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MISSOULA-

A University of Montana football coach, Jack Elway, the first man head coach Jack Swarthout hired when he took over the Grizzlies in 1967, has been hired as an assistant at Washington State University, the WSU athletic department announced Wednesday.

Elway was Swarthout's first assistant and was in charge of the defensive secondary. Elway was in Pullman Wednesday afternoon filling out forms for his new job and Washington State sports information director Mike Wilson said Elway would "probably start working right away."

"Jack is a real good coach and a sharp operator," Swarthout said Wednesday, "I hate to lose him." Swarthout said WSU head coach Jim Sweeney first contacted Elway in December about the job. "They've been negotiating ever since," Swarthout said.

Elway was the starting quarterback at Hoquiam, Wash., when Swarthout began his coaching career there in 1946. He went from there to play freshman football at Washington State, but a knee injury ended his playing years at that point. He got a bachelor's degree in physical education at WSU in 1953 and a master's degree there in the same field in 1965.

Elway began coaching at Port Angeles High School in Washington in 1953 and won six conference titles in his seven years there. He moved onto Grays Harbor Community College and coached there for six years before being summoned by Swarthout to Missoula.

Wilson said an opening was created at WSU when two coaches quit and one was promoted. "Elway will be filling a coaching position here," Wilson said, "but his duties haven't been assigned yet." In addition to coaching, he will coordinate the recruiting program.

Swarthout said Elway was motivated to take the new job by a pay increase, a possibility of returning to his alma mater and the professional advancement he gets by going to the Pacific 8 Conference.

"In addition," Swarthout said, "I imagine he was getting a little discouraged by the fact that we were winning and people still kept taking shots at us."

Swarthout said the UM athletic department will not begin considering applications for Elway's job until the athletic department work-study funds investigation is completed.