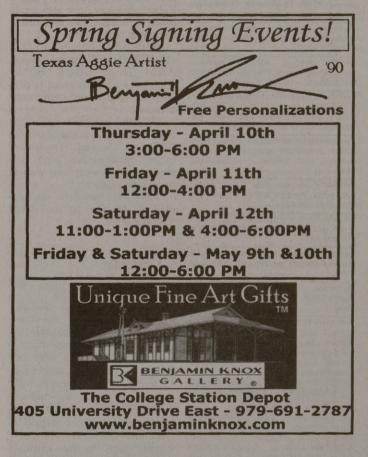
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Kansas fires athletic director Move made as Jayhawks attempt to keep William

By Doug Tucker THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAWRENCE, Kan. — The University of Kansas fired Athletic Director Al Bohl on Wednesday.

Bohl had numerous clashes with popular men's Basketball Coach Roy Williams, whose Jayhawks lost to Syracuse in the NCAA championship game earlier this week.

Bohl was hired in 2001 to replace Williams' close friend and longtime Kansas athletic director Bob Frederick.

Bohl's job seemed to be in jeopardy since rumors surfaced in February that UCLA would pursue Williams for its head coach-

ing job after the season. Speculation intensified

after North Carolina Coach Matt Doherty resigned before the Final Four. Williams, a Tar Heel alumnus, passed on the job three years ago.

"I would not resign," Bohl told The Associated Press. "I was fired."

Despite the widely reported rift between Williams and Bohl, and the current opening at North Carolina, Kansas Chancellor Robert Hemenway denied he fired Bohl to convince Williams to stay.

'We have to trust him (Williams) to make the right decision now," Hemenway said.

Williams said Bohl tried "extremely hard," but also acknowledged that differences existed.

"It is always sad for the individual involved when a situation such as this occurs and a change is made," Williams said in the statement. "We had difficulties, and we were not as cohesive as the athletic department needs to be. This made the atmosphere somewhat difficult."

Hemenway appointed A. Drue Jennings, a Kansas graduate, former football player and the former chief executive of Kansas City Power & Light, interim athletic director.

Hemenway said he discussed leadership of the department with Bohl during the past few months, as well as with coaches, other athletic department staff members, alumni and donors.

"On the basis of these conversations and my own evaluation of the situation, I came to the conclusion that a change of leadership was needed at this time," Hemenway said, adding that he made the decision before the end of the basketball season.

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> - Roy Williams Kansas head basketball coach

Bohl told The AP that he would meet with reporters at his home later Wednesday.

"They wouldn't even let me talk with the media on campus," said the 55-yearold Bohl, who was hired specifically to help repair the school's football program.

Bohl served as athletic director at Toledo and Fresno State, and was credited with turning around the football programs at both schools.

His biggest move at Kansas was to fire football coach Terry Allen with two games left in the 2001 season, and replace him with Oklahoma offensive coordinator Mark Mangino.

Williams expressed his displeasure with Bohl's decision to fire Allen. Williams was

especially angry that Allen was fired du ing the season. Just a few months bei Allen was fired, Williams was a promin coach at an ethics seminar and endorsed, proposal urging schools not to fire a cost whose sport was in season.

"And then it happens at my very on school," Williams said at the time. "He embarrassing.

Bohl countered, "Roy is the baskethe coach, and I am the director of athletics. was hired to fix this football program, that's what I'm going to do.'

Bohl's support among alumni a important contributors was affected when his clash with Williams went public. During a pep rally at the



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like it's a case where Bohl's got to go. Roy's going to stay here. Hey, it's be pretty good music that we've been to h Final Fours. Those people - they do even know Al Bohl.

Williams said Tuesday he planned meet with former North Carolina coal Dean Smith, and it was expected he would again receive an offer to return to Chap Hill. Bohl had pledged to do all he could keep Williams at Kansas.

For sure, what we do in basketballist result of Roy Williams and our team," Bo said earlier this week. "It doesn't matte how maliciously I'm attacked in my chara ter, I'm going to keep going forward."



amid controversy

By Doug Ferguson THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Tiger Woods didn't have to hit a single shot for the show to begin at this year's Masters.

As Woods played his final practice round Wednesday at soggy Augusta National, attenshifted from his bid for an

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remains true." he s "However, I want to emphase that we have no timetable, a our membership is very comfor able with our present status.

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"It's not a golf course when feel like I'm learning something

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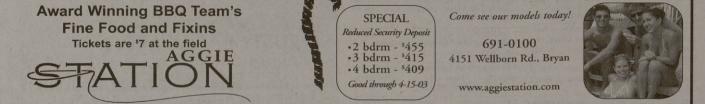
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unprecedented third straight green jacket to a cramped room.

More than 60 men, all wearing the coveted symbol in golf, flanked chairman Hootie Johnson in a stubborn defense of the club's all-male membership.

'If I drop dead this second, our position will not change on this issue," the 72-year-old Johnson said. "It's not my issue alone.'

Beyond the gates of Augusta National lurks a foreign sensation: controversy

About a half-mile down the street from Magnolia Lane, local officials have set aside a 5.1-acre grassy lot for demonstrations and not just for Martha Burk and her National Council of Women's Organizations, who have pressured the club for the last nine months to add its first female member.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson plans to protest with Burk.

They will be joined by two groups protesting Burk, another protesting Jackson, a one-man faction of the Ku Klux Klan sup-porting Augusta National and a man who calls his group "People Against Ridiculous Protests."

Anyone who thought Augusta National might cave in to pressure and allow a woman to wear a green jacket was met - again - by utter defiance during a 22-

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