Students Support Policy

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**Policy generally supported**

No one has complained about the new ordinance, Maguire said. "I haven't had one comment; everybody seems to agree that it's the right thing to do," he said.

Christian T. Powers '97, who smokes, said that he is not bothered by not being permitted to smoke in dining facilities. "I'm used to not being able to smoke in public areas," he said.

Networks Manager Dalton DaSilva said that so far no smokers have complained to him about the new policy. Smokers tend to sit at the tables outside of Networks, he said, but he is not sure what they will do during the winter.

"I think [the policy] is a good idea," said Enrique Barajas '97. "Maybe it should be expanded to dorms" so that people can just smoke in their rooms and not in the halls, he said. Barajas, a resident of Butter House, said that he does not mind when people smoke in the hall occasionally, "but when someone's constantly smoking I do mind," he said.

David L. Middleton '97 said that before, "during lunchtime you could smell [smoke] a lot... Smoking does tend to bother me, but I'm not one to complain."

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