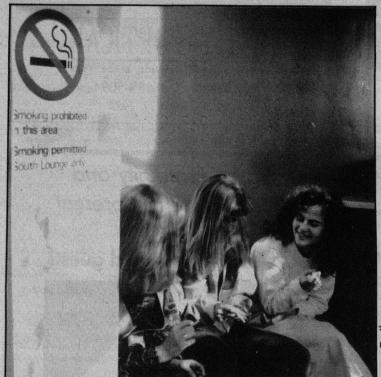
Campus smoking rules frequently ignored

University policy leaves officials without power to enforce



Smokers in HUB among those who disregard signs.

Incredible edibles able to pay his creditor the back rent to HUB.

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been selling for a reported 70 thousand dollars. But when McLean defaulted on his August rent, he forfeited his opportunity to make a deal with an incoming business.

"Legally, I have nothing," said McLean. But if the University would reinstate the lease long enough for him to sell it, he says he would be

able to pay his creditors - including

University officials are reluctant to comment on a case that is before the courts. McLean reports, however, that administration have not reacted positively to his request.

The space occupied by Incredible Edibles likely won't be filled by another food vendor. HUB administrators say that the mall has enough food outlets already, so the location will likely be leased to a retail tenant.

by Pat Kiernan

More than a year after the introduction of the University of Alberta's tough smoking policy, many people on campus continue to defy the

Enforcement of the smoking policy is triggered by private complaints about specific violations. The vast majority of violations are never

But university officials aren't s the real solution will come determined policing. Instea believe peer pressure and social acceptability ultimately determine the level to which students and staff comply.

Dr. Donald Bellow sity's Associate Vice facilities. He describe regulating "not so muc can't smoke, as where

Students and staff a to see a blitz against sn violators. Bellow said the policy, administration de not to go the route of t down, "which would b with difficulties, but rather to us the route of peer pressure education." He notes that the po has been very effective in mos areas of campus.

Bellow said some complaints have been resolved through improved signs or ventilation. Smoking areas that are clearly identified are more likely to receive compliance from students and staff.

Bellow said the general philosophy on enforcement of the policy is that "education, peer pressure and intelligence will, in time, produce the desired effect on campus." The effect he refers to is for nonsmokers to be free of the annovance and health risks caused by smokers.

Unless otherwise posted, the University is a non-smoking area. Designated smoking zones are clearly marked by a sign showing a cigar-ette in a green circle. The current

ccasionally, smokers be led by the presence of as n-smoking remove the remain. One univers official said he's not su sed to s le lighting up in such confus

The primary enforcement of the University's smoking policy comes through Campus Sec

plainant, and get more informatio And we'll try to identify the offend er," said Oliver.

But there are no sanctions Car ous Security officers can take agains culprit. Oliver says enforcement peer pressure, to convince n to smoke where or other disciplinary measures.

Most action taken by Campus Security is in response to specific complaints. "We don't go around looking for offenders. But I'm sure that if we saw one, and it was quite an obvious thing, we might talk to

City of Edmonton officials say their jurisdiction over campus is limited by provincial legislation. Edmonton has a no-smoking bylaw enforceable with stiff fines, but prosecution has never taken place as a result of a University based com-

Bylaw Enforcement officers have spoken to university officials in ponse to specific complaints. In case, they have always been a cooperative attitude. If o change in the future, attempt to prosecute, esting their jurisdiction through the co

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smokers will habit "regardlo. We should provide some are in which - if they they can do it in they don't offend o do not smoke."

eness of the smoking er constant scrutiny. A ir quality consultants is working with the Univer-And the item continually ppears on the agenda of the Occupational Health and Policy Com-

"I think that in the near term, if we think a different approach needs to be taken, we will certainly investigate and consider that," said Bellow. But he points out "in most cases we feel the present policy is working reasonably well."

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