

From Nicotine to Nutty Bars

The 10 cigarette machines at Georgia State have disappeared. Faculty and students voted in December to ban tobacco sales on the Atlanta campus. "We know this won't stop people from smoking," says student president Wendy Ward. "But the university didn't want to make money off people's bad health." Instead of nicotine—which netted the school some \$7,200 annually—GSU sells Nutty Bars, a chocolate and peanut-butter confection with GSU's logo on the wrapper.

GSU's nicotine fiends may have lost the fight, but will they switch? Journalism major Debra Warlick, for one, hasn't kicked the habit; she now buys her weed off campus. "Removing the machines just lost the school money," she says. "It didn't reduce smoking." Non-smoker Laura Miller also criticizes the ban: "They're trying to legislate a moral issue. It's ridiculous." GSU is not the only school to try to stub out cigarettes: Ohio State is considering banning smoking on virtually all university property, despite the \$22,000 that cigarette sales in the student unions bring in yearly.

Back at GSU, smokers can still light up in cafeterias and common rooms. Some students want tougher tobacco laws, but few expect the faculty's original proposal—to ban

all smoking—to pass. "You wouldn't want to send someone off campus to smoke, especially at night," says Ward. "That could be more dangerous to their health than smoking."

Good Vibes for Idaho

The University of Idaho is "soul country," according to blues singer Joe Williams. That doesn't mean more black students are moving to the college town of Moscow; black enrollment remains at less than 1 percent. Williams is talking about the name just attached to the university's music school: the Lionel Hampton School of Music.

The name change honors the veteran vibraphonist who has done much to publicize Idaho's annual jazz festival, which was itself named for Hampton three years ago. This year's edition drew 13,000 fans over three nights—"the largest gathering ever to hear a jazz concert in the Northwest," according to director Lynn Skinner. The musical highlight was a jam featuring Hampton, Williams, trumpet Clark Terry and saxophonist Stanley Turrentine, among

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others. The sentimental high point was surely the presentation of a 57-pound Idaho silver plaque to Hampton, who will lecture regularly at the school. "It's like going to heaven," Hampton said. "'Lionel Hampton School of Music.' Doesn't that sound great?"



Fierce feline: 'Bama kitty'

A Catfight Over Strays

They creep out from under the University of Alabama's buildings, spreading terror in the dead of night. Well, maybe not terror—but fleas, certainly, and possibly disease. We're talking about stray cats, up to 500 of

them, that live on the school's Tuscaloosa campus. Getting rid of these feral felines—most of them pets that were abandoned by students—is proving to be a hairy problem. "We've been accused of being like the Nazis," says Alabama health and safety officer Lee Jeter. His department's plan to trap the cats and turn them over to the Humane Society has the fur flying between cat lovers and cat haters.

Students aren't exactly tripping over strays yet, but the creatures do jangle nerves with their shenanigans—which of course include late-night catfights. "They jump out at you when you throw something in the trash Dumpster," complains junior Richey Harris, 22. And despite efforts to seal off the buildings, Jeter says the cats and their fleas find a way inside. Worse, the animals threaten to turn some buildings into real catacombs. "I think some of the people who get in our way should go over and take the dead cats out from buildings," says Jeter, whose department performs about three such removals a week.

Animal lovers claim the health risks are exaggerated. "I object to man deciding he's going to exterminate all the species that get in his way," says Alabama graduate student Gina Tinney, who wrote to university president Joab Thomas proposing that the strays be neutered rather than killed. For now the cat pack seems to have the upper paw: Thomas has put the cat-napping plan on hold.

'Doesn't that sound great?' Lionel Hampton plays with his band in the festival that bears his name, deep in the spud belt

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