

YSU Flying Club buys aircraft ; expands facilities for members

by Tom Lowry

Two recent events have caused excitement among the members of the YSU Flying Club: they have incorporated and they have purchased their own plane. The Club is now officially known as The Youngstown Flying Club Incorporated. Incorporation as a non-profit organization provides the Club with the financial advantages of tax exemption and the deferring of liabilities from private individuals to the corporation. July 4th marked the putting into service of the club's new Cessna 150 aircraft. The plane was purchased in June for a price in excess of \$5,000, all of which is being paid by the club without university assistance.

The original YSU Flying Club was the idea of Dr. Edwin Bishop, professor of astronomy, who flew as a hobby and felt that his enjoyment as pilot should and could be experienced by other people in the community. The organization was founded by Bishop in the hope that such a club would "impart knowledge and experience in aviation." The knowledge and experience that can be gained by instruction in flying can be used in both the areas of pleasure and flying as a career. The membership of the club at present includes four members with both commercial and flight instructor licenses, three members with private licenses, and the remaining members spread over an area anywhere from just beginning ground instruction to just a few hours from receiving a private license.

The Youngstown Flying Club Inc. is based at the Youngstown

Executive Airport: the airport provides all the instruction, instructors, aircraft, and other facilities and equipment necessary for obtaining a license to fly an airplane. For the nominal fee of \$5 per month dues plus the cost of instruction (which is considerably less per hour through the club) a club member has at his disposal all he needs to obtain the necessary 25 hours for a private license, the 50 hours for a commercial license, and the 100 hours needed for a flight instructor's license. The F.A.A. issues the licenses and they then are recognized as legitimate anywhere in the U.S.

The Flying Club itself is open to anyone for membership. Any-

one who has flown before knows the excitement felt as you speed down the runway, lift gently into the sky, maneuver effortlessly above the pollution of earth, then reluctantly return to the approach lights and finally touchdown. Anyone who has never had this experience or those who wish to again achieve it should contact either Dr. Bishop or the club's president, Mike Gabriel, in the club's office, Room 103, Ward Beecher.

A few extra minutes spent with either of these men could open many new avenues for pleasure or provide one with an additional asset when applying for jobs in today's ever tightening employment market.



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YSU FLIERS – Mike Gabriel (standing at left), President of the Youngstown Flying Club Incorporated, and Dr. Edwin Bishop (standing at right), professor of astronomy and founder of the organization, are pictured with the club's Cessna 150 aircraft, purchased last June.