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North Carolina forward Kennedy Meeks (3) goes up for a layup during the Final Four game against Oregon in Phoenix on Saturday. The Tar Heels defeated Oregon 77-76 to advance to the NCAA final.

TAR HEELS RETURN TO TITLE GAME

North Carolina survives Oregon with 1-point win

by **C Jackson Cowart**
Sports Editor

GLENDALE, ARIZ. — Theo Pinson scampered around the court, squeezing the final

four seconds separating North Carolina from its second straight title appearance.
As he sprinted back toward midcourt and turned the corner, he nearly slipped. It would only be fitting — his team did everything it could to let the game slip away. There were nearly six minutes without a field goal, two defensive lapses to let Oregon pull within one and four missed free throws in the final six seconds.
But he kept his balance, evading two desperate Duck defenders trying to send him to the stripe. Like his team, all Pinson had to do

was escape.
“Make sure you don’t get fouled,” he thought, “because apparently we miss the free throws.”
On Saturday, it didn’t matter. It was sloppy, and it was thrilling. But the Tar Heels didn’t needed the theatrics of a Luke Maye buzzer beater. They just needed to survive.
“We almost blew it there at the end,” Maye said. “But luckily we pulled it out.”
Seconds earlier, Kennedy Meeks had gone to the line with a chance to ice the game. Oregon, trailing by one with 5.8 seconds left,

was out of timeouts. Two free throws would surely send North Carolina back to the title game — the only stage where it could erase the pain from a year ago.
But Meeks missed the first. Then, he missed the second.
Pinson tipped the ball back to Joel Berry, who had his own chance to end it from the line. But he missed the first. Then, he missed the second.
Four seconds lingered on the clock. It was

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Meeks rescues UNC’s season

The senior totaled 25 points and 14 rebounds, including the game-saving board.

By **Brendan Marks**
Senior Writer

GLENDALE, ARIZ. — Early Saturday morning, somewhere in the Kimpton Hotel Palomar Phoenix, Kennedy Meeks rolled over in bed.
It was game day — finally time for he and his North Carolina men’s basketball teammates to take on the University of Oregon in the Final Four. Finally time, he thought, to earn a place in Monday night’s national championship game.
So Meeks turned to his roommate on this road trip, Shea Rush, and they turned on some music. Specifically, Drake’s new album, “More Life.” Even more specifically, “Passionfruit,” the third track on the album.
That may not matter much. What

matters is what came after: When, as lyrics and beats filled the hotel room, Meeks turned to Rush and said something — something, it turns out, that was more premonition than posturing.
“First thing he said when he woke up this morning was, ‘I’m locked in,’” Rush said after UNC’s 77-76 win earned the team a spot in its second consecutive national championship game. “He talks sometimes, but his play talked today.”
It’s true. Meeks led all scorers Saturday night with 25 points, a mark that tied the senior forward’s career high. On top of that, he added 14 rebounds, none more notable than the game-sealing offensive board with less than five seconds left in the game.
“I was just feeling it today,” Meeks said of his early morning message. “My main goal was just to help my team in any way I can.”
Usually when a player says something to that effect, it’s just talk — a trite sound bite with no real meaning. But this NCAA Tournament, Meeks has not

only taken that message to heart; he’s embodied it.
Look no further than UNC’s second game against Arkansas. With his teammates seemingly unable to score against the Razorbacks, Meeks responded. He scored what was then an NCAA Tournament career-high 16 points as the Tar Heels escaped with a seven-point win.
Then the next weekend, with a trip to the Final Four on the line against Kentucky — with teammates Justin Jackson, Joel Berry and Luke Maye carrying the offensive burden — Meeks turned his attention to another aspect of the game: rebounding. He ended the night with 17 boards, the most he’s ever had in a single game in his four years as a Tar Heel.
That, of course, brings us to Saturday night.
And with stakes higher than they’ve been all season for UNC, Meeks responded with his best performance yet — arguably, the best performance he’s

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Column: Isaiah Hicks must play better tonight

UNC needs its senior forward to take control in title game.

By **Jeremy Vernon**
Assistant Sports Editor

GLENDALE, ARIZ. — Isaiah Hicks was nowhere to be found in the locker room. The Tar Heels had just won their Final Four matchup over Oregon. The media mobbed Kennedy Meeks, Justin Jackson, Joel Berry and the rest of the team. Even Shea Rush took a few questions.
But Hicks was tucked away behind a curtain, propped up on the training table with a giant elastic bandage wrapped

around his injured left quad. A few players answered questions about him. Theo Pinson picked a box score off the ground and glanced at it, Kenny Williams peeking over his shoulder.
“Isaiah ...” Pinson said, shaking his head.
Williams joined in as they peered at the numbers. Two points, 1-of-12 from the field. Hicks hadn’t shown up on the court, either. And if he doesn’t when the Tar Heels take on Gonzaga in the national title game, North Carolina will fly home empty-handed for the second year in a row.
This hasn’t been the year Hicks should have had, given what a force he was last


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“Nobody ever gets over being a Tar Heel.”
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Last name Chainz, first name 2

A spirited review of the 2017 Jubilee 2 Chainz concert.

By Karyn Hladik-Brown
Staff Writer

I went into Carmichael Arena on Saturday knowing only three 2 Chainz songs, but I left with infinite knowledge. For example, did you know it's possible to own a red UNC snapback? 2 Chainz's DJ, E. Sudd, was wearing one. I also learned 2 Chainz is not that great at personal branding — he wore three chains.

And despite some of 2 Chainz's misogynistic statements, the night was still pretty #lit, or at least as #lit as a night could be with a truncated set and a slightly less-than-full house.

With the buzz surrounding the Jubilee and Final Four overlap, and all of the people on Facebook groups selling their tickets, I was expecting maybe 50 people tops. But I was surprised.

From where I was standing at the barricade, I could see empty seats, but the crowd surrounding the stage and sitting in the middle sections of the upper and lower balconies seemed pretty substantial.

The size of the crowd not only showed UNC's love for 2 Chainz and his music, but also that CUAB was clever to host

a watch party after the show. While I might not have known more than three songs, the people surrounding me on the floor knew every word to every single song.

The set list 2 Chainz put together was amazing. He chose songs from every era of his career, from when he was known as Tity Boi to his upcoming album, "Pretty Girls Like Trap Music."

But because of his time restraint, he wasn't able to perform any full songs, at most only being able to perform a couple of verses.

2 Chainz also performed some songs that he's featured in, like "Bandz a Make Her Dance" by Juicy J and "F**kin' Problems" by A\$AP Rocky.

"F**kin' Problems" was one of my personal favorites, along with "Birthday Song" and "I'm Different," mainly because those are the three songs that I actually know.

When introducing the song "Watch Out," 2 Chainz referenced the Oregon game, essentially calling out all of Oregon's fans and telling them to "watch out, lil bitch."

Despite the small stage, the underwhelming smoke effects, a crowd that's probably smaller than he's used to and the fact that he was wearing sunglasses the entire time, he was able to really form a connection with the crowd.

Being in the crowd was one of the best parts of the show. It didn't have the feel of



DTH/ADDY LEE LIU

2 Chainz performed at Carmichael Arena on Saturday for CUAB's Spring Jubilee.

"... 2 Chainz is not that great at personal branding — he wore three chains."

Karyn Hladik-Brown
Swerve staff writer

a normal concert. For one, everyone around me was in UNC gear, creating an atmosphere that combined aspects from frat parties and watching a basketball game.

One girl next to me was still dressed from her sorority cocktail, including the wedges and the sun hat. There was a guy in front of me who kept trying to hand

his Snapchat Spectacles to 2 Chainz, who didn't take them. Compared to what I've heard about Jubilee last year, 2 Chainz's performance definitely appears to be an improvement. I'm excited to see who CUAB brings next year. Hopefully, with better scheduling.

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Weed dating: a dirty, sweaty affair

The event was held by Carolina Campus Community Garden.

By Seth Pyle
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Carolina Campus Community Garden planted the seed of friendship in their event Saturday — Weed Dating.

Katharine Belter, a senior biology student, organized the event.

"It's been done at UNC before, but this is my second year organizing it," Belter said. "I think it got started when someone saw farmers in the Midwest doing weed dating and pairing up. It's good

for bringing people together but we didn't want to put too much emphasis on the dating part."

With a name like Weed Dating, confusion could arise. At least one person posting on the events Facebook page thought it was about marijuana.

However, that was far from the truth as UNC students got down and dirty on their hands and knees by making friendships as they tended to the community garden.

Soumaya Lansari, a global studies and sociology double major, wasn't confused.

"I saw it in chalk in front of the Undergraduate Library and I thought it'd be cool to go," Lansari said. "I really love gardening but

don't really have the time for it."

Curious and needing to de-stress myself as much as possible before UNC's Final Four game, I participated in the event. Weed Dating was a dirty, sweaty, fun affair.

Belter started the event by explaining the purpose of the Carolina Campus Community Garden: to grow produce for the lower-wage workers at UNC-Chapel Hill while providing education on sustainable organic gardening and community service.

Grabbing a pair of gloves and some scissors, I trailed into the garden with around a dozen other students and volunteers to harvest lettuce.

As Belter said, the event

was about bringing people together and not so much about dating. I soon found myself chatting about compost with those around me as I snipped lettuce stalks.

After we harvested the lettuce, we picked some strawberries but then got to the main event: weeding.

Armed with trowels, we set about digging up weeds from a grape vine.

Biology student Dana Metzger was digging across from me and almost ran afoul some fire ants, but was able to escape before the ants could get on her.

Once we finished weeding, we picnicked.

There was cucumber water to drink and black bean or spinach hummus

with chips, chocolate-chip sweet potato bread and homemade chocolate-chip cookies to eat.

Talking with the participants afterwards, most of them were impressed by the garden and were interested in coming back.

"We volunteer here as part of our APPLS course, but I definitely think I'll keep volunteering here even after the course is over," Makala Moyer, who was there with her sister Mariah, said.

"Gardening brings back a lot of memories from my childhood with my aunt and grandma," she said. "I also really like the mission of the garden."

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National champs of my heart

It might be dangerous to put this in print, but here goes: I used to actively avoid UNC basketball. Now that I've written it, it feels good to get it out.

Flashback to first-year me. I avoided the Dean Dome like it didn't loom right behind my dorm, Hinton James. And now, here I am: a second-semester junior and a born-again Tar Heel. So what inspired the change?

I came to UNC very apathetic about the sports culture. When I chose this school, the massive basketball culture was not even on my radar. I knew it was a thing, and I knew it was a big deal, but I didn't watch either of the Duke versus UNC games my first year. I felt annoyed that it seemed like so much of the campus' focus was on sports. Why care about something that so many people acted like fanatics over?

My apathy became a shtick. My dad often marvelled at how I went to one of the biggest basketball schools in the country and had not attended one game at the beloved Dean Dome. I feigned boredom any time conversations about how well UNC was doing took place among my friends. I rolled my eyes any time cheers rocked the hallways of my dorm.

And then last year happened. UNC won every game in the March Madness tournament. Of course, I started to pay attention. I had friends who wanted to watch the games instead of going to dinner while UNC was playing. I decided a couple of times to watch along with them, just to avoid losing out on quality time with them.

Then something amazing started to take place; like the Grinch, watching UNC in their Final Four game, my heart seemed to grow three sizes that day.

Call me a bandwagon fan, but I like to see the story a little differently: I became a believer. My heart broke when we lost the national championship. But my faith came back to me around December 2016 when I attended my first-ever game at the Dean Dome. It might be Carolina fever, but I think I finally realized the importance of being a part of something bigger than your ennu.

I'm proud to say I now watch almost every game UNC plays. I realized it's so much more fun to "get into it" instead of ignore something that is so important to this community. It's better to let it break your heart and make your hands shake (looking at you, Luke Maye, with that buzzer beater against Kentucky) than to make jokes about being out of the loop. I like being a part of something that makes this campus' heart race. While I still know very little about the sport itself, I still know being ignorant of the game's rules is better than avoiding the game entirely.

And now, at the end of another really great basketball season, I feel really proud to be a Tar Heel.

I love seeing Justin Jackson and Kennedy Meeks at Breadmen's. I like going crazy and feeling my heart pound wildly to a beat that somehow sounds just like, "rah rah rah, Carolina."

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COLUMN

It's just lunch

Engaging with art can mean engaging with activism.

Editor's note: Claire Drysdale is a guest columnist who was invited to write a column on this topic.

Ever since President Trump's election, issues surrounding race, class and gender have been playing heavily on our national conscience.

However, our ability to have constructive, open dialogue about these issues has not always caught up with our need to have such discussions.

In times like these, art frequently lends coherency to lived experience, a fact I was recently reminded of when I attended a campus iteration of The Black Lunch Table, a social practice venture started by UNC studio art professor Jina Valentine.

Social practice is a participatory art form that leverages artists and communities against societal and political ills.

With a focus on people over objects, social practice borrows strategies from performance, investigative journalism and environmental advocacy to achieve its aims.

While social practice isn't new — for example, artists were transforming Chicago buildings into cultural centers decades ago — it's currently having a big moment in the art world.

Perhaps more than any other art form, social prac-



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tice pushes the boundary between art and life. For instance, in the exhibition "pad thai," the artist Rirkrit Tiravanija transformed a New York City art gallery into a kitchen and served up free Thai food to the public.

Yet this blurring is precisely the point. As the demand that artists and arts institutions demonstrate civic accountability grows louder, drawing a hard line between art and activism not only seems arbitrary, but irresponsible.

The Black Lunch Table project, whose name and structure is borrowed from lunchroom phenomena, uses food and conversation as a catalyst for social change.

Participants are seated at tables curated to represent a variety of ages, genders and races and given a deck of playing cards.

Instead of a queen or king, each card has a question probing issues as diverse as gerrymandering, police brutality and political

representation.

For sixty minutes, participants draw cards and discuss the issues. The conversations are recorded and archived in a cultural database that artists and academics are invited to draw on.

I was surprised by how easily I could talk with the perfect strangers I was seated with. Emboldened by our relative anonymity, we spoke candidly about Silent Sam, the North Carolina voter ID law and racial profiling by police officers in Durham.

However, one question did give my all-white table pause: "How does your race impact your daily physical, mental and spiritual wellbeing?"

Referencing Frederick Douglass' wisdom that slavery dehumanizes masters as much as their slaves, one person tentatively suggested that in a society where oppression is permissible, those who benefit materially from this system also suffer spiritually.

While I assumed that this question didn't apply to me, I left with a sense of my stake in the battle for equality.

In its best form, art de-normalizes life by calling attention to what we take for granted.

We didn't reach any grand solutions in one hour, but as I walked to my next class, I felt optimistic that America's current state isn't destined to be our normal.

EDITORIAL

Reform SBP elections

Let's give student government a chance.

UNC student government faces a crisis of legitimacy. Not counting the run-off election, less than half as many students voted for a student body president candidate this year as did last year. It's hard not to attribute that turnout to students' disenchantment with the whole institution of student government.

We don't think it's a coincidence that this dive in voter participation followed a year in which an administrative mandate led to a split between undergraduate and graduate government, and the campaign for the student body president was marred by inter-campaign legal feuding. Setting current travails aside, UNC student government has a proud history. SBP Paul Dickson, for example, played a role in helping to break the Speaker Ban in the 1960s.

The institution is worth fixing. So, now that the dust has settled — inauguration of our new student government and student constitution takes place tomorrow — let's take stock and try to

move forward.

We have a new constitution separating the graduate and professional and undergraduate student bodies. Though this board has major issues with the way graduate and undergraduate student leaders squabbled and then caved to administrative pressure to draft a new constitution, we see a silver lining to our current situation: With a fresh constitution passed, graduate and undergraduate student leaders can focus on more pressing campus issues, like advocacy on immigration and sexual assault.

Student government can also help turn over a new leaf by improving its management of elections. As this board has already suggested, student government should prioritize reforming the Board of Election's rules to avoid a repeat of this year's pettiness. A good first step would be to make disqualifying a candidate more difficult.

As the rules stand, SBP campaigns can weaponize disqualification complaints as a political tool against their opponents. Student government can help fix this by raising the point threshold for automatic disqualification and by updating Title

VI election rules to clarify them for the age of social media.

More civil and productive campaigning shouldn't just be achieved by legislative reforms from student government. Students running for office in the future should give fellow candidates the benefit of the doubt over perceived election rule-breaking. There's a tradition of this: When Houston Summers' SBP campaign had concerns about the legality of fliers for Kathryn Walker's campaign in 2015, for example, it contacted her team directly rather than filing a BOE complaint. Next year's candidates should make this year's SBP campaign litigiousness a historical aberration.

We'll admit that even after taking these steps, SBP-elect Elizabeth Adkins, student representatives and prospective SBP candidates will still have a tough task ahead of them in restoring and building faith in student government. To reach and persuade students on our large, diverse campus, that our student government represents them, is a tough challenge in the best of times. We think it's a challenge worth taking on.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I think it got started when someone saw farmers in the Midwest doing weed dating and pairing up."

Katharine Belter, on a weed dating event in Chapel Hill

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

"If a person is old enough to fight or die for their country, they should be old enough to smoke. Or drink, for that matter."

Mark, on the smoking age potentially being raised to 21

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HB2's repeal was a mess — Go Heels!

TO THE EDITOR:

The partial repeal of House Bill 2 is disappointing, but ultimately not surprising. It's only a partial victory for North Carolina. It should be worrying to all North Carolinians how an economic incentive like NCAA basketball was ultimately the final push to give their fellow North Carolinians the right to use whatever bathroom they choose.

I've lived in North Carolina for most of my life, in Chapel Hill no less, and I understand how important basketball is to this state. I promise. I grew up watching the Tar Heels win the 2005 and 2009 championships, so I get it. But I'm disappointed that ultimately it was more important to this state that we be considered for NCAA championship games, rather than our LGBTQ+ communities being protected from discrimination.

Ultimately the bill should have never been passed in the first place, but the past is the past, and it's too late for the \$3.76 billion North Carolina will lose over the next 12 years. I was appalled when HB2 was passed, and disappointed when, even after numerous organizations and companies pulled out of the state, costing the state thousands of jobs, the bill was not repealed.

However, as disappointing as it is that basketball was finally the reason HB2 was "repealed," it is a testament to this state's undying allegiance to their teams, even in the face of contentious politics. So, in the wake of controversy and the continued ridicule of this state in national politics, I'd like to say, "Go heels."

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Don't literally give everybody money

TO THE EDITOR:

In "Give Everyone Money," Claude Wilson makes a claim at the end of his column that is a lot more dangerous than it seems.

First of all, the idea that a Universal Basic Income could ever fit into a capitalist economy is an extremely tough stretch. It's against the basic ideas of individuality and freedom that are fundamental to capitalism. Although the claim of a UBI is that it promotes the freedom to do whatever you want theoretically, that is not what capitalism is based around. Capitalism promotes the opportunity to pursue an income that will allow said individual to spend how they want.

To give everyone the same amount of basic income does not promote a pursuit of "more;" it promotes an idea that you've

already got enough.

Secondly, and most importantly, Wilson makes the claim that we must consider a UBI because of a threat of social unrest, likened to the French Revolution.

The idea that those who have earned, unlike the French nobility, a higher income should feel inclined to join the cause of a UBI because citizens who don't have as much money will become increasingly violent is a dangerous ideology. This leans toward an idea of achieving "good" by force, which Ayn Rand likens to "providing a man with a picture gallery at the price of cutting out his eyes."

Simply put, no matter if there is room for a Universal Basic Income in capitalism or not, achieving it by threats of violence is uneducated and ridiculous.

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Write about eating disorders with care

TO THE EDITOR:

We would like to commend The Daily Tar Heel for its coverage of eating disorders (EDs) in wrestlers from Friday's paper. It is vital that we continue to discuss how EDs affect all — regardless of gender, race, sexuality, socioeconomic status, ability, and many other demographics.

However, we would like to see the DTH change the way it reports EDs and stories that discuss weight.

We encourage the DTH to avoid using specific weights or other numbers (e.g. calories, time spent exercising) or graphic descriptions of disordered behaviors (e.g. wearing a sauna suit for X minutes to lose Y pounds), as these often trigger relapses or exacerbate illness those who live with an ED.

We are not saying that the DTH should not report the physical and emotional health dangers that those with EDs face. We simply believe that it is possible and necessary to tell these stories in a responsible manner. Triggering content and graphic descriptions are often used for shock value.

This directly harms some readers and sends a message that the only way one can experience an ED is through caloric restriction and weight loss, which contributes to the stigmatization of non-restrictive EDs.

Finally, we encourage the DTH to include a list of resources at the conclusion of any stories that discuss eating disorders. We recommend including links and telephone numbers for the National Eating Disorders Association, the UNC Center of Excellence for Eating Disorders and the Embody Carolina training registration.

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3 matchups that could determine title

By **Jeremy Vernon**
Assistant Sports Editor

GLENDALE, ARIZ. — It's now or never for the North Carolina men's basketball team. The Tar Heels (32-7) take on Gonzaga (37-1) tonight at 9:19 p.m. at University of Phoenix Stadium in Glendale, Arizona, with a national championship on the line.

Here are the three matchups to watch as North Carolina and Gonzaga clash in the final game of the college basketball season.

Meeks v. Karnowski

Kennedy Meeks is having a magnificent stretch so far in the NCAA Tournament. The senior from Charlotte led the Tar Heels past Kentucky in the Elite Eight while tallying seven points and a career-high 17 rebounds, and he followed that up by tying his career high in points (25) and grabbing 14 boards to help UNC outlast Oregon.

But tonight's game against the Bulldogs presents Meeks with perhaps the greatest challenge of his career. Lining up against him will be Przemek Karnowski, the 7-foot-1-inch,

300-pound center that will look to slow down UNC's leading rebounder, who himself checks in at 6-foot-10-inches and 260 pounds.

Meeks hasn't matched up with a player this size since Florida State's Michael Ojo (7-foot-1-inch, 304 pounds) in January. But the Bulldogs' big man presents a unique challenge because not only can he back a defender down in the post and get easy looks, he can also find open teammates and spur the offense as a facilitator in the high post.

Berry v. Williams-Goss

The day before UNC defeated Oregon in the Final Four, point guard Joel Berry said he was at 85 percent after spraining both his ankles earlier in the tournament. He looked closer to 60 percent against the Ducks, however, as he admittedly struggled to get lift on his shots and finished the game 2-for-14 from the field.

Things won't get any easier for Berry tonight, as he will face Gonzaga's Nigel Williams-Goss, an All-America guard who presents several challenges for the gimpy North Carolina junior.

Williams-Goss stands at 6-foot-3-inches, meaning Berry could have issues getting up shots and driving by him if the two meet in isolation. And if Berry (6-foot-0-inches) has to guard Williams-Goss, the latter will have the size to shoot over him and get easy looks.

Experience v. none

North Carolina has been here before. The Tar Heels will play in their 11th national title game, while the Bulldogs make their first appearance.

While some view experience as overrated, it will be interesting to see how Gonzaga handles the biggest stage in college basketball. It had a chance to bury South Carolina early Saturday, but the Bulldogs allowed the Gamecocks to go on a 14-0 run to tie things up midway through the second half. Whether the pressure of the moment had anything to do with it or not, Gonzaga showed it can get rattled.

North Carolina isn't prone to scenarios like this either, but it helps to have a core of players that played in this kind of game just last year.

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Gonzaga center Przemek Kanowski (24) pulls up for a shot over South Carolina on Saturday.

Tyler Fleming named DTH editor-in-chief

By **Leah Asmelash**
Staff Writer

Junior history major Tyler Fleming was selected Saturday as the editor-in-chief of The Daily Tar Heel newspaper for the 2017-18 school year. He will replace current editor-in-chief Jane Wester.

Fleming is the current opinion editor for the DTH. He said his selection is a great opportunity for change at the paper.

"Specifically, I want to find a new, cheaper building for us to call home," Fleming said.

"Secondly, I want to change our focus to be much more community-centered. And lastly, I want us to become an open newsroom where we communicate to our audience what we are currently doing and why."

Fleming said the changes his platform will bring will not be easy, but he is confident the staff, management and editors of the paper can handle change.

"I think if we can get all hands on deck and get people really passionate about pro-



Tyler Fleming is the current opinion editor. He will serve as the 2017-18 editor-in-chief.

tecting this paper, that we will find the solution and that we can continue this paper's legacy well into the future," he said.

Journalism graduate student Deborah Dwyer, a member of Saturday's editor-in-chief selection committee, said she thinks Fleming has an understanding of the journalism component, the public engagement component and the business and financial component of student journalism.

"He proved to us in this room that he has a good handle on the financial issues and what pressures are upon the paper, and how you might start to pave the way to a more viable economic model," Dwyer said.

Sharif Durhams, editor-in-chief of the DTH for the

1998-99 school year and a member of Saturday's selection committee, said Fleming has great leadership capacity, lots of experience with news organizations and a smart budget plan.

"When you're the editor, you don't know what you're going to encounter," Durhams said.

"So the question is, do you have the leadership skills to be able to adjust to whatever you're going to see? And he demonstrated that he has those skills."

Fleming said he wants to build resources for future DTH staff members to draw on.

"So one thing that I'm concerned about, not just with the paper staff that exists currently, but DTHers I'm never going to personally know 20 years down the road," he said.

"I want to make sure we are setting them up for as much success as we can. I care about this institution from its past to its present and its future."

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Bill keeps guns out of schools

By **Rebecca Ayers**
Staff Writer

A bill originally permitting gun owners to bring weapons to church services held in school buildings passed with a majority vote in the N.C. House March 27 and passed its first Senate reading the next day.

House Bill 174 at first proposed that people with concealed carry permits could have guns outside of school operating hours and when education-related extracurriculars are in session.

Before the bill passed the House, an amendment was added saying guns would still be prohibited in public school facilities owned by a "local board of education or county commission" even if churches rent the space for a service.

N.C. Rep. Graig Meyer, D-Orange, said he helped the bill's sponsor, Rep. Rena Turner, R-Iredell, to amend the original bill to make it narrower and more specific.

"I worked with the bill sponsor to pass an amendment to make it clear that the bill would only apply to places of worship," Meyer said. "But would not allow public weapons on school grounds."

Turner was not available to comment on the bill at this

time.

N.C. Rep. Deb Butler, D-New Hanover, said the bill passed in the House because of the Republican supermajority. When voting districts are redrawn, she said Republicans will not be able to pass the same type of conservative bills.

"I think (Republicans) realized they are going to lose their stranglehold on the North Carolina General Assembly," she said. "So it seems to me they are passing the most onerous, conservative, right-wing legislation that they could think of to get it done fast."

Meyer said churches are already considered private property and can decide to allow concealed weapons.

"The bill has been misinterpreted when that's already allowed," he said.

N.C. Rep. William Brissan, D-Johnston, said he does not think the bill was necessary and having citizens carrying guns is a liability.

"I'm sorry, but I don't think our state is that desperate," Brissan said. "I know some things have happened at churches and schools, but we have plenty of law enforcement to enforce the laws."

Meyer said he voted against the original version of the bill — until the amend-

ment was added. He said the bill would pass without his vote regardless.

"The amendment makes it so that public schools cannot qualify for this bill," Meyer said. "It's only applicable to a place of worship that also has a school on its property."

Butler said the state needs fewer guns, not more, and violence will not be solved with a proliferation of guns.

"I don't think we should have guns in church, it just goes against my moral compass to think that people have to worship in the presence of instruments of death and destruction," Butler said.

"We have to have balance on this issue — I think there are places that are meant to be sacred and churches are just one of them."

Meyer said in a statement on Facebook that the North Carolinians Against Gun Violence had a neutral position on the bill if the amendment were to be passed.

"Although I wouldn't want guns at my church, I do believe that churches have private property rights which include the ability to decide whether to allow concealed weapons or not," Meyer said.

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Aries (March 21-April 19) <p>Today is a 7 -- Make repairs and clean up messes. Household issues require attention now. Plan, dream and envision, especially this month with Venus in Pisces.</p> Taurus (April 20-May 20) <p>Today is a 7 -- A formidable barrier blocks the path, so take care. Stay in communication, and stay calm. Work with someone who sees your blind spot. Breathe.</p> Gemini (May 21-June 20) <p>Today is an 8 -- Resist the temptation to splurge. Unexpected expenses could surprise. Draw upon hidden resources. You may need to move quickly to maintain your advantage.</p> Cancer (June 21-July 22) <p>Today is a 7 -- Don't lose yourself in a daydream. You could make a silly mistake. Disruptions and distractions abound. Don't get talked out of what you want either.</p> Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) <p>Today is a 7 -- Review finances and avoid nonessential purchases. Decrease the unknowns. Keep cool with chaos and respectful with confrontation. You may be learning more than you wanted to know.</p> Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) <p>Today is an 8 -- You're energized and ready to move. Keep expenses down and slow to avoid accidents or break-age. Do the numbers before committing. Call if you'll be late.</p>	Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) <p>Today is an 8 -- Work interferes with play. You can't do everything. Proceed with caution or break something. Fact and fantasy clash. Harsh words could fly. Don't take it personally.</p> Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) <p>Today is a 9 -- Resist acting impulsively, especially if friends are. Don't spend money to solve the problem. Artistic efforts work in your favor. Decrease clutter. Go for clarity.</p> Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) <p>Today is an 8 -- Avoid frivolities or expense. You're gaining, but slowly. You're more domestic this month, with Venus in Pisces. Enjoy home-cooked meals and comforts. Forgive another's crankiness.</p> Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) <p>Today is a 9 -- Contribute to a larger conversation, with Venus in Pisces. Distractions abound. Let bygones be bygones with a partner. Listening is more powerful than speaking.</p> Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) <p>Today is a 9 -- The truth is revealed, and old assumptions get challenged. Strike out in a new direction. This month could get profitable. Follow the path before you.</p> Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) <p>Today is an 8 -- Relax and prioritize family fun. Practice your arts. Avoid new challenges; handle old stuff first. Stay out of someone else's argument.</p>
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just enough time for a shot that could sever the Tar Heels' season.

"Your first instinct is to think about last year," sophomore Kenny Williams said, "and hope it doesn't happen."

But Meeks corralled his 14th rebound of the game and kicked it back to Pinson, who scurried around the court

before sending the ball flying into the stands.

"I just didn't want to lose another game off a winning shot," Berry said.

The Ducks never got another chance. Instead, North Carolina claimed its first one-point win in the NCAA Tournament since beating Villanova in 2005, and it withstood its worst shooting performance (36.8 percent) in a tournament win in 50 years.

It was a victory so narrow and so nerveracking, the joy of returning to the title game for the second time in as many seasons felt muted by the shock of surviving Oregon.

"I'm pretty sure every Tar Heel fan in the nation is probably sitting on their couch just relieved, feeling relief," Pinson said. "And I'll tell all them, 'Imagine if you're out there.'"

It was a collective sigh of

relief for a team that has been on the cusp of defeat throughout the tournament. The Tar Heels nearly folded against Arkansas in the second round, and Kentucky seemed poised for an Elite Eight win before Maye's historic shot vaulted UNC into the Final Four.

But margin of victory doesn't mean anything during tournament time. Head coach Roy Williams still scribbled the number "2" on the white-

"I just didn't want to lose another game off a winning shot."

Joel Berry
Junior point guard

board after the game, just as he did a year ago.

And No. 1 seed Gonzaga — which faces UNC at 9:20 p.m. on Monday — is the only thing standing in the way of North Carolina's run at

redemption.

"Feel very fortunate we're still playing," Williams said.

"But the fact of the matter is we're still playing."

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MEEKS

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had in four years.

With Berry's ailing ankle sapping his jump shot, not to mention Isaiah Hicks' complete non-impact, Meeks stepped into action. He posted up deep in the paint, bodying Oregon's Jordan Bell backward and toward the rim. Then, once he got there, he showed off the deft touch that's been so characteristic of his four years in Chapel Hill, finishing a swath of layups and hook shots. All told, he made six of his seven shots before halftime, oftentimes the only sure thing UNC had

on offense.

"If it wasn't for Kennedy Meeks," head coach Roy Williams said, "we wouldn't have been in the basketball game."

The rest of UNC's playmakers woke up after intermission, but Meeks still had more offense to offer. He followed a missed layup by Berry with a putback dunk just a few minutes into the half, and he had secured a double-double with more than 10 minutes left to play.

His third and fourth fouls would eventually park Meeks on the bench for the last stretch, but with time winding down, he re-entered the game.

His team needed him most then, to help close things out — after all, isn't that what he'd said he would do?

So it was fitting, then, how this game eventually ended.

Meeks missed two free throws with seconds left that would have iced the game, but Theo Pinson tipped the ball out of the mosh and back to Berry. He, too, would get two tries to seal the win.

His first try rolled right and out. Then the second bounced off the rim and away, too, and suddenly, UNC needed a tip, a bobble — anything — to ensure Oregon never got off a final heave.

They needed Meeks, and

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Roy Williams
North Carolina basketball head coach

for the last time Saturday night, he obliged, collecting Berry's second miss and passing it away to run out the clock. The last few seconds ticked off. The buzzer blared. Then the senior mobbed his teammates to celebrate their second straight trip to the national title game.

Monday's game will be Meeks' last in a North Carolina uniform, one way or the other. But before that

night comes, there's one more thing to mention about Meeks' hotel room antics.

On Friday night, after team dinner, Meeks texted Rush and asked him to sneak a cookie or two up to their room. Rush snagged the sweets, a few chocolate chip cookies, and retreated back to their room.

The team says they've got to swipe desserts this way to avoid the wrath of Jonas Sahratian,

the team's strength and conditioning coordinator — the very man who has helped transform Meeks' body since he first arrived to Chapel Hill as an overweight first-year.

But after the game Saturday night, as Sahratian paced the team locker room, he wasn't concerned about an extra cookie here or there. Rather, he said the opposite.

"He can do whatever the hell he wants until Monday night," Sahratian said of Meeks. "Today he was the MVP."

"Today he won the game for us."

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season for the Tar Heels as the ACC Sixth Man of the Year. Maybe it was unfair to speculate whether he could make a similar jump to Brice Johnson, who turned from an average forward into a perennial All-American during the 2015-16 season. But it wasn't far-fetched to think he could contend for an All-ACC spot.

And it looked for a while like he might do just that. He had 16 points on 7-of-7 shooting from the field in the season opener. He scored in double figures in 11 of the Tar Heels' first 14 games. There was a four-game stretch in mid-January where he averaged 18 points per game and converted on 71.0 percent of his field-goal attempts.

But things went south after Hicks injured his hamstring the day before the first Duke game this season. When he came back, he just looked off. He was thinking too much,

whether it was about getting back to where he was at or just not getting injured again.

In his first five games back on the court, he averaged 5.4 points and 4.0 fouls per game. He followed that up with four incredibly solid games, starting with his senior night domination of the Blue Devils and ending with UNC's win over Texas Southern in the first round of the NCAA Tournament — a period when he averaged 19.0 points and 7.0 rebounds over the course of four games.

But since then, he has gone right back to a shell of his former self.

Hicks' performances in the Sweet 16 and Elite Eight were rough. In the first, he fouled out after playing just 17 minutes. And in the second, he only knocked down two of his five shot attempts. But Saturday's performance against the Ducks could be the worst of the bunch.

In those two previous games, Hicks struggled in

part because he was too tentative. What's worrisome is how bad he played despite being exponentially more aggressive against Oregon. His first attempt of the night was a would-be dunk that was rejected by the Ducks' Jordan Bell. His second — just 19 seconds later — was an open layup that clanged off the side of the rim.

The quad contusion limited Hicks to seven minutes in the second half, but he managed to get six shots up in that span. He missed all of them.

This is the type of performance Hicks must avoid. Unlike most teams in the nation, Gonzaga can match well with UNC's size down low. Bulldog centers Przemek Karnowski, standing at 7-foot-1 and 300 pounds, and 7-footer Zach Collins — who posted 14 points, 13 rebounds and six blocks against South Carolina in the Final Four — present a unique challenge for the North Carolina frontcourt.

Assistant coach Sean May

mentioned postgame that the staff will take the same approach with Hicks that it did after the Elite Eight win over Kentucky. The coaches know how important he'll be

if the Tar Heels hope to hold down the Gonzaga bigs.

"The thing we're gonna try to preach to him is, 'You've got another opportunity ...'" May said. "He's a big-time player.

He's gotta play. It's that simple."

It might seem simple, but Hicks sure has made it look incredibly hard.

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Across

1 Spiders' fly catchers

5 It forms over a healing abrasion

9 Casual talk

13 Mine, to Marcel

14 Batted ball into the dugout, say

15 Lane at the Daily Planet

16 Awkward situation

19 Mournful poem

20 IDs shown at airports

21 Close tightly again

23 Business suit go-with

24 Weekly paycheck, e.g.

31 Pose a question

34 Actress Shire

35 Courtroom hammer

36 Sheet music symbol

38 Henry or Jane of "On Golden Pond"

40 Walrus feature

41 Vague emanations

43 Gymnast Comaneci

45 Live _ : Taco Bell slogan

46 Golf practice facility

49 Bullring shout

50 Anatomical sculpture subjects

54 Signed, as a deal

59 Skin transplant, e.g.

60 Start of a hopeful rhyme about bad weather, and a hint to what the first word of 16-, 24- and 46-Across

may describe

62 Catcher's glove

63 Swedish furniture giant

64 Scrabble square

65 Hearty meal

66 Where Anna danced with the king

67 Doesn't feel well

Down

1 Nilla product

2 Novelist Zola

3 What fillets lack

4 All-out attacks

5 Northern Cal. airport

6 Monastic hood

7 Quattro automaker

8 Political alliance

9 Genetic duplication

10 Shelter adoptee

11 Helper

12 General _ chicken

17 High-end hotel chain

18 Bigfoot cousin

22 Metaphorical new thing to "turn over"

25 As a companion

S	P	A	C	E	L	A	B		R	A	D	I	A	L
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