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Smoky Rule

The new smoking ban in the bleachers of Kenan Stadium is a pointless and futile formality.

The athletic department has made a debatable rule and then admitted it won't really enforce it.

Until this year, smokers could partake of a cigarette in the bleachers of Kenan Stadium, in the concourse and in the concessions area. As of Saturday's football game, however, smokers are now asked to light up only in the concessions area and concourse.

Smoking is unhealthy. Secondhand smoke is unhealthy. No one has the right to impose their smoke on innocent bystanders.

But there has to be a reasonable limit to where smoking can be banned and where it should be left alone. On a campus where every single building except for individual dorm rooms is smoke-free, fewer and fewer areas allow smokers. Even aggressive nonsmokers should concede that an outdoor space should easily contain smokers and nonsmokers without forcing the

intermingling of lung contents.

The Kenan smoking ban pushes the rights of smokers right down into oblivion.

Token enforcement weakens the position of the ban's supporters. If the athletic department truly wanted to stop secondhand smoke from even approaching nonsmokers, officials would make a blanket policy and then enforce it.

And while no one is allowed to smoke in the open-air stands, people can smoke freely in the concessions area, where people are crammed together with less air circulation while eating food. Nonsmokers complain more frequently about smoke bothering them while they eat than while they sit in open air.

As it is, since the rule went into effect this weekend, numerous football fans puffed away in the stands without a single comment from the security guards.

The smoking ban should be stricken from the Kenan Stadium rulebook, and politeness should return as the ground rule for secondhand smoke issues in open spaces.

It's Just a Flag

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is again attacking the Confederate battle flag, demanding it be removed from the South Carolina state Capitol. The NAACP should drop this struggle and devote its limited resources to more serious problems.

The NAACP is holding the threat of an economic boycott over the state. They are waiting for the South Carolina state Supreme Court to rule on the issue. If the NAACP is not happy with the ruling, this boycott will be implemented.

These actions, while taken with good intentions, are misguided. The Confederate battle flag itself has never discriminated against blacks or owned slaves. It is nothing but a symbol.

This flag is often said to signify state support of slavery. This notion is preposterous. The original Star-Spangled Banner flew over a slave-owning nation for 75 years, after all. The NAACP, following its own logic, should be threatening to boycott the entire nation.

Those who maintain this feeling should ask one of the many Southerners who protest these

actions what the Confederate battle flag means to them. It respects Southern culture and history, and honors those who fell in battle to defend states' rights. In all likelihood, these individuals are not longing to return to the days of slavery.

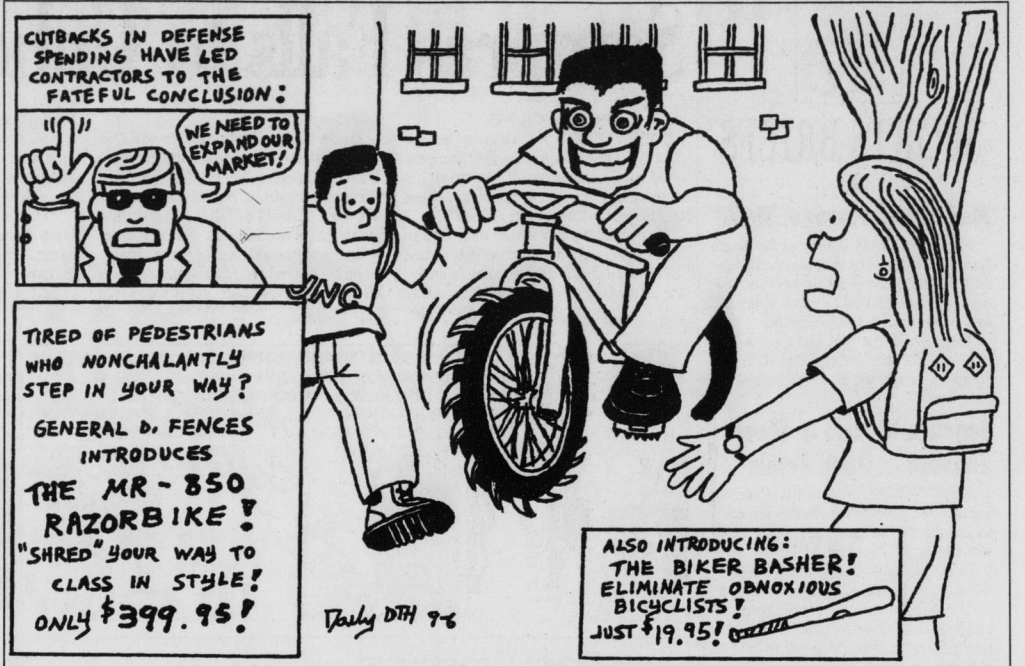
Most of all, this fight will not change the opinions of one South Carolina resident.

The NAACP should devote its limited resources to education, fighting discriminatory policies and helping real victims of racism. The best way to attack those negative attributes the NAACP associates with the Confederate battle flag is to educate those who still maintain them.

In South Carolina, the NAACP could start a campaign to get more blacks elected to the general assembly, for example.

Many open-minded Southerners feel the Confederate battle flag has earned a place in history and in Southern culture. They are not racist and bigoted, and the NAACP should not insinuate such by fighting a symbol.

The NAACP should stop attacking the Confederate battle flag and everything positive it represents to many Southerners.



Seniors Can Give to Career Search or Other Gift

Carolina seniors, can you believe this is it? Our last year — roaming those hallowed halls, cheering on the sports teams and meeting friends in the Pit — as undergraduates! Because of the excitement of our final year at UNC, our senior class has both the momentum and the opportunity to involve as many seniors as possible in the various Senior Class activities this year.

These programs and activities are being planned for the benefit of ALL the 4,500 seniors in the class of 1995, and we are optimistic about the amount of fun this year will provide for seniors. We are also optimistic about our seniors giving back to the University this year in the form of the Senior Class Gift Campaign.

One of the biggest things the senior class does is contribute a gift for the betterment of the University as a whole. After soliciting proposals over the summer and polling seniors during the past few months, we feel we have selected a Senior Class Gift that will be a huge benefit for the University as a whole. (DRUM ROLL, PLEASE) Announcing the Senior Class of 1995 Gift to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill ...

WHOA, WHOA! Not so fast! Before we spill the beans, it's important that you know exactly how the gift campaign will work this year. Here are a couple of the major points:

1. You can make your contribution to the specified Senior Class Gift (read below) ... or to any other academic area on campus. What better way to make you feel a part of this university than allowing you to choose exactly where you want your contribution to go? Furthermore, you

can split your contribution among different academic areas if you like.

2. Make your contribution in one easy installment (by check, cash or credit card). GET YOUR ENTIRE CONTRIBUTION OUT OF THE WAY AT ONCE! No post cards for years to come reminding you of how much you owe on your gift contribution. Just one simple card to fill out and you've made a lasting contribution to your beloved University that you can tell your children and grandchildren about (in addition to all of the yarns you spin to them about your times spent heckling Pit preachers, dressing up for Halloween on Franklin St., etc.)

We hope that by allowing seniors: 1) to make their gift contribution to any area on campus they desire and 2) to pay their gift all at once, more seniors will get involved with the gift campaign.

The entire University will benefit tremendously from greater senior involvement. And more seniors will feel positively about the legacy their class will leave for the University.

Enough said about campaign logistics. You want to know what the Senior Class of 1995 Gift is, right? (DRUM ROLL, PLEASE):

We are proud to announce the inception of the Senior Class of 1995 Career Search program. Your gift will be used to purchase a database listing of over 245,000 public and private companies. UNC students will be able to use this program to conduct a highly targeted job search focusing on employer size, location, industry, etc. Extensive information on each employer is

available including names, addresses and telephone numbers of key individuals. The database is efficient in finding information for summer jobs or full-time jobs in a short amount of time.

You may be saying to yourself, "I thought that the Career Planning & Placement Center already had a job database." You'd be right, but it has only 2,200 records and is difficult to keep updated. Some of you also might be wondering whether or not the database will be of use to you (because you have friends in high places in various Fortune 500 companies or are planning on being a professional student for a few more years). If you feel that way, don't forget that you can split your gift between Career Search and another academic area on campus. And keep in mind that the purpose of the senior class gift is to leave an enduring legacy for good! UNC (from the people who know it best — wise, erudite seniors).

One final note — be sure to stop by the Pit today (and investigate all the ruckus you'll be hearing while you're reading this), where we'll be having our Senior Class of 1995 Gift Campaign Kickoff from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. We'll be giving away plenty of prizes from local merchants (Pizza Inn, Bruegger's Bagels, Miami Subs and University Florist), and, of course, we'll have plenty of free food and drinks. So, stop by the Pit between classes today and find out everything you ever wanted to know about the Senior Class Gift Campaign. We look forward to seeing you there!

Mike Crisp is senior class president. Parshant Dhimani is senior class vice president.

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Bring More Family Values to Politics, Politicians

Teacher: Mr. Hatch, your son's not doing his algebra homework.

Hatch: It doesn't matter.

Teacher: Yes, it does. Have you seen his last two quiz grades?

Hatch: Sure, but his failure to do homework's not the reason.

Teacher: I didn't realize you had been a teacher.

Hatch: I wasn't, but I still know what he needs. I'll make sure he spends more time studying English. That'll help.

Ridiculous? Probably. Senator Orrin Hatch and his wife appear to have raised six normal kids. It seems unlikely they became that way because their parents ignored the advice of people who knew better.

Somehow Hatch lost this lesson between his front door and the Senate floor. Police officers want tighter gun control, such as the restrictions on assault weapons contained in the just-passed crime bill.

Yet Hatch and many of his Republican brethren decided the police were wrong: what the country really needed was an increase in the number of federal crimes which carried the death penalty.

This "solution" neatly ignored the fact that only 1 percent of American crime violates federal law, and only a tiny fraction of those would qualify for even the expanded definition of capital offenses. But these senators skipped along this path anyway, claiming their language would add up to safer streets.

This issue is one of many which suggest that more family values would improve American politics. That phrase has a deservedly nasty reputation after the 1992 hate-fest which masqueraded as the Republican Convention, yet the idea of introducing into politics ideas which work in the family is a good one.

The right wing could even have avoided much of the backlash which followed the Houston convention if its dedicated soldiers had applied their private standards to public statements.

Dan Quayle admitted he would get his daughter an abortion if she needed one; Phyllis Schlafly said she loved her son, who by most reports is gay.

The crime bill illustrates in another way how policy might improve with more application of family values. Soon after kids become mobile, parents learn they have two choices. They can rely exclusively on saying "no" — don't go in the street, don't touch that, don't try drugs. Much more successful is the occasional "no" combined with interesting alternatives which keep them from trouble by distracting them.

Whether it's bringing toys to a restaurant so younger kids don't start throwing food or shuffling teenagers to sports and music, good parents quickly learn that just saying "no" just doesn't work for very long.

The crime bill tried to adapt this lesson. With the inaccurately named "midnight basketball" (it rarely runs that late, and the money provides lots of programs which have nothing to do with sports), communities are trying to give kids without many opportunities something better to do.

As last week's issue of Time pointed out, the police and community leaders support this program, as did George Bush when he was in office. Yet Senator Hatch's response to spending \$50 million on these programs was to whine that it was a typical "1960s-style boondoggle."

Obviously the American public are not children, even if they do occasionally act like it when someone suggests they accept cuts in Social Security or mortgage interest deductions. Running the country is more complicated than raising a family, and the government has a lot less control over society than parents do over their children.

Yet the lack of a perfect parallel does not mean there's nothing to be learned. Perhaps the most pointed example of the potential benefit comes from the White House. Most published accounts describe Chelsea Clinton as bright, friendly and thoughtful. While this is great to hear, it's rather surprising considering the president's behavior. It's no longer a secret, for example, how easily he flies into rages, and no child benefits from yelling and screaming.

The president also seems to have trouble sticking to rules. On Haiti, health reform and too many other issues, he issues ultimatums from which he soon backs away. It doesn't take children, or congressmen, too long to recognize whether threats such as these are empty. At home it creates willful, insecure adults; in Congress it leads to chaos.

If Chelsea is really as good as her reputation, two possibilities remain. Maybe the president acts differently at home and he simply needs to continue these principles every day when he goes to the Oval Office.

Or maybe it's Hillary who's raising their child: stories this summer suggested she was the one who said Chelsea couldn't go to Woodstock. If that's the case, the president ought to learn from his wife. Saying "no" to inappropriate requests is good for children and the country.

Bill Wright's parents hope he finishes grad school soon: they'd like him to start his own family, or at least get a date.

national languages of India and Pakistan, respectively. We feel that the uniting of these two languages in one course offering symbolizes the unity that South Asians should be part of at UNC.

It is so unfortunate that South Asia has not received an emphasis in academic study here. This is hard to believe, seeing how South Asia is ethnically and culturally diverse.

Having people of all South Asian backgrounds participate in Sangam would help educate the UNC campus community in a nonacademic fashion.

The first meeting of the year will be Wednesday, Sept. 7, at 5:30 p.m., in Union 211-212. We invite ALL members of this university, South Asian and non-South Asian alike, to explore this area of the world that many of us know little about.



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Students Should Celebrate All South Asia, Not Just India

TO THE EDITOR:

There is a lack of knowledge among students concerning a certain area of the world — South Asia.

What is South Asia anyway? Many do not realize that South Asia includes Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, India, Pakistan and Bhutan.

And this is to be expected, considering there are just a handful of courses in our curriculum dealing with this particular region.

There is another outlet that can be pursued to make up for the lack of concentration in academia.

Sangam, which is not an acronym but a Hindi word denoting togetherness, is the organization on campus that strives to educate and create the awareness of South Asian issues and its culture.

Many, we realize, have the misconception that Sangam is a campus group only for Hindu students of descent from India; this is not the case at all.

For the last two years, Sangam has expanded

READERS' FORUM

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its scope to include all countries of South Asia, and this is primarily indicated by the Hindi-Urdu Language Campaign, a national and statewide fund-raising drive to establish a Hindi-Urdu class on campus.

Hindi and Urdu are the two most widely spoken languages in South Asia, and they are the

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