

# Smith Lobbies Congress To Ban College Betting

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WASHINGTON - Dean Smith, college basketball's career victory leader, sought another win Tuesday by endorsing an effort in Congress to outlaw gambling on collegiate sports.

"We're talking about something that can taint young people," said Smith, who retired in 1997 after 36 seasons and 879 victory at UNC.

He said he is not troubled by the fact that the legislation would affect only Nevada, the one state where betting on college sports is legal.

"It can't hurt anybody in Vegas," he said. Casinos "can still take (bets on) the pro games. It isn't like they aren't making enough money."

Lawmakers who support the betting ban brought Smith to Capitol Hill in hopes of gaining end-of-session momentum for legislation in both chambers.

The Senate Commerce Committee approved the ban in April, but it has not come up for a vote on the floor. The House Judiciary Committee will consider the legislation Wednesday.

Referring to the millions of dollars given by the gambling industry to both parties, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said the bill is threatened only because of "the influence of big money in American politics."

Still, Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan., said he has been assured by Majority Leader Trent Lott of Mississippi that the bill's supporters will get a chance this

year to muster 60 votes to break a certain filibuster by Nevada's senators.

Sen. Richard Bryan, D-Nev., warned gambling advocates in his state that the ban would likely pass by a veto-proof majority if it gets to a vote on the floor.

A sponsor of the bill in the House, Rep. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said he is certain at least 300 of the 435 representatives would support it.

Smith is one of several high-profile college coaches enlisted by the National Collegiate Athletic Association, a major force behind the bill.

Kentucky basketball coach Tubby Smith and South Carolina football coach Lou Holtz testified during a House Judiciary Committee hearing in June that players are under pressure to lose games or shave points from a victory margin.

Defenders of Nevada's sports-betting industry say 99 percent of gambling on college sports occurs illegally on college campuses rather than legally in Nevada casinos. The legislation, they say, would harm Nevada without making a dent in a national problem.

Frank Fahrenkopf Jr., who lobbies on behalf of casinos as president of the American Gaming Association, said Congress "should reject this 'feel-good' legislation that would shut down a legitimate, legal business in one state."

The Nevada gambling industry took in \$2.3 billion in sports wagers in fiscal 1999, with 30 percent to 40 percent bet on college sports.

# Vending Machines Come Under Fire

Despite recent complaints, a town staff report states vending machines should not face new classification.

By KATHRYN MCLAMB  
Assistant City Editor

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen heard a report at its Tuesday meeting regarding the effect of vending machines on the town's appearance.

The report stemmed from a November suggestion that machines be classified as signs because of the size and lighting on their fronts, which would place them under sign ordinance regulations.

Board member Allen Spalt said he brought the suggestion to the board last winter after hearing concerns from the community.

"Several residents brought it to my attention that there seems to be more vending machines that seem like signs with full fronts lit up 24 hours a day," he said.

Patricia McGuire presented the town staff's report after examining the locations and types of machines in the area.

"Our suggestion is to not create a classification of signage that they would fall under, but to let them remain classified as they are," McGuire said.

Spalt said his main concern is multiple vending machines in a single loca-



Alderman Allen Spalt says vending machines should be subject to the same scrutiny as signs.

tion.

"The trend in vending machines, which is very deliberate on the part of the companies, is putting two to three of them together, having the front of the machines be a three-part advertisement," Spalt said. "There's one huge picture, and each machine holds a third of it."

Spalt said this kind of advertising clearly qualified as signs and should be regulated as such.

"We don't allow billboards or unlimited amounts of lighted signs," he said. "Why should this be OK?"

But Alderman Diana McDuffee said she agrees with the town staff's suggestion. "I don't find (the machines) to be annoying or offensive if you can view them from across a parking lot," she said.

"I think we make it hard in a lot of ways to conduct business here, and I don't want to add any more difficulties

to doing business in town."

But Spalt said his suggestion was not meant to completely remove area vending machines.

"I don't want to get rid of them, I just want to make them less obtrusive," he said. "There's a difference between one vending machine and five."

Spalt said the vending machine issue is not a top priority for the town because other issues like affordable housing require more immediate attention. But he said the issue is something the town should address.

"This isn't issue number one," he said. "But it is a part of what the community appears like."

The board decided not to take action on the report but instead referred it to the town's appearance commission for comments and suggestions.

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# Tropical Storm Florence Poses Little Threat

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MIAMI - Tropical Storm Florence could become a hurricane by Wednesday, but it probably won't be much of a threat to the United States except for heavy surf, forecasters said.

The storm has barely moved since it formed Monday southeast of North Carolina.

The storm's movement was being blocked by high pressure overhead, and in a few days a low pressure trough was expected to push Florence eastward out to open sea, National Hurricane Center specialist Richard Pasch said.

"We're not forecasting it to be a threat to the United States," he said. "I think the people along the coast just need to keep an eye on it."

Florence, the sixth named storm of the 2000 Atlantic hurricane season, had maximum sustained winds near 70 mph at 11 a.m. EDT. A tropical storm becomes a hurricane when winds reach 74 mph.

"It's very close," Pasch said.

Boaters should keep an eye on the system, which was expected to produce heavy surf and rip currents along the

southeastern U.S. coast and Bermuda, forecasters said.

At 11 a.m. EDT, the sixth named storm of the 2000 Atlantic hurricane season was centered about 365 miles south-southeast of Cape Hatteras, N.C., and 515 miles west-southwest of Bermuda.

Pasch said that while the storm was nearly stationary, it could drift slightly to the west over the next 24 hours.

## Campus Calendar

Today

4 p.m. - An information session for **Conversation Partners** will be held in the Union's second-floor conference room.

All U.S. students or staff interested in learning more about this program for international students should attend.

5:30 p.m. - The **Youth Elderly Service** of the Campus Y will hold an interest meeting in the Campus Y basement.

6 p.m. - The first interest meeting of **Hunger and Hopelessness Outreach Project** of the Campus Y will take place in the Campus Y lobby.

6:30 p.m. - The **United Nations Organization** will hold a general membership meeting in Union 205.

For more information, e-mail Carrie at carrie@unc.edu.

6:30 p.m. - Want to impact the community? Address social needs? Check out the **APPLES Service Learning**

Program in Union 226.

Learn about organizational positions in APPLES as well as our service-learning classes, school-year internships, summer internships, alternative spring break, and social entrepreneurship grants.

7 p.m. - A **treasurers' orientation** will be held for student organizations in 247 Phillips Hall.

For more information, call Student Body Treasurer Patrick Frye at 962-4964.

7:30 p.m. - **Habitat for Humanity** will hold its first meeting in the Great Hall.

Come to learn about building homes for families, tutoring Habitat kids and more.

7:30 p.m. - Members of **Queer Network for Change** will discuss "Queer Representations in the Media" in Union 213.

All are invited to attend.

7:30 p.m. - **HYPE, Helping Youth by Providing Enrichment**, will hold

an interest meeting in 101 Greenlaw Hall.

Thursday

4 p.m. - **Advocates for Children and Teens** will hold a general interest meeting in Union 220.

If you are interested in raising awareness about children's issues such as child abuse, education, and gun violence, or you want to volunteer with kids, come check out ACT!

5 p.m. - Student activists are encouraged to join the UNC chapter of the **National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)** at a general body meeting in Union 213.

All those interested are welcome to attend.

Refreshments will be served.

6 p.m. - Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority, Inc. is sponsoring a **résumé workshop** in 203 Alumni Hall to promote one of its five tenets, **leadership**. Prepare for the Minority Career Fair by

getting expert advice on your résumé from **Vicki Lotz of University Career Services**.

7 p.m. - The **Management and Society Student Association** will be holding a general interest meeting for all of those interested in the management and society major in Union 211.

7 p.m. - Come find out what missions are all about at **InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, North Chapter** in Union 224.

Everyone is welcome.

7:30 p.m. - An interest meeting will be held for students interested in **Paganism and other Earth-based Religions** in 108 Bingham Hall.

Some officer positions are open.

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## Joe Ashby Porter

Professor of English at Duke University

will read from his new novel

## RESIDENT ALIENS

September 14th at 2 pm

It had rained, and down there dark and bright puddles gleamed in the clay. The tiny creatures hopped them as they ran weaving and circling up the roadbed apparently in some sort of game for a few minutes until they slowed to a more adult walk. As they came they gesticulated, pointed at a lone oak, the sky, something on the horizon. They stopped to talk, continued, stopped and bent over something in the margin, left it and continued their approach to the house. "Here they are," said Claude. Gaétan came to the window, the magazine under his arm, and set his vermouth on the sill. "The blonde one's Irène," he said.



—From Resident Aliens



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September 20th, 1-5 pm, Dean Smith Center

# MINORITY CAREER NIGHT

September 20th, 6-9 pm, Great Hall, Student Union

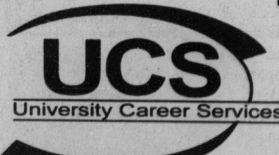
# CAROLINA CAREER FAIR

September 21st, 9 am-3:30 pm, Dean Smith Center



Professional attire recommended for seniors and graduate students.  
(Business Casual Dress for Underclass Students)

Take the Reverse "U" bus to the Dean Smith Center.



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