

Town council favors proposed smoking ban

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A proposal calling for a ban on smoking in public areas has received favorable response from the Chapel Hill Town Council but has elicited little discussion from town residents.

Chapel Hill Mayor Jonathan Howes originally suggested the ban at the council's annual planning retreat last month.

Presently Chapel Hill has no ordinances restricting smoking in public places, Howes said. But many area restaurants have designated areas for smokers and non-smokers.

UNC Hospitals are smoke free, as are many buildings on the University campus.

No-smoking bans have been implemented in the Municipal Building, the public library and other town buildings,

said council member Joe Herzenberg.

Howes said, "It's standard in most major cities. You can't walk into a restaurant in New York, Washington, Atlanta, any major city, and not see it."

Council member Art Werner said he would not necessarily support the proposal.

"Don't most places already have them? I think it would be a good idea if it were a problem," Werner said. "If it's working voluntarily, we don't need an ordinance."

Many council members said they received little feedback from the public about the proposed ban.

"We've heard nothing," Howes said. Council member Joyce Brown said she was interested in discussing implementation of the ban.

"I certainly think it's well worth investigating," she said. "I am interested in it. ... I haven't received any com-

ments."

Werner said the ban could be problematic in some instances.

"I heard something about problems with it in bars," Werner said.

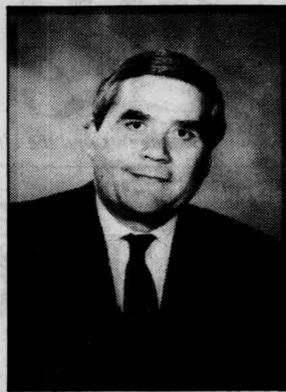
"It might be difficult to implement in bars, where not a lot of police officers are around to make sure the ban is being enforced. We don't want to implement anything we can't enforce."

Herzenberg said some residents who favored the proposal had approached him to discuss it.

"There are a few people saying that the ban is going too far, but by and large, there is quite a bit of response in favor of the ban," he said.

No one has the constitutional right to harm anyone with cigarette smoke, Herzenberg said.

"We've asked the town manager and the town attorney to look into the specifics of the proposal," he said.



Jonathan Howes

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Congressional leaders question Saddam's postwar status; Baker says Iraq will leave 'soon'

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State James A. Baker III declared on Wednesday that Iraqi troops "will leave Kuwait soon," but he steered clear of the question of Saddam Hussein's

postwar future.

House Speaker Thomas S. Foley, meanwhile, said it would be "extremely difficult" for President Bush to refuse an unconditional Iraqi withdrawal — even if that meant leaving Saddam in

power.

While the talk continued, Saddam's army remained in Kuwait, and the world waited for Bush to give his own troops the go-ahead for the long-expected ground offensive.

Bush himself had nothing to say on the subject in public. But Baker, speaking at a luncheon for Denmark's Queen Margrethe II, renewed the U.S. demand that Iraq pull out of Kuwait "immediately, totally and unconditionally" and comply fully with U.N. resolutions. "Anything short of that is unacceptable," he said.

"One way or another, the army of occupation of Iraq will leave Kuwait

soon," Baker predicted.

Foley, the top-ranking Democrat in Congress, said lawmakers shared the administration's concern about Saddam remaining "a serious problem in the gulf for years to come." But if Saddam agrees to an unconditional withdrawal, Foley said, Bush would have "a very difficult choice."

He said later that the question might well be academic because there has been no indication Saddam is prepared to withdraw unconditionally, despite much discussion of a still-secret Soviet proposal on the subject.

U.S. military officials said they expected victory if and when Bush gave

the green light for ground action. But they also sought to dampen any expectations of a lightning triumph.

Lt. Gen. Thomas Kelly, director of operations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, noted that he and other officials had said a day earlier a ground war would be won "in short order."

"I should have said 'good order,'" he said. "I don't think it's going to be any kind of pushover. ... It's not going to be a snap."

One military official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said "we are in the eye of Desert Storm. There is something of a lull right at the moment." He added, "It suggests the ma-

chinery is in place, and we are waiting for presidential orders."

Nothing in the U.N. resolutions requires that Saddam relinquish power, but Foley and House Minority leader Robert Michel, nevertheless, worried aloud about his remaining in power.

"We want to stay on course with our military track and not be delayed," said Michel, the Illinois Republican. "Even a cease-fire type of thing certainly would only play into Saddam's hands."

The Iraqi president was weighing a Soviet peace proposal, which was still secret but which Bush had dismissed on Tuesday as "well short of what would be required" to end the conflict.

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10 a.m. ACC Tournament ticket sign-up sheets will be available in the Pit until 2 p.m. You must bring ID and registration card. Winners announced at Clemson game. For more information call CAA at 962-4300. Tomorrow is the last day to sign up.

12:15 p.m. Rally to mark the beginning of a letter-writing campaign asking George Bush for a cease-fire and negotiated settlement in the gulf. The rally and campaign are co-sponsored by The Committee for Peace in the Middle East and SEAC.

4:15 p.m. Internships 101: Introductory sessions on the basics of internships and experiential learning will be held in 209 Hanes.

6 p.m. "BROTHERS" discussion group for and about African-American male students will meet in the first floor lounge of Ehringhaus dorm. Guest speaker will be Bill Riddick of the Health Education Section of Student Health Service. Call 962-2175 for information.

7 p.m. The UNC Outing Club will meet in 205 Union. With an aura of spring in the air we are sure everyone's mind is thinking of...outing club trips. All adventurous people welcome.

Presentation by Provident Life & Accident will be held in 209 Hanes.

8 p.m. Student Jazz Performance tonight in the Cabaret.

Charlemos esta semana es otro debate. Este semana,

el topico es: Los Estados Unidos deben dar ayuda en la forma de dinero a los países latino americanos. Ven y da sus pensamientos en este sujeto. Charlemos es cada jueves en el segundo piso de Carmichael Dorm a los ocho.

9 p.m. HOUSE PARTY!! the movie will be shown tonight in the Morrison social lounge. Come celebrate African-American culture with the Morrison Minority Student Union. Fresh-baked cupcakes and Rice Krispy Treats will be sold. Come support us!!

ATTENTION SENIORS!!!!!! The Senior Class is sponsoring a Letter-Writing Campaign to the American soldiers in the Middle East who receive little or no mail. Stop by the Pit from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today to send a card or letter.

ITEMS OF INTEREST The UNC Retired Faculty Association will have its 23rd Quarterly Meeting Tuesday, Feb. 26, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Institute of Government on Raleigh Road. The speaker will be Samuel Baron, Alumni Distinguished Professor of History, and he will speak on "The Gorbachev Revolution: Achievements, Problems, Prospects."

International Festival Week is next week, Feb.

23-March 1. Check the DTH for the full list of events. Come help us to "Overcome Our Differences."

The Association of International Students will be having a very special meeting with a performance by The Ebony Readers. All members are reminded of the upcoming International Festival. Come see how you can help us out! Call 933-2953 for the place and time of the meeting.

There will be an information and application meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 26 in 208 Union for those student interested in earning a free trip to the Soviet Union through the UNC-Soviet Exchange.

"Frontiers", a program that explores recent discoveries in space and topics at the cutting edge of space science, is showing at the Morehead Planetarium through April 1. Shows are 8 p.m. daily with additional weekend matinees at 1 and 3 p.m. "Sky Rambles", a live-narrated tour of the night sky featuring visible planets and constellations, is held Fridays at 7 p.m. "Winter Star Tales", a 30-minute children's show explaining the night sky, plays Saturdays at 11 a.m. Tickets are \$2.50 for children, students and senior citizens and \$3 for others. For recorded information, call 549-6863 toll-free from Raleigh, Durham or Chapel Hill.

Tax Seminars for International Students and Scholars will be sponsored by the International Center on Thursday, March 7, in the Great Hall of the Union from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for students and from 7:30

p.m. to 9 p.m. for scholars. A second seminar will be held on April 4 from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. for students and 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. for scholars. Any international who have received pay checks in 1990 need to file a tax return by April 15!

The Human Rights Week committee is now accepting applications for co-chairs. No experience necessary; you need only have desire, some initiative and some ideas for addressing the domestic and international abuse of Human Rights. Applications are due by 4:30 Friday, March 1, at the Y.

The Office of Leadership Development is looking for students with significant leadership experience and an interest in working with student organizations to serve as Peer Leadership Consultants. Applications are available at the office in 01 Steele or at the Union desk. They are due Feb. 22.

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