

McCollum named executive director of university council

After making his way up from the mailroom to the conference room, James E. McCollum is leaving his duties as YSU's executive director of University Relations to sit in the big chair of the Columbus-based Inter-University Council (IUC).

YSU President Leslie Cochran believes that the IUC's new executive director will utilize his "extensive knowledge and broad perspective in his new role."

The experience to which Cochran refers is McCollum's 22

years at the University as a regular employee. During his long career, McCollum served as assistant to the president for legal services and for legislative relations, assistant director of scholarships and financial aids, a police officer, and coordinator of veterans affairs. He began his career with YSU as a laborer in the Grounds Department. He also worked in the University



James McCollum/

mailroom while attending YSU.

"I'm very excited about the opportunity to serve the state universities and the two freestanding public medical colleges," says McCollum, who will start his new duties April 15. "The opportunity of rendering service to this important, diverse group of public institutions is a challenge I welcome."

McCollum earned a law degree from the University of

Akron and has practiced law in Ohio since 1987. He also attained the rank of sergeant while serving in the U.S. Air Force from 1966 to 1970. The YSU alumnus also is a member of the Mahoning County Board of Health and previously served as a member of the Youngstown City Board of Health.

Dr. Joseph A. Steger, University of Cincinnati president and chair of the search committee for a new IUC executive director,

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for a new IUC executive director, says McCollum was chosen after a long and complete search for a list of outstanding candidates. "We [the presidents of the state universities] all know and admire [McCollum]," Dr. Steger states. "We're looking forward to working with him."

For 10 years, McCollum has served as YSU's liaison with the IUC's

government relations officers and state government.

IUC is an association of 13 state universities and the two free-standing public medical colleges in Ohio. (Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine in Rootstown and the Medical College of Toledo). IUC works to advance the collective agenda of these institutions regarding public policy, attitudes and legislation

affecting Ohio's public universities and medical colleges.

McCollum and his wife, Donna, have two children, Annemarie, a sophomore at YSU, and Eric, a freshman at Austintown Fitch High School.