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KU BASKETBALL

Goodbye, Roy



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Board to close 2 schools

East Heights, Centennial fall victim to budget cuts

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Lawrence school board members decided Monday to eliminate the opportunity for future generations of children to attend two beloved elementary schools.

Unless at least three members of the board have a change of heart, East Heights and Centennial schools will be no more when the academic year ends May 23. They would join Riverside School, which the board previously agreed to close at the end of this year.

Austin Turney, the board's vice president, said his vote for consolidation was the saddest of his tenure on the board.

"No one regrets that change more than I do," he said.

Tears were shed on both sides of the issue.

This 6-1 preliminary vote on closures will be followed by final action scheduled for May 12. Voting for a resolution to change boundaries in a way that squeezed out East Heights and Centennial were Turney, Scott Morgan, Linda Robinson, Leni Salkind, Sue Morgan and Mary Loveland.

This majority offered academic and financial reasons for supporting con-

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THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA HAS ANNOUNCED that Roy Williams will be the school's new men's basketball coach. Williams addressed his former Kansas University players and then the media Monday afternoon at Allen Fieldhouse before boarding a chartered jet for North Carolina with his wife, Wanda, and two of his assistant coaches.

Kansas is no place like home for Williams

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ONLINE: 6News video, photos of Williams' career, successor poll and more at www.ljworld.com

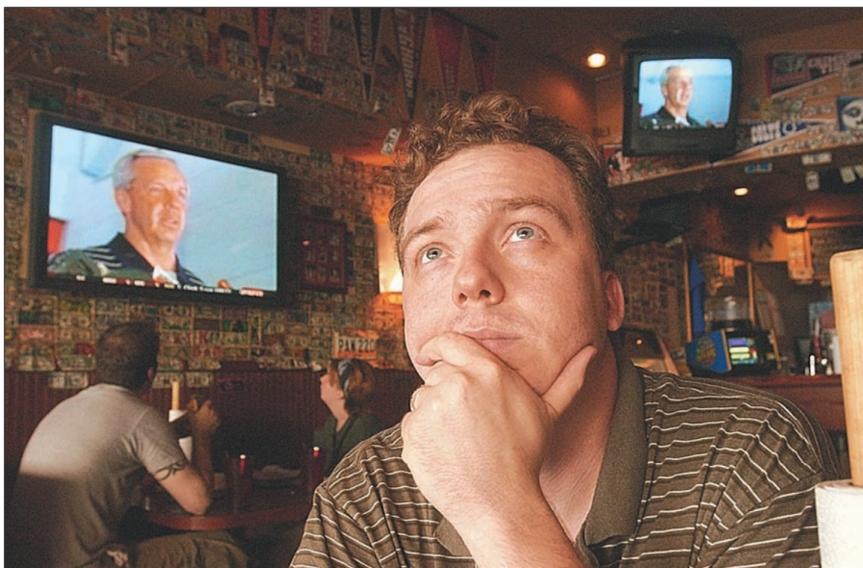
This time, Roy Williams simply could not say no to the call of his alma mater.

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Comprehensive coverage of Roy Williams' decision to leave and KU's plans to replace him can be found on pages 4A, 1C, 4C and 5C.

Williams, who compiled a 418-101 record in 15 years as men's basketball coach at Kansas University, was introduced Monday night as coach at the University of North Carolina — three years after the Asheville, N.C., native declined a similar offer from the Atlantic Coast Conference school. "I was a Tar Heel born. When I die, I'll be a Tar Heel dead. But in the middle, I have been Tar Heel and Jayhawk bred, and I am so, so happy and proud of that," said Williams, a 1972 UNC grad who was welcomed home with an eight-year con-

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MATT DRAKE, manager at Jefferson's Restaurant, 743 Mass., watches television coverage of Roy Williams' departure to North Carolina. Williams met with his former KU players Monday afternoon and then flew to North Carolina for a news conference announcing his acceptance of the UNC position.

Coach's decision stuns Jayhawk fans

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Yes, Roy Williams is leaving Lawrence. But no, City Manager Mike Wildgen isn't going to order the city's flag lowered to half-staff.

"It's going clear to the ground," Wildgen said Monday afternoon.

He was joking. But for many Lawrence residents and Kansas University fans, Monday's news of Williams' departure was no laughing matter.

For some, it was literally sickening. "I don't think it's quite set in yet," said Lauren Royall, a KU senior from Tulsa. "I'm kind of in denial. Actually, I'm kind of nauseated."

Beyond X's and O's, city and state officials said Williams' departure meant Lawrence was losing a terrific ambassador to the rest of the nation.

KU basketball "generates a ton of national publicity for the university and the community, and

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NEWS ANALYSIS

Iraqi future in limbo as combat nears end

By Tom Raum

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — By any normal gauge, the war with Iraq is over. Saddam Hussein's government is gone, all key cities are seized, major combat is winding down and two aircraft carriers are going home.

Yet major questions remain, including the whereabouts of Saddam and any weapons of mass destruction and whether Iraqis can govern themselves after a quarter-century of one-man rule.

The role of the United Nations or individual nations in Iraq's future also is up in the air. The United States has invited its coalition partners to talks on rebuilding Iraq — but not countries that objected to the war such as Germany, France and Russia.

Some of these loose ends could take months or even years to tie up, analysts suggest.

But for now, nobody is disputing the immediacy or decisiveness of the allied military successes.

Saddam's "regime is in disarray and no longer in control of Iraq," said Brig.

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