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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - B. Gentry Lee, holder of NASA's medal for Exceptional Scientific Achievement, will be featured in a Youngstown State University Special Lecture Series program on Tuesday, March 8.

Lee's talk on "Man and the Cosmos" offers science for the non-scientist, and is a guided tour of the mysteries of space.

The program will be at 8 p.m. in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center.

The Special Lecture Series is free and open to the public. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.

The series is designed to enhance and enrich community and University life by bringing to campus prominent social, political and intellectual leaders.

Lee is currently project engineer of the Galileo Mission at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory of the California Institute of Technology. He is in charge of the in-depth, unmanned expedition to explore Jupiter and its moons.

Earlier, he was involved with Project Viking, the first successful Mars landing.

After he and Carl Sagan formed Carl Sagan Productions in 1976, their "Cosmos" television series became the most widely watched series in the history of public television and won the prestigious Peabody Award.

In the near future, Lee will be the producer of a movie based on Sagan's Novel, "Contact."

Patrons are encouraged to use the Wick Avenue Parking Deck across from Maag Library. The deck is open weekdays for all events. Patrons may walk across the bridge on the fourth level to campus. There is a \$1 parking fee for all events.

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Each team will be made up of four students who will compete in both team and individual events. The afternoon "Mathbowl" competition will follow a game show format, with students racing against the clock to answer math questions.

Questions will deal with such topics as probability, statistics, linear algebra and polynomials.

Both the morning sessions, beginning at 9 a.m., and the "Mathbowl" event at about 1 p.m. will be held in the Chestnut Room of Kilcawley Center.

Individual and team winners will receive trophies, and the top three teams will advance to the statewide competition in Columbus on March 12. A statewide championship team will be selected for the national competition.

Awards will be presented at the annual Mahoning Valley Society of Professional Engineers (MVSPE) dinner held in celebration of National Engineers Week at 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 25 at Colonial Catering in Canfield. MVSPE is the local sponsor of MATHCOUNTS.

Major funding for the contests in Ohio is provided by Standard Oil Company of Ohio (SOHIO) and by several area businesses and engineering firms for the YSU competition.

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precollege level. National sponsors of MATHCOUNTS are the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE), the CNA Insurance Companies, the U.S. Department of Education, the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM), and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

Prof. Jack Ritter of the Civil Engineering Department of YSU's William Rayen School of Engineering is the coordinator of the local MATHCOUNTS program.

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Boardman Center Middle	Monica Stilson
Brookfield	Charlotte Sirianni
Byzantine Catholic	Mary Tsimouris
Canfield Middle	Frank Dudek
Crestview Middle	Judy Migliore
East Jr. High - Warren	Eleanor Fairbanks
Farmington Local	Suzanne Holderbaum
Glenwood Middle - Boardman	Lynn Flautano
W.S. Guy - Liberty	Kathy Rotar
Hayes Jr. High - Youngstown	Rosemary Sicafuse
Holy Family	Jean Wargo
Lincoln Middle - Columbiana	Linda McCowin
Lordstown High	Tony Costarella
Lowellville High	Nancy Prosenjak
Maplewood Jr. & Sr. High	Pam Lubich - Jan Rice
Frank L. Ohl - Austintown	Robert Testa
Poland Middle	Mary Jan Twells
Prospect Jr. High - Girard	Rosemary Zockle
Reed Middle - Hubbard	Angela Sangermano
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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - As part of the Student Organization Leadership Series, Youngstown State University's Special Events Committee will sponsor a lecture at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 25, in the Ohio Room of Kilcawley Center.

Pam Spicer, coordinator of Student Affairs at the University of Cincinnati, will talk on racial understanding on college campuses.

Her lecture will center on the Racial Awareness Pilot Project (RAPP), a two-year program at the University of Cincinnati designed to bridge gaps to achieve racial understanding among college students.

The lecture is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Gary Jolly at the YSU Student Activities office, or call (216) 742-3161.

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