

McMenomy enjoys role as manager

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You would never know it by watching a game or reading a box score, but Tony McMenomy is an important part of Oregon's men's basketball team.

He's the man behind the scenes doing the dirty work. He's the head basketball manager.

"Anything that doesn't directly deal with the players or coaches is my responsibility," McMenomy said.

That makes for a busy schedule for the senior from Antioch, Calif., who became interested in managing because he wanted to stay close to sports.

McMenomy is finishing up his second year as a head basketball manager after spending two seasons in a similar capacity for the Ducks' football team.

McMenomy wasn't content with managing football and sought a situation where he would have more responsibility. He found just that when he came to work for coach Don Monson.

"As a basketball manager I feel that my job allows me to be more autonomous," he said. "I know what my job is and I do it, so I don't have anybody watching over me telling me how I should do it."

McMenomy's job requires good organizational skills and a fantastic memory. The former

requirement is no problem, but he sometimes worries about the latter.

"I'm required to remember everything that can be forgotten, lost or ruined when we go on the road," McMenomy said.

That includes anything from players' uniforms and sweats to the coaches' play cards.

"I have nightmares before road trips that I am going to forget somebody's uniform or a coach's card, but I haven't screwed up so far," McMenomy said.

Most of McMenomy's work takes place on practice days and at home games. He's usually the first one at McArthur Court and the last one to leave.

He arrives about an hour be-



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Tony McMenomy has kept the Oregon men's basketball team supplied and ready as the Ducks' head manager for the last two years.

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