

A CHANGE IN PERSPECTIVE

Theo Pinson's tumultuous ride back

By Jeremy Vernon
Assistant Sports Editor

Theo Pinson couldn't resist. As he flew off the bench to celebrate winning the 2016 Maui Invitational with his North Carolina teammates, he glanced over at head coach Roy Williams, who was giving a postgame interview to an ESPN reporter.

He needed to say something. Pinson broke away from the pack, snuck into frame and addressed the camera. UNC assistant coach Steve Robinson hadn't traveled with the team, and in his absence, the junior wing assumed his position on the bench.

"I just felt like I should have deserved a little salary for my assistant coaching job I had up there since Coach Rob was out," Pinson said.

This is the Theo Pinson most people know, and it's not something he's embarrassed about. During the Tar Heels' NCAA Tournament run last spring, he garnered as much attention crashing postgame press conferences and impersonating UNC football coach Larry Fedora as he did with his play on the court.

But 11 months removed from the tournament, Pinson has changed the monikers associated with him. He's no longer just "Theo the dancer" or "Theo the energy guy." Now he's "Theo the starter." The game-changer. The "glue guy" for a Tar Heel team on the cusp of its second straight outright ACC regular season title — which it'll try to clinch with a win Saturday night against No. 17 Duke.

It's a shift brought on by choice and circumstance. It's not how he, his teammates or his mother, Barbara Pinson, envisioned it, but maybe

that's OK. Maybe it's what he needed to show people who he really is.

"Theo has always been a great basketball player ..." Barbara said. "His path is just different. Sometimes things are meant to happen."

Something didn't feel right.

Ahead of a scrimmage in Fort Bragg in October, Theo told athletic trainer Doug Halverson about a pain in his right foot. It was bothering him some, but he could still play on it. And he did — at least for a little bit.

After hauling in a rebound and heading upcourt, Theo tried cutting behind teammate Justin Jackson. But when he planted on the hardwood, the feeling returned. X-rays followed, then the news: A broken fifth metatarsal.

Then came a decision. And as much as it hurt to admit, surgery and missing the first two months of the season was the way to go.

"It was (going to be) a good season, the breakout season for me that I thought I could have," Theo said. "I was playing well, feeling great and the confidence level was at an all-time high."

"And it just, snap, like that, you've gotta start all over again."

Theo's teammates knew how much it hurt, too. They saw the work he put in during the offseason and were ready to welcome him into the starting lineup.

They were ready for him to become more than what people assumed he would be.

"I know a lot of people see Theo on social media and in press conferences ... but I don't think everyone has gotten a chance to see him as

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Theo Pinson, a junior wing on the North Carolina men's basketball team, spent the first two months of the season on the bench nursing a broken foot. Since his return, he has not disappointed.

Students scramble for Duke game

Selling tickets is an Honor Code violation, but students still do it.

By Tiffani Gibbs
Staff Writer

With the UNC vs. Duke men's basketball game quickly approaching on Saturday, many students are willing to do almost anything to get a ticket.

Numerous Facebook posts can be found asking for tickets to the game in exchange for money or through trade.

One student, who wishes to remain anonymous, said he had four different offers for his Phase 3 ticket, and he sold it for \$140.

"I know it might be wrong, but I know I can make money off of students who have never been to a Duke game, and I have already

been to two," he said.

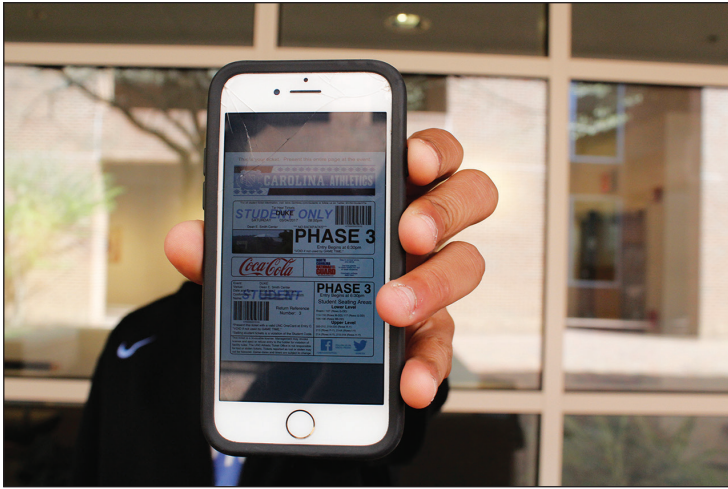
The student said he has sold tickets to the Duke game in previous years. He said he finds it astonishing how much people are willing to pay.

"It was so crazy that they were willing to pay \$200 for a Phase 5 ticket," he said.

Mayukh Sircar, the student attorney general for the UNC Graduate and Professional Schools, said in an email that exchanging tickets like that is a violation of the Honor Code.

"Any prohibited transfer, barter or resale of these tickets is strictly prohibited, will be considered a violation of University policy and will render the tickets void," the statement said.

Sophomore Nissa Coit said she wasn't aware that buying or selling student lottery tickets was a violation of the Honor Code and that she didn't see an issue with students selling them.



DTH/SARAH REDMOND

One senior has sold his basketball tickets for the last two years and claims he never realized it was against the Honor Code.

"I've seen a lot of posts, like people are selling their car for a ticket," first-year Daniel Lee said.

Senior Saad Khan said he

understands where the University is coming from. He believes the Duke game should be treated dif-

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Referendum passes for two governments

The plan for split government passed with 80 percent approval.

By Celia McRae and Molly Looman
Staff Writers

The referendum concerning the split between undergraduate, and graduate and professional student governments was approved on Thursday March 2 after a campus-wide vote.

With the passage of this referendum, the two groups will now have their own presidents, cabinets and their own senates. There will only be one student body president sitting on the Board of Trustees who will represent both the undergraduates and the graduate and professional students.

The referendum required a 50 percent plus one vote to pass and received around 80 percent of the vote, Board of Elections Chairperson Paul Kushner said.

Kushner said the election went as planned. "Other (than) the delay in announcing the results, tonight went the way it is supposed to go," Kushner said regarding the election results being reported two hours after they were expected.

Today's referendum only required a 50 percent plus one vote because it was proposed as a constitutional referendum from Student Congress. Past Graduate and Professional Student Federation referendums had to be put on the ballot themselves, meaning it required a two-thirds vote to pass.

This plan was constructed by student government, GPSF and Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Winston Crisp.

Madelyn Percy will serve as the graduate student government president for the 2017-

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UNCW professor to present on free speech

The event is sponsored by three conservative UNC organizations.

By Anish Bhatia
Staff Writer

UNC-Wilmington criminology professor and conservative political columnist Mike Adams will visit UNC on Monday to speak about the importance of free speech on college campuses.

Adams' speech, "Your Constitutional Right to be Offended," will be co-sponsored



Mike Adams is a criminology professor at UNC-Wilmington. He is speaking at UNC on Monday about people's right to free speech.

by Carolina Liberty Foundation, Carolina Review and the UNC College Republicans.

CEO of the Carolina Liberty Foundation and sophomore journalism student Alec Dent said hosting Adams will be well-suited to the mission of the foundation.

"As an educational nonprofit,

the Carolina Liberty Foundation seeks to introduce students to viewpoints with which they may not be familiar, from speakers who are experts in their fields," Dent said.

Adams has been criticized in the past, including when he published an article in September on the Daily Wire discussing a UNC-W student, Nada Merghani, and using the label "queer Muslim social justice warrior."

In a November interview with the Daily Tar Heel, Merghani said she was scared for her safety because of the article.

"To use an LGBT person's

name and talk about their sexuality without giving them the opportunity to say, 'Oh, maybe I don't want the information disclosed because I might not be outed this, you know, at this particular level,'" she said. "Or I don't want this information to be public."

Dent said although Adams has a reputation for controversial statements, his talk will be something college students can easily relate to.

"You don't have to agree with everything Dr. Adams says — and

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“ I’m leaving today cause I gotta do what’s best for me, you’ll be okay. ”
VANESSA HUDGENS

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SWERVE

Q&A with Kazooo It! organizers

First-years Quincy Godwin and Ethan Baechtold are feeling musical — the leaders of Global International Worldwide, Intl. are hosting the first ever Kazooo It! Friday at Wilson Library. Staff writer Michelle Dixon spoke with Goodwin and Baechtold about kazoos, social inhibitions and musical aspirations.

Daily Tar Heel: What was your inspiration for the event?

Ethan Baechtold: I think our inspiration came after the inception of the event. Shortly after Quincy and I met, we decided to create an event around our mutual love for kazoos. We went from shaking hands, an introduction, straight into Kazooo It!. I think if anyone can figure out the inspiration they should let us know. Ten points for that.

Quincy Goodwin: Our organization's name was founded shortly after Kazooo It!. Our organization name is called Global International Worldwide, Intl.

DTH: Why do you all want to

break down social barriers?

EB: On a more serious note, social inhibitions are a big problem. So we feel that our wacky events can help break down some of those social inhibitions people have through a mutual love of items like kazoos.

QG: Some other events that we posted that sort of break these social constraints that we're talking about include sling-shooting stuff into a place. We built a slingshot and launched shoes and fruit from it — very successful.

DTH: So why kazoos?

QG: It's really accessible.

EB: As two passionate musicians, we feel that kazoos are kind of the gateway instrument. It's very small, fits in your pocket.

QG: There's a thousand words in a kazoo, as they say.

DTH: Why are you all doing it at Wilson Library?

QG: It seems like a very good



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The first Kazooo It! event will happen Friday in front of Wilson Library.

place — it kind of has that stage presence. Anything they've ever done at Wilson sort of resounds with the public more so.

EB: Yeah, and we want our events to be very accessible to everyone on campus. Wilson is the very place for that to

happen. There's also steps, riser situation.

DTH: Do you all expect a large crowd?

QG: We expect to fill the quad.

DTH: How many kazoos did you all order?

EB: We ordered roughly 100 kazoos. A lot of the attendants told us they were bringing their own kazoos. Many of them ordered their own dozen or so.

QG: We originally had a BYOK event, bring your own kazoo.
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Louisville coach almost dragged a fan

Game night almost
turned into fight
night last week.

By Trevor Marks
Staff Writer

Most things went according to plan during last Wednesday's NCAA matchup between the Louisville Cardinals and UNC.

MOST things. But ONE thing did go wrong.

Before halftime, Louisville head coach Rick Pitino had to be restrained from getting in an altercation with a heckler in the stands, with security later ejecting the disgruntled fan.

So, of course, I have a few takeaways:

1. *The inner dialogue must have been crazy.*

As a fan, you expect to have a good time cheering for your favorite team while the players and coaches do their jobs.

So when an angry fan insults the opposing team's coach and the coach turns around to say a few words of his own, things can get a little out of hand.

Between the fans going crazy, Pitino heading toward the heckler, the heckler realizing things were about to get real and the Louisville assistants frantically holding back their boss from getting in a fist fight, the thoughts running through everyone's

minds at the time must have been incredible.

The fans loved it ... and hated it. The heckler might have been shook.

I can't even fathom just how furious Pitino was, because it takes a lot to make a grown man react in such a brash manner. I imagine he was on some Robert-De-Niro-talking-to-himself-shit, thinking, "Huh? Insult me? You don't Piti-know what you've gotten yourself into, punk!"

And those poor, innocent assistants. They just wanted to help coach a solid game plan against a dominant UNC squad, not hold back their boss from fighting some random fan. They were probably thinking "Oh Piti-NO!"

or something...

OK, that's enough bad puns for now.

2. *The cause of the altercation was silly.*

A simple, childish insult from one adult evidently was too much for Pitino to handle. The insult? "You suck."

Usually, a fair childhood punishment for saying such a no-no (more like a Piti-no-no, ha) word would be getting one's mouth washed out with soap.

But regardless of his reaction, the treatment of this insult was comical.

A Washington Post piece reviewing the incident treated "you suck" as some sort of disparaging curse word, instead opting to type "you s—."

During live coverage on ESPN, one sideline report also opted to censor the phrase by spelling out S-U-C-K instead. Following the game, a member of SportsCenter said that the insult rhymed with "you duck," which could imply that a legitimately bad word was said.

3. *It could have been worse. Much, much worse.*

Following the game, head coach Roy Williams apologized for the poor behavior from the fan. Pitino also seems to have put the incident behind him, stating, "North Carolina is a classy place, and one person doesn't speak for the rest of the people."

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POLICE LOG

• Someone committed larceny at the Rite Aid at 1800 E. Franklin St. at 5:33 p.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The person shoplifted

a bottle of wine, valued at \$13.99, reports state.

• Someone reported larceny from a vehicle at the 100 block of West Rosemary Street at 8:37 p.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The person entered the vehicle through an unlocked door and stole the center console, valued at \$200, and \$1,184 in cash from a Betty Boop wallet, reports state.

• Someone reported larceny from a vehicle at the 100 block of South Graham Street 10:39 a.m. Tuesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The person entered the vehicle and stole a camera, lenses and a studio light kit, valued at \$2,080 total, reports state.

• Someone committed assault with a deadly weapon at the 400 block of West Rosemary Street at 1:14 a.m. Tuesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The person attacked the victim with a bottle, reports state.

• Someone broke into and entered a residence with force at the intersection of Westminister Drive and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard at 10:19 a.m. Tuesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

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Take a musical tour of Carolina

In July of 2016, I started on an endless and impossible quest to compile every song that mentions North Carolina.

I was interning in Charlotte, where homemade Panthers- and Hornets-themed music videos seem endless. Feeling left out, I began searching for a song about my hometown of Concord, N.C. When my leads went dry, I decided the most practical next step was to amass as many songs about North Carolina as possible and search for Concord by process of elimination.

I started making lists on scrap paper. On the bus rides to my internship, these lists became playlists of geographically cohesive songs.

As the lists grew, I encountered more songs with a slightly more nuanced relationship to the state (The Mountain Goats’ “Moon Over Goldsboro,” for example, which references the N.C. town in the title but is set in Iowa), and I started collecting their context in an Excel spreadsheet.

Some of the songs I found seemed to just use North Carolina as a folksy backdrop with a convenient number of syllables and an association with the easily rhymable “pines.” But the most deeply personal songs I found, like the Carolina Chocolate Drops’ “Leaving Eden” and James Taylor’s “Copperline,” don’t paint a perfect picture of the state.

In 2010, Huffington Post published a blog declaring Petey Pablo’s “Raise Up” to be “the worst state rap anthem ever produced” and claiming North Carolina deserves better. First of all, I’m glad “state rap anthem” is getting the recognition it deserves as a verifiable genre. But “Raise Up” embodies all the traits I found in other moving songs about North Carolina: It’s catchy as hell. It doesn’t gloss over the state’s deep flaws (the locations Pablo mentions in the song are all locations of correctional facilities near Greenville). It’s entered the ever-extending list of unofficial UNC songs.

What kept me coming back to this never-ending compilation was my search for a Concord song. I found one where I should have looked first: with The Avett Brothers.

“In the Curve” is a bonus track off the band’s 2007 album “Emotionalism,” and the last lines of the song explicitly set it in Concord: “And now we’re just talking/ We’re hitch hiking walkin’/ We’ll see you in Concord tonight.”

And it feels like Concord. From the steady, rolling rhythm to the scratchy vocals, I finally heard my hometown.

By the time I found my Concord song, I reached more than 70 songs about North Carolina. My next challenge was finding a way to organize it. I settling on taking this mass of mildly organized music and building a tuneful tour of North Carolina.

With not much besides nostalgia and geography linking them together, it’s a weird journey from Sonic Youth’s “Chapel Hill” to Charles Kuralt and Loonis McGlohon’s “Tar Heel Places,” but it’s a nice one.

Online readers, I’ve attached this musical tour map below. Print readers, thank you for reading a newspaper.

3/6: Kvetcher in the Rye
Benji Schwartz writes about U.S. politics and culture.

EDITORIAL CARTOON BORDERS Illustrated Editorial by Savannah Faircloth



Why I still hate Duke

The follow-up to the timeless “Why I hate Duke” column.

Editor’s note: Ian Williams, a 1990 UNC alum, was a columnist for The Daily Tar Heel when he wrote the iconic column “Why I Hate Duke.” The column ran Jan 17, 1990. That night, the Tar Heels stomped the Blue Devils by 19.

This column was written in 2007 as a follow-up. For more DTH coverage of all things UNC-Duke, check out our topic page.

I always hated it when alumni came back and waxed rhapsodic about their undergrad years. “Yes,” I would always think to myself, “I know there were kegs in the dorms, I know there was free love outside Bingham Hall, I know that everyone sung in harmony about a perfect world, blah blah blah...”

So why listen to me, you might ask? Well, usually in this spot, the DTH runs an old chestnut I wrote about Why I Hate Dook. I had a Wednesday column back in the Bronze Age of 1990, and I told the story of how my high school visit to Durham turned into a flaming pyre of white-hot hostility.

When the piece ran, I thought my friends would disparage the obviousness of it — writing a column about hating Dook? Jesus, that’s like shooting barrelsfuls of cod! Instead, the column ended up on refrigerators across the Piedmont, and it taught me two lessons. First, don’t overthink your duties; and second, never underestimate the hatred for Durham Clown College.

A whole cottage industry has since grown out of the UNC/Dook rivalry; two big-selling books, endless coverage on ESPN and gigabytes of Photoshopped files featuring Mike Kryshwqhsdkdi. What used to be private disgust is now a public phenomenon, and it raises the question: is Dook still worth



Ian Williams
DTH Columnist in 1990

Go Heels, beat Dook.

hating?

I assumed, like everyone does, three things would happen to me once I graduated. My views would become more conservative, I wouldn’t be allowed to sleep past 10 a.m. anymore and my passion for beating Dook would gradually drift away. I would grow hair on my ears and suddenly think sitcoms were funny.

I’m here to tell you these things don’t necessarily happen. I grew more obnoxiously liberal, I got a writing gig with flexible mornings and my eye-twitching contempt of Dook’s basketball team grew even more intense. They seem to manufacture loathsome jerks year after year.

How can you watch any random press conference of Koach K and not feel this man is a modern-day Narcissus so fixated on success that he’s happy to throw his own players under the bus? A tightly-wound mess of resentment and profanity, the toxic combination of a control freak with a thinly-veiled persecution complex?

Yes, I was a psych major. And believe me, I wouldn’t bet three cups of snot there isn’t some person just like me in the other camp, the Dook fan who has his own dime-store theories on why Carolina is a blight on the athletic world. But I wouldn’t trade places if the Buddha himself showed up wearing a navy blue unitard.

I’ll tell you why: I got to choose my church. Having grown up without an organized religion, I adopted the Carolina Way. I adhered to the Dean-Gut-Roy belief system, and incorporated it everywhere: doing things the right way; playing hard, smart and together; valuing your family above all.

We all burst from Chapel Hill in a plume of gorgeous blue smoke, wafting to all corners of the globe where other like-minded souls await. The “sky-blue mafia” has beds for you in Manhattan, an internship in Hollywood, a coffee in Prague, and we’ll let you get in front of us in line at the K&W in Rocky Mount.

There is no old boy’s network, no secret handshake. All we share is an affection for a town on a hill, and this: when we see Dookies clogging our TV, our lips curl and we seethe a little inside. The week of the big game, we find ourselves canceling appointments.

Is Dook still worth hating? Take a look at Sean Dockery slugging Tyler in the mouth. Spend a Saturday night next door to a Dook fraternity. Find yourself in the midst of the Kameron Krazies, a numbnut group of ravenously twee dorks who shellac their nipples with blue food coloring, scream cruel and deeply unfunny crap at opposing teams, then jump up and down with the mindless lockstep of the Communist military.

There’s just so much to despise! Every religion must have its Devil, and ours are Blue. Dook is the gift that keeps on giving, and whether you’re in an 8 a.m. Econ class trying to stay awake, or in your nursery trying to get your daughter to sleep, we’re in it together. Break his ankles, Ty! Punch it home, Rey! God bless them Tar Heel boys!

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Our wacky events can help break down some of those social inhibitions people have through a mutual love of items like kazooos.”

Ethan Baechtold, on the social impact of Kazooos It!

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

“America is so deeply flawed, because of white people, that only leftist policy prescriptions can save us.”

hammeroftruth, on an op-ed about viewing the alt-right historically

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mike Adams speech is not a trap for liberals

TO THE EDITOR:

In response to Joe Swain’s letter published on March 1 in The Daily Tar Heel:

Mr. Swain referred to the invitation of Dr. Mike Adams as an unintentional “trap,” laid for campus liberals.

I recognize that Dr. Adams is somewhat controversial, so as CEO of the Carolina Liberty Foundation and editor-in-chief of Carolina Review, two co-sponsors for the event, I thought I’d elucidate the reasons my organizations invited Dr. Adams to UNC.

At a time when conservatives and liberals alike fear being silenced for their political views, there is arguably no issue more important than free speech.

With that in mind, the Carolina Liberty Foundation has sought to invite speakers to UNC who have fought against a system that attempted to silence them.

Earlier this semester we hosted the famed social rights activist Chen Guangcheng, who fought for the rights of women and the poor in China.

For his efforts, he was imprisoned and tortured by the Chinese government.

While never imprisoned, Dr. Adams has experience with censorship as well here in the United States. He was denied a full professorship at UNC-W on the basis of his conservative views. That’s not my opinion, that’s not Dr. Adams’ opinion, that’s what a federal court decided in 2014.

He also won an important court case in the early aughts when the university illegally investigated his private emails, and was the subject of yet another court case in 2011, when the Fourth Circuit court ruled that professors have full first amendments rights outside of the classroom as well, meaning universities cannot discriminate against or punish professors for what they say in speeches or published articles.

Dr. Adams has certainly said controversial things in the past, some of which I don’t agree with, but there is no denying he is an authority on free speech in a college setting.

He will be speaking on March 6 at 7 p.m. in room 2420 of the Student Union, and all are invited to attend.

Slightly off topic, there will be free food provided from Time Out.

Whether you choose to listen to Dr. Adams or protest him, you won’t have to do so on an empty stomach.

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kvetch:

v.1 (Yiddish) to complain

So who would have guessed that our system President would have more balls standing up to Republicans than the Chancellor? Dear Carol, leadership requires commitment to, you know, stated principles and stuff.

Seriously people, if you have any stupid thing you do that you know in your heart jinxes our Heels, please do not do it until after this weekend. To my roommate, if this means wearing your underwear from tonight all the way through the weekend, do it. I won’t mind.

Seriously white boys, I don’t want to go blind. Even if it is 80, keep your shirts on for the sake of all of our retinas until you have a chance to tan over break.

When a new friend says Neil Patrick Harris was a better Count Olaf than Jim Carrey and you can’t decide whether to stick it out and show them the light or bail out.

Can everyone here PLEASE stop being so engaging, well-adjusted and gorgeous? Falling in love three-to-five times a week doesn’t make long-distance relationships any easier.

Dear UNC HR, we don’t need an expensive glossy flier’splaining the value of our benefits. Many better ways to spend that promotional \$\$.

Ah, Springtime! The season of romance, unseasonably warm weather and thirsty, thirsty kvetches.

On one hand, it’s somewhat alarming to watch Student Government collapsing. On the other, it’s an amusing distraction from watching the actual government collapsing; so \(*_*)/

I wish I could be perpetually high and pretend that life doesn’t exist.

People thought today was my birthday but it wasn’t! I’m just hoarding birthday balloons like a celebration-inclined dragon!

Everything is getting worse.

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Sucks that for every article that mentions “Moonlight’s” Best Picture win, “La La Land” will inevitably be mentioned as well ... it doesn’t need anymore attention tbqh.

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Grounds crew shifts plan for warmer weather

They are more worried about the influx of pests.

By Preston Lennon
Staff Writer

Recent fluctuations in weather — namely, the increased number of 70 degree days in February — have the potential to shake up the UNC Grounds Service's routine in the coming weeks. "It's not so much that it's warmer," said Thomas Bythell, University arborist. "It's that it might get colder." Bythell's responsibilities include overseeing the 4,000 to 5,000 acres of land UNC owns all over Orange County. Bythell and his department

are thinking about the possibility that cold weather could return and make things difficult for the grounds crews, who have already started some spring operations. Bythell said his division is always at the mercy of the weather — and this year is no different. "It just flows," he said. "We bend like a reed in the wind with the weather because we don't really have a choice." His department is adapting to the recent warm weather by moving up their schedule. Fertilizing and other plant treatments are already underway, and lawn mowing has started earlier than usual. "If winter goes out like a lamb, then it shouldn't be a problem," Bythell said. "But, if it goes out like a lion, with two weeks of below freezing

temperatures, everything's going to go backward. But for general plant health, it's not that big of a deal." Bythell was confident the unusual warmth would not dramatically interfere with his department's plans. "To be honest, most of our guys are loving it. It's great working weather," he said. One thing he was concerned about was the influx of pests that accompany warm periods. He said insects were expected to start emerging soon, which will trigger a strong response from Grounds Services. "We have a philosophy here at UNC. It's called IPM: integrated pest management," he said. "We don't just broad spectrum spray stuff on campus. We don't say, 'well it's late March so let's start spray-

ing the azaleas.' We only spray when pests are present above a tolerable level." IPM is a more environmentally friendly alternative to heavy pesticide use and is one example of the steps taken by Grounds Services to ensure a seamless transition from winter into spring. UNC grounds workers are working hard to ensure the campus maintains healthy grounds despite the volatile weather. They've had to be on their game because of the early blooming. "With the warmer weather, everything's coming back so there's more work to do," said Chris Burnette, an employee of UNC Grounds Services. Students are affected by the warmer conditions too. Sophomore Chad Smith said he thinks people have been



DTH/MARISA RAUWALD
Changing weather and an abnormally warm February have affected the way UNC Grounds Services is working on campus.

happier since the weather changed, and he hopes that it doesn't turn around and get cold again. "I started wearing shorts earlier in the year than I have in the past," he said. "Not as many winter clothes and jackets just because it's so nice out."

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Law enforcement takes stand on immigration

Local authorities affirm support for immigrants in N.C.

By Jordyn Connell
Staff Writer

Fears have been circulating that Orange County and Chapel Hill law enforcement is partnering with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement by setting up checkpoints that target undocumented people residing in the area. Irena Como, staff attorney at the ACLU of North Carolina, said if local law

enforcement has an agreement with ICE, they could contact them about an undocumented person at a checkpoint if that person had a previous criminal record. But the Orange County Sheriff's Office said in a statement it will not act like immigration enforcement agencies. "We will put fear and bias aside and treat all people with the respect and courtesy they deserve," the statement said. Capt. Joshua Mecimore, spokesperson for the Chapel Hill Police Department, said there will be no checkpoints in collaboration with ICE in the town. A rumored checkpoint in

Chapel Hill on Erwin Road was untrue, Mecimore said. "We've had some confusion in thinking that speed enforcement has something to do with checkpoints," he said. "Those are two very different things." Orange County Sheriff Charles Blackwood said immigrants have nothing to fear from his office. "If we do any checkpoints, like a driver's license checkpoint, we're not doing that for immigration purposes," he said. There are patterns by which cars are stopped at checkpoints, such as stopping every third car, Blackwood said.

"(This is) so that officers don't have the discretion to only stop the cars they want to," Mecimore said. Como said it would be a violation of the Fourth Amendment for officers to set up checkpoints without cause to target specific populations. Mecimore said officers would only inquire about nationality if an individual's embassy requires the officer to report arrests, or if they are in the system. President Donald Trump's executive order has not changed local law enforcement policies, Mecimore said. The Chapel Hill police will continue to work with local

"We will continue to work hard to build good relationships with everyone in our community."

Capt. Joshua Mecimore
Spokesperson for the Chapel Hill Police Department

organizations like El Centro Hispano to encourage immigrants to attend Faith ID drives, he said. "That helps them use that ID around the community in different situations," he said. Informational checkpoints, which might be set up near break-ins, would most likely not require ID to be shown, Blackwood said. Checkpoints must be approved by a supervisor and

their chain of command, and there must be a statistical need for them, he said. Mecimore said after the checkpoint is held, the department follows up to determine if it improved safety. "We will continue to work hard to build good relationships with everyone in our community, including immigrants," Mecimore said.

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PINSON

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a player,” junior guard Joel Berry said back in October. “I know what Theo can do and it just sucks because we were expecting a lot from him.”

But Theo had a plan. After surgery, he met with Williams and the rest of the coaching staff. He told them he didn’t want to sit at the end of the bench. He still wanted to help his teammates.

So when North Carolina came out of the tunnel for its season opener on Nov. 11, there was Theo, acting as a buffer between the roster and the coaching staff. He looked like a coach — the suit, the glasses, the charisma. His voice carried like one, and he made sure to use it.

He did it to show his teammates he wasn’t going anywhere. He was still going to be there for them.

“I’m not trying to have my own pity party ...” Theo said. “I don’t want anybody to feel sorry for me. I don’t want to bring anybody down because

I’m not out there.”

For the next 15 games, Theo played out his role as a temporary assistant. He’d tell his teammates things they were missing, when to flash off screens and where to cut on inbound plays. He’d even crouch down in a defensive stance right there on the sidelines.

“I think he was involved in every game he was on the bench,” Williams said. “I had to get him out of my way. The referees, a couple times, had to tell him to get out of the way. But I think that’s just Theo.”

Theo was set to make his return against N.C. State on Jan. 7, but winter weather in Chapel Hill pushed the game to the next afternoon — another delay in a season already filled with setbacks.

But at 1 p.m. on Jan. 8, it was time. The world was about to know who “Theo the player” was.

Zero.

In his big debut against

the Wolfpack, Theo missed all his field goal attempts and was held scoreless on the day. But he pretty much did everything else.

He finished the day with five assists, five rebounds and a team-high four steals. It wasn’t sexy by any means, but it’s the type of performance that showed he could help the team in several different ways.

“Me and Sean (May) talk about it before I go out for the game,” Theo said after UNC’s win over Florida State on Jan. 14. “Every day, make plays. And I try to do that. And that’s just not scoring.”

Over the next few weeks, Theo flashed even more of the potential his teammates saw in the offseason. A double-double against the Seminoles. Seven points, five assists and five rebounds at Syracuse. He was changing perceptions, all while helping UNC to a seven-game winning streak.

But then it happened again. Against Virginia Tech on Jan. 26, Theo rolled his ankle and was forced back to the sidelines. It was frustrating, sure,

but he wasn’t about to let that show. When the team took the court against Miami two days later, he was back to leading them from the sidelines.

“That’s just a characteristic — I can’t explain it — he has always had ...” Barbara said. “Some people can easily be down on themselves and not figure out other ways to help the team or help others, but he always seemed to figure that out.”

Theo came back a week and a half later, and when the Tar Heels took on N.C. State the next week, he found his way into the starting lineup for the first time all season.

It’s where he wanted to be, but not how he wanted to get there. The day before, sophomore guard Kenny Williams injured his knee in practice. After the game, Roy Williams announced he would have surgery and likely miss the rest of the season.

The news particularly stuck a chord with Theo, who made sure to check in with him shortly after he got out of surgery.

“I just feel bad for the kid,” he said. “He put so much into it, he gave us so much this year, and (I hate) to see it just taken away from him like that.”

It’s a situation Pinson could relate to, and one he felt compelled to talk about with his teammate. No matter who it was on the bench, Theo was going to be there for each one of his brothers.

Inside the inner-workings of the Smith Center, in a room used primarily for pre-game meals and postgame interviews, an image of the 2015-16 UNC men’s basketball team covers one wall. In the center is Theo, a snippet of net tied onto his hat and a grin surfacing on his face, holding the 2016 NCAA East Regional Champion trophy.

It’s a reminder of what Theo and his teammates were able to do last season, but also of what they didn’t. It served as motivation for him during the offseason, when he put

in hundreds of hours making sure that if they had a chance to go back and finish the job, he’d help them do so.

Those ambitions were put on hold at the beginning of the season, but instead of derailing everything, the injuries put things into perspective. If UNC ends up winning it all this season, it’d mean that much more to Theo.

“Just all the work I put in to just get back, get back and come back stronger than I did leaving,” he said. “I definitely think I’d break down. It’s been a journey, it’s been a ride.”

For Theo and the rest of the North Carolina men’s basketball team, the ride is far from over. There will be so much more — obstacles, setbacks, nicks and cuts and time toiling on the trainer’s table — en route to their ultimate goal.

But if all goes according to plan, he’ll add one more moniker to the list.

Theo the national champion.

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TICKETS

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ferently than others.

“I think in this case either you make it more successful for people to get in the game so you don’t have that problem, or you don’t police it,”

Khan said.

“There’s a lot of people where (buying a ticket) might be their only opportunity to go.”

First-year Jenni Anna said she believes the University puts restrictions on selling and buying student lottery

tickets so the process is fair to everybody. She said if people cannot afford to buy a ticket to the game, then it would be unfair to them if others were allowed to buy and sell their tickets from the lottery.

Khan said the need for

Duke tickets intensifies as a senior. Many of his friends did not get a ticket for Saturday’s game and have been trying to get them.

“I do know seniors who didn’t get Duke tickets or haven’t gotten Duke tickets at all, and I feel bad for them

because it’s not really fair,” Khan said.

Khan said he believes every student should have the opportunity to go to a UNC-Duke game before they graduate. He said he wishes the University would make it more accessible for

students to go to the game because it is such a big part of UNC’s culture.

“I think that people who want to go to the game should go to the game — bottom line,” he said.

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ADAMS

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I don’t — to see that what he’s fighting for is good for all of us, and he may be conservative, but his cases set important precedents for how universities can treat someone of any political persuasion,” Dent said.

He said Adams has defended his right to free speech well in the past.

“He’s taken UNC-W to court on three occasions to defend his right to speak his mind as an employee of the university, winning each time — including one instance where he sued for full professorship, arguing that he’d been denied because of his vocal political views, an argument a federal court agreed with,” he said.

Sophomore Jake

“I think it’s really important to have open dialogue and debates ... ”

Jake DiMartinis

Sophomore

DiMartinis, who plans on attending, said he believes open dialogue is important in reaching resolutions and compromise.

He said he thinks everyone can learn something from the event.

“I think it’s really important to have open dialogue and debate so we can work through the problems we face in our communities and in our country, as a whole,” DiMartinis said. “But that can’t happen when as soon as a conservative opens up his or her mouth, he or she is im-

mediately silenced and cast off as being ‘bigoted.’”

First-year Tarik Woods is attending because of his interest in free speech.

“Simply put, because I believe strongly in the First Amendment, I would like to hear what he has to say whether I agree or not,” Woods said. “Just because I don’t agree with his interpretations doesn’t mean I can’t learn from them.”

The event will take place from 7-9 p.m. Monday in Student Union room 2420.

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ELECTIONS

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2018 academic year.

“I am excited for the opportunity to work with my fellow graduate and professional students, the undergraduates and administration to ensure that graduate and professional student voices are represented on campus,” Percy said.

All other offices except student body president were voted on today.

The student body president election is halted indefinitely after a complaint was filed on Tuesday against the BOE by Travis Broadhurst, who is running a write-in campaign for student body president.

The current candidates

for student body president, Maurice Grier and Elizabeth Adkins, are still allowed to campaign, but both have hearings in front of the BOE today.

Karli Krasnipol won the election for senior class president.

She was a write-in candidate and will have Aaron Epps as her senior class vice president. He was also a certified write-in.

Krasnipol said she views this as an important part of her senior year.

“I’m incredibly excited, running a write-in campaign was definitely an intimidating task,” Krasnipol said.

Hiren Gihwala was elected to serve as the president of the Residence Hall Association. Christina

“...running a write-in campaign was definitely an intimidating task.”

Karli Krasnipol

Senior class president

Cupello will fill the position of Carolina Athletic Association President.

Positions on Student Congress were also filled for districts 1, 2, 3, 6, 7 and 8. Districts 1, 4 and 5 still have seats yet to be filled.

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Across
1 Outdo
5 So far
11 "Happy Valley" aier
14 Joie de vivre
15 Ethically indifferent
16 Spat ending
17 Dart
18 No Clue
20 Friction reducer
21 Benin neighbor
22 Most Rwandans
23 No Clue
27 Snowboard feature
28 Brass band sounds
31 Money in Miyazaki
33 Free org. for law students
34 Rob Roy, for one
35 "Whatever"
38 No Clue
41 Poet inspired by the Battle of Baltimore
42 Trapezoid measure
44 Brooklyn pro
45 Droop
47 Home of the "All-Natural Burger"
49 Bobby who lost to Billie Jean in the Battle of the Sexes
53 No Clue
57 Riksbank currency
59 Flower from the Greek for "rainbow"
60 "Lenore" poet
61 No Clue
64 When

repeated, an "Animal House" chant
65 Latin trio word
66 Epoch when modern mammals emerged
67 Swindle
68 Its debut Apr. 1971 broadcast covered Senate hearings on the Vietnam War
69 Periods of growth
70 Area 51 phenomena ... or what five puzzle answers are?

Down
1 Muddles
2 Family name in Jane Austen's "Persuasion"
3 Hand
4 Explosive stuff
5 Lake straddling a Western border
6 Tag Heuer competitor
7 Sorrow
8 "Entourage" agent Gold
9 Sea follower?

10 Hebrew God
11 Infantry equipment carrier
12 Color on le drapeau français
13 Animated film primarily set in Radiator Springs
19 Some heels
21 Laid-back
24 V-J
25 Taiwanese tea drink
26 Quicken product
29 Plot device?
30 Bachelor pad, perhaps
32 Raphael or Leonardo, in fiction
33 -rock music
35 Cheese go-with
36 Dead-ball : early baseball period

37 Judge's address
39 Prefix with scope
40 Sandwich and Salisbury VIPs
43 As company
46 Jazz pianist Evans
48 Play grounds?
50 Disappear
51 Bit of baby talk
52 Tiptoes, say
54 Backseat driver, e.g.
55 Spinner of "Star Trek: T.N.G."
56 Buenos
57 Mongol sovereign
58 Increase, with "up"
62 Hack
63 "ER" setting
64 Play about Capote

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Tar Heels end era at ACC Tournament

UNC’s season likely over with 19-point loss to Syracuse on Thursday

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By C Jackson Cowart
Sports Editor

CONWAY, S.C. — Perhaps this is the end.

Maybe, after two years rebuilding, this is the inflection point. Maybe this is the end of a precipitous fall. The moment when two seasons of tumult are retired with one collective sigh.

The North Carolina women’s basketball team was a day removed from an upstart victory over Pittsburgh. But as Syracuse bled the final minutes of its 83-64 win over UNC on Thursday, the Tar Heels simply bided their time.

Soon, it would all be over.

“When it comes down to those seven, eight minutes and we’re losing by more than 20,” guard Paris Kea said, “we kind of realize that we just have to build on our weaknesses for next year.”

Another exhaustive effort from Jamie Cherry and Kea couldn’t

offset a 29-point performance from ACC Player of the Year Alexis Peterson, as Syracuse (21-9, 11-5 ACC) was hardly threatened through 40 minutes on Thursday.

For North Carolina (15-16, 3-13 ACC), it was an inconsequential loss in a long string of crippling ones.

Four years ago, the trajectory of the program was skyward. UNC secured the top recruiting class in the nation — for the next four years, at least, the Tar Heels would be perennial contenders. And for a season, they were. Even with head coach Sylvia Hatchell away from the team, the team was on the doorstep of the 2014 Final Four.

Then Diamond DeShields, UNC’s leading scorer, transferred to Tennessee. A year later, under the cloud of an NCAA investigation, the other three followed suit: Allisha Gray to South Carolina, Stephanie Mavunga to Ohio State and Jessica Washington to Kansas.

So Cherry — the seventh scoring option as a first-year — became the de facto face of the Tar Heels. Stephanie Watts and Destinee Walker were forced to play nearly every minute as newcomers last year. And this season, Kea went from a role player at Vanderbilt to the leading scorer at UNC.

“They didn’t know they were coming into the roles that they had,” Cherry said.

But glimpses of potential shined through. A school-record 14 made 3-pointers and near triple-double from Kea lifted UNC over a ranked N.C. State team in January. A career-high 32 points from Cherry was too much for Pittsburgh in



Guard Jamie Cherry (10) scored 24 points during the Tar Heel’s 83-64 loss against Syracuse on Thursday night. DTH/GABI PALACIO

Wednesday’s 72-60 win — UNC’s first in the postseason since 2015.

But on Thursday, it wasn’t enough. Syracuse exploited North Carolina’s cast of first-year forwards — an issue that’s plagued the Tar Heels the past two seasons. On the game’s first play, the Orange grabbed three offensive rebounds before converting a layup. Syracuse would finish the game with 29 offensive

boards; UNC had 23 total rebounds.

“It’s just tough to try to come back from that,” Cherry said.

Threes from Cherry and mid-range jumpers from Kea chipped away at a sizable deficit. But Syracuse was relentless, attacking the paint and forcing UNC’s first-years to rotate along the perimeter. With Hillary Fuller — the team’s only reliable post player this season

— and both Watts and Walker out for the season, the Tar Heels could only wait for the bleeding to stop.

“It’s been hard for us to get some sort of consistency,” Hatchell said.

As the final minutes drained from the clock, the players bided their time. It was the end of their season — and hopefully of an era.

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What to expect when UNC men’s basketball faces Duke

The Tar Heels seek their second straight outright ACC regular season title.

By Logan Ulrich
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With one game left in the regular season, here’s what to watch for on Saturday at 8:20 p.m. as the No. 5 North Carolina men’s basketball team (25-6, 13-4 ACC) takes on No. 17 Duke (23-7, 11-6 ACC) for the second time this season. The Tar Heels are looking to clinch their second straight ACC regular season title.

How do they play?

The focus for the Blue Devils will be getting the ball into the hands of their playmakers and letting them go to work from there. Duke runs a variety of screens to set up space for either three-pointers or driving lanes, and between ACC Player of the Year candidate Luke Kennard, likely top-five draft pick Jayson Tatum and Grayson Allen, the team has a wealth of playmakers who can score.

North Carolina’s defense has improved in recent weeks compared to the unit that the Blue Devils lit up for 86 points in the last

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matchup, but this will be UNC’s toughest test since that game. There are few offenses that stretch defenses as much as Duke does between its outside shooting and its driving ability.

Who stands out?

Kennard, who leads the Blue Devils in scoring, has been the favorite to earn ACC Player of the Year honors for several weeks, though UNC junior Justin Jackson has made a run at him in the past few games. Whichever player shines brightest on Saturday night could go a long way toward sealing the award.

With Grayson Allen dealing with an injury in the last game against Florida State, first-year point guard Frank Jackson — who averages 10.3 points per game — stepped up with one of his biggest games of the season. The rookie scored 22 points with over 50 percent shooting in Duke’s 75-70 win

against the No. 15 Seminoles.

Even if Allen is limited again on Saturday, Frank Jackson could more than offset that. He scored the game-tying three-pointer in an eventual loss to Kansas earlier in the season, so he’s no stranger to performing on the big stage.

What’s their weakness?

In addition to the aforementioned injury to Allen, Duke forward Amile Jefferson is also dealing with some nagging injury issues. Although he played 31 minutes against Florida State, Jefferson has been in and out of the lineup the past two seasons because of injury and when he’s on the bench, he has been sorely missed and difficult to replace.

Even with Jefferson, though, Duke’s frontcourt is not the strength of the team. North Carolina’s skilled big men could make a living on the offensive boards like they have for much of the season. Defensively, Duke also will likely not be able to do much to slow the Tar Heels down, as the Blue Devils rank 37th in Ken Pomeroy’s adjusted defensive efficiency metric.

How could they win?

Despite the defensive shortcomings, Duke can and likely will score



Duke forward Jayson Tatum (0) dribbles around sophomore forward Luke Maye (32) on Feb. 9. The Tar Heels take on the Blue Devils again on Saturday. DTH FILE/SARAH DWYER

a lot of points on Saturday night, particularly against a UNC team missing one of its better perimeter defenders in Kenny Williams. With senior forward Isaiah Hicks also still limited by a hamstring injury, UNC’s post advantage could be diminished enough to keep the game close.

Then it just comes down to

which team can hit shots at the end — which last time proved to be Duke. It’s been proven extremely difficult to win on the road against tough ACC opponents this season, but with Duke against North Carolina, throw out the trends and get ready for a classic.

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UNC women’s basketball sees promise in first-years

The Tar Heels will return all but one player next season.

By Ethan Belshe
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CONWAY, S.C. — With a little over eight minutes left in the game, first-year guard Olivia Smith streaked towards the basket for an open fast-break layup.

She sprinted and gathered the ball at the last moment.

Smith flipped the ball into the air and watched it bounce

off the rim and into Syracuse’s hands.

The sequence was a microcosm of the North Carolina women’s basketball team’s 83-64 loss to Syracuse in Conway, S.C. Thursday night.

“I was really proud of these kids, our whole team, for battling and fighting hard through a lot of adversity with injured players,” head coach Sylvia Hatchell said.

UNC (15-16, 3-13 ACC) is considered the nation’s youngest team. With eight first-years, three sophomores, one junior and a senior, inexperience proved problematic.

This was evident as 14th-seeded UNC took on sixth-seeded Syracuse (21-9, 11-5 ACC) in the second round of the ACC Tournament. The Orange’s Alexis Peterson, the 2016-17 ACC Women’s Player of the Year, torched North Carolina for 29 points.

The Tar Heels’ first-years simply couldn’t guard Peterson. They were always one step behind her as she easily spotted up behind the arc and knifed through the lane for basket after basket.

Nonetheless, Hatchell was proud of the effort her young players showed in the face of

tremendous adversity.

The first-years gave all they had — it just wasn’t enough.

“I’m sure the roles they’ve had to play is very different from what they expected ...” Hatchell said. “They’ve been thrown into a fire.”

Hatchell knew coming into the season that some first-years would see major minutes, but she never planned to play them as much as she did. Season-ending injuries to senior forward Hillary Fuller and sophomore guards Destinee Walker and Stephanie Watts forced Hatchell’s hand.

Three of UNC’s five starters

on Thursday were first-years.

“The season was different than I could have expected,” Smith said. “Coming in I didn’t think I was going to play 40 minutes in some games or start some other games.”

“Our team was able to come over some adversity this year, and learned from it.”

There were growing pains, but flashes of brilliance suggest that the future is bright. Despite missing the late fast-break opportunity, Smith still poured in 12 points on 50 percent shooting from behind the arc and held Peterson to only 9 second-half points.

“That’s kind of been the season for the freshmen, having to grow up quickly,” junior guard Jamie Cherry said. “I think they took on the challenge and did fairly well over the course of the season stepping in.”

The Tar Heels return all their players except one next season. They also add a star-studded 2017 recruiting class, suggesting intense competition for playing time.

But this year’s class of first-years will be ready. If there’s one thing they’ve learned, it’s how to face adversity.

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