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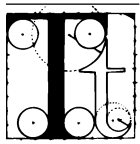
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The University has its priorities. At the moment, in line with a nationwide trend, these are concentrated in the

so-called STEM fields—science, technology, engineering, and math. The current fund-raising campaign, Arizona Now, features those areas, and the renovation of Old Main, on-line and in concrete mailings. Another principle, however, is firmly established in the value system of the UA Foundation and University offices engaged in fundraising: The donor's wishes reign supreme. Only with the assurance that their (academically acceptable) wishes would be complied with would "deep-pocketees" open their checkbooks for the benefit of units and activities of a ranging variety across campus. Very few of us possess the means of the late, repeatedly magnanimous Agnese Haury, who left the University a gift of \$50 million last spring. But every single gift, be it ever so humble, also shapes the University. It enables designated recipients to engage in undertakings that they could not have contemplated. Even the

smallest donations enable the Division for Late Medieval and Reformation Studies—clearly not within a STEM field—to bring in distinguished guests, including the Town and Gown Lecturer, every year. Without your collective support, we could not send our graduate students to foreign-language institutes in the summertime, help them to do preliminary dissertation research in foreign archives so that they can apply knowledgeably for year-long fellowships, or enable them to buy health insurance overseas when a foreign government will not recognize the University's insurance plan.

With your collective aid, we can work magic. Consider the significance of the Heiko A. Oberman Chair endowment, to which hundreds of you gave! But chair endowments, those seldom and wonderful things, mainly pay salaries. They do not defray the costs of daily operations or cover speakers' airfare and small honoraria. With the sums that you direct toward us, we create a program that rises above mere viability and offers students a solid experience of hearing leading figures in late medieval and early modern European history, of

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