

NCAA Brackets Inside!

## Southern Season

## A Food Lover's Paradise


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You, the readers of Thw Ratly ©ar Hzel , have voted and the results are in for your favorite sports, restaurants, hot spots, amenities and more in and around UNC!
Thanks for voting!


Favorite Female Athlete

## WINNER: Diamond DeShields

The guard set records (38 points by a North Carolina freshman against State) and broke bones (several in her left hand against High Point) on her way to becoming ACC Freshman of the Year on a 4th seeded team in the NCAA Tournament. That you know. What you might not know is that the basketball star was in love with baseball before she ever played a game of hoops; that she trained in tennis with Venus and Serena's dad; or that one of her dreams is to help people by working in a STEM field. DeShields was the breakout star of the women's basketball team this year and the overwhelming winner of the Tar Heel's favorite female athlete.
Runner Up: By the numbers, the runner up would be Mia Hamm, but since we like to call this Carolina's Finest 2014, we'll stick with

## Favorite Male Athlete

## WINNER: Marcus Paige

He may have gained a reputation - and a nickname - as "second-half Paige," but unstoppable scoring is welcome in any half. Especially when it results in big wins like the one that took down No. 5 Duke in the Dean Dome in CF's Favorite Carolina Sports Moment of the year. Sophomore point guard Marcus Paige played a starring role in a season turnaround and numerous second half victories. In a tense and raucous overtime win over N.C. State Paige racked up a career-high 35 points, 31 of which dropped through the hoop in the final 25 minutes. Riding into the ACC tourney on a 12 -game winning streak, Paige sank 18 second-half points in an unsuccessful attempt to help the Tar Heels take down Duke once again. Going into the NCAA tournament as a sixth seed in the East region, the Tar Heels pulled out nail-biting win over 11th-seeded Providence as Paige scored 3 points to tie the game with a minute twenty-seven seconds remaining.
Runner Up: Kennedy Meeks
Also Ran: James Michael McAdoo and Leslie McDonald round out the hoops luv.


Carolina's current student athletes. Crystal Dunn, the 2013 reigning CF champ and first draft pick in the National Women's Soccer League, comes in a strong second.



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Favorite Carolina Sports Moment

## WINNER: Beating DOOK Feb 20!

It wasn't even close. After the knuckle-biting day of snow, gridlock, and abandoned cars that cancelled the match at the Dean Dome on February 12 , the rescheduled game on February 20 was every Carolina fan's dream moment. While the Tar Heels were down by seven points at the half, they staged a convincing second half comeback, sinking Dook 74-66 in the annual Tobacco Road rivalry game. The fans' excitement could not be contained as they rushed the court and poured onto Franklin Street for a night of celebration.
Runner Up: In a variation on the winning moment, CF readers voted into second place "anytime" the Tar Heels beat DOOK.

Noted: Voter Drew Cabaniss's choice: "When we scared Duke basketball so bad they decided not to come."

Favorite Intramural

## WINNER: Soccer

Carolina is the very definition of a basketball school, but for time out, competition, and exercise with friends, we like to put together an intramural soccer team. As many as $4,000 \mathrm{Tar}$ Heels a year play on almost 500 soccer teams in the Campus Rec leagues at Hooker Fields.
Runner Up: Basketball.Whew, all is right with the world.



## Best Place for Sex

## WINNER: 8th Floor of Davis

So deeply clichéd there's a Friends episode about it, the library is perennially the favorite place for illicit sex on campus. So Davis Library, you are the proud owner of this category, again. For those who need Davis for its official use, you might specifically want to avoid the 8th floor.
Runner Up: Kenan Stadium. And not discreetly under the bleachers, my friends (or would that more likely be in a luxury box?) More than half the votes for the stadium named the 50 yard line as the spot to do the deed.
Also Ran: A few traditionalists
still insist on their own room and/
or bed. One reader suggests a cemetary,
We hope he means with a live accomplice. Another just says "ew."

## Favorite Study Spot

WINNER: Davis Library
CF is more than a little concerned that Davis Library is headed toward a showdown: the studiers vs the sexy-timers.
Runner Up: Undergraduate Library
Also Ran: Carolina Union


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## Best Campus Bathroom

## WINNER: Genome Sciences Building

This was a tight CF race between the Global Education Center and the Genome Sciences Building with GSB edging ahead by just a few votes. CF noted last year that GSB had the newest bathrooms on campus, so that's got to be the $X$ factor.
Runner Up: FedEx Global Education Center. Sorry folks, 2007 is just old in bathroom years.

Quirkiest Roommate Habit
WINNER: Freezes Bacon Grease into Icecubes
CF admits that virtually any entry in the Quirkiest Roommate Habit could have been chosen and that"freezes bacon grease into icecubes" took top honors because it so easily moves between odd roommate behavior for an unsuspecting undergrad who expects to find ice in her icecube trays and "hey, what a good idea and it can be applied to soup stock, ghee, or crème fraîche"for a cook.

## Favorite Must Take Class

## WINNER: ECON 101

The spirit of this question is to elict unknown course gems, and not so much required core curriculum, which presumably needs no discovery assistance. So CF needs to reword the question for next year. But various 101's captured top votes and CF annoints ECON 101 the winner of winners solely on the basis of one entrant's color commentary: "the world would be a better place." CF agrees, and so, Ryan Rosenberg, you are the kingmaker.
Runner Up: PLCY 101, the overthrown incumbent, still polled strongly. The battle of Economics and Public Policy heats up.
Also Ran: RELI 438: Religion, Sport, and Water: Contemplation and Conservation in over 500 years of Fishing Literature" Now that's the kind of off-the-beaten path response CF is looking for and that voter Thomas Elmore was kind enough to provide.


Runner Up: People, your roommates find it strange that you...pee with the bathroom door open; don't flush;sleepwalk; sleeptalk; sleep naked; live naked; set 15 alarms; only eat one type of food; eat your cereal noisily; leave pennies everywhere; do headstands; grow moss; suck your thumb; ban morning talking; have sex with said roommate present; use valuable DVR space recording "Cops"; and collect your toenail cuttings in a jar. CF has to agree.

## Best Place To Take A Nap

## WINNER: Graham Memorial

"Fall asleep in a couch in Graham Memorial" was \#61 on The Daily Tar Heel's UNC bucket list and readers agree. The building was the original Carolina Student Union and today houses the James M. Johnston Center for Undergraduate Excellence.Yes...excellence in overstuffed couches and stately traditional atmosphere. Runner Up: Davis and Undergraduate Libraries Also Ran: My bed


In a big CF shake-up, this year's favorite radio station goes to WFXK 107.1. Known outside of FCC circles as Foxy Hits 107.1, the station serves up contemporary R\&B and classic soul. Yeah baby, CF can get into a groove that can crossfade from the Jackson 5 to Pharrell. Foxy Hits knocked out last year's fave WQDR 94.7 country.
Runner Up: Pulse 102 and WQDR 94.7 Also Ran: WXYC 89.3

## Favorite Local Band

## WINNER: Mipso Trio

Mipso Trio, who call themselves renegade traditionalists, reached a breakthrough in 2013 with the release of Dark Holler Pop. Recorded with appearances from established NC bluegrass figures from Chatham County Line among others, the album was produced by Mandolin Orange's Andrew Marlin.The trio is Jacob Sharp on mandolin, Joseph Terrell on guitar and vocals, and Wood Robinson on double bass. All three graduated

## WINNER: Free Movies

The staple of college union programming boards, free recently-run movies, was far and away the favorite of CF readers. On behalf of CUAB, Swank accepts this award with much humility. Runner Up: Wale \& Ace Hood Homecoming Concert

Also Ran: Carolina Comedy Festival

Best Live Local Performance
WINNER: Mipso Trio at Cat's Cradle
CF voters' favorite band was, unsurprisingly, also their favorite live performance: Mipso Trio at Cat's Cradle. Let's hope now that Mipso is breaking out in the bluegrass scene that they will always come back and dance with the ones that brung'em. Runner up: Corey Smith at Cat's Cradle
Noted: Fully three-quarters of all votes were for one performance or another at Cat's Cradle.
 from UNC in 2013.This spring they continue an extensive tour to support Dark Holler Pop and will be at Cat's Cradle on April 4th.
Runner Up: Morning Brigade
Also Ran: Clockwork Kids




## Favorite Outdoor Place

## WINNER: Polk Place

One of two main quads at the center of campus, Polk Place is the lower, or southernmost one. Generally called just "The Quad," its beach-like feel encourages sunning, kiteflying, and a host of other sunny day delights. The other quad, McCorkle Place, is the shady home to the Old Well. Polk Place was named in the 1920's for James K. Polk, UNC alumnus, Mecklenburg County native, and the 11th president of the U.S.
Runner up: Coker Arboretum Also Ran: The Pit

Best Mixed Drink

## WINNER: Top of the Hill

If you get beyond the impressive selection of seasonal cask beers without making one of them your order, Top of the Hill also excels at the mixed drink. And by excels, CF and its readers mean really, really, really blow most bars out of the water - er - well - with visionary re-imaginings of the cocktail.TOPO is good at sharing, too. Many mixed drink recipes can be found on their app!

## Best Bar Staff

## WINNER: He's Not Here

In the second Carolina's Finest for He's Not Here's new ownership, its bar staff again takes this honor. It's not just the place that makes good times and great memories it's the people.


## Cleanest Bar Bathroom

## WINNER: Top of the Hill

This is another multi-year run category. Top of the Hill takes the powder room experience seriously, as all serious establishments

should. Which prompts a CF challenge: Bar managers, restauranteers, retailers - tour TOPO's bathroom. Learn from it. Emulate it. Please.


Best Theme Night
WINNER: Country Night at East End
It's a trend that keeps on trending. Readers continue to love Country Night at East End. Good thing cowboy boots are back in style. So getcher line dance on downstairs at the Deep End.

Best Meal After Midnight WINNER: [B]Ski's

- When the night has moved into the wee hours but not quite to breakfast, readers want to go to [B]Ski's for something - anything - cooked to perfect deliciousness and wrapped inside a large, toasty grilled tortilla. It's lunch, it's dinner, it's breakfast, it's anything you want it to be. CF gives a special kudos to [B] Ski's for being the only restaurant on Franklin Street open on the second night of Snowpocalypse 2014 willing to make food for 50 hungry, hardworking reporters and editors. So, not only best meal after midnight, but also best meal when everyone else has given up and gone home.


## Best Place for a Microbrew

## WINNER: Carolina Brewery

In the annual battle between Carolina Brewery and TOPO for best microbrew the top spot once again switches hands and goes to Carolina Brewery. Owner Robert Poitras has been busy expanding the distribution of his awardwinning brews, but those of us in Chapel Hill only have to go as far as West Franklin Street to enjoy a great meal with a
great craft beer. At their Pittsboro location you can take a free tour of the brewery any Saturday at 2:00 P.M.

Favorite Caffeine Fix

## WINNER:

## Starbucks

CF readers tend to vote up locally owned and home grown Chapel Hill businesses, but the favorite caffeine fix is the exception. Here CF voters welcome their ant overlord, Starbucks. Should we attribute this anomaly in the loyalty-habit continuum to an insidious brand, the promise of a soothing sameness, or a genuinely better product? CF encourages readers to explore that question
 by comparing the cuppa joe from Starbucks with that from Caffe Driade, Open Eye, Caribou, Daily Grind and our other caffeine underdogs.


Most Chapel Hill Hangout

## WINNER: He's Not Here

Business Insider scooped us on He's Not Here for 2014, naming it on March 19th Chapel Hill's best college bar. That was supposed to be CF's breaking news, man. He's Not has had more than four decades to fine tune its game and become a legend in its own time.

## Best First Date

## WINNER: Top of the Hill

Whether you choose the lovely open rooftop dining or the impressive view of the glassed in brewery, this is the place to enjoy and impress on your first date. If you run out of things to talk about there's games on TV, tons of people watching, a visit to the Back Bar. But you won't. It'll be a great first date in the ambiance of Top of the Hill.


## Favorite Frozen Treat

## WINNER: YoPo

What kind of magic does Yogurt Pump conjure to stay the champion of CF's frozen treat category for ten years straight? Healthy, low fat, and no-fat options for one. A daily menu of exceptional and original flavors for another. Think Sea Salt Caramel, White Chocolate Mousse, Snickerdoodle, and Thin Mint. Think swirled flavors, waffle cones, and toppings. Think...go to YoPo on Franklin Street right now!

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Favorite Place to Watch the Game

## WINNER: He's Not Here

He's Not Here wrapped up three categories in the voting this year, including this very important informational category - best place to watch a game. There are few more crucial things to get right when you're a cord cutter who just has no access at home to TNT and wouldn't miss the purveyor of marginal Hollywood movies mixed with reruns of Charmed and Smallville...were it not for March Madness.The NCAA says,"Take that, cord cutters!"So pull up a Blue Cup and root for the Tar Heels in the bar that is also the "Most Chapel Hill Hangout" with the "Best Bar Staff."

## Best Burger

## WINNER: Buns

Taking the top burger spot for the fourth year in a row, CF imagines Buns management matter-of-factly cutting another notch into the grill that serves up so much meaty happiness. It also gets kudos from readers for serving veggie options and having terrific fries. CF wants to commend Buns's adorable, inspired, web site.


## Best Lunch Bargain

## WINNER: Sutton's

Sutton's is a time-capsule of the early 20th century - the drug store and diner at the heart of a small town. No wonder it's on every UNC bucket list. This month alone, both Rob Lowe and the Travelocity gnome were spotted eating at Sutton's. Just in case you need more reasons than classic burgers and milkshakes to get there.

## Best Carolina Gear

## WINNER: Johnny T-shirt

What is it? The great selection? The cozy, friendly store? The status that comes with more than 30 years of staying power on Franklin Street? Johnny T-shirt is a Chapel Hill institution that once again comes out on top with readers for best Carolina gear.

## Best Place to Live

## WINNER: Chapel Ridge

Chapel Ridge easily locks down its champion spot for another year. Residents enjoy resort-like accommodations including a swimming pool, basketball and volleyball courts, and an impressive fitness center. Readers are eager to live in Chapel Ridge, close to campus on MLK with convenient bus service, individual baths, and a fun atmosphere.

## Congrats to the Runners Up!

Runner Up, Best Mixed Drink: The Crunkleton
Runner Up, Best Bar Staff: Linda's Bar \& Grill
Also Ran: Top of the Hill and Fitzgeralds
Runner Up, Cleanest Bar Bathroom: The Crunkleton Also Ran: Linda's Bar \& Grill and Fitzgeralds
Runner Up, Best Theme Night: Any ‘90's night (mentions include Cat's Cradle, Goodfellows, R\&R, He's Not Here)
Also Ran: Karaoke Sundays at He's Not Here
Runner Up, Best Place for a Microbrew: Top of the Hill Also Ran: Steel String Brewery
Runner Up, Best Meal After Midnight: Time-Out
Also Ran: Cosmic Cantina and Linda's Bar \& Grill
Runner Up, Most Chapel Hill Hangout: YoPo (The Yogurt Pump) Also Ran: Top of the Hill
Runner Up, Favorite Caffeine Fix: The Daily Grind Also Ran: Open Eye
Runner Up, Favorite Frozen Treat: Sweet Frog Also Ran: Sugarland
Runner Up, Best Healthy Meal: Lime Fresh Mexican Restaurant Also Ran: Hummus Café and Foster's Market
Runner Up, Place to Watch the Game: Carolina Brewery Also Ran: Four Corners
Runner Up, Best First Date: 411 West
Also Ran: Spanky's
Runner Up, Best Burger: Top This!
Also Ran: Al's Burger Shack and Suttons.
Runner Up, Best Lunch Bargain: Cosmic Cantina Also Ran: Sakura and Bandidos.
Runner Up, Best Carolina Gear: UNC Student Stores Also Ran: The Shrunken Head. CF is kinda curious about a store that features a UNC boat fender on its front page of products online.
Runner Up, Best Place to Live: Granville Towers
Also Ran: The Warehouse, Mill Creek, and Ram Village all made respectable showings

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