

WARNING: WARNING LABELS ARE EVERYWHERE!

For the past 35 years, rock and roll managed to do better in the world of entertainment than any other art form. So why has censorship been such a controversy in the music industry over the past year?

Two artists that were in the center of all the attention this year were seductive singer, Madonna, and the popular rap group, 2 Live Crew led by Luther Campbell. Madonna has a past history of creating controversy among the general public with songs such as "Like a Virgin," and "Papa Don't Preach," both for sexual connotations in the lyrics. The most recent accusation concerned her video for the song "Justify My Love," which was promptly banned from MTV for being "inappropriate," and a

warning label was slapped on the tape Immaculate Collection which featured the song.

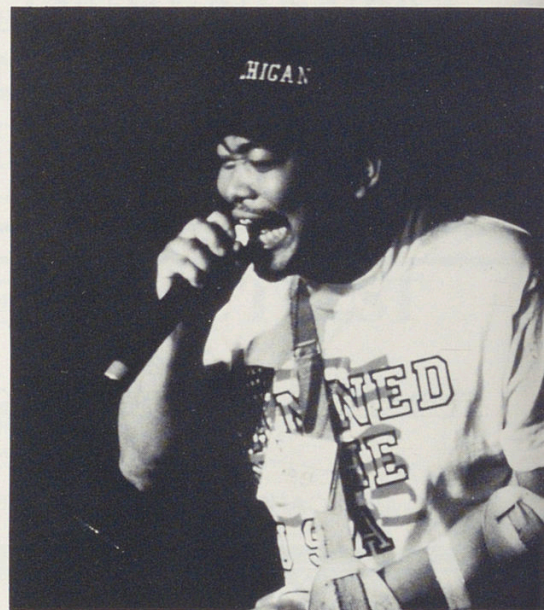
2 Live Crew members were accused of using sexually explicit lyrics in most of their music. Concerts had been canceled in some cities and some record stores have gone as far as to refuse to sell their tapes because of the controversial lyrics.

Although the people who promote the censorship of music have a right to their opinion, all the hype draws national attention toward the artists, which in most cases, is exactly what they want. The past year introduced many new sounds and ideas on the screen, stage and radio, and the 90/91 year proved that rock and roll and censorship were once again controversial topics.

by Shana Bellot

The Irish singer with her shaved head and immense eyes is known as much for her strong political views as her chart-topping music.

2-Live Crew had hit songs and made big headlines when they received obscenity charges for their album "As Nasty As You Wanna Be."



From "Borderline" to "Justify My Love," Madonna has shown what she's got.



With their goofy dance music and 60's styles, the B-52's made a comeback this year after a few year absence from the music world. Their album, "Cosmic Thing," was a hit and reached triple platinum.

