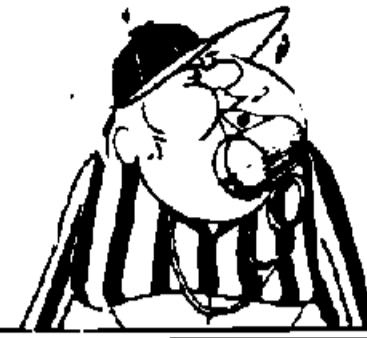


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## Sacred Heart

### Allan Wilson presented Msgr. Straub Award at 25th Annual Sports Night

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AUBURN — Ask Allan Wilson to talk about running and he'll speak all day.

Ask him to talk about receiving the Msgr. Frederick G. Straub Award and he's virtually speechless.

Wilson Friday was honored with the Straub Award as Sportsman of the Year at the 25th Annual Sacred Heart Sports Night. Leo A. Pinckney, a former award recipient who made the formal presentation, praised Wilson for his work within the community, singling out his devotion to the youth of the area.

Wilson, a policeman, was instrumental in the development of the Road Gang, a collection of area runners who helped revive the cross country program at Auburn High. He serves as a coach with the Auburn track and cross country teams, and is a director with the YMCA, Booker T. Washington Community Center and March of Dimes.

He is best known, however, for his athletic achievements, which include participation in the Marion Corrigan Memorial 24-Hour Super Run, the Edward Payson Weston Six-Day Track Race and the Snowshoe World Championships.

But Wilson didn't want to discuss any of those things Friday night. Instead he chose to thank those responsible for his receiving the Straub Award, especially his

wife, Debbie.

"If you're going to be involved in the community, if you're going to be involved with kids, you have to sacrifice something — somebody does."

"She deserves this award more than I do."

Joining Wilson on the dais was featured speaker Lawrence Taylor, New York Giants All-Pro linebacker; Carmen Basilio, former world welterweight and middleweight champion; Jim Butterfield, Ithaca College football coach; Doug Logan, WSYR sports director who served as master of ceremonies; Gino Alberici, general chairman; and Pinckney.

Taylor joked with the crowd of nearly 400, then offered his four-step plan of what makes someone a success.

"First, you have to like what you do," he said, "and I love the sport I'm playing. You have to have the determination to fight against all odds. You have to be dedicated to what you're doing, and most important, you have to have motivation."

"If you put all of these steps together, it should give you success."

Success, Taylor said, "is what makes you feel good about yourself, and being the best you can be."

"Anybody can give 100 percent. But the guy who's going to make it to the top is the one who gives 110 percent. That's what it's all about."

Butterfield, whose Ithaca Bombers won the NCAA Division III championship in 1979, spoke of college recruiting and said that former Auburn High star running back John Corning had been accepted at the school.

Butterfield said Corning, who would enter as a freshman, "might decide to go our way and if he does, I think he'll make a contribution to us."

He addressed the youth in the audience and said he is "not at all interested in athletes if they cannot do the job academically. We're talking about being a student first. Then, and only then, are we interested in what kind of athlete you are."

"If you're not a good student, you're going to go to the school that picks you. If you're a good student, you can pick and choose the school."

**Afterthoughts** — Mrs. Veronica Kane received the Sacred Heart Parish Service Award, presented by Rev. Thomas O'Keefe, pastor. A former teacher, cook, secretary and member of the Altar and Rosary Society at the parish, she retired from active parish service in 1982. Basilio, appearing courtesy of Genesee Brewing Co., entertained the crowd with stories of his career and background. Referring to Corning, Butterfield said he "doesn't like to have freshmen on the varsity team," but "would allow that to happen."



Allan Wilson speaks after receiving award.

## Lea one hits Houston

United Press International

Fels, soap and baseball no-hitters have one thing in common: they're all slippery as can be.

Detroit's Milt Wilcox and Montreal's Charlie Lea can tell you all about the latter. In the last two days, each has seen a no-hitter slip through his fingers.

Lea allowed only one hit — a line single by pinch-hitter Terry Puhl with two out in the eighth inning — and Andre Dawson slugged a titanic home run Saturday to lift the Expos to a 2-0 victory over the Houston Astros.

Gunning for his second career no-hitter, Lea had permitted Houston only three baserunners all on walks — before Puhl, batting for John Mizerock, lined a 3-1 pitch to right field. Lea no-hit San Francisco in Montreal on May 10, 1981, in a 4-0 victory.

The near-classic came just one day after Wilcox pitched perfect ball for 8 2-3 innings before Jerry Hairston's pinch-hit single.

Lea, 2-0, walked losing pitcher Bob Knepper, 0-2, in the third and issued consecutive walks to Harry Spillman and Kevin Bass in the fifth. Mizerock grounded into a double play to end the fifth-inning threat.

The right-hander struck out six and allowed only two balls to the outfield before Puhl's hit.

In his last 27 innings in the Astrodome, Lea has allowed just six hits and no runs in winning all three games.

With one out in the Montreal second, Gary Carter lined a single to center and one out later, consecutive singles by Chris Speier and Flynn put the Expos ahead 1-0.

Dawson, batting 424 entering the game, smashed his third homer of the year with one out in the top of the ninth for an insurance run.

The 2-0 blast off reliever Frank LaCorte landed in the upper deck in left field as Dawson became only the sixth player in the 18-year history of the Astrodome to reach the yellow seating section of the park.

In other games, Chicago shaded Pittsburgh 6-5 and Cincinnati beat San Francisco 8-3.

**American League**

Greg Walker ignited a three-run eighth inning with a pinch hit homer and Floyd Bannister pitched a three-hitter over eight innings Saturday, rallying the Chicago White Sox to a 3-1 victory over the Detroit Tigers.

Walker, hitting for Scott Fletcher, whose seventh-inning error led to Detroit's run, socked his third major-league homer into the upper deck in right center field off starter Dan Petry.

Petry was replaced by reliever Howard Bailey, who allowed an infield hit to Rudy Law. Tony Bernazard then doubled to left but Law, who had stopped at third, raced home with the go-ahead run when Larry Herndon slipped trying to get the ball out of his glove.

Harold Baines followed with a double over right fielder Glenn Wilson's head to score Bernazard. Dick Tidrow pitched the ninth and earned his first save.

Bannister, who allowed only three hits, notched his first victory for the White Sox against one loss.

## Taylor: Expounds on NFL strike, 1983 season

By ED HELINSKI  
Citizen Staff Writer

**Editor's Note:** This is a first of a two-part series dealing with New York Giants superb linebacker Lawrence Taylor. The final episode appears in Monday's edition of The Citizen.

AUBURN — New York Giants All-Pro linebacker Lawrence Taylor doesn't like speaking about his already illustrious career.

Being the second overall pick of the 1981 National Football League draft, behind South Carolina's Heisman-winning George Rodgers, the 24-year-old Taylor is perhaps the most dominating defensive player in modern time.

As a rookie, the 6'3", 245-pound Taylor, or "LT" as he's known by his peers, led the Giants in tackles; was named the NFC Defensive Rookie of the Year; has appeared in two Pro Bowls. The honors and accolades continued in 1982, however, the Giants did not make the playoffs last season as they did in 1981.

To summarize Taylor's phenomenal career so far would take a novel, to say the least.

Sitting in the den of the home of Mr. & Mrs. Gino Alberici two hours prior to Sacred Heart's 25th Annual Sports Night Friday, Taylor refused to speak about himself, but rather discussed the turbulent NFL, the

**"A lot of fans don't know what really is going on (about the NFL strike). They (fans) hear these big dollars — a ballplayer making \$200,000 — but yet this ballplayer is making \$200 million for the team. This is really not fair." — Lawrence Taylor, New York Giants linebacker.**

Giants, the United States Football League, his notoriety and future.

Attempting to relax after a hectic night's drive from Atlantic City, N.J. Thursday, and after a few previous promotional stops, Taylor attempts to dominate the conversation — as with pro football quarterbacks — by simply saying, "I don't want to talk about myself. I don't even like talking to you guys."

However, he fully expounds on questions asked. Today's installment of the Taylor interview deals with last season's strike, the upcoming season and the fate of the Giants.

**The upcoming NFL season is one which still sports a black eye — last season's strike, players seeking help for drug problems and now Art Schlichter's (Baltimore) gambling problems. What about this season?**

Taylor: You've got to realize that football is no different than being in any phase of life. It's no different from being a lawyer, actor, doctor.

It's a profession just like anything else, and people have to realize just because we play ball — an athlete excels in a sport — it doesn't make him God.

He's susceptible to problems like anyone else.

Any strike that you have, the fans are not going to come back, but that's pretty much temporary. Tickets for Giants Stadium has been sold out for 1983. If they (fans) don't show, then the Maras (owners of the Giants) are still going to get their own money.

I'm quite sure Taylor's fingers are twitching, carefully constructing his thoughts — just like the baseball strike — the fans will show up after a while. They'll be back to stay.

If they don't come to the games, then they're just hurting themselves.

It's a situation where the strike wasn't good for the players, the owners, or the fans. But it was something that had to be done.

Every phase of life deals with strikes, and they (fans) have to realize that we are people also. We expect more out of life than what is handed to us.

A lot of fans don't know what really is going on. They hear these big dollars — a ballplayer making \$200,000 — but yet this ballplayer is

making \$200 million for the team. This is really not fair.

I guess the fans have to look at both sides of the story before they make a decision.

Once the excitement of football gets back in the air for opening day, I'm sure there'll be a full house.

**How were the Giants as a team affected last season with the rumor that Ray Perkins was heading to Alabama, then taking the position?**

Taylor: It's hard to say. I guess it was a bad thing, but the defense didn't suffer as much because we didn't deal with him that much. He handled the offense, while Bill Parcells (new Giants coach) took care of the defense.

The offense suffered a bit because you're never going to excel if you don't have your heart in it totally.

If you think about what is going on in another place, then you cannot really concentrate, give your best effort.

**What kind of season do you expect with the Giants this year?**

Taylor: I think making the playoffs will be the least of our worries. Right now we have to get



Lawrence Taylor... best linebacker in NFL

back to the fundamentals, and just hope everyone stays healthy throughout the season.

We've got the personnel, the ability to make the playoffs and do very well.

Injuries can turn a team from 12-4 one year to 4-12 the next.

**Monday: Taylor discusses the USFL, dealing with fans, and his future.**

## Even wet weather can't dampen Masters

AUGUSTA, GA — The excitement of the World Series... thrills of a Super Bowl... drama and suspense of the NCAA Finals.

Add them all together and it will give you some idea how it feels to watch the best golfers in the world compete in the Masters.

I experienced that wonderful feeling for four days last week, along with my wife, Chris, and Charlie and Chrissy Lynch, when we journeyed to the Peach State for the 47th Masters.

The prestigious tournament was plagued by the worst deluge of rain in its history the first two days, cancelling Friday's play and cutting short the action on Saturday.

Sunday was an ideal golf day except for an unpredictable wind which made it tough on the golfers, but helped the huge galleries by drying up the mud that made walking a problem.

It's easy to understand why the

### Leo Pinckney

Augusta National Golf Club is rated the king of the sport. It has wider fairways and greens than any other major course and is kept in excellent condition — even with all the rain.

The spacious area surrounding the greens is covered with beautiful flowers of all descriptions and the challenge of each hole makes it one of the toughest courses in the world.

A little about the operation of this golf club. Its membership is limited to 200 with each state being allotted a certain number of members. The initiation fee to join is \$10,000, but thereafter the yearly dues are very moderate thanks to all

the bucks raised from the Masters.

There also is plenty of time to work on the course. It is closed from May 1 to Oct. 1. Said one local golfer who has been lucky to play the course twice in 21 years, "I was so afraid that I was going to damage the carpet-like fairways and greens that I was never able to break a 100."

The top golf writers from around the world covered the event but the only one close to home was Chuck Harty of the *Syracuse Herald-Journal*, a former Citizen reporter and a topnotch golfer.

The spectator crowd was estimated at 30,000 Sunday but I met only two or three people from our area. Thanks to an Auburn Golf and Country Club cap that pro Frank Nasti gave me, I was approached by golf fans from Cortland, Syracuse and Rochester. Two of them said they had played in the Boyle Tournament at AGCC.

The National Football League was

well-represented by Don Weiss, executive director, and Val Pinchbeck, director of communications. Val was formerly sports information director at Syracuse University.

The week-long appearance of the golfers brings about \$20 million into the community. The prices soar for most things but we were surprised to find food and beverage at concession stands around the course at reasonable prices. Sandwiches were \$1, soft drinks 50 cents, candy and gum a quarter.

The first day we toured the entire course, checking out every hole. My pedometer registered eight miles for the day. We were so glad that Dr. Joe Rowley, who took in the golf spectacle last year, loaned us his Masters golf seats. They really came in handy on Monday, the day of the finals. We set up the chairs at key holes and watched as the golfers paraded through.

One thing was certain. There was no problem trying to locate Arnie Palmer on the course. All you had to do was listen to the roar of the crowd.

It is such a terrific golf course that it is almost impossible to find suitable words to describe it. All I can say is that it was a breath-taking event that every golf lover should try to experience — even in the rain.

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**SPORTSTALK** Susan Strausser, a 1979 Auburn High graduate, is a member of the lacrosse team of Cedar Crest College in Allentown, Pa. A senior, Susan is the daughter of Mrs. Robert Strausser. Jack Maloot, the only Auburn player to bat more than 300, while with the Twins in the NY P League, is manager of Beaumont, Tex. for San Diego in the Texas League. Former Auburn manager Tom Kitchman, who managed the Red Stars in 1972, is skipper at Winter Haven, Fla. for the

Boston Red Sox. Larry Ellis, Stolt & Davis executive and for many years a top-ranked college football official before retiring a year ago, was telling us that the new United States Football League officials scale is \$250-\$400 per game. The NFL pays \$450-\$1200. Senior citizens (age 60 and older) will receive half-price admissions on Wednesday nights at Vernon Downs. The magazine Major League Baseball 1983, published by The Sporting News, has a feature article with color pictures about Cooperstown. Auburnian Roger Henry and his son Chris are in one of the photos. Roger and his family never miss a Hall of Fame game. Two weeks ago, when tickets went on sale for this year's Classic, the Henrys drove to Cooperstown, arrived at 4 a.m. and waited until the windows opened at 9 a.m. They were 1-40 in line, but Roger says getting eight tickets was worth it.

