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Cartoonists Take Up Smoking
Over sixty cartoons by nationally renowned and Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial cartoonists curated by Dr. Alan Blum, Director The University of Alabama Center for the Study of Tobacco and Society

A collection of editorial cartoons related to smoking curated by Alan Blum, MD, Gerald Leon Wallace Professor of Family Medicine at CCHS and Director of the University of Alabama Center for the Study of Tobacco and Society, was shown as a traveling exhibition from April 9 to May 4, 2004 at the Ann Tower Gallery in Lexington, KY. "Cartoonists Take Up Smoking" ran in conjunction with the annual convention of

the Association of American Editorial Cartoonists. Pulitzer Prize winner Joel Pett, cartoonist for the Lexington Herald-Leader, hosted the convention and his work was shown along with that of over 60 other editorial cartoonists including nine other Pulizer Prize recipients from across the country. The exhibition is scheduled to be shown next at the Cartoon Art Museum in San Francisco.

Dr. Blum has been collecting political cartoons for thirty-five years. He has amassed more than 900 political cartoons on the tobacco issue from around the world along with the original headlines that inspired the artists. This political cartoon collection is housed at the Center for the Study of Tobacco and Society and includes some of the most pungent political cartoons satirizing both the advocates and the opponents of efforts to curtail tobacco use and promotion.



Draper Hill, cartoonist from Grosse Pointe, Michigan, with Dr. Blum (right) at the exhibit.

For more information about the exhibition please contact The Center for the Study of Tobacco and Society at The University of Alabama College of Community Health Sciences, (205)348-2162.