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Two Civil & Environmental Engineering Students Are Recipients of Scholarships - Civil & Environmental Engineering students, Frank Obhof and Nathan Stanislaw, have been selected as the recipients of the Erie Blacktop, Inc. Asphalt Scholarship that has been awarded in conjunction with Flexible Pavements Inc. out of Columbus, Ohio. Each scholarship award is for \$1500, and the scholarship winners will be recognized at a luncheon to be held on March 6, 1997 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, OH as part of the Flexible Pavements Inc. Annual Meeting and Equipment Exposition.

Tech Prep Students At Mahoning County JVS - On January 23, 1997, Mr. Don Slanina, from The School of Technology, visited with the Electrical TECH PREP students and their instructor, Mr. Abrams, at the JVS. Mr. Slanina worked with the students on experiments related to electronic diodes and associated rectifier circuits. It is obvious that the students have made significant progress over the past five months.

These students are in a four year program which includes two years of specialized education related to their chosen field during the Junior and Senior years in high school. The remaining two years of the program are to be at YSU culminating in an associate degree in Electrical Engineering Technology. There is continual communication with these students, the instructor and Mr. Slanina to assure that they make a smooth transition from high school to YSU.

Mahoning Area Consortium Tech Prep - On Thursday, February 6, 1997, Mr. Slanina and Mr. Zupanic hosted Dr. Hoover's MAC TECH PREP Graduate Seminar in the Engineering Science Building. The seminar participants were given a tour of the laboratory facilities to assist them in understanding the types of hands on experiences Tech Prep students will be receiving. In the second two years of the programs, the students will be part of the School of Technology at YSU. Participants were shown the School of Technology promotional video which along with the TECH PREP video will be used to attract students to the TECH PREP programs. Following the tour and video there were discussions on opportunities available to students completing the TECH PREP program and how to attract students to these programs.

**Dr. Javed Alam Awarded Grant & Software Licenses** - Dr. Javed Alam, Professor of Civil & Environmental Engineering, has been awarded a Microsoft Academic Cooperative Instructional grant for software licenses valued at \$11,947. The grant was awarded on a competitive basis to schools whose courses best met the objective specified in the grant application which is to provide software support to courses in existing programs.

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