

# Ohio State lures Bay

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Attracted by a nationally-known sports program and a salary increase of \$20,500 a year, Oregon Athletic Director Rick Bay accepted the position of athletic director at Ohio State University Wednesday.

Bay will continue his duties here through June before beginning work at Ohio State. University Vice Pres. Dan Williams said that an acting athletic director will be determined soon.

Bay was one of seven candidates considered for the job by a special search committee. Eighty-five people originally applied for the position last February, when current Ohio State Athletic Director Hugh Hindman announced his retirement effective in June.

The field of 85 was narrowed to seven by the search committee and the names were forwarded to Ohio State Pres. Edward Jennings, who interviewed the applicants. Jennings made his recommendation Wednesday morning to the board of trustees, which unanimously voted to hire Bay.

"We selected Rick Bay because he is the right person for the times," Jennings said. "We are enormously pleased we were able to obtain him."

Williams said he will appoint a search committee to select a new director of athletics to replace Bay. Pres. Paul Olum expressed a desire to fill Bay's vacant position before Sept. 1.

"This is a serious loss to the department," Williams said. "Although I've worked a relatively short period of time with him, I have accumulated a terrific amount of respect for his character."

During his three-year stint at Oregon, Bay was the youngest athletic director in the Pac-10 and was confronted with major financial problems. He worked hard to rid the department budget of its red ink.

"He brought stability to the program here," said assistant athletic director Jim Ferguson. "I just don't see too many negatives in the job he has done here."

"I think he has made great progress at Oregon," said Oregon State Athletic Director Dee Andros. "He had his share of problems. He did an excellent job in the three years he was there."

Bay's acceptance of the position came as shocking news to many people. But for the administrators in the University's athletic department, there was a feeling that Bay was in line for the Ohio State job.

"We certainly had some inkling that he was interested in not necessarily that job, but jobs," Ferguson said. "We think he was interested in moving on and Ohio State is an excellent place to go to."

When Bay arrived at the University, he inherited a major debt. The carry-over deficit from the past years is now at \$370,000. Instead of adding to the debt this year, though, Bay hopes to finish this fiscal year just \$40,000 in the hole.

"He was able to achieve a state of financial stability at Oregon that is unparalleled in recent years," Williams said. "We're not out of the woods yet, but we're going to begin the next fiscal year with a balanced operating budget."

At Ohio State, Bay will receive a major salary increase and will be operating with more than twice the budget he had to work with at Oregon. Bay's current salary of \$54,000 will increase to \$74,500 a year at Ohio State. In addition, Bay had to work with Oregon's \$6 million budget to try and please 16 sports. At Ohio State, he will have a \$14-million budget and more than 30 sports to work with.

"The job at Ohio State is a great opportunity professionally," Bay said. "With an athletic department budget of nearly \$14 million, a program consisting of 33 sports and a rich athletic tradition that is second to none, Ohio State is one of the few universities in America with the resources to be a national leader in every phase of intercollegiate athletics."

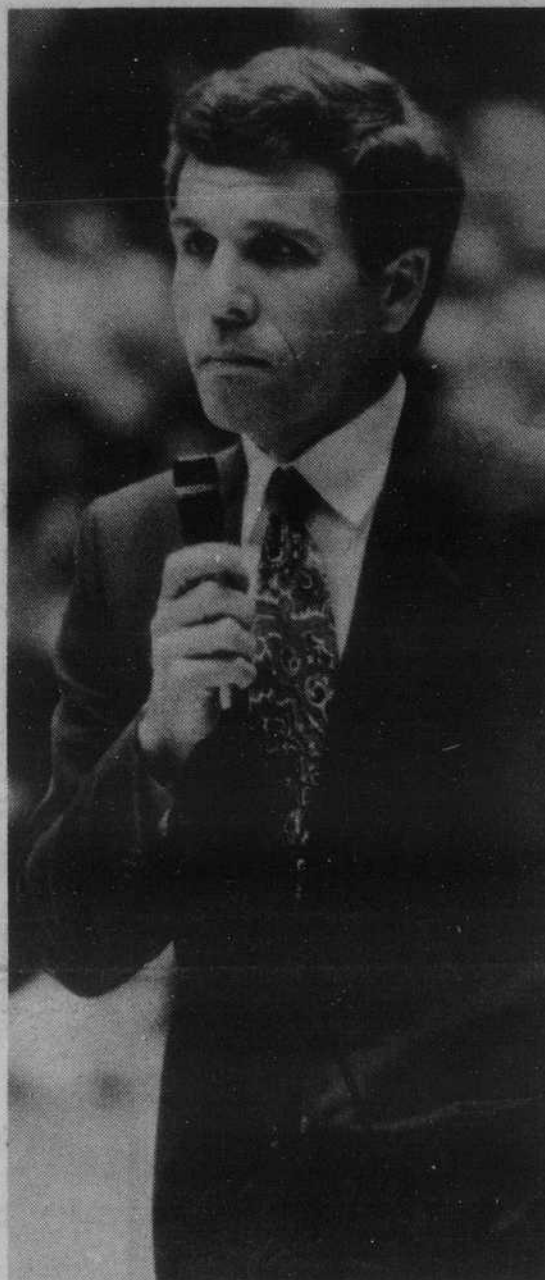
Oregon's search for a new athletic director is expected to be intense.

"It will be an open search and a national search to pick his successor," Olum said. "It's quite possible we will go out and recruit candidates in an aggressive manner. It's possible that some internal people would apply; that's up to them."

Three Oregon administrators who could be in line for the position are Ferguson, assistant athletic director Chris Voelz and Herb Yamanaka, the special assistant to the athletic director. All three have expressed varied interests in applying for the position.

"I'm sure I'll think about it," Ferguson said. "But at this point I'm not going to do anything about it."

Voelz, who doubles as the Ducks' volleyball coach and who was on the search committee when Bay was hired, indicated she would like to eventually move up the administrative ladder but not right now.



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"I just don't think the community is ready for a woman athletic director," Voelz said. "A job like that is not out of the picture for me in the long run but it is now — I want to get volleyball out of my blood first."

Yamanaka, a 13-year veteran of the Oregon athletic department, already had applied for the director of student services position at the University of North Carolina before Bay announced his job change.

"I would say that if Johnson Hall would ask me to apply, I would," he said. "I am always looking for opportunities."

## House approves compromise bill limiting missiles

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House approved 229-199 Wednesday night a compromise which would allow production of only 15 of the 40 MX missiles which President Reagan wanted in 1985 — and then only if the Soviet Union fails to return to arms talks by next April.

The compromise, engineered by Rep. Les Aspin, D-Wis., was first adopted by voice vote after Republican leaders conceded the president risked losing all funds for the MX if they pressed for more.

Moments after that unrecorded vote, Democratic leaders failed by just six votes, 218-212, on a move to scrap the entire MX program. Then the compromise was affirmed, 229-199.

Some 146 Republicans joined 72 Democrats in blocking elimination of the MX, while 194 Democrats and 18 Republicans supported it. Last year, a similar effort failed by nine votes.

Reagan's Democratic rivals, former Vice President Walter F. Mondale and Colorado Sen. Gary Hart, had pressed members of the House earlier in the day to delete all MX funds for the next fiscal year.

But Aspin succeeded in preempting the critical first vote for his own proposal, and carried the day.

Though the White House had initially pressed Republicans to resist any cuts in the MX, the centerpiece of Reagan's strategic buildup, they climbed aboard after Minority Leader Robert H. Michel, R-Ill., bluntly told the president that the deal offered by Aspin was the best he could get.

"We are pleased to hear that the House has voted to provide funding for the continued development and production of the Peacekeeper missile," Kim Hoggard, assistant White House press secretary, said in a brief statement. "But there are more hurdles along the way."



## This threesome tosses much more than salad

Sunnier weather in Eugene brought out more than sunbathers on campus Wednesday. Students young and old gathered on and around the EMU's east lawn to enjoy blue skies, warmer weather and home-grown entertainment.

The Street Faire, a sort of miniature Saturday Market, hosted a variety of activities from stuffing face to juggling performances and attracted a sizable crowd.

Out 2 Lunch, a local comedy and juggling act, made the afternoon hours literally fly. The act's members, Tim Miller, Rhys Thomas and Pete Peterson, juggled sideways, double-deck and every which way.

Between bottle bouncing, the group performed their "stiff-man" act, picking up one member by feet and neck while he remained perfectly horizontal.

Out 2 Lunch also performs at private and public parties and at workshops.

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