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Lowery Takes Coaching Reigns

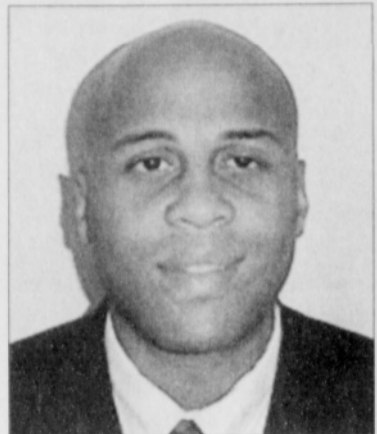
Pacific hires former Portland basketball star

Jason Lowery, a former Portland athlete who has spent the last eight years coaching at the NCAA Division III and NAIA levels, has been named as Pacific University's new head men's basketball coach.

Lowery comes to the Forest Grove campus from Pomona-Pitzer Colleges in Claremont, Calif., where he has served as an assistant coach for the last four seasons. The 29-year-old was selected during a month-long search process.

"We had a good number of highly qualified candidates, which made this a tough decision to make, but I am confident that we have hired the perfect coach in Jason Lowery," said Director of Athletics Ken Schumann. "Jason has learned his craft in a very successful Pomona-Pitzer program. His energy and enthusiasm for the game and the program here at Pacific makes him a strong fit."

Lowery replaces Schumann, who relinquished his coaching duties in May after being named Pacific's Director of Athletics. During his 13-year tenure, Schumann became



Jason Lowery

the winningest coach in Pacific history, amassing 152 wins and leading the Boxers to national tournaments on two different occasions. Lowery inherits a program that struggled in Schumann's final season with a young, short lineup and the absence of key veterans at guard and forward. The 2004-05 Boxers clawed to a 5-20 overall record and seventh place finish in the Northwest Conference.

"(The NWC) has a good group of coaches, a lot of good programs and has a great national reputation," Lowery said. "It will be a challenge, but the pieces are there to build a strong and successful program."

Prior to coaching at Pomona-Pitzer, Lowery served two seasons as the head coach at Hope Interna-

tional, a NAIA Division I school in Fullerton, Calif., and started his coaching career as an assistant coach at Redlands. Professionally, Lowery currently serves as the NCAA Division III west region representative for the National Association of Basketball Coaches' assistant coaches committee.

In addition to his coaching duties, Lowery has served as a physical education instructor at both Pomona-Pitzer and Hope International. In 2001, Lowery founded the Special Touch Basketball School, which he continues to operate.

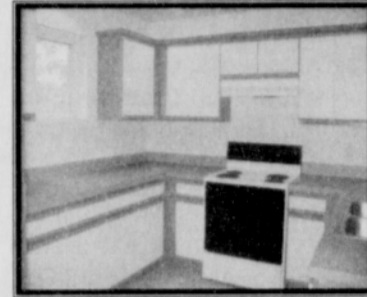
Lowery transitioned into coaching following an outstanding prep and college playing career. Lowery was a three-year captain and starter for Pomona-Pitzer, and was part of three SCIAC championship and NCAA tournament teams. He was an All-SCIAC selection in 1997 and set the Sagehens' career record for games played. In his four seasons, Pomona-Pitzer won 72 percent of their games and 82 percent of their conference contests.

Lowery played his prep basketball at Jesuit High School in Portland from 1990-1993, and was a two-time All-Metro League selection.

He and his wife Melissa, also a Portland native, have two daughters, three-year-old Jayla and 11-month-old Ché.



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NIKE Supports Portland Parks

Portland Parks and Recreation was recently given \$175,000 from NikeGO, a community affairs program with the commitment to keep children active.

The funds will be used to expand Portland Parks & Recreation's Summer Playgrounds Program to 10 sites and

continue the development of NikeGO cards for low-income children, providing them with access to a full menu of after-school activities and weekend programs during the school year. More than 800 kids are expected to use NikeGO cards during the 2005-2006 year.

Summer Playgrounds Program

sites include Alberta, Essex, Harney, Irving, Kenton, Lents, McKenna, Oregon, Peninsula and Woodlawn parks.

"Our long-term goal is to inspire kids to get physically active and adopt sports or activities that will lead to a lifetime of physical activity."

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institutions.

"Our schools need more equipment to educate the students better, because school issues are important to us," a member of the group said.

"Personally, I have seen a lot of changes. It has helped me to build leadership and to look at things differently. It has made me more socially aware," said Sisters in Action's Elisha Williams, 17.

One hundred and twenty five girls from ages 11-19 are involved in SAP making a difference in our Portland community.

Sisters in Action can make a difference in your neighborhood by inviting the group to give a presentation about their campaign for your organization, church, or group. Financial support is always needed.

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Sisters in Action Elisha Williams (from left), Ashley Jones, Cassie Holloway, Courtney Jones and Camille Kent.