

# County adopts restrictions on employee smoking

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Staff Writer

Orange County employees will soon face tough smoking restrictions at the office. After Sept. 1, smoking will only be allowed in certain areas of facilities that are designated as non-smoking.

This is the first action by any governmental body in the area to impose such restrictions on smoking.

County Manager John Link

recommended Monday that this policy go into effect Sept. 1, and that it be implemented for a one-year trial period. Link said he would like to establish a committee to evaluate how well the policy is doing.

"I want to stress that this is not a full-fledged smoking ban," Link said. "It is simply an effort to try to designate places to smoke in a non-smoking area."

"I think this is a positive step to respond to the requests of the public

and employees alike."

Orange County personnel director Beverly Whitehead said, "This restriction does not deprive anyone of what they want to do. It simply minimizes the effect on those who don't smoke."

An employees' committee started working on this issue last August and submitted an opinion survey to all county employees.

"The survey was really good because all the employees were involved," Whitehead said. "They

tabulated the results and made recommendations to the county commissioners board."

Link said the majority of the employees who participated in the survey felt there should be some type of restrictions on smokers who are around non-smokers.

Orange County employs about 400 people, and approximately one-third of them are smokers.

In May 1987, the county-appointed Health and Medical Advisory Coun-

cil recommended that the county sponsor the survey. Originally, this council recommended prohibiting smoking altogether.

Whitehead said in June or July a program called Smoking Sensation will begin. This program is designed to help current smokers who want to stop.

Smoking has already been banned from elevators in Wake County, and Wake County health director Leah Devlin has banned smoking within

the health department.

GASP (Group to Alleviate Smoking Pollution), in Raleigh, has appealed to the Durham City Council to consider a smoking ban in public buildings, but the council has not addressed the issue yet.

The city attorney of Raleigh is currently drafting a policy that would ban smoking in elevators, and some council members have expressed their support for banning smoking in all public buildings.

## Memorial to be held for student

A memorial service for David Mantey, a UNC student who died March 26 when he fell from a window in Granville Towers, will be held at 4 p.m. today at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church of 300 E. Franklin St.

Mantey, 22, was a senior mathematics major from Wilmington and

had recently been accepted to Bowman-Gray School of Medicine. He lived at Old Well Apartments in Carrboro.

The Chapel Hill Police Department is continuing the investigation into his death.

## Pitching in

### Campus group to organize recycling from weekend parties

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The Student Environmental Action Coalition (SEAC) will organize the recycling of aluminum cans this weekend at Burnout, Springfest and Carolina Beach Blast.

Sonia Mumford, one of SEAC's recycling coordinators, said the committee, which has about 30

members, will set up recycling bins next to all the trash cans at these events. Because most of the aluminum cans probably will not make it into the trash cans, SEAC will also pick up cans after the parties, Mumford said.

All the party sponsors requested the committee's services because they save party sponsors the trouble of picking up the cans themselves,

she said.

SEAC volunteers will be at the parties wearing T-shirts, and they will supervise the bins so only aluminum cans are put in them. About 90 percent of the trash at these parties is aluminum cans, Mumford said.

SEAC is a Campus Y committee working for increasing involvement in a recycling program that would

help reduce the 20,000 tons of waste that UNC contributes to the Orange County landfill each year.

The Orange County landfill, a mile outside of Chapel Hill on Eubanks Road, will be filled within the next 10 years, Mumford said. Recycling is the best solution because burning the trash would cause harmful environmental effects, she said.

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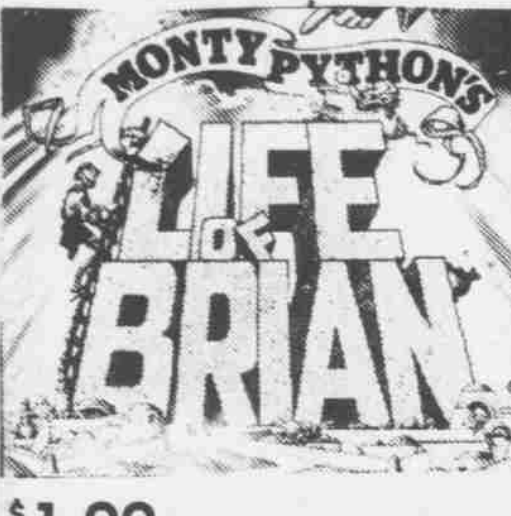


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problems.

"I feel confident," she said. "Last year was our toughest year because of the raised drinking age."

Carolina Beach Blast, the latest addition to the spring party schedule, will feature the Band of Oz,

the Catalinas and the Entertainers on Ehringhaus Field Sunday from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Mike Sullivan, chairman of the Beach Blast, said he expected to raise \$1,000 through T-shirt sales to be donated to the Ronald

McDonald House.

Carolina Dining Services will sell food and drinks at the event.

Sullivan said he expects 5,000 people to attend, and he doesn't foresee any problems.

"The weather is the only thing I'm worried about," he said.

The Beach Blast will become an annual event, Sullivan said.

"I plan on doing it again next year with bigger and better bands," he said.

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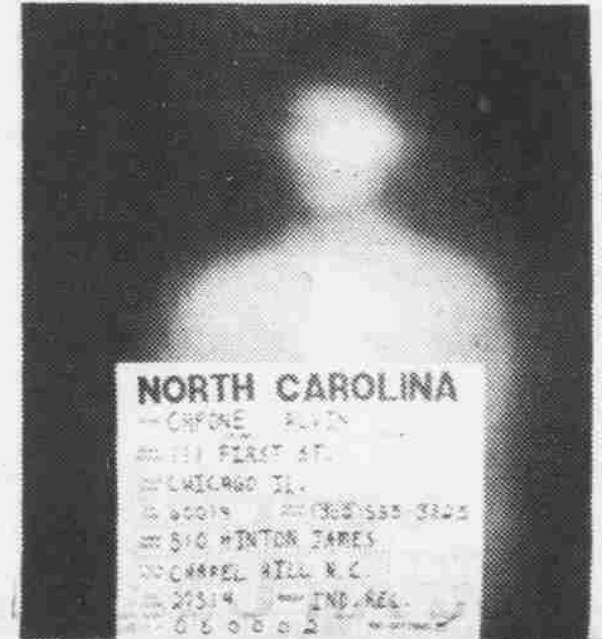
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