McGraw named dean of Fine Arts College

Dr. William R. McGraw, chairperson of the Division of Drama at West Virginia University (WVU), has been named first dean of the new College of Fine and Performing Arts at YSU, effective August 1.

The establishment of the College of Fine and Performing Arts, consolidating the disciplines of art, music, speech and dramatics was approved by the YSU Board of Trustees in 1974.

In addition to his role as chairperson of the drama division, McGraw served as professor and member of the graduate faculty at WVU College of Human Resources and Education.

Prior to joining WVU in 1972, he served as associate dean at the University College at Ohio University for five years and assistant and associate dean of OU off-campus academic programs for three years.

McGraw, with 20 years teaching experience on the university level, has been ar active dramatic performer and director. His creative credits include 20 leading roles in university, community and summer theaters; directing 30 productions at university theatres; design of 15 sets and the writing of a play produced at Ohio State University and subsequently adapted for television and produced on NBC regional television.

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Co-author of Principles and Styles of Acting (Addison-Wesley, 1970), he has also written articles for The Educational Theatre Journal, Modern Drama, Studies in Scottish Literature and Dramatics.

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He is the recipient of the McCreight prize in drama awarded to the outstanding four-year drama student at the College of Wooster, a faculty research award at the University of Oregon and has been honored with four citations for excellence by the American Educational Theatre Association in 1962, 1963, 1971, and 1972.