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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - The Youngstown State University Admissions Office and the Office of Continuing Education/Education Outreach will staff an information booth at the Southern Park Mall, Boardman, from 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Jan. 24, 25 and 26 and from noon-5 p.m. Jan. 27.

The representatives will be on hand to answer questions from area adults interested in YSU courses held on campus or those held off campus at Boardman High School, Hubbard High School or the General Motors BOC Assembly Plant, Lordstown.

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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - A Faculty Forum, "Media Treatment of Black Americans: Has Anything Changed?" will be presented at 8 p.m. Jan. 23 in Lecture Room 132 of Youngstown State University's DeBartolo Hall (College of Arts and Sciences).

Faculty Forums are free and open to the public. They are offered by the university's College of Arts and Sciences to provide students, faculty, and the public with information and insight into various topics by qualified experts from many fields.

There will be time for open discussion of the issues involved. A reception will follow at approximately 9:30 p.m. in Room 121-122.

Speakers and their topics are: Carolyn Martindale, New Middletown, assistant professor, English Department, "Press Treatment of Black Americans;" Robert Peterson, Youngstown, program director, WYSU-FM, "A Minority Perspective on a Deregulated Industry;" Sarah Brown Clark, Youngstown, assistant professor of English, "Images of Black Americans in Television Programming."

Dr. Pat Gilmartin-Zena, Youngstown, assistant professor, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work, will be respondent.

Dr. H. Thomas McCracken, Canfield, professor of English, will be the moderator.

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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - Dr. Esther Niemi, professor of economics at Youngstown State University, retired Dec. 31 with a long list of honors and achievements earned during her more than 27 years of service.

Dr. Niemi, a native and resident of Warren, graduated from Warren G. Harding High School in 1937. She served as a member of the Warren City Board of Education from 1951-1958.

She received a bachelor's degree in accounting from Youngstown State University in 1956, a master's degree in economics from Western Reserve University in 1958 and a doctorate in economics from Case Western University in 1969. She had been a member of the YSU faculty since 1957, specializing in money and banking.

In 1969, Dr. Niemi was named one of YSU's "Distinguished Professors." That same year, the YSU Alumni Association honored her with one of its first "Distinguished Alumnus" awards. In 1978, Alpha Mu, the YSU student chapter of the American Marketing Association, selected Dr. Niemi as the "Outstanding Professor of the Year."

Her husband, Ray Niemi, retired in 1981 as Warren's assistant fire chief and arson investigator after 40 years of service with the department.

They are the parents of two sons, Gunnar of San Francisco and Rayno of Rochester, N.Y., who both hold doctorate degrees in the computer sciences.

Dr. Niemi and her husband plan to travel and are considering a move to the Sun Belt.

YSU's Economics Department is part of the University's College of Arts and Sciences.

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