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(Photo by Sarah Gottfried)

TRASHED EQUIPMENT: Blue Banner reporter John Coutlakis stands besides some of

the gymnastic equipment the maintenance department hauled to a local dump.

Study says Red Man is harder to kick than cigs

By Sherry Cathcart

For those who use smokeless tobacco and for those who are thinking of starting, here's something interesting to think about:

A recent study by an Eastern Carolina professor says that one out of every five male collegians dip or chew tobacco.

And other preliminary data indicates that kicking the habit of smokeless tobacco is harder than quitting regular cigarettes.

Eastern Carolina Professor Elbert Glover and three associates asked 5,500 students nationwide about their tobacco habits. They concluded that 22 percent of male college students and 2 percent of female college students use smokeless tobacco.

In a related study, Glover attempted to get 41 students at an unnamed Christian college to quit smokeless tobacco.

"They certainly had incen-

tive to quit," he said, because the school threatened to expel them if they failed.

None could quit. Only one student managed to go more than four hours without dipping or chewing, and he used nicotine gum, Glover reported.

Glover and his cohorts also found campus use of smokeless tobacco varied by region. The rate was highest--28 percent--among men at southwestern campuses. A relatively low 15 percent of the men at northeastern colleges chewed or dipped, the nation's lowest rate.

Last month, the surgeon general, the American Cancer Society and the New England Intercollegiate Baseball Association joined in coincidental unison to call for a ban on all advertising for chewing tobacco.

Such a ban already exists for advertising cigarettes via a broadcast medium.

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Gymnastic equipment hauled to local dump

By John Coutlakis

Workers from the maintenance department recently hauled four pieces of gymnastic equipment to Asheville Auto Salvage and Disposal on Riverside Drive.

The equipment consisted of a trampoline, parallel bars, a vault and a balance beam, and according to companies that sell such equipment, the replacement cost is about \$4,700.

Helen Carroll, assistant to the director of recreation and intramurals, said the equipment was removed from the main gym because it was an "attractive nuisance" which could attract people to use the unsupervised equipment.

Thus it was a "tremendous insurance liability" if left unattended, said Carroll.

Athletic department personnel first stored the equipment in the boiler room under the pool last fall, but the maintenance department deemed it a fire hazard.

"We gave it to them. There was nothing else we could do with it. We couldn't sell it

to the high schools, because if you sell it to them it has to go on a state contract and all that.

"I don't think that I'm professional enough in the area of gymnastics to say whether that equipment was safe or not. All that equipment was at least ten years old," Carroll said.

Lawrence Hudson, an attendant at Asheville Auto Salvage and Disposal said Wednesday that company owner Herbert Hodge had personally removed the trampoline from their disposal yard.

"The boss took it home for his little boy to play on last weekend," he said.

Bob Criminger, director of the physical plant since April 1, said records show that athletic director Ed Farrell issued a work order on Sept. 2, 1985, asking maintenance to remove the gym equipment to the physical plant for storage.

The order also asked that maintenance place the equipment on the state surplus list.

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Weekend Weather

The UNCA Atmospheric Science department provides this information to the campus community each week in the **Blue Banner**.

Thursday: Partly cloudy and cool with a high in the mid-50s.

Friday: Fair with a low in the mid-30s and a high in the lower 60s.

Saturday: Sunny with a low near 40 and a high near 65.

Sunday: Increasing cloudiness and warmer with a low near 45 and a high near 70.