

# Groundbreaking today for student dormitory

YSU — YSU officials will break ground at 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8, at the site of the first student residence hall to be built on campus since 1964.

The ceremony will take place on Madison Avenue between Ohio and Pennsylvania Avenues. In the case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be in Kilcawley Center's Ohio Room.

The \$6 million facility is scheduled to open in the fall of 1990. A \$1.6 million dining facility will be built within a year of the hall's opening.

Both projects are being funded by a \$6.7 million bond issue and \$1.6 million in donations from foundations, businesses and individuals.

Speaking at the ceremony will be William G. Lyden Jr., chairman of the board of the Lyden Co., whose family contributed \$500,000 to kick off the fundraising campaign.

Dr. Neil D. Humphrey, YSU president, will serve as master of ceremonies. Emily Mackall, chair of YSU's Board of Trustees, Brian Fry, Student Government president, and Atty. Edward A. Flask, YSU Trustee and chair of the trustees' building and property committee, also will speak.

Rabbi Mitchell H. Kornspan of the Congregation Ohev

Tzedek will give the invocation.

In March 1989 the trustees decided that the best location for the next residence hall would be the site bounded by the Madison Avenue Expressway to the south, Elm Street to the east, and Madison Avenue to the north.

High visibility, easy access to campus facilities, and the association of the near North Side with student housing are among the site's assets.

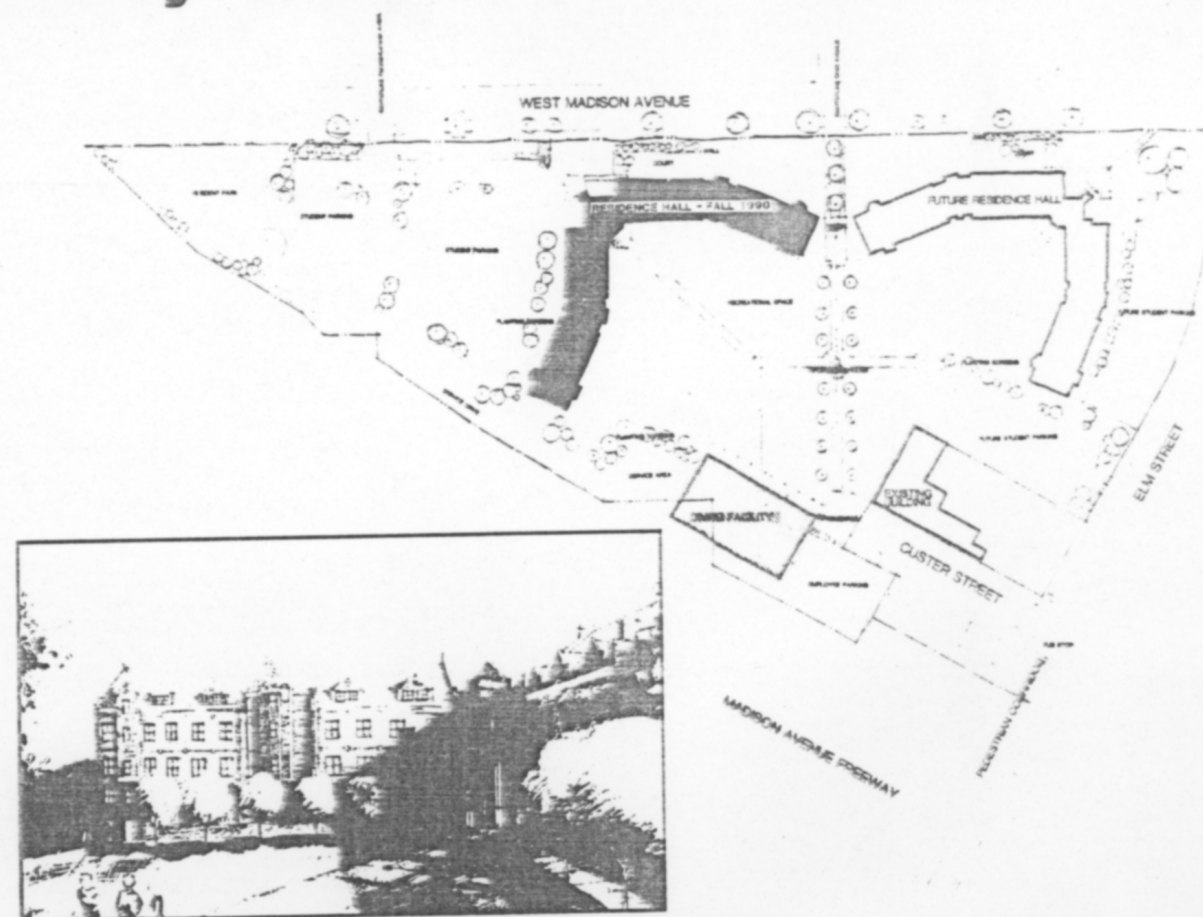
The trustees also had considered sites east of Wick Avenue around the Wick Oval extending into the Smokey Hollow area and west of campus across Fifth Avenue.

Buchanan, Ricciuti & Balog Architects designed the residence hall. Mike Coates Construction Co. of Niles is the general contractor. Prout Boiler Heating & Welding Inc. of Youngstown is the plumbing contractor.

The 72,300 square-foot brick hall will house 300 students mostly in double rooms. Single rooms for handicapped students will be available as well.

Paul Ricciuti said the hall will have a modern classic design similar to the collegiate Gothic Jones Hall with its dormers and gabled roofs.

Each floor will be equipped with toilet and shower facilities, study and informal lounges,



**The final outline:** Architects have finished the sketches for the student dormitory.

storage areas, trash rooms, and janitorial and housekeeping areas. One kitchenette and one multipurpose room will serve all the residents.

Part of the student housing project calls for a pedestrian cor-

ridor to be built along Elm Street between the residence hall and campus. YSU officials will seek approval from the city of Youngstown to make Elm a one-way street.

Dr. Charles A. McBriarty,

YSU vice president of student services, said about half the building will be ready for students by Sept. 15. The final completion date is Dec. 15, 1990.

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The need for student housing was assessed in a study by RPR Economic Consultants of Vienna, Va.

The study found that about 1,390 to 1,500 students, or 10 to

16 percent of YSU's student population, require on-campus housing. Most of those students are underclassmen.

Kilcawley Hall, built in 1964, houses 242 students. Privately owned residence halls near campus can serve an additional 304 students. About 800 to 1,000 students live off campus in hous-

ing near the University, the study shows.

"The need for more and better student housing is considered essential both in terms of serving existing and future student needs, but also as a means of expanding YSU's recruitment program beyond the traditional

eastern Ohio and western Pennsylvania service area," the report stated.

"The University's growth and expansion plans are geared towards attracting a greater percentage of students from outside of the traditional recruitment area," the report said.