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## Middle East Relations Expert Offers Insights on War and Peace

BY KRISTIN KILE  
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Phyllis Bennis, specialist in Middle East and United Nations issues, spoke to students, faculty, and Wilkes-Barre community members on Thursday, November 13, 2003 in the Henry Student Center Ballroom about world issues and international relations.

The main focus of the lecture was the effectiveness and purpose behind United States sanctions in Iraq and the Middle East. Following her presentation, the audience had an opportunity to ask questions and probe the issues Bennis raised.

Bennis has had firsthand experience in Iraq and the Middle East. For 25 years, she has been a writer, analyst, and activist on Middle East issues. She made clear, during her presentation, what her views and beliefs were on these issues.

"We are living, I think, in a time of empire, a time very similar to that of the empires of old," said Bennis. "In fact, I think it actually is very much like the Roman Empire, the era that we are living in today. One of the biggest differences is that the military reach, the economic clout, the cultural influence, the diplomatic power that the U.S. has is far greater than anything any Roman Emperor ever dreamed of. That should give us pause. That should make

us very concerned about the future of our democracy."

Dr. Sam Merrill, Professor of Mathematics/Computer Science, attended Bennis' presentation and generally agreed with her on many of the issues she raised. "I'm concerned about the policy of the U.S. in the world," said Merrill. "And what was said this evening about what the U.S. really is doing is developing what could be called an empire...I have thought that for some time. I'm seeing that there are certainly a number of people, certainly the speaker tonight...saying that is what is going on."

Bennis offered strong views on the U.S. occupation in Iraq. In both her lecture and during the question and answer period following, she argued that the U.S. should get out of Iraq immediately and let the United Nations take over.

"There should be a short-term, U.N.-run peace keeping occupation, including economic, humanitarian and political officials whose job it is help the Iraqis claim the sovereignty, reverse the privatization scheme, create elections, hold elections, draft a constitution and then get out," said Bennis. "That's what I think should happen. I don't think it's a very likely scenario."

During the discussion segment, the idea of the U.S. bringing back a draft was mentioned. Bill Ritter, a junior history major at East Stroudsburg University said he had found a

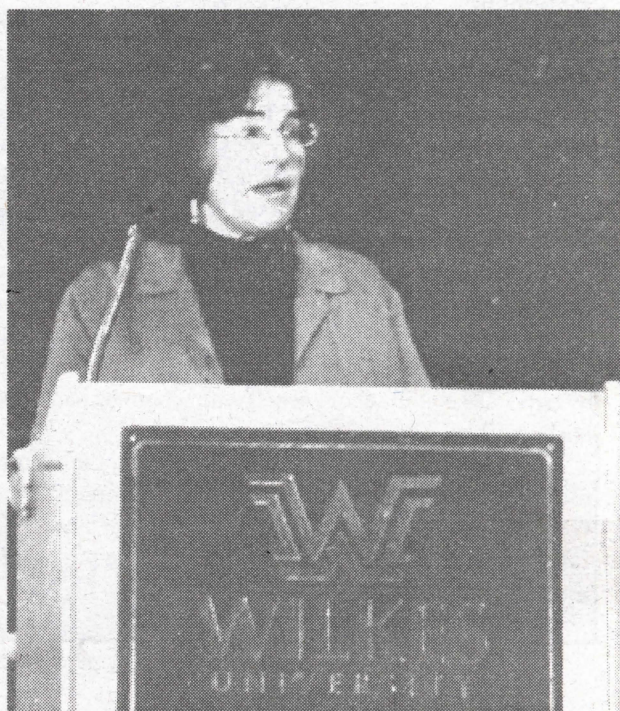
notice on the Selective Service website encouraging people to join the selective service.

Bennis responded by saying, "Of course there is a draft already in operation, which we shouldn't overlook, which is the poverty draft that forces people into the military because it's the only opportunity they have to get an education. There is the danger of the draft being reinstated. I don't think it's likely to happen anytime soon."

While Bennis and many others did not think the draft would be reinstated anytime soon, there were mixed emotions in the audience about whether there should be a draft at all.

Frederick Seabrook, a freshmen history major at Wilkes University is for the draft being reinstated. He served in the army for nine

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The Beacon/Jay Mcdermott

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## Farley Library Recieves Valuable Donations

BY JAMIE BABBITT  
Beacon Correspondent

Any library becomes an even more important resource after numerous donations and additions become available to constituents. This week the Eugene S. Farley Library and the Wilkes University community got just such a boost.

Among the noteworthy donations that came Wilkes's way recently are rare Senate documents and speeches donated by Federal Circuit Judge Max Rosenn and several significant Wilkes archives donated by Dr. Harold Cox, retired history professor and University Archivist.

According to Brian Sacolic, Co-Director of the Eugene S. Farley Library, the donated items will benefit the entire Wilkes community.

"[Rosenn's donation] is a collection of U.S. Senate documents, speeches, and floor debates going back very exten-

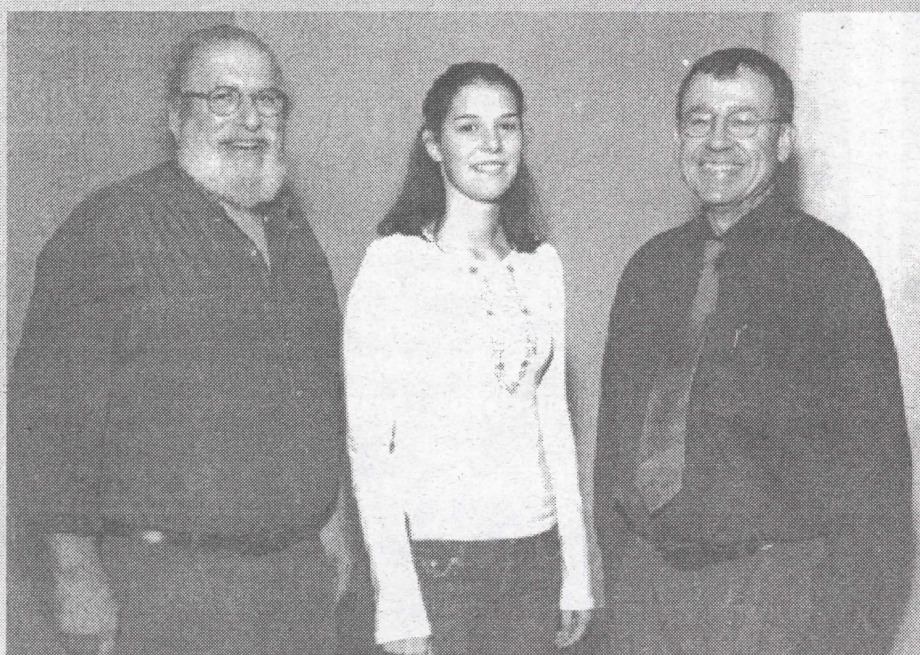
sively in time, so they should be a real benefit to the history majors if they are interested in the history of democracy. They should be of benefit to political science students. They also should be a benefit to communications. Public debate students interested in how to create a convincing debate can just look back at some of these Senate floor debates and check to see how the vote went and see who

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Wilkes University senior sociology major Sarah Brandt of Blairstown, New Jersey, won the Student Paper Competition at the 53rd Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Sociological Society (PSS) held recently at the California University of Pennsylvania in California, Pa. Her paper, "Religious Homogamy and Marital Satisfaction: Couples that Pray Together, Stay Together," examined the relationship between people who marry within or outside their own religious group and marital satisfaction. In addition to receiving a monetary award, Brandt will be invited to publish her article in the Fall 2004 issue of *Sociological Viewpoints*.

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## The Beacon Corrections

From the Nov. 10, 2003 issue

The following items reflect corrections to information reported in the November 10, 2003 issue of *The Beacon*. Staff members regret the errors.

In "Simon Says Strike Up the Band," the article noted that "for nearly 30 years [Simon] lived in Washington D.C. and played professionally with the First Army Band." The sentence should have read, "for nearly 30 years [Simon] lived in Washington D.C. and for two and a half of those years, he played professionally with the First Army Band."

In the same article, the sentence, "Until Simon came, the band was makeshift at best," should have read, "Until Simon came, the pep band was makeshift at best."

Finally, the sentence "Simon is not sure how much of an impact the band has on the football team's performance, but he did say the coach enjoys the effort the band puts forth," should have indicated that the coach to whom Simon referred was a high school coach with whom he had previously worked.

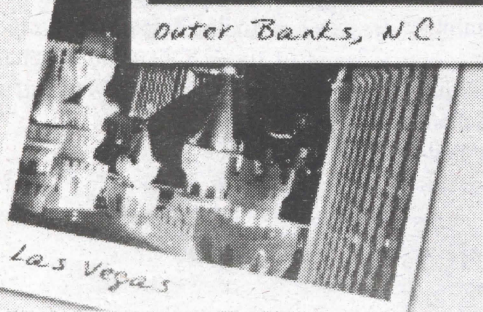
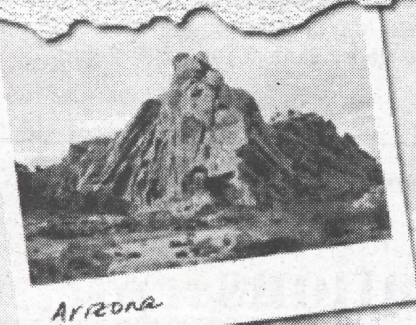
In the Spotlight article on Beta Beta Beta, the requirements for membership were erroneously reported. Those GPA requirements are: 3.0 overall and a 3.0 in biology for full membership, and 3.0 overall and a 2.5 in biology for associate membership.



The Beacon/T. Mick Jenkins

Student Government members celebrated Santa's arrival to the valley on Saturday, November 15, 2003 at Wilkes-Barre's annual Christmas Parade. The Parade kicked off the holiday shopping season by getting all who attended in the Christmas spirit.

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# News Briefs

Courtesy of the Associated Press

## Hampton U. loses journalism funding after censoring student paper

HAMPTON, Va. (AP) - A prestigious journalism organization will withhold a \$55,000 grant from Hampton University after the school's administration confiscated the student-run newspaper.

The American Society of Newspaper Editors had intended to provide funding for a 2004 summer training program for high school journalism teachers at the university's new Scripps Howard School of Journalism and Communications.

But the society voiced doubts after the university's actions last month. Tuesday, it sent a clear message by declining to hand over the money.

"We're an organization that is devoted to the interests of newspapers and is devoted to the First Amendment and everything it stands for in our society," said ASNE President Peter Bhatia, also executive editor of The Oregonian in Portland, Ore. "And the actions that Dr. Haysbert took fly in the face of that."

JoAnn Haysbert, Hampton's acting president, issued a statement Wednesday evening saying she thought it was unfortunate that the ASNE had decided to withhold its grant.

Haysbert noted that 19 high school teachers from across the country had completed the program in the summer of 2002. She quoted a letter from one past participant, who expressed doubt that many other universities "can provide the awareness about cultural diversity as a journalism issue as Hampton did for me."

According to student journalists, the university confiscated the Oct. 22 issue of the Hampton Script because a letter from the acting university president didn't make the front page, as requested.

The administration has said it "delayed" distribution of the newspaper.

The issue had tackled a sensitive topic - the clean up at the school cafeteria after more than 100 health violations - and would have reached parents and alumni in town for the university's homecoming week festivities.

In her letter, Haysbert criticized media coverage and explained how the school took steps to correct the sanitary violations. Students decided to put Haysbert's note on the third page, and give front-page treatment to their story about the cafeteria passing a recent city health inspection.

Soon, university staffers had removed newspapers from the Hampton Script's office, after students were ordered not to deliver the newspaper to campus distribution sites, students said.

The student staff later agreed to run a reprinted issue of the Script featuring Haysbert's letter on the cover in exchange for the formation of a task force to examine the future of the newspaper.

## Body parts found in FedEx package

KIRKWOOD, Mo. (AP)--Two legs and an arm express-mailed to the home of a man who brokers body parts apparently broke no laws, police said in this St. Louis suburb.

The body parts shipped via FedEx, which bars such packages, were sent from a Las Vegas donor research company to the man, who acts as a broker for doctors needing body parts for research projects, Kirkwood police spokeswoman Diane Scanga said.

The shipment was discovered Wednesday when one of the boxes was found leaking at a Federal Express depot in St. Louis. Workers found each package to contain a limb, wrapped in dry ice.

Scanga said investigations by Kirkwood police, the FBI and other state agencies determined no laws were broken by the man, who police declined to identify. Still, the man was issued a warning for apparently operating an unlicensed home business, Scanga said.

While declining to discuss the Missouri case, Clabo said FedEx would work with investigators as part of its own inquiry into how and why the questioned body parts managed to make their way into FedEx's system and shipped.

## Simultaneous car bombs hit two synagogues in Istanbul; at least 23 people killed

By JAMES C. HELICKE

Associated Press Writer

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP)--Twin car bombs exploded outside Istanbul synagogues filled with worshippers during Sabbath prayers Saturday, killing at least 23 people and wounding more than 277, officials said.

Police were investigating whether the al-Qaida terror network had any link to the bombings, private CNN-Turk television reported.

A huge crater was blown into the pavement in front of Neve Shalom, and the narrow street was covered with charred debris and shattered cars, as medical teams carried away bloodied and burned victims. The other blast hit the Beth Israel synagogue in the affluent district of Sisli, five kilometers (three miles away), collapsing its roof and littering the street with wreckage.

# Two Black Hawks collide and crash, 17 soldiers killed

BY MARIAM FAM

Associated Press Writer

MOSUL, Iraq (AP) - Two Black Hawk helicopters collided and crashed in northern Iraq, killing 17 American soldiers and injuring at least five. One helicopter smashed into the roof of a house, witnesses said, amid reports one of the aircraft was shot down.

On the day that the U.S. death toll since the war began passed the 400 mark, the Iraqi Governing Council endorsed a U.S. plan Saturday that would create a provisional government by June. The transfer of power would provide Washington with an "exit strategy" in the face of escalating guerrilla warfare.

The two Black Hawks, which belonged to the 101st Airborne Division, went down Saturday night in the Borsa residential neighborhood of Mosul, Iraq's third-largest city.

A statement by the U.S. command said one helicopter was carrying a quick reaction force and the other ferried soldiers on a transport mission in northern Iraq. One soldier remained unaccounted for after the crash.

The statement did not give the cause of the crash, although some soldiers at the scene said at least one of the Black Hawks may have been hit by ground fire.

"The cause of the incidents are under investigation," the statement said. "We will not speculate on the cause of these crashes."

The crash occurred about 6:30 p.m. after sundown, but both pilots were qualified for limited visibility flying, the military said.

The statement said the site was secured by U.S. troops, Iraqi police and firefighters. The aircraft came from the 101st Airborne Division from Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

One soldier at the scene told The Associated Press he heard that one of the helicopters was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade before it crashed. A U.S. military spokesman said such reports were "at best speculative."

One witness, Nafe Younis, said he was sitting on the roof of his house when he saw the rotor blades of the two helicopters hit each other.

One of the helicopters then "hit into the house and a few minutes later it went ablaze," said Younis, who lives across the street from where one of the helicopters crashed.

Insurgents shot down two helicopters this month - a Chinook transport helicopter on Nov. 2, killing 16 soldiers, then a Black Hawk on Nov. 7, killing all six soldiers on board.

Earlier in the day, a 1st Armored Division soldier was killed by a roadside bomb in Baghdad, putting American casualties since the March invasion of Iraq over 400.

The plan for a new Iraqi government reflected Washington's desire to speed up the handover of power as attacks against American occupation forces grow more sophisticated and deadly. The Bush administration dropped its insistence that a constitution be drawn up and elections held before the transfer takes places.

However, one of the 24 members of Iraq's Governing Council warned that "execution of the plan won't be easy" without improvement in the security situation and a revival of Iraq's economy.

The council, which has acted as Iraq's interim administration since it was appointed in July, announced a set of deadlines that would give Iraq a provisional national assembly by May, a transitional administration with full sovereign powers in June and an elected government before the end of 2005.

With the return of sovereignty in June, the U.S. military occupation will formally end, although American forces are expected to remain in Iraq under a new arrangement to be worked out with the Iraqis.

Until a constitution is drafted and adopted, a basic law will be promulgated by the Governing Council and take effect in February.

The law, according to an official statement, would establish a democratic and federal state that "respects the Islamic identity of the majority of the Iraqi people with the guarantee of the right of other religions and sects."

It will enshrine respect for human rights and ensure equality of members of the country's diverse religious and ethnic groups.

The new timetable replaced a political blueprint by L. Paul Bremer, the top U.S. official in Iraq, that envisaged a new constitution and a democratic government for Iraq before the end of 2004. The plan fell apart when council members could not agree on how to proceed with drafting a constitution.

The new timetable represented a victory for Iraqi politicians who have been lobbying strongly for a quick transfer of power.

"It is a great day in the history of Iraq," said Entifadh Qanbar, spokesman for council member Ahmad Chalabi. "We always called for restoring Iraq's sovereignty and this has become possible by this plan which was agreed upon by the Governing Council and our American friends."

Qanbar said the accelerated plan will be an important step in ridding the country of Saddam Hussein loyalists believed behind many of the attacks on U.S. troops.

However, Mahmoud Othman, one of five Kurds on the council, warned that implementing the timetable could prove difficult because of the security situation and acute unemployment, estimated between 60 and 70 percent.

# Downtown Revitalization Discussions Held

BY KEVIN FITZSIMMONS  
Beacon Correspondant

A group of involved Wilkes-Barre citizens are striving toward one main goal: to turn their coal town into a diamond city.

The Diamond City Partnership (DCP) sponsored an assembly for area residents and business members who live, work, or shop in the downtown on Monday November 10. A large group of citizens-including Wilkes University students-gathered inside the Kirby Center to discuss the current condition of Wilkes-Barre and offer suggestions for improvement.

Founded in 2001, DCP describes itself as "an alliance of various local community organizations and individuals brought together with the common goal of beautifying and enriching Downtown Wilkes-Barre over the course of several years." This according to its website, [www.diamondcitypartnership.com](http://www.diamondcitypartnership.com).

During Monday's meeting, DCP offered a brief presentation of the results from a market study conducted by Lincoln Property Company, a real estate firm out of Philadelphia.

"The biggest barrier to the downtown being revitalized was the business climate," explained Jim Stevenson, Vice President of Lincoln Property Co., during his slide show presentation of the mar-

ket study. According to Stevenson, Wilkes-Barre's lack of leadership, as well as its unwelcoming and unhelpful local government contributed to its "bad" business climate.

After Stevenson's presentation, fifteen stations with maps of the downtown were set up where people could offer their input on the revitalization of Wilkes-Barre. Those in attendance were given four dots, two red and two green. The green dots were to be placed on areas that people liked, while the red dots were supposed to go in areas that people disliked. These perspectives on Wilkes-Barre are necessary for those who will begin looking into new ways to physically redevelop the vicinity.

According to organizers, the location of the dots will give insight as to how people feel about the current downtown area.

"Wilkes-Barre has some of the best basics that you need to have a successful downtown," said Stevenson during his speech. One of those "basics" includes the downtown schools, Wilkes and Kings.

Many university students from area colleges and universities attended in conjunction with the "Downtown Collegetown" Initiative, which works with community organizations, such as DCP, as well as local colleges and universities and local city and county governments.

Paul Zawislak, a sophomore pharmacy major and participant in the town gathering, placed one of his green dots on the Wilkes greenway and the other on the riverbed. "I really like open spaces," Zawislak said.

According to many in attendance, Wilkes-Barre's business climate may need help due to the issues that surround the movie theater project, as well as parking and lighting. But Diamond City Partnership representatives noted that the progression of the theater project will serve as a method for attracting even more businesses and people to the downtown.

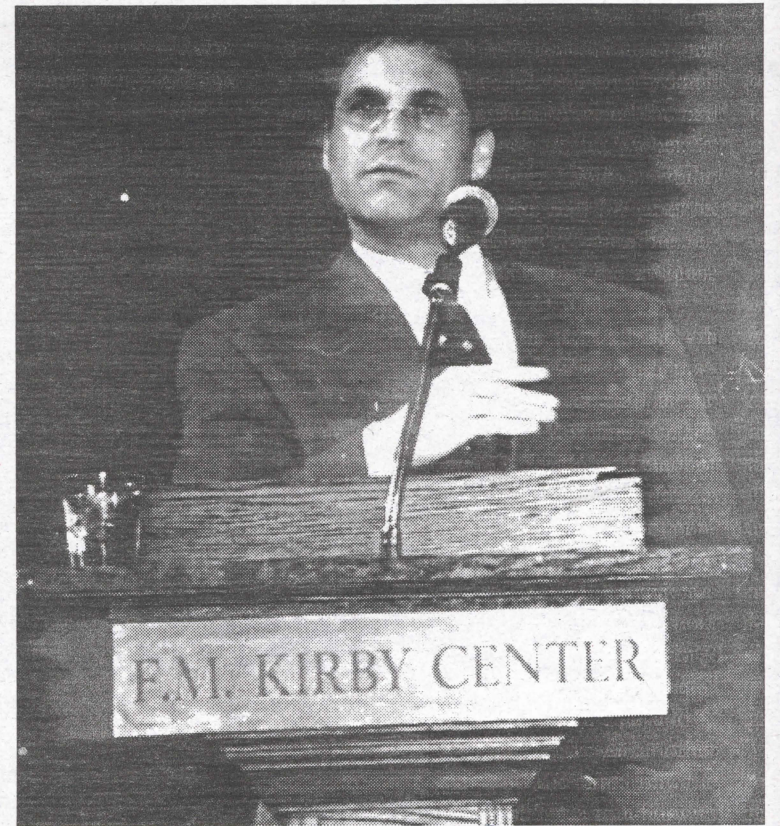
While presenting the research, Stevenson seemed confident in the revival of the downtown area, with 12,000+ workers, 4,000+ residents, and 6,000+ students.

"You have, with the newly elected mayor and council, a commitment to be very pro-business-which is also pro-resident," Stevenson said.

The turnout for the event was larger than expected, proving that a lot of local people care about the revitalization of the downtown as well as the possible effect changes may have on the surrounding areas.

"I believe involving the citizens of Wilkes-Barre was a step in the right direction," said Zawislak.

The results of the session on



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Vice President of Lincoln Property Company, Jim Stevenson explains the revitalization of downtown Wilkes-Barre on Monday November 10, 2003.

Monday were used in a two-day meeting in the Henry Students center where residents were able to meet the architects who will be drawing up plans on renovating the downtown. The architects presented their drafts to the public on Saturday.

All of the new ideas and con-

cepts will be presented to the town at a meeting scheduled to take place on Monday, December 1 in the Kirby Center. For more information on the market study and revitalization of downtown Wilkes-Barre, go to [www.wilkes-barre.org](http://www.wilkes-barre.org) or [www.diamondcitypartnership.org](http://www.diamondcitypartnership.org).

## Wilkes Hosts Employee Appreciation Event

BY JOE DeANGELIS  
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The aroma of hot dogs and hamburgers on the grill wafted over the practice field at Ralston Field just before the Wilkes University Colonels and King's College Monarchs squared off in one of the biggest athletic contests of the fall season. The smell tantalized as a slight fall breeze sent it drifting from under a big, yellow tent where the first Employee Appreciation Picnic was held for employees of Wilkes, King's, and the City of Wilkes-Barre.

The chilly fall day failed to dampen the spirits of both Wilkes and King's fans who came out to see the cross town rivals go head to head. The Wilkes-King's football game on Saturday marked the last home game of the season for the Colonels and was the determining game to see who would get into ECAC the playoffs.

But there was more to Saturday than the annual fall football con-

test. For two hours prior to the game, Wilkes-Barre city employees, city officials, and employees of both

signed to allow city employees a chance to get to know each other, but to help bring together major

larger community that is Wilkes-Barre and northeastern Pennsylvania," he added.

Since this was the first year that all three entities worked to come together in such a way, it was specially designed just for employees, but Adams expects that students will become part of the event in the future.

There were several other activities designed especially for the students, however.

Prior to the game, the Office of Alumni Affairs was busy putting the final touches on plans to encourage student participation. "All the Wilkes students have to come out and show their spirit," said Michelle Diskin the Wilkes University Alumni Events Manager said before the game. Diskin helped set up the Seatbelt Safety Challenge for the game.

The Seatbelt Safety Challenge was designed by the Alumni Office

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-Dr. Paul Adams  
Vice President, Student Affairs

King's and Wilkes celebrated in true community style--as one group. Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Paul Adams spearheaded and helped coordinate the community picnic with a committee to bring city and school employees together. Those in attendance included newly elected city council representatives and Mayor-elect, Tom Leighton.

The picnic was not only de-

players who want to help improve the city of Wilkes-Barre.

"I think both King's, Wilkes and the city are committed to improving the quality of life and improving life in Wilkes-Barre," Adams said. "It's going to require the collaboration of these three organizations."

"I think we all recognize that we have our own communities and organizations, but we're all part of a

## Picnic and post-game mixer draw city-wide participation

to see how many drivers actually wear seatbelts when driving. Fans who drove to the game had their cars stopped to see if the driver and the passengers in the vehicle had their seatbelts on. If all of them did, then a point would be given to the school they would be rooting for. The school with enough points would win a trophy. The winner was announced at halftime. However, if there was even one person in the car without a seatbelt, the school would not get a point.

The Wilkes Alumni Office also arranged for a mixer at Keenan's Irish Pub in the Ramada Inn downtown on Public Square directly following the game. The mixer was designed to get both Wilkes and King's supporters out together and a friendly raffle for Wilkes and King's t-shirts, sweatshirts, and other college-specific materials were given away.

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had the best argument," Sacolic said.

According to Sacolic, the documents Judge Rosenn is donating to Wilkes usually cannot be found in ordinary libraries.

"Wilkes is very lucky to get it because most of these materials are only available at court libraries or legal form libraries and now that he is giving these to the library, we are making them accessible to students as well as the local community, so it really should be a great resource for everybody," Sacolic added.

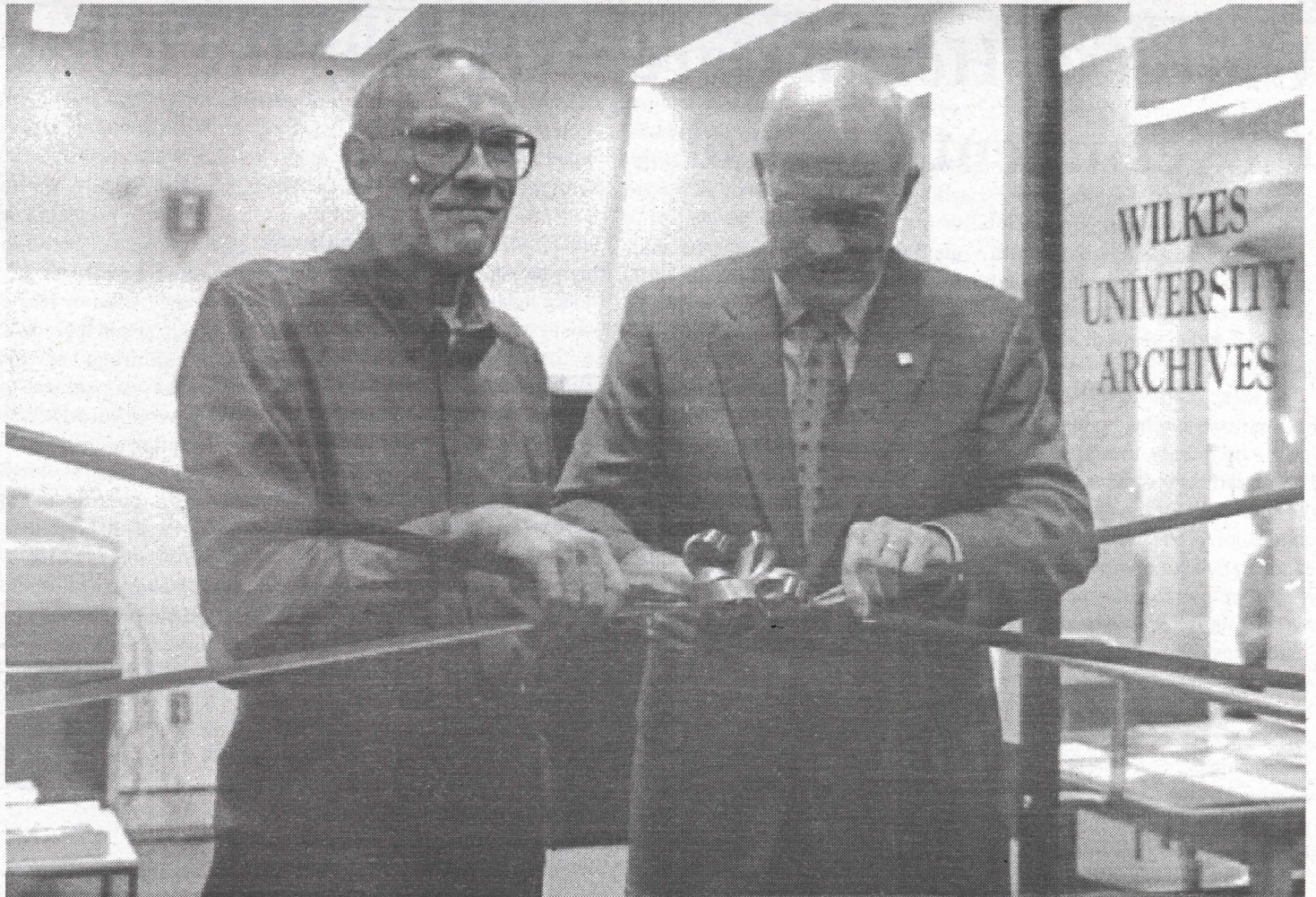
A dedication ceremony was scheduled to take place last week but was postponed due to an illness that caused Rosenn to be hospitalized. The ceremony will be rescheduled when his health and busy court schedule allow.

In addition to Rosenn's contribution, the Farley Library has added a new section on the third floor dedicated only to university archives. The documents and materials offer great insight into the history of Wilkes. The Wilkes University Archives section was dedicated in a ribbon cutting ceremony last week.

"Dr. Harold Cox is the...archivist for Wilkes now and he has a sizable collection of anything and everything that has to do with Wilkes. And so we are delighted and we have created space for such books," said Heidi Selecky, Co-Director of the Eugene S. Farley Library.

Cox has been collecting Wilkes archives for 41 years. Included in the donated collection, are the complete set of Wilkes yearbooks, view books, catalogs, faculty handbooks, and an original set of the *Bucknell Beacon*, the school newspaper produced when Wilkes was still Bucknell University Junior College. Other items include valuable photographs, 40 years worth of faculty minutes from meetings, and the original charter from when Bucknell University Junior College became a four-year institution.

According to Selecky, the purpose of having these archives in the library is to have a central collection point for the history of



The Beacon/Todd Wiebel

Dr. Harold Cox, retired history professor and University Archivist, along with Dr. Joseph (Tim) E. Gilmour celebrate valuable university archives donated by Cox at a ribbon cutting ceremony held last week in the Eugene S. Farley Library.

Wilkes. Before they were compiled and organized, these documents were scattered across the campus, but now everything can be found in one location. She also states that these two important additions to the library prove that the library still plays a key role in education.

"Everything isn't on the Internet and nor will everything always be on the Internet. Libraries, I think, will always have a fundamental role in being a cultural repository as a window on the past and I think this will really be a real feather in our bonnet," concluded Selecky.

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years and was involved with the Gulf War. He feels that the draft is a good idea. Seabrook said, "Everyone wants rights. Everyone wants the freedom to do what we want to do here in the United States of America. We want to go overseas for vacation. Then, when it comes to defending our own country and the liberty that we have here, we don't want to defend them."

He also noted that some students do not even have an opinion about the government until they hear about a possible draft. "I don't always agree with our leadership, but bottom line is I was a soldier for almost nine years," said Seabrook. "I would defend our country and do what's necessary and follow orders. Not only because I believe it's necessary, but to make sure some atrocities don't happen."

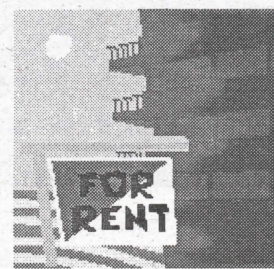
Ritter offered a different view on the draft, however. "I think it is wrong," said Ritter. "I don't think anyone should be forced to go [to

war]. Especially to do something that they don't want to, let alone possibly have to go and kill other people. I mean, I don't think that is right at all."

The Multicultural Affairs Office helped to sponsor the lecture. Andita Parker-Lloyd, Coordinator of Multicultural Affairs, believes that learning about these issues and other issues involving the world ties into education.

"It's important for the faculty to encourage their students to embrace the outside learning," said Parker-Lloyd. "We have international studies, business classes, some of the things going on relate to all of the majors in some way shape or form. It just ties into the educational process so much. I was a little disappointed there weren't more students there, but I'm glad the community at least came out."

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# Universal Health Care: Weighing the Costs of Government Control

There is no doubt that health care will be a major issue in the next presidential election and in the campaigns and debates that will lead up to it.

In fact, health care has become one of the hottest topics of debate amongst Democratic candidates as they compete for the party's nomination. The Democratic candidates have a wide variety of opinions on the matter, ranging from fairly moderate plans of reforming the existing system, to the more radical solution of instituting a system of universal health care.

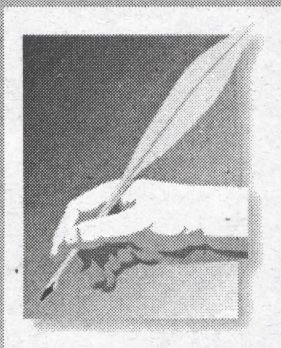
Some of the Democratic presidential candidates like Carol Mosely Braun, Al Sharpton, Dennis Kucinich, and Howard Dean are advocating in their speeches some variation on the concept of universal health care, or what some refer to as "nationalized health care." Others like John Edwards, Dick Gephardt, and Joe Lieberman have offered more moderate approaches that work within the existing system but extend coverage to the poor and uninsured. Most acknowledge the importance of reaching currently uninsured children. All seem to acknowledge

that there are practical implementation issues no matter which direction we go. Democratic primary candidate John Kerry, for example, has suggested that universal coverage may be the only viable solution to the health care crisis facing this country. He advocates that the government assumes responsibility for paying for the poor and uninsured children.

Many Democrats who support such a system have been outspoken in asking why the U.S. is one of the few developed, industrialized superpowers that has yet to implement a nationalized, government-controlled system of universal coverage for all citizens, when countries such as Great Britain and Canada have done so.

How England and Canada--countries that are not as wealthy as the U.S.--have successfully implemented a national system and the U.S. has thus far avoided it, makes no sense to many. The U.S. is the wealthiest of nations--it can be ar-

gued then, that we should be able to afford universal health care for all as a public service, just as we are able to operate a public school sys-



## Beacon Editorial

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The Bush administration has been criticized for its suspected motives in not supporting universal health care. One of the main criticisms is that the business interests that run health care in this country (such as drug companies and insurance companies) are among the key campaign contributors to the Republican party and to the campaigns of Republican candidates.

But it may be unfair to attribute Republican opposition to the issue solely to big business interests. Although universal health care seems to be a glowing solution to the problems of Americans who cannot afford adequate health care and medical insurance, it does have its drawbacks and potential complications. For example, those who are critical of the Canadian system claim that what is regarded by many as "free" government health care is not really free at all because Canadians are burdened with extra taxation necessary to pay for it. Thus, a Ca-

nadian who earns \$35,000 a year might have to sacrifice \$7,350 of that money in taxes to support the health care system. However, at least that Canadian worker has the comfort of knowing that he or she, like all other Canadians, is entitled to unlimited health care services. But an American who earns the same yearly salary and takes more of the earnings home is not guaranteed health care because he or she might not be able to afford insurance. Even if average Americans can budget for insurance, they might not be able to afford extensive coverage.

Another argument against the Canadian model is that health care that is of little or no cost because it is government managed will also be deficient in quality and accessibility. However, statistics do not indicate that Canadians have a shorter life span than Americans; nor do they suggest that more mistakes are made by doctors than in the U.S.

Republicans might be hesitant in supporting universal health care not just because of these objections, but also because Republican candidates may feel bound by party ideology to support business interests. It is not in the best interests of insurance and drug companies and other profit-driven enterprises involved in health care to have it go from being "big business" to a government-run public service. If this were to happen, programs of cost control would probably be ushered in, and this would cut down on profit margins; also, health care businesses would have to deal with more government regulations and bureaucratic red tape.

The high cost of prescription drugs and the number of Americans with health plans that include little or no prescription drug coverage is a specific health care issue that is causing many politicians to argue that the U.S. should look to countries like Canada as a model for how universal coverage could offer a solution.

The fact is, the same drugs that cost so much here are much cheaper in Canada. We know this from the stories that have been reported on in the news lately about "drug tour-

ists" - those who travel to Canada because they can get the medications they need at less cost than they can here in their own country. Canadian drugs are cheaper because they are subject to reasonable government price limits. Many prescription drugs are exorbitant in cost. This is particularly difficult for senior citizens and those who are seriously ill (such as cancer and AIDS patients) because they require multiple medications to maintain their health that are very expensive.

Even one medication can cost \$100 and sometimes much more for a month's supply of thirty pills. This could be forty, fifty, even over a hundred times what it costs the drug company to produce the medication. Even if other aspects of universal health care are considered to be too "impractical" to be implemented in this country, cost control and fair price regulation is one measure that seems reasonable.

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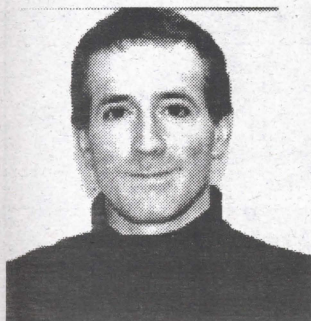
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## Learning about Neuroscience: A New Minor at Wilkes

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How does the mind work? How can we explain the behavior of people and other animals? What goes wrong when someone is mentally ill or is unable to speak, or can no longer move or feel? What causes Parkinson's disease? What causes depression and anxiety?

Neuroscience is the field of inquiry devoted to answering these and many other questions through the study of the nervous system (brain, spinal cord, and peripheral nerves). As of the fall of 2003, the Psychology and Biology Departments at Wilkes University now offer an interdisciplinary minor in Neuroscience. The Neuroscience minor provides students with a basic science background emphasizing a broadly based, yet integrated approach to understanding the brain mechanisms controlling human or animal behavior.

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Neuroscience is one of the fastest growing fields in academia. In 1970, the Society for Neuroscience was formed and consisted of approximately 500 members. In 2003, this organization consisted of 32,000 members from around the world who study everything from brain development, sensation and perception, learning and memory, movement, sleep, stress, aging, and neurological and psychiatric disorders. At its annual conference, thousands of neuroscientists gather to present their most recent research findings to the scientific community. To alleviate the confusion posed by the large number of attendants, the conference is broken up into sections based on the major specific areas of focus within Neuroscience.

The primary focus of the neuroscientist is in understanding how the brain, our most fascinating and complicated organ, governs the very nature of our conscious existence. Understanding the brain (neural) processes involved is important as a topic of basic science and for its obvious medical benefits. Since the brain is a physical system, neuroscientists typically employ approaches from many different disciplines, including biology, chemistry, and psychology in an attempt to investigate the brain.

For example, scientists interested in Alzheimer's disease, a neurological disorder characterized by a loss of memory, may study this problem at several different levels. There are Behavioral Neuroscientists interested in the neural mechanisms of memory loss (behavior). There are Cellular Neuroscientists focusing on the role of the chemicals responsible for keeping neurons (the basic nerve cells) involved in memory alive, or preventing them from accelerated cell death. There also are Molecular Neuroscientists who study the genes that may play a role in the abnormal

expression of proteins that may lead to the development of "plaques," which might kill these "memory neurons".

Thus, it should be quite evident that Neuroscience is truly an interdisciplinary field open to students with a diverse range of backgrounds and interests. The study of Neuroscience provides a remarkable opportunity for students to understand the interrelationships between the different disciplines while focusing on a pertinent question regarding brain function. The Neuroscience minor at Wilkes can be accomplished by taking a few specific courses offered by the Departments of Biology and Psychology. Three general Biology courses provide the basic foundation in Cellular and Molecular Biology, and Anatomy and Physiology, while three "neuro-related" Psychology courses provide the Neuroscience foundation to the minor. The program at Wilkes is designed to prepare students who are interested in studying Neuroscience, Pharmacology and/or Medicine. For further information, you can contact Dr. Ed Schicatano in the Department of Psychology. Neuroscience is one of the fastest growing fields in academia. In 1970, the Society for Neuroscience was formed and consisted of approximately 500 members. In 2003, this organization consisted of 32,000 members from around the world who study everything from brain development, sensation and perception, learning and memory, movement, sleep, stress, aging, and neurological and psychiatric disorders. At its annual conference, thousands of neuroscientists gather to present their most recent research findings to the scientific community. To alleviate the confusion posed by the large number of attendants, the conference is broken up into sections based on the major specific areas of focus within Neuroscience.

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## Columbine Film Adaptations: The Cinema of Ignorance

BY MATTHEW JONES  
Beacon Columnist



It's come to my attention that at least two movies soon to be released are approaching the subject matter of the Columbine shootings. Both films are "hypothetical" scenarios examining the students who are planning to assault their schools. Apparently, neither film shows much shooting; they're more psychological in nature.

After reading several glowing reviews of both films and learning about their respective contents, I found myself asking why were these films ever produced? Neither deals with the issue that everyone in America failed to scrutinize following the actual massacre: the extent of the horrendous parenting involved.

Scapegoats were a dime a dozen following the Columbine school shootings. Everything from Marilyn Manson, to gun shows and violent computer games were erroneously condemned while no one held these kids' parents responsible.

Sure, the parents didn't pull the trigger, but they laid the groundwork that allowed the kids to grow up so twisted that they would commit such a heinous crime. The movies apparently do show how alienated the boys were and how they were picked on by other students. Gee, sounds like the millions of other adolescents across the nation who all

suffer from the same social ailments. Only difference? Well, let's just say that listening to musicians aside from Marilyn Manson is not what prevents all the other kids from shooting up their schools.

How exactly were the parents to blame? Well, to begin with they were clearly responsible for ignoring a few key issues that would have prevented the entire catastrophe. Maybe if they had noticed that their children didn't have many friends or how they were picked on and then explained to the boys how they could ignore the taunting of others. The parents might also have suggested that it's O.K. to be different and encouraged them to express themselves as they please, spent more family time with them and supported hard work in school. And lastly, by NOT ignoring the fact that their sons possessed an arsenal of weaponry large enough to rival most militias, the parents might have been

able to prevent what happened.

Now, we don't read about a new Columbine everyday and that, thankfully, is a testament to the quality of the basic parenting present in America. It's certainly not to the level where it should be, a fundamental downfall of the television age, but the job is basically getting done.

So, why were these movies even made? I think it would be safe to say that they hope to exploit the fact that Americans are obsessed with stories of death and destruction. Yes, virtually every action movie does the same but this is not "escapist" entertainment. And by simply playing into the media's total ignorance of the real reason this grim spectacle ever occurred, these "films" are so pornographic that they should be banned.

**Point/Counterpoint:**

**BY J.W. DAVIES**  
*Beacon Correspondant*

*The unprecedented case in the state of Florida that involves Terry Schiavo fighting for her life has touched all parts of the globe. For once, we have two groups from opposite ends of the spectrum staring down the barrel of this litigation with equally powerful views. Is it the right to choose death, or is that life too valuable to throw away?*

**J. W. Davies:**

In the minds of many Americans, the concept of a right to life or, a right to die are inherent. That is, they believe that we are born with these rights and under no circumstances shall they be taken from us. Such beliefs should be applauded, as they are noble and optimistic; however, to use them in an effort to undermine the law is abso-

lutely unjustifiable.

What has happened in the recent case of Mr. And Mrs. Schiavo is that the law has been inadvertently cast aside. Much of this is due to unrelenting pressure from the conservative, religious right, who, sensing that one of the bolts in the great moral scaffolding of America was in danger of shaking loose, decided to turn this rather simple case into a crusade for the so called right-to-life.

The fact of the matter is that the rights to life, or to death for that matter, have no justifiable bearing on the case in question. This case is initially a privacy issue. And, according to the highest court in the land, an individual's right to privacy is inherent and undeniable. There is also the fact that, under the law, any individual, of at least the age of six, has the right to refuse any form of medical treatment, and if circumstances render the individual incapable of making this decision, this right is afforded to their spouse or closest family members.

With such precedents already in place, the court in Mrs. Schiavo's case is left with only one decision to make. That is, whether or not there is sufficient proof beyond any reasonable doubt that Mrs. Schiavo plainly

and clearly expressed the wish that she was not to be kept alive by artificial means.

Terry Schiavo has both the right to personal privacy and the right to refuse medical treatment. What's more, Mrs. Schiavo has the right to die a natural death, unencumbered by modern machinery or the rhetoric of opportunistic, religious scoundrels.

**Ginger Eslick:**

The issue here is simple: what were Terry Schiavo's wishes? Technically, no one in the outside world seems to have a clue as to what this woman's thoughts are as she lies there clinging to a life that is no longer in her hands. Are we to believe her husband, who supposedly was told by his wife, that her wishes were that she would rather die than hold on for the slightest chance of regaining life? You would think no one other than her husband, the man closest to her, would know the direction she would like to choose.

Maybe I would have an easier time swallowing this if Mr. Schiavo showed an ounce of regard for his wife or her family in both words and actions. However, I have yet to see a compassionate action from Mr. Schiavo. He now has put together a new family with a

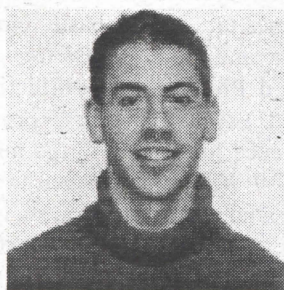


**BY GINGER ESCLICK**  
*Beacon Op-Ed Editor*

woman with whom he has been intimately involved over the years and also has a child. Maybe we can catch him at the bank while he gleefully checks the account balance and glances at the remains of what was once a \$1.7 million malpractice suit he was granted through his wife's disheartening ordeal. (None of which he felt was necessary to give to the parents of Mrs. Schiavo)

If only there was some written direction from Mrs. Schiavo. Terry Schiavo's biological family, her mother, father, and siblings seem to be the only people in this situation without a hidden agenda. They have not wavered once since that tragic day in 1990 when Terry slipped into a "vegetative state."

Without obvious or explicit consent from Mrs. Schiavo, one must side with the individuals that are not seemingly hiding behind ulterior motives.

**2004 Presidential Race:****Can We Afford to Lose George W?**

**BY RAPHAEL COOPER**  
*Beacon Asst. Managing Editor*

It seems just like yesterday that we were talking about the controversy of hanging chads and illegal butterfly ballots in Florida.

One war later and an economy that is as stable as a job with George Steinbrenner, we find ourselves at the crossroads of George W.'s presidential career. So can we afford to replace such a figure as George W. Bush as President?

Well, if we look at the country's economy, the international unrest, the questionable scruples associated with this presidency, the answer is a resounding, "Yes!" However, there's one more issue out there that could cause some hesitation: our need for entertainment.

For the past three and a half years, George W. Bush has been a great source for all of our amusement. If Bush is defeated, what will happen to Letterman's "George W's Joke-That-Isn't-A-Joke" segment? And how will the cast of Saturday Night Live fare? The poor writers of SNL who depend on Bush gaffes will now have

to read just scripts for the upcoming year. America, please keep this in mind when you Rock the Vote and consider the candidates.

If you don't know who the other candidates are, perhaps you should. Some of the names that are most heralded are those of Dick Gephardt, Howard Dean, John Kerry, and Dennis Kucinich...snore city. They're just not very funny. Who will fill these roles on SNL if one of these stiff gets in? With SNL's lack of depth, do you really want to trust Jimmy Fallon to portray our President for the next four years? He's only going to laugh through the opening three minute sketch and deprive his country of great entertainment for the next term.

More important than if Hillary Clinton is ready for the White House is whether Rachel Dratch or her blonde look-alike will be up to the task and responsibility of being the first woman President of SNL.

Folks, if you truly value your NBC programming on Saturday nights the only other hope can come from the Rev. Al Sharpton. With a mouth that constantly runs, the margin of error for saying something irresponsible can even be greater than George W. Bush.

People, there are many questions out there facing these candidates. Choose wisely. The choices we make a year from now when we elect a President will ultimately affect the way we laugh for the next four years! Do you really want a stuffed-shirt President who will say the right things and make the right decisions? Well, looking at our situation that we are in now...uhh...Yeah!

**An Inhumane Practice Ended**

**BY MEAGAN BROWN**  
*Beacon Correspondent*

The end of October brought the end of a barbaric practice. The U.S. Senate banned partial birth abortion last month, and I breathed a huge sigh of relief. For seven years the Senate argued over the issue and finally placed a ban on it. For as long as I can remember, I have hated partial birth abortion.

For those unfamiliar with the practice, partial birth abortion is a medical practice in which during the third trimester an expectant mother is put into labor (usually with the help of drugs) and once the infant's head is birthed the doctor aborts the child.

I have never been a supporter of regular abortion, either. However, at least the child is still relatively undeveloped. Partial birth abortion requires that the baby be partially delivered. This means that not only is the baby developed, but also it is now born and is a living, breathing human being. In short, the practice was disgusting and showed the lack of morals of our society.

Arguments made by the supporters of partial birth abortion claim that it is only used when the mother's health is in danger, but I find this to be complete bunk. If labor were going to kill a pregnant woman, wouldn't in-

ducing labor also present the same problems? This argument appears to be a cop out to me and those who use it need to get a clue. Any logical person can realize that a mother in danger of dying from labor is in danger from dying from induced labor.

I remember clearly the rash of teenagers who would have children in odd places like a hotel room or bathroom at the prom and then kill those babies by leaving them to drown in the toilet or throwing them into a nearby dumpster. This topic was as hot as child kidnappings back in the day and it was also when abortion and partial birth abortion were options. How are the actions of those unfortunate teenagers any different than the actions performed by a partial birth abortion doctor? I certainly do not see how if two teenagers carry out the procedure it is considered murder, but if done by a doctor it's legal. It seems as though the wool was being pulled over our eyes the entire time.

One of the other negatives of partial birth abortion is it proves once again that you never have to take responsibility for your actions. What the US was saying by leaving this barbaric act in practice was, "Hey, get pregnant and if you decide in six months that you don't want it anymore, we can get rid of it, that is, for a fee of course." Partial birth abortion gave you those necessary nine months to decide, because of course the woman's right to choose has nothing to do with what happens before or during sex, only the consequences of it.

Partial birth abortion was the most immoral practice ever instituted into our laws and I, for one, am glad that someone found the common sense to say, "This practice is wrong; let's change it."



### Dr. Janet Starner

Dr. Janet Starner, Assistant Professor of English and Director of the Writing Center, was once set on becoming a math teacher. Here, she talks to *The Beacon* about what changed her mind and what makes her love what she is doing now.

**Beacon:** Why did you choose to come to Wilkes five years ago?

**Starner:** I had almost decided to get out of academics all together. I was frustrated. It's really a competitive field. There aren't that many jobs for people in English . . . and I had almost decided to go out into the industry. I had applied to Wilkes and hadn't heard anything and all of a sudden, at about the moment I had decided, 'I don't want to pursue this anymore. I want to go do something else,' Dr. Fields called . . . and said, 'You're probably surprised to hear from me, but are you still interested in applying for the job?' . . . When I got here I realized that it was just the sort of place that I had always been hoping I would be able to teach at . . . I was right about that. I love my job . . . and it gets better every year.

**Beacon:** Why did you choose to study English as an undergraduate?

**Starner:** Actually, I started out as a math major and I realized in the third semester of calculus that everybody else was really enjoying calculating things, whereas I just wanted the answer . . . and I thought, 'You know, I don't think I want to do this for the rest of my life,' but I loved reading and I really loved being in English classes where the whole purpose of the course was to read books and then talk about them . . . But I think the commonality between Math and English wasn't the subject matter at all, but rather the notion that I wanted to teach. I had a bad experience in eighth grade algebra and my mission in life was to become a math teacher so that other struggling people in algebra wouldn't have the same problems that I had.

**Beacon:** Are you working on any research?

**Starner:** Right now, I am working on a poem that I found in a manuscript that is dated at about 1600. I think, actually, the poem was put into the book later than that, but it's really interesting in that it is ten lines, and if you read the lines as long horizontal lines across, then the poem expresses loyalty to the Church of England, but if you read it as two vertical columns, it expresses loyalty to the Roman Catholic Church, so it's an equivocal poem . . . What I am working on now is trying to figure out who wrote it, why it was written, how it fits into the culture, how it might dovetail with political and religious conversation that was going on at the time.

**Beacon:** What is your favorite thing about teaching?

**Starner:** The moment when it's clear to me that a light bulb has come on for a student, and I have been the catalyst for that moment when the light turns on. There is no professional high that compares with that.



### The Writing Center

Many students struggle when it comes to writing. One resource that aims to help students polish their writing skills is the Writing Center. Amy Steele, junior elementary education and English major, is the Office Coordinator, and also a writing consultant, at the Writing Center. Here, Steele tells *The Beacon* about all that the Writing Center has to offer.

**Beacon:** What is the main goal of the Writing Center?

**Steele:** The main goal of the Writing Center is to make better writers, not better papers. This basically means that here at the WC we are more interested in teaching the client what his/her mistakes are and making suggestions, rather than fixing the mistakes for them or telling them that their paper is right or wrong. By providing clients with concrete approaches, the process of writing will become easier [to do] on their own.

**Beacon:** How far in advance do students need appointments, especially with finals approaching?

**Steele:** It is strongly advised that an appointment is made, especially with finals approaching. There are some cases in which the WC is bogged down with clients, and therefore cannot take any walk-ins. Basically, if you have a very rigid schedule, make an appointment so that you are guaranteed a consultation. If you are more flexible and can take the chance of dropping-in, then feel free to do so!

**Beacon:** Why is the Writing Center important to Wilkes University?

**Steele:** For many students, writing doesn't come easily. It is our job here at the WC to help alleviate some of the pressure a student may be feeling when submerged in an area where they are not very comfortable. We're here to help students and let them know that they are not alone.

**Beacon:** Why should students bring their work to the Writing Center?

**Steele:** Students should bring their work to the WC if they have any questions concerning the writing process. If a student has any doubts about their writing, they are encouraged to stop by the WC for a very helpful, interactive, educational experience.

**Beacon:** Where is the Writing Center located and what are the hours?

**Steele:** The Writing Center is located in Breiseth 018. The hours are Monday-Friday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. If, for whatever reason, the WC is closed during these times, or any additional times, there is always the option of the Online Writing Center (OWC). The address is <http://www.wilkes.edu/resources/writing/> with simple, straightforward directions.



## Home For the Holidays?

### *Not for some*

BY ALICIA VIESELMAYER  
*Beacon Correspondent*

Getting homesick is a fact of college life. Although most college students enjoy their new adventure away from home, many also count down the days until the next holiday, when they can make the journey home to be with their families.

Thanksgiving is sometimes the first time in the semester a college student has to leave campus and finally have that home cooked meal that they have been dreaming of all semester long. The glistening traditional turkey surrounded by many other mouth-watering side dishes and the joyful sound of family members chatting up a storm are just what most students wait for.

But those students who have this opportunity might be considered lucky, because there are those who are unable to pack up that small suitcase and make their way home. Some are either too far away, don't have the travel money, or have no transportation to ensure the family reunion at break.

Alethea Bradley, a Wilkes University international student, will be packing her suitcase this Thanksgiving. However, she won't be able

ering in New York City for the Thanksgiving break," Bradley said. Packing a suitcase to go to New York City will be a lot less hectic than packing a suitcase to go home to Guam, according to Bradley.

The group of 20 girls in New York City is just a small way of making each student who is unable to go home to Guam feel like they are just a tiny bit closer to home. Instead of spending time with their families, they will be eating Thanksgiving dinner in the Big Apple with people who they spent four years of their lives with.

Because she is so far from home, Bradley does not have a car on campus to drive up to New York. So the next challenge is to find a person who will be willing to take her to New York City. Bradley said that she might be able to catch a ride with a friend who is in Erie, Pennsylvania, but that is not yet set in stone.

According to Christopher Leicht, Assistant Director of Residence Life, "Almost everyone goes home, but there are a small percentage of students who do stay on

All the girls from my high school that are on the east coast . . . are gathering in New York City for the Thanksgiving break.

--Alethea Bradley  
on her alternative Thanksgiving plans

to go home to see her family and have that special home cooked meal. She came to Wilkes University from Guam and rarely has the opportunity to make that long, expensive trip home to spend time with her family. This year marks her second apart from family members at the holiday.

"Holidays are big in my family. Thanksgiving dinner is my entire extended family, and we all gather at my grandmother's house," Bradley said with a small smirk on her face. She added that they always have the turkey and mashed potatoes, but they also have barbeque spare ribs, red rice, and a lot of other typical Guam foods that she misses a great deal.

Because going home is not an option, she is forced to find alternate ways to spend her holidays. Although she misses the holiday madness, she is content with her plans for this year.

"All the girls from my high school that are on the east coast (there are twenty of them) are gath-

campus." The students who stay, stay mostly because they are unable to go home because of distance or even money. According to Leicht there are also times when some students who are unable to go home because of distance, go home instead with their roommate to spend time with their roommate's family and still have a home cooked meal. Although it may not be the same, to most college students, a home cooked meal is a home cooked meal.

When Bradley is finally able to travel the 10,000 miles to her home in Guam, she will have to spend roughly \$2,000 for a round trip plane ride and over 24 hours in the air before she reaches her destination: home. This does not include layovers or any money that would be spent on other expenses. According to Bradley, though her time with her family is short, it's worth the trouble she goes through just to see them. Her first and only trip home this year before she heads home for the summer will be made at the semester break.

# Wilkes Student Recuperates from Summer Fire Trauma

BY MEAGAN MANCE  
Beacon Correspondent

The summer of 2003 seemed like it couldn't get any better for Nicole Matsko. She had just finished taking several classes at Penn State Hazleton, and was ready to transfer to Wilkes University and meet new friends. She also worked almost everyday at a local supermarket to earn some extra spending money.

Little did she know that a traumatic incident was about to occur that would change her life and open up her mind. Nicole Matsko, freshman business major at Wilkes University, was about to experience an event that happens every 17.3 seconds, according to National Fire Statistics.

On Friday, July 25, Matsko was having what she called "a regular day" by all accounts. Her parents had recently separated, so she was spending time with her mother and her mother's boyfriend. Matsko had to work late that night at the store, so when she came home, she and her mother decided to cook some hot wings and stay up talking. By 3 a.m., the two women were exhausted and finally headed off to bed, leaving the dirty dishes in the sink and the grease on the stove.

"My mom was having trouble going to sleep, and at around four in the morning, she said she heard a loud pop sound," said Matsko. "We later figured out that the pop was caused by one of the wires in our stove that had shorted out. Our stove went up in flames and caused the grease to go up also."

Shortly after the pop, the house fire alarms sounded. But before they knew it, the kitchen was engulfed in flames.

"The kitchen was the first room to catch fire. The living room was next, and then the front door. It was the only door in the house, so that was the door that we had to use to get in and out of the house," Matsko said.

Matsko added that the grease on the stove is what made the flames rise up as quickly as they did. "If the grease wasn't on the stove, the fire would have went up a lot slower, which would have given us a chance to get out quicker, and the fire company a chance to get to our house quicker," Matsko said. According to the National Fire Statistics Website, cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries.

Once the fire alarm went off and Matsko woke up, she was at first confused. She stood in her room in a state of shock watching the red and orange flames engulf all of her belongings and the memories of her house. As the flames began to rise higher and higher, she realized it was time to get out. But

once she was out the front door, she realized that her dog was still trapped upstairs. Without hesitating, Matsko dashed back through the flames to find her dog.

Once she had located her dog and was outside again, her body began to feel numb. She looked down and almost didn't recognize her swollen and blistered feet. She called the fire department and ambulance and waited while she and her mother watched their home crumble away.

"Watching my house go up in flames was

probably one of the hardest things I ever had to go through. I think when people go through traumatic experiences like this that they can't really even think straight. There were so many thoughts and ideas going through my mind that it's hard to concentrate," said Matsko. "It felt like everything that was happening was going in slow motion, almost like I was outside my body watching myself."



Nicole Matsko

Both Matsko and her mother were taken away in the ambulance and treated for third degree burns. Matsko's burns were significantly worse than her mother's, covering her entire upper back and both of her feet. Because of this, she was taken to Lehigh Valley Intensive Care Burn Unit where she stayed for four days.

"The types of treatment that I have to go through because of my burns are crazy. In the beginning, I had to go to Lehigh Valley three times a week. Now I only go once a week there, and once a week to a foot

specialist. I also had transplant surgery on my feet and my back and laser surgery on my feet. Plus, everyday I have to put cream on my feet and back to help remove my scars," said Matsko.

Matsko credits her mental recovery to her friends and family. "I still think about what happened, especially when I see or meet other people who are going through the same thing. I also think about the fire a lot when I think about things that I used to have that I can never get back again. The most important

thing, though, is that my family and I are alive. Everything else can always be replaced," Matsko said.

Fire victims often experience uneasiness after such a tragic event. One solution to help students cope with such traumatic experiences is counseling.

Meaghan Broderick, intern counselor at the Counseling Service Center at Wilkes University, talks to many students who have been through some sort of trauma. She not only gets her clients to open up about their experience, but she helps to define what exactly a traumatic experience is.

"People usually define a traumatic experience as sexual abuse or rape. However, there is a very wide range of what a traumatic event can be described as. There is also a wide range of the symptoms that occur after the event," said Broderick.

Broderick's job is also to help her clients overcome their experiences and focus on how the symptoms are affecting them with their parents, friends, peers, and significant others.

Broderick said, "A lot of individuals who experience trauma do a lot of repression or denial, because it's the easiest way to deal with a trauma. Part of treatment is getting people to open up and express what happened, and the feelings that are associated with it. Group work is also very important in treatment because clients can see others that are going through various parts of healing, but are having the same exact problem."

Although Matsko didn't receive counseling, she feels that the help from her family and friends are what helped her through her hard times.

Matsko said, "Although the fire was a traumatic experience for me, my friends and family supported me and inspired me not to give up. Without them I wouldn't have been able to do it by myself."

## Africa Trip Slated for Summer Topics Course *Anthropolgy 198 to underscore global awareness*

BY JESS NIEMIEC  
Beacon Correspondent

They say that adventure is the spice of life. For those Wilkes students interested in a different type of adventure, the first Wilkes summer study tour abroad is set for the summer session, 2004.

The trip, scheduled to leave June 2, 2004, will take an adventurous crew of Wilkes students and faculty to Kenya, East Africa. While they may not be seeking spice, per se, organizers do hope those to partake of the adventure will learn a great deal about a different culture.

"This is an exciting endeavor. Wilkes University is committed to bringing new things to their students that won't be financially burdensome," said Margaret A. Steele, Director, Center for Continued Learning. "This is an extra special trip because the tuition is reduced from the full price."

The entire three credits are going to be offered to students at the low price of only \$500. Normally, just one credit can be that much. The trip itself, however, will cost ap-

proximately \$2,750 plus incidentals. The price includes plane ticket, which will take students from JFK to Nairobi, via London. The return trip is scheduled on June 12 to New York City.

In addition to the trip, there will be a supplemental class held beforehand, so that those taking part in the experience can be better prepared for everything they are going to experience.

"The students will pick a research topic or focus of interest and conduct reading in those areas. They will then take this further with information they learn firsthand," said Dr. Jim Merryman, Professor of Sociology/Anthropology. "It's important for Wilkes students to have exposure to a greater global culture, and this makes it possible for [the students] to have that."

The course will be offered as an Anthropology 198 topics course, and will be conducted during the orientation portion scheduled from May 24 through May 28 from 10 a.m. to noon. The orientation will include an overview of the African continent, including the geography, wildlife, and culture.

"I'm hoping the students will get a better appreciation for the gifts of Africa, in terms of music, art, and aesthetics. It's got such an amazing diversity with 40 different languages in a country roughly the size of Texas," said Merryman.

The group will safari through some of the game vistas and get a sense for the great diversity of wildlife. They will hopefully witness some migration as well. It will be, in fact, the season to see the migration of up to a million wildebeest and zebra.

While in Kenya the participants will also be a part of many activities including bird watching, butterfly catching, a camel trek, a hike on the slopes of Mount Kenya, guided nature walks, feeding giraffe from a tree house, and much more.

The lodging will be provided in game lodges and tented camps as they make their way through the terrain.

All these experiences will be documented in a personal journal that the students will be required to keep. This will give the professor something tangible to refer to when as-

sessing the students' experiences, as well as provide a great way to document memories.

The program will take up to twenty students/participants with an acceptable application and a \$250 deposit. The application can be acquired by contacting Margaret Steele via e-mail at steele@wilkes.edu.

"Wilkes is doing what it can to further its commitment to multiculturalism. It's driven in its goal to support the global world," said Steele. "This opportunity, in conjunction with similar future opportunities, will enhance the overall educational opportunities for the students."

This is just the first in what University officials hope will be a long list of different culturally broadening opportunities to be offered to the students.

"This will raise the awareness of how much of the rest of the world lives. Something like one-third of the world survives on less than a dollar a day. This allows us to see those people in these different circumstances," said Merryman.

## Wilkes Promotes Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week

BY MEAGAN BROWN  
Beacon Correspondent

The students of Wilkes University are pretty lucky people, all things considered. Most have food, clothing, and a warm bed to sleep in each night. They also have exciting futures ahead of them--futures not tainted by poverty or hunger.

Imagine that the creature comforts of assured food, warm clothing, and a roof overhead weren't available. The hard, cold concrete of River Street replaces warm, comfortable beds, or one set of clothes has to adapt to the heat of Wilkes-Barre's summer as well as the cold of its winter. Consider what it might be like to be hungry, *really hungry*, the sort of hunger one might feel after a week of next to no food. This is what life is like for the many homeless people in Wilkes-Barre.

Campus Interfaith will be raising awareness this week with its annual "Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week." The week consists of several activities that will take place each day with the help of student volunteers.

The first activity planned is the "CEO Food Pantry Thanksgiving Project," which will last the entire week. This project involves students sorting and distributing food to those in need of a Thanksgiving dinner. On Tuesday, November 18, the Flo Wheatly and the Sleeping Bag Project will take place. This project involves making emergency sleeping bags out of recycled materials for homeless people. The "Hunger Banquet" will occur on Thursday, November 20, and this project illustrates the uneven distribution of food across the world. Students may find themselves either eating like a king or, if they are unlucky, eating like a homeless person. Some of the other activities include the "Day of Fast for World Hunger" on Friday and the

"Talk It Out" activity on Wednesday.

According to Kevin Gaughenbaugh, Director of Campus Interfaith, "A good number of students signed up, but so many more are still needed." Last year, the Office of Community Service coordinated the program, but this year, Campus Interfaith has taken

that so many people receive," stated Gaughenbaugh.

One traditional program for Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week has been omitted from the list this year. Last year, V.I.S.I.O.N., a Wilkes-Barre community service

the men being in areas they shouldn't have been." Though the men were not doing anything wrong, they were loitering around residence halls and other buildings, which alarmed some students.

They also were not staying confined to the designated space in the basement of Conyngham Hall. Because of safety and security hazards, such as fire, the staircases and elevators could not be closed off, which allowed the men to get upstairs to the offices, though the offices were locked and in no real threat.

But the primary reason that the men of V.I.S.I.O.N. will not be back this fall is because Wilkes officials have located no free space on campus where they maybe housed. The basement of Conyngham, where they were housed last year, has since been converted into the Commuter Lounge.

According to Bailey, there were a number of reasons the University decided not to house the men this year, and not all of the problems can be blamed on the V.I.S.I.O.N. program. "We had a lack of pre-planning which caused some of the problems," said Bailey.

Despite the absence of the homeless on campus this year, members of Campus Interfaith along with other Wilkes volunteer students hope to "raise awareness of how many people are lacking food and shelter and to raise awareness of how food is distributed unequally throughout the world," said Gaughenbaugh. The week's activities also aim "to motivate people to do something to help with the problem in our area and around the world," and "to assist people in connecting with the right organizations, so they can help."

Students can sign up by calling Campus Interfaith and inquiring about Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week.



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This photo, taken during Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week in 2002, demonstrates the "Hunger Banquet."

the reins as it did years before.

"There is a great need, both in our area and in the world, for volunteers to help those who cannot help themselves. In any religion, the greatest commandment is to love our neighbor and to serve our neighbor. That's exactly what this week is devoted to. At the same time, we are trying to raise awareness of the intense lack of food and shelter

that provides shelter and food to area homeless men, housed approximately 10-15 homeless men for one week at Wilkes University. However, this service project faced some conflicts and questions, and for the time being Wilkes officials have opted not to host the organization on campus.

Chris Bailey, Director of Public Safety, noted that last year there were "problems with

## Black Friday in History

BY ELVIRA ILLIANO  
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When we talk about Thanksgiving, three things quickly come to mind: turkey, football and holiday shopping--or, more precisely, Black Friday.

The name "Black Friday", which has long been affiliated with the crazed shopping day after Thanksgiving, is also noteworthy for several other occasions in history. "I always thought that the term 'Black Friday' was interesting because it's the term used for some very negative events -- terrorist attacks, three stock market crashes, celebrity deaths. It is also the name of an airplane, a movie, a book, and a band. It's the name of a lot of things," said Anne Heinemen Batory, Professor of Marketing and Consumer Behavior.

Batory also added that, in terms of retailing, the term "Black Friday" is a positive thing. It is used to indicate the day retailers move their balance books from the red into the black. "That's when the retailers start making a profit, so it became Black Friday."

Although this date is often thought of as

the busiest shopping date of the year, it actually isn't. "It's one of the busiest days in terms of traffic but not in sales," said Pam Rucker, spokeswoman for the National Retail Federation in a previously released interview for "Ready, Set, Start Holiday Shopping" by Renee DeGross. "But the mystique is still

there."

Batory held the same opinion as Rucker. "I think it's interesting that there's this popular belief that Black Friday is the most popular shopping day in the year. Actually, the Friday after Thanksgiving ranks fifth or sixth. The two weekends just before Christmas are much higher in terms of sales," she explained.

If Black Friday isn't the most popular shopping day of the year, then what leads so many to believe otherwise? Why wake up in the morning at the crack of dawn rather than wait until a more decent hour? Batory clarified the urban legend.

"Why do people start shopping on that day? Part of the reason had to do with our tradition in urban settings, particu-



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Shoppers at the Wyoming Valley Mall prepare for the holiday seasons amongst lights and decorations.

larly New York, which used to set the pace for the nation in terms of our ideas and popular folklore. Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade was (and still is) a very popular annual event. At the very end of the parade line was Santa Clause, riding in his sleigh. His arrival opened the holiday shopping season. Once Santa came down Fifth Avenue, the stores would open for holiday shopping the very next morning. As you know, we now start way before Halloween, but that was the tradition. We shopped that Friday until right before Christmas--that was the holiday shopping season."

Taking time off from work and being with friends and family is also another reason Black Friday grew to be so popular in retail. "What more fun thing to do than to go shopping with friends and family?" asked Batory.

With Thanksgiving break just around the corner, Black Friday offers some students and Wilkes community members their first chance to begin the holiday shopping season as well.

## "The Gift of Art" Celebrates 30 years at Sordoni

BY ERICA LEO  
Beacon Correspondent

The Sordoni Art Gallery, located in Wilkes University's Stark Learning Center, is currently holding an art exhibit to honor its 30th anniversary this year. The exhibit entitled "The Gift of Art," showcases a vast array of paintings that have been generously donated to the gallery's private collection. To date, the collection has accumulated roughly 1,300 items; 35 of which are available for viewing to the students and the community until December 14, 2003.

The exhibit focuses on European and American paintings ranging from the 17th century to the present. Paintings such as Edgar Degas' *At the Louvre* and Edouard Manet's *Baudelaire en Face* will be on display during this exhibit. These paintings, along with several works by the late John Sloan, were donated by his wife, Helen Farr Sloan, in his memory and will be on display as well.

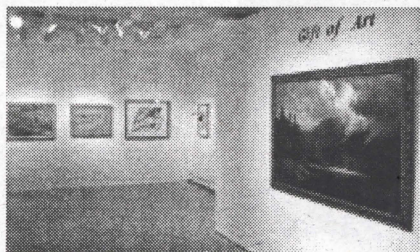
Dr. Robert Bernier, Director of the Sordoni Art Gallery, is especially proud of the exhibit and writes in a pamphlet detailing the show, "The Sordoni's personal collection is, like that of other college or university art museums, eclectic, and pleasingly idiosyncratic, and the works we have selected to highlight these past three decades tell an interesting story. As we mark on the 30th year of our founding,

we could think of no better way to celebrate that with this special exhibition highlighting some of the finest examples of the collection and honoring some of our many friends and supporters."

The Sordoni Art Gallery was founded in 1973 and was named after the late Andrew J. Sordoni, former state Senator from Northeastern Pennsylvania. Paintings from his private collection as well as funds were given to Wilkes University in his name to establish the gallery.

As the Sordoni Art Gallery's informational materials on the show note, to commemorate these donations, "The Gift of Art" exhibit reminds everyone of these gifts and how they have made the Sordoni Art Gallery an important part of our campus as well as the community. Dr. Bernier encourages students, faculty, and also members of the community to visit the exhibit anytime Monday through Friday from 12 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. He emphasizes that, "The Sordoni Art Gallery was founded as a place for the University students to study original art" and "has served as a bridge between the university and the community."

And indeed it has, giving area residents and the entire Wilkes campus each the privilege to appreciate famous masterpieces that have adorned the walls of many local historical homes and influenced young and aspiring artists for decades



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### This Week in History...

The week of November 17 through 23 in retrospect:

17th-- Mario Lemieux was voted into the NHL Hall of Fame, (1997)

18th-- The musical revival *Fiddler on the Roof* opened, (1990)

19th-- Communications mogul Ted Turner was born (1938)

20th-- Mickey Mantle was named the American League Most Valuable Player for the third time, (1962)

21st-- Troy Aikman, former quarterback for the Dallas Cowboys, was born (1966)

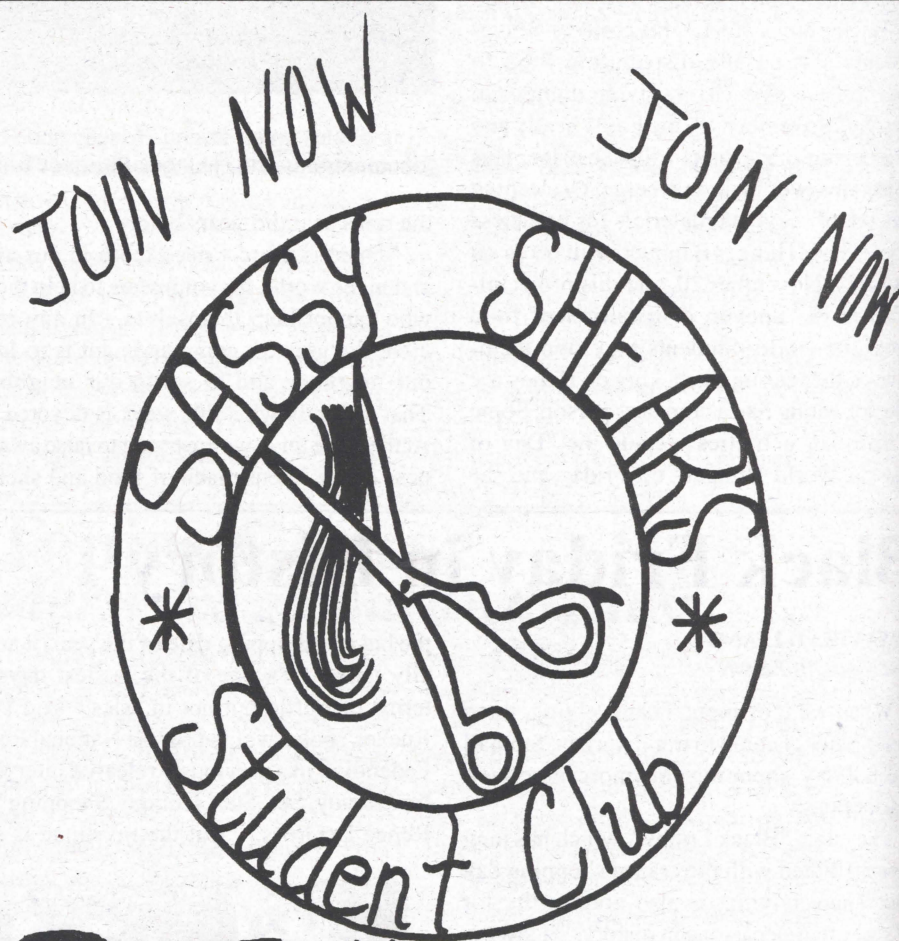
22nd-- The musical *Man of La Mancha* opened. It ran for 2,328 performances, (1965)

23rd-- Mike Tyson became the youngest boxer to wear the world heavyweight-boxing crown. He was only 20 years and 4 months old, (1986)

## Urban Legends: Lost and Forgotten Legends

Some legends have been lost or forgotten, but *The Beacon* has gone in search, the results of which you'll find below. So if you have a taste for the unusual and arcane, sample some of these precious gems.

- \* The Mississippi state legislature removed fractions and decimal points from the mathematics curriculum of public secondary schools.
- \* The design of the California state flag was the result of a mistake.
- \* The Kentucky Fried Chicken chain altered its name to KFC in order to eliminate the word "fried" from its title.
- \* The nursery rhyme "Sing a Song of Sixpence" originated as a coded message used for recruiting pirates.
- \* The derisive title of one of George Bernard Shaw's plays was changed after it wreaked havoc on theater attendance.
- \* When the Titanic hit an iceberg in the north Atlantic, the silent version of the film *The Poseidon Adventure* was being screened aboard the ship.
- \* The town of Tarzana, CA, was named after the famous jungle raised man.



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# Wilkes Professor and Playwright Wins Perry Award

BY BRIDGET GIUNTA  
Beacon Staff Writer

Rows of shelves across from Dr. Bonnie Bedford's desk in Kirby Hall hold an array of books, collectibles and framed photographs. Among these items sits the Perry Award. Although the golden trophy is small in stature, the award represents years of hard work, creativity and dedication on the part of Bedford and an ensemble of other professionals.

In addition to being an Associate Professor of English and former Dean of the College of Arts, Sciences and Professional Studies at Wilkes University, Bedford is an accomplished playwright. Her original play "Sniper" was recently awarded the Perry Award for Outstanding Production of an Original Play.

The Perry Award is named in honor of William Perry Morgan, a director, actor and composer who actively supported New Jersey Community Theater. The Perry Award is given out annually and recognizes excellence in New Jersey Community Theater.

Bedford's "Sniper" centers on Anthony Vacarro, a troubled, yet "good" teenager in upstate New York who brings a rifle to the roof of his high school and takes the life of innocent townspeople. This one-act production explores the motivation behind the murders from the teenager's point of view. This scenario may sound eerily familiar, like the tragedies in Columbine, CO and the Washington DC area; however, the idea for "Sniper" was etched in Bedford's mind long before these horrific, real events occurred. The play is based very loosely upon an actual event from the mid-1970s. However, the subject matter reflects an issue that has become a national problem.

In 1974, a young man in Olean, New York took a deer rifle to his high school, which happened to be on break at the time, and

began shooting at a shopping area across the street from the school. Despite being characterized as a good student and "nice" boy, the young man shot several people and later killed himself in his jail cell before he was to stand trial.

On that day in 1974, Dr. Bedford and her mother were actually in a parking lot near the school minutes before the young man began the inexplicable shooting spree. They heard the first sirens sound after the gunshots began. She says that she began following the shocking event due to her close proximity to the school and shopping area the day of the shootings. This event, along with her personal feelings towards it, inspired Bedford to write "Sniper."

She explains, "I combined his incident, my life feelings growing up in that area, and the snippets of information I found from other such killings to create one composite character that examines the phenomenon more than the individual first act."

The first draft of the play's script began in 1988 at the Harlem and Women's Playwrights Workshop in New York City. After what Bedford describes as a "long script process" the play debuted at the Adam Hill Actors Studio in West Hollywood, California. There, it

ran from October, 1993 to March, 1994. Hill, who is currently the Artist-in-Residence in the Department of Visual and Performing Arts at Wilkes, directed the west coast production. Hill also directed "Sniper" when it was showcased at Wilkes University in 1995.

"[Sniper] now deserves even better recognition. I recognized the specialness of the play when I first read it, and my respect

for Dr. Bedford and her play has grown steadily. Any play that takes an unpopular point of view on a subject and can make an audience listen has accomplished what only a handful of plays have done from the past," explains Hill.

Bedford explains the nature of the production by saying, "The ten actors never leave the stage. If they are not actively engaged in the scene, they are involved in the background. The production took place in a very small acting

space with a 90-member audience."

"Sniper" was produced by Phoenix Productions, which is a nonprofit community theater organization in New Jersey that produces six to eight shows a year in the Count Basie Theater. Michelle Mulvihill produced "Sniper" for Phoenix Productions.

Mulvihill describes working with Dr. Bedford on "Sniper" as a rewarding experience. She noted, "Dr. Bedford served as more than the playwright. She provides char-

acter development to the director, allowing him to bring the characters on the page to life. She served as an endless source of information for the production team to draw upon. Without such a resource, the production would not have taken a life of its own."

Bedford and those involved with "Sniper" were awarded the Perry Award during a ceremony on September 24. Bedford described winning the Perry Award as a "wonderful experience" for herself and her collaborators. She added, "This was definitely an ensemble award. Three actors and three crew members were at the ceremony, so we accepted the award as a group."

In response to winning the Perry Award, Mulvihill said, "I was very pleased and somewhat surprised upon winning the Perry Award. From the beginning of the project, I was concerned that the audience would assume we were trying to capitalize on recent headlines... I'm glad to see that they did not shun the production, but rather, embraced it. They understood our motivation: to inform the public that situations similar to 'Sniper' are, unfortunately, more common than realized."

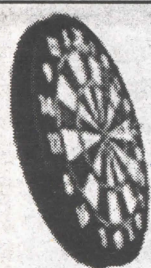
The Perry Award is the most recent in a list of honors that "Sniper" has received. In 1994, the film version of "Sniper" was a finalist in the Sundance Institute's Feature Film Development program. The script was in the top 15 of the 1,000 scripts that were submitted to the program. The play took second place in the Drama League of New York's National Playwriting Contest and in 1993, the play's lead actor, Bobby Zamoski, was awarded the Drama-Logue's "Actor of the Year."

Despite this list of honors and awards, it is really the people in Phoenix Production's version of "Sniper" that made winning the Perry Award so special for Bedford. She explained, "I had the opportunity to work with incredible professionals in this collaboration. The joy that came from working together really came through in the play."



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Dr. Bonnie Bedford wins prestigious Perry Award.



## The Dart Board

PERFORMING ARTS AT WILKES UNIVERSITY

BY BRIDGET GIUNTA  
Beacon Staff Writer

On Tuesday, November 18, there will be a performance called *Dance Informance* at the Jewish Community Center. Open to the public and admission is free.

On Thursday, November 20, the voice studio of Susan Minsavage will present its fall recital at 8 p.m. in the Dart Center for the Performing Arts. Free-admission.

On Saturday, November 22, at 1 p.m. the Wilkes University Flute Ensemble will present its fall concert in the Dart Center for the Performing Arts. Free admission.

On November 21-23 the Wilkes University Theatre Program will present performances of the musical *She Loves Me*, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Dart Center for the Performing Arts. Ticket prices are \$15 for general admission, \$5 for senior citizens and students, and free for Wilkes students with ID. For more information or ticket reservations, please call the box office at (570) 408-4540.

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*Today's Recipe:***Black Bean Salsa**

This black bean salsa with the zip of chipotle peppers, corn and lime combines some of the flavors I love the most from the southwest. This is an excellent salsa recipe to serve up for friends while entertaining.

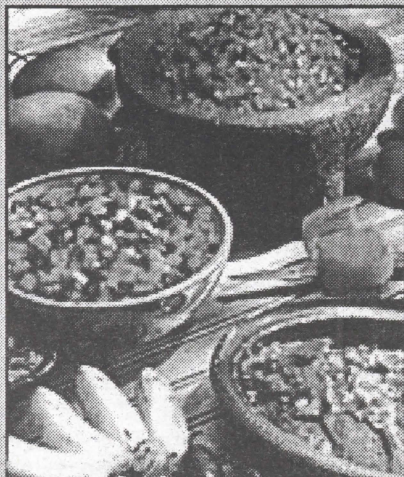
**Ingredients:**

2 c. drained and rinsed black beans  
1 c. tomato sauce  
1/2 c. diced roasted red bell peppers  
1/2 c. corn kernels  
juice from one fresh lime  
2 tbs. fresh minced cilantro  
1/2 to 1 tbs. of chipotle peppers (in adobe sauce)  
salt to taste

**Directions:**

1. Mince the chipotle peppers finely, if you like a fiery hot salsa then use the full 1 tablespoon of chipotle peppers, if you prefer a mild salsa then use only 1/2 a tablespoon.
2. Once the chipotle peppers are minced well, combine them with the tomato sauce and mix well.
3. Add the tomato mixture to the black beans, corn, roasted red bell peppers, cilantro, and lime juice and mix well.
4. Let the salsa rest for at least 2 hours under refrigeration before serving.

Makes approximately 4 cups of salsa.

**Dorm Room Dining**

Every week you will find a new recipe that is simple enough to make in your dorm room yet scrumptious enough to satisfy any tastebud. So get out your pots and pans and start cooking!

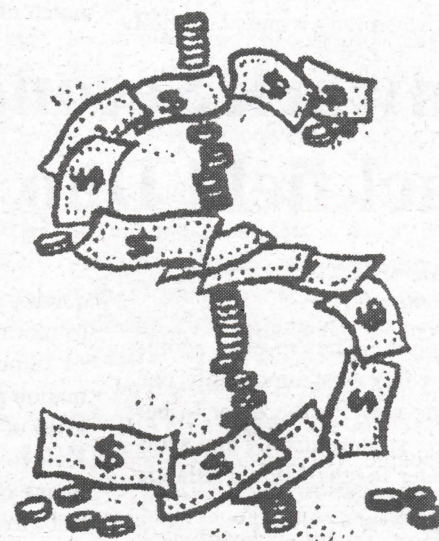
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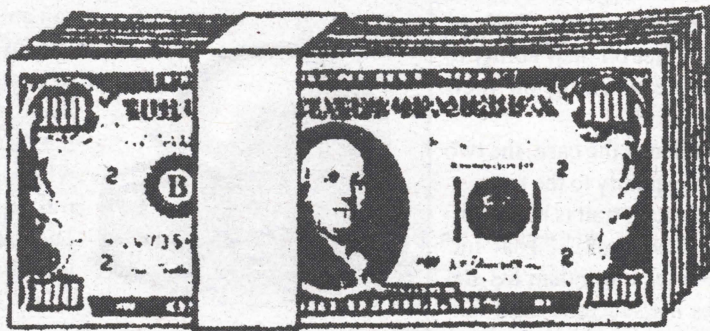
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# Wilkes Wrestling Takes 4th Place in King's Invitational

BY WILL MIDGETT

Beacon Asst. Sports Editor

The Wilkes University wrestling team competed in its first tournament of the season on Saturday and fashioned a hard-earned 4th place finish in a field of 14 teams.

The King's College Monarch Invitational Tournament featured teams from the MAC as well as non-conference teams from several states.

Wilkes earned a total of 104 team points while King's, which took third overall, came out just a half point ahead with 104.5 team points. Stevens Tech took first in the tournament with 152.2 team points and York College took second with 119.

"We wrestled well," said head coach Jon Laudenslager. "It was a very competitive tournament. I was pretty happy, especially

with how many young guys we have."

Wilkes had two wrestlers reach the finals, both of whom ended up placing second. Freshman Mike Ferrara reached the 149 final after winning three straight matches. He won a 13-4 major decision in his first match against Phil Degaetano from York College. In his second round bout, he won a dominating 21-5 technical fall over Jim Lewis from King's. Ferrara's semifinal match was a nail biter as he scraped by with a 3-2 decision over Jim Russial from York. In the finals, Ferrara fell to Rory Tobias from Oneonta State in another 3-2 decision.

Senior Jon Neyerlin was the other Wilkes wrestler to reach the finals in the 184-pound bracket. He won his opening match of the day with a 4-2 victory over

Adam Ralph from the University of Delaware Wrestling Club. He then pinned Jim Harken of York in 3:12 in the second round. In the semifinals Neyerlin faced Mike O'Hara of King's, and easily won by a fall in a time of 3:52. In the finals Neyerlin lost a tough 3-2 decision to Mike Troutman of Ursinus College.

Junior Jeremy Mayer was able to place third in the tournament. "It was a tough tournament," said Mayer. "I just had one bad match where I got caught on my back." Mayer lost his opening match 8-3 against Josh Barick from York, but was able to wrestle his way back to the consolation finals. In his last match of the day he won a 7-3 decision over Justin Kopp from Stevens Tech.

Sophomore Sean Davies also placed, taking

the number four spot at 174 pounds. He reached the consolation finals after an 8-3 loss in the semifinals. In the consolation finals, Davies lost a 3-1 decision to David Krause of Johns Hopkins.

The Colonels are 1-1 in dual meet competition. They earned a 24-18 victory over Johns Hopkins and a 21-15 loss to York in a tri-meet on November 8. The Colonels recruited nine freshmen this year to fill in their ranks. First year head coach Jon Laudenslager is very pleased with how his young team is performing so far this season.

"The freshmen we have are perfect," says Laudenslager. "And the upper classmen who have been around me know how we run it."

## Teamwork Second Nature to Backfield Duo

BY KYLA CAMPBELL

Beacon Staff Writer

They're friends. They're even roommates. But, possibly most importantly, one helped pave the way for the other to become the single-season rushing and scoring record holder for the Middle Atlantic Conference.

The name Brett Trichilo is heard week after week throughout area newscasts, as well as seen in local and even national newspapers. And deservedly so. His rushing numbers reached 2,079 yards following Saturday's shutout win over King's College, and he ended the regular season with 27 touchdowns, passing the record of 23 set by former Widener standout Billy "White Shoes" Johnson who went on to play professional football.

So, where does Kyle Gallagher come into play?

Gallagher not only serves as a tri-captain as a junior for the Colonels this year, but he has played a major role in helping Trichilo attain his jaw-dropping numbers, while putting up some stats of his own.

Gallagher is second on the team in rushing with 327 yards on the season. He rushed six times for 49 yards in an important victory over first-ranked Delaware Valley last weekend. The Coopersburg native also had four receptions for 42 yards and a touchdown over the Aggies. In the win over King's, Gallagher added 39 yards and a score on the ground.

Although his numbers may not be staggering, Gallagher brings a lot more to the team, enabling the offense to move. Attend a football game, and there will be at least a few key plays where Gallagher throws a huge block to help Trichilo move along.

"Kyle gets missed in all the attention," said head coach Frank Sheptock. "But, he dots the 'i' for us."

Gallagher first came to Wilkes to play on the defensive side of the ball, but Sheptock

quickly saw that he could make major contributions on offense.

"Since the move, he has put the exclamation point in our offense because of his level of play," added Sheptock. "We ask Kyle to get Brett to that second level. He is one of the more silent things that continue to push Trichilo, but is always chirping in his ear about going hard on every play."

The two have a unique relationship. They continue to work together not only on the field, but spend a lot of time together off the field at the gym and in their mechanical engineering classes. Perhaps they critique each other on their ability to break tackles while working on their mechatronics homework.

Whether or not that is the case, the two bring immeasurable quality to the team.

"Brett's best character trait is his humility," commented Sheptock. "That impresses his teammates more than his statistics. He shares his successes and failures with his team."

That was evident on Saturday when the outstanding running back received the Wachovia Player of the Game Award for Wilkes after rushing for 261 yards and four touchdowns, but wouldn't accept it until his offensive line and tight ends went out to receive it with him.

"Brett's work ethic is second to none. Humility and work ethic are very uncommon in today's society, let alone in a standout student-athlete," said Sheptock. "I respect him for how he handles his success and the people around him."

"Kyle and Brett have similar goals and desires," said Sheptock. "They have the same values and work ethic, but they have very different personalities. Kyle is vocal and demonstrative, while Brett is quieter."

"They have done an outstanding job of bringing the spark not just on Saturdays, but in everything they do."

## Monday Night Match-up

Pittsburgh Steelers

VS.

San Francisco 49ers

BY STEVE KEMBLE & WILL MIDGETT

Beacon Sports Editor and Asst. Sports Editor

Steve:

Tonight the Pittsburgh Steelers (3-6) travel into 3COM Park to take on the San Francisco 49ers (4-5).

Both teams have struggled early this season and have been inconsistent on game day. I believe that the 49ers will come out on top tonight, because of some key facts.

The first fact is that they come out to play at home. They have won four games this season and each one of them occurred at home, unlike the Steelers who have put up just one road victory this season.



Secondly, San Francisco should definitely be able to stop Pittsburgh's passing attack that has struggled this season. Tommy Maddox, Pittsburgh Quarterback, did throw three touchdown passes last week, but did not eclipse the 200 yard mark, and the 49er defense is one of the best in the league at stopping the run allowing only 91.7 yards on the ground per game. That means Maddox will have to throw the ball against a quick San Francisco Secondary that should be able to shut him down.

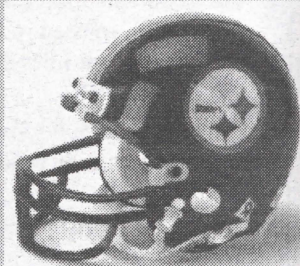
Lastly, The Steelers have been able to stop the run fairly well this season like the 49ers, but San Francisco has Terrell Owens, one of the few wide receivers in the league that can carry a team to a win.

San Francisco wins 27-14.

Will:

A few weeks ago I went out on a limb and said the Chargers would achieve an upset. They didn't, but when it comes to football you have to gamble once in a while. Tonight I will pick the underdog yet again because I think that the Steelers can beat the 49ers.

The Steelers have surprised the NFL this season by being so bad. They have a lot of potential, especially in their offense. It is their defense that concerns me however. Their rushing defense has been playing well, but it is their secondary that has been losing games for them.



Luckily for the Steelers, Jeff Garcia will not play again this week, and San Francisco will have to rely on inexperienced quarterback Tim Rattay. The 49ers do still have Terrell Owens and Tai Streets, who are both having outstanding seasons.

I like the Pittsburgh offense for several reasons. They have Tommy Maddox at the helm, and he is a proven talent. They have two good running backs in Jerome Bettis and Amos Zereoue. They also have two of the most talented receivers in the league with Hines Ward and Plaxico Burress.

If Pittsburgh is going to win tonight, their defense will really have to step it up. The offense will be able to take care of business, especially since San Francisco doesn't have a great secondary. If Terrell Owens has a good day it will be trouble for the troubled Steelers. I will stick by my prediction and say Pittsburgh will win the game 17-12.

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"That is a great number for him to get," says senior offensive guard Mike Liberski. "Everybody takes a lot of pride in that."

The Colonels' next score of the first half came at 12:52 in the 2nd quarter when Kyle Devlin booted a monster 44-yard field goal, making the score 10-0.

Devlin played a big part in Wilkes success Saturday. The King's defense blocked his only failed extra point, and he had two kickoffs that went into the endzone. He also averaged almost 50 yards per punt, which kept the Monarch offense at bay all game long.

Wilkes scored again on its very next possession. After forcing the King's offense to go three and out, Wilkes took over at its own 47-yard line. Wilkes drove the ball 53 yards on eight plays, and Trichilo rushed for 38 yards during the same drive. On 3rd and goal from the 1-yard line, Trichilo burst into the endzone for a score. The Devlin extra point was good and Wilkes advanced the lead to 17-0.

On the ensuing kickoff, Devlin set the ball sailing into the endzone forcing a touch-back. Quarterback David Hessler then threw an incomplete pass intended for Jimmy Snelling on 1st and 10. On 2nd and 10, Hessler again dropped back in the pocket only to throw an interception to Wilkes' Jon Jamison who returned the ball three yards to the 48-yard line.

Wilkes took over again on offense, and on 1st down Porrino threw a 13-yard strike to tight end Brian Fritts. On the next play Trichilo took the handoff around the right

side of the line. He made it to the sideline, where it looked as though the play would end, but he broke a tackle and hurdled another defender, and then took off 35 yards untouched for another touchdown. Devlin's extra point attempt was good and the score was then 24-0.

King's controlled the ball for over five minutes on its next possession, and came within yards of scoring before the half ended. The Monarchs drove the ball 59 yards to the Wilkes 7 yard line in 16 plays. However, the Monarchs were unable to convert on 4th and goal, and Wilkes took over only to end the half.

King's started the 3rd quarter on offense, but the halftime break brought no changes to the Monarchs' play, as the Colonel defense continued to frustrate them. Wilkes was also unable to score in the 3rd quarter, which isn't uncommon for the Colonels. The 3rd quarter has been the weakest period for Wilkes all season.

King's did have one important drive in

the 3rd quarter. The Monarchs drove the ball 81 yards on 16 plays, with a great passing attack from Hessler. Just when it looked like King's would thwart the Wilkes' shut-out, sophomore Chris Oustrich intercepted a Hessler pass at the endzone on a 3rd and goal play. Oustrich then returned the ball

17 yards to the Wilkes 18 yard line. Wilkes would drive the ball 58 yards to the Kings' 21-yard line before the end of the 3rd quarter.

At the start of the 4th quarter, Wilkes had possession of the ball at the Kings' 24-yard line. On 2nd and 13, Trichilo rushed for two yards, but the referee called a personal foul penalty on King's, which moved the ball down to the 11-yard line. On the next play Trichilo rushed for 5 more yards down to the 6-yard line. On 2nd and 5, Trichilo took yet another handoff and burst into the endzone for a touchdown. The extra point was good and Wilkes then held a 31-0 lead.

The Colonel defense came out fired up on the next possession. After 6 plays by the Monarchs, they were again faced with a 4th and 1 situation. Hessler's pass was incomplete and Wilkes took over on Kings' 40-yard line.

The final score of the game from Wilkes'

junior fullback Kyle Gallagher. Gallagher, who dominated the Monarch defense all day long with crushing blocks, scored on 1st and goal from the 2 yard line making the final score 37-0.

This was the second shutout of the year for the Colonels, the first coming against FDU-Florham early in the season. Wilkes has been ranked 1st in scoring defense all year long, and keeping an offense like King's out of the endzone is impressive to say the least. "I think we are the best," said senior linebacker Steve Rogers. "Nobody has done what we have done in the last few weeks. I think we're playing as well as anybody out there right now."

Rogers ended the day with 9 total tackles, and one for a loss. The defense was led by freshman linebacker Jason Mitkowski, who racked up 13 total tackles. Jon Jamison, the spiritual leader of the Colonel defense, leads the secondary in tackles, and had 9 on the day and an interception.

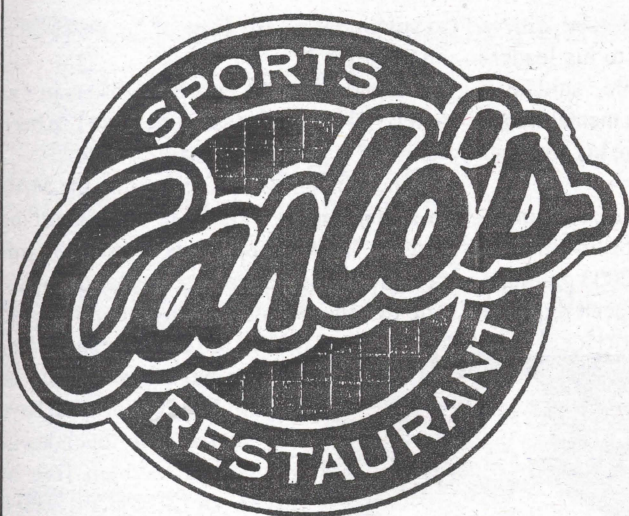
Wilkes racked up 390 total yards on offense and limited King's to only 246 yards. Porrino went 8-10, for 85 yards and no interceptions. The sophomore quarterback was able to hook up with five different receivers during the course of the game.

Trichilo ended the day with 261 yards on the ground, four touchdowns, and averaged 7.3 yards per carry. He also set a new conference record with 27 touchdowns this season. He ends the year with 2,079 rushing yards, averaging 6.8 yards per carry. He also averaged 207.9 yards per game.

The Colonels end the season with an overall record of 8-2. It's doubtful that Wilkes will be able to make the NCAA playoffs since Lycoming ended its season at the top of the MAC with an 8-1 record. Most likely, though, the Colonels will be able to defend their ECAC Southeast title earned last year. NCAA and ECAC picks will be named today.



**The Beacon/Nick Zmijewski**  
Brett Trichilo escapes a King's defender on the way to a touchdown.



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# A Look Ahead: Wilkes Basketball for the 2003-04 Season

BY STEVE KEMBLE  
Beacon Sports Editor

This week marks the beginning of the basketball season for the Wilkes men's and women's basketball programs, and that's about the only thing the teams have in common.

The men's basketball team has eleven returning players from last season and seven players that started at some time or another during the season. "John Yanniello went down at point guard ten games into the season with a torn ACL. So we kind of juggled things somewhat and gave some other guys some experience. Now he's back, so there's a lot of experience, because some guys that might not have played as much as we had thought did get the opportunity to last year and hopefully that will benefit those guys," said Jerry Rickrode, men's basketball Head Coach.

While the men have an experienced core of players, the Lady Colonels have just three players returning who have a good amount of playing time at the college level.

"A couple girls that started early on had season ending injuries last year. Rena Bolin had started out the year for us at point guard and tore her ACL after the eighth game, so she's returning. Andrea Kacprowicz started out the season at two guard and played the rest of the season at point guard after Rena was out. Andrea DeMaranville is our leading returning scorer avg. 14.3 points per game, so we expect her to carry a significant scoring load for us, and Danielle Kresock returns;

she's played a lot in both of the last two years," said Jim Reed, women's basketball Head Coach.

The greatest challenge for the women's basketball program this pre-season has been trying to find a way to replace the production of standout athlete Whitney Bull, who graduated last semester.

"A big loss is Whitney who was the leading scorer and rebounder for two straight years in the league. So we've got to somehow, with this group of young kids, find rebounding and scoring... Trying to figure out how to replace the production that Whitney had and the use of our team has been the toughest thing," commented Reed.

The men's program doesn't have quite as many questions about team make-up or direction. "It's been a fun group to really work with. They've got a great attitude and really good leadership with three seniors... We're just trying to get better everyday not looking down the line at all," explained Rickrode. "You look at our team and the make up of it, and the personnel, the intangibles, and so forth, and I think it has the makings of a

championship team."

The two programs also have set different goals for the season at this point in time.

"I don't think we can put a finger on goals as far as wins and losses go right off the bat,

because we're so young," said Reed. "My primary idea for the team is to improve as the season goes on. It's to get as much experience and playing time for as many kids as we can, so whenever we roll around into league

play those kids have a little bit of seasoning and are going to be ready to go."

Rickrode sees the potential in his team and is raising the bar a little higher. "We want to try to win the conference, and then I think if you win the conference that you can do well in the NCAA tournament, because we have a strong conference and in the past when we've won it, we made a pretty good run. So our overall goal is to win it, but the short-term goal is just to try to get better everyday as a team and I think we're doing that," said Rickrode.

While the two programs have very different structures going into the season, both coaches agree about how excited they are about their players.

"I like our team. This has been the most fun team I've had to coach in terms of attitude of all the kids," said Reed.

"I'm having a lot of fun with them, and there really haven't been any obstacles," added Rickrode.

## On the LOOK OUT

### Basketball Opponents to Watch

#### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

**University of Scranton** picked number one in preseason conference poll and returns a two-time First-team All Conference Player in Kate Pierangeli

**King's College** picked number two in preseason conference poll and is looking to make the NCAA Division III tournament for the fifth year in a row

**DeSales University** picked number three in preseason conference poll and returns four of top five scorers from last season

#### MEN'S BASKETBALL

**DeSales University** has strong returning core of starters and ranked 21 in d3.com's preseason national poll

**King's College** has six returning seniors and ranks third in preseason conference poll

**Lycoming College** returns a First-team All Conference center and Rookie of the Year and ranks fourth in preseason conference poll

## Rogers Put the "D" in Dominant

BY KYLA CAMPBELL  
Beacon Staff Writer

From Freedom Conference Rookie of the Year in 1999 to team captain in 2003, senior linebacker Steve Rogers has been a dominant force in the Middle Atlantic Conference in each of his four seasons on the Wilkes University football team.

Rogers is a four-year starter who saw time at both running back and linebacker during

his freshman season. He racked up 44 tackles as a rookie, while also leading the team in rushing. The Wilmington, Delaware native started his sophomore and junior years solely at the linebacker position, totaling 152 tackles in 21 games.

But his most impressive season has happened in 2003. Rogers has been given more responsibility during this final year of his college football career.

"The biggest thing I'm impressed with is how very much he has taken to his leadership role and leading by example," said head coach Frank Sheptock. "From a mental standpoint, we've given him a lot more to carry, and he's done great with that."

What makes this year more of a strain on Rogers is that he is no longer beside his fellow linebacker of three years, 2003 graduate Mike DaRe, and has therefore been required to assume more leadership responsibilities.

"From the standpoint early on, Steve took the burden of the calls and makes sure everyone's lined up correctly," commented Sheptock.

"Last year, we'd call a play, and I could always look to DaRe if I needed something," added Rogers. "Now, Jason [Mitkowski] looks to me.

It's a big adjustment, but I like the challenge." And Rogers has stepped up to the challenge thus far. The two-time second team All-MAC honoree is second on the team in tackles with 81. Rogers leads the team in tackles for loss with thirteen, while adding a team-high four sacks for a loss of 22 yards.

"He's always been physically gifted," added Sheptock. "He's a physical, sideline

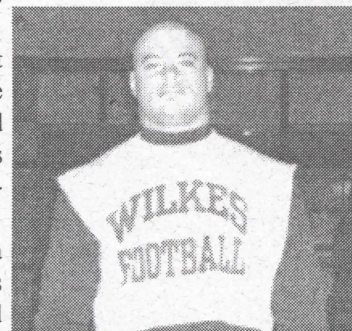
to sideline kid. He's one of the fastest kids on the team."

Rogers feels the entire defense is just as quick. "This is the fastest defense I've been a part of at Wilkes," he said.

The Wilkes defense is leading the MAC in several areas. They are first in rushing defense, limiting opponents to just 89.3 yards per game and seven rushing touchdowns. The rushing defense, led by Rogers, is also first in red zone defense. Opponents have been inside the 20-yard line 26 times, but have only scored nine touchdowns and capitalized on five of eleven field goal attempts. Heading into their game over Delaware Valley, Wilkes was ranked ninth in Division III in rushing defense.

"We have speed and athleticism all around, from the linemen to the defensive backs," added Rogers. "We're very physical and determined."

"From physical and athletic standpoints, he's at the top of the list and has been a dominant player since he's arrived," concluded Sheptock. "I still think that what he does speaks volumes for his durability. He hasn't missed a game in his career and is at a position where he's in the middle of things, play in and play out."



Steve Rogers, Senior Linebacker

## Your Voices...

To Whom it May Concern:

I've been holding my breath on some of the material previously printed, especially the negative tone of some of the field hockey articles. I have to say I'm disappointed with the coverage this year and not only for my sport (women's soccer). This week [November 10 issue] three articles were written on football, and a fourth just complaining about blown official calls.

In the meantime, women's soccer played the #5 team in the country to 0-0 at halftime, losing 2-0 and we got a copy/paste article from our website. Both the Women and Men's soccer teams produced the conference rookie of the year (Christina Waldele and Steve Uhas).

Field hockey, men's soccer, women's soccer, and volleyball had all-conference players.

On the positive side, Fred Seabrook and Kyla Campbell have done an excellent job on whatever project they've tackled.

John Sumoski  
Women's Soccer Coach

# Colonel Clipboard

## Schedule Of Events

### Wrestling

Nov. 22 - Oneonta St. Tournament  
(Away) 10 a.m.

Dec. 2 - King's (Home) 7 p.m.

Dec. 6 - R.I.T. Tournament (Away)  
10 a.m.

### Men's Basketball

Nov. 21-22 - Elizabethtown Tournament  
(Away)

Nov. 25 - Albright (Away) 8 p.m.

Nov. 29 - St. Mary's (MD) (Home)  
4 p.m.

Dec. 3 - King's (Home) 8 p.m.

Dec. 6 - DeSales (Away) 3 p.m.

### Women's Basketball

Nov. 21-22 Messiah Tournament  
(Away)

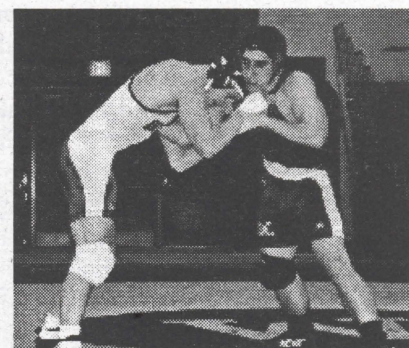
Nov. 25 - Marywood (Away) 7  
p.m.

Dec. 3 - King's (Home) 6 p.m.

Dec. 6 - DeSales (Away) 1 p.m.

## Athlete of the Week

### Jon Neyerlin Wrestling



Advancing to the final at 184 pounds at Saturday's King College Monarch Invitational, Neyerlin won 3 of 4 matches at the tourney: a 4-2 victory, and two wins by falls. Neyerlin didn't drop a match until the final match-up against Ursinus' Mike Troutman who edged Neyerlin out 3-2.

## Final Football Standings

Lycoming	8 1 0 8 1 0	Widener	4 5 0 5 5 0
Wilkes	7 2 0 8 2 0	Juniata	3 6 0 3 7 0
Delaware Valley	7 2 0 8 2 0	Moravian	3 6 0 3 7 0
Albright	6 3 0 7 3 0	Lebanon Valley	1 8 0 1 9 0
King's	6 3 0 7 3 0	FDU-Florham	0 9 0 1 9 0
Susquehanna	4 5 0 4 6 0		

## Numbers Of the Week

- 5 Number of matches won in a row by junior wrestler, Jeremy Mayer on Saturday.
- 2,079 Number of yards rushing Brett Trichilo gained this football season.
- 6 Number of players in Division III History to rush for 2,000 yards in a season.
- 246 Number of total offensive yards the Colonels defense held King's at Saturday's football game.

## Weekly Recap

### Wrestling

(11/15) King's Monarch Invitational  
(out of 14 teams)

1. Stevens Tech 152.5
2. York College 119
3. King's 104.5
4. Wilkes 104

### Football

(11/15) Wilkes 37 King's 0

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# Colonels Trample Cross-town Rival King's in Season Finale

## Wilkes defense dominates in 37-0 shutout

BY WILL MIDGETT  
Beacon Asst. Sports Editor

It was a beautiful day at Ralston Field on Saturday, and it seemed that anyone who is anyone in the city of Wilkes-Barre chose to spend it watching local college football. The far endzone was packed with Wilkes students, faculty, staff, and alumni who had been building excitement for this face-off all semester. There was an energy in the cool fall air that crackled during the annual cross-town rivalry.

Two schools, separated by a single city block, went head to head on the football field, and when the dust finally settled, and the scoreboard ticked down to the final second, Wilkes emerged with a stunning 37-0 victory over the Kings' College Monarchs.

Both teams entered the game with identical 7-2 records. Wilkes had

the leading rushing offense in the MAC, while King's had the second leading rushing offense. Both teams featured two of the best running backs in Division III football. The game appeared to be evenly matched; yet nothing could have prepared King's for the thrashing Brett Trichilo and the rest of the Wilkes offense was about to dish out.

Despite the impressive offensive show, it was the unbeatable aggression and seemingly impenetrable confidence of the Wilkes defense that pounded the win home.



The Beacon/T. Mick Jenkins  
Jon Jamison (9) intercepts a pass in Wilkes' victory over King's.

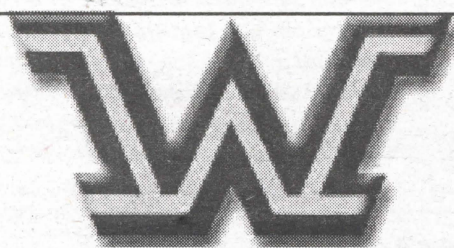
King's won the coin toss to start the game, but deferred to Wilkes. After an 18-yard kickoff return from freshman Jim Jordan, Wilkes took

control of the ball at its own 28-yard line. If there is a perfect way to start a football game, then junior Brett Trichilo did just that on the very first play from scrimmage. On 1st and 10 from the 28, Trichilo took off on a 30-yard run, which set the tone for the Colonel offense for the rest of the day.

Wilkes would run the ball twice more after that play until sophomore quarterback Duran Porriño threw a key 32-yard pass to Stephon Burgette, who took the ball down to the Kings' 8 yard line. Trichilo would then score his first of four touchdowns on 2nd and goal from the 7-yard line putting Wilkes on the board first 7-

0. Saturday's game was a monumental day for the star running back and the rest of the offensive line. Trichilo became the first player in Wilkes and MAC history to rush for more than 2,000 yards in a single season. Trichilo broke the 2,000-yard barrier early in the 3rd quarter. It was on 3rd and 1 from the King's 46-yard line, and he needed 12 yards to break 2,000. "Everybody and their brother was in the box today," said Trichilo about the King's defense. "I was nervous because on a lot of the plays I thought they had more players in the box than we could block." Trichilo took the next handoff and raced around the left side of the line for 15 yards and was able to draw a personal foul penalty on King's for a facemask violation.

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## Campus Calendar

### TODAY(11/17)

Hunger and Homelessness Week, thru Friday

### TUESDAY(11/18)

Are We Talking the Same Language? @

University of Scranton, 8:30 AM- Noon

Mindy Davis Sterling Silver Sale @ HSC Roth

Concourse, 9 AM- 3 PM

Red Cross Blood Drive @ HSC Ballroom, 10 AM- 4 PM

### WEDNESDAY(11/19)

"Essential Humanity" @ HSC Miller Room @ 7 PM

### THURSDAY(11/20)

Head Start @ Beekman Street Center. 8 PM

VPA: Voice Studio Recital @ Dart Center Lobby, 8 PM

Drunk Driving Simulator 2 @ HSC Roth Concourse, 11 AM - 5 PM

### FRIDAY(11/21)

Women's Basketball vs Palm Beach Atlantic

@ Messiah Tournament, 5:45 PM

Men's Basketball vs. Adrian (MI) @

Elizabethtown Tournament, 6:00 PM

### SATURDAY(11/22)

Wrestling @ Oneonta Tournament, 10:00 AM

Flute Ensemble Concert @ Dart Center

Lobby, 1 PM

Personacards @ HSC Roth Concourse, 11AM - 3 PM

Men's Basketball @ Elizabethtown College Tournament, 2/4 PM

Women's Basketball @ Messiah, 3 PM

Habitat for Humanity Workday

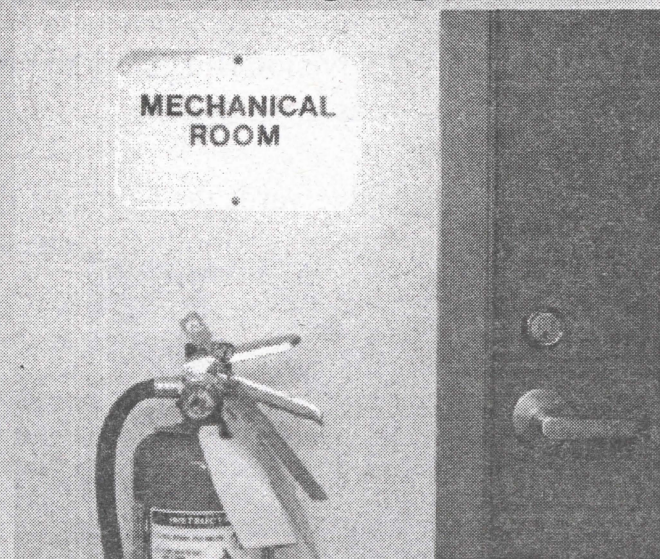
CEO Thanksgiving Food Distribution Project

### SUNDAY(11/23)

No events listed

**Congratulations to Kimberly Cann,** who correctly identified last week's "Find This Picture" first. As Cann pointed out, last week's picture depicted a door located on the side of Bedford Hall (the Public Safety Office). Cann will receive a \$10 cash prize courtesy of the Wilkes University Programming Board.

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