

Noted poet to speak at UT

Black poet Gwendolyn Brooks, who received the Pulitzer Prize in 1950 for her collection of poems entitled *Annie Allen*, will attend the opening of an exhibit of the work of 20th century Black authors, will address a luncheon, and will give a reading of her own and others' poetry, all on Tuesday, Dec. 6, at The University of Toledo.

Brooks last visited the UT campus on April 11, 1974 as a guest of the University Convocations series. Sponsors of her Dec. 6 visit are the UT's Black Student Union, the Officer of Minority Affairs, the Toledo Poets Center, the department of English and The Friends of The University of Toledo Libraries.

At 11:30 a.m., Brooks will attend the opening of the exhibit of works by Black authors in the multi-purpose room of the Carlson Library. The exhibit has been

organized by The Friends of The University of Toledo Libraries with the assistance and direction of Anna Robinson, assistant professor of English, and William McDonald, Jr., professor of English. It will continue until January.

At noon, she will attend a public luncheon to be held in the Student Union auditorium's T-section and will address luncheon guests immediately afterward. Tickets for the luncheon are available at \$3.85 per person from the department of rare books, special collections and archives of the Carlson Library or by calling 537-2170. Reservations are requested by tomorrow.

Brooks will present a free reading of her poetry and that of other authors, at 8 p.m. on Dec. 6, in the Law Center auditorium. During the afternoon, she will meet informally with UT students

studying literature and creative writing and with members of the Toledo Poets Center.

Named poet laureate of the State of Illinois by act of the governor in 1968, Brooks is a native of Topeka, Kansas but has spent most of her life in Chicago.

She is the author of nine volumes of poetry, including her most recent *Beckonings*, as well as of *In the Mecca*, a booklength poem, *Maud Martha*, a novel, and *Report from Part One*, her autobiography published in 1972.

The World of Gwendolyn Brooks, an anthology of her poetry, was published by Harper and Row, New York, in 1971.

Brooks holds honorary doctoral degrees from Northwestern University, Columbia College of Columbia University, Loyola University, and nine other American universities.