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quintet and several jazz quintets in the Youngstown area.

Pisani, who plans to graduate in December 1988, hopes to pursue careers in teaching and music performance.

Two other YSU students, Bob Kleinschmidt of Strongsville, a junior and saxophonist, and Jeff King of Wooster, graduate assistant and trombonist also participated in the Inter-Collegiate Jazz Ensemble. A total of 20 musicians, representing nine Ohio colleges, performed in this year's ensemble.

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The 31-year-old astronaut, a native of Cleveland, received a Bachelor of Science degree in physics-engineering from Washington and Lee University in 1978, a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from Cornell University in 1980, and a Master of Science degree in aeronautics and astronautics from Stanford University in 1983.

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