

Dear President Tressel and Provost Mosca:

On September 6, the YSU police investigated a sexual assault that took place in the Lyden House student housing. As with the case with most sexual assaults on college campuses, investigators believe the victim was familiar with the assailant. While this is a very sad and shocking attack, it is but one of many that take place on a daily basis.

Since the airing of the *Hunting Ground* documentary, there has been clear evidence to the rise of predatory sexual assaults on college campuses across the country.

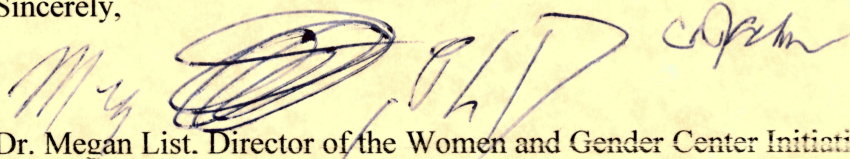
One of the most important ways to combat this horrific problem is through creating safe spaces for women and increasing education on college campuses.

In August 2017, the Women and Gender Center Initiative was promised ample funding and a central space to create a Women's Center at YSU. The YSU administration told us that we would have a space no later than January 2018. In January, we were informed this space would be "delayed," and it has remained in such a state ever since.

Currently, YSU has no Women's Center – and thus no safe space for women. It provides only \$2,000 a year to help promote awareness of women and gender studies (the Women and Gender Studies program). This is far short of the \$84,000 minimum that college campuses across Ohio have provided to their Women Centers.


As these sexual assaults continue, we recognize that it is important to provide this much needed resource. We kindly request that you provide us with a safe central location for a Women's Center and the agreed upon funding arranged last August by October 12, 2018. If we do not receive such help, we will understand that your administration does not wish to make half it's student population's safety a priority.

Sincerely,

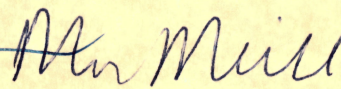


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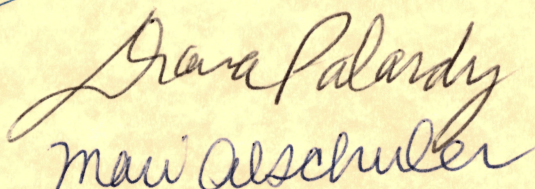
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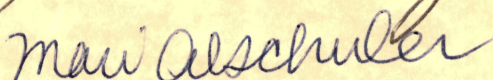
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