

YSU suffers loss of basketball coach; memorial scholarship begun for Dailey

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The YSU community was saddened by the announcement Monday afternoon that head basketball coach Bill Dailey had died of a heart attack, related to a long battle with cancer, while on vacation in Toronto. Dailey was 33.

"The college community and the coaching profession will join me in extending our deepest sympathy to Barbara Dailey over the death of her husband," Athletic Director Joseph Malmisur said.

Dailey's death comes only five months after he had ascended to the head basketball coaching job as the successor to Mike Rice.

Dailey came to YSU in 1980 as an assistant coach to Dom Rosselli. When Rosselli suffered a heart attack that year, Dailey assumed the coaching reigns on an interim basis, leading the Penguins to a 13-13 mark and a 3-3 mark in the Mid-Continent Conference.

When Rosselli retired after the 1981-82 season, Dailey was retained by Rice as an assistant. He held this position until March of this year when he was named to succeed Rice as the

eighth basketball coach in the 57 years of basketball competition at YSU.

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and integrity; qualities that will never be diminished with time," Malmisur added. "We shall miss him, but never forget his contributions."

Dailey was a native of Lake

Geneva, Wisconsin. He was a graduate of the University of Wisconsin/Whitewater where he earned a BS in business administration. He later earned a

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YSU community remembers coach

YSU — Bill Dailey, the eighth head basketball coach in the 57-year history of the cage sport at YSU, died Monday of cancer at the age of 33. While he will never coach a game for the Penguins or any other team on the Division I level, Dailey is most remembered as a person who gave 110 percent every day of his life.

"If we are to learn from example, then Bill has left us with a legacy of courage, loyalty, grace and integrity; qualities that will never be diminished by time," YSU Director of Athletics Joseph F. Malmisur noted. "We shall miss him, but never forget his contributions," he added.

"His courage has always been a source of inspiration for me and anyone that has ever come in contact with him," Pauline Saternow, Associate

Director of Athletics noted.

Dailey joined the YSU athletic family in September, 1980 and almost immediately found himself as the head basketball coach after head mentor Dom Rosselli suffered a heart attack. He led the Penguins to a 13-13 overall record, copping six of the last eight contests to finish at .500. By posting a 3-3 slate in the Mid-Continent conference, it would be the Penguins' best record and finish in M.C.C. play.

"He was a wonderful person with a great sense of humor," former head basketball coach Dom Rosselli noted. "He had great rapport not only with fellow coaches, but fans and players alike. He was Blood and Guts — he lived clean!"

As the only holdover to join



— BILL DAILEY —

Mike Rice's staff five seasons ago, Dailey stepped right into his new environment without skipping a beat. It was Dailey who took over for Rice in March, 1987. "It's as if a family member has passed away," Rice noted. "We've become very close over the past five years. I cannot find the words

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master's degree in sports administration from Western Illinois University.

Dailey was a three year letterman and co-captain for the Wisconsin/Whitewater Warhawks. He began his coaching career at his alma mater, moving to Western Illinois as a graduate assistant coach. He then moved to Southern Illinois as a full-time assistant coach.

While at Western Illinois, Dailey served an administrative internship with the NBA's Detroit Pistons.

Prior to the start of the 1986-87 basketball season, Dailey was

named to the National Association of Basketball Coaches Public Relations and Promotions District TV Committee.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Derrick Funeral Home in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Calling hours are set for Wednesday, Aug. 12 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. A mass is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 14 at St. Francis DeSales Church.

Any contributions can be made to the Bill Dailey Scholarship Fund, and forwarded to the YSU athletic office.

A memorial service will take place on Sunday, Aug. 23 at 2 p.m. at the Newman Center.