

Yemma named first chairperson of YSU allied health department

Dr. John J. Yemma, associate professor of biological sciences at YSU, has been appointed the first chairperson of the YSU department of allied health.

The allied health department, offered through the YSU College of Applied Science and Technology, prepares medically oriented students for job entry in various health career fields.

Dr. Yemma, an East High School graduate, received a bachelor of science in education degree in biology from YSU, master of arts degree in biology from George Peabody College (Tenn.) and a Ph.D. degree in biology from Pennsylvania State University. He has authored 17 research articles on cytochemistry, the study of the composition of tissues and cells.

The Youngstown native notes that the allied health department "will provide one-year certificate programs and two-year associate degree programs as well as certain baccalaureate programs preparing individuals in those applied spheres of learning that deal with human health and well-being."

Programs developed and currently functioning in the depart-

ment are: medical technology, a four-year program coordinated by Dr. Inally Mahadeviah; dental hygiene technology, a two-year program coordinated by Mrs. Madeleine Haggerty; and medical assisting, a two-year program coordinated by Mrs. Catherine Feld. According to Dr. Yemma a respiratory therapy program is being developed to be implemented by September, 1977. In the planning stage are a medical laboratory technician program and a program in radiologic technology.

Dr. Yemma joined the YSU faculty in 1971, after teaching biology at Penn State for six years and chemistry in the Struthers school system for four years. He is a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Association of Microbiologists, and serves as referee for scientific articles contributed to the American Botanical Society.



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