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comprised of his recruits, nor would the team's coaches. It would be hard for him to succeed, especially since the team is already 1-4 this season.

And the character issues still remain. Price never had any public problems in Pullman, but the fact he had his indiscretions at a time where collegiate coaches are under the microscope hurt him.

Had Price visited strip clubs 20 years ago, it's probable nothing would have been made of it. Now, though, any kind of major slip-up can cost someone their job.

That doesn't make what he did right, so to hire Price would send the wrong message to the rest of the Pac-10 and the nation. It would say that character isn't valued and that winning is all that's accounted for.

The critics of collegiate sports would have a field day if he were to take over.

Besides, the turmoil surrounding the Wildcats' program could be cut with a knife, so why add a questionable character to the equation?

Names like Boise State head coach Dan Hawkins are being mentioned as a possible successor, so there should be definite interest in the program. But why not go after the likes of former UCLA head coach Bob Toledo or USC offensive coordinator Norm Chow?

They don't carry any baggage with them and have had recent success with their teams.

Regardless, at this point the Wildcats shouldn't be in a hurry up mode to find the new face of Arizona football.

To hire Price would be a step in the wrong direction.

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48th at 156

Despite being in eighth place after two rounds, the Ducks are only nine strokes behind third place Brigham Young. Oregon's two-round total of 753 is 22 strokes behind tournament leader Washington. Oregon State stands in second at 740.

The Husky Invitational will conclude with today's single round. The 54-hole tournament requires six golfers to compete for each team, taking the best five scores into consideration. Most tournaments require only five players to compete, counting the top four scores.

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Today's crossword solution

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SOFTBALL

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Looking for talent

Oregon's short fall exhibition includes two days — today and Wednesday — of tryouts for walk-on players.

"We're going to look at everybody," Arendsen said. "We have the option of keeping one just in addition to what we have, and also if they're better than someone we have, we'll make the move. We strongly encourage everyone."

One current Duck who joined the team through walk-on tryouts said it was a way to get back into softball.

"I was recruited to go play," Senior Heather Munson said. "At the last minute I decided not to. Then I decided I wanted to play later.

"It was more or less just a challenge to myself. It was an awesome experience. It's tough and a little bit of pressure, but definitely a good experience."

Women interested in trying out should contact assistant coach Mike White in the Oregon softball office at 346-3393.

"It is a legitimate opportunity for a student who maybe kind of slipped through the cracks in the recruiting process to have a chance to play on a hopefully top-15 softball program," Arendsen said.

The Ducks play two more games this fall, hosting a tournament on Saturday and Sunday at Howe Field, before beginning their season in February.

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