



Closed Inn: It is uncertain when the Wick Pollock will reopen for business.

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■ The Wick Pollock Inn will be closed until YSU can find a company to run it.

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The tired and huddled masses passing through Youngstown won't be spending a night at the Wick-Pollock Inn anytime soon.

Located on the corner of Wick Avenue and Spring Street, the Wick-Pollock Inn may not be reopening for quite some time according to Dr. G.L. Mears, executive vice president. He said YSU is currently in search of a company to take over the operation of the inn.

Neither Mears nor Dr. John Yemma, dean, health and human services, could say when the Wick-Pollock Inn would reopen. Mears said YSU has received a few offers from prospective groups, but none of the offers have been acceptable.

Mears also said that although YSU has not advertised in the local newspapers for operators for the inn, it does have a brokerage firm working on locating a business to take over the operation. YSU owns the building and the real estate the inn sits on, but definitely has no plans to take over

the operation of it at this time.

Although owned by YSU, the Wick-Pollock Inn was never incorporated into the university's hospitality management program.

"We have been trying to get YSU students involved since the inn was taken over in 1986. However, the previous operators were not interested in having the students involved," Mears said, adding that the Wick-Pollock Inn needs to be utilized as part of the hospitality management program.

"The Wick-Pollock Inn also could be used for students of other majors like accounting or management for example," Mears said.

He added that every aspect of the inn, from managing the front desk to keeping track of the finances, could be incorporated into the majors offered at YSU.

"I would like to get YSU students involved with the Wick-Pollock Inn. I am convinced that if students get involved, the Wick-Pollock Inn will be a 4-star establishment," said Yemma.

He stated that when the inn is reopened, getting students involved will definitely be one of the top priorities.