

YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

# Half Century Club

LET'S TAKE A WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE



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# Jones Hall

Founded in 1908 as a YMCA law school, the institution now known as Youngstown State University developed from this modest origin. In 1931, Youngstown College erected the first building on its contemporary campus, the Jacobean or Collegiate Gothic structure on the corner of Wick and Lincoln Avenues. Paul Boucherle designed this building, which was named

Jones Hall in honor of Howard Jones, the school's first president. Jones Hall today is the enduring symbol of YSU's heritage; a tribute to its YMCA origins can be found in the Y's triangle carved above the main entrance.



# Maag Library

The University Library is named for the late William F. Maag, Jr. a trustee of Youngstown College, and editor and publisher of The Youngstown *Vindicator*. Maag Library stands on land once part of the estate of Henry

and Mary Arms Wick. It was designed by C. Robert Buchanan and Associates and George Tanner Smith and Associates. Completed in 1976 the design is light and airy despite the six-story structure constructed of reinforced concrete and glass. Maag Library administers the Curriculum Resource Center in the Beeghly College of Education and the Rose Melnick Medical Museum in Melnick Hall.





# Alumni House

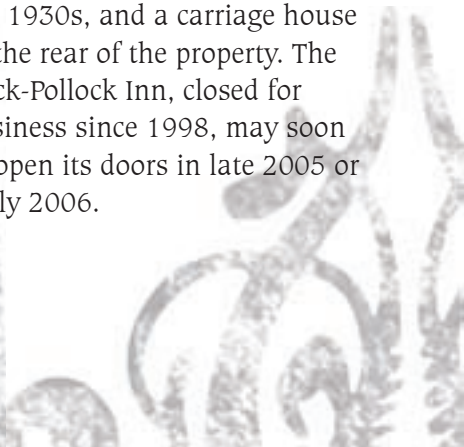
Built in 1865-6, this house was originally in the Italianate style. It was remodeled in both 1910 and 1982. This structure, which is the oldest building on the Youngstown State University campus on the corner of Wick Avenue and Spring Street (now University Plaza) is the former homestead of the Myron Israel Arms family. Descendants of Mr.

Arms, the Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Booth family and the Mr. and Mrs. Philip H. Schaff family, also resided in the house. In 1959, First Christian Church purchased it as their Disciple House and in 1976 YSU became its owner. On the National Register of Historical Places, the facility was renamed Alumni House in 1983. Currently housing the YSU Alumni Relations Office and YSU Foundation.

# Wick-Pollock Inn

The William B. Pollock Company was one of the world's foremost manufacturers of blast furnaces, ladles, and railroad cars for the steel industry. William's son, Porter, married Mary Wick in 1897. Her father, Paul, gave

the newlyweds this 1893 mansion which was designed by Charles H. Owsley. YSU turned it into an inn, building a large rear addition and remodeling the existing structure. There is a formal English garden, built in the 1930s, and a carriage house in the rear of the property. The Wick-Pollock Inn, closed for business since 1998, may soon re-open its doors in late 2005 or early 2006.



**1888**

The Youngstown Association School starts at the YMCA as a night school

**1908**

The Law School starts with a class of nine men

**1920**

Law School begins to offer Bachelor of Law degrees

**1920**

The School of Business Administration begins evening classes

**1926**

The College of Arts and Sciences is founded

**1928**

School officially named Youngstown College, also known as Yo-Co

**1930**

The college newspaper, *The Jambar*, begins publication

**1931**

Youngstown College completes its first new building, now known as Jones Hall, costing \$235,000. Ivy from Oxford University is planted along walls in 1932

**July 1935**

Howard W. Jones was appointed President of Youngstown College

# Timeline

**1938**

First football season along with the first marching band

**1941**

Dana School of Music merges with Youngstown College

**May 1945**

The official school colors now are scarlet and white

**1946**

Engineering department becomes the Rayen School of Engineering

**1949**

Graduate class present a ten-ton boulder to the college

**1950**

Youngstown College expands with the addition of Pollock Hall

**1953**

Construction finished for the new Tod Library costing one million dollars

**1955**

Youngstown College becomes Youngstown University

**1958**

50th Anniversary of Youngstown University

**1966**

The 1.5 million Kilcawley Student Center opens

**1966**

President Howard Jones Retires after 35 years of service, Dr. Albert Pugsley becomes the new President

**1967**

Youngstown University becomes Youngstown State University

**1967**

Ward Beecher Science Hall is completed costing \$1.7 million

**1968**

The \$5.0 million Engineering Building opened

**1972**

College of Fine and Performing Arts established

**1972**

The \$2.3 million parking garage opens and houses 1,250 cars



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**1972**

The \$5.25 million Beeghly Physical Education center opens

**1972**

50th Spring Commencement held

**1973**

President Dr. John Coffelt is inaugurated as the University's third president

**1973**

Northern Ohio Universities College of Medicine opens

**1974**

The \$3.5 Kilcawley Center addition opens

**1975**

Maag Library opens

**1977**

The \$6.3 million arts building, Bliss Hall, opens

**1978**

Cushwa Hall, the home of the College of Applied Science and Technology opens

**1979**

The \$6.0 million DeBartolo Hall opens

**1980**

Student bridge over busy Wick Avenue opens

**1982**

75th Anniversary of YSU

**1982**

Stambaugh Stadium opens

**1984**

President Coffelt retires, Neil D. Humphrey becomes the new president

**1985**

The Myron Israel Arms house becomes the Alumni House

**1986**

The \$15 million Meshel Hall opens

**1990**

Lyden House opens to students

**1991**

John J. McDonough Museum of Art opens on Wick Avenue

**1991**

The \$1.7 million Christman Dining Commons opens

**1992**

Dr. Leslie Cochran becomes the 5th President of YSU

**1995**

Cafaro House, the new \$9.3 million honors dorm opens

**1996**

YSU awards its first doctoral degrees

**1998**

Beeghly College of Education is completed costing \$13.2 million

**2000**

President Cochran retires and David C. Sweet becomes the new president

**2000**

YSU changes from quarters to semesters

**September 2004**

Wick-Pollock Inn likely to reopen in late 2005 or early 2006

# Meshel Hall

Of striking contemporary design, Meshel Hall is constructed of white Indiana limestone and poured-in-place concrete, PPG panel systems surround the top floor and a ribbon of reflective glass distinguishes its exterior. The structure was designed by Hanahan-Strollo and Associates, Inc.

This state of the art center is for instruction, research and application in advanced computer technology including computer assisted design and robotics serving both YSU and the general community. Harry Meshel Hall provides 87,000 square feet of usable space on four levels. The \$15-million structure houses facilities for academic and administrative

computer use, as well as computer classrooms and laboratories, faculty offices, and student study and relaxation areas. Funding for this project was obtained through the efforts of former state Senator Harry Meshel who demonstrated a strong commitment to educational growth. With the help of the Ohio General Assembly and other legislators over \$87 million in capital improvements funding was provided for the University. Harry Meshel provided the impetus for expanding YSU's academic and research programs in advanced technology, then obtained state funding to house these programs in this facility – named Harry Meshel Hall in recognition of his efforts.





# Beeghly College of Education

Beeghly Hall, home of Beeghly College of Education provides the most up-to-date teacher education facilities in the Northeast Ohio region. Regular classrooms and offices occupy the four story, 81,500 square foot facility. In addition, the Curriculum Resource Center, Child Study Center, Counseling Clinic Center, Teacher Education computer laboratories, and the James M. McKay Auditorium enhance the structure. The building was designed by Perkins & Will Architects of Chicago, with Olsavsky-Jaminet Architects of Youngstown as

the administering architects. Funding for this project was provided by state and private contributions as well as a substantial contribution from the Beeghly family of Youngstown. Bruce Beeghly, former YSU Board of Trustee stated "the contribution was given to help finance the construction of the College of Education building and to provide an endowment for the recently formed YSU/ Youngstown Public Schools Partnership." The Dedication Ceremony was held on Thursday, October 15, 1998.



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