

Jim Cleamons named head Penguin cage coach

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Former Ohio State and Cleveland Cavalier standout Jim Cleamons will bring a new style to the YSU men's cagers 1988 season as the ninth head cage coach.

Cleamons replaces Bill Dailey who died of cancer Aug. 10. Cleamons was signed to a three-year contract worth a reported \$42,000 annually.

"It is indeed my pleasure to be named YSU's ninth basketball coach," Cleamons said. "I look forward to the challenge and the opportunity to build a program of credibility and success."

Cleamons, a Columbus native, attended Linden McKinley High School, leading his team to the 1967 Class AA state basketball

championship. He attended Ohio State University where he was twice named to All-Big Ten First Team squads. He was a 1971 graduate with a bachelor of science degree in education.

In 1971 Cleamons was chosen by the Los Angeles Lakers in the first round of the NBA draft and was a member of the Lakers 1971-72 World Championship squad. Following that season with the Lakers, Cleamons was traded to the Cavaliers where he played for five years. He ended his professional career with the New York Knicks and the Washington Bullets.

After leaving the NBA, Cleamons served as an assistant coach at Furman University for 1982-83.

Cleamons' additional achievements include All-American honors by the

Associated Press, United Press International, TV Guide and the Helms Foundation.

In 1984 he was presented with an Outstanding Young Men of America award and was elected to the OSU Hall of Fame as well that year. In addition he has been awarded a lifetime membership to the Boys Club of America for his service to youth and community.

"Youngstown State has a rich heritage in inter-collegiate athletics," Cleamons said. "Knowing what the university stands for academically and athletically, and realizing that Youngstown has a bright future ahead of it, I hope, and I'm sure, we'll have a good marriage."

Cleamons has been described as a disciplinarian, but said he feels that he is not the type to



New cage coach: Jim Cleamons was named YSU's ninth basketball coach at an August 28 press conference.

"crack the whip." He said he feels his primary goal is to mold the players to work together and to develop each player's talents.

"We have to attract the best talent from the local level and

from the Tri-State (Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia) area as well to YSU," Cleamons said.

"We look to be competitive as an athletic team and be the best we can."