Appreciation Banquet Slated For Phil Walden



BY D. BELL

Friends and former students who have been affected by the generous coaching efforts of Phil Walden will celebrate 38 years of his contributions as a coach and mentor.

An appreciation dinner has been scheduled for Saturday March 7, at 6:00 P.M.. at the Jefferson High School cafeteria. Mr. Walden started coaching locally in 1964. He has coached three different athletic disciplines; basketball, softball, and track. A group of alumni players have gathered to give recognition to Mr. Walden for his service to the community. Keith Jackson, one of the organizers of the banquet who played for Mr. Walden while he was in the fourth through eighth grades, noted that Mr. Walden served as both a role model and father figure. Mr. Walden continued to communicate with him even as he went to college. Jackson said he was grateful for this and that it had a profound influence on

is life.

Evelyn Jackson, Keith's mother, stated not only did Mr. Walden impact on children's lives but their parents as well. He served as a substitute father figure to many, and also provided a constructive outlet for youth. "When Keith was playing sports for Mr. Walden I knew where he was. That was a great help to me."

The Albina Sports program, and its two companion programs; Albina Sports Basketball and Albina Roadrunner Track Club were designed to reach the innercity black youth who needed a friendly adult image.

He also met the need for them to be valued as "people."

The Albina Sports program provided an opportunity for the youth to travel and test their mettle in such cities as Seattle; Vancouver, B.C.; San Francisco; Los Angeles, etc. Mr. Walden sometimes had to use his own assets to enable his teams to travel. He even

helped in acquiring shoes and uniforms.

John Mays, another organizer of the upcoming banquet, observed that Mr. Walden has touched literally thousands of young people including A. C.. Green, Mark Bradford, Cyndi Brown, and Terrell Brandon. Nine of the Portland school system's fifteenth black coaches have participated in his programs. However the most impressive statistic is that over a hundred young people involved with Mr. Walden have graduated from college.

Mr. Walden still continues to coach and has no intention of retiring. Aptly stated, Evelyn Jackson observed, "the children respond to the love." By taking a genuine interest in them, Mr. Walden encouraged them not to let him down and they gave their best. For more information, contact John Mays at 280-5280.

President Bush Appoints Arnold R. Tompkins to Dept. of Health and Human Services positions



Arnold R. Tompkins

President Bush has appointed Arnold R. Tompkins of Clinton, MD, to the dual position of Assistant Secretary for Management and Budget, and Chief Financial Officer for the Department of Health and Human Services.

Tompkins, 41, assumes responsibility for the federal government's largest single-agency budget. Congress last year created the post of chief financial

officer to improve financial management in government agencies and Tompkins is the first HHS executive confirmed by the Senate to be vested in this dual role.

He is the first black official with responsibility for HHS' budget, which at \$544 billion represents almost 40 percent of U.S. federal spending.

HHS Secretary Louis W. Sullivan, M.D., called Tompkins "exceptionally well qualified by training, experience and his knowledge of departmental programs and issues to assume this challenging and important responsibility."

In addition to advising Dr. Sullivan on administrative and financial management, Tompkins will oversee development of the department's budget and provide guidance on general management operations and major policies in areas such as grants, contracts and automatic data processing systems.

Since June 1989, Tompkins had served as counselor to the HHS deputy secretary. He also is executive director of the Secretary's Task Force on Health Care Reform and executive director of the Department Policy Council.

Between April 1989 and February

1990, Tompkins was acting assistant secretary for planning and evaluation and before that he was deputy assistant secretary for social services policy for four years.

He came to HHS in April 1985 form the Department of the Interior where he began his federal career in November 1984 as a special assistant to the commissioner of reclamation, Office of Policy Management.

Tompkins was a senior policy analyst for the Reagan-Bush Presidential Campaign in 1984. Before that he worked for three years with Mark A. Siegel & Associates, the Washington, D.C. consulting firm. Between 1975 and January 1981 he worked for several national and state GOP campaign organizations.

Tompkins was born in Washington, DC. He attended the Charlotte Hall Military Academy in Maryland and received a bachelor's degree in history from Bowdoin College in 1972. He graduated from the Howard University School of Law in 1975.

Tompkins is married to the former Mary Darlene Vestal of Glen Burnie, MD, and they have a daughter, Whitney Lucille.

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