Kayo Willis resigns as basketball coach

**by Cliff Beach**

exponent editor

After 11 years as UAH's head basketball coach, Aubrey (Kayo) Willis announced his resignation last Thursday, August 16. Assistant coach, Ricky Knight will temporarily serve as coach until a replacement is found.

Willis's impending resignation had been rumored for several months, especially since former Athletic Director Dennis Killips' resignation last May. However, many of those rumors of a forced resignation were quelled last month when Willis was given a one-year contract by UAH. Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. Jeanne Fisher.

Willis, the only official basketball coach ever at UAH, has been one of the nation's most successful with a 206-137 record for 11 seasons. He has led the Chargers to four NAIA National Basketball Tournament appearances.

Although Willis is looking at a one-year contract by UAH going to do now. This is a

First computer classroom

UAH’s first computerized classroom is now set up in room 204 of Morton Hall. The personal computers, donated by Sperry Corporation, are part of project ACCESS, which will computerize many more classrooms and offices. This first ACCESS classroom will be used to teach classes in accounting, English, MIS, and communication.

Mondale visits Huntsville area

**by Dorinda Wergert**

staff writer

Posters that read “Unborn Babies Would Vote for Reagon” and “NASA Yes, Mondale No” cluttered his pathway to Madison’s Bob Jones High School gymnasium.

However, presidential hopeful Walter Mondale kept his courage, passing the signs as he entered the school at 11:30 a.m. on Aug. 9 to address a crowd of approximately 250.

Mondale to the school that Huntsville is oriented toward tomorrow. “What happens here is important to our nation’s future,” he said. Unemployment is high in Alabama, but because of the University of Alabama in Huntsville, NASA, the Space Center, and the high-tech industries in this area, this region will be part of the success of Alabama’s future.

Mondale said that he began his campaign so that we could (see MONDALE on page 7)

Improvements made at Spragins Hall

**by Utica Garrison**

staff writer

Changes are taking place at Spragins Hall. From the weight room to the pool, the building is acquiring a new look, with more improvements planned for the future.

Spragins Hall Director Larry Colburn says there is now a small lounge area for students on the second floor of the building. The concession stand has been moved upstairs for now, but future plans are to re-open the downstairs concessions in a more secure fashion, complete with a frame and padlock.

The weight room, which according to Colburn contains twelve pieces of obsolete equipment, is being refurbished. The walls have already been painted and the obsolete equipment placed up for bids at the physical plant.

Any money received from the sale of this equipment will go back into the purchase of newer, more up-to-date items for the weight room, says Colburn.

The remaining equipment in the weight room has been rearranged into stations, and Colburn hopes to carpet the area and install mirrors and special charts of muscle and bone diagrams.

The pool has already been (see SPRAGINS on page 4)
The realities of poverty

It sometimes takes something shocking to make one wake up to the realities of the world. For me, such an event was my family's annual reunion at an picnic.

At this year's reunion, held at Brahan Springs Park, my many relatives did much the same as they did at the previous reunions. We played cards, joked with each other, caught up on the latest family news, swam in the nearby pool, and, of course, we ate too much.

Late in the afternoon, an elderly man appeared at the edge of the pavilion. Most of us looked at the man with curiosity as he hoarsely whispered something to my mother.

As we looked on, she got up and began preparing a plate of food for the man. An aunt then joined her and filled up another plate full of food. The man was not filthy by any means. His shirt and pants were not new, but they were fairly clean and well-kept.

As soon as he received the plates, the man quietly thanked us and shuffled his way to a bridge underpass. My mother's fate and his lack of a job didn't seem to matter to most. People aren't so self-centered that they don't see the indigent, a lot of people do. And they don't just turn a blind eye and say "meh."

Some also want to blow the whole case of welfare fraud out of proportion. Yes, welfare fraud does happen, but it gets more attention than many other "social crimes." Why? Because welfare cheats are a lot easier to expose than are the corporate criminals. And also because those who receive federal, state or local assistance have to be completely accountable to the public.

All of us, hopefully, are ashamed that poverty exists here in America, but do we care enough to find out what it really is and how we can help get rid of it? Let's hope so.

David Rogers

Ferraro for vice president

Over the past two weeks, Geraldine Ferraro, as the Democratic nominee for vice president, has proven herself a candidate worthy of a national position, dispelling any doubts some may have had about whether she could take the pressure of a national post. Walter Mondale made a good choice for his running mate.

One of the most important qualities a politician must have is the ability to face difficulties and confrontations with a level head, to solve problems through reason. Unlike her reactionary Republican counterparts, Ferraro sized up her first political battle as a vice presidential candidate and with unforeseen counsel emerged the victor.

But what is more important than the victory itself is the manner in which it was achieved.

Knowing that the Aug. 20 deadline for financial disclosures to the Federal Ethics Commission (FEC) was approaching, Ferraro realized that she would set a precedent for future female candidates. How much of her husband's finances had to be reported to prove Ferraro free of conflicting interests? That is the purpose of the disclosures to the public.

In the end, despite her earlier belief that she would not have to do any more than was expected of a man in the same position, Ferraro and her husband jointly disclosed everything expected of them and more.

An error discovered in an old accountant's accounting procedures from many years ago which resulted in an underpayment of taxes caused the conflict of interest issue, but Ferraro faced it openly with candor. There can no longer be any question regarding Ferraro's role in the matter. She is a proven straight dealer.

At yesterday's press conference, Ferraro demonstrated her ability to handle the situation on her own terms. But just as important, she showed her willingness to rely on other's help when she was asked questions which reached beyond her expertise.

On several occasions when questions delved into the details of tax laws, she freely asked her accountants for help. On substantive issues and even most minor ones, she was prepared, but Ferraro swears the details. That's good.

We are impressed with Ferraro's frankness, her integrity, her ability to communicate. But we are not impressed with her ability to lead her way through conflict while still being able to seek and accept advice.

All these qualities make Ferraro an excellent choice for vice president in this time of international instability and feed on the isolationism which are seemingly lacking in the Republican camp. We reaffirm our support of Mondale/Ferraro ticket.

Union or conference facility?

To the editor:

I was reading the Exponent/ and had some grim questions come to mind. If the "Student Union" is apparently the new administration building and there's to be this Army Engineers convention site right next to it, was the "Student Union" from day one really intended to be a conference facility? Was it called the "Student Union" because if one was to call it the "New Army Engineers Convention Facility" you could never have gotten the students to swallow a $7.50 fee per credit hour to pay for it? Is a huge section for the students to use yet open, or is it what you see you get? If this is it, then I'd swear there's a net loss for real, useable square footage and facilities. Am I wrong? Am I hallucinating or what?

Here's another point. Do you know what 100 rooms full of military people at a conference who are getting per diem would be like? I cannot believe there would not be some drunken carousing. I'm in a position to know from experience! Can the administration assure us as students that our best interests will not be compromised to please a possibly obnoxious but affluent neighbor?

What about the micro-computers? Why do I get the impression that the students who are going blind staring into the terminals, or who are cursing the keypunch machines in frustration are going to be the last folks to get real access to these machines? I'm confused as to the intent of this project. Is this Sperry's intent or what? It does not make sense to me at all.

Can anyone explain it all?

I'm waiting.

Thomas Bramhall
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Journal to print Oakley article

Leah F. Oakley, an instructor with the UAH School of Nursing, has written an article that will be published soon in the "Journal of Gerontological Nursing."

The story, says Oakley, is a very special one. It's the true story of her husband's grandmother, who showed incredible determination in learning to walk again at the age of 96 after the amputation of one of her legs.

Oakley is proud to see her Grandmother-in-law's story printed, as she feels it will inspire all of those who read it.

At the age of 96, the late Alzie Oakley developed health problems that forced her to move to her daughter's home in Birmingham, away from the Cullman county farm where she had lived for most of her life. "This bothered her," says Oakley, "because she was a very independent woman."

Then another problem arose, one much more serious than her adjustment to city life. Periferal vascular disease hampered the circulation of blood to her right leg, and it would have to be amputated below the knee. "When doctors told her what had to be done, she just said 'what has to be, has to be,' " says Oakley.

Only three weeks after the operation, she asked for an appointment with Spain Rehabilitation of Birmingham to be fitted with an artificial leg. In another three weeks, the elder Mrs. Oakley was learning how to balance herself with the new limb, and was even taking a few steps. "She was a very spunky woman," says Oakley. "Despair just wasn't a word in her vocabulary. As she left the rehabilitation center, Grandma received many compliments on her positive attitude and drive from some of the other patients."

One commented, "Why, if someone her age can have all that spunk, surely the rest of us can do it."

'Fiber arts show at Gallery

Handwoven pieces by 32 artists from 10 southern states will be on display at the UAH Gallery September 11-28 as the UAH Department of Art and Art History presents its first show of the fall.

The 1984 Southeastern Regional Juried Fiber Arts Exhibition will be open to the public each weekday from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m., and admission is free. A reception and awards ceremony will be held on Sunday, September 16, from 3 until 5 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

In conjunction with the exhibition, the art department and the Handweaver and Fiber Arts Guild of Huntsville are offering a workshop September 13-15 entitled "Sculptural Forms in Weaving."

Registration for the workshop will be held on a first come, first served basis. If interested in attending, contact Jane Reuther at 534-3201, or the UAH Art Department at 885-6114.

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Thompson new financial and administrative VP

by Gini Boyd
for the exponent

The new Vice President for Finance and Administration at UAH is Kenneth Wayne Thompson.

Born in Washington, D.C., "because that is where the hospital was," Thompson was raised in southern Maryland. He received a BA in Linguistics from Capital University in Columbus, Ohio, and an MA in Educational Administration from the University of South Florida in Tampa. Before coming to UAH, Thompson was Vice President for Finance and Operations at Michigan State University.

A number of factors influenced Thompson to take the position at UAH, not the least being that much of his family is located in Atlanta, Montgomery, and Florida. "Most of my life has been spent in the South," he said. "It is good to get 'back home' again."

Thompson listed his other considerations for accepting this position as: "The very bright future of the institution; the close working relationship between the institution and the community; and the important role that universities such as this one should play in dealing with the human and social implications of rapid, technological changes."

"I prefer an environment where I maintain regular contact with the faculty, staff, and students, and I think that this environment offers a greater opportunity for that."

However, the challenge of leading a university through a period of change and development was Thompson's deciding factor. "I believe that UAH is at a fairly critical period in terms of reaching critical mass in some of its programs and activities, and I look forward to playing a role during this period," said Thompson.

Thompson's job makes him responsible for a wide range of services at UAH which support teaching, research, and public service activities at the university.

Specifically, Thompson's duties include physical plant maintenance (buildings and grounds), financial planning and accounting, purchasing, and campus security.

Those who break down into many services which can directly affect students, such as the computer center, payroll, shops, instructional media, campus mail, printing and duplicating.

Thompson said that he will welcome any constructive suggestions from students, as well as from faculty and administration. "I have been reasonably active with students. I have attended meetings and presented issues and topics of interest to groups of students for some years now."

Thompson also plans to teach at UAH. "One of my preferences for maintaining contact with students is in the classroom, so I expect to teach a course now and then. Quite aside from my university background, I have some years in private industry in the computing area. So I plan to teach in an area of management and application of the computing resource in a business and technical environment."

Beyond teaching, Thompson has a strong bent toward service organizations. "I consider that users of our services, or most of our services, should play an active role in how to shape these services. So, to the extent that faculty, staff, students, people in the community, or others are affected by the services that are provided through this office, I anticipate that they will have a role, a significant role, in advising me on how these services should be shaped," he said.

"There is a critical interface between society and the rapid rate at which high technology is changing our lives," said Thompson. "I think that more attention needs to be paid to this problem. Not in terms of slowing down the rapid rate of high technology, because I am very supportive of that and am very excited about it, but in our preparation of people to cope with such change; and, in fact, of harnessing technological change in ways which will enhance the quality of life."
White Animals review

They were good, but . . .

by Utica Garrison
staff writer

There she was—spiky-haired and miniskirted, with "Friday Night A-Go-Go" emblazoned across her—the English Beat's trademark cartoon girl, the one that's on every album. But wait! Next to her, in huge letters, the ad read "The White Animals—August 10—9 p.m. —presented by Cabaret—F.O.P. Lodge."

What were the White Animals doing using the English Beat's logo? "Oh," I thought, "they must be using her to symbolize the parallel between their music and the English Beat's pop, upbeat style." But no, that was too Freudian. Maybe they just saw the girl on the back of a record cover and liked the image, thinking it a good symbol for the type of crowd they'd like to attract.

After going to see the White Animals, I know that neither of those assumptions could be true. Certainly their music was not in any way similar to the English Beat's, and the crowd they attracted looked much more mundane than the girl in the ad.

The bulk of their performance consisted of sixties pop tunes like "Gloria," "Brown-Eyed Girl," "Stepping Stone," "No Reply," and "Lola." Though the songs were old, the White Animals did them well, and their soundman was especially adept.

Partly because of his excellent mix, the White Animals were able to give a show that roused a great number of those present onto their feet to sing and dance along to the music.

However, while Cabaret Director Mark Torstenson commented that their concert had resulted in one of the most successful Cabarets ever, many in the audience were disappointed with the White Animals' performance.

Some recalled that last year's concert had not been nearly so sixties-oriented, with many of their cover songs coming from bands like Flipper, the B-52's, and the Ramones.

This year, however, their boldest endeavor was a disco-rap version of Nancy Sinatra's "These Boots Are Made For Walking." Commented one disappointed spectator, "They've dropped all their interesting songs."

The White Animals also performed several of their original songs.
Mondale explains what Alabama stands to gain from Democratic victory

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see and understand the future and the impact of the nation’s $200 billion deficit on our state’s future.

This shortage, he added, especially affects the farmers, the agriculture, and thus the economy of Alabama. Because of the deficit, everything produced by an Alabama farmer carries "an invisible tax of 30 percent."

"Therefore, everything produced by foreigners with cheap currency costs too little and everything produced by an Alabama farmer costs too much," he said. "You're as good as ever, but the economic policies are tying one or both hands behind your backs." He added that the same situation is true for industrial workers and all middle-income Alabama workers.

"I stand before you today committed to reduce Reagan's deficit by two-thirds during the first term of the Mondale administration," he said. This deficit, he added, forces the federal government to borrow billions of dollars each day to survive the next.

"We need the deficit down so we can spend less today and invest more in the future," he said. The future is important because of America's children, according to Mondale. And, because of the children, education is important.

"Education opens doors to our future. That's where the president and I disagree," he said. "The president has cut back in everything that influences our children's future."

"Wherever the mind is concerned, that administration is out to lunch," he added. "I believe children and education are the most important responsibilities of our generation."

Reagan, according to Mondale, has no plan for education. However, Mondale said that he has a five-year scheme for renovations in America's education system.

"I want to make teaching a valued profession, and make sure education is available for all," he said. In order to do so, Mondale said that no discrimination should be tolerated in America.

When asked if he plans to raise taxes, he said that he only wishes to enforce the laws against people evading taxes and to make sure wealthy people help bring down the deficit.

"Anyone who makes $40,000 or less should pay no more than 14 percent in taxes," he said.

Barney Dale, a Huntsville citizen, said that Reagan is "the worst president on environmental issues."

"This air, water and land are not just for us, but for our kids too," Mondale replied. "America needs to clean up the toxic waste instead of covering it up."

"We need a president to support all the laws of the land, including the environmental laws," he added.

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