda Carrino

Forty-five retirees and friends celebrated Valentine's Day with brunch at Akron Woman's City Club followed by an Agatha Christie play, "Murder on the Nile", at the Coach House Theatre.

Christie penned the play in 1944. It was based on her 1937 novel, "Death on the Nile". The original work featured the famous Belgian detective, Hercule Poirot. The author dropped Poirot from the story for the 1946 stage version. She felt that Poirot was getting "over exposed". She also changed several other characters and the ending.

The Coach House cast once again entertained the audience and kept everyone guessing "who done it"!

The play opens with a young couple celebrating their marriage on a romantic honeymoon aboard a paddle steamer cruising down the Nile. The happy occasion soon turns unsettling when the bride's former best friend, who was also her new husband's former fiancée, joins the cruise and continues to stalk the couple.

The bride, Kay, is found dead in her cabin and her husband is wounded while arguing with his former fiancée in the ship's lounge. So who killed the young bride and why?

The University of Akron's own Alfred Anderson, formerly Director of Opera Theatre and Professor of Voice, was featured as the character, Dr. Bessner. The Doctor helps develop clues and treats both the wounded and those in need of an "injection".

The sound of gunfire on stage often startles the audience, and during this play it evoked screams and shrieks. One could hear the distinctive voice of Rita Klein, AUAR's Corresponding Secretary, reacting loudly to the gunfire. Or was that perhaps her husband, Dennis?

Be sure to join us next year on the Sunday closest to Valentine's Day for what has become an annual event.



Tom Vukovich with guests Dia and Leon Staniszewski



Martha and Mel Vye make it fit



Ready for Act I

Dr. Michele Campbell March Luncheon Speaker



Luncheon Speak Michelle Campbell from the Lebron

Dr. Michele Campbell, former Assistant Dean for Student Life at The University of Akron, was our luncheon speaker on March 9, 2016. In 2006, Michele became the Chief Operating Officer of LRMR Management Company and Executive Director of the LeBron James Family Foundation (LJFF). The goal of the Foundation is to affect the lives of children and young adults and to create positive and lasting change in LeBron's hometown of Akron.

Dr. Campbell and her team explained how they organize and conduct a variety of educational and co-curricular initiatives for local students and their parents with the ultimate goal of earning and "I Promise" Scholarship to The University of Akron.

Michele explained that over the years she and her team have learned from their mistakes and realized that they needed guidance and research assistance. LJFF contacted The University of Akron leadership and developed a partnership with the College of Education. Plans to involve University of Akron faculty and students in the program are being discussed. Michele sees this program as a "win-win" situation for Akron children and the University.



Michelle and her team

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Neal Raber and John Heminger

For LeBron's effort to promote the University nationwide over the next five years, the University of Akron Board of Trustees designated the College of Education as the LeBron James Family Foundation College of Education. Scholarship funds have yet to be collected and the qualifications for scholarship recipients need to be developed.



Tom Vukovich and some of the Foundation's team.

Massillon Museum Archivist April Luncheon Speaker



Mandy at the podium

Archivist Mandy Altimus Pond began her career at the Massillon Museum in 2004. She received her BA in history from Kent State University and is a filmmaker, author and professional photographer.

Mandy provided us with an entertaining PowerPoint presentation entitled "Titanic and the End of the Edwardian Era". She reviewed the early years of the 20th century and how social and political changes were affecting the population of the United States and Great Britain.

Enter White Star Steamship Line and the decision to build the largest ships, passenger or otherwise, the world had even seen. You may recall that three ships were ordered; the Olympic, the Britannic and the Titanic. The Britannic and the Titanic were identical in design, size and internal features.

Thomas Andrews designed the Titanic. It was built in Belfast, Northern Ireland. It had a double hull and watertight bulkheads, which were held together with three million hand driven rivets. The 52,310-ton ship cost over 7.5 million dollars, which is equivalent to about 400 million dollars today. It was driven by 3 huge propellers and was launched on May 31, 1911. Because of added features not common to ships of the day, one worker commented, "Not even God himself could sink this ship." Thus the Titanic was dubbed "unsinkable".

This misguided confidence led to several oversights and miscalculations that contributed to the disaster. On the maiden voyage, with 2,224 "souls" on board, the ship carried only 16 lifeboats capable of holding about 1,100 people. The captain and crew decided to forego any lifeboat drill due to the nice weather and party atmosphere on the ship as it left Cobh, Ireland, its last port-of-call. The ship's radio operators were not employees of the White Star Line. They were onboard to send and receive messages sent by passengers bound for New York City to relatives waiting for word about the voyage. Thus the operators ignored six major ice warnings, never reporting them to the captain or the crew. Also, the crew assigned to the lookout station high above the ship did not have binoculars.

The cost for passage per person in today's dollars was about \$80,000 for first class and \$1,000 for third class. Nearly 60% of the survivors were first class passengers while only 25% of third class passengers survived. Here's a bit of "trivia" about one of the survivors. The famous "Unsinkable Molly Brown" from Denver was never called "Molly". Her first name was Margaret.

At first women and children were given priority on the lifeboats. When Ida Straus, an elderly passenger, saw that her husband Isidor, who owned Macy's, was to be left behind, she gave up her seat to another and remained with her husband. Both perished. The total number of passengers and crew lost was 1,514. Only 710 survived. The ship's orchestra played "Nearer My God to Thee" as the ship slipped under the waves less than 3 hours after hitting the iceberg.

We have invited Mandy Pond back to be our luncheon speaker on March 8, 2017. She will speak about her grandfather, a WWII POW.

Do mark your calendar now and plan to attend our 2016-17 AUAR Luncheon Series. The programs are informative and entertaining; the buffet lunches are excellent and very reasonably priced.



Tom & Mandy Altimus Pond

2016 Road Trip Visits Trumbull County



Photo at lunch

With the assistance of Stephanie Sferra, Executive Director of the Trumbull County Tourism Bureau, 32 retirees and friends ventured to Warren, Ohio on the annual "Road Trip". We were happy that the weather on April 22 was comfortable with only light jackets and no rain gear needed.

The first stop was the Perkins Mansion on Mahoning Avenue. This Victorian Italianate house was built in 1871 by Henry Bishop Perkins. Henry was the son of Simon Perkins, one of the founders of Warren. The grandiose home, with a beautiful arched entrance, marble fireplaces and a freestanding staircase, is now used as the Warren City Hall.

Our next stop was just across the street at the Upton House, which was the original home of Henry B. Perkins. It was built in 1840 and was a gift from his father. Docents Ginny Baran and Liz Clark explained the history

of the building – including why some say it is haunted – and why it is now called the Harriet Taylor Upton House.

Mrs. Upton was Warren's national celebrity at the turn of the 20th century. Born on December 7, 1854 in Ravenna, Ohio, she grew up in the affluent household of her father, Judge Ezra Taylor. The Judge was appointed to Congress in 1880, and Harriet accompanied him to Washington, D.C. There she became a favorite in society, serving as her father's hostess and companion. In 1890 Harriet, now married to George Upton, committed herself to the suffrage movement. For 30 years she worked along with her close friend and mentor, Susan Anthony, for the passage of the 19th Amendment.

Among Harriet's other accomplishments were:

- treasurer of the National Women's Suffrage Association for 15 years,
- first woman to hold the position of Vice Chair of the National Republican Executive Committee,
- founding member of the National League of Women Voters,
- President of the Ohio Women's Suffrage Association for 19 years,
- founder of the local DAR Chapter and Warren's Red Cross Chapter, and
- instrumental in the passage of the first child labor law.

She died in 1945 in Pasadena, CA at the age of 90.



Inside Packard Museum

In keeping with the historic nature of the trip, we had lunch at a downtown Warren "institution" that was celebrating its 100th anniversary. We were served a plentiful plate at the Saratoga Restaurant, which is located not far from the City Hall.

Our afternoon stops provided more history and more food. First we visited the National Packard Museum, which is next to the famous Packard Music Hall where the Kenley Players once performed. We learned about the Packard family, the Packard Motor Car Company and other Packard enterprises. Did you know, prior to building automobiles, the Packard brothers were great inventors and operated a successful factory, which manufactured light bulbs? There were rivals of Thomas Edison!

Over the last several years it has become a "tradition" to make a winery our final stop on the Road Trip. This year we visited the Country Porch Winery, owned and operated by two women entrepreneurs. The winery is located in Cortland, Ohio not far from Mosquito Lake. Here we enjoyed tasting at least 5 wines, which were made from juices obtained from vineyards located in Ohio and Pennsylvania. Trays of fruit, cheeses and crackers and other munchies fortified us for the short drive home.

If you have not taken part in one of our retirees annual Road Trips, you are missing out on learning about the interesting history of people and places located very close by. Next April please plan to join us for another enjoyable, well-planned day trip. All you have to do is "get on the bus"!



Museum



At the Country Porch Winery

Lobster & Suds 2016



The "Lobstamen" of 2016



Gerhard & Diane Kunze and Roger Baine



Say cheese

It was a beautiful spring day on May 20, 2016. Over 80 retirees and guests attended the Annual Lobster & Suds party at Zwisler Hall on the grounds of St. Sebastian Church. A nice mixture of previous University of Akron retirees and newly retired faculty and staff attended.

Among the attendees were Cheryl Urban, Don and Shirley O'Hare, Claire Purdy, Carol Petit, Lynn & Dave Smolen, Mary & Chris Quinlan-Randolph, Janice & Charles Von Spiegel and Bob & Kaye Davis with friends Dennis & Isabelle Stombaugh.

Many thanks to the "cooks" and the set up and clean up crews. This event is a huge success because of your support and willingness to "lend a hand". And many thanks to all the attendees, who brought those great covered dishes, salads and desserts.

We have been at Zwisler Hall since 2011. Thanks goes out to Mrs. Julie Musci for her assistance. Julie already has us booked for next year. So mark your calendar now! We look forward to seeing you on May 19, 2017.



Mike and Linda Sugarman



Sonny and Marilyn Izo



Umm Umm, Good!

RETIREES LUNCHEON MEETINGS UPDATE

As most of you know, ARAMARK replaced The University of Akron Dining Services Department in July 2015. In order to keep luncheon costs at our previous price, a few things have changed.

We have new menu items from which to select and "Brown Bagging", i.e., bringing in your lunch, will not be permitted. If you wish to come just to hear the speakers, you may order "Drinks Only" for \$2.00 each or not order anything at all.

The cost per person for the buffet lunches will remain at \$13.00. This price includes salad, entrée, rolls & butter, dessert regular & decaf coffee, tea, and ice tea. Soft drinks will be \$2.00 extra.

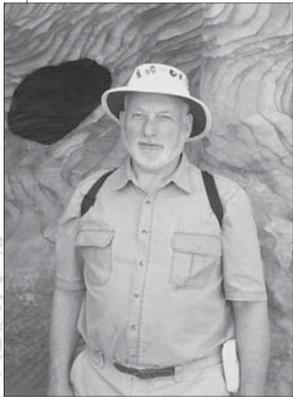
Meetings will continue to be held at Quaker Station. Lunches will start at 11:30 a.m. followed by the speaker at noon. Times will be noted on the flier. Normally we adjourn around 1:00 p.m.

The 2016-2017 luncheon dates are September 14, October 12, November 9, December 14 (the Holiday Party), and February 11, March 8 and April 12 in 2017. The luncheon speakers are listed in this Newsletter.

If you do not receive announcements for the luncheons, either you are not a paid member of AUAR or we do not have a correct email or snail mail address. To correct the problem, contact Katy Selzer at kah100@uakron.edu or **330-972-6547**.

We look forward to seeing you at our Dr. Robert E. Ferguson/AUAR Luncheon Series.

A Conversation With Roger Bain — By Pamela Rupert



Pam: Good morning,, Roger. Thank you for taking time to meet with me before your next trip abroad with the Vukoviches, more travel being one of the luxuries of retirement. I believe you retired from UA in 2000 as Professor of Geology, now Emeritus. An interesting field, but first we want to explore your “former life,” which lead you to this field of endeavor. I see you have a farmer background—a surprisingly common background among our 20th century professors from the mid-west, it seems. Did it indeed help formulate your later life choices?

Roger: Most definitely. Being raised on a dairy farm in Wisconsin developed my love of the outdoors and animals. My dad kept draft horses long beyond their use and I inherited his affection for them. Also, my mother was a school teacher who had endless questions about the landforms in SE Wisconsin. She had all the questions; we had none of the answers, which of course peaked my interest. Farming gave you a lot of time to think and ponder.

Pam: So you chose geology as your college major for both a BS & MS from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, working your way through, as we could do in those days. You mentioned some puzzling research project in the Yukon Territory.

Roger: It was interesting and difficult to explain, as the fossils found at the top of a hill (& in Alaska) were entirely different from the rock formations just below. Two geological theories were prevalent; continental accretion had long been the accepted explanation for geologic issues, but plate tectonics was just coming into prominence. The latter seemed to explain how land forms sliding under another could produce such a discrepancy.

P: As I recall, acceptance of the latter theory was slow in coming! I see you were also involved with oil and coal companies. I imagine geology is important to them.

R: These initially were summer jobs in Colorado and Wyoming, also New York. I had decided to go for a PhD, and started a program at Louisiana State University, only to observe that the department was falling apart. Fortunately, they had a wonderful professor from Brigham Young filling in for a year, so I followed him back to BYU. He was a fantastic mentor and friend.

P: And something else important happened there....

R: I met Leslie. An interesting first encounter. I was at admissions talking to the department chair, and feeling a bit important as a “PhD candidate,” when the professor abruptly turned from me to talk with this female student. I just sat there, but thought, hmm, that is a nice looking woman. Leslie was just finishing up her geology degree, and didn’t really notice me, but I pursued her! We were married while at BYU and the following summer she studied in Germany (a pre-marriage planned experience) while I did field work in west Texas. (But it was lonely...)

P: Graduation did come. Then what?

R: We spent our first summer together in western Colorado where I worked for a company evaluating coal deposits. It was fantastic, free from the grind of a student’s life, and with money to spend. Beautiful country for hiking and horseback riding, perfect for two geology majors!

P: Sounds like you were an attractive candidate to coal & oil industries. How did teaching come about?

R: Upon graduation I was offered employment in the oil industry with a company I had worked for in previous summers, and I was also offered a one year teaching position as a sabbatical replacement at the University of Rhode Island. I was having difficulty deciding and the recruiter for the oil company told me to go teach for a year and if I didn’t like it his offer would still be there.

P: Well, we can see how that turned out. So what was your path to UA?

R: Following Rhode Island, I had a similar two year contract at the University of Virginia. Then in 1970 I found Akron. I was attracted to it because it was a growing institution: increasing enrollment, increasing faculty, and priding itself on being a teaching university. Jim Teater was instrumental in my coming here. At first Leslie and I thought we’d stay 5 or 10 years but.... The Geology department, originally part of the Geography Department, grew to 13 full-time tenure track faculty by 1997. I was department chair from 1994-1997 when I stepped down prior to retirement in 2000.

P: I know you were involved with numerous research projects during your tenure including field trips with students throughout Ohio but also Utah, Virginia, Missouri, and the Bahamas. Those would have been fun! Also your research included work in Wyoming, Colorado, Florida, the Bahamas and Virgin Islands. Much of what you told me was fascinating but requires longer explanations; perhaps our readers can ask you more. For instance, why do we have limestone in southern Ohio? And how did the Bahamas form? As part of the continent that pushed away and sank in shallow water? So much to learn!

R: If you have geological training, no trip is boring. Every rock has a story.

P: I like your bumper sticker idea: “Geologist. Beware of sudden stops!” I did hear of one stop on a trip with the Vukoviches in Guatemala (?) on a bus?

R: That was the guide’s fault! I had said I wanted to collect some rocks but it was pouring down rain. I demurred but he insisted so across a divided highway we went, getting soaked. After gathering some obsidian, we had to climb over the medium just as a semi came by: the deluge!

P: Not your favorite travel moment! However, you’ve had many others. What a great travel companion you would make, although I hear volcano eruptions and earthquakes follow you: Costa Rica, Guatemala, New Zealand. And Leslie had a horse-riding mishap in Egypt, trying to swing a leg over

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the Arabian horse while wearing that Muslim robe. A painful fall! But there must be favorite good moments?

R: We have had so many wonderful trips. Africa was number one; Incredible! New Zealand, #2.(Where I'd go if I left U.S.). Iceland, probably #3. However, we love North America, flying into Denver, river rafting, hiking, horseback riding. I Love my horses! In dealing with campus politics, I had another bumper sticker, "I'd rather be cleaning stalls. At least I get to deal with the whole horse, not just the rear end.

P: Somehow that brings me back to the University. You and Leslie have been an important part of many aspects within it. Your daughters also received degrees here.

R: AU was like a family. One of my favorite things was sitting in the faculty dining room with people from other departments; great conversations, and a sense of belonging. It hurts to see what has happened.

P: We all hope for better times ahead. It has been a delight talking to you; thank you so much for sharing your time with us. Enjoy your horses, and I'll watch for you on future trips!

FACULTY SENATE Spring 2016 — Neal Raber

During the Spring Semester, the activities of the Faculty Senate included the following:

- Voting overwhelmingly (50 - 2) in favor of a resolution of No- Confidence in President Scarborough.
- Passing a proposal to end Block Cohort Scheduling. (On the day of New Student Orientation, incoming freshmen are pre-registered in courses, including specific sections and day/time combinations, prior to advising and without student input. Registration holds are also applied which prohibit students from altering their fall schedule without adviser consent.) Chair Rich mentioned that this initiative goes well beyond providing advice and guidance and moves into the realm of paternalistic authoritarianism. He commented, "UA is a university, not a high school." Interim Provost Rex Ramsier reported that he would stop block cohort registration.
- Being informed at the May meeting that confirmed admissions were down 24% and thus the budget for the coming school year would not be finalized until the end of summer, when final enrollment figures were known.
- Passing a motion to move the Department of Economics from the College of Arts & Sciences to the College of Business Administration.
- Passing a motion to recommend the suspension of the Gen Ed Core of courses at Wayne College. *(These are 13 General Education courses taught online through Wayne College at \$50 a credit hour. Reports had indicated failure rates were significantly higher in these courses, because they lured in unprepared students.)*
- Passing a motion to recommend that the Graduate School offices be moved from Polsky to a central location on campus.
- Passing a motion at the May meeting to censure President Scarborough, because it had been three months since the 50-2 no-confidence vote, and he had not responded to Faculty Senate. An amendment was also passed requesting that President Scarborough meet with Faculty Senate in May to address the issues in the no-confidence vote.
- Holding a special meeting May 19 with President Scarborough to hear him go over to the points in the no-confidence vote. He began by saying he would be brief going over the points, and then went on for over an hour providing nothing new. Unbeknownst to the Faculty Senators was the fact that President Scarborough's days were numbered. On May 31, he was relieved of his duties as President of UA.

UAUR BENEFITS

The Association of the University of Akron Retirees and the University of Akron AAUP fought long and hard this past spring to retain Retiree Dependent health benefits and were successful. AUAR greatly appreciates the efforts of Akron AAUP in helping retain Retiree Dependent health benefits.

Retiree Dependent health benefits were included in the contract between the University of Akron and the Akron chapter of AAUP. The contract runs through December 31, 2020.

Retiree Dependents will see changes in their share of the premium. At the present time retiree dependents pay 15% of the cost of the premium with the University picking up the other 85%. Starting in 2017 the retiree dependent share of the premium will increase to 16%. This premium share will increase 1% per year until the end of the contract.

Retiree dependents not on Medicare (typically those under 65 years of age) usually receive the same policy as active employees. Deductibles and out of pocket expenses may change for these Retiree Dependents. Details can be found by Googling Akron AAUP, click on the current contract and go to page 80.

Retiree dependents on Medicare (typically those over 65 years of age) have what is called a carve out reimbursement and they should see no changes other than the increases in premium share.

UNIVERSITY PARKING PERMITS for the period 7/1/2016 to 6/30/2018 are available to retirees at no cost. The parking permit can be obtained by calling parking at 330-972-7213.

2016 Spring Zip Talk

Three Zip Athletes First To Compete In Olympics

By Ken MacDonald, Director Emeritus, Sports Information



As many of you, I recently thoroughly enjoyed watching three former University of Akron athletes compete in the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio De Janeiro,

Brazil. To be sure, it was history in the making since these three, 800 meter runner Clayton Murphy and pole vaulters Anika Roloff and Shawn Barber, were first in school history to do so. What an astounding accomplishment for all three! Yet, you may notice that I have underlined compete and that is because these three were not UA's first Olympians. More on that part of the story will follow later.

It was Murphy who had the most amazing performance considering the 21-year old was the youngest runner in the finals and was going up against seasoned Olympic veterans. Using his patented finishing kick, the former All-American and NCAA champion finished third behind two former Olympic champions, 27-year old David Rudisha of Kenya and 28-year old Taoufik Makhloufi of Algeria. In the event Murphy became the first United States men's 800-meter runner to win an Olympic medal since Johnny Gray in the 1992 Barcelona Olympics. The Bronze medalist's time of 1:42.93 was the fifth-fastest time in American history.

During UA's 2016 track season Murphy became the first Zip ever to win a running event at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships while winning the indoor 800-meter title. He got his second NCAA championship after an unbeaten spring by capturing the 1,500-meter NCAA title on June 10, 2016 in a school and Mid-American Conference-record time of 3:36.38. He then capped it off by winning the 800 meter run at the U. S. Olympic Trials in Eugene, OR on July 4.

Competing for Canada, Barber, who won back to back NCAA pole vaulting titles for UA in 2014 and '15 and won the gold medal at the 2015 world championships, reached the Olympic final 12 competitors with a vault of 18' 7". However, during

the finals that was delayed by heavy rain, Barber, who had previously vaulted 19'6", failed to clear 18'6". In her Olympic debut, former UA All-American Annika Roloff, who was representing her home country of Germany, placed 21st with a vault of 14'7". She needed to clear 15'1" to advance to the finals. Roloff set and still owns UA's pole vaulting record of 14'5" in 2014.

Akron now has a world champion and an Olympic medalist; I would have never thought of that in my lifetime?

The first UA athletes that tried out and were chosen on a U.S. Olympic team were brothers George and Louie Nanchoff, both All-America soccer players. George, older by two years, and Louie had learned their soccer skills in their native city of Resen, Macedonia. They moved to Akron in 1969 and played together at the former Central High School and the University of Akron before going onto professional careers for the both of them.

George was UA's leading scorer in 1973,'74 and '75. Despite surrendering top scorer honors to Brother Louie in 1976, George would be voted Ohio's best offensive player and UA's Athlete of the Year! Their play would earn Akron post-season NCAA playoff bids in 1975 and '76. In addition, for the first time in 30 years of formal All-America selections, brothers were voted first team honors in '76.

George would finish his UA career with 56 goals and 32 assists and currently still remains in second place to all-time scoring leader, Pete Milich. George, who would be inducted into UA's Sports Hall of Fame in the 1986 Class, was a second-round draft pick by the Fort Lauderdale Strikers of the North American Soccer League and he promptly rewarded the franchise with a performance that earned him Soccer America's Rookie of the Year Award. George would go to showcase his talents with the Atlanta Chiefs and Phoenix Inferno. He would return to Northeast Ohio to finish out his playing career with the Cleveland Force from 1982-85.

Louie, who scored 50 goals and

had 24 assists in three seasons with the Zips, would earn All-America honors again in 1977 before leaving UA for a 10-year professional career on such teams as the Colorado Caribous, Philadelphia Fever, Dallas Sidekicks, St. Louis Steamers, Kansas City Comets and the Cleveland Force. In 1996 Louie was inducted into the Summit County Sports Hall of Fame.

Starting in 1979 while both were in the midst of their professional careers George and Louie were selected to help the United States Men's National Soccer Team qualify for the 1980 Summer Olympics in Moscow. That team started out by thrashing Bermuda in two exhibition games, 3-0 and 5-0, both brothers scored goals in the latter game. Then on March 16, 1980 came a 2-1 win over Suriname in Orlando, FL, followed by a 1-0 victory over host Costa Rica in San Jose on March 20th, a 1-1 draw with the Central Americans in Edwardsville, IL on March 25th, and a meaningless 4-2 loss at Suriname on April 2 because the team had qualified already.

For the first time since 1972 the U. S. had qualified for the 1980 Olympic Games with a record of 2-1-1 for a first place finish. However, the Nanchoff brothers never got to play in the Olympics. True to the long history of dashed hopes and frustrations that have plagued American soccer, even qualifying wasn't enough. The dreams of George and Louie, their teammates, plus their fellow Olympians in other athletic pursuits were dashed by the boycott of the Moscow Games that summer in protest of the Soviet Union's invasion of Afghanistan.

Akron's first Olympian also didn't get to compete. Rick Bednar, an archer, started at UA in the fall of 1975 and by the spring he had captured the first of four consecutive individual titles in the National Archery Association (NAA) Intercollegiate Championships. During the following summer Bednar, from nearby Munroe Falls, entered the Olympic Trials where he ended up as the number three in the competition behind Darrell Pace and

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Richard McKinney. Officially, Bednar was first alternate to the two-person Olympic archery team. Pace would earn a gold medal and McKinney finished fourth in 1976 Olympics in Montreal.

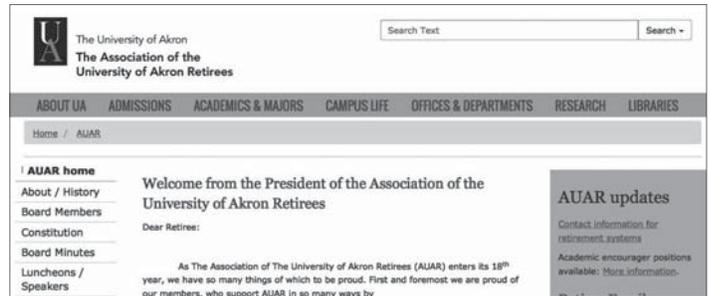
Bednar would return to UA to

form an archery team in 1977. The following year, that team upset two-time defending champion East Stroudsburg (PA), 6322-6234 for the NAA Intercollegiate crown. A four-time NAA All-American, Bednar competed at the highest collegiate,

national, and international levels. He traveled the world, representing UA as a member of seven USA archery teams in Pan Am, World Target and World Field Archery Championships. Bednar was inducted into UA's 2003 Sports Hall of Fame Class.

Exploring the retirees' association web page.

If you haven't yet had a chance, why not take a few minutes and explore our web page. We regularly add information to keep you apprised of our group opportunities for socializing (luncheons and speakers, or special events in the Akron area), your benefits and the latest actions of the University of Akron Retirees Board. You might wish to know a bit of our history, or if you are having trouble sleeping, you may want to read our constitution just before going to bed.



The Association web site is located at: www.uakron.edu/auar. Enter this address one time and bookmark the page that opens for future visits. Some enter University of Akron retirees in one of the search engines on their browsers and then follow the results of their search to our web site.

Once in our AUAR home page, you can click on any of the topics listed on the left hand edge of the page to automatically go to information you are interested in reading. Topics include: History, Board Members (contact information), Constitution, Board Minutes, Luncheons/Speakers, Special Events, Newsletter (current and past editions), Announcements, Post-Retirement Benefits and Membership Brochure (information and application). The home page also has a link to the contact list of all retired faculty and staff of the University of Akron.

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UPCOMING EVENTS FALL/SPRING 2016/2017

Sept. 14

Mr. Victor Fleischer,
Archivist, The University of Akron
Topic, "Review of Pictures and Film from the archives of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company."

Oct. 12

Dr. Walter Hixson,
Professor of History, The University of Akron.
Topic: The role of foreign policy in presidential elections."

Nov. 4

Soup and Chili Supper

Nov. 9

Dr. Stephen Brooks,
Associate Director, Bliss Institute of Applied Politics, The University of Akron.

Topic: Analysis of the 2016 Presidential Election: What happened and Why

Dec. 14

Holiday Party

Jan. 2017

No Meeting

Feb. 8

Claire Purdy
Travelogue Antarctica

Feb. 12

Play & Sunday Brunch at AWCC

Mar. 8

Miss Mandy A. Pond,
Archivist, Massillon Museum.
Topic: The Story of Maj. John J. Mohn and his 1200 mile forced march as a WW II prisoner of war.

Apr. 12

Dr. Susan Olson
Topic: Fulbright Scholarship to Finland

Apr. 21

Annual Road Trip

May 19

Lobster and Suds Party

Our Motto

People say interns and new hires are the promise of the future.
Let's not forget that retirees are promises kept.

