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By that student's lust for tobacco and thus the dorms? Why not?

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In Your Face!

Do you think smoking in dorms should be prohibited?

Yes, smoking should be banned because it's a health habit, causes cancer, and it's unfair to those who don't.

Jeff Scott '02

No, smoking should be allowed because everyone has a right to choose what they do, and if it doesn't affect anyone else, it's not a problem.

Liz Constable '03

I don't think it should be banned because the dorms are the only places on campus that students can call their own. If a student wants to smoke in their room and their roommate is OK with it, why not?

Bill Caruso '04

I think that smoking should be banned because second-hand smoke is just as dangerous as first.

Fallon Holloway '05

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