

1983 marks the 75th year in the evolution of Youngstown State University from a night law class into a sprawling university. The factor that created the law class was the community's need for more lawyers. This was to be the function of the school for the next seventy-five years: meeting the higher education needs of the Youngstown community. There developed a need for highly trained personnel in business; therefore the school instituted classes in commerce and finance. The expansion of the public school system created a need for advanced education for teachers; therefore the school founded a Department of Education. The advance of technology created a need for engineers; therefore the school introduced classes in engineering.

When the Depression struck Youngstown in the 1930s, many young people were unable to go away to college; the school therefore expanded its college program. To meet the need for professional musicians, teachers of high school music, and organists, the Department of Music consolidated with the Dana Institute of Music. When World War II ended, the school expanded into a large private university to absorb the flood of student veterans.

When the 1960s came, it was obvious that the school could not continue to adequately serve the needs of the community as a private university dependent on private contributions for its support. It therefore became a part of the Ohio state university system in 1967. The chief change, however, was that it now had sufficient funds to meet these needs. When the steel industry closed down in the 1970s, the University became the community's largest employer and in the 1980s is a major resource in the attempt to revive the area's economy. Thus, in 1982-83 the School commemorates seventy-five years of service to the Youngstown community, and it is our pleasure to present you with this Commemorative Calendar.

Diamond Jubilee

Commemorative Calendar

Although it's dated "1908" and illustrated with authentic turn-of-the-century ads for early Youngstown merchants, the Commemorative Calendar's format is, in reality, a functional 1982 calendar, suitable for hanging in your home or office.

The Commemorative Calendar and accompanying Calendar of Events will be published quarterly so that up-to-date program listings may be included. The first editions are available now. Others will be forthcoming, and available at the same locations.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 1922 First degrees — three bachelor of laws diplomas — conferred
4 1967 Youngstown University officially becomes a state school	5	6 1979 WYSU granted approval to build ground station terminal	7	8	9	10 1964 Long-range plans for campus expansion submitted by four architectural firms
11	12 1930 Announcement of first full program in music	13	14	15	16	17
18 1947 Youngstown College to receive four barracks buildings from Camp Perry	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 1931 Howard Jones, at age 36, appointed assistant general secretary of YMCA in charge of all educational activities at Yo. Inst. of Technology	26 1968 Graduate program accredited by North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools	27 1945 William Rayen Technical Institute becomes William Rayen School of Engineering	28	29	30	31 1953 Martha Zimmerman, former Youngstown College student, chosen Miss Ohio



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1908 AUGUST 1908

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 1941 Warren's Dana Musical Institute becomes part of Youngstown College	2 1961 Mrs. Clyde Painter appointed Dean of Women	3	4	5	6	7
8 1917 School of Accounting reorganized	9 1957 Football Writers' Association names Dike Beede "Small College Coach of the Year"	10	11	12	13	14 1964 348 Youngstown University students receive degrees in first summer commencement
15 1917 School of Law accredited by the Ohio Supreme Court	16	17 1916 The Youngstown Association School becomes official title	18	19	20	21
22	23 1914 First college catalog issued	24	25	26	27 1950 Attorney Sidney Rigelhaupt accepts chair of Youngstown College Alumni	28
29 1939 Gridiron Club formed with George C. Brainard as president	30	31 1973 John Coffelt begins duties as third president of YSU				

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SAVINGS AND COMMERCIAL
ACCOUNTS.

1908 SEPTEMBER 1908

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 1955 Youngstown College officially becomes Youngstown University	2 1966 Albert Pugsley becomes second president of YSU	3	4
5	6 1954 Dr. E.B. Smith, history, awarded U.S. Educational Exchange Grant in Japan	7	8 1932 14-year-old Aurelia Minerva Potok begins pre-med training	9	10 1923 School of Engineering empowered to grant B.S. degree	11 1940 1,100 football tickets sold
12 1964 Kilcawley Men's Residence Hall opened	13 1921 Youngstown Association School changes official name to Youngstown Institute of Technology	14 1959 First classes held in Ward Beecher Science Hall	15 1931 Jones Hall dedicated 1934 First football game played against Geneva College	16	17	18
19	20	21 1933 Evening art classes offered for first time	22	23	24 1968 Engineering Science Building dedicated	25 1926 Law School opens
26 1938 Enrollment of 300 freshmen; largest to date	27	28 1959 Enrollment of 800 freshmen; largest to date	29	30		

Youngstown State University—1908-1983

Part I — The Roots

Youngstown State University began with the establishment of a law class by the YMCA Night School in 1908. The roots of the University, however, go back some forty years before, to the founding of the YMCA itself.

The YMCA was first organized in Youngstown in 1868 when it opened free reading rooms on the second floor of "Packard's Tall Brick Building" on Federal Street. This organization became dormant in a few years, but some of its members became leaders when it was revived in 1882. This revival was carried out by prominent citizens who met at Ward's Gun Shop which had a meeting room on its second floor. This new group contained many prominent Youngstown families among whom were such names as Wick, Richard Brown, McKelvey, Gerwig, Denison, Ford, Bonnell, Stambaugh, and Fording. They incorporated the members of the first organization into their group.

The rooms of the revived organization were on the third floor of a building at 127 West Federal Street known as the Bushnell Block. This building is still standing and is now a part of Lustig's Shoe Store. The object of the YMCA was declared to be the spiritual, mental, social, and physical improvement of young men. To accomplish this objective, the YMCA offered the use of cheerful and well-ventilated reading rooms; writing materials; a directory of good boarding houses; an employment register; visitation in time of sickness; and social and religious meetings. Activities included musical and literary entertainment, social receptions, popular lectures and practical talks, bright and beautiful parlors with musical instruments, games, stereoscopic viewers, social companionship, and a literary society.

Of particular interest to the history of Youngstown State University was the establish-

ment of the reading room which was supplied with papers and magazines. The large attendance in this room proved to the YMCA that this part of its funds was well-invested. At almost any hour of the day, the secretary reported, young men could be seen availing themselves of the privileges of the room. There were sixty-five different periodicals in the reading room, and the list of titles was impressive, for it contained most of the outstanding periodicals of the 1880s. The choice of these reflected a certain degree of sophistication on the part of the YMCA leadership.

It was in this environment and against this background that the seeds of Youngstown State University were sown. These seeds were the YMCA's education program, which began in the 1880s and 1890s and expanded in the 1900s into a college. It is not known when the first class began, but the earliest of which there is any record was one in mechanical drawing in 1888. At this time, the activities of the YMCA were still in the rented rooms at 127 Federal Street (the present Lustig's Shoe Store). The *Vindicator* and the *Telegram* described those classes in 1890 and implied that they had been in existence for several years. Whatever may be the date of the first class, it is evident that by that year there was a well-developed educational program.

The activities of the YMCA had so expanded by 1890 that the rented rooms were no longer adequate. A large building was therefore constructed at the corner of Champion and Federal Street (an office building, City Centre One, now occupies this site) and it was dedicated by Governor William McKinley in 1892. It was designed in Romanesque Revival style made popular throughout the United States by the architect Henry Hobson Richardson. Its designer was a local architect, Louis Boucherle. A number of Youngstown churches had been designed in this style and the building could easily have been

confused with a church. The opening of this building gave the night classes a boost for it contained rooms specifically designed for lectures.

Thus, by the time that the law class was started in 1908, the YMCA night classes were firmly established. Several aspects of these classes foreshadowed the character of Youngstown State University. Like these classes, the University would be geared to the industrial and business life of the community. Its constituency would be those who needed additional education or who had to earn a living and could only go to school part-time. It also catered to those who did not have the academic background to enter the conventional college. It would utilize the professional and business men of the community as sources for its faculty — a practice that continues on a lesser scale today. The members of the YMCA Board of Trustees and its Educational Committee were drawn largely from the prominent people of the community as are the University trustees today. The YMCA building which housed the classes was located near the center of the business district of the community as the University is today. Each class that was added to the Night School was designed to meet some need in the community. Thus, the tradition of community service was already established when the law class was begun in 1908.



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