

letters to the editor

Burnings not censorship

Mike Frost suggests that I made some sort of logical error by not distinguishing disposal of one's own records at home from the public disposal of them. I agreed that the two acts are not the same; the group was indeed trying to sell their ideas through a media event. I did not mean to imply approval of their "publicity" methods.

Nevertheless, it is not clear to me that their demonstration, nor that of the "Immoral Majority," is a "form of censorship" just because it is a public attack on certain ideas. I understand "censorship" to involve an attempt by some person or group to limit or control the access of others to information; books, movies, etc. Neither group is seeking to control what we read. Even if we don't like their extreme means, they are still seeking to demonstrate and persuade, not to control what is read by others.

That is why I find the comparison with "Nazis" objectionable. Is it really more acceptable to brand those people we disagree with as "Communists," "KKK" and "Nazis" than to burn books we don't like?

Finally, people interested in these topics might want to be aware of three mini-courses in the philosophy department this spring, that will explore censorship, morality, objectivity, etc., as they relate to the media.

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Column choice criticized

Joseph Sobran's article (Feminism Called a Fraud) is so blantly sexist that I refuse to acknowledge it by addressing it. What bothers me is the mentality of the people responsible for printing it. With a limited amount of space for the printed word and a limitless amount of news, issues and potentially educational information you opted to publish an obviously slanted and hopelessly inane article such as Sobran's.

What seemingly innocuous articles shall we expect to read in your enlightened pages in the future? Ones that titter at the silliness of the apartheid in South Africa? The hilarity of genocide of the Native American? The total frivolity of our senior citizens freezing in their urban slum apartments while dining on Little Friskies?

Not only have you shown a lack of discretion in printing an article of this caliber, you have shown a grave lack of sensitivity to a large number of women who are trying with all their hearts and souls to make this country and this world a safer, more humane environment for all.

Jill Svendgaard
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Editor's note: Joseph Sobran is a columnist with the Los Angeles Times Syndicate.
His Wednesday column on feminism does not express

the opinion of any Daily Nebraskan employee. It is his own.

The decision to run the column was made because of a desire to offer diverse opinions on the editorial page. We believe the editorial page should be a forum for debate.

In our view, Sobran's views are appalling. But if people really want to work for the women's movement, they will have to know that there are people who agree with Sobran's rationale.

Few people may agree with what Sobran wrote. Our intentions were to make readers aware of his arguments. No matter how ridiculous they seem.

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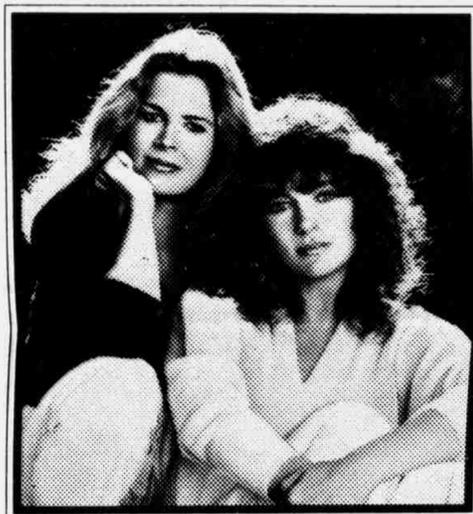
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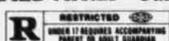
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