

OEA announces drive to represent YSU faculty

The YSU chapter of the Ohio Education Association announced a drive to represent the YSU faculty and negotiate a general contract for the coming academic year, in its fall edition of *The Advocate*.

The *Advocate* article said that fact sheets will be sent to the faculty explaining the proposed negotiations, and how they work at other campuses.

Each faculty member will be sent forms authorizing the OEA chapter as bargaining agent. The forms will be kept in a secret escrow deposit by Common Pleas Judge Martin P. Joyce, who will certify the number of faculty signing the authorizations if a

majority is reached.

The fall *Advocate* announced that the OEA's membership now includes 15% of the full-time, non-administrative faculty at YSU.

The "Phase II OEA drive is being managed by the "collective bargaining promotion committee" of the chapter, which will also take suggestions on priorities for negotiation in a general contract.

The *Advocate* article said that the names of faculty members authorizing the OEA as bargaining agent will be released to no one, including the OEA chapter, but will be destroyed after completion of "Phase II."