

Sweeney Welcome Center

Dedication
Ceremony



October 11, 2001



ROBERT H. and MARILYN SWEENEY

Robert H. Sweeney, a graduate of Boardman High School, has been in the automotive business since 1958. A graduate of Case Western Reserve University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering, Mr. Sweeney worked for Rockwell Industries upon graduation. While working for Rockwell, who was making tank parts for the Cleveland Tank Plant, he decided he wanted to be involved in the automotive business. An offer from the Buick Agency started Mr. Sweeney on a career in the automotive industry that spanned over 46 years.

Community service has been a large part of Mr. Sweeney's life in the Mahoning Valley. He has served on the boards of Western Reserve Care System, Stambaugh Auditorium, Bank One, Toront, Inc. and the Butler Institute of American Art, where he created and supports the Sweeney Children's Gallery in memory of his mother and father. He also serves on the board of the YSU Foundation. Mr. Sweeney served as the Easter Seal Society's Campaign Chairman in 1979.

He has been a member of the National Auto Dealers Association since 1952, serving on the Industry Relations Committee twice. He has been a member of the Auto Dealers Association of Eastern Ohio since its founding in 1964, serving twice as a Trustee and as President for two years in 1978.

Mr. Sweeney received the Youngstown Warren Regional Chamber of Commerce Small Business Man of the Year Award in 1996, an honor never before bestowed by this Chamber on an auto dealer. In 1997 Mr. Sweeney was one of the top ten finalists for Time Magazine's Quality Dealer Award, "the most prestigious award a new car dealer can receive." Dealers are selected for their "outstanding performances, as automobile dealers and as valued citizens of the communities."

Marilyn Sampsell Sweeney has served on the Board of Goodwill Industries and has been active in church related service with Pleasant Grove Presbyterian Church.

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Program

- Welcome Mr. Paul J. McFadden
Director of Development
University Development
- Remarks Dr. Cynthia Anderson
Vice President
Student Affairs
- Remarks Dr. David C. Sweet
President
Youngstown State University
- Remarks Mr. Robert H. Sweeney
- Reception Conference Room
Sweeney Hall

SWEENEY WELCOME CENTER

The Sweeney Welcome Center will serve as the front door of the University – a place to welcome potential students and their families – a location where questions can be answered about the many excellent programs and activities offered at Youngstown State University, and a place where campus visitors may gather – get directions to their campus destinations or perhaps take a tour of the beautiful YSU campus.

- Prospective students will be able to meet with an admissions counselor, receive advice regarding financial aid and scholarships availability, and discuss career opportunities with qualified advisors.
- Information about academic programs offered at YSU as well as support services and student activities will be available. Curriculum guides and informational brochures showcasing the major fields of study at the University will be accessible in both print form as well as via the internet.
- Daily campus program and activity schedules will be available along with assistance to activities.
- Visitors Guides, directions to campus, campus visits and tours, campus maps, and information about area accommodations can be obtained from the Welcome Center.

The Sweeney Welcome Center gives Youngstown State University the opportunity to serve the current university and surrounding community as well as those visitors to the campus who may become members of the YSU community family.