

ISU student group banned from producing more shirts using Cy logo



Josh Montgomery, age 20, a sophomore at Iowa State, holds a shirt to show the back side, the same shirt he is wearing. Montgomery is the President / Executive Director of the Iowa State chapter of NORML (National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Legislation). His group got permission from ISU to use the school logo on the tee shirt that has a pot leaf on it. The university has since asked the group not to produce any more shirts. (Bill Neibergall/The Register)

A student group at Iowa State University has been banned from using the Cy logo on their T-shirts, following complaints to the university after an article in the Register.

University administrators met Thursday with NORML ISU, the campus chapter of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, about the use of the school's mascot on their club shirts. The t-shirts say NORML ISU on the front, with Cy's head in place of the "O." On the back is the slogan "Freedom is Norml at ISU" and shows a marijuana leaf.

After the shirts were [featured in a photo in a Nov. 19 article about the possibility of legalizing marijuana in Iowa](#), the university has received email complaints from legislators and private citizens, said Warren Madden, senior vice president for business and finance.

"People started to react and we [started to get feedback](#) indicating that it's an endorsement of the position" to legalize marijuana, Madden said.