

# CAROLINA'S *Finest*

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## 2014 - 2015 The Best that Carolina has to Offer- *Voted by YOU!*

{ MEN'S & WOMEN'S NCAA BRACKETS INSIDE! }

### *Best Male Athlete*

**WINNER: Marcus Paige**

He may have been known as “second-half Paige,” but students have their own nickname for him: King Marcus. The junior guard has been key in leading the Tar Heels through this season, averaging 14.1 points per game. Paige helped bring the Tar Heels to the finals of the ACC tournament, where he scored 18 points from behind the line in a difficult game against Notre Dame. His tenacity on the court helped the Tar Heels to beat fifth seed Arkansas, earning him a spot in the hearts of the voters of Carolina's Finest.



### *Best Female Athlete*

**WINNER: Jessica Washington**

What a season for the lightning fast point guard. She played phenomenally, stepping into her role as team leader during the ACC tournament where she met her career-high record for points scored. And she went on to break that record with an all-time high of 20 points in the Heels' victory over Clemson. Washington has said before that her goal is to bring energy to the game. Well, mission accomplished.

### *Best Carolina Sports Moment*

**WINNER: Marcus Paige's buzzer beater against Louisville**

It was more than an upset. It was a season changer – the confidence boost Carolina needed to continue the rest of the season. The buzzer beater shot by Marcus Paige led the No. 18 Tar Heels to a 72-71 victory over No. 5 Louisville. Time stopped in the Dean Dome as it happened. But when it finally did go in, the crowd erupted. After losing to Notre Dame the Heels needed this win. After the game Paige said, “If you wanna be a good seed in the tournament and wanna have a chance to be successful in March, you can't let a lot of those slip away, and we were able to grab this one. And this one was a big one.”

### *Best Intramural or Club Sport*

**WINNER: Volleyball**

UNC is the very definition of a basketball school, but for a break from class work, competition, and exercise with friends, we like to put together an intramural volleyball team. If you're interested in bumping, setting, or spiking be sure to register for a team when the new semester comes around!

### *Best Place for Sex*

**WINNER: 8th Floor Davis**

So deeply clichéd there's a Friends episode about it, the library is perennially the favorite place for illicit sex on campus. We all know it's there, and even a DTH expose can't stop it from happening. So, for those who might actually need Davis for its official use, you might specifically want to avoid the 8th floor.

### *Best Study Spot*

**WINNER: Davis Library**

If you actually want to get studying done, Davis is considered the place to do it. There is something about the smell of books that aids concentration. Legend says to get a 4.0 GPA you need to drink from the Old Well on the first day of class. CF confidential tip: your luck may be better studying here at Davis on a regular basis than leaving your GPA up to legends.

### *Best Professor*

**WINNER: Dr. Viji Sathy**

The Department of Psychology reports that Sathy's teaching innovations helped the proportion of students in her Psych 180 class (Statistical Principles of Psychological Research) earning A's and B's increase to 39 percent from 26 percent under the old model. CF loves a professor whose teaching style alone gives us a 50 percent increased chance of earning an A or a B! Thankfully, Sathy is publishing her research on redesigning large lecture classes.





### Best Campus Bathroom

**WINNER: FedEx Global Ed center**

Last year it was a tight race between the Global Center and Genome Sciences. But this year the Global Center blew Genome out of the water, or drainage pipe perhaps. CF attributed Genome’s 2014 win to having newer bathrooms but we realize it’s time to give credit where credit is also due - the diligent housekeeping staff. FedEx Global Center’s bathrooms accept this award on their behalf.

### Best Class to Rock Your World

**WINNER: SOCI 422 Sociology of Health and Mental Illness**

Carolina’s Finest has only heard about the incredible experience to be had in this class, but from the rumors it sounds like an eye-opener. An online course, SOCI 422 helps us understand topics like the social construction of mental illness.

### Quirkiest Roommate Habit

**WINNER: Eating frozen peas**

Let us all learn from our roommates before dismissing them as strange alien life forms sent to test our patience and conflict resolution skills. Like last year’s winner (freezes bacon grease into ice cubes,) this quirky roommate habit is harmless but thought provoking. Maybe frozen peas are actually delicious little replacements for M&Ms and therefore the killer app for weight loss for which we’ve all been waiting and not just a sign of extreme laziness that prevents microwaving frozen foods.

## ENTERTAINMENT

### Best Radio Station

**WINNER: WXYC 89.3 FM**

If you’re a denizen of a college town and don’t know your college radio station you’re missing out on a quintessentially college experience. WXYC lets our take on new music register on the college charts, while programs like Outside Track (Mondays 9 p.m.) and Broken Music (Sundays 2 p.m.) take us on a free-form musical education tour every week. CF gives a big thanks to all of WXYC’s volunteer DJs for sharing their obscure interests and expertise with the rest of us. Check out their app and online streaming options at WXYC.org.

### Best Local Band

**WINNER: Ellis Dyson & The Shambles**

This folksy, swing-ragtime band from Chapel Hill is making waves for its high energy performances and groovy dance tunes. The band was nominated for a Carolina Music Award and named a runner-up in the 2015 TEDxUNC Student Performer Contest. You can catch one of their shows at venues around town, such as Local 506 or Linda’s Downbar.

### Best CUAB Event

**WINNER: Therapy Dogs**

Finals are never easy, but CUAB knows just what you need to help out with the stress. Nothing can brighten a dismal finals week like cuddling with a puppy in the Pit. Sometimes all it takes to be reminded that finals week isn’t the end of the world is a few minutes with a four-legged friend.

### Best Arts Event

**WINNER: Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater at Memorial Hall**

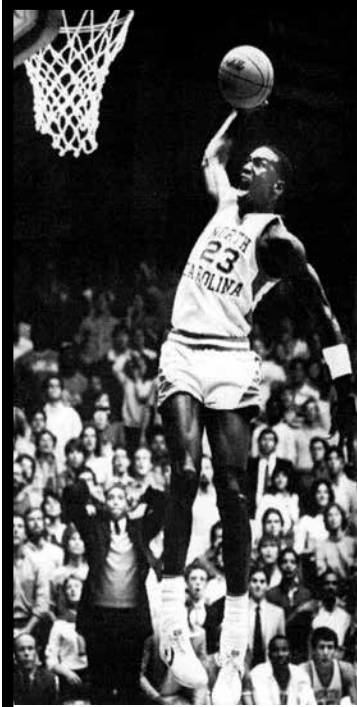
Part of Carolina Performing Arts celebration of its 10th season bringing us “distinctive and breathtaking experiences from around the world,” the Alvin Ailey performance was a special treat. Ailey’s story is one of the most inspirational in the history of American performing arts, and his genius forever changed the perception of American dance. From its now-fabled beginnings in 1958 at New York City’s 92nd Street Y, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater has grown to become the nation’s dance ambassador. Carolina students who attended the performance were blown out of their seats with a newfound respect for the art form.

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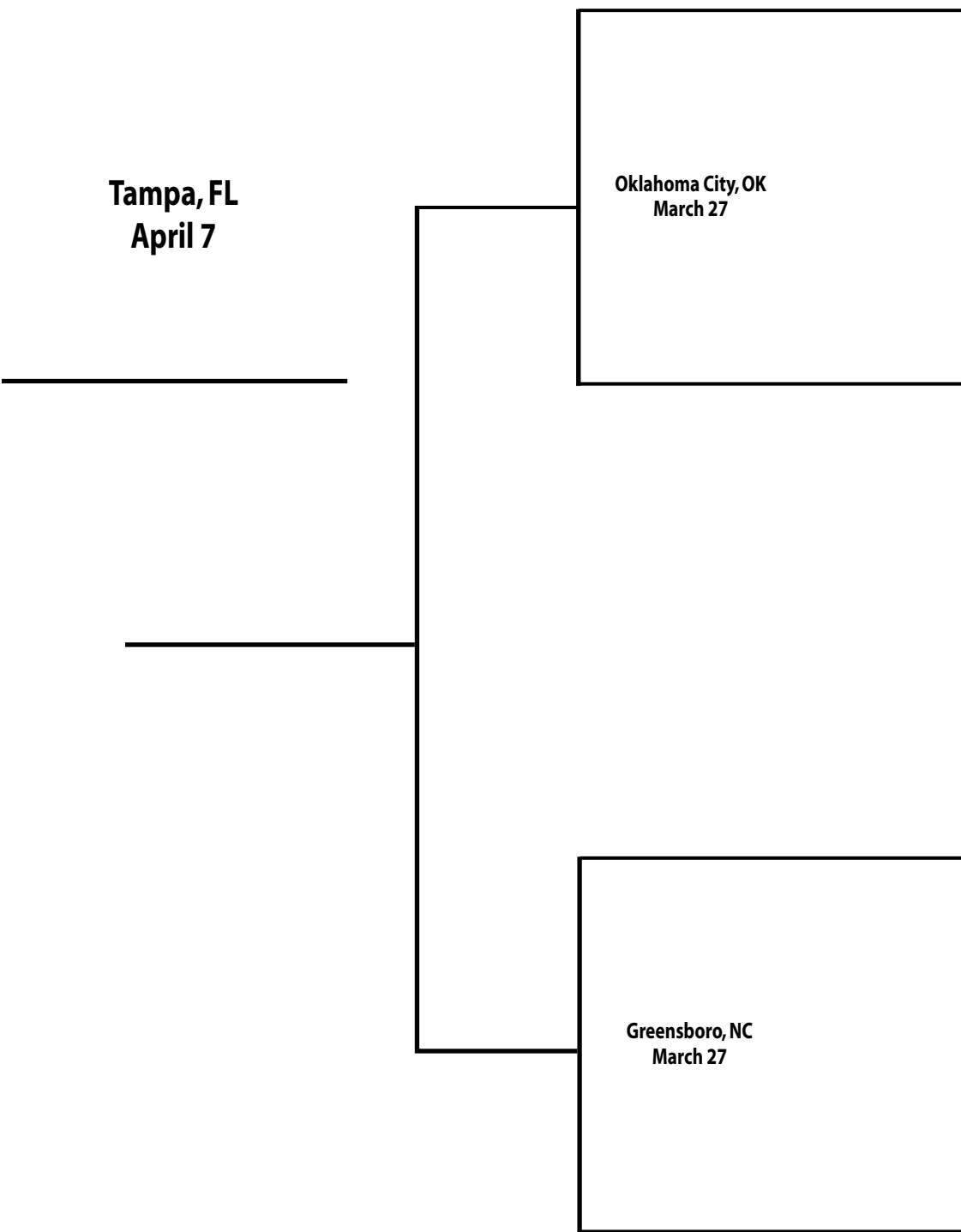
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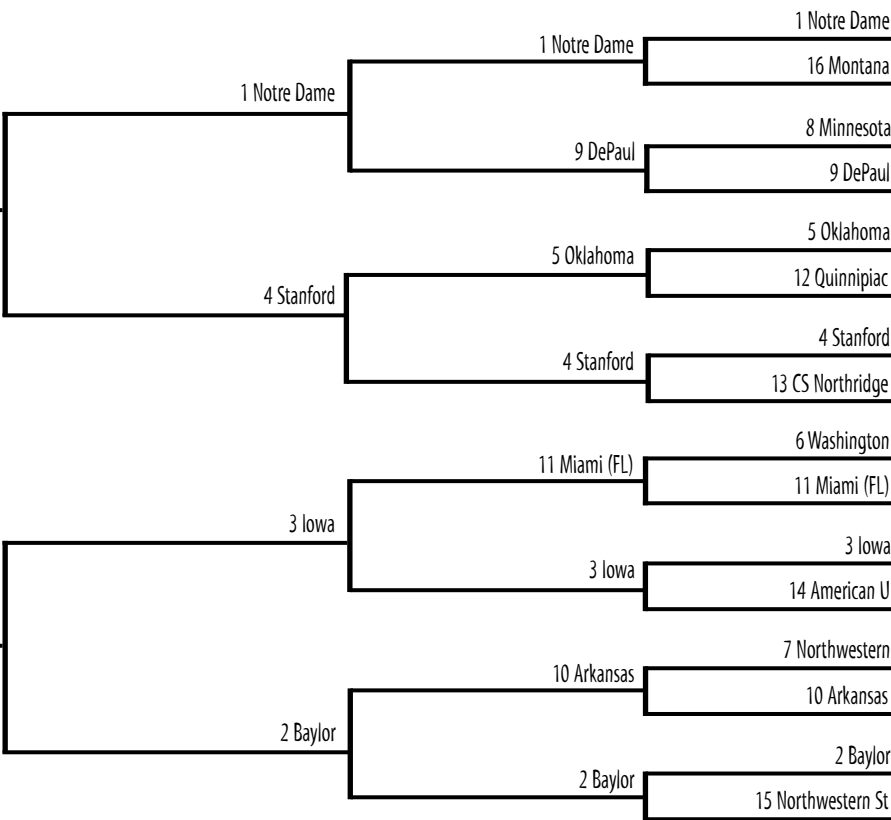




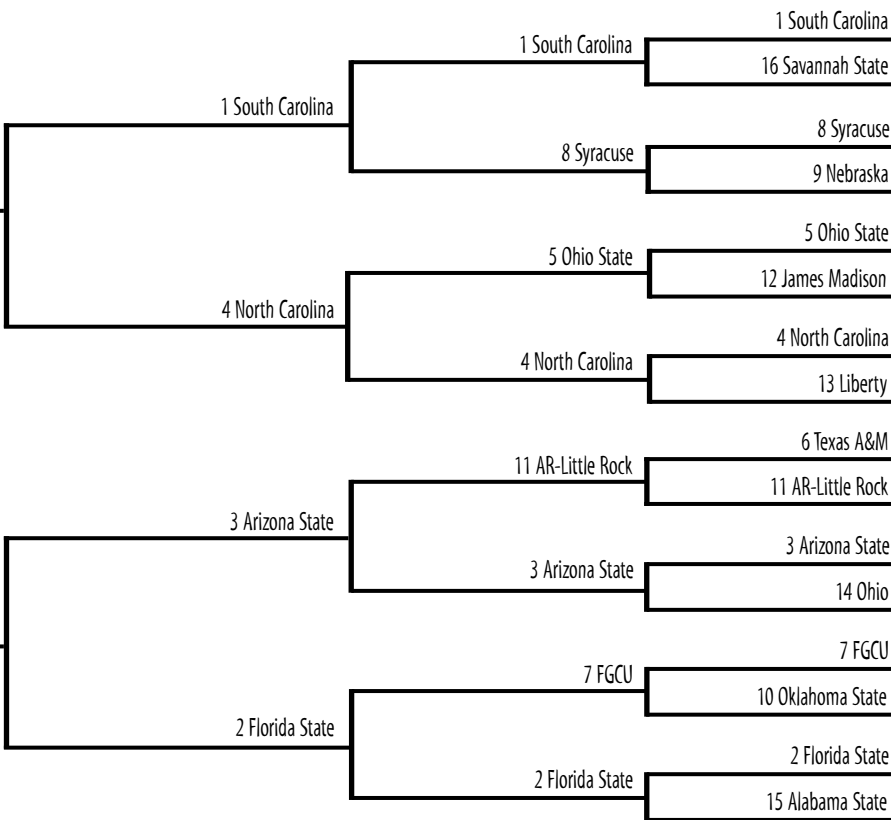
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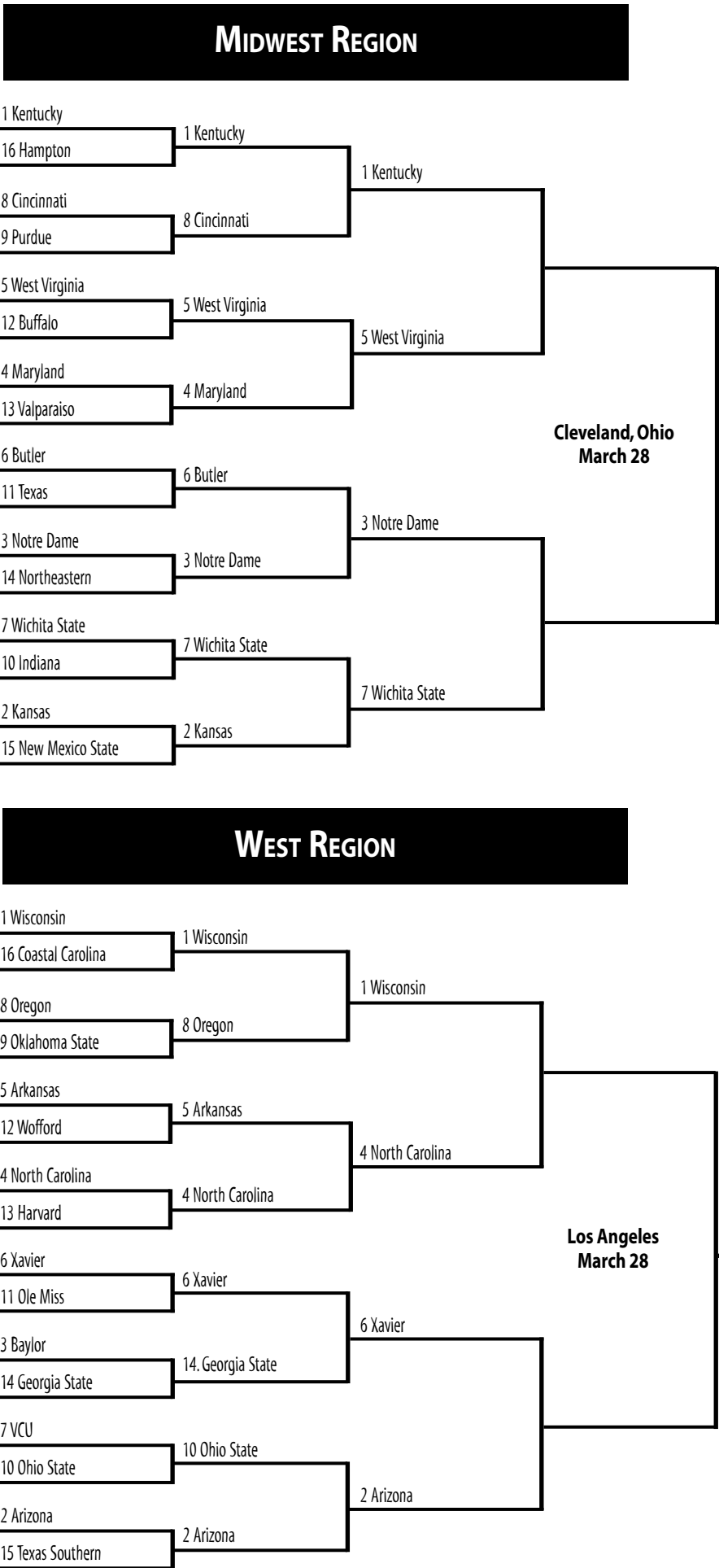


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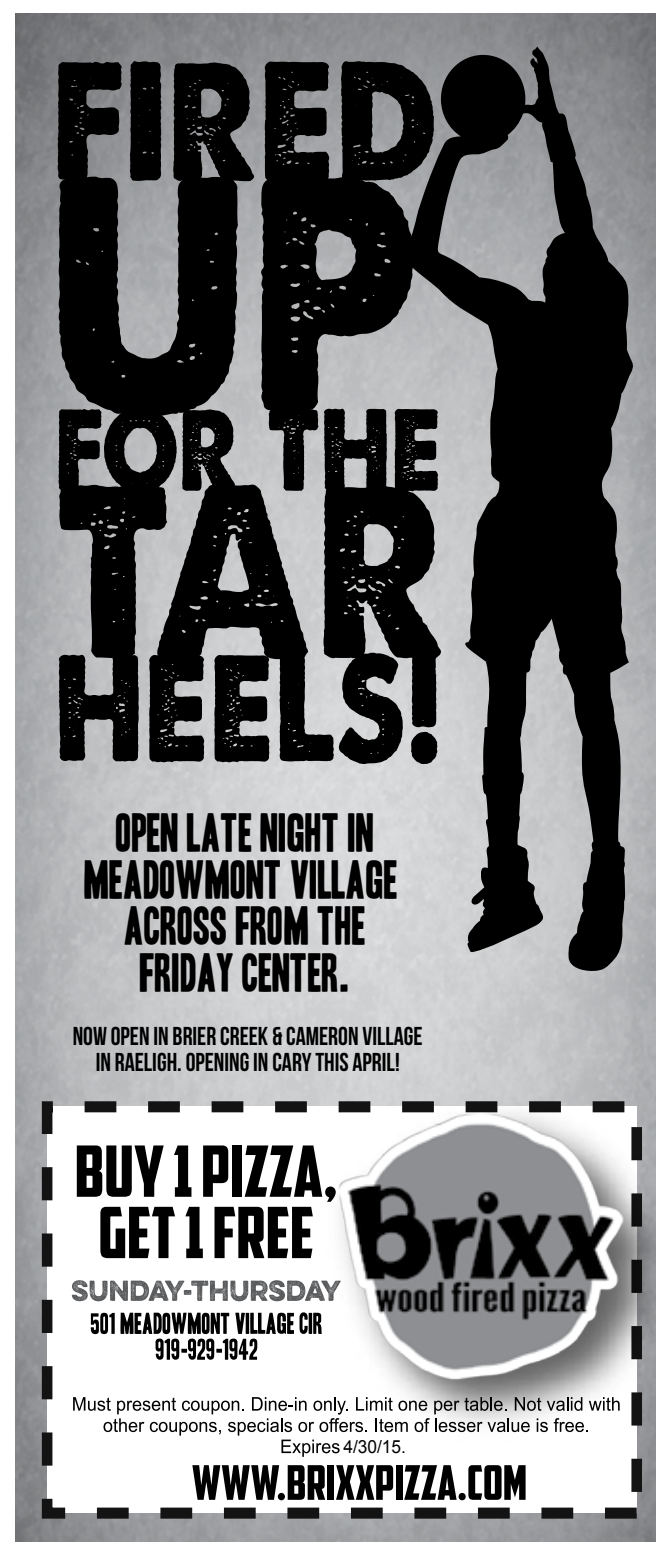
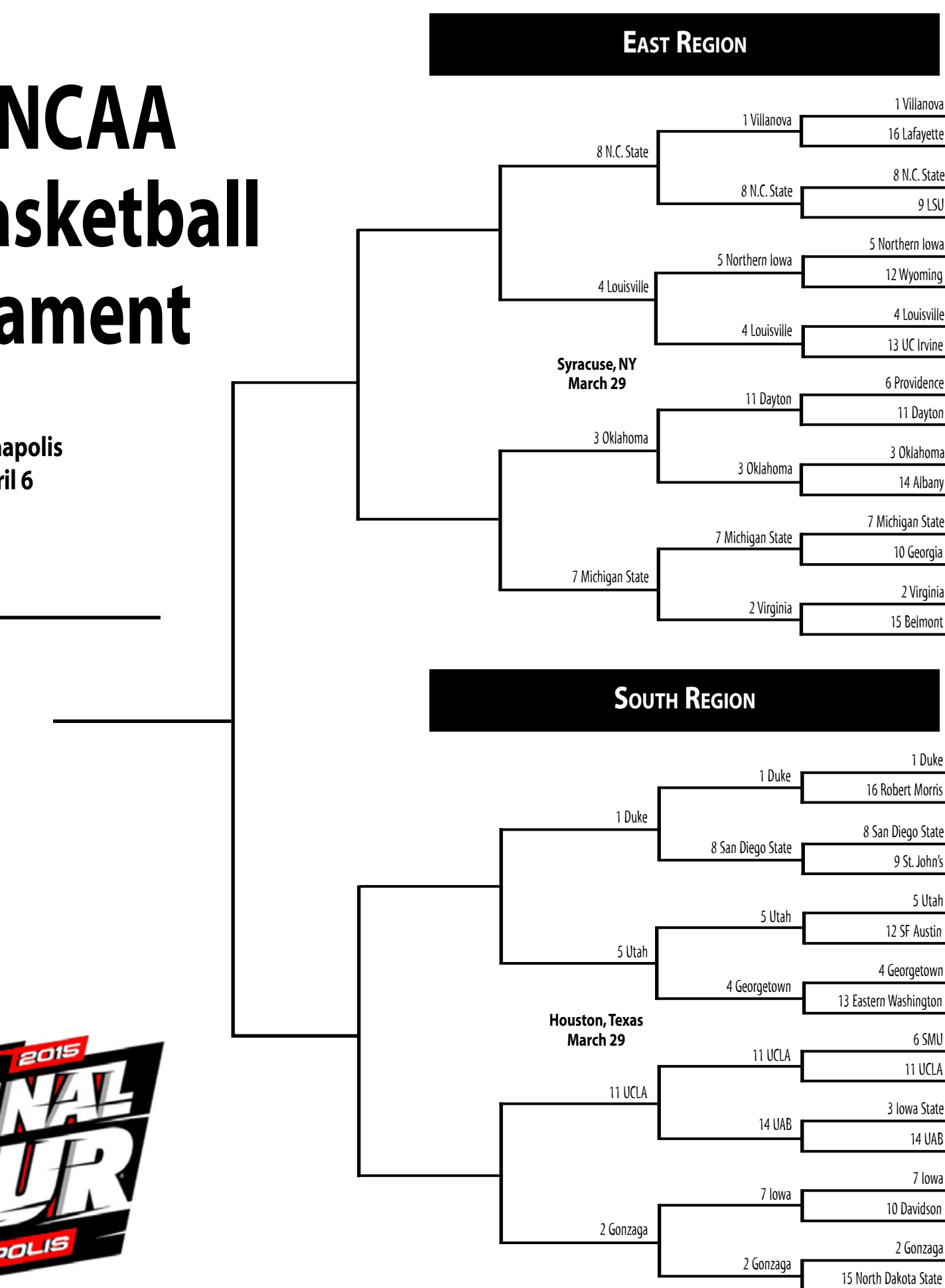
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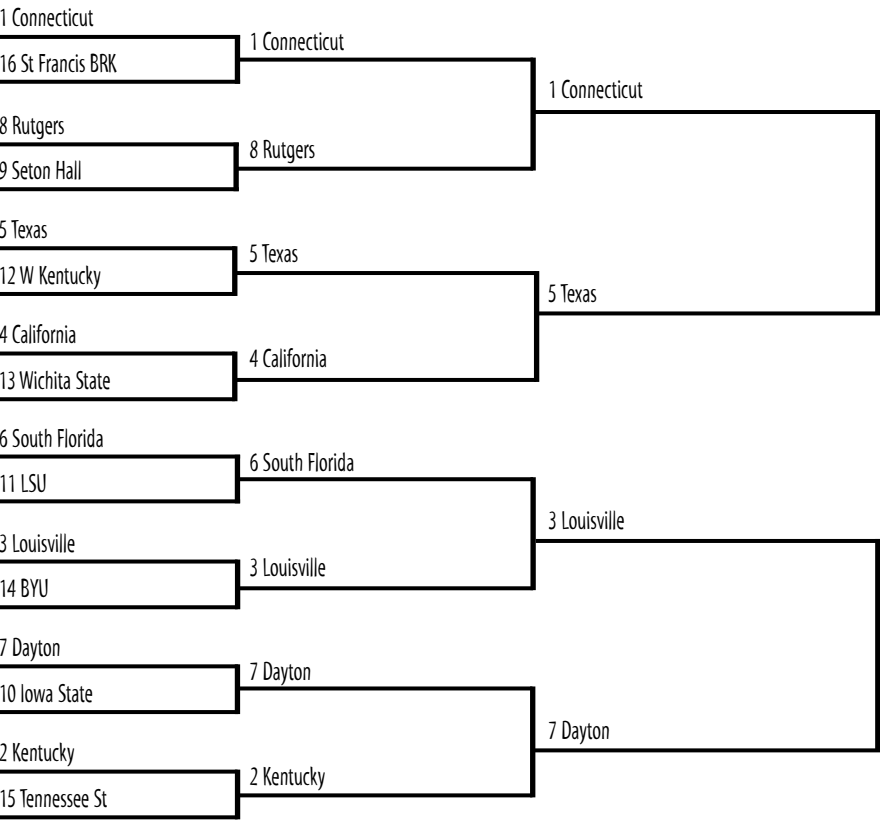
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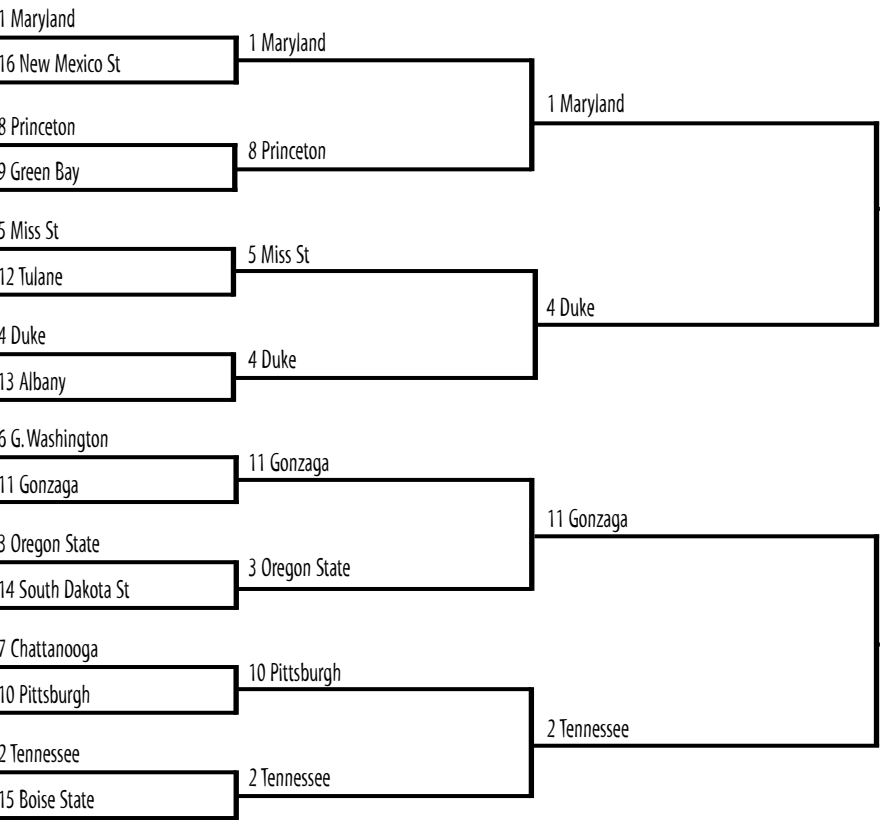
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Best Bartender

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Best Bar Bathroom

WINNER: Top of the Hill

Some things never change for Carolina's Finest voters. Top of the Hill once again takes home the award for taking the powder room experience seriously – as all serious establishments should. Thanks for leading by example TOPO! Other bar managers, restaurateurs, retailers, take heed. Please.

Best Theme Night

WINNER: Trivia at the Station

With trivia nights featured all over town this popular pastime is taken to a whole new level in the historic Carrboro train building that is now dubbed "the Station at Southern Rail." Terrible Trivia with Michael Matthews takes place every Tuesday at 8 p.m. With prizes awarded every round if you enjoy trivia, you've got to put it on your calendar for Tuesdays at the Station.

Best Meal After Midnight

WINNER: Toppers

CF is pretty sure it's the chocolate covered bacon sticks that won this award for one of the newest pizza joints in town. Or maybe it was the pizza with tater tots on top. The list of possibilities is long and CF encourages you to call them up and order for yourself already.

Best Place for a Microbrew

WINNER: Carolina Brewery

Come for the Sky Blue, stay for the seasonals. Carolina Brewery is celebrating 20 years in business, during which it has grown tremendously. In the past three years alone, Carolina Brewery has expanded operations across the Southeast.

Best "Most Chapel Hill" Hangout

WINNER: He's Not Here

He's Not takes this category for the second year in a row with voters. Now that we think about it, Carolina's Finest would like to start a petition that the town of Chapel Hill change its logo to a blue cup. Any takers?

Best Caffeine Fix

WINNER: Open Eye Café

A little off the beaten for Franklin Street fanatics, Open Eye Café offers an incredible caffeinated experience at 101 South Greensboro Street in Carrboro. Coffee is their passion, so much so that they even roast the beans on premises! Stop by for one of their handmade drinks, and let the taste speak for itself.

Best Place to Impress a Date

WINNER: 411 West

The Italian food of 411 West is enough to send you into a blissful coma. Everything is cooked to perfection and not a bad meal has been had. If you're looking to charm a foodie look no further than 411 West Franklin Street. The atmosphere is perfect for a date, whether it's your first or your last.



Best Date on a Budget

WINNER: YOPO

Not as expensive as a full meal, and more romantic because it can be eaten outside. Taking a date to YOPO often has the pleasant side effect of leading to a second date. So we hear.

Best Healthy Meal

WINNER: Med Deli

There's very little about Med Deli that doesn't draw foodie raves, so it's good to know that delicious and healthy can be found together on West Franklin Street, and in our very own Lenoir Dining Hall. The hummus, the gyros, the fataya, the olives and everything is so beloved. Add in reasonable prices, top-ranked catering services, and a casual dine-in vibe and Med Deli is the healthy meal go-to choice for Carolina's Finest voters.

Best Burger

WINNER: Buns

Wow, a round of applause of Buns' fifth year as Carolina's Finest best burger! We imagine Buns management matter-of-factly cutting another notch into the grill that serves up so much meaty happiness. It also gets kudos from readers for serving up amazing vegetarian options, such as the signature very veggie burger topped with avocado or their incredible grilled cheese.

Best Lunch Bargain

WINNER: Cosmic Cantina

A vegetarian burrito for three dollars! A steak burrito for less than seven dollars! Carolina's Finest voters are astounded at the incredible deals to be had at Cosmic, and even more so by the tasty, house-made, mole that they offer. Stop by the location on Franklin Street, or pick up one of the burritos at several convenient locations on UNC's campus.

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## Best Place to Watch a Game

### WINNER: He's Not Here

He's Not has had more than four decades to fine tune its game and become a legend in its own right. For students who were unlucky in the lottery, it is CF voters' favorite spot to kick back with other UNC fans and scream at the screen with joy and rage. The atmosphere is always charged on game day, and you'll want to experience it for yourself.

## Best Carolina Gear

### WINNER: Johnny T-Shirt

Do you want a shirt with the fight song on it? Or maybe a Carolina Guy Harvey? How about a jersey? Whatever you want, Johnny T-Shirt has it. With more than 30 years of staying power on Franklin Street, Johnny T-Shirt is a Chapel Hill institution that is still going strong for CF voters.

## Best Place to Live

### WINNER: Shortbread Apartments

They haven't even been open for two years and Shortbread Apartments have already won a spot in the hearts of Carolina's Finest voters. With high ceilings and modern furniture, the luxury apartments give off a Manhattan feel, so it's easy to see why. Residents get WiFi, cable and tanning included in their leases, perhaps sealing the win.

## Best Place to Live with Your Dog

### WINNER: Warehouse Apartments

Because of its willingness to be open to many pets, Warehouse Apartments has earned a reputation for being dog-friendly. Though it does not accept all shapes and sizes, the management has shown a willingness to work with residents which is always appreciated.



## Best Frozen Treat

### WINNER: YoPo

CF is wondering if it's time to retire YoPo's jersey. This is year 11 for the YoPo Carolina's Finest best frozen treat dynasty and we can't get enough. The YoPo crew is constantly delighting us with new, mouth-watering flavors. CF especially loves how toppings are carefully put inside the cup as well as on top.

## Best Bakery

### WINNER: Sugarland

This award-winning bakery has much more than just cakes — the full menu includes gelato, pastries, and cocktails to wash it all down. Sugarland has such a range of decadent sweet treats, you will have to make multiple visits to even begin to sample the menu. And here's to them for opening before noon, because there's nothing that goes better with a morning coffee than a cupcake!

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