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Jody Runge spent eight successful but tumultuous seasons as the women's basketball coach. **PAGE 7**

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Runge era comes to an end

■ The most successful basketball coach in school history resigns after two months of turmoil

By Adam Jude
Oregon Daily Emerald

Jody Runge resigned from her post as coach of the Oregon women's basketball team, effective Monday, nearly two months after eight players reportedly requested that she be fired.

Athletic Director Bill Moos made the announcement Monday afternoon at a press conference in the Casanova Center. Runge was not present and could not be reached for comment at her home.

"Jody asked that I make the announcement for her," Moos said. "Parties representing Jody and the University met [Sunday] and reached a mutually agreeable decision."

Moos said he did not ask for Runge's resignation.

"I had some concerns that did not pertain to the win-loss record," Moos said. "This has been a long, tedious and frustrating process that has finally come to a close."

The turmoil within the program became public March 4 after eight players

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Athletic Director Bill Moos and University Vice President for Administration Dan Williams announce women's basketball head coach Jody Runge's resignation at the Len Casanova Center Monday afternoon.

■ The University community has a variety of responses to the resignation of women's basketball coach Jody Runge

By Lisa Toth
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When University Athletic Director Bill Moos announced the resignation of women's basketball coach Jody Runge Monday afternoon, faculty, student and community reaction to the news ranged from shock to frustration.

Associate Professor Daniel Close from the college of education said he was sad to hear about Runge's resignation, but that he was also optimistic for change within the Athletic Department.

"Her resignation marks the end of a magical yet controversial era," Close said. "She brought an incredible energy and enthusiasm that captivated this community."

Close said Runge served as a role model for many girls, students and community members, but he added that Runge's communication style and motivational techniques sadly led to a dissatisfying relationship with her players.

"I honestly believe that she resigned

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New owner relocates vintage homes despite protest



Adam Jones for the Emerald

Zach Vishanoff stands in opposition to the removal of homes from the Moss Street neighborhood.

University Housing sold the homes to Katherine Wilson because maintenance costs became too great

By Chris Ryan
for the Emerald

University Housing officials said Monday that, despite protests by a group of people opposed to the moving of two 80-year-old vintage homes from their original location on Moss Street, it was no longer economically feasible to maintain the houses.

The two houses, located at 1563 Moss St. and 1649 Moss St., were moved Sunday morning after being sold to Katherine Wilson, a movie pro-

ducer who restores vintage homes for rent or sale.

Housing officials decided that spending the additional money to fix the houses would take away from the department's ability to provide students with the most affordable housing possible.

"It doesn't make sense as far as our mission to serve students," University Housing Director Michael Eyster said.

Because Wilson has the money to

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■ Some Eugene residents believe University Housing intends to create high-density housing in the Moss Street area

By Zach Mull
for the Emerald

A group of Eugene residents in the Moss Street area are concerned about what they believe is an increasing University presence in their neighborhood, and some neighbors have expressed concern over the consequences of possible future development projects in the area.

Zach Vishanoff, a Eugene resident and former University student who calls himself the "Moss Street Defender," said he believes University Housing will convert property in the area into a housing development.

"It's clear to me," Vishanoff said. "My instincts tell me it will be a new mega-complex."

But University Housing Director Michael Eyster said his department has no plans for future development in the area. He said the city of Eugene holds public hearings more than a year in advance of any new development projects so residents can express their concerns.

Eyster said that a few houses were removed from the area because of their poor physical condition, which made it economically infeasible for the University to maintain them.

"We're constantly weighing whether it's to the cost benefit of students to repair those houses," he said,

adding that University Housing has no current plans to remove or demolish any other houses in the east campus area.

Katherine Wilson, owner of the company transplanting the houses, said the project will preserve and restore the homes and that she plans to move the houses to other locations in Eugene and restore them to their original condition. She said she is protecting pieces of the city and is not concerned with turning a profit.

Eyster said University Housing currently rents more than 100 houses in the Moss Street area to students with families.

"We own a lot of that neighborhood," he said.

A plan emerged in the 1980s to turn the area into residence halls, but the plan was scrapped before it was put into action, Eyster said.

University Planning Office Director Chris Ramey said his department also has no plans for development east of Moss Street.

Moss Street resident Bryan Boggs said he has noticed the removal of houses in the area over the past year.

"My concern is that it continues to be used for housing students," he said.

Despite the absence of University development plans, Vishanoff said he's convinced the Moss Street neighborhood will soon be converted into high-density housing.

Vishanoff said the houses are left unattended only to be used by "transients

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