

Young Man On The Way Up

On Campus—Media people do start young these days. It's hard to realize that **Bruce Bennett** became official photographer for the New York Islanders while only a few years out of college. For the uninitiated, the Islanders are a collection of highly skilled ice-hockey players who have won the National Hockey League Stanley Cup four times running. They know talent when they see it.

On Campus magazine reports that in one week this past May, Bennett photographs appeared in *Life*, *People* and *Sports Illustrated*; and that his credit line appears regularly in books, magazines, newspapers, yearbooks, calendars and bubblegum cards. He's also "Bruce Bennett Studios."

Not bad for a guy who says that while majoring in accounting in college, "I took a good look at my accounting grades and decided that I should become a photographer."

To us, the art of taking unfuzzy pictures remains a mystery; any camera we try to focus is still a Brownie until proven otherwise. But to Bruce Bennett: "I see through the lens, send a message to my brain and my hand responds by turning the lens...and I always know that my stuff is right on the money." Naturally,



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we think the picture-perfect abilities of this young man from Long Island are (to coin a word) awesome.

Turns out we're not alone in our admiration. Says Bennett: "Kids will come down to the rink, see me with my cameras, and ask, 'Who are you with?' 'I'll say, I'm with the Islanders and they'll say, 'You're Bruce Bennett!'"

That's some credit line.