

Reader response to 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell'

I was very glad to see the article criticizing President Obama's plan to change the policy of "Don't ask, don't tell." There is really no reason to change the policy as it is not biased either way – it is a blanket statement.

If I were in the military I don't think I would really care whether the person next to me was interested in men or women, I would only care that they were reliable in a combat situation.

If we change "Don't ask, don't tell" it will only serve to distract our military from their primary job of conducting warfare.

Besides, we are at war right now and our primary focus should be on getting our troops home, not the sexuality of those troops.

Congressman Ron Paul summed it up best in one of the GOP presidential debates this past election season: "I think the current policy is a decent policy. And the problem

that we have with dealing with this subject is we see people as groups, as they belong to certain groups and that they derive their rights as belonging to groups.

"We don't get our rights because we're gays or women or minorities. We get our rights from our creator as individuals. So every individual should be treated the same way."

Carter Stevens

Valentine's Day during the recession

by David Alexander
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In these tough economic times, when unemployment is up to 10%, people are trying to figure out little ways to save money. I have decided that in order to save money this Valentine's Day I



will not have a Valentine this Sunday.

I will not have a dinner reservation to make, I will not have to fill my car up with gas to drive anyone anywhere, I will not have to buy 2 movie tickets, I will not have to buy a teddy bear or chocolates or flowers, and I will not have to share my 12 pack. Also, I won't have to buy a Valentine's Day card that was written by someone else but says exactly how I feel about you.

Now you may think that I am a cynic or that I just can't get a Valentine, but neither of those two labels are true. This Valentine's Day I am taking my father's financial advice on dating. My father's advice has three basic rules: 1. Don't start dating a girl in November, Christmas is right around the corner. 2. Don't start dating a girl until at least March, avoid Valentine's Day. 3. If her birthday is in March try and wait until April.

Every penny counts in this economy and tough times often yield tough decisions. I will spend this Valentine's Day with a \$10 scratch off lottery ticket and Lady Luck. Who knows maybe I will actually make money on Valentine's Day this year.

SGA Update: Opinions Needed, Action Required

by Meagan Crowson
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At 8:00pm Tuesday, February 2, 2010 a group of Students met in MG 113 to discuss many of the issues affecting our campus. Have you ever wondered why some of the classrooms in MS and MG do not have the light boards which reflect light into the classrooms and decrease our need for electric lights? I know I have! Well it is very simple; the windows in each of these buildings are all uniform in size.

That means that the light boards will not fit in every window. Is this an issue that can be fixed? You tell me. Did you know that as campus committed to service several of our sports teams volunteer on a regular basis with children in the community? I did not. At Brevard College there is a group of students dedicated to generating more support for our athletes and bridging gap between athletes and non athletes. In addition, who would have thought that we have an entire group of students working to find ways to provide cleaner energy to our campus? Is this every issue that we have? No, definitely not. That is why you need to join these students in their effort to improve

our school and make it a better place for academics, community, and service. Every other week an open forum is held for students, senators, club leaders, athletes, music majors, science majors, math majors, theater majors, integrated studies majors, WLEE majors, and everyone in between to gather as peers and use their voice. We need your help to ask questions, resolve problems, and improve our campus! Please, join us in SGA Tuesday, February 16th at 8:00pm for an open forum. I challenge you to bring your ideas, questions, opinions and solution. Tell us what you have to say, and then take action in an effective and positive way.