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BEEGHLY FAMILY HISTORY

The Beeghly family has been in the Mahoning Valley since 1918 and has made its mark on the business and philanthropic life locally and throughout the country. The family's history here starts with Leon A. Beeghly, born in 1884 on a farm near the small western Ohio town of Bloomville. Graduating from high school in 1901 as valedictorian in a class of nine, his graduation speech was titled "Charity and Civilization." This would later prove to be remarkably prescient. At the age of 24, he married the former Mabel Snyder; ten years later in 1918 the family of six, then living in Toledo, moved to Youngstown, which remained its permanent home.

Mr. Beeghly started the Standard Slag Company in 1914 with partners W. E. Bliss and W. H. Kilcawley, names familiar today to any YSU student. The company had success from its earliest days utilizing blast furnace slag, then wasted, as a basic construction material for highways, buildings, and other infrastructure purposes. In later years, there was diversification into the production of brick, concrete, cement, and the mining of sand, gravel, minerals, and ores with operations from New York to California.

L. A. Beeghly had a penchant for working with inventors and new ideas which spawned a number of successful enterprises. Basic techniques for the cold rolling of metal were perfected in the 1930s which were to have a major impact on the production of flat steel worldwide. The Cold Metal Products Company was an outgrowth of this development. The oldest son, Charles, was associated with this company and later became Chairman of the Board and CEO of Jones & Laughlin Steel Corporation, at the time the country's fourth largest steel company.

Success led back to the theme "Charity and Civilization." The L.A. Beeghly Fund was established in 1940 with the purpose of aiding religious, charitable, and educational causes and institutions. Carried on by sons James, Thornton, and John after the passing of L.A. Beeghly in 1967, contributions were made to over 140 organizations over a period of fifty-two years.

Educational institutions were a prime beneficiary. Nine college buildings carry the Beeghly name including, of course, the Physical Education Center at Youngstown State University. Westminster College, Mount Union College, Ohio Wesleyan University and American University in Washington, DC are among the others. Religious organizations also were longtime recipients including Trinity United Methodist Church and United Methodist Community Center, both in Youngstown, and Methodist Theological School at Delaware, Ohio. The family's impact on the local medical community has been substantial as well. The family homestead on Market Street in Boardman — now known as Beeghly Medical Park — was donated to Forum Health in 1965.

Companies still operating in the Mahoning Valley in which the Beeghly family had major interests include Cold Metal Products, Metal Carbides, Lafarge Construction Materials (formerly Standard Slag), and Essroc (formerly Bessemer Limestone and Cement). The current family enterprise, Altronic, Inc. in Girard, is engaged in the design and manufacture of electronic products. Altronic's president is grandson Bruce, chair of the YSU Board of Trustees.

Always a family oriented man, L. A. Beeghly's descendants extend to seven children, 26 grand-children, 54 great-grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

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Welcome	Vern Snyder Vice President Development & Community Affairs
Remarks	. Leslie H. Cochran President Youngstown State University
Remarks	. George M. McKelvey Mayor City of Youngstown
Remarks	. Bruce R. Beeghly President, Altronic, Inc. Chairperson YSU Board of Trustees
Remarks	Clara M. Jennings Dean Beeghly College of Education
Reception	. Beeghly Hall

Beeghly College of Education

Beeghly Hall, home of the Beeghly College of Education, provides the most up-to-date teacher education facilities in the Northeast Ohio region. The new structure houses five primary functions: direct instruction, instructional support, campus-wide instruction, and development, administrative support, and building support.

Beeghly Hall houses thirty-four primary instruction classrooms, twenty curricular specific laboratories, four general purpose classrooms with a capacity for fifty students, and ten classrooms with a capacity for thirty-five students to support direct instruction.

In addition to the teacher education classrooms, Beeghly Hall houses teacher education computer laboratories, graduate and doctoral seminar rooms, reading services laboratories, and the James M. McKay Auditorium, which will seat 400 individuals.

To provide instructional support to the College of Education, the facility houses a Curriculum Research Center, a Center for Child Studies, faculty/student professional areas, the University Counseling Center, a University Classroom of the Future, the Northeast Ohio Classroom Distance Learning Center, and the William B. and Kathryn Challis Pollock Foundation Center for Teaching and Learning.

On each of the four floors of Beeghly Hall is a central area which houses one of the major function units. From this center core classrooms and offices fan out through the building. The entrance to Beeghly Hall opens to a spacious lobby (atrium) with seating and tables. Around the perimeter of this area are teacher services offices. The open areas contribute to an informal space for students awaiting classes.

Beeghly Hall represents a partnership of private support and state funding which combine to create a facility that will serve the community and valley far into the future. Beeghly Hall, home of the Beeghly College of Education, will serve as a focal point for educational development throughout the region.

