

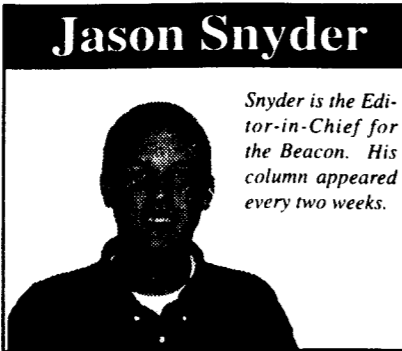
SPORTS

Out of Bounds

Cuban American nobodies: you can't save Elian

Despite the homerun chase of 1998 between McGwire and Sosa, and the end of the century run of the New York Yankees in last year's World Series, Major League Baseball is on its way to a popularity crash similar to the one it suffered in the mid 1990s when the players went on strike. Yes, Michael Tejera and Mike Lowell and some other washed up Cuban has-beens sat out a game. I'm afraid the only way we can save baseball now is if...they return Elian to his relatives?

Unfortunately, the Cuban-American baseball players didn't realize until it was too late that no one cares. We've already seen the Cuban-Americans in Miami make fools of themselves with their distasteful protests. And now, because baseball players have decided to protest...



Jason Snyder

Snyder is the Editor-in-Chief for the Beacon. His column appeared every two weeks.

Wait a minute; what exactly are these players protesting? I don't think it was MLB Commissioner Bud Selig that made the decision to send in the INS to rescue Elian from his kidnapers.

Hey, I'm going to stop writing sports editorials for the *Beacon* until Elian is stolen from his father again. Then maybe, because Bill Clinton

and Janet Reno enjoy my writing so much, they will ship Elian Fed-Ex back to the criminal relatives in Florida.

Just like they're going to send him back now because a bunch of baseball nobodies decided to sit out a game. For some reason, I don't think Reno watches baseball or even cares that players decided to hurt their teams' chances of winning by watching from the dugout.

OK. I'm done with the sarcasm and down to business.

We all know the Elian controversy has created such a stir in this country over the past few months. And before I begin to share my views about the issue, as you should be clear with them from the sarcasm above, I feel it's necessary to state what an athlete's role should be in a case like

this.

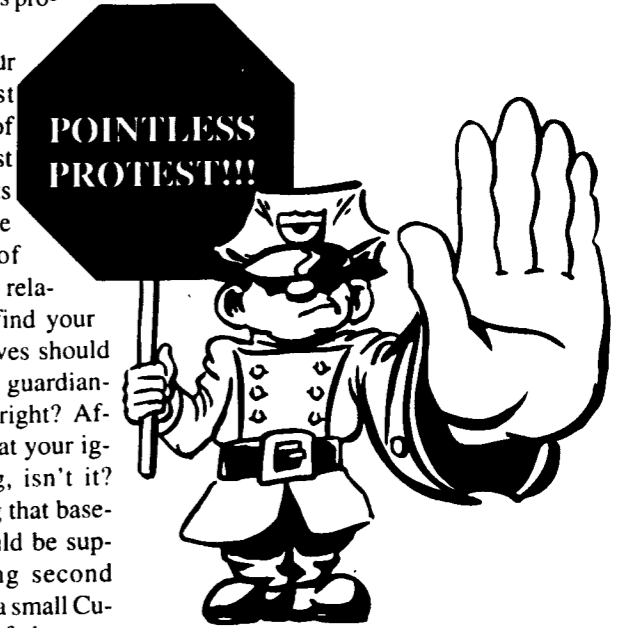
We already have watched Cuban-Americans show their disgust in this whole ordeal. Crazy maniacs running and screaming through the cities. The last thing we need now are "mature" baseball players pouting about something that doesn't even affect them.

I'm not saying athletes shouldn't be allowed to protest in some capacity. But protest in a manner that is respectable. These protests by players this past week have been confined to the baseball stadiums in which they play. It has only affected their teams' performances, not Janet Reno's decision.

If these players are smart enough to make the decision to come to America to play, they should have some level of intelligence that would

prevent them from making such bad choices for useless protests.

Go out with your bats and protest near the home of the relatives. Just don't put your bats down. Because when a group of Cuban American relatives come and find your bats, those relatives should be able to claim guardianship of you bats, right? After all, that is what your ignorantly arguing, isn't it? The only stealing that baseball players should be supporting is taking second base. Not taking a small Cuban boy from his father.



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MEN'S BASEBALL (22-16)

Final Season Standings

Penn State Altoona	17-15-1	7-1
Frostburg	14-10	6-2
Pitt-Bradford	11-16	6-4
Penn State Behrend	22-16	4-6
Pitt-Greensburg	5-10	3-6
La Roche	3-18-1	1-8

Week in Review

April 15	Frostburg	5-9	L
	Frostburg	10-14	L

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April 20	P.S. Altoona	2-6	L
	Pitt-Bradford	6-3	W
April 25	Grove City	13-0	W

Upcoming Games

April 27	@ Fredonia w/JV	3:00 p.m.
April 29	@ Pitt-Bradford	1:00 p.m.
May 12-14	ECAC South Tourney	TBA
May 19-23	NCAA Regionals	TBA
May 26-28	NCAA Championships	TBA

MEN'S TENNIS (6-9)

Penn State Altoona	5-0	8-0
Frostburg	8-4	3-2
Penn State Behrend	5-6	2-4
Pitt-Greensburg	0-0	0-0
Pitt-Bradford	0-0	0-0
La Roche	0-0	0-0
Lake Erie	0-2	0-2

Week in Review

AMCC TOURNAMENT	April 22	Finished 3rd
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WOMEN'S SOFTBALL (14-15)

Final Season Standings

La Roche	22-3	15-1
Frostburg	11-11	9-4
Penn State Behrend	14-15	9-5
Pitt-Bradford	6-8	5-7
Pitt-Greensburg	3-14	2-8
Lake Erie	0-8	0-8

Week in Review

AMCC TOURNAMENT	April 19	Lake Erie	18-0	W
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Upcoming Games

April 27	@ Grove City	3:00 p.m.
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