

CAST splits into 2 new colleges

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There is a brand-new college on the campus of YSU.

The College of Health and Human Services has come about as a result of the restructuring of the College of Applied Science and Technology (CAST).

Three years ago, the Academic Planning Committee, under the direction of chair Alice Betz, made a recommendation in their mission statement that CAST be divided into a professional school and a two-year school. After receiving input from faculty, the committee further refined their recommendation, stating that YSU should have both a College of Applied Science and Technology and a College of Health and Human Services.

After being approved by the Academic Senate in June of 1991, the recommendation went before the newly formed Strategic Planning Team, headed by former University President Neil Humphrey. After much deliberation, the committee decided that it was fiscally impossible to maintain both colleges. So instead, it recommended only the creation of the Col-

lege of Health and Human Services.

Shortly after this, Dr. Leslie Cochran, along with former Provost Sally Hotchkiss, then hammered out the details of the Strategic Planning Team's recommendation. Finally, the recommendation went before the YSU Board of Trustees in December of 1992, where it was approved.

Dr. John Yemma, former dean of CAST, has been named the dean of the new college.

"There are a lot of health care facilities in our area and a lot of agencies that deliver health care," he said, explaining some of the impetus behind the college's creation. "As a result, we need to expand our offerings and get into new areas."

Betz agrees. "The health care industry employs more people in our area than any other industry," she said. "It's booming while other industries decline."

There are seven departments in the new college. They are allied health, nursing, home economics, criminal justice, health science, human performance and exercise science, and the military science program (ROTC).

Betz, whose area of specialty is dental hygiene, is happy with

the new college. "I think it will serve the purpose of students and faculty more than CAST," she said, although CAST did serve its purpose. It was a terrific college. Unfortunately, we could not have two colleges."

Dr. David P. Ruggles, dean of the School of Education, was also a member of the Strategic Planning Team and he, too, saw the need for a new college. "CAST was a lot of apples and oranges," he said, "really just a conglomeration."

Ruggles was also pleased with the selection of the new dean. "Dr. Yemma is a very capable leader and an outstanding man to work with," he said. "If anyone can give cohesiveness to Health and Human Services, he can."

Yemma, who is a graduate of YSU and a native of Youngstown, earned his Ph.D. from Pennsylvania State University. He has plans for the college's expansion, including new programs and the enlargement of many of the existing programs.

"We want to establish programs that train sophisticated personnel who will assume positions within the health care industry," he said.