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Fire alert lifted in two counties

ate forestry officials on Monday lifted a fire alert in Baldwin and Mobile counties because of heavy rains south Alabama.

the counties had been under a fire alert on Monday because of extremely dry weather conditions and an increase in wild- State Forester Timothy Boyce said in a news re-

Monday, thunder- ns dumped up to seven es of rain on the area.

nce October 2000, Mo- County has had 270 that burned 4,371 acres Baldwin County has 164 fires that covered acres.

nder a fire alert, all out- burning permits are d on a restricted basis.

MONTGOMERY

State revises plan for 10-digit dialing

Alabama Public Serv- Commission will delay mandatory 10-digit dialing it overlays the exist- 205 area code, setting a fic date only when the ber of prefixes avail- drops to 100.

plan, approved at the mission's June meeting announced Monday, for mandatory 10-digit ng — even for local — to begin six months that threshold is ed.

the latest projections in- e the 205 area code will out of prefixes in late

the PSC and the telecom- ications industry will ss such issues as cus- r education, outreach directory listings at ime.

Cuts drive away professors

The Associated Press

Higher education budget cuts are taking their toll on the faculties at Alabama universities. Two prominent professors cite budget cuts and the lack of support for education as reasons they have decided to take

Proration in higher education is causing some professors to leave Alabama for institutions in other states

new jobs at out-of-state universities.

"I do believe that the state of education in Ala-

bama is not healthy right now. It's not equitable," said Richard Kunkel, the dean of education at Au-

burn University who announced recently he had accepted a similar position at Florida State University.

At the University of Alabama in Huntsville, chemistry researcher and professor Peter Vekilov said he had accepted a position at the University of Houston

partly because of the lack of state support for education in Alabama. Vekilov is credited with bringing nearly \$2 million in grants to UAH in the past eight years.

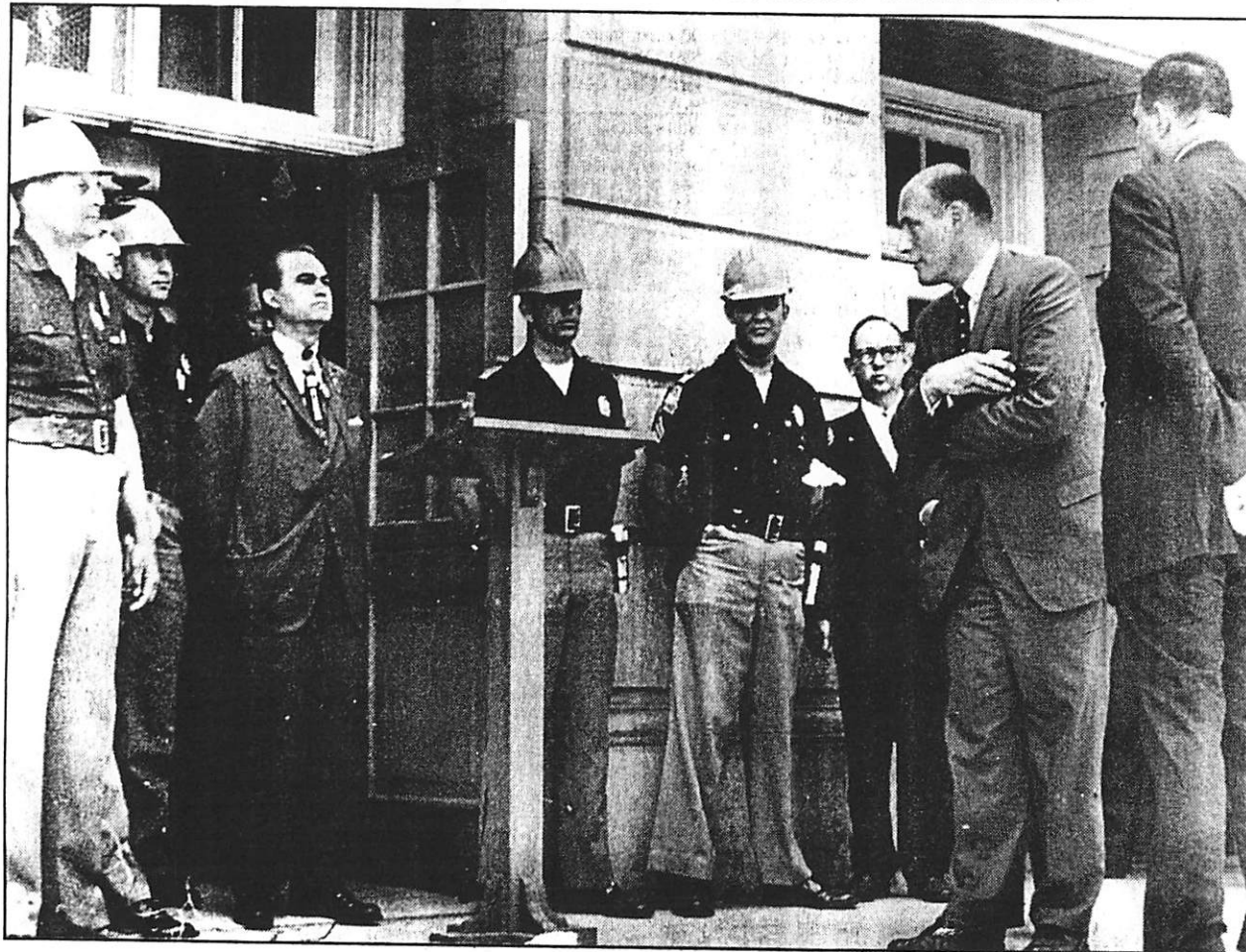
Kunkel said he is receiving a 20 percent pay raise to go to what he considers a

financially secure Florida State. He moved after the buyout of Auburn's department of education was cut by a million dollars.

Alabama's colleges and universities have

Cuts

38 YEARS LATER, 'STAND' AGAIN SPOTLIGHTED



The Associated Press

Gov. George Wallace is shown making his 'stand in the schoolhouse door' on June 11, 1963. He stood in the doorway at the University of Alabama to prevent two black students from registering.

Wallace memento donated

State paying company top dollar

A computer firm is getting a 100 percent markup on employees provided

The Associated Press

A Huntsville computer company, with a no-bid state contract that includes a 100 percent markup on the cost of each company employee provided, knew the right people to hire when dealing with Gov. Don Siegelman.

Huntsville-based Quality Research Inc. had influential friends in its corner when it received a \$6.49 million-per-year contract to provide software developers and other computer personnel to the state Department of Transportation, the *Mobile Register* reported Sunday.

The company also has largely avoided state cut-

Some computer executives contend since Siegelman took office in 1999, the state has stopped seeking competitive bids for computer work, forcing the state to hire certain lobbyists to get the lucrative work.

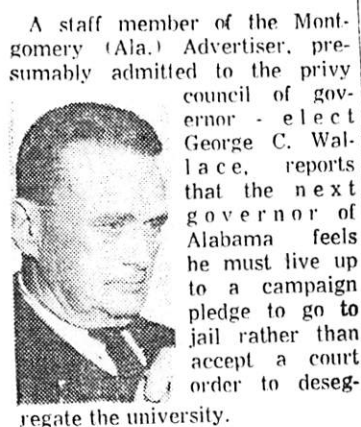
Assistant Transportation Director Paul Bowlby said the involvement of Rowell, a retired state finance employee — acting finance director who also has a contract with the state administration — was a key factor in Quality Research getting the state contract in November 1999. Company officials said the state contract was the reason Rowell hired.

Rowell retired from state in September 1999 and organized Enterprise Technologies the following month. About six months later, he entered into a year, part-time con-

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A Hand for Gov. Wallace?



A staff member of the Montgomery (Ala.) Advertiser, presumably admitted to the privy council of governor-elect George C. Wallace, reports that the next governor of Alabama feels he must live up to a campaign pledge to go to jail rather than accept a court order to desegregate the university.

Mr. Wallace is said to be troubled, but to feel that he must become a martyr because of his political promises made in a campaign of admitted exaggeration and unhealthy recriminations.

Here, in the familiar nutshell, is a situation which illustrates what is wrong with too much of the South. The University of Alabama, like that of Mississippi, is essential to the present and future of the state. The children of Mississippi for generations have had a bad deal. The state spends less per pupil than other Southern states. It pays its teachers less. The university does not support a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

Half the adults in the state of Mississippi above the age of 25 have an average of 11 years of schooling. Because of this educational background the state schools would have few qualified Negro applicants. They could take them quietly in stride, as have most other Southern states, if there were the will to do so.

His Ambitions

Governor Barnett chose to put himself, his ambitions and prejudices above the welfare of the young men and women of his state. The faculty of his university, subdued for years by the thought-control pressures of the semi-secret Citizens Council propagandists, have had the courage to deny the governor's story that the U.S. marshals were to blame for the violence.

The gallant rector of the Episcopal Church of Oxford has preached a sermon in which he described the governor as a "living symbol of lawlessness."

One hundred of the state's businessmen have spoken out against the Barnett policy and called for the establishment of common sense and law. From Washington comes word that even if Governor Barnett were to run for the U.S. Senate two years hence and be elected, that body would reject him. Governor Barnett, seen in the cold clear light of a murder-committing mob, continues to lose prestige and support. It is extremely unlikely that the Barnett example will recommend itself to politicians elsewhere.

The legislature of Mississippi turned tail and ran from its announced purpose to "investigate" the mob and the presence of troops. Its members ran because they feared a witch-hunt attempt to escape their own contribution to the presence of mob emotions might close or disaccredit the university.

Closed University

A closed university is not a political asset.

Surely there are in the state of Alabama enough businessmen, leaders of the great steel company, and others who will hold governor-elect Wallace's hand and assist him to divest himself of a pledge which almost certainly will close the University of Alabama, disaccredit it, and subject it to undue pressures and emotions which will cause many faculty members to leave, or seek to do so. He cannot help himself politically by putting his own ambitions ahead of the university and the general welfare.

The "power structure" of the state — the businessmen, the clergy, the newspapers, and the responsible men in professional life, can save governor-to-be Wallace — if he wishes to be saved — by coming forward now and not waiting until the crisis is upon him. It will not be easy in Alabama; the moderate voices, as in Mississippi, have had little outlet.

We do have a nation. We are citizens of it. Even the defiant ones surely must see that there must be, in a union, a willingness to accept law and the orders of our courts, however distasteful they may be to some. This is especially so now that it daily becomes more obvious that violence, mobs, ugly defiance, and ugly words are not any longer good politics. We are Americans before we are Southerners.



DEFLIANT GOVERNOR

George Wallace stands with head thrown back in a defiant pose attempting to enroll two Negroes on the University of Alabama campus. He is flanked by a line of state troopers, one of many on duty to prevent violence. — AT WASHINGTON



GUARD OFFICER STATE TROOPER OFFER
Gen. Grant, Chief of the University of Alabama

CONCERN WITH FLOOD

Mood of Student Union

By [illegible]



AT AUDITORIUM WHEN WALLACE TURNED BACK MARSHAL
Students Inside Car Lean Forward To Watch Historic Confrontation



[Faded text, likely a continuation of the article from the left page, discussing the situation at the University of Alabama and the role of the state troopers.]

