

'Friends' organization calls attention to library

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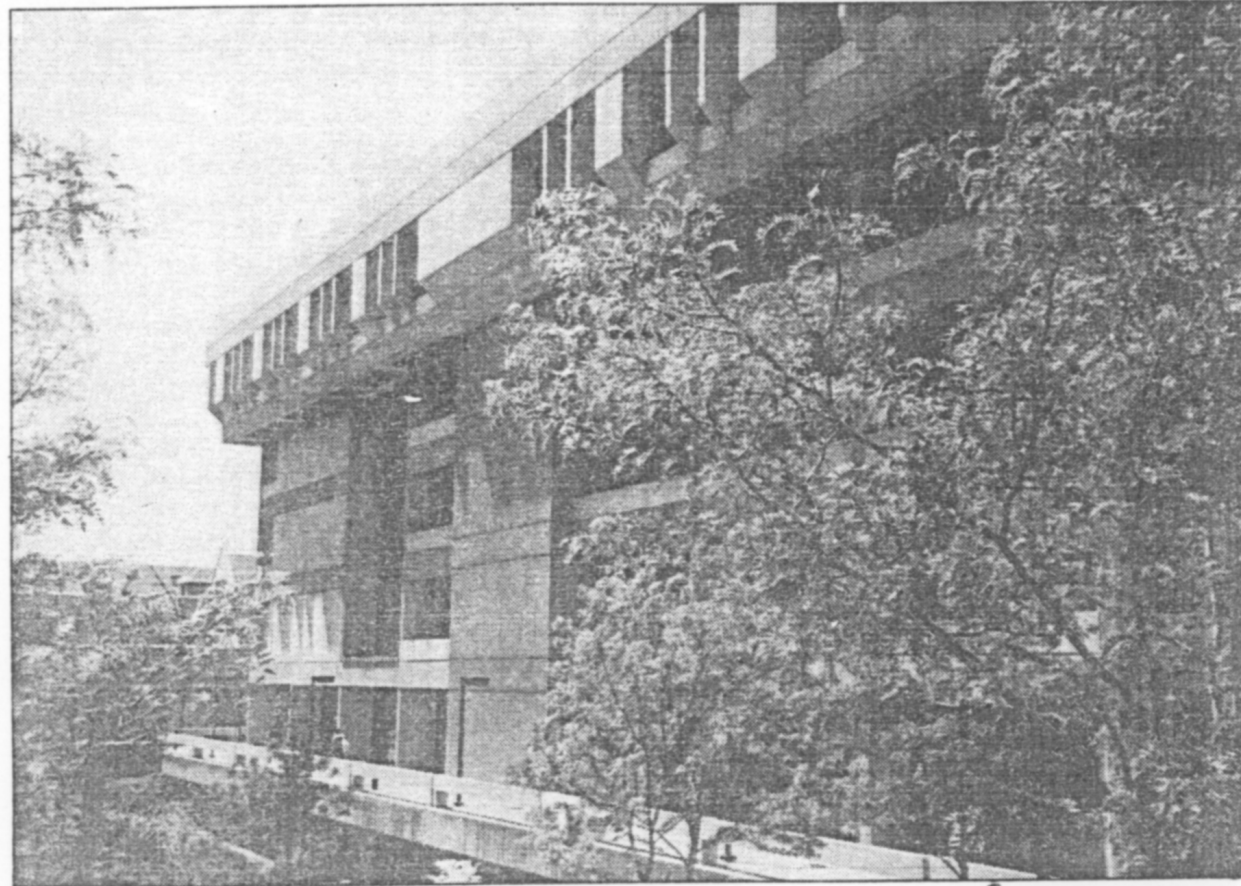
Friends of Maag Library is an organization that helps Maag Library by sponsoring various activities. This organization was reactivated a year ago, when its first sponsor was history Professor James Ronda who lectured about history and brought maps with him to discuss their importance and uses.

As well, this organization is open to both students and non-students.

According to its Vice President, English Professor James Houck, Friends of Maag Library, which may be referred to as 'Friends', has a number of purposes, one of which is to call attention to the facilities of the library.

Houck said that since the students should already know about these facilities, this purpose is primarily for non-students. Friends calls attention to and interests people in the library.

Another purpose of Friends is to bring in people outside of the University. This would attract people other than the non-student. It would bring in people from the community, as well as the students at YSU, Houck said.



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The recently reactivated Friends of Maag Library tries to make people both on and off campus more aware of the facilities and services offered by Maag Library.

One person that Friends sponsored was a geneologist, someone who traces a person's family tree.

In addition to calling attention to the facilities of the library and bringing in people, or sponsoring them, Friends

also tries to encourage donations to the library. For example, if someone's relative dies, then the survivors of that person can take the liberty of donating the deceased's books. "We even accept money as a donation. People can make

donations at any time to do what they can to support the library," Houck said.

"Another purpose of Friends is to provide an occasion to keep people who want to remain intellectually and culturally alive, such as when professor

Ronda lectured about history," said Houck.

Friends also aids the library in direct and physical needs (things the library needs). In their newsletter, which is sent out to all members, a list of periodicals missing from the library was published. This is just in case someone knows where these periodicals happen to be.

According to Houck, periodicals have also been vandalized. "Students tear out pages because they are in a hurry or they don't want to pay to get a copy of it," said Houck. Sometimes, they even take the whole issue, said Houck.

According to Houck, Friends has about 275 members, and is still growing in numbers. Every year a membership renewal letter is sent to all members. Any member may participate in the committees, such as the Program Committee, which plans and directs the projects and activities for Friends.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of Friends of Maag Library can stop in at Maag Library for more information. Find out how you can help the library by stopping in today!