

After four years, Swartz to move on

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Four years is enough time to stay in one place, Associate Athletic Director Ed Swartz said Tuesday after announcing he is seeking employment elsewhere.

"I felt I had to come out publicly now instead finding a new position first and then announcing my resignation," Swartz said. There are some schools he has in mind in his search for an athletic director position, "but I'm not at liberty

to say which one.

"If I weren't at Oregon, I wouldn't do this (announcement), but Oregon is such a tight-knit group that my intentions would have squeezed out somewhere anyway."

Oregon's associate athletic director since 1978 and staff member since 1977, Swartz is in charge of the men's coaching staffs, the business office and the athletic news bureau. He is responsible for all the Oregon

booster clubs.

"At Oregon State, there are three people doing what I do," he said, but denies his workload has anything to do with his decision.

A story in Tuesday's Oregonian asserted Athletic Director John Caine was dissatisfied with Swartz's performance and others were angered at his defense of Dwight Robertson when the football player was indicted for sodomy in September.

Caine denied the charge

Tuesday. "Not one of the staff members has an easy load. We're very understaffed here. Ed's probably doing more than any other staff member."

Acting University Pres. Paul Olum addressed the latter accusation at Tuesday morning's "state of the University" address.

Swartz "fell into University disfavor after standing up for Dwight Robertson," Olum said. "The final decision to let Robertson play was made by me after consulting with several

people."

The Oregonian story "is the first time I ever heard Ed Swartz had an opinion on the subject," Olum said.

Swartz agreed his position with Robertson was unpopular but said it isn't part of his decision to leave. "A person in my position gets a lot of bruises. I'm sure I didn't win a lot of votes."

Swartz said he might have resigned last year if not for the scandal. "I didn't think it was the right time to leave these people."

Wrestlers struggle past Portland State

Oregon's wrestling team put down a strong effort by Portland State to take a 30-11 win Tuesday night.

Rick O'Shea led the Ducks' cause by pinning PSU's Ken Carter just 15 seconds into their match. Dan Cook fought off the flu long enough to staple Brian Bankhead for another first-

round pin.

"PSU wrestled extremely well and really made us compete tonight," said Duck coach Ron Finley.

"We had a few very good performances, but on the whole, we didn't do so well," continued Finley.

Miles Hancock and Bill

Nugent both won by decisions, and Ryan Kelly took a disqualification because of stalling. Mike Erb won a superior decision to round out the Duck scoring.

"Rick O'Shea's pin was one of the fastest that we have ever had," said Finley. "He was fired up tonight and when he saw his chance he jumped on it."

"Portland State has seven good competitors who can beat anybody at anytime," Finley said. "They pushed us hard tonight and some of our wrestlers responded and some of them didn't."

"The match was much closer than the final score indicated," said Finley. "We'll just have to keep working and improve on this."



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