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For additional information, contact Virginia Phillips, associate professor of Business Education and Technology who is in charge of this year's "Olympics," at (216) 742-3336.

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"Survival Kit for Today's Times: A Workshop for Teenagers" is sponsored by YSU's Department of Counseling and Office of Continuing Education, the Parkview Counseling Center, the Eastern Mental Health Center and the 648 Boards of Mahoning and Trumbull counties.

The students, who were selected by their school counselor or principal, will have the opportunity to address numerous mental health issues which may increase their personal coping skills and their ability to offer peer support.

The keynote address at 9 a.m. will be given by Jim Tressel, head football coach of the YSU Penguins. His topic will be "You Are What You Think About All Day Long."

The 15 workshop sessions will focus on current issues that concern teenagers. Students are encourged to share this information and their new expertise with their peers.

Sessions will include: "Drinking and Driving--Socially Acceptable Form of Homicide," by Ida Barnes, executive director of Mothers Against Drunk Driving and Atty. Constant Pressinos; "Teenage Sexuality--New Demands, Questions and Choices," by Marilyn Burns of Valley Counseling; "Coping with Divorce and Separation," by Randy Bloom, substance abuse specialist, Trumbull County Schools; "Living in an Alcoholic Home," by Jerry Carter,

executive director, Alcoholic Clinic of Youngstown; "Self-Esteem--The Fine Art of Self Building," by Dr. James Esperon, YSU Counseling Center; "Understanding People Different Than Me," by B. J. Pollard, project director, Trumbull County Urban Minority Alcoholism Outreach; "Sexually Transmitted Diseases--Reasons to Say No!" by Ruth Rhodes, Youngstown Health Department; "Violence in the Home--The Losing Relationship," by Jane Sadinski, Battered Persons Crisis Center; and other topics by representatives from various help organizations.

The YSU Office of Continuing Education said more than 200 students attended last year's workshop and the response was very positive.

For more information, or to register, call the YSU Office of Continuing Education at (216) 742-3358.

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