

MANAGER

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 bedroom house," Frasier 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 Frasier 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 bathroom 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 undergraduate position, so in his fifth year of

school, Puckett picked up a major in communications to go along with his business degree, and turned his head manager role into a two-year term.
 "I always tell people who ask about 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 something 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, Frasier, Ginyard and Hansbrough's house off East Franklin Street.
 But after Frasier underwent surgery to repair a torn ACL, Williams made 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,'" Frasier said.
 "But as soon as he hung up, Preston is running in the basement and getting everything off the walls."
 Frasier was immobile in bed, and Ginyard was gone.
 Fortunately for the teammates, the house already had been cleaned with the help of Frasier's parents, who were in town after the surgery, and Frasier'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," Frasier 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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There was a time when Puckett was starstruck.
 Walking into the Smith Center 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 appreciate 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, Frasier and Ginyard isn't a privilege — it's a disaster 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," Frasier said.
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NO RUNOFF

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 \$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 candidates," 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."
 Alred noted that having a runoff puts the president one week behind, preventing him or her from appointing a Cabinet.
 "Raynor's ability to win the race 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 the same page.
 "We'll all be bickering and arguing 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 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 muscle shirts at home, it has all been worth it for Puckett.
 "To me, it's like it couldn't have worked out any better."

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