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MURDOCH STEPS DOWN AS CEDARVILLE TENNIS COACH; OTHER CHANGES ANNOUNCED

CEDARVILLE -- Murray Murdoch, who developed the Cedarville College men's tennis program into one of the best in the NAIA, announced that he is stepping down after serving 28 years as head coach. He will remain with the program in an advisory role as assistant coach.

"It was a tough decision for me but I think its the right time," said Murdoch, who will continue to be tournament director of the NAIA national tournament. "It was an unforgettable experience to work with these young men over the years. I know I'll miss the competition."

Murdoch posted a career record of 563-68 for an .892 winning percentage. His teams were consistently ranked in the NAIA Top 20 while racking up 23 championships in both NAIA District 22 and Mid-Ohio Conference play.

While Murdoch enjoyed five undefeated seasons in dual match competition, possibly the most productive years of Yellow Jacket tennis occurred from 1987-90. He brought in six freshmen who immediately played on the varsity, roled to a 144-13 record, went unbeaten in 57 home matches, and finished as high as eighth in the NAIA. That group recorded victories over such opponents as Cincinnati, Eastern Michigan, and Toledo.

Murdoch still has plenty to do with his time. He is the chairman of Cedarville's Social Sciences and History Department plus is the senior pastor of Grace Baptist Church in Westerville, Ohio.

Cedarville athletic director Don Callan announces that Alan Edlund will assume head coaching duties of the Yellow Jacket men's tennis program. Edlund was a varsity player for Murdoch from 1972-75 and made four trips to the NAIA Nationals. He later served as the team's assistant coach from 1976-84.

In other coaching moves, former Lady Jacket basketball standout Joy Fagan will serve as assistant coach to both the women's basketball and softball teams. Also, Jim Kragel has been selected as the new Yellow Jacket men's golf coach.