

# THE TIMELINE OF WCU'S MASCOT



1904 Dog named Puck

For the past ten years Dr. Philips had a pet dog named Puck, who was the mascot of the Normal school. On August 5th poor Puck Philips had an altercation with a trolley car and his demise was duly noted with sadness. In October the candidates for basketball were reviewed to see if any should not be permitted to play because of being below the passing mark in any branches. Faculty children augmented by a few other Model classmates formed a basketball team called the Normal Tigers and imitated the school boys' dress and manners.

West Chester's first "goat" mascot Elmer appeared at home coming day when the team played La Salle in football. The girls in the dorm had raised \$10 and Joe Guarini, Bud Hickman, and Dan Shields visited Tapper's farm and bought Elmer. Escorted by cheer leaders "Jackie" Jackson and Peg Angle, the mascot made a big hit. Soon the goat will be replaced by a ram.



1934 WC's first goat mascot "Elmer"

1957 A complete Rams costume is secured

A new face appears (or is hidden by a "Ram's Head") when Wayne Hussey takes over the chores as official mascot. Perhaps inspired by the St. Joseph's College "Hawk", a complete Ram's costume is secured and Wayne will be a permanent fixture at all athletic and similar events to inspire support from the students. Several future opponents will attempt to steal the costume without removing Hussey from it. Today Wayne, writing from his teaching post in Alaska, recalls some of his narrow escapes. As President of the newly formed Booster Club, he will initiate new avenues of support for college activities which serves as the basis for current practices.



WAYNE HUSSEY

1958 A new ram mascot named Prince Ramses I.

## Booster Club

THANKS ARE EXTENDED for the energy and vigor displayed by Booster Club members. They aim to keep spirits high as we cheer athletic teams to victory, and they show sincere patronage to W.C.S.T.C. Because of their efforts, we have a lively ram as our mascot—Prince Ramses I. Mr. Benner and Mr. Messikomer advise this spirited group.



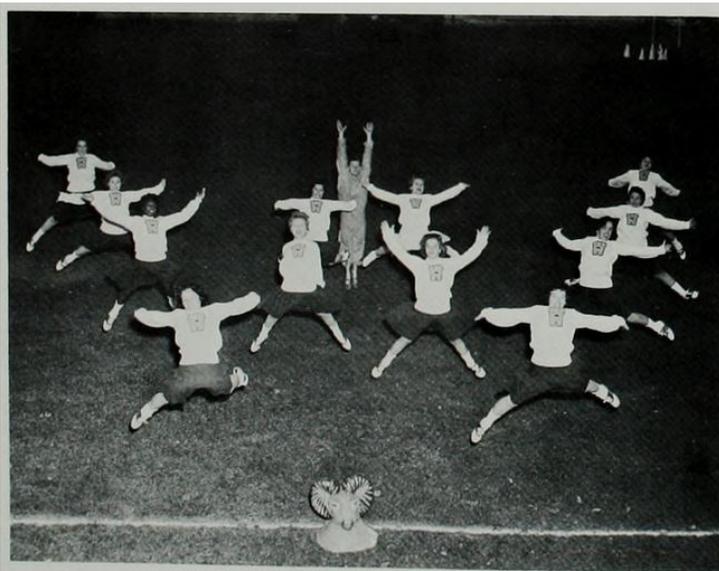
1958—Slater is here! The new mascot is Prince Ramses I. When not at the games, he is kept on a farm near Downingtown with his 26 wives. No wonder he always looks so tired. On the funny side, West Chester was removed from the AAUP censured list after nineteen years, an all-time record.

1960



West Chester activities wouldn't have been complete without the acrobatics and antics of our spirited Ram, Ed Eicholtz.

1961



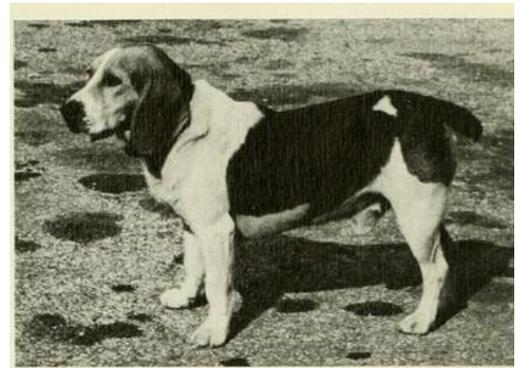
Yea, West Chester! These spirited cheerleaders were once a familiar sight to Farrell Stadium.



Instrumental in sport enthusiasm was the RAM, animated by Senior Classman, Edward Eicholtz.

# 1962

The first found mention of the mascot name, The Golden Ram



*Charlie can always be found lagging around the campus. Many students consider him almost as much of a mascot as the Ram.*



## CHEER-LEADERS

*The Golden Ram, animated by Curt Shearer amused and spirited W. C. fans at all games. Displaying his gymnastic talents, the Ram executes a somersault as the team racks up another score. The symbol of luck and team spirit, our mascot is an integral part of all athletic events.*

# 1963



Our mascot, the Golden Ram, is the symbol of good luck and team spirit. The Ram, characterized by Curt Shearer, added enthusiasm and pep to our cheers. His gymnastic antics and undying spirit, often helped to bolster spirits and spur our teams to victory.

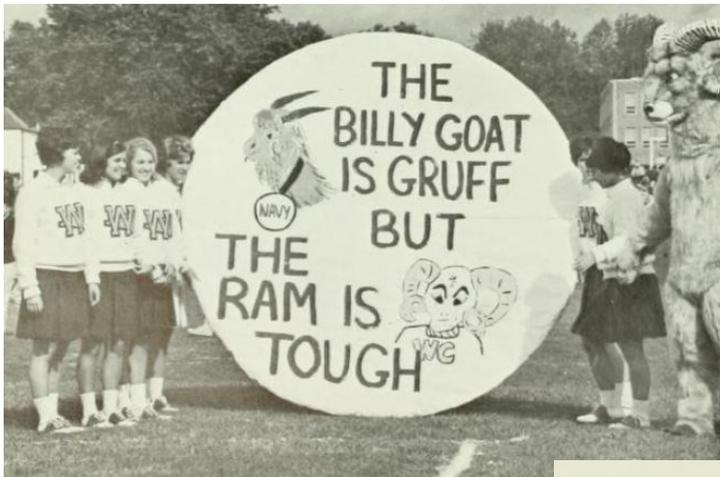


1966



Dave Shuster dons the new Rams costume to lead the Rampage parade over town streets for the delight of spectators.

LIFE on the Ram Campus



Ram cheerleaders eagerly await the start of the soccer game with Navy. When the team members break through the gigantic paper-covered hoop, all know the game will soon commence.



1968



1972

“The WC Normal School Centennial story started with a cannon and appropriately, on the threshold of a second hundred years, a new cannon comes on the scene”

- Dr. Sturzbecker



1973



1975



1977



1980



1983



1984



1985

Caption in yearbook:  
Mascot for WCU,  
Rammie



1986



1987



1988



1989



1990



1993



1996

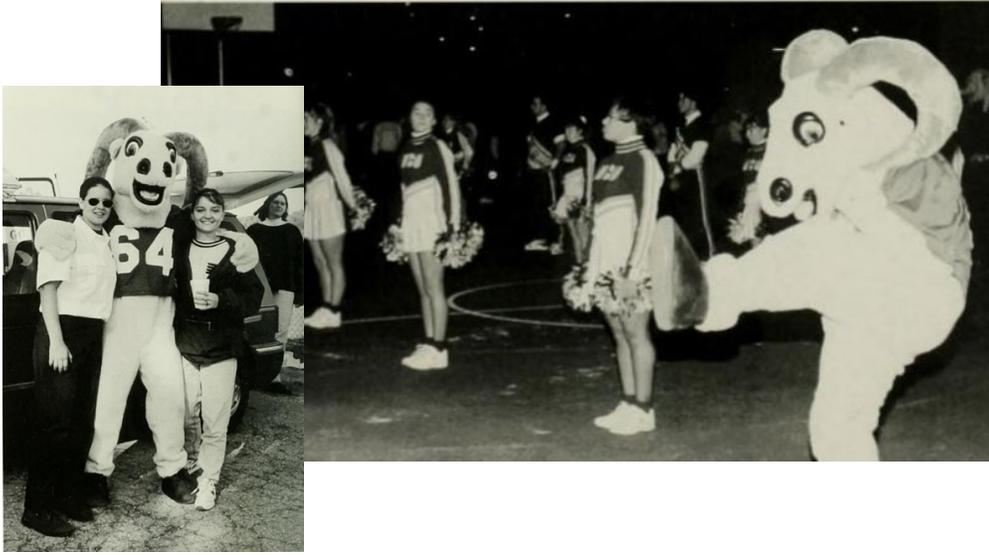
# 1997

Captions :

Rammie always has time to have a picture taken with his fans

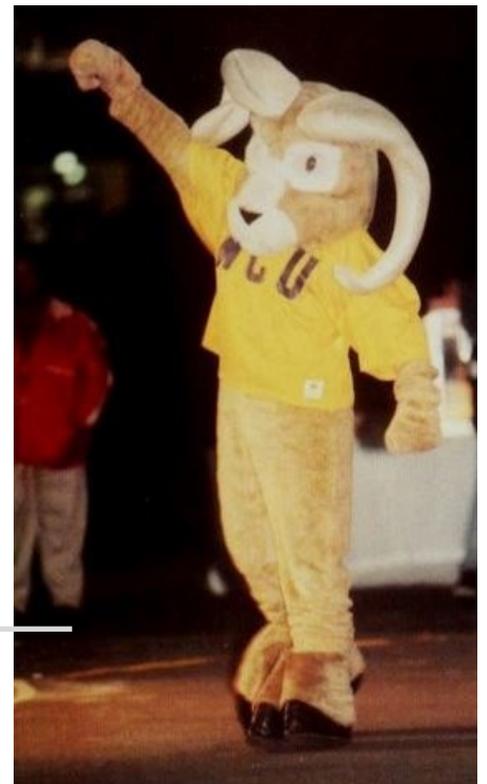
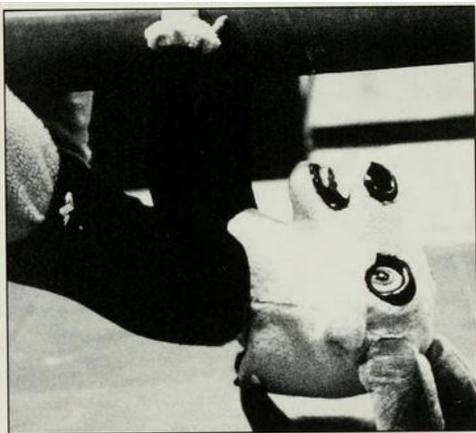
Rammie kicking it with the Cheerleaders at the pep rally

Rammie the University Mascot gets the crowd fired up



# 1998

Caption: Rammy tries his luck at the balance beam



# 1999

Caption: West Chester University's very own mascot, the golden ram, revs up some school spirit

## 2000

Captions :

Rammy gets ready to celebrate WCU annual Banana Day  
Rammie shows his support for the Lady Rams at one of the home games  
Rammie makes his way down the field with a special friend.



## 2001

WCU's mascot, Rammy gets ready to rock the stands at a sports game. Go Rams!



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## 2002

Captions:

Rammy dances for the crowd in the Residential Quad.  
What would a game be without Rammy



## 2003

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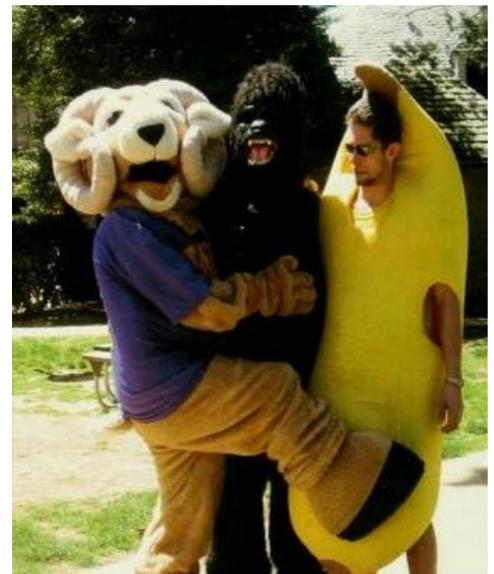
Our mascot, Rammy, looks on proudly

A true Golden Ram comes out to show his support

The audience has their eyes on the new rambunctious mascot



## 2006



## 2007

Ram statue is installed on WCU's campus.



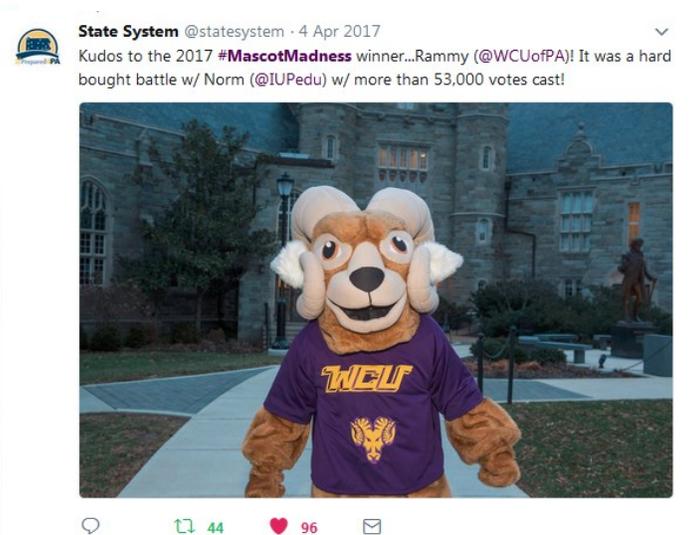
2011



2014



2015 - 2017



# 2017

Rammy's new look is revealed at the 2017 Homecoming Parade & Football Game: Oct. 28, 2017



## THE STORY OF RAMMY

From the time he was a lamb, it was obvious that Rammy was different. Wandering the fields of West Chester, Pennsylvania Rammy's curiosity almost always took him to interesting places and made him stand out from his herd. One day Rammy noticed a castle building in the distance – Rams have excellent eye-sight after all. Although it appeared that the castle had been there for many generations, no one from Rammy's herd knew anything about it. That's when Rammy realized that it was up to him to be a leader; that there was more out in the world for him to explore, to learn, to achieve. He set out for the castle that very day.

He traveled over hills and dales and crossed many treacherous streams. It wasn't an easy path, but eventually he arrived at the grand castle.



As Rammy walked through the castle's arch, his eyes grew wide. Standing before him were rams with horns as bright as the sun. Rammy approached one of the rams and marveled "I've never seen a ram like you before". The ram replied, "that's because we're Golden Rams. We are courageous, determined, kind and we welcome all rams." Rammy assured him "I can be all of those things". "Come and join us" the Golden Ram replied, "but you'll have to prove yourself." Rammy joined the herd and learned to exemplify the qualities of a Golden Ram. Rammy learned leadership, perseverance, ways to sharpen his mind and how to celebrate all differences from his new herd, and they learned plenty from him too.

Rammy started traveling far and wide to share his knowledge and to lend a helpful hoof to others. Soon, Golden Rams weren't just living in West Chester, they could be found across the state, the country and the globe.

Years later Rammy was walking past the castle when he stopped suddenly in his tracks. His reflection in a window caught his eye. He was much different than he remembered. He had confidence, ambition, wisdom and above all, his horns were gold. He was a Golden Ram.