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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - The Nontraditional Student Organization (NTSO) at Youngstown State University, a student support group, has scheduled two orientation sessions Aug. 8 on campus.

The purpose is to acquaint these older students with the campus, University programs and procedures, and introduce them to other nontraditionals.

Nontraditional students, who now make up one-third of the student body, are those who did not begin college following high school. These adults include men and women who haven't attended school for four or more years, never attended college, or attended only briefly. The organization also includes handicapped and part-time as well as full-time students.

Theme of NTSSO and its programs is "I Believe in Me."

The orientations will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Scarlet Room of Kilcawley Center, and from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in Room B079 in the basement of Cushwa Hall.

There is a \$5 fee to cover costs of the luncheon, coffee and donuts at the daytime session; there is no charge for the evening meeting. Reservations must be made by Aug. 4 by calling Joy DeSalvo, coordinator of Student Support Services, at 742-7253.

The programs are being offered with the assistance and cooperation of YSU's offices of Admissions, Continuing Education, Student Services, and Student Government. Included will be a review of financial aid available at the University by the office of Scholarships and Financial Aid.

After the 9 a.m. coffee and donut get-acquainted session, there will be a workshop on YSU programs and procedures. Following luncheon, there will be tours of Kilcawley Center, Maag Library and other campus buildings.

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Patti Thompson of Youngstown, president of NTSO, said the orientations have helped improve the retention rate of nontraditional students by easing them into campus life, offering support, and acquainting them with peers, most of whom are also balancing classes and homework with families and jobs.

More and more men and women over the former average college age of 18-22 are "going back" to school to gain new skills and launch new careers.

Last fall, more than 33 percent of YSU's student body of some 15,000 were 25 and older. About 25 percent were between 26 and 40, inclusive, and some 5 percent were 41 to 60. There was one 73-year-old taking classes during Spring Quarter.

The Nontraditional Student Organization, which had more than 70 members this spring, holds a number of informal coffee get-togethers during the year and also sponsors other activities, including outings and fund raising events for its new scholarship program.

In addition to President Patti Thompson, officers are: Dottie Martig, first vice president, and Pat Golden, second vice president, both of Youngstown; Carol Gallner, Boardman, secretary; and Kim Keck, Columbiana, treasurer.

Advisors are: Ms. DeSalvo; Dr. Mary Beaubien, Youngstown, chairwoman of Home Economics; Dr. Pat Gilmartin-Zena, Boardman, assistant professor, Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work; Adoracion Gonzalez, Boardman, assistant professor, Political Science and Social Science; Geneva Mann, Youngstown, academic advisor; and Linda Mohn, Boardman, School of Business Administration.

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THE NONTRADITIONAL STUDENTS ORGANIZATION AT YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY WILL HOLD ORIENTATION PROGRAMS FOR INCOMING FALL STUDENTS AUG. 8.

THE PROGRAMS ARE DESIGNED TO ACQUAINT OLDER ADULTS WITH YSU'S CAMPUS, PROGRAMS AND PROCEDURES, AND TO INTRODUCE THEM TO OTHER NONTRADITIONAL STUDENTS.

THE FIRST SESSION WILL BE FROM 9 A.M. TO 4 P.M. IN KILCAWLEY CENTER AND RESERVATIONS FOR THE LUNCH MUST BE MADE BY AUG. 4 BY CALLING 742-7253. REFRESHMENTS AND LUNCH ARE \$5. THERE IS NO CHARGE, AND RESERVATIONS ARE NOT REQUIRED, FOR THE 7-9:30 P.M. SESSION IN CUSHWA HALL.

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FOR RELEASE:

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - A total of 2,182 Youngstown State University students have been named to the Dean's List for the Spring Quarter, 1986, according to Dr. Bernard T. Gillis, provost.

Spring Quarter enrollment at YSU was 13,707.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must attain a grade point average between 3.4 and 4.0 and take at least 12 quarter hours.

Those named to the Dean's List from your area for the Spring Quarter are as follows:

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