

## Candidates for president visit campus

The four final candidates for the position of president of YSU are visiting campus this month.

“As we head into a new year and a new decade, we at YSU are about to embark on a new era of our own, moving into the final stages of the search for a new president,” said Scott Schulick, chair of the YSU Board of Trustees.

“We believe we have a highly qualified contingent of final candidates, and we look forward to them visiting our beautiful campus and meeting with the wonderful people of the university and community.”

David C. Sweet, president since 2000,

retires June 30.

Visits are scheduled as follows:

- **Jan. 10 to 12**, Dr. Aaron Podolefsky, President, University of Central Missouri.
- **Jan. 18 to 20**, Dr. C. Jack Maynard, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Indiana State University.
- **Jan. 20 to 22**, Dr. Cheryl Norton, President, Southern Connecticut State University.
- **Jan. 25 to 27**, Dr. Cynthia Anderson, Vice President for Student Affairs, YSU.

For details on the visits and to read each candidate’s curriculum vitae, visit <http://www.ysu.edu/trustees/president2010.shtml>.

Schulick encouraged all employees and students to participate and provide feedback to the Board of Trustees. “This feedback will be an important element in our process in identifying the new president,” he said.

“Remember also that these candidates will be ‘interviewing’ us as much as we will be interviewing them. I encourage all of us to put our best foot forward, to

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## University takes over operations of museum

The Youngstown Historical Center of History and Labor, commonly known as the “Steel Museum,” is now under the management of YSU.

The university and the Ohio Historical Society, which owns the museum on Wood Street just south of campus, agreed last month that YSU would assume daily

operations of the facility starting 2010.

Shearle Furnish, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, said the management agreement is a partnership that benefits both the university and OHS.

“The museum is a wonderful community asset as well as an excellent resource for research and scholarship,” Furnish

said. “This is a great opportunity for the university to preserve and maintain this important museum and to expand educational opportunities for our students.”

The agreement is part of OHS’ response to growing budgetary restraints. This year, the Society’s budget was

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## Reynolds named chief of HR



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Kevin W. Reynolds is YSU's new chief human resources officer.

"Kevin has extensive experience and success in all areas of human resources, especially labor and employee relations," said Gene Grilli, vice president

for finance and administration. "We are pleased that he has joined the YSU team and will lead moving our HR efforts forward."

For the past five years, Reynolds was district director of Labor and Employee Relations at Cuyahoga Community College, where he was in charge of planning, organizing and managing labor and employee relations activities and programs for more than 3,200 employees. Prior to joining CCC, Reynolds was HR administrator for the City of Lakewood, Ohio, a senior consultant/project manager with Clemans, Nelson & Associates Inc., and personnel and payroll officer for the Board of County Commissioners in Cuyahoga County.

Reynolds earned a bachelor of business administration degree from Kent State University in 1972, majoring in industrial relations. ■

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## New head football coach 'ecstatic' to return home

New head football coach Eric Wolford says it will take a concerted effort by the entire university and Youngtown community to get the program back on top.

"Not one person is bigger than this team or this program or this university," Wolford said in a press conference in late December where he was introduced as YSU's sixth head coach.

"If we're all on the same page, and we want to get back to what the expectations are, it's going to take a community effort. I'm calling on you. I can't do it alone, but we can do it together."

More than 200 university and community supporters attended the announcement in the DeBartolo Stadium Club. Wolford, a graduate of Ursuline High School in Youngstown, replaces Jon Heacock, who resigned in November after nine seasons as head coach.

Wolford, 38, was running-game coordinator and offensive line coach at South

Carolina in 2009. Prior to that, he spent two seasons at Illinois in the same position. He also previously was an assistant coach at Arizona, North Texas, Houston, South Florida, Emporia State and Kansas State.

"Coach Wolford comes to Youngstown State with an impressive coaching background and we are more than happy to welcome him to our football family," President David C. Sweet said. "He will represent our university in a first-class manner and is very highly regarded throughout the collegiate ranks. He is a great fit for our community, university and football program."

Wolford said he is happy to return to his hometown.

"I'm ecstatic to have this opportunity," he said. "I'm looking forward to this community embracing us, embracing our staff. We love football. We love being here. This is a special moment for my family. I want you to know, this is not going to be done alone; we're going to do it together." ■



Eric Wolford signs an autograph after being introduced as YSU's new head football coach.

# Faculty & Staff

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Cynthia Vinarsky at [cevinarsky@ysu.edu](mailto:cevinarsky@ysu.edu).

**Paul Sracic**, professor and chair, Political Science, delivered a lecture entitled "Is There a Right to an Education in the U.S. Constitution?: The Continuing Importance of the Case of *San Antonio v. Rodriguez*" at the Center for Pacific and American Studies at the University of Tokyo. He also gave a talk on "The 2010 Midterms and American Trade Policy" at the Toyota Motor Corp. in Tokyo. Additionally, he gave a lecture titled "U.S. Midterm Elections 2010: Overview and Hot Issues" at the Nagoya American Center in Nagoya, Japan. Sracic is in Japan as a Fulbright Scholar, lecturing at the University of Tokyo and at Sophia University in Tokyo during the 2009–2010 academic year.

**Yogendra M. Panta**, assistant professor, Mechanical & Industrial Engineering, recently authored a peer-reviewed journal article titled, "Ultrasensitive detection of mercury (II) ions using electrochemical surface plasmon resonance with magnetohydrodynamic convection" in the *Journal of Colloid and Interface Science*.

Co-authors of the article are Shizhi Qian from Old Dominion University, Jing Liu from Huazhong University of Science and Technology-China, Sang Joo from Yeungnam University-Korea and Marcos Cheney from University of Maryland. The article was also presented and published in abstract at American Chemical Society 42<sup>nd</sup> WRM Meeting in Las Vegas.

**James J. Carroll**, professor, Physics and Astronomy, along with P. Walker from the University of Surrey, and F. Currell of Queen's University in Belfast, organized the International Workshop on Atomic Effects in Nuclear Excitation and Decay in Trento, Italy. Forty scientists from around the world attended the workshop hosted by the European Centre for Theoretical Studies in Nuclear Physics and Related Areas, and supported in part by YSU using grant funds from the U.S. Defense Threat Reduction Agency.

**Johanna Krontiris-Litowitz**, professor, Biological Sciences, published "Articulating Scientific Reasoning Improves Student

Learning in an Undergraduate Anatomy and Physiology Course" in *CBE (Cell Biology Education) – Life Science Education*.

**Deborah Mower**, assistant professor, Philosophy and Religious Studies, published a paper titled "Sex Differences in Moral Interests: The Role of Kinship and the Nature of Reciprocity" in the *Journal for the Theory of Social Behavior*. She also presented a paper titled "Understanding Rituals as Scripts: Western Psychology Meets Confucian Moral Education" at Montana State University.

**Paul McFadden**, chief development officer, University Development, presented two workshop sessions at the 5th Annual Petrus Leadership Conference in Orlando, Fla. earlier this month. McFadden spoke on the topics "Donor Motivations for Planned Giving" and "Asking for and Closing Gifts."

**William Greenway**, professor, English, had his poems "Vasectomy" and "Downsizing" published in the fall issue of *The Dos Passos Review*. ■



President David C. Sweet

## President Sweet receives CEO Leadership Award

YSU President David C. Sweet was awarded the 2009 Chief Executive Leadership Award at the Center for the Advancement and Support of Education's Region V annual conference in Chicago.

The award honors a chief executive for outstanding visionary leadership.

CASE is an international association of education advancement officers. Region V includes Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

In presenting the award, Barb Todd, chair of CASE V and executive director of internal campaigns at Illinois State University, cited Sweet's leadership in increasing enrollment, boosting minority enrollment, forging connections with the city of Youngstown and raising more than \$50 million. She also noted that Sweet co-facilitated the development of the internationally-acclaimed Youngstown 2010 comprehensive plan.

"In a time when the economy dominates the media channels, and many small communities are stagnant, this president has kept his eye on improving the surrounding community," Todd said. "The legacy of a great president is the footprint that he/she leaves behind in the community. This leader will be remembered in the Youngstown area as an insightful and caring community partner."

Sweet became YSU's sixth president on July 1, 2000. He will retire June 30, 2010. ■

## Museum

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Shearle Furnish

trimmed by 10 percent after the state withdrew most of its support. The Society expects an additional 11 percent cut in the next two years. As a result, the Society

is seeking local partners to operate some of its 58 historical sites and museums across the state.

Furnish said management of the museum will be led by the YSU Department of History and the YSU Center for Applied History, which is expected to move its offices into the facility. Graduate assistant interns from the YSU master's program in history have been working at the museum, supported by a gift from the Bliss Foundation. In addition, one-quarter of History Professor Thomas Leary's time will be dedicated to the museum's archives, Furnish said.

"Our plan is to make this facility a living laboratory for our students," he said.

"This is a good step for YSU," Provost Ikram Khawaja said.

The museum, designed by renowned architect Michael Graves, provides an overview of the impact of the iron and steel industry on Youngstown and other Mahoning Valley communities. The building houses the museum's permanent exhibition, "By the Sweat of Their Brow: Forging the Steel Valley," which explores labor, immigration and urban history using videos, artifacts, photographs and reconstructed scenes.

Objects on display range from workers' tools and clothing to "last heats," the last batches of steel produced at each of the local steel mills before they closed. Hundreds of photographs, some more than 30 feet long, are used throughout the museum, and videos examine topics such as housing, recreation and urban history. The museum also features life-size

scenes, including a mill's locker room and part of a company-built house.

In addition to the museum and gift shop, a library/archives serves as a repository for local government records and manuscripts collected from workers, companies and labor organizations.

Under the agreement, OHS will retain ownership of the facility, while YSU will be responsible for daily operations, including educational programming and events, admission fees, security, utilities and other routine maintenance. Furnish said total cost of operations amounts to about \$170,000 a year, which he said would be shared roughly half-and-half by YSU and the Society. ■

## Candidates

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welcome these candidates with open arms and to show them what wonderful people, programs and facilities we have here at YSU and throughout the community."

The finalists were identified by the Presidential Search Advisory Committee and presented to the YSU Board of Trustees in December. The committee was formed in July 2009 and was assisted in the process by search consultant Storbeck Pimentel. The consultants had contact with approximately 300 individuals, who were recruited, nominated or expressed interest in applying for the position. The committee conducted initial interviews with 11 candidates in early December and then identified four individuals as the most qualified. The Board of Trustees will make the final decision. ■

## UW campaign hits historic high

YSU's 2009 campaign for the United Way raised \$60,434, up nearly 50 percent from last year.

The amount is believed to be the most for a United Way campaign in the university's history.

"Even in the best of times, raising this amount of money would be extraordinary," said Bob Hannon, president of the United Way of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley. "But, given the condition of the economy on the national, state and local levels, this amount is quite simply astounding."

This year's total was \$20,124 more than what was raised in 2008, and nearly \$25,000 more than 2006.

Hannon thanked everyone at the university – and in particular the steering committee for the YSU United Way Campaign, chaired by Cynthia Anderson, vice president for student affairs.

"This committee stepped up to the plate over and over again to come up with ways to make this fund-raising effort so successful," Anderson said. "It again shows that YSU is a leader in reaching out to improve our community." ■

