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The N.C. NAACP reports it saw what might have been record crowds at the 11th annual Moral March on Raleigh and Historic Thousands on Jones St. People’s Assembly, which took place Saturday.

HKonJ and the Moral March on Raleigh draw activists seeking a political voice

By Corey Risinger
State & National Editor

Black Lives Matter sign in hand and “Nasty Woman” shirt at the ready, Stephanie Freeman marched as part of Saturday’s HKonJ People’s

DTH ONLINE: Hear speeches and see the crowd at HKonJ and the Moral March on Raleigh. Freeman, an Asheville resident, said she has only small

hopes for the governor’s ability to collaborate with legislators for positive change. “I have hopes that (Gov. Roy Cooper will) do what he can to stop the stuff that’s coming down and protect local communities,” Freeman

said of state politics. North Carolinians must fight back against a string of troubling policies, said Freeman, who now attends one to two marches per week. “I’m here for my friends; I’m here for my nieces and

nephews,” Freeman said of her presence at the march. “You know, I’m here for myself as a queer woman.” The N.C. NAACP estimated the crowd might have hit record highs, surpassing the 80,000 present in 2014.

Rep. Graig Meyer, D-Durham, present for the march, said it’s the largest crowd he’s seen for the event. “I think our base is very fired up, and people are

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HB2 featured in Saturday’s moral march on Raleigh

Signs called for a quick repeal of the bill and government action.

By Ana Irizarry
Assistant State & National Editor

Commentary on House Bill 2 was clear and common at Saturday’s Moral March on Raleigh — “BBQ not HB2,” “Worst in rights,” “Repeal HB2” signs read. Thousands carried posters in what the N.C. NAACP counts a historic turnout, and topics ranged from gender equality to environmental conservation. Joshua Plowman, a march attendee from Greenville, North Carolina, said House Bill 2 was a major issue of interest for him. “It’s kind of a slap in the face, HB2,” Plowman said. He said normally North Carolina offers moderate legislation. “HB2 is the exact opposite of that,”

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Students intern in Silicon Valley

Students can complete the entrepreneurship minor in the program.

By Charlie McGee
Staff Writer

A group of UNC students are spending the spring 2017 semester away from campus, gaining knowledge and experience at the biggest companies in the world. This opportunity is one of several Burch Field Research Seminars offered at select universities across the world. It houses students in California’s Silicon Valley as they complete the coursework required for an entre-

preneurship minor and do an internship with one of the numerous corporations that operate in Silicon Valley. “So the idea is to get students out there and expose them to that whole ecosystem of innovation,” James Leloudis, associate dean for Honors Carolina, said. Leloudis taught a summer semester course in 2015 that gave students a similar opportunity in Silicon Valley and worked to get it established as a full spring semester option ever since. During their stay, students attend lectures for the entrepreneurship minor while also interning in positions geared toward

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PHOTO COURTESY OF GINA DIFINO

A study abroad program takes students to Silicon Valley for internships. This group went during the summer of 2016.

Alcohol sales to underage buyers drop 5 percent

Local partners have been working to reduce risky drinking in Chapel Hill.

By Lidia Davis
Staff Writer

Chapel Hill has seen a 5 percent decrease in alcohol sales to underage buyers in the past year.

Capt. Josh Mecimore, spokesperson for the Chapel Hill Police Department, said the numbers were taken from CHPD enforcement efforts — called compliance checks — carried out on local businesses serving alcohol. Mecimore said 5 percent isn’t the final goal. “It’s movement in the right direction, and it’s that partnership we have with the local busi-

nesses that’s starting to pay off, so we’ll continue to work on that,” he said. For a compliance check, police have underage buyers attempt to buy alcohol with their real IDs. When a business fails the compliance check, Mecimore said the police department issues a state citation to the person who sold to the underage buyer. The police department then

reports the business to the state ABC Commission, where any additional consequences would be given. Agnes Stevens, spokesperson for the ABC Commission, said it’s really important that people selling or serving alcohol are aware of the laws and their responsibilities.

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UNC senior rolls tape on cassette label

By Lily Lou
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In addition to applying to graduate school and making music under three different monikers, senior Nate Wagner has started a tape label, Spare No Expanse. “The ultimate reason I wanted to create a record label was to showcase art that wasn’t getting heard or seen by anyone,” Wagner said. “Right now, the label’s in its baby stages, but tapes are selling and some publications have started to write about the music. The label focuses on ambient and experimental recordings featuring lesser known artists like The Celestial Body and Curacy. “Nate’s filling an interesting gap in the tape label scene, whereby he’s completely by-passed the early steps

of establishing himself, as most labels have to,” Callum Browne, who runs global independent label, Little L Records, said. In Spare No Expanse’s first week, Wagner donated all his profits from his cassettes and digital downloads to World Relief Durham, raising \$65. “Tapes add an analog warmth to even digital files,” Wagner said. “You’re there, taking the tape out of the case, rewinding it, flipping it after Side A ends. It helps you to practice intentionality and to actively investigate what this curious piece of music is really about.” One of the releases Spare No Expanse put out was “We Will Forget Our Sadder Days In Summers That Never End” by Leaaves, one of Wagner’s ambient projects that he began his first year at UNC. “His songs often seem

rooted in places he’s visited during his endless trans-atlantic journeys,” Atte Tuomaala, the artist behind Curacy, said. “I like to think of them as souvenirs for anyone who ends up listening to them.” Leaaves’ first album was a combination of field recordings recorded on Wagner’s iPhone during his first spring semester at UNC and his summer spent in Oulu, Finland and Whitesburg, Kentucky mixed with instrumentals of old demos he made high school. “Memories are inherently colored with sadness, in that they’re what’s left when something that’s has been absorbed by the past,” Wagner said. “At a certain point, especially with pleasant memories, you can grow tormented by the fact that you can never relive them.”



PHOTO COURTESY OF NATE WAGNER
Nate Wagner performs as part of Lord Bendtner at St. Anthony's Lisa Frank party.

Though Wagner has spent lots of time on music, he is majoring in German Literature and plans to pursue a career in academia. “I think academia does a much better job of helping us to value art by setting it

in dialogue with societal and political realities,” he said. “Which is why, as an artist, I’m also eager to go continue my education and work with texts.”
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Netflix’s ‘Santa Clarita Diet’ will leave you hungry for more

By Nicola McIrvine
Senior Writer

My poor, unsuspecting roommates. So young, so innocent. They had no idea what was coming — it was probably better that way. “So, who wants to start a new Netflix show with me?” I said. “Sure, I will,” my roommate replied. “OK, great! So, fair warning, it’s supposed to be super gruesome, but also really funny,” I said. She didn’t back out. Phew. We were going to watch one of Netflix’s newest shows, “Santa Clarita Diet,” and it

was going to be thrilling. Now, for the record, it is a big deal that I’m even writing this article in the first place. I just can’t seem to ever finish a show ... ever. This time it was different. I finished all 10 episodes of “Santa Clarita Diet” available on Netflix in less than a week. Drew Barrymore plays Sheila Hammond, an uptight, suburban Southern California mom and real estate agent turned happy-go-lucky undead zombie who eats only those deemed unworthy by society. Side note: funnily enough, the only other Netflix show I have ever finished was “Dexter,” a show in which a

seemingly normal citizen has the undying need to kill, but acts as a vigilante and, in a way, repays society. In the first episode, Sheila vomits more than is humanly possible and throws up a small, mysterious red ball. She then dies and wakes up undead with a new personality, a complete 180 from her old self. Meanwhile on the other side of the television screen, I found myself doing things unlike me, too. I was laughing out loud in public spaces while watching “Santa Clarita Diet” on my laptop, something I usually find annoying when done by others — but I couldn’t help it.

I watched a season of a TV show in less than a week. I also almost passed out at work this week, and yes, the irrational part of my brain panicked that I was turning into Sheila Hammond. One of the best parts of this show, however, is its hilarity. My roommate and I laughed out loud the entire time. There’s never a shortage of cringing, whether it’s because Sheila is eating someone’s fingers, or because she and her loving husband Joel are trying to awkwardly pretend to be normal around their nosy neighbors and trying to give their teenage daughter, Abby, a normal life. The most appealing part is

that Sheila’s strange condition is not explained, and there are no suspicious events leading up to her death. Sheila and Joel try to act normal while killing the suburban population of Los Angeles County. But they’re also trying to find a cure, hoping their family can reach normalcy once and for all. This show is not for the faint of heart. But it is for those with a strong stomach and a good sense of humor. It’ll have you cringing, screaming and laughing all within one half-hour sitting. And it will have you ... hungry ... for more.
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POLICE LOG

• Someone disturbed the peace at the 100 block of Crest Drive at 2:50 p.m. Wednesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. The person was arguing after consuming a large quan-

tity of alcohol, reports state. • Someone found property at the intersection of North and Henderson streets at 7:28 a.m. Thursday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The person found a men’s bicycle, reports state. • Someone reported a breaking and entering with force at the 100 block of Legion Road at 5:27 p.m.

Thursday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. The person caused \$500 worth of damage to the interior and exterior doors, reports state. • Someone committed alcohol violations at the 100 block of East Franklin Street at 12:19 p.m. Thursday, according to Chapel Hill police reports. The person possessed an open container of Smirnoff, valued at \$2, on a public sidewalk, reports state.

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ted alcohol violations at the 200 block of North Greensboro Street at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, according to Carrboro police reports. The person had an open container, reports state. • Someone reported lost property at the 200 block of N.C. 54 at 10:32 p.m. Wednesday, according to Carrboro police reports. The person lost her cell phone, valued at \$250, in the parking lot, and an unknown subject picked it up, reports state. • Someone reported larceny of an automobile at the 100 block of Friar Lane at 12:14 a.m. Wednesday, according to Carrboro police reports. The person stole a vehicle, valued at \$5,000, from in front of the victim’s residence, reports state. • Someone found property at the 200 block of N.C. 54 at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, according to Carrboro police reports. The person found a file-mate and an iPad, valued at \$150 total, reports state.

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Young at heart celebrate Valentine’s

Older adults come together to celebrate love with the community

By Gabrielle Micchia
Staff Writer

Elderly adults celebrated love a few days early at a Valentine’s Day party at the Carrboro Century Center on Friday afternoon.

The Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department has been hosting its annual Valentine’s Day Party for Older Adults for many years.

“It is a party for us old people who are increased in age,” said Sara Smith, who has attended the event multiple times.

Recreation Supervisor Dana Hughes has hosted the event for 11 years, but she said the annual party began well before she was in charge of it.

Hughes said she organizes the event and thinks that it is important to give local seniors an outlet of community for Valentine’s Day.

“Some people might not have that loved one with them still, so we are trying to provide an outlet for them to come celebrate just life,” she said.

According to Hughes, anywhere from about 30 to 50 people attend the party each year.

Most of the attendees come from Carrboro and Chapel Hill, she said.

This year, 33 people came to the party.

The main entertainment for the Valentine’s Day party was a drum circle, which was back by popular request from previous events.

There were also snacks, time to socialize and a prize drawing at the event.

Peggy Lanier, a Chapel Hill resident, has been going to this event for 10 years and said she always has a good time.

“Well, I come because I feel like if they are going to give us these things, we need to support them,” Lanier said.

Lanier said she feels that the Valentine’s Day holiday is important to recognize because it celebrates love.

“Love is what keeps us all together,” Lanier said.

She said Valentine’s Day is also special to her because it is her great-grandson’s fourth birthday this year.

Though Chapel Hill residents Priscilla and Jay Boomer attend a lot of events organized by the Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department, this was the couple’s first time attending the Valentine’s Day party.

Priscilla Boomer said the drum circle was one of the primary reasons why she came to the party for the first time.

“It is amazing that you can get that much music from percussion instruments,” she said.

The Boomers will have been married for 52 years this summer.

The pair met while skiing, and Priscilla was the one who initiated their relationship.

“I picked him up at a lift line in a double chair,” Priscilla said. “I was the aggressor.”

Smith said she tries to attend the Valentine’s Day party every year and thinks Valentine’s Day is an



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Sara Smith conducts the drum circle at the Valentine’s Day Party for Older Adults in Carrboro Friday afternoon.

important holiday that should be celebrated.

On Valentine’s Day itself, Smith said she will spend time knitting clothes for children in the hospital

with her knitting group.

“Love is the most important thing in the whole world,” Smith said.

“We come together, and when they invite us to the party, they list

to be loving to everyone — not just your husband or wife but to everybody.”

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Hillsborough lifts boil water advisory

The advisory was lifted after tests found no contamination.

By JP Gemborys
Staff Writer

The town of Hillsborough lifted a boil water advisory Thursday after tests came back showing that none of the water along and north of U.S. 70 had been contaminated after a water line broke Wednesday.

This was the second water advisory sent out in Orange County recently.

Kenny Keel, the town engineer and utilities director, said the test results came back around 3 p.m. Thursday, allowing the town the usual 24 hours it takes to run bacteriological tests to ensure water is safe to drink.

The water line break occurred at noon Wednesday when a private contractor pulled a 1-inch service cord connecting the town’s water main to New Hope Church at the intersection of U.S. 70 and Orange High School Road. Unable to completely turn off the water, crews repaired the break while it was under pressure. The line was repaired at 3:10 p.m. Wednesday.

Keel said the water service

line couldn’t be detected electronically, so it was pulled accidentally.

“Our staff marked where we thought the line was, but it’s a plastic service line and we don’t really have anything that can locate that electronically,” he said. “So an assumption was made where the line actually crossed the road and went over, and for whatever reason when it was installed many years ago, it didn’t go straight, it curved a little bit and was in a slightly different location than we had marked it.”

Following the line break, homes and properties around U.S. 70 may have experienced water outages or low water pressure.

A press release said areas in the impacted water system included Orange High School Road, North and South English Hill lanes, U.S. 70 between Scotswood Boulevard and Orange High School Road, Ann Road, Gwen Road and Joyce Road.

Periods in which there is low pressure in the water distribution system increase the chances of bacteriological contamination. As a precaution, the town advised affected customers to use bottled water or to boil all water intended for human consumption.

Two public schools were

impacted by the water line break — Orange High School and C.W. Stanford Middle School.

Hillsborough Christian Academy was also affected. Principal Bryan K. Turner said they did not have to boil any water.

“Instead of boiling water, which would be difficult for a school, we ended up purchasing gallons upon gallons of water,” Turner said. “If I’m right, I think we had about 26 gallons of water the last few days that we’ve gone through.”

While Turner commended Orange County Health Services for the role it played in reaching out to schools, he said the response from the town could have been quicker.

“As far as how it was handled through the government, I think there could have been a faster response and definitely an opportunity to connect more with the educational bodies around here,” Turner said.

“The response that we received was Stanford and Orange High — both were under the boil advisory. The initial email that went out went out just to those families. We, unfortunately, are a private Christian school and so we did not receive the advisory in a timely manner, I don’t think.”

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Report analyzes NC tech industry

The industry leads in women’s employment, but diversity lags.

By Kylie Marshall
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North Carolina ranked first among states for employment of women in the technology sector, according to the 2017 North Carolina State of Technology Industry Report.

The report found North Carolina’s tech sector was 36.3 percent women, second only to Washington D.C.

But the state ranks under the national average in its employment of minority workers.

Ted Abernathy, a managing partner of Economic Leadership, the firm that compiled the report, said to increase the number of minorities in the tech sector, the burden will fall mainly on educational institutions.

“I think we can do some outreach currently, train coders and other things that can be done post-graduation,” Abernathy said. “But it is an effort by all of our educational institutions to load the track and then be successful in transferring skills to minorities that are in demand in the science and innovation areas.”

Universities and companies alike are already committed to increasing diversity, Kevin Jeffay, chairperson of the UNC Department of Computer Science, said.

“The best way to grow the percentage of women and minorities in the tech sector is to graduate more,” Jeffay said. “If we produce more numbers of these underrepresented groups, they’ll get hired and the numbers will skyrocket.”

Brooks Raiford, president and CEO of the North Carolina Technology Association, said the state technology sector can attribute some of its growth to the living conditions in the state. Weather, favorable tax policies and cost of living are all factors that may contribute to the consistent growth of the North Carolina technology sector.

“North Carolina has been fortunate that it

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Ranking for percentage of women in tech

36.3 %

Percentage of women in N.C. tech industry

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State ranking for tech employment growth

20.6 %

Tech sector employment growth, 2010-2015

has a very good mix of things that individuals look for and that companies look for when they decide where to live or where to grow their business,” Raiford said.

North Carolina ranks third in technology sector employment growth from 2010-15. But compared with other states, the tech sector does not dominate North Carolina’s economy – which Raiford said is a strength.

“It’s probably a good thing if IT or tech is a more moderate percentage of our total economy because it means North Carolina has a pretty diverse economy,” Raiford said.

“Some states are very dependent on one thing or another, and North Carolina has a variety of industries and sectors that we depend on.”

The two keys to maintaining this growth, Abernathy said, are to continue producing talent and to encourage corporate research and development going forward.

“To fuel company growth we’re going to continue to have to both graduate people with the right skills and continue to be able to attract people with the right skills,” he said. “I think overall talent is the overriding public policy issue related to growing technology companies.”

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Anti-abortion activists protest to defund Planned Parenthood

Four counter-protestors attended to support the organization.

By Molly Horak
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Anti-abortion activists gathered outside Planned Parenthood in Chapel Hill Saturday morning as part of a national protest to defund the organization.

Waving banners, posters and wooden crosses, more than 30 people joined forces in support of the recent push by Republican congressional leaders to strip Planned Parenthood of government funding.

Additionally, four women attended to counter-protest in favor of abortion access and lend support to women seeking medical services.

Robert Hart, the rector at St. Benedict’s Anglican Church in Chapel Hill, said he doesn’t approve of federal tax funding going to Planned Parenthood.

“If they want to do it and they’re going to take money out of my pocket by force to do that, then they are forc-

ing me to participate in a grave injustice that I see as pure evil,” he said.

Planned Parenthood currently receives 43 percent of its revenue from government funding, according to its website. The majority of the funding goes to STD/STI testing and providing contraception. Abortions account for 3 percent of the services performed annually.

Paul Borer, a Clayton resident, said abortions are a terrible shame for the country.

“God’s going to ask us one day what we did, and I tell my wife some days, ‘Why didn’t I run into (Planned Parenthood) or stand on the corner in downtown and scream at the top of my lungs and tell everybody that we’re killing our kids?’” he said.

Grace Garner, a junior at UNC and president of UNC’s Students for Life, was one of several students protesting. She said the group has been to many protests and that the reactions can be varied.

“There are some fringe people who can be very nasty toward us, which is what I think scares some people away from saying that they are pro-life,” Garner said. “But the majority of students either ignore us

or are at least polite. And there are a lot of closeted pro-lifers that are hesitant to come out, but they are there and they appreciate seeing us do things.”

Not all attitudes followed the anti-abortion rhetoric. Elish Melchiade from Fuquay-Varina came to support Planned Parenthood, as she had experienced firsthand anger and intimidation when she went to a clinic.

“I was scared to even get out of my car, so when I heard about this today I wanted to make sure no one else encountered that,” she said.

Jenn Meyers, a pro-abortion rights supporter from Raleigh, said she was glad both sides were able to exercise their rights and share their opinions.

“I haven’t had an abortion — I’ve been lucky enough in my life not to need Planned Parenthood — but I am not representative of everybody in the country and can’t possibly begin to judge other people based off of my own life and my experiences,” Meyers said. “We all have different stories and I think it’s important that we keep our options open.”

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More than 30 people protested against abortion and Planned Parenthood outside the Planned Parenthood building on Dobbins Drive on Feb. 11.

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showing up for public events like this,” Meyer said. “We need the base activists to keep that passion going all the way through the next election.”

For Kristen Mark of Durham, HKonJ was a chance to do more after the election.

“I’ve been doing every march possible — went to the Women’s March (on Washington), went out to the airport a few weeks ago.”

Though the turnout for

HKonJ was smaller than Washington’s, Mark said it made her proud to live in the state and the South.

Karen Carlton said she thought HKonJ had a more diverse crowd than Raleigh’s women’s march, and that she couldn’t be happier with the weekend’s efforts.

“We’re thrilled with the turnout — we were stuck in traffic for about 25 minutes,” she said.

Anastasia Soule, a UNC sophomore, said the crowd’s diversity could be at least par-

tially attributed to the leadership of the N.C. NAACP.

Her sign, which read “stop pretending that your racism is patriotism” spoke to the “Make America Great Again” campaign.

“...They try to justify strong borders and anti-immigration, the Muslim ban — based off this American idea,” she said. “But it’s definitely racist at its core.”

Kate Weinel and Camilla Powierza, two UNC medical students, said they came to the march to emphasize

the need for health care, and for preserving parts of the Affordable Care Act that address mental illness.

Powierza, who also attended the march two years ago, said the group has been in contact with medical schools and groups nationwide.

Dinesh McCoy, former co-president of the Campus Y and 2015 graduate of UNC, said this marked his third march.

“Even when I was at school, the North Carolina (General Assembly) was still cutting back on public educa-

tion, not expanding Medicaid, doing a lot of things that I think are morally reprehensible and hurt the most vulnerable people,” McCoy said.

And the recent shift in national politics has further affected the situation.

McCoy’s sign addressed Islamophobia and featured the silhouettes of Deah Barakat and Yusor and Razan Abu-Sahla, who were killed in Chapel Hill in 2015.

He said he hopes Cooper will be a voice pushing back in the state — though he worries

legislators will follow the example of Republicans in Congress who tried to obstruct former President Barack Obama’s policy efforts.

McCoy said while themes of love and justice persisted at the Raleigh march, there was a more realistic tone.

“I think this is more of a sense that real people are getting hurt in a tangible way,” he said. “And of course people were before, but this is just more intentional than that.”

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Plowman said. “It’s one of the most stringent policies in the country.”

Megan Bailey, a Raleigh local, said it’s mind-boggling to her that HB2 was not repealed.

“(Transgender people) already fought a battle to try to come out into society, and now they’re facing this other battle, where they can literally go to jail,” she said. Bailey said she hopes

HKonJ and other marches can inspire others to take action. Even in her circles, Bailey said she is really the only person who reaches out.

“A lot of people just want to live their lives, and I understand that,” she said. “I work like a 60-hour week, but you’ve got to try to find the time to stand up for what’s right.”

Sarah Bolen is a UNC alum who recently relocated from Washington D.C. to Durham. The repeal of House Bill 2 is long overdue, Bolen said.

“The state of North Carolina has been getting hammered for (HB2),” Bolen said. “They should have repealed that the last session, and the fact that they didn’t is an embarrassment.”

State legislators have debated the bill’s repeal since its passage in March of 2016 — and many hoped it would be repealed during the legislature’s special sessions in December. House and Senate Democrats proposed new bills to repeal the legislation on Thursday.

Terri Brinton of Cary wielded a sign reading “NCGA are you listening?! 2018 is calling!” She said the election in two years inspired her because all North Carolina senators and about one hundred House representatives will be up for election.

“They need to listen to the people,” she said. “That’s what this is all about. It’s about many issues coming together, and we need to be heard.”

While many marchers brandished signs in opposition to President Donald

Trump’s administration, the state government received significant attention.

Nate Fischer, a UNC sophomore, attended the march with his family, who came down from Boone.

“I really wanted to get involved, so I came here because I wanted to make a very public statement against the really hateful legislation we’ve been seeing at the state level, and obviously on the national level, as well,” Fischer said.

Bolen, whose sign read

“Trump sucks worse than Duke,” said though she does not consider herself to be extremely left on the political spectrum, there are so many causes that need to be addressed — including gerrymandering and Trump’s border wall.

“Well, we need to light a fire under the left,” Bolen said. “The right had a fire lit under it when Obama was in power, and we just need the opposite to happen.”

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VALLEY

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their academic interest. The semester ends with the students completing business ventures in teams that fit their focus.

Sophomore computer science major Conrad Ma is currently on the trip. Ma said his interest lies in the intersection of computer science with the business world, so his internship — working with GoDaddy on integrating Facebook Messenger into business processes — fits in well.

“On the company visits, we get to see the employees there and ask them questions, like, ‘What do you like best about Facebook?’” Ma said. “The transparency is a big thing.”

Buck Goldstein, university entrepreneur in residence, sees this transparency as a primary benefit of the program.

He, along with Leloudis, helped form the foundation of the program at the University.

“It seemed like an overwhelming value proposition,” Goldstein said. “You get the whole minor done at one time and you get an internship somewhere awesomely cool in Silicon Valley.”

Many of the most valuable start-ups and corporations call Silicon Valley home. Business Insider’s 2016 list of the most high-tech cities in the world gave San Francisco the number one spot.

“If you’re at all interested in entrepreneurship, I don’t see how you can turn down a semester in what is, arguably, the most innovative place on the planet,” Gina Difino, director for global education and fellowships at Honors Carolina, said.

At least 30 UNC alumni working in the Valley agreed

“You get the whole minor done at one time and you get an internship...”

Buck Goldstein

University entrepreneur in residence

to help, Difino said, by hosting interns, doing site visits or leading workshops.

Ma said the real-life experience students are gaining is the most valuable part of the trip.

“To do an internship and a study abroad program where the tech and business meets is immensely valuable,” Ma said. “It’s such a joy that you can apply your skills learned in a classroom setting into industry and see how the value is generated by your effort.”

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ALCOHOL

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Tony Dubois, general manager of the Orange County ABC Board, said money allocated for alcohol education and enforcement, and funding has increased each year for the past five or six years.

Mecimore said it all starts with education.

The police department offers B.A.R.S. training, where business owners, bartenders, waitresses and waiters learn what to look for in identifying fake IDs, underage and over-served patrons.

“I think it boils down to that collaboration — the work that we and the local businesses do together to train on the expectations that the law sets for them as businesses that are selling alcohol,” Mecimore said.

Linda’s Bar and Grill owner Chris Carini said he doesn’t feel bad about repeatedly asking people for their IDs when serving alcohol.

Carini said Linda’s has received certificates in the mail signifying that those who conducted compliance checks weren’t able to buy alcohol underage.

“We have, so far, been tested three times that I can remember in the last year and a half or so, and we’ve passed it every time,” Carini said.

Carini is a partner in the Campus and Community Coalition to Reduce the Negative Impacts of High Risk Drinking, which is a local coalition aiming to alleviate some of the negative effects on the community resulting from high-risk drinking behaviors.

Elinor Landess, the coal-

tion director, said the coalition recommends consistent compliance checks and education so that businesses can pass the checks.

“The police department has been doing a lot of work to ramp up their education efforts, and it’s also partnered with folks across the community and at the state level,” Landess said.

Landess said the percentage of businesses that have failed compliance checks has gone down by 31 percent within the last three years.

“And I think, frankly, there’s a culture shift happening in town as a result of a lot of different partners, including bars and restaurants, where they’re recognizing that a change needs to happen in Chapel Hill,” Landess said.

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Herban SOAPbox hosts local farmer in first of 3-part series

By Mark Burnett

Staff Writer

Hope Gardens has started a series, Herban SOAPbox, to bring attention to food quality and agriculture in North Carolina. The first event of the three-part series took place on Friday.

Co-organizer of the event and co-founder of SOAP Worldwide, Anna Yoni Jeffries, said she wanted to get the word out for this event more through word-of-mouth instead of simply social media. Co-organizer and senior anthropology

major, Giszell Weather, said she agreed.

“Really the goal of all this, of Herban SOAPbox in general, yeah, was to create a platform for people of color to talk about food, about farming, because it’s not something that is talked about,” Weather said.

Jeffries said the focus of Herban SOAPbox is the black community, but they are open to helping other communities.

“So we are all-accepting, but our focal point is for brown and black communities worldwide, right,” she

said.

Speaker of the Friday event, Kamal Bell, spoke about youth empowerment, nutrition and farming culture. Tha Materials, a band from Durham, opened the event.

Herban SOAPbox is part of the Herban Garden committee of Hope Gardens and is partnered with SOAP Worldwide, a community involvement group from Durham.

Bell, a Durham resident and Lowes Grove Magnet Middle School of Technology teacher, is the owner of

Sankofa Farms LLC, which holds an agriculture academy for young boys that teaches them nutrition, food preparation and food quality.

“I have a small academy that was mentioned, and these young boys, to me they represent the new wave of agriculturists,” Bell said.

Bell said he wants to work to bridge rural and urban farmers.

“I would want people to know that the consciousness and the alternative food community is changing and is gonna look different than the standard agriculture practices

from the last 300, 400 years,” he said.

Bell said when he was in high school he was pushed toward sports like track and basketball as opposed to academic interests.

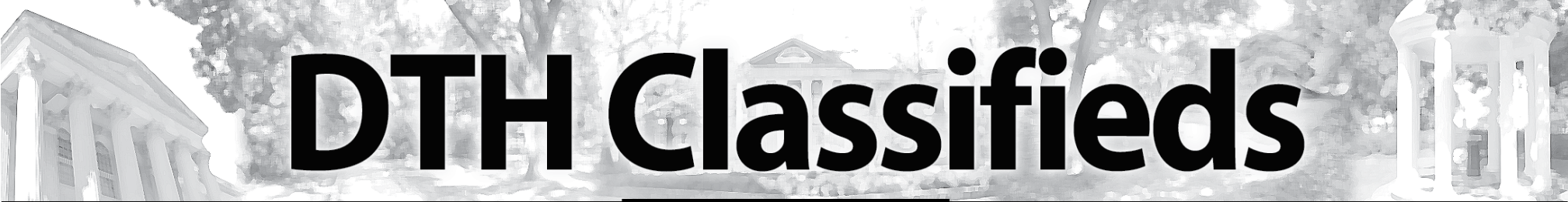
“I really enjoy teaching, but I see a disparity with our youth, and that gives me the courage and the energy to go in everyday and deal with a lot that’s going on,” Bell said.

Adante Hart, a UNC graduate student pursuing a masters in public health and nutrition, said the next generation should learn about sustainable practices.

“I really hope that people will come out to the next SOAPbox, Herban SOAPbox events, and learn ‘cause there’s a real learning opportunity here, and you know it’s a Friday,” he said.

The next Herban SOAPbox event will be held on Feb. 17 and will host speaker Jason Brown, a UNC graduate and ex-NFL player who owns First Fruit Farms, which produces over 200,000 pounds of food, which goes to food pantries and churches in the Triangle area.

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To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

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High school sweethearts from Chapel Hill set a date

By Claire Nielsen
Staff Writer

Not many people expect to meet their future spouse in their middle school acting class.

But that's what happened to Molly McDonough and Garrett Stein-Seroussi, a Chapel Hill couple who first got to know each other at age 12 while attending a class at the Carrboro Arts Center.

A decade later, the two have dated for seven years, since they were 15, and been engaged for 10 months.

McDonough and Stein-Seroussi are now awaiting their March wedding on a Hillsborough farm and looking back on the first moment they crossed paths.

"I was totally terrified of him," McDonough said. "I was 12 and completely unsure of how to talk to cute people. I assumed he hated me and totally ignored him for several years as a result."

Stein-Seroussi also described his first interactions with McDonough as awkward.

"The earliest distinct

memory of Molly that stands out to me is waiting after class for our parents to pick us up and Molly's little sister coming up behind me to give me a big hug," he said. "It was super awkward and didn't stop being super awkward for at least a good two years."

Nowadays, both Stein-Seroussi and McDonough love music and scouting out vinyl record finds together.

"We both love music, nature and dressing our dog up in embarrassing sweaters," Stein-Seroussi said.

They also enjoy watching a series on Netflix, hiking, cooking and reading together. McDonough spends time running, and Stein-Seroussi likes to play the occasional video game.

"One of the things I really value about our relationship is that we're able to take an interest in each other's hobbies, even if it's not something we do together," McDonough said. "Garrett always wants to hear about how my running is going, and I try to learn about whatever video game or movie he's into at the moment."

Their relationship is at least in part based on their



Photo courtesy of Lindsay Williams
Chapel Hill residents Molly McDonough and Garrett Stein-Seroussi will celebrate their wedding March 25.

shared values, McDonough said.

Both McDonough and Stein-Seroussi consider themselves feminists and are committed to fighting racism and other forms of social oppression.

They attribute the success and longevity of their relationship to a number of factors. For one, they both say they are each other's best friend.

"My very favorite thing

her than with anyone else," he said.

As their relationship has evolved, McDonough said, their communication skills have similarly improved.

"One thing we've both had to learn is how to 'fight fair' and learn how to make changes to help the other person feel comfortable," she said. "This isn't to say it feels like the end of the world if he forgets to unload the dishwasher, but I'm far more aware of how my reaction creates a pattern of behavior that affects our relationship long-term."

Although neither McDonough nor Stein-Seroussi can point to a specific moment they realized they were in love, there was definitely a point when they understood that their relationship was special.

The realization was gradual.

"Over time I realized that our relationship had grown into something beyond what I had expected it to, and that I thought of him as more than a boyfriend, but rather a life partner," McDonough said.

McDonough and Stein-

Seroussi both said they are excited to see what the next stage of their relationship holds.

Even relationships that have lasted for seven years continue to change and develop, McDonough said.

"I feel like I didn't anticipate all the ways in which our relationship changed when we got engaged, and likewise there are probably things that will shift when we're married that I'm not aware of yet," she said.

Stein-Seroussi said he also feels eager to see what lies ahead.

"I'm mostly just excited to continue creating a life together."

While it might be somewhat uncommon to marry a high school boyfriend, McDonough said this is one of the relationship's strengths.

"One really cool thing about marrying the person you fell in love with at 15 is that I've gotten to spend the past 7 years learning what love means to me, and learning who I am," she said.

"Getting to do that with the same guy has been a really amazing experience."

Celebrations



BETSY O'DONOVAN-JEFF SHAW ENGAGED DEC. 31, 2016

Jeff Shaw (UNC MATC, '13) proposed marriage to Betsy O'Donovan on New Year's Eve 2016.

She, recognizing that creating love and family is life's greatest adventure and most wonderful story, accepted.

The proposal, like everything in their relationship, involved challenges and storytelling — in this case, the draft of a novel that Betsy has been encouraging Jeff to write since before their long friendship became a romance.

The book he gave her at the Empress Hotel in Victoria, British Columbia, began with a personal dedication and ended with a pro-

posal, a koa engagement ring by a North Carolina artist and a proposal rap song commissioned from Durham's Professor Toon.

Their friendship began in 2010, when Jeff was the communications director for the North Carolina Justice Center and Betsy was the editorial page editor for The Herald-Sun.

Fueled by shared love for writing, community-building, social justice and curiosity, it thrived through midlife master's degrees, international migrations and relationships with other people until they figured out that they were supposed to be a couple despite a 900-mile divide.

Jeff, the son of Gini Shaw of Salem, Oregon, is the director of communications for the Sierra Club's Beyond

Coal campaign.

Betsy, the daughter of John and Marcia O'Donovan of Omaha, Nebraska, is the executive director of The Daily Tar Heel.

They live in Durham and plan to marry in fall 2017, with a wedding weekend that includes jiu-jitsu, a storytelling competition and their basset hound and frequent Daily Tar Heel visitor, Penny.

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Cats, books, soon a memory

If you haven't seen the romantic comedy classic "You've Got Mail," you haven't really lived. I started to think about this movie quite often because, at its heart, it's about bookstores. The film celebrates the independent bookstore and quietly demonizes the corporate one. I don't want to give too much away about the film, but I will say the independent bookstore doesn't fare so well in the end. The economy and competition from the big chain store ultimately shut its doors.

When I found out about a month ago that The Bookshop of Chapel Hill is closing for good in July of this year, I thought of Meg Ryan's character Kathleen gazing one last time over her little bookshop with tears in her eyes — the dream of the independent bookstore surviving was over.

Independent bookstores are essential veins within a community. Every time I visit a new city, I immediately do a Google search for the best local bookstores. There's nothing more thrilling than running your hands along the spines of books both new and old. A town's history can be found in the books available at a used bookstore.

I always have felt fondly about The Bookshop of Chapel Hill. Not only do I love the apathetic cats who don't really care if you pet them or not, but I love the seemingly endless bookshelves holding treasures of all genres. I adore their extensive poetry section, which is a rarity even in independent bookstores.

The Bookshop is where I bought "The Collected Poems of Sylvia Plath." I wandered there in the summer, taking walks from Carrboro in the heat, to buy postcards and escape the blazing sun. In a way, it was a little refuge from the hustle and bustle of UNC.

It saddens me that Chapel Hill is going to lose such a beautiful keeper of our history and culture. Considering that The Bookshop is the only bookstore on Franklin Street, it frustrates me to know independent bookstores still have trouble keeping their doors open.

In "You've Got Mail," after her store closes, Kathleen says, "People are always telling you that change is a good thing. But all they're really saying is that something you didn't want to happen at all ... has happened."

The little bookshop with the cats will always remain in my memory as one of my favorite parts about Chapel Hill. I just hate that one day, when talking to a future UNC student, I'll have to speak of it in past tense rather than present. I won't be able to say, "You have to go to The Bookshop!" It's sad to lose a part of my UNC history so soon; I'm sure many others feel this way, too. It's hard to imagine any other store taking over that special spot.

The next time you're tempted to order a book for someone from Amazon, try The Bookshop first. Wander through its aisles and examine a few of its fine books. Pet the cats. Appreciate the goodness of a store that will be gone too soon.

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EDITORIAL

What's up with BOE?

We need student government to be able to function.

Over the past week and a half, Joe Nail's student body president campaign has been a roller coaster. First, he was disqualified. Then, he appealed. Then, his candidacy was reinstated. Now, there is a freeze on election activities. And, quite frankly, we're a little confused.

As a fellow student organization, we understand the challenges of coordinating a large group of busy students. We are not trying to be overly harsh, but recent events within student government leave a lot to be desired from our elected leaders.

The Board of Elections found Nail guilty of two false starts, two technology violations and one falsification, so he was disqualified from the student body president election. But because the Board of Elections did not have the necessary five members, the guilty violations were overturned, and Nail was allowed to resume campaign activities along with the other candidates. This is where we get confused.

This is where we ask, why didn't the Board of

Elections have the necessary five members?

It is important to note that this editorial board is not calling for Nail to be disqualified from the election. Rather, we are asking, why did this verdict have to come from the UNC Supreme Court in the first place? Why is the Board of Elections short-staffed? It is the job of our elected student government officials to fill the Board of Elections with the necessary members, but it seems that our officials failed to do that.

This board has not been silent in our thoughts about the position of student body president and our student government at large. We have criticized past student body presidents on their inability to create real change and our student government's perennial inability to capture the needs of all students.

This issue, the one of not being able to fill a student government organization, is one of institutional failure. Sure, we'd really like for student government to lobby on behalf of students in the General Assembly. And yes, we'd really love it if our student body president actually fought for students' interests on the Board of Trustees. But at

the very, very, very least, we expect our student government to be able to fill its own positions. If it can't even do that, what can it do?

This is a crucial moment for student voices and empowerment. Our self-governance has already faced challenges this year, the national and state political sphere is increasingly toxic and University funding seems to be in real jeopardy. This is not the time to have students, faculty and the entire UNC community question our abilities to organize and operate political, governing bodies.

Thus, we implore all candidates for student body president to consider this as they move forward in their campaigns. Please, ask yourselves, will you be able to staff the Board of Elections? Will you be able to fill all your cabinet positions? Will you be able to create enough buy-in so that students show up to meetings? If the answer is no, think critically about your candidacy.

At the very least, we expect our student government to generate enough support from the inside that it can sustain itself. Again, if it can't do that, can it really work for students?

EDITORIAL

The police of democracy

What will happen to the guards of democracy?

In the United States, we talk a lot about the right-left political spectrum. What we more often neglect to mention, though, is the full dimensionality of our politics: the way we rely on our parties to balance the extremes of authoritarian and libertarian models of government.

Though we all register our preferences — one way or another — by voting for Republican, Democrat, Green or Libertarian candidates, most of us are silently glad that we have a multi-party system that keeps the other parties in check. For instance, the conservatives are expected to keep spending in check, while we look to liberals to push any government for equal opportunity and social justice. Even for those parties that we don't cast a vote for, we still generally benefit from their presence in the political process.

But what happens to a country when one party abandons its post entirely? The Grand Old Party has, for years, served as our democracy's police on oversized government and the chief activist group for limited government intervention in the lives of everyday citizens. For the past half century, it has argued for the merits of limited government, taking on the mantle of the libertarian politics. Whether or not the party has upheld the ideal of protecting individual liberties at the hand of our government, almost everyone would agree that its rhetoric and moral stance has served a purpose.

In the age of President Trump, those small government advocates have fallen silent. As our chief executive issues executive orders that disrupt families of legal residents, orders the construction of an irresponsibly expensive border wall and threatens the free press, those that we rely upon to call out governmental overreach say nothing. Instead, they

vote along party lines and openly praise these big-government infringements on personal liberties.

In this landscape, who is our guard against encroaching authoritarianism? What can we expect from members of Congress who fail to live up to their promises of checking executive power?

Yes, liberals are decrying these strong-handed actions of the federal government to alter and dictate the lives of free individuals in the United States. But we need more than that. The fight against Trump's policies is not partisan politics — it is, to a huge degree, a push-back against authoritarian impulses.

The GOP cannot, at will, abandon its post as the watchdog of personal liberty as a would-be authoritarian wields the powers of the executive branch under the Republican party's name. At least, it cannot do so without throwing our two-party system into tumult and threatening the future of our democratic process.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It's just something that, you know, you just can't forget so you have to be reminded constantly every some year."

Rizk Alghorazi, on remembering Our Three Winners

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

"The game was lost because UNC couldn't defend Duke, especially with its perimeter scoring."

dmccall, on UNC's loss to Duke on Thursday

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Let the fro grow for UNC Walk for Health

TO THE EDITOR:

In support of North Carolina star basketball players Joel Berry, Isaiah Hicks and Justin Jackson and their sculptured afro dreadlocks hairstyles, UNC Walk for Health has begun a campaign to encourage the entire Tar Heel team to "let the locks of the hair on their heads grow long" for the rest of the season. (Nm. 6:5, Lv. 19:27: 21:5).

The first 40 UNC students who register or request via email at unc-walkforhealth.com will receive a complimentary custom Carolina blue "Let the Fro Grow" T-shirt.

They must pledge to wear the shirt at the final home game against Duke on March 4.

Long-locked hair is really antennae, which can receive and transmit divine energy.

This "Let the Fro Grow" initiative is a spiritual or spiral thing. The Supreme Spirit (God) spins or spirals the universe. The entire universe moves forever in spirals.

The spiral motion and design is built into all life-forms. Plants, including the fruits and vegetables we eat everyday, spiral up from the soil. DNA, the life-giving molecule, is a double helix spiral. Your blood spirals through your veins. Planets spiral. Stars spiral. Galaxies spiral. And yes, your hair spirals out from its hair roots!

Samson, a Nazarite, is the most famous example of long-locked hair. Jesus was also a Nazarite: a vow of Nazarites was to never cut his hair.

Hopefully by tapping into the divine energy of the universal Creator, we can inspire excellent athletic leadership from Joel, Isaiah and Justin to help bring a national championship back to UNC this April.

William Thorpe
UNC Walk for Health

The alternative right exists on our campus

TO THE EDITOR:

I am part of a small but growing minority on this campus. We come from all walks of life and are present in every academic department.

Some call us the "alternative right." Others call us "fascists." Still others call us "ignorant," or even worse, "racist." Regardless of what they call us, we exist.

We're sick and tired of hypocritical professors and suburban rich kids who bemoan the struggles of the working class but demonstrate utter contempt for every working man and woman of this country by supporting politicians and policies

that ship their livelihoods overseas.

We're sick and tired of being told to sit down and shut up by progressives who claim to believe in the free speech.

Most of all we're sick and tired of a campus culture that values the color of a person's skin more than the content of his or her thoughts.

The rising specter of violence and intolerance on American campuses is arising from the radical left: anarchists and Marxists, mostly from upper middle class families, who would rather start a second civil war which would kill millions of innocent people than listen to a contrary opinion.

They would throw away 240 years of blood, sweat and tears in the name of "social justice," which they use to justify violence, looting, and rioting to silence their opposition, people like gay conservative activist Milo Yiannopoulos, who defies their most cherished stereotype.

Here's to Free Speech,

Chris Watson
Senior
History and Economics

"Trump is the worst" column was the worst

TO THE EDITOR:

On Thursday, The Daily Tar Heel published a column titled "Depth of my Trump anger," consisting entirely of 153 instances of the phrase "Trump is the worst."

I should not have to explain why this lacks any semblance of merit, and, frankly, it can only accurately be called a shitpost.

I'm under the impression that columnists have to apply to write for the DTH; this would imply that there is some measure of quality to be expected.

I can only assume that this column was published with no oversight or editing whatsoever, because I can't imagine any opinion editor or editor-in-chief approving of something so unfathomably bad.

I feel terribly for the copy editors — assuming the DTH has copy editors — who had to read this.

I feel terribly for the DTH columnists whose work is placed on the same tier as 153 repetitions of "Trump is the worst."

Most of all, I feel terribly for the readers of The Daily Tar Heel, who were expecting their local paper "to consistently beat our competition in terms of breaking news and quality of content," as the mission statement reads.

"Quality of content" is a phrase that no self-respecting publication has a right to use when it publishes something so severely lacking in quality.

Please consider adopting a basic standard for your editorial content that is above this shamelessly atrocious column.

Connor Bolinder
Fayetteville

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