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Williams earns hall nod

Coach humbled by top distinction

BY KRISTIN PRATT
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Roy Williams had prepared himself for not making the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame class this year. And while he jested in Monday afternoon's press conference at the Smith Center that his wife, Wanda, thought it was a prank call, it's no joke that Williams will be inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame as a first-time final-

ist this year.

The announcement was formally made Monday in Atlanta, but Williams received the good news last Wednesday.

"I had already gone through in my mind what I was going to say when he told me I didn't make it," Williams said, adding that it was the first time he could remember being speechless.

"I was going to tell him how flattered I was just to be a finalist ... So when he said that I had been elected, it was a real shock."

Williams was elected into the Class of 2007, along with Los Angeles Lakers coach Phil Jackson,

former Houston Comets coach Van Chancellor, and international coaches Pedro Ferrándiz of Spain and Mirko Novosel of Yugoslavia.

The 1966 NCAA championship Texas Western University squad and referee Mendy Rudolph are also members of this year's class.

ESPN commentator Dick Vitale was a finalist for his second year but did not receive the honor.

"I'm extremely flattered, and I don't know if this is a word, but I'm flabbergasted by the whole thing, too," Williams said.

The six-time National Coach of the Year will be inducted Sept. 7 in Springfield, Mass., at the Naismith

Memorial Hall of Fame. He is the eighth Tar Heel coach or player to be inducted and will become one of six active NCAA men's basketball coaches in the Hall — a list that includes Duke's Mike Krzyzewski.

He credited the honor to having great players, great staff and family to support him throughout his career.

But while Williams appreciated the honor, he said his focus remains on winning and pursuing a long career as a head coach.

"The pinnacle is if I could make it and win it every year," he said,

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DTH/ALLIE MULLIN

Roy Williams discusses his induction into the Hall of Fame Class of 2007. "The competitive part of life is something I enjoy," Williams said.

Spike Lee to visit UNC

Noted director set to deliver lecture

BY HARRY KAPLOWITZ
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On April 23, UNC students will get the chance to hear a lecture few college students outside New York University get to hear.

Oscar-nominated director Spike Lee, now artistic director of the

Graduate Film Program at New York University's Kanbar Institute of Film & Television, will give a two-hour speech to students and community members at Memorial Hall.

"An Evening with Spike Lee," scheduled for 7 p.m., is

sponsored by the Carolina Union Activities Board. A date to pick up the free tickets hasn't been set, but CUAB President Erika Stallings said plans will be finalized by week's end.

She added that she anticipates a capacity crowd and that she is elated about the event.

"Generally, we've brought a lot of musicians, and we wanted to do kind of a big speaker before we left," Stallings said. "He's someone who's very talented and an accomplished director — students should want insight into what he does."

Lee, 50, whose lectures typically carry a \$30,000 price tag, will be coming to UNC for a dramatically lower figure, Stallings said. The discount comes, in part, because of the director's connections to the University and love of UNC.

The exact fee was undisclosed. Though the format of the lecture hasn't been cemented because

Stallings has not received Lee's rider yet, she is hopeful the event will play out similar to an episode of "Inside the Actors Studio."

"We don't want it to be him getting up there and getting on a political rant that anyone else could give," Stallings said. "We want Spike Lee to impart on the audience things that only he could do because he's such a talented filmmaker."

The director of "Do the Right

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GOING TO STRAWBERRY FIELDS



DTH/LOGAN PRICE

Justin Sturdivant, 13, and his father, Darian Sturdivant, of D & L Farms, pull weeds out of their strawberry plants Monday in their field in White Cross. This is the first year the Sturdivants have grown strawberries, and they expect their crop to arrive earlier than normal because of the mild spring. The fields could be open for picking soon.

Weather means picking season may be early

BY ANDY KENNEY
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It's the final stretch for the Sturdivant family's first strawberry growing season.

D & L Farms Inc., located outside Chapel Hill, has been run by the family since 1951 and is now staffed solely by three generations of Sturdivants.

This year's strawberry crop is new for

the Sturdivants, who mainly raise hogs and cows.

"You don't really know what to expect in your first year," said Larry Sturdivant, father of Darian and grandfather of Justin.

This season already has defied expectations for some established growers. A mild spring and the recently expanded use of special crop covers have put many

Piedmont strawberry crops weeks ahead of schedule, said Kevin Hardison, horticultural marketing specialist for the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Hardison said many Piedmont strawberry growers are expecting an early April 10 opening.

"A lot of (farmers) really like to be opened up by about mid-April to late April, and for them to open up right around the 10th, that's real swell," Hardison said of

the farms' early openings. "It's always dependent on the weather, really."

The Vollmer Farm, in Bunn, will open its fields to the public in the next few days and already has begun selling strawberries in Carrboro.

Hardison said excessive heat or precipitation often pose the greatest threats to a strawberry crop. For the Sturdivants, though, the last hurdle could be low tem-

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Allred's experience put him ahead of the curve

BY GREG MARGOLIS
STAFF WRITER

Besides taking on the top student post at UNC, James Allred and Eve Carson are similar in other ways.

Both grew up in the college towns of large state schools; both have parents who are college administrators; and both are Morehead-Cain Scholars.

But despite those similarities, there's one crucial difference — Allred grew up in Chapel Hill and Carson's hometown is Athens, Ga.

"I think James came into the job having a stronger knowledge base of the administration and the Chapel Hill community," said Margaret Jablonski, vice chancellor for student affairs. "Eve's going to have to work hard to come up to that level of knowledge base."

Much of a student body president's job is

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Time: 5:30 p.m. today
Location: Great Hall of the Student Union

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working with campus administrators to achieve different platform proposals. And to accomplish those planks, it's important to build strong relationships with officials across campus.

Acquiring knowledge of campus policy and

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of the
guard

A closer look
at the SBP
transition

Sloppy game spelled doom for Tar Heels

Both teams slow to exit starting gate

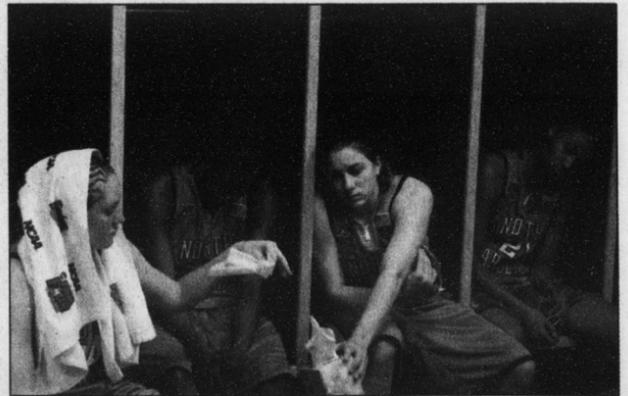
BY MATT BROOKS
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CLEVELAND — It's a good thing North Carolina fans haven't latched on to the Tennessee tradition of standing and clapping constantly until their team gets its first bucket of the game because there would have been some mighty sore feet in Cleveland on Sunday night.

It took UNC exactly five minutes and 25 seconds to get rid of the goose egg on the scoreboard.

In an ugly, sloppy game, this is how the matchup started:

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DTH/LAUREN COWART

Meghan Austin (left to right), Jessica Breland, Heather Claytor and Iman McFarland huddle in the locker room after their Sunday night loss to Tennessee in the Final Four.

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FIRST IN LINE

The Faculty Council is mulling a proposal that would give varsity athletes priority in registering for classes because of their practice schedules.



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WINE AND DINE

Glasshalfull, a new restaurant in Carrboro, serves any half-glass of wine for \$3 and other tapas-style treats for lunch and dinner.

this day in history

APRIL 3, 1931 ...

The psychology department imposes \$0.50 fines on students who miss class with an acceptable excuse and \$1 for those who miss without one.

weather

Mostly sunny
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