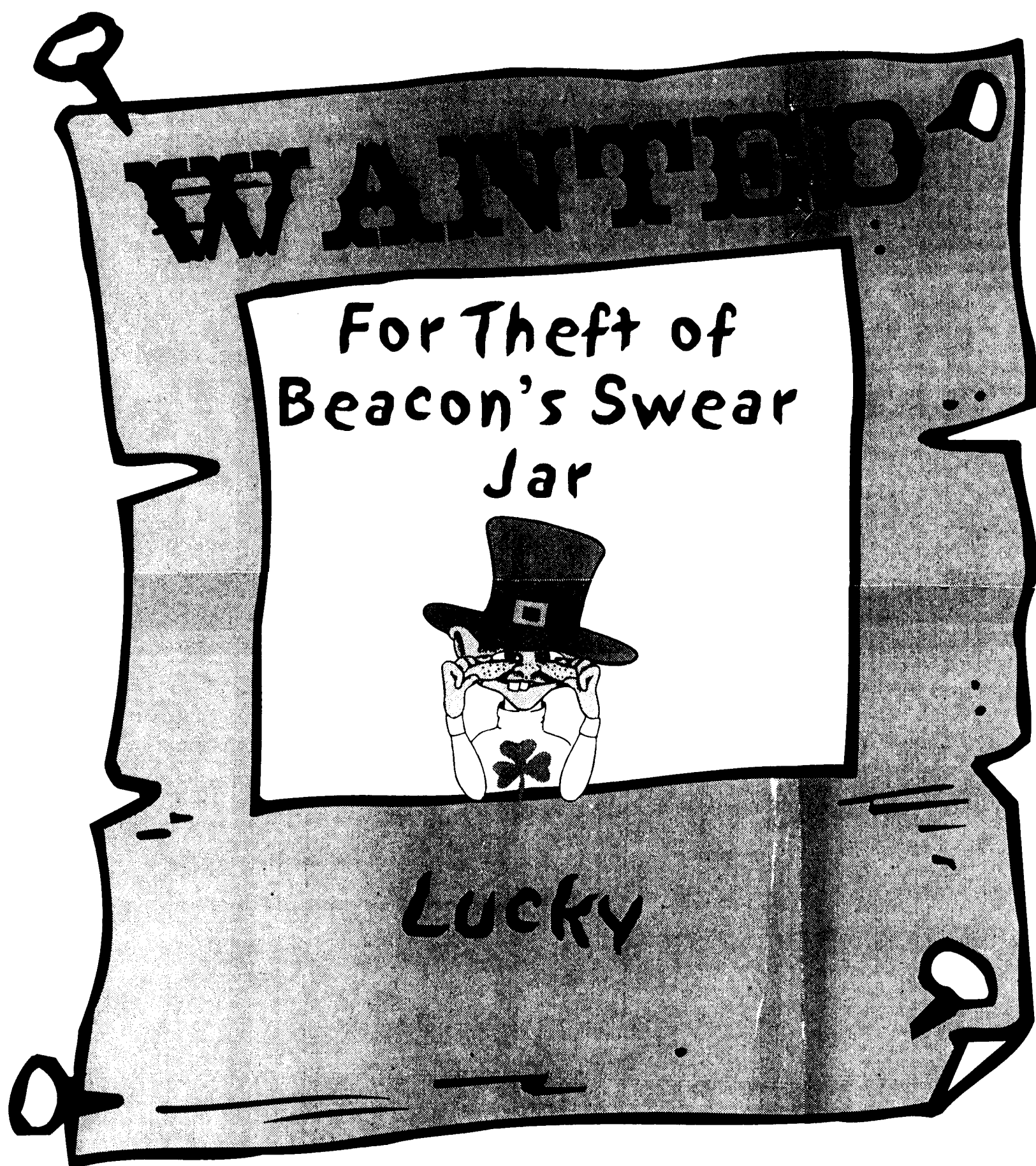


# NEWS



## Swear jar stolen from Bacon office; leprechaun involvement suspected

by Bongo the Monkey  
managing editor

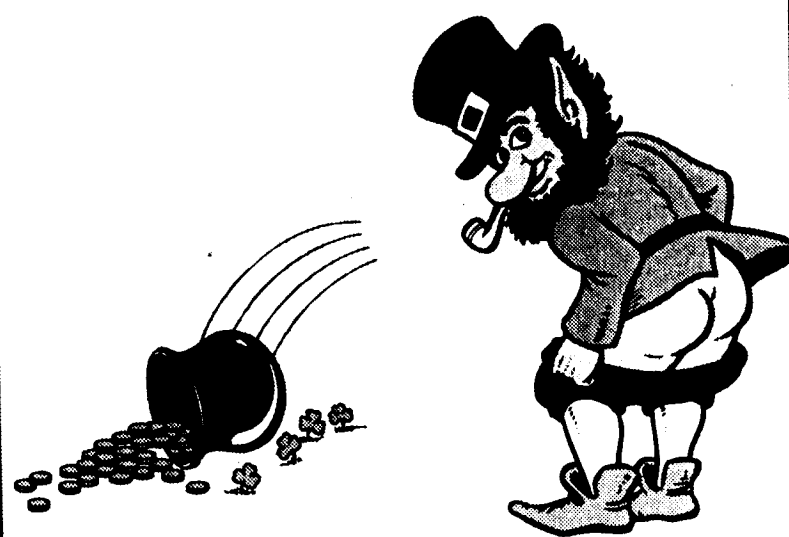
On Friday February 31, 2000, the Bacon reported a theft from its office of its swear jar. There were no witnesses to the crime, but circumstantial evidence has pointed to the possibility of a leprechaun committing the crime, possibly mistaking the jar for his pot o' gold. Upon entering the office on Monday morning, Bacon staff members discovered that the jar was missing. Green footprints of a very small size were seen leading to the door from the spot where the jar was kept. Lucky Charms, the cereal of all leprechauns, were found scattered around the office. The BackRoom staff reported to Police and Safety that they had heard a voice coming from the Bacon office the Friday night before,

saying, "They'll never get me pot o' gold, or was that me Lucky Charms?" The BackRoom staff did not report this because they just assumed that it was the Bacon staff acting the way that they normally do.

Police and Safety remains baffled about the crime. An undisclosed officer was overheard saying, "How in the Hell are we supposed to catch a leprechaun with all that magic and stuff? Hey, pass me another donut!"

The Bacon staff is offering a \$.07 reward for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of the leprechaun or leprechauns involved in the theft.

Jason Synder, editor-in-chief of the Bacon, said, "This is a horrible crime. What is our society coming to that we can't even keep our swear jar safe? Damn you leprechauns, damn you all to Hell!"

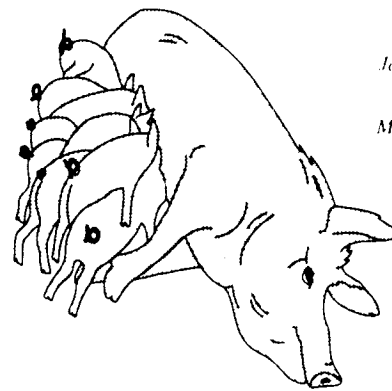


Police and Safety crime scene re-enactment of the "Great Swear Jar Theft"

# EDITORIAL

## THE BEHREND BACON

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## Caring by Mike

Well, it has been another terrific year, hasn't it? It is so nice to see everyone on campus getting along with each other. Apparently we have all taken Rodney King's words to heart, and have gotten along with each other. Who knew that we all cared about each other so much on this campus? Let me give you a few examples.

Behrend has become one of the few campuses in the United States to end hazing. While we all know that hazing is illegal, we also know that

is still practiced on college campuses all over the place. But not at Behrend. You will not find any evidence of hazing around here. And anyone who says different is a dirty liar. We all get along.

We at Behrend even get along with the Erie community at large. Many times people living in a college town do not approve of all of the actions of the students going to school there. But the Erie area has been very supportive of Behrend. We were even

featured on a local radio station as the topic of conversation for two whole days. If that doesn't show caring and love by the Erie community for Behrend, I don't know what does. Behrend's agenda of caring continues.

And just last week I was approached by numerous students who informed me how much they enjoyed reading all of the happy thoughts that I put into my editorials every three weeks. These students

felt that I was the main reason that we as a student body got along so well. As I informed them, while I may have helped the process along with my writing, it was the students' action that made Behrend the caring and loving environment that it is today.

When we all take the time to look back at this school year, we should all get a warm fuzzy feeling from all of the love and happiness that occurred on this campus. YEAH BEHREND!

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Last semester I was technically a staff writer for the Bacon, though I only turned in two out of the required seven articles. I would first and foremost like to apologize to the staff of the Bacon. See, one time, in high school, I was on the staff of an award-winning newspaper. There I discovered a passion for journalism, but I don't think I acquired any talent. Anyway, this paper only came out once every two months and our advisor did 90% of the work. Therefore, I did not learn to take any responsibility for my work. In fact, I never really wrote a real news article, which is probably why they all sucked last semester. So, once again I'm sorry for my unprofessionalism.

I can no longer refrain from voicing my opinion about the quality of your weekly publication. See, I decided not to rejoin the Bacon staff this spring semester because I did not want to continue being responsible for producing such unprofessional, immoral, and unpolished articles. The Bacon editors invited me to come down one evening last semester to see how layout nights went. While there I discovered how much they had to re-edit the few articles I actually wrote, and I felt awful about my lack of skill.

One thing I don't agree with in the Bacon is the amount of swearing that goes on in the editorial pages. For instance, in last week's issue, I didn't find any actual swear words in the

columns, but one kid did make his headline "Get the truck outta my way." I think we all know what he really meant by the word "truck." Implications such as these drag down the Bacon's professionalism, in my opinion. I mean, we never swore in our high school paper. In fact, I think Behrend needs to be more like my high school. Uniforms should be enforced, gum chewing should not be allowed, people should be quiet in the halls, and no one should talk in class unless called upon. Pretty soon there will be paper footballs flying through the air! What is wrong with you people?! The plethora of unprofessionalism in this place is obscene.

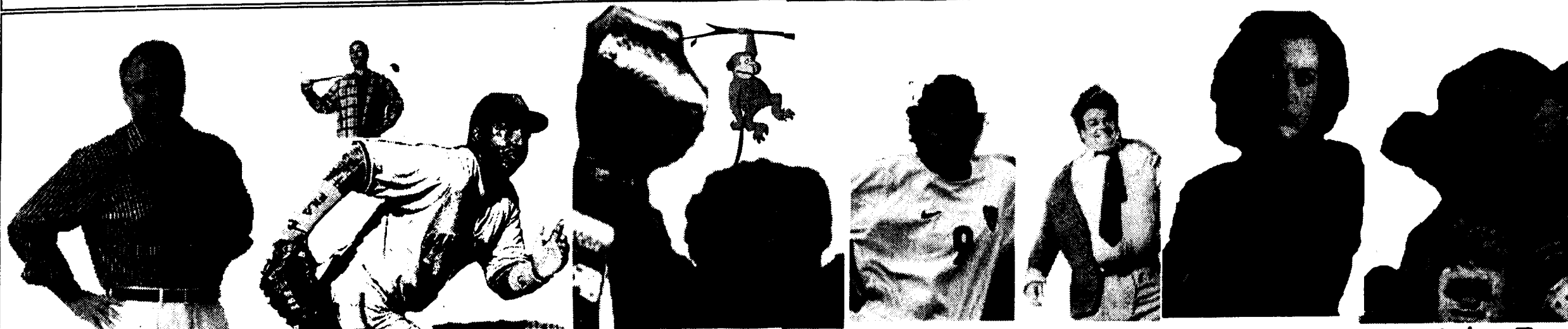
I also recently learned that the Ba-

con doesn't use picas when laying out their paper! Oh, the inhumanity! We always used picas in high school. At least, I think we did - like I said, our advisor did most of the work.

The layout of the paper looks okay, I guess. I don't read the articles, so I can't really vouch for the quality of the them. I do look at University Park's Collegian occasionally, but I don't read that either. So, other than the swearing, I think the Bacon is doing a pretty decent job.

Pica Girl

P.S. Mr. Editor, isn't it ironic that I have the time to write letters to the editor all the time, but I never had time to write articles last semester?



Some of Bacon Staff (from left to right) - Matt Wiertel, Karl Benacci, Doug Smith, Jason Snyder, Mike Frawley, Katie Przepyszny, Liz Hayes, Katie Galley, and Nicole Greene