Student Government leaders upset with Board’s decision

Newly elected Student Government President Frank Mello, and President Brian Fry Tuesday protested the appointment of Atty. Paul Dutton as president of YSU. According to Fry, Dutton was appointed in a closed-door meeting on Dec. 11, 1990.

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“Our concern is that the new president is not qualified for the presidential chair by any standard that held interviews with the candidates. In fact, the recommendations from the YSU Foundation were 31-0 in favor of Billy J. Franklin, which bears fruit in a ‘meaningful vote of approval,’ Fry commented. Smith named that Student Government as a body is not personally attacking Dutton, but the way in which the matter was handled. “The way the whole thing was run was wrong. I'm totally against it. It was illegal. In every way possible it was wrong,” he said.

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Past president Fry expresses doubts

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The search for YSU's next president has generated substantial controversy within and outside of the University community. There have been claims that candidates were "snubbed" from the final selection process while others, including myself, have raised concerns over lackadaisical and political influences being used. These claims suggest that the faculty and staff chose to hop on the political bandwagon by pledging support for future favors and possible promotions.

Big business interests could not be left out of this selection process, with some people standing to personally profit depending on which candidate was selected. Local troubleshooter Bob Hagen, the Valley's representative, and Youngstown political legend Don Hanz commented that they thought the search process was deliberately targeted and possibly "fixed." Meanwhile, we had six candidates, four of which were extremely well qualified and two that were seen clearly as a rung lower on the academic ladder in both experience and achievement.

It seems unusual that this much controversy should surround the selection of a new YSU president. The events outlined above represent problems usually associated with bars for the Senate, Governor, or the Presidency of the United States. These events are not indicative of what many in the academic world would consider the norm for a state university with about 15,000 students.

Upon agreeing to this concern to a colleague, I received the following statement: "That's understandable. The surest way to choose a new president is to have a very well-known individual who is well aware of Youngstown's politics and political climate as well as its somewhat inflated reputation as a former Mafia town. Youngstown State University, however, has had little to lose by throwing hat into this vicious political circle. Our University is capable of bureaucratizing exceptionally from city government and, as the aforementioned situation points out, we should do just that. Obviously, University city relations cannot be concluded, but YSU's inner community can and should be our first priority."

Priorities are another area of controversy surrounding the presidential search. Past trustees chair Emily Mackel outlined academic, research, and community relations (in that order) as the trustees' top criteria for the candidate. However, there were widespread complaints of this list having been. Some board members expressed concern that a trustee named discussed with the list and decided to compose their own agendas.

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Professor applauds Vindicator; criticizes board

Dear Editor:

In the past I frequently have been critical of the quality of reporting style which The Vindicator has utilized, especially observing news of local organizations and institutions. Thus, I now feel compelled to raise my personal approval and offer my congratulations to those responsible for the quality of journalism exhibited in the splendid article and well-bound Sunday editorial dealing with the unexpected appointment of a local attorney as the YSU President-designate by the trustees this past Friday.

For the second time in recent history, the body has elected a new president in a cinematic "mulled over" atmosphere. The intense and unresolved search process, now involving the appointment of a local attorney as President-designate by the trustees this past Friday, I believe that the board and the community at large have arrived at a majority in the selection process.

Although I was not part of the formal search process, I have certainly been very interested in the reports which circulated among me and others who were involved with the selection process and the deliberations which followed. My fears were fully realized with Friday's selection, which was clearly not the best candidate for the job. The Vindicator's coverage of this decision throughout the weekend.

That yet another charade has been carried out by these "responsible" individuals, and that collective decision "railroaded" into reality via this latest sordid episode is that these trustees purport to be responsible for the quality of journalism evidenced with Friday evening's television news announcement and this latest article dealing with the unexpected appointment of a local attorney as President-designate by the trustees this past Friday.

By the time this editorial is published, the decision will have been made public. The Vindicator has done an exemplary job of covering the selection process, but the ultimate responsibility lies with the trustees who made the decision. The Vindicator's coverage of this decision throughout the weekend.

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The Jambar's annual Valedictorian Speeches in the '90s collection is a compilation of speeches given by the valedictorians of the University of Youngstown during the 1990s. This collection includes speeches from both men and women, reflecting the diversity of the University community.

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Hanni criticizes action of Board of Trustees

By FRANK MELILLO
Jambar News Editor

The YSU Board of Trustees' controversial election of Amy M. Dutton to the YSU presidential chair last Friday has caused the board to lose a great deal of credibility in Youngstown, according to Dave Hagan, a student and Mahoning County Democratic Party chairman.

He added that the board should do the community a service and all majors a favor.

"If the board followed the proper procedures, who then was the emergency. And, why is the board holding a special meeting today to clear up any misunderstanding?" someone screamed up at the board and it appears that the board members are trying to fix the problem.

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Hagan encouraged Dutton to step aside in candidacy for the presidency in a manner that is not detrimental to both the University and the community. They have forced a vote on the trustees. You cannot run a site without the full support, or at least a consensus for his presidency. They have taken care of the institution of higher education and furthering the interests of the University, they should be protecting the integrity of the University and the education. These actions are not in the best interest. If the editors are willing to risk their credibility of the Board of Trustees, they must believe they are right in their position as a candidate. If I state a negative answer, it sounds as if I am attacking a candidate. If I state a negative answer, it sounds as if I am attacking a candidate. If I state a negative answer, it sounds as if I am attacking a candidate.

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YSU — The Board of Trustees approve new budget for 1991-92

YSU — The Board of Trustees will meet in a special session at 3 p.m. today in the trustees' meeting room of Tod Hall.

On Monday, June 17, Dr. John F. Galiens, chancellor of YSU's Board of Trustees, made the following announcement:

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