

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Blind censorship is ignorant

To the Editor:

I am an avid reader of *Playboy* magazine. I would like to state a few things about last week's letter to the editor about removing *Playboy* from the shelves of the bookstore.

First off, I would like to mention my encounter with one of the co-writers of the editorial. I approached the person by asking her what was so offensive about *Playboy* magazine. I handed her a *Playboy* and she refused to look through it -- saying she did not need to since she looked at "dirty books before." I asked her if she ever read *Playboy*. She said no.

This is the sort of ignorance on the part of a few people on this campus towards the issue. No one should determine what a person can or cannot read on the basis that they do not read a magazine themselves. Is this America? Cry censorship? *Yes*.

Also, Mel Sensenig and friends say "Coercing a business to sell a certain product is reminiscent of totalitarian regimes." But what, then in coercing a business NOT to sell a product?

I would also like to know what Mr. Robert Slabinski was thinking when he removed *Playboy* from the shelves of his store! He

stated his reason that non-traditional students' children saw the magazines in the store. If this is so, then place the magazines on the top shelf or behind a counter, preventing minors to view or possess these items. Gee -- what a simple solution.

Finally, I think everyone on this campus, whether you be a reader or not of *Playboy* magazine, should be appalled at the ignorance of these few people on this campus who think they can decide on what *we* can and cannot read based solely on their narrow-minded opinions.

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