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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - Youngstown State University is making every effort to lessen student apprehension about being on campus at night. The Campus Escort Service plays a major role in this effort.

"I feel safer on campus in the evenings than elsewhere," according to Susan Morgan of Salem, a speech communications major. She added, "I think it is safer here because if you go anywhere else, you have no one to walk you to your car. At least at YSU the effort is being made to protect students and prevent crime."

From 5-11 p.m., Monday through Friday, an escort equipped with a two-way radio and an extra large flashlight will meet and accompany students, faculty or staff persons to their destination, reducing the risk of an assault or an attack.

The Campus Escort Service, located in Student Government Offices in Kilcawley Center, employs some 13 university students who work up to 20 hours per week. They will walk with members of the YSU community to any on-campus building or parking lot. In addition, escorts will also accompany people to off-campus locations on the near North Side, an area where many students live and gather.

John Fetch of Boardman, president of Student Government, pointed out that people are most vulnerable to an attacker when they are walking alone--women especially.

"Some people complain about security on campus, and then those same people don't bother to use the Escort Service," said Tracy O'Donnell of Canfield, a junior corrections major.

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"I don't care where you're going, you should use the service," she said emphatically.

The Campus Escort Service operates mainly in the evenings, but Marvin Robinson of Youngstown, vice president of Student Government and coordinator of the service, said that special arrangements may be made for people who need to be escorted during the day.

Robinson said that in the future, Student Government hopes to expand the regular escorting service into the morning and afternoon hours. He said he's presently conducting research to see if a full-time service would be feasible.

The Campus Escort Service began seven years ago and can boast of success.

During the 1984-85 school year, escorts accompanied 100 percent more people than in the previous year. Robinson reports there has already been another significant increase in the use of the service during this Winter Quarter.

To meet the demand, the university allocated an additional \$9,900 to the service, increasing its budget to \$19,900 per year. The Escort Service is funded through Student Government and the university's general fee.

Fetch said he feels the Escort Service has been successful because it is operated like a "professional business." He pointed out that many university escort services are run by volunteers and are not as organized or as reliable as the one here at YSU.

"There's no doubt about it, YSU's Escort Service has proven successful and valuable," said Fetch.

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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - The skills of supervision will be knitted together into a comprehensive first-line supervisor training program at Youngstown State University. The first two courses of the 10-course series will be held during Spring Quarter.

Sponsored by the Youngstown Chapter of The National Management Association and the YSU Office of Continuing Education, "Introduction to Supervision" and "Management Principles" will be held on Wednesdays beginning April 9 and continuing through May 21.

"Introduction to Supervision" from 5:40-7:30 p.m. was designed with three important factors in mind. First, the supervisory job is distinct from other managerial positions. Since it is unique, the needs of supervisors are also different in many respects from those of other managers. Second, the course introduces the concepts of supervision to people who, by and large, practice them everyday. This requires hands-on application of the concepts and opportunities to use them throughout the course. Third, the course can be useful in a variety of business settings.

The purpose of "Management Principles" is three-fold: to present practical ideas and tools for practicing supervisors; to build a foundation of management concepts that will prepare supervisors for further experiences; and to help each student develop a positive and constructive philosophy of management. These classes will be held from 7:40 to 9:30 p.m.

James Bowman will be instructor for both courses. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Education and a Master's degree in Economics and is currently on the corporate quality assurance staff at LTV-Jones and Laughlin Steel Co.

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Each course fee is \$80 for members of the National Management Association and \$90 for nonmembers. Individuals registering prior to March 26 will receive a \$15 discount.

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

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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - High school students from Mahoning, Trumbull and Columbiana counties will join together on March 27 on the Youngstown State University campus for a workshop for teenagers.

"Survival Kit for Today's Times: A Workshop for Teen-agers" is sponsored by the Parkview Counseling Center; Eastern Mental Health Center; the 648 Boards of Mahoning and Trumbull counties; and Youngstown State University's Counseling Department and Office of Continuing Education.

The students, who were selected by their school counselor or principal, will have the opportunity to address the numerous mental health issues, increase their personal coping skills and offer peer support.

A special highlight of the workshop will be a talk by Congressman James Traficant on "The Choice Is Yours."

Workshop topics will include: suicide, sex abuse, drugs and alcohol, coping with divorce, self esteem, career decision-making and communicating with grandparents, among many others.

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ATTENTION NEWS DIRECTORS/EDITORS:

The Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University will hold a regular meeting at 3 p.m. Friday, March 21, in Tod Administration Building.

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