Letter to the Editors:

Chicago Too Risqué?

After reading the article set forth by Cory Anderson as "Chicago Too Risqué For Some Students," I found a voice in my head that I needed to share with the campus. The film Chicago is beyond the mainstage of this article. The statement that triggered my afterthought was "I think a movie that is risqué, has sex innuendoes, a lot of violence, or a substantial amount of foul language should have visible disclaimers attached," stated by Katrina J. Martin.

I understand her concern, but at the same time there is a valuable resource out there called the Internet. Anyone with a computer or access to a computer lab, as all EMU students have, can look up the movie Chicago and easily see what it contains. By simply entering a google.com search, you can see that the film contains "Sexual content and dialogue, violence and thematic elements." That took me all of two minutes to find.

As far as the actual content of the film and the debate of whether or not EMU should have showed the film, I am taken back. Chicago is not only a worldly celebrated theatrical performance, but also an Oscar-nominated film. Paul Johnson, Campus Activities Council faculty advisor, clearly states in the article, "We're dealing with adults, and they are able to make their own decisions." I am glad that someone on the campus besides myself realizes that we have a campus full of adults and that we are able, and most of us capable, to make our own decisions.

EMU does an exceptional job of keeping this campus tied into the Christian lifestyle as defined by the Mennonite faith, but if we as a student body do not branch out, then we will never appreciate our surroundings. Any more protection and solitude from the outside environment will only generate a less prepared college graduate with little to no social understanding.

If self inflicted censorship is what you want when it comes to your film choices, then research first. EMU is a community filled with a wide range of maturity levels and artistic appreciation. Censoring our eyes from R-rated films has already been taken care of by the institution itself which is understandable, but now are you asking for a stricter censoring?

I am 20 years old, and almost all students that attend EMU are over the age of 18, over the legal age to watch R-rated movies. If PG-13 is pushing your limits then do not attend the show, or do as the three ladies did, and walk out. Do not ask the entire campus to adhere to your restrictions. We are adults and are able to make our own decisions, legally and socially. I came to college and grow, step outside my box, and view the world differently. If you came to stay secluded in an atmosphere of comfort and innocence, than the real world is going to be a real "eye-opener" for you.

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The Inside Scoop

Thursday, October 16
- RadiantSonchild Concert, Martin Chapel, 7 p.m.

Friday, October 17
- Chapel: Latino Worship with RadiantSonchild, Lehman, 10 a.m.
- Mid-semester recess begins, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 18
- Christ's Ambassadors Hayride, seminary parking lot, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 19
- Chuck Wagon Gang, Lehman, 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 22
- Classes resume, 8 a.m.
- Chapel: Hymn sing, Lehman, 10 a.m.

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