

From the Editor

And now for something competely different...

Every day I sit at my desk in *The Collegian* office and sort through pounds of junk mail. Most of it comes in the form of irrelevant press releases. A good portion of it attempts to peddle reporters' notebooks and editors' pencils. The only satisfaction junk mail brings me is the fact that it ends up in the recycling box.

On some occasions, however, I receive something that's out of the ordinary boundaries of junk mail. The following is one such letter:

Dear Editor,

I am writing in hopes that you will please print this in your newspaper. I know that you don't get many letters from men in prison, but I would appreciate you doing this for me.

A white incarcerated college student needs correspondence. Will answer all letters.

Mr. Bert Murphy 91-A-2694
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I would like to thank you for your kindness for putting this in your newspaper.

Sincerity,
Bert Murphy

Here at *The Collegian*, we've decided to have a little fun with this letter. But we need your help. The first three people to write Mr. Bert Murphy a letter and receive a response will win a pair of free movie passes valid at Millcreek Cinemas.

Here's how it works: Once you receive a return letter from Murphy, bring it to Todd J. Irwin, editor, and I'll let you know if you are one of our winners.

I know what you're thinking - "No one ever wins these contests." Well, we'll just have to let you see some more immediate results. We'll have a little contest with this week's issue. Somewhere within the pages of this week's issue of *The Collegian* is hidden a picture of Dr. Spock.

The first person to find it and point it out to me, Todd J. Irwin, wins a pair of free movie passes valid at Millcreek cinemas.

Happy writing and happy hunting. By the way, please don't tackle me when you find Spock.

The "fat-free" label isn't misleading! The fat is free! We're only charging for the other ingredients!..



Mike Ludovich
ATLANTA CONSTITUTION

Reader Forum: Human problem

Every year Behrend has a meeting for all new residence students. Being a member of this group, I decided I would go and become enlightened about the rules and regulations of residence living.

The meeting started off as I would have figured with staff introducing themselves and their roles, along with a few rules. The meeting then took a turn (to the left from what I could see).

This turn occurred when the administrators decided to show us a film on campus rape. It was not long before I realized that the movie was very "correct." Now trying to educate people on rape is an admirable pursuit. However, being talked down to as if I were a little boy is quite, if I may say it, offensive (being a white male, I hope it is not illegal for me to use that word. If it is, I am sure the "Thought Police" will have caught up with me by the time you have read this letter).

Do not get me wrong, I feel education about rape is important. Nonetheless it should at least be handled in an adult manner. Saying to a young man, "Now when a woman says no, she means no," does not prevent rape, it only offends one's

intellect.

Also their statistics were a little cloudy. The movie claimed that one out of every six women are victims of rape or attempted rape. Perhaps they should have been more clear on what attempted rape is, so as to enlighten us further or at least to let us know the legal meaning of attempted rape. I would hate to be arrested from doing something that I thought was okay when actually it is considered attempted rape.

Then again maybe they were afraid to give us their definition of attempted rape, lest we might think the statistics are not so astounding. If these statistics are true there must be several men attempting to rape a lot of women (which could be possible) or as many as one in six men are attempted rapists.

Rather than dish out these accusations and treat every man as though he is guilty, and without making every woman think that there is a dangerous man lurking around every tree on campus, both sexes need to be taught the moral responsibilities they owe each other.

A man should be taught to respect a woman's position on

sex and how to control his own sex drive. A woman should be educated on ways to protect herself from rape. For instance, this one unfortunate girl in this movie was raped after letting the rapist kiss and touch her.

Afterwards the girl said that she did not like him kissing or touching her, but she let him do it anyway. Why? Why did she let this man do that? Why didn't she tell this man to go to hell at the very start, rather than leading him on and putting herself in a more dangerous situation? If this girl had been taught how to protect herself she may not have been raped.

By educating all people equally about the horrors and destructiveness of rape can we see its decline. Rape is not a female problem nor is it a male crime. It is a human problem and a human crime, and through proper education our rape problem can be solved. But not through indoctrinating us with incorrect judgements that result in male-bashing.

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