

## Monson: re-assignment was 'suicidal' to career

□ The University will begin presenting its case today

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Former Oregon men's basketball coach Don Monson concluded his second day on the witness stand Monday in his breach of contract suit against the University. Monson was removed as basketball coach following the 1991-92 season and is asking for more than \$425,000 in damages.

Monson is asking the University to pay him not only his salary, but money he would have earned from various other sources, including Nike, the Oregon Sports Network and summer basketball camps.

The state maintains the outside income was not the responsibility of the University and whatever agreements Monson had were between him and the outside parties.

At times, Monson's own testimony seemed to support the state's contention. When asked by his attorney, Harold Gillis, about the summer basketball camps, Monson said the first year he was coach, the camp's income was run through the University business office, but after that, "it was my camp then (and was) not run through the University."

Monson said the money he received from Nike also was not arranged by the University, "but it was because I was head coach at the University."

Monson also said he had never directly negoti-

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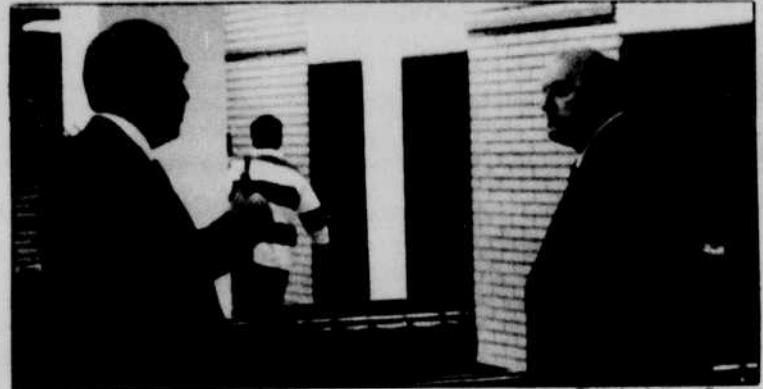


Photo by Anthony Forney  
Former Oregon men's basketball coach Don Monson (right) talks to his accountant, David Sparks, Monday outside the courtroom.

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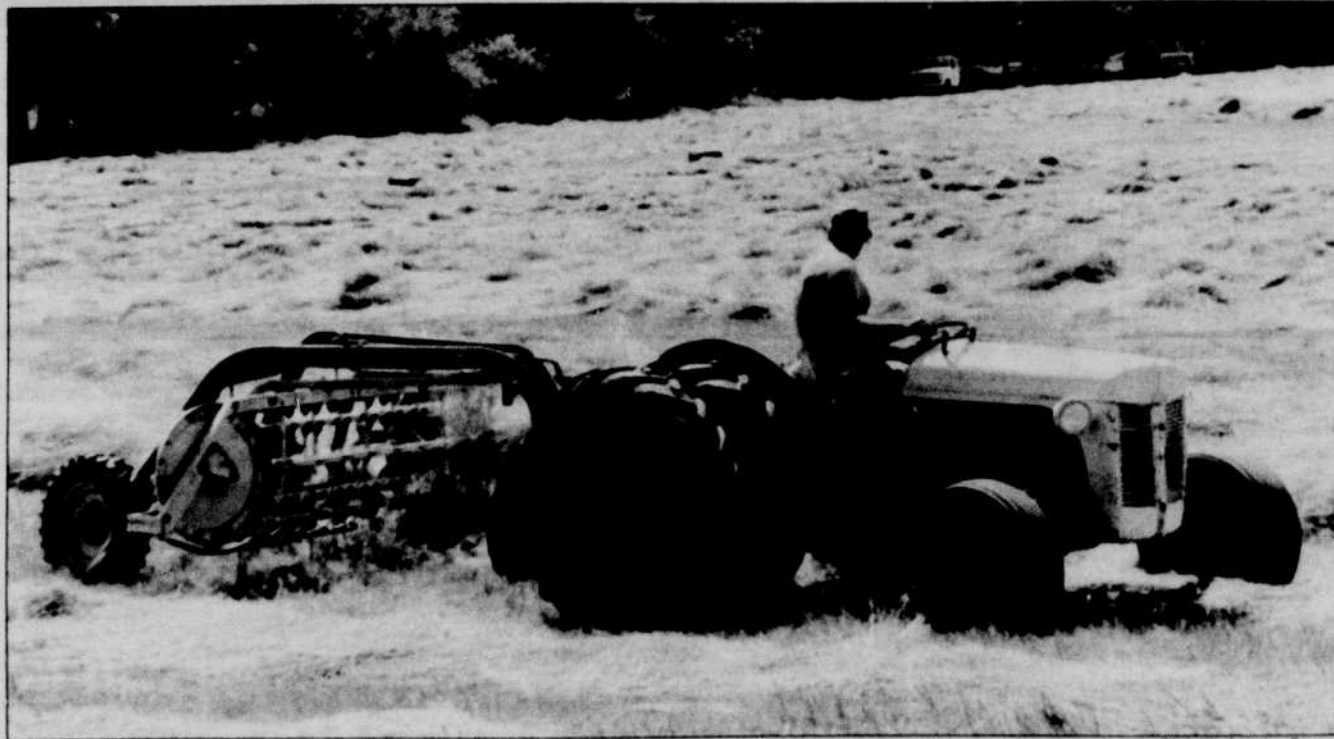


Photo by Anthony Forney

Because of recent wet weather, Mike Kangas had to turn over hay to dry in Bob Niel's field before it is baled.

## Multicultural Center taking shape in EMU

□ Despite failed ballot measure, center will start

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The asbestos is removed and committees are meeting in the new Multicultural Center located in the EMU basement. But many students are trying to figure out why a project they refused to fund in last spring's election is still going up on schedule, and without students' approval.

The ballot measure that failed last spring asked University students to pay a one-time incidental fee of \$2.45 each term for one year in order to raise \$109,025 for "remodeling and start-up" costs of the center. Students voted it down 434-403, with five percent of students voting.

"The ballot was close and the students that I had contact with felt that it was just too much money," said Vice Provost Gerry Moseley, who has worked with students on the center. "Students said it's too expensive. ... They did not want a Cadil-

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## Power outage temporarily leaves buildings in dark

□ Old equipment causes outage Sunday in several campus halls

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Aging equipment was the cause of a power outage in a number of University buildings Sunday. Electrical power was temporarily interrupted in Dady, Villard, Lawrence, Pacific and Oregon halls, and Onyx Bridge.

George Hecht of University Physical Plant said alarms went off in the Physical Plant building between 6:30 and 7 a.m. EWEB engineers were brought in to help determine

the cause of the power failure.

"It took a while to determine the problem," Hecht said. Eventually they discovered that transformers in Villard and Pacific had "caught fire, burned out or shorted out," he said.

The Eugene fire department was called to clear out smoke in Pacific Hall.

Truck-mounted generators restored power to all of the affected buildings by Monday morning except for Villard and the second floor of Pacific. All buildings should have power by today.

The faulty transformers were about 25 years old, which put them "right on the edge of their lifespan," Hecht said.

The Physical Plant has been working to modernize the University power system since several transformers "burned out and blew up behind Klamath Hall" four or five years ago.

"We've made an intensive effort to improve the electrical distribution system on campus," Heck said.

However, one-third of the old electrical infrastructure remains, including in Villard and Pacific.

The truck-mounted generators will be used until transformers can be installed. The University is ordering new transformers, but it will be several weeks before they are delivered. In the meantime, the Physical Plant hopes to borrow transformers.

## WEATHER

Bet you thought this was summer! Rain should continue through tomorrow with a 20 percent chance of showers. Highs should be near 75 for the remainder of the week with overnight lows around 50.

## DIVORCE COURT

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) - Appellate judges questioned Monday whether a 12-year-old boy who "divorced" himself from his mother had any business being in court in the first place.

Shawn Russ, now 13, was permitted by a lower-court judge to sue his natural mother and sever her parental rights so that he could be adopted by a central Florida family last September. The youngster claimed neglect and abandonment by his mother.

A three-judge panel is weighing whether Juvenile Court Judge Thomas Kirk acted correctly in ruling that the boy had the legal standing and mental capacity to sue, in terminating the mother-son relationship, and in proceeding with the adoption.

## SPORTS

ATLANTA (AP) - Fred McGriff represents the present and future for the Atlanta Braves.

McGriff, baseball's most consistent home run hitter the past five years, was traded to the Braves on Sunday by San Diego for three minor leaguers. The first baseman is signed through next season, and the Braves hold an option for 1995.

But first, the run-starved Braves need McGriff's bat to help them challenge the first-place Giants in the NL West. McGriff, batting .275 with 18 homers and 46 RBIs this season, takes over at first for Sid Bream and Brian Hunter, who combined for eight homers and 35 RBIs this season.