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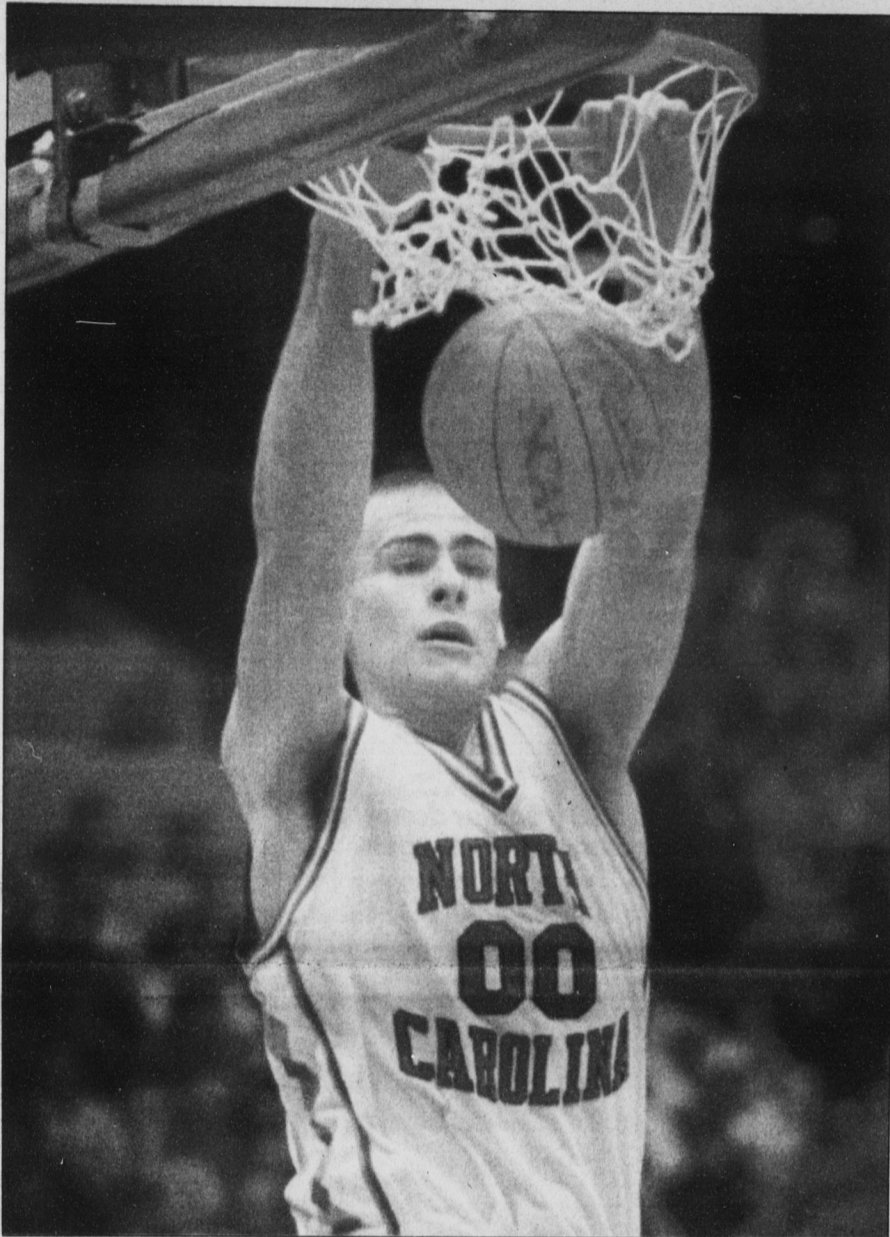


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UNC marches to New Orleans



Eric Montross scored 15 points as UNC used its inside game to power past the smaller Cincinnati frontcourt

TAR HEELS SKIN BEARCATS IN OT

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By Warren Hynes
 Senior Writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — He took the ball, stood at the top of the key and eyed the hoop. And as Donald Williams prepared to take the biggest shot of his basketball career, he heard a familiar voice.

"I was open, and as soon as I caught it, I could hear Coach Smith say, 'Knock it down,'" Williams said.

Dean Smith told his sophomore sharpshooter to can the 3-pointer. His sharpshooter listened, and, with a quick, soft swish, North Carolina was on its way to its 10th Final Four.

As if the entire game had been that easy.

Williams' 3-pointer with 1:53 left in overtime gave the top-seeded Tar Heels just what they needed to hold back a roaring Cincinnati Bearcat squad, 75-68, in Sunday's NCAA Tournament East Regional Final at the Brendan Byrne Arena.

North Carolina improved to 32-4 with the win, tying a school record for most victories in a season. UNC will make its ninth Final Four appearance in 26 years, all coming under Smith's tutelage.

And who will Smith and the Tar Heels face next? None other than former UNC assistant Roy Williams and his Kansas Jayhawks. The two teams will square off Saturday at the Superdome in New Orleans, their second Final Four meeting in three years.

"We're thrilled now, but there's still an ultimate goal," said UNC center Eric Montross. "We're where we want to be, but we're not finished yet."

So unfinished that the team opted not to cut down the nets, opting for a future date with the nylon.

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Fans reach for Pat Sullivan as he arrives at Raleigh-Durham Airport Sunday night

Hundreds greet team at airport terminal

By Carter Toole
 Assistant Sports Editor

MORRISVILLE — Hundreds of alumni, students and children flooded terminal C6 with banners, pom-poms and cameras to welcome home their East Regional Champion North Carolina Tar Heels Sunday night at Raleigh-Durham International Airport.

Flight delays forced the fans to wait nearly two hours for the plane to arrive. The Tar Heels' flight from Newark, N.J., which was originally scheduled to arrive at 7:15 p.m., didn't get to RDU until after 9 p.m.

Nevertheless, when the Tar Heel coaches and players emerged from the vessel, the crowd erupted and swarmed the team.

"It's so exciting to come home and see all these people out here," UNC forward Pat Sullivan said. "It shows us

what kind of support these people have for us and North Carolina."

"It's been two years since I had an experience like this," UNC forward George Lynch said. "It's just great to see these people out here."

Throng of kids swarmed the players to get autographs of the team that they all expect to bring home the NCAA Championship.

"They'll definitely kick (Kansas') butt," 8-year-old Johnathan Stanley of Cary said. "Coach (Dean) Smith is a good coach and they have lots of team spirit."

"They have the talent and Dean will pull them all through," Stanley's brother, Blake, said.

"I think they'll be able to handle any pressure or defensive traps from Kansas," fellow Cary resident Holmes

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Fans decorate Franklin Street with toilet paper, beer cans

By Steve Politi
 Sports Editor

In Jack London's famous short story "To Build A Fire," a man perished while trying to save his life from a blizzard by turning a simple spark into a fire.

If only he knew the proper ingredients needed to build a fire, Carolina style:

Beer boxes. Beer. Toilet paper. Twigs. T-shirts. Cardboard. Matches. "And wood!" screamed a Chapel Hill resident who claimed he was Kenny Rogers. "We need wood. Wood wood wood!"

And the crowd broke out into a chant of "wood wood wood ... " until, to its dismay, the fire burnt out.

That was the struggle for North Carolina basketball fans Sunday. The Tar Heels defeated Cincinnati in overtime 75-68 and advanced to the Final Four for the second time in three years. That was the easy part.

Now it was time to celebrate, and a proper Franklin Street celebration requires a bonfire. Hundreds of feverish fans fought their way to Chapel Hill's

main drag, singing, screaming, throwing toilet paper and trying, mostly unsuccessfully, to build a fire.

"This is a very expensive shirt," said Michael Caldwell, a senior from Charlotte, as he ripped it off and threw it into a small fire. "But I'll make the sacrifice for the team. It's a Carolina tradition."

But two of the 40 police officers on hand for crowd control put his fire out. Caldwell didn't get back his shirt.

"It's a polite crowd," said Chapel Hill Fire Department Capt. Eric Upton, who was sitting on the back of his fire truck. "The only reason we'd use (fire hoses) is if they set a building on fire."

But why build a fire? "Because they won't let us," answered Billy Faires, a junior from Chattanooga, Tenn.

But why was Faires wearing a Goofy hat?

"Because that's the way Cincinnati looked," he answered.

Greg Bell, a Chapel Hill musician, played the UNC fight song on his accordion while others sang until their faces turned Carolina blue.

"It was written for the accordion —

even that Hark the Sound part," Bell said, proceeding to belt out a few bars. "It seemed like a good way to make a few dollars, or better yet, maybe a beer."

Although the parties held nothing back, most of them are expecting another chance to build fires, coat Franklin Street in toilet paper and sing North Carolina's fight song all night long next weekend.

Others were hoping to get lucky and get tickets for next weekend's games. UNC plays Kansas Saturday, with the winner advancing to the championship game to play either Michigan or Kentucky.

"I'm getting ready to set up my tent for Final Four tickets," said Bennett Deese, a junior from Colfax.

Added Jay Turner, a freshman from Graham, "From Franklin Street to Bourbon Street"

And that's when the real celebration will begin.

"I don't think it'll be really big until we bring the whole thing home," said Jimmy Mitchell, a waiter at the Rat.

Katy Wurth contributed to this report.

Popular professor to leave UNC

By Marty Minchin
 University Editor

The University will lose one of its 13 black chaired professors to Emory University in June.

Trudier Harris, an African-American studies and folklore professor in the Department of English, announced to English department officials last week that she was leaving UNC for another chaired professorship at Emory in Atlanta.

"This woman is surely one of the most admired members of the English department," English professor Everett Emerson said.

Harris currently holds the J. Carlyle Sitterson chaired professorship at UNC.

At Emory, Harris will serve as the Augustus Baldwin Longstreet professor of American literature. Harris said she had received offers of chaired professorships from other universities before.

Teaching at Emory will be a great

opportunity, she said.

"I want a different type of environment to live and work in," she said. Harris will begin her term at Emory July 1.

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Trudier Harris



North Carolina basketball fans crowd Franklin Street to celebrate UNC's win and build the traditional bonfires

Violent Deadheads give agents a scare

Editor's note: The DTH's Anna Griffin accompanied two drug agents to Thursday night's Grateful Dead show. The agents' efforts to arrest a man lead to a riot involving 300 people. The Drug Enforcement Administration agents did not want their names used.

By Anna Griffin
 Senior Writer

"Die, you fucking Nazis, die ... " The agents had their man where

they wanted him — face-down on the asphalt with his hands behind his back. But Deadheads fight back, or at least they do in Chapel Hill.

The agents had come up from Atlanta, where the Grateful Dead played last week, in the hopes of finding him. Kaylan, which was the only sort of name the agents had on him, was caught in a similar bust in Atlanta March 22 selling LSD to a federal agent. In the scuffle that ensued, a remarkably simi-

lar incident to the near-riot in Chapel Hill, he had escaped.

But he didn't escape Thursday.

"He's a heroin junkie, he uses LSD and he probably shoots up eight times a day," the agent says, wiping beer out of his face and kneading the back of his neck, where he was hit twice by thrown beer bottles. "We could've done a lot worse to him — we could

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Dean is God, and we're all disciples. — Andrew Young, law student