Letters

A question of choice

It is time the Collegian and the anti-everything protesters wake up. Under the guise of “student rights,” the protesters have tried to rob students of its greatest right, the freedom to choose. Ask yourself, did the protesters truly care about student rights when they prompted the closing of the Whitmore Administration Building on registration day? If you stood in line outside and tried to do business inside, then you can definitely say no. Did these protesters really care about student rights when they try to establish university policy through extortion with seized property? Do these student protesters really care about student rights when they try to change existing policy not with the consent of students but by busing in mercenary protesters? It would seem logical that the people who know what is best for UMass are the people who attend the school. What can the likes of Amy Carter, her unwanted entourage, and a Madison Avenue media monger, Abbie Hoffman (the fifty-year-old “student leader” who makes sixty grand a year), decide for us what we cannot do for ourselves. If the protesters succeed in changing the existing recruitment policy, they will have gained the power to stop any group from coming on this campus to recruit and express their views. It comes down to one simple thought: the question is not whether you support the CIA policies; the question is whether you support your fellow students’ right to interview with whom they choose. If you feel that the most important right is the right to choose, then let your feelings be felt by the administration, the faculty and especially the protesters who are trying to strip this right from you with no sense of guilt.

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