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bedroom house," Frasor said. "I'd always be like, 'Aw, let's not

live with Preston,' just to get under his skin because he would get so heated about it."

Stories vary on how the four-some formed. Puckett said he and Ginyard were planning to live together and so were Frasor and Hansbrough, so they just naturally grouped together. But according to Ginyard, "The

idea of him coming in just kinda snuck in there; next thing we were all four living together."

Still, deciding to live together was the simple part. Actually sharing the living space proved to be a little bit tougher. "Bobby was like, 'I've done it, and

you're not ready to share a bath-room with Tyler," Puckett said.

"He does weird stuff, so you gotta be ready for that."

Finding his way

Four-and-a-half years ago, there was not a single familiar face. Puckett arrived on campus in

June of 2003. He had just made the long trip from Boulder, Colo., and he didn't know anyone at UNC.

But he already had a foot in the door

Puckett worked the Tar Heels' basketball camp the summer before his freshman year, and he had met

Roy Williams years earlier. Williams' first year as North Carolina's coach was Puckett's first year on campus, and the new coaching staff wanted to hire all

new managers Just like that, while still green behind the ears, Puckett found

himself a varsity manager. "I had friends who went to other schools and played football in college, and it wasn't exactly the cool thing to be the basketball manager," he said.

"Especially being from Colorado, to call home and say, 'Hey, I'm a manager for the North Carolina basketball team,' it didn't exactly

blow anybody away." But he was already on the fast track

Because he started as a varsity manager, Puckett bypassed the typical two to three years spent as a JV manager before earning a promotion.

Last year, he assumed the reins as head manager from David Hoots and took a page out of the

Roy Williams management book to craft his own leadership style. "With his staff, he has things lined up for them, like, 'Here's where you're responsible; here's where you're responsible," Puckett said. "I kind of tried to do that same

thing with the managers

He's enjoyed the job so much that he decided to stick around for an extra year.

Being a manager is an undergrad-uate position, so in his fifth year of

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school, Puckett picked up a major in communications to go along with his business degree, and turned his head ager role into a two-year term.

"I always tell people who ask bout it now, North Carolina is the only place where I would have been a manager," Puckett said.

"Anywhere else, I wouldn't have taken the job, done some-thing else. But it just kinda was a good fit."

The facts of life

Just weeks ago, Williams was on his way to the house. The head coach had yet to visit Puckett, Frasor, Ginyard

and Hansbrough's house off East Franklin Street. But after Frasor underwent sur-gery to repair a torn ACL, Williams

ade a house call.

"He calls on his way, and he's like, 'Alright, you have 10 minutes to clean up everything and get rid of the beer cans,' and everybody was like, 'Ha ha,'' Frasor said.

"But as soon as he hung up Preston is running in the basement and getting everything off the walls."

Frasor was immobile in bed, and

Ginyard was gone. Fortunately for the teammates, the house already had been cleaned with the help of Frasor's parents, who were in town after the surgery and Frasor's dad helped Puckett pick up the rest of the mess

Hansbrough, panicking, had a different reaction.

"Tyler went straight to his room to make sure his room was clean," Frasor said, grinning at the memory. "Even though coach wouldn't care if his room was clean."

By the time Williams arrived, the place managed to look trim and tidy. The roommates escaped

endless mockery. "As coach said on his visit," Puckett said, "he saw our house on a pretty good day."

Family feud

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Carolina Union President Robert Gurdian, who has worked on the event, said he thinks the concert is reasonably priced. For Marshall, though, getting Boyz II Men was about more than

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There was a time when Puckett s starstruck

his freshman year, he brushed shoulders with Sean May, Raymond Felton and Rashad McCants. Now, he turns on ESPN and sees

his roommates. He does laundry with the team's veteran leaders. He eats breakfast with a potential Player of the Year. And it seems normal.

"People come up to me and are like, 'Man, do you appreci-ate that?" Puckett said. "And I'm like, 'No, I don't appreciate that; they're idiots. Do I appreciate it that I hear (Tyler's) protein shake blender?'

Actually, to hear him say it, living with Hansbrough, Frasor and Ginyard isn't a privilege - it's a ster waiting to happen.

"As soon as the team knew we were moving in, they were like, 'Preston and Bobby are going to argue all the time," Puckett said.

They were right. "We tease Preston the most.

obviously," Frasor said.

NO RUNOFF

\$10 for Student Congress. Although students are given extra time and money for a runoff.

Brewer said that candidates generally plan runoff strategies. "Everybody plans for a runoff when you have more than two can-didates," Brewer said. "It would be absolutely ill-advised to not take

that into account when planning." But former candidates said runoff time can be both a blessing and

a hindrance. "On the one hand, it gave me one less week of mentorship," said Eve Carson, current student body president. "But it gave me this opportunity to tell everyone again ... why it was that I wanted to run for them."

Allred noted that having a runoff puts the president one week behind, preventing him or her from

on the first ballot means she's one

"Me and Preston probably have the best debate skills - Tyler doesn't make the best arguments, and Marcus just doesn't really care, I guess. So usually it's just us two going at it."

They take care of their taunting and snide comments at home so that on the court they can be on

ing with each other," Ginyard said. "By the way, we never argue about anything worthwhile. And then the next day everybody's all happy and playing 'Rock Band.'" "We've got a wide range of moods

muscle shirts at home, it has all been worth it for Puckett.

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at sports@unc.edu. week ahead in implementing her platform," Allred said in an e-mail. Allred mentioned Raynor's orga-nization as an aid, especially in getting students to vote.

This year, there were 6,625 ballots cast, compared to last year's

oing to Raynor, 1,601 to Logan Liles and 1,403 to Kristin Hill.

"It definitely shows that the student body thought J.J. Raynor was a great choice for student body president just judging from her campaign and not taking anything away from anyone else," Capriglione said, adding that Raynor approached him in the fall to find out what she could and could not do during elections.

"Just from that (early meeting) and seeing what she did through out the entire campaign, she obvi-ously was trying to show students

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record-setting turnout of 7,241. The votes were split with 3,267

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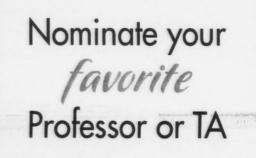
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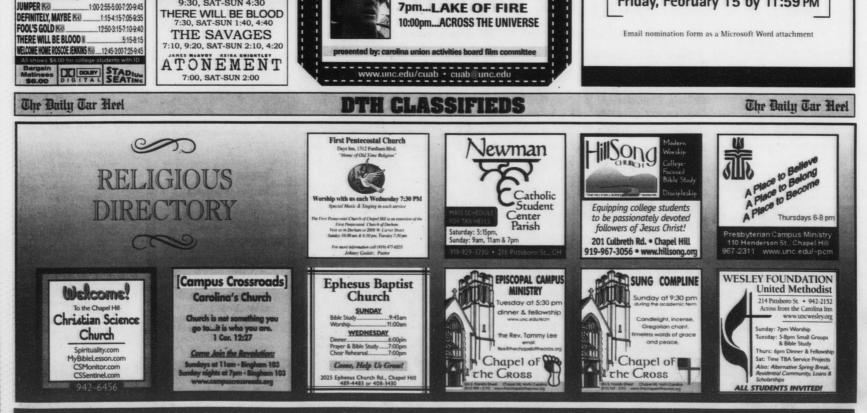
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the san same page. "We'll all be bickering and argu-

that go on at the house. You never know," he said.

And though he puts in long hours at work and then runs the risk of tripping over Hansbrough's

"To me, it's like it couldn't have worked out any better."



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