Disagree with editorial

Pornography demeans and degrades women

To the Editor:

I wish to take issue with your editorial entitled, "Playing semantics with pornography is foolish," [Feb. 7].

I must agree that "to attempt to define what constitutes 'pornographic' — or bed — films and what constitutes 'erotic' — or OK — films is a futile game of semantics." A written definition acceptable to all may be arrived at, but the classification of each such film will become a very subjective matter, repeatedly resulting in community tensions on registration day. I disagree, however, with the conclusions of the editorial, that "To forbid contact with any idea, attractive or repulsive, is to set a factual minority censor above the individual, which is immoral to everything the democratic society stands for." (Feb. 7).

The showing of pornographic films on campus not only creates a hostile educational environment for women, but also teaches male students that women may be exploited victimized and debased by these images. It is not that pornographic films propose ideas unpalatable or repulsive to women, but that they demean and degrade women, are highly offensive, and their showing constitutes harassment of women students. In fact, pornography is an expression of misogyny.

No freedom guaranteed by our Constitution is absolutely free. As an example, libel and inciting to riot are not included in free speech. If pornography isan expression of an interest so eclectical, however, that even the most eclectic people. "Ken" is into metallurgy, or at least he has Room 104. He's a rather eclectic major filled with eclectic people. Ken is into metallurgy, or at least he has Room 104. He's a rather eclectic major filled with eclectic people.

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