

Testimony finishes in Monson lawsuit

□ Former AD Byrne says Terrell Brandon was "expelled"

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Testimony concluded Wednesday in Don Monson's breach of contract lawsuit against the University. Monson is seeking more than \$425,000 in damages after being removed from his position as men's basketball coach in March 1992.

Former athletic director Bill Byrne took the stand Tuesday after attorney's for the state failed to convince Judge Gordon Cottrell to dismiss the suit and testified as to the reasons he decided to re-assign Monson as golf coach.

Byrne testified that Monson's win-loss record, particularly during the 1991-92 season, combined with declining attendance, falling revenue and poor recruiting were the primary factors that led to Monson's removal as coach.

Byrne said he had begun to consider replacing Monson early on in the season and cited a loss to Montana, a member of the Big Sky Conference, as an example of how poorly the Ducks were doing early on.

"We weren't playing very well," he said.

Byrne said that, as the season progressed, attendance at home games dropped sharply, especially with students.

"The students really walked out on us," he said.

Even games against nationally ranked teams such as Arizona and UCLA, as well as traditional rivalry games with Oregon State, were not selling as well as they had in the past, Byrne said.

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Halls still powerless; back up by Monday

□ Electricity is restored by Tuesday morning in all but Villard and second floor of Pacific

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University physical plant officials believe they will have power fully restored in both Villard and Pacific halls by next Monday.

Power in the two halls was lost after the Sunday morning failure of two transformers. The burnout of the aging equipment left several buildings on campus without power, but electricity was restored by Tuesday morning to all of the affected sites except for Villard Hall and the second floor of Pacific Hall.

It will be several months before new transformers can be ordered and delivered. Until they arrive, the physical plant is working on a temporary solution.

Pacific's power should be fully restored by Thursday by connecting the electrical distribution to another transformer in the building that is currently underutilized. Power will temporarily be shut down in Pacific and Columbia halls during this work.

So long as Pacific Hall doesn't add any equipment that requires heavy power usage, this should work until the replacement transformer arrives, said Physical Plant Director Hecht.

Villard will require more effort because safety regulations require that the University install a new transformer in a new location. The University has a spare transformer, but the Eugene fire marshal wouldn't allow the physical plant to hook it up to the old location beneath Villard Hall.

My umbrella or yours?



Photo by Anthony Farney

Madison McLeod-Stout, age 5 (left), and Jocelyn Halleck, age 4, share an umbrella while walking up 13th Avenue on the way to the bus stop.



WEATHER

RAIN.

Did you really think there could be anything else? 80 percent chance of showers through Saturday, with partial clearing over the weekend. Highs should remain in the 70's.

STOP OR I'LL SHOOT & SHOOT

PORTLAND (AP) - Police couldn't explain why officers fired more than two dozen times at an armed man who fled a confrontation on a city bus. Officer Douglas Erickson confronted Gerald F. Gratton Jr., 27, on the bus after the driver became worried, police spokesman Derrick Foxworth said. As the officers tried to remove Gratton from the bus, they discovered he had a pistol tucked in his waistband. Gratton fled out the rear door of the bus and across the street. Erickson fired his pistol 23 times at Gratton, stopping to insert a fresh clip at one point, hitting him three times, Foxworth said. Police can legally fire on a fleeing suspect if they believe it would prevent another crime, Foxworth said. "We don't want them to see, if he pointed it over his shoulder at them or if he still had it in his waistband," he said.

SPORTS

BERLIN (AP) - Monica Seles has decided to attempt a comeback in October at a tournament in Germany, three months after she was stabbed on a German court, a newspaper reported Wednesday. *Bild* said the 19-year-old Seles, ranked No. 1 when she was attacked in Hamburg by a mentally disturbed Steffi Graf fan, would return to the tennis circuit at the Nokia Grand Prix in Essen. The Nokia Gran Prix runs October 25-31. Seles, a three-time French Open winner, was stabbed in the back April 30 while sitting in a chair at a tournament in Hamburg.