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## McGill protest convinces store owner to remove porn

MONTREAL (CUP) -- A demonstration by McGill students has convinced a local store owner to remove pornographic material from its magazine display cases.

After the March 10 McGill Women's Union demonstration, the Cigare Avenue du Parc removed all pornographic material from its display cases. The offending magazines are now available only from behind the counter.

According to one of the store's owners, the magazines were removed because he and the co-owner realized the material was insulting.

"I don't want all these people standing outside screaming and yelling," he said. "It's not worth the revenue that the magazines bring in."

Because the magazines arrive in a package, the owners say they are forced to sell the pornography. But the offending magazines also make up a substantial proportion of the revenue.

Stocking the magazines covertly will hurt business. The owners expect some loss from their decision but those who regularly buy the magazines will know where to buy them, said owner Rose Garber.

Participants in the demonstration and members of the Women's Union say they are pleased with the action. According to Margaret Fulford, a Women's Union spokesperson, "It's exciting because it shows that activism does influence people.

"I used to live two blocks from that store and I never went in because of the offensive magazines on the display racks. I'll go in there now."

Fulford said she also noticed the social significance of not having the magazines prominent among the store's other products.

"At least children won't have to see such magazines and won't receive damaging ideas about sexuality," she said.



