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STUDENT CONDUCT AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

Recommendation
December 13, 1989

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To approve the following statement related to the ban on campus sales of tobacco products:

"While we acknowledge that smoking is a health risk, emphasis should be placed on restricting smoking areas on campus rather than on prohibiting the sale of tobacco products themselves."

Discussion/Rationale: The statement was presented to the committee by the Student Health Advisory Committee. While some members felt that we need to start somewhere to create a "smoke-free" environment, other members raised the following objections to the proposed ban: that it appears to be hypocritical; that MU would lose revenue if tobacco sales were halted; that the ban is futile as long as smoking itself is permitted on the campus; and that there is concern for the rights of the individual. Greg Learning well expressed the committee's attitude: "The action of purchasing tobacco does not harm others; it is the action of use which does so."

SC&W felt that the Physical Facilities Committee should study the feasibility of designating smoking and smoke-free areas on the campus.

FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT:

APPROVED BY SENATE: Kathryn Pleyk DATE: 1/25/90

DISAPPROVED BY SENATE: _____ DATE: _____

UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

APPROVED: [Signature] DATE: 1/31/90

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