

## Anderson reflects on four decades at YSU

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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

In her second floor office of Tod Hall, overlooking the side of Ward Beecher, Cynthia Anderson leaned back in her chair and sipped her coffee out of a Youngstown State University mug.

Anderson began her time at YSU as a student in 1968, became a student employee, then faculty, and eventually moved up through the ranks to her presidency.

She was the first female president and the first alumni to be elected. She said that there was no downside to being an alumni.

"Coming back and serving the institution from which you graduated, coming back to your own community and

doing all this has literally been a dream come true," she said.

Anderson said that she is very proud to be the first female president, but that she hopes that's not the only way she is identified.

"I hope that I'm identified with the fact that we were able to do a lot in three years," she said.

Throughout her three-year term, Anderson created the strategic plan and made what she described as "wonderful connections with the community" and his trimmed the university budget, among other things.

Jack Fahey, vice president of student affairs, described working with Anderson as "wonderful," and said he loves that she has accomplished the strategic plan

because it's all about the students.

"I had a lot of fun working with her. She has a great sense of humor," Fahey said. "Her and I share the love of students, so it was very, very easy to work for a boss that is so passionate about treating students well."

She has been in education "40.4 years" and at YSU "34.7 years total," and has always considered education as her passion.

She said her most prized moments at the university have been the graduations, and that she cries at every commencement.

"It's like I look like I've been to a Kiss concert. I'm just so tickled," Anderson said.

She also said that she is proud to see that people are

achieving what they set out to do by graduating.

"To me, that was the culmination of everything I went to school for: somebody else achieved what they wanted because of all of us here at the university," Anderson said.

Anderson will be retiring on Sunday, and she and Brian Williams, her husband, will be moving to Nevada.

Anderson and Williams have been together for 22 years. They were married in Clark County, Nevada on December 28, 2010.

She said they were attracted to each other because they both have hard work ethics.

"We work hard so we can live well and live hard," she said.

The couple likes to ride around in hot rods and going to car shows, as well as boat-

ing.

"He, too, is looking forward — although he is going to continue to work — he is looking forward to this, as well," Anderson said.

She said her career has been wonderful, even though it has had its ups as well as its downs.

"If I had one wish for every student who walks through the doors of the admissions office at YSU, I would wish for them the kind of happy career — wonderful career — that I have had," she said.

Anderson said that she believes she just knew it was time to retire, but that at some point she might consider teaching again.

"It's been wonderful serving the students, which is all I ever wanted to do," Anderson said.



Youngstown State University President Cynthia Anderson walks hand-in-hand with her husband, Brian Williams, on her ceremonial first day in office. Jambar file photo.

## Summer Honors Institute welcomes future penguins

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Last week, the Youngstown State University Scholars held their annual Summer Honors Institute for gifted and talented high school juniors and seniors.

For the past 25 years, the scholars and YSU have invited honors students to participate in the program, showing the hopeful penguins what is so unique about the honors program at YSU.

Amy Cossentino, director of the Summer Honors Institute, said the program is a great chance for students to explore what YSU has to offer.

"The program gives these kids a chance to learn things that they normally wouldn't at their local high school," Cossentino said. "We hope YSU becomes one of their top choices by the end of the week."

During the week, students attended two classes each day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Classes ranged from potato cannon making promoting engineering to a Harry Potter themed class that explored the wizard world and provided an in depth look into the works of J.K. Rowling.

Sharyn Fees, assistant director of Summer Honors Institute, said the classes are a unique op-

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Over 80 students participated in this year's Youngstown State University Summer Honors Institute. Photo courtesy of Amy Cossentino.

## Union elects president

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On June 3, Youngstown State University's Association of Classified Employees union cast and counted ballots, electing Connie Frisby as their new president.

Frisby is set to take office Sept. 1. She already works as the secretary of YSU's Department of Computer Science and Information Systems and is a longtime member of ACE.

Frisby said she's "excited" and "afraid" of the responsibility that lies ahead of her.

"There lot of changes taking place at YSU, so it's really a good opportunity," Frisby said. "You want to do what's best for the entire unit, and you have to be accessible to all our members."

Frisby said she's beginning to prioritize ideas for leading ACE but nothing has become concrete. She noted the first task after taking office will be contract negotiations.

Paul Trimacco, current ACE president, is taking a step back from his presidency and said the position is "very time consuming" and that "you basically put your life on hold for two years."

Trimacco has been employed with YSU since 2001. He has been involved with ACE since 2004, where he has served as a grievance officer and a member of the executive board, in addition to his role as president.

Trimacco helped resurrect projects within ACE that were neglected in the past. He created a scholarship committee, completed drives that supply local schools with supplies, as well as a social committee that holds picnic for members.

Despite his accomplishments, Trimacco said he's confident Frisby will successfully fill his shoes and that her biggest challenge will be negotiating ACE's new contracts when their current deal ends in August 2014.

"Connie is prepared. She has the background, and she'll do a good job," he said. "I would tell her to surround herself with people she can trust and who she knows that can get the job done — people who can get negotiations done."

Trimacco said that ACE's work is "not about getting a paycheck" and each member "likes to give back to the community." He said that with an uncertain economy, ACE tries to remain flexible when

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## Parking changes coming to YSU this fall

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REPORTER

Starting in the fall, any Youngstown State University student registered for more than six credit hours will be charged a transportation fee.

Danny O'Connell, director of YSU parking services, explained that the transportation fee will include students parking permits.

"The transportation fee will be \$115. With the fee, they are able to order a parking permit at no additional charge. Students that are registered for five or less hours are able to opt into the transportation fee and receive a parking permit with no additional charge," O'Connell said.

Although the parking permit will be included in the transportation fee, students will still have to order the permit. Parking services will send out an email before school starts to instruct students how to order the parking permit.

"The email will say that you were assessed the fee, and you are entitled in a parking permit for no additional charge. From there, we will ask the student to go into their portal and order the parking

permit," O'Connell explained.

O'Connell says the actual parking permit will still look the same as the previous years and will still be needed to park.

"It is important the students order the parking permit, because any one who does not have the permit will need to pay a charge to park in the lots or decks," O'Connell explained.

O'Connell said he believes the new transportation fee will not affect the staffing levels of students at parking services. Staff will still need to check every vehicle for a parking permit that is entering the lots or decks.

"Parking services has students monitoring the gates of every deck and lot for two reasons. One is to collect the money for anyone who does not have a permit and two is to handle reservations. But most importantly we are the ears and eyes of campus police," said O'Connell.

If a student working the gate sees something out of the ordinary, they have access to police radios as well as a phone inside the booth.

Besides the transportation fee, students will also notice another change in parking services: the university will have three campus loop buses.

"These campus loop busses will shuttle from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. every day. Two busses will run clockwise and one will run counterclockwise. So that these busses will hit every pick-up location every 15 minutes and 10 minutes," O'Connell said.

However, the times the shuttles will be running are tentative. Parking services is working with student government, student activities and other groups to possibly make adjustments.

Parking services is also working with these groups to create shuttles from campus to downtown on the weekends and during lunchtime throughout the week.

"The lunch time loop will run from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. It will run from Lincoln Avenue to downtown, where students can hop out and have lunch and pick the shuttle back up to campus. On the weekends, we will continue these shuttles in the evenings until 11 p.m. These shuttles will not hit all of campus, just campus housing," O'Connell said.

Another change will be an additional surface lot on Ford Avenue between Grant and Scott Street. This lot will provide one hundred and thirty spots.

O'Connell said he believes that students will voice concerns about the new

transportation fee.

"There will not be a space problem. Since we renovated the M-2 deck, we have been preparing for this time. We have done car counts and space counts and we have plenty of room for all students to park in all of our decks and lots," said O'Connell.

Sabrina Long, a junior in the nursing program at YSU, lives on campus and believes the transportation fee has advantages and disadvantages.

"As a resident, I am required to purchase a parking permit. My parking permit is used mostly to allow residential parking because I usually walk to my classes and at other events I attend on campus. However, it is nice to have the penguin shuttle for rainy or snowy morning, and that needs funded somehow," said Long.

The transportation fee money contributes to funding parking services.

"Since we did not destroy the M-2 parking deck, we spent millions of dollars renovating it. So the money will go into a reserve fund. Also, the transportation fee does not include just a student's parking pass. It also includes, the salt for the winter, our parking vehicles and all of our campus shuttling," said O'Connell.

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portunity for the students.

"They wouldn't normally learn the things they are learning here in a typical high school classroom," Fees said. "It's also great to give the kids a feel to what a college classroom is like."

New to this year's program was the option to stay in Cafaro House and experience residential life. The students participating explored Youngstown's "gems" by eating at MVR, exploring the Oh! Wow museum and playing volleyball every night.

Cossentino said that the new option was a huge success.

"Seven kids participated, and it was a very personalized experience for them," Cossentino said. "It was great to take them to dinner and the museums of the city so we can show they why people love Youngstown."

Nick LaCerva, a senior from Cleveland, was one of the seven students who participated in the residential living of the Summer Honors Institute.

"I've gotten more accustomed to staying here [on campus]," LaCerva said. "Monday I had a little anxiety and felt a little homesick, but as the week went on I realized that going away isn't so bad after all."

LaCerva also said he is starting to consider applying to become a scholar because of how he enjoyed his time in the Summer Honors Institute.

At the end of the week, a survey was distributed to the students centered on their week's experience, as well as their interest in becoming a University Scholar at YSU.

Out of the 80 students who participated in the Summer Honors Institute this year, 75 percent said they were strongly considering enrolling at YSU and becoming a University Scholar.

Claudia Gage, a sophomore scholar, participated in the Summer Honors Institute before she made the decision to become a University Scholar.

"Being from the area, YSU has not always the most positive representation and honors students sometimes feel like they need to go away to school," Gage said. "But after meeting the scholars, they showed me that YSU is a great place for honors students."

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facing challenges.

"Negotiating in an economy that's uncertain — and we always face that — we're going to face the challenges to tighten our belts," Trimacco said. "Everyone has to tighten their belts equally. Its never a cut and dry thing."

ACE covers 350 members employed at YSU with careers as secretaries, administrative assistants, accounting for the second largest union on campus. ACE donates funds to relay for life and contributes scarves, hats and gloves to local charities during holiday seasons.

"I hope that I can continue the process that's been started in making this a strong united unit," Frisby said.

Tony Spano was elected as 1st Vice President and Melanie Leonard as Secretary. Sue Jones, Mary Slaven, Hasheen Wilson, Cindy Blevins and Eileen Esposito were all elected to ACE's Executive Board.



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## Goodbye, Cynthia Anderson

Throughout her three years as the president of Youngstown State University, Cynthia Anderson has accomplished a great deal, including trimming \$5 million from the university operating budget, creating and implementing the strategic plan and making great connections within the community.

"I have been amazed at the camaraderie and the support of the faculty and staff on this campus. I always knew it, but you're still very happy when you have it. The community, I never would have believed the community support I've received," she said in an interview with us on June 20.

For many students at YSU, including most of us here at The Jambar, Anderson is the only president we've known, and we're sad to see her leave before we get to shake her hand at commencement.

Not only has Anderson guided us through the tragedy of Jamail Johnson's murder and the fraternity hazing allegations, she has sought us out when we have wanted to talk to her and has always been willing to talk to us, and we love her for that.

Even students that have never had the chance to meet Anderson have to be impressed by the record-breaking donations that the university received this year — \$10.3 million as of June 19 — which surely was helped by Anderson's demeanor and tenacity during her three years as president.

Despite her air of professionalism and her grace in dealing with difficult matters, one can't help but notice that she's a kick-ass, down-to-earth woman who just happens to like rock 'n' roll and ride around in hot rods. No big deal.

Her dedication to the students is one that will be difficult to match, and we wish Anderson the best as she and her husband move to Nevada to begin the next chapters of their lives.

Youngstown State University will never forget you, Cynthia. You will be remembered alongside YSU greats like Ed O'Neil and Jim Tressel and are as much an integral part of this university as anyone who was ever walked on our grounds and through our halls.

Cynthia, you have exemplified what it truly means to be a Penguin for life, and we all wish you the best.

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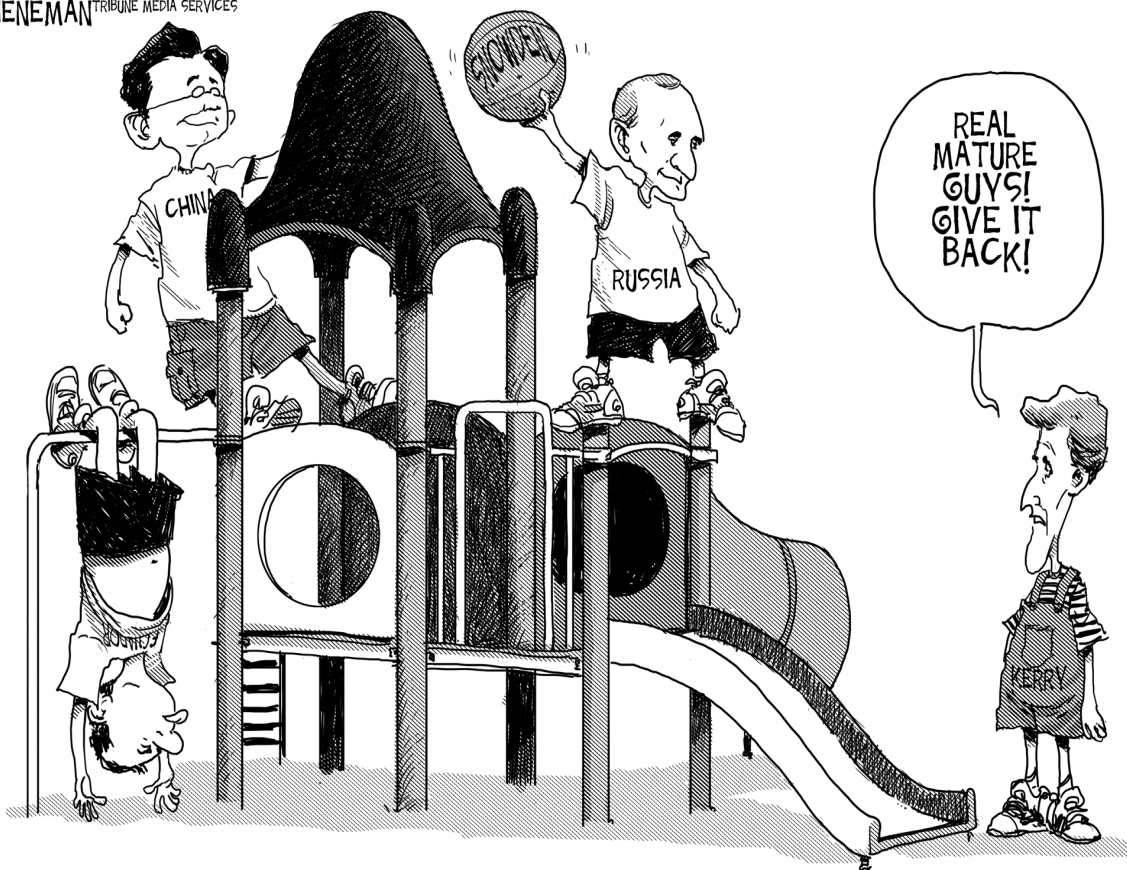
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## Snowden's punishment should be calculated carefully

Chicago Tribune (MCT)

Edward Snowden is doing his best to avoid falling into the hands of U.S. law enforcement, and he's not pretending he did nothing illegal. He has admitted disclosing classified secrets about surveillance programs conducted by the federal government, and doing that is clearly against the law.

Last week, federal prosecutors filed a criminal complaint charging Snowden with various offenses — theft, "unauthorized communication of national defense information" and "willful communication of classified communications intelligence information to an unauthorized person."

People with access to national security secrets know they have a legal obligation not to reveal those secrets — and that they're subject to punishment if they do. Many classified documents contain information that if revealed would profit our enemies and place us at risk.

National Security Agency Director Gen. Keith Alexander said last week that Snowden's disclosures did "irreversible and significant damage," and the FBI agrees. But the government has yet to explain what the damage was —

given that al-Qaida and other terrorist groups must already have been aware of the risks of being monitored in their cellphone and Internet communications.

There was some value in the leaks, since they provided the American people with substantive information about how their government is operating. The programs Snowden uncovered are now going through a valuable public debate.

As far as we know, he was not engaged in espionage in the sense that he turned over the documents to some hostile foreign government. He turned them over to journalists. A lot of valuable journalism relies on government employees leaking information that warrants public scrutiny.

If the government wants to send him away for decades, the law makes that outcome perfectly plausible. The Espionage Act makes it a crime to disclose classified material of this sort that is "prejudicial to the safety or interest of the United States," a description broad enough to encompass even leaks that pose little if any genuine risk to security. Each of the most serious counts carry penalties of up to 10 years in prison.

But George Washington University law professor Jonathan Turley makes the argument that the Justice Department overplayed its hand in this case by

taking a severe approach to something — leaking of classified information — that often happens and rarely provokes legal action.

A country asked to extradite Snowden may refuse if the charges appear to be politically motivated. In its selective prosecution, the administration "could not have worked harder to make this case look political," Turley says.

A prosecution will be justified here — Snowden knowingly broke the law. Trying to lock him up for decades may not. If the government is convinced that the leaks had the serious potential to put lives at risk, make that case. If Snowden's worst crime is embarrassing the administration, it would make sense to seek charges that carry enough punishment to induce great caution in those with access to such secrets, but not so much as to terrorize those who would expose serious abuses of power.

This debate, of course, depends on Snowden being nabbed and returned to the U.S. for trial. He may have another fate in store, a life of hiding in Cuba or Ecuador or in the land of some other U.S. antagonist known for its great traditions of government transparency and protection of civil liberties. We wouldn't be the first to point out that Snowden may be remembered not as one of history's great whistle-blowers, but as one of its great ironists.

## Excuses for Paula Deen don't cut the mustard

Curtis Tate (MCT)

In the past week, many commenters have rushed to defend fallen Food Network star Paula Deen. But one excuse for her cluelessness about race really takes the cake: that she is "of another time."

The assumption that white Southerners of a certain age are unreformed racists living in a secret antebellum fantasy is getting older than egg custard in the noonday sun.

Older white Southern folk, so the narrative goes, are dim-witted, Confederate flag-waving bigots incapable of walking a mile in the shoes of their long-oppressed fellow citizens and understanding the pain of their history. And Lord help them, they just can't change — a "lost cause," of sorts.

Forget about these condescending stereotypes. Let's consider another perspective: my dad's.

My father and Paula Deen are Southerners of the same generation. She was born in 1947 in

Georgia. He was born in 1949 in Mississippi. They both grew up late in the Jim Crow era.

Violent racism wasn't all in the past for him — it was still happening during his youth.

My dad was in grade school when 14-year-old Emmett Till was beaten to death in Money, Miss. He was in high school when three young civil rights workers, two white and one black, were abducted and killed in Philadelphia, Miss. He was a student at the University of Mississippi — Ole Miss, integrated only a few years before — when Martin Luther King was shot in Memphis.

Maybe some white Southerners looked the other way or said the troublemakers had it coming. My dad wasn't one of them.

If theories about white Southerners of my dad's generation were true, he would have inherited the racial attitudes prevalent in earlier generations. And my sister and I might have heard language similar to what Paula Deen's children apparently heard from her.

I can assure you, we didn't.

My dad's parents and grandparents came from generations for whom segregation was embedded into the Southern social

structure. His grandmother, my great-grandmother, was born in north Alabama in 1882, less than two decades after the Civil War. In her 95 years, she lived from the beginning of the Jim Crow era through the civil rights era. If anyone could be described as a product of her time, it would be her.

Yet my great-grandmother, who grew up without electricity, running water or the automobile, profoundly influenced my dad. With only a grade-school education, she instilled in him a love of reading and a passion for history — which he would go on to teach for nearly four decades. Without the slightest hesitation, she accepted my mother, who grew up in Vietnam and came to America only a few years earlier.

We might forgive someone born in the 1880s for coming from a different place — but two or three generations later, the world had changed.

My dad came of age at a time when the South could no longer look the other way — the past had finally caught up. He came to terms with it. Let's stop making excuses for Paula Deen or anyone else.

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*YSU fundraising reaches over \$10 million*

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**POLICE BRIEFS**

*Fire alarm at the Pollock House*

On Tuesday, the Youngstown State University Police Department responded to a fire alarm going off in the Pollock House on Wick Avenue. The Youngstown Fire Department arrived and checked the house and advised it was a false alarm and the area was cleared with no further incidents.

*Phone stolen in Stambaugh Stadium*

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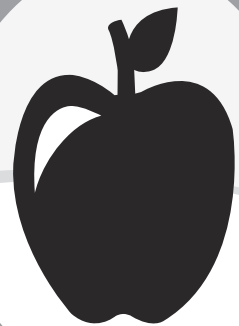
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