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wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks
seeking new basketball coach

The Golden Hawks basketball team of Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo will have a new face behind the bench next season.

Head coach Don Smith, who has guided the team for the past 11 seasons, announced his resignation from that post today.

Smith, a native of Crooksville, Ohio, will continue teaching in the physical education program at WLU, and said that added work pressures were part of the reason he was stepping down as coach.

During his tenure, the Golden Hawks won the OUAA divisional title three times ('71, '76 and '78) and twice ('71 and '78) went on to the national championship.

Smith, who has been coaching basketball for 16 years, said that he felt he needed a change as he had lost his enthusiasm for coaching.

David (Tuffy) Knight, director of Athletics at WLU, said he was sorry to receive Smith's resignation.

"He has contributed greatly to the basketball program at WLU and has been very loyal and dedicated to the athletic program. We hope he will continue to make a contribution to the university."

Knight said no decision has been made on a replacement.

Smith is married, has four children, and lives in Waterloo.