

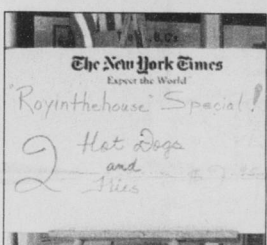
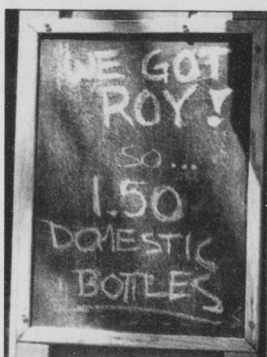
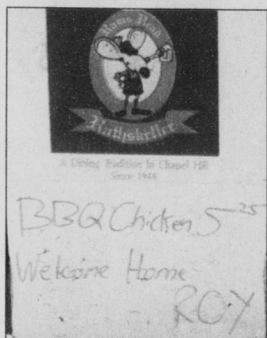
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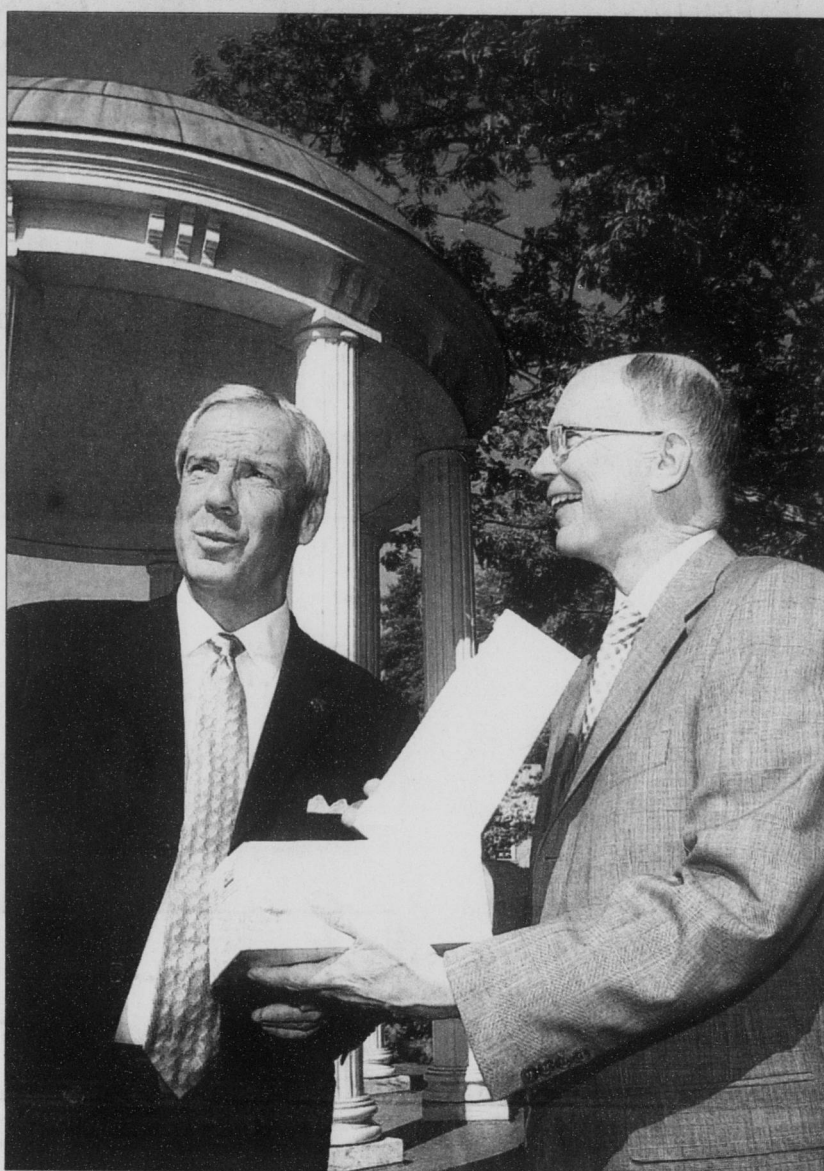
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ROY'S RETURN



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Left: Franklin Street businesses show their support of Coach Roy Williams with signs and specials. Right: Coach Williams (left) and Chancellor James Moeser hand out doughnuts to students at the Old Well on Tuesday morning. Williams ate lunch Tuesday with former UNC assistant coach Phil Ford.

TAR HEEL FANS WELCOME WILLIAMS

New coach expected to bring class, competitive edge to men's basketball

BY ROB LEICHTNER
STAFF WRITER

Many students expect the credibility, respectability and winning tradition that long have been associated with UNC men's basketball to return to Chapel Hill with the hiring of head coach Roy Williams on Monday.

"I'm really glad that he's come back here to Chapel Hill," said freshman Molly Rankin, a self-proclaimed lifelong UNC fan from Charlotte. "I'm hesitant to make any sort of prediction, but I'm looking forward to seeing some real Carolina basketball this year."

Williams, a UNC graduate and former head coach at the University of Kansas, was named Monday as the new coach. He replaced Matt Doherty, who allegedly was forced to resign April 1. Doherty's teams compiled a 53-43 record in his three years as coach, but the Tar Heels were not invited to the NCAA Tournament the past two years.

Carolina Athletic Association President Sherrell McMillan said Williams' hiring is the greatest thing to happen to the UNC basketball program since the legendary Dean Smith became coach in 1961.

"I think he will leave a lasting impact on Carolina

— not just in basketball but on how UNC is perceived nationally," McMillan said. "He'll bring back that sense of pride, class and integrity that has been associated with Carolina basketball."

Williams met with several faculty members, administrators and student leaders over doughnuts and coffee Tuesday morning at the Old Well to acquaint himself with the University.

Some students said that they still are upset about how UNC officials treated Doherty but that they are happy Williams agreed to replace him. Sophomore Courtney Andrews said she hopes the University will be more patient with Williams.

"We have no stability, but Roy seems like a really good coach," Andrews said. "I think they'll give him a longer shot than the other guys."

It probably will take a couple of years for Williams to restore the Tar Heels to national prominence, said longtime fan Chi Chi Oriaku, but it will happen eventually.

"I think we'll get in the (NCAA) Tournament next year, but I don't think we'll have a championship," the UNC freshman said. "But give him a couple years to get good recruiting classes, and the

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Ford tapped as 'bridge' during Williams' move

BY AARON FITT
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A lot has changed since North Carolina last filled a men's basketball head coaching vacancy three years ago, but one thing certainly has not.

Phil Ford still wants to coach. "All I want to do is coach basketball at North Carolina," Ford said Tuesday.

But new UNC coach Roy Williams said at Monday's press conference that he plans to bring his staff from Kansas with him unless one of them leaves for another opportunity elsewhere. Williams said he hopes Kansas assistant coach Joe Holladay is considered to replace him,

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Tuition hike included in House budget

House panel recommends 5 percent tuition increase

BY CLEVE R. WOOTSON JR.
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RALEIGH — In one of the swiftest budget processes in recent memory, the N.C. House Finance Committee approved Tuesday a bill that would increase tuition at UNC-system schools by 5 percent

and slash funding to many state programs.

"This is not a perfect bill, but this will allow us to move forward," said Rep. Eugene McCombs, R-Rowan, a committee member.

The committee voted to keep in place a half-cent sales tax increase that was set to expire in July.

The additional revenue from the two-year extension will fill a \$384 million hole in the state's budget.

"I'm pretty confident that the House is going to pass a budget this week before Easter," said Rep. Bill Culpepper, D-Chowan.

In a committee meeting that lasted well past 11 p.m. Monday, the House Appropriations Committee plowed through 60 amendments and outlined a spending plan for the next fiscal year.

On Tuesday, the Finance Committee had to dictate how to fund the plan, including filling some large holes.

Some of that funding will come from a 5 percent tuition increase for the UNC system, something pushed through the Finance Committee with little debate. The

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Iraqi factions take 1st steps toward self-rule

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

UR, Iraq — Under a white-and-gold tent at the biblical birthplace of Abraham, the United States assembled Iraqi factions Tuesday and told them it has "absolutely no interest" in ruling Iraq.

Some Muslims boycotted the meeting, and thousands demonstrated nearby, shouting, "No to America and no to Saddam!"

The gathering of about 80 people in this ancient city on the Euphrates River — a first step toward creating a postwar government — ended with an agreement by show of hands to meet again in 10 days to discuss forming an interim authority.

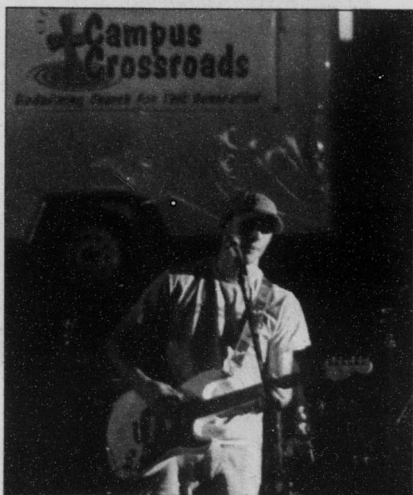
Participants also agreed to a list of 13 points, beginning with the principle that Iraq must be democratic. The points also call for the dissolution of former Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein's Baath Party.

The meeting was dominated by presentations from dozens of Iraqis, including a cleric from Nasiriyah who called for a separation between religion and politics and Iraqi exiles stressing the need for the rule of law.

"One of the bases of democracy is honest differences

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ROCK ON



DTH/LEAH LATELLA

Guitarist Matt Mullins performs original songs with his band, Deeper Still, on the steps of South Building on Tuesday night. Deeper Still performed with two other groups at the Campus Crossroads outreach concert. Campus Crossroads is a Christian organization at UNC.

Summer reading chosen for content, not to avoid controversy

BY RACHEL HODGES
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With the announcement of the selection for this year's Carolina Summer Reading Program, the University likely will avoid much of the controversy that surrounded last year's reading.

But members of the selection committee said the book was chosen based

on its merits and that they were not avoiding controversial subjects actively.

"Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America" by Barbara Ehrenreich focuses on economic and social class issues, as opposed to last year's reading, "Approaching the Qur'an: The Early Revelations" by Michael Sells.

Last year's selection drew national

attention after a group filed a lawsuit against the University for violating the constitutional provision that requires a separation between church and state.

Madeleine Grumet, chairwoman of this year's book selection committee, rejected the idea that the University chose the book because it did not want to risk attracting such controversial attention again. "We thought this book

was on a very relevant issue, and we thought it was beautifully written," Grumet said. "I don't think the question of risk is an issue."

Constance Jones, a senior in the Kenan-Flagler Business School, was a member of this year's selection committee. She said the book was chosen from about 50 possible books for its

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