

# Epilogue



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**Merv Johnson**, who began his 41-year career with OU football as an assistant coach to Barry Switzer and later moved to the press box as a radio analyst, announced his retirement from broadcasting in September. After his coaching career, Johnson, 84, became director of football operations and, in 1999, was hired by OU Athletics Director [Joe Castiglione](#) as a Sooners football radio analyst. After working 513 OU games, home and away since 1979, Johnson says, "I'm looking forward to spending time with my family. My family is all around me here. I'm going to love watching the games with them."