

Chapel Hill, county still feel sting from HB2

The county has lost money from moved conferences and travel bans.

By Kaia Findlay
Staff Writer

One year after the passage of House Bill 2, the Chapel Hill and Orange County Visitors Bureau estimates Chapel Hill and Carrboro have lost \$2.5 million in total revenue, communications director Patty Griffin said in an email.

This number incorporates outside organizations' continued withdrawal of bookings for conferences, trainings and workshops. In January 2017, the AAU STEM conference, which would have brought an estimated \$200,000 to the area, contacted the College of Arts and Sciences to say the event would be moved because of the law, Griffin said.

The total also includes revenue lost due to the travel bans placed on North Carolina by six states and 17 cities.

However, businesses are becoming more aware of the impacts of people and organizations who decide not to consider North Carolina as a destination at all.

"There is a great number, that we will never know, of people who have just written us off," said Meg McGurk, executive director of the Chapel Hill Downtown Partnership.

The law caused many businesses and events to leave the state, including ACC and NCAA Tournament games, taking their fans and valuable economic revenue with them.

"North Carolina has been this cool, up-and-coming state for so long," said Janet Elbetri, owner of Sandwhich. "Suddenly we're not cool anymore."

Flyleaf Books in Chapel Hill is one business that has noticed this trend.

An author visiting the store last week asked owner Jamie Fiocco to include in her introduction the fact that she seriously considered

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House Bill 2 continues to constrain NC residents, economy

By Bailey Aldridge
Staff Writer

Now a year since the passage of House Bill 2, Sen. Terry Van Duyn, D-Buncombe, said it's getting to the point where the state doesn't even know what it's losing anymore.

"People aren't canceling," she said. "They're just not coming."

Van Duyn said startup companies are avoiding North Carolina so they won't have to deal with discrimination or the N.C. law that prohibits transgender individuals from using the bath-

rooms aligning with their gender identities.

"For young companies, for startup companies, for high tech companies, for growth companies, they have moved beyond the point where discrimination is okay and what they understand is that their customers and their employees need to feel that they will not have to deal with bigotry, and so that's why they're not coming," she said. "That's why HB2 is a big deal."

She said she wonders why the law is still in place given the circumstances.

"That's why there's a boycott, and so why can't we just do the right thing?" Van Duyn said.

According to Forbes' estimates in November, House Bill 2 has cost the state \$630 million in lost business since it was passed last March. Forbes estimates the law has cost \$197.4 million in sports losses, \$38 million in tourism losses, \$21 million in banking losses, \$255 million in research, \$61 million in entertainment losses and \$58 million in technology losses.

Rob Schofield, director of policy and research at NC Policy

Watch said in an email that these losses are undoubtedly higher over four months later.

In a statement after Gov. Roy Cooper's State of the State address, Equality NC stressed the economic damage done by the bill.

"The NBA, NCAA and business leaders have made clear that they prioritize cities like New Orleans, Orlando and Dallas with fully inclusive nondiscrimination protections that ensure the safety of their employees and

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UNC students nearby during London attack

Investigators believe the attack was inspired by "international terrorism."

By Corey Risinger
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UNC students in London found themselves in the midst of an attack Wednesday afternoon.

London's metropolitan police responded at 2:40 p.m. after an attacker ran over pedestrians on the Westminster Bridge, located near the Parliament building.

Mark Rowley, acting deputy commissioner and national lead for counter terrorism, said in a statement the lockdown within the Parliament building has since been lifted.

Alec Fischbein, a UNC sophomore in the Honors London program at Winston House, was led to a secure room after gunshots were heard. Fischbein is interning with Tom Brake, a member of the U.K. parliament, and was in the building at the time of the attack.

"From where we were, we could see the Westminster Bridge and the Palace of Westminster," he said. "We saw the police presence grow and the street slowly get shut down and all the people leave."

The police later escorted them out of the building in response to a potential bomb threat.

Sophomore Melanie Langness, also on the UNC study abroad pro-

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gram and interning in Parliament, said she will go back to work this week unless told otherwise.

Five deaths and approximately 40 injuries have been confirmed, Rowley said — which include the fatal stabbing of police officer Keith Palmer and the shooting of the attacker by police.

"(Palmer) was someone who left for work today expecting to return home at the end of his shift and he had every right to expect that would happen," Rowley said.

Annie Smith, a junior studying abroad at King's College London, said the UNC study abroad department emailed her to confirm she was okay.

Since the attack, Smith said she has interacted with roommates and friends who were uneasy.

Rowley said investigators will work through the night.

"As a precautionary measure, we have increased the number of officers on duty to provide a highly visible reassurance presence — both armed and unarmed — across the country," he said.

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Trustees review night parking fee

The committees also heard updates on renovations to University athletic fields.

By Sofia Edelman, Eva Ellenburg, Paige Nehls and Nic Rardin
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Night parking rates were approved, plans for new athletics facilities were proposed and a potted tree was knocked over during the first day of Board of Trustees meetings.

Parking ordinance approved

Cheryl Stout, assistant director for parking services, presented a parking ordinance that was approved by the Finance, Infrastructure and Audit committee. It will create a new nighttime parking fee.

"(This will be an) annual daytime increase of one percent for 17-18, 18-19 to 19-20. This represents a 12 to 88 cent per biweekly increase," Stout said.

Additionally, North Campus parking rates increase by 25 cents when the ordinance is put in place, along with a possible student fee of six dollars starting in the fall of 2019 that would increase by two dollars each academic year until the fall of 2021.

"The things that we do know right now, it's going to be weeknights only. Daytime park and ride permits will be honored at night, parking will not be zoned — so if you have a permit you can park about campus, all undergraduates will pay a fee," she said.



DTH/STELLA RENEKE

University Affairs committee chairperson Charles Duckett speaks at a Board of Trustees meeting in the Alumni Center on Wednesday.

New construction

In the Finance, Infrastructure and Audit committee meeting, Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities Services Anna Wu presented plans for a new medical education building. Wu said the 124,000 square foot building will help increase the medical school class size from 180 to 230 students and has an estimated cost of \$90 million.

"What we're asking for is the approval for this site," Wu said. "It will redevelop Berryhill, the existing Berryhill, and the site to the east."

Wu presented a plan for the redevelopment of Fetzer Field that includes field improvements and the creation of an indoor practice facility. It is set to finish in August of 2018. She estimated the project to cost \$30 million.

"Fetzer Field is going to provide a new grandstand for the soccer and lacrosse facilities ... we'll renovate McCaskill (Soccer Center) by the new east-west concourse," she said.

The board approved the plans for both projects and Wu presented plans for two additional projects that weren't yet up for approval.

The first was the redevelopment of Ehringhaus Field which would provide 950 seats at an estimated cost of \$14.2 million.

"We're redeveloping Ehringhaus (Field) for field hockey facilities," she said. "That field used will still be available to Campus Rec post-project completion."

The second project was a pavilion addition to Chase Hall, the building Rams Head Dining Hall is housed in.

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The Daily Tar Heel

Carolina Ahora brings Spanish to students' screens

The Instagram-based program is a Carolina Week spin-off.

By Alli Ehrman
Staff Writer

In the fall, “Carolina Ahora” was established as the University’s first and only Spanish-language broadcast program produced through the School of Media and Journalism.

Monday through Thursday, the show is the counterpart to Carolina Week, where the three most relevant stories from that show are translated into Spanish and broadcast via Instagram. On Friday, the show is live with an anchor and a co-anchor, with the co-anchor in charge of the Instagram posts.

Carol Bono, a first-year graduate student, said they try to cover both international

and local news that is relevant to the Hispanic community.

“For instance, we’ve covered immigration issues that, due to time, may not be covered by Carolina Week,” Bono said.

Yet making the show hasn’t been completely smooth sailing. The biggest struggle for senior Laura Brache has been the lack of manpower.

While the journalism school has given the show access to anything it needs, finding students who are comfortable enough to speak Spanish on camera has proven to be difficult.

“Our big deal is having a crew everyday,” Brache said. “If we even have a show on our everyday Instagram platform, we’re very lucky because we don’t have a large group of people available all the time.”

Carolina Ahora consists of eight students. In contrast, Carolina Week has around

30.

Yet for all of the struggles, the Carolina Ahora staff has already seen the impact the show has had on the community.

Senior John Aceti said the show has helped him feel more connected to those who are underrepresented on campus.

“It’s inclusive for everyone on campus,” Aceti said. “I just think it’s important that anyone who wants the news can get the news.”

The show received its first hateful comment in response to a story about businesses in Chapel Hill closing for A Day Without An Immigrants.

“We translated it and put it on Facebook sharing the news, and someone commented, ‘Speak English, this is America,’” Brache said.

But just because there are negative responses doesn’t mean the work they’re doing



DTH/SHEPARD BARNES

The Carolina Ahora Feature control room is where the English to Spanish translations are done and on-screen video is monitored.

is unimportant. In fact, it’s the opposite, Bono said.

“Once you start getting negative comments, you know you’re making an impact,” Bono said.

As for the future of the show, Brache knows exactly what she wants to see.

“I want it to be as relevant

and as wholesome as possible, in order for it to reach anyone and everyone who wants to know the stories that are happening here at UNC and the around country that are impacting the Latino community.”

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Carolina Clubs set the bar high for gamewatches

By Michelle Dixon
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Fists beating on the table. Perspiration forming on the faces of Tar Heel fans young and old. Legs shaking and Tar Heel chants erupting through

the bars across the country.

UNC alumni are showing the nation that Tar Heel pride does not stop after graduation — it continues forever.

UNC graduates continue their Tar Heel pride by joining together for almost every

basketball and football game at “gamewatches,” hosted by Carolina Clubs at bars across the country.

“The crowds for Duke games usually vary from 300 to 500 people,” Kenny Monteith, a co-chairperson of Atlanta Carolina Club alongside Raquel Hudson, said.

Monteith said people from all ages fill the upstairs part of Hudson Grille Midtown in Atlanta, creating a replica of the Smith Center experience as they go through all the requisite emotions — nerves, anger, happiness and frustration — during the game.

Carolina Clubs across the nation attempt to recreate this feeling for alumni. Farther north, Colin Scott, co-chairperson of Chicago Carolina Club, is watching the same games with his group.

“Instead of getting on a plane and watching the game on Franklin Street, this is kind of our way of doing that here without leaving Chicago,” he said. “It’s a fun way for folks to extend the

college experience a little bit more and enjoy Tar Heels’ favorite pastime, Carolina basketball.”

Boston Carolina Club President Aime Goldberg Macdonald echoed the sentiment.

“Whether it’s Bojangle boxes, pom-poms or Blue Cups, it’s something that kind of connects and bonds people together,” she said. “You’re singing together and high-fiving. We’re clapping, doing the Tar Heel chant and at the end of the game we gather and ‘Hark the Sound’ together.”

Macdonald said the team spirit unites fans, regardless of the outcome.

“Even if we had lost, that would have made people unite together,” she said. “It’s just a common understanding. This wasn’t just a school we went to. This wasn’t just a team we rooted for. It’s who we are now.”

The shared bond of Tar Heel pride for both older and newer alumni allows UNC fans to continue to

stick together in victories and losses, especially amid the heartbreak of the 2016 NCAA championship game.

“It just totally took us away,” Monteith said. “We were stunned. Some were crying, others were hugging one another, and others just left because they just couldn’t believe it.”

But Monteith said they still carried the bond of being a proud Tar Heel.

“You try to tell that to people who go to other universities,” he said. “They have pride at their university, but it’s a very special feeling you have when you’re a Tar Heel and that you went to UNC.”

Macdonald said the best part of being a Tar Heel is the community.

“It’s inclusive. You can be anyone at Carolina,” Macdonald said. “It’s a pretty easy and contagious thing that can happen to fall in love with Carolina. It’s a sense of pride for people.”

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• Someone reported fraud on the 800 block of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard at 9:07 a.m. Thursday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The person applied for a credit card in the victim’s

name, reports state.

• Someone reported public consumption on the 300 block of Franklin Street at 2:22 p.m. Friday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The person drank an open beer on the sidewalk outside of Mellow Mushroom, reports state.

• Someone trespassed at the McDonald’s at 409 W. Franklin St. at 2:28 p.m.

Friday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The person argued with McDonald’s staff and created a scene, reports state.

• Someone reported vandalism and damage to property on the 200 block of Butler Court at 12:57 p.m. Saturday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The person damaged a side mirror valued at \$100 of a Toyota Prius, reports state.

• Someone reported fighting and affray at The Library at 120 East Franklin St. at 1:42 a.m. Saturday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

• Someone broke and entered on the 600 block of Surry Road at 12:00 p.m. Saturday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The person tried to kick in the door of a residence, causing \$70 in damage to a fence gate and wooden door frame, reports state.

• Someone reported loud music and partying on the 700 block of Gomains Avenue at 5:23 p.m. Saturday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

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GENERAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Students can jam together in new club

People with any experience level are welcome

By Cy Neff
Staff Writer

Experienced and aspiring musicians alike have a new home at UNC thanks to the recently established Carolina Jams Club.

The club, which hasn't officially met yet, aims to unite students that share music as a common interest. First-year and Carolina Jams founder Zachary Gonzalez said students of all musical capabilities are welcome.

"Carolina Jams is a general music club for all Carolina students no matter their musical ability," Gonzalez said.

The idea for Carolina Jams began in the fall semester, when Gonzalez and a group of friends attended FallFest and didn't find a musical niche they would fit into among the numerous clubs advertised.

"During FallFest, I was looking around for a music club, and all I saw was a capella group after a cappella

group with the exception of some more philanthropic clubs. And while there's nothing wrong with that, I felt that there was a significant lack of an outlet for musicians on campus," first-year and Carolina Jams member J.P. Rickabaugh said.

"Like, if I were to want to go jam with someone, or get a group together, there wasn't really a method to do that that had sort of streamlining or structure to it. It would be an entirely personal initiative. But with Carolina Jams, our sort of goal is to provide the framework for people to achieve what they want musically here."

The club was approved by the University just before spring break and plans to begin publicizing itself soon. The members' plans for the club's future span a broad range of activities from entertainment to philanthropy.

"We want to have open mic nights at our club meetings, we'd like to, then kinda, once we get more established, more people, start doing kind-of charity events," Gonzalez said. "So we want to have concerts or benefits, one of the things I've heard that is pretty interesting is musicians going to hospitals and playing for children and stuff like that."

The club plans on hosting jam sessions, as well as offering music lessons to less-experienced members.



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First-year Zachary Gonzalez is the founder of Carolina Jams, a new club designed to bring students who play instruments together.

Gonzalez taught himself guitar during high school, the difficulty of which helped him come up with the idea of guitar lessons.

First-year and treasurer Aashi Pal said she thinks music is under-appreciated at

the University, and hopes to help bring music to the forefront with the club's creation.

"I think it's important because a lot of people tend to forget music and like, art generally," Pal said. "They just think that you should do only academics, that music is definitely educational, that it's an outlet for a lot of people."

Rickabaugh and Gonzalez are both avid guitar players, while Pal has played the piano for years. Pal plans on using her position as treasurer of

the club to make sure that she can learn how to pick up the guitar as well.

Carolina Jams is planning to host its first event in the Pit next week.

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After a lawsuit, Gwendolyn Smith changed history

Smith was the first black woman to attend the University.

By Preston Lennon
Staff Writer

In the summer of 1951, UNC taught its first black female student, Gwendolyn Smith. Despite remarkable credentials, she had to overcome numerous obstacles to earn a spot in a UNC classroom.

Smith's academic career began in Kinston, North Carolina where she attended Adkin High School, said her daughter, Carla Smith Brown.

Smith, who died on Feb. 28, graduated as the valedictorian.

Smith went on to attend Palmer Memorial Institute, a boarding school near Greensboro. Her father considered her too young to go to college after her high school graduation, but after a year at Palmer, Smith went off to Atlanta to attend Spelman College. She graduated at the top of her class.

After earning her bachelor's degree at 18 years old, Smith decided to stay in Atlanta to teach high school.

Brown said her mother didn't enjoy it very much and found teaching to be an uncomfortable experience.

"I think it was a problem because the students looked at her as one of them because they were probably about the same age," Brown said.

So Smith decided to move across the country to California, where she earned a master's degree in history with a minor in Spanish

from the University of California at Berkeley.

After moving back to North Carolina, she began teaching Spanish at Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte.

Despite accomplishing so much, Smith wasn't done yet. In 1951, she decided to start pursuing her doctorate.

Smith was accepted to UNC, but once she arrived on campus, the University revoked her acceptance because of her race.

"She was told she couldn't attend the school because she was a Negro," Brown said.

With the help of the NAACP, Smith filed a lawsuit against the University. Before the court case was resolved, UNC reversed its decision and allowed her to take classes.

University archivist Nicholas Graham said one of the reasons that Smith is sometimes overlooked is that she was not the first black female graduate of UNC — she just attended summer sessions.

Brown said that, while at UNC, Smith struggled with segregationist policies.

"Mama didn't really talk about it a lot," she said.

In 1953, during her time as a professor at Johnson C. Smith, she married John Charles Smith.

"They were married 45 years," Brown said.

Smith was a woman of faith, heavily involved in her church, and her children say she was always optimistic and bright.

"She had a very witty, dry, corny sense of humor," Dwight Smith, Smith's son, said.

A life-long student, Smith kept her mind sharp following the end of her formal education.



PHOTO COURTESY OF CARLA SMITH BROWN.

Gwendolyn Smith, the first African-American woman to attend UNC, passed away on Feb. 28.

"She would do word searches every day, she would read every day, even though the last couple of years she lived in a nursing home," Brown said.

Smith was 91 when she died. Her intellect

and tenacity helped pave the way for African-Americans seeking a college education at UNC.

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Social media posts warn drivers of speed patrols

The department's patrols aim to reduce potential accidents.

By Lydia Tolley
Staff Writer

The Chapel Hill Police Department wants to decrease vehicle speeds around town without giving out pesky speeding tickets.

Capt. Joshua Mecimore, spokesperson for the Chapel Hill Police Department, said the goal of speed patrols are to improve safety. He said Chapel Hill police announce where the speed patrols will be on their website and social media to decrease speeding.

According to The Town of Chapel Hill website, there were three speed patrols earlier in March. The next one will take place March 30 from 10 a.m. to noon at the intersection of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Municipal Drive.

"If we could get people to slow down by telling them ahead of time, we've achieved our goal. If we get people to slow down by stopping them and giving them a ticket, then we've also achieved our goal,"

Mecimore said.

"Our preference would be that we would get people to slow down and we don't have to write them a ticket."

Mecimore said Chapel Hill police do not gain a reward when they write a ticket.

"I think people have the misconception that tickets somehow make money for the town or the police department," Mecimore said.

UNC junior Caitlin Moscarito said she often sees speed patrols on Raleigh Road.

"It doesn't seem logical because it's a hill and it's off-campus so it's away from a lot of people," Moscarito said.

Moscarito said there should be speed patrols on-campus because of the large number of pedestrians.

Mecimore said the police department focuses on certain areas in town.

"Speed is always an issue in areas such as Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, 15-501 and US-54," Mecimore said. "The higher the speed in the crash, the higher the likelihood someone gets hurt or killed."

UNC junior Haley Davies said the speed patrols will improve safety for pedestrians.

"I think it is a good idea because the sidewalks leading

to campus are too narrow and the recycling and trash services put the bins down on the sidewalk making so that we have to walk on the road to get around them," Davies said. "That being said, if cars are speeding, which is very easy to do, it's very dangerous for anyone walking to campus. I know it is really hard to go 35 down MLK but it's a necessary evil because the sidewalks just aren't safe enough."

Mecimore said the state initiative Watch For Me NC aims to improve pedestrian safety.

"The Watch for NC is typically focused around crosswalks so that's throughout downtown and then we also assist UNC in campus in several places, usually around Manning Drive because there are so many people crossing Manning on sidewalks," he said.

Along with the speed patrols, Mecimore said Chapel Hill has been painting crosswalks in hopes of drawing attention to pedestrians.

Mecimore said people can check the Chapel Hill Police Department's social media accounts and the town of Chapel Hill website to find other speed patrol locations.

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Fire engulfs downtown Raleigh

Investigations continue after the five-alarm Raleigh fire.

By Becca Heilman
Staff Writer

Investigators are still combing the site of a large fire that broke out in downtown Raleigh last Thursday to determine its cause.

The fire started in an apartment building being constructed at the intersection of West Jones and North Harrington streets and spread to four other buildings, damaging them severely. Ten buildings were damaged overall.

Over 250 displaced residents of the Link Apartments and The Residences at Quorum Center, two of the buildings damaged by the fire, were allowed to return to their apartments to retrieve their belongings Saturday.

John Boyette, spokesperson for the city of Raleigh, said investigators are unsure when the process will be complete.

"It could take a matter of a few minutes or a matter of a few weeks or a few months, depending the severity of the fire," he said. "As you know, this was a very severe fire."

No lives were lost in the blaze, Boyette said.

"We could not have come out any better in what was a really bad situation," he said. "None of the firefighters were hurt; no one from the general public was hurt. There were some buildings damaged and destroyed, but the main thing is that no human lives were lost."

Tim Bradley, executive director of the N.C. State Firefighter's Association, said his organization's offices inside the Quorum

Center were severely damaged by the fire and resulting water damage from the sprinkler systems.

"Our offices face the building that burned, and all the windows on that side were burnt out by the heat, which set off our sprinkler systems in our office," he said.

Patrick Rand, a professor of architecture at N.C. State University, said at the stage of construction during which the building caught fire, many of the fire-resistant items that would normally be present in a finished building were not yet installed.

"This building was basically unprotected wood at the time it caught fire," Rand said.

The building code, which is under the state's jurisdiction, permits this method of construction, Rand said. According to the fire marshal, the building had passed inspection just a few days before it caught fire.

Rand said he thinks parties involved in the investigation are considering the building process.

"I think what's happening now is that officials, fire marshals, architects, engineers, even owners are asking whether they should build this way in such large dimensions, great numbers of floors and half a city block — especially in an urban area where proximity to other buildings is a concern," Rand said.

This design attracts developers due to its low initial cost, but Rand said he believes its merits should be reassessed after the fire.

"If we just go with what a developer wants to do, they want to lower first cost," he said. "That isn't always the best building, the best architecture, the best permanent solution. It can be risky."

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Group plans march against Wendy's at UNC

The march aims to protest how Wendy's treats farmworkers.

By Myah Ward
Staff Writer

The Coalition of Immokalee Workers, alongside groups such as Student Action with Farmworkers, are planning a protest against Wendy's fast food restaurant on UNC's campus.

UNC senior Veronica Aguilar, an intern at Student Action with Farmworkers, said her role was to make sure students are aware of the march.

"I think the main goal is to raise awareness about the fact that Wendy's hasn't been paying their farmworkers living wages," Aguilar said.

"To bring awareness to the fact that Wendy's is on our campus and that we should be aware of what kind of practices and policies they've implemented and how they're treating their workers."

Bianca Olivares, a senior at N.C. State and an intern at Student Action with Farmworkers, has been working to help coordinate the event and making phone calls to work out the logistics of the march. Olivares said the event is for any concerned community member.

"Ideally it will be a lot of students since it's on a campus, but any community

members that are worried about farmworker issues and their agricultural system," Olivares said.

"Just anybody who cares about working conditions in general."

The march is scheduled to take place at noon on March 27.

The protesters will begin at Polk Place where they will listen to speakers and march through the Pit to Wendy's at the Student Union.

Aguilar said it is important as students and consumers to be aware of where your money goes and what it is funding.

"Farmworkers feed us. That's undeniable. They are the people that make sure the food that we eat is grown, it's fresh, it's there, it's visible," Aguilar said. "So making sure that fast food chains, really any company, treats those workers right is crucial to my values."

UNC first-year graduate student Rosemary Stump said she has been involved with farmworker advocacy since her undergraduate career.

She has been working to promote the protest, passing out flyers and coordinating with the Coalition of Immokalee Workers. She said she is participating in the protest and that it is going to be a great day.

"Most people are going to be reuniting so it's going to be a lot of energy and then we're marching through the

"... Wendy's hasn't been paying their farmworkers living wages."

Veronica Aguilar
Senior

Pit to Wendy's where we'll be doing the protest and the picket, which will also include a letter delivery to Wendy's," Stump said.

"Usually when we do protests outside of a company or outside of a grocery store or fast food restaurant, there is always a letter delivery, basically outlining what their food program is demanding or requesting from the restaurant."

Stump said she wants students to be better informed about the partnership that exists between farmworkers, companies and students to enforce fair wages and working conditions for people that are growing the food students eat.

"A lot of people don't talk about farm workers when they talk about food policy reform," Stump said.

"We talk about immigration a lot, we talk about food a lot, but we don't necessarily talk about farmworkers that are putting food on our plates. I think that this protest is extremely important and I really hope people show up for it."

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No wedding parties in this farm's barn

By Ismail Conze
Staff Writer

The Orange County Board of Adjustment has decided that the Barn of Chapel Hill will not be authorized to hold weddings on its premises — after over a dozen weddings have already been booked.

The decision was made March 13 at an appeal hearing held by the board. County Planning Supervisor Michael Harvey was brought into the process to determine whether the property could be classified as a farm.

Barn of Chapel Hill owner Kara Brewer was granted a building permit in June 2016, but that decision was reversed by the Board of Adjustment in October 2016.

"The Board of Adjustment determined that the proposed use of the property as a wedding venue constituted a principal land use operation and as such needed the appropriate permit to commence operation," Harvey said.

Laura Streifeld, executive director of Preserve Rural Orange, said the nonprofit supports the board's decision. Preserve Rural Orange provides rural communities with information about the land so residents can give their input on situations regarding rural land and the environment.

"In this case a real estate investor is claiming an exemption from zoning that is intended to benefit farmers with the potential for negative impact on farms and rural communities," Streifeld said.



DTH/TARYN REVOIR

The Orange County Board of Adjustment has prevented weddings from being held in the Barn of Chapel Hill due to zoning.

Streitfeld said the project was proposed first as a wedding venue and then as a farm that would host weddings alongside regular barn activities.

"The project of this real estate investor appears to be an event center for weddings claiming an agritourism exemption before engaging in agricultural activity," she said. "The board found that this project would be a non-farm use of the property regardless of whether the property was a farm."

Barn of Chapel Hill owner Kara Brewer still plans to attempt to authorize the barn to host weddings. The board's decision can be challenged by an appeal to Orange County Superior Court.

"Right now we're just waiting on the written decision to come back from the Board of Adjustment to figure out exactly what they decided,

why they decided it, and then once we get that decision we can certainly appeal," she said.

Brewer said the Barn was given permission by the board to continue with other activities such as regular farming operations, educational programs and field trips.

Brewer said she believes hosting weddings in the Barn makes sense because they grow flowers and can create floral design for the weddings. She said that prospective brides who have visited the property were excited about using the flowers for their special events.

"For some people having a corn maze is an appropriate form of agritourism," Brewer said. For us, we don't grow corn, it doesn't really make sense for us. But weddings do make sense because it directly relates to our farm activities."

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Report on the arts

In the External Affairs committee meeting, Katie Ziglar,

“We’re redeveloping Ehringhaus (Field) for field hockey facilities.”

Anna Wu

Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities Services

director of the Ackland Art Museum, presented on the recent donation to the museum of \$17 million in art and \$8 million in an endowment. Ziglar also explained how the University works on a loan system with other art museums around the world, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Louvre.

“We do not actually make money, what we make is friends,” Ziglar said. “If we loan to the Louvre or the Metropolitan in New York, we expect to be able to borrow from them when it is convenient and important for us to do so.”

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fans,” the statement said.

House Bill 2 ‘put the nail in the coffin’ on state’s public image

Joaquin Carcaño, a project coordinator at UNC and a plaintiff named on a case against the state said House Bill 2 has severely damaged the state’s reputation.

“Not being a native North Carolinian, moving to North Carolina was definitely kind of a safe place in the South, which is not always the case,” he said. “That’s definitely changed in the past year for a lot of people including myself.”

Carcaño said other states — like Texas and its Senate Bill 6 — have proposed laws similar to House Bill 2.

“North Carolina is still the only one (where) something like this is actually law,” he said.

There have been efforts to craft laws similar to House Bill 2 in South Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee and Texas, Schofield said.

But efforts inspired by House Bill 2 haven’t gotten very far, Schofield said.

“Even Republican governors and state officials said ‘I don’t think we want to deal with that,’” he said. “But Texas seems to be the one state that is plowing ahead in this direction right now.”

Repealing House Bill 2 might help the state’s image, but it wouldn’t solve the issue, Schofield said.

“North Carolina is in the midst of now a six-year, going on seven-year, hard turn to the right in its state public policies, and I think North Carolina was the subject of jokes on late night talk shows and in national media and on the internet even before HB2 and because it has been softened up by all that pre-negative publicity,” he said.

“HB2 sort of really put the nail in the coffin. So I think it would take a while to rebuild our image.”

‘It’s increased the fear’ Terri Phoenix, director of the LGBTQ center at UNC, said there were serious about if and how the law’s bathroom provision would be enforced on UNC campuses.

“There was still some anxiety just around people being worried that others were policing the bathroom, meaning they were judging who had the right or not had a right to be in different bathrooms based on their appearance,” Phoenix said.

Anxiety diminished after a few weeks, when UNC determined it would not enforce the law, and that it would have no effect on the University’s nondiscrimination statement.

Carcaño said House Bill 2 is not just about people being able to use the right facilities.

“It’s increased the fear in the environment,” he said.

House Bill 2’s impact on UNC is causing North Carolina to lose a lot of valuable people, Carcaño said.

He said he’s heard House Bill 2 has affected UNC’s ability to recruit students to some of its programs — and that people have cited the law as creating an environment they do not want to live and study in.

Failed repeal efforts Repeal efforts against House Bill 2 have been going on in the North Carolina legislature but have not been successful.

Schofield said the most notable repeal effort was House Bill 186, which was designed as a compromise to repeal House Bill 2 — but not very thoroughly.

He also said that on March 14 Democrats in the state House offered an amendment on a state banking law bill that would have simply

repealed House Bill 2.

“They’ve introduced legislation to do that and thus far that kind of legislation hasn’t even been allowed a hearing or a discussion,” he said.

Rep. Chuck McGrady, R-Henderson, was a primary sponsor of House Bill 186. He declined to comment on House Bill 2.

Van Duyn said the N.C. Senate would not hear a bill she was going to amend that would have repealed House Bill 2.

“Retribution in this legislature is fierce, but it had to be done,” she said. “... I don’t know how they knew I was going to do it but they arranged it so that I couldn’t.”

Republicans in the Senate have a super majority that gives them a lot of influence, Van Duyn said.

“Out of 50 senators, I only have 15 seats,” she said. “They can do literally anything they want and they refuse to do anything.”

Schofield said the reason House Bill 2 still exists despite the negative impacts it has had on the state is because the proponents of it are true believers.

“They are committed, particularly conservatives on the religious right, to doing whatever they can do to forestall LGBT rights,” he said.

Proponents of the bill don’t believe there is such thing as a transgender person, and they are committed to trying to stop the widespread acceptance of transgender people, Schofield said.

“I really think that’s at the heart of the opposition to the original Charlotte ordinance and the heart of the support that remains for HB2,” he said. “There are some proponents of course who continue to raise this issue of bathroom safety, and I think that’s just been completely debunked.”

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LOCAL HB2

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not coming to North Carolina because of the bill. Fiocco fears that there are other authors and artists out there who underwent the same deliberation, and in the end decided to bypass the state.

“That’s the kind of scary part, to not even have the opportunity to have a dialogue,” she said.

Fiocco didn’t experience any cancellations because of HB2, but it wasn’t easy. She changed some events to be benefits for human rights organizations to encourage authors to keep coming.

“It took a lot of work on my end to convince them not to penalize an independent bookstore speaking out,” she said.

Fiocco and Elbetri both put up signs on their bathrooms to notify customers that they could use the facilities of their choice without facing scrutiny.

“I’ve had a couple of people thank me,” Fiocco said.

Elbetri said making a statement could have alienated certain customers, but neither business owner received negative comments about their bathrooms.

Following the bill’s passage, the visitors bureau launched an advertising

campaign, called Your Community is Part of Ours, to reach out to members of the national LGBTQ community.


The Downtown Partnership put up pride flags after the bill passed in March 2016 and again for a week in June.

“As a community we are open and welcome to everyone,” Griffin said.

Elbetri saw these new efforts towards the community as a silver lining to the bill.

“This year I made a point of being inclusive,” she said. “I wouldn’t have previously thought about reaching out and being extra welcoming.”

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Across

1 Munro pen name

5 Fix, as faulty code

10 Shorten

14 Scoundrel of "Tess of the D'Urbervilles"

15 One of Chekhov's "Three Sisters"

16 Sharpen

17 7-Eleven's Big Gulp, for one

20 Prepare to relax

21 "___ Pointe Blank": 1997 film

22 Shipping nickname

23 Marketing gimmick

25 It makes for easier reading

31 McKinley's first lady

32 Like mud in election season

33 Serious violations

35 PC's spacebar neighbor

36 Mayor pro ___

37 Swallow

40 Replayed service

41 Lay on the line

43 "The Haywain Triptych" painter

45 Keen perception

46 Teased style

50 Many a "Call the Midwife" character

51 Part of FWIW

52 Yak-like

55 Honeymoon spots

59 What a deejay might

do to create energy ... or a request that may lead to 17-, 25- and 46-Across

62 Digital imaging brand

63 Lodging

64 Highly prized

65 Exec's dispatch

66 iPods since 2005

67 "The Facts of Life" mentor Garrett

Down

1 Get fresh with

2 His, in Le Havre

3 Didn't surrender

4 Old-style hangover relief

5 Devoted follower

6 He played Frank on "CHiPs"

7 Commercial URL suffix

8 French article

9 Many an infomercial offering

10 Greek personification of time

11 Lane often in distress

12 Honeymoon options

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Thanks a lot Carroll Hall

For Spring Break, I didn't sunbathe in Cancun or live it up on the West Coast.

Instead, I traveled to London with the School of Media and Journalism. It was, without a doubt, the most productive Spring Break I've ever had in my life.

Along with 11 classmates, I visited companies like Google, Facebook, Bloomberg, the BBC, Arsenal Football Club and various others.

At Arsenal, they walked us through the process of covering soccer match days from the back room to the conference room, and we got to take a peek at the locker rooms as well. For fans of Downton Abbey — we saw Lord Grantham! Well, kinda.

We saw Hugh Bonneville filming a scene for W1A outside of the BBC office and were able to gawk and stare despite the production crew shooing us away.

Visiting Facebook was just as cool as you would expect, and we were introduced to the amazing world of content strategy. Bloomberg was ... confusing for me as a non-business oriented individual, but the coffee was fantastic.

I know, for a fact, that I never would have had any of those opportunities if it were not for the School of Media and Journalism.

Although it was a jam-packed week, it reaffirmed the value of the School of Media and Journalism and further proved that every single pop quiz, exam and stressful assignment has been worth it.

I was able to hear from and connect with industry professionals who affirmed that the School of Media and Journalism is, quite literally, grooming us for a career in the media industry.

Learning about the various paths to entering communications fields on various fronts showed me, first hand, how complex paths can be.

I was able to roam the halls of The British Museum, which houses artifacts that I studied last year as a student in my "Archaeology of Egypt" class. In the midst of traveling the Tube, downing fish and chips and roaming the streets of London, I gained 11 new friends.

Traveling with a group of strangers easily could have been stressful — but it was amazing. Despite our differing interests, professional goals, and backgrounds we formed into a nice, purposeful bunch.

I've always known that UNC is a top institution. But hearing the skills and qualities that top PR agencies and industry leaders are looking for are the exact skills I have gained through my classes was transformative.

Also, if you're a School of Media and Journalism student reading this, I highly suggest you apply — it will change your life.

Beyond that, though, I hope that all students can reach the epiphany that I did.

Despite the overwhelming nature and bubble of UNC, there's so much more in store for us beyond Franklin Street.

I hope you know that, although you may not see it now, but one day it will truly come together.

Cheers!

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EDITORIAL

Be loud

Polarization shouldn't keep you from speaking.

It's springtime, and the sound of the birds chirping on campus proves it. There is still a notably missing and much-needed chorus on campus, though: moderate conservative and libertarian voices.

Colleges are mostly comprised of liberal faculty and students. We can debate the reasons for that and what it means for the average student, but for the sake of this editorial, it is only relevant to acknowledge that most colleges are liberal, and conservatives on campus are a minority.

One consequence of this state of things is that it's very tough to define the UNC Left by one or two people: places like this opinion page, the Campus Y and other organizations on campus provide platforms for diverse leftist viewpoints and personalities. By way of contrast, who comes to mind when you think of prominent conservatives at UNC or any other college setting?

If you're anything like us, you probably thought of a few individuals — people who are especially vocal and willing to court controversy with their views. And that makes sense: an organization that finds itself at a demographic disadvantage can draw attention if it has even one person willing to argue on every platform.

While this kind of grandstanding may be useful, it doesn't come without a consequence for the other people in the minority viewpoint. If one person is allowed to become the voice of a political ideology — whether they asked to play that role or not — they might end up marginalizing dissenting opinions on their own side.

We are not saying conservatives are an oppressed group. The recent elections should show that is not true. We just want to highlight how dialogue between ideologies is being hindered.

Which brings us to our second point: the domination of campus conservatism by a few well-known intellectuals whose ideologies are drastically different than their vocal leftist peers makes fruitful, cross-ideological public conversations less likely.

Let's take an internal debate going on within conservative circles as an example. Say one outspoken conservative student supports laws making abortion access nearly impossible and essentially making the practice illegal.

If that person is accepted as the "voice of conservatism on campus," then it becomes incredibly easy for people on the Left to be dismissive of other differing conservative viewpoints. This is wrong, and it is certainly something this board is guilty of.

During times of deep polarization like the one we are living in now,

the need arises to see politics as anything but the furthest extremes of political spectrum. Certainly, radical voices are necessary for creating new thoughts and plans for how to improve, but is important to remember that we all have more in common than some might have us believe.

Once again, this board is certainly guilty of dismissing sincerely held, well-reasoned opinions that differ from the mostly leftist thoughts of our members. Moving forward, this board hopes moderate conservatives earnestly looking to improve our world find a voice alongside the liberals in our pages.

Furthermore, there are places where many moderate conservatives and libertarians can help. Given the demographic makeup of this state and this university, we bet there are more conservatives on campus than it may appear on the surface.

We're hoping to hear from more people who see that it's possible to both accept some of the evidence used by the other side, while not necessarily accepting their conclusions. A debate over policy, not facts, is much more likely to convince, not to mention enrich and complicate, each raconteur's worldview. And we could all benefit from more broad-minded, intellectually agile public leaders.

We know you're out there, moderates. Speak up.



QuickHits



This is the end

Why was Spring Break so late in the semester? Coming back to class on Monday, we were like, "Oh shit, we have so much due so soon." We have essays due this week, next week, tests, homework and regular work. It almost feels like Spring Break was a trick to get us to think we were earlier in the semester.



Thumbs up to all the people who believed in the UNC basketball team from the start of filling out your brackets. Any bandwagoner can support UNC once we're doing well in the tournament, but especially if you're in a competitive group, making them champs on your bracket is a huge vote of confidence.

Lyft up

Wasting money in college should be reserved for alcohol — not for rides to the airport. As students, we should be sharing our Lyfts to save money. Next time you're about to head to RDU, make sure you aren't going alone. Heck, at least it will give you more spending money when you land at your destination.



Thanks, Roy

Roy Williams has proven that he learned not only how to be a great coach from Dean Smith, but also how to be a great person. It is refreshing to see such an important community figure willing to speak candidly about his views. We encourage Roy to keep speaking out, even if we may disagree at times.



Why was this the week with good weather? We were all freezing last week on break, we couldn't even make a montage of us driving to the mountains in a convertible. Now that we are back at school it is so nice. We demand answers, UNC. We know you're behind this. We know you are the real reason for the season.

Stand united

There is talk of building a new Student Union, which by most arguments is the right thing to do. But you have to love the many quirks of our current union. Sure it is dated, kind of small and not like our peer institutions' unions, but that doesn't have to be a bad thing. It has character, and we appreciate that.



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If they disagree with it, they automatically label it as fake."

David McLennan, on how people decide if news is fake

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

"Maybe the elite professionals, but 99 percent of people don't."

Nathan Muleski, on how many miles casual marathoners run

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Die-in scheduled for Sen. Burr Duke visit

TO THE EDITOR:
Sen. Richard Burr is scheduled to speak at Duke University on Friday, March 24, the day after Congress will vote to repeal the Affordable Care Act. Protecting Progress in Durham will respond to the ACA vote with a press conference at 10 a.m. on Friday featuring Triangle residents who have been impacted by the Affordable Care Act.

Following the news conference, the group will hold a mass "die-in" at 11 a.m. to illustrate the consequences of hundreds of thousands of North Carolinians losing health insurance. Protecting Progress in Durham is a grassroots group that recently rallied over 200 concerned citizens to a mock town hall for North Carolina's senators.

"Senator Burr has repeatedly voted to repeal Obamacare, but after seven years, he and his fellow Republicans have no serious plan to replace it," said Kelly Garvy, one of the organizers of the demonstration. "Instead, they've proposed a massive tax cut for the rich that would lead to hundreds of thousands of North Carolinians losing their health insurance. The statements of his constituents and our die-in will show Senator Burr that repealing Obamacare would have very real and dangerous impacts on people in Durham and North Carolina as a whole."

WHAT: Reaction to ACA repeal and "die-in" targeting Sen. Richard Burr

WHO: Protecting Progress in Durham, a grassroots organization

WHEN: Friday, March 24 at 10 a.m.

WHERE: Corner of Cameron Drive and Science Drive in Durham

According to the Congressional Budget Office, Donald Trump's health care proposal would cause 24 million people to lose health insurance by 2026. Most of the effects would be immediate, with more than 14 million losing insurance in 2018.

Hundreds of thousands of North Carolinians gained coverage under the Affordable Care Act. Even with this increased coverage, North Carolina continues to have the fifth-highest uninsured rate in the nation. Those who will be most affected by the proposed repeal want Sen. Burr to hear their concerns and why he should avoid moving our state backward on health care.

"Unlike other Republican senators, Sen. Burr has not stated his position on Trumpcare," added Garvy. "It's time for Senator Burr to hold a town hall meeting and hear our concerns, and speak out in favor of protecting health care for seniors and others who stand to lose from

Trumpcare."

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UNC fans ought to support ACC teams

TO THE EDITOR:
Thanks to all UNC fans for rooting against their own conference at Greenville, S.C. Shows real character.

Gene Croft
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House Bill 2 has gone on for too long

TO THE EDITOR:
I have read so much on this unjust bill and how it came about from the fearmongering of the Conservative side who based it on no factual evidence, (and) feel that granting the basic right of using the restroom you identify with is some sort of threat to girls and women. This notion and this law ... stemmed from hate basically.

Here's the thing; I personally know a child, who is ten, who is biologically a male, but (identifies) as female. This VERY brave young girl has so much potential as an athlete and a young woman. This child, and I remind you a child, looks like the typical girl — very cute and bubbly. But it breaks my heart to think that this young person, who not long ago decided to identify by the gender they internally feel, will be adversely affected by this rule and future hate-filled legislation toward anyone who is identified as different.

As the law stands, she would have to use the boys restroom or try to find a generic restroom. If you think that other kids and adults who have known this child for a while won't notice, you're wrong. If you think all will be tolerant of this child and her choice and won't verbally and possibly physically harass this child, you're wrong because life has shown us and is showing us that hate-filled, bigoted and homophobic people are out there and have actually become more empowered by the talk from the ultra-Conservative side.

I ask those who support this legislation, I dare you to walk up to this child and children like her, or young people and adults, and explain to them how they are a threat to anyone. I dare you.

My one wish is that the young people who are turning into adults, who tend to be more open-minded, become very active in reference to fighting the rising hate movements. Remember the Constitution starts with "We the People," and that means ALL people, therefore all people have equal rights.

Kathy Morgan
Student Services Representative
The Friday Center

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