

WXYC celebrates 40 years of airtime

‘I walked in and was immediately accepted ... into this tribe’

By Sarah Vassello
Swerve Director

It was Friday, March 18, 1977. Jimmy Carter was president, and the top hit on the radio was Barbra Streisand’s “Evergreen,” the theme song from the 1976 film “A Star is Born.”

But that’s not what came out of the WXYC soundwaves. From the second floor of the Frank Porter Graham Student Union, the speakers started to play “You Turn Me On, I’m a Radio” by Joni Mitchell.

“Call me at the station, the lines are open,” she sang over twangy acoustic guitars and mellow beats.

It was the first song the station played. WXYC, after years of fighting for funding and recognition, was finally on the air — and it was here to stay.

On Saturday at the Chapel Hill/Carrboro Downtown Hampton Inn, a group of about 35 WXYC alumni — the ones who were there on that day, the ones who came before it and the ones who came after — were all there to celebrate 40 years of WXYC.

“Some of you may not know, I noticed this at lunch, but today is March 18,” said Jim Srebro, a WXYC alum and first chairperson of Student Educational Broadcasting, Inc., the entity that holds the FCC license to the station. “This is, in fact, the day that WXYC signed on the air at 5 o’clock in the morning.”

WCAR days

Like the creation of the station

itself, transmitting the first WXYC signal was not guaranteed.

“(Former WXYC Station Manager) Jim Bond and I were in a transmitter facility — we were not sure at all that it would work,” Srebro said. “I think we went home at like 1 o’clock after turning it off and turning it on like 15 times, but you know how it goes.”

After everything WXYC went through to get on the air in the first place, there was no way it was going off anytime soon.

On Oct. 5, 1965, a campus-wide referendum passed 3,301 to 1,099, voting to establish a campus radio station. Although the interest was there, the student legislature did not act on the measure and money was not set aside in the budget.

But in 1966, students received transmissions from stations in the basements of residence halls like Ehrlinghaus, Morrison and Granville. Each transmission was local to these dorms through current carrier stations. These stations conglomerated to form WCAR, the first form of WXYC.

On Sept. 19, 1973, a student referendum supporting the establishment of a student FM radio station passed 1,356 to 498. Student Congress allocated \$35,000 for initial construction costs.

Legal and political struggles were one thing, but construction was another as WCAR-affiliated students — self-identified broadcasting geeks — helped with technical construction, installing everything from signal processors to a high fidelity microwave studio. The FM tower was installed on top of the Manning Drive water tower, Srebro said.

“I like to think of myself as a fairly intelligent person, but I was a stupid person when I climbed on that tower,” he said.

Nodding heads and laughter in the room showed he wasn’t the only one.

Funding feuds

Although WCAR and eventually WXYC were funded by Student



DTH/NATHAN KLIMA

WXYC alumni held a reunion to celebrate their 40th anniversary at the Chapel Hill/Carrboro Downtown Hampton Inn.

Congress, it was a difficult road.

“It was just always a challenge,” said Gary Davis, WXYC DJ and chief engineer from 1975 to 1979. “We were always at the mercy of student government.”

When WCAR was funded by student government in the 1970s, it was directly competing with The Daily Tar Heel, the Yackety Yack yearbook and a student graphics group.

David Klinger, WXYC news editor from 1974 to 1975 and a former DTH writer, said this caused a lot of animosity between these groups, especially toward the DTH.

“The Tar Heel was really an assertive, aggressive paper,” he said.

Most of the time, Klinger said, funding was allocated to the organizations with more success. The award-winning DTH and subscription-selling Yackety Yack took pre-

cedence over the recently founded WCAR.

But in 1972, funding was raised from \$2,000 a year to more than \$10,000, signifying commitment to the organization.

And in 1984, WXYC petitioned to have constitutional funding — 4 percent of the annual budget, which passed and brought their annual budget up to around \$40,000, which is where the budget is set today.

They went on the air 24 hours a day immediately after, and have been on 24 hours a day ever since.

Feuds were even settled. “One of the things I realized we needed to do was get over this business with the DTH where they hated us and were always writing articles about how we were a catastrophe,” said Bill Burton, chairperson of the

WXYC board and former station manager. “We would have regular softball games across the street by Carmichael against the DTH.”

‘Color on a palette’

For Burton, WXYC station manager in the mid-1980s, WXYC was a place where students could be themselves.

“I walked in and was immediately accepted and fell into this tribe that was my tribe of people,” he said. “Within a week, I had like 40 new friends, and that was the real turning point of what WXYC meant to me.”

It’s that spirit that’s kept WXYC going for 40 years.

Under Burton, who was music

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Q&A with BOG member Madeline Finnegan

Earlier this month, the N.C. General Assembly passed a law decreasing membership of the Board of Governors from 32 to 24 by 2019. Staff writer Carina McDermid spoke with Madeline Finnegan, the only student member, about the bill and board representation.



Madeline Finnegan, a student at N.C. State University, is the only student member on the BOG.

The Daily Tar Heel: How might House Bill 39 affect the representation of the Board of Governors?

Madeline Finnegan: I think I

see it in two different lights: One, I think that having a smaller board can lead to each individual voice having more power. I think people will be more inclined to speak up, especially in a big setting

when we have the 32 members. So in that respect I think it will be good.

But on the other hand, I think when we decrease the number of people on the board, we could decrease the amount of diversity and representation. We already don’t have a super diverse board, and I worry that this will make positions on the Board of Governors more competitive. Board of Governors members lobby legislators to get a coveted spot on the

board — so I worry that it will be more competitive and not to our advantage.

DTH: Is the BOG a separate entity from the General Assembly?

MF: In an ideal place, it’s completely separate from the General Assembly. Of course, the board has to coordinate with the General Assembly about legislative priorities and budget priorities because we get our money from the

General Assembly. But the Board of Governors should be something that operates exclusively for stakeholders in the UNC system, specifically students, faculty members, staff and, on a broader scale, taxpayers. But it should operate with the goal of bettering our universities, not focusing on what the General Assembly would want.

DTH: Do you think one student voice on the board is enough?

MF: No, I don’t think there are enough students on the board. You know, I’m at every board meeting, and I definitely try to make a case for students. I collaborate with student body presidents and people in student governments to formulate our official opinions on things I bring to the board. But it’s a lot for one student to handle. Additionally, I can reflect the opinions of the students I speak with but at

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Runoff election set for Friday

Elizabeth Adkins and Maurice Grier will be the only candidates.

By Acy Jackson
University Editor

Student body president elections continue with a runoff election on Friday.

Paul Kushner, chairperson of the UNC Board of Elections, said there will only be two options on the ballot — Maurice Grier and Elizabeth Adkins.

Kushner said there is no current reason why the election should not happen on Friday.

“We don’t have any outstanding reason to make this not happen on Friday,” he said. “There’s nothing that’s been presented to the board that would give us

any reason to delay it.”

Kushner said Adkins received 44.3 percent of the vote in the last election and Grier received 22.7 percent of the vote.

With no outstanding complaints or UNC Student Supreme Court injunctions, the two candidates are proceeding with their campaign plans.

“We’re very excited to have this extra week to campaign for the runoff election,” Adkins said.

“We’re really looking at it as an opportunity to just be able to engage with more and more students and be able to interact with them and explain to them our policies...”

Grier said he wanted to use this week to continue to spread his campaign message.

“Honestly, I think the most important thing is to just stay focused on the mission and the

things that we, my campaign and myself, that I want to promote that should be the culture here on campus which is love,” he said.

In planning for the week, Adkins said she was planning on meeting student groups she wasn’t able to meet with before.

“So hopefully we’ll be able to use this week as an opportunity to continue to meet with them and spread our ideas and talk with them,” she said.

Grier said he doesn’t have concrete plans for the next week.

“Things are ever-changing,” he said. “So it’s very difficult, especially you know in an election or a campaign, to say this is what we’re going to do and this is going to be the outcome because you never know what the next challenge is going to be.”

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North Carolina survives with late run

MEN’S BASKETBALL

NORTH CAROLINA 72
ARKANSAS 65

By C Jackson Cowart
Sports Editor

GREENVILLE, S.C. — This could have been it.

Isaiah Hicks pondered his career, which was potentially four minutes from finality. He exchanged glances with Kennedy Meeks. They weren’t ready for the end.

Nate Britt swallowed his fears and clung to the bench. Eleven months after losing in the national title game, North Carolina was staring at a second-round exit — and Arkansas had all the momentum.

“I don’t think any of us thought that we would lose this game or saw the road end-

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Trailing 65-60 with 3:28 left, UNC closed the game on a 12-0 run to beat Arkansas.

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Obama wants us to win, we’re never going to fail

By Rachel Jones and Jenni Ciesielski
Assistant Swerve Editors

Welcome back, UNC! The sun is shining slightly more than it was last week, midterms are behind us and we are in the thick of March Madness. If you, like us here at Swerve, are well-meaning but slightly clueless about basketball, don’t worry: we’ve got you with a comprehensive guide of all the non-athletic important basketball stuff that’s happened since you stepped off campus.

1. Thanks, Obama — seriously.

While the current administration has maintained radio silence on its March Madness picks, former President Barack Obama is still coming in clutch. During his time in office, Obama

picked UNC to win the National Championship in 2009 and 2012 — one out of two isn’t that bad, honestly. Thankfully, he’s continued the tradition this year and has picked UNC to cut down the nets in April. Take that, Krzyzewski.

Anyway, it’s nice to know that at least one politician is on our side. North Carolina governor (and UNC graduate) Roy Cooper picked Kentucky to win it all. He didn’t even send UNC to the Final Four, but he sent Duke. Shameful.

2. Roy Williams has accepted your friend request

A former president isn’t the only one rooting for North Carolina basketball. Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg stopped by Chapel Hill last Monday to talk to the team

and shoot some hoops ahead of the NCAA tournament — you know, casual.

And yes, we know that Zuckerberg stopped at Duke as well. But we think the Carolina Way really won him over — in a Facebook post about the day, he gave “a special thanks” to the UNC team, who took the court with him and gave him the nickname “Zuckerbuckets.” It’s a good thing Facebook has those heart reactions now.

3. Wot in Tar (Heel) Nation

On March 15, pictures of the team travelling for the tournament gained national attention, and not just because they’re the Southern No. 1 seed.

Roy and his boys were all decked out in cowboy hats, looking like they should be



DTH FILE/ALEX KORMANN
The North Carolina bench erupts in celebration after guard Kanler Coker (13) made a reverse layup on Friday.

travelling by horses instead of planes.

Because the team vaguely looked like those “wot in tar-nation” memes, the pictures sparked confusion — until people found out where the hats came from. First-year player Shea Rush custom

designed a hat for each of his teammates and coaches, letting them all pick their own colors and designs.

It’s good to see that this team truly has their head in the game.

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POLICE LOG

- Someone was trespassed on the 700 block of North Columbia Street at 6:43 a.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The person was intoxicated and refused to leave the property, reports state.
- Someone reported a breaking and entering with no force on the 100 block of Windsor Place at 2:52 p.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The person opened the victim’s front door, but did not

- take anything, reports state.
- Someone disturbed the peace at Pazzo at 700 Market St. at 8:46 p.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The person caused a disturbance in the restaurant, reports state.
 - Someone reported receiving suspicious text messages on the 1300 block of Ephesus Church Road at 10:49 p.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

- Someone disturbed the peace on the 100 block of East Franklin Street at 1:16 a.m. Tuesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The person refused to leave the victim’s car, reports state.
- Someone disturbed the peace on the 400 block of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard at 2:38 p.m. Tuesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Someone committed mis-

- demeanor larceny at the Food Lion at 1720 Fordham Blvd. at 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- The person trespassed and took an energy drink, Listerine and a pack of Stride Sour Patch gum, valued at \$7.86 total, from the store without paying, reports state.
- Someone reported barking dogs on the 100 block of Culbreth Park Drive at 7:17 p.m. Tuesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
 - Someone reported larceny at the Kangaroo Express at 201 S. Estes Dr. at 12:36 a.m. Wednesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The person took a phone charger, valued at \$16.99, from the store without paying, reports state.

- Someone reported vandalism on the 100 block of East Franklin Street at 2:25 p.m. Wednesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The person scratched the entire side of a vehicle with an unknown object, causing \$500 in damage, reports state.
- Someone reported a suspicious person on the 200 block of Elizabeth Street at 12:35 a.m. Wednesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
- Someone reported indecent exposure at the Chapel Hill Public Library at 100 Library Dr. at 6:44 p.m. Wednesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.
The person was masturbating in the library, reports state.

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Listen to Lorde’s new track

About two weeks ago, Lorde blessed the world with her new song “Green Light,” the first single from her upcoming album “Melodrama.” The day she released the song, I was having one of my worst days thus far this semester — until I listened to the song. I listened to it after putting on comfort clothes and curling up on my bed, a moment away from forgoing homework and succumbing to Netflix. The song made me want to get up and dance. And it made me remember how much I need an artist like Lorde.

I listened to the single for the rest of the weekend on repeat (much to the chagrin of my housemate, my friends and any unsuspecting DJ I encountered).

Lorde, whose album “Pure Heroine” scored my senior year of high school, managed to do it again. Even now, weeks after the release, I find myself immediately pulling the song up on Spotify as soon as the app loads. It’s just that good.

It’s not just the catchiness of the song that pulls me in — it’s the relevance it has to my life. The refrain of the chorus, “I’m waiting for it, that green light, I want it,” may at first seem vague and metaphorical, but to me, it said exactly what I have been feeling this semester.

While Lorde is singing about heartbreak, her chorus told a different story to me. This semester has been one of being told constantly that the future is coming soon. From summer internship applications (and rejections) to friends starting to study for grad school entrance exams to being asked, seemingly every day, what I’m going to do with my life, I feel like I’m hitting a lot of red lights. While I’m not certain I’m ready to accelerate into the future right now, a big part of me craves a sign from the universe that lets me go full speed ahead.

The song also explores the difficulties of being on your own and having to move on with your life while still healing. One of my favorite lines in the song is the bridge. She sings, “I hear sounds in my mind, brand new sounds in my mind.”


Instead of being terrified of all the big questions facing me for the remainder of this academic year, I’ll remember Lorde’s belief in reinvention. Every mistake is a chance to be reborn; every no makes you more grateful for a yes. At least, that’s what “Green Light” makes me believe. And even when the culture at UNC makes me feel like if I didn’t get my summer plans solidified in January, somehow I’ve messed up, Lorde gets that, too. She’s learned the art of letting go. But under the song’s chorus’ tone of submission, there’s the sound of tomorrow. The story comes from after I “get my things and just let go.” And that’s why I needed this song right now.

Thank you, Lorde, for giving me a new soundtrack to my walks home down Hillsborough Street.

But more than that, thank you for giving me the certainty that today might be rough, but going into the night can show me brightness even in darkness.

EDITORIAL CARTOON

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WHY ARE YOU LIBERALS ANGRY WITH ME?

DOES MY WITHERED FACE REMIND YOU OF THE GRIM SPECTRE OF DEATH?

EDITORIAL

A party of fluidity

Being overly loyal to a political party is harmful.

Political parties are constantly changing. The 2016 election was a textbook example of how quickly an American political platform can change. After all, if the incentive of the party is to get officials elected, it needs to change as people change.

While that is fairly straightforward, it also shows how remaining politically loyal to one party is harmful and can lead to you voting for a candidate not in line with your preferences. The best example might be the classic switch of the “Dixiecrats” to the current iteration of the Democrats.

The Democratic Party has had an awful, violent agenda against Black and brown people for over a century. They were the predominant party supporting slavery in the mid-19th century. They also had many members who opposed civil rights and gay rights and supported failed policies like the war on drugs.

Almost any time this editorial board (or any opinion outlet for that matter) writes on par-

tisanship, we receive criticism for “shamelessly shilling for the Democrats and their entire history.” Which essentially is a straw man argument to make — the Democrat party is not the same party as Jackson’s, and the Republican party is not the same party as Lincoln’s.

To say you support the Republican party because they opposed slavery in 1865 ignores their shared role in opposition to civil rights, support for regressive economic policies and the current attempt to strip citizens of their right to vote.

You can appreciate a party’s historical victory without endorsing its entire policy history. By now, both parties are well over 100 years old. It is entirely unreasonable to say you are the same type of party member as a person who died 60 years ago.

Even the modern Democrat party has serious policy flaws that should make a party member question their loyalty. The continued support of tough-on-crime policies, drone programs and family-dividing deportation programs makes it hard for many liberals to wholeheartedly support the party.

Many moderate, long-

time Republicans feel like they no longer have a party given the election of a far-right candidate. Over the course of two years, their party changed so much that it is no longer in line with their views.

What are the alternatives?

If you dislike both parties, you’re kind of in a bad situation.

While a third party vote may certainly help keep your conscience clean, it isn’t as effective of a voting measure.

Even then, having parties, no matter the quantity, lends itself to outdated expectations about the party given current preferences.

Although certainly imperfect, maybe the way to change our perception of American politics is to think of politics as the left-to-right spectrum rather than two superficially rigidly defined parties. Note that this should be seen as a spectrum where people fall in between the words right and left.

While the definitions of liberal and conservative may not be easily defined either, at least it gets us thinking of politics as a spectrum rather than categorical parties.

Public opinion is fluid, and our views of politics should reflect that.

EDITORIAL

A learning gap

How can upper-level classes offer a fair start?

The first round of midterms are over, and you might be feeling the squeeze of trying to repair that 68 you got in your upper-level biology class. As we all get back to hitting the library, we may be finding ourselves nostalgic for the lower-level class, where we aced the first midterm and then the final. So what happened?

Sometimes lower-level courses do not prepare you for the subsequent levels. The base knowledge your 300-level professor might assume you have simply isn’t there — leaving you miles behind the rest of the class.

While certainly not all UNC students will have had this experience, a good portion should find this relatable. The main issue is that there are no clear roots to this problem and no clear solution. One could argue look-

ing at pre-University education is the best place to start identifying why some students have more base knowledge than others. Say your high school had a wonderful biology teacher who went above and beyond what was expected of them to make sure their students had a superb understanding of the subject. Students from this high school class would be in a better place to do well in their Biology 101 class and then in the rest of the major. They spend less time and effort playing catch-up, freeing up their time to study other subjects.

A second origin of this problem can be found in any number of issues during the intro-level class at college. Snow days can decrease in-person class time, or a sick day can set you back. Sometimes the professor didn’t make the subject as clear as possible. Any or all of these problems can contribute to an uneasy foundation at the base of a new subject. Attending office hours

can help catch you up, but it can only do so much given the limited time of both the student and the professor.

While amendments to the general education system or teaching styles of professors might help solve this issue, the level of structural change needed to bring these broad solutions would be impractical to call for in this editorial. So, we encourage all professors to be understanding that not all students in upper-level courses may be on the same level.

In our opinion, UNC professors typically already do a great job with this. We also suggest students not be too prideful to seek help. Getting an education is a two-way street — mutual effort is required.

While we may not all start at the same level, if both professors and students are willing to put in a few extra hours, hopefully we can all finish our upper-level classes with an equal understanding of the subject.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“I come from a very loving, wonderful, very conservative family, so it’s been my life journey to see what’s human about that.”

Bekah Brunstetter, on her new play “The Cake”

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

“Just don’t overlook the current competition.”

Stacy Wynn, on UNC’s basketball team’s “Redemption” group chat

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DTH needs better print distribution

TO THE EDITOR:

I love reading The Daily Tar Heel. However, over the past several months I have noticed that the distribution of the DTH has gotten worse and worse.

The worst I have experienced was the DTH on news stands a full day late, but mostly it has been available in the late afternoons rather than first thing in the morning. If this trend continues, I will likely read the DTH online rather than reading “old news” in the printed version. This would be unfortunate as I prefer the feel of the paper and the smell of the ink.

Also, distributing the DTH so late is a disservice to your print advertisers. Please pick up the pace or find a new distributor.

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Haley France

First-Year Journalism

Don’t dunk on local coffee and doughnuts

TO THE EDITOR:

Another Dunkin’ Donuts is coming to Chapel Hill, but the news doesn’t taste as sweet, knowing that it’s a global chain.

I understand the excitement. After all, most Americans — including myself — gladly welcome fried dough. However, although this location is regionally franchised, it doesn’t change the fact that large chains are detrimental to local businesses and don’t add to downtown Chapel Hill’s vibrant community and culture.

Local coffee and doughnut shops such as Rise Biscuits Donuts, Caffè Driade and Joe Van Gogh are prevalent in the Chapel Hill and Carrboro area. Some are individual establishments and others are local chains, but each will be affected by this addition — and so will the community.

For instance, small businesses typically recirculate spending by purchasing local goods and services, but many chains use non-local suppliers. A study conducted by Civic Economics found that independent and locally owned restaurants, on average, return over two times as much revenue to the community as national restaurant chains. By patronizing large chains, one’s money is effectively leaving the local economy, which, cyclically, hurts other community-based businesses.

Beyond the numerous financial reasons, local businesses simply provide a unique, personal atmosphere. I realize Dunkin’ Donuts has Munchkins and candy-flavored “swirls.” However, Rise Biscuits Donuts makes creme brulee doughnuts, Caffè Driade has a patio amidst the trees

Tell your reps to take money out of politics

TO THE EDITOR:

Perhaps my fellow citizens have failed to notice that we, as a society have invested a great deal of trust, power and authority in legal entities whose only reason for existing is to make a profit.

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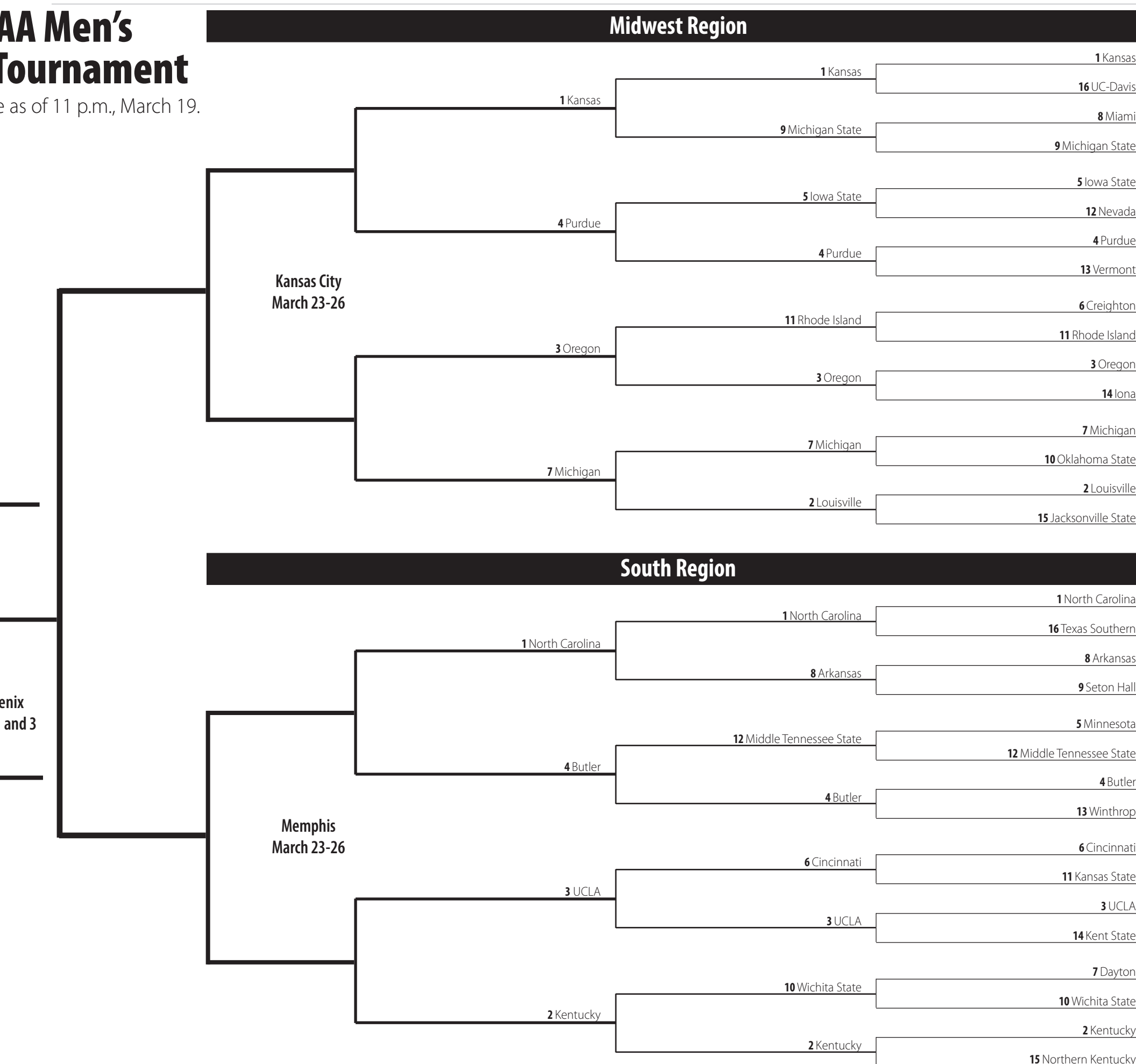
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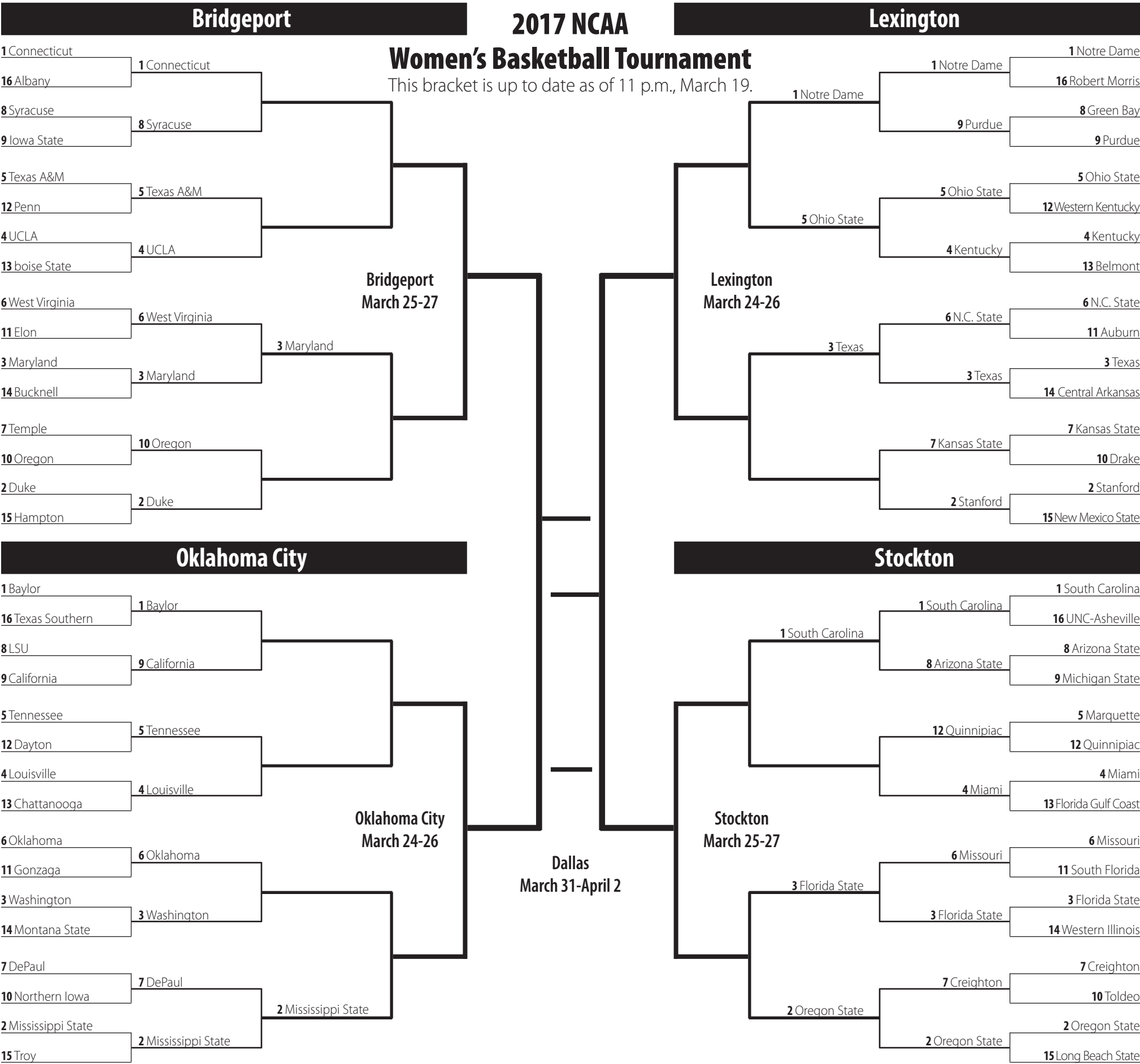
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PAUL LERNER, (University of Southern California) will discuss the intertwined histories of German Jews and consumer culture, focusing on department stores in pre-Nazi Germany and advertising, malls, and amusement parks in post-war America, showing how Jewish immigrants from Germany and Austria shaped American consumer culture in the 20th century. Concentrating on several key figures, this lecture will follow the paths of architects, designers, and publicists who brought European notions of planning and Freudian psychoanalysis overseas and helped create modern American urban and commercial culture.

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UNC continues construction projects

Some of the current projects will last into the next school year.

By Lorcan Farrell
Staff Writer

Parts of campus have been closed off due to construction recently, causing student traffic jams and new routes to classes.

Some of the work being done on and around Lenoir Dining Hall is the cause of student frustration.

Construction on Hamilton Hall, which has been ongoing since the fall semester, is fixing problems associated with precast panels on the outer shell of the building, which controls the temperature and keeps out wind and rain. Construction has not interrupted classes.

The construction's projected budget costs \$1.5 million.

"To be honest it hasn't really affected me outside of helping me know which building I had class in at the beginning of the semester," said David Garcia, a first-year exercise and sports science major. "It was the only

building I didn't have to ask someone where it was."

First-year sociology major Emily Pittman agreed that the work has had little impact on students taking classes inside the building.

"I go to Hamilton at least twice a day every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, so I have to walk around the construction," Pittman said. "We haven't had to relocate our classes or anything like that though."

While the disruption inside Hamilton has been minor, the closure of the sidewalks, which resulted from work replacing chilled water pipes that feed to buildings near Lenoir Drive, has had a larger effect on students.

The project is estimated to cost \$5.2 million.

"It has caused a few issues that I have had to work around," said junior biology major Savanna Powell. "You have to change your way to class sometimes or you have to leave earlier to avoid the traffic issues it causes."

Powell said she was frustrated with the fact that the construction happened without warning during the

middle of the semester rather than over the summer.

UNC Facilities publishes a schedule of both formal and informal projects on their website which includes projected start and end dates of upcoming projects as well as the completion percentage and the projected budget.

This schedule includes plans for replacing two fields at Finley North with artificial turf with a \$12 million budget. The project will also add two grass fields for practice for varsity sports.

There will be renovations to the Odum Village community center allowing for the development of a new Student Veteran's Center. This project has a \$750,000 budget.

Two additional upcoming projects are the renovation of UNC Student Stores — with Barnes and Noble College covering the \$3.8 million cost — as well as the expansion of the Eddie Smith Field House. This project is reported to have begun on March 6 and has a projected budget of \$25 million.

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DTH/SHEPARD BARNES

Construction between Hamilton Hall and Lenoir Dining Hall has closed the pathway for students.

Q&A with screenwriter Bekah Brunstetter

Bekah Brunstetter is a screenwriter currently working for the hit NBC show "This is Us." The UNC graduate will soon be returning to her roots, as her recent play, "The Cake," will be performed by the PlayMakers Repertory Company on campus in the fall. Staff writer Molly Horak spoke with Brunstetter about her career, what it's like working on a popular show and her new play.

The Daily Tar Heel: When did you know you wanted to become a screenwriter?

Bekah Brunstetter: I've been writing poetry and short stories since I was about 6 years old. Gradually that turned into plays — I loved plays but I didn't like acting in them;

I just wanted to be around them. My freshman year at UNC I wrote my first play, and from that moment I was like, "This is it; this is what I want to do."

DTH: What are some of the biggest challenges that you face as a writer?

BB: It's really hard to commit to a creative life because there is no guarantee that you will ever make a living. It's hard to stay hopeful and confident and believe that you can make it, to deal with the rejection and the disappointment and not throw in the towel. I've been writing and wanting to be a writer and defining myself as a writer for so long that there was never really another option for me — I just kept doing it.

DTH: When did you know that you had finally "made it" as a playwright?

BB: When you look at a creative career — be it writing or directing or painting or songwriting or whatever — sometimes it seems like a person can be an overnight success. But really, it's years and years of all these tiny successes that add up to where the person is currently. Things like getting into grad school, getting my first play produced in New York, getting my first TV job, they're all these little victories that add up to where I am now. And every little victory is usually coupled with a setback. If one thing is happening, there is another thing that's not happening. It's really crazy how the universe will throw you both things at

once to keep you humble.

DTH: What is it like working on the hit show "This is Us"? Are there things that have surprised you about the experience?

BB: I've written for three other shows before, but this is the first with so many people watching it. And that's been really cool because it's rare that you feel like you're actually writing for so many people. I think the success of it has really surpassed everyone's expectations. The actors are all really lovely; the writers are all really lovely. My boss, Dan Fogelman, is very aware of the tone and the stories he wants told, so a lot of it falls into place pretty organically. None of it is very

forced, which is why I think the episodes turn out so well.

DTH: Tell me about "The Cake." What was your inspiration and what was the process like to create it?

BB: The play takes place in North Carolina and is basically about a woman who goes through this whole moral dilemma because she doesn't feel comfortable making a cake for these two women who are getting married. I started writing this play about a year and a half ago, and my goal has always been to humanize conservative values. Like a lot of people in North Carolina do, I come from a very loving, wonderful, very conservative family, so it's been my life journey to see

what's human about that.

I wanted to write a play in which a conservative person was sort of the hero and show them going on a journey of rethinking where their belief system comes from and sticking to their beliefs, not like all of a sudden their beliefs had changed.

From the minute I started writing it, I was thinking in the back of my head, "Gosh, I hope Playmakers does it," because I really wanted to see it performed in North Carolina. Even though Chapel Hill is quite the liberal community, I feel like most people in North Carolina have conservative people in their lives and are trying to have conversations with them.

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Today is a 9 -- You're coming into your own, with the Sun in your sign. Achieve personal objectives. You're in your element this month. Professional opportunities arise today and tomorrow.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Today is a 6 -- Peaceful meditation and introspection provide great ideas and clarity of purpose this month under the Aries Sun. Complete old projects and plan what's next. Launch later.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Today is an 8 -- Manage shared finances today and tomorrow. Get into a four-week social phase, with the Sun in Aries. Spend time with people who share your interests.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Today is an 8 -- Reach a new professional level this month, with the Sun in Aries. Collaborate with your partner today and tomorrow. Avoid conflicts between love and money.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is an 8 -- Begin a travel and expansion phase. Indulge your curiosity this month, with the Sun in Aries. Nurture your health today and tomorrow; slow to avoid accidents.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is an 8 -- Partnership grows with the Sun in Aries. It's a good month for financial planning. Invest for long-term growth. Collaboration can get especially romantic today and tomorrow.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today is an 8 -- Home and family take priority today and tomorrow. Partnerships grow stronger this month, with the Sun in Aries. Collaborate with someone you love.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today is a 9 -- Get your message out over the next two days. Your physical health and vitality grows under the Aries Sun. Energize your work and exercise this month.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is a 9 -- Today and tomorrow get profitable. You're lucky in love and play this month, with the Sun in Aries. Someone finds your energy attractive. Deepen a romance.

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Today is a 7 -- Follow a personal dream today and tomorrow. Focus on home improvement this month, with the Sun in Aries. Provide upgrades in beauty and functionality.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today is an 8 -- Concentrate on your studies and travels over the next month, with the Sun in Aries. Explore your curiosity. Make plans over the next two days.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Today is a 9 -- It's easier to make money, with the Sun in Aries. Make hay while the sun shines. Teamwork gets the job done today and tomorrow.

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With 3:47 left in UNC's 72-65 win on Sunday, head coach Roy Williams pleaded with his team. The No. 8 seed Razorbacks (26-10) led by three. The top-seeded Tar Heels (29-7) hadn't had a game like this all season — it was time to win one.

Ten seconds later, Joel Berry committed his only turnover of the game to give Arkansas a five-point lead. On the next possession, a frantic exchange left Berry with an open 3-pointer. So he fired, errantly, for his 10th miss in 12 attempts.

"I just told my teammates to believe," Berry said.

After the inbound pass, Berry drew a foul and sank both shots from the stripe to cut it to three. On the next play, Hicks started to set a screen for Justin Jackson

“We just didn’t want it to be it,” he said.

On the ensuing defensive possession, Meeks blocked a 3-point attempt to preserve the lead. On the other end, Berry bowled into a defender and threw a prayer at the

“This isn’t it,” Hicks said.
“Let’s go. One stop.”
The Tar Heels blanked
Arkansas in the final minutes.
And on the final possession,
the UNC defense swarmed
Dusty Hannahs at midcourt
for its 19th forced turnover.
Jackson took it uncontested
for a two-handed flush, let-

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DTH: Do you think you should have more decision-making authority?

MF: Oh, absolutely. I don't want to discount the voice that I currently have on the board. I think that when I say something, people listen, and if I ever want to talk I'm allowed to and that's great.

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14 Gossip
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avoid heavy traffic, say
19 Org. for marksmen
20 "You ____ here"
21 Pipe-cleaning brand
22 Composer Stravinsky
23 Likely successor to the
throne
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30 Have no doubt
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puzzle's circled letters
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time?
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mother
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Swimming and diving thrives at nationals

The Tar Heel women finished 17th, their highest finish in the meet since 2013.

By Chris Trenkle
Staff Writer

When planning the schedule for the North Carolina swimming and diving team, head coach Rich DeSelm sentenced his team to a season of grueling dual meet battles.

But he had a plan. The Tar Heels went 1-6 in dual meets this season. One of those losses came on Jan. 28 against Duke. It was the first dual meet loss to the Blue Devils in DeSelm's career.

Still, DeSelm knew the disappointment would make his team stronger, and they would benefit when it really matters: the NCAA Championships. He was right.

The Tar Heel women's team finished 17th, its best finish since 2013. Three team members reached All-American status for the Tar Heels, and four more were All-America honorable mentions for North Carolina.

Hellen Moffitt finished second in the 100-yard butterfly and eighth in the 100-yard backstroke, becoming the first Tar Heel to earn All-American honors in both events since 1981.

"I have been swimming both of these events on the same day since I was a freshman," Moffitt said. "I've never done that well in both, so being able to do that as a senior was really cool, and it was really exciting to see that hard work pay off."

The grind planned in DeSelm's schedule certainly left the Tar Heels well prepared. The NCAA Championships are always the biggest test of the season, and this year was especially challenging.

"This was a tough national," diving coach Abel Sanchez said. "It was one of the toughest nationals I have ever encountered."

The Tar Heels rose to the challenge, but they aren't stopping there. Elissa Dawson, who earned her third straight All-America Honorable Mention with a 10th-place finish in the 3-meter springboard, is already setting goals for her senior year.

"I have high expectations for myself for next year," Dawson said. "And I think it's possible to accomplish these goals by buckling down for next year and giving my team that top finish at NCAA's."

Dawson's lofty goals are a product of the environment set forth by Sanchez and DeSelm — and DeSelm's tough strategy for dual meets paid off in the end.

"It is gratifying to see and have the team see that when things are not going as well as you would like them to be going, stay the course," DeSelm said. "Keep on committing, keep striving, keep holding teammates accountable and keep working hard. Do not give up, because oftentimes when you put that energy and emotion in when things are not going quite as well, it's going to get better."

"And it did."

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Meeks' tip-in saves Tar Heels



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North Carolina forward Kennedy Meeks (3) is embraced by guard Kenny Williams on the bench at the end of the team's victory of Arkansas on Sunday.

The senior helped UNC escape fight with Sweet 16 berth

By Brendan Marks
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GREENVILLE, S.C. — Think about everything going on in that moment: siren blaring, thousands of butts rising all at once out of thousands of seats, a parade of pom-poms ruffling on the sidelines — and yet, the most important thing was a teensy, tiny little poke.

Kennedy Meeks barely did it, too. If he took a second longer? The shot clock — and possibly the North Carolina men's basketball team's hopes of returning to the Final Four — would have expired.

"Thank God Kennedy was right there," Joel Berry said after UNC's 72-65 win over Arkansas in the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

The poke or tip or whatever else you want to call it came with less than a minute left in the game, UNC leading by just one. This, of course, was after the Tar Heels' 17-point first-half lead turned to mush, after their offense skipped the tracks and wrecked itself. Considering the abomination of an offense the team trotted out for most of the game, that one point in itself

might have been divine intervention.

And even with that slim cushion, UNC's offense couldn't sort itself out. As the shot clock wound down, Berry found himself trapped, dribbling to nowhere with no clear option of what to do.

So, he did the only thing he realistically could — he just chucked up a brick, almost an overhand throw of a shot with no chance of going in. It soared over the rim, bounced off the backboard, and finally fell back to the ground. A shot clock violation, it seemed, was unavoidable.

"It was a horrible shot on my part," Berry said, "but I tried my best to get it up on the backboard."

That's what the team has been conditioned to do all season when things look rough: Toss it into the paint and hope a big man can clean up the garbage.

And with the season on the line, Meeks did. He bodied his defender, leapt in the air, and right as the shot clock clicked down from one to zero, he poked the ball back up in the air.

It went up. Hit the backboard. Then came

down — through the net.

"The ball just fell in my hands," Meeks said, "and I followed through with it."

That rebound — the 999th of his career — put the Tar Heels up three with time winding down. Arkansas missed both its free throws on the next possession, and as the second of the two banked to the right, Meeks was there to scoop that rebound, too — and give himself an even 1,000 rebounds in his four years.

And so, with its season on the line and nothing working, maybe UNC just got lucky. Maybe Meeks was just in the right place at the right time. Or maybe, it's the opposite: Maybe the things the Tar Heels have preached all season long, mainly to ram it inside when all else fails, won out in the end.

Maybe a poke — with everything on the line — was exactly what UNC planned.

"It would have made me feel a heck of a lot better if he hadn't just tipped it with his left hand," head coach Roy Williams said.

"But it went in."

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UNC lacrosse teams go down different paths over break

The men went 1-2 over spring break, while the women finished 3-0.

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Both the North Carolina men's and women's lacrosse teams played three games over spring break. Neither took much of a road trip, as all six games over the last two weeks were in Chapel Hill. However, the men's and women's teams had varying levels of success against their opponents.

Tough stretch

The men's team began spring break with a matchup against Hofstra on March 11. UNC came

into the game with just one loss, which came on Feb. 25 against Johns Hopkins. But the Pride scored four straight goals in the second half and defeated the Tar Heels at Fetzer Field by a final score of 11-9.

The Tar Heels didn't have to wait long until getting back out onto the field. Richmond came into town two days later, but again, UNC was left disappointed. This time the loss was even closer — a 6-5 defeat. North Carolina was up 5-3 heading into the fourth quarter, but the Spiders scored three unanswered goals in the final period to win.

The Tar Heels rebounded with a 17-6 destruction of Dartmouth on Saturday. The win was head coach Joe Breschi's 99th win at UNC.

This season, Chris Cloutier and Luke Goldstock are leading in goals for the Tar Heels, just as they did last season. Cloutier has 17 goals

to lead the team, while Goldstock

has 20 points including 16 goals and four assists. Andy Matthews has stepped into the role of main distributor on the team — his 15 assists are far and away the most for the Tar Heels.

North Carolina has one non-conference game left, an NCAA title game rematch against Maryland on Saturday, before a four-game conference slate to wrap up the regular season.

Spring break sweep

The UNC women's lacrosse team opened up ACC play with a 21-11 explosion over Virginia on March 11. The 21 goals — a season-high — were a team effort. Molly Hendrick had six goals and Marie McCool and Sammy Jo Tracy each had four. Seven different Tar Heels scored

as well.

Three days later, on March 14, Elon also offered limited resistance against a high-powered North Carolina offensive attack. UNC won 15-5, with 10 assists on the 15 goals scored.

The Tar Heels extended their winning streak to five games, and won their third game of the break, with a 17-12 victory over Northwestern on Sunday.

Ela Hazar leads the team in points with 36. She also leads in assists with 21 — no other player has more than 12.

UNC has its second conference game on March 25 when Boston College comes to Chapel Hill. The Tar Heels then finish out their season with four of its final five games coming on the road.

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UNC track and field takes final victory lap at Irwin Belk Track

The Tar Heels sent the oval out in style with a solid showing.

By James Tatter
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In a running relay, there is a minuscule stretch of track designated as the exchange zone. Just a few strides long, it marks the finite distance in which one leg of the relay can hand off the baton to the next.

North Carolina track and field head coach Harlis Meaders summed up this weekend's Dennis Craddock Carolina Relays, the last track meet to be held at Irwin Belk Track, as the "exchange zone." A new multi-sport indoor practice facility is set to replace the track in the coming months.

The track's final responsibility was to host the first meet

of the outdoor season for the budding Tar Heel track team.

The team showed potential through its young athletes. Sophomore Kristin Hall won the 400-meter hurdles in her new collegiate best time of 1:01.71, qualifying for the ACC championships.

A bevy of first-years posted their first and last marks on the track in their collegiate outdoor premiere. Erin Edmundson won the 800-meter run, while Noah Shore out-leaned a competitor to win the mile. Distance runner Connor Peeples, sprinter McKinley McNeill and thrower Daniel McArthur all collected top-five finishes in their debuts.

The meet served as a measuring stick for the team.

"We've got some weaknesses and some areas to improve on the track," Meaders said. "I think we are going to make a concentrated effort ... to just



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be a better team on the oval." Next year, that oval will be off campus at Bunley Fields. The soon-to-be-built facility is expected to be an upgrade

for the program, but also a big change.

"I'm sure it's going to be a great track," redshirt senior thrower Sarah Howard said.

"But it won't be the track that I was on."

There to witness the final competition was the namesake of the meet itself, Dennis Craddock. Craddock coached at UNC for 28 years, where his cross country and track and field teams picked up 45 ACC championships — more than any other coach in any sport in conference history.

He reminisced on the teams he spent time with on the track.

"I used to kid them," Craddock said, "It's such a treasure that they should be out here eating and sleeping on it and not just running track on it."

After the events ended, athletes, coaches, alumni and fans gathered to walk one ceremonial last lap. And, as is the tradition before the last lap of every race, a bell was rung. James Taylor's "Carolina In

My Mind" came on over the speakers, and hundreds of feet started the last tread over the Carolina Blue rubber lanes.

While typically the first competitor to finish the final lap gets the glory, on Saturday it was the last. And that honor belonged to Craddock, who took his time meandering the quarter mile curve.

The track may have seen its last day, but the end of the exchange zone only marks the beginning of the next lap. Craddock had some words of hope before handing off the baton to the next era at UNC.

"I hope that anyone that ever ran here, practiced here, competed here, officiated here or coached here will remember that it's not the facility as much as it is the people you are working with," Craddock said.

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