

## STUDENT VOICE

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We decided to ask students about their views on homosexuality here at Behrend, because Behrend represents a part of society also. These are the responses that we received:

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**Paul Olijasczyk, 4th semester, Management**—"I would say it shouldn't be done out in the open. If people are going to do that, I think that they should do it alone. I don't think that we have too much of a problem with it. I'm not really for it, I'm against it in general, but if people are going to do it, it shouldn't affect the other people on campus."

**Mike Forbes, 4th semester, Accounting**—"I don't believe in it, but I don't condemn anybody for it, just don't try to impose it on me."



**Kathy Harris, 2nd semester, Liberal Arts**—"I feel that being a gay person is not a matter of choice, that it is a matter of body chemistry and genetics. I have had gay friends and I feel that it is a real shame that America is so homophobic- I know Europe isn't that way. Erie is rather conservative, and I would hope that a college campus would be a place that would be a little more liberal and kinder to people that are different. I feel real sorry for gay people in Erie. Given the climate of the area, it's going to take some real courageous gay people to do much. I know that they're here. I certainly think that there should be some kind of rules that would protect gay people from being harassed."



**Gene Edwards, 6th semester, Biology**—"It doesn't bother me. They're people, their sexual orientation happens to be different but they're people just the same. As long as they're not walking around and hitting on me. If I knew anyone, whether male or female, I wouldn't avoid them like the plague. I see homosexuals as people."



**Lynn Popovich, 4th semester, Elementary Ed.**—"I don't think the idea of having homosexuals on campus is a very good one, but everyone has equal rights. For them to live in the dorms with other people around them isn't fair. I'm opposed to it. I don't believe in it."

### Poetry Corner

"Let me check my mailbox.  
Hey, I got a letter!"  
Last year we were a couple  
this year we're not together.

"It's a Hallmark."  
Definitely an "I'm sorry" card.  
I'll wait till I'm alone,  
cause it might be hard-

#### Mistaken Trust

by Mark Malice

You are more important than the sun, yet  
equally welcome or missed when not part  
of my everyday.

You glow brighter and smell sweeter than  
the fragrant fruit your strawberry hair  
was named for. The linger of your scent  
wherever you've been excites me.

Just knowing you is the best feeling I've  
ever known and the expectation of your  
touch unlocks emotions I never knew existed.

With you, insurance against hurting or  
being hurt is not required. The ease with  
which you make me happier than I've ever  
been scares me with a fear I gladly welcome  
for the rest of my life.

The inspirations you give me create unlimited  
willingness and effort to be the best  
I can in every way for you. You have made  
it possible for me to believe that it is  
better to love and risk losing than to  
never love at all, for the hope of our  
love alone has made my short life a newfound  
success. My fear of losing you only increases  
my appreciation of you every time you  
are near.

My only goal in life is to please you,  
attainment of which will in turn make  
me happier than any man alive. A rose  
is but a mere symbol of all the beautiful  
things you have realized in me.

Love may be blind, but my eyes follow  
your every move. Your gaze and your smile  
invade my strongest inhibitions and I  
tingle at the mere thought of them.

Simple words in writing or speech cannot  
begin to express the hope you have given  
me. Pride and happiness are finally mine,  
a dream realized in a beautiful form.

Reading the above I see that I was unknowingly in  
love with a mirage in the desert when I originally  
wrote it, seeing only that which I wanted to and  
ignoring the explicitly obvious.  
What I did wrong is a question for which I still need  
an answer...

I remember our first date.  
Oh, she was a sight to see;  
Her tight red shirt  
and those faded blue jeans.

It was just a little party,  
ten to twenty friends.  
We talked till the wee hours  
which came to a fantastic end.

.words from the east.

bring us 3 saviors  
no!  
consult the book  
kill?  
interpret it your own way!

2 friends on a suburban rooftop.  
the sirens tell us  
its begun.  
the radio tells us  
to stay calm  
the cars on the highway have already panicked.  
it happened.  
not like i expected.  
a dull red noiseless flash in the east;  
then heat.  
no 1 tells us what to do now.

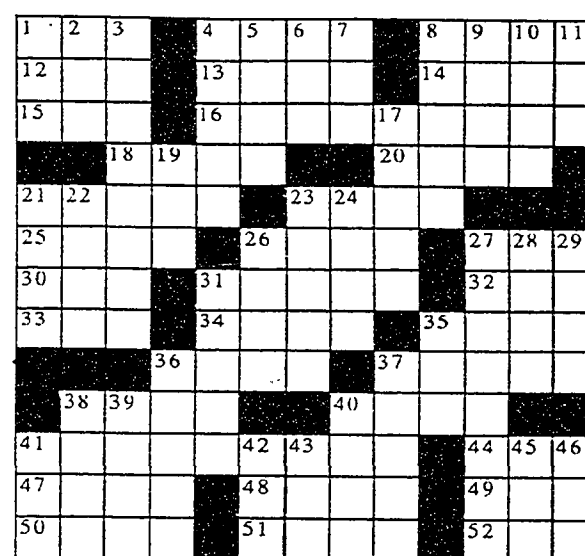
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After a few months the shit hit the fan  
and we exchanged a few words.  
"All good things must come to an end."  
It's true, but it hurts.

Well I'm alone now;  
why are my hands trembling?  
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!  
Love,

"Mom and Dad...."

By Robert Eggleston



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#### ACROSS

- 1 A \_\_\_ FOR ALL SEASONS
- 4 FRESH-WATER FISH
- 8 "THE YOUNGER"
- 12 FOUND IN NUCLEUS OF CELLS
- 13 ALTER OF "AH GOD!"
- 14 CORROSIVE
- 15 MOTOR OIL BRAND
- 16 FLOWER SMELLING BULL
- 18 WOODWIND INSTRUMENT
- 20 PHYSICAL PERSON
- 21 TO MISREPRESENT
- 23 EXAMPLE
- 25 PARADISE
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- 27 GENDER
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- 31 IRRELIGIOUS
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- 34 LACKADAY
- 35 PIMPLE
- 36 VENISON
- 37 ESTIMATES
- 38 GK. GODDESS OF THE EARTH
- 40 DESERVE
- 41 DECLINED 1939 NOBEL PRIZE (GER.)
- 44 ORRA
- 47 DRY
- 48 KEG
- 49 TOY
- 50 OWINGS
- 51 SCORCH
- 52 GK. NUMBER SEVEN

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- 1 OPERATIONAL DEGREE
- 2 FORMICIDE
- 3 PASTRY
- 4 "HYMN TO THE PILLORY"
- 5 TO ONE SIDE
- 6 PULLMAN
- 7 RESPECTED IN ACADEMIA
- 8 KIAK
- 9 PLATO
- 10 PETTIE
- 11 \_\_\_ MAN OUT
- 17 NORW. POET
- 19 GRAIN
- 21 DROP
- 22 MARGIN
- 23 CURBAN
- 24 ARAKS
- 26 FALSEHOOD
- 27 ANNOTATE
- 28 CANAL
- 29 DRIVE-IN ("AMERICAN GRAFFITI")
- 31 HYMN
- 32 FORBID
- 36 FEAT
- 37 YACHT
- 38 TEACHER
- 39 A CRAVAT
- 40 ICELANDIC LITERARY WORK
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