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A HOME-OPENING WIN

UNC's softball team hit three home runs to defeat Elon in the Tar Heels' home opener at Anderson Stadium on Wednesday. **Page 5**



LOCAL COMEDY FESTIVAL KICKED OFF WEDNESDAY

The 17th annual North Carolina Comedy Arts Festival will continue through Feb. 25 at venues around Carrboro and Chapel Hill. A percentage of ticket profits will go to Planned Parenthood South Atlantic and the N.C. NAACP. **Page 5**



Today's weather

It's still February, apparently.
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Friday's weather

Forecast's in the 70s all weekend.
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MAYE DAY IN RALEIGH



North Carolina guard Luke Maye (32) goes up for a block on N.C. State guard Abdul-Malik Abu (0) at PNC Arena on Wednesday night.

Sophomore Luke Maye scored a career-high 13 points

MEN'S BASKETBALL

NORTH CAROLINA 97

N.C. STATE 73

By C Jackson Cowart
Sports Editor

RALEIGH — With an airborne defender behind him and an open lane before him, Luke Maye took flight.

Just over two minutes separated the North Carolina men's basketball team from

halftime of its 97-73 win over N.C. State. And for Maye and his teammates, it couldn't come soon enough.

A 17-point lead for the No. 10 Tar Heels (22-5, 10-3 ACC) had dwindled to a six-point deficit for the Wolfpack (14-13, 3-11 ACC) thanks to first-year phenom Dennis Smith Jr., whose layup with 3:24 in the period gave him 17 first-half points and sent PNC Arena into a frenzy.

But Maye had an answer.

Two possessions later, the sophomore forward barreled down the court on the fast break and drifted toward the 3-point

line. As teammate Tony Bradley pivoted at the top of the key, desperately looking for an open teammate, Maye called out for the ball.

This was his shot.

"I honestly thought he was gonna shoot it," said junior forward Isaiah Hicks, whose four fouls thrust Maye into 23 minutes of work on Wednesday. "But then he pump faked."

Head coach Roy Williams had been preaching the pump fake all night — which

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Affordable Care Act repeal lacks consensus

No plan to replace the healthcare law has emerged in U.S. Congress.

By Sam Killenberg
Assistant State & National Editor

Before his inauguration, President Donald Trump said Congress would vote to repeal the Affordable Care Act during his first week in office.

But nearly a month later, there has been little congressional action to fulfill this promise.

The lack of a clear plan from Republicans in Congress has left considerable uncertainty, according to health care experts in North Carolina — a state with high ACA enrollment.

"Honestly, I don't know if there is a plan," said Dr. Cedric Bright, an assistant dean of admissions and special programs at the UNC School of Medicine. "There's the sentiment that they want to do it, but the question is, is there a plan formulated to do it?"

Some key provisions are likely to be cut

Brendan Riley, a policy analyst for the Health Advocacy Project at the N.C. Justice Center, said the beginnings of a repeal plan could be modeled after a 2015 budget reconciliation bill.

The bill, which was vetoed by then-President Barack Obama, would have eliminated Medicaid expansion, repealed tax subsidies that make care more affordable and done away with the individual mandate, which imposes penalties for qualified adults without health insurance.

Eliminating the mandate would cause the markets to collapse, Riley said.

"That's the sort of thing that results in a death spiral in the individual insurance market," he said.

Cynthia Cox, the associate director for the Program for the Study of Health Reform and Private Insurance at the Kaiser Family Foundation, said repealing the Medicaid expansion would affect low-income people the most.

"This would mean that low-income people, poor people, would have to either purchase their insurance on a private marketplace or go uninsured," she said.

Over half a million people use the ACA marketplaces to buy insurance in the state, and 90 percent of them benefit from tax subsidies at risk of being cut, Riley said.

Cox said a full repeal of the ACA is less likely, as it would require support from congressional Democrats. But she said a full repeal would jeopardize patient protections for pre-existing conditions, limits on out-of-pocket costs, and access to preventive health and women's services — provisions that affect everyone, not just people with ACA plans.

Any repeal plan would have a significant impact on UNC Hospitals, which receive funding from the federal government, Bright said.

No clear replacement plan in sight

Many congressional Republicans are balking at repealing the ACA without a replacement — but passing legislation to repeal the act would require a filibuster-proof Senate majority, which the party doesn't have, Riley said.

"There is no consensus whatsoever within the Republican Party in Congress about how they want to replace the law and what they would replace it with," Riley said.

Julie Henry, a spokesperson for the N.C. Hospitals Association, said Congress should take its time repealing the ACA.

"(A) concern of ours is that whatever happens, it will happen at a realistic pace so that we don't rush to repeal without having a replacement plan in place," she said.

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Cooper offers HB2 repeal proposal

The plan was criticized for not being a compromise by some Republican legislators.

By Carina McDermed
Staff Writer

Gov. Roy Cooper announced plans to repeal House Bill 2 and crack down on crimes committed in locker rooms and bathrooms in a Tuesday press conference.

Joined by Rep. Darren Jackson, D-Wake and Sen. Dan Blue, D-Wake, Cooper offered what he called a "common sense compromise" to satisfy both proponents and critics of the law.

"I know North Carolinians are tired of hearing about this. HB2 has divided us and stained our reputation," he said. "... It's time for Republican leaders to step

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BOE gets required members

Student leaders debated responsibility for election chaos.

By Paige Nehls
Staff Writer

Student Congress approved the six recommendations for Board of Elections nominees from the Rules and Judiciary Committee with full attending consent at a special session on Wednesday night.

The BOE now has enough members to function under UNC Student Code after the almost 10-minute meeting.

A concurrent resolution to reprimand Opere for failing to appoint members to the BOE earlier in his term was introduced as well, but it did not pass.

"It is to reprimand the Student Body President for failing to fulfill his constitutional duty," said member Kenneth Echeverria.

"Particularly, this resolution



The new Board of Elections members introduce themselves before being questioned on Tuesday.

declares Opere as the primary student body government official responsible for the chaos that has transpired. After all, if he would have nominated the members to the Board of Elections, we wouldn't be here today."

Cole Simons, the speaker of Student Congress, said the responsibility of appointing board members was the

responsibility of the student body vice president, and not the president.

"I do not believe it is solely (the student body president and vice president's) fault," Simons said. "I believe that fault lies both with all of executive branch, Board of Elections and Congress itself."

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Dogs are loyal, says scientific research

By Jordan Howard
Staff Writer

Dogs are creatures that fascinate and entertain us. They become part of our family; they make us laugh, they make us cry and they protect us, even when we don't know we need it.

OK, you can admit it, there's no shame — the image of your dog is in your head right now, and you're counting the days in your head until you get to go home and see your pet.

But is your dog as innocent as you think it is?

Have you ever considered that your dog is actually watching you, judging you and sizing you up to know your every weakness?

According to a study done by researchers at Kyoto University, dogs like people who are nice to other people.

How can this be true?

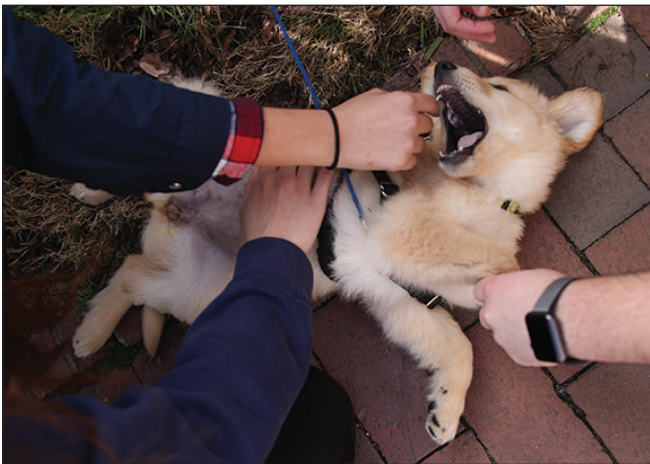
Dogs can't understand people, and they can't interpret body language the same way that humans do, can they?

If your dog has ever barked at the sound of an intruder or snapped at a douchey (now ex-) boyfriend or girlfriend, you might have first-hand experience of what this study is talking about.

Senior Kenbrielle Ard doesn't have a dog of her own, but she said she's had similar experiences with friends' dogs.

"There have been times where there will be, like, that one person in the group and your friend may really like them but you might not be sure," she said. "And you notice that you and their dog are kind of on the same accord."

Dogs tend to be protective of their owners, and perhaps that's the case because they're capable of judging a person's character.



DTH FILE/ALEX KORMANN

Studies show that dogs tend to be protective of their owners. Here, 4-month-old Daisy plays with students in front of Carroll Hall.

First-year Madison Westerholt's two dogs, Snickers and Scooter, make sure their owners are always protected.

"I definitely know, like my dogs they can tell when someone's being, like if someone's looking like they're going to hurt us or whatever, they're definitely protective of us," she said.

It's a different story when Snickers and Scooter see their owners' friends and their interactions.

"When they're like friends of ours, they treat them like they would treat us," Westerholt said.

Fortunately, our furry friends don't just react when there is danger.

One thing most people cherish about dogs is how loving and comforting they are.

"They tend to just go to people, and I guess they sense people out but they seem to just like people," Westerholt said.

Sometimes, their reactions are based on their owners' reactions.

"From what I've seen of my friends' dogs, if you're aggres-

sive or mean towards their owners they're kind of like, 'What's going on?'" Ard said. "But if you're nice, they're just happy. Tails wagging, everything's good."

Give your dog a treat next time they growl at your ex or the next time they curl up to your friend who's going through a crisis, because your dog is doing all it can to help.

First-year Jordan Settelen is the proud owner of a border collie-hound mix named Gigi.

"I've seen my dog, like whenever someone's new to our house we act differently around that person, and she'll sometimes respond to that," she said.

"And either she'll go hide or she'll stay right in the middle of things to make sure like everything's OK."

Have you ever been told that your mom can spot a bad friend before you can? Well, maybe that's true of your dog, too.

It's no wonder dogs have been called man's best friend.

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Australia's going to be scary, but great

Before I get on my flight, my thoughts on going abroad

By Callie Riek
Staff Writer

Hi, I'm Callie and I'm moving across the world. Not forever, just for a few months.

That doesn't make it any less scary.

Specifically, I will be spending next semester at the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia, studying journalism and trying to hold as many koalas as physically possible.

Studying abroad is a popular thing to do in college. The UNC Study Abroad Office offers over 300 programs in 70 countries. More than 30 percent of the student body studies abroad before graduation, according to the UNC Study Abroad website.

I knew I wanted to study abroad in college, but I always figured I would go somewhere in Europe. Not Australia.

When I think about Australia, I think about Steve Irwin and that one Nickelodeon show about mermaids.

Australia is big and far and full of spiders, and if you asked me what made me want to go there, I don't know if I could give you a coherent answer.

Don't get me wrong, I'm excited to go abroad and experience a different culture. But this is new terrain.

Let's not pretend I'm anything less than terrified.

There are plenty of things to be freaked out about.

I have never truly traveled by myself.

"I'm excited to go abroad and experience a different culture."

Callie Riek
Swerve staff writer

I have never been on a 17-hour flight.

Most importantly, I have never been this far away from home for this long. As a Chapel Hill native, I hate to think of entire seasons passing in my hometown without my being there to see them.

I hate that I'm missing basketball and I hate that I'm missing Dance Marathon and I hate that I'm missing every other wonderful thing that comes with spring semester at UNC.

That being said, there is another, considerably longer, list of things I am excited for in the coming months.

I get to spend five months traveling and I get to meet new people and I get to write about it.

There will definitely be things I miss about home, but the Sydney Opera House and the Great Barrier Reef and everything else that Australia has to offer will be there to welcome me to a new country 17 hours outside of my comfort zone.

Even if I wind up hating every single thing about Australia, my Instagram is going to be amazing.

So here we are — nervous, excited and a little hungry.

I don't know what to expect, but I am constantly looking for good stories and I think this semester will give me enough for a lifetime.

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POLICE LOG

• Someone reported loud music and a party at the 100 block of Cameron Court at 12:07 a.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The person reported pedestrians being too loud, reports said.

• Someone reported a loud music and a party at the 900 block of Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard at 12:08 a.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

• Someone committed alcohol violations at the 100 block of West Rosemary Street at 12:28 a.m. Sunday,

according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The person possessed an open container of alcohol while underage, reports state.

• Someone broke into and entered with no force at the 100 block of Bridle Run at 3:18 p.m. Sunday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The person broke into an occupied residence, reports state.

• Someone reported a breaking and entering of a vehicle at the 1000 block of Arbogate Circle at 5:16 p.m.

Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The person stole a firearm, valued at \$500, from a vehicle, reports state.

• Someone reported automobile theft at the 200 block of Cosgrove Avenue at 7:52 a.m. Monday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The person stole a vehicle, valued at \$8,000, reports state.

• Someone committed larceny at the 300 block of Sunset Drive at 11:16 a.m. Monday, according to Chapel

Hill police reports.

The person stole a bicycle, valued at \$660, from the property, reports state.

• Someone reported larceny at the 500 block of Weaver Dairy Road at 2:14 p.m. Tuesday, according to Chapel Hill police reports.

The person stole a calculator and headphones, valued at \$370 total, from an unattended backpack, reports state.

CORRECTIONS

Due to a reporting error, Wednesday's front page story "UNC Student Stores renovations projected to begin in April" misstated Barnes & Noble College's administrative role at Student Stores. Barnes & Noble College manages the store.

The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

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Council will hear building redesign plan

The plan is for a six-story building

By Molly Horak
Staff Writer

Concept plans for a redesigned building on East Rosemary Street will be presented to the Chapel Hill Town Council on Feb. 20.

The concept plans outline the transformation of 157 E. Rosemary St., a building that currently houses Bub O'Malley's, Country Fried Duck and the new Zell's Underground Daiquiri Bar into a six-story mixed-use building that will combine retail space and condos, said James Paliouras, whose company, Paliouras Enterprises LLC, owns the building.

"There's a lot of growth on Rosemary Street on the west end of town, and we have a terrific location and are close to the campus," Paliouras said.

"We want to see what the town council does, if they are indeed serious about improving Rosemary Street."

Paliouras said the idea to redesign the building began more than a year ago.

"The town wanted a rehabilitated



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A six-story, multi-use apartment and retail complex could be built where Country Fried Duck is currently located.

and improved Rosemary Street, so we thought we'd take an old building, which we built in 1957, and do something else on the property," he said.

The concept plans were submitted to the city planning department and were taken to the planning

board, where recommendations were made, Paliouras said. Now, the concept plans will be heard by the town council.

Chapel Hill Town Council member Michael Parker said the council will listen to the developer and make recommendations on Monday, but

no decisions will be made until a formal application is submitted.

"(The developer) will listen to the comments, they will do what they wish and then they can choose to proceed with the project and file a formal application or they can decide to make more changes and

then come back with a revised concept plan; it's really up to them at that point," Parker said.

Paliouras said the concept plan was adjusted after the planning board's recommendation to scale the project back.

"This was a long, drawn out process that takes years to do and if it's economically feasible, we'll do it," Paliouras said. "It would be great if we could keep some of the existing tenants, we love to have them."

Phil Daniel, the manager of Bub O'Malley's, said he's anticipated this happening for a long time.

"They've tried to do stuff to this building in the past and we've weathered every storm that's come this way and we plan on doing the same thing now," Daniel said.

Bub O'Malley's will celebrate 30 years of business in April. Daniel said it's just a matter of time before long-established businesses will be replaced by new buildings.

"We're not going to move to a new location, and if it came down to it, I'm not going to sit on my hands for a year or two waiting for them to build a new building," Daniel said. "That seems like the way the town wants to treat the people who have been around for a long time — like you're old and insignificant and they want you out, and that's really unfortunate."

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State joins ABLE disability program

Through the ABLE Act, residents will see decreased disability-related expenses.

By Jared Weber
Staff Writer

North Carolinians with disabilities are now able to save money for disability-related expenses without putting their eligibility for federal benefits at risk.

North Carolina joined the ABLE Alliance — a group of 13 states that collaborate to fund a federal investment program for residents with disabilities — in January. The alliance was negotiated in part by Sen. Richard Burr, R-N.C.

The alliance shares its name with the ABLE Act, signed in 2014 by then-President Barack Obama. The ABLE Act is a federal law that creates tax-free savings accounts for individuals with disabilities.

The new ABLE Alliance will help North Carolina offer ABLE Act accounts to eligible citizens with fewer fees.

"Government policy was limiting the potential of individuals with disabilities," Burr said in a statement. "Sen. Bob Casey, a Democrat from Pennsylvania, and I saw the damaging impact of this policy and decided to work together to fix it."

Programs like Medicaid, food stamps and housing subsidies can only be accessed by citizens if they meet the proper requirements for them, such as having an income below the federal poverty line of \$12,000 dollars a year, said Corye Dunn, director of public policy for Disability Rights North Carolina.

But she said these conditions previously forced disabled citizens to spend money unnecessarily.

"It was very difficult to save for a home, move, to start a business or to

even meet a major medical expense," Dunn said. "If (people with disabilities) had assets in excess of \$2,000, they had to spend those assets down before they could access Medicaid benefits."

The ABLE Act raised the \$2,000 cap for citizens with disabilities, allowing more people to take advantage of federal benefits programs.

The breaks also apply to education, housing, transportation and employment expenses that disabled citizens might encounter, Dunn said.

N.C. enrollment in the ABLE Alliance opened on Jan. 26, and Dunn said the benefits of the accounts could begin to affect citizens immediately.

"People with disabilities in North Carolina can contact the treasurer's office and open an account now," she said. "That means that they are eligible to save up from \$14,000 to \$100,000 dollars a year, starting right now."

The past two state treasurers have worked closely with Burr on the ABLE Act, said Brad Young, the press secretary of newly-elected Republican state Treasurer Dale Folwell.

Young noted the alliance's economic benefits for North Carolina.

"By joining with these other states, we are able to offer a low-fee, less complex program that gives people with disabilities all the opportunities in life," he said.

Burr touted the bipartisan leadership behind the ABLE Act as an example of cooperation in the Senate — something he said is not often seen by the American public.

Eighty-five percent of federal lawmakers voted for the ABLE Act in 2014.

"The media often focuses on partisanship, but in reality there is a lot of bipartisan cooperation in the Senate," Burr said in the statement. "The ABLE Act is an example of what we can do when the cause is right."

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Suit alleges voter dilution in NC

Jones County's system violates the Voting Rights Act, the suit says.

By Bailey Aldridge
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The Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law has filed a voting rights lawsuit in Jones County, North Carolina — alleging that rural black residents are prevented from electing candidates that represent their needs.

According to the complaint, five members are elected to the Board of Commissioners through a countywide at-large election. Even though black voters constitute 31.8 percent of the county's voting-age population, they have been unable to elect a black candidate to the Board of Commissioners for over two decades. The complaint alleged the system violates section two of the Voting Rights Act.

The suit said the number of voting-age black voters in Jones County is large and compact, and would be able to constitute a majority in at least one single-member district. But this is not possible under the current, at-large system which dilutes the votes of the black population in the county.

Dorian Spence, counsel at the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, said the result of black candidates not getting enough support to be elected to the Board of Commissioners is that the board doesn't respond to the needs of the community.

Spence said having single-member districts would give more representation to all county voters.

"This case is about giving a voice to all of the voters of Jones County instead of marginalizing one third of the population," he said.

Kristen Clarke, president and executive director for the Lawyers'



DTH FILE/KATIE WILLIAMS

Jones County in North Carolina is being sued by the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights for diluting the votes of black voters.

Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, said the national focus on voter fraud is extremely frustrating.

"What we see in the context of our work is extensive evidence of rampant voter suppression and voting discrimination across the country," she said in an email. "Discrimination is particularly rampant in Jones County."

Mark Dorosin, managing attorney at UNC's Center for Civil Rights, said the case was rightfully filed.

"I think that the complaint highlights a clear voting rights violation in Jones County, and I think that the challenge that's being brought is very compelling and highlights the inequities in the political processes that exist in Jones County," Dorosin said.

The Jones County election system is problematic in having the five seats elected at large, he said.

"What they should have is a district system which would reflect

the relative populations and appropriately reflect the political power of the very large African-American minority in the county," Dorosin said.

Spence said the committee hopes fair voting systems are established.

"We would like the county to move to five single-member districts where each Board of Commissioners represents one district of roughly the same population size," he said.

Spence said he does not think there is any way for the county to defend the current method for electing the county board.

"The reason we have acts like the Voting Rights Act of 1965 is to ensure that elections are fair and unfortunately this unfair election scheme and discriminatory election scheme has gone on too long in the county."

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Research Round-up

Part of a periodic update on UNC research. Compiled by senior writers Sofia Edelman, Jamie Gwaltney and Acy Jackson.



Asthma symptoms linked to protein

Researchers at the UNC School of Medicine and Marsico Lung Institute have found a protein that they believe plays a role in asthma symptoms.

The protein, SPLUNC1, was first studied in cystic fibrosis patients by researcher Robert Tarran. Then his colleague Stephen Tilley started researching the protein in relation to asthma. When looking at normal and asthmatic volunteers at the UNC Center for Environmental Medicine, Asthma and Lung Biology, Tilley said they found lower levels of SPLUNC1 in the asthmatic samples.

Tarran's lab found SPLUNC1 works to reduce airway hyper-responsiveness, a common symptom of asthma, by preventing calcium entry into smooth muscles. In Tilley's lab, researchers simulated asthma in mice and found there were lower SPLUNC1 levels. The mice's symptoms were improved when SPLUNC1 levels were restored to normal concentration.

The researchers said they hope to use the knowledge about the SPLUNC1 protein to engineer new therapies for asthma, something that hasn't been done in the past decade.



Program to help opioid use treatment

UNC is creating a program to help provide Medication Assisted Treatment to rural communities in North Carolina. This initiative is part of a project to help rural physicians treat opioid use disorders, which are part of the larger opioid epidemic.

The UNC Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes for Rural Primary Care Medication Assisted Treatment is aiming to learn what is preventing rural health care providers from giving patients all the help they need. They will work with the communities to try and provide MAT to those who need it.

"There is both a shortage of MAT providers, especially in rural counties, and a need to support MAT providers through case-based learning, practice supports, and a collaborative community response with treatment and other social and medical supports for patients receiving MAT," said Sherri Green, a research fellow at the Sheps Center for Health Services Research and assistant professor in the Gillings School of Global Public Health.

Green is also leading UNC ECHO, which is a three-year \$2.9 million project that is being funded by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.



Autism predictable with MRI scans

Using MRI scans, scientists were able to predict 80 percent of infants who would develop autism within the first two years of their lives. The infants all had older siblings with autism. Joseph Piven, director of the Carolina Institute for Developmental Disabilities and senior author of the study, said the study could help diagnose children before behavioral signs begin, usually around age 2. Before this study, it was impossible to predict which children were at a higher risk for developing autism before the children were 2 years old.

The research was conducted at other sites across the country, like University of Washington, Washington University in St. Louis and The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

The MRI scans were given at 6, 12 and 24 months. The scans gave the researchers information about the brain, and using those factors, the scientists were able to predict which infants' brains were overgrowing, which is linked to autism.

Researchers hope they can use this information to learn more about the development of autism in hopes that they can learn how to prevent it.

MAYE
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was perfect for Maye, who has turned the pump fake into a practice staple. Combining a 6-foot-8 frame with a shooting touch is often too much for flat-footed post players to defend.

“Since he’s such a good shooter, his pump fake is so lethal ...” first-year guard Seventh Woods said. “If you go up in the air, he’s so smart to get right by you.”

So when Wolfpack center Omer Yurtseven sprinted toward him, Maye brought his arms just above his head, mimicking one of the seven 3-pointers he had hit on the year.

The 7-foot Yurtseven flew

helplessly past him. Nothing stood between Maye and the basket.

“I see the whole lane clear,” Hicks said. “I was like, ‘Okay, is he gonna do it?’”

Maye is hardly known as a scorer, let alone a rim-rocker. Coming into Wednesday’s contest, the sophomore averaged 5.0 points on 13.4 minutes per game as North Carolina’s fourth option inside.

But with the N.C. State defense conceding the lane — the Tar Heels feasted for 60 points in the paint — Maye put the ball on the floor with confidence.

Two steps, two hands and two of his career-high 13 points. The Wolfpack never again threatened the North

Carolina lead.

“It was a good feeling,” Maye said with a sheepish grin. “But I had to get back on defense.”

That “next play” spirit defined Maye’s performance on Wednesday.

With 13 minutes left and the Tar Heels holding a healthy lead, Maye crashed the glass for one of his seven rebounds on the night. Surrounded by two defenders, Maye once again tried to take flight — before 6-foot-5 guard Terry Henderson promptly swatted his hopes into the crowd.

But it was no matter for the jovial UNC big man. Four seconds later, Maye took a quick pass from junior guard Joel Berry and buried it from

“It was a good feeling, but I had to get back on defense.”

Luke Maye
Sophomore forward

deep.

“We see it in practice all the time — (it’s) just him finally getting comfortable out there, finally hitting shots and stuff in games,” Hicks said. “That’s all it was. Now, Coach knows he can rely on Luke more.”

While Williams was impressed by Maye’s defensive performance against a smaller N.C. State lineup, the North Carolina coach still had gripes with the forward’s career night: errant 3-point misses, too much dribbling, etc. Even the dunk wasn’t

enough to excite the Hall of Fame coach.

But when the Tar Heels needed a spark, Maye did something he hadn’t done all season — a two-handed slam to put the Wolfpack away.

Even Woods, whose athleticism brought him fame as a high schooler, gave high marks to the play that temporarily took the internet by storm.

“For Luke? 10 out of 10,” he said. “By far.”

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Henry said the most important thing is for people to retain their coverage.

“From our perspective, the more people who are insured, the better,” she said.

But Cox said any replacement plan would have a transition period — which could result in premium hikes and coverage losses.

“Even if they did pass a replacement, even if they did get enough Democrats to vote on their replacement plan, it would take years to implement,” she said.

Uncertainty, nostalgia

Riley said insurers will react to the uncertain status of the ACA by leaving the marketplace altogether.

Humana announced Wednesday it would leave the ACA marketplaces in 2018 — the first major insurer to completely pull out.

Riley said the insurance industry doesn’t deal with uncertainty well.

“If they don’t know what kind of regulations and laws are governing the policies they have to sell and plan for next year, many of them may leave the market.”

For the first time since 2010, the ACA has a positive net approval rating, according to an NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll released in January. More people said the law is a good idea than at any period in its more than six-year history.

Bright said the law’s newfound popularity has caused Trump to soften his stance. He’s now saying he will preserve some of the law’s provisions.

“Folks are saying, ‘I know I voted for you because you said you were going to repeal Obamacare but I didn’t know that was going to impact me and my ability to be insured,’” he said. “So now I’m changing my tune — I heard what you said, but I didn’t know it was going to impact me.”

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up and lead their members because February needs to be the month we get this done.”

Sen. Blue said despite a supermajority, Republican legislators have refused to offer a viable solution.

“This proposal requires some compromise by Democrats — but it addresses every single one of legislative Republicans’ reported concerns surrounding HB2 and we’re willing to come together to get the job done,” he said.

Rep. Jackson said House Bill 2 must be repealed because of its huge economic

consequences.

“HB2 has already cost our economy thousands of jobs and hundreds of millions of dollars,” he said. “We now have a very short window to take action before the NCAA removes tournament games for six years. We must act.”

But Tami Fitzgerald, executive director of the N.C. Values Coalition, said the economic impacts of the bill have been largely exaggerated.

“It’s absolutely false that there has been any kind of major economic impact on North Carolina because of House Bill 2,” she said. “We were rated the second-best state for business by Forbes

in 2016. We’re in the top five states for business in almost any indicator that you look at.”

Gov. Cooper’s proposal can’t be considered a compromise for Republicans concerned about privacy, Fitzgerald said.

“It’s laughable because here, you have a governor who says he wants to compromise, yet he puts out this proposal that calls for a full repeal, exposing women and children to increased risk of sexual assault and compromising their privacy,” she said.

Amy Auth, a spokesperson for Senate President Pro Tempore Phil Berger, R-Rockingham, said in a

statement the proposal does not address women’s privacy.

“Gov. Cooper continues to dodge the question, but North Carolinians deserve to know his position on the key HB2 issue: does he believe men should be able to go into women’s bathrooms and shower facilities?” she said.

Auth said Cooper’s press conference was the first time she had heard about his offer for compromise.

“Given that Gov. Cooper’s refusal to enforce existing criminal trespass laws as attorney general was a major reason legislators were forced to pass HB2 in the first place, it is difficult to take seriously

his pledge on ‘strengthening penalties,’” she said.

Chris Sgro, executive director of Equality NC said in a statement that Sen. Berger’s resistance to repealing the bill is less about privacy issues and more about restricting LGBT rights.

“We all know that transgender people do not pose a public safety risk and should be protected from discrimination, not made the targets of it as HB2 does,” he said. “ ... Tim Moore and Phil Berger are acting against the best interest of our state and the LGBTQ community.”

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So, because of that, I don’t necessarily believe that it is in good faith to issue a rep- rimand to only one entity of that.”

Paul Kushner, chairperson of the Board of Elections, said he hopes the UNC Student Supreme Court will accept the minutes from Tuesday night’s Rules and Judiciary meeting and Wednesday’s meeting as sufficient documentation needed to lift the injunctions that are inhibiting the election proceedings.

“...that fault lies both with all of executive branch, Board of Elections and Congress...”

Cole Simons
Speaker of Student Congress

“I think that the student body president did a good job at picking good candidates who are unbiased and have no ties to other student government,” Kushner said.

Kushner said if the injunction is lifted, the BOE will have their first meeting on Thursday, though it is possible that no new timeline for elections will come of this

meeting.

Questions over the BOE membership were raised when SBP candidate Joe Nail appealed a ruling from the BOE to the UNC Student Supreme Court. Originally, the BOE was thought to have three members, but Kushner said they realized two members had not gone through the proper process with

Student Congress.

Kushner said the lack of members stemmed from some members graduating and some members dropping due to time commitment. By fall 2016, there was only one official member, Kushner himself.

Kushner said he brought the issue of the insufficient number of members of the board to the attention of student leaders in the fall and was later told the issue was resolved.

Simons said there had been a historical precedent in place where the chairperson of the BOE for the past

two years before this year had picked candidates and interviewed them to be on the board. From there, the chairperson would inform the vice president of his picks and the vice president would nominate them to Congress for approval.

Simons said this means the BOE knowingly engaged in operations that they were not allowed to, because they should not have been meeting in the first place if there were not the numbers required by the Student Code.

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Aries (March 21-April 19)
Today is an 8 -- Review family resources, and study the money flow. Your words inspire others to act. Make an excellent suggestion, and invite participation. Group efforts bear fruit.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
Today is a 9 -- Get inspired from another’s insights. Strengthen partnerships and alliances. Share information, resources and results. Friends are happy to help. Support each other for common good.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)
Today is a 9 -- Get moving. There’s plenty of action coming. Ratchet the tempo up a notch. Take breaks, rest deeply and nourish yourself well. Get farther than expected.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)
Today is a 7 -- See the world through another’s eyes. You’re developing a new perspective. Give up something that no longer serves. Grasp a fleeting opportunity. Romantic dreams can come true.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
Today is a 7 -- Family holds your attention. Domestic responsibilities call. Take advantage of an offer. Listen carefully for what’s required. A spiritual lesson sinks in. Support each other.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Today is an 8 -- Research and writing flow easily. Ask probing questions and get the full story. Reveal interesting developments. Friends help you advance. Music is a wise investment.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Today is a 9 -- Compute expenses and update financial accounts. Focus on making money. More work increases your sense of security. Be careful when practicing new skills. Discover fringe benefits.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Today is a 9 -- Focus on personal matters. Keep your faith and your word. Listen for what’s most authentic. Dreams reveal your true feelings. Avoid lies like the plague.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Today is a 6 -- Slow down and think things over. Clean up from the last project. Envision your next direction in detail, and map out steps and milestones.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Today is a 7 -- Talk things over with your team. Don’t take action without considering the impact on others. Promises made now are good. Compassion is a huge factor.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Today is an 8 -- Advance on a professional goal. Do your best work. The more you learn, the farther you go. Listen to your team. They see your blind spots.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)
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3 home runs lift Tar Heels over Elon

Lynch's deep fly ties her for fifth in North Carolina history.

By **Jordanna Clark**
Staff Writer

All the Elon outfielders could do was look up with despair as not one, not two, but three balls sailed over their heads and out of Anderson Stadium in the North Carolina softball team's 6-2 win on Wednesday afternoon.

It all started in the bottom of the second inning, as sophomore Berlynn Delamora stepped up to bat.

The off-speed pitch came down the middle and Delamora delivered, launching the ball over the fence in center field to give UNC (3-3) a 1-0 lead over Elon (3-1).

"The pitcher pitched me a changeup and I set my weight back on the ball and waited for it," Delamora said. "It felt good to be the spark for my team."

In the bottom of the fourth inning, Delamora was the first to bat for the Tar Heels once again.

She did not aim for the fence this time, but she still managed to get on base, sending a hard-hit ground ball

to Elon's shortstop Hannah Olson, who could not cleanly field the ball for an out.

Following Delamora in the lineup was UNC senior Kendra Lynch, who already had two home runs on the season following this past weekend's tournament in Puerto Rico.

After UNC first-year pinch runner Micaela Abbatine stole second base, Lynch sent them both to home plate with yet another shot over the center-field fence, giving UNC a 3-1 lead and herself a third home run in six games and the 34th of her career — tying Natalie Anter for the fifth-most career home runs in UNC history.

"I know a lot of these girls look up to me and I try to set an example," Lynch said. "Being able to go out and shut Elon down for two innings on the mound and then still be able to produce offensively should show my teammates what they are capable of doing."

After a quick pitching change for Elon, UNC first-year Brittany Pickett hit a solid ground ball to Elon's first baseman, who could not stop it from taking a hop off her glove and over her left shoulder into right field.

UNC's success continued as



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North Carolina softball's Berlynn Delamora, who plays third base, hit a solo home run in the first inning against Elon Wednesday.

junior Katelyn Shiflett bunted the ball right out in front of home plate and advanced the runner to second base.

Elon's luck did not

improve, as UNC sophomore Katie Bailiff blasted the third and final home run of the day over the outfield fence to earn two RBI and a 5-1 lead.

"One of our goals is to always score first," said head coach Donna Papa. "When you score first it helps you play more relaxed and having

that advantage was big." "Delamora just opened the door for us."

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Chapel Hill chuckling through Comedy Arts Festival

By **Elle Kehres**
Staff Writer

The 17th annual North Carolina Comedy Arts Festival kicked off Wednesday at DSI Comedy Theater on Franklin Street, and will feature improvisation, sketch and standup comedy from professional and collegiate groups through Feb. 25.

UNC graduate Zach Ward started the festival after moving back to Chapel Hill from Chicago. He wanted to give back to the comedic commu-

nity with his experience.

The festival will be spread throughout three venues: DSI Comedy Theater and Local 506 in Chapel Hill, and The ArtsCenter in Carrboro. Ward said he never expected the festival to be an annual event.

"After the first festival in 2001, the response was overwhelmingly positive," he said. "Literally a month after the first festival happened, I started planning for the next year."

During his undergraduate career, Ward founded

the UNC comedy and sketch group Chapel Hill Players — known on campus as CHiPs — which is one of the UNC groups that will be performing at the festival, along with False Profits, a improv, sketch and standup group at UNC.

Ward said the sense of community between the performance groups is one of his favorite parts of the festival.

"We're in a very small market, so with that number we're able to have a pretty substantial presence in the town — but everyone feels

like they're at a party," he said. "It feels like a comedy family or comedy homecoming."

UNC senior Luke Miller, who has been a member of CHiPs since his freshman year, said he's looking forward to his fourth time performing at the comedy festival.

"I think it's a really unique experience," Miller said. "You get to witness all the performances in such a short amount of time —that's a really fun thing that you really won't get to experience elsewhere."

Ward said the festival hopes to give people a bit of relief.

"The current state of the union is dire, to put it lightly," Ward said. "We firmly believe that laughter is the best medicine."

In addition to bringing comedy to the community, Ward said DSI will donate 10 percent of ticket profits to the N.C. NAACP and Planned Parenthood South Atlantic.

"It's awesome that the festival brings so many different walks of comedy to the

Triangle area," False Profits member Ellie Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez said that getting to do comedy in a trusting and supportive environment is what makes comedy great.

"I love comedy because it's an opportunity to be completely uninhibited and take the things you see every day — whether it's a weird kid in your class, or a ridiculous thing your mom said —and let your imagination run with it," she said.

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12 Bygone space station
15 Reaction to a comeback
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27 Not much
29 Nosebag fill
30 Male pal, in slang
32 Cold sore relief product
35 Cellist with multiple Grammys
38 Baseball collectibles
41 Pure
43 Stated as fact
45 Sits in a cell
48 Set up in a glade, say
49 Bike whose company 66-Across ends
50 Name on a shuttle, whose company 66-Across ends
51 Lamb sandwich
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Dogs are the best

The best judges of character, that is. At least one study found they're decent at it. See pg. 2 for story.

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A Valentine for all 365 days

Valentine's Day is a beautiful concept. Taking time to do something special to celebrate one's relationship and going out of your way to do something sweet for someone you care about is nice and all — but I hate the pressure that's associated with it.

Constantly being asked "So what are you and your boyfriend doing?," "What are you getting him?," "What is he getting you?," for the past two weeks was draining.

I've seen red boxes of chocolate in grocery and drug stores since the beginning of January, and I got sick of them.

One billion Valentine's Day cards are sent each year, making Valentine's Day the second largest card-sending holiday of the year.

How?!

Not Mother's Day or Father's Day — and I'm confident the number of guardians in the world outnumber the number of relationships.

The materialistic nature of the holiday makes my skin crawl sometimes.

Love isn't just an expensive dinner or nice jewelry.

Those things are all nice, of course, but the value of them doesn't change on Feb. 15 just because it didn't occur on a socially constructed holiday.

Now, I know Gary Chapman's "The 5 Love Languages" taught me about the different love languages, but Valentine's Day aims to convert us all.

Receiving and giving gifts is truly not the only form of love.

It's so warm and fuzzy to think about a day of the year completely dedicated to love, but more and more I've seen people forget about love every other day of the year.

The love you exude to yourself and those around you shouldn't just be monitored on the 14th either.

And that love shouldn't be limited to your immediate circle.

Holding the door for someone walking behind you, smiling at someone on the street (in the South particularly) or complimenting a stranger is love, too. Because, at its core, love is kind.

Instead of a celebration of love, it seems like Valentine's Day is an excuse to be exceptionally loving, and this mentality is dangerous.

In some instances, having uber-high expectations for one day out of the year can result in the other 364 days suffering.

It conditions us to lower the expectations we have for ourselves and our loved ones because it's not a holiday. Some folks spend weeks plotting elaborate surprises and celebrations for one day out of the year and resort back to everyday behavior.

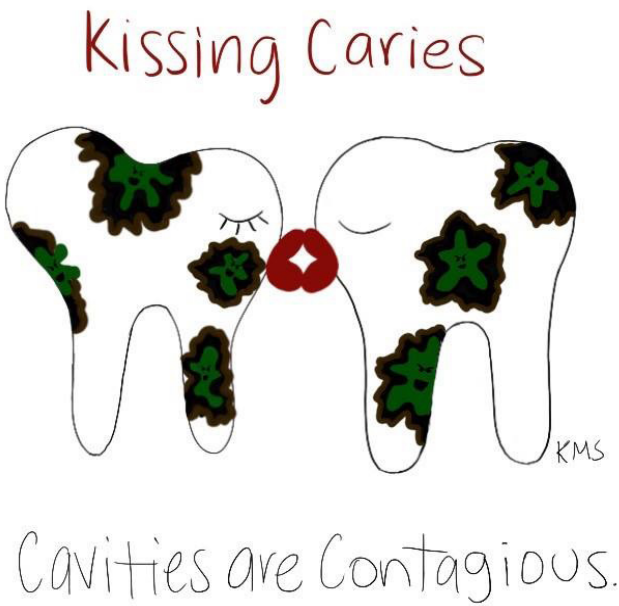
This celebration — a celebration of love, self-care and romance, however you define it — shouldn't be constrained to one day.

You shouldn't wait until the 14th of February to exude love, just like you shouldn't wait until "Santa Claus is Comin' to Town" to bask in the holiday spirit.

Valentine's Day can be great. But every day should be as well.

2/17: Copy Chief Emeritus
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VIEWPOINTS

THE ISSUE: The UC Berkeley College Republicans invited Milo Yiannopoulos to speak on campus. Protests erupted in response, leading to the event being canceled. The violent protest came from a non-student organization, but the event inspired substantial debate over free speech on campus.

The right to free speech is not the right to be heard

UC Berkeley had already ruled that the Berkeley College Republicans were well within their rights to host Breitbart editor Milo Yiannopoulos — a decision that met severe backlash when over 100 faculty members signed letters that urged the school to cancel the event.

Another student group, Berkeley Against Trump, organized a protest against racism, misogyny and transphobia in response. 1,500 people peacefully assembled.

However, the evening spiraled into chaos when roughly 150 anti-fascist, "black bloc" radicals entered the fray with clubs, shields and Molotov cocktails to prevent Yiannopoulos from speaking.

Black bloc protesters acted well within their First Amendment rights in defending and objecting to the event. Beyond the valid concerns surrounding violence and property damage in the aftermath of protest, we should address the speaker himself.

The senior editor at Breitbart News fully embraced his identities as an openly gay man and controversial figure when he launched the "Suck it Up Buttercups: Dangerous Faggot" tour.

The press release brags that "Milo's previous tour ... grabbed headlines across the country as panicked social justice warriors threw tantrums, stormed stages and held therapy sessions — all because they couldn't handle the Dangerous Faggot."

I support anyone's right to a minority opinion, but there's a difference between respecting that and enabling (and thereby normalizing) a hateful worldview.

Yes, Yiannopoulos has the right to free speech, but that doesn't guarantee his right to be heard.



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Err on the side of freedom, rather than censorship

Our disagreement is really about what free speech is and what its limits are. On one side, you have an alt-right figure whose views are pretty extreme. He has called feminism toxic, attacked transgenderism and labeled campus rape culture a myth. His views should never be normalized because they enable hate. On the other side, you have a liberal university culture. To these students, Milo's words are emotionally traumatic, and by extension, they serve as an assault on their person in a way that warrants banishment.

While I am aware of my privilege and empathetic to those Milo belittles, violence is still not justified. No one has the right to live free of content that offends them. The victim card does not supersede someone else's right to speak. You do have a right to use your freedom of speech to fight back. You can organize a peaceful protest, engage in discourse with those you disagree with and publicly condemn organizations that support speakers whose beliefs you find repugnant. Causing \$100,000 in property damage is not included in those rights.

People often conflate my support of Milo's right to speak with support for his views; this is not the case. I disagree with all of his views, with the exception of those on free speech. Taking away freedoms sets a dangerous precedent that can be hard to undo. When you allow people to believe opposing views violate a nonexistent right, they will believe that censorship is not only justified, but also the only solution to the disagreement. Creating such an unhealthy culture of discourse with suppression is precariously fascist, which is why I believe we should err on the side of freedom. Milo sucks, but censorship is worse.



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QuickHits



No words

Beyoncé did not win Album of the Year for Lemonade.



Stole the show

While we gave a down thumb to the Grammys for robbing Beyoncé, we wouldn't be worth our salt if we didn't give Beyoncé's Grammy performance an up thumb. Go watch it now. We don't even care if you finish reading these Quick Hits — they're probably garbage compared to her performance.



Marx Madness

As UNC prepares for March Madness, we here are mourning Marx Madness. For one glorious year Marx Madness was real. People voted for their favorite Marx theorist, and it was beautiful. The Daily Tar Worker wishes someone would bring it back. It was a nice push back against the capitalist NCAA overlords.



We're nihilists

For some reason this Quick Hit has strange spacing issues today. It's kind of a good thing. It is hard to come up with jokes, y'all. The world seems to be collapsing around us, jobs are hard to find, everything is awful. Why are we giving an error a self-referential up thumb? We don't know. Nothing matters.



STATEment

N.C. State fans are kind of like the UNC public relations team. They both try to make their schools look good no matter what available evidence points to the contrary. You can still be a fan of your school and be critical. We make fun of UNC a lot, like right now, but we're still fans. It is just called being honest.



Can't get worse

When is the Spring Jubilee concert being announced? Like we kind of don't want to know, but we also do. It's weird. We don't want to live through the disappointments of last year, but we have still have faith in CUAB. At this point the only way to make Jubilee worse than last year would be to invite Milo. Hey Milo.



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I also feel very strongly about the CDS workers and all the hard work that they do."

Jacqueline López, on a dinner planned for CDS workers

FEATURED ONLINE READER COMMENT

"What is truly disappointing, though, is that the Tar Heel is willing to publish this sort of rant."

AshleyNicely, on a letter responding to alt-right student

OP-ED

UNC must make the BOG more open

By N.C. Senator Jay Chaudhuri

The legislative proposal to reduce the 32-member Board of Governors of the University to North Carolina to 24 members is a good first step.

Any board with 32 members is too large, and the bill sponsors rightly argue that (reducing) such a board size would result in a more efficient and effective board.

However, in an effort to shrink the Board of Governors, our General Assembly has a real opportunity to address two equally, if not more important, issues that could strengthen our world-class higher education system: establishing independence from the legislature and ensuring diversity on the Board of Governors.

First, it is critical that we establish an independent Board of Governors separate and apart from the General Assembly so the university system can carry out the mission of serving our state by providing world-class teaching, research and service.

Under both Democrats and Republicans, our appointment process has become too political.

Back in 2005, when Democrats controlled the General Assembly, the late State Senator Ham Horton remarked that the Board of Governors "is becoming a partisan political preserve of one party."

In 2015, with Republicans controlling the General Assembly, News & Observer columnist Rob Christensen noted that "political interference in public Southern universities was a way of life," with the exception of North Carolina.

That changed with the unexplained removal of the last UNC-system president.

For the sake of our current and future presidents of the UNC system, the General Assembly must take politics out of the university system appointment process.

We can do so by taking three steps.

First, all Board of Governors appointees should serve one eight-year term, not three four-year terms.

A single eight-year term allows a Board of Governor to focus on the best interests of the university system rather than appeal to the political interests of the legislature. Second, both the governor and legislature should appoint such members.

To ensure better cooperation between two branches of government, the governor should be granted authority to make a third of these appointments (eight members).

This idea of our governor making such appointments

is not a new one.

In 2005, the Pope Center for Higher Education Policy made a series of recommendations to reform our Board of Governors, including giving the governor authority to appoint all Board of Governors members.

As the Pope report correctly points out, the governor is elected by all the people of the state and can appoint members who fit his or her statewide vision.

The governor's appointment would also add balance to the legislative appointments who tend to focus on more regional interests.

Finally, the Board of Governors should consist of members from both major political parties. From 1987 to 2001, our state law required that four Board of Governor seats come from the minority political party. Today, we should return to this idea.

The governor, Speaker of the House and Senate President Pro Tempore should be required to appoint two members each of the opposite political party. This approach would underscore the support the UNC system receives from both political parties.

Second, it is important that our Board of Governors be diverse. In the corporate world, studies have shown that boards with different viewpoints, backgrounds and experiences make better decisions and are less likely to take risks.

The same concept applies to the Board of Governors. Diversity on the Board of Governors means representation from historically black colleges or universities, non-research institutions, rural parts of the state and yes, different political perspectives.

For example, our current Board of Governors consists of only four African-Americans and six women. There are no Native Americans, Hispanics or Asian-Americans.

Today, our Board of Governors includes just one graduate from a historically black college or university. A more diverse Board of Governors would better reflect the changing demographics of our state.

Today, our consolidated university system remains the envy of other states around the country because, until recently, we have managed to avoid undue political interference from the legislature.

By making these two simple changes — one that gives the Board of Governors true autonomy and one that ensures diversity — the General Assembly can make sure the UNC system stays focused on carrying out its mission to provide high-quality, affordable and accessible education to our students.

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