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## YSU boosts coast-to-coast alumni connections

YSU is increasing efforts to rekindle ties with alumni from New York to California as the university approaches its centennial year in 2008.

"As we begin the preparation of celebrating our 100th anniversary, it is most appropriate to engage with the alumni that have brought us to this point," said Shannon Tirone, director of the Office of Alumni Relations.

"We have over 70,000 alumni contributing to their communities and making a difference across the world because of the education they received at YSU. It is important that we stay connected, and learn about their successes, as we celebrate our own."

Many events have been conducted around the country in the past several months and several others are planned to help improve connections between YSU's alumni and their alma mater.

In January, about 50 alumni living in California attended a brunch at the Omni Los Angeles Hotel hosted by President David C. Sweet and Chief Development Officer Paul McFadden. More than 700 YSU graduates live in the Los Angeles area

In March, 50 alumni living in the New York area attended a cocktail reception at

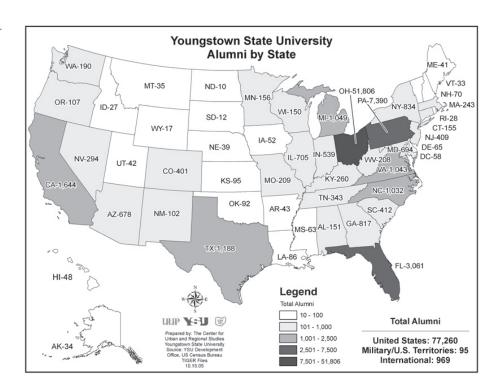
Steinway and Sons to celebrate the Dana School of Music Symphonic Wind Ensemble's performance at Carnegie Hall. The gathering also celebrated YSU's designation as an All-Steinway School.

Also, Columbus area alumni gathered this summer at a pre-game picnic and sat together in reserved seating to watch the Columbus Clippers minor league baseball team.

On Sept. 24, when the YSU Penguins football team played the Pittsburgh Panthers in Pittsburgh, more than 1,400 YSU fans – including many alumni from the Pittsburgh area – attended a tailgate party sponsored by Alumni Relations on the Gateway Clipper boats docked outside Heinz Field.

Future events include receptions in November in Baltimore and Washington D.C., where nearly 700 YSU alumni live. Alumni Relations also is planning a reception in December in the Windy City, where nearly 500 Chicago-area alumni will be invited.

In January 2006, another reception is in the works for Los Angeles. In March, YSU will be involved in the Youngstown Day celebration in Punta Gorda, Fla. A spring alumni reception also is tentatively planned for the Atlanta area, and a gather-



ing for Arizona-area alumni is planned for Phoenix in May.

"The job of our office to engage alumni in as many activities as possible," Tirone said. "Although our graduates receive the Youngstown State University magazine and university updates, it is important for us to bring the story directly to them, and we definitely have a story to tell."



Ty Pennington and Paige Hemmis, the stars of ABC-TV's "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition," meet with YSU President David C. Sweet in Tod Hall, where Sweet announced that the university will provide full-tuition scholarships to three Boardman girls who are the focus of an upcoming episode of the show. For more photos of Pennington's visit to campus, visit eUpdate at http://eupdate.ysu.edu.

## 'Extreme Makeover' children get full-tuition scholarships

Ty Pennington, the star of ABC-TV's "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition," and a camera crew visited the YSU campus last month and left with three full-tuition scholarships.

In a meeting in Tod Hall on Oct. 13, President David C. Sweet announced that YSU and the YSU Foundation are establishing a scholarship fund for the three children of Jeff Novak, whose home on Arlene Avenue in Boardman was demolished and rebuilt over a six-day period in October as part of an "Extreme Makeover" episode that will air in November.

Novak's wife, Jackie, a 2001 graduate of YSU's Beeghly College of Education, died unexpectedly on Mother's Day at the age of 28. The couple has three daughters ages 6, 2 and six months.

"Jackie was a part of the YSU family, and we want to ensure that her daughters are also part of our family," Sweet said. "So, the university and the YSU Foundation are establishing an endowment fund to provide full-tuition scholarships to the girls."

Sweet announced the endowment to Pennington during a visit to Sweet's

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## SCT Banner advancement, finance, go live; 'MyYSU' portal up next

Two down and four to go for the implementation of the SCT SunGard Banner administrative software on campus.

The SCT finance system was implemented over the summer, and the advancement system was launched in October.

The first phase of the SCT portal named "MyYSU" is set to go live in January to a pilot group of university users. That will be followed by student services (admissions in September 2006, student accounts in February 2007 and registration in March 2007), financial aid in January 2007 and human resources and payroll in January 2007.

"The implementation of SCT Banner is vital to ensure that YSU's computing capabilities remain efficient and competitive," said Donna Esterly, interim chief technology officer.

Banner is the three-year, \$12 million enterprise resource planning project that YSU is utilizing to improve its administrative computing systems across campus. The price tag includes \$7 million in one-time costs for hardware, software and implementation training services over three years and about \$5 million in on-going costs for maintenance, training and staffing for the three-year implementation period, Esterly said.

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# \$200K grant helps fill special education gap



Sally Lewis

College of Education has been awarded a \$200,000 grant to help ease the shortage of special education teachers in the Mahoning Valley.

The Beeghly

The grant from the Ohio Depart-

ment of Education, combined with a \$187,500 grant to the Mahoning County Educational Service Center, will help continue providing an alternative licensing process that allows teacher candidates to

more quickly and efficiently become li-

censed to teach special education students.

"This is an accelerated, fast-paced program designed to get additional licensed teachers into special education classrooms," said Dr. Mary Lou DiPillo, associate dean.

About 98 percent of the nation's school districts report shortages of qualified special education teachers, and a 2002 report from the Ohio Department of Education said there were 1,426 special education teaching vacancies statewide. The shortage has forced many states to issue temporary special education teaching licenses to help staff classrooms.

Last year, Mahoning County ESC was awarded a \$200,000 grant from ODE to

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## **Byline**

### Weed and Seed: A Strategy for the people



Ricky George

By Ricky George Associate director YSU Center for Human Services Development

The YSU Center for Human Services Development is submitting a grant proposal to the U.S. Department of Justice to receive official recognition for a Weed and Seed grant in four

census tracts on the city of Youngstown's North Side.

Weed and Seed is not new to the city. For the past six years, a Weed and Seed Strategy has been active on the city's South Side, which concludes at the end of December.

When my father first heard about Weed and Seed, he thought it was a project to plant trees. In actuality, it is a community-based, multi-agency strategy to "weed out" criminals who are violent or abuse drugs and "seed" the area to ensure social and economic revitalization.

The first time I met with the target area residents, I explained that this strategy will not solve all the crime or social problems that plague their neighborhoods. However, it will help reduce drug related offenses and other violent crimes and assist in improving their neighborhoods. But in the end, this strategy is not a "cure-all." Oftentimes, the community believes that a grant is supposed to be a miracle cure. It is this fallacy that leads to false hope and eventual discouragement.

Since May 2005, the Youngstown Police Department's Lt. Rod Foley, the Center's Heidi Hallas and I have worked with various agencies, faith-based organizations, residents and grassroots entities to try and make this a reality. The new target area was not randomly chosen, but determined through YPD crime statistics from 2000-04. Throughout the process, we gathered input from the community members to learn about their needs.

The Center is not alone in this endeavor. Some of the other key partners include the city of Youngstown, YPD, Youngstown Metropolitan Housing Authority, Youngstown City Schools, Youngstown/Mahoning Valley United Way and St. Elizabeth's Hospital, just to name a few. Youngstown City Councilmen Richard Atkinson and Artis Gillam have also been instrumental in the process.

In the end, this strategy is not about me or YSU or any other entity. It is about helping the people who live in the target area.

It is about people like Willie Williams. Ms. Williams is the president of the Eagle Eye Block Watch. This spunky, fiery woman suffers from chronic back pain, but it does not stop her from trying to make her neighborhood a better place.

If we are fortunate enough to receive this grant, the Center will serve as the fiscal agent, but it will be the Steering Committee, which is comprised of community professionals and residents, who will make the decisions. This is a strategy for the people - people like Willie Williams. ■

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## Campus News Roundup

## Parking lot on University Plaza reopens

The new and improved M-8 parking lot on University Plaza opened on Homecoming Saturday on Oct. 22.

The lot, which features upgraded lighting, ornamental fencing and dozens of newly-planted trees, is designed to enhance the main entrance to campus, especially for visitors, said Joe Scarnecchia, director of YSU support

"The project is part of the overall YSU Master Plan, which calls for improving campus gateways," Scarnecchia said. "These parking lots are particularly important because it is where visitors park and it provides a first impression of the university."

## Hartzell fund surpasses \$100K

Howard and Mary Kay Hartzell presented a \$23,000 check to YSU President David C. Sweet last month to go toward the scholarship fund in honor of their son, Youngstown Police Officer Michael T. Hartzell, who was killed in the line of duty in April 2003.

The \$23,000 brings the balance of the scholarship fund to \$101,000. The fund is held by the YSU Founda-

The Hartzells made the presentation at a luncheon honoring four YSU students who are receiving \$1,000 scholarships from the fund this year. The recipients are: Lauren Losasso of Youngstown, Brittany Schimpf of Girard, Meredith Mylott of Canfield and Michelle Cika of Youngstown.

For more information, contact the YSU Foundation at 330-941-3211. Log on to www.ysu.edu, "Give to YSU" to make an online gift. ■



#### Oil lecture...

Issa M. Al-Own, Kuwait's undersecretary-minister of oil, talks with local news media during a visit to YSU's Kilcawley Center on Oct. 11. Al-Own, whose son is an engineering student at YSU, lectured about "Kuwait's Role in Securing Energy Supplies to the World." Kuwait contains an estimated 99 billion barrels of proven oil reserves, about 8 percent of the world total, and has about 1,600 producing oil wells.

### WCBA honors business alums

Recipients of the Warren P. Williamson Jr. College of Business Administration's 2005 Outstanding Alumni Awards were honored at the WCBA 10th Annual Alumni Banquet on Oct. 21 in Kilcawley Center.

The awardees were: Outstanding Business Alumnus Don Constantini, chief executive and founder of Falcon Transport Co. and Comprehensive Logistics; Outstanding MBA Alumna Anu Shulka, founder and president of RubiconSoft Inc.; Outstanding Recent Alumna Mollie McGovern, assignment manager at WFMJ Television; and Outstanding Service Award to John L. Asimakopoulous, executive vice president and chief financial officer of Apex Paper Box Co. ■

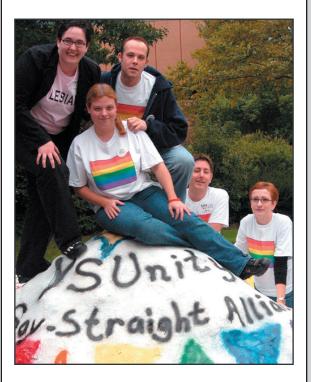
The project is the first step in creating a campus main street extending west from Smoky Hollow and the University Courtyard Apartments, across Wick Avenue, along University Plaza, past Kilcawley Center, the new university bookstore and the new Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center, and to Fifth Avenue.

The second phase of the project, planned for summer 2006, includes widening University Plaza, improving utilities along the street and creating a small parking lot just north of Tod Hall, YSU's administration building. ■



#### The beat goes on...

World-renowned percussionist Johnny Lee Lane leads a clinic for YSU students in Bliss Hall on Oct. 14 during a guest artist visit to campus. Lane, one of the nation's foremost college percussion educators, is an associate professor at Indiana University School of Music at Indianapolis.



#### Coming out...

YSU students, from the left, Christy Campf, Valerie Prevosnak, John Elliot, Jason Hagerty and Mona Lisi pose on The Rock by Kilcawley Center in recognition of YSUnity's National Coming Out Day. YSUnity is a gay/straight alliance that offers support and education to YSU and the Mahoning Valley about issues affecting the gay community. Campf is president of the organization.

## Faculty/Staff

#### **Grants**

**Kristy Boyles**, research associate/HMIS coordinator, Center for Human Services Development, received an HMIS Renewal Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for \$150,924 over three years, August 2005-July 2008.

The following faculty members received University Research Council Grants for 2005:

Melissa Smith, professor, Foreign Languages and Literatures, \$500, "Archeological Expedition To Russia."

**Jill Tall**, assistant professor, Biological Sciences, \$4,100, "Effects of Housing Conditions on Nociceptive Behaviors in Rats."

**Stephanie Tingley**, professor, English, \$1,500, "Editing Emily Dickinson's Letters To Elizabeth Holland for the Emily Dickinson Electronic Archives Project."

**Mark Womble**, associate professor, Biological Sciences, \$1,500, "Pharmacological Actions of Substance P. Analogues."

#### **Presentations**

Angela Kearns, coordinator, Center for Student Progress First-Year Student Services, presented "Youngstown State University's STEM Bridge and Academic Year Program" during the institutional initiative panel session, Ohio Science and Engineering Alliance Programs First Year Experience – Best Practices in STEM Fields, at the 5th Annual Ohio First Year Summit at Wright State University in October.

Submissions for Faculty/Staff should be sent to wawolfgang@ysu.edu

#### **Professional Activities**

Patrick Durrell, assistant professor, Physics and Astronomy, was on a three-day observing run in March 2005 at Kitt Peak National Observatory, near Tucson, Ariz., acquiring imaging data for a project titled "Searching for Planetary Nebulae in Ursa Major." John Feldmeier, another assistant professor of physics and astronomy, was also on the observing run.

#### **Publications**

**Tom Diggins**, assistant professor, Biological Sciences, co-published "Canopy and Understory Composition of Old-Growth Riparian Forest in Zoar Valley, New York, USA" in *Natural Areas Journal*.

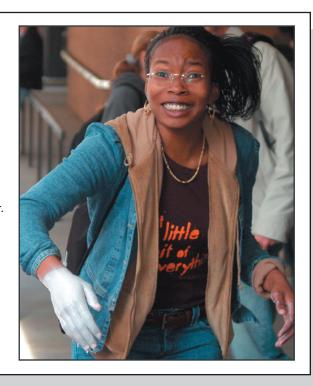
Stephen Ray Flora, professor, Psychology, and YSU graduate Holly Elizabeth Long, published "An Effective Psychophysiology Laboratory on Cardiovascular Reactivity to Cold Pressor Pain," in *Teaching of Psychology*. Long is a YSU psychology honors graduate and a Ph.D. student in developmental psychology at Case Western University.

William Greenway, professor, English, had his poem "Theater" published in Garrison Keillor's "Good Poems for Hard Times." In addition, his poems, "Spot On" and "Coffee House Poetry Rending," have been published in *Shenandoah*. His essay, "Rock of Ages" was published in *Charabanc*.

Patricia J. Sarro, associate professor, Art, has published "Investigating the Legacy of Teotihuacan in the Architecture of El Tajin," in La Costa de Golfo en Tienpos Teotihuacanos: Propuestas y Perspectivas, the proceedings of a conference held in Teotihuacan, Mexico. ■

## All 'waxed' out...

Jauhara Primm of Cleveland, a sophomore forensic anthropology student, reacts after dipping her hand into wax outside Kilcawley Center. Wax Factory, where students made wax models of their hands, was among dozens of campus events leading up to homecoming on Oct. 22.



# Faculty promotions approved; chairs named

President David C. Sweet approved the following faculty promotions:

• Professor: Kathleen Akpom, health professions; James Andrews, physics and astronomy; Rebecca Barnhouse, English; Marianne Dove, teacher education; Gunapala Edirisooriya, educational administration, research and foundations; Stephen Flora, psychology; Jeanette Garr, civil/environmental and chemical engineering; Donna McNierney, teacher education; Allan Mosher, Dana School of Music; John Murphy, communication and theater; Gail Okawa, English; Gary Stanek, mathematics and statistics; William Wood, School of Technology.

 Associate Professor: Sunil Ahuja, political science; Kevin Ball, English; Christine Cobb, human performance and exercise science; Victoria Kress, counseling; Nancy Landgraff, physical therapy; Kenneth Miller, counseling; Jennifer Pintar, human performance and exercise science; Douglas Price, civil/environmental and chemical engineering; Kimberly Serroka, nursing: Thelma Silver, social work; Stephanie Smith, art.

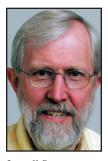
• Assistant Professor: **Susan Lisko**, nursing.

The university also appointed and/or re-appointed the following department chairs for the 2005-06 academic year:

• Vernon F. Haynes, psychology;
Alan M. Jacobs, geological and environmental sciences; Qi Jiang, sociology and anthropology; Nancy Landgraff, physical therapy (acting); Rammohan R. Kasuganti, management; James Kohut, marketing; Scott C. Martin, civil/environmental and chemical engineering; Daryl W. Mincey, chemistry; Nathan P. Ritchey, mathematics and statistics; Peter D. Woodlock, accounting and finance. ■

### Chocolate, slavery topic of prof's new book

BY KAREN SCHUBERT



Lowell Satre

In 1901, Cadbury Brothers, a successful Quakerowned chocolate manufacturer in England, received reports that slaves were producing the cocoa beans the company was buying from plantations

on the island of São Tomé off the west coast of Africa.

In his new book, "Chocolate on Trial: Slavery, Politics, and the Ethics of Business," Lowell J. Satre, professor of history emeritus at YSU, examines Cadbury's response to this use of slave labor. The story centers on a libel trial in 1909 between Cadbury and the Standard, a major London newspaper.

Satre's book contains the same elements that complicate issues societies face today: governments with competing interests, vulnerability of poor and uneducated people, humanitarians, corruption and greed, a free press, the profit-making potential of a global, capitalist economy, and consumers looking for the lowest priced goods.

"We no longer buy things from our neighbors," Satre said, and that makes it hard to know if fair treatment has been used by the producers of raw materials.

Satre, who came to YSU in 1968, said the book is as much his wife's as it is his. His wife, Ellen, served as research assistant and copy editor.

A native of South Dakota, Lowell earned a bachelor's degree in history from Augustana College in Sioux Falls, S.D. and master's and doctorate degrees in history at the University of South Carolina. Ellen received a bachelor's degree in education at South Carolina, and later earned degrees in counseling and music from VSII

Most of the research for the book, which was facilitated by a faculty improvement leave in 1999-2000, came from newspapers at the British Library, the journal entries of British journalist Henry Nevinson, and the Cadbury Company archives.

"The most fascinating was going through the journal of Nevinson," he said. "It's very moving and meaningful to get involved with the examination of documents that were important not only a century ago, but have meaning for our contemporary world."

Nevinson, working for Harper's Monthly Magazine, had heard rumors that men, women and children were being captured and forced to work on São Tomé.

Satre's book describes Nevinson's six-month journey into Angola and back

through São Tomé. The resulting series of articles put pressure on Cadbury and other chocolate companies to buy cocoa from different sources.

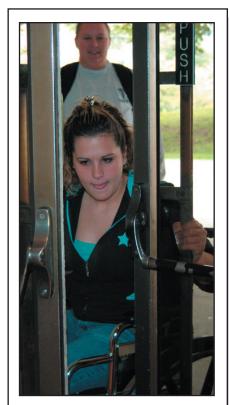
The Satres also spent two weeks on São Tomé, which Satre described as a beautiful tropical island, very green, but very poor. "We walked around in our bright bicycle clothes, we were taller than everybody, and we suspected that in two days everyone knew there was a new couple in town," he said, but added that they felt very welcomed there.

Many of today's residents are descended from slaves. "There is a rudimentary education system, and yet the people were friendly and relatively healthy with no malnutrition," he said. "It was one of the most dramatic and meaningful experiences of my life."

He said that being on São Tomé really put the American lifestyle in sharp contrast. "There aren't any trash bins because everything is used," he said. "Plastic bottles are used until they fall apart. Cars are disconnected so the parts can be reused. Vegetable matter is reused. There is very little paper."

This is Satre's second book. The first, a biography of a British coalminer, was directed primarily to academics.

"Chocolate on Trial," published by Ohio University Press, is available at the YSU Bookstore. ■



## Wheelchair awareness...

Brittnay Bright of Warren, a freshman forensic sciences student, struggles to enter Cushwa Hall in a wheelchair during a disability awareness event called "Where there's a wheel, there's a way." As part of National Physical Therapy Month in October, students, faculty and staff had the chance to navigate around campus in a wheelchair.

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### Statewide enrollment dips nearly 1 percent Finance,

Ohio's public colleges and universities reported a total headcount enrollment of 455,786 students this fall, a decrease of 1,547 students or 0.3 percent over last fall, according to the Ohio Board of Regents.

The decrease follows seven consecutive years of enrollment increases.

"We are pleased to see that enrollments remain at near-record levels," said Roderick G. W. Chu, chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents. "Ohioans continue to understand the value of higher education and continue to pursue it, despite the improving economy.

"However, the apparent downturn is a concern, because for Ohio to compete successfully in the 21st century knowledge economy, all Ohioans need to become better educated – not just out of high school,

but throughout our lives."

While enrollments at community colleges (up 0.4 percent) and technical colleges (up 2.8 percent) grew this year, the number of students at university main campuses (down 0.9 percent) and university branch campuses (down 1.5 percent) dropped.

Of the state's 13 four-year public universities, eight reported enrollment declines. The biggest drop was at Central State (-10.8 percent). YSU's enrollment decreased 2.2 percent, the first drop since 2001. The biggest increase was 2.8 percent at the University of Cincinnati.

For the full enrollment report, visit http://www.regents.state. oh.us/mainpages/pressreleases/ 2005PreliminaryHeadcount.pdf. ■

Jniversity	Fall 2005 Enrollment	Percent change, 2004 to 2005
Akron	21,049	-2.5%
Bowling Green	19,016	0.1%
Central	1,623	-10.8%
Cincinnati	27,932	2.8%
Cleveland	15,754	-3.3%
Kent	23,250	-3.2%
Miami	16,019	-1.8%
Ohio State	50,504	-1.0%
Ohio University	20,293	0.3%
Shawnee	3,820	0.6%
Toledo	19,201	-1.4%
Wright	16,207	1.4%
YSU	12,812	-2.2%
Total*	949 181	-0.9%

\*Also includes NEOUCOM and Medical College of Toledo Source: Ohio Board of Regents

## advancement

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The finance module, launched in July, will improve the university's financial reporting structure, making everything from budget transfers to requisitions easier to process.



Marianne Anderson

Anderson, data systems coordinator in general accounting who leads the team overseeing the new finance system, said implementation has been going well.

Marianne

"Daily processes are now in place

and the pieces of this large puzzle seem to be coming together as we move forward,"

The advancement system, which includes University Development and Alumni Relations, offers features designed specifically for alumni and donor records, including the ability to update and maintain accurate records on donors and

"The system's ability to easily capture, extract and utilize data means that we can tailor our communications and services to the specific needs or preferences of alumni and donors," said Shannon Tirone, Alumni Relations director.

Next up is the university's new "portal" system, an internal, customizable Web site that allows YSU to deliver personalized information and web services to students, faculty and staff. Among the features scheduled for phase one is e-mail, personalized calendars and on campus group communications.

A university-wide contest to name the portal drew about 350 nominations, mostly from students. The name "MyYSU," submitted by student Kamila Pralova, a junior nursing major, was selected the winner.

"This name provides an identity unique to YSU for our own portal system," said Bob Tupaj, YSU web manager and leader of the Luminus portal implementation.

For more information about the Banner project, visit http://www.ysu.edu/yes/. ■

### Rec center entrance named for alumni

The front plaza of the new Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center is now Alumni Plaza.

The naming is in recognition of the YSU Alumni Society's \$100,000 gift to the \$12.1 million fund-raising effort for the recreation center, which opened to students on Sept. 26.

"It is most appropriate that the entrance to this beautiful facility – a facility that was constructed at the request of students – carry the name of the Alumni Society," said Bruce Sherman of Boardman, YSU graduate and Alumni Society

"This center will greatly benefit students who will one day be alumni themselves."

The Alumni Society represents nearly 80,000 YSU graduates.

The plaza was dedicated at a ceremony before YSU's football game on Oct. 15.

YSU launched the \$12.1 million recreation center fund-raising campaign in January 2002. Nearly 650 individuals, including graduates, faculty, staff and other YSU supporters, made donations.

"Our alumni were the impetus of the success of this campaign all along," YSU President David C. Sweet said. "This generous gift from the Alumni Society

strongly demonstrates they want to give back to the institution that means so much to them." ■



The sign for the Alumni Plaza at the entrance of the Andrews Student Recreation and Wellness Center is unveiled by, from the left, Shannon Tirone, director of Alumni Relations; Larry Richards, past president of the YSU Alumni Society; Bruce Sherman, president of the YSU Alumni Society; and YSU President David C. Sweet.

### \$200K grant

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work in collaboration with YSU to establish the Mahoning Charter College for Teacher Education. This pilot program offered an alternative pathway for teachers to earn permanent special education licensure.

Working with a group of a dozen temporarily licensed special education teachers in Mahoning County and the Youngstown City School District, YSU and MCESC established a program that included evening and weekend classes, distance-learning classes and a "performance-based curriculum" that allowed teacher candidates to learn while teaching.

"This program is designed to offer multiple points of entry and to meet the teacher candidates where they are," said Sally Lewis, assistant professor and project director for YSU. "Rather than them coming to campus, you take the training to them."

This year's grants – totaling \$400,000 - will continue the Mahoning Charter College for Teacher Education program and can accommodate up to 35 teacher candidates from schools across Mahoning, Trumbull and Columbiana counties.

Teachers who currently hold a temporary certificate and are teaching in special education classrooms within YSU's regional service area should contact Lewis at 330-941-7240 to determine if they qualify for this alternative program.

### Extreme makeover

campus office.

Pennington's TV

crew videotaped

the presentation,

which was played

back to the Novak

Sweet also

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family, while on an all-expenses paid vacation to Florida.

Reid Schmutz presented YSU

Penguin outfits for the three Novak children and sweatshirts, T-shirts, hats and other YSU items to Pennington, designer Paige Hemmis and other members of the TV crew.

"This family's story has deeply touched the hearts of everyone in the Mahoning Valley, and we are delighted to join the university in helping in any way we can," said Reid Schmutz, president of the YSU Foundation.

Prior to the visit to Tod Hall, Pennington, Hemmis and the TV crew strolled through campus, including visits to a classroom in Ward Beecher Hall and a chance run-in with YSU's women's softball team, who swarmed Pennington for autographs and photos. Pennington and crew members playfully tossed a YSU Penguin football in the area between Tod Hall and the Butler Institute of American Art, before departing campus. ■