

Sean W. Kessler, 22

Services were held yesterday at 10:30 a.m. for Sean W. Kessler, 22, of Struthers who was found dead early Friday morning in Mill Creek Park.

Kessler, it was said by police, had been shot four times. His car was found on Mahoning Avenue later Friday afternoon. It is suspected he was shot at one location and brought to Mill Creek Park.

"He was one of my best friends. He was a fair man who accepted you for who you were. He touched the hearts of everyone he knew," said Steve Danklef, student of YSU and fellow fraternity member.

Surviving , Kessler is his mother, Patricia Kessler, whom Kessler considered his best friend.

Kessler was an education major, specializing in Physical Education. As a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE), he won their 1994-95 athlete of the year award. He worked at YSU's pool and Pogo's Pub. He was also involved in softball, volleyball, soccer and dart leagues, his favorite sport being softball.

Friends recall Kessler as always saying, "whatever it takes," meaning no matter what needed done or when, he would do what it took to accomplish it.

All of "Kess's" friends at TKE are left wondering why a 22 year old with the sky as his limit could be taken like this.

Kess was a friend and a leader and will be missed on the YSU campus but not soon forgotten.

The authorities have little information in their investigation of the murder. Anyone having information, please contact the Youngstown police at 742-8926 or the YSU police at 742-3527.