

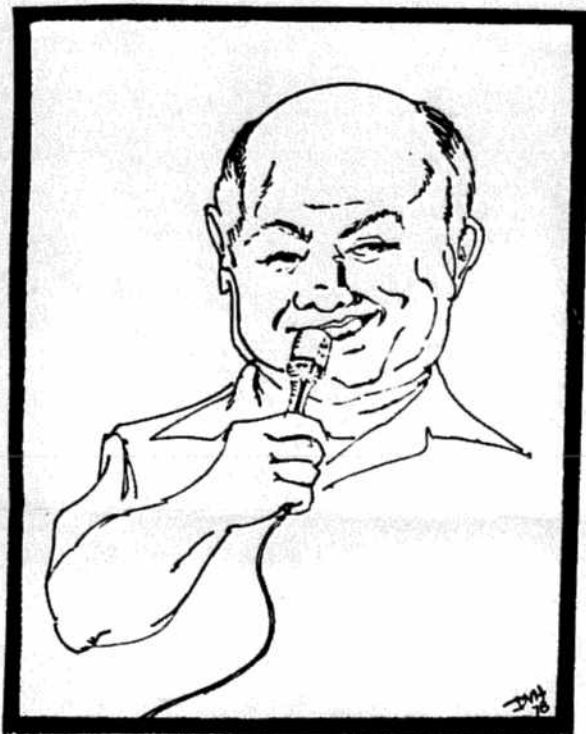
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Bob "Jasiu" Whitcomb on-the-job.
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ORIGINAL POLKA TIME TURNS 30

February 1978 marks 30 years of polka broadcasts for Bob Whitcomb, better known as "Jasiu".

Bob began his radio career while attending Notre Dame. On station WSBT in South Bend, Bob broadcast jigs each morning for the fighting Irish. Then in February of 1948, Bob came to Grand Rapids and joined the staff at WGRD doing a once-a-week, 15 minute polka program titled "Original Polka Time".

Now at WJPW, 30 years later, thin-haired, jolly Bob continues his "Original Polka Time" broadcasts two days a week (Saturday & Sunday) for a total of 7 and a quarter hours from the 9th floor of Payne's Palace in Rockford.

Bob's zany antics over the years include Milwaukee Clipper polka cruises, Block parties, on-location broadcasts from the double-decker trailer, and a wigged appearance at Polka Holiday at the Civic Auditori

Bob is happily married to his wife 24 years, Carol and they have two daughters Linda and Robin.

The success "Jasiu" has enjoyed over the past 30 years both at home and public can only be attributed to his great personality and eagerness to help. "Original Polka Time" would not be so enjoyable if Bob "Jasiu" Whitcomb were any different!?!