

Task Force to distribute survey on governance

A committee of faculty, staff, administrators and students has been formed to examine best practices in shared governance and to develop a better overall approach to decision-making at YSU.

The 18-member Shared Governance Task Force was formed in response to contract negotiations last summer and, in particular, a desire by the YSU faculty to see the concept of participatory governance expanded to the entire university, said Greg Moring, assistant professor of art. Moring and Cynthia Anderson, vice president for student affairs, are co-chairs of the task force.

"Shared governance can have benefits both for individuals in the university community and the institution as a whole," Moring said. "Everyone benefits by the enhanced sense of well-being and improved morale that comes through shared governance."

The task force, which includes members of the four campus bargaining units, exempt staff, the university administration, Academic Senate and Student Government, is developing a survey that will be sent to all YSU employees and students.

Moring said the purpose of the survey is to examine current attitudes about the process of governance on campus and to identify ways to improve employee involvement and increase ownership of decision-making across campus.

The survey will be distributed via e-mail through the MyYSU portal early in

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Martin instills Three C's; hopes to produce W's

Cindy Martin's parents taught her to give back. They also taught her to become actively involved in the community in which she resides.

As a coach, she instills the same philosophy in her student-athletes.

"We want to get out in the community and get involved," said Martin, who this month started her first season at the helm of the YSU women's basketball team. "You're going to see us a lot in the community and putting our best foot forward."

As part of "Coach Martin's Three C's: Community, Classroom and Court," the women's basketball team has completed six community service projects since August. "We want our ladies to leave YSU as well-rounded citizens and to give back to the community we live in," Martin said.

With any luck this season, Martin and her team will give back to the community through more than service

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Cindy Martin, YSU's new women's basketball coach, hands out instructions to sophomore guard Makala Gasperek during a recent practice in Beeghly Center.

YSU honors fallen military students, employees

On a frigid morning – the day before Veteran’s Day – soldiers from years past gathered at Veteran’s Plaza outside Beeghly Center to remember YSU students, faculty and staff who died on active duty in the military.

“It is important that we do whatever we can to remember and never forget the service of these individuals,” Mike Shepherd, a Marine veteran and retired YSU ticket manager, said during the ceremony on Nov. 10.



Tim Daniels, a freshman music education major, plays taps during the ceremonies on Veteran’s Plaza.

“The people we honor today are still part of us.”

As flags fluttered in the brisk wind, Shepherd and a group of about a dozen YSU students and employees read the names of 63 students, faculty and staff who died in active military service. A detachment from the Marine Corps League offered a 21-gun salute, followed by the playing of taps.

The annual memorial ceremony started in 1996, the same year that

Veteran’s Plaza was dedicated. The circular plaza was funded through \$600,000 in donations from veterans and veterans groups.

For this year’s ceremony, a bronze plaque honoring 53 students who died in World War II and that for decades hung in Jones Hall, was moved to Veteran’s Plaza. In addition, a new plaque was unveiled honoring eight additional YSU students, faculty and staff who died during World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War, and two who died during active non-duty combat.

Special guests at the ceremony included YSU alumni Major Gen. Robert Lynn, Major Gen. Donald Infante and Maj. Gen. Matthew Kambic.

Names read at the ceremony were: Charles W. Bare, James E. Barnes Jr., Robert Baugh, Gerald S. Bennett, Jerome B. Brenner, Thomas Michael Bresko, Charles H. Brown, Wilbur F. Gordell, Thomas W. Crawford, William Richard Gurl, John J. Datko, Michael Paul Depta, Robert G. Dupola, Joseph J. Esterly, Paul Leonard Foster, Haven Grover, John E. Headd, Harold H. Henderson, Carl Hubert, John P. Hudack, William E. Hura, Harold W. Hutmacher, Ralph E. Johnston, William J. Johnston, Howard K.



Brian Brennan, media technical assistant in the YSU Archives and Special Collections, participates in Veteran’s Day ceremonies on campus.

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Faculty, students contribute to geography text

Four years ago, the YSU Geography Department and the Media and Academic Computing Department combined forces to create a significant contribution for the revised edition of a college-level geography textbook. The first edition, *A Geography of Ohio* was edited by Leonard Peacefull and published in 1996.

Now, students and universities across the country are enjoying the fruits of their labor.

Published in recent months by Kent State University Press, *The Geography of Ohio* consists of six chapters authored by YSU faculty and approximately 40 maps designed and constructed by YSU geography students and media department staff.

Textbook cartographic design advisor, geography professor and chair, Craig Campbell said that the geography department was asked in fall 2004 to make maps for the book because YSU faculty members David Stephens, geography professor emeritus, and Thomas Maraffa, senior assistant to the president, had contributed to numerous chapters in the book.

“Since a few YSU professors had written chapters for the first book, they approached our group to make new maps, and every-

by a number of different individuals.

“This time, the maps were done in one location, and they all have similar looks,” he said. “It takes a while to make a map, but we made as many as we could.”

Five YSU geography students took on the time-consuming task of mapmaking, using the geographic information systems software, ArcGIS, to draw together digital map files and design new maps. The media department assisted the students with graphic design, and Campbell and Shellito gave the students map design advice.

“There are unspoken rules with maps,” Campbell said. “You try to stay away from gaudy colors, and if your lines are too thick, your maps look cartoonish. We just made sure the maps looked proper.”

The Geography of Ohio contains 285 pages and 14 chapters and is available online at Amazon.com and the Kent State University Press Web site. Students contribut-

ing to the book were Tom Buckler, Jason Delisio, Eric Devine, Nicole Eve and Chris Migliozi. Media designers were Christopher Casanta, Marcia Hunsicker and Renee Vivacqua. ■

Story by Britta Snowberger



Geography department faculty Craig Campbell, Tom Buckler, Tom Maraffa, Bradley Shellito and David Stephens display a copy of “*The Geography of Ohio*.”

thing just fell into place,” Campbell said.

Bradley Shellito, associate professor of geography and textbook cartographic advisor, said that a major criticism of the first book was that the maps lacked a cohesive design because they had been constructed



Research luncheon

Frank Li of electrical and computer engineering, Jala Jalali of electrical and computer engineering, Hazel Marie of mechanical and industrial engineering, and Kin Moy of electrical engineering technology received a special Dean's Award at the 11th annual Research Recognition Luncheon Nov. 12 in Kilcawley Center. The award, also received by Doug Price of civil/environmental and chemical engineering (not pictured), was for Establishing University-Industry Research Partnerships. Allen Hunter of chemistry received a special Dean's Award for Establishing a Cyber-Lab Network and Leadership in Assisting Federal Agencies in Establishing Related Public Policy. The Department of Physics and Astronomy received the Dean's Award for Superior Success in Obtaining External Funding. And James Carroll of physics and astronomy received the Dean's Award for Superior Success in Obtaining External Funding. Photos of all award recipients can be seen in eUpdate at <http://cfweb.cc.yzu.edu/marketcomm/index.cfm>.

Task Force survey

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the week of Nov. 24. Moring said the survey will take no more than three minutes to complete. "It is important that everyone participate, so please make a point to complete the survey as soon as possible," he said.

Shared governance

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is the set of practices under which faculty, staff and students collectively participate in addressing significant decisions that affect the current and future directions of the

university.

Moring said YSU's current attention on shared governance does not arise from any perceived need to correct serious errors in leadership or administration, nor does it intend to diminish the good work that is already done collectively.

"It is rather an attempt to refine our processes and seek an even higher level of effectiveness," he said. ■

Basketball coach

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projects—they will bring home victories to the Mahoning Valley.

Named the Women's Basketball Coaches Association's 2007-08 Division II East Region Coach of the Year, Martin came to YSU from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, where she led the women's basketball team to a three-year record of 70-23.

Successful at a smaller university, Martin is not intimidated by the jump to a Division I program. "I believe that my job is exactly the same as it was at IUP," she said. "The game didn't change, just the level of the athlete."

And with her higher-level athletes, Martin, a former University of Florida player, hopes to take the Horizon League by storm. Martin believes that the basketball team will make an impact this season because the players have been receptive to her coaching techniques and have worked hard to get in

the best of shape.

"The ladies are awesome. They believe in the system we are teaching them, and they are truly a pleasure to coach," Martin said. "We are excited to get to see our hard work pay off."

Not only is Martin excited about the rest of the season, she is simply happy to be at YSU and ready to settle in to her new community. "YSU is a great college campus for student-athletes," she said. "It's a great sports town and we all feel right at home here."

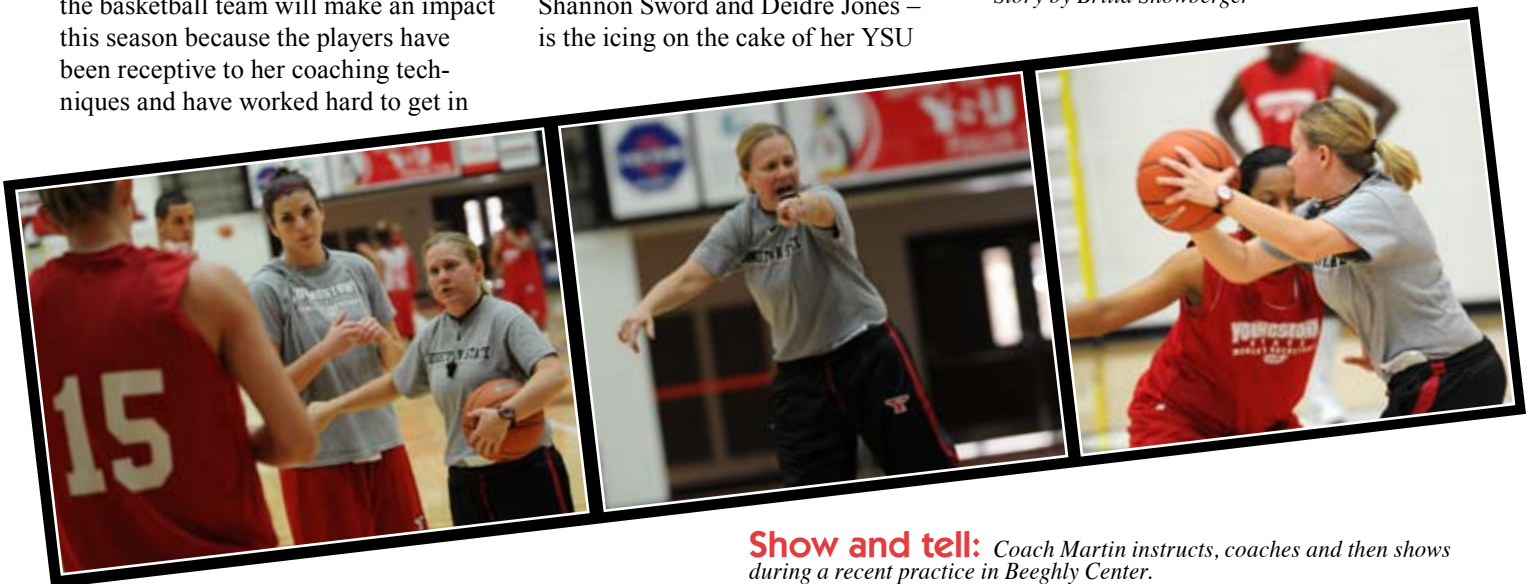
Martin said her coaching staff – Bernard Scott, Meredith Baugher, Shannon Sword and Deidre Jones – is the icing on the cake of her YSU



basketball experience. "I just love my coaching staff," she said.

"They are energetic and hardworking, and they are doing such a great job." ■

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Show and tell: Coach Martin instructs, coaches and then shows during a recent practice in Beeghly Center.