OSU gets $2 million for Success Center

A $2 million gift from the family of the late Floyd Younkin will help Ohio State University finish construction of a center designed to improve student performance and the campus experience.

The $10 million Younkin Success Center, at the site of the former Neil Hall on Neil Avenue, will be a learning mall for students seeking help with career placement, counseling and orientation to campus life.

The Younkin gift will flow through the Athletics Department, which is providing $300,000 toward construction. The rest of the money will come from the sale of university bonds.

Floyd Younkin was president of Greenlawn Realty of Columbus and founder of Greenlawn Mobile Home Sales and the Florida-based Dycom Industries, one of North America's largest telecommunications and electrical-services companies.

"I'd be pleased if years from now students see the Younkin Success Center and know that it's a place that helps secure their futures, their successes," Floyd Younkin's son Ronald said in a news release.
Younkin Success Center gives
Ohio State students the edge

COLUMBUS -- The Ohio State University this month will dedicate the newly constructed Younkin Success Center, named for the family of the late Floyd Younkin of Columbus. The Younkins' support for the center will contribute to the success of all students, better preparing them for life after Ohio State.

The dedication will take place on Tuesday (6/6) at 5:15 p.m. at the Success Center, 1640 Neil Ave. Media representatives are welcome.

Ohio State President William E. Kirwan; members of the Younkin family; David Williams II, vice president for student and urban/community affairs; Martha Garland, vice provost and dean for undergraduate studies; Bill Hall, assistant vice president for housing, food and event centers; Kate Brown, student athlete; and building architect Susan Maxman will be among those to participate in the dedication.

The Younkin family contributed $2 million naming gift to the project.

Thanks to a collaborative effort between the offices of Academic Affairs and Student Affairs, plans for the $8.6 million Success Center have been under way since March 1997. The center, which opened this spring, consolidates several student -- and some faculty -- services under one roof. Student Athlete Support Services, Counseling and Consultation Service, the Career Connection office, Faculty and TA Development, the new Academic Learning Lab and a media resource suite have all set up shop in the new center.

"It just made sense that these two offices would come together on this project because students need all kinds of support to thrive both inside and outside of the classroom," Williams said. "The Success Center provides services from both areas under one roof -- making it easier for students to get the help they need to be successful at Ohio State."

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Student counseling services to get new home

State-of-the-art facility will be built on Neil Avenue

By Jason Davis
Lantern staff writer

Construction on a facility that will centralize career and counseling services is scheduled to begin as soon as the university receives approval, said Louise Douce, director of Counseling and Consultation Service.

Plans for building the Success Center on Neil Avenue, south of 17th Avenue, have been in the works for about a year, and the center will make it easier for students to access counseling and advising services, she said.

The center will house all career services offices and will be state-of-the-art with new computers and other technology, she said.

"It should be an exciting building visually and a very exciting building for students to utilize," Douce said.

The center will also house Academic Learning Services, Counseling and Consultation Services, Faculty and Teaching Associate Development, Campus Services and Student Athlete Support Services.

"The university wants to create a nourishing environment for students to succeed," said Victor Mara, associate director of enrollment management. "OSU's goal is to have all of the units in one place and for them to act as one."

Another reason for moving the services is to create more space for growing departments, such as athletics, said Douce.

While the center won't be completed for two or three years, Douce said she is very excited about the move.

"It will allow us to function more easily as an integrated network," she said.

"— Louise Douce, director"
The Younkin Success Center was built in 2000 by The Ohio State University with major funding from the Younkin family. Younkin services are a unique collaboration among the Office of Academic Affairs, Office of Student Affairs, Department of Athletics, and the College of Education and Human Ecology that brings together learning and teaching, students and faculty, career and holistic counseling services, and undergraduate and graduate/professional students and student-athletes.

Building units include:
- Career Connection
- Counseling and Consultation Service
- Faculty and TA Development
- Student-Athlete Support Services Office
- Success Support Resources and Services
- Walter E. Dennis Learning Center
- Student Affairs Learner Initiatives

The Younkin features relaxed, quiet study spaces, a three-story atrium with skylights, and wireless Internet access. Artwork includes a collection of aerial sculptures created by Ohio artist Peter Rasmussen. Late 20th-century prints by prominent artists hang throughout the building, and plant reproductions grace the Younkin's public spaces. The building was designed by Susan Maxman & Partners as "a holistic learning center."

Younkin Success Center
Partnering for Student and Faculty Success

Students say the Younkin Success Center is...

"A great resource"  "Welcoming"
"The best place to study on campus"
"My second home"
"Clean, comfortable, convenient"

See what you think of the Younkin!
Career Connection
careerconnection.osu.edu
Reception desk by glass conference room (2nd floor)
(614) 686-3858

Mission
To serve the career development needs of Ohio State students by providing high-quality and diversity-sensitive services through counseling, consultation, and lasting partnerships designed to facilitate learning and advance well-being, purpose, identity development, and citizenship.

Vision
To empower students to make lifelong, responsible, and meaningful choices in a global and dynamic world.

Professional career counselors/consultants assist students achieve successful outcomes by:
- Connecting students' interests, values, skills, and personality with the world of work.
- Aiding development of students' interests by exploring various careers and majors.
- Helping students test their ideas with internships, informational interviews, volunteering, and extracurricular activities.
- Providing customized attention to resumes, cover letters, and interviewing skills.
- Listening and helping with personal concerns that relate to career decisions.
- Helping students make decisions by learning to conduct a job search or plan for graduate or professional school.
- Informing students about the university’s employment assistance.

All undergraduate, graduate, professional, and continuing education students currently enrolled are eligible for services. Limited services are provided to individuals after graduation and during off quarters.

Walter E. Dennis Learning Center
dennislearningcenter.osu.edu
Suite 250 (back of computer lab)
(614) 689-4011

The Walter E. Dennis Learning Center provides a "learning connection" for students in need of additional assistance and instruction outside the classroom. Learning assistance includes:
- Learning skills
- Note taking
- Time management
- Learning from text
- Test-taking strategies
- Self-regulation strategies
- Academic motivation
- Taking responsibility

EPL 259: The center offers a 5-credit, letter-graded course through the College of Education and Human Ecology. The course teaches learning and motivation strategies. Students who take this course tend to have a higher GPA after course completion.

Outreach and individualized services: The center also offers individual consultation for students needing learning assistance and provides learning and motivation workshops across campus, including First Year Experience and University Housing.

Student Affairs Learner Initiatives
studentaffairs.osu.edu
210A
(614) 292-4114

The Office of Student Affairs and a number of colleges are developing a framework for a holistic learner. This atmosphere creates a dynamic culture of collaborative learning as students actively manage their own learning outcomes with support from academic and student affairs staff. Using this approach, many university faculty and staff share responsibility for directing students, staff, and faculty to appropriate tools, activities, and classes to enhance the student experience and develop the whole student.

Student Affairs Learner Initiatives assists with:
- Defining and implementing complementary programs and projects.
- The creation and use of technology to disseminate information about available tools and resources.
- Connecting personal development and civic engagement to the academic process.
- Complementary learning outcomes assessment and feedback.
Success Support Resources and Services
younkinsuccess.osu.edu
Suite 210 (in the library)
(614) 292-4400

Success Support Resources and Services provides access to resources and space for individual and small-group studying and hosts several groups that offer additional services to students.

University-Sponsored Tutoring
General tutoring services: The Younk in maintains a web-based list of university-sponsored tutoring services at younkinsuccess.osu.edu/tutoring.zsp.
Math tutoring: Math tutors from the Mathematics and Statistics Learning Center offer evening drop-in services.

Student Guidance and Support
Student financial aid counseling: Student financial aid counselors from the Student Financial Aid Office have drop-in hours.
I Know I Can program guidance: The I Know I Can program is a partnership with Columbus Public Schools.

Computing Access
Public workstations (with limited evening printer access) are available on the 2nd floor landing when the building is open.
The Computer Lab (room 250) becomes a public computing space after EPL 259 courses are over (Monday-Thursday evenings) and all day Friday and Sunday.
Plug-in Internet access is provided in the atrium and 3rd-floor public seating areas for those with laptops. Users must bring their own cables.
Wireless internet access is available in the atrium and 3rd-floor public seating areas.

Media Resources Library
The library contains both print and electronic resources for students, staff, and faculty. Books are in the University Libraries catalog and can be checked out with an Ohio State ID.

Study Space
The atrium (2nd and 3rd floors) and the library provide quiet study tables for individual and group work. Small group-study rooms are available if not in use and can be reserved for limited times by contacting the multi-media resources coordinator (room 210D).

Finals Week Study Hours
The Younk in Success Center remains open for 24-hour study during finals week.
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