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Bohl out; Williams' future unknown

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Adding fuel to speculation that Kansas men's basketball coach Roy Williams is strongly considering bolting for North Carolina, Kansas Chancellor Robert Hemenway fired Athletics Director Al Bohl on Wednesday in what appears to be a last-ditch effort to appease and retain Williams.

Bohl's relationship with Williams has been rocky, particularly since Bohl fired KU football coach Terry Allen with two games left in the 2001 season.



Kansas coach Roy Williams should make a decision in the next few days.

Allen was a close friend of Williams.

Bohl said Wednesday that Williams got him fired.

"I believe the Kansas basketball coach had the power to hold his athletics director in his hand like a dove. He had the choice to either crush me with his power of influence or to let me fly with my visions for a better total program," Bohl said in a written statement. "He chose to crush me."

Hemenway denied that Williams played a part in Bohl's firing.

"Roy Williams has never once said to me, 'Al Bohl should be fired,'" Hemenway said at a Wednesday press conference. "He's never once said to me, 'If Al Bohl doesn't go, I will go.'"

"This decision is not a Roy-versus-Al decision."

In a statement released by Kansas, Williams expressed sadness at Bohl's departure but acknowledged the friction between them.

"We had difficulties, and we were not as cohesive as the athletic department needs to be," Williams stated. "This made the atmosphere somewhat difficult."

Bohl was less gracious.

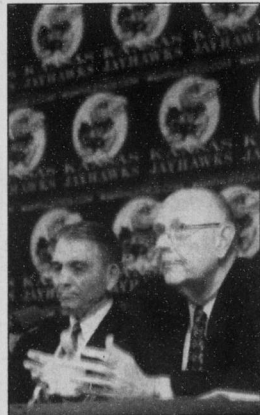
"A source close to the Athletic Department believes that I am one of the misfortunate people in America who personally (has) endured the results of Roy Williams' hatred and vindictiveness," Bohl stated.

North Carolina apparently disagrees with Bohl's assessment of Williams' character. Hemenway confirmed that UNC Director of Athletics Dick Baddour called him Wednesday morning to begin his official pursuit of Williams.

"It's a little hard to say if it was asking permission or if it was notification, but they said that they wanted to talk to Roy, and I was not surprised that they called," Hemenway said.

Williams, who said Tuesday he had a conversation with former

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Chancellor Robert Hemenway (right) on Wednesday introduces A. Drue Jennings as interim athletics director, replacing Al Bohl.

BAGHDAD FALLS



Cpl. Edward Chin of the 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines Regiment, places a U.S. flag on the face of a Saddam Hussein statue in downtown Baghdad on Wednesday. U.S. troops later pulled down the statue, and Iraqi citizens hit it with shoes to show disrespect.

HUSSEIN HAS LOST ALL CONTROL OF IRAQ

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD

Their hour of freedom at hand, jubilant Iraqis celebrated the collapse of Saddam Hussein's murderous regime Wednesday, beheading a toppled statue of their longtime ruler in downtown Baghdad and embracing U.S. troops as liberators.

"I'm 49, but I never lived a single day. Only now will I start living," said Yussuf Abed Kazim, a mosque preacher. A young Iraqi spat on a portrait of Hussein. Men hugged Americans in full combat gear, and women held up babies so soldiers riding on tanks could kiss them.

Iraqis released decades of pent-up fury as U.S. forces solidified their grip on the capital. Marine tanks rolled to the eastern bank of the Tigris River; the Army was on the western side of the waterway that curls through the ancient city. Looting broke out in the capital as Iraqis, shedding their fear of the regime, entered government facilities and made off with furniture, computers, air conditioners and even military jeeps.

"We are not seeing any organized resistance," said Navy Capt. Frank Thorp at the U.S. Central Command. "The Iraqi military is unable to fight as an organized fighting force."

There was continued combat in cities to the north, though, where Iraqi troops were under attack from



U.S. Army Spc. John Dresel of the A Company 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment receives a kiss from an Iraqi child in Baghdad.

U.S. and British warplanes.

The scenes of liberation in Baghdad and celebrations in scattered other cities unfolded as the Pentagon announced that 101 U.S. troops had died in the first three weeks of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Eleven others are missing, and seven are listed as captured. The British said 30 of their troops are dead. There are no reliable estimates for Iraqi casualties, although an Army spokesman said 7,300 prisoners had been taken.

Iraq's U.N. ambassador told reporters, "The game is over, and I hope peace will prevail."

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State might raise tuition

House considers 5 percent increase

BY JOE RAUCH
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N.C. House subcommittees are crafting a budget for the coming year that could include both cuts in UNC-system general funds and another tuition increase.

One such early plan includes \$28 million in tuition increases — about 5 percent systemwide.

This plan would ignore a moratorium on tuition increases passed recently by the UNC-system Board of Governors.

BOG Chairman Brad Wilson said he is not surprised that the budget might include a tuition hike. "But the BOG still believes our approach is the best for the (UNC system)," he added.

In these early stages of the budgetary process, divisions appear to exist about the effect and extent of possible cuts to higher education funding.

House members are considering several million dollars in cuts in addition to the \$82 million cut to the UNC system already proposed by Gov. Mike Easley.

"These are drastic cuts that will hurt across the board," said Rep. Marian McLawhorn, D-Pitt, a subcommittee vice chairwoman. "We

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ANALYSIS

Iraq war not over, experts say

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Iraqi citizens and a U.S. tank toppled a 40-foot-tall metallic statue of apparently deposed dictator Saddam Hussein, and children rode on the statue's head as it was pulled through the streets of Baghdad.

Looters swarmed the streets of Iraq's capital city as U.S. soldiers gallivanted, unchecked, in palaces where Hussein slept just weeks ago.

The end, it would seem, has come.

But pundits say the U.S. war in Iraq has a long way to go.

"Going into the middle of Baghdad and toppling a statue doesn't constitute the end of the war," said Rodger Payne, an expert on international relations and professor of political science at the University of Louisville.

And although U.S. soldiers barreled their way to, and through, Baghdad, pockets of resistance still exist, said Louis Cantori, professor of political science at the University of Maryland-Baltimore.

This resistance cancels out the images of cheering, liberated Iraqis on news across the globe, he said. "I suppose (the end) will be when the city of Baghdad is totally secure — when there is no more resistance."

"But that's hard to say because there still is resistance in (other Iraqi cities occupied by U.S. forces). There are 10 cities, and only two or three appear to be secure."

But Cantori said the end is near, namely because the centralized government of Iraq has, for the most part, ceased to exist.

"Probably the common-sense thing is you have victory when you have destroyed the authority of the central government," he said. "And

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