

Faculty chooses OEA bargainer with 58 % of vote

The YSU OEA defeated the campus chapter of the AAUP in this week's collective bargaining election to determine which group would represent the YSU faculty as exclusive collective bargaining agent. The OEA received 195 votes, the AAUP 141; the OEA vote represented 58% of the voter turnout.

The announcement was made last night by Guy R. Solomon, of the YSU University Relations staff following the tally of the votes by the local office of Ernst and Ernst, the accounting firm which conducted the election.

Of the 381 faculty members eligible to vote, 336 (or 88%) cast votes. In an election held last week to determine whether or not the faculty wished to engage in collective bargaining, 94% of the eligible faculty voted, and 77% of the total faculty eligible voted in favor of collective bargaining.

In his victory statement, Dr. Thomas A. Shipka, President of the YSU OEA announced, "tonight's results are a dramatic culmination of a

year-long struggle for dignity and self-determination. Our gratitude goes to our colleagues who once again issued a mandate for change at YSU.

"We congratulate the American Association of University Professors for a spirited campaign and we appeal to the AAUP's officers and members to join us in the difficult task ahead.

"We ask for the cooperation of the YSU Board of Trustees and administration so that we can develop a productive working relationship and make YSU an educational center of which we can all be proud."

In his concession statement, Dr. Robert R. Hare, AAUP representative stated, "the AAUP will cooperate in securing a good contract to the extent that it does not conflict with any AAUP principles."

Following the release of the election results, University President Albert L. Pugsley last night said "The thing to do now is to make it work. This is a faculty matter and they've expressed themselves. I don't have any opinion about the matter except to accept it."