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Lojewski and Mazzeo campaign for change

By JONATHAN JELLEN
Special to The Beacon

With the end of the year just around the corner, it is time to decide who the next Student Government President will be.

Chad Lojewski

Chad Lojewski, a junior, is a business administration major from Dupont, Pennsylvania. He is a resident assistant and a junior class representative.

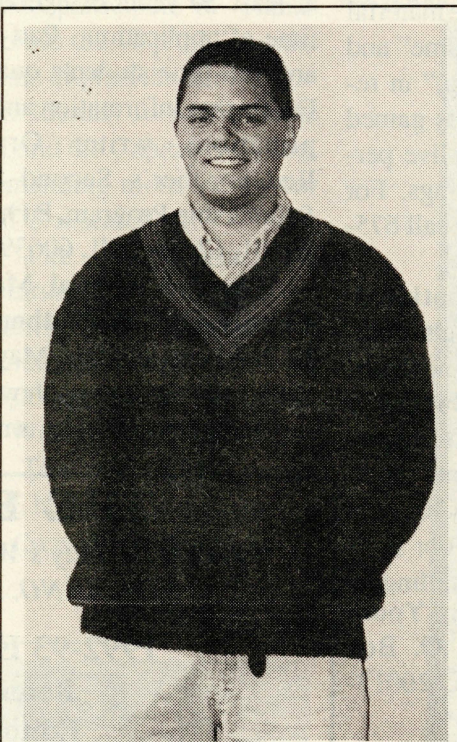
Lojewski is a member of the Recruitment and Retention Committee, where he serves in the Physical Facilities Division. Through this committee he has revamped the weight room by adding StairMasters and new free weights and benches.

Lojewski's other activities include "Wilkes Today," the football team, a volunteer at the blood drive and VISION- a program to help the homeless.

If elected, Lojewski says would like to promote the Ally Program, which is a gay, lesbian and bisexual support group, and get more relief for the victims of Hurricane Andrew. He has worked

on both of these programs this year. Lojewski says would like to be able to get more students to go to Florida to help the victims because, "it gives you a totally different outlook on life."

Lojewski believes he is committed to the students and the University and, "tries to be diverse and likes to get involved, to meet people and help less fortunate."



Chad Lojewski, Presidential candidate

Andrew Mazzeo

Andrew Mazzeo, also a junior, is an environmental science major from South Plainfield, New Jersey. He helped organize Winter Weekend and Casino Night, as well as helped out on Student Government's Budget Committee.

Mazzeo is one of five Wilkes students involved in the Intercollegiate Leadership Wilkes-Barre program, which includes students from Luzerne County Community College, College Misericordia, King's College and Penn State Wilkes-Barre. The students discuss diversity, the media and human services, among other topics.

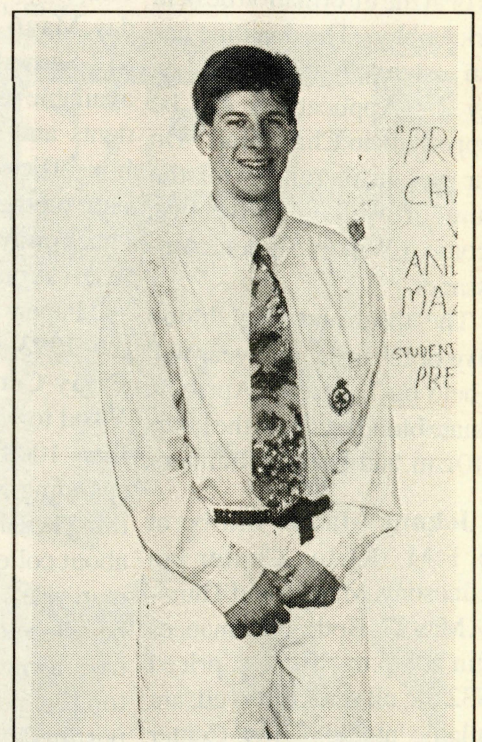
"...fight student apathy and get everyone involved..."

Other activities Mazzeo is involved with are campus clean-up and the soup kitchen at St. Vincent DePauls.

If elected, Mazzeo would like to "fight student apathy and get everyone involved." He said, "I would like to promote school spirit. We have the beginning of something with Colonel Bob, but we need to support our

school."

Mazzeo also has a couple of new ideas he would like to promote. One of them is a marquee at the bell tower which would be "controlled by Student Government and would tell of activities going on within the University." He would also like to develop a student directory for students.



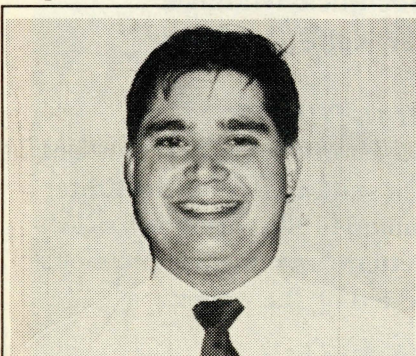
Andy Mazzeo, Presidential candidate

Werner, a new 'boy in blue' in Scranton

By BRAD HAYS

Beacon Staff Writer

Imagine being with a Scranton police officer as he tries to persuade someone not to com-



Steve Werner, an intern at the Scranton Police Department.

mit suicide or being there while he arrests a suspect for domestic violence. For one Wilkes University student this dream has become a reality.

Wilkes sophomore Steve Werner is a witness to these types of cases. He works with the Scranton Police Department as part of an internship in the criminal justice major. Students may intern at a halfway house for juvenile delinquents, the probation department, various police departments, or Chase Prison. The work at the prison can range

from security to counseling.

Werner began his internship at the beginning of the spring semester. He works every Tuesday and Saturday. On Tuesday he works from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and on Saturday he works either from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or the night shift, 4 p.m. to 12 midnight, which is often considered the most dangerous shift in big cities because most crimes occur at night.

According to Dr. John Natzke, associate professor of sociology, there are about 20 students majoring in criminal

justice and sociology at Wilkes. Besides taking the internship the students must take a number of courses, such as introduction to criminal justice, criminology, police operations and corrections.

Natzke says the growth in the criminal justice field has mirrored the growth in crime. "We've got a real problem with crime in the United States, and we need good people in this area," says Natzke.

The program is associated with the political science department, and students may take

a concentration in the administration of justice in political science. The new program began in the fall.

Werner decided to major in this field because he likes working with people. "I also like working outside and in-

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WHAT'S GOING ON...

There is still time left to become a **Wilkes Ambassador**. Ambassadors will help inform potential students about the advantages of attending Wilkes University from a student perspective. Your experience as a Wilkes Ambassador will provide leadership training, enhanced speaking skills, and valuable networking opportunities with alumni and community professionals. Applications are available in the Admissions Office or at the information desk in Stark Lobby. The deadline has been extended until Monday, May 3. Applications can be dropped off in Chase Hall. Do your part in recruiting for the future of Wilkes University, become a Wilkes Student Ambassador.

The third and final **blood drive** of the academic year will be held on Thursday, April 29. Donate blood between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. in Rumours.

Johnny Mathis will be at the F.M. Kirby Center on Wednesday, May 26 and Thursday, May 27. Both performances begin at 8 p.m. Tickets, priced at \$32.50, all seats reserved, are available at the Kirby Center box office, Triangle Pharmacy in Mountaintop and all Ticketmaster locations. For more information, call 826-1100.

The **Kirby Company** is offering students a chance to earn scholarship money by working as Kirby dealers during the summer through its "**Makin' the Grade**" program. Designed to give students a realistic alternative to dead-end summer jobs, the program emphasizes time management, communication skills, and professionalism in an actual business setting. Participants work as full-time and part-time independent Kirby dealers during June, July, and August, competing for monthly scholarships based on sales performance. Scholarships range from

\$250 to \$1250. For more information write The Kirby Company, 1920 West 114th Street, Cleveland, OH 44102-2391.

World Learning is looking for individuals to serve as coordinators for its ten-month high school/homestay exchange program. Coordinators will be responsible for locating host families and then, orientating the exchange students to the area, school system and culture. This part-time job with flexible hours offers domestic and international travel opportunities to coordinators. For more information contact Pam at 1-800-448-9944.

Unsold **Show-Only tickets** for the Music Box Players' production of "**Hello, Dolly!**" will be available for one-half price on Thursday, April 29; and Thursday, May 6. This means the usual \$12 Show-Only seats which are available will be sold for \$6. Students and faculty may call the box office at 283-2195 from 3 p.m. on the dates listed above to check on available seats and make reservations.

Papers are being accepted for the **1993 Kennedy Freshman Essay Contest**. Applicants are asked to write an essay no more than 1000 words in length responding to the theme "the one thing I wish someone had told me about college, prior to my freshman year." Over 100 essays will be selected for publication with cash awards being given to the top five papers. Papers must be postmarked no later than May 15, 1993. All essays should be mailed to: Educational Alternatives, Freshman Essay Contest, P.O. Box 6362, Norman, Oklahoma 73070.

Students may **trial new ShareWare software** enabling job seekers to create a program about themselves and send it to an employer for free. System requirements are: an IBM compatible computer, DOS 2.1 or later version, and a hard disk. Indicate 3 1/2" or 5 1/4" disks. Copies of the program called PROGume (tm) are available from: His Algorithm, P.O. Box 8124-C, Pasadena, Texas 77508. Enclose \$5 to cover the cost of disks, packaging and postage.

The **Chicory House** will be holding several upcoming events.

On Friday, April 30 at 8:30 p.m. the singer-songwriter duo **Lou and Peter Berryman** will perform songs from their 8 albums, mixing folk, jug band, old-time, blues and rock with their sharp wits and cheerfully untrained voices. Tickets are \$6 at the door.

The Chicory House's monthly **New England Contra Dance** will be held on Saturday, May 8 from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall of First Presbyterian Church, 97 S. Franklin St. A walk-through review of basic figures will begin at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for children age 10 to 16 and \$10 for families.

Chris Smither, bluesy songwriter/guitarist, will appear at the Chicory House on Friday, May 21, 1993. Originally best-known as writer of some of Bonnie Raitt's signature material including "I Feel the Same" and "Love You Like a Man," in recent years Smither's has gained critical acclaim for his live performances and new songs. For tickets and information call 675-8843.

Hostelling International-American Youth Hostels is currently accepting new members. The HI-AYH membership card is valid for a full year from purchase and allows students access to over 6,000 hostels in 70 countries when traveling. For more information write: Hostelling International, American Youth Hostels, Dept. 481, P.O. Box 37613, Washington, D.C. 20013-7613.

The United Way of the Wilkes-Barre area is sponsoring a **tutoring program** for students in grades kindergarten through twelfth living in Luzerne County. The free program is held at the YMCA in Wilkes-Barre on Monday and Tuesday evenings in one hour time slots beginning at 4:30 p.m. and continuing until 7:00 p.m. Tutors are needed. The only requirement is that you are of high school age or older. Anyone interested in joining the program, should contact Cheryl Gibson at 831-4347 for an application.

Nominations are due by May 15, 1993 for the **1993 Environmental Partnership Awards**. Judges will be looking for individuals or organizations that have made an outstanding contribution toward enhancing Northeastern Pennsylvania's environ-

mental resources or the stewardship of them. Award categories include: Agriculture and Silviculture; Business and Industry; Education; Environmental Community; Government Civic Community; and Science and Engineering. For more information and applications contact William Eberhardt at the The Proctor & Gamble Paper Products Company in Mehoopany at 833-3306 or the University Relations Office at Wilkes at 822-8413.

Applications will be accepted until May 1, 1993 for the **Orville Redenbacher's Second Start Scholarship Program**. Thirty \$1000 scholarships will be made to qualifying students for the 1993-1994 school year. To be eligible, students must be at least 30 years of age at the time of application. Part-time and full-time students qualify. For further information and applications write: Orville Redenbacher's Second Start Scholarship Program, P.O. Box 39101, Chicago, IL 60639.

The **3rd Annual Morris County AIDS Walkathon** will be held on Sunday, May 16, 1993 in Morristown, New Jersey. Registration begins at noon.

The walk will start at 1 p.m. For further information about walking and volunteering contact Wayne Cresta, Chairperson, at (201)455-0117.

"**A Coal Region Opera**" will be presented at The Kirby Center on Saturday, May 22 at 7:30 p.m. The opera is an original contemporary musical that tells a story of love, deceit and the struggle of the unionizing coal miners in the turn-of-the-century anthracite region of Pennsylvania. Cost is \$10 for students with ID. For further information call 823-4599.

Bear Creek Camp will offer its annual **Open House** on Sunday, June 6 from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Parents and prospective campers are encouraged to come by and meet our staff, play games, tour the facilities, ask questions, and experience the program. Anyone wishing to stay for dinner and sample camp cuisine may do so for a fee of \$3 for children ages 3 to 6, and \$5 for ages 7 and up. Pre-registration is required. Call (717) 472-3741 for more information.

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LGBA marches on Washington D.C.

By The LGBA Executive Board

Special to the Beacon

Gays, lesbians, bisexuals and supporters marched on Washington, D.C. this past weekend to call attention to the struggle for civil rights for homosexuals.

The number of people that attended the demonstration is a subject of debate. March organizers and city officials estimated the crowd at over 1,000,000. However, the National Park Service estimated the crowd at about 300,000. The mayor of Washington, D.C. declared the march to be the largest demonstration in the city's history.

There were hundreds of events that took place over the weekend, including presentations by Larry Krammer, founder of Act Up, a radical AIDS activist organization; Jesse Jackson; Joan Jett Black, a 1992 presidential candidate; Eartha Kitt; Mary Wilson; Patricia Ireland and David

Smith.

Some of the groups that participated in the event were Act Up, the National Organization for Women, the Names Project, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, the Human Rights Campaign Fund and the Gay Men's Health Crisis. The Wilkes University Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Association was also present.

On Saturday Act Up helped a massive demonstration. Thousands of people showed up to participate in "Hands around the Capitol." As the name implies the demonstrators literally formed a circle around the Capitol Building, demanding more money for AIDS research.

The highlight of Saturday's activities was the Radical Fairy Street Party, which drew a crowd of over 15,000 people to the streets of Washington.

The height of the weekend, however, was the march (See **March**, Page 4)

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-teracting with people. It's also something different every time," said Werner.

Werner does not get paid for the internship. However, he does obtain academic credit for interning for 14 weeks, and he gets additional benefits, such as becoming familiar with the officers and getting on-the-job training.

Werner got the internship simply by signing up at Wilkes and then signing up at the police department. Both places reviewed his applications, and he was finally offered the job.

Werner's responsibilities include writing down how each officer handles a situation and observing a case. He has been with officers during car accidents, suicide attempts, burglaries, phone harassments and fam-

ily disputes. However, Werner says that most of the cases are domestic violence or disputes.

Nevertheless, Werner did have the opportunity to observe a drug sting once. "That was scary because we were dealing with heroin and cocaine. These two people from Philadelphia were taking a bus up to Wilkes-Barre, and police had good reason to believe that these two gentlemen were smuggling drugs. We had to surround the bus and do a body cavity search, because that's where the drugs were located," said Werner.

Werner says that he would like to pursue a career either in the FBI or the CIA. "With a good job, you can get around \$31,000 a year. This is good money and a good job if you're not married, but if you're married you may need to make

more money and get another type of job, because you often travel a lot, and it's dangerous," says Werner.

Werner says he is interning as a sophomore because to get a sense of what the different fields are. "I may intern for the probation department next year," says Werner.

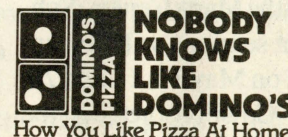
Werner has advice for those who are thinking about internships. "Intern early, because this way you get good experience and get to experience a wide variety of fields. This intern[ship] makes me think 'Do I really want to do this?,' and I can make the decision as to whether or not I qualify for the police department."



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GAY MYTH #3

One is the male, one is the female!



This past weekend in Washington, D.C.

Debate team places eighteenth in country

WILKES-BARRE—The Wilkes University Speech/Debate Union recently placed eighteenth in the nation, despite having one of the smallest contingents at the Pi Kappa Delta National Oratorical Competition held in Tacoma, Wash. The public speakers from Wilkes won over 12 major awards as Wilkes moved into the limelight of victory.

With a team of only three competitors the Union squared off against schools from across the nation. Leading the team to its eighteenth-place victory was Al Mueller, a senior communications major from Duryea. Mueller received the highest award possible in the field of Expository Address, Persuasive Speaking and in the Speech to Entertain. He also received a rating of Excellence in the difficult event of Rhetorical Criticism and in Impromptu Address. The Expository Ad-

dress Mueller delivered was judged to be the top speech in the nation in this category.

Also receiving awards were Michael Butchko of Swoyersville and LynnMarie Rosencrance of Wilkes-Barre. Butchko, a freshman political science major, received the award of Good for both his Prose Interpretation and in the Speech to Entertain competition. Rosencrance, a junior also majoring in political science was awarded a rating of Good for her Single Dramatic Interpretation Of Literature. Both Butchko and Rosencrance achieved another rating of Good for their combined presentation of the Dramatic Duo Interpretation of Drama.

Adding to the victory, the team picked up a first place award for the most outstanding video presentation on the history of Pi Kappa Delta, the national honorary forensic society. The team was also recognized as one of only thirteen schools in the organization to have an outstanding program. There are more than 200

chapters in Pi Kappa Delta.

Since returning from Washington the Union has focused its efforts toward preparing for the last tournament in the regular season, the National Forensic Association's Grand Champion Forensic Tournament. This year, the tournament is being hosted by Bloomsburg University. Dr. Bradford L. Kinney, director and coach of the Union, expressed pleasure in the team's victory in Washington and hopes that the team will be able to duplicate their achievement at the upcoming tournament. "The competition at the Nationals will bring together tournament champions from all over the country. Wilkes will have an opportunity to compete with the best of the best," said Kinney. To date, the Union has won 80 trophies and awards for the University.

Workshop series planned for entrepreneurs

WILKES-BARRE — A series of workshops for entrepreneurs will be conducted to review the legal considerations and compliance issues associated with starting a new business beginning on Tuesday, May 11 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Marts Center. Subsequent sessions will be conducted on May 13, 18 and 20.

Co-sponsored by the Wilkes Office of Continuing Education, the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the Wilkes University Small Business Development Center, the workshops will feature a variety of specific topics, taught by area business leaders, attorneys, and Wilkes faculty and staff.

Attorneys Lee Piatt,

Bruce Rosenthal, David Hiscox, and Mary Jo Kishel will instruct a session on considerations and issues associated with business start-up and operations. Wilkes University's Director of Campus Support Services, John Pesta, and Attorney James Valentine will review issues relating to operations, with specific emphasis on production and provision of service. Dr. Barbara Loftus, a member of the Wilkes business administration faculty, will review business marketing, and business controls will be discussed by Dr. Robert Capin, Richard M. Ross, and Harold Roberts.

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itself. Thousands of people assembled along the streets of Washington and in the park surrounding the Washington Monument. The crowd urged Congress to pass a civil rights bill which would ensure equal rights for gays and lesbians. Among the rights requested are the right to serve in the military, spousal benefits, discrimination laws and legally recognized marriages. The march lasted for more than seven hours.

Also occurring during the weekend was the display of the AIDS Quilt. The quilt contains names of people who have died from AIDS. The most dramatic part of the quilt listed the victim's date of death as 25 April, 1993, which was that very same day.

Students say media doesn't measure up

Editor's Note: Anyone with suggestions, as always, is welcome to submit them to any editorial staff member. Rich Bonning did not apply for any staff positions, nor have any suggestions been mentioned.

By **DENISE OGDEN**
Special to *The Beacon*

Students are complaining that media on campus is not what it should be. The University's paper *The Beacon* is printed every Thursday. The campus has one radio station, WCLH, which offers alternative music to its listeners. Wilkes Today, the campus television program, can only be seen in the lobby of Stark Learning Center.

One student, Lisa, said, "It [*The Beacon*] is not at its best potential. It looks like some articles are written in two seconds. I could write an article as good as them."

However, one faculty member feels differently about the news found in *The Beacon*. Irene Cocco said, "*The Beacon* keeps me informed with what the students are doing."

Students, on the other hand, don't feel as if *The Beacon*

is that much of an asset on campus. Rich Bonning, a Wilkes student, said, "Half of *The Beacon* [staff] are good writers and the other half are obnoxious."

Another student Diane Menhennett said, "I don't like the campus media but it's very good for the support that they have."

Wilkes Today is the only show seen outside of the television studio. However, the program is only broadcast in the lobby of Stark Learning Center. Therefore, the majority of students who watch Wilkes Today are commuters.

Students say another problem is that the volume on the televisions sets in Stark lobby is turned down so low that students are unable to hear the show.

Carl Brigido, the advisor of the Wilkes Today program, said they are trying to get television sets installed in the cafeteria so that the program can reach other students. Brigido's ultimate goal is to have a cable system broadcast Wilkes Today to give Wilkes publicity and students more practice.

Bonning said, "Changes have to be made and I am not the person to make those changes."

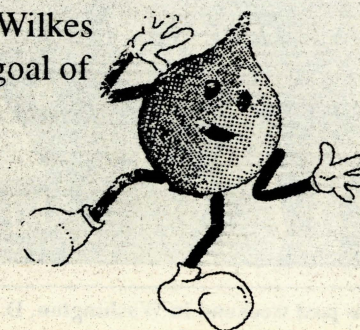
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FORUM

EDITORIAL

Meet Us At The Woods

The hard work and diligent salesmanship of our advertising and business manager has paid off. Due to her efforts, we can all enjoy a night together in the last days of the 1992-93 school year this Friday, April 30th in the 25th hour at The Woodlands Inn & Resort.

We all want you to come out and have a fantastic time from 8 p.m. until 2 a.m. However, we want to make sure you get home safely, so get together with some friends and designate a driver. Look for the advertisement in this week's pages of *The Beacon*.

See you there!

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A full four-year scholarship means that you never have to pay the institution any money for tuition, doesn't it? Well, little did you know, as a prospective student, that the real financial matters at institutions of higher learning are somewhat different.

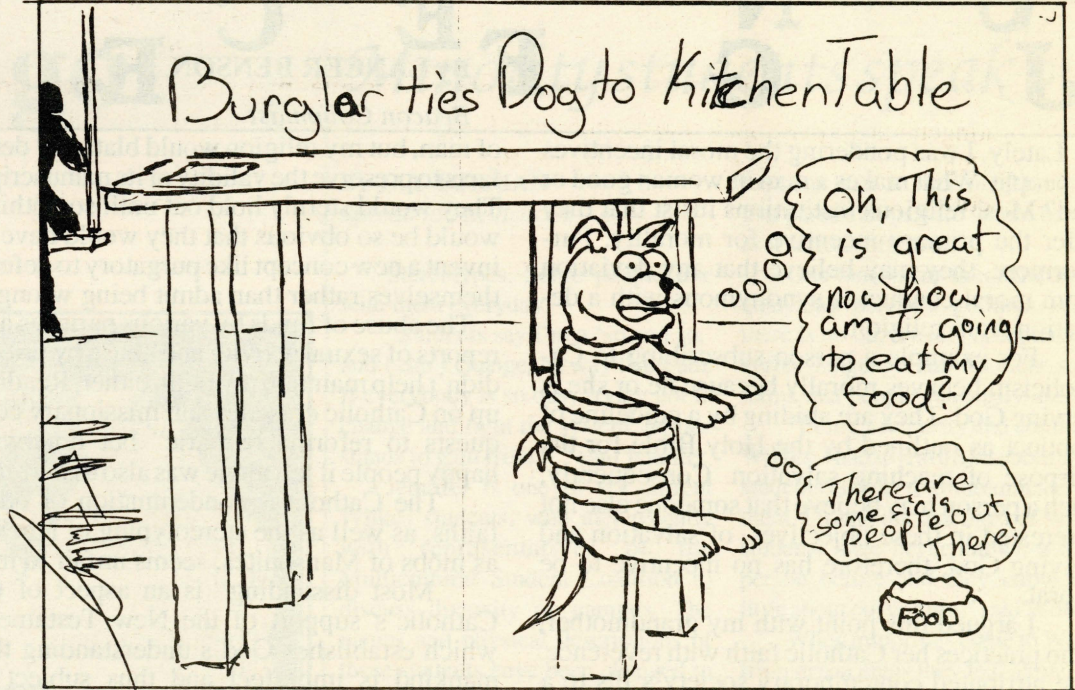
A full four-year scholarship at Wilkes can mean that you might have to pay some of your tuition if tuition goes up in the years that follow.

You have been given this same full four-year scholarship offer from two other schools, but you choose Wilkes. Why? Because when you came to visit and spoke to people here, they gave you that personal touch and sold you on this institution and its moral standards on what students mean to them.

After visiting the other schools that have given you this same package deal, you choose not to consider their institutions because they just didn't give you the feeling that you really mattered to them. You felt like you were just a number and not a name with a heart beat.

You chose Wilkes only to find out a year later, after obtaining a tuition paying position here, that in fact the full four-year scholarship you received was only full for your freshman year. Next year you will have to pay or not stay. You have your feet settled in here, you're staying.

The other colleges have now begun to call you in hopes that you just might change your mind. What would you do if this were you?



Matt Hrabousky is a senior at Coughlin High School. His cartoons appear weekly in the Beacon.

Letters to the editor...

Dear Editor:

I am writing with regard to University policy concerning the cafeteria meal plans. On Monday of this week, I realized that I had forgotten my Wilkes I.D. at home, after visiting there for the weekend. When I went to lunch, I explained my situation to the cafeteria coordinator and asked if there was a way for me to get a temporary meal card since I wouldn't have my I.D. returned until later that afternoon. He said he couldn't do that since doing so would require me to obtain a new student I.D. However, since I was on the meal plan, I was told that I could purchase my lunch at the reduced price of \$2.

This confuses me. It seems that by allowing me to purchase a lunch at a reduced rate, the cafeteria administration acknowledges that I am, indeed, on the meal plan, and therefore am paying again for a meal that was already paid for. I realize that it is my responsibility to have my I.D. with me, but situations like this do happen periodically. Moreover, nothing like this has previously happened to me in the four years that I've attended Wilkes.

I am curious as to why I was made to pay a second time for a meal. I ask the cafeteria coordinator to please respond to this letter in next week's *Beacon*, so as to clarify this and related problems.

Sincerely,
Al Smith

*That's not all, folks!
Look for the last issue of
The Beacon on May 6, 1993*

This Week In History

Compiled by Wilkes University History Club

April 26, 1805 — Lewis and Clarke reach mouth

April 29, 1770 — Sons of Liberty attack British troops in New York

April 30, 1970 — U.S. and Southern Vietnamese units sent into Cambodia

May 1, 1718 — Spanish settle new outposts in what will become Texas

May 1, 1863 — Confederate Congress execution and enslavement order for Black Federal Troops

May 3, 1765 — College of Philadelphia offers first medical training

JUMPING THE FENCE

By LANCER BENSON
Beacon Columnist

Lately, I was pondering the moral incentives of people. What makes a man or woman good or bad? Most religious institutions insist that they offer the primary incentive for morality. Furthermore, they may believe that any deviation from moral conduct is synonymous with a deviation from religion.

For example a person subscribing to Catholicism behaves morally because he or she is serving God. They are abiding by a guideline of conduct as outlined by the Holy Bible for the purpose of reaching salvation. Consequently, such a person may believe that someone else not interested in these objectives, of salvation and serving God, therefore has no incentive to be moral.

I argued this point with my grandmother, who practices her Catholic faith with reverence. She attributed contemporary society's ills to a modern stray from community and religion, reminiscing the old days when more people dutifully practiced their faith.

She said, "Why do you think most people in church are senior citizens while you kids are off drinking and fondling each other?"

Challenged to protect the integrity of my generation, I returned, "Because old people have their days numbered. They are frightened for themselves after a lifetime of sin, so they try to make up for it by going to church as many times as they can before they die to avoid hell."

Of course we all know our grandparents never fondled each other unless they were married. Hmmm, I believe they made the cars with much bigger back seats in those days.

However, I did see the validity about what she said regarding society's growth away from community and religion. The personable nature of the old community surely enhanced the interest people had in their neighbor's welfare.

The value of religion is also undeniable. It does govern people's behavior, usually in a benevolent manner, who may not have ordinarily conducted themselves this way were it not for their religious faith.

Also, consider the services religion offers its subscribers. It is its own community, gives people a place to belong, stimulates spirituality, etc. Also, look at how it helps its people cope with tragedies and horrors of life. Using Catholicism as an example (since it is my original faith), we are promised to see loved ones again who died. If this isn't motivation to get to heaven, what is? This comforts people who face the tragedy of losing a child, friend, parent or spouse. Such a loss might be too much for a single person to bear were it not for their religious beliefs. It may be the only way some people salvage their sanity.

Whether you believe in heaven and spiritual salvation or not, you can't deny the literal salvation that is offered here on these terms.

Unfortunately, I have lost much of my faith in Catholicism. I envy those who can benefit from religion in the ways described above. It started when I had problems with Catholicism's literal interpretation of the Bible. Science would prove a fact regarding the universe or the origin

of man, but my religion would blatantly deny facts to preserve the validity of its manuscript. They would sternly hold out until something would be so obvious that they would have to invent a new concept like purgatory to defend themselves rather than admit being wrong.

The abuse of funds by various parishes and reports of sexual activity and abuse by priests didn't help maintain my faith, either. Reading up on Catholic crusades and missionary conquests to reform "barbaric" but otherwise happy people if left alone was also disturbing.

The Catholics' condemnation of other faiths, as well as the stereotyping of atheists as mobs of Mansonites, seems unfair to me.

Most dissuading is an aspect of the Catholic's support of the New Testament, which establishes God's understanding that mankind is imperfect and thus subject to making excessive errors. This so far is fine and agreeable with me. However, it brings up room for abuse. This idea justifies confessions, breeding hypocrisy. Now people can abuse each other during the week, go to confession on the weekend and receive the sacrament and then abuse each other again the following week.

This was illustrated to me most strikingly on Easter Sunday as I was trying to leave the church parking lot. An old woman in front of me was having trouble getting onto the main road in front of the church. Meanwhile, a beautiful family was in the car behind me, consisting of a husband, wife and two young daughters about 4 and 6 years old. Suddenly, I heard a horn blasting behind me, and I realized it was the family behind me! Apparently, the father, who was driving, didn't see the old woman in front of me and thought I was holding up the traffic in the church parking lot. Finally, I turned around to acknowledge his horn and, yes, he flipped me off as his two daughters looked over the back seats bewildered and his wife sneered at me. It was then I realized that I couldn't even worship God on my own terms in that atmosphere.

However, I realize that, for the reasons discussed before, religion is a needed institution. Despite the hypocrisy of people, imagine how much worse they would be without the incentives offered to them by their faith.

The truth is that good and bad is not exclusive to those subscribing to religion or to those not subscribing to religion. People have their own incentives to act morally. One subscribing to religion may act morally to serve a god or deity. An atheist may act morally because he or she sees his or her existence as not exceeding their time on this planet. Therefore, they may want to make life as pleasant as they can for themselves and those around them, since this may be it. Finally, the agnostic may act morally just in case there is a divine governing force judging us, or, just maybe, an individual can love himself, his world, the creatures around him and his brothers and sisters without a reason at all.



The Scent In the Wind

by Al Mueller

I'd like to thank Jim McDermott and Brian Hnat for writing to me. Of the four pieces of mail I received from students this semester, I thought half of it came from the cast of Arsenio Hall's show, a group of egotists patting themselves on the back in an attempt to reassure themselves that they are the greatest examples of humanity to ever walk the earth. However, gentleman, it is clear that you deeply care about what you do, at least enough to write thoughtful articles. For this, I am grateful. I don't expect people to accept everything I write. Rather, I just want to get people to start thinking for a change. Your letters show me that at least I am accomplishing that much. Thanks.

Now back to business. It has been 100 days since President Clinton took the oath of office. When he won the presidency back in November, I predicted that his Administration would parallel that of Grover Cleveland from 1893 to 1897. However, it seems that my parallel was off by almost 60 years, for it is John F. Kennedy that Clinton most closely resembles.

When Kennedy faced off against Richard Nixon in the televised debates, he blamed the Eisenhower Administration for allowing the Soviets to gain nuclear parity with the United States. Although he knew no such parity existed, he nevertheless backed Nixon into a corner. If Nixon touched the remark in any way, he would have alerted the Soviets to the presence of American U2 spy planes in Soviet space. So, with the remark still fresh in people's minds, Nixon was defeated, Kennedy took office, and suddenly, no nuclear parity existed.

When Clinton faced off against Bush, he blamed the Bush administration for failing to cut the deficit, suggesting that it was well within their power to do so. With this thought fresh in people's minds, and with Bush unable to deal with a new front in his declining political stature, Clinton was elected. Now, all of a sudden, the deficit is too large for any major initiative to have significant effect in the next four years.

Beyond political maneuvers, Kennedy had to face a party, a society, and a nation split over escalations in Vietnam, over the racial question, and over changing societal standards. Clinton faces the same problems, except the faces and names have changed. Instead of Vietnam, it is Bosnia-Herzegovina, a war that the United States ultimately can never win. The racial question and the beatings have returned. Now they are not in Little Rock or Chicago, but in Los Angeles. Social standards are also changing again; only this time, instead of it being a question of gender, it is more a question of sexual preferences.

Where is Clinton's Administration heading? I don't know, and I don't think any credible commentator can predict it. However, one thing is certain. Unlike Kennedy, Clinton has brought most of his problems on himself. Instead of quietly passing an Executive Order to integrate gays in the military, he announces it to the press. Instead of playing the crowd, he plays the political game. Instead of instituting changes in tax codes, then calling it a benefit for the middle class, he promises big change for the middle class and delivers new taxes. So, I guess, in the final analysis, as the cover of one journal recently put it: "Quayle was right." Mr. Clinton, you're no Jack Kennedy.

**We welcome your letters to either column!
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FEATURES

Easy come easy go at Casino Night

By **PATTY PUERLING**
Beacon Features Editor

Dollar signs were popping up in everyone's minds as they watched the wheels spin and the cards fly at Casino Night, held by the Programming Board in Rumours last Friday. All of the students that participated received \$2,000 worth of chips in exchange for the \$5 cover charge.

There were several typical casino games available for everyone to play. They included two roulette tables, four different game wheels, a poker table and several blackjack tables with different stakes. Also featured was Jim Karol, a magician, who performed magic tricks throughout the night.



Karol also provided the games for the evening. The tables were manned by student volunteers as well as representatives from the Residence Life Office.

Some students managed to lose all of their chips within a few minutes, while others

stayed with it the whole evening. Besides those students who would bet on anything, there were also a few serious gamblers who won big money that reached hundreds of thousands. Others just managed to stay in the game by balancing their winnings and losses.

At the end of the night there were various prizes that could either be purchased or auctioned off to the one with the highest bid and the most amount of money. There was also a raffle for a trip to New York City. In order to enter the raffle the students only had to bring a bag to the event. Then at the end of the night the winner's name was picked randomly. The lucky winner was freshman Jon Most. Some of the other prizes ranged from blank tapes and packs of gum to a stereo system, television set or portable CD player.

There was a large turnout, and everyone seemed to have a good time. It was a good experience, and it gave many students the opportunity to do something they wouldn't normally get the chance to do.

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Minority students speak out

By **JAY TURMAN**
Special to The Beacon

Stereotypes. Some people live with them everyday.

"Students say I'm a 'so and so,' and I can't change the way that I am. If everybody is so busy trying not to change and fight the system, no one stands to gain from it," said Jennifer.

Jennifer is one of six current Wilkes students, who met recently with representatives of the Multicultural Student Coalition to discuss diversity on campus. The names and physical descriptions of these students have been changed to protect their identities.

Every student interviewed felt that campus attitudes towards other cultures need to change. The assumption of many is that because someone comes from a big city they are aggressive, even violent.

"When people become more complex in their thinking and refuse to stereotype, this usually leads to appreciation from members of other cultures," wrote Richard Brislin in his book *Understanding Culture's Influence on Behavior*.

Five out of the six Wilkes students discussing this topic say they experience frequent stereotyping. "I don't want to be known as the 'hispanic basketball player' on campus because I do more than just provide basketball talent on this campus," said Terry.

There are several reasons why students and faculty might question the genuineness of their respect for diversity. First, like at many universities, Wilkes students encounter barriers to acceptance because of their race or background. Universities are addressing such attitudinal barriers.

Ignoring intolerance of cultural differences is a problem at Wilkes, according to the students interviewed. For example, some students have learned how quickly their language and gestures can be misinterpreted. The word "party," for people growing up in some urban areas means dancing, socializing and going to clubs. On the Wilkes campus, "party" means sitting around drinking and getting drunk — for fun.

However, sometimes semantic misunderstandings can get rough. As Melissa said, "I was at a party in Wilkes-Barre and one girl gave me the middle finger. To me, that was a fighting gesture, so I hit her." Melissa

explains that in her neighborhood, that particular gesture would be seen as a serious offense.

One reason for the difficulty of analyzing people's gestures is that there is no universally accepted non-verbal language and no clear set of terms that people can easily use.

"Being a minority and coming to Wilkes, I had to learn a lot about white students in order to communicate with them. I found out that most of Wilkes students have never known a black person before and they know very little about our culture," said William.

When minorities come to Wilkes from urban areas they feel alone, and are constantly on the outside looking in. This cause's stress, not unlike 'culture shock'.

Some of the students interviewed felt their first month at Wilkes was the most difficult. They could not figure out why local people behaved the way they did.

Wilkes faculty could play a major role in helping students overcome isolation. The four black male athletes that sat in on this discussion felt that the only way they could fit in on this campus was through sports. When faculty and staff members develop greater sensitivity to the urban and minorities students and their needs, barriers to adjustment can be overcome.

If faculty and staff members show that they support these students, the number of obstacles will decrease. An example of faculty support would be to have more one-on-one contact with students, especially to bridge the initial isolation when they begin.

The University also needs to do a better job of hiring minority professors. This will give the few minority students on this campus someone to look up to, and will provide a role model for all students.

These six students had ideas on how to diversify Wilkes. When minority athletes come up to visit Wilkes, the coaching staff must be honest with them. To sum up this discussion, students felt that the University as a whole must make a commitment to accept and welcome change.

As one Wilkes student said, "the change starts with the strength in numbers of faculty members and student body. You are not going to find many non-minorities willing to help minorities spread the knowledge of diversity because most don't know much about it."

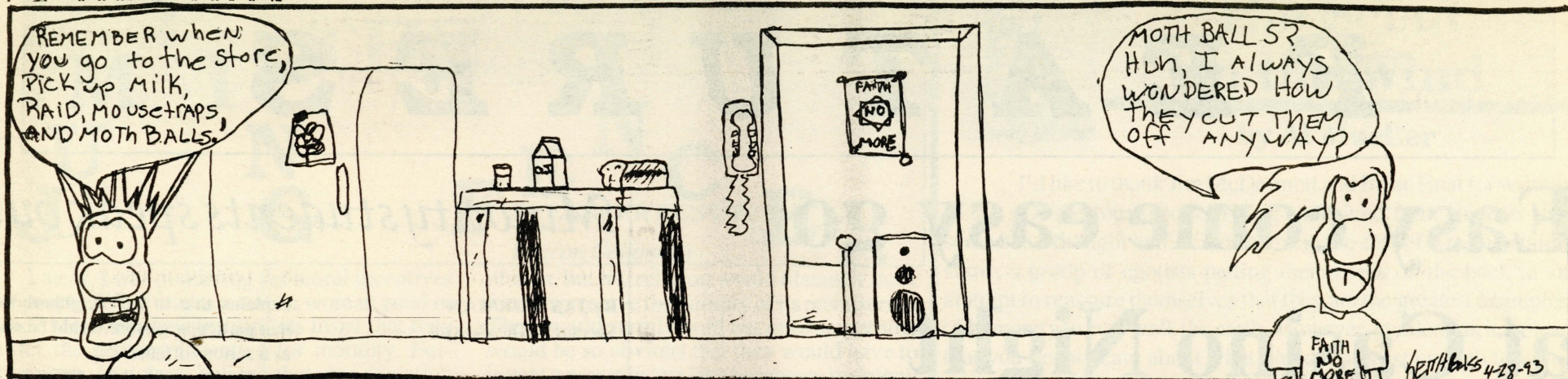
Credit is now available at Wilkes

By **PATTY PUERLING**
Beacon Features Editor

Wilkes University now has its own credit card. Most students are not aware of the fact that all Wilkes students have the opportunity to apply for a credit card with the Wilkes name and logo on it. The credit card is a MasterCard, and the program is run by the NBNA America Bank, located in Wilmington, Delaware. This card is also available to all Wilkes alumni, and some are eligible for the Gold MasterCard as well.

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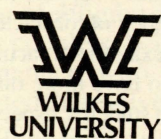
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Letters from Wyoming

BY ANDY GULDEN

Co-Copy Editor

As the year slowly (ever so slowly) draws to a close, my last column rapidly approaches. In fact this is the last actual column I plan to write, since next week's edition will be senior will of sorts. Read it, because you may be mentioned. Anyway, what all this means is that this is my last true chance to set right the wrongs that exist both on this campus and in the world. With that in mind I take keyboard in hand . . .

Item the First: I realize that the final Rodney King verdict was read nearly two weeks ago, but it still merits a brief mention. I feel it necessary to congratulate the residents of South Central Los Angeles and the LAPD for their respective restraint. There were no riots and no reports of police brutality. I initially hoped that, with this verdict, although it was not complete in its retribution, the whole, ugly situation would finally be laid to rest.

However, it is far from over. On the day of the jury's decision we were treated to images of celebration, including Jesse Jackson and his followers praying before the verdict was delivered, then cheering after it was read. The participants acted as if they'd won a major victory over an imposing foe.

Is the banishment of two men to prison a victory? Should we celebrate at all an event which began with the brutal beating of a somewhat innocent man? The end of slavery was a victory. Rosa Parks refusing to sit in the back of a bus was a victory. The March on Washington was a victory. Those were events surrounded by a sense of triumph over a longstanding evil.

The Rodney King verdict is not a victory. Rather, it shows how far we have to go to obtain equality in this nation.

Furthermore, I was distressed by the charges against our criminal justice system. It is true that there was a grave error made in the original trial and a lesser one in the more recent case. However, these errors are not a result of the system but of the participants. If there are racists making the decisions, then the decisions will be racist, no matter how good the system is.

Would the black community suggest that we do away with our present system of criminal justice, which seems to be one which minimizes the danger of racist decisions? Would they rather we return to a judge-only trial, where one racist white male can send hundreds of black men to prison?

These are questions to which I have no answer, because I honestly cannot think of a better judicial system than our own. If men like Jesse Jackson were to suggest alternatives, instead of endlessly criticizing the present system, we might be able to make an arrangement which would satisfy all concerned. Until then I suggest that Mr. Jackson spend his time coming up with answers instead of celebrating a Pyrrhic victory.

Item the Second: In my continuing battle to promote political correctness I must make you aware of a new development on this front. It is no longer politically correct to say "politically correct." Instead, we may only say it when it applies to politics. For example if I were to say that someone should not be allowed to hold office because of his or her color, nationality, religion, gender or sexual orientation, I am being politically incorrect.

However, if I say that one should not be hired for a job for one of those same reasons, then I'm being socially incorrect. I provide this notice of change as a service to my readers. Any mocking of the politically/socially correct movement, either stated or implied, is purely coincidental.

Item the Third: I received in my mail last week a request for a \$100 donation to the University over the next five years. Those of you who are seniors may know of the pain and the outrage which I have suffered since receiving this lovely surprise.

Before I start this tirade I would like to state, for the record, that I do, in fact, enjoy the luxury of an academic scholarship at this institution, and I am truly grateful for that gift.

However, that doesn't mean that I'm loaded with cash. I'm sure that most seniors, who don't have most of their expenses paid for by the school, are in even worse shape than myself.

Would it be asking too much for Wilkes to hold off on this plea for cash? They want these donations to take place when many of the graduating seniors will still be in graduate school, law school or medical school, when funds will be in even greater demand. Surely the University could wait until we get ourselves back on our financial feet.

I propose a compromise. The University has failed to fund WCLH executive staff members with any scholarship money, even though *Beacon* and *Manuscript* editors are given compensation for their time. However, I spend 15 hours per week at my job as WCLH's music director. At \$4.25 per hour that comes to a grand total of \$1912.50 for the 1992-93 academic year. I would like the University to consider this my gift to them. Now don't bother me until I've finished law school.

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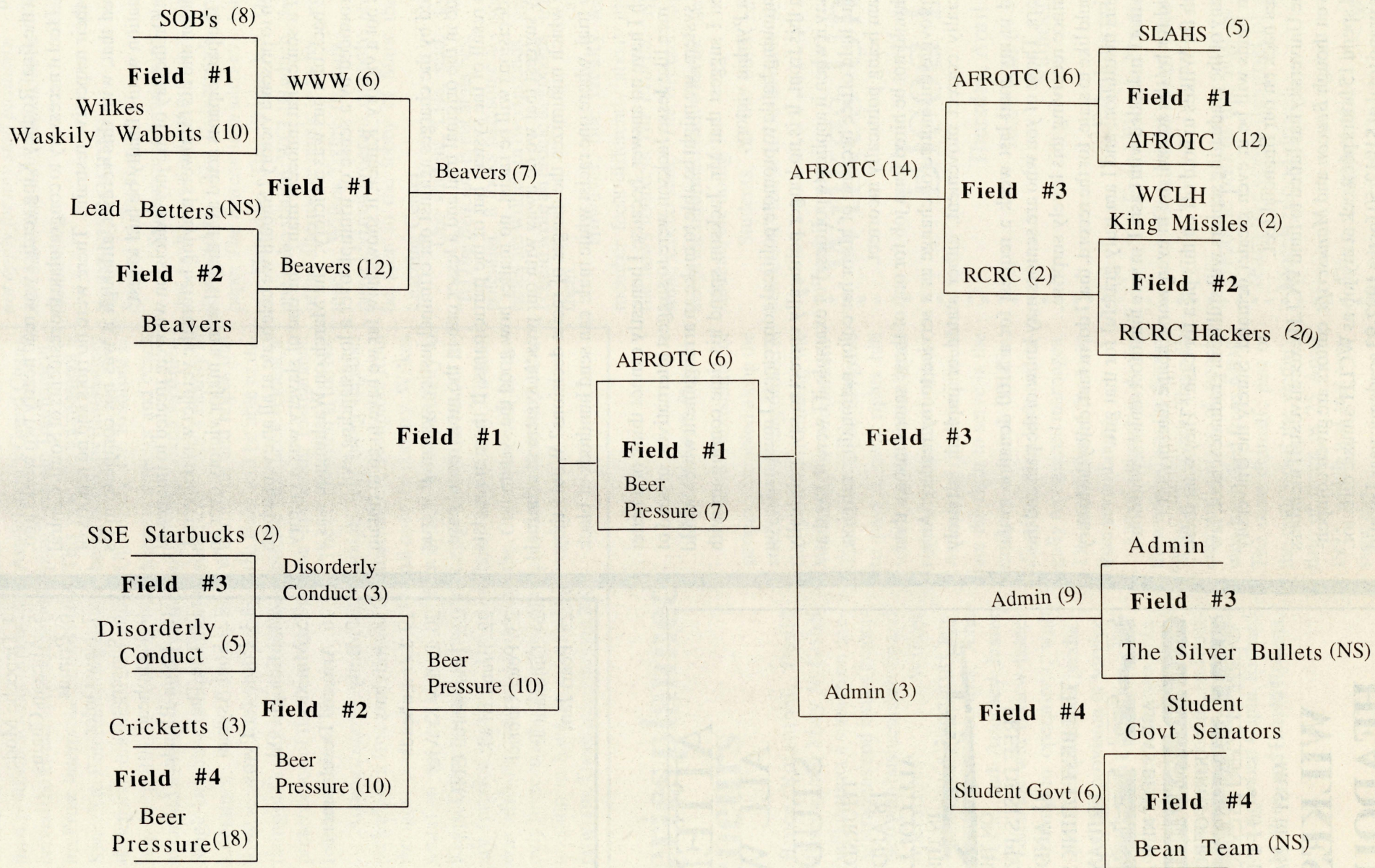
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Cheers & Jeers From Bob Simmons

Well, there is only one more issue of the great and wonderful, job helping *Beacon* left and that means only one more *Cheers & Jeers* left for you people to read and enjoy.

I would like to keep the tradition alive that my predecessor, Mr. J.R. Rupp now a public relations staff member for the New Jersey Nets, started last year. The tradition is... the second to last issue's column is where you let all your feelings known.

Quoting Mr. Rupp, "this is a good way to make a lot of people mad at you, but it doesn't matter because in a month you'll never see most of them again and if you do so what."

So, with this in mind and me being the traditional guy that I am, and quoting the ring announcer from Caesar's Palace, "lets get ready to rumble!"

This past year has not been a bed of roses here at camp wonderful. We have seen people tell me, the Sports Editor, what should not only go in my column, but what should go in my section. And like in the past, how the section should be laid out.

For now we will deal with these three points.

First, I would like to start with the last point and if you don't think that is the way to do it then may I suggest that you either put it the way you would like it in your paper or don't read it.

Point three will be called, "CREATIVITY."

Creativity is defined as - creative ability; artistic or intellectual inventiveness.

This is why I had all the problems when it came time to lay MY section out, intellectual inventiveness was few and far between here. With that, I don't feel it is necessary to explain this point any further.

Point two will be called, "THE SECTION."

Since I have only had this major for almost four years, graduation is a month away, and been on the newspaper staff for three I have picked up a few things here and there. But the one thing that I can remember like it was yesterday is that as a section editor you can run just about anything in the section you wish. However, it must be related to that section. For example, a story on Magic Johnson would be perfectly accepted in the sports section. Since this is an accepted topic for this particular section then there should be no problem, but you must remember where you are.

For the record, not only did this story run, so did many others that were not directly related with Wilkes. For those of you that don't know this, there is life outside of this campus.

Point one will be called, "MY COLUMN."

Like the title says, it is my column, my ideas, my thoughts, my feelings. In plain English, what ever the hell I want to talk about in here is perfectly all right as long as I am not "endangering the office." And the good Lord knows I wouldn't want to do that.

You don't have to like it or even read it, but if you say you don't like it then you must have read it. The point I am trying to make here is that those people that say they don't like what I write in my column each and every week continually read it. Why?

Trust me. I won't lose any sleep if you don't read my column. To those of you that enjoy it and kept reading it through out the year, thank you.

By the way, I didn't let anyone tell me what to write.

One last thought.

If you have never put on a jock strap in your life, and I don't mean women, don't try to talk sports with me and don't try to belittle me and my work because my grades and job offers speak loud enough. And if there is anyone that would like to try to compete with me, my computer is always turned on and I would love to show you that I talk the talk and walk the walk!!!!!!

Rupp hanging with the Nets

BY BOB SIMMONS
Beacon Sports Editor

At the age of 23, J.R. Rupp has netted himself a prestigious job in the professional world of sports.

Rupp took a unique, go-get 'em approach in seeking job employment and has been with the New Jersey Nets for almost a year.



His current position is as a public relations assistant.

Last January, with graduation still a few months away, Rupp was busy sending out journalism and communications resumes to potential employers.

"I was looking through a Nets media book and decided to give their office a call. I spoke with Amy Scheer. She gave me the name of John Martz, their Public Relations Director, and told me to speak with him," said Rupp.

Rupp was asked to send a copy of his resume to Martz and was told he would hear from him shortly.

A few weeks later Rupp was contacted by the Nets and told they were offering an internship position and he was one of the top candidates.

"I went to the Nets office in March, was interviewed and was hired on the spot," said Rupp.

After his internship was completed he was evaluated and was hired full-time.

During his internship he was responsible for a weekly newsletter, which was released to all NBA teams and to more than 200 media outlets throughout the country.

"The newsletter was filled with statistical information and other items on the players. I was also responsible for layout and distribution," stated Rupp.

Rupp's duties now include: preparing press releases, setting up player interviews, charities, media requests, and stats.

With the Nets hiring former Detroit Piston and Dream Team coach, Chuck Daly, Rupp explained it's an "exciting time" to be with the Nets.

Rupp has stated that this type of job is not for everyone.

"Even though the hours are long and I do work weekends and some holidays it's worth it. Not everyone gets to be around professionals all day," said Rupp.

He added, "you never know day to day what will happen."

Rupp has met a number of celebrities while working with the Nets. They include: Kathy Ireland, Michael Jordan, Dr. J, and Shaq.

Rupp was the sports editor of the *Beacon* his senior year so he thought he knew what it was like to work in an office.

However, he has found out that it is nothing like working on your school paper.

"It is very different than the *Beacon* office. At times at the *Beacon* there were people out for themselves, unprofessional, not for the team. Here, or for that matter in any professional organization, everyone has to work as a team or nothing could be accomplished," said Rupp.

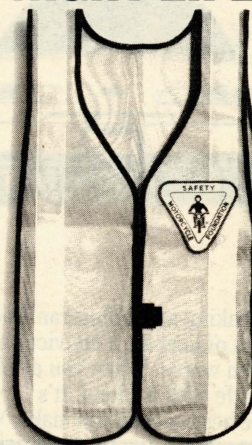
Rupp has stated that the professors he had in the communications department did prepare him for the real world.

When asked to give some advice to those interested in pursuing a position in the sports world Rupp stated, "be go-getter, don't get upset if you get rejected and be willing to give a lot of your personal life up."

Rupp's long term goal is to be a public relations director either with some basketball organization or any sports organization.

But for now Rupp is happy to be a part of a team that is going places.

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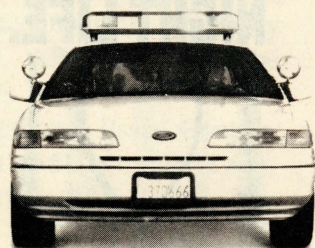
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