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## Letters

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# Give smokers their space

The cloud of smoke that seems to filter through the hallways and doorways of campus aren't my favorite thing to pass through, and I am not a smoker so I can appreciate the reasoning be-

don't look that great. In fact, if I keep walking through those gray clouds I may drop dead at any moment. Consequently, I commend the college for keeping it real and wanting smokers in their zone. However, you can't really tell the smoke "I'm sorry you are in a no smoking area or you must stay at least 25 feet away from the doorway" because it



Say It Loud & Proud!

Salena De La Cruz  
Opinion Editor

hind not wanting people smoking on campus unless in designated areas. However, I can also say I am one who believes in rights to all whether they be smokers or non; people should be able to take time between classes and fill their lungs with smoke, if they so chose, to relieve stress.

I see that the campus has opted to allow people to smoke at least 25 feet away from doorways. That's great. Give them a designated area to allow their lungs to wither away. If you can't tell my position, I'll tell you. Smoking sucks. I can think of better things to do that require sucking and blowing that won't kill me. I don't smoke and I'm not happy that more people die from secondhand smoke than the actual smokers do, therefore, my odds

seems to sift its way in. About three million people die each year worldwide from cigarette smoking, according to Alberta Tobacco Reduction Alliance. With these kind of staggering statistics it makes me wonder how Americans find themselves puffing their lives away and waiting for their lungs to wither into a shriveled, brown mass of jerky.

I'm not happy there are so many people smoking, but I'm not going to bitch about where they need to smoke and when and if they even should on this campus. I value my health and my life, but hey, everyone dies sometime, right?

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## Do you care if smokers are in a designated area?



Richard Larry

Major: Undecided

"Yes. Because people who don't like smoke...it's not fair."



Bryan Dalton

Major: Secondary Education

"Yes. Just because there's a lot more people who don't smoke..they shouldn't have to breath in their air ."

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Karen Hill

Major: Music

"Yes. Because for all of us who don't smoke, it's annoying."



Amanda Sides

Major: Undecided

"Yes. For people that have problems with cigarette smoke and are offended by it."

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