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At Youngstown State University, again this year, more than one-third of the 15,000 students are nontraditionals.

The University is accommodating the special needs of these adults through a wide range of services and educational opportunities, available through the Office of Special Student Services, Admissions Office and Office of Continuing Education and Educational Outreach.

Among these services are free information and counseling sessions at libraries in Mahoning, Columbiana, Trumbull, Mercer and Lawrence counties, and off-campus credit courses at Boardman and Hubbard High Schools.

According to the American Association of Adult and Continuing Education (AAACE), between 1982 and 1992 there is expected to be a 20 percent loss of traditional age students just out of high school and a 19 percent gain in adult students. By 1990, more than one out of every three students enrolled in higher education will be a part-time student and over 25. In addition, AAACE expects an increase of 104 percent in the adult population, representing a growth of approximately three million students.

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Educational leaders say institutions of higher education have to be restructured to accommodate the nontraditional adult learners more effectively.

At YSU, some of the options for adults include evening classes, study skills workshops, off-campus courses, Admissions Office late hours, one-step admissions process, and special nontraditional grants.

Persons seeking assistance in exploring educational options and careers can meet with a YSU representative on a one-to-one basis at local public libraries through Nov. 26.

These educational information and counseling sessions serve as a bridge to the campus. The counselors can help individuals decide whether college is the suitable path, what career direction to explore, how school will fit into home life, and any apprehensions they may have.

The YSU-library information and counseling sessions have served an increasing number of participants during the last years. During the 1985-86 academic year, more than 650 people were counseled in the libraries, a 59 percent increase over the previous year.

Adults seeking to enter college for the first time, or return after several years, may pick up a schedule of these library sessions at their local library, or call the YSU office of Continuing Education at (216) 742-3221.

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The events include a residency on campus by Dr. German Caceres, composer and conductor of the National Symphony of El Salvador.

Dr. Caceres holds advanced degrees from the Juilliard School of Music and is widely known as an oboe soloist in the U.S. and South America. He is a recipient of the coveted Guggenheim Fellowship in Musical Composition.

Dr. Caceres will perform his own works and works by other Salvadorian composers as guest soloist in the Nov. 5 Composers Ensemble Concert. He will also present lectures on South American music.

Dana faculty and students will be participating in the Mini-Festival, which is free and open to the public.

Concert I at 8 p.m. Nov. 4 in Bliss Recital Hall will feature a world premiere of Dana faculty/composer Edward Largent's "Woodwind Quintet I" (1986) and a performance of George Rochberg's "Nach Bach" (1965) for harpsichord by Dr. Robert Hopkins of the Dana faculty. Rochberg teaches at the University of Pennsylvania.

George Churn, graduate assistant in Theory/Composition will be joined by Laurie Sampsel, graduate assistant flutist in the premier of his "Recuerdos de la Americas" (1986) for flute and guitar. Faculty saxophonist, James Umble, will perform Robert Rollin's "Two Jazz Moods" (1981) and limited service faculty member Kathryn Umble will perform Rollin's "Two Pieces for Solo Flute" (1969).

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Concert II will be at 8 p.m. Nov. 5 in Bliss Recital Hall. Guest composer-oboist German Caceres of El Salvador will join the Dana Composers Ensemble in Ohio premieres of works by Salvadorian composers Angel Duarte and Manual Carcach.

The Ensemble will also perform world premieres by five YSU students: Lars Brondum of Canfield; George Churm, Beaver, Pa.; Kirk Kupensky, Masury; Rich McCrae, Youngstown; and Michael Kamuf, Cleveland.

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