

# Pat Robertson sues officials for libel

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Television evangelist Pat Robertson sued Rep. Andrew Jacobs and former Rep. Paul N. McCloskey for libel yesterday, accusing them of spreading false stories that he used his senator-father's influence to avoid combat in Korea.

Robertson, who has indicated he may seek the Republican presidential nomination in 1988, accused Jacobs, D-Ind., and McCloskey, a Republican former congressman from California, of making "wanton and reckless statements" about his role as a U.S. Marine.

The suits ask a federal court to order a retraction from the two men and to award him \$35 million from each for damages.

McCloskey retorted in a telephone interview, "I know of no place better to seek the truth than in the court."

Both he and Jacobs denied any wrongdoing, saying other Marines had backed up the allegation against Robertson.

In separate libel suits, Robertson accuses the two men of spreading false statements "for the purpose and

with the effect of injuring, disgracing and defaming (Robertson's) good name and reputation."

"These statements were made, published and disseminated willfully, intentionally and maliciously," Robertson said in the lawsuits filed in U.S. District Court.

In the suits, Robertson said Jacobs gave to newspaper columnists Rowland Evans and Robert Novak an Aug. 4 letter McCloskey had written to Jacobs. The letter said the evangelist, when a Marine second lieutenant in February 1951, called his father, Sen. A. Willis Robertson, from Japan to request transfer from a troop transport bound for Korea and possible combat duty.

"This statement is false and defamatory," Robertson said in the litigation.

In the suits, Robertson said that Jacobs and McCloskey "intended to and did convey to the community at large the impression that (Robertson) was a coward and sought to use political influence to avoid combat duty, untruthful in his denial of having sought his father's intervention and a hypocrite in seeking to stand up against the worldwide Communist movement."



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## Trustee

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However, Snider said he did not believe more emphasis was placed on Schreyer's appointment than Greeley-Beahm's.

"Students should be patient and see what happens . . . I think that it is highly advantageous for us to have student representation on the board and I'm positive the students can rest assured there will always be representation," he said.

Claster said that while he had been under the impression Schreyer had replaced him on the board, "I don't think it is any plot . . . it is in the governor's interest as well as the state's to have a student on the board."

Greeley-Beahm said her original application form for the position stated the term would be for three years.

Devin Malone, Council of Commonwealth Student Governments representative to USEC, who worked with the student committee to review the selection process for the student trustee last spring, said the committee assumed the position would be for three years because Walsh was given a three-year term.

"We had every reason to believe that that's the way it would be done," he said.

Kenneth Mortimer, acting associate secretary of the board, said a student has been appointed to the board by the governor since 1971. The decision of whom to appoint and for what length of time is up to the governor because a student is only appointed by tradition, he said.

Greeley-Beahm said it is a "very difficult situation. There doesn't have to be any student representation on

the board at all. That's up to the governor."

She added that because a new governor is being elected, a student might not be appointed.

A spokesman for Republican gubernatorial candidate, William W. Scranton III, said it is "very safe to say" that Scranton would appoint a student to the board.

A spokeswoman for Robert Casey, Democratic gubernatorial candidate, said Casey is interested in state colleges and universities and will review the trustee question thoroughly.

Frank Kautz, assistant director of human relations for the Undergraduate Student Government, addressed the USG Senate last night and urged them to create a resolution that would ask the gubernatorial candidates to issue statements saying they would

appoint a student for a three-year term.

Kautz, who said he was acting as a concerned student rather than a member of USG, also urged the USG senators to write to both candidates asking them to appoint a student for the three-year term.

Making the position of student trustee a permanent seat on the board is also an issue which USG should push for," he said.

Snider said he would have no objections to making a permanent student seat on the board, but he has no question that when Greeley-Beahm leaves there will be another student appointed to the board.

Sturgis said, "I believe a student will be appointed . . . it is just very difficult to go through this whole selection process again."

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