



Don Monson

Monson's lawsuit to be heard today

□ Former basketball coach is asking for \$425,788 in damages from University

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Former Oregon men's basketball coach Don Monson's lawsuit against the University goes to trial today at the Lane County Courthouse. Monson is suing the University over his removal as coach following the 1991-92 season.

Monson is seeking \$425,788 in damages from the University. The suit claims \$204,722 in lost wages and benefits and

\$221,066 in lost income from outside contracts.

Former athletic director Bill Byrne reassigned Monson on March 17, 1992 to be men's golf coach. As golf coach, Monson would have received the same salary and benefits, including a courtesy car and membership at the Eugene Country Club.

Monson refused the assignment and was given another as compliance coordinator for NCAA Rules and Regulations and was told failure to report for the job by May 18 would be considered his resignation. Monson never reported for the job.

Monson claims the University had no right to reassign him and that his contract

clearly calls for him to be employed as basketball coach.

However, Attorney General Ted Kulon-goski, replying on behalf of the state of Oregon, which is the actual defendant in the case, says Monson's contract permits him to be re-assigned at the University's discretion.

Monson's contract, which he signed on Jan. 1, 1992, states, "The position as offered is subject to ... State administrative rules." The state is relying on an Oregon Administrative Rule that says "personnel may be transferred or reassigned within an institution in accordance with the staff needs of the

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Elections slated for Westmoreland council

□ Council loses ASUO recognition

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The Tenant's Council of Westmoreland Family Housing has lost its status as an official ASUO program and must elect new representatives and officers to regain the benefits of official recognition.

Westmoreland failed to have elections last April, and therefore the council is not legal in the eyes of the ASUO and Oregon state laws regarding public bodies.

The problem is a result of inattention by last year's ASUO Executive and the Tenant's Council, said ASUO University Affairs coordinator Thomas Huckaba at a council meeting Monday.

Huckaba said the frustration of the residents was understood but that there were some "hoops to go through" before the council could make changes in Westmoreland complexes, like creating new bylaws or building a new playground.

Todd Newman-Barnhart, who has been acting as the council's leader, said he believed elections would be futile because the residents were not interested in working on the council.

"We need to decide on a new governing body for Westmoreland ... if that's what people want," said Newman-Barnhart, adding that he believed the system currently on the books could not work.

"We are not saying that the present administration is not working," Mohamed Fahnbulleh

said. "It just needs a helping hand. Right now the entire (tenant community of) Westmoreland is not being represented."

The whole situation frustrated Newman-Barnhart to the point where he left the council meeting saying, "The ASUO has taken this over ... and I'm not going to burn myself out over this. I'm stepping out of the way."

Larry Gilbertson was also frustrated because the work he has done trying to get a new playground built for the area will be put on hold for even longer. University Housing has agreed to give the project \$1,000 that University Housing and Gilbertson hoped the Incidental Fee Committee would match. But the IFC cannot give money to an organization that the ASUO does not recognize.

The problems of getting the funds is further complicated by the fact that the summer IFC only has about \$1,000 left in its account. Gilbertson worries that the playground will have to wait until the next school year because IFC funds will most likely be spent by the time a new tenant's council, a group that Gilbertson describes as being "less than a dominate force around here," is elected.

As for the new elections, the ASUO has decided that they will be on Aug. 2, which is the soonest they can possibly be, according to law. But because the eight tenants that attended the meeting doubted that volunteers would come forward to run for the positions, a group will go door-to-door in an effort to recruit interested people in the Westmoreland Complex tonight.

Basket Weaving 101



Photo by Anthony Forney

Aimee Yogi, a Knight Library employee, weaves a southwest American Indian coiled basket on her lunch break. Yogi teaches basket weaving at the University's Natural History Museum.

WEATHER

Today should bring some showers with isolated thunderstorms. Highs should be near 70.

THE HEAT IS GONE

PLEASANT HILLS, Pa. (AP) - A fire company turned down the heat in its 1993 fund-raising calendar and lost money when it published photos of buildings instead of women.

The volunteer fire company in this Pittsburgh suburb raised \$90,000 in 1989 with its first calendar, "Blazes of Glory." The nationally marketed calendar showed scantily clad women posing with firefighting equipment.

But in 1990, 1991 and 1992, similar cheesecake calendars flooded the market, and with so many competitors, the borough's sequel, "Take the Heat," made only about \$10,000 a year.

This year, the firefighters replaced bathing beauties with photos of churches, the borough hall and other buildings.

The clean calendar cost about \$8,000 to publish. Sales brought in only one quarter of that sum.

SPORTS

OXNARD, Calif. (AP) - Quarterback Billy Joe Hobert left his baseball bat in Sarasota, Fla., and reported to training camp with the Los Angeles Raiders.

Hobert, who was playing minor league baseball with a Chicago White Sox farm team for the past three weeks, played quarterback for the Washington last year.

"It was time to put the baseball thing behind me and start making football my focal point," Hobert said.

Hobert said his baseball experience was enjoyable, even though he suffered from a mystifying lack of power.

Hobert skipped his final season with the Huskies after being suspended from the team for accepting questionable loans.