

What's in a name?

Student newspaper titles: from history to humor

Balam's Ass is no more: Union Theological Seminary (N.Y.) decided to revamp the venerable student newspaper and change its name to *Unitas*. The change, however, piqued National On-Campus Report's interest in other unique student newspaper titles. A review of them turned up some amusing names.

Many newspapers, for instance, have chosen a nautical theme: There's the *Wrecker's Debris* at Florida Keys Community College, the *Periscope* at Shorter College, the *Binnacle* at California Maritime Academy, the *Harbor Tides* at Los Angeles Harbor College. Christopher Newport College publishes the *Captain's Log*, everyone reads the *Helm* at Maine Maritime Academy, the *Lighthouse* at Lake Land College, and the *Mooring Mast* at Pacific Lutheran University.

Several professional and medical colleges inject a little humor into their presses: Students, faculty, and staff read the *Backtalk* at Cleveland Chiropractic College, the *Reflex* at Southern California College of Optometry, and *The Cadaver* at Medical College of Georgia. Miami-Dade Community College Medical Center prefers *The Antidote*. Massachusetts College of Pharmacy readers get what they need from *The Dispenser*, and the Southern College of Optometry looks to the *Evil Eye*.

Many newspaper have names rooted in the history or geographic characteristics of their regions. In the Southwest, for example, there's the *Gila Monster* (Eastern Arizona College). College of the Canyons proclaims the *Canyon Call*, Cochise College runs with *The Apache*, and Central Arizona College reads the *Cactus*. Here's an interesting one: *Pay Dirt*, quarried by Western New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology.

Retaining a sense of history, Patrick Henry State Junior College likes *The Patriot*, John Brown University promotes *The Three-Fold Advocate*, George Washington University uses *The Hatchet*, Monroe Community College follows the *Monroe Doctrine*, and Lincoln College looks to *The Emancipator*.

Other school newspaper prefer the non-sense approach: several simply publish *The Paper*, *The Reporter*, or *The News*. The College of Notre Dame publishes the news *As-It-Is*, Bethany Bible College has always had the *Inside Story*, the California College of Podiatric Medicine backs the *First Amendment*, while Stark Technical College urges readers to *Pass-It-On*.

Many unique titles don't fit into any categories: The U.S. Military Academy's *Slum and Gravy* (recently renamed *The Pointer*), *The Muddraker* (Harvey Mudd College), Palm Beach Junior College has *The Beach Comber*. Many students find the *Loop-Whole* at The Loop College, the *Dixie Drawl* at Pearl River College, the *Bulldog Barks* at Mississippi Gulf Coast Junior College, and *The Good 5-Cent Cigar* at the University of Rhode Island.

On-campus briefs around the country

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Racy T-shirts have been banned by Boston's Tufts University. Officials have created T-shirt zones on campus - such as classrooms and the commons areas of residence halls - where T-shirts bearing raunchy messages must be covered. Students may still wear the shirts in the privacy of their dorm rooms and on campus lawns. The new rule came after a male student marketed 200 shirts that gave 15 reasons "Why Beer Is Better than Women at Tufts" - all disparaging to women.

Utah students have one year to prove that their student-run radio station will work. University of Utah officials have agreed to allow a Radio Council - made up of students, faculty members, and radio professionals - to try to successfully run the station during the coming academic year. If they fail, officials will consider granting permanent oversight of the station to a university agency.

An Alumna won a case by default against her former Penn State instructor. Kathleen O'Connor sued Lorna Rasmussen in small claims court for unjustly giving her a D in a television class - which prevented her from graduating in May 1988. O'Connor later retook the class with a different instructor and received an A. She won the court decision when the university failed to attend a scheduled hearing. PSU has appealed, saying the court has no jurisdiction in a grade dispute.

Student government back in position. After a two-month absence, the student government at Arapahoe Community College is back in place, with one major change: It doesn't have the authority to allocate student fees. President James Weber banished the organization in May, claiming that the bickering among the senate had paralyzed it and kept it from allocating funds. Now, a student government advisor will take over that responsibility.

Armed with vacuum cleaners, a woman's group at Vassar College visited the "disgustingly sloppy" campus women's center recently to clean it up - literally. The new club, the "Future Housewives of America" - which hopes to gain official campus recognition this fall - is also interested in cookbooks and dating services. In fact, it already has a professor lined up to speak on "The Impact of Tupperware on U.S. Society." The group also plans to address more serious issues, such as bettered wives and children, as well as drug abuse.

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About 100 Louisiana students protested recently at the state capitol against higher education budget cuts proposed by the legislature. "The people making the decisions," said one student leader, must "realize that education should have priority right behind the police and firemen."

This scavenger hunt's no kid's game. A secret Dartmouth College group known as the Sphinx Society, nailed for a series of campus thefts, received a one-year suspension and a \$3,000 fine. The society sent members out on a scavenger hunt last April; They returned with valuable campus art, photographs, and various signs. While the school recovered most of the lot, one of the most valuable items taken - a \$12,000 painting - was returned with a scratch.

It's a different kind of financial aid. Southern Arkansas University has decided not to increase tuition this fall, opting instead to cut money from equipment, travel and other budgets. "This is a trade-off between getting as much quality as we can afford and keeping students here who might drop out," said President Harold Brinson.

A Soviet-American student magazine will be available on campuses in both countries next year. Pepperdine and Stanford students teamed up to establish the publication with Soviet officials and a student at Moscow's Bowerman University.

Students Protest Dismissal
A group of Clayton State College students met with the school's president to voice their objections over the firing of a journalism instructor. They claimed the instructor was fired because she refused to censor several student newspaper articles - based on student and faculty polls - that criticized a school policy.

Ethnic Studies PH.D. First in Nation
A University of California-Berkeley woman became the first person to earn a doctorate in that field. Judy Antell has done research focusing on the lives of three Native American female activists - a novelist, a social activist of the 1960s and a tribal leader.

Do The Under-21 Drinking Laws Work?

On the contrary, according to a survey done by a sociologist at the State University of New York-Postdam. In an article published in *Psychological Reports*, evidence from 3,375 American college students supports the "reactance theory," which states that when people are told they can't do something, they do it anyway, sometimes to excess. The researchers say that drinking has actually increased for those under 21, and the new laws may be a reason.

Unfair Journalistic Practices?
That's what Brown University's dean of student life said of the student-run *Issues* magazine. Each controversial issue has targeted the university with a piece of investigative journalism, embarrassing the administration with quotes from confidential memos. The administration has made efforts to cut funding, in one of many First Amendment struggles taking place on campuses across the country.

Want an 'A'? Publish Your Paper
A Kent State University English professor says if his students write an optional 300-word persuasive argument and it is published by a newspaper, they will not have to take the final exam. The english department chairman doesn't like the idea, neither do some of the students, who say if their papers don't get published, it's like doing double work.


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