ASH asks Wiesner to prohibit smoking

By Jim Moody

An anti-smoking group at MIT has asked President Jerome Wiesner, in a letter dated March 22, "to take action to bring about lawlessness in MIT buildings for those who work - and play - here and who are troubled by smoke."

The Chairman pro tem of the group, Action on Smoking and Health (ASH), is David G. Wilson, Professor of Mechanical Engineering, and the group's letter was signed by approximately 300 students, faculty, office personnel, and 11 M.D.'s, "acting on behalf of what we believe to be the majority of the MIT Community."

The petitioners are requesting action now because of the increased awareness that clean air is not only a necessity, but a right, and this right is violated when an individual's immediate environment is beyond his control. The group asked Wiesner to consider the following proposals:

1. Ban smoking, for both students and faculty, in classrooms and examination rooms. (Gaszking has already been outlawed at the initiative of certain faculty members, such as Professor John Donovon, in his 6.251 class.)

2. Provide restricted areas, preferably near exhaust fans, in faculty meetings and eating areas, where smoking may be allowed. The size of such an area should be in proportion to the number of smokers in the community, which according to Wilson, is much less than the national average. He did not have an explanation for this phenomenon, but said he would like to believe it was due to increased awareness on the part of members in the community.

3. Ban smoking in corridors and lounges.

4. Provide that students have the opportunity to express a wish not to be roomed with smokers in dormitories.

5. Encourage office staff to respect the wishes of their co-workers, by keeping smoking to a minimum when non-smokers are exposed to it.

According to Wilson, most people are usually reluctant to express their views, or ask someone to stop smoking. When they are asked, smokers often respond belligerently, or act as if house rights have been violated. It is the contention of the anti-smoking group that the

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Gould, contacted by The Tech this morning, said he was not interested in discussing the replies he was getting at this early stage, saying that he would prefer to wait until more information was in. In addition to data from within MIT, the schools, Haigh noted that MIT had requested the assistance of the American Association of Medical Colleges, the Association, she mentioned, had already been in contact with several schools and would be polling other schools for similar models of how to respond to the problem.

Haigh explained that the ad hoc committee had met before vacation and had discussed some of the following regulations it might recommend MIT to follow, without really evaluating any of them. The regulations that were to be considered included: to retain pass/fail without any special approval, to provide "meaningful evaluations" of freshman performance more often, to use a different set of freshman evaluation forms; to have the departments retain the final grade in a student's course (the register) that would be possible to change, and to allow students, who so desired, to take a special exam in order to get a grade in a subject they took as a freshman.

McGovern big winner in fourth primary test

By Norman Smelser

Tuesday, South Dakota Senator George McGovern captured the Democratic nomination position in the race for the Democratic presidential nomination, despite a landslide victory in the Wisconsin primary.

Campaigning 30% of the vote, McGovern led the large field of Democrats for a second time, followed by contenders Wallace, Humphrey, Muskie, Jackson, and Lindsay. (See the primaries.)

As a result of his poor showing in Wisconsin, New York Governor John Lindsay announced Wednesday that he would not be a candidate for the nomination.

McGovern, in his first primary since McGovern's 54 of Wisconsin's 67 national delegate votes, the remaining being won by Mississippi Governor George Wallace, who had contested McGovern for the lead spot in the primary.

Humphrey

Humphrey was the loser of sorts, both in losing to McGovern, considering a loss that would be a big winner and was a 21% of the total vote, in a state that would have had only three weeks to campaign. After winning a majority of the election results, Humphrey alleged that the 13 delegates that McGovern was actually a good showing, "considering the circumstances." Humphrey said, "McGovern's bandwagon is carrying many other areas (see The Tech, April 4), and Pennsylvania may be the final group of states that will make Democratic candidate for governor.

Muskie

The primary was eventful not only for McGovern, who had lost his overwhelming victory, but from the effects it had upon Maine Senator Edmund Muskie, who trailed fourth in the balloting, behind Humphrey and Alabama Governor George Wallace, who slid by Humphrey for second place. Humphrey, who had contested McGovern for the lead spot in the primary.

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Muskie has been losing his formerly solid support at a rather brisk rate, with a narrow win in the New Hampshire primary being followed by disappointing returns in Florida (where he was also beaten by both Wiesner, and Wallace, and Michigan), Illinois, and now Wisconsin. Muskie's supporters met in Chicago on Thursday to plan further forMuskie's future, but were followed by disappointing returns in Florida (where he was also beaten by both Wiesner, and Wallace, and Michigan), Illinois, and now Wisconsin. Muskie's supporters met in Chicago on Thursday to plan further forMuskie's future, but were followed by disappointing returns in Florida (where he was also beaten by both Wiesner, and Wallace, and Michigan), Illinois, and now Wisconsin. Muskie's supporters met in Chicago on Thursday to plan further forMuskie's future, but were followed by disappointing returns in Florida (where he was also beaten by both Wiesner, and Wallace, and Michigan), Illinois, and now Wisconsin. 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