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State colleges to ban smoking effective July 1

Smoking will be taboo in any building on any of Rhode Island's three state college campuses, beginning July 1.

The Board of Governors for Higher Education unanimously passed the no-smoking policy last night.

The three colleges were prompted by recent reports from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the federal Centers for Disease Control warning employers that tobacco smoking is a major health hazard and makes the employer vulnerable to the risk of lawsuits.

According to the new policy, smoking will not be permitted inside any building at the University of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College and the Community College of Rhode Island.

Smoking will be permitted in designated outdoor areas.

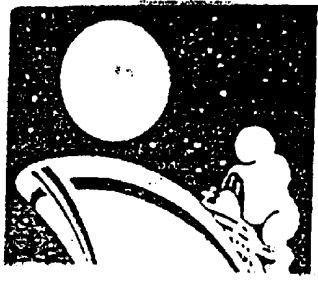
The ban will extend to the rooms in which meetings or conferences sponsored by the Governors or the three colleges are held.

All buildings and facilities will be clearly posted with "non-smoking area" signs at the entrances.

Through the state Department of Health, information on smoking cessation programs and policies will be made available to all employees.

The new policy also notes that the prohibitions shall not apply to the use of tobacco products "as part of a pre-approved, limited classroom demonstration or a pre-approved research project."

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