

Letters to the editor

LASHES OUT

In recent years, straight America has seen a rise of homosexuality within our country. Groups, as well as individuals, have "come out of the closet."

These people are defined as "having sexual desire for those of the same sex." Their beliefs and actions are seen as being wrong and immoral.

A recent article written by John Rossomando, in *The Behrend College Collegian* lashes out against homosexuality.

Rossomando uses direct Biblical quotes in his argument, but seems to have missed an important one.

I John 4:7 states, "...let us love one another, for love comes from God." It does not state, let us love one another of opposite sexes.

In this passage, God condones love, not just love of opposite partners. Also, the last part of this verse states simply that love is of God.

Often, Rossomando presents himself as a devout Christian but he expresses love for people only of his sexual orientation.

In his article, Rossomando makes references to "radical...groups parading across our television screens" shoving their doctrines and beliefs down our throats.

There are many groups out there, not just homosexuals, who are nationally syndicated. These groups are found even within Christian circles, for instance television evangelists.

There are programs on television daily that state Christian beliefs and are informative of their goals. These programs and groups are also "parading across our television screens."

He states that homosexual groups are seeking out rights, and

they are proud of what they are. Is this wrong? People have been seeking acknowledgement for centuries.

For example, blacks, women, and Indians have been minorities which have sought rights and have been frowned upon.

Homosexuals are a minority and like any other minority, they are seeking their rights and making themselves known to the world.

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Rossomando's opinions are that he may speak out against homosexuality, but whenever anyone questions his doctrines, the person is wrong and radical in his thoughts.

Perhaps Rossomando argues so strongly against homosexuality because he questions his own sexuality.

People should not choose their friends by who they sleep with at night, but rather by what is within them.

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HOW NAIVE

Mr. Marini,
How naive can you be? Oswald could not have fired those shots to kill J.F.K. His marine records show he was no marksman. He was a fair shot at best.

Lee Harvey Oswald was an

agent for the CIA, that's why he went to the USSR. He was trained to be a double agent.

Oswald was taught Russian by the Marines. Only agents were taught Russian during the Cold War by the government. Interpreters were hired also.

He supposedly defected, but this was not the case. He never denounced his citizenship and proclaimed himself a Soviet.

If he was a "megalomaniac," then why did the U.S. government allow him back into the country? The U.S. even gave him the money to come back. Also, he was never interrogated.

After back in New Orleans, he quickly worked with CIA agents Clay Shaw and David Ferry, and FBI agent Greg Bannister.

They "sheepdipped" him to look like a "lone nut" so they could set him up to look like a "patsy."

The government has admitted that both David Ferry and Clay Shaw worked for the CIA during the '50s and '60s. The FBI has admitted that Jack Ruby was one of their agents.

As for the shots from the Texas School Depository Building on the 6th floor, they could not have been fired.

As mentioned, Oswald's marine records, and even marines from his company, said he was a bad shooter. He was dead last in scoring in his company.

An expert marksman tried to make those shots and did not even come close. There was triangulation fire, not shots from one place. The wounds to Kennedy, Connally and the bystander by the bridge are my proof.

Tests on Oswald that day found no powder burns on his clothes or on his body. Oswald was also picked up too quickly by the police.

Watch "JFK" for Jim Garrison's proof.

Why are there no records of Oswald's interrogation? He was held for over 24 hours before he was even officially charged with the murders of JFK and Officer Tippett of the Dallas police.

And what about fingerprints on the weapon? None were found until days after he was murdered by Ruby. There wasn't a single fingerprint found, only a smudged palm print. Ballistics tests show the weapon found was not fired that day.

I believe I have given enough information to prove your theory wrong. I am more than willing to publicly debate my points versus yours anytime.

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STUDY ABROAD

I am writing in reply to Kristen Wasilewski's article on the Study Abroad Program offered by Penn State.

Not only was it a poorly written article, but it did not communicate that studying abroad is a wonderful opportunity and more within a student's financial means than one may think.

First, and most obviously, Sindy Staley was omitted from the article altogether.

Sindy was my roommate in England, and the only other person from Behrend to study abroad last semester is Wendy Martinec. Wendy studied in Australia last semester. She transferred from University Park.

Sindy went to England on the economics program and was in the picture with me, as was our other roommate, Rebecca Fishkin from University Park. It also wasn't mentioned that we attended the University of Manchester in Manchester, England.

Second, my quotes reflect poorly on the program. I was

quoted as saying, "I didn't learn a lot from my classes...." My classes were a little dry because we had guest speakers, and while they were experts in their fields, they were not professors.

Some did not organize their lectures well, and some had difficulty speaking to college students on the students' level.

We were able to evaluate our programs at the end, and our program directors at the University of Manchester are aware of this weakness in the communications program.

Sindy, however, found her economics classes extremely interesting and educationally stimulating. She feels she learned an enormous amount from her lectures.

Third, my remarks were taken out of context and appeared contradictory. There was a remark by me in which I stated that English people are not that friendly, yet I wished I had lived with them.

Next, I felt the article did not inform readers of the options they have on how to pay for studying abroad. The program costs vary, as does airfare depending on your destination.

However, in my particular program, tuition was paid to Penn State, and I paid approximately the same amount for housing in England as one would pay for a semester here [at Behrend]. Most of this cost was covered by my financial aid.

I hope this gives you a better idea of what studying abroad is all about. I would be glad to talk to anyone interested or who has questions. I can be reached at 898-6882. I strongly encourage everyone to study abroad. As one professor here at Behrend said to me -- it will change your life!

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