

THE MEGAPHONE

An Organ of the Rascals, Rogues, and RapsCALLIONS

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INAUGURAL ISSUE OF THE MEGAPHONE

This is the inaugural issue of the Rascal Megaphone. It seemed to me, your devoted secretary, that the RR&R stood in need of an organ of record and communication. Such will be the Megaphone and God save all who read it. All who aid in the production of future issues with contributions of photos and text will be lavishly rewarded. At it stands, this newsletter is a bit crude, but one must begin somewhere and I can envision a truly elegant tabloid manufacturing all the news that is fit to print.

ADIEU, MON RASCAL!

Reg Litz will not be present at the next RR&R meeting as he will have, by that time, removed himself to Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. Reg has been in Pittsburgh for a number of years while he attended the University of Pittsburgh School of Business, completing his work toward a Ph.D. He is returning to the city of his birth to take up a position with the University of Manitoba, teaching in its business department. In his removal to Winnipeg, Reg will be joined by his wife, Lois, and his daughter, Sarah Elizabeth. Reg was responsible for the recent presentation on Haiti -- Bye-Bye Baby Doc! Official rumor has it that Reg will found a RR&R group in Winnipeg.

Rob Viner has also disappeared from the immediate Rascal community, taking up his residence in Louisville, Kentucky, hometown of his wife, Leigh. Rob lived in Pittsburgh while he studied at Duquesne University, taking his MA in psychology. Rob was responsible for the beautiful lettering of the table tent name tags used at RR&R dinners. He has offered his continued services, though he is at quite a distance, and his offer will not be neglected.

FLAG COMMITTEE

The Ad Hoc Committee on Flag and Logo design has largely finished its duties. Under the chairmanship of Jeff Sivek, the committee presented a flag design to the membership at the last meeting, which was accepted. Color choices were made, quite successfully, without the aid of women, in spite of the fact that bringing women along on the fabric finding expedition, had been foolishly suggested by some hen-pecked fellow, whose name need not be mentioned, as Greg Scheer is well known to us all. Other selfless servants of the flag committee were Jeff Campbell and Dan Morrison.

NEXT MEETING

The RR&R will meet again on December 3, 1994, with the Rascal's Challenge presentation being made by Glenn Vernon. The business meeting will convene at 6:00 PM, with the festivities and nonsense commencing at 7:00. This next meeting will be an important one as it will mark the end of the RR&R's first year as a chartered group. As a result we will need to review and evaluate our performance as a foolishness-enhancement society. The next meeting will also be the first presentation of the new RR&R flag. The flag committee purchased the material a couple of days ago, and it will be delivered to Jane "Betsy Ross" Wolfson, wife of Lee Wolfson for construction in time to be delivered by the third of December.

IN THE NEW YEAR

Our next Rascal's Challenger is Brian Holly -- may God preserve him -- and we will all be able to witness his production at the next RR&R meeting, sometime in the new year, after the Rascal's Ball.



FIRST ANNUAL RASCALS' BALL

The first Saturday of February is the tentative date for the 1st annual Rascals' Ball. This will be a black-tie affair and will require considerable preparations. Thus, this is a call for help. Help! If you are willing to work on the Ad Hoc Ball Committee, please make yourself known to the secretary. If your secretary's memory serves him correctly, **Greg Scheer, Glenn Vernon and Dan Morrison** volunteered their services. **Greg Bruns'** services were volunteered in absentia by **Glenn Vernon**, and Mr. Bruns subsequently promised to serve in absentia as well. It is my suspicion that the womenfolk will be of great aid in this project, especially as they are, according to preliminary polling, most eager to get an opportunity to buy an expensive dress.

RASCALS SEEN

Dennis Looney and Greg Scheer were recently seen in front of a stained glass window at Heinz Chapel on the campus of the University of Pittsburgh, signing the Rascal's Challenge letter which was delivered to **Glenn Vernon**.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that of the victims of Rascal X's exploding pen, one has continued to be debilitated by panic attacks and the other has never visited with the RR&R again? Keep up the good work, Mr. X!

Did you know that **Jack Brice's** middle name is **Armstrong**? Rumor has it that he is the illegitimate son of astronaut and travelling lingerie salesman, **Neil Armstrong**.

Did you know that **Harry Plantinga** is the tallest Rascal on record? You didn't? Did you know that the sum of the heights of his two children and his wife and himself is equivalent to the height of a two-ton mound of copra dust?

Did you know that **S.B.C. [Sam] Wood III**, Rascal and music critic for the Philadelphia Inquirer thinks that **Elvis** is not the king?

Did you know that **Jon Landgraf**, the Rascals' resident expert on fungi, regularly collects and eats a variety of mushrooms, and has been known to bring a car to a screeching halt upon spotting a bit of **Chicken Mushroom** along the roadside? To date, no ill psycho-pharmogenic or gastro-intestinal disasters have occurred.

GUESTS AND MEMBERS

Keep in mind that it is a Rascal's duty to bring others into the fellowship. By which I mean, each Rascal has the right, according to the Charter, to place one name on the mailing list per meeting. Note also those regular guests at RR&R meetings who may wish to become members of the RR&R. If you wish to propose someone for membership, direct a letter of nomination to the secretary and the name will be put before the membership at the next meeting.

WEST VIRGINIA WHITEWATER EXTRAVAGANZA

The RR&R had its first extra-curricular excursion back in September. Under the expert leadership of **Bill Baierl**, a group of Rascals and others went to the Gauley River in West Virginia. **Jeff Campbell, Bob Edmunds, Lee Wolfson, David Dunn and Dan Morrison** all made the trip down the baddest river east of the Mississippi. It is the sincerest hope of your secretary that extra-curricular excursions become a regular Rascal activity. Such regularity, of course, can only be occasioned by the organizational efforts of a hard-driving volunteer. Who will step forward? Power, glory, honor, wealth, and immortality awaits the man willing to organize these affairs.



RASCAL JOKES

Q: How many fundamentalists does it take to change a light bulb?

A: CHANGE!?! [Litz]

Q: What did the Buddhist say to the hotdog vendor?

A: Make me one with everything. [Wolfson]