

December 1 1994

To: All Students and Staff Members

From: SBA

Subject: Betelnut chewing

The only college policy in regards to betelnut chewing is that nobody is allowed to chew in any college building. Though this has been the only policy, it had never worked effectively.

Due to the excessive stains resulting from betelnut chewing, the president of the college had requested the SBA to enact a policy to minimize or stop the stains. The SBA members met with their various group organizations to have them voice their opinions on what they feel would work best for themselves and the school. Most students are advocating the idea of assigned chewing areas.

This idea was taken into consideration and these are the OFFICIAL CHEWING ZONES:

Upper Campus: The boarding students know their own policy in and around the dormitory. As usual, students and staff members can chew around the recreation building and the gym, but not inside. We also ask that you do not spit on the ground that people use as a "side-walk" just in front of the recreation building.

Lower Campus: There are only two spots on the lower campus designated for chewing:
Grassy area in front of room one where the plumeria tree stands. Please don't chew and spit beside room one and room ten.

Grassy area along staff parking area.

Main Area: Staff and students can chew betelnut anywhere beyond Office D and all the way to and round the recreation area and the dormitory. Please avoid spitting on the sidewalks and don't spit where you think people would want

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Weather Exceptions: When it rains, you can chew beside the buildings only if you are spitting into a can, but please dispose of the can with your "finished" betelnut to their proper places.

Note: Please avoid spitting near the buildings.

This policy will only work if we all cooperate and follow it together. If we call ourselves college students and adults, why can't we maintain a sense of cleanliness and belongingness? Keep in mind that we are doing this for a trial. This policy will only become permanent if its practicality is effective.

We are always open to suggestions on how to make this place a better place to grow and learn. We can always try other things if this does not work, but if nothing is effective, then the only other possibility is to turn the table to the president to ban betelnut chewing on this campus.

Our goal is not to ban betelnut chewing, but rather to open our awareness to the fact that this is our school and if we do not want to take care of it, who is going to do it? Remember that the effectivity of such a policy will not only determine our cleanliness, but will also determine how attentive we are in following what we are asked to do. The decision is on you! If you want to keep your chewing habit around here, join the proud crowd who cares.

This policy will be effective starting Monday, December 5, 1994 and it applies to both full and part-time students and staff members 24 hours a day.

Thank-you very much,

Your Servants,

SBA Members

[Approved by President Susan Moses and Vice President Hers Tesei]

February 25, 1999

Memorandum

To: All concerned

From: President [SJM]

Subject: Designated Betelnut Chewing Areas

A ban on the chewing of betelnut has been in effect at the National Campus since the move to the new facilities in the June of 1996. The minutes of the August 1996 meeting of the Board of Regents state, "To promote cleanliness and beautification of the Palikir Campus, the Board supported the administration's policy which does not allow the chewing of betelnut on the Palikir Campus."

Since the inception of this ban, numerous complaints have been received regarding the challenge of enforcing this rule. At the same time, requests have been made by student groups to consider the possibility of establishing chewing areas on campus with the hope of decreasing the spitting of betelnut around our buildings and on the sidewalks and parking lots.

After seeking input from all faculty, staff, and students, at its February 19, 1999, meeting, the Cabinet voted to implement a three-month trial period in which betelnut chewing will be allowed in the huts at the Cultural Site only.

The Cabinet further decided that student found to be chewing betelnut on campus outside of the designated area should be reported to the Vice President for Support and Student Affairs who will be responsible for disciplinary action.

Forms for reporting violations will be distributed before the of this week.

Discipline will consist of four (4) hours of work detail to be defined as scrubbing stains from the buildings, sidewalks, and parking lots and picking up trash. The work detail will begin the day the offense is reported and is to be supervised by the security guard on duty at that time. The four-hour work detail should be completed at times so as not to disrupt the student's class schedule. In that regard, arrangements can be made to spread the work assignment over a period of time.

The trial period is to begin immediately and will be in effect until the end of the semester which shall be defined as May 21, 1999. During this trial period, students are encouraged to keep the Cultural Site free of trash and to spit in the designated containers. An Assessment of the effectiveness of this policy will be made at the end of the trial period.

All faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to abide by this policy. Thank-you for your cooperation.

xc: COM-FSM Board of Regents.

October 4 1999

Memorandum

To: All faculty, staff, and students

From: Vice President for Support and Student Affairs [RR]

Through: President [SJM]
Subject: Betel Nut Chewing/Spitting Policy

Last February the President and Cabinet approve a three month trial period in which betel nut chewing is allowed in the huts at the cultural site only. The temporary policy worked well last spring. But since the beginning of the school year, I have noticed betel nut stains in the parking lots and around the buildings. Only one (1) violation has been reported to my office.

I want to remind all concerned that violators will do four (4) hours of work detail by scrubbing stains from buildings, sidewalks, and parking lots and picking up trash. Additionally, the violators of the betel nut policy will be required to carry a sign that says, "I was caught chewing betel nut outside of the designated area." If this policy fails, I won't have a choice but to go back to the banning betel chewing on the campus altogether.

All faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to abide by the policy. Thank-you for your cooperation.

xc: COM-FSM Board of Regents

<http://www.comfsm.fm/vpss/policies.html>

Students are not permitted to smoke pipes, cigars, cigarettes, or any other tobacco products in COM-FSM buildings. At some campuses, smoking is only permitted in designated outside smoking areas. Students are not permitted to chew betel nut or any type of chewable tobacco, except in designated areas.

Violations:

A. First Offense.

A first offense will not be referred to the Disciplinary Committee and is handled by the VPSSA or the Campus Director.

i. The maximum punishment that may be levied by the administration is a written reprimand to be placed into the student's personal file, and up to two hours of supervised work detail, to be completed within one month.

B. Second Offense.

A second violation of the chewing of betel nut and/or tobacco use policy is one that occurs within the same semester of the first offense. A second violation of the chewing of betel nut and/or tobacco use policy will result in a referral to the Disciplinary Committee. Penalties will range up to the following:

- i. A written reprimand, which will go in the student's personal file.
- ii. Up to four hours of supervised work detail, which must be completed within one month.
- iii. Up to two hours of drug/alcohol education/counseling, this must be completed within three months of the decision by the Disciplinary Committee.

C. Third Offense.

A third violation of the chewing of betel nut and/or tobacco use policy is one that occurs within the same school year of the previous offenses. A third violation of the chewing of betel nut and/or tobacco use policy will result in a referral to the Disciplinary Committee. Penalties will range up to the following:

- i. A written reprimand, which will go in the student's personal file.

- ii. Up to six hours of supervised work detail, which must be completed within one month.
- iii. Up to four hours of drug/alcohol education/counseling, this must be completed within three months of the decision by the Disciplinary Committee.
- iv. Any other restrictions reasonably necessary to enforce the goals implicit in this policy.

D. More Than Three Offenses

In the event any student commits and is to be disciplined for more than three offenses during a school year, the Disciplinary Committee may use its discretion and impose an appropriate penalty.

E. Failure to Comply with Assigned Disciplinary Actions.

Non-compliance by the student of assigned disciplinary actions can result in the withholding of grades and/or transcripts until written notice of compliance has been filed with the Vice-President for Support and Student Affairs, who will be responsible to provide the appropriate lists to the Office of Admissions and Records. The withholding of grades can interfere with the ability of the student to obtain future financial aid for his/her schooling. Failure to complete counseling and other requirements inside the given time constraints under any discipline imposed may result in the denial of the student to register for continued classes.

<http://www.comfsm.fm/dev/vpss/policies1.html>

The College of Micronesia-FSM (COM-FSM) Board of Regents adopted a policy in 1981 that was amended in 1998 prohibiting the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of alcohol and illicit drugs on college campuses. This policy remains in force and has been expanded for clarification. COM-FSM students are not permitted to be under the influence of, possess, distribute, purchase or sell alcohol or illicit drugs on the COM-FSM campuses, at COM-FSM approved or sponsored events, on COM-FSM property or in the buildings, vehicles or boats used by COM-FSM for its educational or recreational programs. It is the goal and policy of the College of Micronesia-FSM to have zero tolerance for illicit drugs and the misuse of alcohol, tobacco and betelnut on all campuses, at all campus events and during College related activities. The College of Micronesia-FSM also prohibits tobacco and betel nut chewing and tobacco smoking in all College of Micronesia-FSM buildings. Some campuses have designated areas for smoking and betelnut chewing areas that also must be observed.