



in a January phone interview, CAA spokesman Rob Washburn said there is still time for events to be moved.

This fall, the football team is scheduled to face the University of Albany, SUNY at home, but New York has banned all non-essential travel to North Carolina in response to HB2. The game's fate remains undecided.

Based on this controversy and the CAA's response to HB2, it is unlikely that tournaments or championships will be scheduled at Elon until HB2 is repealed.

Compromise on the horizon

Recently elected North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper was an outspo-

ken critic of HB2 during his campaign. Swirsky, who campaigned for Cooper last year, said she believed that the new governor would do what he could to repeal HB2.

"But politics are slow and the facts are immediate," she added.

Appearing unfazed by the battle ahead, Cooper has continued to call for HB2's repeal since his inauguration on New Year's Eve.

HB2 might not see another anniversary if a compromise proposed in late February by two Republican and two Democratic representatives receives bipartisan support or the bill is invalidated in court.

House Bill 186, if approved, would no longer apply state laws to bathroom access and would allow local governments to pass nondis-

Shortly after HB2 passed, SPECTRUM began a petition to change one of the single-occupancy bathrooms in the Moseley Center to a gender-neutral multiple-occupancy bathroom. The petition was delivered to Lambert with more than 1,000 signatures from students, faculty and staff, but it was ultimately unsuccessful.

crimination ordinances. One provision of HB186 that has received bipartisan support is a provision to increase the severity of penalties for crimes committed in bathrooms.

Jones said it makes sense that this provision is popular.

"The reality is that most people who commit crimes in bathrooms are not using the ruse of being a transgender person to get into that place," he said. "But for the folks that are concerned about that, we could solve that problem without making a distinction as to who uses which bathroom."

But Cooper has said additional referendum provisions — regarding challenges to non-discrimination ordinances and exemptions for non-profits and churches — have made

him and his fellow Democrats less enthusiastic about HB186.

"Both parties seem more interested in using this as a political football rather than coming to some kind of compromise, so that's why we have not yet seen a repeal," Jones said. "My belief is that if not by the end of 2017, then early in 2018, we will have either seen a repeal of the law or a court invalidating it."

"My view is that the court here is likely to find the bathroom provision of HB2 to be a violation of a transgender person's civil rights, but there's room for interpretation, and there's room for argument."

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