

# Editorial Smart Choice

Suppose, for example, you were given the choice to take your clothes off and pose nude for a national magazine for some relatively small amount of money. Would you say yes?

This month's pictorial is entitled "The Women of Women's Colleges." Now, dorm life being what it is, we know what naked women look like. However, Victoria's Secret patrons notwithstanding, it's doubtless that we all run around in undergarments the likes of which these women are barely modeling.

"They are all intelligent and conscientious about sisterhood and women's issues," says managing photo editor Jeff Cohen in the accompanying story. This from a man who gives us photos of a young woman with her blouse unbuttoned down to there, and WEARING GLASSES to prove that she's both busy and brainy!

You won't find any of your sisters from Wellesley or Holyoke in this edition. Undergrads from Bryan Mawr and Barnard are missing. In another don't-forget-the-intelligent-angle photo a Smith woman appears discussing metaphysics in a see-through shirt. Overall, Playboy seems to have had to stretch its qualifications to include women once attended a women's college but are no longer attending, women who attend what was once an all-female college but is now co-ed, and women who have already graduated (and their alma mater can hardly be held responsible for them at that point).

Gives you the idea that women of real women's colleges are intelligent and conscientious enough to steer clear of the likes of Playboy.

When a Mills College student interviewed visiting Playboy representatives for a story in the campus newspaper, she was instead encouraged to pose for the magazine. Mr. Cohen told her that "Mills College would be so proud of you for making a positive statement about the diversity of women."

Despite the lack of representatives from the top academic women's institutions of higher learning, it seems that Playboy did find some intelligent and conscientious women who were dumb enough to take their clothes off. According to a spokesman from the magazine, "Playboy believes feminism means freedom of choice." It would seem the resounding choice made by college women of the 90s is "We're not interested."

Smart choice.

# Letters to the Editor

## Le Greenhouse Improvements Aren't

Dear Editor,

I would like to express my dissatisfaction with the "improvements" of Le Greenhouse Café (in Cate Center). What are those so-called improvements? Heat lamps that keep previously prepared food warm throughout the day, taking away popular items like soup, fries and grilled cheese? Now commuters, as well as students trying to escape the cuisine of Belk Dining Hall, are forced to adhere to the hassles that accompany fast food restaurants. If we had wanted this we could have run across the street to Burger King to purchase wrapped up food that we cannot see until we buy it. I thought Le Greenhouse was for the students, not the convenience of those that work behind the counter. How hard is it to make someone a fresh sandwich and fry a basket of fries?

Lee Connelly

## Iraqi jokes not funny

Dear Editor,

While walking back from dinner last night we happened to glance at a door on first Poteat. The following jokes were hanging on the door: Q: What is the most popular new rock band in Iraq? A: No kids on the block. Q: Why did Saddam Hussein shoot his wife? A: He caught her drinking a "Bush" beer. Q: What combination of numbers and letters

eliminated the most Iraqis in a bingo game? A: B52.

We found these jokes to be tasteless and nauseating. There is nothing to be found but cruel ignorance in jokes making light of the death and destruction of innocent children and adults. How could anyone possibly think this subject is funny?

The people dying in Iraq are no less human than any "proud" American. When hit by a bullet or burned by a bomb explosion we all feel the same pain, and we, American, Kuwaiti and Iraqi, all bleed the same blood. We consider ourselves human beings before we even begin to think of our nationality. We suggest that you [the student(s) in question] try to do the same. We find it ironic that those who are so quick to compare Saddam Hussein to Adolf Hitler are also the quickest to dehumanize the enemy—the same tactic Hitler used against the Jews.

We acknowledge and affirm you right to express your opinion, which is why we chose to write a letter rather than simply ripping down your sign, (we might add this has occurred to material that we put on our doors). We only ask one thing of you: Please leave an address where you may be reached in the future. If any bombs ever fall in our country and the blood of our children is spilling in the streets, we would be interested to know if you are still laughing.

Sincerely,

Kate Duncan, Ruth McDaniel, Jane Talley, Carmen Elliott

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