

Enrollment: Upward and onward

Enrollment keeps going up.

The number of students enrolled on the first day of fall semester classes was reported at 14,425, an increase of 1,002 students over the morning of the first day of classes last fall semester.

That represents a 7.5 percent increase, and it's the first time since 1993 that enrollment has cracked the 14,000 level. Nine years ago, enrollment was below 12,000 students, the lowest level since YSU became a public university in 1967.

Official enrollment counts will not be available until after Labor Day. But, if trends from past years hold true, enrollment could increase even more in that period, said Tom Maraffa, special assistant to President David C. Sweet.

"This is an incredible accomplishment for the university and the community," Sweet said. "Over the past several years, we have all worked very hard to develop high-quality academic programs that respond to the needs and interests of our students and the community and to offer those programs at a cost to students and parents

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Cyndy Anderson, vice president for student affairs, reacts to receiving a dozen donuts from President David C. Sweet on the first day of fall semester classes. The president sent 48 dozen – that's nearly 600 donuts – to offices across campus to celebrate the university hitting a 16-year high in enrollment.

Tree, bench and brick campaign raises funds

Anyone who was at YSU in 2007 and 2008 remembers a series of severe thunderstorms that destroyed 70 trees across campus.

Now, an effort is underway to replace those lost trees and create an endowment to support continued maintenance of the university's landscaped grounds.

President David C. Sweet was the first to make a significant contribution toward replacement of the damaged trees, and his gift was the impetus behind the new Campus Beautification Initiative, said Catherine Cala, development director.

"YSU's tree-lined campus core is a precious part of the university," Cala said. "This campaign will help maintain that beauty for years to come."

Under the initiative, donors purchase trees to be planted on the campus core, with a commemorative plaque placed adjacent to the tree. Donors can also purchase a bench made from recycled material and featuring an inlaid plaque on the backrest.

The donation for a tree is \$1,500, and the bench cost is \$2,500. The amounts include the cost of the new tree or bench and their

ongoing care and maintenance.

YSU horticulturists have recommended planting native species of trees that will thrive in the Northeast Ohio climate zone, will be of educational value to students, and will help diversify the campus flora. Tree selection and bench placement will be determined with consideration to donor preference and the priorities of the campus landscape master plan.

Donors may also purchase a personalized brick to be placed around the bronze sculpture of the late Howard W. Jones, YSU's first president, which is located at the entrance to the campus core. The brick circle has been renamed Centennial Circle.

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eUpdate exclusives

For more news about YSU, read these and other stories in eUpdate at <http://cfweb.cc.yzu.edu/marketcomm/index.cfm>.

- **Seven YSU students completed research internships this spring and summer through a 15-university coalition that aims to double the number of Ohio minority students earning bachelor's degrees in science, mathematics, engineering and technology.**
- **Joyce E. Brooks, an educator who has served in various leadership capacities through a career that has spanned more than 50 years, received an honorary doctor of humane letters degree during YSU's summer commencement.**
- **Foam, fire-eating, Penguin-stuffing and much more high-light Welcome Week 2009 activities. See photos.**
- **New and improved Armed Services Boulevard opens; Williamson College of Business Administration construction goes above ground.**
- **Penguins open the football season Sept. 5 against Pitt in Heinz Field. Home schedule kicks off Sept. 12.**
- **President Sweet presents final State of the University address.**

Survey: Graduates get jobs, stay in Ohio, earn \$25K to \$40K



Gary Boley

More than 90 percent of the students who received undergraduate degrees from YSU in 2007-08 are either employed or attending graduate school, according to a survey from the YSU Office of Career and Counseling Services.

"With a national unemployment rate of about 10 percent and a local unemployment rate closer to 15 percent, this data clearly shows that securing a YSU degree provides a great yield on your investment," said Gary Boley, director of Career and Counseling Services.

The Graduate Employment Report also shows that the vast majority of graduates have remained in Ohio and that the biggest chunk of them are earning \$25,000 to \$40,000 a year.

The office surveyed via mail and telephone 790 of the 2,015 students who received degrees in December 2007, May 2008 and August 2008.

"This report is the culmination of a year-long data collection and analysis process undertaken by our office to provide the university a more comprehensive understanding of decisions regarding employment and continuing education made by YSU students," Boley said.

"The information serves as an important resource for the university community, providing readers with current and relevant career-related information. It also provides

current students an understanding of employment trends and provides them with information regarding the employment success of individuals who graduated before them."

The report shows that:

- 93 percent of undergraduates and 97 percent of graduate students are either employed or attending graduate school.
- Nearly 62 percent of undergraduate and nearly 80 percent of graduate students reported being employed full-time, while nearly 19 percent of undergraduate and 14 percent of graduate students were employed part-time. In all, that means that about 80 percent of undergraduates and nearly 94 percent of graduate students were employed.
- Of those who reported being employed full-time, 82 percent of undergraduates said they remained in the Mahoning Valley after graduation, while 47 percent of graduate students stayed in the Valley. In fact, one out of 10 undergraduate students and only 14 percent of graduate students reported relocating out of the state of Ohio after graduation.
- The largest proportion – nearly 40 percent for undergraduate and 34 percent for graduate – of employed students reported annual salaries of \$25,000 to \$40,000.
- A total of 117 undergraduate respondents, representing 18 percent, reported they were pursuing additional education on a full-time basis. ■

Urban farmer comes to Youngstown

Will Allen, founder of Growing Power and one of the world's foremost experts on urban farming, is the keynote speaker at the Grey to Green Festival in Wick Park in Youngstown on Saturday, Sept. 12. Allen will speak at 11 a.m. in the pavilion. He will also participate in a panel discussion at 3 p.m. in the Unitarian Church. The appearance is sponsored in part by YSU. ■



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Kin P. Moy, assistant professor, Electrical Engineering Technology, with senior electrical and computer engineering students **Stephen Moy** and **Ed Burden**, presented and published a paper titled "Comparisons for Analysis of Electrical Low Pass Filter Utilizing Multiple Computer Simulation Software Package" at the American Society for Engineering Education's North Central Conference. The event was held at Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids, Mich. The students' trip was funded by the Provost's Office.

Martin Abraham, dean of the College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, co-authored an article, titled "Deactivation due to sulfur poisoning and carbon deposition on Rh-Ni/Al₂O₃ catalyst during steam reforming of sulfur-doped n-hexadecane," that was published recently in the journal *Applied Catalysis A*. His co-author was Satish L. Lakhapatri from the University of Toledo.

Philip Brady, professor, English, authored the book *By Heart: Reflections of a Rust Belt Bard* which was chosen as *Foreword Magazine's* Book of the Year for 2008 in the essay category.

Patrick Durrell, assistant professor, Physics and Astronomy, co-authored a paper titled "Hot Subdwarf Stars Among the Objects Rejected from the PG Catalog: A First Assessment using GALEX Photometry," which was published in the August 2009 edition of *Astronomical Journal*. Richard Wade of Penn State University was lead author. He also presented an invited talk, titled "Intracluster Red Giant Stars in the Virgo Cluster," at the XXVII General Assembly of the International Astronomical Union. The event was Aug. 6-7 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Yulanda McCarty-Harris, director, Equal Opportunity and Diversity, is one of 56 Ohio lawyers named to the 2009 Fellows Class of the Ohio State Bar Foun-

ation. Members of the class will spend 18 months collaborating on a project that supports the mission of the foundation.

John Russo and **Sherry Linkon**, co-directors of the YSU Center for Working Class Studies, authored a chapter in *Manufacturing a Better Future for America*, a new book published by the Alliance for American Manufacturing. The chapter is titled "Social Costs of Deindustrialization." Russo is also coordinator of the Labor Studies Program; Linkon is also a professor of English.

Will Greenway, professor, English, wrote the poem "Perfect Circle Sun" which was published in the spring edition of *Front Range Review*. Two other Greenway poems, "Two Lines Too Long for a Sonnet" and "So Easily Do Women Weep," were published in the summer edition of *The Southern Review*.

Helene Sinnreich has been invited to serve on the organizing committee for a conference, titled "The Future of Holocaust Testimonies," set for Jan. 26-28, 2010, at Western Galilee College in Acre, Israel. The conference will include workshops for researchers and one day of presentations and lectures for the public. It will be conducted in English and Hebrew with simultaneous translation.

Diane Barnes, associate professor, History, delivered a paper titled "The Revolution Within the Man: The Intellectual Emancipation of Frederick Douglass," at the annual meeting of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, held at Springfield, Ill.

Albert Sumell, assistant professor, Economics, published a paper, titled "The Determinants of Foreclosed Property Values: Evidence from Inner City Cleveland," in the *Journal of Housing Research*. ■

In memoriam... John White



John White

John White, professor emeritus of anthropology, a prolific writer and researcher, and a much-beloved and respected member of the YSU faculty for nearly 40 years, died at his North Lima home

Saturday, Aug. 22, from complications due to Parkinson's disease.

He was 72.

White served four years in the U.S. Navy before obtaining an associate degree at the City College of San Francisco. In 1963, he earned his bachelor of arts degree from San Francisco State University, and a master of arts and finally a Ph.D. in anthropology from Oregon State University in 1974.

He began teaching anthropology at YSU in 1971. He was named chair of the Anthropology and Sociology Department in 1995, a position he held until he retired to emeritus status in 2005. He received the YSU Distinguished Professor Award in 1979, 1981, 1985 and 2005. He also was honored with Research Professor each year from 1979 through 1989, and received the Outstanding Professor Award in 1989, the Honors Professor Award in 2003, and the Golden Key National Honor Society in 1988.

He authored more than 100 articles and books. His work took him extensively throughout the United States, Ireland, Costa Rica, Canada and Israel. His passion was archaeology, and he and his crews excavated a myriad of sites.

White also was an award-winning thespian. He was also the co-director of the Fresh Air Camp for underprivileged children in Youngstown.

Per White's wishes, he was buried in a pine coffin in a private green burial at Foxfield Nature Preserve in Wilmot, Ohio. A memorial gathering was held Friday, Aug. 28, at White's excavations at the Mill Creek blast furnace in Mill Creek Park. ■

Governor appoints student trustee



Lyndsie Hall

Lyndsie Hall of Boardman, a sophomore majoring in middle childhood education, has been appointed by Gov. Ted Strickland as a student representative to the YSU Board of Trustees.

A 2007 graduate of Boardman High School, Hall is a peer mentor in YSU's Center for Student Progress, a member of YSU's Emerging Leaders Program and a member of the YSU women's track and field team. She also was a volunteer for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in

America's National Youth Gathering. At Boardman High School, she was a member of the French National Honor Society and was a student athlete. She also was active in Good Hope Lutheran Church's youth group, attending mission trips to Biloxi, Miss., and working with Habitat for Humanity and Relay for Life.

In her application, Hall said she relates and identifies with various student factions and has a genuine appreciation and concern for YSU. "I care about YSU's reputation and its importance to the surrounding area residents," she said. "I know that sometimes YSU can be underappreciated by young adults who are eager to get away from home and start their college careers elsewhere, but I want to help make it known that YSU is a wonderful college where people can really reach their full potential."

Hall's term on the board runs through spring semester 2011. ■

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that is extremely competitive across the region and the state.

"I want to thank everyone on campus, from our admissions office to our faculty, for their diligence in making enrollment a priority for the university." ■

Campaign

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Bricks are available in two sizes: 4- by 8-inch bricks are \$150 and provide three lines of text and 14 spaces per line; 8- by 8-inch bricks are \$300 and include six lines of text and 14 spaces per line.

"YSU's Walk of Pride brick campaign for Stambaugh Stadium in 1998 was very popular," said Paul McFadden, chief development officer. "We expect our new brick campaign to run through summer 2010, with the dedication of Centennial Circle planned for fall 2010."

For more information, or to donate a commemorative bench or tree, contact Catherine Cala, development director, at 330-941-2752 or cacala@ysu.edu, or visit www.ysu.edu/treesbenches. To order a brick, visit www.ysubricks.com. ■



Light up of tower set for Sept. 17

Workers are closing in on finishing improvements to the 180-foot AT&T Tower on Phelps Street, and a light-up ceremony is scheduled for 8:15 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17. The ceremony will take place outside the south entrance to Kilcawley Center. Faculty, staff, students and the community are invited.

The tower is being painted an off-white color. Each of the four sides of the cap of the tower will feature the "YSU" logo in lighted letters 8 feet by 20 feet in size. When finished, the Tower – which can be seen from all approaches to the city – will stand as a beacon for visitors to campus and the city of Youngstown.

Shortly after his arrival on campus in the summer of 2000, President David C Sweet initiated discussions as to the feasibility of painting and affixing YSU letters atop the Tower. In December 2007, President Sweet met with AT&T representatives to move discussions forward, and work on the tower started this summer.

The project is being supervised jointly by YSU and AT&T. Several additional partners have donated about \$160,000 to the project, through either monetary gifts or in-kind services, including Boardman Steel, Diamond Steel, Dickey Electric, Painters and Allied Trades Union, Jenkins Sign Co., Joe Joseph Painting, & PPG Industries. ■