

# beacon

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Psssst . . . come here. No! Don't look around! Someone might notice you. Try and act casual . . . that's better. Now, just listen.

I need help. Find help. I've been trapped in a hot, sweaty office all summer. I've been shunned by my friends, bothered by strangers, confused by administrators and tormented by unreturned phone calls and ignored deadlines. I've suffered cruel indignities at the hands of the U. S. Postal System and endured the attempts of a scornful, temperamental typesetting machine to break my spirit.

I can't stand it any longer! I've got to have help!

I know, I know, it's all hard to believe isn't it? You're wondering why I've been forced into such an existence. Why would anyone allow a fairly normal (some may dispute the last statement) college senior to be virtually imprisoned for the entire summer, subsisting on Coca-Cola? What could have tricked me into such an evil, sinister situation? Why did any of this occur?

(Come closer and I'll tell you the whole sordid story. I have to speak quietly or we may be discovered).

I did it all for you, that's right . . . you. Everything I've endured these past few months has been so that your life at Wilkes might be a little more enjoyable, a little easier, and perhaps, even slightly enriched (Wow, I'm sort of a martyr) (Okay, okay, that's pushing it). That's why I

feel the least you can do now is either help me or find me some help.

I can't be completely removed from this living nightmare. You see, I've sold my soul for a half scholarship for the 1983-84 school year. I've agreed with the financial aid office to endure the physical confinement and mental torture every editor-in-chief experiences until the last issue of *The Beacon* rolls off the presses and into the sweaty little hands of the Wilkes College family.

You can help ease my suffering. If you're ready for a challenge, for a weekly adventure into the unknown, you can give my preforated stomach lining a new lease on life.

I'm not totally alone. Seven brave, spirited, semi-intelligent if sometimes fool-hardy youths have made a pact similar to mine with the dreaded financial aid office. As you become bored with my whining, you will turn the pages of this paper (this is starting to sound like I'm hypnotizing you), and see their tortured faces (oh wait, they're smiling—an honest mistake on my part) their smiling faces. Each of them will make their own impassioned plea for your help.

Actually, they just about cover the bases on why we need you, and why or why not you should consider join-



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ing *The Beacon*. They use every pitch imaginable. There's a pitch in there somewhere with your name on it, but you'll have to read the rest of the paper and find it yourself.

*The Beacon* is published weekly during the school year, and it's filled with information about campus activities and campus changes, administrative decisions, fun columns and sports, sports, sports. I won't go into the gruesome details of what goes into creating each issue; you wouldn't believe me anyway. You'll have to come in and see it all for yourself.

But, here's the really exciting part: unlike me or my staff, you haven't

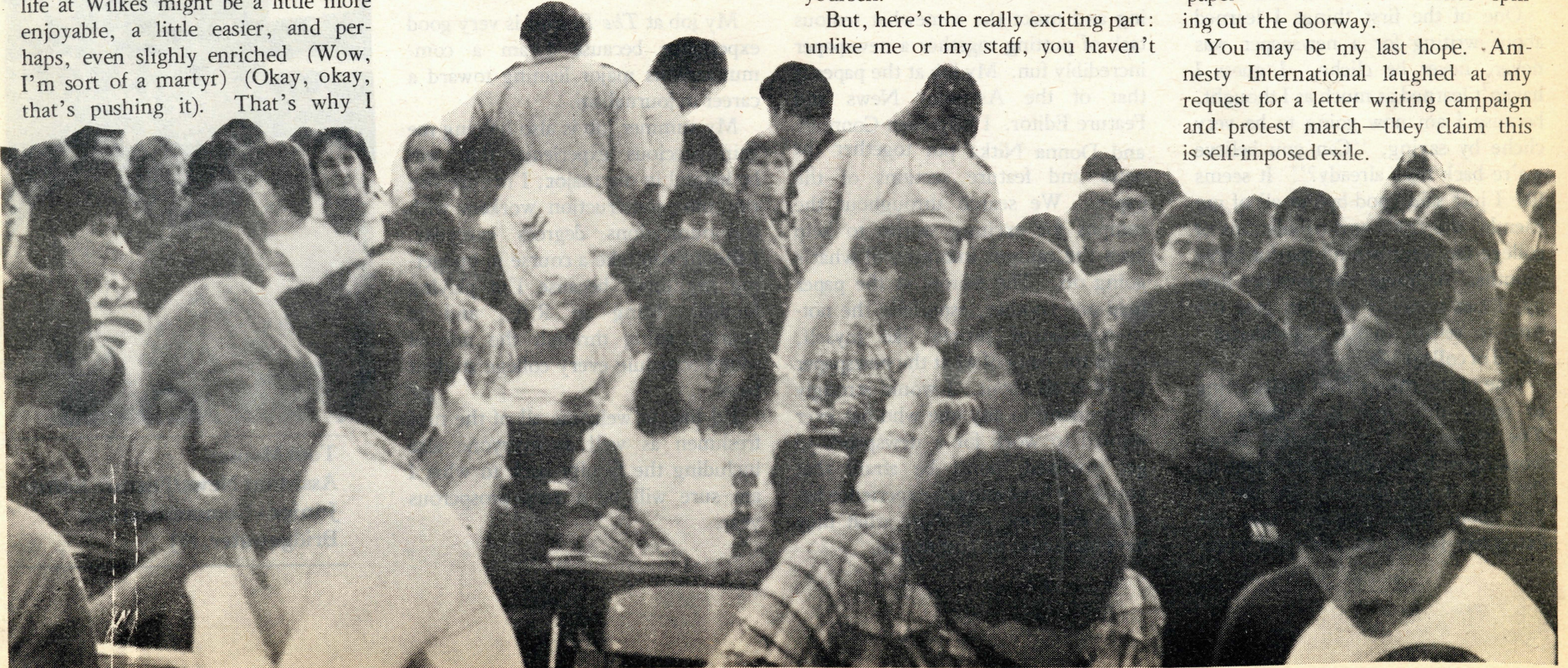
sold your soul. You can bail out anytime you feel like it. If you decide you enjoy the work (it has an odd magnetism), you can always sell your soul next year, after I have been released.

I'm hoping this year's paper is going to be new and different than all the issues of *The Beacon* that have preceded it. It's certainly going to look different than *The Beacon* of the past. However, what it needs to be truly new and exciting are truly new and exciting ideas. I know you've got a few in you, and I'm willing to sit and listen to any or all of them (and I promise not to laugh until you're safely out of hearing range).

We're looking for people with special interests or amazing senses of humor or both to write weekly columns. We're looking for people interested in sports, news and/or features. We're in desperate need of photographers and an advertising manager. We'd love to have anyone interested in doing graphic designs, a weekly political cartoon or a weekly comic strip stop in at our office. We really do want your help.

So this Friday at 3 p.m., instead of sitting around your room being bored or homesick, come to our first meeting. We're located on the third floor of the Student Center. You can't miss our office; it's the only one with paper and freeze-dried coffee spilling out the doorway.

You may be my last hope. Amnesty International laughed at my request for a letter writing campaign and protest march—they claim this is self-imposed exile.







**Sean Connolly**  
News Editor  
Junior - Communications  
Honolulu, Hawaii

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## assistant news/feature

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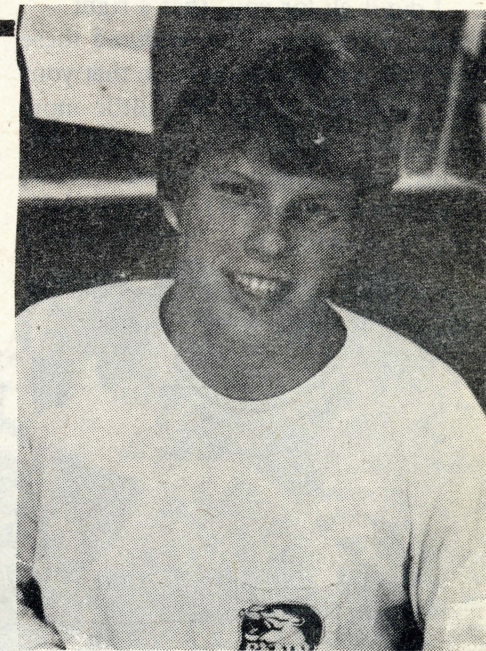
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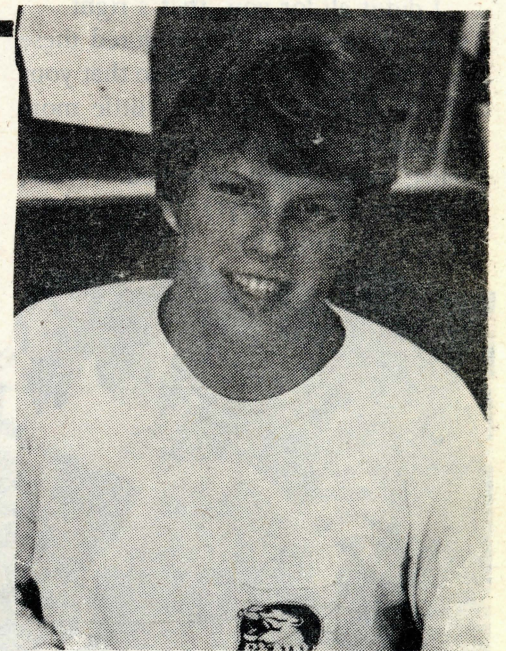
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# *Attention!*

***THE BEACON* Is Looking For :**

**A Photography Editor -  $\frac{1}{4}$  Scholarship**

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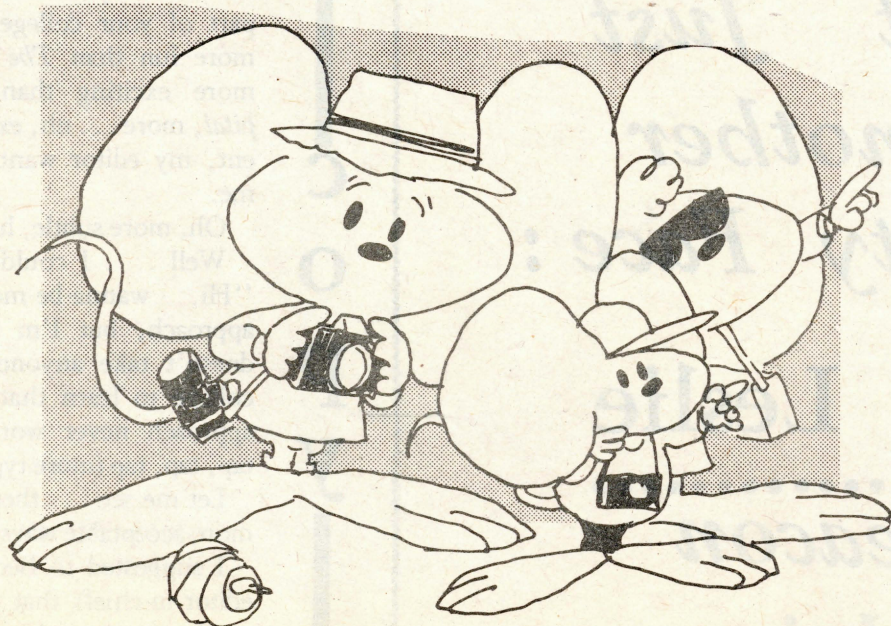
**An Advertising Manager -  $\frac{1}{8}$  Scholarship**

Anyone Interested In Either Of These Positions

Should Come To The *Beacon* Office

On The Third Floor Of The Student Center

For More Information.



*We're Also Looking For:*

Reporters

Staff Photographers

Graphic Artists

Cartoonists



The words you are reading right now and the words on every page of this newspaper were all created by me. Well, I guess I can't take all the credit. After the words were penned by staff members I did have a little help from an updated model of Gutenberg's printing press, or better yet, from an oversized word processor. You see, I'm the typesetter for *The Beacon*, and for the past year and a half I have been typing, retyping, spacing, lengthening, shortening, and experimenting with most of the articles that dared to appear in this newspaper. But for the moment I have the opportunity to explain my position as typesetter, to demonstrate the possibilities of the typesetting machine, and hopefully to inspire a few people to join the *Beacon* staff so that they too can someday operate the typesetting machine.

Ever since the staff acquired the typesetting machine almost two years ago, life with *The Beacon* hasn't been the same. Now the staff members themselves perform most of the functions needed to produce a newspaper: writing, compiling, laying out, and, of course, typesetting. Once all of this work is done the newspaper is transformed by a printer into the finished product that you are now holding. The staff is then eagerly (hmm) back at work preparing for the next issue.

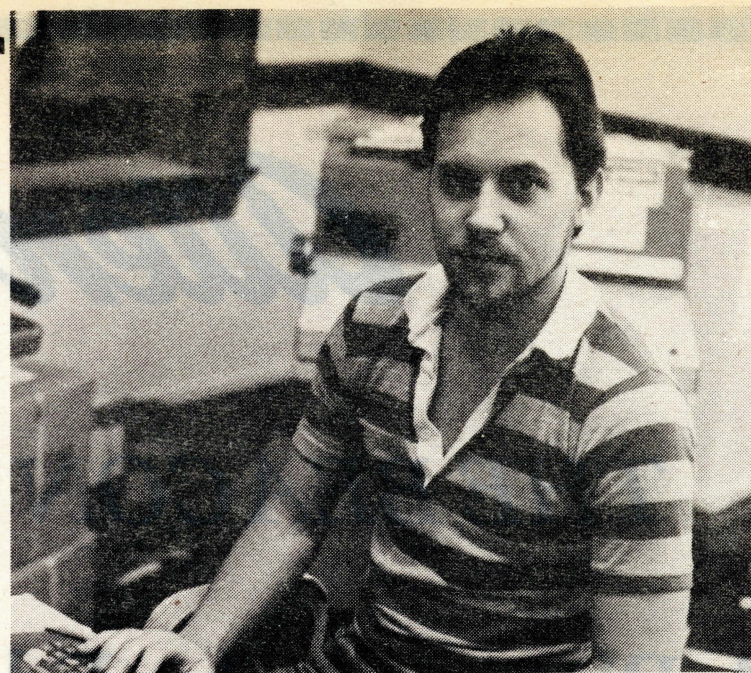
As the typesetter, I've found that the job is a rather absorbing one. Along with the headaches, red eyes, late hours, and the almost constant plague of machine trouble, typesetting the newspaper is like typing a long paper—a real long paper. To

tell you the truth, though, the job isn't all bad. All it takes is knowing how to type and even that can be learned on the typesetting machine. Once the basics are discovered, typesetting a newspaper is simply the push of a few buttons. (Did I say that?)

Also, now that the *Beacon* staff has the typesetting machine (taking up most of the office space), the staff is able to bring to you, our loyal readers, the late-breaking, scandalous news that always pops up after the Friday afternoon deadlines for the submitting of articles. But armed with extra-strength aspirin and many squirts of Visine, I warily try to type the late stories by Wednesday nights' lay outs. I admit sometimes typesetting is an onerous chore, but most often typesetting is challenging and, yes, even fun.

Part of the fun is experimenting with the machine. At first glance, the machine looks like a bulky typewriter surrounded by a lot of miscellaneous buttons and keys that could be intimidating to the novice typist. However, once the typesetter becomes familiar with the use of the buttons, he is ready to typeset articles, ads, and headlines. For example, the machine can make words into different sizes—

big, medium,  
or small; it can make words into  
different types of lettering, or into  
boldface or regular face; it can also  
space a word to the left,  
to the right,  
or in the center.  
In addition, the machine can make

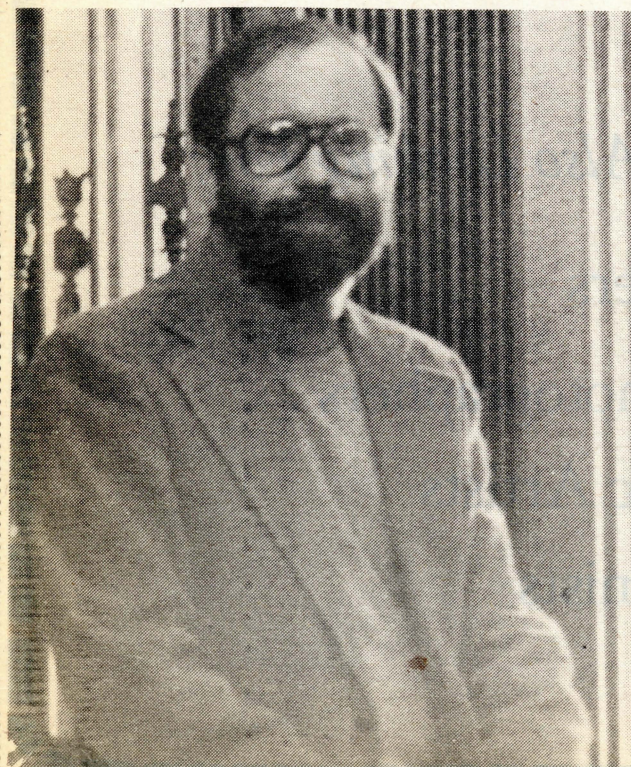


Doug Fahringer  
Typesetter  
Senior - English  
Deridder, LA

lines, \_\_\_\_\_  
dashes— — — — —  
dots . . . . .  
—all with the touch of a couple buttons.

In producing the copy (newspaper jargon for the typesetted material), the typesetting machine is like a camera taking pictures of the typed words and then, within seconds, a film processor develops the copy which is finally ready to be layed out in *The Beacon*.

So there you have it—a short explanation of the position of typesetter and a demonstration of what the machine can do. Now comes the hard part (I think). As a senior this year I will be giving my swivel chair to a new typesetter for next year. If you are interested in learning how to typeset and/or applying for the position for next year, call me at *The Beacon*, or come by the office. Typesetting is a great experience in working with machinery, but more important it is a great experience in working with an interesting group of people, all dedicated to bringing the printed word to the campus in one way or another.



*Not Just  
Another  
Pretty Face :  
Dr. Leslie  
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Beacon  
Advisor*

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Welcome and/or welcome back! tap, tap, tap (typewriter noises) I am here to tell you that *The Beacon*, as part of your college life, would be more fun than *The Muppet Show*, more exciting than *General Hospital*, more . . . uh, excuse me a moment, my editor wants to speak with me.

Oh, more subtle, huh?

Well . . . I could always use the "Hi, wanna-be-more-intellectual" approach, but I'm a senior and it doesn't take anyone three years of college to learn that the intellectual approach never works on students. tap, tap, tap (more typewriter noises)

Let me see . . . there must be other more acceptable ways.

I suggested to Becks (our beloved editor-in-chief) that we lure unsuspecting students into the office using beer as bait and then "detain" them until they agree to be reporters. How



# —student government—



HOWDY! WELCOME BACK! Aren't you glad summer finally ended (he said sarcastically). My name is Ralph Pringle and I'm a senior (Oh yeah!) psychology major from Monument, Pa. I am currently serving as this year's Student Government President so I thought I would tell you a few things about my organization. (Besides, *The Beacon* made me).

Well, down to business. Student Government is the major governmental organization on campus. It consists of 31 members who are elected to their positions by fellow students. Membership consists of six representatives from each class, the four class presidents, and the presi-

dents of Student Government, Commuter Council, and Inter-Residence Hall Council. Along with our 31 voting members, Student Government also has associate members. These members are non-voting and serve as committee members as well as committee chairmen. If you are interested in being an associate member, you can sign up for one of our committees on Club Day, September 6.

The responsibilities of Student Government are many, ranging from financial to academic to social. The main function of Student Government is to allocate the Student Activity Fee Fund. This is the money we receive from the \$50 activity fee from each student. This money is distributed to various clubs and organizations that show a financial need as well as subsidizing club trips to conferences. However, the major use of this money is to insure that each full-time student receives a copy of the *Amnicola*, the college yearbook.

On the academic side of Student Government we have many activities. At the beginning of each semester, Student Government sponsors a Used Bookstore. This is a free service open to all students. Students wishing to sell books may drop them off in our office on the third floor of Conyngham Student Center. Students who sell books there will be financially compensated and books that are not sold will be returned.

Student Government also deals with academic grievances. If you have any complaints about the curriculum, classes or any other matter, bring them to us, and we will see what can be done about them. Our meetings are every Monday night at 6:30 p.m. in the Weckesser Board.

On the social side of Student Government, we have a whole host of activities ranging from gym and Student Center parties to concerts and coffeehouses. We also have a very active film committee. Some of our films this year include *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, *An American Werewolf in London*, and *Tootsie*. Also, Student

Government is responsible for the three major weekends of the year—Homecoming, Winter Weekend, and Cherry Blossom. These weekends are filled with fun events which include a dinner dance and lots of competitive games for teams.

Well, I think that I have babbled enough about Student Government so now I'll just offer one suggestion. If you are a festive person who likes to be involved, consider campaigning for a position on Student Government. Check your school calendar for election dates. It is great experience and lots of fun. Have a good semester.



## commuter council



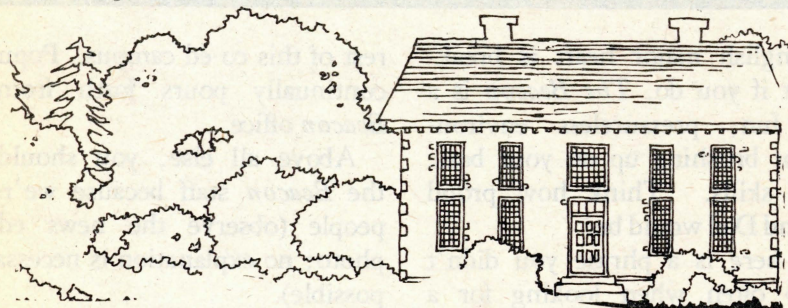
Hello everyone! My name is Dave Kalinowski and I will be serving as president of the Commuter Council for the 1983-84 school year. The Commuter Council is made up of 24 elected commuter students from the four classes. Working closely with the Inter-Residence Hall Council, the Commuter Council plans, organizes and sponsors the four major parties of the year. These parties include the Christmas and Valentines Day parties which are held off campus and the Halloween and St. Patrick's Day

parties which are held in the college gym. The council also sponsors Student Center parties and annual bus trips to New York City, the Bloomsburg Fair and Great Adventure Amusement Park.

Commuter Council also offers a wide variety of services to commuter students. The Council distributes on-campus parking permits, sells reduced rate parking stickers for the Park and Lock South and sells LCTA bus passes and bus tokens.

I would also like to mention that Commuter Council has openings for representatives in each of the four classes. So, if you are a commuter student and looking for a fun and constructive way to spend your free time on campus, think about joining the Commuter Council. Our office is located on the third floor of the Conyngham Student Center and our meetings are held every Monday at 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room of Weckesser Hall. Again, welcome back and I hope we, the Commuter Council, can be of some assistance to you during the school year.

Sincerely yours,  
Dave Kalinowski  
CC President



## inter-residence

## hall council



Al Meleusen IRHC President  
meetings - Sundays At 6pm.  
SLC Rm 1





When asked to write an article introducing myself and my position on the *Beacon* staff, I thought, "How hard can that be?" However, after several attempts at writing an article which does exactly that, I have come to the conclusion that all papers I wrote for English 102 last semester were much easier than this could ever be. Now, nearly a month after I was given the assignment, this is the article I managed to put together.

Let me begin by telling a little bit about myself. I graduated from Southern Lehigh High School and live in Coopersburg, Pa. which is a small town about 75 miles south of Wilkes-Barre. It lies just outside Allentown which is much more familiar to most people.

Why I chose Wilkes, I don't know. However, I'm here, and I'm beginning my sophomore year as an accounting major. How an accounting major got involved with a school

newspaper will be explained a little later.

Although I'm far from being "athletic," I enjoy playing raquetball, swimming and skiing. In the summer I like going camping and spending time at the beach. Most of all, however, I enjoy spending time with friends.

I got involved with the school newspaper during my first semester at Wilkes. Becky Whitman, then the news editor (presently editor-in-chief) managed to talk me into writing news articles for the paper. I was somewhat hesitant at first but later found I actually enjoyed my new "job." I had to go out, interview people and then write an article on my findings. It was something I had never done before, and it was often quite a challenge.

After working with the newspaper staff my entire first semester I decided I would like to join the staff. During



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**Business Manager**  
**Sophomore - Accounting**  
**Coopersburg, PA**

my second semester, I applied for a staff position on the paper, and now here I am the *Beacon* Business Manager.

This is quite a change for me.

Previously I was involved in the actual construction of the newspaper. Although you may see my name on a few articles this year, my work now lies completely behind the scenes. My new job isn't exactly exciting, but it is very interesting and I enjoy it very much since it involves work which lies within my major course of study.

As business manager I am responsible for all the financial matters of the newspaper. This includes monthly billings, dealing with the college business office, keeping accurate financial records, and assisting in the preparation of the paper's budget. I am also responsible for the on-campus circulation of the newspaper. I certainly have enough to keep me busy.

Well, that just about wraps it up. Now you know who I am and what I do. It's hard to believe it took me a month to say so little.

## Don't forget Club Day - September 6



## GET INVOLVED !!!



# sports...sports...sports...sports...sports

Welcome to Wilkes College (I'm sure that greeting is worn quite thin by now) and the *Beacon* sports pages. My name is Tim Williams, and my position on the staff is that of co-sports editor along with Charlie Yozwiak.

Even though my partner in crime (Charlie) is a journalism major, the *Beacon* staff is not restricted to communication majors. I myself am a history major. If you are interested in writing for *The Beacon* or would like more information on what you as a writer would be responsible for, you should get in touch with either Charlie or myself.

Charlie commutes to school, but locating him should not pose much of a problem; all you have to do is keep your eyes peeled for a tank with blonde hair and a text book.

Actually, finding me would be much easier since I am the Resident Assistant for Diaz Hall which is on the second floor of Pickering Hall.

Charlie Yozwiak  
Sports Editor  
Junior - Communications  
Falls, PA

Is it September again? It seems like only yesterday that I stepped off the plane in Johannesburg. Well, I guess that's what fighting SWAPO guerrillas in the South African bush will do to one's sense of time. Anyhow, I've put my mercenary uniform back in the closet for the cold season and traded in my AK-47 rifle (I hate to admit it, but those commies make pretty good guns) for a typewriter. Now, instead of shooting bullets, I'll just be shooting off my mouth.

Yes, I'm back at *The Beacon* where I will take over the duties of sports editor. Sure, it's not as exciting as dodging bullets and tripping over anti-personnel mines, but it's a job. This year, the sports department duties will be shared by Tim Williams and myself.

Getting involved with *The Beacon* can be a fun and rewarding experience. Many of us, including myself, had very little or no previous experience working with a newspaper prior to joining the *Beacon* staff. Within a few weeks, I developed the confidence of an old hand.

The sports editors are responsible for any and all athletic events, both varsity and intramural. Sometimes, this is no easy task since there are a number of sports that must be covered and we (the editors) also have to keep up on our school work. During fall season I will be especially busy since I play soccer for Wilkes. If you are remotely interested in lending a

hand, please get in touch with me—it would be greatly appreciated.

In addition to covering all athletic events, Charlie and I will each write our own sports related column in alternative issues. The title of my column will be "Overtime."

This column will feature topics ranging from opinionated critical analysis to (hopefully) humorous stories. You see, within the past year I have discovered the wonderful and exciting world of golf.

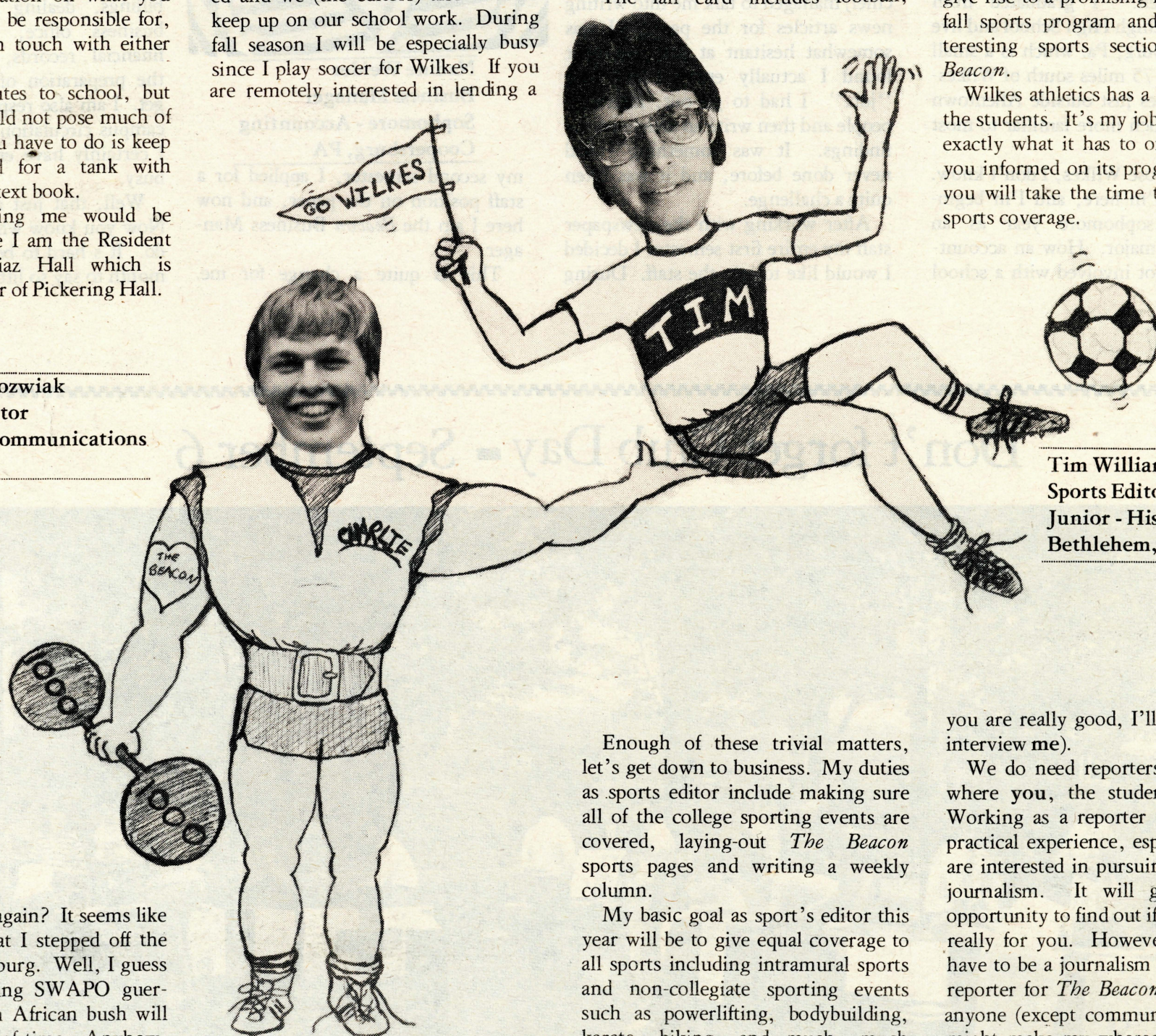
The fall card includes football,

soccer, girls tennis, field hockey, volleyball, and cross country. I will be covering soccer, field hockey and girls tennis. Charlie will cover the remaining three. Hopefully, each of us will have some help from some of you.

New coaches (as of last season) have given the football and soccer teams new hope. This, coupled with a nationally ranked (Div. III) field hockey team and a very respectable volleyball and cross country teams, give rise to a promising future for the fall sports program and a more interesting sports section for *The Beacon*.

Wilkes athletics has a lot to offer to the students. It's my job to show you exactly what it has to offer and keep you informed on its progress. I hope you will take the time to follow our sports coverage.

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Enough of these trivial matters, let's get down to business. My duties as sports editor include making sure all of the college sporting events are covered, laying-out *The Beacon* sports pages and writing a weekly column.

My basic goal as sport's editor this year will be to give equal coverage to all sports including intramural sports and non-collegiate sporting events such as powerlifting, bodybuilding, karate, biking, and much, much more.

Non-collegiate sports are those sports which include competitors from Wilkes who are not actually representing the college. If they were, it would be a collegiate event such as football or wrestling.

A reporter working under me would be assigned a particular sport or sports to cover and would be solely responsible for his or her assignment. Their job would not necessarily be limited to covering sports. They might also be responsible for doing a feature story on an athlete (if

you are really good, I'll even let you interview me).

We do need reporters, and this is where you, the student, come in. Working as a reporter will give you practical experience, especially if you are interested in pursuing a career in journalism. It will give you the opportunity to find out if journalism is really for you. However, you don't have to be a journalism major to be a reporter for *The Beacon*. We'll take anyone (except communists, as they might make my whereabouts known to the Soviet KGB). Being a reporter for *The Beacon* will sharpen your ability to think under pressure, to ask questions and to be objective. I haven't even mentioned what it will do for your writing skills.

As sports editor, I will not be partial to one sport or another. My interests are not limited to football; they are as diversified as the universe itself. They include Russian roulette, women's mud wrestling, roller derby, poker, and feeding flies to spiders. Heck, I even went to a horse race this summer.