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YSU Trustee Charles B. Cushwa III passes away

Charles B. Cushwa III of Poland, vice chairman of the Youngstown State University Board of Trustees, died Saturday, Dec. 6, in Cleveland during surgery at the Cleveland Clinic.

Cushwa was named to the YSU Board of Trustees in 1998, and his nine-year term was to expire in 2007.

"Charlie was a major asset to the board, the university and the community," said David C. Sweet, YSU president. "He has been a strong supporter of YSU for many years, and he will be sorely missed.

"The entire campus expresses its most sincere sympathy to the Cushwa family."

Cushwa was director of the Cushwa Center for Small Business Development at YSU for 10 years until his retirement in 1998. The center was established in 1978 through an endowment from the Cushwa family and Commercial Shearing Inc.

Cushwa previously was corporate secretary for Commercial Intertech, Inc.,

which he joined in 1961.

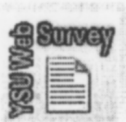
Cushwa earned a bachelor's degree in sociology and a master's degree in economics from the University of Notre Dame. He was stationed in North Africa while serving two years with the U.S. Army.

He served on the advisory board of the Oblate Sisters of the Sacred Heart and the McGuffey Center. He also was a member of the boards of the Ohio Association of Independent Colleges, Youngstown Symphony Society and the Medical Educational Foundation, and he was a member of the Youngstown Rotary.

He was past chairman of the Heart Association of Northeast Ohio and past president of the Mahoning Valley Council of the Boy Scouts of America and the Chesterton Club. Cushwa had a long affiliation with the United Way, serving as campaign chair in 1979. He also was a member and instructor of the Youngstown Power Squadron.

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