

Policy allows

file checks

to safeguard

employee rights

YSU President Dr. John Coffelt may at any time, according to a new policy effective this week, authorize unannounced periodic checks of any records kept on faculty and classified and non-classified employees.

The spot-checks would be to insure that all personnel files are kept in accordance with the new policy, the product of three months' work by members of the president's ad hoc committee on employee records. The policy affords faculty and employees new safeguards against misuse of files which are kept on them in

University offices.

Reports of such checks will be made available to any employee who wishes to examine them. It will be the President's responsibility to take whatever action he considers appropriate in the event of administrative non-compliance with the policy.

Files were defined as "any discrete gathering of information relating to an individual and stored in a fashion to facilitate recovery of that information by reference to the individual," according to the policy statement released by Coffelt's office.

The statement authorizes that

University departments and other units will be responsible for establishment and maintenance of "such records as are necessary for normal operation."

The policy is in accordance with state and federal statutes, and rules and regulations of the Ohio Department of State Personnel.

The statement directs that official faculty files "shall be maintained" on each full-service faculty member. Policy governing these files will be contained in the current agreement between the University and the OEA, the faculty collective bargaining

agent.

Personnel records on classified employees will be kept on each Classified Civil Service Employee by the Director of Personnel at the University.

Personnel records on non-classified workers, excluding faculty, will be maintained by appropriate administrators.

Protections extended to faculty and other employees include provisions granting each employee the right, "at any reasonable time, to examine his or her file(s), and to enter into the file(s) a written statement

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RESURRECTION-William Slocum, associate professor of music, rehearses with the forces which will combine to perform Mahler's Symphony No. 2 Monday evening at Stambaugh Auditorium. The Mahler Symphony, which is rarely performed because of the vastness of the undertaking, revolves around a life, death, and resurrection theme. It will take a total of 300 persons to perform it.

Life, death, and beyond is theme of rare symphony performance

This Monday at 8 p.m. a rare musical performance will be staged at Stambaugh Auditorium, "bigger and grander than anything Dana has attempted before," according to William B. Slocum, assistant professor of music here.

Mahler's Symphony No. 2, subtitled *The Resurrection Symphony*, which will be performed by a musical force of 300 persons, is the culmination of a year's planning, and rehearsals that began before Christmas.

Slocum said the Mahler symphony is rarely heard on campuses because it is a

"gigantic" undertaking, and that the performance is a major happening even when professional orchestras do it because of its vastness and complexity.

"What is so interesting about the symphony," said Slocum, "is that Mahler went the full circle," including not only instrumental and orchestral facets, but also vocals, a chorus, and poetry in the symphony.

He added the symphony is concerned with an idea above and beyond the abstract vehicle of music; it is a statement about life and death, a feeling that it doesn't all end here. "In this

sense," said Slocum, "and considering the modern-day preoccupation with death, the Symphony would have an appeal to many people that the average orchestral concert would not have."

Slocum said the blending of the arts within the symphony is also unusual. "A musician might go for years without knowing anything about poetry. In this twentieth century era of vast specialization, this kind of project tends to give artists an ecumenical view."

Slocum gave a brief history of
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Career program set; open to community

A special career opportunities program designed for high school seniors, college students, or adults considering a career, is set for 1-5 p.m. Sunday, March 16 at Beeghly Center gymnasium. The theme for the information program is "Career Kaleidoscope."

William Livosky, director of admissions at YSU and chairperson of the inter-university committee for Career Kaleidoscope, stated that the program can be of help to any future YSU students. "Chiefly, what we intend to do is have a representative from all the university departments, academic and non-academic, available to answer questions along the line of careers. If someone is interested in being a teacher, we can show them what courses should be taken, what jobs are going to be available, and so forth. We'll do the same for someone interested in engineering, art, becoming a doctor, or whatever. We'll cover the expectations of what a student can do with a specific major, and we hope to meet the different needs of people with various educational backgrounds."

Presently there are 15 people organizing the Career Kaleidoscope program, but Livosky adds he hopes for total cooperation from all university areas.

"This way we can expose potential students to all aspects of YSU and any career opportunity," he explained. A representative will be available for most academic departments, student-oriented organizations, and support-service. This includes members of the IFC Council and

Panhellenic Council, who will discuss fraternities and sororities, and personnel from the financial aids and admissions offices. Departmental fact sheets will be distributed from the different academic departments assigned to
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Enrollment rises in winter total; T&CC highest

In 1975 YSU's total enrollment increased by three per cent, raising the winter total to 13,111; an increase of 339 students. In 1974 the total enrollment at YSU was 12,772 students.

The total enrollment of the freshman class was 4,317, an increase of 533 students over last winter. The sophomore class enrollment was 2,878. The senior class enrollment was 2,352 students and the junior class enrollment was 2,252 students. The total undergraduate enrollment was 11,799.

The Technical and Community College had the highest enrollment with 3,680 students. Second highest was the College of Arts and Sciences with 2,980. The School of Business Administration had 2,282, and the School of Education had 1,502. The Rayen School of Engineering had 748 and the College of Fine and Performing Arts had a total enrollment of 607 students.

The Graduate School showed an increase in enrollment with a total of 1,312 students as opposed to last year's 1,149.

There are 7,695 men enrolled
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Campus Shorts

Beginning Tuesday, Feb. 25, *The Jambar*, in cooperation with the Office of Student Activities, will initiate the *Campus Calendar of Events*, which will appear each Tuesday thereafter in place of *Campus Shorts*. The *Calendar* will fill the role formerly filled by *Shorts*, that is, giving notice of club or department meetings, group activities, etc. Heads of student organizations and department chairpersons and secretaries are urged to check their mailboxes for notification of deadlines and exact procedure for submitting news of such activities. Please note the *Calendar*, and all information submitted for appearance in it, will be handled by the office of Student Activities, Kilcawley, Room 108. *Campus Shorts* will be retained in the Friday issues of *The Jambar*, and will focus on award recipients, publications, and special honors received by members of the university community. *Shorts* will not duplicate material which appears in the Tuesday *Calendar*. Material for inclusion in the *Campus Shorts* can be submitted to *The Jambar* office.

Polyglot Meeting

There will be a *Polyglot* staff meeting at 11 a.m. today in Jones Hall, Room 312. All interested persons are welcome.

Spaghetti Dinner

Little Sisters of Delta Chi are having a spaghetti dinner from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23, at the Delta Chi house, 457 Fairgreen. All you can eat for \$1.50, or \$2 at the door.

Peace Corps/Vista

The YSU Placement Office will be conducting private interviews today for students interested in volunteering for the Peace Corps or Vista today. Interested persons should contact the Placement Office, extension 323.

Wrestlers

Wrestling entries are due by today at the Intramural office, Room 322, Beeghly.

Disco Dance

A "discotheque dance" will be held immediately following tomorrow's YSU-Nebraska basketball game until 1 a.m. in the old Kilcawley Cafeteria. Admission is 50 cents at the door for everyone.

Omicron Delta Epsilon

There will be a meeting to discuss final plans for a field trip for all Omicron Delta Epsilon members from noon to 2 p.m. today in Kilcawley Center, Room 217. All members are urged to attend.

Hankey Talks

Dr. Clyde Hankey will speak at the English department colloquium at noon today in Kilcawley, Room 216. His topic will be "What We Mean by *Standard English*." All persons are invited to attend.

CWR Recruits

Students who are interested in graduate education in social work can obtain information about the Graduate School of Applied Social Science at Case Western Reserve University when Joseph Burrucker, Director of Recruitment and Student Finances, visits the YSU campus Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 24 and 25. Burrucker will talk to students enrolled in various classes within the Sociology/Anthropology Department and will also be available for individual conferences with students who are interested in careers in social service.

Pre-Law Society

The Pre-Law Society will meet at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25, in Kilcawley Center, Room 253, to hear Attorney Michael Gerchak speak on "Current Trends in the Legal Profession." All interested students are invited.

Group begins at YSU for woman's rights

A new "e.r.a." is beginning at YSU, believe the organizers of a new woman's rights group known as The Organization For Woman's Liberation of YSU.

The organization is open to all members of the academic community who share in a commitment to the objectives of the organization.

The first meetings will be at 3 p.m. Tues. March 4 in Room 240 and 7:30 Wed. March 5 in Room 253 at Kilcawley. Further information can be obtained at the meeting.

Dr. Glorianne Leck, chairperson of Foundations of Education, is the advisor.

She believes the organization is "desperately needed" both on campus and in the community.

She said, "Human liberation is an issue that touches every life and cannot be scorned by those who are comfortable with their own ignorance."

The main objectives of the organization are to provide facilities and opportunities for women to meet and talk about their culture, to broaden the opportunities for women to grow philosophically as well as professionally, and to share with the broader community the problems of sexism in the society.

Carol Sipe, sophomore, chemical engineering, is one of the organizers, and said, "By communicating with each other, women will realize that many of their problems are cultural problems and not personal ones."

Four YSU debaters qualify for national finals

Several Speech Team members qualified for national finals and helped YSU gain third place in sweepstakes in competition last weekend at California State University of Pa.

Joe Curry, junior in Fine Arts, placed third in persuasive speaking. Sue Prokop, sophomore, Education, was first in extemporaneous and third in salesmanship. Wayne Boneyk, sophomore, in A & S, took fifth place in impromptu speaking and sixth in salesmanship. Marilyn Thomas, sophomore, A & S, qualified for national competition by winning fifth place in poetry interpretation.

The four speakers qualified for national finals by placing among the top six in their respective divisions.

Kevin Durkin, A & S

Swimmers set records at meet

Many records were set in the Ohio State Swimming and Diving Championships last Saturday at Beeghly. Robin Chice of Miami set records in the 200-yard freestyle 1:59.98, the 50-yard butterfly 27.29, and the 100-yard butterfly 59.66.

Cari Irish, OSU, won the 1-and 3-meter diving events. Barbara Woodrow, Wright State, won the 200-yard and 400-yard medlies in 2:17.74 and 5:02.45.

Barb McKee, Bowling Green, did the 100-yard backstroke in 1:03.18 and Cynthia Simmonds, OSU, did the 400-yard freestyle in 4:20.12 for new records.

Bowling Green, defending state champion, scored an impressive victory in regaining its title in the meet.

YSU finished tenth in its first time in state competition.

sophomore, Kelly Shreck, sophomore in T & CC, and John Szablya, junior, Fine Arts, also participated to help YSU top 18 other teams in the tournament



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Major Events books concert; Arrowsmith and Rush to appear

Arrowsmith has been booked for an April 5 concert at Beeghly, according to Major Events. Rush and another group yet to be announced will appear with Arrowsmith.

John Pete, chairperson of Major Events, said the Major Events Committee will attempt booking a third "big-name" group for the Arrowsmith concert.

"Sticks, Brownsville Station and Montrose are available" said Pete. "It's still pretty much up in the air."

Tom Jones, chairperson of production, feels that the package deal, which includes a variety of different musical groups, will give the students a good show.

The results from the student survey on group preference were quite good, said Pete. He added

that mellow groups like America, the Eagles, and James Taylor seem to be the choice of the students.

Major Events' financial situation necessitates a successful

concert: it currently has a deficit of \$15,000 to overcome. Pete said the Committee is awaiting the results of an audit by the University Accounting Office to determine their financial plight.

Careers

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specific areas of the Beeghly gym.

Lynn Johnson, business junior, is serving the committee as student representative, getting students involved in participating in the program, and in advertising Career Kaleidoscope in high school newspapers, radio and tv.

K.J. Satrum, Assistant Director of Kilcawley Center, is co-ordinating a child care committee, and urged parents attending the the Career Kaleidoscope program to bring their children. "There will be a day care center set up for young children in Beeghly where we will provide movies, snacks and games," she said. Volunteer students from child care classes in the Technical and Community College will staff the day care center.

Records

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commenting upon or disagreeing with any document contained therein." Employees will not, however, have access to confidential letters of recommendation written in support of the individual's application for employment.

Employees will receive copies of each document at the time it is placed in their files.

Referring to other offices which may keep any sort of files on employees, policy stipulates that "no one within the University shall maintain any files which in any way violate the academic freedom of any member of the faculty or infringe upon the legal and Constitutional rights of the individual."

Administrators charged with maintaining employee files will also be responsible for periodic examinations of files under their supervision, and for purging files containing material no longer appropriate for retention," the statement directs.

The policy also stipulates that information stored in various employees files "shall be used in any manner appropriate to the normal operation of the University. Such information as is permitted or required by law may be reported to the state and/or federal governments. The administrator in charge of each set of employee files shall make every reasonable effort to assure that the information stored

therein shall be maintained with confidentiality, except in the case of information which is by nature public."

Policy further states that "campus security records shall not be used in making basic personnel decisions such as promotion, retention, or termination."

The policy has been unanimously recommended for immediate implementation by members of the committee, according to Dr. Taylor Alderman, assistant vice-president for academic affairs and chairperson of the committee. It will be submitted to the Board of Trustees for its ratification at the Board's meeting in April.

"We are saying very clearly," Alderman noted, "that we expect careful judgment to be exercised"

by administrators who keep faculty and employee records. "Any file which is to be maintained must be justified as necessary to the functioning of the total operation," he added.

He said the committee "has gone about as far as we can go in terms of a policy statement," and called the new policy "a good document."

Members of the committee which formulated the new policy included Dr. C. William Eichenberger, political science, Dr. Daniel O'Neill, speech and dramatics, Dr. Ivis Boyer, chairperson of political science, Dr. Bernard Yozwiak, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Tom Kuchinka, internal auditor, and Dr. William Swan, director of the Faculty Personnel Office, and Alderman.

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Failsafe ?

The new policy regarding the accessibility and maintenance of files at YSU on faculty and employees is a step in the right direction to insuring individual freedom and academic freedom for all parties involved. The policy is broad enough in scope to cover areas that may need to be looked at from time to time, yet narrow enough to protect things that by their very nature are (and should be) confidential.

The spot-checks on the files will add the teeth needed to enforce such a difficult policy, provided, of course, that the spot-checks are actually carried out and not lost in the bureaucratic mess in which this university so often seems to become tangled.

The guarantees in the policy guidelines are just the thing needed to clear the air after the files story (*Jambar*, Oct. 22, 1974) broke at the university.

The files shall be used "in any manner appropriate to the normal operation of the University." This language, though rather ambiguous, does give the University employee a promise that skulduggery will not be afoot (at least not with his personal records.)

The policy will soon go to the Board of Trustees for their approval, and we hope that they approve it in order to give YSU the free atmosphere that is so vital to an academic community.

Perhaps the most interesting aspect of the entire policy statement is the fact that employees will receive copies of each document at the time it is placed in their file, providing it is not a confidential letter of recommendation written in support of the individual's application for employment. This part of the policy virtually makes the system "fail safe" — an employee can check his material against the material in the file and see that it matches any inconsistencies. Employees also can submit in writing a rebuttal of something in the files with which they take issue.

We hope the committee on student files will come up with similar safeguards.

F.W.K.

Feedback

Asserts FLR is valuable

To the editor of *The Jambar*:

I would like to request that Professor Dykema's letter of Jan. 28, be republished by *The Jambar*, in order to dispel once and for all the recurring misconceptions and misinterpretations of the foreign language requirement.

Statements such as "The foreign language requirement demands the student spend 20 hours concentrating his efforts on one language" are a distortion of the truth, and the editorial in which such statements appear would be more fittingly entitled "La Contre-Verite."

The foreign language requirement is different from all others. As Professor Dykema's letter points out, the FLR at YSU varies from zero to eight hours for students who have at least the minimum entrance units from high school. Anyone having to complete more than eight hours for the requirement is doing so either by choice, or because he/she did not enter YSU with the prescribed pre-college requirements.

I believe in a free press, and I believe in debate. Debating is one thing, however, and cabaling is

quite another. I find it extremely poor taste to use the columns of *The Jambar* for derogatory remarks about the foreign language faculty and about the foreign language periodical *The Polyglot* (the etymology of which, by the way, has been dealt with rather loosely in these columns).

On the brighter side, there is good news for students concerned with the practical aspects of their education, and who have studied a foreign language: a large number of positions in fields other than teaching are open to people who can use a foreign language as an auxiliary skill. In one January 1975 issue of *The New York Times*, I counted 13 ads for business, legal, technological, secretarial positions in which the knowledge of one or more foreign languages was a requirement. In addition, the same issue of *The New York Times* listed 11 more positions for which the knowledge of a foreign language would have been a definite asset. A recent ad in the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* read as follows: "Staff accountants; Cleveland based ... to \$25,000. Must speak German, French, or Spanish."

I agree that many students will get nothing whatsoever from their foreign language courses. Why? Because they approach the subject with closed minds. Studying ANY subject—science, psychology, history, foreign languages, philosophy, etc.—will be a waste of time if beforehand you adopt a negative attitude. An African proverb aptly states that "If you have a clenched fist, nobody can give you anything."

We were pleased to recently the praise directed at the continuing education course in elementary French, and at the rapid progress in the acquisition of practical French evidenced by the students enrolled in that course. Indeed, Mr. Briceland's comments only illustrate further the point already made in this letter: that those who approach a language with an open mind can learn a great deal of practical value. Why do I say this? Because it so happens the text-book and method used in the continuing education French course are identical to those used in French 501-2-3.

Renee Linkhorn
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Believes FLR broadens minds

To the editor of *The Jambar*:

Many of those who favor abolishing the FLR say that it is 20 hours wasted. These people would rather take other courses related to their major in order to be more "marketable" when looking for a job. For those people I suggest a trade school. I know the major reason people come to college is to prepare for a job, which is good. We ought to prepare ourselves to get good jobs, but another important reason for going to college is to learn, to broaden our minds. Studying a foreign language does this.

Many of those who favor abolishing the FLR say that it is 20 hours wasted learning grammar, listening to tapes and lectures that will be soon forgotten. Surely anybody who "sat through 200 hours of lectures on French grammar plus another 50-100 hours spent listening to tapes" would remember something. If Mr. Briceland did not retain anything out of all those hours, he's got a problem.

Mr. Briceland suggests that some people do not have the aptitude to learn a foreign

language. Learning a foreign language is not the easiest project to undertake—but it's not the hardest. I'm sure if we think about it we can think of courses more difficult than French. Patience, study and work will get a student through any course. Of course, if you feel the time is wasted and that studying a foreign language is too hard you were defeated before you even began. So when Mr. Briceland says that some aren't capable of learning a foreign language he is insulting their intelligence.

I hope all those students planning to drop out of A&S because of the FLR know that YSU has french tutors. It's too bad the others who dropped out of A&S didn't know.

Many of those who favor abolishing the FLR say that we don't get enough "culture" out of studying one foreign language. If you want to study culture I suggest a western civ course. One does learn many things of cultural interest when studying a foreign language. But the primary function of studying a foreign language is to learn that language. What good is it to take four hours of Spanish four hours of Italian and four hours of German just for

the culture?

Mr. Briceland suggests that one reason the FLR is maintained at YSU is to keep the foreign language professors working. That remark was vicious, in very poor taste and very untrue. Whether Mr. Briceland knows it or not, there are students majoring and minoring in foreign languages. We have very fine teachers in the foreign language department who could certainly find teaching positions elsewhere.

I believe that if the FLR should be dropped the quality of education at YSU would drop also. Opponents of the FLR seem to be opponents of a well-rounded education and of studying. If we don't watch out, YSU will soon become a trade school.

Linda Porter
Sophomore
French

Dykema comments on FLR ; notes changes, misconceptions

by Mark Squicquero

In the wake of recent criticism of the University's foreign language requirement, Dr. Christine Dykema, chairperson of the Foreign language dept., was contacted and asked to comment on the FLR and possible changes in it.

Dr. Dykema was primarily concerned about the "misconception" that the FLR is 20 hours in all cases when in fact it is not. The only instance in which the FLR means 20 hours of study of a language is in the event a student has had no language in high school. In most

cases, however, Dykema pointed out, a student need only complete eight hours of a foreign language (601 & 602) for a B.A. degree; four hours (601) for a B.S. If the student has completed three years of high school study of a language, he is exempted from college study.

When asked why the present FLR exists Dykema noted that this country, must deal with multi-national corporations and so some knowledge of a foreign language is becoming of greater importance in dealing with such companies as well as in seeking employment.

As examples she listed the need for bilingual lawyers to practice international law, and on a more regional basis, the need for multilingual people in hospitals, in court as interpreters, and as receptionists and clerks.

New York University, she pointed out, has a department for bilingual secretaries, and Case Western Reserve Law School in Cleveland emphasizes the need to prospective students for competence in a foreign language for use in international business matters.

In light of the current updating of the curriculums in

for two days as a result of excessive flu absenteeism.

Area hospitals have reported a high incidence of flu and flu-related illnesses during January and the early part of February.

In its most recently released report, the Communicable Disease Center in Atlanta has reported that the epidemic has already peaked and a noticeable decrease in the incidence of flu should be apparent soon.

Cagers defeat Malone, Clarion; unbeaten here

YSU women cagers earned two home victories against Malone College, 69-46, and Clarion, 65-36. This season they were undefeated at Beeghly, with a 5-0 record.

Leading the scoring for YSU in both games was Cheryl Kozak. She hooped 19 points against Malone and 18 against Clarion. She also had a total of 17 rebounds for both games.

Cindy Gettig had 12 points against Malone and 18 rebounds in the Clarion game.

YSU's next games are Saturday, Feb. 22 at Duquesne University at 2 p.m. Monday YSU is at Mount Union for a 7:30 p.m. match. YSU's overall record is now 8-1.

Enrollment

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at YSU and 5,416 women. According to Dr. Karl E. Krill, vice-president for administrative affairs, "the ratio of men to women is changing. In 1968 three students in 10 were women and this quarter the number is very close to four."

Dr. Krill also noted that the average age of YSU students is climbing significantly. In 1970-71, nearly five per cent were over 30 years of age; in 1974-75, more than 12 per cent are over 30. YSU now has 12 students above 70 years of age and 154 above 50.

many departments, Dykema was asked what changes are occurring in the foreign language department to make the FLR more suitable to the needs of students.

Presently before the Curriculum Committee is a proposal to offer four mini-courses based on the present 601 - 602 intermediate series in French and Spanish. She explained that the proposed courses would consist of specific areas of study such as reading skills, grammar, conversation, business Spanish and others.

The intent of these mini-courses is to allow a student to concentrate his study in the areas he feels will be most beneficial in his future.

With the completion of Bliss Hall, the fine arts building, a new

modular language lab will be available to students which will allow them to progress at their own rate. According to Dykema, a student may take as little or as much time as he wishes to complete any module such as 501 Spanish or 601 French.

Dykema admitted a student cannot achieve a native competence in a language after completing the required amount of hours, but she added the learned reading ability will be maintained and may be easily picked up again in the future.

As for total replacement of language courses with culture courses, she maintained that without knowledge of a language, "a foreign culture can only be learned second hand since a country's language is its most basic cultural aspect."

Sci-fi program 'previews' futuristic space mission

by Sue Harker

"The Cub Scouts just don't understand it" said Dr. Warren Young, physics and astronomy, referring to the YSU Planetarium's first science fiction show, *Entrance to Otherwhere*, which will have its final showing at 8 p.m. today.

Cub Scouts may find the subject matter a bit heavy, but Young, who with Dr. Edwin Bishop, physics and astronomy, co-authored the chronicle of a futuristic outer-space mission, reported the program received favorable reviews from most of its other viewers.

"Most of the people said this was the best program the YSU Planetarium has ever shown" Young remarked. "Those who reacted negatively (like the Cubs who came during Cub Scout Science Week) said 'It's over my head' or 'I don't understand it.' The theme is somewhat difficult" he noted.

Entrance to Otherwhere, researched by Bishop and written by Young, is, according to the Planetarium's program guide, the tale of a "strange journey into the mysteries of the universe." The 40-person crew of a huge starship--"similar to the one on *Star Trek*," Young observed--discovers "an ordered signal from outer space" and seeks its origin, thus locating a fearsome "black hole" in the universe.

Young explained that the concept of the "black hole"--a "wormhole to other universes"--is based on physical theory. Scientists now believe they have located a black hole, he added. "It is a mathematical theory that the black hole will lead to another part of our universe or to an entirely different universe" Young said.

What makes a black hole so frightening? Bishop explained that the danger faced by the space travellers in *Entrance to Otherwhere* is that the wormhole's "tremendous

gravitational effects" will pull them apart. "If you went into one, it would stretch you out until you were a couple of miles long"--an experience which would be more than painful, Young observed.

"We used physics to guide our imaginations" Bishop said of the plot he and Young developed. "Human beings could achieve these deeds in several--possibly three or four--centuries."

Young noted that the Bussart ramjet used to power the ship in *Entrance to Otherwhere* was developed by a Russian physicist and is already a reality. "The ramjet in our story scoops up interstellar gases and uses them as fuel" he said.

Although man cannot yet use the ramjet for this kind of space travel (the ship in *Otherwhere* reaches a speed of approximately 70 per cent that of light), it "offers an avenue in theoretical physics for possible time travel" Young explained.

"Human beings don't age as fast in a space ship" Bishop said. He explained that time moves one third slower to a space traveller on board a ship moving at this speed than to a person "on the ground." In this way, Bishop observed, space travellers engaged in a mission lasting eight light years would emerge from their ship four years younger than their peers on earth, who would have experienced a 12-year aging period.

Young said Bishop and he conceived the idea for a science fiction planetarium show last spring and developed the story line last fall. "All our other shows have been 'straight' science programs" Young noted. "Writing a science fiction show is hard work."

Bishop did the calculations for the "outer-space journey," and he said his data was carefully researched and is scientifically accurate. Young wrote the script for the program, which features parts for eight voices.

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Flu absences were heaviest among students, workers

Heavy absenteeism due to flu has been reported among some sectors of the student body as well as among general service employees. The only members of the university community which have remained relatively untouched by the flu are the instructors.

Dr. David Bertelsen, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, noted that in one week there were 30 cases of the flu reported among Kilcawley dormitory residents.

Nicholas Sturm, professor of biology, recorded an absence of 22 students out of a class of 45.

A check of how the flu has affected other areas of the University yielded the following results: Rose Fedyna, of the personnel office reported that during the week of January 8th through 21st, there were 17 absences reported among the general service employees. Fedyna termed this "very high absenteeism."

Phil Hirsch, Director of

Kilcawley Student Center, who had the flu himself last month, told of heavy absences among Kilcawley staff members and employees during January.

A random sampling of students around campus has revealed that 72 per cent of those questioned reported having had the flu at some time this winter; 20 per cent felt that although they hadn't had the flu yet, they would before winter was over; 8 per cent said they "never get the flu."

The only group on campus which showed few effects of the present epidemic were the instructors. A check of several departments showed that in most cases none of the instructors had reported off due to illness this winter. A total of five instructors were found to have the flu.

Around the Youngstown area, several high schools have reported heavy absenteeism which has been attributed to the flu. East Liverpool High School was closed

his music would begin to be appreciated.

Performers in the Symphony, made up almost entirely of YSU students except for some outside performers to fill out the string section, include a 100-member orchestra, directed by Slocum, an off-stage group including french horns and percussion with a separate conductor, the University Choir, directed by Wade Raridon, the YSU Men's Chorus conducted by Wendell Orr, the Concert Choir, directed by Ronald Gould who will also be playing the organ in the performance, and vocalists Suzanne Rudnysky, soprano, and Pamela Green, contralto.

The most recent performance in this area of the Mahler Symphony was several years ago in Cleveland.

Admission to the performance is free for students with an I.D.; there will be a minimal charge for members of the community.

Symphony

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the Symphony, explaining that Mahler was an Austrian composer-conductor who died in 1911. During his lifetime he was known mainly as a conductor and did not gain much appreciation for his compositions. When he was 34, he began his second symphony but lacked the inspiration he needed to finish it.

A musician friend, Hans von Bulow, died in Cairo at this time and during the funeral service a string melody concerned with resurrection crystallized Mahler's creative drive. He took the existing lyrics and added some of his own words to intensify the feeling, and finished his second symphony. Mahler predicted at his death in 1911 that "my time will come" and guessed that it would take about 50 years before

Burdman Home seeks volunteers to share interests with residents

The Doris Burdman Home is now seeking volunteers from YSU through the Student Volunteer Bureau.

Estelle Ortman, counselor at the Burdman Home, said the organization is serving men for the first time and is in special need of YSU men for their volunteer program.

The Doris Burdman Home, 255 N. Heights Ave., is a transitional facility designed to allow residents who have had emotional problems a chance to develop skills in relating to others and to become useful and independent members of the community, according to Ortman.

There are currently 10 residents at the home participating in a program that allows them to become

independent by developing positive work habits while relating to each other, she said.

The program consists of sharing household chores, participating in group rap sessions, and attending classes in craft work, Ortman explained. The residents are also encouraged to complete their education and seek employment.

One of the young women is currently a student at YSU. Another is working in one of the departments at YSU. Several other YSU students are also in the program.

Ortman said, "Anyone who is interested may volunteer. I'm looking for people who are willing to share their interests, whatever they may be, with our residents. We just want people to come and visit, and to be involved

with what we're doing."

In addition to Ortman, the staff consists of Roger White, executive director; Mary Ann Pernotta, psychiatric nurse, and Nancy Whitehouse, household supervisor. Pernotta and Ortman received their degrees from YSU. Whitehouse is currently a student at YSU.

Ortman noted "The residents are very interested in the community's becoming aware of the problems of mental health. One of our woman residents has established a program called "Outreach." She is inviting members of the community to our rap sessions."

Ortman said that the Burdman Home will soon be moving to larger facilities at 278 Broadway. The program will be expanded, and the need for volunteers will be increased.

Students who are interested can contact the Student Volunteer Bureau, Kilcawley Center, Room 269.

In this week's Young Hegelians pre-season frisbee tournament, E.P. Wadland defeated D.J. Harasym, 53-52.

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Sci-fi

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Guy Solomon, from University Relations, offered a brief introduction to the show, and Joe Curry, Kevin Durkin, Janet Filipis, Tom Holliday, Wayne Boneyk, Jim Senary, and Tim Kuzniar—all from the department of speech and dramatics—read the parts of the space travellers.

The 45-minute show was highlighted by "impressive visual effects," including the simulated passage of a star system, Young said. He explained the "special effects" were created by use of motorized projectors, mirrors, and prisms. The projectors show outer-space scenes and "zoom in" for close-ups, and the mirrors and prisms reflect colors and lights, he said. The slides used for *Entrance to Otherwhere* were created by Tim Kuzniar, sophomore, A&S, and Joe Tucciarone, junior, A&S.

Adding to the overall effect of the show were sound effects—such as the recorded beating of a human heart—and various kinds of musical soundtracks.

Young noted that both moog and classical music—"electronic and symphonic"—were used, some of it specially composed for the Strassenburgh Planetarium in Rochester, N. Y., which Young called the "best planetarium" in the country. The music for the YSU Planetarium's show was recorded at the WYSU studio, Young said.

Future programs at the Planetarium will include *Stonehenge and Beyond*, an examination of ancient monuments and temples which archaeologists believe were used to study celestial events, and *Sights and Sounds*, a special light-show presentation accompanied by poetry readings and music. *Stonehenge and Beyond* is set to open March 6, and *Sights and Sounds* will have its initial showing April 10.

Reservations may be made by calling the Planetarium at ext. 406. There is no charge for admission, but, because of the Planetarium's limited seating capacity, reservations are required.



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YSU loses to Gannon, CSU ; chances dim for playoff berth

by Dave Harasym

The YSU Penguins lost two more games this past week, dimming any hopes for a post-season tournament invitation. Saturday night at Beeghly when Cleveland State University edged the Penguins in double over-time 93-89, and the Gannon Knights defeated the Penguins 75-64 Wednesday in Erie.

5,100 fans witnessed a thrilling game Saturday, as the CSU

Vikings and the YSU Penguins battled to 68-68 tie at the end of regulation play. The Vikings took the lead with 4:15 of second overtime period. They never relinquished the lead and went on to win in double-overtime.

Cleveland State led at the half 40-35.

The Vikings were led by Wilbur Starks who racked up 38 points in the game, 22 in the first half. He was followed by Gale Drummer, Frank Ayers and Larry Croom, all three scoring points.

The Penguins were led by Phil Gaston and Bob Carlson, who both hit 14 from the field and hit from the foul stripe once for 29 points.

Saturday's victory gave the Vikings their eleventh victory against eight losses.

Wednesday night, the Penguins traveled to Erie, Pa. to take on the Gannon Knights, who were seeking their 21st victory.

3,100 fans saw their Knights assure themselves of a post-season tournament berth as they easily

knocked off the Penguins, 75-64.

Once again, the Penguins found the points hard to come by in the first-half as they hit on only 20 per cent of their shots from the floor.

In the last three minutes of the first half the Knights expanded their lead to 12 points, 38-26.

Gannon's record now stands 21-2, while the Penguins have slipped to 17-6.

The Penguins were led by Phil Gaston with 24 points, Bob Carlson with 21 points and Jeff Covington with 12 points.

The Penguins returned home for the three remaining games of the season. Tomorrow, the Penguins meet Nebraska-Omaha at Beeghly.

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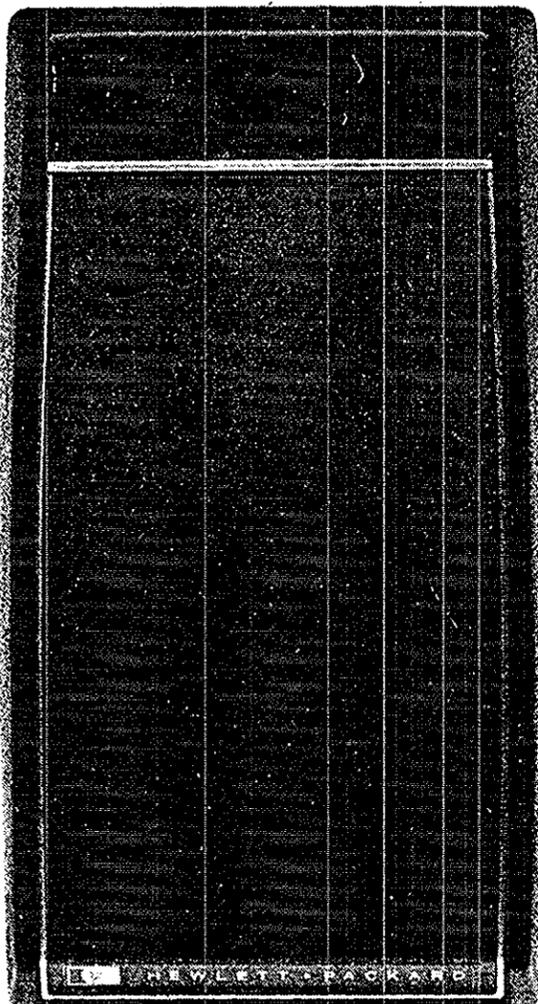
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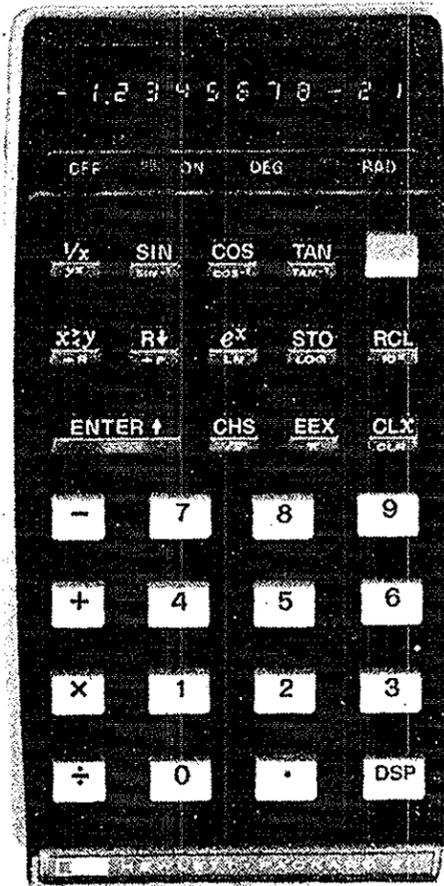
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