

# OPINION

## Editorial Opinion

### James Kurre: Outstanding Lecturer

During the three semesters that I've been at Behrend College, I've had the opportunity to observe the lecture presentations of 15 different instructors. Although the majority of these lectures were delivered well, few of them can compare to the exceptional performance of Dr. James Kurre, Assistant Professor of Economics.

Many of the people who have had Kurre as an instructor seem to have the same view. Last spring when it was time to schedule classes for fall 1984, I consulted some upperclassmen for their opinions on who the 'good' teachers were. When it came time to choose an economics teacher, everybody said the same thing: "If you want to learn economics, sign up for Kurre's class." So I did.

Kurre conducts a lecture in a manner that I've never experienced before. He presents his material very rigorously and with a keen eye for detail, literally captivating the attention of his audience. By sparing his students from the typical, droning lecture, Kurre allows the class to become deeply interested and enthused about economics.

In many of my classes, I have seen a number of students with attitudes of uninterest and indifference toward the material they are supposed to be learning. This can sometimes be a direct result of the way an instructor goes about presenting the essentials of a course. Kurre understands that a student must first be interested before the learning process can begin.

When Kurre talks, people listen. He is an authoritative, highly motivated speaker, and he never seems to fail at getting his point across.

Many of the degrees offered at Behrend and at University Park require the student to take a course in introductory economics. If your degree requires such a course, schedule your time with Dr. James Kurre. His is one lecture that you just can't sleep through.

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## Reader Opinion

### Pro-Choice Abortions Issue

For two semesters now, I have listened to Michael Kitchen's views on abortion. As every American is guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution, Mr. Kitchen is more than welcome to his opinion. However, in accordance with the guarantee granted to me by the same constitution, I would like Mr. Kitchen to hear my point of view.

The pro-lifers are against abortion. It is murder, they say, the killing of an innocent being. However, if the mother is raped, or the pregnancy occurs because of incest, then abortion is "okay." An abortion is an abortion. If it's murder in one case, it's murder in another. I don't understand why, under certain conditions, "murder" is okay, but in another case it is not. Pro-lifers accuse pro-choice people of "playing God," when in fact, are they not playing God by choosing under what conditions abortion is considered suitable?

There are some people who are so anti-abortion that they believe a woman who has conceived by rape or incest should carry the baby full term. This woman has already had the most precious thing to her, herself, violated. I'm to believe that this pregnancy should be fulfilled? This has got to be one of the most thoughtless of concepts. No one is thinking of the woman: What of her feelings? What of her life? After all, it's her life we're condemning.

Pregnancy is a beautiful thing when it is planned by both parties involved. When pregnancy occurs accidentally, I see no reason for someone to have to pay for that mistake for the rest of her life. Pregnancy is not an equal opportunity employer. Ultimately, it is the woman who is forced to make the decision. It is her body and her life. It is very rare that a man has had his life, his reputation, his future ruined by an accidental pregnancy.

For those of you who feel I am

thoughtless and callous toward the feelings of the unborn, I am not. What kind of life would that child lead: Unwanted, possibly unloved. He would pay for his parent's mistake his whole life. Adoption is, of course, an option, but how would you feel about parting with something that was a part of you for nine months? To know it was no longer an "it" but a he or she? Truthfully, is it fair to ask a woman to give up her whole life, a life that has already begun to dream, to hope, to plan? Or is it fairer to ruin two lives?

I am not pro-abortion. I am pro-choice. I do not have the right to tell another what is right or wrong. I do not have the right to tell another what to do or not to do with her body. Neither does anyone else have the right to tell me. If we're dealing with rights, and lives, let's deal with the rights of the lives already here.

Respectfully submitted  
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