

A&S Dean announces his intention to retire



DR. BERNARD J. YOZWIAK

YSU — Dr. Bernard J. Yozwiak, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, has announced his intention to retire, effective Dec. 31.

"It's been an enjoyable 44 years," said the 71-year-old dean, who joined the YSU faculty in 1947.

Yozwiak became chair of the mathematics department in 1966 and has held the dean's position since 1971. He will continue his association with YSU through the Extended Teaching

Service.

Dr. Bernard T. Gillis, university provost, said Yozwiak's leadership will be missed because his "span of control, knowledge of the institution, and the esteem in which he is held are virtually irreplaceable."

Relaxed in his DeBartolo Hall office looking out upon the sprawling and spacious campus grounds, Yozwiak sits with his hands behind his head and reflects on his career.

"I don't know that I ever had

any specific goals except to offer the best instruction that we could ever offer the students," he said.

Yozwiak was glad to see the university join the state university system in 1967, a move he says helped YSU build a bigger campus and become more competitive in recruiting good faculty.

He also is pleased with YSU's retention of the general education requirements that enable students to get a broad

education.

"We didn't react in the 1960s like other universities that threw everything [general education requirements] out," he said. "However, we have modified our requirements somewhat to make them more flexible for students in the professional programs."

Yozwiak said many YSU students are job-oriented, but those who choose a liberal arts major can be better off in the long run "if they learn to think, to analyze, and to be articulate both in writing and in speaking."

However, he added, "Because they're not focused on one profession like accounting or engineering, it may take liberal arts students longer to find that first job, but once they do, the sky's the limit."

Yozwiak's memberships include the Society of Sigma Xi, American Association of University Professors, and the Mathematical Association of America.

His community commitments include membership on the Youngstown Players Board, Catholic Services League, Mahoning Chapter American Red Cross Board, and Catholic Charities Board.

He has served on numerous university committees over the years, including the University Negotiating Team for collective bargaining. His present assignments include Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine Academic

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