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A RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION HISTORY

In the past chemicals were generally accepted as the solution to pest problems. Regularly scheduled chemical spraying and repeated "fogging" were normal procedures for pest control. However, these procedures lead to high long-term costs and little long-term effectiveness. Integrated Pest Management (IPM) emerged as a new, safer and more effective solution. IPM reduces or eliminates the use of chemicals and pesticides, while implementing less toxic alternative methods such as biological, mechanical and cultural controls. The University of Colorado at Boulder is at the forefront of this movement. For example, CU uses natural predators, such as parasitic wasps to control roaches, to solve pest problems. No chemicals have been sprayed in CU housing areas since 1986 or in any other buildings since October 1999. Currently, an official campus policy for Integrated Pest Management is being reviewed.

RESOLUTION SUMMARY

- Whereas:** chemicals and pesticides are toxic and pose potential threat to human health.
- Whereas:** chemicals and pesticides are a threat to the environment and cause harm to animals, plants, and non-targeted organisms.
- Whereas:** chemicals and pesticides often migrate and create damage in areas that are not intended to come in contact with them.
- Whereas: chemicals do not address the source of the problem, and therefore fail to provide an effective solution and require repeated or routine applications. This repeated application brings higher risk and higher long-term cost.
- Whereas: IPM is a less-toxic alternative that focuses on the source of the problem and finding a permanent solution, and is therefore more effective in the long-term and reduces long-term cost.
- Whereas: IPM is a coordinated approach that uses a variety of controls, including knowledge of the pest, to control pest populations.
- Whereas: IPM already has the support of the campus community, including UCSU cost centers.
- Whereas:** IPM has proved successful on the CU Boulder campus. Chemical sprays and "fogging" have not been used in CU housing areas since 1986 or in any other buildings since October 1999.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislative Council **of the University of Colorado Student Union,**
THAT:

Section 1: UCSU recognizes the increased effectiveness, lowered risk to health and environment, and reduced long-term costs of the Integrated Pest Management program.

Section 2: UCSU supports the implementation of the UCB Campus Policy for Integrated Pest Management.

Section 3: This Resolution takes effect upon passage.

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Passed

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April 12, 2001

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