

Coffelt enacts plans to curb energy use

In view of the nationwide fuel shortage and requests from President Nixon and Governor Gilligan to conserve energy, YSU President Dr. John J. Coffelt is asking the University community's cooperation and support in implementing several energy saving proposals.

YSU's physical plant department has been asked to lower thermostats in all University buildings to 68 degrees. Dr. Coffelt also requested that faculty, administration and students use no more lights than necessary in classrooms and offices, and that all lights be turned off when classrooms and offices are not in use.

The directives regarding lighting "are not that precise," said Dr. Coffelt. "Lighting will depend on the work task."


Coffelt stated, "I requested that the physical plant personnel get a light meter and see if lighting in the individual rooms is excessive."

The Jambar has learned that the physical plant will be taking foot candle power readings in all buildings and will lower thermostats in places where the readings are above recommended standards.

As an additional measure, Dr. Coffelt has asked Ray Orlando, director of the physical plant, to establish an informal panel to make further recommendations regarding future energy-saving proposals.

Dr. Coffelt is also asking that only necessary travel trips be made in the conduct of University business. Whenever possible,

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only one vehicle will be scheduled for the same destination on the same day. As pertaining to university travel policy, travel requests are to be made two weeks in advance of a proposed trip, and special attention will be given to coordinating the travel of individuals scheduling trips to the same destination.

As another device to conserve energy, individuals using University vehicles are asked to limit speeds to 50 miles per hour.