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First seeds of domestic abuse may be found in student couples

University officials say such incidents a rarity on campus

BY NICK PODOLAK

Beacon News Editor

Though The Beacon's policy is to always name sources, due to the adult and potentially criminal nature of domestic assault and abuse, the editorial staff has opted to refrain from naming the victim or the accused in this story to protect the victim's privacy.

In the wee hours of the morning on November 19, Dave Lepore called 9-1-1 after being awoken by screaming followed by the violent crash of shattering glass and people running up and down the back steps of his S. Franklin Street apartment. He was witnessing a domestic dispute firsthand, but says it wasn't the first time he has encountered such an episode.

"It's happened twice before with the same girl living upstairs," he said.

According to the victim, she and her ex-boyfriend were at a party but refrained from talking throughout the evening. Upon returning to her apartment around 3:00 a.m., her date incessantly called her cell phone, wishing to spend the night.

"He kept calling my phone, literally about 20 times," she said. "I just didn't answer, but finally I got to the point where I answer[ed]

it so he could leave me alone and I could go to bed. He said, 'I'm on your back porch,'" which he gained access to via a fire escape that leads up to the victim's bedroom.

When the allegedly intoxicated man entered her apartment, he quickly snatched her cell phone and questioned all of the male contacts she had registered before running away with the phone in hand.

After locking the door behind him and withdrawing to bed, the man returned, this time punching his fist through the glass window pane in the door to break into the victim's dwelling.

"He came in and he was screaming at me," she said. "He didn't hit me but was pushing hard enough that I would fall. Even though I wasn't, I said I was sorry. I just didn't want to escalate anything," said the young woman.

In the midst of the quarrel, the man thrust his head through the glass door, shattering the glass and breaking the window panes.

"He's extremely low-impulse control. He has no fear. He's already very high strung, violent [and] short tempered. The alcohol just escalates everything," she said.

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This picture of a shattered window pane was the result of a man thrusting his head through it during a domestic dispute in the early morning of November 19th.

Wilkes students help local Girl Scouts earn their badges

BY ALISON WOODY

Beacon Asst. News Editor

Since 1912, Girl Scouts has been helping young women build courage, gain confidence and prepare for success in the real world.

This year, six Wilkes University students, the majority whom are former Girl Scouts, have taken the initiative to get involved with the local chapter of the Girl Scouts of Penn's Woods Council (GSPWC).

In conjunction with the Financial Independence for Tomorrow (FIT) program,

the Community Service office facilitates monthly seminars to help local Girl Scout troops earn their badges.

Megan Boone, an Americorps VISTA who is employed at the university through a federal grant and is the advisor to FIT, described some of the events that are hosted

for Girl Scouts. "We teach the Girl Scouts about money and financial matters, but we try to keep it as fun as possible to keep them interested and coming back."

One of the most popular events is entitled

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NEPA considers clearing the air with smoking ban

With a possible smokeless Scranton, will statewide ban follow?

BY ANDREW SEAMAN
Beacon Asst. News Editor

All around the world, countries, states and local municipalities are enacting clean air acts of some sort.

Some of these ordinances forbid smoking in public places, office buildings and government establishments, and jumping on the clean air bandwagon is Pennsylvania. On Thursday night, Scranton city council moved one-step closer to enacting the Clean Indoor Air Worker Protection Law within the city. If this law is enacted, Scranton will follow in the footsteps of other cities throughout Pennsylvania including Philadelphia with smoke-free environments.

Stephanie Gerchman, a freshman Wilkes student said, "I think that it's a good idea." She added, "It's ridiculous for business owners to say that they'd lose customers because they can't smoke in any other places. They aren't going to stay home just because they can't smoke there. It would still keep them all on a level playing field."

However, this theory is challenged by recent findings reported by a national research project called the Ridgewood Study. The study highlights the negative effects of smoking bans, particularly

in New York, where workers have lost jobs and earnings because of the restrictions. The Pennsylvania Tavern Association also argued against the plan citing the negative impact New Jersey's smoking ban has had on businesses there.

James Mann, the legislative council for the PA Tavern Association, presented in front of the House Health and Human Services Committee in September. In his address, Mann argued, "Our reasoning behind our position is simple: Tobacco is a legal product in Pennsylvania. Taverns are adult-oriented establishments in which persons over the age of 21 go to engage in adult-oriented activities. Children are not legally permitted in taverns without parental supervision. Until such time that tobacco products are made illegal, the decision to permit smoking in a tavern is, and should continue to be, a decision made by the proprietor."

However, many restaurants support a statewide indoor smoking ban. After learning the findings of a study about the dangers of secondhand smoke, the Pennsylvania Restaurant Association announced the switch in their stance at the beginning of July. And it is no surprise with taverns and restaurants taking different stances on the issue, that a previous com-

mittee vote on a statewide ban in Pennsylvania came up with a tie, and was defeated.

Pennsylvania is not the first state to halt a statewide smoking ban; New Hampshire prevented a statewide ban in April of this year. The New Hampshire Senate, who defeated the bill, used the defense that they would leave the choice up to the individual bar and restaurant owners. Opponents plan to reintroduce the bill next year in New Hampshire.

Another concern from the public is the potential loss of rights and privileges. On Topix.net, a message site allowing readers to voice their opinions on certain news events, a poster known as "Linda" noted, "I just wonder how happy you will be when something you really enjoy comes to the top of the hit list for bans and control. It won't stop with smoking, trust me."

It is unknown if Scranton's push for a citywide smoking ban is one that will spark another try at a statewide ban. What is certain is the fact that there will be plenty of people saying what is on their minds on both sides of the argument if it does come up, which there is a very good chance, because for the past ten years a statewide smoking ban has been up for vote every other year.



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Scranton's possible smoking ban could pave the way for a statewide ban in Pennsylvania. However, according to findings, a statewide ban could hurt the state's economy.

Free flu vaccines available just in time for peak season

College students at high risk because of living arrangements

BY MEGAN KRISANDA

Beacon Correspondent

Don't let the unseasonably warm weather fool you, flu season is right upon us! During the months of October, November and December is the best time to get vaccinated for the flu because most influenza activity occurs in January, according to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's website.

Beat the waiting room at your doctor's office and take a walk to Health Services in Evans Hall for a flu vaccination. There are about 20 vaccines left out of the 200 that were ordered," said Diane O'Brien, Director of Health Services. The cost is fifteen dollars and cash or check is accepted.

Two flu clinics were run in early November at the Student Union Center and now anyone who chooses to get a flu shot is encouraged to stop by Health Services, no appointment necessary.

O'Brien also points out that she has not seen any cases of the flu yet this year.

"I'm not sure it's even in the area yet. It's documented through a nasal swab. So anyone who comes in with a high fever, we do a nasal swab in order to confirm if we have a flu case on campus. We have not had anyone present with those symptoms; we have not had a positive flu."

The people most at risk for contracting the flu are the elderly, young people and people living in a community setting.

"Certainly college kids, because people living in residence halls are sharing towels, glasses and all kinds of stuff. Within community settings, you're more at risk," said O'Brien.

Typically, there are no side-effects from the flu shot, because the vaccine is so well tolerated, O'Brien says.

Symptoms of the flu include a high fever, headache, extreme tiredness, dry cough,

sore throat, runny or stuffy nose and muscle aches. Symptoms that include nausea, vomiting or diarrhea can also occur but are more common in children than adults. More than 200,000 people are hospitalized from flu complications and about 36,000 people die from the flu every year in the United States, according to the Center for Disease Control and Protection.



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Happy Holiday Shopping!



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SCOUT

from FRONT PAGE

"Penny Power" where girls are taught about the difference between real and counterfeit money, play bingo with coins to encourage counting practice and set up a pretend grocery store to act as customers and cashiers.

Boone explained how FIT gets their events accepted so that the Girl Scouts can earn badges through their time spent at Wilkes. "Through GSPWC, we can give them program descriptions in advance to get approved and then troop leaders throughout different counties can sign up for them."

"Each scout pays a certain fee for the program, but because it is held at Wilkes they only pay for the badges they earn. It's a break for the leader for the Girl Scouts to come here," said Boone.

On Saturday mornings, six student volunteers meet with about 40 Girl Scouts who are either Brownies or Juniors, ranging from ages 7 to 12. Three different stations are set up so that the Girl Scouts can rotate and participate at each event, with the student volunteers running each station and interacting with the young women.



Photo courtesy of Megan Boone

A group of young women from the Girl Scouts of Penn's Woods Council attend a program hosted by Wilkes University's Community Service office and FIT.

"The interaction with older Girl Scouts taps into what young ladies can grow up to be," said Boone.

Kristen Potsko, a sophomore spanish/education major, said, "The Girl Scouts have a lot of energy and are so excited you are there with them. At one program, we danced to the cha-cha slide. It was silly and it brought me back to a time when I was a Girl Scout."

While the Girl Scouts benefit from the programs hosted by Wilkes, the students also learn from their experiences with the event.

Amanda Arnold, a senior elementary education major, said, "I think that the program is very beneficial for both the Girl Scouts and those helping put it on. The girls seem to have fun with the activities we provide. It was very beneficial for me because of my major and any chance I have to work with children helps me in the end."

"The experience is one of my favorite programs. It has made getting up at 10 a.m. on Saturdays so fun. The Girl Scouts are so lively, interested and engaged. They remind

me of myself at that age. It's empowering and enriching to see them grow and flourish," said Boone.

With the program being such a success, Boone is looking to possibly host a conference at Wilkes that will gather over 140 local Girl Scouts. However, she expressed that "there is a constant need for more volunteers."

"I am hoping to reach out to former Girl Scouts to bring back memories of when they went through the program. More volunteers can evolve into more activities and stations for the Girl Scouts," said Boone.

Boone added, "I think that sometimes students have such a heavy schedule and not enough time to socialize that performing community service is more like work to them. However, the community service volunteers see it as enrichment to themselves. It serves as a time to recharge their batteries and get energy from serving others."

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The city of Wilkes-Barre shows off its holiday spirit as the annual Christmas Tree adorns Public Square. The "Squirle" sparkles at night with its jubilant array of lighted trees.

ABUSE

from FRONT PAGE

According to a Public Safety incident/accident report, the man was bleeding moderately from his head and face before fleeing east on South Street as the Wilkes-Barre police reached the scene.

The victim, who received a cut on her foot from the incident, refused medical attention and spent the night at a friend's dorm. She did not press charges, but added that her ex-boyfriend has "a history of these types of tirades."

No charges were pressed, though she will receive a P.F.A. (Protection From Abuse order).

As ugly as this scene appears, Officer Jerry Rebo explained that he only attends to one or two reports of domestic violence in a year.

And according to Associate Dean of Student Affairs Babara King, there is no indication that suggests many off-campus Wilkes students, who are dating, actually co-habitate.

"I don't have any data on that subject, but judging from our off-campus lists it doesn't

appear to be very common at all."

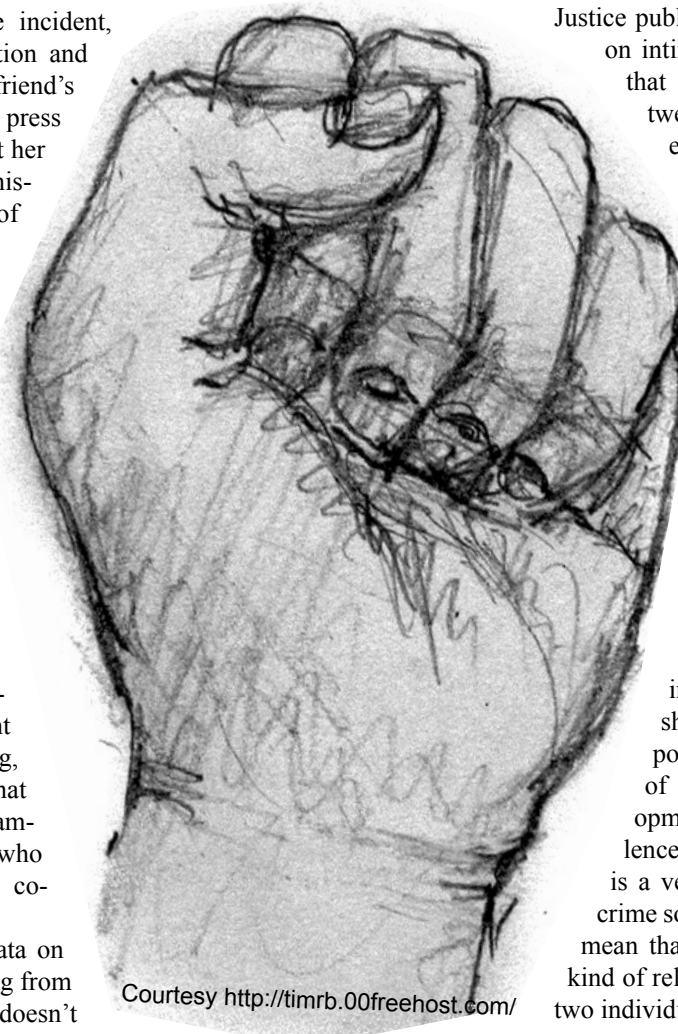
Domestic violence is physical, emotional, verbal or sexual abuse that occurs between people who live in the same dwelling, and there are few statistics available that indicate how many Wilkes students actually cohabitate.

But dating abuse is neither a

new phenomenon nor a particularly unusual one among college students. According to a 2006 report issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, one in 11 adolescents report some form of violence in their relationships. In addition, in 2000 the Bureau of Justice published a special report on intimate partner violence that indicated women between the ages of 16-24 experience the highest per capita rates of intimacy violence, at 20 in every 1,000 women.

But Director of Public Safety Chris Bailey explained it doesn't necessarily need to be members of a romantic couple involved in an intimate relationship to fall in the category of domestic abuse.

"Obviously, if you're in a personal relationship there's always the potential for this type of situation and development of domestic violence. But domestic abuse is a very broad category of crime so it doesn't necessarily mean that there has to be any kind of relationship between the two individuals," he said.



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The victim did contact the Victim's Resource Center, which provides a 24-hour hotline staffed with trained counselors who offer services for an array of crimes including rape, domestic violence and assault; serving both men and women.

"Basically, if you need help, they can provide it or connect you with the right place," said Director of Residence Life Gretchen Yeninas, who is on the board of Directors for the Victim's Resource Center.

"They (VRC) made me feel better because my landlord pretty much made me feel worse about the whole situation and then made me apologize to the other people who live in this place, which I would've done anyway, but I don't think I should have been told to do it because it wasn't my fault," said the young woman.

Psychology Professor Robert W. Bohlander was also unavailable for comment on this issue but provided a list of warning signs

from the Counseling and Learning Associates which include physical contact, jealousy and verbal abuse.

The victim, however, had the following advice to offer:

"Don't say you're sorry. Don't think you can handle it, because I always told everybody I could handle this by myself. Just realize that you can't and you do need other people."

Have you been a victim of domestic violence?

The Victim's Resource Center has a 24-hour hotline, staffed with trained counselors. That number is 823-0765. Their regular office number is 823-0766. They provide services for a variety of crimes, including rape survivors, domestic violence, assault. They also serve both women and men. The organization offers support groups for adult survivors of abuse.

Warning Sign of Abuse

If your boyfriend, husband or wife

→ pushes you for involvement or commitment.

→ shows extreme jealousy.

→ acts controlling.

→ demands perfection.

→ tries to isolate you.

→ blames others, including you, for all mistakes and problems.

→ makes you responsible for his/her feelings.

→ acts with hypersensitivity.

→ shows cruelty to animals or children.

→ "playfully" uses force during sex.

→ uses verbal abuse.

→ demands rigid sex roles.

→ shows sudden mood swings.

→ has a history of battering.

→ intimidates and threatens you with violence.

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Community conversation is key to true democracy

BY THE BEACON
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They said they “weren’t being heard.” They made flyers and passed the word, and then with tape on their mouths and white t-shirts, all eight of them stood on the greenway for fifteen minutes.

This was their protest, and the One Stop Shop officially opens on Monday, December 4th.

Many have issues with new policies and changes on campus. No one likes change; it’s scary and often inconvenient. With the One Stop Shop, faculty and students alike could have attended open forum discussions on the issues associated with the proposed change, yet many chose not to.

Students have been experiencing

difficulties with financial aid and the registrar for what seems to be an indefinable time, but only eight decided to take a public stance. Eight *silent* people. We are wondering what sort of impact such silence, symbolic or not, can have.

However, we commend those eight for their guts and for their effort to make a statement, albeit a silent one. At least they went out there, in the chilly drizzle. At least those eight took a stand they believed in. What did the rest of us do?

College students of this decade (and perhaps we can include the last few) are generally apathetic. Among the small number of protests that occur, complaints are almost exclusively about self-serving issues that touch us directly,

and letters to the editor are few.

We hear the complaints among peers as we stand in line at the Rifkin or sit in computer labs: complaints about the university and about one another. We hear through second and thirdhand sources that *The Beacon’s* writing is in some cases “offensive,” “biased” and not equally representative of the Wilkes University community, yet the Wilkes community does little voice its opinions.

And there are ample opportunities to do so. After each article online, readers can add commentary by clicking on a button. Submitting a letter to the editor online is as easy as two clicks or even sending an e-mail.

How can a newspaper staff represent all readers if those readers

don’t make their needs clear? How can “concerns” be regarded as such when so few take the initiative to voice them? How is Wilkes administration or faculty to know many are opposed to a proposed change if students lack the motivation to peaceably assemble and express their dissent?

Last year, a protest was held against tuition increases at the crosswalk on South Street, yet barely 50

individuals showed up. Few students are euphoric about tuition increases. Who desires to assume more debt? And yet, it was just a handful of people out there with signs in front of the Henry Student Center. Compliance was far easier for most, even if it cost them a few hundred dollars.

It wasn’t always this way. Our first amendment rights allow us freedom to speak freely. We can publish what we will, unless the published material infringes upon someone else’s rights. Hundreds of lower and Supreme Court cases chronicle those in our nation who have stood up for those rights.

Without publications and the media, from where would we draw our collective opinions and knowledge? Community ideals are formulated through active community discussion—even if that discussion is rife with dispute. Your opinion should be part of that community discussion. Ultimately, this boils down to what we face when we go to the polls and cast our votes—or don’t, as is the case for too many. If we don’t vote, our perspectives aren’t considered and we fall into a self-defeating pattern of inaction.

At the local level, where is the engagement? Where are the letters, Wilkes University? Where are your voices?

We have the right to assemble. Civil rights protests helped gain equality for all of color. Women stood proudly to earn their right to vote and be viewed in society as equal to men.

Students have died—recall the four shot dead at Kent State in Ohio while protesting the Vietnam War. The blood that drained into the Ohio soil should serve as a permanent reminder of the passion that drove so many young people to object to their government’s choices. Yes, there are prices to be paid, but such activism raises awareness and yes, makes change, particularly after sustained community conversation. Where would you be without those who challenged what they felt to be

wrong and demoralizing? Where would you be without those who stood proud to say they believed in something and protested, fought, sued, or even died for it?

They have made the situation clear for us all—the fight against injustice is a long, hard one, but unless we speak, people will die on the front lines, politicians will misrepresent us, we will be discriminated against, we will read articles that offend us, we will pay too much for parking, and we’ll use the One Stop Shop to register for classes. To separate any of these scenarios by severity is frivolous, because they are all things that can be, in time, corrected by eliminating our apathy.

Now, we ask you, Wilkes University: What do you believe in, and what are you going to do about it?

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Poll Results

The following are results of a poll that *The Beacon* conducted online this past week. The poll was unscientific, and does not claim to reflect the overall attitudes of students on campus. Results are based on 93 responses.

The Beacon asked:

Who will be the president in 2008?

- Rudy Guiliani - 40%
- Hilary Clinton - 15%
- Barack Obama - 12%
- John McCain - 9%
- Al Gore - 8%
- Other - 8%
- John Edwards - 4%
- Joseph Biden - 2%
- Ralph Nader - 1%
- Jeb Bush - 1%

Ladies, where's your self respect?

BY CURRAN DOBSON
Beacon Editor-in-Chief

I recently spent a night at the bar and came away from my experience slightly nauseated. And, while it may have been due in part to the amount of liquor I consumed, or perhaps due to the nicotine-saturated air I breathed in for hours, I think it was actually what I witnessed in the bar that left me with a sour taste in my mouth.

As a newcomer to the bar scene (I turned 21 only 6 months ago), perhaps I am naive or still learning the ropes or something, but what I can't seem to understand is why women and girls relinquish any form of self respect or decency the minute they enter the bar or take a shot. Now, granted, alcohol makes everyone feel just a little bit more groovy and self-assured, but does it really create a license to become completely uninhibited in terms of dress?

No, I don't think it does, but apparently I am in the slimmest of minorities on this one. Short skirts, low tops, high boots, that is the wardrobe expected of a twenty-something if she's headed out for the night. The bar I spent the night at did not have a single male bartender, and some of the women were actually wearing bikini tops as they served drinks.

Now, come on ladies. Show some respect for yourself. Do you really enjoy having some old man leering at you as he waits for his beer? Or even a young man, for that

matter. And yeah, I know, they'll tip better, right? Excuse me if I feel slightly repulsed by the idea of you trading self decency for a few more bucks during your shift.

Men wouldn't do these types of things. They wouldn't cater to their female patrons by bartending shirtless. They certainly don't dance on the bar as females cheer and try to see up their skirts. And there certainly is not a market for Boys Gone Wild or sexy underwear ad campaigns where companies try to sell their briefs with half naked gyrating men. It still infuriates me that men subscribe to Victoria's Secret--<i>our</i> catalog for underwear--because it is sexy enough to count as soft-core porn.

What's wrong with this society? Everything can be marketed by appealing to sex drives, the sex drives of men. And we women buy right into the idea, dance on the bar, wear the short skirts, and generally act without class or self respect. And the world continues to serve the motivations and desires of one half of the population. Somewhere the cycle needs to end.

Women need to dress in a way of their own choosing, not in a way that would be described as sexy by men. I mean, really, if you wouldn't sit down to dinner in it with your mom and dad, why are you willing to parade it up and down the bar for complete strangers?

We should simply refuse to fit the stereotypes outlined by society, by the media, by ads and movies and TV. And while some women may not agree with me

The English are more distinguished.

BY ANDEE SCARANTINO
Beacon Asst. Opinion Editor

On the day this issue appears on campus in print, I will have exactly one month in the United States before I leave for London, England. A fellow staff member asked me where I would be staying while abroad, in which my response was "South Kensington." This triggered a series of comparisons in relation to American, which I think, as my civic duty, I should share with you.

In London, I will be staying in South Kensington. How lovely. The neighboring areas will be Kensington, Earls Court, Knightsbridge, and Chelsea. Here, I live in OLD Forge, and the neighboring towns are Avoca, Dun-MORE, and "Scran-un".

The English say "mind your step," while American's yell "Watch Out!" English will politely say "Pardon me," while Americans scream "MOVE!" The English will say a situation may be a "worry," while Americans will say "we eff'd up."

The English purchase spirits at the "Odd Bins," while we go to the "State Store." They go to "Oxford" while we attend "Da U."

On their medicines, they'll list "trapped wind" as a symptom the drug relieves. We say "gas," or simply "farts."

The English also are a bit more candid about things. Instead of signs that say "restrooms," they say "toilets." Instead of a pesky Surgeon General giving a long-winded explanation on cigarette packs as to how they may cause damage to one's health, they simply list in bold lettering "Smoking Kills."

The English would never be rude enough to stand and block the way for those in a hurry. On escalators, those who chose to stand do so to the right hand side, leaving the left clear for those a bit more hurried. In America, ONE person ALWAYS blocks the path for others.

Dare I say, Americans, that we are being robbed of a distinguished society? Goodbye, Noxen, Pittston, Edwardsville, (Who the heck is Edward?) Shickshinny, Scotrun, (We all know what that looks like as we pass it quickly on I80) and Throop. Hello Canary Wharf, Westminster, and Covent Garden.

I will end, however, with saying that their food is quite inadequate. Or, in American, "it sucks." I guess I'll never be fully distinguished.

and find their antics harmless or shameless, I ask those women to imagine acting the same way in a different setting or to imagine

watching their behavior sober the next day. Cause trust me, it wasn't pretty.

Believe nothing and question everything

BY ANDREA SEAMAN
Beacon Asst. News Editor

According to the Society of Professional Journalism, there are four major sections to their code of ethics: seek truth and report it, minimize harm, act independently and be accountable. Any journalist worth their salt follows simple ethics. Even if they are not the four above, a person can follow the simplest rule in human history. This rule is found in almost all religions, including Christianity, Confucianism, Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, Taoism and Zoroastrianism. I find it expressed the best in Buddhism, "Hurt not others in ways that you yourself would find hurtful." Most of you will know it as the "Golden Rule."

All journalists can follow this rule when writing their stories but unfortunately, many do not. My favorite example of this is Nancy Grace on CNN. Nancy is probably the worst "journalist" on television. The woman has been accused of plagiarism,

misrepresenting information, claiming a person is guilty before they have had the chance to a fair trial and even of causing one of her interviewees to commit suicide. I recall one interview Nancy had with Elizabeth Smart. Ms. Smart was promoting a bill and Nancy kept bringing up questions about her abduction. The expression on Ms. Smart's face made it apparent that she was uncomfortable with the questions and told Nancy that, but Nancy pressed on with another question about the abduction. In her past, Nancy was a prosecutor and she has had some tragic times, but I believe that when she presents herself as a journalist, she should conduct herself according to the ethics of journalism or, at least, as a person.

My view on journalism is to report the news, leave behind your baggage and give people what they want, the information. The odds are good that the reader will put their own spin on the information when they retell it anyway. This rule is a hard

one to follow, not to put a bias on a story, because everyone has an opinion (unless you are psychotic and devoid of feelings), but it can be done. A person simply needs to remove him or herself from the situation and focus on their subjects, and once this is done a reporter can, with a clear conscience, put out an unbiased story.

The one problem that would stand in the way of this is the fact that a reporter may not have enough information or perhaps they simply did not pursue the story as well as they should have. I give myself as an example of this. A few weeks ago before the elections, <i>The Beacon</i> ran a question and answer section with Governor Rendell. I am positive some of you must have questioned where the section with Lynn Swann was, because I know I would have. The story behind it is quite simple; I called Mr. Swann's representatives in his Pittsburgh and Harrisburg offices countless times. I even spoke with Mr. Swann's campaign manager, but nothing was done by

his campaign offices to secure an interview with him. As a last attempt, I tried e-mailing the questions to one of my contacts at his office and received no reply. This is when I wished readers would have sent me e-mails or wrote letters to the editor about the lack of a Q & A, but none came.

This brings me to the basis for my writing; which is the fact that journalism is without a doubt one of the most important professions on Earth, and unfortunately, this position of power is abused quite a bit. It is up to the readers, viewers and listeners to determine whether the reporter is living up to the ethics of journalism, or at least acting like a human being. That is why I am telling you to question everything and believe nothing; if you do not think you are getting just the facts, call the person on it. After all, anyone who has taken Public Speaking knows communication only works when it goes both ways.

Preservation of industrial settings a necessary challenge to overcome

BY NICK ZMIJEWSKI

Beacon Photo Editor

The Huber Breaker in Ashley seems to be threatened with scrapping after being "saved." A historical group, the Huber Breaker Preservation Society, had been informed that the historic coal breaker would be deeded over to them, yet the current owner has declared that he may be selling it to a scrapper unless Luzerne County sweetens the proverbial pot. This one had been, in the minds of many, preserved. Grants had been secured and volunteer labor organized. The threat against this breaker begs the larger question about historic preservation, particularly large industrial sites.

One of the greatest challenges facing historic preservation is saving industrial settings. It is very expensive. The buildings in question are very large and some have been vacant for years. Sometimes private monies are used, as will hopefully be the case with a large portion of the Bethlehem Steel Mill in Bethlehem.

This challenge seems to be met in Northeastern PA. One just has to walk down the street from campus and we see the historic portion of the Hotel Sterling being saved. The former Stegmaier Brewery has been adaptively reused and made into offices.

Yet what about the economic engine that drove the region for over 100 years, coal?

There is only one coal breaker remaining in the Northern Field and it is the Huber. While I am not from the area, I have been coming up here for years looking for remains of the mining industry. There used to be numerous breakers standing. These have been knocked down and you could hardly tell that something like a breaker was once there. Sure, there are little blue signs put there by the state by some of them and towns often have little memorials to those who gave their lives in the mines, but there is no large scale above ground reminder that has been allowed to survive.

From a tourist perspective, the Huber makes a lot of sense. It is located right off of Route 81 and clearly visible from the highway. Coal breakers make for interesting tours as special ones have been run in the past at another breaker in the Middle Field and the turnout is always very high. The railroad that used to run there can be relayed and the county's Vulcan engine that is currently under restoration. Or a joint excursion from Steamtown to Ashley would be a neat way to increase tourism to both. Either way something needs to be done because this is the last one and if it falls all is for naught. We might as well break out the acetylene today.

The Beacon/Nick Zmijewski

The Angry Rant: Holiday Special

BY TIM SEIGFRIED

Beacon Asst. Sports Editor

It's the holiday season again, and these days, that means that we are in the home stretch of a holiday rush that started sometime in mid-July.

Seriously, what happened to Thanksgiving? Has it been cancelled or something? Is there some sort of elaborate conspiracy involving poultry? Did the turkeys unionize and blackmail the retailers?

Regardless, I'm pretty sure that Wal-Mart had decorations out right after the 4th of July, including those gigantic blow-up things you put in your yard; the ones that look like Santa Claus or the Grinch. Last week, I saw a yard that was adorned with a blow-up Homer Simpson. That's right, nothing says the birth of Christ like a gigantic, fat white guy. I can't wait until next year when they release their John Goodman and Marlon Brando models.

One of the more popular toys this year are those shoes with the roller skates in the heels. Odds are you've seen some kids gliding around a store or restaurant at some point in the last year. Kudos for giving our children the opportunity to exercise *less*. Now instead of walking to a fast food joint, they can glide. Anyway, the last time I checked, 11-year-olds were clumsy enough on their own, and now you want to put wheels on their feet? I've seen more control from Colin Farrell at a party with free whiskey and strippers.

As if the toys couldn't get much worse, this holiday season we are subjected to "Myscene Barbie," a new line of dolls that provide children the opportunity to dress them up to go to the club, or adorn them

in "bling." I think you'll all agree with me in congratulating Mattel for proving us all wrong when we said there weren't any other ways left to teach our daughters to dress like whores.

However, I think I may have seen the epitome of the holiday rush a few weeks ago. I was driving by Circuit City, and low and behold, there were a mass of tents and sleeping bags lined outside the door in anticipation for the Playstation 3. Now, I love videogames as much as the next person, but there is a limit. That's a bad idea, it really is. In fact, I've created a system whereby people can judge their actions on whether or not they are good or bad ideas. I call it the "Blind Date" test. It works like this: if you wouldn't tell it to a girl on a blind date, then it probably isn't a good idea.

I can imagine that conversation going something like this:

Girl: So, what do you do for fun?

Guy: Oh, I play a lot of videogames, I love my Playstation 3.

Girl: Aren't they hard to get? Did you win a contest or something?

Guy: Oh, no, I just spent a week in a tent outside of a store with a bunch of other guys; we all took turns using a washcloth to bathe ourselves...it was awesome.

Girl: Oh, right. Have I told you about my fiancée yet?

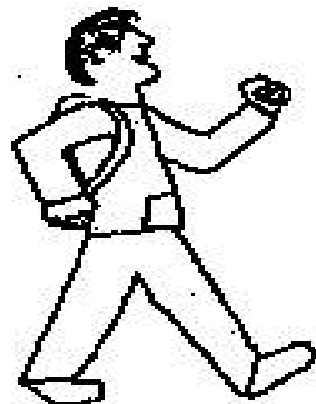
See what I mean? Not a good idea.

Speaking of bad ideas, Paris Hilton was recently in Las Vegas to perform songs from her album. Reportedly, Hilton was so drunk that she vomited on stage during her performance, thus officially making it the most intelligent thing to ever come out of her mouth.

Happy Holidays.

A Sight for Sore Eyes

Aleksander Lapinski



September



October



November



December

Evolution of a college student

Dr. Joel Berlatsky retires after 37 years of teaching history

Professor has been an inspiration in the classroom and a fixture at sporting events

BY RYAN BROGHAMER
Beacon Staff Writer

Step into his office in Capin Hall, and a change is evident: the book cases are barren, the once messy desk is almost organized and all that remains on the shelves is a phone book and a Bill Clinton nesting doll. Dr. Joel Berlatsky is retiring.

Berlatsky has been a fixture in the history department at Wilkes for over 30 years and is mutually adored by students and faculty alike. So why is he planning on riding off into the sunset?

"Well, you know, it's something that I've thought about for a while, so I'm going to do it. This is my 37th year [at Wilkes] and that's enough for me," he said, and states that he's spent almost half of a decade in education. "I taught high school for a while, so actually I've been teaching for 42 years - with some time off

for good behavior."

To hear Berlatsky explain, there really isn't much of a story to his career. "When I was teaching high school, it was basically seven-thirty in the morning until seven-thirty in the evening for three-quarters of the year, so that was a pain in the butt and a lot of work. Especially when you first start teaching, people don't realize, you don't have anything in the can so you have to prepare to be one day ahead of the kids, so that was tough. Somewhere in there, I got married and we both decided to go back to graduate school, so we starved for a couple of years and then I got my degree and came here."

But dig a little deeper and you'll find there is much more to his path in becoming an educator.

"Like many students, I kind of misspent my high school era; I didn't do as well as maybe I should've done," Berlatsky ex-

plained. "So, I looked around for places that were smaller, but were good, that I might be able to get in. I wound up at a small school in Minnesota, which is now one of the four or five best schools in the country, Carleton College in Minnesota. Then, I thought, I want to teach high school and be a coach. So, I went and got a degree at Brown called a master of arts in teaching, which is half history and half education, and then I went to teach for a couple years in Lake Forest, Illinois - which has nothing in common with Wilkes-Barre, because Lake Forest is one of the wealthiest areas in the country."

While he enjoyed his time in Lake Forest, Berlatsky says that the coaching aspect wasn't entirely his cup of tea.

"I coached basketball, which I knew what I was doing, but I also coached track, where I didn't have a clue. So, the head coach would say, 'This is what

you're going to do,' and I would say 'Yes, sir,'" Berlatsky recalled.

Searching for more out of teaching, the New York City native then found his way to Northwestern for graduate school. After graduation, he says the demand for history professors dwindled.

"I came here in the fall of 1970 for no particular reason, except that there was a job and I got offered a job. I was offered other jobs, too, but they - for one reason or another - didn't appeal," he stated. "I came here and thought that I'd be here for two or three years and then move on, but in the early 70's, the bottom dropped out of the market and it's never recovered."

"At a certain stage there was no place to move, unless you were some kind of superstar, which I'm not," he said.

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Q&A: Meaghan Broderick, Mental Health Services Counselor

BY CURRAN DOBSON
Beacon Editor-in-Chief

community or in the student's hometown.

The Beacon: Do you see an increase in the use of your services around this time of year?

Broderick: Yes, there tends to be an increase in the use of services due to the intensity of finals and completing all of the coursework on time. Also, with the holidays approaching, students will be heading home and for some that creates some anxiety.

The Beacon: What are some of the most common mental health issues that students come to your office needing assistance with?

Broderick: The counseling center has experience dealing with the whole spectrum of mental health issues. We see students who are having difficulty adjusting to college, roommates, test anxiety, depression, relationship issues, eating and body image concerns. We also have students revealing suicidal ideation and require more intense treatment than is available on campus.

The Beacon: You've been really busy as of late. Do you have a lot of one-time appointments or more repeat patients?

Broderick: I have both students who are coming in for an acute issues while others have more chronic concerns.

Mental health counselors are available to speak with students by appointment Monday through Friday.

As the holidays draw closer and the semester ends, everyone begins to feel the crunch associated with getting all of their work done on time and their holiday preparations completed. For some, this pressure can prove too daunting. This is where the Mental Health Counselors, located in Health Services on the first floor of Evans Hall, can be helpful.

The Beacon recently spoke with one of the counselors, Meaghan Broderick.

The Beacon: How many students, on average, use the [mental health] services?

Broderick: I do not have a definite number on that but depending on the time of the semester around 15 students per day.

The Beacon: Are the students using these services as a therapist, someone to talk to, or do some of the students need psychological medicine prescribed? Do you have that capability in your office?

Meaghan Broderick: There is a variety in the treatment plans for the students. Some students seek counseling to resolve issues just utilizing traditional talk therapy, whereas other students come to the counseling center already having been prescribed medication by a family physician or a psychiatrist. If students would benefit from medication, counselors have the option to recommend medication, refer to campus physician or to psychiatrist in the

Holiday gift giving on a budget

BY NORA JURASITS
Beacon Features Editor

to fit 26 songs on the disc, some may have to be shorter tunes.

This holiday season, many students may be feeling festive and generous, but may not have the financial abilities to provide gifts to friends and family members. Here are a few inexpensive, thoughtful gifts to show you care without going bankrupt.

Mix CD

Although often considered a token of affection given as a way to profess love to that cute guy or girl who sits behind you in class, the mix CD can also serve as a fun way to convey your personality and provide entertainment to the recipient.

A few fun ways to mix it up:

- Create a CD with all those catchy TV theme songs that get stuck in everyone's head. Be sure to include such classics as *The Fresh Prince of Bel Air*, *Golden Girls*, *Charles in Charge*, and for an instrumental break, throw the *Jeopardy!* theme song in there too.

- The weather outside may be frightful, but a summer tunes CD will be delightful. The Beach Boys are a staple for this mix, along with Jack Johnson, and any other songs that make you want to trade your jacket for a pair of sunglasses and a beverage topped with a colorful umbrella.

- Use the alphabet as a playlist guide by making a mix with songs starting with the letter A all the way to Z. Since you'll have

Baked Goods

An old classic... Everyone can appreciate a freshly baked cake or a plate of warm chocolate chip cookies. Grab a cookbook or check out some recipes online, find a pretty plate to put the treats on, and get some colored plastic wrap and a bow to top off this delicious gift.

A few fun ways to mix it up:

- Sprinkles make everything more festive!
- Get some cookie cutters at any grocery store or dollar store, and turn ordinary cookies into fun shapes.

Framed Story

Think of that story that cracks you and your friends up every time it gets told. Now write it down. Typing up the story and putting in a pretty frame is a great way to preserve those memories, whether they are touching or hilarious.

A few fun ways to mix it up:

- Get a few calligraphy pens at a local craft store and write the story in fancy script.
- Buy a wooden frame and add your own artistic touches with paint or glitter.

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- Anything they gave you last holiday season

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"Most people from my generation went one place and got stuck there because the market for historians just vanished.

For example, when I came here, there were 10 people in the history department. Now there are four, and we were down to three for a while, so that tells you that the market has shrunk."

The historian recalls the Agnes flood as playing a major role in his thoughts of going elsewhere.

"It's not that I didn't think about moving, I did early on, especially after the flood. I bought a house one Friday, and the next Friday it was flooded. That was nice. After that, there was a contraction here - a big one - so I looked for jobs then in particular, but nothing happened.

It was to the schools' benefit that Berlatsky stayed in Pennsylvania, according to Dr. John Hepp, associate professor of history.

"He's been here for 37 years and during that time not only has he done what you'd expect from most professors that have been here that long - had lots of students that liked him, had lots of faculty colleagues that liked him - but because of his involvement with intercollegiate athletics... During my seven years here, he has gone to most of the football games we've played, he's gone to most of the basketball games we've played,

he's gone to a lot of all of the other games we play. I know of no one on this campus that has seen more Wilkes athletics events. To me that shows a real dedication because he really does care," said Hepp.

Current students agree. Junior history major Mark Leicht cites Berlatsky as a factor in his decision to come to Wilkes and says that the university will be hard pressed to find a capable replacement.

"When I was first deciding to go to college, I had taken a preemptive class [with Berlatsky], and that was actually one of the deciding factors about why I came to Wilkes," Leicht said. "Whoever replaces him is going to have some big shoes to fill, and hopefully they are up to the task."

While he is stepping down from his position at Wilkes, Berlatsky says that he's not finished with history quite yet.

"Everybody asks what you do after you retire, and the biggest thing is that I am not going to get up at six in the morning every day and drive to Wilkes-Barre," he said. "I might work on [his study of Nicholas Heath, Lord Chancellor of England under Queen Mary] and I might poke around and do a little bit of adjuncting [in the Philadelphia area]," he said. "I believe that being a professor is probably perfect preparation for retirement, because it's not a nine to five job; I've always had a lot of free time. But my wife and I do want to travel more, so we'll do that."



Courtesy Beacon Archives

Berlatsky, who is no stranger to traveling (commuting from Lansdale for the past ten years), offered some parting advice for Wilkes students.

"I always recommend, if possible, that you marry somebody who's wealthy. That's a good plan. Neither one of my kids paid attention to that, so that shows what value my advice is, but that's what I recommend. It's a good plan."

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The Nutcracker dances into the Darte

BY STEPHANIE DEBALKO

Beacon A&E Editor

Pirouette, pas de deux, arabesque.

For many, the "language" of ballet, with all its fluid movement and underlying plots, is indeed a foreign one, and not just because the aforementioned words are French.

Regardless of whether an individual danced in the corps with the American Ballet Theatre or simply studied the movie Center Stage with great enthusiasm, there are two words in ballet that are universally understood: The Nutcracker.

Signaling the start of the holiday season (in spite of the fact that stores began stocking holiday decorations November 1), Ballet Northeast will present The Nutcracker at the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts. This production will offer an opportunity for students and the public to view an art that is not often

presented on campus, or at least not to this degree.

The Nutcracker will feature performances by students Kristin Wempa, Karen Wesolowski, Sara Kasper and Kara Lawson. But that's not all, because Wempa will be dancing one of the coveted lead roles: the Sugar Plum Fairy, and Wesolowski will be playing multiple parts, including Mirliton and lead mouse.

In addition to juggling classes and other activities (Wempa is a pharmacy major and Wesolowski is an elementary education major, while both are dance minors), the students have also rehearsed tirelessly to ensure that this story of a young girl who dreams of a Nutcracker Prince and a battle against a Mouse King is told to the best of their abilities.

"We put a lot of time and effort into [rehearsals], for nearly two months already," Wesolowski said. Both Wempa and We-

solowski did admit, however, that in addition to putting a lot of effort into the rehearsals, the time they spend preparing for the performance is also time they enjoy a great deal.

Ballet Northeast is a regional ballet company that has been producing The Nutcracker at the Darte for 23 years. Degnan said that she particularly enjoys the fact that there is a sense of community about The Nutcracker now, since many have participated in the traditional holiday show for over two decades.

Founded in 1983 by Kristin Degnan and her late husband Peter Degnan, Ballet Northeast is a non-profit corporation that allows area artists to participate in something about which they are truly passionate.

"Ballet Northeast is comprised of dancers from all over the region regardless of studio affiliation to participate in an authenti-

cally, professionally staged original work, [such as] The Nutcracker," Degnan said.

Degnan and her late husband also founded the dance program at Wilkes in 1991, and because of the relationship that was created between Ballet Northeast and Wilkes thereafter, Degnan tried to incorporate students from the university who have been classically trained in ballet. Performing in something like The Nutcracker is above and beyond what most students are required to do in the dance program, but it is also an extraordinary opportunity for the young artists.

Degnan added, "I think it's a wonderful ballet because it incorporates artists of all ages."

To experience it firsthand, check out The Nutcracker December 15 at 7:30 p.m., December 16 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and December 17 at 2:00 p.m.

Movie Review: *Deck the Halls*

BY MIKE WILLIAMS

Beacon Staff Writer

It seems that every year, around the holiday season, some production company feels the impulse to take a handful of big-name Hollywood stars, slap on some blinking lights, a bad, recycled holiday gimmick and a pinch of Christmas spirit, mix them all together, to create the annual Yuletide box-office flop.

This year, unfortunately, is no different. Thanks to the folks at 20th Century Fox, this holiday season the entire family can get together for a night of cringing and sighing as they endure the cliched-jokes, tired sight gags and failed punchlines of

Deck The Halls.

Steve Finch (Matthew Broderick) is an average, everyday semi-dweebie, anal-retentive suburban dad, just trying to give his wife (Kristen Davis) and kids the dependable Christmas traditions he never had as a child. Though his good-hearted attempt at holiday cheer is done with the best of intentions, his family quickly tires of his regimented, matching sweaters for the family photo and the Christmas calendar schedule of events, which plans out each and every day of their holiday season. However, Finch's position as the neighborhood "Christmas Guy" is suddenly threatened by his new neighbor Buddy Hall (Danny DeVito), a master salesman sick of the every-

day grind, and looking by for something to give his life meaning.

Much to the chagrin of Finch, Buddy soon begins a quest to not only usurp his position as the local Christmas expert, but also to make his house so ridiculously bright that it will be seen from outer-space.

The shenanigans that ensue will surely be appreciated by all viewers under the age of ten; however as the two begin to compete for role of head-honcho of the holiday, anyone who has passed the third grade will find the humor cornier than, well, corn would be the best way to put it.

Some of the better scenes this film has to offer include a botched firework attack on DeVito's blinding holiday set-up and two horses with antlers duct-taped to their heads towing a screaming Broderick through the town square in a runaway carriage. Though the sheer gawdiness of the Hall household will most likely be the image you will remember most of this film, if you chose to see it, in one funny, yet disturbing scene, a semi-nude Danny DeVito attempts to use body heat to warm up a near hypothermic Broderick by zipping them into a sleeping bag. The image of a bare-chested DeVito using soothing tones and the art of massage to calm Matthew Broderick as he screeches in revulsion is one that will stick with you for a long, long time--whether you want it to or not.

Now, to be fair, the film makes a decent effort to be cute, heartwarming and funny; however, in the world of holiday movies, there are two categories of films. There are classics such as *A Christmas Story* and *Christmas Vacation*, which will be watched and enjoyed until the end of time,



and there are the movies that will be forgotten as soon as they leave the theater. Unfortunately for Broderick and DeVito, or anyone involved with the film for that matter, *Deck The Halls* fits into the latter category.

Although children will enjoy the film's attempt at holiday humor, not to mention the elfish Danny DeVito, adults may need to look elsewhere for a film to get them in the Christmas spirit.

Grade: A very generous C ('tis the season)

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Book Review: Richard Paul Evans's *The Christmas Box*

BY NICOLE FRAIL
Beacon Staff Writer

The only plan in Richard Paul Evans' mind when he sat down to write *The Christmas Box* in 1993 was to express in words and on paper the love he felt for his two young daughters so that when they grew up and moved out, they would be reminded of how much he loved them and know how much they truly meant to him.

This simple task did not go unappreciated or unnoticed. Later that year, Evans' *The Christmas Box* made history when it became the first book ever to simultaneously hold the number one slots of *The New York Times Best Sellers* paperback and hardcover lists.

He had not planned for his first short, simple story to top any lists at all. Nor had he planned for the book to become the driving force and inspiration in founding The Christmas Box International - an organization dedicated to building homes and providing food,

warmth and guidance to abused, neglected and lost children everywhere.

The story of *The Christmas Box* warmed hearts all around the world when released almost fourteen years ago and continues to do so today. The story, fictional yet unbelievably realistic, takes place during a cold and snowy Salt Lake City winter. Short on money, Richard, his wife Keri and their four year old daughter Jenna answer the newspaper ad of an elderly widow, MaryAnn, who seeks not only caretakers of her large Victorian mansion, but company as well.

During their move into the spacious home just before the Christmas season, Richard stumbles across a marvelously crafted wooden box in the attic and immediately takes a liking and interest in it. He begins to dream of angels and mysterious, calming music and follows the call of the angels back up to attic one night.

Old letters to a lost loved one in the Christmas Box, too many hours at

work, a heart wrenching story from a neighbor and an urgency from MaryAnn for Richard to find the true meaning and first gift of Christmas allows Richard an answer to the secrets that MaryAnn has been hiding from them and an understanding of the human soul and a parent's love for their children.

In my opinion, *The Christmas Box* is a must read (and a must have!). It is short, simple and magical. Everyone should be getting into the spirit of Christmas, the spirit of giving and this is just the book to help you do so. Whether you are older or younger, a parent or a child, *The Christmas Box* will touch your heart and provide you with a message or moral that I am sure you will always cherish.

Grade: A+

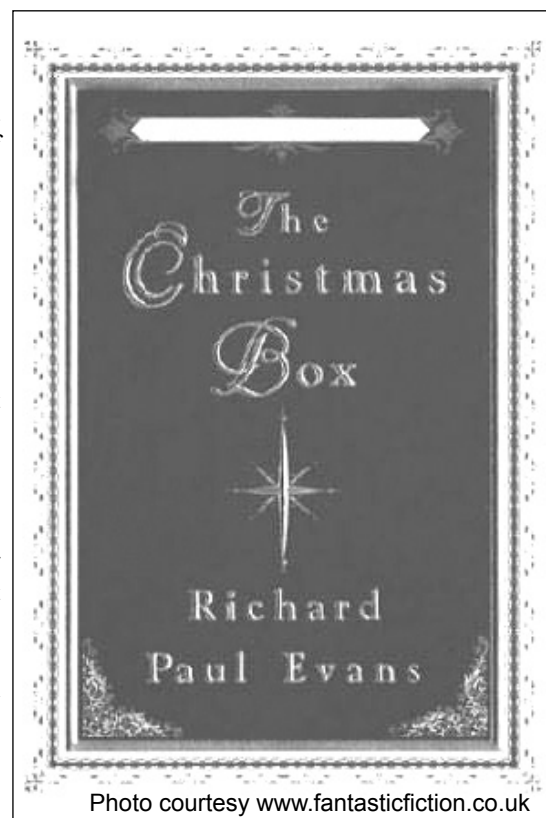


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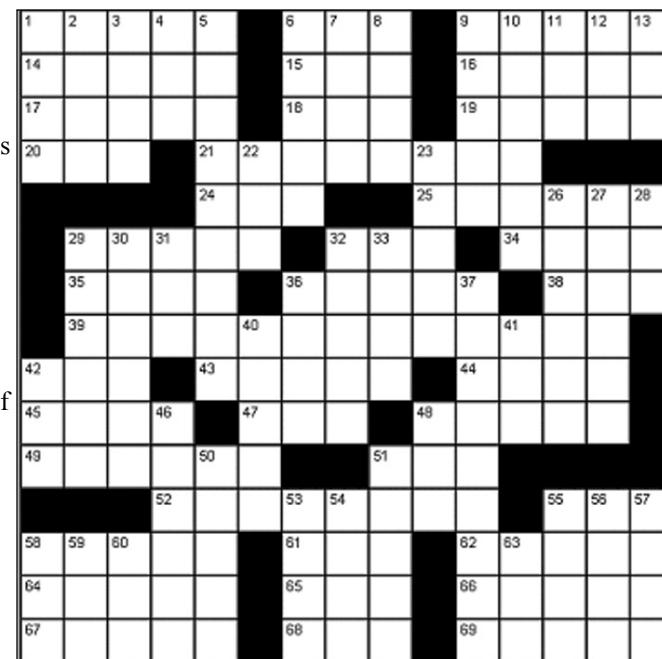
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6 Government detectives
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14 Pertaining to the moon
15 Aural organ
16 Glycerin prefix
17 Bring together
18 Boxer Muhammad ____
19 Shades of storm clouds
20 Common subway mammal
21 Involved with excessively
24 Has nine lives
25 Stereotyped expression
29 Screw up
32 Vital force in Taoism
34 Periods of time
35 Twin brother of Jacob
36 Abrade by rubbing
38 Venomous snake of antiquity
39 Common December words
42 Shred of cloth
43 Bread baking ingredient
44 Person regarded with admiration
45 December 24th and 31st for example
47 “____ we there yet?”
48 Make amends, as for a crime
49 Addams family uncle
51 Words spoken at the altar

- 52 Leader who excites people to action
55 Electronics maker
58 Larceny
61 Genetic stuff
62 Style of speaking peculiar to a people
64 Wedding day walkway
65 All Hallow’s Eve mo.
66 Small new world lizard
67 Aquatic mammal, can be found in PA
68 Not he
69 Make delayed

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- 1 Inebriated speech mistake
2 Popular food and game fish
3 Group that is part of a whole
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5 Concern with before
6 Large dinner
7 A bundle of hay
8 Colored portion of the eye
9 Heaven occupant
10 One under par
11 About when you get somewhere
12 Attempt
13 Distress signal
22 “____ humbug!”
23 X-files genre
26 Childs drawing implement
27 To bother or annoy

- 28 Clairvoyance
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Answers 11.20.06



This Week in History

BY MICHAEL GIONFRIDDO

Beacon Correspondent

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December 4

1991: Islamic militants in Lebanon release kidnapped American journalist Terry Anderson after 2,454 days in captivity.

December 5

1945: At 2:10 p.m., five U.S. Navy Avenger torpedo-bombers comprising Flight 19 take off from the Ft. Lauderdale Naval Air Station in Florida on a routine three-hour training mission. Flight 19 was scheduled to take them due east for 120 miles, north for 73 miles, and then back over a final 120-mile leg that would return them to the naval base. They never returned. Although naval officials maintained that the remains of the six aircraft and 27 men were not found because stormy weather destroyed the evidence, the story of the “Lost Squadron” helped cement the legend of the Bermuda Triangle, an area of the Atlantic Ocean where ships and aircraft are said to disappear without a trace.

December 6

1884: On this day in 1884, in Washington, D.C., workers placed a nine-inch aluminum pyramid atop a tower of white marble, completing the construction of an impressive monument to the city’s namesake and the nation’s first president, George Washington.

December 7

1941: At 7:55 a.m. Hawaii time, a Japanese dive bomber bearing the red symbol of the Rising Sun of Japan on its wings appeared out of the clouds above the island of Oahu. A swarm of 360 Japanese warplanes followed, descending on the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor in a ferocious assault. The surprise attack struck a critical blow against the U.S. Pacific fleet and drew the United States irrevocably into World War II.

December 8

1980: John Lennon, a former member of the Beatles, the rock group that transformed popular music in the 1960s, was shot and killed by an obsessed fan in New York City.

The 40-year-old artist was entering his luxury Manhattan apartment building when Mark David Chapman shot him four times at close range with a .38-caliber revolver. Lennon, bleeding profusely, was rushed to the hospital but died en route. Chapman had received an autograph from Lennon earlier in the day and voluntarily remained at the scene of the shooting until he was arrested by police.

December 9

1987: In the Israeli-occupied Gaza Strip, the first riots of the Palestinian intifada, or “shaking off” in Arabic, began one day after an Israeli truck crashed into a station wagon carrying Palestinian workers in the Jabalya refugee district of Gaza, killing four and wounding 10. Gaza Palestinians saw the incident as a deliberate act of retaliation against the killing of a Jew in Gaza several days before, and on December 9 they took to the streets in protest, burning tires and throwing rocks and Molotov cocktails at Israeli police and troops. At Jabalya, an Israeli army patrol car fired on Palestinian attackers, killing a 17-year-old and wounding 16 others. The next day, crack Israeli paratroopers were sent into Gaza to quell the violence, and riots spread to the Israeli-occupied West Bank. This marked the formal beginning of the intifada,

December 10

1901: The first Nobel Prizes were awarded in Stockholm, Sweden, in the fields of physics, chemistry, medicine, literature and peace. The ceremony came on the fifth anniversary of the death of Alfred Nobel, the Swedish inventor of dynamite and other high explosives. In his will, Nobel directed that the bulk of his vast fortune be placed in a fund in which the interest would be “annually distributed in the form of prizes to those who, during the preceding year, shall have conferred the greatest benefit on mankind.” Although Nobel offered no public reason for his creation of the prizes, it is widely believed that he did so out of moral regret over the increasingly lethal uses of his inventions in war.

Note: All information is provided by the History Channel and can be found at <http://www.history.com/tdih.do>.

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The Year's Best Sights and Sounds

BY STEPHANIE DEBALKO & MARISSA PHILLIPS

A&E Editor & A&E Asst. Editor

CDs are always a popular gift for the holiday season, but it's sometimes hard to keep up with all of the new music releases. Along with that, it's hard to determine whether a new artist's release will end up being a hit or something quite horrifying until you actually purchase the CD. While it's impossible to encompass all genres, here's a simple gift guide for some of the best CDs of the season.

Hello goodbye - *Zombies! Aliens! Vampires! Dinosaurs!*

This is perhaps one of the most fun albums of the year. This band offers quirky electronic vocals, poppy synth beats and lyrics that'll make you fall in love with, well, love. It's a fun, energetic, feel-good album that you can't really help but smile while listening to.

Justin Timberlake - *Futuresex / Love sounds*

Everybody's favorite former N'Sync member is back with his second release. A great gift for any pop fan, but bear in mind that it's a rather sexually charged album, and contains explicit lyrics. The album is a definite improvement from his first, and he seems to have matured in terms of sound. The album contains a good balance between dance tracks and smooth ballads.

Fifth Hour Hero - *Not Revenge, Just A Vicious Crush*

This new release from an often overlooked but highly talented band would make a good gift for most punk fans. The music switches between a male and a female vocalist, which makes for an interesting variety often missing in new punk albums. The group offers a similar sound to Discount and The Lawrence Arms.

Jay Z - *Kingdom Come*

One of the top gift picks for hip hop or rap fans. This album comes with an added bonus CD, which includes live performances. Listeners seem to be split on their opinion of the album, but it's a necessity for fans of Jay Z's past work. Careful who you buy this for, as it contains explicit lyrics.

Oasis - *Stop the Clocks*

Despite the fierce sibling rivalry and lineup changes, Oasis has managed to stay together for more than ten years, and they've recently released a greatest hits album to show off their progress. Featuring 20 perfectly-placed tracks, this album encompasses the best of their work from "Definitely Maybe" until "Don't Believe the Truth." Not only is this a must-have for any Oasis fan, but it would be a good starting point for anyone looking to try out a new alternative rock band.

John Mayer - *Continuum*

This CD makes for quality easy-listening. One of the more anticipated releases of the season, John Mayer returns with smooth sounds and thoughtful lyrics. The songs are simple, yet heart-felt.

The Killers - *Sam's Town*

A must-have for fans of alternative rock. The Killers return with their second album, which features the popular song "When You Were Young." Overall their sound is similar to that of their first release, but the album features some added diversity in terms of style.

The Rat Pack - *Christmas With the Rat Pack*

It just wouldn't be right to go without throwing at least one Christmas CD in the mix. What better way to bring in the holiday than with Frank, Dean and Sammy? This CD offers a classy twist to the classic songs we hear time and again each year.

Outkast - *Idle wild*

Another good choice for hip hop fans would be Outkast's most recent album, *Idlewild*. In this album the duo teams up with a number of other well-known artists such as Snoop Dogg, Lil Wayne, Macy Gray, among others.

Marie Antoinette Soundtrack

For any fans of 80s pop, this is a perfect CD to pick up. This soundtrack features Bow Wow Wow, Adam & the Ants, New Order, Siouxsie and the Banshees, among a number of other big 80s names, and throws a few current bands, such as the Strokes, in as well. As an added bonus, you

get all of the classical instrumental tracks from the movie as well. It's all put together in a double disk set which is sold at around the same price you'd pay for one.

Nelly Furtado - *Loose*

In her third release, Nelly Furtado's sound has evolved a great deal since her debut album. Her songs seem to have taken a bit more of a mainstream turn, and have an added urban edge not found in her past albums. *Loose* is full of sexy dance tracks with a few easy listening songs, as well as two Latin tracks thrown in the mix.

Love Is All - *9 Times That Same Song*

They're Swedish, full of energy, and just a little off-beat. The vocals are somewhat reminiscent of old Cyndi Lauper. A gift that would be sure to pleasantly surprise someone who enjoys music that's a bit far off from the mainstream.

With all the great movies released on DVD this year, it can be a bit perplexing trying to figure out which ones are appropriate holiday gifts and which ones are better left for friends and family to buy on their own (such as Another Gay Movie, perhaps). Rest assured, though, that the following cinematic masterpieces will be sure to satisfy just about anyone on the shopping list this season.

Walk the Line

With a star-studded cast, this retrospective look at the lives of Johnny and June (Carter) Cash is sure to please music aficionados everywhere. Released early this year, *Walk the Line* features phenomenal performances by Joaquin Phoenix and Reese Witherspoon. The soundtrack is nothing to scoff at, either.

March of the Penguins

Admittedly, this may seem like a dull movie of epic proportions, but it is actually an interesting and endearing tale suitable for just about anyone who has a heart. Unlike *The Silence of the Lambs*, this movie is actually about penguins, and includes a well-documented look at the inner-workings of penguin society. Now who would want to exchange that for socks?

Just Friends

What does Ryan Reynolds plus Amy Smart minus a pizza place equal? Why, the perfect holiday gift, of course! It may not have received critical acclaim, but *Just Friends* is a feel-good movie that doesn't require much strenuous thinking. Seeing Ryan Reynolds singing All For One's "I Swear" is enough of a reason to snatch this one up. Add to that his adorable character's hilarious mishaps, and there's no doubt that the recipient of this movie will not be wishing for an electric nose hair trimmer instead.

The Devil Wears Prada

On Dior and Gucci and Prada and Vuitton! On Chanel and Givenchy and Missoni and Fendi! Just in time for the holidays, The Devil arrives in stores December 12. Anyone who has an interest in fashion will enjoy this flick--and its enviable wardrobe. The story line is pretty interesting, too. If you can't afford to buy her a pair of Manolos, then you should at least shell out the cash for this DVD.

In Her Shoes

This film may be the requisite "chick flick" of the bunch, but it is definitely not lacking in substance. Sibling rivalry and tension take the spotlight here, and since there is a happy ending, it's likely to be a good pick-me-up during the stressful holiday season. Besides, any movie that uses shoes as a metaphor for happiness is a sure thing.

Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest

This movie has it all when it comes to excitement and cinematic panache: pirates, Johnny Depp, action, Johnny Depp, an ending open for interpretation and, oh yeah, Johnny Depp. Enough said.

You, Me and Dupree

See the movie that started the tabloid rumors. Or, if celebrity gossip isn't on the top of the priorities list, then buy this for anyone who has ever expressed any hint of a sense of humor. Owen Wilson plays a bachelor who moves in with his newlywed friends and hilarity ensues. If nothing else, finding out what Wilson's character is able to do with butter will be enough to cause uproarious laughter.

Wrestling win at RIT Tournament team effort

BY ALISSA LINDNER

Beacon Staff Writer

The Wilkes wrestling team finished first at the Rochester Institute of Technology Wrestling Tournament on December 2 with 138.5 points. The Colonel wrestlers featured place finishers in nearly every weight class.

Wilkes remained strong in the 125 pound weight class, finishing the tournament with two place winners. Sophomores Felipe Querioz and Shaun Farnham took third and fourth respectively after meeting in the consolation finals. Querioz defeated Farnham by a 2-1 decision.

Querioz explained the tournament win was a team effort. "We all wrestled strong today and were still able to come out on top despite only one champion," Querioz said.

Sophomore Josh Pauling was the lone Colonel wrestler in the 133 pound weight class. He finished third after winning a 4-0 decision in the consolation finals over Brian Bucher of Baldwin-Wallace College.

Junior Adam Penberthy finished fifth in the 141 pound weight class after defeating Damian Rose of Thiel College. Sophomore Erik Smith finished third in the 149 pound

weight class after winning a 5-1 decision over the Coast Guard Academy's Bryan Radik in the consolation finals.

Freshman Frank Heffernan put on an impressive showing in the 157 pound weight class. Heffernan finished second in the tournament after losing a close 4-2 decision to the fourth seeded Corey Barber of SUNY Cortland in the championship bout.

Heffernan, who defeated the third seed and sixth seed en route to his second place finish, explained, "I knew going into the tournament if I wanted to place, I was going to have to wrestle really good."

In the 165 pound weight class, sophomore Justin Barowski finished third after defeating Steve Bagnowski of John Carroll University 4-2. Senior DJ Giancola finished fourth in the 174 pound weight class after losing in the consolation finals to Bryan Gomez of SUNY Morrisville.

Freshman Josh Ballan remained strong in the 184 pound weight class. Ballan finished fourth in the tournament after being defeated by Will Esposito of Johnson and Wales University in the consolation finals.

In the 197 pound weight class, senior Brandon Kelly entered the tournament



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The Wilkes grapplers game in first during their annual trip to the R.I.T. Tournament. The Colonels are currently ranked 17th nationwide in Division III wrestling.

seeded first. Kelly was undefeated on the day and finished first after defeating Phil Archer of SUNY Cortland in the championship bout.

The Colonels did not enter a wrestler into

the 285 pound weight class.

The Wilkes University wrestling team will take on rival King's College on Wednesday, December 6 at 7:00 PM. The match will be at King's College.

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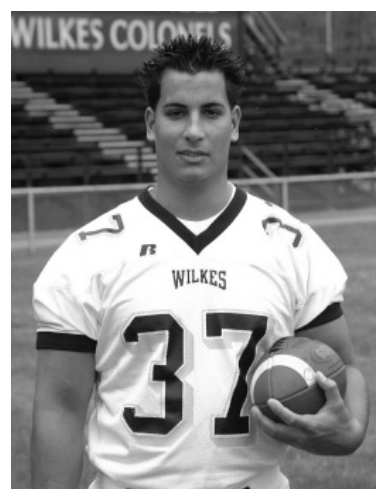
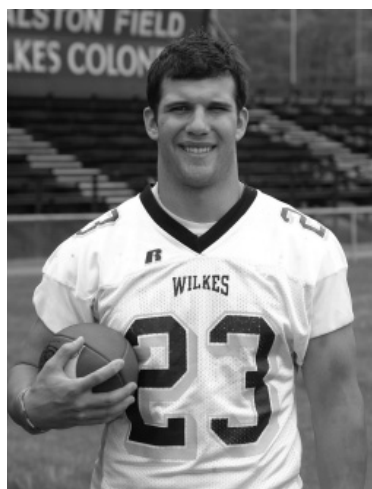
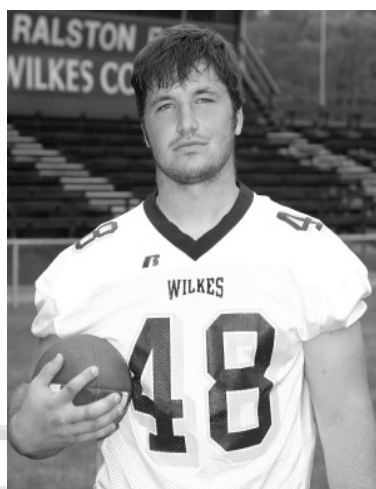
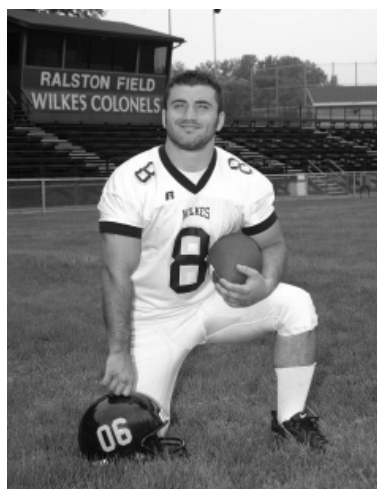
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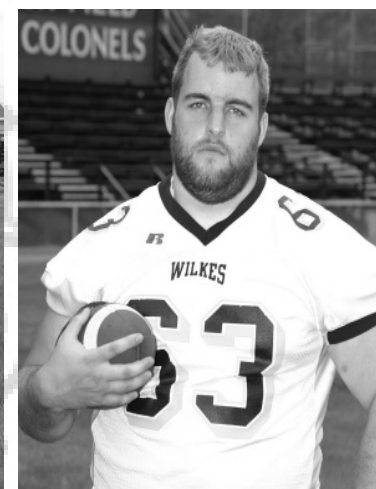
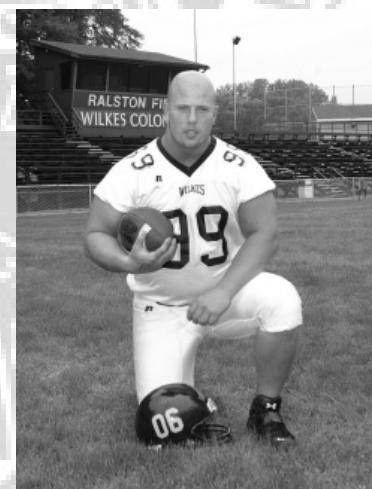
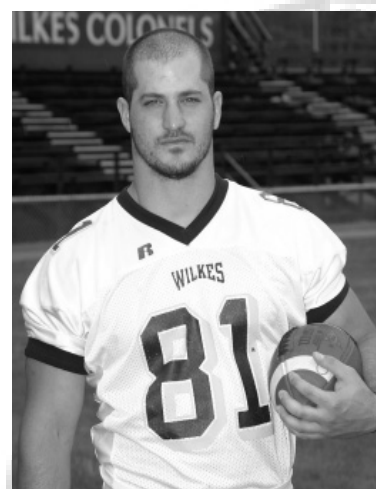
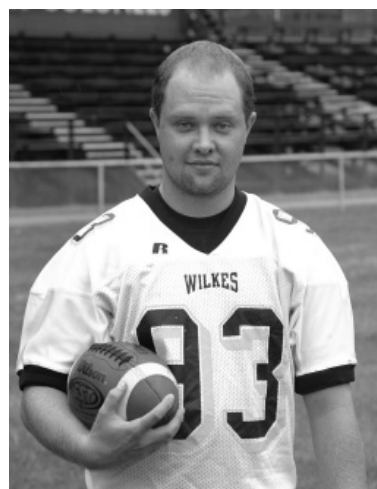
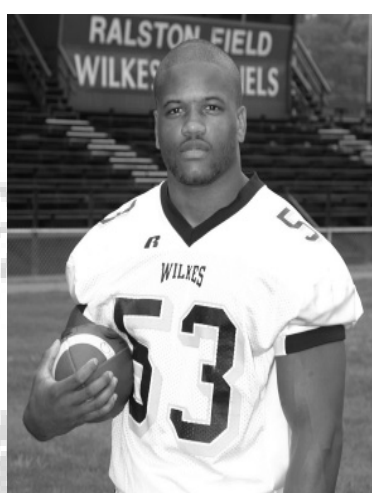
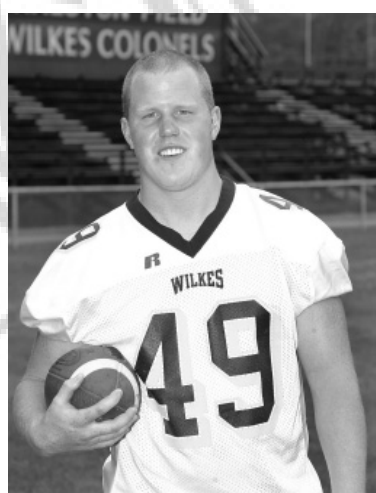


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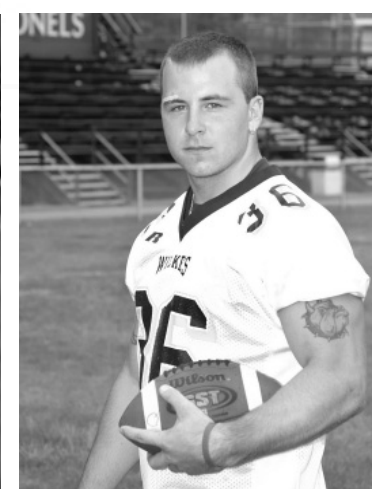
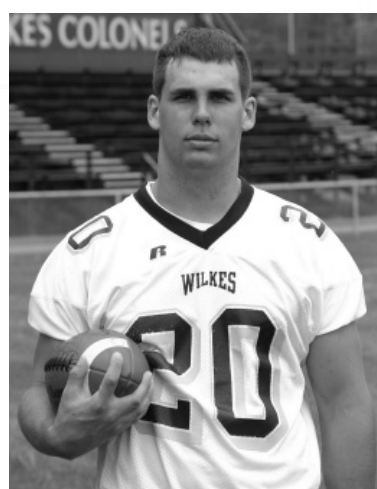
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Bryan Vivaldo
Brock Snyder
Jim Jordan

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GAME OF THE WEEK

Denver Broncos v. San Diego Chargers

LaDainian and Company charge into Denver in a battle for the AFC West

BY TIM SEIGFRIED

Beacon Asst. Sports Editor

LaDainian Tomlinson apparently likes to try new things.

The San Diego Chargers running back, obviously not content with just running for touchdowns, has decided to start passing for them, too.

At this point, it's only a matter of time before the leading MVP candidate has the entire market cornered on the offensive side of the football, so don't be surprised if he starts recording sacks, too.

But for right now, Tomlinson will most likely stick to running the ball, at least when he goes up against the Denver Broncos defense, which has been rather adept at stopping an opposing team's passing game.

Tomlinson, who leads the NFL with 24 touchdowns, is a key component in San Diego's offense, which currently leads the AFC with 1,636 rushing yards.

The Chargers can only hope that Tomlinson can keep up his rampant pace, as the game against Denver can very well decide the fate of the AFC West.

Another factor in the success of San Diego this season is the man behind the center, quarterback Philip Rivers. Rivers, in his third season in the NFL, is perhaps best known for being the player that the New York Giants traded to get first round draft pick Eli Manning after the 2003 draft.

That all is likely to change, however, as Rivers is shaping up to be one of the best quarterbacks in the NFL this season, ranking in the top ten in yards (2,440), touchdowns (15), and rating (94.5).

This season, Rivers' favorite targets have been wide receivers Antonio Gates and Eric Parker. Gates leads the Chargers with 604 receiving yards, and Parker is just behind him with 518.

On the other side of the football, San Diego has been about average, allowing less than 100 yards on the ground per game, and just over 200 yards in the air. Their biggest defensive liability this season has been the amount of touchdowns they have allowed this season (11), which is the 5th highest in the AFC.

Despite their perceived defensive shortcomings, the Chargers' main focus will be putting pressure on Denver's quarterback, Jay Cutler.

Cutler, who will be starting just his second career game against San Diego, was slated to be the starting quarterback in lieu of Jake Plummer, who has struggled this season and has one of the lowest quarterback ratings in the AFC, and was benched by head coach Mike Shanahan after a week 12 loss to Kansas City.

Cutler, who was Denver's first round draft pick, definitely has some big shoes to fill, as this game could make or break the Broncos' season.

Cutler definitely has his work cut out for him, but luckily has a good set of wide receivers to help him out.

Newly acquired wide receiver Javon Walker leads the Broncos with 854 yards and 6 touchdowns, while veteran Rod Smith always provides a set of great hands that could be worth six points.

If there is one part of their game that Denver can feel confident in, it's their ability to

stop the other team from scoring, as they lead the AFC in only allowing 14 touchdowns this season.

Despite giving up over 200 yards a game to opposing offenses, which ranks near last in the AFC, Denver's strength comes in the redzone, where their ability to limit their opponents to just a field goal has allowed them to win games even when their offense isn't putting up big numbers.

Ultimately, the game is going to come down to whether or not Jay Cutler can lead the team in the absence of Jake Plummer. If successful, Cutler could transform himself into a Kurt Warner-esque cult hero of Denver, otherwise he might find himself back on the bench before he knows it.

The biggest challenge for their defense is finding out a way to stop the force that is LaDainian Tomlinson. Even if they manage to stop the running game, Tomlinson can turn a defense on its head by using

more than his feet.

For San Diego, the key to the game lies in giving the ball to Tomlinson and just letting him excel at what he does best: scoring touchdowns.

In the end, there are only four weeks of football left in the season, so this one game could literally mean everything to the Broncos.

The pick:
San Diego 28
Denver 10

Double Take

Andee examines the stats that truly matter...

BY ANDEE SCARANTINO

Beacon Asst. Opinion Editor

"He's making a list" reads the San Diego Chargers' website. Along with which it has a cute little picture of Santa Claus. Now, I know that Santa and football are not mutually exclusive, or heck, even related, but you'd think with this time of year the Denver Broncos could do something to have a little spirit for the holiday season.

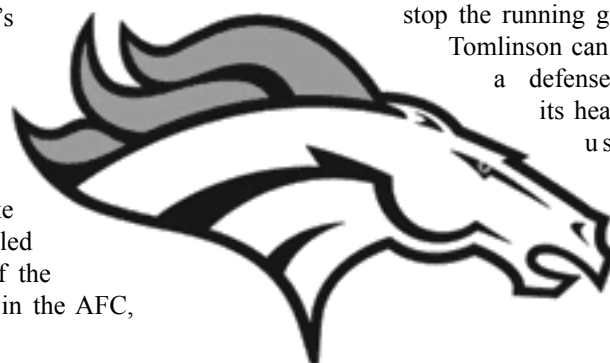
This will be my last Double Take of the academic year, and I've noticed most of you don't understand that it's completely tongue-in-cheek. However, I will tell you that, as usual, this predication will have nothing to do with the Game of the Week, but rather with what bogus statistic I can come up with. This week, I'm mad because Santa is on hiatus on Denver's website.

You'd think with an NFL team, Christmas or any holiday spirit would be evidently apparent, but such is not so. Denver is clearly selfish. Kind of like my ex, as a matter of fact. My ex liked the Broncos. Thus, I sort of relate the two in terms of selfishness. I'd say out of all my ex did to make me angry, nothing was as bad as putting cute St. Nicholas in the closet and pretending Christmas is not among us.

The Chargers, along with Santa, display pictures of fans holding signs. What a wonderful community-based football team. It must be the nice weather out there in San Diego. The Broncos clearly don't care about their fans, because they are selfish.

What can I say? I hate selfish people. I'm totally all about the kids and the Christmas spirit. Bah humbug, Broncos. You are making my holiday season dismal and grey. Put some animated flash lights on your website, because you need some Christmas cheer.

Go Chargers!



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season in 2002-03. Reed moved on to become the Crusaders coach last year, and guided the team to a 14-12 record. The Crusaders are playing solid basketball, winning four of their first five games, holding their opponents to only 44.4 points per game, while averaging 62.2 points per contest. With the Colonels putting up exactly 64 points a game, this might prove to be an intense game with a close finish.

Team captain Lacey Andresen, who is posing a three point threat this season with a total of 10 from behind the arch, will look to assist her team to a big win over the Crusaders. Andresen believes that "in order for us to be able to beat Susquehanna, we need to play our game and work on all of the little details that we work on each day in practice.

We have been stressing defense the most, and I believe that if we can step up our defensive game and shut down some of their key returning players that they have, we should definitely be able to win this game. Defense is all about heart and our team has a lot of it. It's just a matter of us stepping on the court and working hard for a full 40 minutes."

Let's get ready to rumble as the Lady Colonels go on the road looking for a big win against Susquehanna University on December 9th.

"For us to beat Coach Reed, it would mean a lot. Its like playing a big rival for us juniors and even the sophomores. Especially since they beat us last year we really want our revenge," stated Andresen.



The Beacon/Todd Weibel
Sophomore forward Steve Kline goes for the dunk in the Colonels' win over Lycoming College. The men fell to Delaware over the weekend to drop their record to 2-1 overall.



The Beacon/Todd Weibel
Randi Corbo shoots a short jumper just outside of the paint in last week's win over Lycoming.

WEEKEND RECAPS

Men's Basketball

Delaware Valley College raced out to a 16-point halftime lead and then held off several surges by Wilkes University in the second half to earn a 77-66 Freedom Conference men's basketball win over the Colonels on Saturday.

The Aggies, who snapped a four-game losing streak, improved to 2-4 overall and 1-1 in conference play. Wilkes saw their records fall to 2-1 overall and 1-1 in the conference.

Kable had 19 points and a pair of assists for Wilkes. Tom Kresge contributed 13 points and seven rebounds. Kline finished the day with a double-double after popping in 12 points and grabbing 14 rebounds. He was also credited with five assists and three blocked shots.

Women's Basketball

Delaware Valley College used a run early in each half to pull away for an 86-66 Freedom Conference women's basketball win over Wilkes University on Saturday afternoon. The Aggies improved to 2-3 overall and 1-1 in the conference, while the Lady Colonels fell to 3-2 overall and 1-1 in conference play.

Andresen finished with 12 points and four steals for the Lady Colonels, who held a 57-47 rebounding edge in the game. Perestam ended the night with nine points and nine boards, while Kelly Patchell chipped in with eight points and 10 rebounds.

NUMBERS OF THE WEEK

19

The number of points Jeremy Kable had in Saturday's loss at Delaware Valley. The Colonels saw their record drop to 2-1.

1

The place that the Wilkes grapplers took at the R.I.T. tournament over the weekend out of 15 other teams involved in the match.

12

Number of points for Lacey Andresen in Saturday's Freedom Conference game against Delaware Valley College.

17

The ranking of the Wilkes wrestling team in nationwide D3 polls.

Preview of the Week: Women's Basketball vs. Susquehanna

BY CARLTON HOLMES
Beacon Asst. Sports Editor

When it comes to basketball, there is no sweeter joy than to beat a team or coach that you once played for. The passion to win, the hustle for every loose ball, the screaming of rowdy fans who understand the nature of the game is pure excitement throughout the entire gym. Neither side would like to succumb to a loss, and will be leaving their soul on the court until there is no time left on the clock. The Lady Colonels will be no stranger to that type of intense game as they take on former head coach Jim Reed and the Susquehanna Crusaders this Saturday.

"This is not just any other game, because the girls want to show that they are a good program, and I think the first type of people they want to show that to is people that know them. Coach Reed recruited some of them, so he knows the type of players they are, and it's

good to show him how well they're playing," said Lady Colonels head coach Rachel Emmerthal.

The Lady Colonels enter the contest with an overall 3-2 record and 1-1 in the MAC Freedom Conference, losing to Delaware Valley this past Saturday and posting a huge home win against Lycoming. In the Lady Colonels' first conference game against the Lycoming Warriors they played hard and came away with a 75-67 victory. The Lady Colonels led by only two at the half, but thanks to a balanced scoring attack, which included a bench contribution of 20 points, the team managed to outscore the Warriors 43-37 in the second half.

In the Lady Colonels' second conference game, they came up short by twenty against the Delaware Valley Aggies. The Lady Colonels trailed by twelve at the half and never recovered, suffering a heartbreaking 86-66 defeat.

Their balanced attack of stiff

defense and dispersed scoring has been the reason for the team's success thus far. The Lady Colonels have three of their five starters averaging nearly ten points per game to go along with leading scorer Randi Corbo's 13.8 points per game. The team has also been causing problems on the defensive end, piling up just over eight steals and clearing the boards for 43.9 rebounds per game. "Our success can be attributed to the fact that the girls have a lot of desire to become better, and to do a lot of the little things that help win, and it shows on the court," said Emmerthal.

The Lady Colonels will be looking to bring that hard work to the table and snatch a win from Susquehanna University. Leading the Crusaders is former Wilkes head coach Jim Reed. During Reed's four years as head coach, he has compiled a total record of 27-71, which includes a 12-13

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The Beacon/Todd Weibel

Junior guard, Randi Corbo heads for a layup in the Colonel's 75-67 win over visiting Lycoming College last week.

Campus Calendar

Monday 12/4

*Zebra Communications "Make Change for the Holiday" Salvation Army Kettle Drive Campaign, HSC Lobby - 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday 12/5

*Zebra Communications "Make Change for the Holiday" Salvation Army Kettle Drive Campaign, HSC Lobby - 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. (in the Marts Center)

*Women's basketball @ Elmira - 7:00 p.m.

*Men's basketball @ Susquehanna - 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday 12/6

*Zebra Communications "Make Change for the Holiday" Salvation Army Kettle Drive Campaign, HSC Lobby - 11:00 a.m.

*Wrestling @ King's - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday 12/7

*Women's basketball @ Misericordia - 7:00 p.m.

*Jazz Orchestra Concert, DDD - 8:00 p.m.

Friday 12/8

*Men's basketball vs. Clarkson - 7:00 p.m.

*Civic Band Concert, DDD - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday 12/9

*Women's basketball @ Susquehanna - 1:00 p.m.

*Civic Band Concert, DDD - 8:00 p.m.

Sunday 12/10

*Chorus/Chamber Singers Concert, First Presbyterian Church - 3:00 p.m.

Monday 12/11

*Last day of fall semester classes

*Final begin this evening

Tuesday 12/12

*Finals

Wednesday 12/13

*Finals

Thursday 12/14

*Finals

Friday 12/15

*Finals

Saturday 12/16

*Finals

*Women's basketball @ PSU-Harrisburg - 1:00 p.m.

*Men's basketball @ PSU-Harrisburg - 3:00 p.m.

Sunday 12/17

*Finals

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