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Spiderman



Photo by Sol Newman

University senior Jennifer Davee climbs the walls outside the EMU Tuesday. Davee, who has been a rock climber for one-and-a-half years, said he likes to practice his sport "anywhere on campus."

Kansas assistant named Duck basketball coach

□ Jerry Green, who will replace Don Monson, has his work cut out for him, but he says he's ready

By Jayson Jacoby
Emerald Reporter

Oregon athletic director Bill Byrne announced Tuesday at a press conference that former Kansas assistant Jerry Green will be the new Oregon men's basketball head coach.

Green, 48, was head coach at North Carolina-Asheville for nine years before taking the assistant coach position at Kansas in 1988. He will receive \$80,000 per year for five years, \$60,000 per year for radio/television appearances and a \$60,000 shoe contract with Nike.

Green replaces Don Monson, who was fired March 17 after nine years in Eugene.

"I found the man I wanted," Byrne said. "I'm damn glad he's here."

"It's good to be here," Green said. "I am excited about the opportunity to get to work. The Pac-10 Conference is certainly one of the strongest in all of college basketball."

Green arrives at Oregon with an impressive list of credentials. After six years of high school coaching and a two-year stint as an assistant at UNC-Asheville, he took over the then NAIA school in 1979.

Green posted two 20-win seasons in his first six years at UNC-Asheville before the school moved up to NCAA Division II status in 1985.

The Bulldogs went 20-9 that season, and the school moved up to the Division I ranks the next season.

Green's two seasons as a Division I head coach saw records of 15-11 and 13-15, with an overall 150-108 (a .580 winning percentage) mark for the nine years.

Green then joined his longtime friend and Kansas head coach Roy Williams, whom he helped in elevating the Jayhawks to national power status.

Kansas was ranked fifth entering the NCAA tournament in 1990 and lost to Duke in the championship game a year ago, before being upset in the nation's second round this season as the nation's second-ranked team and No. 1 seed in the Midwest Regional.

Kansas' overall record in Green's four years as an assistant was 103-30.

"I am very, very happy for Jerry Green," Williams said in a press statement. "I think it's a great day for Oregon basketball."

"Jerry has been extremely important to our program's success the last four years. It will be a tremendous challenge for me and my staff to compensate for the loss of one of the most competent basketball people anywhere."

Byrne said his search for Monson's replacement got considerably easier when he met Green.

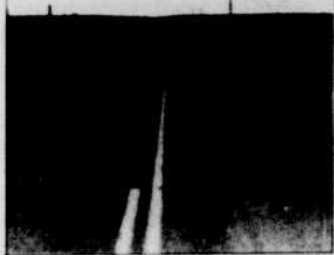
"When making the decision concerning our new basketball coach, there were a number of criteria considered," Byrne said. "First and foremost, I wanted someone of absolute integrity, a man who knows and understands NCAA rules and

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BIG COUNTRY

Oregon's most isolated communities and desolated stretches of land where sagebrush-covered mountains, valleys and prairies stretch beyond the horizon

On the road to Eastern Oregon



By Jayson Jacoby
Emerald Reporter

Editor's note: This is the first in a three-part series about the people and places of eastern Oregon. Parts two and three will run Thursday and Friday.

We Oregonians are proud of our state and are quick to point out its virtues: clean air, slow-paced lifestyle and lack of crime.

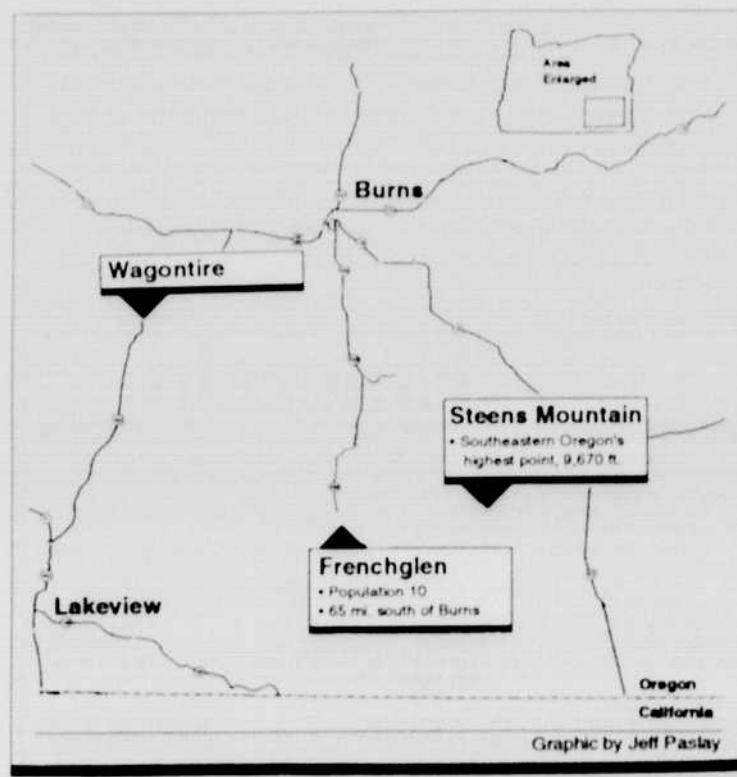
Compared with major met-

ropolitan areas such as Los Angeles and Chicago, even Oregon's few urban centers are veritable paradises.

But because three-quarters of the state's population lives west of the Cascade mountains — only one-third of Oregon's total land area — the sparsely populated eastern two-thirds is often forgotten.

However, it is just that part of the state, and in particular

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ASUO ELECTIONS

Students interested in an elected position next year have until Monday at 5 p.m. to officially declare their intent and be included on the ballots.

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SPRING INTO ACTION

The Duck football team begins spring practice today at the Autzen Stadium practice field while the quarterback question remains unanswered.

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QUEEN IDA

A dash of Louisiana culture will hit Eugene when Queen Ida and her band come to town.

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