

Faculty, friends, administration honor Mears

*Executive Vice
President G.L.
Mears will retire
June 30 after 22
years of service.*

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Mears

The summer sun illuminated the lobby of Todd Hall Thursday as YSU administration, faculty and friends stopped by to wish Executive Vice President Dr. G.L. Mears good luck as he retires from YSU after 22 years of service.

A reception was held Thursday inside Todd Hall at 3 p.m. for members of the university community to visit with Mears and enjoy a few snacks, fresh fruit and punch and escape from the sweltering heat outside.

Mears was accompanied by his wife of 37 years, Virginia, assistant director, Center for Student Progress. His beaming smile made Mears appear to be enjoying himself.

Mears said he is looking forward to retirement and plans on taking it easy as well as vacationing and visiting rel-

atives. He said he will be traveling to Washington D.C. to visit the many landmarks and museums.

He said he would miss the people he works with the most but will not miss the negative aspects of campus because you do not get a sense of accomplishment from the negative.

Of the many guests that were carrying on lively conversations, Larry Esterly, a member of the YSU Board of Trustees, said he hopes Mears has a wonderful retirement after his many long years of service to the university.

Esterly said over the years that Mears has served YSU, he has performed exceptionally well with "integrity being the keyword."

Also in attendance was Phil Hirsh, executive director of administrative services, who also credited Mears for his high degree of integrity on the job.

Hirsh said he has reported to Mears for 8 or 9 years and thinks he is a great person to work for because he is supportive. He said the university will miss his experience.

Mears came to YSU June 1, 1980 from the University of Arkansas, Little Rock branch where he was the director of institutional research and planning. His primary focus was on budgeting.

Mears continued to handle budget affairs when he came to YSU and became the director

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of the budget. In 1993, Mears was named executive vice president of the university.

Over the years, Mears has worked with a variety of services such as human resources, administrative services, financial management and computer services and technology.

Mears and his wife have two children. His son lives in Columbus and works in radio while his daughter resides in Huntsville, AL and works as an environmental scientist.

Mears finishes his duties for the university Friday but his official last day is June 30, which falls on a Sunday.