

YSU herbarium blooms into one of Ohio's largest

If you were driving through parts of West Virginia or Pennsylvania this summer and thought you saw Carl Chuey along the highway yanking plants out of the ground, you probably did.

Chuey, professor of biological sciences, and a handful of YSU students spent parts of the summer traveling throughout Ohio, West Virginia and Pennsylvania searching for plants to fill in gaps in the collection of the Herbarium of YSU in Ward Beecher Hall.

"We try to pick diverse, public places to find the plants, and sometimes students will end up finding 90 to 100 plants in a single trip," said Chuey, herbarium curator.

The Herbarium of YSU, which is a collection of dried plants used for teaching and research, currently includes 89,000 specimens from 91 countries in six continents, each of the 50 states and nine Canadian provinces.

Chuey hopes to increase that number to 100,000 by 2008, YSU's centennial year.

With 100,000 specimens, YSU would tie with the herbarium at the University of Cincinnati and would make the YSU facility tied for the third largest among the state's 35 herbaria, behind only Miami University and Ohio State University.

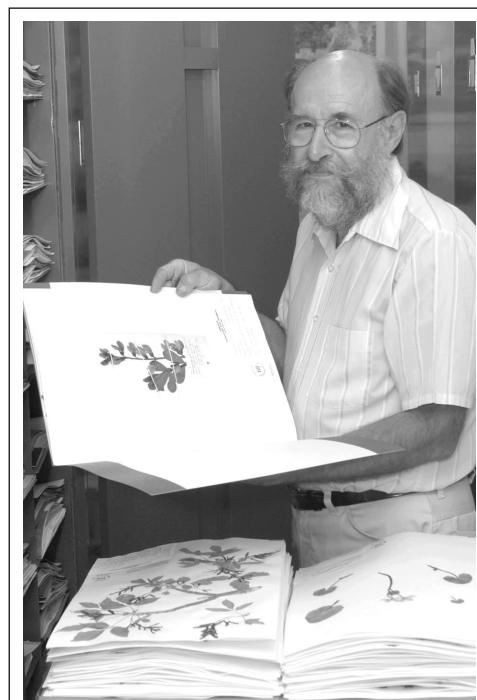
"Reaching the 100,000 level means that we will no longer be a regional herbarium, but a large one," Chuey said. "There are approximately 100 of these large herbaria in the country."

To help reach the 100,000 goal, Chuey has received a \$2,200 University Research Council grant to pay travel expenses to collect additional specimens. He also has received \$35,000 from the National Science Foundation to purchase 35 large cabinets to provide additional archival quality storage for the collection.

Started in 1965, the herbarium had only 200 specimens when Chuey arrived at YSU in 1967.

Plants for the herbarium are collected in the wild, dried, pressed and

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Biology Professor Carl Chuey reviews one of the specimens in the Herbarium of YSU in Ward Beecher Hall. Chuey hopes to increase the number of specimens to 100,000 by 2008.

Letter from the editor...

Welcome back to campus, and welcome to another academic year of the *YSUupdate*.

As you may recall, we launched an online version of the *YSUupdate* last fall. The online version, called *eUpdate*, includes all of the news and features in the printed version. The reaction on and off campus has been very positive.

As a result of the increasing popularity of *eUpdate*, we are introducing a condensed printed version of the *YSUupdate* starting this fall semester. The printed version will still include most

of the news and features that you have come to expect from the *YSUupdate*. The *eUpdate* will include all of those items, and more – more stories, more features, more photos.

eUpdate is available at <http://eupdate.yosu.edu>. If you are not already receiving *eUpdate* via e-mail, please visit the site and subscribe.

If you have any questions, comments or story ideas, please give me a call at 330-941-3285.

Ron Cole, Editor
eUpdate/YSUupdate

'Homework Express' nominated for Emmy

Homework Express, a twice-a-week, interactive call-in television show broadcast live from YSU, has been nominated for an Emmy Award by the Cleveland Regional Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

The show, produced by the telecommunications program in the College of Fine and Performing Arts, is nominated in the category of Best Regularly Scheduled Children's/Youth Program.

It is the first time that a television program produced by YSU has been nominated for an Emmy.

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eUpdate exclusives

For more news about YSU, read these and other stories in *eUpdate* at <http://eupdate.yzu.edu>.

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'We need to walk together'

About 500 faculty and staff attended President David C. Sweet's annual State of the University address Aug. 21 in Kilcawley Center. The full speech is available on the president's web page at <http://www.yzu.edu/president/index.shtml>.

YSU football

Penguins visit Joe Paterno this year, 'The Horseshoe' next year

The YSU Penguin football squad visits Joe Paterno's Penn State Nittany Lions this year and will open the next two seasons against the Ohio State Buckeyes at Ohio Stadium.

The Penguins will face the Buckeyes at "The Horseshoe" on Sept. 1, 2007, and August 30, 2008.

"The opportunity to play a tradition-rich program like Ohio State in consecutive years benefits our student-athletes, our university, our fan-base and the entire Mahoning Valley," said Ron Strollo, YSU executive director of intercollegiate athletics.

"I know everyone in our football family appreciates this chance to play one of the most storied college football

programs in the nation."

The games pit former YSU coach and current Buckeye coach Jim Tressel against his old team. Tressel amassed a 15-year record of 135-57-2 at Youngstown State from 1986-2000, including four national Division I-AA championships.

Meanwhile, expectations are high for this year's YSU squad. The team was ranked third in the Football Gazette Preseason Poll and seventh in the Sports Network's Preseason Top 25.

The Penguins, who went 8-3 last season, are one of three Gateway teams ranked in the top 10 in both polls. The last time the Penguins opened the season ranked in the top 10 was in 2002.

This season's schedule features a trip to State College, Pa. on Sept. 16 for a game against Penn State, ranked third in the nation last season. The schedule also features home games against Slippery Rock, Maine, University of California Davis, Indiana State, Northern Iowa and Southern Illinois and road games against Missouri State, Western Illinois, Illinois State and Western Kentucky.

For dates and times of the games and more information on the football program, including radio and television coverage of the season, visit <http://www.yzu.edu/sports/>.

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Gov. Taft appoints new student trustee



Erienne Raib of Liberty has been appointed to a two-year term as a student member of the YSU Board of Trustees. She was appointed by Gov. Bob Taft.

Raib, a junior, replaces Paul L. Walker, whose term expired earlier this year.

"I applied for the position so I could understand why the trustees make their decisions and communicate those reasons to other students," said Raib, 21, who has a double major in telecommunications and communications.

Faculty Staff

Honors and Awards

Gunapala Edirisooriya, professor, Educational Foundations, Research, Technology and Leadership, received the American Educational Research Association Division H's Outstanding Service Award at its 2006 Business Meeting in San Francisco.

Sharon Mika, coordinator of transfers, Undergraduate Admissions, has received an Unsung Hero/Heroine award from the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi for the 2005-06 academic year. She is one of only 50 chapter officers and support staff members who has been selected for the award.

Presentations

Paul Carr, assistant professor, Educational Foundations, Technology, Research and Leadership, presented "Democracy and Social Justice in Education: What is the Connection?" at the Annual Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences in Toronto.

Andy Chang, professor, Mathematics and Statistics, **Carol Mikanowicz**, professor, Health Professions, **Sal Sanders**, assistant professor, Health Professions, and **Louise Sellaro**, professor, Management, presented "Development of a WebCT Orientation Course to Facilitate Online Learning" at the 17th International Conference on College Teaching and Learning in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. This paper was selected as one of the 13 best papers at the conference and published in "Selected Papers from the 17th International Conference on College Teaching and Learning."

Robert Ward, assistant professor and coordinator, Hospitality Management, recently presented "Railroads of Yates County" to the monthly meeting of the Yates County Historical Society in Penn Yan, N.Y. This is one of a series of presentations that he has made on findings from nearly five years of research on rail transportation in upstate New York.

Davis leads international programs office

Jef Davis, former director of the international students and scholars office at Drexel University in Philadelphia, has been named the new director of the YSU Center for International Studies and Programs.

Davis, a native of Canton, Ohio, assumed the position on Aug. 14.

CISP recruits international students and scholars to YSU and develops workshops in international education. YSU currently enrolls about 110 international students.

Davis graduated from Louisville High School in Stark County in 1981 and received a bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Akron in 1985 and a master's degree in student personnel administration in higher education from Ball State University in Indiana in 1986. He is currently a Ph.D. candidate at the Center for International Higher Education at Boston College.

Davis said he first became interested in international students as an undergraduate at Akron, where he helped international students learn about the UA campus.

"What I love about working with international students is that I am able to look at the American culture through their eyes," he said.

Davis previously was director of the International Students and Scholars Office at Clark University in Massachusetts. He also worked for the Experiment in International Living in Azerbaijan, was director of the State University of New York's Keller International Studies Residential College, was resident director for the Semester at Sea program at the University of Pittsburgh and was international program director at Miami University in Ohio.



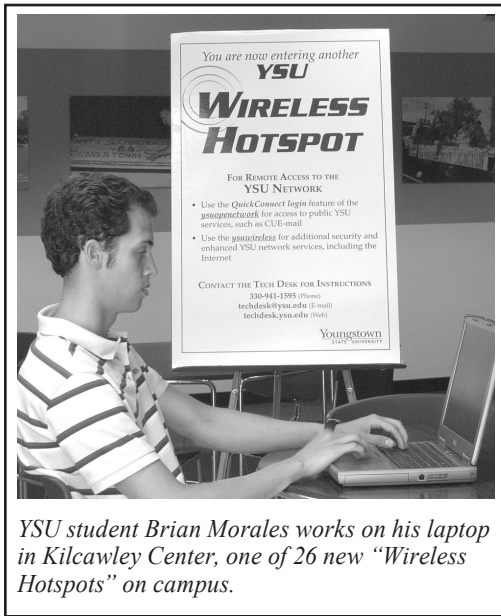
Graduation time...

Graduate Mandi Campana of Hubbard celebrates outside Beeghly Center after summer commencement on Aug. 19. About 450 students received diplomas at the event, including three doctorates in educational leadership. For more commencement coverage, visit eUpdate at <http://eupdate.ysu.edu>.



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YSU student Brian Morales works on his laptop in Kilcawley Center, one of 26 new "Wireless Hotspots" on campus.

Campus introduces 26 'hotspots'

From Arby's in Kilcawley Center to the first-floor student lounge in Beeghly Hall, wireless access to YSU's network is now available in 26 "hotspots" across the YSU campus.

"We're trying to give students, faculty and staff more mobility when it comes to accessing their e-mail, internet and other services," said Jason Rakers, director of network services.

The campus wireless project began in 2005 in Maag Library, where laptop computers were available with wireless network access on select levels of the building, Rakers said.

Wireless is now being expanded in three phases:

- **Phase 1.** Started in the spring and finished over the summer, Phase 1 targeted 26 common areas in 14 buildings on campus. (For a listing of those locations, visit eUpdate at <http://eupdate.ysu.edu>.)

- **Phase 2.** Starting this fall, the deans of YSU's six colleges will identify locations in their buildings for wireless access. Those locations will be implemented starting January 2007.

- **Phase 3.** Set for 2008, Phase 3 will include additional common areas of campus.

For more information, contact Rakers at jtrakers@ysu.edu or 330-941-3035.

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glued to paper. They are then identified, labeled and cataloged in cabinets specially designed to keep out insects and moisture, Chuey said.

About 20 percent of the herbarium's specimens are pteridophytes (ferns), and most are from Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. The oldest date to 1893.

The bulk of the collection is stored in 65, 7-foot-tall cabinets on the fourth floor of Ward Beecher Hall.

"Completing the herbarium to me is

important because it will mean my students and I have achieved a noteworthy goal for YSU," Chuey said. "I guess it can be said that it will be my footnote in the history of YSU."

Homework *(continued from page 1)*

"This has been a true labor of love," said Fred Owens, YSU professor of communications and project director.

The program is a partnership of the College of Fine and Performing Arts

and the Beeghly College of Education, with support from Youngstown city, Warren city and Austintown local schools.

The show's second begins Sept. 19 and will air Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:30 to 5 p.m.

Students call into the show and get assistance with homework from on-air teachers. During the 2005-2006 season, the show aired 314 live calls.

The show's executive producer is Jim Stipetich, and associate producers are Amy Crawford and Bill Brophy.