

## Anderson named president

*First woman, YSU grad to serve as top executive*

To roaring applause and cheers, the Board of Trustees named Cynthia Anderson – a student, faculty member and administrator at YSU for more than three decades – as the university’s seventh president.

A standing-room-only crowd of more than 400 students, faculty, staff and community members crowded into the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center on Feb. 17, where the nine-member board unanimously voted in favor of Anderson’s appointment. The board and Anderson still need to finalize a contract.

YSU vice president for Student Affairs for the past 15 years, Anderson will move into the president’s office on July 1. She will replace David C. Sweet, who retires after 10 years at the university’s helm.

Anderson will be the first woman, the first Youngstown native, and the first YSU graduate to serve as president in YSU’s 102-year history.

Anderson was out of town presenting an academic paper at a professional conference and was not able to attend the meeting. She said she is honored to be named president, and she thanked members of the Board of Trustees for the confidence they have in her abilities to lead the university.

“I look forward to working with my colleagues at the university to provide the kinds of services and programs that are beneficial to both students and the community,” she said. “I also look forward to continuing to strengthen the university’s ties with the business community and working together to improve economic development throughout the region.”

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Cynthia Anderson

## Pollock house to be used as president’s residence

The historic Pollock House at the main entrance to YSU will be used as the residence of the new university president under a resolution approved by the YSU Board of Trustees.

Renovation of the 117-year-old house on Wick Avenue, formerly known as the Wick Pollock Inn, has been part of YSU’s master plan for several years. Last year, the board earmarked funding for and agreed to move forward with the renovations as part of a series of campus improvement projects.

The resolution calls for utilizing the restored home as the residence of the new university president. President David C. Sweet retires June 30.

“As the board worked on selecting a new president, and as we discussed the future use of a restored Pollock House,

it became increasingly apparent to us that this was a tremendous opportunity to adapt the renovated house as the president’s residence,” said Scott Schulick, chair of the YSU Board of Trustees.

Improvements to the house could take several months, and the board intends for the building to be ready for occupancy by no later than fall 2011. The board is exploring other housing options for the president in the interim.

The 16-room house was built in 1893, and the Pollock family gave the house to YSU in 1950. The building housed classrooms and offices until 1986, when a private developer constructed a 64-room addition to the back of the building and opened it as the Wick Pollock Inn. The inn closed in 1998 and has been vacant since. The building will now be known as the

Porter and Mary Pollock House.

Under renovation plans presented to the board last fall, the 64-room addition to the building will be removed, leaving the original 16-room house. Those plans also called for turning the building into a university conference center with up to 11 guest rooms. Under the new plan, the facility will be converted into the president’s residence.

“We envision that this house will work well both as the residence of the university president and as a superb location for the many fund-raising, community and other events, receptions and gatherings that are important to the function of the Office of the President,” said Hunter Morrison, YSU director of campus planning and community partnerships. ■

**eUpdate exclusives**

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- **In recognition of the 10-year tenure of President David C. Sweet, YSU hosts a symposium on Friday, Feb. 26, that will explore how YSU and other urban universities can maximize the impact on their metropolitan areas.**
- **Brother Guy Consolmagno, known as the "Brother Astronomer" at the Vatican in Rome, visits campus March 4.**
- **Board of Trustees schedules quarterly meetings.**
- **Youngstown CityScape has created a new award to recognize outstanding supporters of its community beautification efforts and has named the award in honor of its first recipients: President David C. Sweet and YSU first lady Pat Sweet.**
- **McDonough Museum features faculty artwork; Fishbone is Thomas Entrepreneur; Renowned "mathemagician" visits YSU; Coach Wolford featured in Business After Hours mixer; Sigma Xi Distinguished Lecturer visits campus.**

## Students study in Taiwan as Lunghwa link grows

Living on your own, working on campus and meeting new friends all seem like typical experiences for a budding young college student, but what happens when you do it in say, Taiwan?

For two sophomore YSU students, they wouldn't have it any other way.

Bryan Cunningham and Jeffery Othman, both 2008 graduates of Canfield High School, spent the fall semester at Lunghwa University in Taipei, Taiwan, as part of YSU's ongoing and growing exchange program with the university.

The two plan to return in late February for their second full semester and will be joined by three other YSU students.

"There's no better way to really learn a language or culture than to immerse yourself in it," Cunningham said.

YSU's partnership with Lunghwa dates to 2006, when the two universities signed a faculty and student exchange agreement. Since then YSU has hosted 21 students and four professors from Lunghwa. This semester is no exception, with Lunghwa student Kuan-Li Lee and Computer Sciences Professor Yeong-Ming Wang on campus.

On the other hand, YSU has sent three English professors to Lunghwa previously (Barbara Nykiel-Herbert, Linda Strom and Steven Brown), said Annette El-Hayek, assistant director of YSU Study Abroad and International Exchange.

"This past fall marked the first time in which we were able to send our students over there," she said.

Cunningham, a biology major and chemistry minor, and Othman, an international business major and Chinese minor, were surprised to be the first to embrace the opportunities available at Lunghwa.

"I just can't believe more students aren't involved in the study abroad program," Othman said. "Sure, there's an initial language barrier, but once you get past it, you are open to a great learning experience."

While the study abroad program has previously experienced difficulties in attracting students, enrollment

numbers have seen a steady increase just over the past year, reports El-Hayek.

"Last fall we had our largest number, with 16 students studying in Taiwan, China, Japan, Belgium, Turkey, Cyprus, England, Germany, Spain and Costa Rica," she said.

This spring 24 students will travel to England, Germany, Spain, Turkey, Taiwan, Thailand, China, India and Chile studying, conducting research and interning.

One of the major factors that often deter students from international exchange opportunities is affordability. "We want students to know about this program, realize the value and just how possible it is to study abroad," said George McCloud, vice president for University Advancement. "There are a lot of ways students can do this. Cost is certainly not a barrier."

For more information on the program, contact the Center for International Studies and Programs at [www.yzu.edu/cisp](http://www.yzu.edu/cisp), or call (330)941-2336. ■



Jeffery Othman, left, and Bryan Cunningham.

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# Faculty & Staff

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**Joseph Mistovich**, professor and chair of Health Professions, published the ninth edition of the book *Pre-hospital Emergency Care* with publisher Prentice Hall Health. It was released in October. He also produced a manual and conducted five workshops on test item construction for Ohio certified EMS instructors in fulfillment of a \$53,000 grant from the Department of Public Safety Division of Emergency Medical Services. He was a co-investigator on the grant. In addition, he presented the papers "Current Issues in Airway, Ventilation and Oxygenation," "Interpreting Vital Signs," "Understanding Seizures," and "CDC ASC-COT Trauma Triage Guidelines" at the 2009 Pre-hospital Emergency Care Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Valerie O'Dell**, assistant professor, and **Louise Aurilio**, associate professor, Nursing, published an article in the January 2010 issue of the *Journal of Nursing Education* entitled "Incorporating Community-Based Clinical Experiences into a

Maternal-Women's Health Nursing Course."

**Yogendra M. Panta**, assistant professor of Mechanical & Industrial Engineering, published an abstract paper at the 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Physical Society Division of Fluid Dynamics in Minneapolis, Minn. entitled, "Computational Analysis of Human Blood Flow." **Mark Harvey**, an undergraduate junior student and co-author of the paper, gave the poster presentation at the conference. The project was supported by OSEA-Glen Stokes' Scholarship.

**Min Li**, assistant professor, Sociology, Anthropology and Gerontology, recently co-authored two professional journal articles. The first is a review article titled "Cerebral Palsy and Aging," published by *Developmental Medicine & Child Neurology*. Li took the leading role writing the section on quality of life and foreseeing the directions for future research on the QOL of people aging with cerebral palsy. Upon the completion of the paper, Li and her col-

league, Nina Clayman, started an initiative working with the United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Cleveland to conduct a pilot study for developing an assessment instrument measuring the quality of life of people aging with CP. Li also co-authored the article "The Measurement of Neighborhood Socioeconomic Characteristics and Black and White Residential Segregation in Metropolitan Detroit: Implications for the Study of Social Disparities in Health," published in the *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*.

**William Binning**, professor emeritus of the Political Science Department, had an essay entitled, "Le altre candidature" in *L'AMERICA DI OBAMA Le elezioni del 2008 e le implicazioni per l' Europa* published by Societa editrice il Mulano Bologna. The essay was also published in English as "Third Parties" in a slightly different version of the Italian edition as *The 2008 Presidential Elections: A Story in Four Acts* by Palgrave Macmillan. ■

## YSU lauded for civic partnerships

YSU is included on the Honor Roll in the recent "Saviors of Our Cities: Survey of the Best College and University Civic Partnerships."

"For more than 100 years, YSU has been an integral part of the city in which it is located," YSU President David C. Sweet said. "Whether it be our partnerships with the local schools and business community or our many athletics and performing arts events that attract thousands of people to the campus, we are committed to being a university engaged in the community, making the university and the city a better place to learn and live."

Evan Dobelle, president of Westfield State College in Westfield, Mass., is the author of the survey.

"The positive financial impact of higher

education on local communities is well-documented," he said. "Increasingly, more sophisticated partnerships are emerging that are addressing complex issues such as homelessness and health care and are serving as catalysts for community change. Colleges and universities are doing more and more to support their local communities, and it is a win-win situation for both."

Dobelle, former president of the New England Board of Higher Education who is internationally respected for his experience in spearheading public-private partnerships, released the survey results during the 15th annual conference of the Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities in Philadelphia.

Schools included on the list have demonstrated and documented long-standing

cooperative efforts with community leaders to rehabilitate the cities around them, to influence community revitalization and cultural renewal, and to encourage economic expansion of the local economy, urban development and community service.

Other institutions on the list include Yale University, Brown University, Georgetown University, North Carolina State University and Temple University. Ohio institutions on the list include Cleveland State University, University of Akron, University of Cincinnati, Ohio State University and the University of Toledo.

A complete list of rankings, including the Honor Roll, are available online at [www.wsc.ma.edu/top25saviors](http://www.wsc.ma.edu/top25saviors). ■

# Schiavone named to Board of Trustees



Leonard Schiavone

Gov. Ted Strickland has appointed Leonard D. Schiavone, a resident of Youngstown's North Side and partner in a downtown law firm, to the YSU Board of Trustees.

Schiavone is a partner and treasurer of Friedman & Rummell Co., a 90-year-old law firm based on East Federal Street. He is also a co-owner and president of Metro Land Title Agency Inc., a downtown real estate title insurance agency.

In private practice as an attorney for more than 25 years, Schiavone has concentrated his law practice in the areas of real estate law, corporate law and domestic relations law. He is also a licensed title insurance agent.

Active in community development, he has been a member of the North Side Citizens Coalition for Community Development for more than 20 years, serving as its board president in 1994, 1995 and from 2002 through 2004. He also chaired the former Youngstown Civic Center Development Corporation, a non-profit entity created to construct a civic center/arena for the city of Youngstown.

The new YSU trustee is completing his third, three-year term on the board

of directors for Humility of Mary Health Partners, a tenure which included three years as board president. He served two six-year stints as a member and was chair of the Hospice of the Valley Board of Trustees and was a member of the Youngstown City Board of Health from 1991 through 2003.

Schiavone has a bachelor's degree in industrial management from Purdue University and a law degree from the University of Cincinnati College of Law.

He and his wife, Gina, are natives of Youngstown and lifetime members of the YSU Alumni Association. Gina Schiavone earned a master's degree in business administration from YSU. ■

## Anderson

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"I thank everyone for their confidence and support throughout this process, and I look forward to their continued support."

The selection caps a search that began last July, when the Board of Trustees announced the appointment of the 22-member Presidential Search Advisory Committee and the selection of a consulting firm to assist in the search process. The firm had contact with about 300 individuals who were recruited, expressed interest or were nominated for the job. Four finalists were identified and visited campus for extensive interviews in January.

"Today, Dr. Anderson becomes one of Youngstown State University's most prominent success stories," YSU Trustees Chair Scott R. Schulick, who also chaired the Presidential Search Advisory Committee, said at the meeting. "She has lived the YSU dream and will go down in the

history of the institution for entering as a student and ending her career as the university's president. We, as a campus community and community at large, should be very proud of that fact."

He added: "At the end of the day, the selection of the university president is about 'fit' and Dr. Anderson was the all-around best 'fit' for YSU. This is an historic day for Youngstown State University, and we must celebrate this milestone accomplishment."

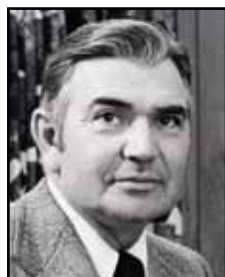
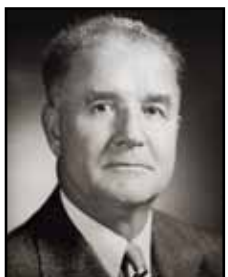
Schulick said the board will organize a transition team comprised of board members, executive staff and representatives of the search committee "to prepare for a seamless and smooth transfer of administrations."

Anderson earned a bachelor's degree in business education from YSU in 1973, a master's in business education from

Ohio State University in 1976 and an Ed.D. in education administration (higher education) and student personnel services from the University of Akron in 1990.

After five years of teaching business education at Westerville South High School, she joined the YSU faculty in 1979 as an instructor of business education and technology. She was named assistant professor in 1985, associate professor in 1990, associate professor of marketing and public relations in 1994, and was promoted to professor of marketing and public relations in 2000, a post that she currently retains. She was assistant provost for academic planning from 1993 to 1995 and was named vice president for student affairs in 1995.

Anderson's complete vita is available at [http://www.ysu.edu/trustees/pdfs/Anderson\\_CV.PDF](http://www.ysu.edu/trustees/pdfs/Anderson_CV.PDF). ■



Cynthia Anderson will be the seventh president of YSU. Previous presidents, from the left, are Howard W. Jones, Albert L. Pugsley, John J. Coffelt, Neil D. Humphrey, Leslie H. Cochran and David C. Sweet.