



# University seeks to recruit new students

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Contributing Writer

YSU's enrollment has steadily decreased over the past five years, leading to campus-wide efforts to recruit new students.

Since 1991, enrollment has fallen from 13,983 to 11,851 students.

Dr. Jane Reid, marketing, and director of New Student Relations, an organization founded as the recruiting arm when President Leslie Cochran came to the University three years ago, said that initiatives are being taken to increase public awareness of YSU not only in the community, but also in the areas throughout Ohio.

Reid said that New Student Relations has five full-time coordinators who visit high schools and talk to juniors and seniors about the University. They also represent YSU at college fairs.

She said the recruiters don't promote just in Ohio, although it is the primary place to entice students. Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia, western New York and the Detroit area are also good places to recruit and bring in students, she said.

At the schools and fairs, recruiters explain what YSU has to offer, including its low tuition, the different programs offered, what

kind of financial aid is available and the small classes with individual attention, Reid said.

She also said, "Our primary marketing tool is that YSU offers private college values at a public institution cost."

Even though the University's tuition keeps increasing, YSU re-

mains one of the most affordable schools in Ohio and continues to bring students in, she added.

Lynn Sinchak, a 1996 Austintown Fitch High School graduate, is coming to YSU in the fall because, "It is not only convenient and close to home, but the tuition is much lower than many

other schools I've looked at. I've also received a scholarship that will help."

As for other recruitment initiatives, Reid said beginning five months ago, keychains bearing YSU's logo and the phone number of New Student Relations were distributed to teens who passed

their driving tests in the five-county area around the campus.

Vern Snyder, executive director, University Development, created the idea for these keychains.

Snyder said, "Getting a driver's license is an important time in teens' lives; it symbolizes a kind of freedom. Since they would have car keys, and probably use them often, it seemed a great idea in order to increase awareness."

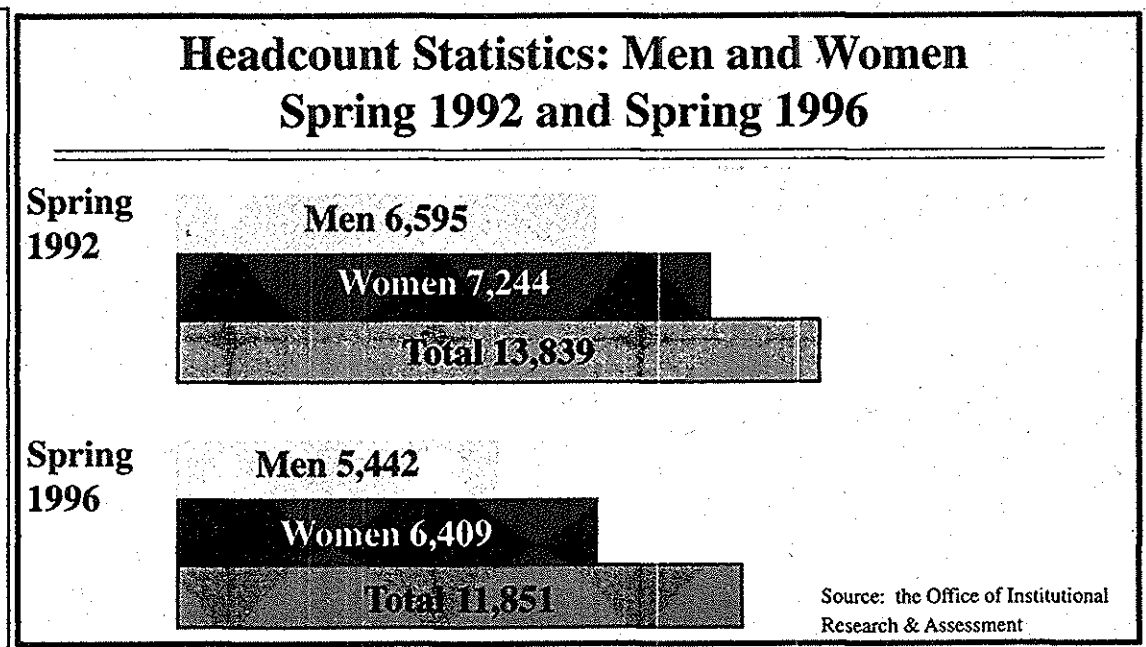
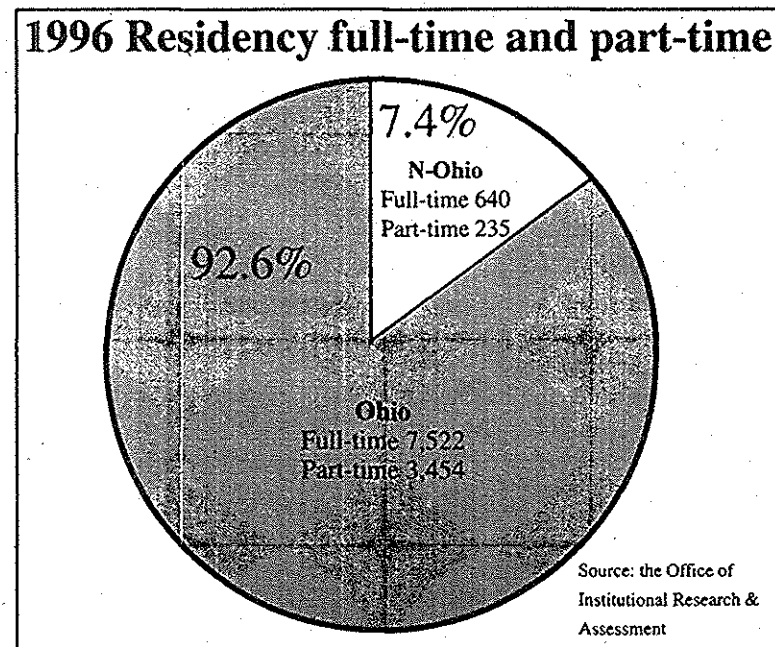
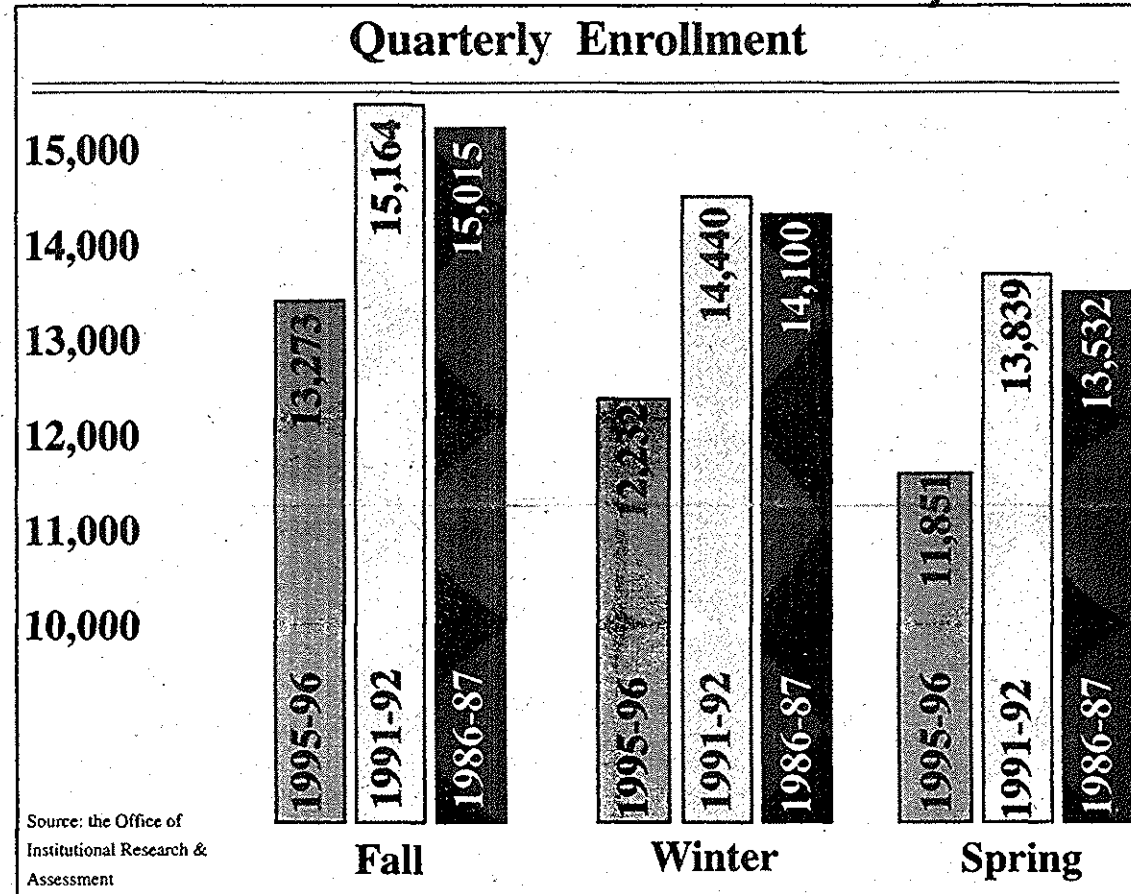
Dr. Cynthia Anderson, vice president for Student Affairs, said that the keychains were paid for with a \$200,000 promotional fund that the Board of Trustees gave to Student Affairs for recruitment.

That fund also paid for YSU ads that were placed in newspapers and regional issues of *US New* and *World Report*, *Time*, *Newsweek* and *Sports Illustrated* in May.

The ads that ran in local newspapers such as *The Vindicator* and larger newspapers such as *The Cleveland Plain Dealer* and *The Pittsburgh Post Gazette*, were text-only ads that listed YSU's accredited programs and also gave tuition and scholarship figures.

The magazine ads were in color and featured four pictures of YSU alumni who graduated between 1963 and 1994 and what

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# Editorial & Opinion

## Editorial

### The king is dead, but the legend lives on

Whether it was the sideburns, the trademark hip jerk or the bell-bottom jumpsuits, America couldn't help falling in love with Elvis. Thanks to the Graceland Division of Elvis Presley Enterprises, the nation has an entire week to celebrate one of its most enduring icons.

No longer just a staple of velvet paintings and the subject of bogus supermarket sightings, the legend that is Elvis has been given the week it deserves.

That's right kids, it's Elvis Presley International Tribute week, so fry up some peanut butter sandwiches and put on your blue suede shoes because it's time to party.

The king of all parties will be at Graceland, Elvis' Memphis, TN home and grave-site. A reunion concert and Elvis Moonlight Midnight Cruise as well as a charity auction of Elvis Memorabilia are only part of the festivities. Planners are expecting crowds in the hundreds for the annual candlelight vigil, but nothing close to the 20,000 who made the pilgrimage to Memphis in 1987 to mark the 10th anniversary of Elvis' death.

St. Louis's Blueberry Hill will feature a live window display titled "From Tupelo to Graceland" featuring impersonators of Col. Tom Parker, Elvis and the entire Presley family. In January, Blueberry Hill celebrates the King's birthday with an Elvis impersonation contest followed by live entertainment in the Elvis Room.

In 1994, while St. Louis watched a gathering of paunchy men with sideburns parading around in rhinestone encrusted jumpsuits, Oxford, Mississippi witnessed a gathering of a much different kind.

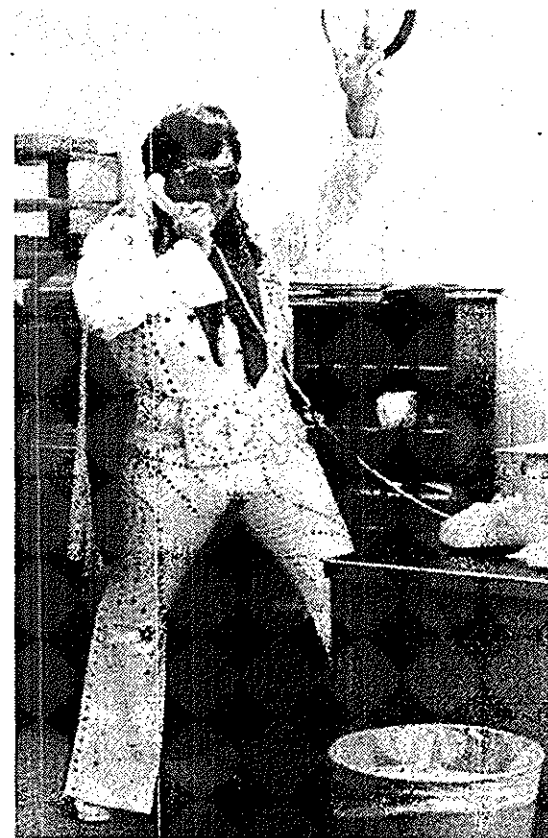
Writers, historians and academics of all types gathered from around the world at an international conference on Elvis sponsored by the Center for the Study of Southern Culture at the University of Mississippi, Oxford.

Over a decade after his death, why is Elvis still able to command the kind of celebration and study usually reserved for dead presidents and revolutionaries? Perhaps he performed some kind of group hypnosis on an international level; mesmerizing the world with the rhythmic rocking of his hips. Maybe deep down, we are all just hound dogs and Elvis' music speaks to our wounded inner puppies.

Whatever the cause, the memory of Elvis Aaron Presley, the man has been far surpassed by the legend of Elvis, the superstar. The sheer volume and variety of products his image adorns should place him in some kind of Kitch hall of fame. Paintings on velvet are pale compared to the clocks, watches, clothing, pop corn tins and stamps available with his image.

Beyond kitsch, or perhaps because of it, Elvis is a pop culture icon. This week is your chance to revel in the foremost symbol of pop icon worship.

So get out there and grow some sideburns, call every body you see "mama" and whatever you do, don't forget the rhinestones.



A former Jambar staffer possessed with the spirit of the king

## Commentary

### Graduating staffer bids fond farewell

By MARY SWAN-BELL  
Copy Editor

For my last commentary, I wanted to write something profound, eloquent and memorable, but I couldn't think of anything that fit into any of these categories.

I wanted to write an emotionally charged piece conveying my deep sadness at leaving this wonderful University; the fact is, I'm absolutely ecstatic to be graduating. I can barely sit through my few remaining classes without becoming uncontrollably giddy at the thought that I only have one week left.

Don't get me wrong, I like YSU, and I feel that I have gotten an excellent education here. But I must say the thought of leaving still overshadows any emotional good-byes to this fair institution.

While the prospect of no more research papers, no more textbooks and no more lectures is very enticing, I will miss the wonderful YSU faculty.

Although I can speak only for the professional writing & editing professors, they are among the most knowledgeable, caring and encouraging people I have ever

encountered.

None of these professors know the impact that they've had on my academic life—I don't usually gush like this—but I thought they should, and I would like to thank them for their favorable contributions to my education.

Dr. Chuck Nelson for recovering my senior project, which was stored on a damaged disk and virtually unretrievable. Dr. Nelson, I owe you my sanity, not to mention my degree.

Dr. Jim Schramer for encouraging me to take on an extremely involved senior project "to show off [my] capabilities." Thanks, Dr. Schramer, it was painful but worth it.

Dr. Julia Gergits for being the least critical of my close readers and for cracking jokes during my presentation. I was glad to see that the PW&E committee wasn't taking me as seriously as I was taking myself.

Mrs. Carolyn Martindale for proofreading extremely carefully and for making me laugh when the paper still was not finished at midnight.

Dr. Bill Mullen for not being mad when an incompetent

driver—not me—backed my car into his, for always taking some of the blame for blatant editing errors in *The Jambar*, and for just being a genuinely nice guy. Happy Birthday, Dr. Mullen.

Dr. Bege Bowers for helping me hone my editing skills and using green instead of red ink while editing my senior project. At *The Jambar*, we refer to Dr. Bowers—fondly—as the "Editing Goddess." She knows everything there is to know about editing, and thanks to her, I know a little bit.

And finally to Dr. Patricia Kelvin, a former PW&E faculty member. Without her positive influence and constant encouragement I never would have made it through my sophomore year, and I certainly would not be sitting here gushing about my upcoming graduation. Thanks, Dr. Kelvin for giving me the will to write.

I can't say I'm sorry to be leaving, but I can say that I am very grateful that I had the chance to learn from all of these people, and I will miss them.

To my *Jambar* co-workers: You guys are great! I wish you the best of luck during the upcoming year, and I promise not to call.

## Letter to the Editor

Editor,

I'm really disappointed; Meshel threw a party and didn't invite me? The bacchanalia Eric Mastilak describes in his August 8 letter to *The Jambar* must take place on the astral plane. I'm in the lab almost every day, and my experiences there—both while studying and while goofing off—have been really pleasant.

Maybe I'm there at the wrong time, or perhaps people behave differently around me (although I doubt it), but I've never heard the sort of cursing Mastilak describes. I've seen *Pulp Fiction* 52 times, and believe me, there's no comparison. What Mastilak failed to point out is that most of the

computer gamers are so intent on the game that nothing else matters. There is no conversation, except when there's a network game in play, and the players need to communicate strategy. In addition, many gamers wear headphones or toggle off the sound—out of consideration for everybody else. I resent the depiction of computer gamers as hedonistic animals who have no respect for others.

As for the food and drink that supposedly proliferate the premises, I've never seen it. What I have seen are groups of gamers who leave to eat lunch, then come back. I must confess that one time I smuggled in a Pepsi, but I would like to take this opportunity to beg

Mastilak's forgiveness for getting thirsty in the middle of August. I'd also like to chastise the lab assistant who didn't immediately take it away from me and beat me to death with my keyboard. What a disgrace to YSU!

There are more than enough labs to go around in Meshel. I suggest that Mastilak either directly address the individuals whose behavior he considers offensive, or go somewhere else to study. Stereotyping and generalizing perpetuate ignorance. Open, honest dialogue just might solve the problem.

Leigh Anne Vrabell

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# CASA gives abused children a voice in court

PEGGY MOORE  
News Editor

"John" was a 5-year-old with severe social handicaps, he was sexually abused as an infant and was receiving counseling for attachment disorder, which prevented him from forming bonds with people, and he can't stand to be touched.

"His mother was 22 years old, wanted a life for herself, and he got in the way. He was removed from his home several times, but the courts kept sending him back."

"John's" mother had no job and was able to collect Aid to Dependant Children (ADC) and Social Security Supplemental Income, (SSI) for him and she wouldn't give up custody. After CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocate, got involved, custody of "John" was given to his uncle in Washington.

"We made a difference in his life," said Renee Battafarano, executive director of Mahoning County CASA. when she spoke to Dr. Susan deBlois', Foundations of Education, education in society class last week.

According to CASA literature, CASA believes that all children have the right to a home with loving people to care for them. But, each year, thousands of children

are abused or neglected and to protect children, judges must determine what is in their best interest. Should the children remain in foster care, be reunited with parents or be placed for adoption?

In some cases, children become victims a second time and can sometimes be in foster care for months and even years. This is where CASA comes in, said Battafarano.

In 1977, Judge David Soukup of Seattle, WA, called upon community volunteers and his friends to assist the court by representing the best interest of abused and ne-

leave him someplace where he might possibly be abused. I needed someone who could tell me what was best for that child, from the child's viewpoint. That's what CASA does," said Soukup, founder of CASA.

"Today there are over 650 programs in all 50 states, with 38,000 volunteers serving more than 125,000 children. Unfortunately, that's only about 25 percent of the children in the system," said Battafarano, "Our goal is to have a CASA volunteer for each and every child."

A CASA volunteer is a specially trained citizen appointed by a judge to assist the juvenile court in determining what is the best interest of the child.

"Every child should have a voice in court; you know their parents have representation. A CASA is full party to all proceedings, and nothing can be done that affects the life of that child if their guardian ad

litem (at law) isn't notified," Battafarano added.

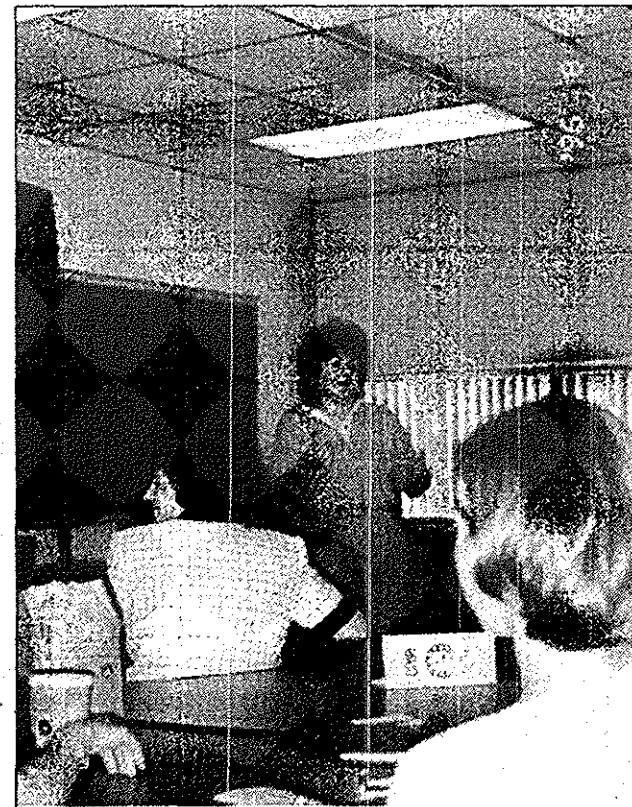
CASA volunteers investigate cases by reviewing records and talking with anyone who has information about or an interest in the child, such as parents, teachers, neighbors, doctors, school officials and most importantly, the child. The CASA volunteer attends

**“Our goal is to have a CASA volunteer for each and every child.”**

Renee Battafarano

glected children. CASA volunteers proved to be an effective way to help children progress through the child welfare and court system and on to safe, permanent and loving homes, Battafarano added.

"As a judge, I had to make tough decisions. I had to decide whether to take a child from the only home he's ever known, or



Renee Battafarano, Executive Director of CASA speaks to students.

all court hearings and reviews regarding the case. He/she then submits findings and a written recommendation to the court, said Battafarano.

"Sometimes it is in the best interest of the children to keep the family together, and when my CASA kids went to court I knew they would probably be returned to their mother, but I made sure there were certain stipulations written into the record," said Dr. deBlois, herself a CASA volunteer.

Anyone who has a desire to

help abused or neglected children can become a CASA volunteer, as long as they are at least 21 years old said Battafarano.

"All you need is a willingness to learn, a little flexibility in your life and after the initial 30 hour training period, you need about 10 hours a month to devote to your child," said Battafarano.

Each prospective CASA volunteer participates in a training program, consents to a background check and agrees to follow the

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## Prison Job Fair recruits employees from YSU, community

PEGGY MOORE  
News Editor

Approximately 60 percent of the 400 jobs created by the Elkhon Correctional Facility will go to members of the local community. Eugene Ray, director of public affairs for Elkhon Correctional Facility while he was on

YSU's campus as part of a Federal Bureau of Prisons Job Fair, held in Kilcawley Center Chestnut Room, August 7.

Job Fairs are set for people interested in working at the federal prison being completed in Elkhon.

"We've had a tremendous response here today," said Ray. "We aren't taking applications today, but we are handing them out for

people to fill out and send in to Annapolis, Md."

Although federal law prohibits federal agencies from reserving jobs for people from specific areas, prison officials say they hope about 60 percent of those hired will be from Columbiana and surrounding counties.

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## YSU, Eastwood Mall offer shuttle service to students

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YSU and the Eastwood Mall in Niles will begin offering bus shuttle services by the Western Reserve Transit Authority to and from the Mall for YSU students, beginning fall quarter.

Plans of the shuttle service were announced at a press conference at the mall on August 13, by officials from YSU, WRTA, and The Cafaro Co., which owns The Eastwood Mall.

YSU President Dr. Leslie Cochran said that one reason for the new shuttle service is to provide affordable and efficient transportation for students throughout Trumbull County and the metropolitan area to and from the YSU campus.

"The shuttle will only cost the student one dollar per day, which is less than the cost of a parking permit, let alone other expenses incurred from driving," Cochran said.

"The ride will also give students extra time to study," he added.

Dr. Cochran said another purpose for the shuttle service is to provide students who live on cam-

pus, some without vehicles, with an opportunity to take advantage of the services at The Eastwood Mall that are not available on campus, such as shopping for clothes or going to movies.

"We have always thought of YSU as being a commuter campus, but there are actually over 900 students living on campus, and many of them are without use of a car. The shuttle service will help meet their needs," Cochran said.

Monday through Friday, the shuttle will depart from The Eastwood Mall at 7:15 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., and 6 p.m. Departure times from YSU are 12:10 p.m., 2:10 p.m., and 5:40 p.m.

The shuttle will only run from The Eastwood Mall to YSU and back, with no other stops. No weekend hours have been scheduled.

Anthony Cafaro, president of the Cafaro Co., said the shuttle service is one way for the Cafaro Co. to show their pride of YSU students, honor students in particular.

"We are proud of the YSU students, especially the honor students living in the Cafaro House, and we love to see them shop here," he said.

Cafaro also said the shuttle service will benefit students with busy schedules who want to use services in the mall.

"The shuttle will no doubt allow students who have busy schedules to come here, shop, and get right back to the University," Cafaro said.

James Ferraro, executive director of WRTA, said that the shuttle could help offset the decreasing number of available amount of parking spaces at YSU.

"I know that YSU has lost some parking spaces because of building new dorms and other projects, but the shuttle will help solve parking problems because students can park their car at the mall, where plenty of spaces are available," he said.

Ferraro said there will be two arrival and departure locations at YSU. One location is at the corner of Grant Street and Fifth Avenue, across from Stambaugh Stadium, and the other is at the



McDonough turn around on Wick Avenue.

Dan Duskey, an advertising major who lives in The Cafaro House, plans to use the shuttle service, and said the shuttle will be better than what he has seen in the past.

"Last year, when I first arrived at YSU, some students in my dorm used to cram 6 or 7 people in a car to go places, if they were lucky enough to find someone with a

car," he said.

"Now, I can go and see a movie without hanging out of a car window," he said.

Another student said he will use the shuttle if weekend trips are added.

"I really do not have much time on weekdays, because I have to study," said Larry Minor, sophomore, engineering.

"If the shuttle runs on weekends, I will use it," he added.

## New center to store, dispose of chemicals on campus

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Assistant News Editor

Responding to laws and mandates from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, YSU recently opened a Chemical Management Center in Ward Beecher Hall. The center provides one place for the storage and disposal of all chemicals on campus, YSU officials said.

Leonard Perry, director of the Environmental and Occupational Health and Safety Office at YSU, said having a central chemical facility will make it safer to handle the different chemicals used by the University.

"In the past, it was a nightmare storing chemicals in large quantities in places such as chemistry labs, because the rooms there are not designed for that purpose," Perry said.

The 5,000-square-foot facility, which cost an estimated \$2 million, was also built to satisfy

concerns over safety and to avoid any potential lawsuits from chemical-related accidents. YSU officials, however, say no accidents have been reported on campus.

"The development of this new facility affirms YSU's commitment to provide for the safety of our staff, students, visitors and the surrounding community," Perry said.

YSU Environmental Technician Randy Wightman is in charge of the daily operations of the center, which include the ordering, dispensing and receiving of all chemicals used by the University.

He said the chemicals stored in the center include flammables such as methanol and acetone and acids, such as hydrochloric. The center also will store pesticides and cleaning products.

All rooms in the new center

are equipped with features such as containment sumps that collect chemicals in case of spills, and state-of-the-art alarm systems that are able to differentiate among heat, smoke and flame.

"With so many different chemicals around campus, the cen-

ter really does make it easier to keep track of them all," he said.

Wightman uses a system he calls "cradle-to-grave" to track chemicals, noting that EPA regulations require chemicals be accounted for after they are dispensed from the center.

"I think the University should have built a new parking deck, or spent the money on new computers, instead of worrying about lawsuits from chemical spills that have not occurred."

Wightman said the "cradle-to-grave" concept will also make it more efficient to account for chemicals.

Wightman uses a computer database listing each chemical according to an assigned bar code. The bar codes of chemicals that have been distributed on campus can be scanned for quantity and give Wightman a more accurate inventory of each chemical.

"If I know how much a department has of a particular chemical,

then it will not get over-stocked, which leads to waste," Wightman said.

He can also order chemicals directly from manufacturers, as well as provide printouts of Material Safety Data Sheets—listings of the make-up of chemicals and various harmful effects—for each.

Howard Mettee, a professor of chemistry, said he believes the new Center will make the YSU community feel safer.

"It will increase the safe handling of chemicals, which will ultimately make people feel safe, which is good," Mettee said.

But not all students are in favor of the project. Natalie Tarian, a senior in business, said she believes the funds could have gone to more useful projects.

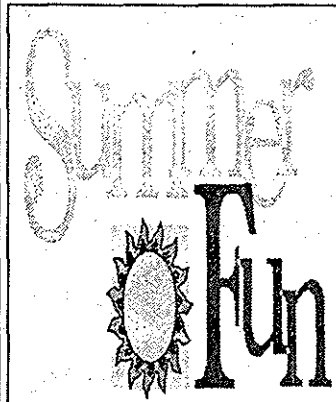
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# Four from YSU take prize at national conference

**Y**SU—Two YSU professors and two students received the 1996 Most Distinguished Paper Award from the Society for the Advancement of Information Systems.

The recipients are Dr. Bo K. Wong, management; Tom Bodnovich, computer science and information systems; Yakup Selvi, a recent master of business administration graduate and former graduate assistant and Dorothy Oliva, a master of business administration student and graduate research assistant.

The award was presented in March at the annual Conference of the Midwestern Business Administration Association in Chicago.

Their paper, titled "Neural Network Applications in Business: A Review and Analysis of Literature," explores the many uses of computerized artificial neural networks (ANN).

ANNs are computer systems that emulate the neuro-physical operation of the human brain and central nervous system, providing potential opportunity to discover answers for many types of unstructured problems not otherwise solved by traditional computer techniques. According to Wong, ANN is "the latest information systems technology available for increasing productivity and can be used in many different areas."

Wong and Bodnovich are studying ways to use this technology for improving decision-making in business and have also prepared a paper applying ANN to university fund-raising that they hope to present at a conference in Belgium in March.

Wong has published extensively in a variety of journals, including *Information and Management* and *European Journal of Operational Research*. He received the YSU Research Professorship Award in both 1991 and 1993, was listed in Who's Who in 1993 and received the YSU Distinguished Professorship Award for Scholarship in 1995.

Bodnovich has published papers in *Expert Systems: International Journal of Knowledge Engineering and Neural Networks* and made presentations at a meeting of the International Society for Decision Support Systems. He chaired the YSU Conference on Networks in 1994 and, in 1995, was listed in Who's Who.

Selvi, who resides in Istanbul, Turkey, is currently a PhD candidate in accountancy at Istanbul University. He has published papers in *Expert Systems: International Journal of Knowledge Engineering and Neural Networks* and made presentations at a meeting of the International Society for Decision Support Systems.

In addition to serving as a graduate research assistant in the MBA program, Oliva serves as a part-time instructor in computer science and information systems.



Dr. Bo K. Wong



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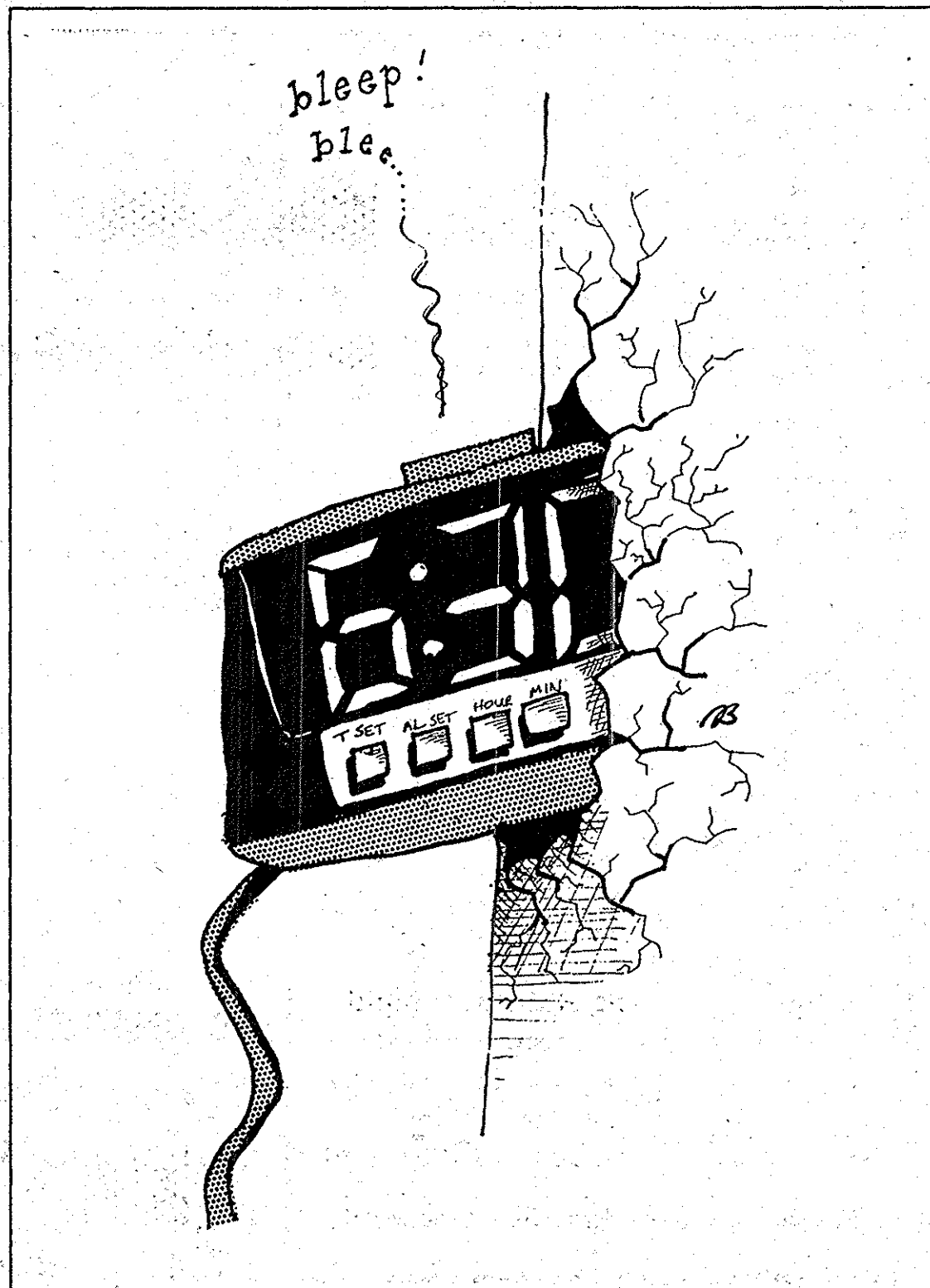
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## Art and sports: Bridging the gap

MARY SWAN-BELL  
Copy Editor

Floyd Kerr is bridging the gap between the worlds of art and sports.

Kerr, assistant to the athletic director and a former professional basketball player, currently has art exhibits on display in Denver, CO, and at the Mocha House in Warren.

"The two worlds are very connectable," said Kerr, "you just have to work at it."

Working at it is what Kerr has been doing for the past three years.

He said that to succeed in both art and sports, a person must have many of the same intangible qualities such as vision, balance and determination in addition to the ability to produce, compete and deal with adversity.

For instance, he said, athletes must handle physical injuries, and artists often have to face their works not selling.

Kerr said one of the major differences between the two worlds is immediate versus delayed gratification.

"While sports has its very own section in the newspaper, the art world is often more hidden," he ex-

plained.

"Sports has given me the opportunity to travel," said Kerr, who played professional basketball in both the United States and Europe. But he said he would love to pursue art as a career. He said he does not envision that in the near future.

Kerr said he began drawing in high school, but started taking art

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Floyd Kerr

seriously in 1993 after taking some painting classes at YSU from Mr. Al Bright, art. Then, he said, he began producing pieces for exhibits locally and nationally.

In 1993, Kerr exhibited some of his work, which he describes as surreal, at the Butler Institute of American Art, as part of an area artists' show, and at the Entertainment Center of the Adolf Coors Company in Colorado to celebrate Black History Month.

In addition, Kerr said his 1994 exhibit at The Beat Coffeehouse

was well-received.

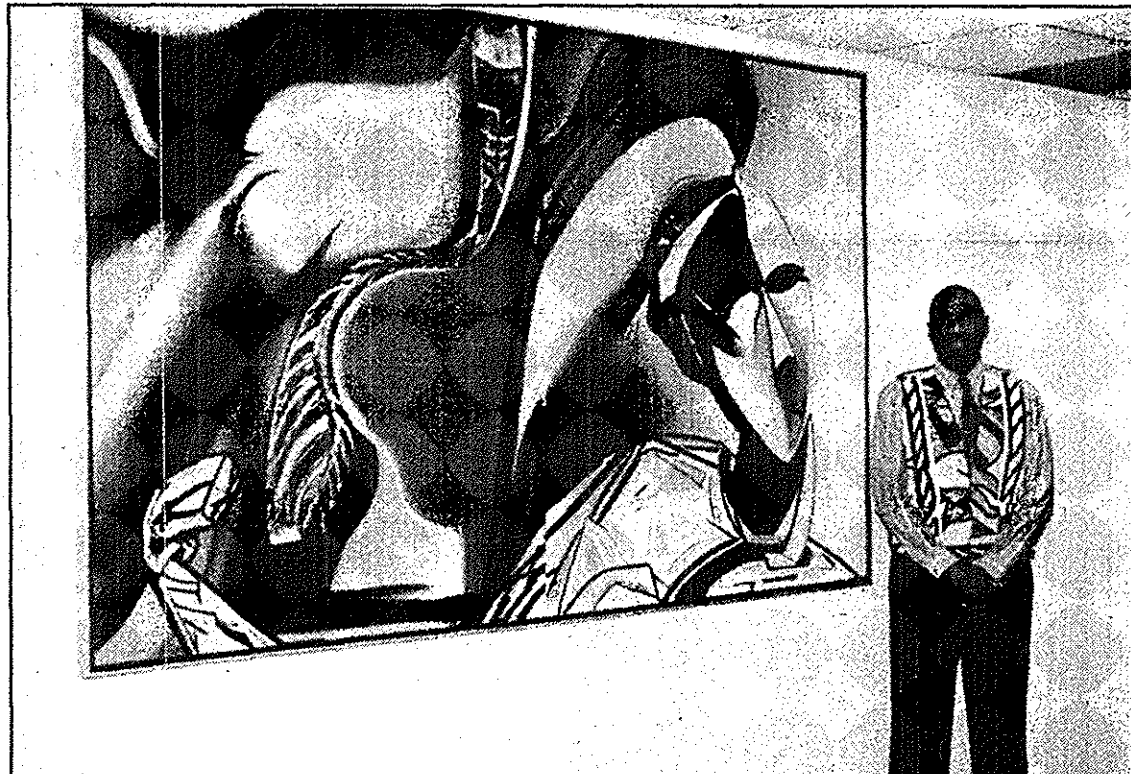
Mainly, he said, he wants people to appreciate his art for its depth or just for its beauty, but his goal is for a series to go on tour—travel from museum to museum.

Kerr said his inspirations are daily life, his job, the recently passed Olympics, the political campaigns and other things, but added that he tries to "connect somewhere with some point in time and capture that moment."

He said when he sees something that catches his eye he tries to "do a quick study of images and positions," or even quickly sketch the image and then try to put in onto canvas later.

Once he began connecting with other artists, Kerr said that he found the art world to be very vast. Also, he said, he felt more connected with faculty in other departments through performing and visual arts.

Kerr stressed the importance of breaking down the stereotypes that only select people are interested in art. "Everybody enjoys art," he said. He added that he would like to form a stronger bond between the sports and art departments at YSU.



Floyd Kerr and Spirit de Bonjonye (Serpent Power), oil on canvas, in Kilcawley, Scarlet Room



Triptych: Spirit de Porini (Forest), oil on canvas, in Kilcawley, Scarlet Room

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## YSU, Masons collaborate on new dyslexia center

YSU—YSU will utilize a \$41,000 grant from the Scottish Rite Masons of the Northern Jurisdiction, Valley of Youngstown, to develop a literacy center for children in the greater Youngstown area.

The Scottish Rite Masonic Learning Center is a collaborative project sponsored by the Scottish Rite and the YSU College of Special Education to assist local children with a reading disability called dyslexia. A part-time faculty member from YSU's Special Education Department will be hired as an administrator and supervisor to oversee the center, which is scheduled to open in January 1997. Remodeling will begin immediately of an area in the Masonic Temple on Wick Avenue to be used for the center. The center will offer free tutoring to school age children identified with dyslexia.

"The objectives of this project are to provide individual diagnostic/prescriptive assessment and tutoring for children who have been screened by or referred to the Learning Center," said Dr. Bernadette Angle, chair of the Department of Special Education. "Beginning in 1997, the children will receive 60 minutes of instruction two times per week for an 11-week period."

The administrator of the center will have specialized training in a multi-sensory structured language program called the Orton Gillingham method. That person will supervise the tutors at the center. Angle said the Center may provide literacy training for prospective teachers who will tutor the children under the direct supervision of the administrator. The center will also serve as a resource and referral source for information related to reading development.

Children with dyslexia, although of average or above average intelligence, have trouble reading, writing and spelling and usually read at a lower than average level for their age. The cause of dyslexia is unknown, but a common symptom is the reversal of words or letters.

The center will be part of a national effort by the Scottish Rite Masons. In September 1994, The Supreme Council, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Mason Jurisdiction, unanimously approved the creation of Scottish Rite Masonic Learning Centers Inc., a charity to serve the needs of children with learning disabilities.

The center, when opened, will be the fourth opened by the Scottish Rite Masons of the Northern Jurisdiction. The first two centers were opened in Massachusetts and the third in Cincinnati. There are plans for opening similar centers in Maine, Michigan, New York and Rhode Island.

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CASA...

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organization's rules concerning confidentiality. Upon completion of the training, the CASA volunteer is sworn by a judge as an official agent of the juvenile court and begins working on behalf of a child.

"All our volunteers are ordinary people, some with full-time jobs and families of their own, but all these people are willing to be the one consistent, caring person in the life of a child, until that child's future is decided by the courts," said Battafarano.

Lee Ruby, a foster parent, says she enjoys having the CASAs come to visit her children.

"I'm surrounded by so many children, I enjoy having an adult to talk to," said Ruby. "Not all parents are accepting of their children's problems and special needs and don't always know what help is available to them, the CASA people help them help their children and themselves," Ruby added.

Ruby also said that, "As future

educators you should be aware that these special needs children will be in your classrooms; the crack babies will grow up, and you need to know how to deal with them."

There are other ways you can help if you don't have the time to be a volunteer right now. "We are always willing to accept donations to help with the fiscal needs of CASA and any of you are welcome to hold a fund raiser," said Battafarano.

"A national sorority, Kappa Alpha Theta, donated \$10,000 so we could have a video made. As it turned out, everyone donated their services and thanks to that sorority we got what is probably a \$100,000 video," Battafarano added.

The Mahoning County CASA program is a private, non-profit agency. Located at the Martin P. Joyce Juvenile Justice Center, it has been in existence since 1988. A start-up grant for Mahoning County was provided by the National CASA Association. Additional funding comes from Mahoning County Juvenile Court, private donations, grants, fundraisers and individual contribu-

tions. Mahoning County CASA has been involved with over 300 cases representing about 20 percent of the children who are in need of a voice in court. The volunteers are asked for a one year commitment to advocate for at least one case during that time.

Between 10-15 hours of time per month are needed to provide support, information, accountability and suggestions to move cases through the court on a timely basis. Support meetings are offered for volunteers to have continuing education on the issues of child abuse and neglect.

"As teachers, you can be an important part in a child's life," said Battafarano, "but anyone can be, and you don't have to be from Mahoning County. Trumbull County, due to lack of interest on the part of judges, doesn't have a CASA program, so Trumbull County residents make up part of our team," she added.

For more information on the CASA program, call 740-2239.

Job Fair...

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To accomplish this goal, the bureau is focusing on this area in publicizing the job openings, said Charles Ingram, human resources administrator with the federal bureau of prisons. There will be no national advertising for the slots, he added.

Any applications from non-area residents will be given the same priority as all others.

The prison bureau conducted three job fairs in the area last week to attract prospective employees. In addition to the one held on campus, one was held in Pittsburgh and one in Columbiana County.

About 45,000 people are expected to show up for the events, Ingram said.

Those who attended the Job Fair heard a 10-minute presentation that provided an overview of what is involved in working for the federal prison system.

Participants were then able to speak with more than two dozen bureau representatives who have worked in the more than 50 positions that will be available at the

new prison.

"We are covering every area, but most of the people we'll see are interested in the correction officer position," said Ray. "Most people have to start at the bottom and work their way up," he added.

Some of the other positions they will be filling are: cook supervisor, \$19,55-\$22,82 per hour; secretary, \$19,869-\$28,792 per year; education technician, \$24,505-\$35,277 per year and facilities assistant, \$24,505-\$35,277 per year.

Employees for most positions must be younger than 37 when they start.

Bureau officials expect to begin interviewing applicants in early December and to begin hiring by the year's end. Before starting, the new hires will be sent to Georgia for three weeks for law enforcement training. Ingram explained that the training is necessary because all those who work at a federal prison are considered law enforcement officers.

Prospective employees may receive information about the positions by calling (301) 317-3223.

Enrollment...

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they are doing with their degrees today. The ads also mention the University's nationally accredited programs.

Anderson said, "The drop in enrollment is a part of it, but placing these ads and passing out keychains, we are yielding an image, name and portrayal of YSU. We have been told that we are the best kept secret in Northeast Ohio."

She said prior to 1991, the University had always had an enrollment of around 15,000 students, so a need for such a promotional image was never needed.

Reid said to further recruitment, the School of Business Administration recently held a special program to try to recruit new students, and that the School of Engineering has developed a new brochure of its program to try to

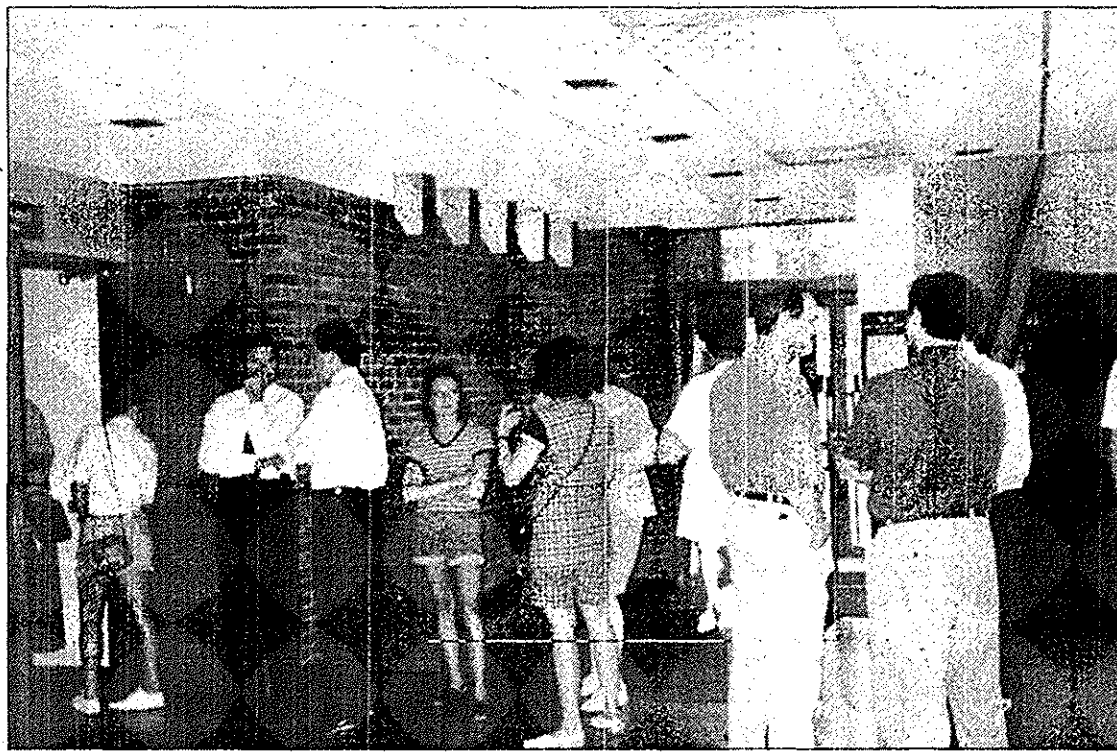
interest and bring in more students.

Reid said New Student Relations also conducts tours of the campus and has three open houses. She said primarily seniors attend two open houses in the fall, while mostly juniors attend the one held in the spring.

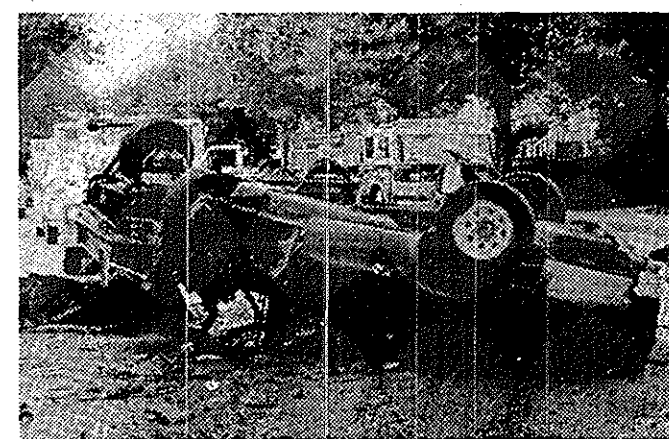
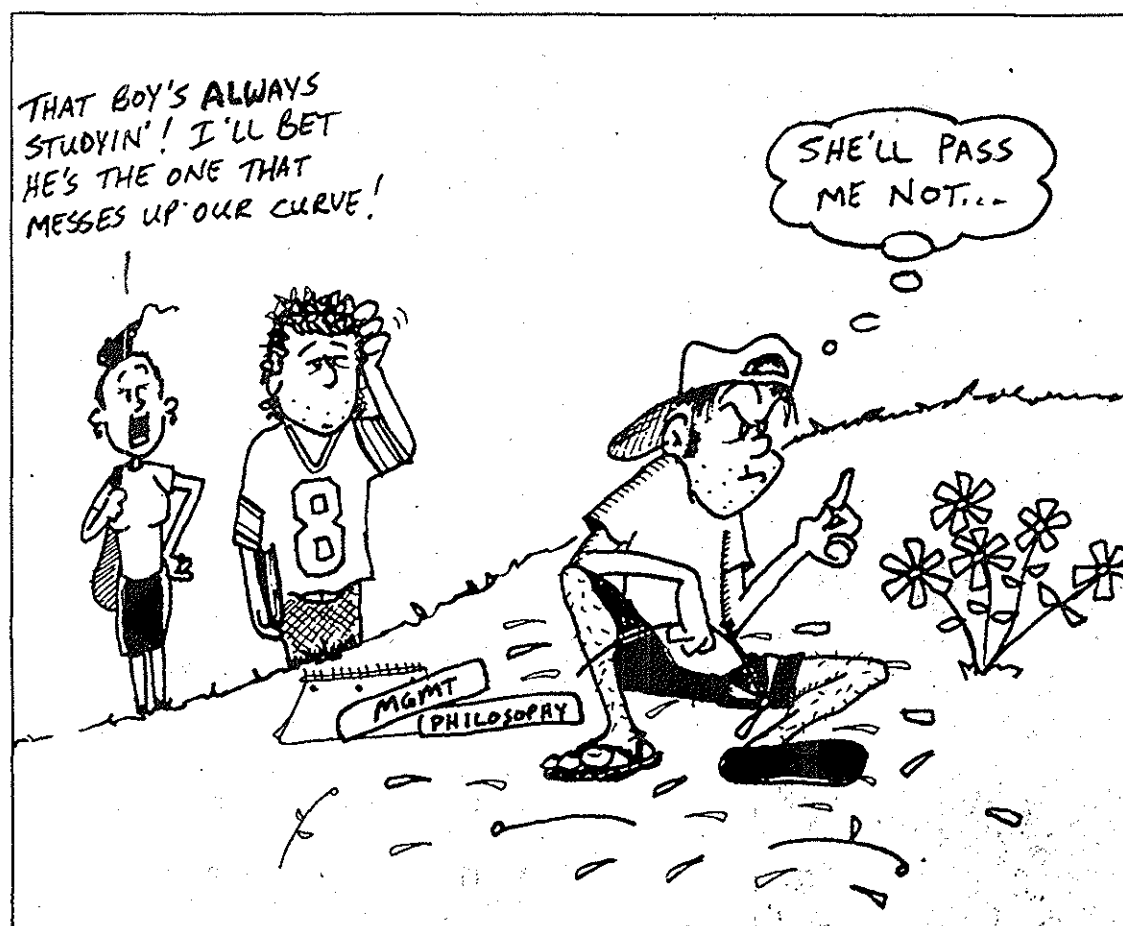
In addition, Reid said the organization keeps high school guidance counselors informed about what is going on at YSU so they can help in the recruiting process.

New Student Relations has also received a new software database package, Enrollment Management Action System, which will help track and communicate with new students.

Reid said the system will not be used until September, but it will enable New Student Relations to keep track of letters and phone calls it makes to prospective students, whose names are bought from ACT and SAT, and inquirers who contact YSU on their own.



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## Student loan program target unmet need

The State of Ohio established the Supplemental Student Loan Program, which includes part-time and graduate students who often are ineligible for other types of financial aid.

The program was authorized by the Ohio General Assembly and signed by Governor George V. Voinovich late last year. The Supplemental Student Loan Program is financed by the sale of tax-exempt bonds issued by the Treasurer of State. Loans are available through participating financial institutions. The Ohio Department of Development has established guidelines for the program. Student Loan Funding (SLFC, #Inc.) is providing administrative management toward the successful implementation of the program. SLFC, #Inc. is an Ohio non-profit organization whose mission is to increase and support access to higher education.

This credit-based supplemental loan offers low interest rates and flexible repayment options. Loan applications for the 1996-97 school year are available from the financial aid office or by calling (800) 930-SSLP.

## YSUs financial aid program increases by eight percent

The amount of financial aid awarded to students at YSU increased by eight percent during the 1995-96 school year.

Dr. Cynthia Anderson, vice president for student affairs, said the amount of financial aid provided for students during the 1995-96 school year will be about \$31,432,001, compared to the \$29,179,775 awarded in 1994-95.

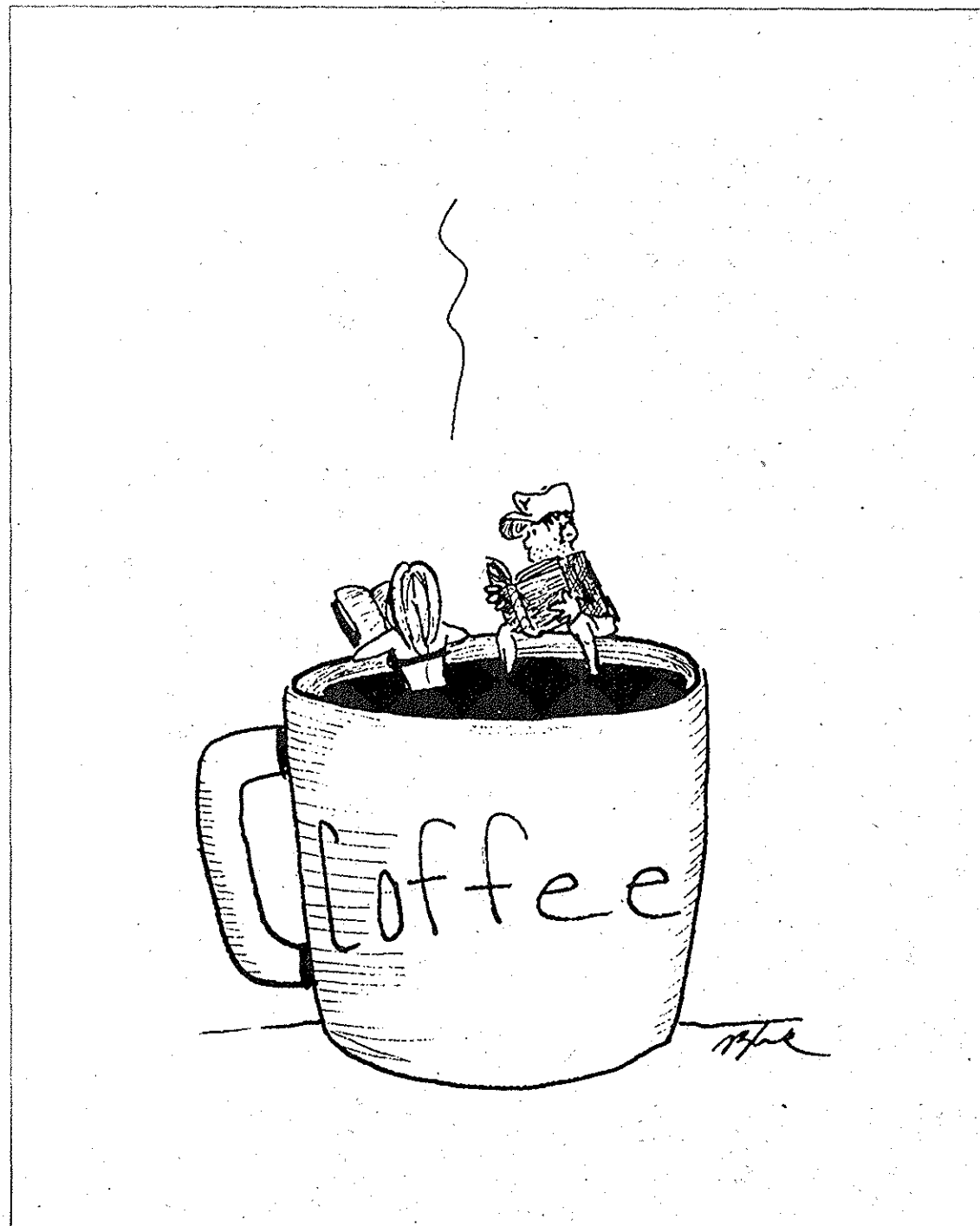
"YSU is very proud of its record in granting financial assistance to our students," Anderson said. "It exemplifies our efforts to

make higher education accessible to our students within our communities and beyond."

Eileen Greaf, director of financial aid and scholarships, said students receiving financial assistance in 1995-96 received an average of \$3,200, compared to an average of \$3,000 received by students in 1994-95.

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