

Bargaining agent allowed for police

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YSU Board of Trustees members have agreed to allow a bargaining agent to represent the University's police force.

The agreement was in the form of a resolution passed at the Trustees' regular meeting, Aug. 27.

The police officers' request for a bargaining agent, the Northern Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (NOPBA), was denied almost a year ago, when the Trustees deferred action on the matter "until such time as legislation was passed addressing various questions related to collective bargaining for police officers in Ohio."

The University's denial led to a law suit filed by the NOPBA and 14 YSU police officers against the University and members of the Board.

The Trustees' Aug. 27 decision is a result of collective bargaining legislation that was enacted by the Ohio General Assembly and signed into law by the Governor. The collective bargaining bill becomes effective April 1, 1984.

Officers vote for bargainer

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YSU police officers have voted to be represented by the Northern Ohio Patrolmen's Association (NOPBA) for collective bargaining.

The vote, taken Sept. 7 at 6:30 and 9 a.m., is seen as "a clear mandate by the department" to be represented by the NOPBA, said YSU Police Department NOPBA Director Gregory Clementi. Clementi is a YSU police officer.

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The Trustees' resolution authorized the YSU police to conduct an election to determine "if they wish to be represented by an agent for purposes of collective bargaining negotiations, and...if the response be affirmative, by what collective bargaining agent."

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members also heard Associate Vice President of Student Services Charles McBriarty report that the student retention program, "a new program designed to decrease the student attrition rate, has been initiated by Student Services."

"The student retention program will identify 200 students who have the potential to succeed at the University, as measured by their high school record and their ACT scores, but who have characteristics of students who drop out of the University," said McBriarty.

McBriarty also gave a progress report on the Students Serving Students program, pointing out that 87.8 percent of students entering the University this fall had been contacted by student assistants as of Aug. 11. He said day care assistance, initiated last year, which provides a voucher to enrolled students who have preschool children, was utilized by an average of 56 students per quarter.

McBriarty concluded his report by stating that the continued demand for women's

housing has resulted in a second floor in the previously all-men's Kilcawley residence hall to be converted to accommodate women students. He said 100 percent occupancy was anticipated.

Dean of Administrative Services Edmund J. Salata reported to the Trustees that among other construction throughout the University, the Stambaugh Stadium seats had been repaired, and the North parking lot (by Stambaugh Stadium) is expected to be completed by early October.

Salata said the project program for renovation of Ward Beecher has been sent to the Board of Regents and that a selection process for an architect had begun.

The University will be prepared to receive bids for construction of the proposed Applied Science and Technology facility by January of 1984, according to Salata.

In other business, the Trustees passed a number of resolutions including a request the University "further pursue the release of...planning funds for a marketing and management feasibility study" for a convocation center in Youngstown. \$250,000 was appropriated for "Youngstown Convocation

Center...Planning" as part of the capital improvement program.

The Trustees stipulated that the release be secured without an obligation on the part of YSU to pay the debt service on the resulting Convocation Center.

Trustee members also approved criteria for "unconditional admission" for incoming students. The plan was presented by the Academic Senate. The criteria, adopted by the Senate July 13, are concerning entrance requirements. The plan includes a condition that incoming students be "admitted on the condition that their course of study includes

prescribed courses aimed at correcting any deficiencies."

Trustees were reminded of the importance of the November tax repeal move and the effects such a move would have on higher education.

The Trustees passed a resolution renewing a "pledge to the students...that every effort will be made to keep this University accessible" by instructing the University to initiate budget planning for 1984 and 1985 with the objective that there "be no increase in either the instructional fee or the general fee."

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He said that of 23 ballots cast, 21 voted for representation. In the second ballot, the same number of votes were cast, naming the NOPBA as the preferred bargaining agent.

The voting took place as a result of a recent Board of Trustees' resolution, allowing the police to be represented in light of collective bargaining legislation which will become effective April 1, 1984.