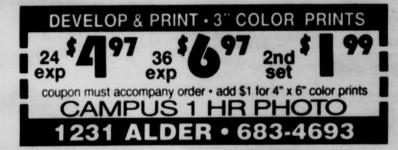
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"I knew it would be tough." he said. "But I never realized it would be as tough as it is. The program is not where any of us would like it to be at this point."

But Green has been in situations similar to the one he is now. His first head coaching job at the college level was with North Carolina-Asheville. At Asheville he took over a team that was 7-20 the year before. and led them to a 22-9 season four years later.

"I think my niche as coach is to take over struggling teams, and try to turn them into a quality program," he said. "This (Oregon) is a program that needs help. This is a major project for me, and it will not be easy."

Pac-10 coaches sympathize with Green and give him credit for having the guts to take over a program that is obviously not rich with tradition.

"It (coaching for a struggling team) will test the man hard," USC coach George Raveling said. "He's a hell of coach, but it'll take time. It'll take a while for him to learn what it takes to win in this conference. When he does, I think Oregon will be one of the most dangerous teams in the league.

Washington State coach Kelvin Sampson said Green needs to concentrate on recruit-

ing.
"Jerry Green is on the right track," Sampson said, "The key is to get some players. Coaching is overrated sometimes. You need good players, or else you won't win.

One thing that has hindered Green's ability to turn the Ducks around quickly is that he is working with a team that was already in place when he arrived. He made a decision when he was hired to keep all players that were given scholarships by Monson, and even gave one to a walk-on from the Monson era - Jon Mitchell.

"Looking back, some people may say that wasn't a good decision on my part," Green said.

"But if I had to do it all over again, I would have done the exact same thing.

Green has already made steps toward putting together a team that is all his own. Over the winter, the Ducks signed Kenya Wilkins, who is touted as one of the top point guards in the Los

Angeles area. Wilkins has a good chance of starting next year, especially with the problems Green has had with his two current point guards. Johnnie Reece and Andre Collier. Collier played only seven minutes Saturday against Oregon State and Reece was sent to the locker room earlier in the year against Washington State. Both have had bright moments, but, for the most part, have struggled to do an ample

job of running Oregon's offense.
Green said he went after
Wilkins because Collier will graduate this year, and Reece is 'not a true point guard," but added, "you can't point fingers at this player or that player," he said. "That just doesn't help your team in any way."

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sure, the best recruiting class ever at Cal, and is subsequently fired. There is no term to describe it.

Stanford head coach Mike Montgomery also expressed disappointment in the firing of Campanelli.

"I was extremely disappointed in Lou's firing." Montgomery said. "I cannot ever remember a coach being fired in the middle of the season unless it was something that had to be done.

I think the expectation level at California got out of hand, and there was no way anybody could change that."

UCLA went 10-2 in the preseason and was nationallyranked, but has struggled during the conference season. Bruins head coach Jim Harrick says he believes his team can get back on track during the second half of the season.

"We have been inconsistent," Harrick said. "If we don't improve I would be very disappointed, but I don't anticipate

1993 was also to have been a rebuilding year for USC, but the Trojans went 7-2 during the preseason and are still looking toward the post season.

"At times I have been concerned because we are not as hungry as we were earlier in the year." USC head coach George Raveling said. "These are mental mistakes that can be changed. We need to re-identify things we were doing earlier in the year if we are to have a chance at making the NCAA tournament.'

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