

OPINION

Editorial Opinion

We Can Aid In Restoration Of Life

As you sit at your dinner table tonight you probably will not think twice about the food that is placed in front of you, and as you slip into your bed tonight you probably will not give a second thought about waking up tomorrow morning alive and healthy.

Yet, there are probably few who do not know that there are thousands of people starving to death each day in Ethiopia. Mothers and fathers who watch their babies die in their arms and husbands who can only stand helpless as their wives die alongside their children.

As we go on living our sheltered lives thinking how tight our money is getting, there are people whose only concern is holding on for one more day.

It is time for us to open our eyes and take a stand. We can sit in front of our television sets each night disgusted as we hear of a brutal slaying or mass murder and mumble such questions as "What is this world coming to?" or "What is wrong with people today?"

Yet, we conveniently ignore the fact that members of our species are starving to death. What is wrong with people today? Ignorance frees us from responsibility, but we just can't ignore the situation any longer. People are dying and we have the opportunity to do something about it. As terrible as the situation is, I think God is sending us a message through it and is giving us the chance to restore some respect in mankind.

A friend once said that it didn't bother him that three million people are going to starve to death in 1985. What bothered him was that we're going to sit in front of our television sets and watch it happen!

It is time we stopped thinking of these masses as "them" and started thinking of them as "us". What kind of man turns his back on his brother? True, with a situation this widespread, one person can hardly make a difference, but if we ban together we can do something. We are worthwhile and as one we are invincible. We can help in the making of a miracle - the miracle of restoring life.

Just think, if each of us donated one dollar, we would be able to help sustain life. Only God can bring the rain for the crops, but only we can bring the funds. So much has been done, but so much more can be done.

By myself, I can't make much difference in the situation, but together, as a nation, as a people, we can really help. It is time we started to take responsibility for and help our brothers and sisters. How can we let them suffer so terrible when we can do so much?

As sung by John Denver:

"It's about time we begin it, to turn the world around; it's about time we start to make it, the dream we've always known. It's about time we start to live it, the Family of Man; it's about time, it's about changes, and it's about time. It's about peace and it's about plenty, and it's about time; it's about you and me together, and it's about time..."

Risa Glick
Collegian Editor

Reader Opinion

Student Sees "Smurfs" As Marxist Brainwashing

Dear Editor:

Last Saturday morning, I was exposed to a sickening display of anti-American behavior. Not only was this display on national network television, but it was directed towards influencing the country's young.

I was horrified when I switched the television on and saw an unparalleled showing of communist behavior. I saw a commune where income was distributed equally. Each member had a particular job. There was no free choice. All decisions were

made by a supreme leader, known as Papa.

This society was closed off from the rest of the world. There were no incentives to work hard or get ahead. The members of this community were probably content to live here only because they were not permitted to leave (kind of reminds me of the Soviet Union). This oppressed society is none other than the Smurfs.

Our youngsters look up to these radical Marxists, and are gradually turning away from capitalism and free market systems.

Weren't the Smurfs created in Brazil (which is, by the way, near Cuba)? Some of Castro's henchman probably forced a helpless Brazilian artist to create these devious characters.

How long can we stand for this?! I am a red-blooded American and I refuse to have this type of blatant Communism in my home. I urge you to write your Congressman and stop this evil influence from infiltrating the minds of our young! STOP THESE SMURFS, it's the American thing to do.

Sincerely,
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Support Needed For Behrend's First Gender Studies Course

To the editor:

Next fall, Behrend students will be given the opportunity to enroll in this campus' first gender studies course. Dr. Diana Hume George will offer English 194, a survey of women writers of all major genders. The course satisfies a humanities requirement, or counts as an elective for baccalaureate degree requirements.

Because this course is the first of its kind at Behrend, its enrollment will help to determine whether or not another Women's Studies course is ever offered here

again. There are no prerequisites for this course, and it's open to all male and female students. The course will provide a unique opportunity to experience one of Behrend's most dynamic and challenging professors while studying writers too often overlooked by other English classes.

Your support of this course ensures the future of others of its kind at Behrend. Women have an equal place on this campus, and should share a more equal place in its curriculum.

Sincerely,
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