

Woman to head college

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YSU announced this week that Dr. Cynthia Hirtzel has been named the new dean of the William Rayen College of Engineering and Technology. Hirtzel is the first woman to serve as top administrator of the College of Engineering.

University President Dr. David Sweet said he foresees her "playing a leading role in demonstrating careers for women in engineering and attracting women to the engineering program."

Hirtzel said, "I hope to not only attract women to the program, but promote diversity altogether. There are very few minority groups in the program, and I hope to let these underrepresented groups know that engineering is an option."

Hirtzel comes to YSU from State University of New York at Plattsburgh, where she was a former provost and vice-president for Academic Affairs and is a physics professor.

Previous to serving at SUNY, Hirtzel was the dean of the College of Engineering and professor in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Temple University in Philadelphia from 1995 to 1998.

Dr. Charles A. Stevens, who is retiring, has served as dean since 1995.