

Professor, former union president dies

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Students and faculty in the department of sociology and anthropology reacted Monday to the news of the death of a tenured professor.

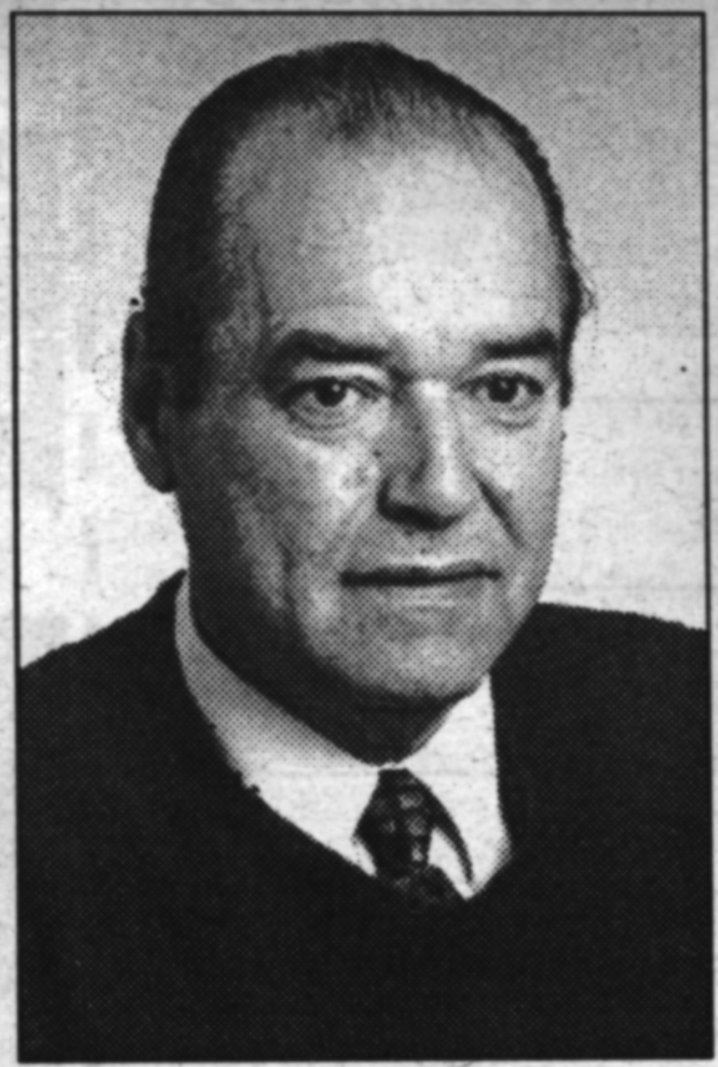
Mark Shutes, associate professor, sociology and anthropology, died Sunday evening of cardiac arrest. Shutes had been recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and was undergoing chemotherapy treatments, said Dr. John White, chair, sociology and anthropology, "Shutes' death was "quite sudden," White said.

Calling hours are tentatively set from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at Edward J. Fox and Sons Funeral Home, 4700 Market St. Services will begin 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Shutes was still teaching classes this semester, and White said he had to tell the students about his death.

"If you could see the tears, you'd be profoundly moved," said White.

Shutes previously held the position of YSU-OEA, the faculty union, president. Dr. David Porter, associate professor, political science, recently took over as presi-



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dent. Porter could not be reached for comment Monday.

Dr. Paul Sracic, associate pro-

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fessor, political science, said he knew Shutes through the Ohio Education Association. Sracic is the higher education representative for the OEA.

He said, "It was Mark's idea [for me to become the representative]. That was typical of Mark to get new people involved."

Shutes himself seemed to be involved in many organizations. In addition to being union president, he was in the citizen's league, a member of ACTION and a member of the advisory committee for the American studies program.

Shutes received his undergraduate degree from YSU and did

graduate work at the University of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Sherry Linkon, coordinator, American studies, said Shutes "was one of those people who's really interested in trying to build connections across campus."

"For me at least, that's what I'm going to miss about him," she said.

White, however, is going to miss something different about Shutes.

"I'm going to miss him more as a person than as a colleague. You can replace colleagues, but you can't replace your friends," he said.