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## States cling to tobacco stocks

(AP) — States are suing cigarette companies and passing laws to stamp out butts, but when it comes to making money, many consider tobacco a dependable friend.

State pension systems keep billions of dollars in tobacco stocks, and overseers are reluctant to dump what has been a cash cow.

"So long as tobacco companies make money, we'll make money off them," said Dee Williams, public pension system director in Utah, which has one of the nation's lowest smoking rates.

At the same time, other states are swearing off tobacco stocks. Maryland's retirement agency last year di-

vested after joining 21 other states in a suit against major tobacco companies to recoup health-care costs associated with smoking. New Hampshire, too, has sold its tobacco holdings, after being branded as a bad investment.

South Carolina lies deep in tobacco country, but its longstanding policy bans pension investments in any stocks. A pending constitutional amendment could lift that prohibition, however.

West Virginia is also barred from dabbling in stocks, and Indiana has not bought any since it got the go-ahead to invest pension funds last year.

But other states, including many that are suing tobacco companies, remain heavily invested in companies that make cigarettes.

The investment board in Minnesota, another litigant, has \$281 million tied up in tobacco-related stocks, despite challenges by Gov. Arne Carlson to justify it.

"You have to do it," said David Bronner, director of the pension system in Alabama, which has almost \$100 million in tobacco stocks. "It's the same thing as making investments in the gambling industry."

James Tierney, a former Maine attorney general who is coordinating the 22 states' cases, says the tobacco investments themselves are a gamble.

"If we win one suit," Tierney said, "the whole industry will become a very bad investment."

whether there's going to be a congressional settlement case, Tierney said.

Health groups say the states' stake than money. "The governor and I feign this self-righteousness over smoking, then the state tobacco companies mill around to play with," said Rick Alford, who heads a citizens group in Alaska's Permanent Fund.

Figures from the states' total in tobacco stocks held in systems at \$6 billion to \$7 billion.

Most states say tobacco investments make up 1 percent of their total portfolios. The portfolio of all of the states' systems was about \$1 trillion in the third quarter of 1996, said Paul manager of the Government Officers Association in Wash-

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Dee Williams  
Public pension director, Utah

## Security scanner sees through clothes, fat rolls

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — The next generation of weapons detectors is deadly accurate, able to look through clothes to find guns, explosives and even syringes and drug vials that can be tucked into rolls of fat.

About the size of a voting booth, a machine manufactured by Nicolet Imaging Systems of San Diego goes beyond metal detectors to show any solid object. It is being tested at North Carolina's Central Prison and the federal courthouse in Los Angeles.

"It's a very low-level X-ray," Capt. Marshall Hudson, a correction officer said during a demonstration Monday. "It's going to show everybody has something on them, keys and pens. Things you can't identify are things you want to do a more thorough search on."

Hudson, who looked at the image of a fellow

officer flashed on a video screen, said the \$100,000 machine is capable of showing shin bones near the skin and even a person's private parts on the "unlock mode."

While police groups are intrigued, civil libertarians are concerned because the same technology is being developed by other manufacturers into a hand-held model, which will enable police to detect a weapon hidden under someone's clothing up to 60 feet away.

A version could be ready for testing in 18 months and in use in four years.

"It becomes a question of how intrusive they are," said Mark Kappelhoff, legislative counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union, which questioned law enforcement's need to view the human anatomy.

The National Rifle Association also is concerned that the machines could hinder the some states to carry a concealed firearm.

Officials who represent police officers say, "Anything that enhances public safety, we're for," said Jim Pasco, director of the Fraternal Order of Police's largest police group with 277,000 members.

Gerald Arenberg, spokesman for the National Association of Chiefs of Police, noted that a police officer is killed every 57 hours in the States and that 189 cops are assaulted daily.

"I don't think any police officer in his mind would say that's an invasion of privacy," Arenberg said of the devices. "Those statistics make the 600,000 sworn officers everything they can get."

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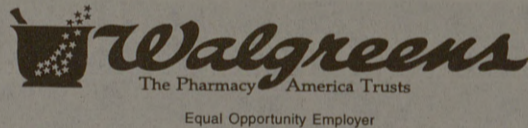
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#### Tuesday

**Men's Lacrosse Club:** Practice will be held from 4-6 p.m. at the Zachry Fields. Everyone is welcome and no experience is necessary. For details, call Todd Hendreks at 764-8561.

**Women's Lacrosse:** There will be practice from 4-6 p.m. at the Zachry fields. Beginners are welcome. For more information, call Monica at 694-6915.

**Aggie Toastmasters:** Our weekly meeting will be held at 8:30 p.m. in the MSC. Check screens for location.

**Roadrunners:** There will be a 3-4 mile run for runners of all levels. Meet at 5:30 p.m. in front of G. Rolie White. For more information, call Dao at 260-2441.

**Catholic Students Association:** A general meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in 504 Rudder. Contact Gus at 694-2174 for details. Daily mass will be

held at 12:05 p.m. at TAMU's All Faiths Chapel.

**Texas A&M Fencing Club:** There will be practice from 7-11 p.m. in 267 Read. For details, call Bobby Thornton at 691-2296.

**TAMU Waterski Team:** There will be a general meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 402 Rudder. For more information, call Mike Coyle at 260-5926.

**IL Circolo Italiano Di Tamu (Italian Club):** "Tavola Italiana" — An informal time to get to know others interested in "things Italian" will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Copasetic Cafe. Everyone welcome! Contact Rachela for details at 847-2457 or e-mail at italia@tamu.edu.

**Agricultural Leadership Society:** Adrian Knight will give a guest lecture and team leader elections will be held at 7 p.m. in 117 Kleberg. For details, contact Stephanie at 260-9072.

**Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Aggies:** ITS Tours will present information about Gay Games 1998 in Amsterdam at 7 p.m. in 144 Koldus. For details, call GayLine at 847-0321.

**Society of Women Engineers:** Officer elections for fall 1997 positions at 7 p.m. in 204 Zachry. For details, call Tiffany Rogers at 694-0170.

**Circle K International:** There will be a general meeting at 7 p.m. in 407 Rudder. Everyone is welcome. For details, call Amy at 847-5783.

**Alpha Phi Omega:** There will be a service meeting at 7 p.m. in 507 Rudder. We will visit the Crestview Retirement Home. Meet in the office at 3:45 p.m.

**NAEP:** Arthur D. Little will discuss consulting for business, environmental health and safety, and technology at 7 p.m. in 504 Rudder. Contact Amy at 847-0460 for details.

**Aggie Alliance:** There will be a general meeting at 7 p.m. in 228

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**Wesley Foundation:** There will be an informal worship service at 7 p.m. in 201 Tauber Street (behind Aggie Credit Union). For more information, call at 846-4701.

**What's Up is a Battalion service lists non-profit student and faculty events and activities. Items submitted no later than three days in advance of the desired run date. Publication deadlines and notices are events and will not be run in What's Up if you have any questions, please call the newsroom at 845-3313.**

## THE BATTALION

Applications for Section Editors for the summer and fall semesters are now available in Room 013 Reed McDonald Building.

Applications are due Friday, April 11, in Room 013 Reed McDonald by 5 p.m.

All majors welcome. Experience not required. For more information, call 845-3313.

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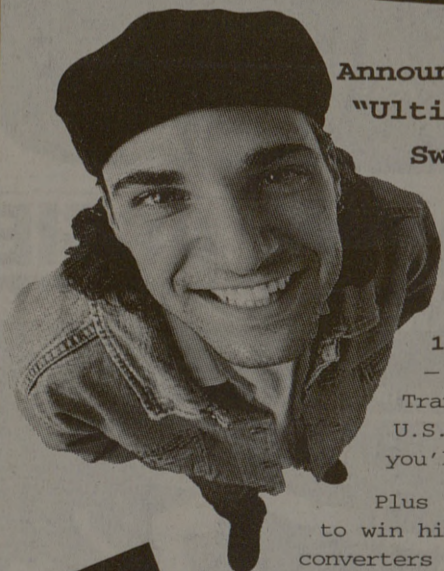
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