

Kentucky legislature upset over university smoking ban

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The General Assembly of Kentucky, the nation's leading burley tobacco producer, has asked officials at the University of Louisville to amend its plans to restrict smoking just days after a government report showed the state had the nation's highest smoking-related death rate.

The dispute has grown out of the university's proposal to ban smoking in classrooms, reception areas and elevators and to permit smoking only in designated areas of other buildings.

Kentucky's agriculture commissioner said the university plan was like "biting the hand that feeds you."

"There might be places where no smoking is needed, but smokers have rights, too," said Commissioner Ward "Butch" Burnette, a smoker and promoter of the tobacco industry.

Rumors that the legislature might cut the university's budget if the smoking policy was not relaxed were exaggerated, but there may be some retribution, Burnette said.

"Tobacco is a very sensitive industry in Kentucky," he said. "I don't think they will cut the budget, but why should they send the university tax dollars when the university isn't cooperating with state government? If the university refuses to back down,

it'll have a hard time getting its budget passed."

Kentucky Sen. Fred Bradley said the university's budget would never be cut because of any smoking policy.

"Obviously, some tobacco growers and warehouse people said they didn't want to give their tax dollars to the university if it restricted smoking, but we would not limit its funds because of something like this," Bradley said.

Members of Kentucky's Tobacco Task Force have said the restrictions take too many rights away from smokers. Lawmakers said the smoking restrictions were unfair in a state where the tobacco industry accounts for an estimated 54,000 jobs and

where burley tobacco is the No. 1 cash crop, with \$451 million in sales last year.

A report from the federal Centers for Disease Control showed Kentucky has the highest smoking-related death rate at 176 smoking-related deaths for every 100,000 residents in 1985.

In a meeting a week ago, representatives of the task force considered passing a resolution asking the university to back down. Task force members later agreed to give the university until its next meeting on Dec. 5 to amend the policy.

A spokesman for Louisville's president said the policy will probably

be changed.

"I think we will revise certain points in the policy that are a little ambiguous," said Daniel Hall, assistant to the president. "I met with members of the task force and agreed to share their concerns and see if there might be some fine tuning."

"I appreciate the significance of the tobacco industry in the state of Kentucky," he said. "What I hope to convince the task force of is that our final policy is not anti-smoking or anti-tobacco. It is simply a policy to designate places where smoking is allowed to balance smokers' rights with non-smokers'."

The policy was drafted because the

faculty and student body expressed interest in the development of a smoking policy, Hall said.

The new smoking restrictions will not drastically change the school, said Chris Conliffe, Louisville's student body president.

"The restrictions are probably being observed now," he said. "I think it's long overdue. I don't see where we're hurting the tobacco industry at all."

Conliffe said he will send recommendations concerning the smoking policy to the university's president and to the General Assembly.

UNC allows individual departments to determine smoking policies.

Officials praise community participation in recycling program

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After the success of the town's newspaper recycling program, the Chapel Hill Public Works Department has found that a joint project aimed at collecting glass, aluminum and newspaper has met with a similar high degree of participation.

On Nov. 9, the public works department began a new weekly curbside collection program designed to gather recyclable materials from Carrboro and Chapel Hill.

According to the public works department, 8.5 tons of newspaper, glass and aluminum were collected in Chapel Hill and Carrboro on Nov. 9-10.

During the first week of the program, about 33 percent of the 1,850 households asked to participate did. Prior to the first collection days, the public works department had

estimated the participation rate at 25 percent.

In Chapel Hill, 295 people participated in the first Wednesday collection day — contributing a total of 7,160 pounds of newspaper, 2,040 pounds of glass and 240 pounds of aluminum.

The next day in Carrboro, 340 people contributed 6,200 pounds of newspaper, 1,960 pounds of glass and 110 pounds of aluminum.

Chapel Hill Solid Waste Planner Blair Pollock said, "The excellent turnout for the first collection day was probably due to many people hoarding their recyclable materials after the program and collection date was announced."

Participation in program has decreased since the first week, but the weekly totals still exceed the public works department's pre-collection estimates, he said.

"The collection results are encouraging and reflect a greater participation than originally expected," he said.

Pollock said the weekly curbside collection program is scheduled to continue throughout this fiscal year until at least June 30, 1989.

Collection in Chapel Hill is each Wednesday in the Historic District, Timberlyne, Countryside and Kensington Trace. Recycling day in Carrboro is each Thursday in the neighborhoods north and east of Hillsborough Road, including Barrington Hills, Webbwood, Spring Valley, Bolin Forest and the Historic District, he said.

Citizen volunteers in Carrboro and Chapel Hill are responsible for publicizing the program by posting weekly reminders prior to collection days and making sure the special recycling containers are distributed to

the participating households, Pollock said.

The collection program has economic benefits for North Carolina because the recyclable materials are sold to companies within the state, promoting the creation of new jobs and increasing economic growth, he added.

Bruce Heflin, director of the Public Works Department, said the purposes of the multi-material recycling program are to divert waste materials from the Orange County Landfill and save natural resources through the recycling of newspapers, glass and aluminum.

"Revenue from the recycling is not tremendously significant because the program costs money, but the real purpose of the project is to reduce the increasing amounts of waste sent to the landfill," Heflin said.

Money for the collection program

is obtained from the Orange County Landfill, which is supported by Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Orange County, he said.

"It's a bit too early to estimate the future of the program, but we are certainly looking at expanding the project to include more areas of Chapel Hill and Carrboro," Heflin said.

The multi-material collection program now active in Chapel Hill and Carrboro and supported by the Public Works Department is the second plan designed to gather and recycle waste.

In early October, the town announced a pilot program to collect newspapers from several neighbor-

hoods in Chapel Hill including North Forest Hills, Lake Forest, Westwood, Colony Woods/Briarcliff, Ridgfield and the Lincoln School area.

Pollock said: "In the weekly, newspaper-only recycling program, which has been ongoing in Chapel Hill for five weeks now, we got seven tons of newspaper in the first week of the program. But the weekly average is now 4.2 tons, and weekly participation is about 25 to 30 percent."

The Public Works Department estimates that 50 percent of the 3,900 households eligible to participate in both recycling programs will contribute at least once each month.

Local towns, county propose formation of advisory assembly

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The mayors of Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Hillsborough and the chairman of the Orange County Commissioners want to form an Orange County Assembly of Local Governments to encourage intergovernmental cooperation and communication.

The assembly would serve as a forum for government officials to discuss issues that are common to all cities.

Carrboro Mayor Eleanor Kinnaird said the assembly would have no powers. It would only call people together to talk about common problems.

"It's a good will gesture," she said. "We're all carrying on in jurisdictions near each other."

Chapel Hill Mayor Jonathan Howes, Hillsborough Mayor Fred Cates, Commissioners Chairman Moses Carey and Kinnaird now meet informally once a month, she said. Instead, they want a formal structure.

"There will be no staff and no vehicle to turn things out," Kinnaird said. "There will be no staff and no vehicle to turn things out."

Elected officials of general purpose local governments in Orange County would be members of the assembly, and members of special purpose governments could be affiliate members.

The assembly would offer government officials an opportunity to raise issues, get to know neighboring government officials and set in motion working groups to study different issues, she said.

These working groups would be comprised of representatives from the different cities, she said. A committee is now discussing the issue of alternative taxes.

Working groups might present possible working solutions to problems discussed among the assembly members, but final decisions to use the recommendations would remain with the individual jurisdictions.

So far, the Chapel Hill Town Council and Orange County Board of Commissioners have approved the charter for the assembly. Kinnaird said she hoped the Carrboro Board of Aldermen would approve the charter soon.

Chapel Hill Town Council member David Pasquini said he was unsure how effective the assembly would be.

"Since it's political, it may turn out many ways," he said. "In theory, it's a good idea."

Pasquini said he felt the assembly was a good way to inform the government officials of the different cities, to "get things out on the table" and to have frank discussions about policy.

"Whenever you can talk about something before you react... it can be beneficial," he said.

Communication between the cities is good now, he said. But if communication breaks down, the presence of the assembly might help keep communications going.

Having only one or two meetings a year would not be sufficient, and that number of meetings is only a baseline, Pasquini said. "When there are things to talk about, they'll meet."

Town council member Art Werner said he supported the idea of an assembly.

The Chapel Hill Town Council endorsed forming the assembly for a two-year trial period Monday night. "Let's see how it works," Werner said. "All this is really doing is formalizing what we're doing already."

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or 11:30 p.m. for third shift. There's no telling how active each shift will be.

"No two days are the same," says Capt. Ronnie Ashley, one of the second shift supervisors. "You can make a schedule, but it's likely to change five or six times within a shift."

Sharpe agreed. "Sometimes you have a lot of action and it's real busy, and some nights seem like two or three nights in a row," he said.

The type of call varies as much as the amount of calls the officers receive. "I think a lot of people look at a university like there's nothing to do in police work," Sharpe said. "Even though there are not a lot of violent crimes, we do have a lot of crime. There's still law enforcement work to be done."

The work of a patrol officer can be complicated by those who resist the officer's efforts. Most UNC officers said, however, that they are generally treated well by members of the University community.

"I haven't seen any student give a police officer a hard time," said Officer Kenny Rickman, who just recently completed his training. "Out of the 100 percent of the students, 99 percent of them are excellent. It's that one percent who make the rest look bad."

Lt. Danny Caldwell, a supervisor who has worked with the University police for eight years, said he knows most of the students. "Most students here are OK," he says. "Then you get

those who think they know the law better than you do."

Students like these usually wind up with a ticket, Caldwell said.

But even if the people they encounter are cooperative, Officer Kathy Moorefield said the amount of work can be draining.

"We do pretty much," she said. "At least, I feel like I do. There's a lot going on. You get to lock up all those buildings, and it's hard. You get worn out."

Moorefield said simply patrolling the campus by car can be stressful, though it is more of a mental than a physical drain. "To be out there, you ride for like an hour, and you've got students crossing the street and (on) bicycles. You've got to be constantly watching yourself and still be alert to situations around you."

Another particularly difficult aspect of law enforcement work is the on-the-spot decision making, Williams said.

"It involves other people's livelihoods — whether to arrest them or not, or whether to write a traffic citation or not," he said. "It always affects them, monetarily or in insurance points or reputation or whatever."

But like any other job, the officers said it's a matter of doing the work and putting it into perspective. "I've gotten to where I can do my job without it being too stressful," Williams says. "I leave police work at police work."

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