

THE DUTTON FILE

I am grateful for the Board of Trustees' expression of confidence in me as evidenced by their decision last Friday to offer me the position of president of Youngstown State University. I very much want to serve as president and believe that I can do an effective job. I have not retreated from that position. However, the media coverage of this issue has so polarized the community that it would be impossible for me (or for that matter, anyone else similarly situated) to succeed as president. The trustees clearly have the right and responsibility to select a president and I would only suggest that the media and other external special interest groups pause and consider what harm they may have caused to this University and this community, as a consequence of their determination to defeat the trustees' choice for president. I will continue to support the interests of YSU in whatever capacity I may serve.

— PAUL M. DUTTON



Editor's Note: Chairman of the YSU Board of Trustee, Dr. John Geletka announced on Thursday, June 20 that Attorney Paul M. Dutton would not be given a contract for the position of YSU President.