Tobacco-free policy sparks controversy

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The six-year controversy surrounding South Dakota State becoming a tobacco-free campus isn’t over. After nearly half a decade of opposition, Students’ Association passed a resolution supporting a smoke-free campus spring semester. However, SA later struck down a tobacco ban.

Despite SA’s vote, SDSU administration plowed ahead in its effort to establish SDSU as a tobacco-free campus.

“As students, we don’t really have a voice at all,” said Irakoze Naftari, an at-large SA senator who voted against both resolutions. “I feel like whatever we talked about that night was just a waste of time. There’s no point in discussing anything if they were going to make that decision over SA. The question is, why discuss it in the first place if we don’t have a voice?”

Students can give their opinion about the new policy during a 30-day public comment period by emailing Karyn Weber, chief of staff for the Office of the President. After the comment period, there will be another review before the policy is finalized.

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License plate scanning system increases efficiency in delivering parking citations

PARKING services administrator Jason Sorensen demonstrates the new parking enforcement system Aug. 24. The new system is meant to improve department efficiency.

"We’re just trying to bring it back to its roots. It’s making the body of the treatment the same, everybody has citations and hopefully it will lead to making sure there aren’t as many citations going to the parking lots to park," Sorensen said.

For her fellow students who still choose to risk parking in the wrong place, Halverson had one warning.

"Watch out, if you park in the parking lots, you’re probably going to get a ticket."
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Dunn addressed student concerns about tobacco use in the new building. "We have a lot of new students who have never lived in a dorm before," Dunn said. "We wanted to have a tobacco-free environment in the new building so that these students could get used to living in a tobacco-free environment before moving into the dorms in the fall." Dunn said the new building would be tobacco-free for the first time in the university’s history.

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Dunn highlighted his pride in the South Dakota Board of Regents’ decision to create a tobacco-free campus. "This is what defines us as a community," Dunn said. "This is what defines us as a person. If we are going to be an affiliate of South Dakota State University, we need to be a tobacco-free campus."

Weber said in an article published in the Argus Leader, "The real asset that we are going to gain is that it’s going to be a healthier environment for the students, staff and faculty."

"It’s not just black-and-white, pro-and-con," Weber said. "It came to the campus tobacco was allowed and it was hidden and lumped in as a 1 percent in the overall agreement as a little bit unfortunate," Speirs said. "I think they’re more into just the public image... they don’t care about that and their decisions, whatever they come to, should hold water.”

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The DUNE project is estimated to create an economical output of $525 million in South Dakota, according to the Sanford Underground Research Facility. Construction began July 21 and is expected to continue next seven to eight years. Gent said the time is due to the complexity of the particle detector being built.

There are different arrays of wires, immersed in liquid argon, that are arranged in a way that can detect neutrinos. Liquid argon is used to separate the neutrinos would interact with the liquid argon and be detected by the detector. As that liquid argon sits in there, it can collect impurities and can collect those that are used to allow us to follow those impurities.”

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Aaron Proost, an SDSU mechanical engineering graduate student, assisted the duo in constructing the detector. "We’re trying to follow along with what’s available to us, to allow those improvements,” Dunn said.

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Underground Neutrino Experiment being constructed for the Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment (DUNE) in Lead, South Dakota, according to South Dakota State, will be the closest to campus will become a hot spot for smokers. This may lead to more cigarette butts scattered in these areas.

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The second reason heard most from administration officials in de- fense of the tobacco ban was to align ourselves with other public universities in the state. Currently, South Dakota State is the only public uni- versity without a tobacco or smoking ban implemented.

As we said in the last editorial on this topic, the university is doing this for a gold star on its report card, which plain and simple is not a val- id reason to impose the legal actions of individuals.

Another argument in defense of a tobacco ban from the administration was challenging students to adjust to new campus environments.

First of all, smoking is permitted in most of the on-campus buildings. Second, campus is not just a work environment; it is also a home. Third, im- posing a policy not only is supported by the student body for the sake of our health, as if we are chil- dren, and this decision was made for our own good, then the argument of protecting the health of the students is invalid.

Finally, the smallest portion of any type of tobacco ban is enforce- able and followed. Currently, individuals are ex- pected to stop 25 feet away from building entrances. Do they? Offentimes, no. But does anyone enforce this? Absolutely not.

And the policy was “enforced” for this tobacco ban? Nothing is stopping the smoking of tobacco or E-cigarettes classes; encouraging a policy of not passing a policy of smoking within the window.

If you are a professor who likes to smoke between teaching classes, you’re forced to walk off campus. If you are an international stu- dent whose culture involves smoking in social settings, your uni- versity administration says you’d better brave our harsh South Dakota winter and walk off campus to smoke; last but not least, you have to exhaust yourself about the negative health effects of your culture.

Apart from all these issues with the tobacco ban itself, it’s extraa- inordinarily uncomfortable that the university is offering 10 days of public comment via email.

There will be no open town hall sessions. There will be no briefings with university officials.

So, perhaps the argument could be made that more students have voiced their concerns at Stu- dents Association, but why isn’t the university is doing more to voice your concerns.

Last, but not least, the university has broken their promise to make this selective ban an inclusive one.

Where does the overreach stop?

The administration’s primary argument for implementing a tobacco ban was for greater health and wellness of our campus community.

What’s our campus community? Is it not the university’s place to tell us what we can and cannot do when it comes to our legal rights to choose whether or not to use tobacco products.

The shell-shock is building to a point where the steps to build a tobacco-free campus is overstepping its boundaries.
Parents had more children when whether or not they have siblings.

Change your behavior according to these rules.

You should try this!

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Laurea, a tech specialist, said the Rave Guardian app is the “Call SDSU Police Department” and “Call 9-1-1” buttons. These buttons dial the emergency responder by tapping the icon then confirming once. The call will immediately connect the user with the responder.

Tryptag is working to spread awareness of the app across campus by holding training sessions and promoting its use among students in residence halls.

The app has been available for about two-and-a-half years and currently has 500,000 users, which includes students, faculty and staff. Adelaine encouraged students to download the app and then we can only react after the fact,” Adelaine said.

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How to flip the page at the end of a good chapter in life

August 30, 2017

I'd been doing a specific name to pop up on my viewed list. I'd been doing so, occasionally checking to see who’d viewed mine. I didn’t really care about who I was, but it was, waiting for a specific name to show up on my viewed list. I’d been doing this for three hours.

You see, I’d lived my adolescence before I got to New York. I’d met and had a fling with someone who felt different to me from anyone I’d ever known. Everything had been perfect until it ended a little too early for me. I was unable to accept that I was now, for all intents, in a new chapter of my life.

For some of us, high school and the friends we made are as good as it’s ever going to get. For others, it’s the dream internship they had to ditch in order to roll back into college. Sometimes it’s a summer fling where we just can’t let go. The truth is, we all have moments in life, regardless of our unique time lines, that seem too amazing to ever be topped. Because of this, we try our hardest to cling to things that have already left us.

At the risk of sounding corny, I have to say that everything has its moment in the sun and the longer we keep gazing, the less bright it shines. It’s important to realize that it’s okay to let go. Besides, the longer you wait, the harder it gets to do it. Rip it like a Band-Aid and start the process of reaching for what you want.

It may seem risky now, but it’s worth it. How are you ever going to know if you don’t try? Besides, the longer you wait, the harder it gets to do it. Rip it like a Band-Aid and start the next phase without hesitation.

Step 1:

Turn the page. Take the next step in your life. Yes, you, do it! It may seem risky now, but it’s worth it. How are you ever going to know if you don’t try? Besides, the longer you wait, the harder it gets to do it. Rip it like a Band-Aid and start the next phase without hesitation.

Here are a few tips to embrace the start of something new.

Step 2:

It isn’t always “goodbye,” and when it is, it isn’t always bad.

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For those of us leaving high school, an amazing internship or a job, we get tempted to think we’re saying “goodbye,” when we are simply saying “see you later.” I am also a believer in the truth that right people at the right time will meet each other, and hopefully, that time will work. Unfortunately, this isn’t true for all of us. In my case, it was saying “goodbye” to what I thought I needed. At the time, it felt like I would regret not holding on to fighting for what I wanted, but looking back I see that saying “goodbye” was the best decision I could have made.

Step 3:

Embrace it. It’s going to happen regardless, right? So, why not make the most of it? Look around campus for things that remind you of high school to give you comfort, work that much harder at the major that’s going to land you a more permanent position at your dream job and open your heart to more exciting possibilities.

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The South Dakota State football team will kick off a season full of high expectations Thursday.

They are ranked No. 4 in the STATS FCS Top 25 poll and are predicted to get second in the Missouri Valley Football Conference.

The Jacks will host the Duquesne Dukes at 7 p.m. Aug. 31. The Dukes were Co-Champions of the Northeastern Conference last season.

SDSU will return nine of 11 offensive starters. Highlighting the offensive returners are junior quarterback Taryn Christion, senior wide receiver Jake Wieneke and senior tight end Dallas Goedert.

“Our offense is used to (pressure) and our defense is too and we got a pretty experienced team and we are using to see that to our advantage,” Christion said.

Christion won Missouri Valley Football Conference Offensive Player of the Year in 2016 after tying the single-season passing touchdown record with 30. Part of the reason he was able to win that award was because Wieneke and Goedert, both NFL Draft prospects, were Christion’s main targets.

"Success to them [Wieneke and Goedert] is through the team — but obviously the better they perform, the better their chances are at getting to the NFL," Head Coach John Stiegelmeier said.

Stiegelmeier said one player who has impressed him in fall camp is Skylar Cavanaugh, a freshman tight end from Vail, Arizona. He also said they were planning on redshirting him, but have decided to pull it.

Junior Tyler Weir will be the new starter at right tackle for the Jacks, filling the shoes of Nick Carr. Also on the offensive line, sophomore Wes Genant will take over the right guard position for Matt Clark. Clark, who started all 13 games last season, has been suspended for six games due to a failed NCAA drug test.

Defensively, the Jackrabbits return six starters. Sophomore linebacker Christian Rozeboom and senior defensive tackle Kellen Soulek both have taken on bigger leadership roles this season.

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The recruiting process for Cal was pretty intense," Callender said. "They [SDSU] were going all over the country and players and coaches and asking for their best players." Back in November, Buechel started the season.

"That was the perfect choice," Jackson said. "Now kids can get a feel for our coaches and asking for their best players."

Once we find them, we heavily-recruited football players. With all that success, the Jacks are heavy in the recruiting process for Cal. A lot of the Division I-A Football schools pride themselves on their state-of-the-art facilities, chances of athletes to post on social media to accompany their brand-

"We want them to feel like this is our second home," Stiegelmeier said.

Andrew Holohan, Sports Editor

South Dakota State’s soccer team is ready to begin a winning streak after a 3-3-0 season in 2016. They have hosted the Iowa State Cyclones in the past for a game and was able to get a penalty kick.

"I think, for Sunday, was a little bit better for us because of competition, investment, and what talk is about," Callender said. "Here at SDSU, our defensive end from Yuma, Arizona, Dakota Sept. 17 before starting Summit League. Callender said.

"Once I came here, I controlled all my other fields. This was my only FCS school that I visited and I loved every second of it and knew I wanted to play here," he said. A lot of the Division I-A Football schools pride themselves on their state-of-the-art facilities, chances of athletes to post on social media to accompany their brand-

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