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Pride Day unites campus to beautify GSW

Pitching In—Brenda Davis, GSW benefits manager, joined other faculty, staff and students from across campus Oct. 10 to lay sod and plant flowers near the James Earl Carter Library. Volunteers from 23 organizations and departments united to lay 2,300 square feet of sod, place bedding plants and other trees and shrubs—all in an hour and a half. The Pride Day “team approach” to campus beautification began in 1997, and since then more than 600 members of the campus community have participated.

Editor’s Note: The University Relations Division gratefully acknowledges the contributions of Mr. Ron Hill who played a leadership role in the preparation of this issue of the Aeolian.
Rosa Stokes has been named the new head women’s basketball coach for GSW.

Athletic Director Randolph Barksdale said he is “excited to have a person of such experience at the Division I level. Her recruiting ability and knowledge of the game will help us keep our program on the national level. She will be an asset to our university and community.”

Stokes comes to the Hurricanes after a five-year stint with Long Beach State University in which the last two were as the associate head coach. Previously, she served two years with the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga as assistant coach.

Stokes is highly regarded for her recruiting ability.

She recruited a Big West Conference Player of the Year at Long Beach and a Southern Conference Freshman of the Year at UT-Chattanooga.

In Cookeville, Tenn., Stokes served two years as interim coordinator for the Black Cultural Center. From 1990-92, she was the assistant coach at Tennessee Tech University. While there, Stokes was responsible for recruiting both an Ohio Valley Conference player of the year and freshman of the year. The Eagles were also two-time OVC Champions.

Stokes also served as a graduate assistant at the University of Louisville during the 1989-90 season and Murray State University in 1988-89. She played collegiate basketball at Cumberland University in Lebanon, Tenn. (1984-89) scoring more than 1,000 points.

A native of Alexandria, Tenn., Stokes graduated from Cumberland in 1988 with a B.S. in education. She earned her M.A. in educational psychology-counseling from Tennessee Tech in 1993.
BARKSDALE NAMED ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

GSW has chosen one of its own to oversee the evolution of university athletics.

After serving 10 months as interim athletic director, Randolph Barksdale was named to the post officially, effective July 1. He will keep his other job as men’s basketball coach through the 2001-02 season, and then a national search for a successor will be conducted.

“We have goals that will move the athletics program forward, and I’m very excited about that,” Barksdale said.

Barksdale’s five-year plan calls for increasing donations to the Hurricane Club, adding lights and press box facilities for the softball and baseball fields and starting a soccer team. He says program growth will require the support of the community and alumni.

“The biggest pluses we have are our community and alumni supporters—they’ve always been behind our athletics program,” Barksdale said.

This fall, Barksdale enters the sixth season of his second stint as the head coach of the men’s basketball team. He led the Hurricanes to an 18-12 record last season.

Barksdale coached at Dekalb South Junior College from 1987-1995. He graduated from North Georgia College in 1976 with a Bachelor of Science in Health and Physical Education and received his master’s degree in Health and Physical Education from Georgia State University in 1981. He and his wife, Gail, have three children—Kathy, Reagen and Jay.

Hurricane Force—The GSW men’s tennis team competed for the national championship in the NAIA National Tournament at the University of Kentucky in May, finishing as runners-up. Pictured, left to right: Rod Minozzo, Thiago Rodrigues, President Michael Hanes, Luis Bravo, Coach Brennon Sewell, Gustavo Rezende, Paco Paredes, Antonio Candela and Joao Paulo Clementi. The team was 23-4 for 2001.