Dominic Rosselli

by Chuck Housteau

After 39 years of coaching YSU basketball and baseball athletes, Dominic Rosselli has resigned, effective July 1, 1982, Athletic Director Bill Narduzzi announced at a press conference yesterday.

Narduzzi read from a prepared statement by Rosselli which said, "With mixed emotions, I hereby submit my letter of retirement effective July 1, 1982. On behalf of my family and myself, I want to thank the administration for 39 years of enjoyable employment at the University. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart."

Rosselli was not present at the press conference but will make himself available for comment Monday, April 5. No reason was given for Rosselli's decision to

Coach to retire after 39 years

retire.

"Domonic Rosselli's retirement came as a great enotional surprise to me and my entire athletic department," Narduzzi said. "And, I'm sure it will be a shock to the entire community.

"The name Dom Rosselli and athletics have been synonymous in the Youngstown community," he continued. "His contributions to the University and his achievements in the world of athletics rank him as on eof the top men in his profession.

"Rosselli Court just won't be the same without Dom at courtside. He'll surely be missed. There are a big pair of shoes to be filled," Narduzzi added.

To date, Rosselli has won over 1,000 games as coach of the base-ball and basketball teams, and is sure to add to that total during the upcoming baseball campaign which he will coach for the remainder of the season.

As basketball pilot, Rosselli-led teams have compiled a 589-385 record enroute to 13 post-season appearances, which includes nine NCAA regional tournaments.

He will bow out as the only baseball coach in the school's history, compiling a 418-219 record since 1948.

Narduzzi also said that a search committee, consisting of various members of the administration, media, players, possibly a student,

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and a member of the community, will be established to select the best possible replacement for Rosselli.

"I think we will be looking for someone with an identical philosophy as ours," Narduzzi said. "We are going to try to get the very best basketball coach that we can find.

"I think that Dom is bowing out with the same type of class that he coached with," he added. "He's doing it at a time when the entire basketball market is available to Youngstown State in the selection of its coach."