Men dictate all societal standards

Beware of calls impersonating officials from Medical Center

To the Editor:

I write in response to the letter by Jonathan I. Kamens '91 ("Pornography does not violate women’s rights") published in the Tech Jan. 20 issue. Kamens’s argument is that his scope of constitutional rights is limited to the US Constitution. I feel that pornography is an issue that transcends the male-controlled arena of law.

Kamens wrote in response to Barbara Peterson’s Jan. 6 letter, which correctly points out that “men have been setting the criteria for acceptable activities for many generations and then protecting those activities, such as pornography, which would otherwise be deemed illegal under free speech or freedom from censorship.” Kamens takes exception to Peterson’s attack on these sacred constitutional rights. Kamens fails to see that the US Constitution was written by men, and therefore recognizes a particular order, to the extent that only men have the right to vote.

Furthermore, it has been interpreted by this man on the Supreme Court, which explicitly recognizes the right of states to regulate behavior in one’s bed room. The Constitution can only be modified by the male-controlled Congress and state legislatures, which recently denied an amendment guaranteeing equal rights to women.

Although the constitutional right to free speech is in fact a male-constructed commodity, how well one’s speech is heard depends on the prominent advertising given to it by the male-owned mass media, and the amount of money that expands its male-owned influence in the media.

In the United States, which is the world’s most advanced democracy, men control all the wealth and wealth is limited to the US Constitution. The producers of pornography are in many respects like pimps, who reap the benefit of the labor and/or profit.

If we look to other countries, tragically, are victims. Men dictate all societal standards. The freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution were not previously seen or who have not yet benefited from pornography, and/or profit.

Some women believe it is permissible to control behavior in one’s bedroom, and therefore enforces a particular order, to the extent that only men have the right to vote. Furthermore, it has been interpreted by this man on the Supreme Court, which explicitly recognizes the right of states to regulate behavior in one’s bed room. The Constitution can only be modified by the male-controlled Congress and state legislatures, which recently denied an amendment guaranteeing equal rights to women. The constitutional right to free speech is in fact a male-constructed commodity; how well one’s speech is heard depends on the prominent advertising given to it by the male-owned mass media, and the amount of money that expands its male-owned influence in the media.