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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - Youngstown State University's fraternity and sorority system will present the 34th annual Greek Sing at 7 p.m. Friday, April 25, in Stambaugh Auditorium, Fifth Avenue.

The program, which is open to the public, will feature three sororities and four fraternities performing a variety of musical selections.

Each year the Greek Sing is dedicated to an individual, and this year's program will be in memory of Gina Tenney of Ashtabula, YSU student leader who was killed off campus last December. Her parents will attend.

Trophies will be awarded to each fraternity and sorority group selected by the panel of judges, which will be composed of area musicians.

Participating will be groups from Phi Kappa Tau, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Sigma Chi, Delta Zeta, Phi Mu and Zeta Tau Alpha.

In addition to the musical competition, other honors will be presented for fraternity and sorority of the year, outstanding sorority woman and fraternity man of the year, scholarship awards for groups and individuals, Panhellenic and Interfraternity Council Service awards, and a fraternity sports trophy.

Becky Whaley of Warren and Jim Moran of Austintown, co-chairpersons of Greek Program Board, will be mistress and master of ceremonies.

Tickets, which are \$3, will be available at the door.

For additional information, contact Jack Fahey, YSU coordinator of student activities at (216) 742-3573.

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EDITORS: Awards will be presented between 9:15 and 9:30 p.m., if you wish to send a photographer. Contact person to assist with identification will be Jack Fahey.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the fifth in a series of seven releases on a total of \$692,000 awarded YSU by the Ohio Board of Regents in "academic challenge" funds to develop key areas of academic endeavor to meet demands of the future.

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - Youngstown State University's Department of Speech Communication and Theatre received \$30,000 from the Ohio Board of Regents as part of its "academic challenge" program, one of seven "challenge" grants to YSU totaling \$692,000.

The program is part of the Regents' Selective Excellence initiative designed to provide incentives to advance high quality academic programs which are related to the University's goals and will also benefit the community and the state.

The "challenge" funds will be used to establish and maintain programs that will feature instruction in real life settings such as businesses, industries and community organizations, including the electronic media.

Dr. Fred Owens of Austintown, chairman of the Department of Speech Communication and Theatre, explained that there will be a focus on electronic communications because "it has become part of everyday life, especially in the workplace. It is important that students are learning academically in the liberal arts tradition and have experience with electronic communication in real, human settings."

Part of the funds will be used to continue YSU's nationally acclaimed telecommunications internship program. Beginning in 1977, this program has

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become very successful. According to Dr. Owens, about 94 percent of these students have found sought-for employment.

"Challenge" money will also be allocated to continue student participation in the Subsidiary Carrier Service (SCS), a secondary radio channel featuring student broadcasts. Other funds will be used for the academic department's newest program in which students, in cooperation with the YSU News Service, rewrite newscopy for local radio broadcast.

Dr. Owens said that the department hopes to add more internships and other opportunities at WYSU-FM, the University's fine arts radio station.

He said an academic advisory board may be established with businesses and community organizations in order to stay in touch with current practices and technologies in communications. The board would also keep in contact with the school's graduates to receive their recommendations in the areas of education and career preparation.

Dr. Owens added, "Through 'academic challenge,' we hope to provide new educational experiences that will enhance our students' capacities to compete in the world of work."

Dr. Timothy Lyons of Austintown, dean of the College of Fine and Performing Arts, of which Speech Communication and Theatre is a part, praised the Regents' "challenge" program for providing additional incentive to many areas of education.

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