

## Letters to the Editor

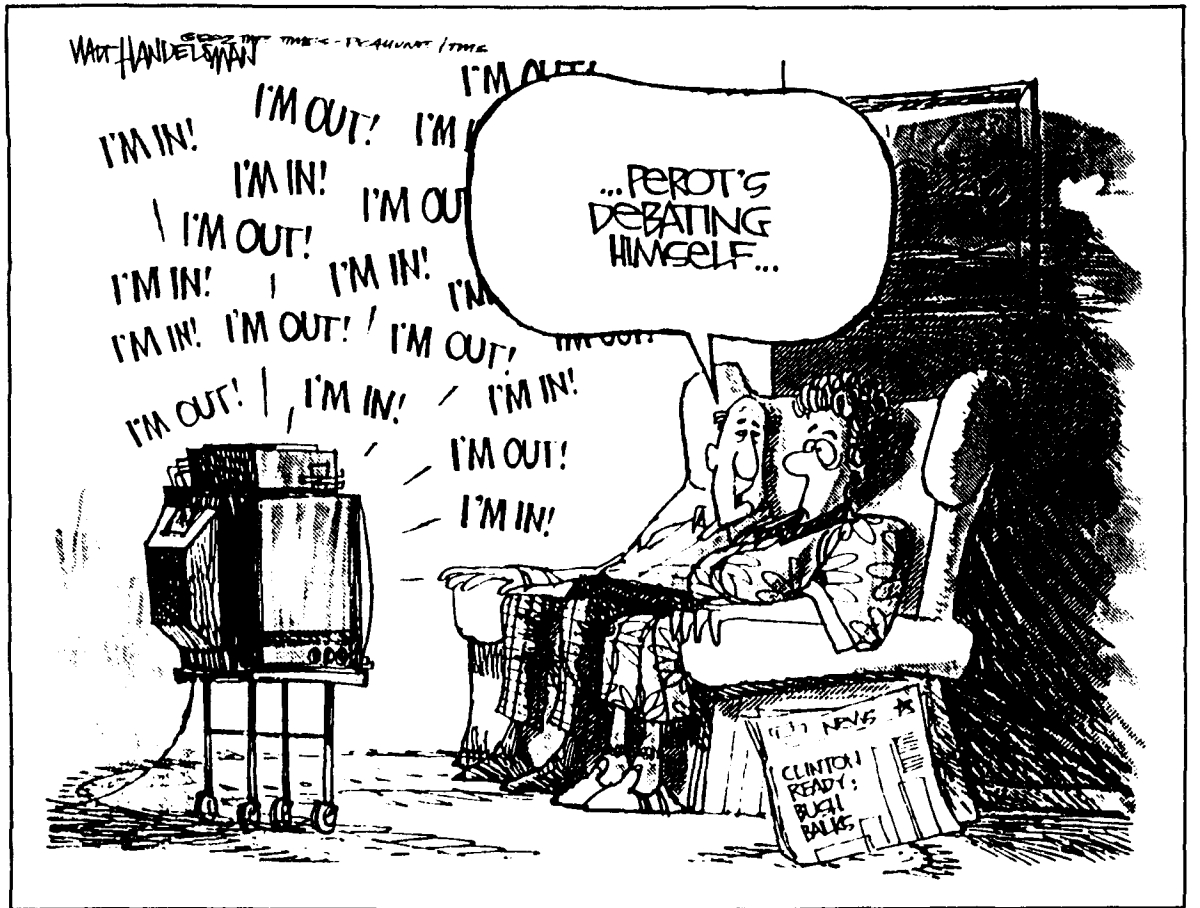
### Had it with pampers

Last week Students Today For Tomorrow's Earth (Penn State Behrend's environmental group) sponsored a Wintergarden Gorge Hike and cleanup. First, I would like to thank everyone that showed up their help. The reason I decided to write this letter is not simply to thank the people that helped (although I wish it was). We started cleaning and soon realized there was far more than simply a couple cans and bottles to pick up. We finished with around twelve bags of garbage. If it had not been getting dark, we would have picked up more trash. This volume of garbage amazed me, but even worse were the items that we retrieved. To name some types of trash: cans, bottles, paper, tires, plastic pipe, cigarette butts, a melted beer ball, pieces of metal, socks, underwear (or a jock strap...too indistinguishable to tell), shirts, and maxipads (unused). Personally, these items were enough to make me realize that people really do not care what the \*\$% happens to, the environment. But, if the previous examples are not enough to prove the point,

maybe the next example will. We found around twenty-five Dirty PAMPERS (I lost count after awhile.) Dirty Pampers in the Gorge...Are people that ignorant??? Evidently. I could get into details on the condition of the pampers but that would, maybe not so needlessly, make you sick. I'll just leave with you the fact that they had bugs crawling all over them. Caring about the environment does not mean you have to be a tree-hugger(as some people like to say). What caring does mean, is that you should clean-up after yourself and not needlessly throw trash everywhere.

This letter is hopefully appearing in the Erie Times News and The Collegian (Penn State Behrend's newspaper). I hope that this letter makes people slightly more conscientious towards the environment but, I will not hold my breath. In conclusion, if you are a Behrend student, faculty member, or a member of the community, PLEASE at least have the decency to clean-up after yourself, or anyone for that matter. Thank you in advance.

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### Gamma Beta Lambda

I am Patrick from Gamma Beta Lambda. We were pleased with the article that Danette Parette wrote about us. It was well written, and non-biased.

There are two things, however, that we feel we must clarify. The article claims that "There are 243 gay, lesbian, or bisexual students in the minority population alone." There are actually 243 total minorities (non-white). Also, according to an actual survey taken in Spring 1991, 250 students answered as being either gay, lesbian, or bisexual. This proves that we are the biggest minority on campus--bigger, in fact, than all other minorities combined.

Secondly, we must apologize to Sue Daley, for continually misspelling her name. We had it correct on our ads and posters, until we called her office to check. They told us D-A-L-Y. Our first set of posters has it spelled this way. When we submitted our ad to you for publication, we had it *again* spelled correctly. But, needless to say, it was printed wrong. We cringed once more.

Other than these minor errors we liked the paper.

Thank you,  
Patrick

Editors Note: We allowed an exception to our letter policy, but in the future, we will need the author(s) real name(s) and semester standing.

**How about some mail this week?**

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Sometimes I wonder just why exactly I'm here. I wasn't sure that I wanted to attend college, yet, right now, there's no place I'd rather be. I wasn't sure that I wanted to take over the position of news-editor, yet, well anyway, at least I enjoy it--sort of. I guess I'm in it for the fun. I mean, money--Mom and Dad--really. Your money's being well spent so that some day I'll be making lots of money and well--maybe I can spend it well.

Anyway, back to why I'm here. I've decided to take full advantage of the chance I have offered to me. I really don't have to be here if I didn't want to. I could be back in the home town, scanning groceries for a living and shucking corn to help Ma make dinner for Pa and the boys. I always had nightmares about that scanning noise though, and let's just face it, that family bonding stuff just isn't for me.

Back to why I'm here. Well, I really don't know yet. All I can say is I'm making the best of it and I'm sure enjoying myself. I believe that someday I'll really make a difference in this world. Today is the chance that will make that someday happen. Frank Lloyd Wright once said, "The thing always happens that you really believe in; and the belief in a thing makes it happen."

So I guess what I've been trying to say is, believe in yourself. I have complete faith in my abilities. If you don't give yourself a chance, and believe in yourself, it's your loss. You're the only one who can make your beliefs into your reality. You'll never have the chance again.