

**President's Report  
YSU Board of Trustees  
David C. Sweet  
December 16, 2009**

**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FALL 2009 SEMESTER**

**COMMENCEMENT DECEMBER 13, 2009**

- **700 students received degrees**
- **Bishop Murry commencement address**
- **Partnership between YSU and Diocese**

**ACADEMIC AND STUDENT INITIATIVES**

- **The Academic Division under the leadership of Provost Khawaja continues to implement the Academic Strategic Plan including:**
  - Vision Statements for the Centers of Excellence.
  - The next stage of planning for the implementation of a university college concept.
  - Today the Board of Trustees will vote to approve a resolution for a management agreement between the Ohio Historical Society and YSU for the Museum of Industry and Labor. This will integrate this facility with the academic programs at YSU.
- **Veterans Affairs—actions to serve those who have served us.**
  - YSU designated a Military Friendly Campus
  - Opened Office of Veterans Affairs
  - Dedicated Armed Forces Boulevard
- **Eastern Gateway Community College**
  - EGCC opened for the Fall Semester. Jefferson County Community College was subsumed into EGCC.
  - The Coordinating Committee comprised of YSU, EGCC, and LCC leadership has met twice this semester.
    - Identified working groups on academic programs and support services.
    - Pleased with the cooperative spirit.

## **CAMPUS PLANNING**

- **Board of Trustees will vote on recommendation to issue up to \$24.5 million in bonds for Phase 2 Centennial Campus Master Plan Projects.**
  - Kilcawley Center
  - WATTS Center
  - Parking facilities
  - Intramural fields
  - STEM building planning
  - Renovations to former Williamson Hall
- **Board of Trustees will vote on resolution to modify the Centennial Campus Master Plan to accommodate:**
  - The development of the Flats at Wick.
  - Retention of existing residential and commercial property proposed for redevelopment of a third dormitory building in the Lyden-Cafaro Quadrangle.
  - The development of the WATTS Center on the current site of the outdoor track.
  - The redevelopment of the current tennis courts to a 175-car parking lot.
  - Relocation of the outdoor track, soccer field, softball diamond, tennis courts, and recreation field to west of Fifth Avenue.
  - Restoration of Wick Pollock Mansion and the removal of the newer addition.
- **AT&T Tower lighting in October.**
- **Topping off of new Williamson College of Business Administration Building.**
- **First tree plantings of the Campus Beautification Initiative.**
- **Selection of architects for Wick Pollock Inn and Kilcawley Student Center projects.**

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES**

- **Hub of Innovation and Opportunity.**

## **WELCOME**

- **Kevin Reynolds, Executive Director of Human Resources, who will start in January.**
- **Eric Wolford, new football coach.**

## **GENEROUS SPIRIT OF YSU**

- **YSU United Way Campaign exceeded its \$45,000 goal by 32% and has raised nearly \$60,000 to date.**
- **YSU Toys for Tots—over 900 toys and \$1000 dollars raised at the Holiday Breakfasts.**
- **YSU Annual Fund—Total Faculty/Staff giving, including the Annual Fund is currently \$73,400 for the first six months and is 124% ahead of giving in the first six months of last year.**