

PSC follows recommendation, fires Narduzzi

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YSU football coach Bill Narduzzi will not be on the sidelines next year. YSU athletic director Joe Malmisur recommended to the Public Service Committee that Narduzzi not be rehired. The committee met Wednesday and followed Malmisur's recommendation.

If YSU had won three close games this year, the Eastern Michigan, Cincinnati and Middle Tennessee games, Bill Narduzzi might still be the head football coach at the YSU, Malmisur said at a Wednesday night press conference in the Penguin Room in Stambaugh Stadium.

YSU lost to Eastern Michigan 23-19, Cincinnati 29-27 and Middle Tennessee 28-21 in double overtime.

Malmisur said he reached his decision to recommend Narduzzi's release without influence from the community. Since he arrived at YSU as athletic director, Malmisur said he had been evaluating Narduzzi's performance.

Malmisur said the objective reasons leading him to his final decision were the win-loss record of Narduzzi, the "extremely attractive schedule" coupled with poor fan attendance. Malmisur was also dubious of Narduzzi's abilities as a coach. He also mentioned subjective reasons involved with his final decision, but Malmisur would elaborate.

Malmisur said he agonized over the decision. He also said that he wasn't sure at what point in the season he decided that removing Narduzzi from YSU's football program would be best for the University.

The 49 year-old Narduzzi earns \$43,900 annually and his current contract expires in June 1986.

Narduzzi graduated with the class of 1959 from Miami University in Oxford. He was an assistant coach at University of Pittsburgh, Brown, Yale, Miami (Fla.) and Kentucky. He also coached high school football at Cleveland Benedictine, Sandy Valley and Youngstown Ursuline.

Malmisur said that assistant coaches Fred Thomas, Neil Putnam and Don Bartolomucci will also be released.

Thomas was the defensive line and kicking coordinator for six years. Putnam was the offensive coordinator for four years. Bartolomucci was the defensive back coach, completing his first full season.



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