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# Shake your booty

## Gratuitous nudity in today's cartoons unbearable

Violence is everywhere. It is in families and sports arenas, on our streets and sidewalks, but especially on TV.

It has brought about a TV ratings system and a severe brouhaha about the miraculous "v-chip." Violence can be found in about every program, but most importantly, it is extremely common in children's cartoon shows.

minute of seeing a full frontal of the creature.

This overabundance of nakedness will eventually cause three effects for our society and its children:

### No. 1: Acceptance of Human Nudity

Just as children accept the violent actions of their beloved animated friends, so will they feel that going about nude is unobjectionable.

It is bad enough seeing pictures of bare babies in the bathtub, but naked kindergartners running around are definitely inadmissible.

### No. 2: Encouragement of Bestiality

As the young, impressionable children continue to see animals without bottoms like Mickey Mouse or Donald Duck, they will begin to become attracted to these individuals, and less attracted to humans of the opposite sex. Yes, these children will be lost and overly influenced wrongly by the world, but we will be forced to dedicate our lives to showing them the correct way of sexual attraction.

I do not want to have to be responsible for keeping my offspring lured to real people and I am sure that most people feel the same way as I. (Except maybe for a few in the western parts of Nebraska, if you know what I mean.)

### No. 3: Less Focus on Violence

This will be the one positive effect. Finally, groups across the country will not be concerned with the rampant murder and injury that occurs on these shows, but will be



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entirely centered on dressing the various 'toons of the tube.

Too many parents are worrying about the blood and gore that their kids view on network and cable television and will turn their attention to something worthwhile. These mothers and fathers waste countless hours being critical of the violent actions of the animated beings, when they could be putting their much-needed effort into a problem that needs a solution.

Some of you may be thinking that cartoon nudity is not a big problem because you have not been hearing about it on the various media outlets.

Well, it may not be big now, but soon our nation's leaders will need to crack down on cartoons, and

weigh childhood nudity and bestiality against removing the focus of families from violence.

I don't know for sure which consequences are worse, but personally I think that parents need to forget about the v-chip and start thinking about an "n-chip." (That "n" is for nudity for you slow ones.)

I cannot stand living another day worrying about the Turtles' martial arts fight scenes, while the Smurfs sing their little songs without wearing any shirts. Rise up, nation of violence and turn your attention to the true societal culprit — before it's too late!

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Family groups have been adamantly trying to eliminate this superfluous killing and abuse, but I think they have overlooked a more serious problem with these animated programs. Nudity.

Countless cartoon characters prance about their fantasy wonderlands, happily frolicking together, partially or sometimes completely nude! I am shocked and outraged that no one realizes the utter filth that our brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews are exposed to every Saturday morning.

Sure Yogi Bear advocates stealing, but what about his seductive outfit consisting of nothing but a tie?

Granted, Itchy and Scratchy condone the maiming and dismembering of each other, but look at their wardrobe — or lack thereof! For every second I see Wile E. Coyote exploded, there is a minute

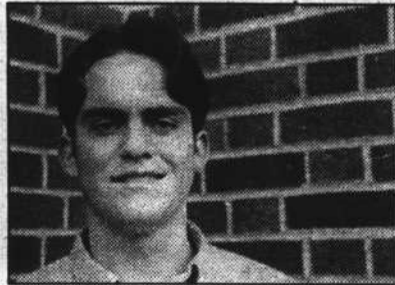
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# Bye-bye beatniks

## Can't create a counterculture with MTV, coffee

*I saw the best minds of my generation destroyed by madness.*

*Starving, hysterical, naked. Dragging themselves through the negro streets at dawn, looking for an angry fix.*



*Angel-headed hipsters, burning for the ancient heavenly connection to the starry dynamo in the machinery of night.*

Unless you have been living in a cave, (who said East Campus? That wasn't funny!) you probably know that the above excerpt is from Allen Ginsberg's book "Howl," and that Mr. Ginsberg died this weekend.

When I listen to those words I wonder: Where are all of the idealists of my generation?

Show me what anyone thinks is a worthy counterculture, and I'll show you something that has already been done or is so commercialized that it isn't even a counterculture anymore. Let's take a slow stroll through a few. Shall we?

### Coffee Houses

Sorry, strike one. The "Beat Generation" did it back in the 50s, and they were doing it in Europe long before that. (And I shouldn't even have to mention Starbucks!)

### The "Alternative Movement" in music

I remember back in 1988, when alternative was still alternative. My best friend Colby and I were listening to The Cure and Siouxsie and The Banshees. (Skateboards and "flop" haircuts were optional.) Now every time I turn on MTV I see a so-called alternative band. Mainstream alternative? Sorry again, just not a possibility.

### Marilyn Manson

OK, you may have gotten me here! But, on the off chance there is a God up there watching, Marilyn and all of his followers can have a nice, warm afterlife without me.

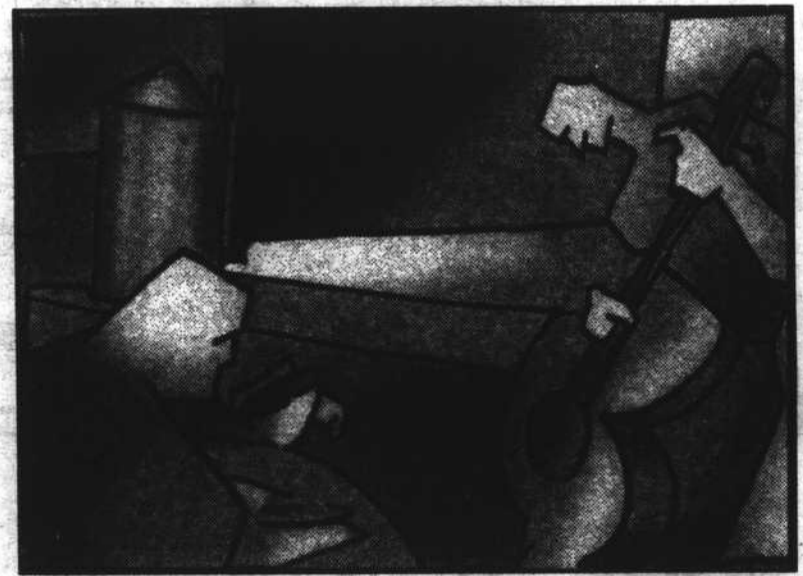
### Harley Davidson, The "American Iron" Revolution

Unfortunately, the Harley Davidson movement was long ago taken over by the lawyers and accountants who are now the only people who can afford them.

### Sport bikes or "Crotch Rockets"

If James Dean were alive today, he would ride a red, white and blue "Bullet Bike." But even the rebel with a cause would have to admit that the most extreme of all sports is a carbon copy of a decades-old original.

Europeans invented the Cafe Racer — a term that is often used to describe speed-oriented bikes — about 30 years ago. Over-sexed, testosterone-filled young men would



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race each other from cafe to cafe. The loser bought the coffee. As cool as these bikes are, are they original? No.

So, has EVERYTHING already been done? It is true, we do have almost everything that Mr. Ginsberg was fighting for: drugs, literary freedom, drugs, sexual experimentation, drugs, a strong anti-censorship movement and drugs.

(Author's note: Yes, I know Ginsberg, later in his life, denounced drugs as a source of inspiration and I don't condone their use either. IT WAS A JOKE! Calm down.)

Christian Slater may have been right in "Pump up the Volume" when he said "All of the great

themes have been used up and turned into theme parks." Political protests are just not as popular as they used to be.

And since my new club, called the "I wouldn't vote for Mike Johanns if he was the last politician on Earth Club," probably won't pay my rent this summer or tuition next fall, I guess I will just get a job and keep dreaming.

But if you hear the voice of the next generation crying out in the wilderness, tell him or her to come down to the Daily Nebraskan. We'll make him a columnist.

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