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Sweet sets presidential agenda

■ The new president met with students, his cabinet and the Administrative Advisory Council during the first week he was in office.

ANGELA GIANOGLIO
Editor in Chief

A week and a half after taking office, YSU's new president, Dr. David Sweet, already has his office organized and his agenda set.

Although not yet decorated with nick-nacks, photos and memorabilia, Sweet has already begun making the office of the President his own, complete with a restored desk given to him 22 years ago by some of his students.

Sweet started off his first week as YSU's sixth president by meeting with his cabinet, administrative advisory council and some incoming freshman who were going through the Student Orientation Advisement and Registration program.

Over the weekend he enjoyed some time at the Summer Festival of the Arts.

"What you saw were people coming onto this campus who probably on a regular basis do not do that, and I think we have to do more of that," Sweet said.

Back in the office Monday, Sweet said he is going to continue with his plan to determine where YSU is now, where it is going and how it is going to get there.

"That is a paradigm that has served me well in my years as a student. So the first phase of my week and of this presidency is trying to get a handle on where we are in terms of issues like enrollment, diversity and partnerships, which I think are very important," Sweet said.

By partnership, Sweet said he wants to form relationships with institutions and businesses in the surrounding area, increasing internship opportunities for YSU students and creating more recruitment for students in the Youngstown and Warren City Schools.

He added that one of the most important issues to address, which also ties in with building community partnerships, is diversity.

Sweet intends to pick up where his predecessor, Dr. Leslie Cochran, left off. His plans to recruit within the local inner city

schools are one phase of the diversity development.

"What I'm looking for are the institutional partnerships, the sustained, long-term high impact relationships with the school districts and other types of organizations where we can benefit from each other," he said.

Sweet said he has asked fellow administrators to offer input on priorities they think YSU should mainly focus on in the next six months.

As for the quarters to semesters transition set to take effect Aug. 28, Sweet said, "I had this experience in my prior position two years ago [at Cleveland State University], and we survived."

"I know there was a lot of effort put into a smooth transition, and I'm comfortable we have a plan in place," he added.

Familiarizing himself with the business and financial operations of the university is a main priority as well because he said that is "the foundation on which all of our programs and activities are provided."



Dr. David Sweet
YSU President

Faculty, administration comment on survey

■ Results of a poll taken by YSU faculty show that many faculty disagree with some past administrative decisions.

KATIE BALESTRA
Copy Editor

A survey taken during spring quarter by YSU faculty members revealed that there are many problems that need to be solved between the faculty and the administration.

Of the 210 faculty members that took the survey, 75 percent said they cannot express views to YSU administration without fear of reprisal.

A majority of the faculty also indicated that the administration does not cooperate to solve problems and poorly managed the issues dealing with plagiarism, among other topics.

The survey also addressed such issues as classroom size, safety and faculty workload.

Mark Shutes, associate professor, sociology and anthropology, is chair of the faculty union executive committee who conducted the survey.

Shutes said the committee does not want the survey to be used to criticize the past or the administration but to be used as points of discussion for the future.

"I don't want the survey to be used as a public criticism. There are problems, but we are interested in working with the new adminis-

tration on some of the issues identified in the survey. It's a basis for problems we need to work out for the future," he said.

"We will use the survey as a tool for communication in the future," he added.

Although The Jambar was told YSU President David Sweet was supposed to be the first person to receive the survey results June 30, they were not delivered to his office until Tuesday morning.

Shutes said the committee wanted the faculty to have the results before Sweet.

Sweet said, "I look forward to discussing the results and the issues we will be looking to address. Any further detailed comment would be premature."

Although Sweet was given a copy of the results, Dr. James Scanlon, provost, and Dr. Janice Elias, assistant provost, did not receive a copy.

The provosts oversee the academic division of the university and are the top of the chain of command for faculty.

Executive vice president G.L. Mears did not return calls.

Elias said under the faculty agreement any communication that is distributed to the entire faculty must also be given to the administration.

Welcoming New Students



SOURCE OF INFORMATION: Jeff Boggs, president of LGBT, works at the LGBT table during Student Orientation, Advisement and Registration Wednesday. LGBT was one of many organizations on campus that set up information tables in the second floor arcade in Kilcawley Center.

Appointments made by new administration

■ The new university president selected two individuals for vacant positions on campus and made some organizational adjustments.

MAUREEN LOWRY
News Editor

During his first official week as YSU president, Dr. David Sweet has already begun appointing faculty to temporary positions around campus. However, some posts remain vacant.

With the new administration, a new special assistant to the president was appointed.

John L. Habat, former vice president of government and transportation for the Greater Cleveland Growth Association, has replaced Dr. Charles McBriarty, who retired June 30.

In Cleveland, Habat established a 20-year background in community development. He is familiar with economic and public evolution of urban areas, as well as associated government relations.

"His extensive statewide network of relationships with senior executives in business, government, philanthropic and academic

communities will make him a valuable resource in our efforts to strengthen government relationships, specifically at the state level," Sweet said.

Habat has been involved in several public policy initiatives including such organizations as the Regional Business Council of Northeast Ohio and the Ohio Department of Development.

"As a state university it is important that we have an active government relations initiative. I see myself as an advocate for educational funding, even though Ohio lags behind in the funding for higher education," Habat said.

Similarly, another position involving university progress has been filled.

The interim vice presidency for the Division of Development and Community Affairs has been acquired by Gil Peterson, who once served as the executive director of the Public Service Institute.

Peterson's new duties on cam-

pus include administering the University's special events, preparation of events and university relations.

Also among the changes being made to the university by Sweet are two organizational adjustments.

In order to address the progress of diversity, the office of Equal Opportunity and Disability Service and the Intercollegiate Athletics department will be directly supervised by Sweet.

Sweet said, "Diversity will be a major part of this administration."

Some important positions around campus, however, remain vacant.

The recent relocation of Dr. Clara Jennings to the University of Massachusetts in Boston has left an opportunity for YSU to select a new dean for the education department.

A country-wide search for an interim dean is already underway.

Local actors keep viewers amused at new location

■The Oakland Center for the Arts recently moved and is having a successful season.

CHRISTINA PALM
Managing Editor

For anyone looking for local talents in theater this summer, the Oakland Center for the Arts is one place to turn.

The Oakland Center is a community theater made up of individuals, including high school and college students, from the area.

The center, in conjunction with The Shops at Boardman Park, will be showing several productions in the next two months.

First on the list is "Smoke on the Mountain," written by Connie Ray and directed by Alexandra Vensuch with musical arrangements by Mike Craver and Mark Hardwick.

The show is a gospel musical about a family in North Carolina.

"It is a really fun show. We've done it in the past, and it was very well received. We've been asked many times to do it again, and that's why we brought it back," said Brendan Byers, operations manager, Oakland Center.

"Smoke on the Mountain" will be performed 8 p.m. Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, and 8 p.m. August 11 and 12 at the Oakland Center. It will also be performed 8 p.m. July 28 and 29 at the Maag Outdoor Arts Theatre in Boardman Park.

The next show the center will be performing is "The Complete History of America, Abridged," directed by Nicholas Cordova.

It's a three-actor, 90-minute comedy that condenses 200 years of history into a short time frame.

"This is a very silly show. We performed excerpts from both 'Smoke on the Mountain' and 'The Complete History of America, Abridged' at the Summer Festival of the Arts, and they were both very well received," Byers said.

"It was the first time I had seen 'The Complete History of America, Abridged,' and I was in

tears from laughing so hard. The audience loved it," he added.

"The Complete History of America, Abridged" will be performed 8 p.m. July 21 and 22 at the Maag Outdoor Arts Theatre in Boardman Park. It will also be shown 8 p.m. August 4 and 5 and 2:30 p.m. August 6 at the Oakland Center for the Arts.

The Oakland Center is also starting a cabaret series featuring various artists throughout the year. First in the series will be "My Own Space," an evening of music by James McClellan, YSU alumnus, with Anthony Ruggiero, YSU professor, on piano.

The performance will take place 8 p.m. July 22 and 7 p.m. July 23 at the Oakland Center.

The Oakland Center, which recently moved to its location at 220 West Boardman Street, Youngstown, will be joined at that location in a few months by the Flick Click.

The Flick Click, which shows low-budget movies, plans to move into the center in September or October.

To fund the move, there will be a fundraiser 7:30 p.m. Friday at Powers Auditorium.

All money raised will go toward equipment such as projectors, according to Byers.

The center will be showing "Spring Forward," which won awards at the Toronto Film Festival.

The film was produced by Michael Morely from Youngstown and stars Ned Beatty, Liev Schreiber ("Scream"), and Perri Gilpin (TV's "Frasier").

Writer and director Tom Gilroy will be at the showing both before and after.

"This was the first season at our new home. It has been a successful season, and we are very pleased," said Byers.

For ticket information, contact Byers at 746-0404.



Looking
to
the
Future

FRESHMAN DECISIONS:

Joy Settles looks at information about the Airforce ROTC at Kent State University. She will be a freshman in the fall with a tentative major in journalism. The ROTC had a table set up in Kilcawley Center for Student Orientation, Advisement and Registration Wednesday to encourage freshmen involvement in the ROTC program. SOAR started July 6 and continues through August.

Camp keeps kids clear of streets

■The program is funded with government money to help underprivileged children have a good learning experience over the summer.

JO-LYNN HUNTER
Contributing Writer

The 300 kids running loose on campus this summer are hard to miss.

Instead of moaning complaints when they rush by, be thankful YSU is here for them.

Dr. Marcia Matanin and countless others are working hard to keep the kids here instead of out on the streets.

In 1994 Matanin wrote the National Youth Sports Program federal grant. Today the government allots YSU \$65,000 annually to give local underprivileged kids a quality learning and social environment during summer months.

The NYSP Camp is a summer event for children between the ages of 10 and 16 of low income homes.

Unlike other university athletic camps, strict guidelines require the NYSP to structure in 50 percent education along with the 50 percent sports competition.

"These kids have fun with the sports, and they learn so much more about life than they expected," said Mikala Pritts, graduate instructor.

Each child is provided with a well-balanced breakfast and lunch daily. The camp is required to teach swimming to all the kids, and free physicals are given along with medical consultation if needed. Parents who do not have the money for check-ups value this service because health problems are caught early.

Math and science lessons are taught daily by local teacher Michelle Hirschel. Geraldine Donaldson, educational assistant, The Rayen School, instructs students on the dangers of drugs and alcohol during her prevention classes.

"Not only are we providing a fun summer environment, we also provide structure for these kids. That is something every child needs," said Matanin.

The Youngstown Area Community Action Council donates one piece of sporting equipment to each child.

This organization is also funding a trip to Six Flags Amusement Park at the end of the summer.

They are responsible for most supplemental funding.

The camp maintains an impressive 1-to-15 staff-to-student

ratio. The grant provides for eight instructors, all of whom hold degrees centered in sports or education.

Education and sports majors make up the eight instructional aids on staff. The camp also employs several YSU graduates.

The camp boasts a 65 percent return rate. Several students too old to return as participants volunteer to assist with activities.

William Fowler and George Revere returned this summer as certified lifeguards to both inspire and teach the younger children. Their certification was gained through the NYSP program.

Carol Staten, liaison officer, said, "We've seen these kids mature over the years, and I am proud of their growth and accomplishments."

Matanin said she is most impressed by the little lessons like punctuality, personal hygiene and, most importantly, the rise in self esteem.

"It is nice to see that most of the staff and faculty are aware of the true benefits of what we are accomplishing here," said Matanin.

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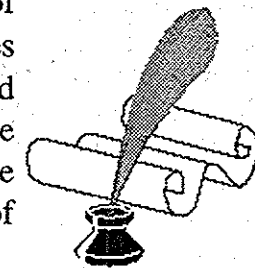
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EDITORIAL

Results should have been delivered sooner

YSU President David Sweet received his copy of a survey conducted by the executive committee of the faculty union one week later than originally planned, which is still sooner than any other top administrator.

The reason: according to Mark Shutes, a member of the executive committee, the survey was to be circulated among the faculty before going to the president.

The result: Sweet heard about the survey from every source, including The Jambar, before seeing it for himself.

For a week he heard about the survey, received excerpts of the results and listened to countless rumors about the motives and effects of the survey. But he didn't get his copy until Tuesday morning, more than a week after The Jambar was told he'd get it.

When a copy was delivered to The Jambar June 30, the staff was told Sweet would have his copy by July 3 and that all faculty and administrators would have their copy no later than July 5.

As of Wednesday, neither Dr. James Scanlon, provost, or Dr. Janice Elias, assistant provost, had received a copy.

The survey, which polled faculty on issues such as classroom safety, administrative behavior and working conditions, was supposed to give Sweet a look at the faculty's opinions about the university in order to work toward resolving problems.

Shutes said the purpose of the survey was not to criticize the administration but to use it as a model to improve faculty/administration relationships. How can that possibly take place when those who are the subject of the survey are not aware of its results?

The provosts oversee the faculty division of the university, so they should be very interested in a survey regarding faculty opinions.

Those who conducted the survey hurt their cause by keeping a copy from Sweet far too long after the information became public. The survey included some very critical, and seldom spoken of, issues that reflect negatively on the administration.

According to the survey, 75 percent of the faculty said they cannot express views to the university administration without fear of reprisal. This information indicates a severe problem with the relationship between the administration and faculty, especially considering former YSU President Leslie Cochran spoke of the improved relationships between the two bodies.

With most of the summer faculty putting in partial time and the rest of the faculty enjoying their vacation off campus, was it really that important and effective to distribute the survey to them before Sweet? After all, the information is relevant to him. The faculty is already aware of the deteriorating relationship, or else the results of the survey wouldn't have been as consistent as they were.

It is understandable that the executive committee wanted the faculty to have the survey first, so they knew what the president would be seeing. But by also wanting Sweet to have the survey his first week in office, the committee utilized bad timing because half the faculty is not on campus regularly.

Sweet is not Cochran. The results of the survey are a product of the Cochran administration, with which, via of the survey, the faculty expressed a deep mistrust. As valid as that mistrust might have been a few short weeks ago, Sweet deserves the benefit of the doubt until he proves what kind of leader he will be.

However, to their credit, the executive committee made it exceptionally clear that they want to focus on correcting the problem, not point fingers. Unfortunately, their initial actions indicate that letting go of past inhibitions may not be easily done.



A STAFF VIEW
MAUREEN LOWRY
News Editor

Classroom manners

I am sure that most people can think of a student who was a great source of annoyance in a class. They are the redundant question-askers, the brown-nosers, the interrupters, and the first students to volunteer for everything. They have no classroom etiquette.

If manners expert Emily Post had attended some of my classes, I believe she would have written an entire volume on "classroom conduct."

Several of my classes have contained "worst-case offenders," who include students who always sat in the front row.

I think they actually started to think that if they were unable to see the other students, they would disappear.

These were overly-enthusiastic people who had backgrounds in the subject, which led to the inevitable interruptions, interjections, and stories. The professor eventually asked that comments be limited to five per student per class.

There are also those students who enjoy having a conversation between only themselves and the instructor. Usually, professors try to steer the lecture back on track. However, there is always a way to find a controversial topic, which pushes the professor's buttons and keeps the conversation one-on-one.

Is a student like this easy to recognize? Yes. When they speak, other students begin to read other textbooks, pull out their cell phones, or put their heads down for a nap.

The question-askers fit into another category of disruptive students. There is a fine line between asking to understand and asking for the sake of asking.

The majority of the instructors I have encountered provide coherent, informational material. In the middle of the lecture, students ask, "Can you explain that again?" or "Is this material on the test?"

The answers to these questions can easily be found on the syllabus or addressed by the professor at the beginning of class.

Of course almost everyone is familiar with the next group of students who cause distractions and are disliked by many other students.

These particular individuals evolve during elementary school. They are the brown-nosers.

They are the students anxiously nodding their heads during the lectures. They are always bringing in additional books or videos to share with the class. They invite the whole class to their house to study before finals week. The only cure — ignore them. Let them know their antics are not appreciated and are more disruptive than helpful.

When a professor neglects a brown-noser or snubs a redundant question, I want to applaud.

Not all students are captivated by every subject. Professors keep office hours for those students with extraneous questions and comments.

The whole class should not have to suffer because a few students have to be in the limelight.

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