

Baseball, softball clinics at Penn State

With Spring around the corner, Penn State Wilkes-Barre will hold its sixth annual baseball clinic for boys and girls in the new Athletics and Recreation Building on the Lehman Campus.

On Saturday, March 19, six to nine year old players will meet from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. with a fee of \$15.

Ten to 12 year olds will meet from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. with a fee of \$30. Participants will sharpen their pitching, catching, hitting and bunting, and base running and sliding skills.

Girls 10 to 16 years will be instructed in proper softball pitching techniques, target throwing, catching, fielding, hitting and base running. This session will run from 1-4 p.m. with a fee of \$15.

Players are asked to bring their own bats and gloves clearly marked with their names.

Athletic director Jack Monick appointed the following coaches to instruct the clinic: Mark Ambrose and Tom Wasilewski, former Major League pitchers; Chip Sorber Head Baseball Penn State Wilkes-Barre; Mark Konopki, former Major League player and Steve Madrovski, one of the top fast-pitch pitchers in Wyoming Valley.

Teams who sign up will receive a discount. For registration forms or further information call Damian White at Penn State Wilkes-Barre, (717) 675-9100.

Walsh

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training with its usual parachute jumps. During one of these his boot became caught and he hung upside down for a time, finally falling 40 feet into water where the shock ruptured some chest capillaries. He finished the course anyway, placing sixth in his class.

Joe was stationed in Berlin for four years, where he was able to take his platoon to witness the Berlin Wall coming down. They talked to East German cadets on duty there, and Joe said, "They told us it was a good idea but it was happening too fast."

In a Berlin military wedding ceremony, Joe married the former Stefanie Osier also in the service as an MP. Now stationed at Ft. Benning as the civil military affairs captain for the Ranger Training Brigade, he has orders to go to Korea for a year, after which he and his wife will be stationed in Hawaii. "Military life has been good for me," Joe states, and as for Hawaii, "It's a good community and I plan to stay in it until I'm not having fun!"

When Captain Walsh does leave the service he plans to enter the classroom again, this time as a teacher. He has a degree in elementary education and is looking forward to working with kids.

At one time Joe was packed to leave for the Gulf War but it ended before his unit could be shipped out. It was ironic that his sister Kathleen, then in the reserves with the 300th Field Hospital, did get to the Gulf with her unit. (Of course both she and the family won't let Joe forget that his sister beat him to the Gulf!)

His mother says that Jim, the other twin, "was a bookworm for sure. He enrolled in criminal justice but was never the military type. Jim used to say that he and authority never got along."

Before law school Joe completed a long-time goal...a cross-country bike tour. An avid biker since childhood, he rode back and forth between Edinboro and Dallas many times and once to Nova Scotia, but his ultimate dream was cross-country U.S.A.

To fulfill that dream Jim had his brother Paul drive him and a bike to Delaware, where he put the bike's rear tire in the water and vowed the front tire would eventually dip into the Pacific. It did!

After his law degree Jim said, "I wanted to experience as much as possible and I saw a type of law practice that seemed challenging. I joined the Navy because it would give me a chance to travel and do things I wouldn't otherwise be able

to do." This proved to be true since he has served on a destroyer in the Atlantic and will soon see duty on a submarine.

Jim graduated among the top ten at law school. He says, "I only wanted to hit a 3.0, get my degree and get out. Instead I got a 3.4 and made the Dean's List. I guess you could say I was surprised." As a member of the Judge Advocate's Corps, Jim provides legal assistance to Navy personnel dealing with everything from creditors to trials. Whether or not he makes the Navy his permanent career is up for grabs because he still thinks of making a long bike trip again, possibly Anchorage to Montreal, or perhaps Ireland to Russia, which no one has figured out yet.

An observer of the Walsh twins since high school, Lilly Sacco of the Villa Roma at Harveys Lake recalls that while Joe only worked there a short while, Jim did over a period of eight years and in that time went from dishwasher to chef, making pizza in between. Jim flabbergasted his father when he demonstrated those ceiling-high tosses of dough circles. Paul Sr. said, "I was speechless! Then he tells me he thought it would be a great idea to make and sell pizza at Lake Tahoe."

Lilly Sacco wishes the twins were teens again, "So I could hire them all over. They were boys you could leave in charge of your business, go away for six years or more, come back and the business would still be there, probably better than ever. Trustworthy...that's the word that fits. My husband and I have interviewed thousands of kids over the years and very few ever 'make it.' It's sad. There are really no delinquent kids, you know, only delinquent parents."

The twins' Dad reflects that, "In spite of the two different careers and personalities, they remain close, but not competitive. They kid each other a lot; I remember when Jim heard Joe brag about the Army, Jim agreed but quickly added that the Army would never be able to get anywhere if it weren't for the Navy!"

A sidelight on the Walsh household: in the downstairs den are shelves displaying 22 trophies earned by Walsh children in these sports: track, baseball, softball, basketball, volleyball, football, wrestling and field hockey.

This may or may not be a record, but it does say a lot for the quality of life shared by the Walsh family, as raised by their non-delinquent parents.

Garbage

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out at noon sometimes saw the trucks coming in the morning on snowy days simply because of the condition of the roads.

Another problem was what to do with the empty trash cans.

"With eight-foot snowbanks and very narrow roads, the only logical place to leave the cans is in the driveway," Diaz said. "If you leave them in the road, you block it. Leaving them in a snowbank causes problems for the customers."

No matter where the men left the cans, someone complained,

Diaz said.

Both Diaz and Bagley said that Wayne-Pike will submit regular reports detailing any problems which the trucks encounter during collections.

"The complaints have certainly decreased with the improving weather," said Kingston Township manager Jeff Box. "But look at last Wednesday - the contractor picked up the township building's trash and left the recyclables. Regardless of the weather, the contractor has an obligation to service its customers."

Property

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board was ready to proceed," Phillips said.

"That's not true," Jones fired back.

"No one is disputing the fact that we need more fields," Phillips said. "But not in my back yard because you're not allowed to do so legally! You should put in your budget provisions to compensate any property owners whose property decreases in value from this project."

In other business, the board discussed the drivers' education program, which offers behind-the-wheel driving lessons to 100 students after school.

The per-student cost of \$120 will increase next year to \$147, due to an increase from \$16.50 to \$20 in the teachers' hourly rate, and firm benefits, according to superintendent Gerald Wycallis.

The district may have to find ways to make up the increased cost, he said.

Teacher

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The board voted to accept an \$8,980 bid for a new football/track scoreboard at the high school from Lobeck, Inc., of Broomall, Pa.

James L. Richardson announced that the cafeteria is operating \$4,800 in the red to date, as opposed to last year's \$20,700 debt, crediting the new food service and the cafeteria staff

with making up the shortfall.

"By the end of the year we hope to break even," he said.


In personnel matters, the board appointed:

- Assistant middle school track coach William Straitiff.

- Substitute custodians Charles Young, Leonard Benedict, John Kubasti and John Pimm.

- Substitute health/physical education teacher Brian Kreitzer.

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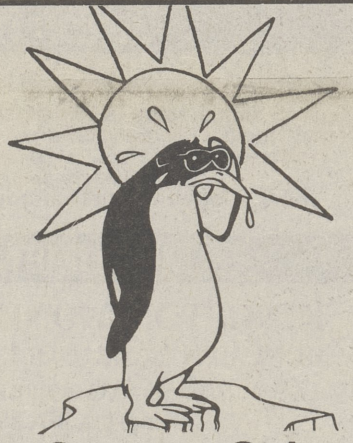
Women's workshop starts in April

A workshop for women on anger and its constructive management will be presented by Maureen Harrison, M.Div. at the Church of Christ Uniting, S. Sprague Ave., Kingston April 6, 13, 20 and 27. Both day and evening workshops will be available.

Maureen Harrison is a Pastoral Psychotherapist and the Director of the Foundation for Religion and mental Health of Wyoming Valley. For information and registration call 825-8553.

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