

# OPINION

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## Tailgate rules may cause students to hightail it

The release of the university's new tailgating policies is just another example of the university's attempt to over-regulate student social activities. Such stringent new policies are analogous to the campus party regulations that were effected last fall — regulations which have squelched an excitement for on-campus entertainment.

What the school may not realize when it outlaws gas powered generators and oversized vehicles, invites the Alcohol Law Enforcement and forces attendants into the game 20 minutes before kickoff is that this time students are not the only ones affected.

Unlike a fraternity party, a football game is an event attended by alumni, local residents and parents. When these fans attend a football game they are drawn just as much by the tailgates as by the game.

As a southern school, the university should recognize the inherent relationship between football and tailgating. For many, tailgating is a tradition centered around good food, friends and an occasional drink. It is not the drunken tirade that the university seems to believe that it is.

The mere introduction of rules at a tailgate is an oxymoron. Attending a football game and gathering in the parking lot beforehand is a leisure activity. Establishing rules to guide this wholesome activity undermines the ability of students and other fans to conduct themselves responsibly.

In the past with the use of gas powered generators tailgaters could play music in the parking lot without running down the batteries on their cars.

How many enjoyable parties are devoid of music?

Although not many students will be driving recreational vehicles to the tailgate, alumni and fans that drive from other cities to see the game will be influenced by this policy.

In the Atlantic Coast Conference, many schools brings scores of fans with them on road trips, who travel on buses and Winnebagos to come watch the game.

Are the powers-that-be going to turn away a bus load of fans who drove all the way from Tallahassee to see a football game because they're in a bus, and tell them that they have to park on Baity Street like everyone else?

No one is negatively affected by the presence of an oversized vehicle parked at the tailgate.

Perhaps the worst stipulation of the new policy is the fact that fans will have to be physically herded into the game 20 minutes prior to kickoff. Such a rule virtually slices the amount of time that tailgaters are accustomed to spending in the parking lot.

The very principle of making fans leave a tailgate before they are ready violates the laid-back atmosphere of a college football game.

How can the university require that a multi-million dollar donating alumnus be forced to leave the parking lot and have a police officer usher him into the game?

The university's football games need as much spirit and fan support as they can get.

Imposing regulations on the one event that might bring more fans is not helping to accumulate spectators.

If the football team continues to perform as it did Sept. 5, the university will need to do whatever it can to attract fans.

## University will long remember professor

The death of Philippe Falkenberg, a professor emeritus of psychology, marks a great loss for the university.

Falkenberg passed away over the summer after battling cancer.

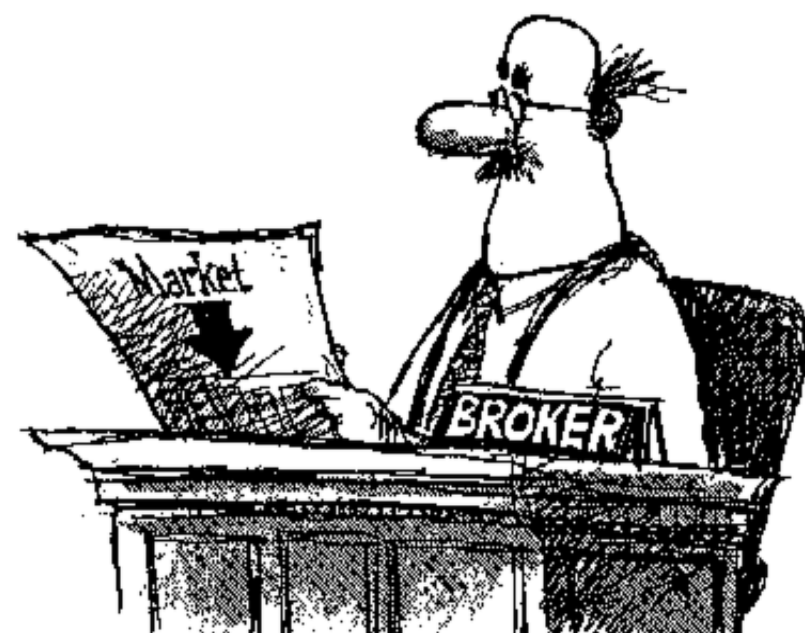
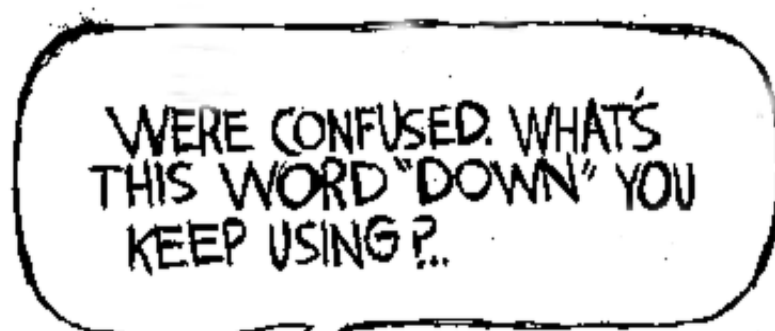
As the founder of the Learn-to-Learn study course and a teacher at the university for over three decades, Falkenberg was a friend and mentor to many students and colleagues.

Falkenberg taught courses such as Animal Behavior, Introductory Psychology, Physiological Psychology and Sensation and Perception and he also conducted research in memory, perception and human factors.

Falkenberg's position as the creator of the Learn-to-Learn course made him an advisor to local and state education systems.

Students' and faculty members' admiration for Falkenberg were reflected in a scrapbook of letters that they presented to him in the spring of 1998. The scrapbook was a student initiative to collect the many thoughts those at the university have had for Falkenberg.

Although the university officially remembered Falkenberg in a memorial service September 5, students and colleagues will continue to experience the impact that the friend and professor made on their lives.



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### White males are the target of discrimination

Last week, retired Supreme Court Justice Lewis Powell died of pneumonia at the age of 90. I will always remember Justice Powell as the swing vote on the court responsible for one of the greatest injustices in the history of this country.

Since the civil rights laws were passed in 1964 establishing the right of all people to equal justice under the law, there have been those who attempted to use these laws as a cover for inflicting racism and discrimination against white males.

Quietly, programs and policies began to sprout up all over the country giving preferences to women and minorities.

Even though such policies flew in the face of the civil rights laws, they were allowed to continue.

What Powell and the Supreme Court did in 1978 (through the Bakke

decision) was to give legal sanction to these racist policies.

The Supreme Court basically established two classes of individuals in this country, women and minorities who are accorded unconditional protection from discrimination in all facets of society, and white males who are denied such rights.

Today, discrimination against white males is rampant throughout our society.

From school admissions, to scholarship awards, to business recruiting policies to job promotions, white males are routinely discriminated against. We have grown so accustomed to this that it is hard to imagine our country without affirmative action.

In interviews taken since the 1978 rulings, justice Powell expressed surprise that these affirmative action decisions caused so little uproar among American white males.

I suppose he felt we accepted them because we knew we were guilty and deserving of punishment. It is time that

this complacency ended. Americans of all classes who believe in true justice should stand up and demand that discrimination be ended once and for all.

Through the political process, through political protest, and through organizations such as the American Civil Rights Coalition based in Sacramento, we must stand up together and demand an end to this filthy legacy of "Justice" Lewis Powell.

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## Men have a role in preventing rape

College males should accept responsibility in stopping the occurrence of rape.

The male biological imperative says do it with as many women as you can and utilize whatever works.

The subject on everyone's mind this week is rape. And well it should be. It should be the main focus of discussion at every fraternity, dorm and club on campus where men gather.

Women are the victims, but rape is a man's issue. It is our disorder; we are the ones responsible for it. A lot of

conscious about it while we try to pretend that we are in total control.

The problem with discussions of this kind is that most men don't want to hear about it from women. They hear the same old terms such as "objectification of women" being banded by people they dismiss as "feminists," and their eyes glaze over.

They especially don't want to listen to this stuff from a really "sensitive" guy who is very much in touch with his feminine side.

And who can blame them? There is nothing quite so frustrating as being lectured by a man who gives you the impression that he is entirely ashamed of being a man and would switch sides if he could.

I don't come off as overtly "sensitive"—in fact, I am pretty much an ape and I've beaten my chest with the best.

As a former "Beer Bong King from Hell," (at an ISU frat that I won't name) maybe some of you guys will listen to me when I tell you to reign it in.

A lot of men treat meeting women like hunting. They scout out good locations to meet women who will make likely targets. Then they send their wing man in to distract the friend while they ply their mark with sweet talk while lowering her defenses with liquid panty remover so they can win one for the team.

When they do, they get bragging rights. They tell all their friends about what they did, how they did it and what color the Catholic school jumper was that they had the woman wear.

We have all listened to the stories, and we know who the "legendary" ones are.

Living with testosterone poisoning is bad enough, but any time you get a large group of men together, the peer pressure combines with it to create a synergistic effect that is ten times worse than either one on its own.

And the message you send to every guy listening to you with admiration is that there is nothing more important than making the best possible showing in the great evolutionary rat race and that means getting laid.

The male biological imperative says do it with as many women as you can and utilize whatever works.

I am not one to discount nature. You cannot control your nature unless you understand it. But the bubonic plague is natural, too, and no one is arguing that we should ignore that while blaming the victims for being in the wrong place at the wrong time.

So I am telling you young guys out there to do yourselves a favor, do the women on campus a favor. Understand your nature and curb your natural instincts.

Exercise some control. Because the next woman you try to get over on is someone's daughter or sister. She may even have friends who are apes like me.

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