

## Two Live Crew album truly vile and obscene

In his last column, Colin Moss criticized "super conservatives in Florida" for banning the sale of Two Live Crew albums because they contain bawdy language, and characterized us as a "closed-minded society" for reacting as we have. Framing the issue in this manner is a gross misrepresentation of the facts.

The album in question has not been banned simply because it contains profanity or offensive words as Moss would have us believe. The record is truly vile and deserves to be treated like any other obscene material. Because of it, we have thousands of high school (and younger) age kids singing about the joys of damaging a girl's vagina during sex, or forcing anal sex on a girl and then forcing her to lick excrement. (You probably haven't heard this on TV.) These lyrics are more than just dirty words, Mr. Moss.

But the fact that so many people rush to defend the mass production and sale of this filth as constitutionally protected free speech is even more disturbing than the album itself. Decent people with a firm belief in what is right and wrong are overshadowed by the growth of dubious constitutional arguments. These arguments stifle the initiatives needed to remove this obscene material from the malls and record stores and put it where it belongs: in the XXX video (audio?) shops.

Another salvo of "save Two Live Crew" arguments emanate from certain members of the liberal intelligentsia who seek to turn this into a racial issue.

Henry Louis Gates of Duke University, for instance, makes the case that black culture has characteristics and styles that whites can't understand. This

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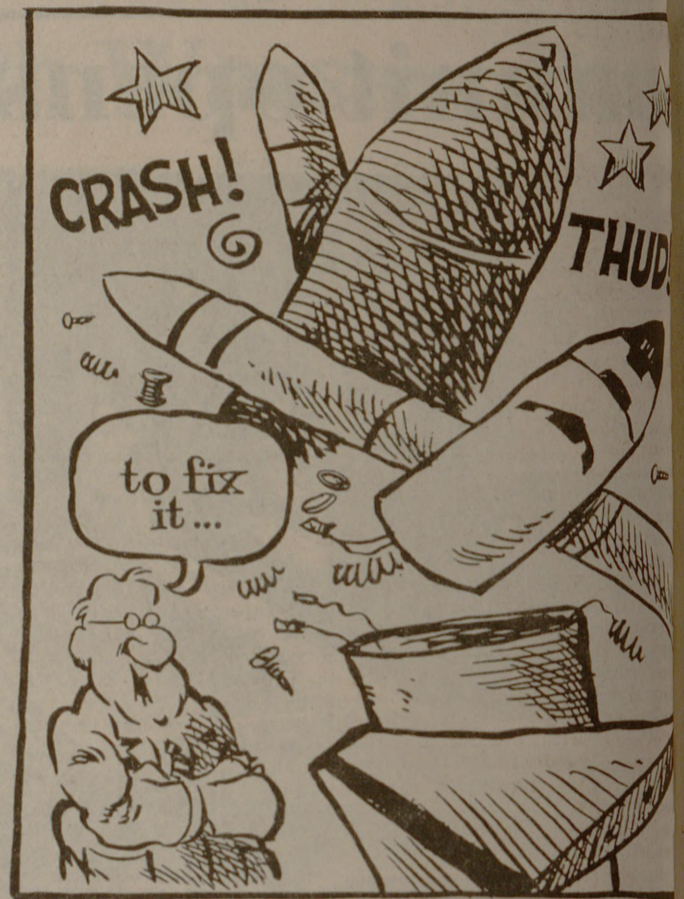
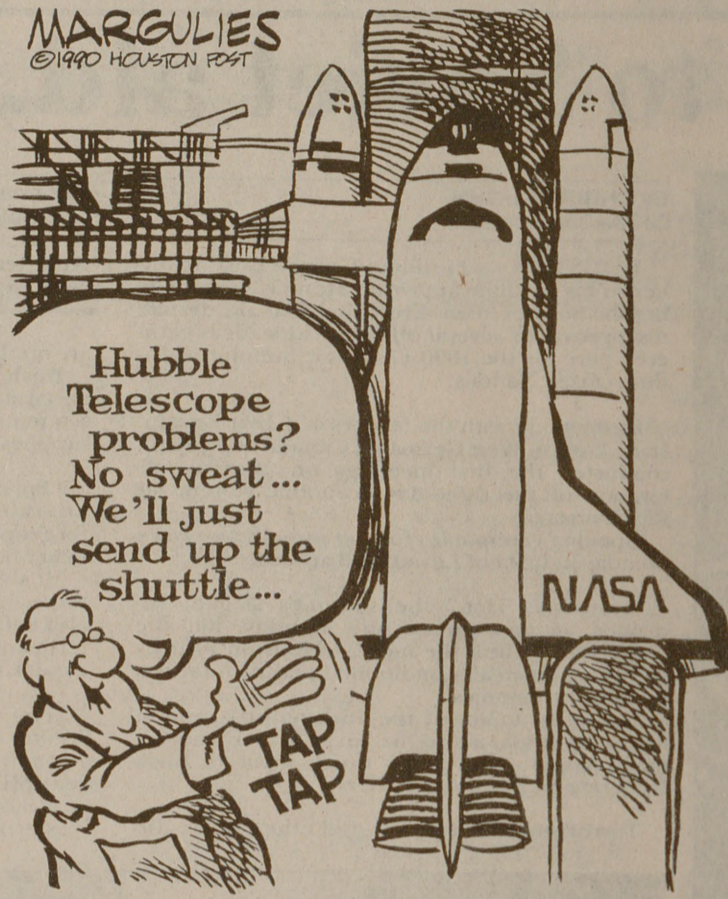
argument leads to the attack that those who support the Florida judge's decision are just racists who are more interested in suppressing black culture than maintaining some modicum of decency in our society.

But then again, it's probably too late anyway. The rapid decay of our system of values, the demoralizing relativism that accompanies it, and our inability to pass on what little there is left to the next generation is reflected every day across the country in the countless acts of unthinking brutality and callous indifference to human suffering that would have horrified even the hardest souls in a not too distant past.

Moss asserted that there is no real harm done in the promulgation of this type of entertainment material which celebrates violence (against women in this case). I disagree. The cycles of decay that are afflicting us are a feedback process. The success of one wave of desensitization paves the way for an even more depraved reality.

There may be hope yet, but certainly not if we as a society lack the moral resolve to demand that this "music," extolling the virtues of degrading sex acts and the infliction of pain upon women, should not be packaged and peddled to children as entertainment. This small thing I hope we can accomplish.

It's not much, but it's a start.  
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## MAIL CALL

### Court made 'realistic' decision

**EDITOR:**  
This letter is concerning Monique Threadgill's "New court ruling on euthanasia unrealistic" article. She missed the point.

She stated the ruling correctly, "that the artificial administration of nutrients cannot be cut off to a person in a vegetative state without convincing evidence that the patient wants to die." However, she elaborated on another subject — comatose persons being kept alive by machines.

The Supreme Court's ruling dealt with "nutrients," not "machines" (food and water not heart/lung machines). A comatose person that cannot communicate but can breathe and that has a heartbeat and brain waves can no longer be starved to death! Why is this unrealistic?

A person in a coma may be aware of what's going on around him, but has no control of his body. Many patients in a so-called "permanent" vegetative state have recovered. Before this decision, some of these people were frequently being legally starved to death in the name of compassion!

Who are we being compassionate to? Ourselves, that's who! We see someone struggling for their life, but it is too much for us to take so we get rid of what's bothering us. Since when is our right to life dependent on whether we are wanted or not?

We see sick, old or disabled people and we decide that their family is suffering too much so we want to starve the sick, old or disabled person to death? What happened to taking care of our family and our elders?

Thank God that the Supreme Court made a realistic decision.

**Michael Bradham '88**

### Apartheid's choices limited

**EDITOR:**  
The title of Jon Beeler's June 29th column makes the bold statement that there are "better ways to end apartheid than Mandela's" methods.

However, nowhere in his column does he mention a single alternative. Instead the column is devoted to showing that Mandela is a communist who favors violent actions.

It is very easy for one to point a finger, like Beeler has, and judge. In this case, I think I would even agree. Mandela does seem to advocate violence and has communist supporters.

But what about these options that were hinted at? Where are the other opposition leaders from outside of the ANC who would lead the "non-whites" to a solution to apartheid? I can tell you where they are, and the blacks in South Africa can point you to the very spots where they are: six feet under.

Beeler is right. One does not have to meet violence with violence. The government of South Africa has seen fit to kill off such moderate voices over the last 20 years. It

would be refreshing to hear the voice of Biko perhaps.

Biko testified in a South African court that violence should only be used if all political means were exhausted. Unfortunately, Biko is dead now. With a little research, anyone can create a list of appalling length of the leaders killed by the South African government.

The fact of the matter is, it is a surprise that someone as moderate as Mandela leads the ANC. It's a rare man who can tolerate such oppression for so long and not advocate complete warfare.

Think about it. Mandela looks like a saint compared to some of the younger ANC leaders. The number of people dead would be much higher, many of them white, if Mandela had been killed instead of put in prison, and some other man would lead the ANC.

Does any of this excuse the necklacing? No. Does this excuse Mandela in any way or make him a democratic man? No. The South African government has a choice. It can deal with him, or it can deal with some of the much more militant leaders. South Africa limited its choices to Mandela's long ago when it killed off the more peaceful leaders who offered better ways to end apartheid.

**Chet Laughlin '91**

### Rape, incest warrant choice

**EDITOR:**  
Imagine a woman of 38 years working diligently at her downtown office. At 9 p.m. her husband worriedly calls, but she assures him she will be home in 30 minutes. As she enters the parking garage, a man grabs her and forces her into a van, brutally raping her.

After months of physical and mental pain, the baby is born. This is certainly a welcome occasion to any family of a rape victim.

I can't imagine the pain and suffering a rape victim goes through. No one can. And as if the suffering isn't enough, Louisiana wanted to make abortion illegal in cases of rape or incest. Sounds pretty ethical to me — what about you?

If we can't persuade courts to fully legalize abortion in cases of rape or incest — what next? Possibly visitation rights for the rapist? Maybe even adopt a rapist? It could be hereditary, who knows? The press deemed the Louisiana bill as the toughest abortion bill proposed.

I'd settle for calling it "stupid."

**Jared Kaiser '93**

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## Liberals use 'newspeak' to become more appealing

By now, I'm sure most of you have read "1984" by George Orwell. Or, if the studies done on such things are correct in telling us that the population as a whole and the youth in particular are favoring videos over the "chore" of having to read, perhaps you have "seen the movie."

Do you remember the term "newspeak?"

Now we have a new and improved newspeak, thanks to the communist government of the Soviet Union. Words such as "communism," "fascism" and "imperialism" have been redefined to reflect a more favorable light on Soviet political goals.

There are certain liberal Democrats using the power of this newspeak to make themselves appear more appealing to the public eye. Let's take Senator Ed Kennedy (D-Mass.). He says his party must search for "new approaches" (not new ideas, please note) to the needs of the country. "We cannot and should not depend on higher taxes to roll in and redeem every costly program. Those of us who care about 'domestic progress' must do more with less," said Kennedy.

Well, Mr. Kennedy, I think the true test will come when you suggest just who will have to do more with less. I will enjoy seeing you stand up to those demonstrators when you suggest cutting welfare or reducing funding to Planned Parenthood or tightening immigration laws, or any of the other issues near and dear to the hearts of liberals. If Kennedy is going to indulge in euphemisms, then the rest of us will

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need a glossary to know what is actually being said.

Here are some samples of liberal "new newspeak" and a glossary to help you understand this new wave of euphemisms:

- **TOLERANT:** person who is willing to accept any form of behavior, because there is no standard of right or wrong (except their own).

- **DIVERSITY:** close relative of "tolerance." If you are tolerant, then you can appreciate diversity, such as adultery, homosexual behavior, wife beating, etc.

- **THE FIRST AMENDMENT:** that part of the Constitution which protects liberals so that they may publish, write, broadcast anything (however no such amendment is available for the conservatives).

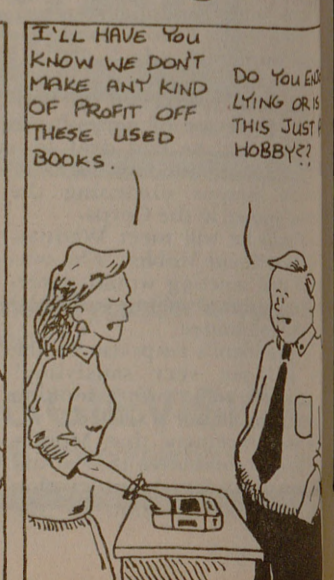
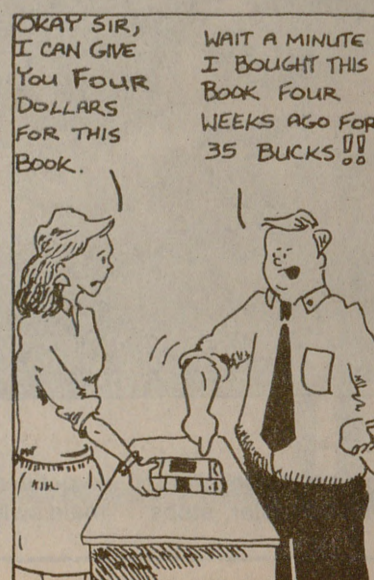
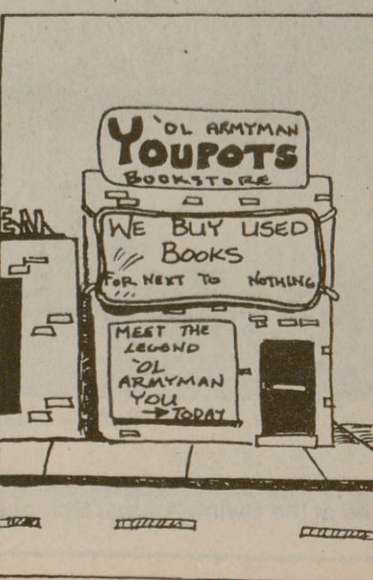
- **PLURALISM:** here is the newest of the modern catch-phrase, the process by which one gives in to a liberal if there is a disagreement. This process is not reversible. If one tries, he is anti-pluralistic.

There will be more, to be sure. The liberal left is in dire political straits at the moment, and they need every ploy available to gain ground lost in the past.

So the next time you hear one of them speak, wonder as to which dictionary they are using.

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