



Vanatta Moves To New Duties

AFTER 25 YEARS AS ONE of the nation's leading basketball coaches, Bob Vanatta has assumed new duties at the University, that of an assistant dean of students.

"We are indeed fortunate to obtain a man of Vanatta's stature," said Dr. Jack Matthews, dean of students on the Columbia campus. "His experience and success in dealing with young adults, both individually and organizationally, will be invaluable in our work."

Completing five seasons as head of the Missouri basketball fortunes, Vanatta had an overall record at Mizzou of 42 wins and 80 losses. His record this season was 3-22. Four of the losses were in overtime. His lifetime record as a college basketball coach is 332 wins and 187 losses, a percentage of .640.

Athletic Director Don Faurot said that this was a voluntary action on Vanatta's part—not precipitated by any pressure from without or within. "Working with Bob as an administrator for the past five years has been a pleasant experience for me," Faurot said.

Vanatta echoed this sentiment. "I have not felt any pressure while at Missouri at any time. It is a great place to coach, and I know the new coach will feel the same way. In no way has the record of the past two years influenced this decision. I have had a goal for a long time to give up coaching after 25 years."

Before coming to Missouri, Vanatta coached successfully at Central Methodist at Fayette; Southwest Missouri State at Springfield; the United States Military Academy, Bradley and Memphis State. Nationally, his teams appeared in the N.I.T. and N.C.A.A. and N.A.I.A. tournaments. Vanatta has helped conduct coaching clinics in 16 states and has made four overseas trips as a clinic instructor for the State Department. This June, in fact, he will head mid-Missouri's first summer basketball camp at Mexico, Mo.

Vanatta's replacement at Missouri next season will have what may be the best sophomore crop ever recruited at the school.

Under Coach Bob Price, the 1966-67 freshmen had a 6-2 record, winning their last four in a row. Included in the victories were two impressive wins over the highly touted Kansas freshmen. It was the only two losses suffered by the young Jayhawks.

Among those expected to help as sophomores are Don Tomlinson, 6-5, from Bragg City, Mo.; Theo Franks, 6-3, from Webster Groves; Pete Helmbock, 6-5, and Chuck Kundert, 6-6, both from Evansville, Ind.

Dissinger to M.U.

Ed Dissinger, an administrative assistant in the athletic department at Kansas State University, has accepted a similar position with the University of Missouri.

Dissinger, 55, will be an assistant to the director of athletics with his appointment effective April 1. He came to Kansas State in 1958 after 17 years of high school coaching in Kansas.

Tiger Trackmen Set Six Records

Six new indoor school records highlighted Mizzou's indoor track season, which saw Coach Tom Bott's thinclads extend their unbeaten dual- and triangular-meet string to 20 straight.

Victories in 1967 came over Drake and Wichita, Illinois, Oklahoma State, and Kansas State and Arkansas.

The record-setters were: Steve Herndon, 7 feet in the high jump; Steve Halliburton, :31.0 in the 300; Ted Nykiel, 1:10.3 in the 600; sophomore Glenn Ogden, 8:57.9 in the two-mile; the mile relay combine of Frank Lewis, Nykiel, Halliburton and Bob Kneile, 3:16.4; and Gary Rainwater, 24-ft. 5½ inches in the broad jump.

Missouri finished in a tie for second in the Big 8 indoor clash, the meet where Herndon set his conference mark.

Pitching Holds Key to Mizzou Baseball

If pitching can get the job done, Coach John (Hi) Simmons may be grooming another potential Big 8 champion.

When the Tigers open their season late this month with the traditional southern swing, 11 lettermen are expected to be available.

Included in this group are three seasoned pictures, Mike McFarland, Jerry Hurt and Bob Carpenter, plus a trio of well-regarded newcomers, lefty Tom Lundgren and football quarterbacks Con Deneault and Dan Sharp. Another footballer, split-end Jim Juras, is a likely prospect for third base.

"If our club is a contender, our strength should be in our pitching," analyzes the tall skipper who is putting together his 28th team at Ol' Mizzou this spring.

The Bengals dipped to a 13-12 overall record in '66—and a tie for fourth-place in the league—after winning four straight Big 8 flags. Under Simmons, Missouri has made six appearances in the college world series and has been a finalist four times. His teams have won 11 conference titles.

The club's eight-game road trip begins March 27 against Texas Christian at Fort Worth and then moves on to College Station for games with Texas A & M and to New Orleans against Tulane.



Shortstop Rudy Stroupe led 1966 Tiger hitters with .350 mark.

Returning lettermen: outfielders, Ray Thorpe, Barry Lubeck, Jim Loving, Gene Stephenson and Ron Coleman; infielders, Bill Griffin and Rudy Stroupe; pitchers, McFarland, Hurt and Carpenter; and catcher, Al Chettle.