

EPA confirms second-hand smoke could cause cancer

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In a Jan. 7 press conference, the Environmental Protection Agency released a report confirming that environmental-tobacco smoke, or second-hand smoke, is a human carcinogen.

Though the EPA report did not specify a risk level for second-hand smoke, it classified environmental-tobacco smoke as a Class A carcinogen. Dave Ryan of the EPA said that such a substance includes "the most stringent carcinogens," including arsenic and asbestos.

The EPA report announced support

for "a causal association between lung cancer and environmental-tobacco smoke." The report also reported links between second-hand smoke and respiratory diseases in children.

"Current smokers comprise approximately 26 percent of the adult U.S. population, and consume more than one-half trillion cigarettes annually," the EPA reported, "causing nearly universal exposure to some levels of ETS."

Ryan said the EPA report made no recommendations for reducing the effects of environmental-tobacco smoke. The EPA report was only an evaluation of the risks involved, he said. Ryan added the Occupational Safety and

Health Administration and the Department of Health and Human Services would make recommendations for preventive measures.

Bill Grigg, Deputy Assistant of Health Communications at the Public Health Service, a branch of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, said, "the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta is launching an information campaign to encourage people to stand up for their rights as non-smokers."

The Public Health Service, of which the Centers for Disease Control is a branch, is encouraging a letter-writing campaign to decrease the number of public places that permit smoking.

Grigg said, "It's been recommended by us that (smoking) be banned in all federal buildings, but right now it is only banned in health-related buildings." Lisa Poovey Greene, Director of Communication and Public Issues at the American Cancer Society of North Carolina, said, "Lung cancer is the number one cause of cancer deaths in North Carolina... we would like to see smoking banned in all public places."

British Parliament prohibits press from extensive royal clan coverage

The Associated Press

LONDON — With yet another circus of royal revelation and innuendo setting a noisy background, the government on Thursday proposed heavy fines to restrain newspapers from snooping into private lives.

Some of the most titillating recent press reports about the royal family have resulted from taped phone conversations and photographs that would be outlawed by the new legislation.

The new legislation would ban photography or sound recording on private property without an individual's consent and would outlaw the bugging of conversations on private property, the national heritage secretary, Peter Brooke, told the House of Commons.

But the law would apply only to actions taken "with a view to publication" — in effect, to journalists only.

Brooke said the proposed laws were intended "to make sure that the home of everyone is in fact their castle, in which they can be secure and that they should not be interfered with."

Newspapers strongly protested the proposals, which were recommended by Sir David Calcutt, a lawyer appointed to review the performance of the industry's voluntary Press Complaints Commission.

"We will fight vigorously any attempt by the government to introduce criminal laws which would apply solely to journalists and any further moves to restrict open justice," said Dugal Nisbet-Smith, director of The Newspaper Society, representing 1,300 newspapers.

Calcutt proposed the new laws be enforced by maximum fines equivalent to 1 percent of a publication's net annual revenue, or a maximum of \$7,700

for individuals.

Brooke said the government wanted to hear more debate on Calcutt's proposal that the commission be replaced with a government panel, headed by a judge, who would enforce a code of ethics.

The Sun, Britain's brash and biggest-selling newspaper, issued a statement Thursday saying the legislation "is about stopping us from printing the truth about the high and mighty."

Brooke, however, told the House of Commons that private individuals had written "in large numbers" to Calcutt to complain about press treatment.

Ann Clywd, speaking for the opposition Labor Party, said she had been dismayed by the behavior of some newspapers and welcomed privacy legislation. But she rejected a government tribunal.

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living in UNC residence halls would be able to stay in a dorm during the weekend of the Duke-UNC game.

"The plan we have is that we would arrange a time and a methodology for those students that have a Duke ticket to go to a residence hall's desk and sign up indicating they want to stay," Kuncel said.

"You have to have a ticket to the game because we will not be accommodating anyone who does not have a ticket."

Kuncel added that students wishing to stay in residence halls would be charged \$20 for the two-night stay.

"If we had a sufficient number of students, then we would look at what hall we would leave open because obviously we couldn't leave all 27 buildings open," he said. "We would have to work

out a staffing plan in order to accommodate those people."

Kuncel said students would be allowed to check into their rooms Friday, March 5, and would be required to leave after the game ended Sunday.

Kirincich said the proposed plan was significant because it would allow Tar Heel fans to attend the game and cheer on the team.

"This is really important because we need support from students during UNC basketball games, especially the Duke game," she said.

Melvyn Rinfret, general manager of Granville Towers, said the off-campus dormitory also would accommodate its residents needing to stay in town for the game.

Kuncel said that although a plan has not been finalized, definite information

will be available about a week before ticket distribution for the Duke game, set for Jan. 31.

Furniture

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was out of town on a recruiting drive and could not be reached for comment. Athletic Department Director John Swofford is in Houston at the annual NCAA conference.

Rick Brewer, sports information director, said athletic officials would comment next week.

"I talked to (Swofford) last night, but he said he'd prefer not to say anything until he had come back and talked to Mack Brown," Brewer said.

A UNC police investigator contacted Howard Tomlinson, UNC football administrative assistant, last August and told him about the thefts. None of the football players Tomlinson spoke to about the case said they had any knowledge of the thefts, according to police reports.

Anna Griffin contributed to this story.

Campus Calendar

THURSDAY

3 p.m. NC Fellows Program will have an open house for all interested freshmen in 208 Union until 5 p.m.

3:30 p.m. University Career Services will offer basic information on how to use the UCS office for seniors and graduate students in 209 Hanes.

4:15 p.m. UCS will offer the basics for constructing a professional resume for seniors and graduate students in 209 Hanes.

5:30 p.m. SARR will sponsor a NC Star training session for those interested in conducting diversity workshops in local schools in the upstairs of the Campus Y.

6 p.m. Presbyterian Student Center, 110 Henderson St., will have a welcome dinner and fellowship activities. Information 967-2311.

Association of International Students will give information about the ski trip in 226 Union.

Physical Education Majors Club will meet in Fetzer Gym B.

UNC Skydiving Club will meet in 214 Union.

7 p.m. SNCAE will meet to discuss interview skills and resume writing in 220 Peabody.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority will hold a "Welcome Back" social in honor of Founders Day in the BCC office until 8 p.m.

7:30 p.m. Self-Knowledge Symposium will meet in the Union South Gallery.

Sangam, UNC India Student Association, will meet in 209 Manning.

Students for the Advancement of Race Relations will have a general-body meeting in the Campus Y lounge.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Teach for America applications are due Friday. They can be picked up in 211 Hanes Hall.

Phi Eta Sigma graduate scholarship and undergraduate award applications are available in 300 Steele Building. Deadline Feb. 19.

Alpha Phi Omega is sponsoring its book exchange. Bring last semester's textbooks 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today through Saturday in Union 211-212.

Honors Program applications for freshmen and sophomores are available in 300 Steele Building. The deadline is Feb. 5.

UCS has applications available for full-time summer employment at SAS Institute in 211 Hanes. Applications are due Jan. 29.

UCS has information available for an internship with Research and Evaluation Associates for an African-American woman in 211 Hanes.

International Center has applications available for the Class of '38 Summer Study Abroad Fellowships. Information 962-5661.

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