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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - The Geography Department at Youngstown State University is making video tapes of a program, "Severe Weather Awareness," available to civic, industrial and business groups throughout the area.

They were made during a program presented on campus recently by Timothy Piatt, official-in-charge of the U.S. Weather Service at Youngstown Airport.

The tapes have been produced as a cooperative effort of the Weather Service, YSU's Geography Department and the University's Media Center.

Dr. Patricia G. Humbertson of Youngstown, chairman of the Geography Department, said organizations in Mahoning, Trumbull and Columbiana counties in Ohio, and Mercer and Lawrence counties in Pennsylvania may contact her at (216) 742-3317 to schedule a loaned tape for viewing without charge.

The tapes may be shown on VHS, BETA I, BETA II, and 3/4-inch video tape players.

She said the program is more appropriate for mature audiences and is not recommended for school children.

The Geography Department is part of YSU's College of Arts and Sciences.

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EDITORS NOTE: Dr. Humbertson will show the tape, or portions of it, and discuss the program with the media.

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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - Youngstown State University has adopted a tornado alert and response plan, designed to instruct students, faculty and staff on how to prevent injury should tornado conditions develop while they are on campus.

The announcement was made by University President Neil D. Humphrey in conjunction with "Ohio Tornado Safety Week" which will be observed April 6-12. YSU will participate in the state-wide tornado alert drill at 10:10 a.m. Wednesday, April 9.

Basically, the YSU plan distinguishes a Tornado Watch from a Tornado Warning, identifies watch and warning signals, and provides instruction on how to respond to each alert.

\*Tornado Watch means that conditions are favorable for a severe thunderstorm, dangerous winds and possibility of a tornado.

\*Tornado Warning means that a tornado has been sighted nearby.

Danger signs include: severe thunderstorms with lightning, thunder, hard rain and strong winds; hail or bullets of ice from a dark, cloudy sky; roaring noise similar to several jet planes or railroad trains; a funnel, or dark, spinning "rope" or column dropping from the sky to the ground.

During a Tornado Watch, persons should be alert to weather danger signs and should also keep informed by listening to Radio Stations WYSU-FM (88.5), the University's station, or WKBN-AM (570), or Stereo 99-FM (98.9), Youngstown.

Officials emphasized that everyone should have a plan; know where you'll go for shelter, and be prepared to move quickly if the Tornado Watch advances to a Tornado Warning.

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Notice of a Tornado Watch at YSU will be communicated by:

\*Placards announcing TORNADO WATCH IN EFFECT, which will be posted at all building entrances and major areas of assembly.

\*Campus Security will give the watch message to all employees who carry a hand radio or pager.

\*An Emergency Telephone Communication System will be initiated by Campus Security to announce the watch alert to designated staff in each building, and they will be responsible for passing this information throughout the building.

A Tornado Warning means that a tornado has been sighted in the area, and that alert will be communicated by:

\*Campus Security will activate warning alarms in buildings.

The Tornado Warning Alarm can be recognized as a continuous signal.

\*A Campus Security vehicle will travel throughout the campus, providing public address warnings to persons outside to take shelter immediately.

\*The Youngstown-Mahoning County Disaster Services Agency will activate the county tornado alert sirens.

If you see or hear a tornado, do not wait for a warning; go immediately to a shelter.

Upon receiving word of a Tornado Warning, individuals should put their plan into effect and take shelter immediately.

--Move to the lowest level of the building, or to a middle hallway.

--Stay clear of large windows or other glass, doors and outside walls.

--Stay away from auditoriums or gymnasiums with wide roofs that could easily collapse.

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- When you get to a shelter area, curl up on the floor face down, draw knees up to body, cover the back of your head with your hands and protect your face with elbows and arms.
- If there is no time to get into a building, lie flat in the nearest low area and assume the same protective position.
- If you are in a vehicle, leave it and find shelter in a building, or run to the nearest low area and assume the protective position.
- Stay in the shelter or sheltered area until you hear or receive an "All Clear" message.

The YSU tornado alert/response plan is being put into effect because the tornado "season" for this part of the country is from now until July.

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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - The Youngstown State University Composers Ensemble will be visiting the campuses of New York University and the University of Akron to perform guest recitals as part of an exchange program between the three schools.

The Ensemble, under the direction of Dr. Robert Rollin, associate professor of music in YSU's Dana School of Music, will perform at New York University in New York City on April 14, and at the University of Akron April 19.

The concerts are part of an exchange program initiated at the invitation of the New York University Contemporary Chamber Players and the composition and performance faculty of the Firestone Conservatory, University of Akron.

The programs will feature the works of Dana student composers Fred Bickham of Youngstown, Kirk Kupensky of Masury, and Mary Franklin of Struthers and George Churm of Beaver, Pa., both graduate assistants.

The program will also include compositions by Dr. Rollin and Dr. Edward Largent, also a Dana associate professor. Both are Boardman residents.

Composers' Ensemble members are: Judy Mansky, flute, Boardman; Robert Bacha, marimba, McDonald; Churm, guitar; Jeff Grubbs, Wickliffe, bass; Kupensky, harp, and Miss Franklin, viola.

Guest Dana faculty performers participating in the tour include Michael Crist of Liberty, trombone; Roman Rudnytsky, piano, and Dr. Edward Largent, piano.

The YSU Composers' Ensemble was founded in 1983 and specializes in music composed in the last 30 years. It consists solely of student composer/performers.

Each ensemble recital features a composition by a visiting composer-in-residence, along with premieres of exceptionally good student works.

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Visiting composers at YSU have included Peter Ware, Elliot Borishansky, Samuel Adler, Donald Wilson, German Caceres and Elliot Schwartz.

The Composers' Ensemble is supported by the Dana Concert Series, the New Music Society and YSU Student Government.

The Dana School of Music is part of YSU's College of Fine and Performing Arts.

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Dr. Robert Rollin, right, rehearses members of the YSU Composers' Ensemble of the Dana School of Music for guest recitals next week at New York University and the University of Akron. Ensemble members are, from left: Robert Bacha, marimba; Mary Franklin, viola; Judy Mansky, flute; Jeff Grubbs, bass; and George Churm, guitar.

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