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Let's talk about the "much talked about" issue of which very little is said--CONDOMS.

First, for clarification, let me state that ministers of the Gospel can not speak on this or any issue with a "truly open mind" because their minds, having been "renewed" through the Word of God, will always be biased in favor of the Scriptures.

The condom, invented by an English physician named Condon, has been in existance since the 18th century. "According to some authorities (this was) a corruption of Condon, the inventor" (Dorland's III. Med. Dict., 25th ed.). Recently, condoms have been getting much publicity. Why?

From the condom sales point of view this publicity has opened a way to make big dollars for condom manufacturers. For example, twelve through fifteen year olds no longer have to sneak into gas station rest rooms to buy condoms from the vending machines; now they may come boldly to the grocery counter and buy them by the box. In fact, in some schools they simply need to ask the school nurse and the taxpayers will supply their condoms—"To help stop the spread of AIDS."

Much has been said about the use of condoms to stop AIDS, but the underlying topic is not the stopping of the AIDS virus as much as it is with sexual promiscuity. After all "no one in the world can guarantee you won't get AIDSfrom a sneeze (of which ironically we ask God to Bless), a cough, a kiss, a transfusion, an insect bite,

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or a salad bar" (Donboys, USA Today, Sept. 1987). If anyone thinks that just the use of condoms will prevent them from contracting the AIDS virus they are only deceiving themselves. Promiscous sex or any fornication outside of marriage has never been acceptable in the eyes of God. It seemed good to. God to make rules concerning social sexual responsibilities, but today's social rule seems to be: "Don't get caught."
God stated to Moses in Exodus

22:16 that if a male has sex with a female who is not married he must take her to be his wife. Under thé Mosaic Law a male was also considered to be "unclean" for a day for any external emission of semen--married or unmarried (Lev.15: 16-18). According to the new covenant (made available by Christ-the New Testament) man is no longer bound by the Mosaic Laws, nevertheless, the new covenant states emphatically that fornification and all other forms of sexual immorality (male or female) is still wrong.

On the other hand, after a couple (man and woman) is married the two now have the freedom to voluntarily enjoy each other's body with or without the use of condoms or other forms of contraceptives, although some religions forbid the use of contraceptives in any form.
This is the choice of the married couple, The writer of Hebrews states that "the marriage bed is undefiled" as long as copulation is only with one's marriage partner

(Heb. 13:4). Finally, I must agree with the apostle Paul regarding sexual immorality: "What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? God will judge those..." (1 Cor. 5:12,13). Let it never be said that Pastor Ray has condemned one for using condoms or not using condoms because neither I nor any man has the right to condemn another. Let the judging be up to

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### Student/Athletic Stress

As a member of the Penn State-Erie men's basketball team and a full-time student majoring in communications. I've discovered that someone should write a self-stress management book based on the life of a student athlete.

Each fall, I find myself rushing from the classroom to the court, barely finding time to switch from loafers to high tops. During the peak of basketball season, I eat my meals standing up, don't catch Monlighting reruns, and struggle to complete papers (like this one) on



the bus to and from away games (I've become an artist at maintaining legibility while my pen and paper leap and bend with each turn of our less-than-smooth-riding

I know I'm not alone in my battle to balance a schedule that, due to the demands of two "seperate lives," is totally frantic. Although

few people seem to recognize it, the stress facing studentis often mind (and body) boggling.

Therefore, I propose that Penn State-Erie offer a special counseling program designed to meet the unique needs of student athletes. This program could be set up as a course (perhaps a one-credit requirement for all freshman who are planning student athlete lifestyles), or as a counseling program which students could take advantage of when they needed it.

The emphasis of the program should be on stress management. Although time management and relaxation techniques are vital in any stress management program, this one should be geared to the specific concerns of student athletes (for example, drug abuse among athletes has, in many cases, been linked to performance-related

In general, many student athletes, particularly at the National Collegiate Athletic association's Division III level (which does not allow students to receive athletic scholarships), are overachievers. Their desire to excel on the court or on the playing fields carries over into a desire to perform equally well in the classroom. In fact, their performance in the classroom gauges whether or not they'll be able to participate in an

activity they love. The pressure is there. And so is the need for a program to help studentcope with the



demands of ther chosen lifestyle. I think that establishing such a program at Penn State-Erie would be an investment in one of the colleges richest assets--student athletes. These are some of the students who bring national recognition to the college. These are students who are dedicated to excellence both in and out of the classroom. They deserve all the help the college can offer as the track for their highest goals.

### Smoking

I am truly impressed with the rennovation of the Wintergreen Cafe. It is now a more cheerful place to eat, study, and converse.

I am also pleased with the section of the cafeteria reserved for smokers. The rest of us who don't smoke can then be spared from this

There are people, however, who do not appreciate the reasons for the sectioning of the Wintergreen

Those who smoke assert their constitutional right to enjoy a cigarette wherever they are. However, I learned in law class that a person's desires do not qualify as

rights when they interfere with other's rights.

When smokers have available a way to enjoy their cigarette without disturbing others, yet continue to disregard the rights of nonsmokers, I would mark the event as a fundamental insult to the constitutional rights of non-smokers.

When individuals from among the students, faculty, and staff of Behrend either disregard or do not endorse this new concept in the Wintergreen Cafe, they show the evidence of their individual callousness and naivity.

Let's put litter in its place! Let us cooperate with the 'no smoking' signs in the Wintergreen Cafe.



Seogo Michael Cochrantin

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