

# News

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In fact, Thomas says he was the only person in the store for most of the afternoon.

This act is the first in a federal anti-smoking campaign. The government is also mulling over the proposition of giving the Food and Drug Administration jurisdiction over the cigarette industry, an act which would likely force tobacco companies to alter the composition of their product.

For now, though, smokers on campus are being forced to decide whether they can afford to keep their habit going on a college budget.

"I haven't quit yet, but I'm going to seriously consider it now," said one student smoker who requested their name not be printed.

"It's either quit cold turkey, cut back big time or switch to a cheaper brand. I'll probably just cut back with a cheaper brand."

Cigars and loose tobacco were also hit with new taxes. The revenue from the move will go toward a health-care program for low-income children.

Twenty percent of Americans smoke, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. That figure could start to lower rapidly in the coming months with people being forced to pay more for cigarettes during a time when most Americans have less money to burn already.

"The economy has just been terrible for this store," said Thomas from his lonely post in Mr. Pete's Market.

"And I can't see this helping us much."

## *Brevard wins Southeast Canoe and Kayak Collegiate Championships*



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**(Below) The Brevard College Canoe and Kayak team celebrates after winning the Southeast Canoe and Kayak Championships in Saluda, NC. Brevard won the event with a team score of 9. Davidson College finished second place with a score of 18. Brian Randall, Kelsey Bracewell and Gene Harb all won individual events at the Championships, which were held on the Little Green River.**



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## Jewelry sale benefits BC<sup>2</sup>



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**The BC Business Club hosted a jewelry sale Wednesday in the lobby of Myers Dining Hall. Local merchants set up tables and peddled their jewelry to students. A quarter of the profits from the event went to the Business Club.**