Editorial...

"I get paid to wreak havoc basketball court... I am not a role model." Last spring the NBA's Most Valuable Charles Barkley, made comment in his Nike ad. His ad brought Barkley a great deal of criticism from parents, people in the media, and some of his peers. But, he had a good point. He has always stated that children should look up to his dunking ability, but they should not look to him to be their role model. He wants to raise his daughter, not yours.

This conflict of public figures influences has surfaced again. A five year-old boy started a fire that killed his sister after watching MTV's Butt-head. One of the Beavis a n d characters in the show is a pyromaniac and frequently states that "fire is cool." The child's mother and the fire chief are blaming the fire on the show. This is far too easy.

It is much too easy to blame a fire on a cartoon. It is much too easy to blame a child's violent acts on an aggressive power

We constantly try to pass the blame of our actions on someone other than ourselves. How hard would it be for the child's mother to explain to her son that fire is not "cool."

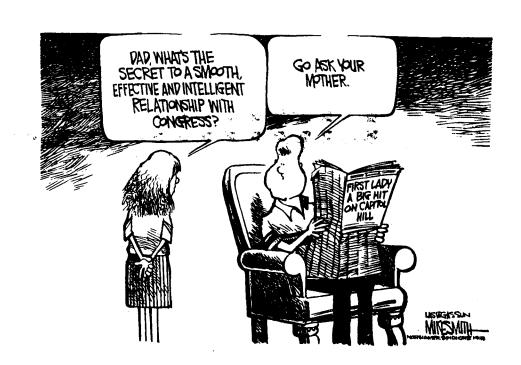
She should not look to the TV to place the blame. She needs only to look in the mirror.

Correction...

In last week's editorial, the Student Government Association incorrectly identified as the 1993 Best Student Organization. Multi-Cultural Council was the Best Student Organization. SGA was the Most Improved Student Organization.



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