

Sports

UNC assistant named to lead Kansas program

From Associated Press reports

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Roy Williams, an assistant coach with North Carolina for 10 years, was hired as head basketball coach at the University of Kansas last week.

Bob Frederick, the Kansas athletic director, said Williams was selected because of his reputation as an excellent recruiter and as a coach who emphasizes academics as well as a winning program.

Williams, 37, and a native of

Asheville, N.C., was given a four-year contract with the university calling for \$78,000 a year.

Williams said he hoped to spend the rest of his career at Kansas, where he is only the school's seventh basketball coach. "My hope is that you don't have to go through another press conference to hire a new head basketball coach for the next 30 years," he said.

"Following the job Larry Brown did is not going to be something that's

easy to do," he said, noting the competitiveness of the Big Eight Conference, the loss of All-American Danny Manning and the fact that other schools will be gunning for the defending national champions.

Kansas officials had planned to hire a head coach from another NCAA Division I school, but several big-name coaches withdrew their names or said they weren't interested. Among those being connected with the job were Eddie Fogler of Wichita

State, also an ex-UNC assistant coach; Gary Williams of Ohio State; and Gene Keady of Purdue.

Frederick said he had no problems with hiring an assistant coach to take command of the Jayhawks. "That's something I was able to satisfy in my own mind," he said. "I don't think I would have considered any assistant other than Roy or other program than the one he was in."

Williams graduated from North Carolina in 1972 and spent five years

coaching high school basketball at Owen High School in Swannanoa, N.C., before becoming an assistant to Dean Smith in Chapel Hill.

"Roy is a highly organized person who has all the characteristics of a great coach," Smith said in a released statement. "He's played a key role in the success we've had here in recent years. His goal was to be a head coach, and he will be an outstanding one."

Williams will be replacing Brown, another ex-UNC aide, who recently jumped ship to go to the NBA's San Antonio Spurs. Brown played basketball at North Carolina and was an assistant under Smith in the early 1960s.

Williams noted that his reputation as a strong recruiter stems partly from the fact that he stays put and does not move from job to job. "I've had the same wife for 15 years and the same set of golf clubs for 17 years."

CAA to change ticket policy

By JOHN BLAND
Staff Writer

Ticket distribution for the upcoming football season has not changed very much from last year. However, students will see a major change in the distribution of basketball tickets, according to Carol Geer, president of the Carolina Athletic Association.

Much-coveted lower level Smith Center seats will be distributed first, randomly, and upper level seats will follow in order from bottom to top. Some lower level tickets will be dispersed randomly throughout the upper level tickets, Geer said.

Last year's distribution system was "almost so fair that it got unfair," Geer said. All tickets were distributed

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