

## YSU rec center campaign gets \$675K boost, nears goal

Four long-time supporters of Youngstown State University have donated a combined \$675,000 to YSU's campaign for a new student recreation and wellness center.

The gifts from the Cafaro, Constantini, Henry/Hively and James families bring the campaign total to \$11.4 million. The campaign goal is \$12.1 million.

"Gifts of this magnitude again show that the community is supportive of this project and the university in general," said Paul McFadden, YSU development chief.

The gifts:

- **\$250,000 from the Cafaro Family** through the Cafaro Foundation. Several members of the Cafaro Family have graduated from YSU, including Anthony Cafaro Sr., a 1968 graduate and member of the YSU Foundation governing board, as well as William A. Cafaro, who graduated in 1992. The main lobby in Kilcawley Center will be named in honor of William M. and Alyce Cafaro.
- **\$150,000 from Don Constantini**, a 1966 YSU graduate and a member of the YSU Penguin Club Board of Trustees. The men's locker room in the new recreation center will be named the Don Constantini Locker Room.
- **\$150,000 from John "Bud" and Dorothy Henry**, and Lee and Diana Hively. The Henry and Hively families have a long history of benevolence to YSU. Lee is a 1974 YSU graduate, and Bud has served on the board of the Penguin Club. The resource suites in the new recreation center will be named the Henry/Hively Wellness Center Resource Suites.
- **\$125,000 from C. Gilbert and the late Adeline Wick James**. Gib James was named the University's Distinguished Citizen in 1990. The Gallery of the second floor of Kilcawley Center will be named the James Gallery. A dedication of the room is scheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 16.

Groundbreaking for the new recreation center is scheduled for April. The 65,000-square-foot center, which will feature a fitness center, climbing wall, weight room, jogging track, racquetball courts and a spiritual meditation room, will be attached to the west end of YSU's Kilcawley Center and is expected to open in fall 2005.

The center will be the first building on the YSU campus constructed entirely with private funds since Ward Beecher Science Hall in 1967.

YSU will be the only public university in Ohio with a rec center built entirely with private funds.

The John S. and Doris M. Andrews Trust, named after the late financier and his wife, has pledged \$2 million to the project. Other major contributions include \$1.5 million from John and Denise York, \$1 million from the Ward and Florence Simon Beecher Foundation, \$750,000 from Anthony and Mary Lariccia and \$500,000 from D.D. and Velma Davis.