

BOOKSTORE

Jim Williams said that Playboy and Penthouse are "mainstream" magazines that have literary merit and are sold through traditional distribution channels rather than underground channels like some 'hard-core' pornographic magazines are.

Also, as a serious book seller, Williams said the freedom of the press guaranteed by the First Amendment is an important tenet for bookstores to ad-

Williams said although some individuals don't agree with the content of the magazines, they're asking him to be a censor of the printed word and he does not want to do that.

Although most of the messages left in the suggestion box are against pornography, some have been in favor of it.

Yes, there are men who have raped and read Playboy. But there are far more men who have read Playboy and not raped," one suggestion said. Since the onset of AIDS pornography is keeping people alive and safe away from the threat of AIDS.

Bookstore board president Allison Heber said if you sell

After receiving several comthe EMU Board of Directors decided to remove Playboy, Pent-EMU Main Desk Store.

The rationale was pretty clear," said EMU Board Chairman Justin McKenna, "Due to the complaints, we felt that selling these magazines wasn't appropriate. I think the First Amendment argument the bookstore is using is illogical."

Cheryl Kern-Simirenko, an assistant librarian for the Knight Library, said the library has received many complaints for carrying Playboy in its reserve book section.

"Playboy is often used for research on popular culture and contemporary social perspectives, including research on pornography," she said "Its interviews are a well-known source of substantive information and it is often used as a resource for studying contemporary advertising.

Out of most of the local convenience grocery stores near the University, only the 7-11s have removed pornographic magazines from their magazine 'After 30 years of personal experience doing psychotherapy and working with sex offenders at the state penitentiary, I know there is a connection between these magazines and violence against women.'

-Dr. Sterling Ellsworth

Gary Oxley, the Northwest manager for 7-11 stores, said they made recommendations to their franchises not to carry Playboy and Penthouse after the U.S. Attorney General's Commission on Pornography report sparked public concern about the sale of the magazines.

In 1986, the commission found that one of two forms of non-violent pornography is 'causally related to increases in sexual violence, sexual coercion or unwanted sexual aggression." the report said.

Recently proposed legislation by both the Oregon House and Senate would make it punishable to furnish pornography to

Joint Resolution 22 would amend the state constitution. speech even more broadly than the U.S. Constitution, to say that "pornographic expression is not protected speech upon voter approval of amendment to the Oregon Constitution at the next general election.

House Bill 2669 would permit damage lawsuits to be filed by parents and legal guardians against people furnishing obscene material to minors.

Members of the Women's Center said they don't see this controversy as a censorship issue, but as a pornography is-

"It's absurd to frame it as a free speech issue," said Irene Hislop, a receptionist for the Women's Center. "Pornography is a commodity and the bookstore is a business. Whatever their pretensions to being protectors of free speech are, if they weren't making a profit off of pornography, they wouldn't be selling it.

Williams said in a store memorandum that although the magazines have a good sales record, the store doesn't carry them because of financial rea-



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