

*Final step in proceedings--* 05-01-80

# **Poddar loses civil suit**

A civil action filed by Dr. Bhagwati P. K. Poddar against YSU for temporary and permanent injunctions against terminating his contract has been denied in U.S. District Court in Cleveland this past week.

The court found no violation of either the first or fourteenth amendments of the Federal Constitution. Dr. Poddar, the plaintiff has alleged that the conduct of the defendants' "in terminating his employment contract was a violation of the First Amendment of the Federal Constitution and violation of his rights to free speech."

U.S. District Judge Leroy J. Contie Jr. further noted in the decision that "the fact that some or most teachers who are hired on a year to year basis are generally rehired does not give use to a right of re-employment."

YSU, the defendant in the action, was represented by Atty. John Ingram.

According to Dr. Earl E. Edgar, vice president for academic affairs, this appears to be the "final step" in the legal proceedings. Litigation between the two parties was joined over a year and a half ago over the non-renewal of Dr. Poddar's contract with YSU. The case has been in court for the majority of the intervening months.