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## Most "Chapel Hill" Langout <br> Winner: He's Not Here

Now this is fun, because it is a stinkin' brand-new category this year, and CF had no idea how it would go, but clearly, yeah, He's Not. Cheers to the Blue Cup, the bands, the one-week of grass. A huge comeback for and old fav to current student and alums which had faded some before being sold last year and since re-engergized. (Also see, best bar staff).
Runner up: Linda's (just for us - stay away).

Best meal after midnight Winner: [B]Ski's


The sudden proliferation of late-night eats downtown has not diluted the inebriated love of the ski - a giant wrap filled with anything, even bacon and eggs - and the other things on the menu such as fries, chicken tenders and even salads and soups. And the late night is so real there is no closing time
Runner up: Hot Dogs \& Brew

## Best place for a microbrew Winner: Top of the Hill

We know, we know - TopOCarolina Brewery, Carolina Brewery-TopO. This longstanding rivalry of micro-brew goodness has been raging since each opened in 1995 TopO should have opened first, but was delayed by a big pile of contaminated dirt from the razing of the old gas station occupying that corner at the time. So CB got a bit of a head start, albeit down on the west end a bit. Both have won
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umerous awards for their brews, bothave stan and usiness (SB to Pittsbor and TopO down the steet distillery and expansion of the Great Room and Back Bar). Both are great local corporate citizens. But TopO takes back the top spot in this poll at least for this year

## Runner up: Carolina Brewery

Best theme night Winner: Country Night at East End Martini Bar

East End scores again for its Country Nights on Tuesdays downstairs where folks do wear boots. The win here coincides with a country music station taking over the top spot in that poll. Can a NASCAR-theme night at the antern be far behind?

## Also: He's Not Karaoke



## Cleanest bar bathroom Winner: Top of the Hill

We think it is the 15th straight year - so forever and ever - that TopO has polled first in this spot. CF has never been in the option for the fairer sex, but that has to be why it keeps winning, right? I mean, men's trough that popular?

## Also: R\&R Grill

## Best bar staff <br> Winner: He's Not Here

After 36 years under a single owner. He's Not sold last year to former UNC football player Matt Mehok and his partners who have revitalized just about every aspect of the business in just a year to score big in this contest after years of dormancy. Viva la renaissance!

## Runner up: Goodfellow's

## Best place for a mixed drink

 Winner: Top of the HillClearly, there is the beer. But TopO sports a fine variety of bourbons and whiskey brands and don't take your whole wallet and ring finger to pay for a shot.
Runner up: Goodfellows


Favorite outdoor place to enjoy a Carolina Blue day

## Winner: Polk Place

Polk Place is the south-most quad on the old campus, spanning the tract between the South Building and Wilson Library - and including the infamous smoker's flagpole. If you said, "The Quad" you meant Polk Place, a sunny beach in comparison to the forest-like feel of its older brother, McCorkle Place, home to the Old Well. It was named in the 1920s for James K. Polk, UNC alum and 11th president of these United States who was born in 1795 in what is now Pineville, N.C., in Mecklenburg County
Runner up: The Arboretum




## Best place to live Winner: Chapel Ridge

Chapel Ridge again rolls over the competition on the basis of size, proximity to campus and, of course, luv. It boasts individual beds and baths for each resident, a convenient MLK location with good bus service, and it is virtually a playground with a fitness center, basketball court, sand volleyball court, swimming pool and barbecue grills.

## Runner up: Warehouse



## Best place to stock up on Carolina gear Winner: Johnny T-Shirt

JTS has that uncanny, comfortable feel inside, with enough room to roam around and plenty of just the right stock of stuff. What it lacks in size compared to its closest competitor on campus it makes up for with a terrific web site and downtown staying power - no small thing these days.

## Runner up: UNC Student Stores

## Best lunch bargain <br> Winner: Sutton's

Owner John Woodard will mix you up a might prescription behind his counter just as surely as grill manager Don Pinney will mix you up a mint-chocolate-chip milk shake from behind that counter. Would it not make more sense just to convert all those magazine and gum racks into grill seating? Ok, we'll wait. It's fine. After 90 years, who are we to pick nits?

## Runner up: Cosmic Cantina

Best burger
Winner: Buns


Three years in a row now - three in a land where the search for the best burger is a constant exploration of the near and far. But such a crusade need no longer extend beyond Columbia Street between Franklin and Rosemary. Buns has clearly established its dominance among the newcomers and the old guard. The beef is sublime, with turkey and veggie choices. Nobody has more toppings and dips and the fries, oh those fries.

## Runner up: Top This!

Best restaurant to impress a first date Winner: Top of the Hill
There is no doubt that proximity to hormonally raging collegiate undergrads boosts Scott Maitland's fortunes in this category, but Top O really has it going on, what with the Back Bar, the Great Room, the outdoor patio, the great beers and mixed drinks and cleanest bathroom. And it also has the atmosphere just right for that first date, with the added comfort of not busting the budget for dinner. Nothing on this menu your date could order will cause an emergency ATM run.


Best place to watch a game on TV
Winner: Four Corners Winner: Four Corners
The double-decker seating of this classic Chapel Hill venue is a must for home- and away-game viewing. Could not score the lower levels for less than half-a-grand for the Dook game from the scalpers at the post office? Just slide into Four Cs and actually enjoy an adult beverage with your viewing. When is the Dean Dome gonna catch up with the Kenan Blue Zone anyway?

## Runner up: Top of the Hill

## Best restaurant for a healthy meal Winner: Med Deli

CF could attribute the win to the recent study that showed eating a Mediterranean diet will keep you vertical longer, but Med Deli was already healthy before it was cool, winning this award last year and before that. In fact, owner Jamil Kadoura opened Mediterranean Deli on West Franklin Street in 1992. It was relatively unknown to undergrads until he leased a spot in Lenoir a few years ago, and his fans followed the food downtown. They cater and have a huge banquet room for on-site events.

## Runner up: Weaver Street Market

## Favorite place for a frozen treat Winner: Yogurt Pump

THE place to Chill on the Hill is tucked away in a cozy alcove where students and locals have enjoyed cool treats since 1982 and have been voting it Carolina's Finest in its class for nine consecutive years. Frozen yogurt is an art here, with truly remarkable flavors, updated daily. Not just chocolate; San Francisco's Ghirardelli chocolate. Not coffee flavor, but Espresso Bean. Or try Oreo Cookie, Cake Batter, Old Style Vanilla, tart berry flavors, and more. It also features great selections with 10 calories per ounce, low fat, and no fat, so you can enjoy guilt-free treats. While many others have come and gone, YoPo is a true Franklin Street institution. Just for you Scott ;)


## Runner up: Sweet Frog

Favorite place for a caffeine fix Winner: Starbucks
Now that Jack Sprat is done, Starbuck's is CF's closest walk for an espresso fix, so we've gotten beyond moaning about the huge corporate unfairness of it all. Even Starbucks was just one store once. Runner up: Daily Grind


## Also: 4II West

## Favorite Carolina sports moment Winner: Gio Bernard's punt return vs. N.C. State to win the game

Oct. 27, 2012 - "I was crying." Bernard said. "As soon as the punt return happened $I$ started crying on the way to the endzone. Walking into the locker room after, I saw guys crying. It was different from last year and the years before when guys were crying because of sadness. This year you could tell they were happy, tears of joy. It was just an amazing feeling." We'll miss you Gio. Good luck on Sundays next year.

## Runner up: Whenever Carolina beats

 Duke
## Best LFIT class Winner: Outdoor Sports

CF loves this job, because we learn new things every day. Like how LFIT stands for lifetime fitness - used to call it PE. And who knew Outdoor Sports is a singular class? What a country. This 1-credit introduction to fitness and wellness features instruction and activity consisting of playing ultimate Frisbee, flag football and soccer. The average grade is A . Why would you not take this?

## Runner up: Indoor Sports

(seriously, are you reading this General Assembly)?


## Favorite intramural sport Winner: Soccer

Gooooooal! You would think - basketball school, right? Yes, but we play a ton of soccer. In fact, there are almost 500 indoor and outdoor intramural soccer teams annually involving more than 4,000 players. That makes the world's number one sport ours as well - at least on Hooker Fields.

## Runner up: Basketball

## America's 100 Greatest Public Courses



Favorite male athlete
Winner: P.J. Hairston, men's basketball


By the time you read this, the UNC men's basketball team may have advanced to the NCAA Sweet 16 - or not. Either way, it will be in large part due to the performance of Hairston, a nonstarter at the beginning of the year and a lifelong Dook fan until ... well let's have him tell it: "The thing about Duke was, every time they sent me a letter, they wouldn't spell my name right. They would have ‘T.J. Harrison' or something like that. And I'm like, 'OK. How can I go here? You can't even spell my name right.' It's only two letters and HAIR and STON. I'm trying to figure out how that's so hard." Since Roy revamped the line-up, the 6 -foot 5 -inch Hairston (hey, it's not that hard) has more than held his own at the power forward position while lighting up the twine hitting nearly 40 percent of his three point attempts.

## Runner up: Gio Bernard, football

## Favorite female athlete Winner: Crystal Dunn, soccer

Even after a season shortened by her play for the national Under20 world cup team, you recognized Dunn for what she is the best women's soccer player in college. We know the 5'2' junior from Rockville Centre, N.Y., is just your favorite UNC female athlete, but you chose well since she did also win the Hermann Trophy - the soccer version of the Heisman. She tallied five goals and five assists while helping the Tar Heels to their 21st national championship.

## Runner up:

## Tierra Ruffin-Pratt, basketball



## Quirkiest roommate habit Winner: Leaving notes on candy calling yourself fat

Truth be told, this is CF's favorite category. There are really no losers - or you're all losers. We can't decide which. At any rate, here are the best of the rest, unedited. Enjoy:)

Three showers a day; Being constantly naked; Cutting out pictures of pigs; Disjunct speech (unaware of difference between dream and reality); Eating baby food (3 entries in for this one); Having his girlfriend stay the night when he's not here; Hiding snacks around the room; Ironing my clothes; Knitting (he’s a guy); Making chain mail while watching the Disney channel; Non-stop Japanese anime; Post-it notes. Everywhere; She has a furby; Skyping her cat; Smoking weed; SO MUCH WEED; and Zumbaing 24/7.


## Best place to catch a nap Winner: Graham Memorial

The building, completed in 1931, is named for Edward Kidder Graham, who served as Carolina's President from 1914 to 1918. Originally the University's student union and a home to The Daily Tar Heel, this building was renovated between in 1998 to house the Johnston Center for Undergraduate Excellence.

## Runner up: My bed

## Best professor Winner: Daniel Gitterman, Associate Professor of Public Policy

"That's great news," Gitterman told CF in an actual interview after being told he was the first back-to-back winner of the award. His goal is to expose students to substantive policy debates in teaching how public policy is made on the federal level. Is there a secret formula out there to his success? "I think that you show a little bit of compassion and a little bit of humor. It's a class that started with 25 students when I got her in 2000 and has just grown." He gets about 300 per section now. Gitterman is no fluke. He has received the Tanner Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching and the John L. Sanders Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching and Service at Carolina.
Runners up: Jeremy Petranka, econ lecturer; Andrew Reynolds, associate professor of political science and global studies.

Must-take class
Winner: PLCY 101
Damn you Gitterman!!!!!!!!
Runner up: HIST 140 look it up.


Favorite Triangle radio station Winner: WQDR 94.7 FM


Riding the "Nashville" wave, this today"s-best-country-format surged into the top spot in the contest after last year's second place finish. Its signal is strong at this edge of the Triangle, and the playlist is a who's-who of contemporary twang, including Tim McGraw, Taylor Made, Carrie Underwood, Tobey Keith and even a little George Strait for us more, uh, seasoned listeners.

## Runner up: Pulse I02.5 FM

## Favorite local band <br> Winner: Mipso Trio



The three-year-old band proved to be a strong favorite among the voters, taking the top spot for the second year in a row. The DTH music staff has described Mipso as a whimsical bluegrass threesome. The trio started playing together as students at UNC, with Joseph Terrell on guitar and vocals, Jacob Sharp on mandolin and Wood Robinson on double bass. They'll be touring statewide in April. See them April 27 at the Cat's Cradle.

## Runner up: Campfires and Contellations

Best CUAB event of the year Winner: J. Cole - Homecoming Concert

The Nov. 4 performance by rapper and North Carolina native J. Cole sold out Carmichael Arena and was a huge improvement in the house from previous years' attempts. Performing radio hits like "Nobody's Perfect" and "Work Out," Cole reminded the audience of how far the Fayetteville native had come in his career. CUAB chose Cole based on student input, and for $\$ 105,000$, seemed to have gotten its money's worth.

Runner up: Bill Nye, the science guy

Best live local performance Winner: Corey Smith at Cat's Cradle


This soulful southern songster has earned a legion of local fans. If you missed the recent show everyone voted for (it was Jan. 30) - he's sure to be back. The Jefferson, Ga., native, who reviewers say puts on an energetic live show, marks his influences as music from George Jones to Lynyrd Skynyrd to Nirvana to Tupac.

Runner up: Clockwork Kids at Local 506 (Jan. II)

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