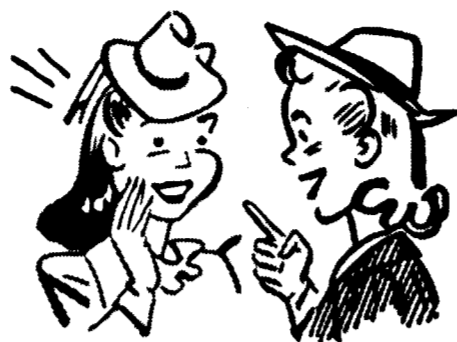


Saying
"I love
you"



What A Girl Wants....

I Know What Boys Like....

When do you say I love you? Well there are two parts here: When it really counts, and the real time. Obviously, you should not say it until at least five months into a relationship. Most men do not believe in love at first sight because it is usually lust at first sight for us. Also, 'I love you' must not be stated when trying to get some action, or after receiving some action.

If you think you are smooth, and just want to get some action, then in no way should those three little words come out. In fact, that would be taking the easy way out. Now, no further glorification of this matter is needed because this thought process should never cross the mind of any man, but unfortunately it is college. It happens.

Just as a note, age has something to do with it too. College is usually a time when maturity grows, and it can be understandable to hear of an engagement in the junior or senior year. However, we must ask ourselves whether or not high school is the place for possibly the strongest emotion in humans. I think not.

The easy answer here is when you really mean it. There should be no pressuring just because the female said it to you, and most likely men will stay away from commitment for the sole reason of different beliefs. With age it becomes easier to say I love you because confidence grows in decision making and following your heart, but ladies, let's face it, it's not going to happen just because you want it to. To say this is what all men want would be absurd, but it seems to be the general consensus.



Those three little words, they can make or break a relationship. Ok, so maybe that's a little dramatic but it can put a strain on the relationship if either partner doesn't reciprocate those feelings. With that said, when do you say the words?

Love is a very strong emotion, but so is lust and it's easy to confuse the two. In the beginning of a relationship, it may feel like you are in love, when in actuality, it's that pesky lust thing. So unless you have known the person for an extremely long time and you have been harboring secret feelings for them, then most likely, you shouldn't say that= you love someone for at least the first five or six months of a relationship.

And that's another thing, do you say 'I love you' when you feel like you love the person or when you are sure that you are IN love with them? That's a tough one. That's for another column. So, the best advice to both sexes is to be absolutely sure you have the feelings that you think you have and then say it when it feels right. And again, the ladies agree with the men this week and we say, before, during or after the booty action is not the best time to profess your undying love, cause that's just hormones talking!

Words can be comforting and loving, but they can also be hurtful, and there's nothing worse than finding out that the three words were said out of pressure because you said them first or said them to save the other person's feelings. And don't let the guys tell you that women pressure them into it, there are plenty of women out there in the same boat. The door swings both ways. Just save the hurt and say it when you mean it.

Do you have a relationship question? If so, send it to Behrcoll5@aol.com and have it answered by our relationship experts. Answers will be given in our features advice column from a male and female point of view.

HOROSCOPES

Aries (March 21 - April 19). Beware emergency rooms.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20). There is a time and place for everything, just not on a street corner at 3 a.m.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21). You can love your twin, just don't love your twin.

Cancer (June 22 - July 23). Don't get it.

Leo (July 24 - August 22). Go to the zoo and pet a cub.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22). Make your teachers think you care--go to class.

Libra (September 23 - October 23). Squash: they aren't just for breakfast anymore. Wink, wink. Nudge, nudge.

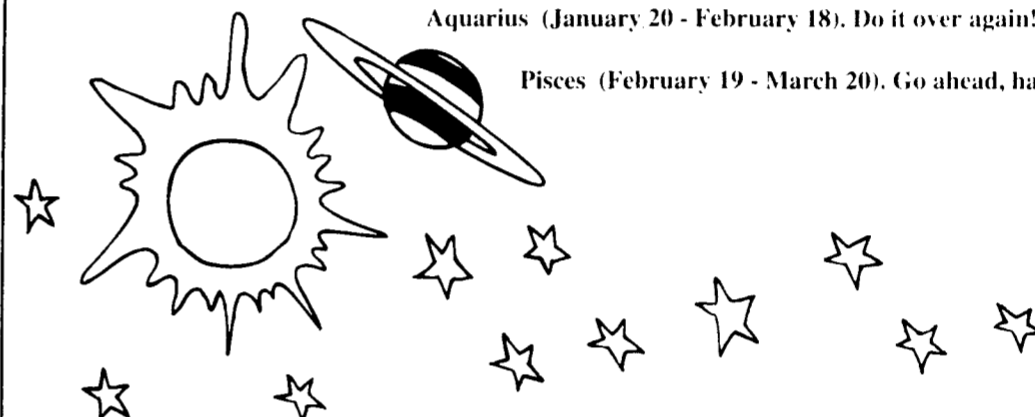
Scorpio (October 24 - November 21). Just be honest, no matter how many feelings you hurt.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21). If the overwhelming wave of dumb comes your way, run as fast as possible in the opposite direction.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19). Tell someone you know who is supposed to graduate that they aren't.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18). Do it over again!

Pisces (February 19 - March 20). Go ahead, have an M&M.



Happenings in Erie

October 26-28

Mercyhurst College's Musical Theatre Presents "The Diary of Adam and Eve," in the Taylor Little Theatre, 8:00 p.m.

October 27

Halloween Swing Dance, at Asbury Barn, 7:30-11:00 p.m.

October 31

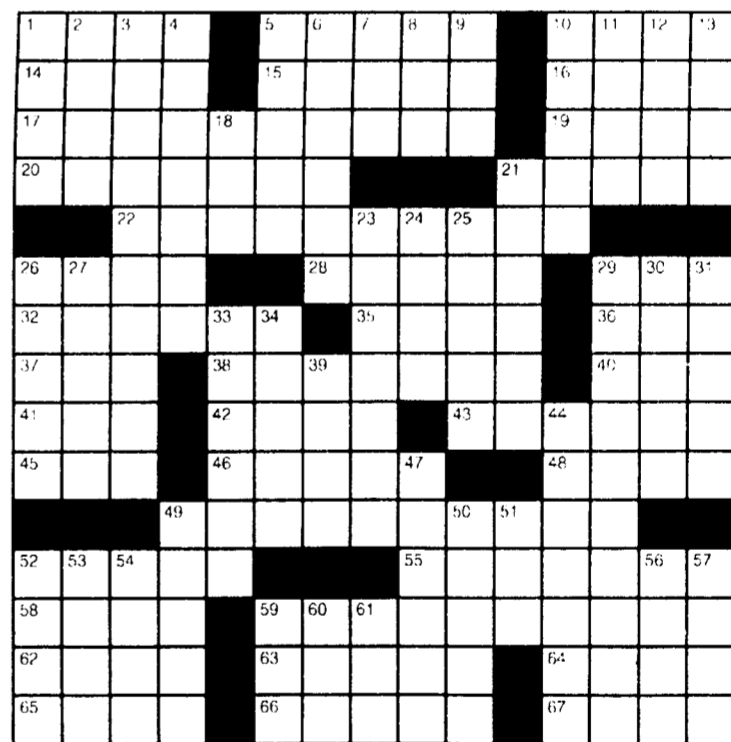
Behrend Jazz Band fall concert, at Bruno's Cafe, 8:00 p.m.

November 2

Dr. Jonathan Hall lectures "Light and Color," in the Otto Behrend Science Building, Room 101, 7:30 p.m.

Crossword

- ACROSS
 1 With 14A, diver's gear
 5 "The Cloak" or "The Bat"
 10 Discontinue
 14 See 1A
 15 Virtuous
 16 Ear part
 17 General's assistant
 19 Lotion ingredient
 20 Explore caves
 21 Roger Bannister, e.g.
 22 Eye or ear, e.g.
 26 Author of "Lucky Jim"
 28 Cornered in branches
 29 Taxi
 32 Porker's pad
 35 Not up yet
 36 Spat ending?
 37 Traveler's stopover
 38 Breakfast patty
 40 In position
 41 Expert
 42 Donahue or Silvers
 43 Informer
 45 Actor Beatty
 46 Jabs
 48 Cyrano's distinction
 49 Confined to a monastery
 52 Worship
 55 Excessive desire for wealth
 58 Cross-country walk
 59 Wood rabbit
 62 Goes astray
 63 Small stream
 64 Part of IBM
 65 Essence
 66 Discontinue
 67 On the briny



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- DOWN
 1 Sorrowful exclamation
 2 Witty remark
 3 Not planned
 4 Never outdated
 5 Signs
 6 Money supply
 7 Notable period
 8 Ewe's mate
 9 High peak
 10 Done in
 11 Ring recurrently
 12 Woodwind
 13 Equal
 18 Demand payment repeatedly
 21 Infuriate
 23 Consultation shrines
 24 Singer McEntire
 25 Oddballs
 26 Concerning bees
 27 Chop into small pieces
 29 Janitors
 30 Guinness and Baldwin
 31 Hit the tub
 33 Overthrow
 34 Loudmouth lummo
 39 Polynesian

Solutions



- 44 Sluggishness
 47 Declares
 49 Top of a wave
 50 Draw forth
 51 Operated
 52 Attention getter
 53 Dreadful
 54 Gumbo ingredient
 56 Quote
 57 Ms. Fitzgerald
 59 New Deal agcy.
 60 Mine vein
 61 Afternoon affair

Have you gone on a road trip lately? If so, write about it and send your entry to behrcoll5@aol.com.

Contest rules: Any Behrend student can submit a 300-500 word story about a road trip they have taken since the end of the spring 2000 semester. The trip must be more than 150 miles from the original location. A photo must accompany entry with sufficient proof that the trip was made. Insufficient proof will lessen chances to win contest. If more than one student took part in the road trip, only the student submitting the story is eligible, unless all members send name in with entry. If more than one student name appears on entry, prize will be divided amongst the students who entered. Send in entries to behrcoll5@aol.com as soon as possible to ensure publication in the Beacon. Only entries appearing in the Beacon will be voted on. Beacon members are ineligible and will vote on the winner.