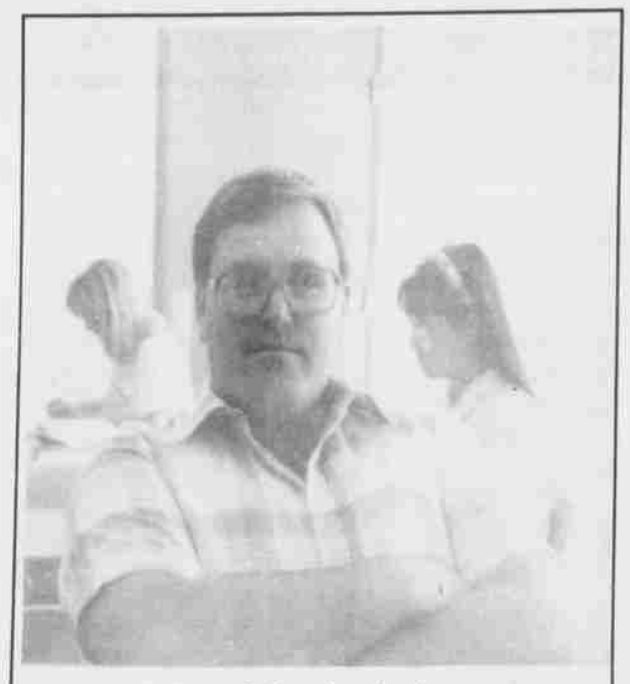
Point of View

What are your feelings toward government censorship within the arts and music?



Darrell Lewis, Junior
Social Work

I'm against any type of limits put on freedom of speech. I'm not sure of government's role. People must govern themselves and realize some groups are out to buck the system just to see how far they can go.

Christy McCoy, Freshman
Business

Parents have a responsibility to know what their children listen to. Some type of rating system might be helpful to them. If they took more responsibility towards what their children listen to there would be no controversy. Art should be left alone.

David Kennedy, Junior
Social Work

Freedom of speech is a constitutional right. If we don't have freedom of speech then what does America stand for? Its personal choice. You don't have to buy the album or look at the picture; it's your choice.

Foreign languages: Are they really worth it?

by Adejoke Adenle

When contemplating the possibility of foreign language as a core requirement, the major question that comes to mind would be, "Is it really necessary?" It may not be "really necessary" but it could be beneficial to us all in becoming well rounded individuals.

It may be argued that foreign languages are only necessary for those who need it in their majors or it they are to travel internationally. This is true, but it ignores the fact that a lot is to be gained from learning a foreign language.

In order to truly learn about another culture, it is essential to know the language the people speak.

Dr. George Urioste who is currently in charge of the linguistics program said he believes there is more to school than practical learning.

Dr. Urioste also said "Doctors should first be human beings before being scientists."

Learning another person's language goes a long way toward learning that person's culture and expanding human understanding.

In addition, having command of a foreign language is a very powerful tool. In the event of traveling to another country it helps to know what others are saying about you; a foreign language could open doors that would otherwise remain closed.

With Americans increasing importance in international commerce, it would be beneficial to know languages.

The school should therefore encourage foreign language requirements. The way to do this would be to make it a core requirement for all departments. It might be expensive but it might be the type of expense we can't afford to do without.

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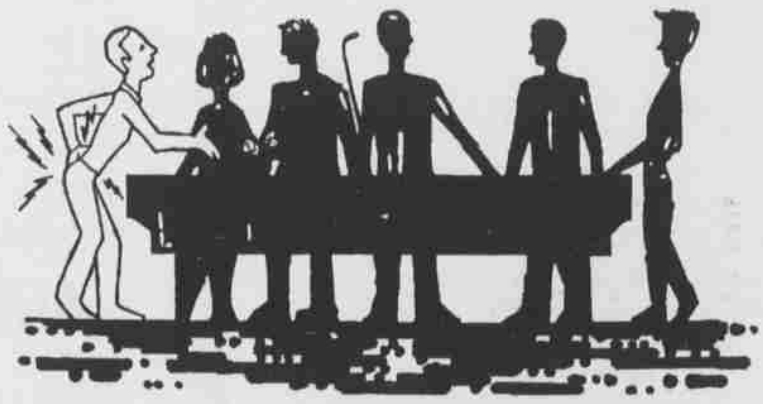
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