

New museum director presents grand opening

Leslie Brothers, the new director of the McDonough Museum of Art, will be hosting the opening reception of the museum.

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She's enthusiastic, energetic, and she is ready to take on Youngstown with her new ideas. She's Leslie Brothers, the new director of the McDonough Museum of Art.

Brothers came to YSU from Illinois State University, where she taught a seminar of fine arts, philosophy and art history this past year. Before that, Brothers worked at the Krannert Museum for six years, which was the campus museum at the University of Illinois.

While there, she developed an experimental team called the "Exhibitions Working Group."

The team was made up of community members and individuals from different departments on campus. They researched how museums could function in the technological era.

Brothers said she has been working in museums for 15 years because museum work is very important, not only to universities but to the surrounding community. She said she hopes to expand McDonough visitors to

beyond students, faculty and artists by reaching out to the city of Youngstown.

"Museums are important to everyone because they contribute a vitality on such a human level," said Brothers.

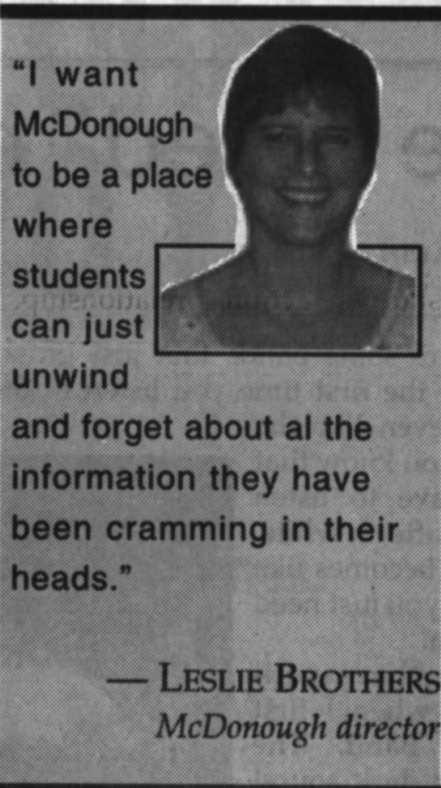
Before reaching out to the community, Brothers hopes to reach out to the students on campus.

She is creating an art library in the museum, which all students, not just those studying art, are welcome to use.

"I want McDonough to be a place where students can just unwind and forget about all the information they have been cramming in their heads," she said. "This museum has great potential to be a place to just chill out and relax."

Brothers said she is looking forward to working at the

museum, but she is also excited about teaching art theory.



"I absolutely love teaching," said Brothers, "because there is nothing better than making that connection with students."

On September 7, Brothers will have the opportunity to meet with students at

the grand opening of the McDonough Museum of Art.

There will be food, music and fun. The artwork being featured is by the art department's part-time and full-time faculty members.

Brothers looks forward to sharing the unique and special art department with everyone who attends. This free event will take place from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., and anyone is welcome to join the fun.