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Dr. Gillis joined YSU in 1980 as the university's academic vice president. He and his family reside in Boardman.

He was active in the formation and served as first president of Southwestern Pennsylvania Higher Education Council, Inc., which consists of 48 institutions of higher education in that area. He also served on the state Education Advisory Council, which conducted the study, "Two Year Post Secondary Education in Pennsylvania."

Among other positions, Dr. Gillis was an officer and national councilor of the Pittsburgh Section, American Chemical Society; chairman of the Pennsylvania Association of College Chemistry Teachers, and president of the Pennsylvania Institute of Chemists.

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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - Youngstown State University's College for the 60-Plus is sponsoring a tour of the "West Wing," the unique, new addition at the Butler Institute of American Art, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14.

Members, and any other interested senior citizens, should meet at 1 p.m. in the Scarlet Room of YSU's Kilcawley Center on Spring Street.

The College for the 60-Plus, sponsored by the University's Office of Continuing Education and Education Outreach, is open to all persons 60 years of age and older who are Ohio residents, but reservations must be made for those wishing to participate.

The tour will be conducted by Dr. Louis Zona, of New Castle, Pa., associate professor of Art at YSU and executive director of the museum.

An alumnus of YSU, Dr. Zona is a specialist in 20th Century Art History. He has been widely acclaimed as a lecturer throughout the Midwest, and has served as juror for many national, regional and university exhibitions.

Reservations for the event are to be made by calling the YSU Office of Continuing Education and Education Outreach at 742-3358.

Members of the College for the 60-Plus are entitled to register for YSU courses on a non-credit-space-available basis. This public funded educational program was approved by the Ohio Legislature in 1976.

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