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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - Youngstown State University's Bliss Recital Hall looked more like a recording studio than a recital hall recently when the Dana School of Music began the first of its recording sessions under the new Dana Recording Project - and there's three more recordings on the way.

The new project will consist of the annual release of six recordings by Dana faculty and nationally known visiting artists. The recordings will concentrate on works currently unrecorded, or on improved, new interpretations of previously recorded works.

So far this year, three of the six recordings have been made.

The first recording features the pairing of YSU Wean Lecturer Gregg Smith, noted conductor and director of the world renowned Gregg Smith Singers, with two Dana School of Music choral groups, the Dana Chorus and the Dana Madrigal Singers.

Smith conducted the groups in William Billings' "Be Glad Then, America," and "Creation," in Robert Witt's "Ave Maria," Smith's own "Transformation of William Billings 'Be Glad Then America'" (with the Dana Faculty Woodwind Quintet), Frederick Piket's "Remember," and Ned Rorem's "Flowers for the Graces."

The second recording features Dana Assistant Professor Roman Rudnytsky of Boardman, on the piano. He performs Antin Rudnytsky's "Variations on a Simple Theme," Louise Talma's "Sonata No. 1," Rachmaninoff's "Prelude in B Minor" and "Prelude in G Major," and Liszt's "Two Legends."

Rudnytsky's recording also included his performance of "Night Thoughts II," a composition by Dana Associate Professor of Music Dr. Robert Rollin of Boardman, who was nominated this year for a Pulitzer Prize.

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Dana Professor of Music William Slocum of Youngstown and former Dana limited service instructor Randy Fusco are the featured performers on the third Dana recording

Slocum, on horn, and Fusco on piano, perform Paul Hindemith's "Sonata for Horn and Piano," and Beethoven's "Sonata for Horn and Piano Opus 17 in F Major." They also perform Paul Dukas' "Villanelle for Horn and Piano."

The first three Dana recordings will be expected to be released in September, as well as an announcement of the next three compositions to be recorded. They will be available through YSU's Dana School of Music.

This new program has been initially funded by a special allocation from the University's Board of Trustees and is supported by the Graduate School, College of Fine and Performing Arts, and the Dana School.

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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - Youngstown State University's Office of Continuing Education and Education Outreach and "College for the 60-Plus" is sponsoring a free tour of the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine (NEOUCOM) at Rootstown on June 6.

Senior citizens are invited to participate in the tour, which will include viewing the administration section, student wing, library, anatomy lab and research facility of NEOUCOM.

"The College for the 60-Plus" enables individuals 60 and over who have been Ohio residents for at least 12 months to enroll in regular credit courses at YSU on a non-credit, space available basis. Participants are entitled to free tuition, but must pay any general fee charges.

Reservations for the tour are recommended and may be made by calling the YSU Office of Continuing Education at (216) 742-3358. Individuals must provide their own transportation.

The next registration for courses in the "College for the 60-Plus" is from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday, June 11.

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Relative to resources available, YSU pays its faculty more generously than any other public university in Ohio, said Dr. G. L. Mears, Director of Budget and Institutional Studies.

"Wright State and Cleveland State Universities each pay their faculty a total of about \$1 million more annually than YSU," he said, "but each receives \$10 million more in subsidy from the State."

THE YSU-OEA is currently seeking a 32.2% pay increase over the next two years, major reductions in workload, major increases in insurance and fringe benefits, and a number of other major changes in the existing Agreement.

"If the pay increase requested for 1986-87 were granted and had to be financed by student fees," said Dr. Mears, "it would require a 19.8% increase for next year alone."

The Ohio Board of Regents has imposed a limit of 4% on increases in instructional fees for 1986-87, he added.

YSU faculty rank 8th among 12 Ohio universities in compensation, said Mears and 9th in salary. The average 12-month compensation for YSU faculty is slightly over \$47,000. The average salary is approximately 6% higher than the national average for comparable universities.

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