

CAST dean retires after 22 years of service

Dr. Nicholas Paraska will retire today after 22 years of service to YSU and after having served as dean of the College of Applied

Science and Technology for the past 13 years.

Dr. Victor A. Richley, chairperson of the Engineering Tech-

nology Department will succeed Dr. Nicholas Paraska as the new Dean for CAST, effective July 1, 1982.

A graduate of YSU, Richley earned his M.A. from Akron University, and his Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburg. Richley joined the staff of the William Rayen School of Engineering in 1956. He became chairman of the engineering technology department in 1969.

Paraska came to YSU in 1960 as an associate professor of civil engineering and was appointed dean of the then Technical and Community College eight years later.

He played a vital role in the

evolution of this Technical and Community College into what is now the College of Applied Science and Technology (CAST), one currently having the highest enrollment of any of the University's seven colleges or schools.

"I have been fortunate to have been placed in a position when there was a need for new programs and I had the opportunity to help develop them," he said. "All the College of Applied Science and Technology programs merit commendation, but some must acquire accreditation. Those programs which have applied for accreditation have received it the first time they applied. Each time we get an accreditation, it reflects

the high quality of our programs."

The future looks good for CAST, said Paraska. "I don't believe there will be a decline in enrollment as long as there is an interest by the community in education which leads to employment opportunities. There is a need for the programs being offered and each department has opportunities to develop more programs as resources permit.

"Students want to get into a program where they can find employment when they graduate. As the cost of education increases, people opt for programs that reduce the amount of time and expense needed to obtain an

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education that will lead to a lifetime career.”

CAST offers 10 baccalaureate programs, 30 associate degree programs, and upper level courses of comprehensive business education majors. The programs can lead to careers in the medical field, engineering, business education, criminology, and home economics.

The college's six departments include Allied Health, Business Education and Technology, Criminal Justice, Engineering Technology, Home Economics and Nursing.

Throughout his career at YSU, Paraska found that YSU students are serious students.

“Since YSU is an urban university and most of the students commute, our students by and large, are a more serious group of people,” he observed.