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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - The Youngstown Area Board of Realtors, in cooperation with Youngstown State University's Office of Continuing Education, will offer four non-credit courses on the YSU campus beginning March 31.

The classes are: "Real Estate Finance," "Real Estate Appraisal," "Real Estate Principles and Practices," and "Real Estate Law."

"Real Estate Finance," covers the institutions, methods, instruments, and procedures involved in real estate financing, with special focus on the nature and characteristics of mortgage loans, government influence on real estate finance and the mortgage market. Jeff Francis of Youngstown, vice president of First Federal Savings and Loan Association, will instruct the course, which will be held from 7:40-10:30 p.m. Mondays, March 31-June 9.

"Real Estate Appraisal," deals with the intricacies of appraisal in residential and commercial real estate sales and brokerage operation. It will be taught by Orville A. Kroeck of Boardman of Kroeck and Associates. "Real Estate Principles and Practices," a basic course in real estate economics and administration is designed to develop the skills of professional real estate personnel. Leon Turek of Poland, a broker with Burgan Real Estate, will teach this course. Both classes will meet from 7:40-10:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, April 12-June 11.

"Real Estate Law," a course covering all areas of law commonly concerned with real estate practitioner and investor-consumer transactions, will be taught by Randall Ellington of Canfield, an attorney with Burdman, Gilliland, Fleck, Mostov and Kretzer. It will meet from 7:40-10:30 p.m. on Thursdays, from April 3-June 12. "Real Estate Principles and Practices," or permission from the instructor, is a prerequisite for this course.

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Completion of "Real Estate Principles and Practices" and "Real Estate Law" is required before taking the Ohio state real estate sales examination.

The fee for each course is \$129, or \$114 for those who register at least 14 days in advance of their first class.

To receive a free brochure, or to register, call the YSU Office of Continuing Education at (216) 742-3358.

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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - The 1984 FBI Uniform Crime Report, published in July, 1985, showed Youngstown State University had a low crime rate compared to eight state-supported universities in Ohio.

Universities compared in the report include: YSU; University of Akron; Cleveland State University; Kent State University; Miami University, Oxford; Ohio State University; University of Toledo, and Wright State University, Dayton.

The FBI report showed Youngstown State had no arsons, and ranked second lowest in the categories of violent crime and property crime. (See attached FBI Report table).

Other statistical data from the report compared the same eight universities and concluded that YSU had the third lowest level of violent crimes per 10,000 students. The results of the tabulation are listed below:

<u>Universities</u>	<u>violent crimes per 10,000</u>
Wright State	0.0
Kent State	3.0
*Youngstown State	3.3
Akron	4.6
Miami	5.6
Cleveland State	6.3
Ohio State	8.2
Toledo	8.6

*When comparing only the six Ohio urban universities, which excludes Kent State and Miami, YSU has the second lowest crime rate.

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Director of YSU Campus Security Richard Turkiewicz cited several reasons why YSU has had a low crime rate, but said he believes the main reason is due to a low crime rate in the City of Youngstown.

Pointing to the 1984 FBI Uniform Crime Reports, Turkiewicz said residents of Cincinnati and Cleveland are four and six times more likely to have a crime committed against them than residents of Youngstown. In leading cities such as Houston and New York, the risk of becoming a crime victim increases 20 and 100 times compared to Youngstown.

"Youngstown is a safe and good place to live," Turkiewicz emphasized.

He said a vital link exists between the low crime level at the university and the fine cooperation between Campus Security and the Youngstown Police Department.

He added that police departments in other municipalities and sheriff's departments in Mahoning and Trumbull counties are also very cooperative and work closely with the university's police unit.

Turkiewicz said crime at YSU has been decreasing for the past four years and this trend has continued through 1985. "From 1984 through 1985, YSU has experienced an 18 per cent drop in crime," he said.

He has submitted YSU's crime statistics for 1985 to the FBI for their Uniform Crime Report. The new FBI report will be published in July 1986.

Continuing to account for the university's low crime rate, Turkiewicz noted preventative security measures are built into YSU's architecture, which is specially designed to deter criminal activity. He explained the bridge which serves as a walkway for students coming onto campus from the Wick Parking Deck is constructed of glass to insure good visibility.

In addition, most building entrances and exits are facing trafficked areas rather than deserted alleys or dead-end streets.

To improve the university's outdoor lighting system, Turkiewicz said, the mercury vapor lights have been replaced with high pressure sodium lights, which are shadowless and diffuse light better.

Also, Security continues to use more closed circuit television and is becoming more "technology orientated." Recently, a card-entry system was installed in Kilcawley Residence Hall and is now being implemented. It prevents non-residents unauthorized entry into the university dorms.

Turkiewicz said a similar access system is being designed for use in other campus buildings.

In addition to regularly updating and improving security measures at YSU, Turkiewicz also recognized his excellent security staff, which consists of 27 full-time members and over 50 part-time ones.

University police officers actively patrol the campus and are on duty 24 hours a day, 365 days a year including all holidays. "Every second of the year, we are here," he said.

All Security officers are also required to annually certify and update themselves in CPR, first aid, firearm proficiency, investigative techniques, crisis intervention, domestic violence, and other areas of law enforcement. In addition, Campus Security offers a number of crime prevention programs and has officers who are experts in that field.

Turkiewicz said his staff works aggressively at being proactive, not reactive. "We stress preventing a crime, rather than investigating one," he said.

He also said university students and faculty members demonstrated excellent cooperation with Campus Security to help maintain the low level of crime.

"They (students and faculty) are becoming more aware of our capabilities and concerned with crime in general. Fighting crime is everyone's business and here at the university everyone is in that business."

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FBI REPORT-CRIME ON THE CAMPUSES

University (enrollment, 1983)	Violent Crime	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Property Crime	Burglary	Theft	Car Theft	Arson
<u>Ohio</u>										
Akron (19,463)	9	0	3	1	5	623	26	583	14	9
Cleveland State (12,648)	8	0	1	5	2	309	9	251	49	3
Kent State (16,555)	5	0	1	2	2	635	13	610	12	2
Miami (14,300)	8	0	0	0	8	547	38	507	2	2
Ohio State (47,313)	39	0	1	29	9	1994	428	1549	17	5
Toledo (16,271)	14	0	0	2	12	486	34	439	13	2
Wright State (11,461)	0	0	0	0	0	214	8	206	0	1
Youngstown State (12,044)	4	0	0	2	2	281	17	261	3	0

Big Ten

Illinois (32,942)	15	0	2	10	3	971	115	835	21	
Indiana (29,429)	14	1	2	4	7	1378	272	1091	15	3
Iowa (26,036)	8	0	4	1	3	829	144	670	15	2
Michigan State (37,122)	45	0	6	8	31	2041	538	1471	32	23
Minnesota (47,387)	17	0	1	10	6	1206	44	1160	2	7
Wisconsin (38,717)	8	0	0	4	4	1547	131	1407	9	13

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YOU CAN ERASE THOSE WINTER BLAHS BY ATTENDING THE FREE WINTER CONCERT BY YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY'S CONCERT BAND AND WIND ENSEMBLE AT 4 P.M. MARCH 9 AT STAMBAUGH AUDITORIUM.

"RENAISSANCE DANCE (THE BATTLE)" IS ONE OF THE FEATURED NUMBERS BY THE BAND AND IS A COMPOSITION BY DR. ROBERT ROLLIN OF THE UNIVERSITY'S DANA SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

DANA DIRECTOR OF BANDS JOSEPH EDWARDS AND MUSIC INSTRUCTOR LES HICKEN WILL BE CO-DIRECTORS FOR THIS CONCERT.

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