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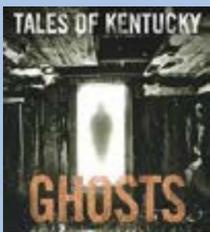


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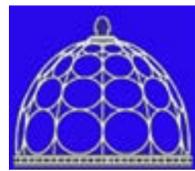
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up in Smoke

Examining the future of campus smoking policies

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As the hose is passed around, the hookah gurgles and smoke billows out of their mouths, the guys at a hookah session relax and talk. In the group Kelvin Jackson, a senior at Lindsey Wilson College (LWC), smokes with, they talk about things that matter.

On the other hand, Earl G. Young, a sophomore at LWC, cannot stand the smell of smoke and always tries to avoid it. Unlike Jackson, Young does not like his friends to smoke around him.

Both Jackson and Young represent two sides of an issue that not only is visible on the national stage, but at LWC as well. With more cities, counties and colleges instituting smoking and tobacco regulations or bans, the future of smoking on the campus of LWC is becoming less clear.

Nationwide there are over 1,170 campuses, at least 12 of which are in Kentucky, that have banned smoking. Kentucky, seen as a national leader in workplace smoking safety, contains around twenty-six cities, ten counties and two city-county combinations that have some form of smoking law or regulation.

If smoking were banned on the LWC campus, it could affect many people.

"That would be a dramatic change," Jackson said.

Jackson estimated that smokers comprise 65 or 70 percent of the campus community.



Photo by Jeremy Meadows

Despite the fact that there has been a lot of regulation nationwide and statewide, it seems unlikely that LWC will ban smoking anytime soon.

Donna Price, the payroll clerk/human resources assistant at LWC, said the employee handbook, which is outdated and says smoking in dorms is permissible, is being revised. Some sections regarding smoking will be included in the revision.

Price did not know what exactly the revisions will be, but she did say that "there has been some talk of posting 'No Smoking' signs in specific areas."

Bans do not seem to be in the plans for the revisions to the employee handbook. The scheduled date for the update is January 2014.

Dean Adams, vice president for student services and enrollment management, believes that smoking is "becoming pretty much a thing of the past." He recognizes that many people still smoke, but said that "you don't see as many people smoking as you used to see."

But because smoking has not caused any

problems on campus, Adams does not see any changes coming to the LWC rules.

Jackson believes and hopes campus rules and regulations will stay the same. He claimed that it is the law, which the college has to abide by.

One LWC student who smokes and wished to remain anonymous, finds the campus regulations to be "fine" and does not know of anyone who has problems with them. He thinks the regulations will stay the same.

"They [LWC] haven't [banned smoking and tobacco] before, so I don't see why they would now," he said. "I don't really see it as a problem."

This student feels that smoking is a personal decision and should not be further regulated on campus "unless it starts interfering with other people."

Young, who is a nonsmoker, believes the campus should have one or two designated

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Service

Remembering the tours of duty

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On the 11 hour of the 11 day of the 11 month in 1918, a temporary cessation of hostilities, (an armistice) was declared between Germany and the Allied nations after the First World War.

Later on, in the year 1938, after World War II and the Korean War, November 11 would become a federal holiday dedicated to American veterans from all wars.

Veterans Day is now recognized across the United States. On this day, most businesses and institutions, like Lindsey Wilson College (LWC), honor veterans by giving a them free meal or deals of some sort.

Lindsey Wilson College held its eleventh annual Veterans Appreciation Luncheon, which is open to Veterans from the surrounding Adair County and the students and faculty who have served.

"To me, [Veterans Day] is a

matter of acknowledging people who stepped up and did something they were required to do as part of citizenship," Dr. Dan Koger, a professor of communications at LWC, said.

Koger enlisted in the Navy in 1966 after graduating from college during the Vietnam War. His job during his time in the Navy was as an observer and he was assigned to a communication detachment in the Philippines.

Being enlisted in any branch of the military can be challenging. Often the enlisted spend long periods of time separated from family and friends. These times can be considered tours of duty, which is a period of service on military or diplomatic duty.

For some of the students at LWC, the opportunity to go home and see their family is available by car or plane and its not always a long journey. For those on a tour of duty, the amount of time they spend away from their family can

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