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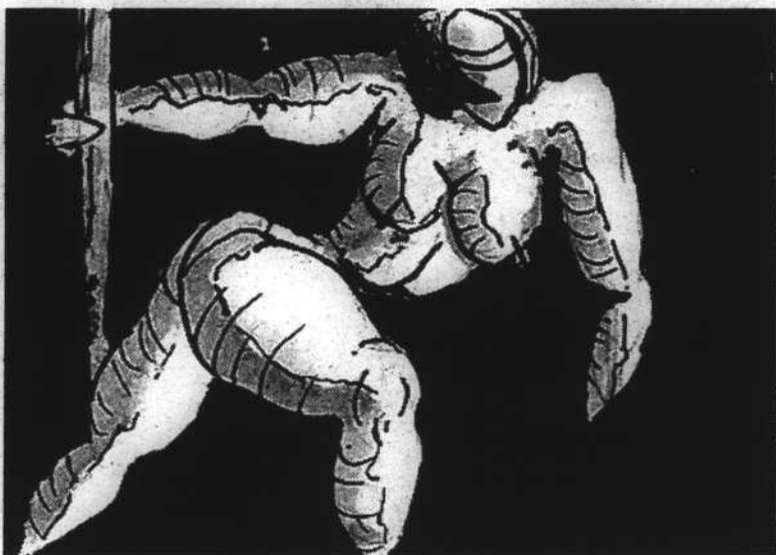
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Theater should reconsider NC-17 policy



The movie "Showgirls" opened nationwide last Friday, and was the No. two box-office draw in the country over the weekend.

Of course, if you live in Lincoln, you won't see it without driving to Omaha.

Douglas Theaters own all but two theaters in Lincoln, and have a policy against showing NC-17 or unrated films.

Debby Brehm, vice president of Douglas Theater said, "We would like to show films that a family can go to and feel comfortable about seeing."

Yeah, right.

Can we picture Wally, the Beav, Ward and June going out to catch a Saturday afternoon screening of "Seven?"

Or Carol, Mike and the whole Brady bunch strolling in for the controversial "Natural Born Killers?"

If Douglas Theaters want to stand by its "family-friendly" image, what are violent films such as these doing on the movie screens?

Making money — which is what a business should be concerned with.

Of course, a business should also be concerned with the customers it serves. And Douglas Theaters — which has a monopoly on first-run theaters in Lincoln — are ignoring a large portion of its customers with a silly NC-17 policy.

Based solely on its rating, Douglas Theaters won't show a nudity-filled movie such as "Showgirls." But it will show movies chock full of violence and mature situations. Even "good" movies like "Shawshank Redemption," "Pulp Fiction" and "Desperado."

Apparently — by "family-friendly" logic — nudity isn't good for the family, but violence and adult situations are just dandy.

Douglas Theaters need to re-evaluate its current policy on NC-17 and unrated films.

Because of its financial success, "Showgirls" will lure more movie producers to support NC-17 rated films, thus introducing more NC-17 films to the mainstream cinema.

If Douglas continues to have its way, we'll all be driving to Omaha.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Up the score!

I'm responding to your articles on teams running up final scores ("Controversy revolves around teams' running up final scores," Sept. 19; "Final score leaves sour taste in ASU coach Snyder's mouth," Sept. 18).

I'm sick of hearing about teams being downed because their scores are too high.

Now the Big Eight coaches are even getting involved. Teams should have the right to run up the score. If teams want to stop high scores against themselves then they should tell their defense to wake up.

So, these coaches want the third and fourth string players to just hand off until the rest of the game is over.

Come on, these players need a chance, as much as first string players, to show off exactly how good they are.

Maybe whoever makes the schedules should give Nebraska a harder schedule. At least that would make it easier to prove whether we deserve the national title or not.

So, guys, go ahead and take that ball into the end zone for that extra touchdown.

Sean Roker
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Beg to differ

Certainly no apologies need to be made for the Husker scoreboard against Arizona State and Pacific, but apologies are called for when Todd Walkenhorst suggests that the opponents are "mediocre players going to a mediocre school." Blinded by red, as I suspect most Nebraskan sportswriters to be, Walkenhorst makes the mistake of defining the quality of an entire

university by its football program.

Both ASU and Pacific have the reputation of being quality research institutes and don't deserve Walkenhorst's victory jabs.

In addition, I wish to refute Walkenhorst's claim that players accepting football scholarships to Arizona State or Pacific know they are headed for mediocrity.

Two years ago, ASU defensive back Shante Carver was profiled in "Sports Illustrated" and now enjoys a successful career with the Dallas Cowboys.

That is hardly what I would define as a mediocre accomplishment.

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Can of whitewash worms

Why do we have to put up with the Women's Caucus, the regents, or any chancellor telling our football coach what to do?

Don't they know how important it is for a football player to play football?

His honor the Coach has always made right choices before, even better than a county attorney.

Even if our best can of whitewash can't change the color of the car, the NCAA doesn't care anyway.

A few knots on a couple student's heads is all they have on Lawrence Phillips. Surely that is not enough to take "everything" away from this poor football player.

Think how proud and happy it would make all his teammates if he could just go to Kansas and get all fixed, especially before we play someone really good.

Ron Osborn
Omaha

Logical errors

I would like to make these comments about Jamie Karl's column "English needed to unite states" (Sept. 27).

Karl believes that "the country's language" is English. But he also claims that large sums of money are spent to print tax forms and election information in languages other than English, and that many languages are spoken in schools in three cities.

If languages other than English are so widely spoken in the United States, does it make sense to claim that the country's language is English? No.

Karl also states that the federal government spends \$254 billion (A mistake. The figure Karl intended to write was \$254 million — Ed) on bilingual education each year. Karl does not cite the source of this information.

I believe he wants to imply that we spend too much on bilingual education. We might call this the "Miserly Gingrich Argument."

a. The U.S. spends x number of dollars on program y.

b. The U.S. has a large budget deficit.

c. Therefore, the U.S. ought to cut funding to the program.

The fact that we spend a large amount of money on something is not reason enough to cut funding for it. One could use the same argument to eliminate national defense.

I suggest that Karl is, in fact, "Simple" and "uncultured," is out of place on a university campus, and should go the hell back to where he came from — some backwater, I imagine.

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