

Editorial...

There is a serious epidemic here at Behrend. Don't be worried, you will not catch it from that sneezing guy next to you in class. The epidemic we are talking about is the lack of respect for other people's efforts.

Everyday, we see flyers that were once hung in the hall, strewn all over the floor. I am not sure whether students are offended because the Scuba Club is having a bake sale and they feel that it is their moral responsibility to tear down the flyer announcing it, or they just get some sick pleasure from tearing paper.

The flyers take effort to create and effort to hang up. There is no reason that others should take it upon themselves to negate these efforts.

We are all members of the Behrend community. Let's start respecting it!



Letters to the editor

Double Standard

I would like to respond to two articles written by John Rossomando that were published in *The Collegian*.

The first article was published in the second *Collegian* of the semester and tells us how the homosexual lifestyle is "immoral."

The second article was published in the October 14 *Collegian*, "Christianity vs. Bigotry," and complains how Christians are discriminated against by today's society.

There seems to be a convenient double standard in the reasoning of Mr. Rossomando. He seems to say that gay-bashing is ok, but Christian-bashing is not.

Mr. Rossomando seemed to be very intense on the issue of how wrong homosexuality is, even to the point of condemning it.

I can recall in his most recent article Mr. Rossomando stating in his own words how, 'It is

important to respect another's views...even if you disagree with what he is saying. It is completely wrong to condemn what you do not understand."

My question to Mr. Rossomando is this: how can one hold two diametrically opposing views, and still be so insistent on both?

It is just a guess, but I do not imagine that you have a strong understanding of homosexuality. If this is true, then how do you explain your condemnation of it, especially in light of your own words? (see above quote)

Part of growing up means learning to get along with other people. And since not all people are alike, this means having to learn to accept differences, whether you agree with them or not.

It does not mean that you must incorporate these differences into your own lifestyle, but you must overcome the irrational fear of those who are different from

you.

Some advice for you Mr. Rossomando. I do not remember who originally said it, but it seems to fit. Isn't it better to be silent and to be thought of as a fool than to speak and cancel any doubts.

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Great Injustice

The October 14 *Collegian* included John Rossomando's column "Christianity vs. Bigotry." Although an apparently, strongly convicted individual, Rossomando does little more than offer a poorly substantiated, whiny argument.

He claims that Christians, including himself, are "condemned as being bigoted or ignorant." Rossomando does a

great injustice to those of Christian following by establishing himself as a representative.

The common Christian is not typically considered ignorant. Those considered ignorant are the extremists blinded by their self-generated cloud of fundamentalist fervor. Rossomando is such a person.

His ignorance is made visible through his faulty logic. The comparison made between the Bible and Plato is an excellent example.

Yes, the 2500 year old *Republic* is far from embraced. If it was, however, Democracy would be condemned and slavery would be accepted.

Rossomando's argument that antiquity necessitates validity falls short of successfully supporting his religious ravings.

I sympathize with groups such as the Newman Association and IVCF. Endorsement by a character such as Rossomando does little for creating a positive

organizational image.

Even worse, he has the audacity to compare his misdirected plight with that of the minority and homosexual communities. Rossomando is not worthy of the attention such groups attain.

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The Collegian would like to apologize to John Rossomando for its misstatement in last week's article, "Behrend's first Ally Day." We sincerely regret any discomfort caused.

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