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### Wang family gives \$100,000 to YSU rec center campaign

Dr. H.S. Wang of Canfield, a trustee at Youngstown State University, and his wife, Florence, have donated \$100,000 to help construct the new student recreation and wellness center on the YSU campus.

With the gift from the Wang Family Charity Foundation, the \$12 million fund-raising campaign for the new recreation center has reached \$7.4 million.

"A gift of this magnitude shows that the university's leadership is very serious about this project, serious enough that they are willing to provide their own resources," said Paul McFadden, YSU development director.

Wang, whose term as a YSU trustee expires in 2009, is a prominent ophthalmic surgeon in the Mahoning Valley. He is a clinical associate professor of ophthalmology at the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine, past chairman of the Eyes, Ears, Nose, Throat Department at St. Elizabeth Health Center and past president of the Mahoning Valley Medical Society. He also is a member of the Youngstown Rotary Club and a trustee of the Butler Institute of American Art.

Wang said he strongly supports construction of a recreation center on campus.

"I feel that during the critical four to six years of a person's college life that development of a healthy lifestyle is just as important as acquiring knowledge and leadership skills," he said. "I also believe that promoting healthy lifestyles should be part of the university's mission."

Mrs. Wang is past president of the Mahoning County chapter of the American Red Cross, Leadership Mahoning Valley, YWCA and the Mahoning County Medical Society Alliance. She also serves on the Ohio State Service Council of the American Red Cross and is on the boards of the Youngstown Symphony and the International Foundation.

"We believe in education, and we love the university," Mrs. Wang said.

The Wangs have four children, all daughters. The two oldest have followed in their father's footsteps and are ophthalmologists. One of the daughters received her medical degree through the joint program at YSU and the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine.

Construction of the new recreation center will be fully funded through private donations. It will be the first campus building constructed entirely with private funds since Ward Beecher Science Hall in 1967, McFadden said.

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 a \$1 million pledge from the Ward and Florence Simon Beecher Foundation, \$750,000 from Anthony and Mary Lariccia and \$500,000 from D.D. and Velma Davis.

The 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.

Architects for the project are Hanahan-Strollo and Assoc. and Ellerbe Becket, which has offices around the world.



**Dr. H.S. and Florence Wang.**

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