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Business school patron under fire from shareholders *Sidhu argues Sovereign has 'highest of ethical governance'*

BY KRISTIN KILE
Beacon Editor-in-Chief

Recently, the largest group of Sovereign Bancorp shareholders launched a media campaign criticizing CEO Jay Sidhu and Sovereign Directors.

Sidhu, who is a member of the Wilkes University Board of Trustees, donated, along with Sovereign Bancorp, \$3 million to endow the Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership in fall 2003.

The media campaign began as

Sovereign planned to sell 19.8-percent of its stock to Santander, Spain's largest bank. The deal would make Santander Sovereign's largest shareholder with \$2.4 billion dollars. Since the sale is less than 20-percent, a

shareholder vote is not required to make the deal official. The deal also gives Santander the option to buy out Sovereign starting July 2008.

The shareholder group, known as Relational Investors, placed

full-page ads in the *Wall Street Journal*, the *New York Times* and other newspapers, criticizing Sidhu's ethics and claiming he and the directors are "creating more

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Rules newly enforced about advertising on campus

BY STEPHANIE DEBALCO
Beacon Staff Writer

The policy regarding the distribution of posters and fliers on campus has recently been enforced, and many university clubs have been surprised by the crackdown.

The policy has been in place for quite some time, and is described in the Wilkes University Student Handbook. The handbook states that individuals are prohibited from hanging articles on doors, windows, walls and basically any area other than bulletin boards. However, some students mistakenly believed that the policy was new because it has recently been more stringently enforced by Public Safety.

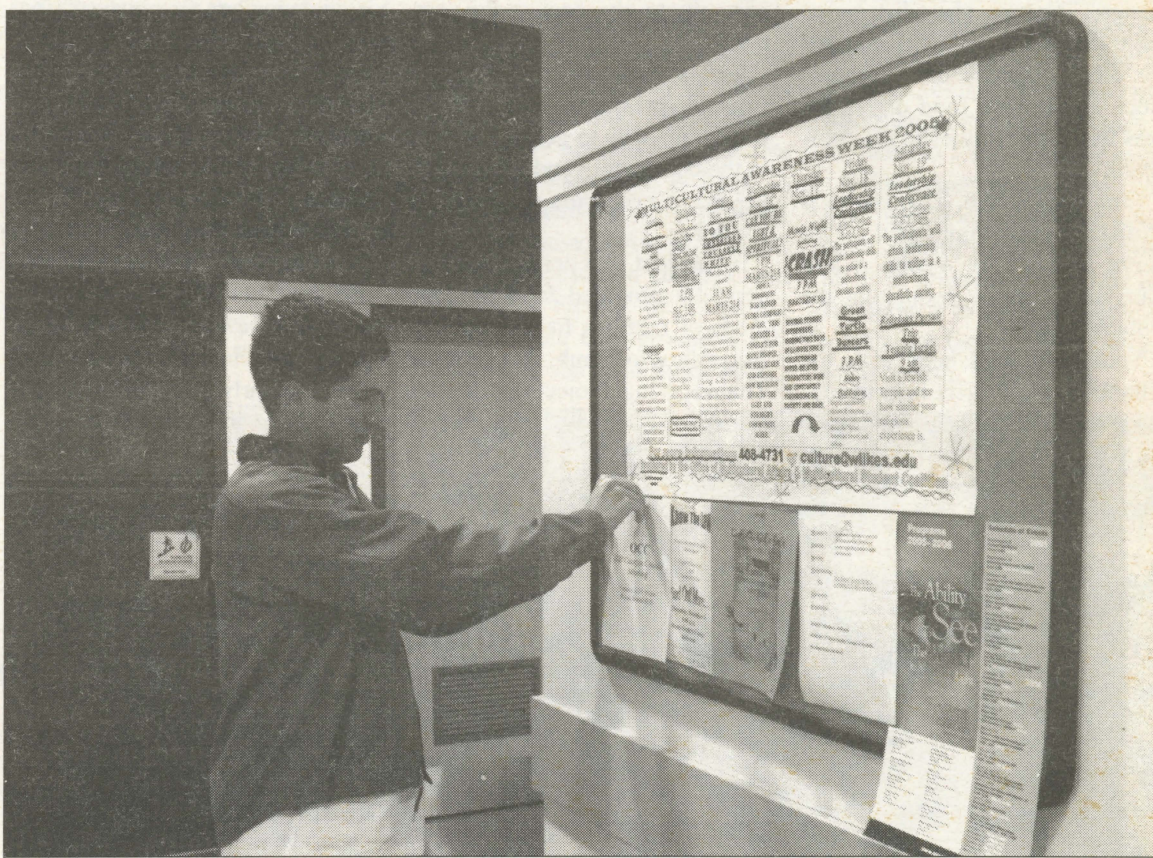
Chris Bailey, Director of Campus Support Services provided an explanation for why this guideline has suddenly been enacted. "It got a little bit out of hand, particularly in the Student Union, where we were having not only university affiliated groups but outside groups putting things up," Bailey

said. "It was [also] an issue of how the campus appears... how that looked to the outside public, in terms of being cluttered."

The enforcement of the policy also involved the issue of safety. According to Bailey, doors and windows covered with advertisements do not allow for students and other individuals to be fully aware of what may be outside when they are exiting these buildings. Bailey said, "The final issue is safety. [We] want to keep the doors clear so you can actually see out of them and see what's on the other side... so there is a safety issue to deal with."

Many campus clubs and organizations have been affected by the new enforcement of this policy. Student groups sometimes depend on distributing signs and posters all over campus buildings in order to spread the word about campus activities and meetings. Bailey noted that perhaps surprisingly

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The Beacon/Nick Zmijewski

The office of public safety is now enforcing a long standing rule prohibiting posters and fliers on windows and doors in public buildings across campus. Student groups have been advised to post all fliers on bulletin boards.

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Wilkes student groups lend a helping hand at CEO

Annual Thanksgiving Project guarantees food for the needy

BY VICTORIA WHITE
Beacon News Editor

As the holiday season arrives, Wilkes community members are rallying to help those less fortunate.

Student Government (SG) members volunteered yesterday, November 20, at the Commission on Economic Opportunity (CEO) Thanksgiving Project '05. The Thanksgiving Project consists of distributing bags of food that contain the traditional items of a Thanksgiving meal including a turkey, stuffing and all the trimmings. Groups also distributed supplemental food items donated by other organizations, corporations and private food drives for less fortunate families in the community.

Lisa Staub, the Thanksgiving Project Coordinator said, "We serve families in Wyoming and Luzerne Counties throughout the holiday season."

Volunteers who help with the Thanksgiving Project help to separate the food into bags containing

the traditional items, and distributing the supplemental items to families who pass through the site.

Staub said, "We will use a total of about 1,000 volunteers for the whole event. We have volunteers making additional bags, because of the need in the area, and those who are working the assembly line."

For the second consecutive year, SG participated in the event. Jared Shayka, SG parliamentarian said, "I first got started with it [the Thanksgiving Project] my sophomore year in SG and the main reason is that it is an excellent opportunity to give back to the community."

Joshua Swantek, Off Campus Council president said, "It's a good, nice way to get us involved in the community and let the Wilkes-Barre neighbors see what we are doing."

In the past, the project has successfully provided food for hundreds of families for the holiday. According to Staub, this year the Thanksgiving Project distribution started on Saturday, November 19

and served over 1,400 families on that day alone. Yesterday, a line of people waiting for their chance to receive the items stretched outside of the building but no final numbers were available by press time.

The Thanksgiving Project operates out of an old retail building on Kidder Street and is set up as an assembly line. Swantek said, "It's a great team-building exercise. Everyone had to work together and do their own part to make it a success."

The key to the CEO Thanksgiving Project is the generosity of volunteers. Because the project is so dependent on physical labor and human coordination, Staub noted that it couldn't work without the substantial number of volunteers CEO receives gratefully each year. Volunteers coordinate almost all of the on-site work.

Staub said, "We recruit all over for volunteers. We do traditional mailings, we post on three websites and we have a whole list of group coordinators who we work with regularly along with the Retired Seniors Volunteer Program

that help us coordinate volunteers. Recruiting starts in October and continues throughout the project."

SG was not the only Wilkes University group to participate in the volunteer opportunity. Members of the Running Club, Off Campus Council and other groups also volunteered. SG participated in the event as a returning group. Staub explained, "We have all types of groups and organizations who volunteer. We have a lot of return groups."

Wilkes students who volunteered were distributing food in the assembly line and walking with

families to their vehicles to help them load the items. Each family walks out with a shopping cart of food and it was the job of volunteers to return the carts in order to keep the assembly line going.

Although the students are helping others, they find value in the experience as well. Shayka said, "It's a wonderful experience to make you realize what you are given and to be thankful for everything. I called the contact person from CEO and got it arranged for SG and Running Club to help out."



The Beacon/Nick Zmijewski

Members of Student Government, Running Club and Off Campus Council, along with other clubs, volunteered at the CEO Annual Thanksgiving Project on Sunday, November 20. Students volunteered to help the less fortunate have a warm meal for Thanksgiving dinner.

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value for themselves than for Sovereign shareholders."

The ads refer to Sidhu and the directors as "Long-Term Liabilities," and accuse them of excessive pay and insider loans. According to a November 9 *Boston Globe* article, Relational's campaign began months ago when the group looked to fill two seats on Sovereign's Board of Directors and suggested they would consider firing Sidhu if they gained the seats. Relational argues that Sovereign directors are the highest-paid in banking, with annual salaries up to \$313,000 and directors took out more than \$90 million in loans without disclosure. Sidhu said the ads are filled with baseless facts.

"Whatever ads they have taken out are false, misleading and distortion of facts and designed for their own self interest," Sidhu said.

Sidhu said the shareholders use all types of tactics to manipulate for their own personal benefit. He maintains that Sovereign is a very ethical company with principles and values.

"I am proud of the fact that we have the highest of ethical governance," Sidhu said.

This dispute has garnered significant national media attention from the beginning, but officials at Wilkes do not think it will have an affect on the business school, which bears Sidhu's name.

"I don't really think that it reflects on the university in any significant way, if at all. This is a matter that involves Sovereign



The Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership is located on the first floor of Breiseth Hall.

Bank and its board, and I really do not feel that it [will have] any impact. We are extremely proud to have the Sidhu name on the business school," university President, Tim Gilmour said.

Mike Frantz, vice president of enrollment, also does not think the media campaign will leave a negative impression on prospective students looking to join the school of business.

"I'm not sure how many of them (prospective students) are reading the *Wall Street Journal* and the *New York Times*, and even if they are ... none of the articles that I have read mentioned Wilkes University," Frantz said.

University Provost, Maravene Loeschke said she is proud of the relationship the university has with Sidhu, and both he and Sovereign

have been generous benefactors to the business school.

"In our relationship with Mr. Sidhu, and with the Sovereign administrators, we have experienced nothing but professional, supportive, honest, authentic, collaborative, ethical interaction. Our business program is based on these values and we expect to continue to attract and retain growing the numbers of students we are seeing in the program," Loeschke said.

When the school of business was established, Sidhu said it would not be an ordinary school. It would focus on authentic leadership and students would be

required to devise a personal development plan including ethics and goals they want to accomplish before graduation. Sidhu still believes ethics are an important part of business.

"It is important for leaders to stand by ethical principles and values and stand by what is the right thing to do. If you do that, you will prevail," Sidhu said.

Dr. Paul Browne, Dean of the Sidhu School, said the curriculum has prioritized ethical and moral dimensions of the business decision-making process.

"I think our responsibility is to challenge students to look inside themselves and be honest about their own core values that they hold, and then to exercise those values when they're making business decisions. I think another thing we need to help students learn and understand is [that] as you move into the world of work, you will move into organizations that have their own cultures, and sometimes there'll be a conflict between your own grounded values and the decision framework...

preferred in the corporate culture," Browne said.

Browne said the business curriculum does not offer a specific course on ethics; rather, all courses incorporate ethics in some way. He said one class that does address it the most is the Legal Environment of Business. Browne said many deals in business are safe under the law, but there might be a question of whether certain practices are still ethical.

Ruth Hughes teaches two sections of the Legal Environment of Business. She said the situation Sovereign is facing is not that uncommon in big businesses. Hughes said the case is too preliminary right now to include it in her teaching lessons, but it could be included in the future.

"It might fit into our discussion on securities because it involves shareholder relations and it involves some allegations by the shareholders against management, as well as now some allegations by management against this major shareholder... So if I had more information it could certainly be included in class," Hughes said.

Sidhu agrees this case would be a good lesson for students, and they could benefit by it. "When this is all over, it would be a terrific case for students to see how people can manipulate facts for their own personal benefit," Sidhu said.

Student Government Notes

November 16, 2005 meeting

-Kyle Ellis made a motion to allocate \$160 for a new SG banner. Sarina Kapoor seconded the motion. Motion passed 33-0-0.

-Study Break Party will be December 11 in the Henry Student Center Grand Ballroom.

-Winter Weekend is scheduled for February 17, 18, 19.

-Senior social has been postponed until after spring semester begins.

-Junior class will have a trivia night on December 5.



Wilkes-Barre Holiday Parade



The Beacon/Victoria White

Student Government members participated in the Annual Wilkes-Barre Holiday Parade that marched its way down Main Street on Saturday Morning. Festively dressed as presents and various cartoon characters, the SG members waved and handed out candy to area residents.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Ratchford Field Station offers natural setting for classwork

BY JOSEPH DEANGELIS
Beacon Staff Writer

In Hunlock Creek, approximately 20 minutes from Wilkes University, lies 150 acres of land that seems like ordinary farmland in the Pennsylvania countryside.

But this piece of land is the Ratchford Field Station, where Wilkes students come to perform studies as part of their courses.

Complete with forests, hills, fields and a four-acre pond, the Ratchford Field Station is the destination for Wilkes students who need to work on projects that cannot be completed within the confines of a Stark Learning Center lab.

"There's only so much you can do in the classroom when we're talking about natural systems," said Dr. Sid Halsor, professor of geology and the director of field operations at Ratchford. "There's just so much you do in a lecture hall or a classroom and the lab, you really have to get out in the field."

Brian Oram, lab director, has visited Ratchford and said, "One of the nicest parts of Wilkes, especially our program, is the field opportunities and the field work." Oram has performed several studies at Ratchford dealing with soils, hydrology, hydrogeology, ground water flow, surface water monitoring, water quality and flow measurements. "Ratchford has been a wonderful opportunity for the school to have a fixed site that people can back and work and revisit."

One of the most recent Ratchford projects that Halsor and his students conducted was a project that involved calculating stream flows in Shickshinny Creek in which students used station monitors to collect data that determined the soil runoff.

Other projects take place on field trips for other courses. Also, the Earth and Environmental Science (EES) department holds field courses there during the summer semesters. One of the field courses the EES department has planned for the 2006 summer semester is called Pyrogeoscience and it will study soils and geology from Ratchford.

"Looking in a book and reading a book and reading about it is one thing but then being down in a hole five feet below the ground actually seeing those individual soil profiles and being able to feel them, touch them and understand how they form, it's a



Wilkes students complete experiments at the Ratchford Field site, which provides a variety of environments for experiments in the science field, along with recreation such as fishing.

big difference," Oram said.

The station serves as a place for students to gain experience for a career. "A lot of other schools, in terms of an earth science program, you would get a lot of book learning, but the hands-on experience isn't there," said Oram. "A lot of our students that have gone on [as professionals and to graduate school] because of the hands-on experience and being able to get job opportunities and really to be able to enjoy it."


Ratchford is not considered Wilkes property because it has been for sale for a time now. However, there have been no offers made for the property. Until the property is sold, students and faculty members will be able to continue studies and other activities on the property. Still, department members are not overly worried about losing Ratchford because Wilkes students have access to other field stations in Monroe, Wayne and Pike Counties.

"Whatever might be going on with Ratchford, there's definitely those field opportunities and we're looking at other field opportunities in potential stations," said Oram.

The station is also not just for environmental studies. All Wilkes students and faculty have access to the station upon permission.

"It's really a multi-purpose facility," said Halsor, of all the other activities taking place at the station, such as club trips, campouts, cleanups, canoes races and fishing on the pond. "I've heard that there is good fishing out there in the pond."

Courtesy of Dr. Sid Halsor




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there has not been a great deal of backlash towards Public Safety about the newly activated guidelines. "To tell you the truth, I haven't gotten a lot of pushback about the fact that this avenue of communication was taken away," Bailey said.

In fact, students seem accepting of it and are actively working on other methods of advertising. Shuja Shafqat, junior biology major and Student Government corresponding secretary said, "[The enforcement of the policy] is negative in the sense that it was the main way a lot of organizations got the word out about events. However, anytime you walk through the SUB, when there are so many fliers on the doors, people become desensitized to anything staring them in the face. Not to mention the safety issue it posed."

Shafqat added, "The positive thing that is going to come from this is that we can now work on more effective and more efficient ways of advertising." He also described how SG will focus more on large banners

and will work closely with individuals from Marketing and Communications to find other outlets for information about events.

Theresa Brewer, junior biology major and entertainment chair of Programming Board, echoed Shafqat's ideas. "This means we will have to be more creative when it comes to advertising...we have spoken about it briefly [in meetings] and have come up with other possible ways to advertise," Brewer said.

Bailey said that, while students are free to distribute information using fliers, the specific groups doing so will be held accountable if the fliers turn into litter.

University officials acknowledge that there will soon be more bulletin boards in main buildings to make up for the loss of space for announcements. Bailey described plans for these boards, "We will be providing, in the very near future, additional spaces where [students] can put general postings. In the [Henry Student Center] there will be two large free-standing bulletin boards that are double-sided... and there will be more placed in the lobby of SLC, the lobby of Breiseth, and, I believe, one in the lobby of Marts."

Sordoni Art Gallery voted best gallery by *Diamond City*



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In their Best of 2005 reader's poll, Luzerne County entertainment guide *Diamond City* named Wilkes University's Sordoni Art Gallery 'Best Place to Look at Art.'



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Scheduling would benefit from student input about class times

BY THE BEACON
EDITORIAL BOARD

The end of the fall semester looms. And with it comes frantic studying, the pressure of final presentations and major papers, and, of course, the stress of the dreaded final exam. To add to the circus, Wilkes students also take several weeks in November to register for spring classes.

For those underclassmen students scheduling courses to fulfill their graduation requirements, the scheduling process is usually smooth and seamless. Many introductory courses are offered at a wide variety of times taught by a wide variety of teachers. Students are left with choices about when and with whom they would like

to take English 101 or Philosophy 101.

But upperclassmen may encounter more difficulties when scheduling their classes. In what seems to be a growing trend at Wilkes University, fewer choices for higher-level courses are being offered to students. Instead, the super-sized freshman class seems to be pulling faculty in the direction of 101 classrooms.

As an example, the Wilkes University schedule of courses for Spring 2006 lists no fewer than 13 English 101 courses and an additional 13 English 120 courses. The sections are taught by eight different teachers and offered at a wide variety of times. In contrast, only five 200-level courses are offered and a mere seven 300-level courses. No choices regarding teachers

or times are offered at all for these courses. The same applies to the history department, with nine 101 and 102 sections offered for next semester. In contrast, a total of only seven upper-level courses are offered in the major.

Additionally, for students pursuing a degree in communication studies, it can be difficult to express to them why and how it is fair that non-communication studies majors have 10 choices for public speaking 101 courses while those students in the major have a total of only nine upper-level courses from which to choose. It becomes difficult to validate the lack of time professors are left with to teach upper-level classes when their time is taken up with 101's.

However, because Wilkes Uni-

versity is a liberal arts university, students are required to complete introductory level courses in many fields. Likewise, it is acknowledged that 101 courses are designed for each and every student on the campus to complete. With a class as large as the 2005 freshmen class that entered Wilkes, it is understandable that so many introductory level courses would need to be offered. That does not make it any less frustrating for students attempting to structure a schedule around work, internships or extracurricular clubs.

Because we cannot change the very nature of the liberal arts institution that is Wilkes University, and because we are not sure we would even want to if we could, other solutions must be offered that can remedy this issue. Perhaps students could be given the opportunity to have some input into the decisions about when classes will meet to ensure that the time works for the majority of the students who need to be enrolled in it.

While it is acknowledged that not every student will be appeased and not every need will be met, upperclass students may feel a better sense of control over their own schedules when they are given the opportunity to have their opinions voiced and heard. Continued cooperation with faculty and staff could make it possible to take student needs and concerns into account when preparing the course schedule.

Generally, here at Wilkes, the students preparing to graduate in a major are well acquainted with one another and their professors. Why not encourage some discussion about meeting times and give some of the choice back to students that those scheduling 101's still have? After all, this university exists to teach students. Why not take the students' concerns into account, then?

Beacon Poll Results

The following are results of a poll that *The Beacon* conducted online this past week. The poll was unscientific, and does not claim to reflect the overall attitudes of students on campus. Results are based on 330 responses.

The Beacon asked:

For which programs should Wilkes institute a Masters program?

- Communication Studies - 4%
- Biology - 1%
- English - 2%
- Computer Science - 2%
- History - 3%
- Psychology - 2%
- Theatre Arts - 2%
- Other - 84%

Next Week's Poll

Question:

What would you hope for most for the world in 2006?

- A more stable climate
- New American political leadership
- Resolution in the Middle East
- A cure for AIDS or cancer
- Increased global awareness of poverty
- Discovery of a renewable energy source
- Discovery of life in space
- Finding of Osama Bin Laden
- Bringing troops home from Iraq

Visit www.wilkesbeacon.com to cast your vote. Results will be published in next week's issue of *The Beacon*.

Nickle for Your Thoughts

By Jason Nickle



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OPINION

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Singing the same old song at the end of the term

BY AMANDA MCMAHON

Beacon Correspondent

If one more assignment is added to my end-of-the-semester academic schedule I'm officially going to go crazy.

I can't help but think that most of you probably feel the same way.

The presentations, papers and tests are overwhelming our calendars and our lives. Personally, I become physically ill every time I look at the pink highlighter marks filling my planner for the last few weeks of my time here before the holiday break arrives. There isn't a minute to spare.

Somehow I feel this is all part of Mother Nature's wrath, as I have watched over the past few weeks as she has drained the last bits of life out of the once vibrant trees. I keep telling myself that I'm only weeks away from escaping the continuous nail-biting and hair-pulling rituals that have recently become part of my days. And, if you are

anything like me, you have been counting down every hundredth of a second. Heck, even Dick Clark's New Year celebration can't compare.

Excuse the cliché, but time is of the essence. The work is actually not all that bad. Finding the time to get the work done is the difficult part. After all, practically 85% of assignments for the semester are due within the last three to four weeks of class. It is interesting that for years we, as students, encouraged to study well in advance instead of the night before a test and taught the importance of leaving time for numerous revisions of a paper, are given syllabi that fly in the face of an important part of educational theory.

However, I'm not saying professors are to blame. They most likely have gone through the same situations in their past—it's like a tradition. Though we, both teacher and student, "know better," that procrastination, close deadlines and "all-nighters" are a cru-

cial part of the "college experience." We seem to thrive from the running-out-of-time hassles in our lives.

Perhaps it is necessary to consider a New Year's Eve celebration as an analogy for the ending of a semester. The year (or the semester) has brought the good along with disappointments, and we always end with a sigh of relief that we made it through only to begin another) with the promise to ourselves, a sort of New Year's resolution, that we will never let the end of the semester become the nightmare that it once was.

However, like many who make a resolution upon the strike of twelve, the next day (or next semester) brings with it the reality that resolutions, or promises of that type are meant to be broken. And though our intentions are the best, we eventually fall into a pit of despair; we face the same dilemmas we swore to ourselves we would never face again.

While we complain about the lack of time

and load of work, we are inevitably responsible for why the situation exists as it does. We push things off, relying on tomorrow to solve our problems for us. Or, perhaps the real problem is that we get away with relying on tomorrow. We cram and cram and pull it off. While we don't understand concepts like scheduling spring semester classes before knowing the schedule for fall semester finals, we do understand the logic behind waiting until the last minute to do our work. It makes sense to us because we do it every time during this time of the year. We're naturals. So, though we complain about the end of the semester rush, in all actuality, we are complaining about our own habits of being master procrastinators. We are the cause of our late nights and caffeine headaches, those of which are held so near and dear to our hearts. After all, we can never get enough.

Andrea Yates trial an outrage

BY MEAGAN BROWN

Beacon Staff Writer

According to a November 9 CNN story, convicted murderer Andrea Yates will receive a new trial, due to incorrect testimony from a witness during her first trial.

Does anyone reading this remember Andrea Yates? Well if not, here is a recap.

Andrea Yates, a Texas native, was convicted of murder in March of 2002 for drowning three of her five children. She was sentenced to life in prison. Her case led to media attention towards mothers who kill their children. According to CNN, she was not charged with the drowning deaths of her two youngest children.

Now, forget the new trial for a moment. Yates was not charged with drowning her two youngest children?! Something doesn't seem right here. It stands to reason that if she drowned three of them, and the other two were drowned in the same house and the same bathtub, that she drowned all of the children. So why wasn't she charged? This is a question to which I cannot seem to find an answer.

Now, back to the new trial. There was a screw up. A witness attributed Mrs. Yates' murders to an episode of *Law and Order* that never existed, which means that the first trial was invalid and she deserves a second one. However, Andrea Yates should never have been tried in the first place.

I'm not saying that she didn't drown her children. There is conclusive evidence and a confession to support that fact. However,

she should have been given proper care in an institution for people with mental disorders. It is clear Andrea Yates had post-partum psychosis that led to her acts. Post-partum psychosis is a recognized psychological disorder, and Yates did not receive the necessary treatment.

According to reports, Yates was suffering from depression for over two years and was on medication. In spite of this, she still suffered from psychosis and thoughts of suicide and murder. She had been hospitalized once for attempted suicide. Her form of psychosis, when diagnosed, often comes along with the recommendation for immediate hospitalization. Yet, Andrea Yates was permitted to return home, have another child, and even home-school the children she thought so often about murdering.

Andrea Yates was not sane on the day she killed her children. Could any mother kill her child and be sane? As humans, we have an obligation to help those who are sick, not to put them in prison and even sentence them to death. Andrea Yates should be receiving serious mental health care, but instead she is being forced to attempt to defend her actions, which were caused by severe mental deficiencies.

Mrs. Yates doesn't need a new trial. She didn't need a trial in the first place. What she really needs is a good psychiatrist, the correct medication, and constant supervision. Until she receives that care, she cannot be expected to come to terms with what she did, or coherently defend her actions.

Your Voices

Response to Fark.com review

Dear Editor,

I totally disagree with the assessment of the "Nothing But Net: Fark.com" [11.14.05]. It appears the writer took about a three minute look and passed judgment.

If this individual were scrupulous enough to observe the site for a week or two, the benefits and culture of fark.com would become much more transparent.

A loyal and intelligent community following, wide variety of news sources, and little nuances that can only be found on fark.com make it an excellent add to anyone's daily news cruise.

Try opening the book before you pass judgment, instead of just reading the back cover.

Regards,
Drew Zimmer
Boston, MA

Dear Editor,

From Fark.com

"College journalist is recommended to Fark, visits the main page for 30 seconds, doesn't get it?"

Bet you folks got a lot of email about this? If you didn't, *you should have!*

College? ESL Student? WTF??

Brian McGinnis
Tucson, AZ

Democrats calling for answers from Bush administration

BY ROB DONAHUE
Beacon Correspondent

With low approval ratings and a growing public disgust with its handling of the Iraq war, the Bush administration is growing desperate.

Though perhaps not a *new* strategy per se, the President's answer is to blame everything on the Democrats.

It would be a nice strategy if it worked.

It has been almost three years since the war started. During the 2004 Presidential campaign, the Bush administration offered several different reasons as to why the U.S. had gone to war.

What Americans, especially those who

lived to see the horrors of the Vietnam War, do not like to see are sons and daughters dying for a war that had no real reasoning behind it (for those who are wondering, the total U.S. death toll as of November 16 is 2,070).

The Bush administration tried to use the September 11 attacks as rationale for engaging Saddam Hussein, as it has with everything else, but the 9/11 Commissioners came out and disproved that reasoning.

However, the administration is persistent in its contention that Iraq had connections with 9/11, despite the fact that the 9/11 Commission could find no evidence that made such a link. Former Secretary of State Colin Powell testified before a NATO assembly in February 2003 telling the assembly about

Iraq's biological capabilities. Since then he has regretted that whole speech.

The Bush administration also lied about the cost of the war saying it would cost only \$1 billion when in fact it has already cost the American people almost \$100 billion. As a result, the U.S. has to borrow money from other countries like China.

On November 15, the U.S. Senate voted 79-19 on a resolution that would force the Bush administration to give the Senate quarterly reports on the progress or lack thereof in Iraq. It also declared that 2006 should be a period of significant transition to full Iraqi sovereignty.

Several Republican Senators are beginning to ask the White House questions and criticize the Iraq war. They are doing this

because their own constituents want answers and they are doing a good job pressuring their Congressional representatives.

If Bush wants to blame anyone it should be himself. He left his allies in the dark and the Democrats are putting pressure on the GOP to offer answers to the American people's questions.

If the President wants to increase support for the war he must come out and work to make a full worldwide alliance, increase taxes on the richest 1% and do something about the decreasing military enlistments. If he does not do something about the Iraq situation, then when we are weakening ourselves against other world powers like China.

Christmas trappings now evident around Halloween

BY KRISTIN KILE
Beacon Editor-in-Chief

We wish you a Merry Christmas, We wish you a Merry Christmas, We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

A little too soon for a Christmas carol? Yeah, that's what I thought. However, most department stores would argue that it's never too soon for Christmas...well, selling Christmas decorations that is.

I thought it was bad enough when money hungry corporations would overlook Thanksgiving in favor of bringing out the Christmas decorations now, in the middle of November. But I was shocked to see Christmas decorations adorning the aisles of a local department store before anyone was even finished putting on their face paint for Halloween.

Why is it that corporations push past other holidays to get straight to Christmas? I guess pine trees and Santa Claus are bigger moneymakers than ghost costumes and turkeys.

To make matters worse, radio stations in the area began their all Christmas format three weeks ago. So not only can you buy your Christmas decorations and Santa hats, but you can listen to Christmas music while you do it--again, all before Thanksgiving.

And don't even get me started on Christmas parades. Saturday, the annual holiday parade was held in Wilkes-Barre and it was full of Santa and presents and all things related to Christmas--except, of course, anything relating to Christ's birth. I guess organizers also forgot that Thanksgiving is



The Beacon/Nick Zmijewski

A Christmas display in Boscov's in Wilkes-Barre has been set up for some weeks now. The holiday shopping craze seems to be starting earlier and earlier each year. Between radio stations playing all Christmas music and decorations going up in stores, Halloween and Thanksgiving seem to be disappearing behind the Christmas frenzy.

this week. The Macy's Day Parade does it right by having Santa at the end of the parade, once all the Thanksgiving festivities are through.

It seems that the celebration, or should I say *corporate hype*, begins earlier and earlier each year. When I was growing up, I never saw Christmas decorations or paraphernalia before Thanksgiving. Then the

moneymakers started rolling out before the pumpkin pie cooled off. Now Christmas is in the air before you can even finish carving the pumpkin.

I can just imagine things a decade from now. Labor Day celebrations will be overshadowed by Santa Claus and Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer. I may be getting ahead of myself here, but that sounds as

ridiculous as Christmas decorations before Halloween.

Don't get me wrong. I love Christmas as much as the next kid. It probably is my favorite time of the year. Getting together with my family, opening presents and singing Christmas carols are the best parts of the holiday, but I think rushing the pleasure (and perhaps worse, asking us to sustain it for over two months), diminishes the celebration. Have you ever tried to hold a smile too long waiting for a photographer to snap a picture? Two months of celebrating Christmas feels a little like the strain your lips feel as they try to hold a smile for too long, and after you stop actually *feeling* the pleasure that supposedly goes with the smile.

As a Christian, I have been raised to recognize Christmas as Jesus Christ's birthday. Of course I was excited to wake up Christmas morning to see a tree full of presents underneath, but I still remember why I was receiving those presents. It wasn't because I was on Santa's "good" list, or because I was spoiled (which some may argue), but it was because it was a time for celebration and remembrance.

Now it seems that all people are worried about is catching the best Black Friday buys at Circuit City at 4 a.m. instead of what they should really be concentrating on, the real purpose of Christmas.

I understand that this is the time of year that businesses finally make it back into the black, but please, let's get through Halloween and Thanksgiving first. Yes, Virginia, there *is* a Santa, but let's give the poor old guy a break until December, O.K.?

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Student news magazine show slated to go live *Wilkes World challenges students to aim for perfection*

BY ALISON WOODY
Beacon Asst. Features Editor

Lights, camera, action! *Wilkes World*, a news magazine television show directed and hosted by Wilkes students in the Shelburne television studio, will challenge future broadcasters in new ways this week.

No mistakes. No edits. *Wilkes World* is going live Tuesday, November 22.

Though *Wilkes World* has been in existence for three years (and several years prior to that as *Wilkes Today*), the show has historically always been on tape delay, which means that students could do several takes and also edit out mistakes. Previously broadcast students experienced the immediacy of a live show only when *Wilkes World* covered Club Day live earlier this fall.

Dr. Mark Stine, associate professor of communication studies and advisor to the show, decided to let the show go live because he feels his students are at the point where they can handle the pressure. "It was actually the students' idea to go live. We allowed the students to do that because it is an excellent way to test their knowledge and apply it in a realistic way."

Stine also explained, "In going live, students don't have the luxury of stopping production, making an edit and picking up from there. Going live is a great experience



Courtesy Adrienne Richards

The hosts of the news magazine television show *Wilkes World* Will Mercade, Adrienne Richards, Jay Lewis and Candice Halliday prepare to go live on Tuesday, November 22 along with the rest of the team. *Wilkes World* is student produced and it is the first time the show will go live. The show will air on Service Electric channel 15 at 12 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

for them if they go into the industry. You have to be on your toes all the time since you can't correct mistakes. A taped show can always start over. Going live forces the students to be at their best."

Carl Brigido, chief engineer for the television studio, is excited about the challenge. "I'm glad to see the show going live and that the students have learned enough. It requires the knowledge and understanding to

do the show without mistakes."

The students involved with the show are equally excited for the opportunity and few have any apprehensions.

Candice Halliday, freshman communication studies major and host of the show, said, "Going live is a result of the students' hard work, dedication, and commitment. It is a pretty big deal, and I am honored to be a part of it. It is a little bit intimidating due

to the fact that what happens, happens and there aren't going to be any edits, but I am extremely confident in everyone on the *Wilkes World* team."

Andee Scarantino, sophomore communication studies major and director of *Wilkes World* said, "The show has reached an outstanding level in terms of production. We are very fortunate to be able to take the show live on cable, and I think it will be a big success."

Wilkes World will go live on Service Electric Channel 15 at 12 p.m. November 22. The show will re-air at 7:30 p.m.



Courtesy Andee Scarantino

The hosts of *Wilkes World* show their "sign off." Adrienne Richards (2nd from left) says, "Here's to you Wilkes-Barre" as the rest of the hosts toast with their coffee mugs.

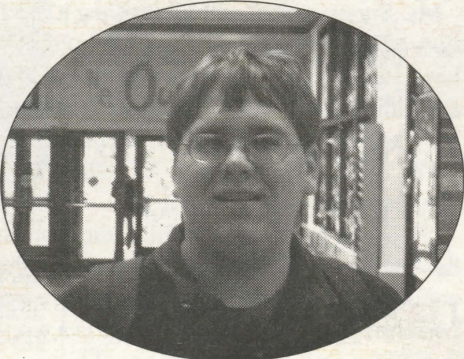
Tell Us... What are you most thankful for?

Beacon correspondent Wayland Davis was curious about what Wilkes students are thinking. Here is what he found out.



Mary Opalka- freshman, mechanical engineering major

"Amanda Baronowski."



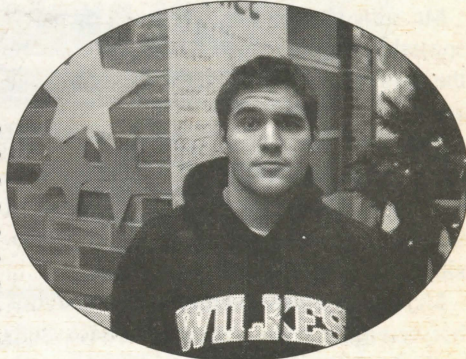
Chris Hager- sophomore, pre-pharmacy major

"My friends and family."



Nicole Zastko- sophomore, communication studies

"For my cat Pepper... and Geoffrey."



Chris Olsen- freshman, biochemistry major

"Food."

Family business: Phil and Rebecca Simon

Father-daughter duo share passion for music, teaching

BY DONNA TALARICO
Beacon A&E Editor

The music scene has seen several collaborations between parent and child.

Natalie and Nat King Cole with "Unforgettable." Wyonna and Naomi Judd with a slew of hits. There are Nancy and Frank Sinatra and Judy Garland and Liza Minelli. And recently, country superstar Toby Keith and his teenage daughter with "Mockingbird."

A quick scan through the Wilkes University Locator will reveal several staff and faculty sharing surnames, including a father-daughter duo making perfect harmony in the Darte Center - Music professor Phil Simon and flute teacher Rebecca Simon.

Both not only have a love, talent and appreciation for the arts, but also for music education. These traits are what led the pair to not only pursue careers playing professionally and furthering their own education- but also in teaching tomorrow's musicians.

The elder Simon is active both on and off campus when it comes to the arts.

"My work at Wilkes is primarily to guide and direct the music education and instrumental music programs. I teach most of the music education classes and direct the Wilkes Civic Band and Chamber Winds," he explained. "So far, my major contributions in the general arts community are to perform with the Wyoming Valley Band, play for parties and social events with various small combos, and serve on the PA Music Educators Association District 9 Executive Board."

Additionally, Mr. Simon guest conducted the District 9 Honor Band in 2004, the Luzerne County High School Honors Band in 2004, and 2005, and presented clinics and inservices to various groups of music educators in NEPA.

Mr. Simon, who plays trumpet, tuba (his specialty), string bass and bass guitar, knew the next verse in his proverbial song by high school.

"My love for music grew as I became more skilled and found more success with music, so that by high school I was sure I wanted to be a music teacher and professional musician," he said.

Mr. Simon's educational background took him from his home state of Massachusetts to the Lone Star state, with degrees in music education from Boston University and the University of Maryland, and he is currently ABD at the University of North Texas. His performances, however, took him a little further than Texas.



Courtesy Phil Simon

Mr. Phil Simon, instructor of Music Education, conducts the Wilkes Civic Band. Simon's daughter, Rebecca, is also a faculty member at Wilkes. The first time the father-daughter duo performed together was in the fall of 2003 when Rebecca was invited to perform with the band.

"I have performed or conducted at Symphony Hall in Boston, The Kennedy Center in Washington, DC, The Wolf Trap Center for the Performing Arts in Fairfax County, Virginia, Wembley Grand Hall in London, The Glinka Cappella in St. Petersburg, Russia and many other performance venues in the U.S. and abroad," he said.

Once he completed his D.M.A. coursework, his job search led him to Wilkes, with his daughter not too far behind. And, it was not until they were both at Wilkes they finally collaborated musically.

"Becki never played or studied directly with me during her student years. Our first time to perform together was in the fall of 2003 when I assumed the position of Director of the Wilkes Civic Band and invited Becki to perform the Vivaldi Piccolo Concerto with the band. It was a great experience to finally work with her in a musical setting. We were already friends, but the experience allowed us to become musical collaborators; father and daughter is where we started, but our relationship is now so much more than just that," he said.

While Ms. Simon did not study under her father, his influence was inevitable. She started playing the piano at age four, and also plays the flute and saxophone.

"I don't know that there was a clear beginning for my love of music. It was just always around me, from my mom singing me lullabies to attending my dad's high school band concerts. I started becoming very involved in music myself once I joined the band and chorus at my elementary school," she said. "The great thing about both of my parents

is that they never pushed me to do music. They let me make my own way discover my own love for it."

At first Ms. Simon says she wasn't confident enough to major in music. But an audition at University of Maryland with Dr. William Montgomery changed her mind.

"He was first teacher to really push me to discover how good a musician I could be. With the support of my teacher, family and friends, I was able to take the leap of faith that it takes to pursue music as a profession," she said.

Ms. Simon earned a double bachelor's degree from University of Maryland in music performance and psychology,

and a master's degree from the Peabody Conservatory. Like her father, she has performed in several major American cities, including Washington D.C., Baltimore and Philadelphia, as well as in Vichy, France. Now, she is the studio flute teacher for both Wilkes University and for the Conservatory, where she teaches private flute lessons to Wilkes students, high school students and the public. She also conducts the Wilkes University Flute Ensemble, whose concert was this past weekend.

When it comes to teaching, both father and daughter like the variety and impact the have on people's lives.

"No two days are the same. The constant interaction and exchange of ideas, the opportunity to watch students grow and develop new ideas, and the knowledge that I have made a difference in the world," said Mr. Simon.

Ms. Simon agrees. "I like having a positive effect on people's lives. I currently have students ranging from age nine to 60-something and I really love that I feel that I have something to offer all of them."

The mutual admiration of father and daughter is evident.

"Rebecca has a wonderful dedication to her instrument and a strong work ethic. She continues to practice daily and improve her performing skills. Most of all she is a wonderful person," said Mr. Simon.

On being proud of her father, Ms. Simon says its, "his endless commitment to music education as a whole and to his students. It is rare to find a teacher who is willing to give as much as he does to his students on

a daily basis.

"One of the things that I try to emulate most is his lifelong love of learning. He went back for a doctoral degree after a very long and successful career as a high school band director. It was inspiring to see him give up a comfortable job that he held for many years to begin a new chapter in his career," she said.

But, Mr. Simon's love for music did not just rub off on Rebecca.

"Becki's two siblings, Elizabeth and Ben, are also musicians. Elizabeth has a degree in choral music education from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and Ben attended Florida State University as a trumpet major. Both are currently working outside the music profession, although Ben continues to play part time with a ska band popular in the Boston area," he said.



Courtesy Marketing Comm.

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Diwali celebration lights up Wilkes community

BY SARAH HEBBERT
Beacon Features Editor

As neighbors begin to hang Christmas lights on front porches to signify the holiday season, those in attendance at the Marts Center this weekend recognized an Eastern culture's holiday celebration that does the same thing.

On Saturday evening, the Wilkes community recognized an Indian holiday called Diwali celebrating the festival of lights. The second floor of the Arnaud C. Marts Center was decorated with beautiful lights and fragrant flowers.

According to www.reachgujarat.com, "Diwali celebrations in India are similar to Christmas celebrations in the USA." The website also noted that Diwali can be trans-

lated to mean "rows of lamps."

The website notes that Diwali marks the day that King Rama was coronated after the war with Ravana. On this night the entire kingdom was lit up with glowing lamps to welcome home Rama after his exile of 14 years.

The Diwali celebration was the second of this nature held at Wilkes. The last time a Diwali celebration was held on campus was in 2003.

Amy Mbye, office assistant in the department of engineering and physics, said that there was not enough interest last year, but many students approached her this year expressing interest in organizing a celebration this year.

Mbye organized the event in conjunction with the Wilkes International Student Association (WISA). According to Mbye the event took only one week to organize and plan.

The event lasted well over four hours and included a cultural fashion show as well as a dinner to name just a few items on the program.

The dinner concluded the evening and attendees gathered around large tables to enjoy an ample spread of Indian foods. Various ethnic dishes were provided including nuan (super fine flour bread), chicken curry, tandoori chicken (marinated and baked chicken), baigan bartha (eggplant with peas), palak paneer (spinach with farmer's



The Beacon/Sarah Herbert

On Saturday, November 19, the Wilkes community recognized an Indian holiday called Diwali. Diwali is a celebration of the festival of lights and marks the day that King Rama was coronated after the war with Ravana. On that night, the entire kingdom was lit from lamps welcoming him home after 14 years of exile. This celebration was the second of this nature held at Wilkes.

cheese), novrattan korma (mixed vegetables), basmati rice and rasmalai (cottage cheese patties with sweetened milk). An Indian drink called mango lassi was also served as well as a variety of cakes for dessert.

Mbye and WISA made sure that no one left the celebration hungry.

Vikranth Reddy Sarasam, president of WISA was pleased with the outcome of the event.

"It went really lovely. All the chairs were filled up and everyone we invited came," said Sarasam.

Mbye agreed with Sarasam's enthusiasm saying, "I was very, very excited and happy with the turnout. People came from the community and from the university which was very exciting."

Sarasam also noted that the event would not have been possible without the tremendous amount of support from the university. All of the participants were grateful for all of the support offered by the faculty.



The Beacon/Sarah Herbert

Avanthi Mantrala, graduate student in electrical engineering, modeled a saree at the Diwali celebration. A saree is a traditional Indian garment worn by the women. Typically sarees are completely hand sewn and are adorned with jewels and gold thread to create ornate patterns. There are also various styles of the saree which vary depending on the country of origin.

Just the **FACTS** COLLEGE DRINKING CONSEQUENCES

Health Problems/Suicide Attempts: More than 150,000 students develop an alcohol-related health problem (Hingson et al., 2002) and between 1.2 and 1.5 percent of students indicate that they tried to commit suicide within the past year due to drinking or drug use (Presley et al., 1998).

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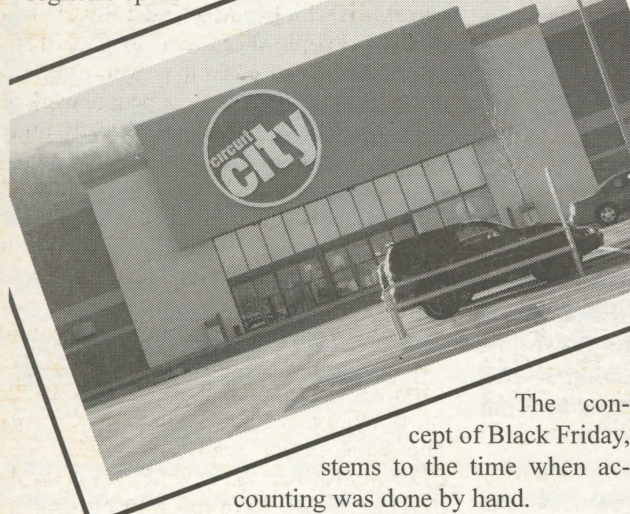
Launching the Holiday Season at the Break of Dawn

Black Friday attempts to draw shoppers with big sales; special promotions

BY MYLES RUMBEL
Beacon A&E Asst. Editor

Crowded parking lots, empty shelves, long lines, big bills. This is supposed to be fun?

With Thanksgiving coming up Thursday, the next holiday (at least in retailers' eyes) is Black Friday. Yes, that one day of the year when malls actually use their over-sized parking lots and stores have all registers open.



The concept of Black Friday, stems to the time when accounting was done by hand.

Negative accounting balances were written in red, but Black Friday was known by retailers as the day when their sales turned around and when they would be pushed back into the "black."

According to Dr. Anne Heineman Batory, professor of marketing in the Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership, "The traditional times of the holiday season extend from the day after Thanksgiving through Christmas Eve." Part of the reason for the day after Thanksgiving beginning the holiday season is typically when urban centers have holiday parades, the final float would be Santa Claus, thereby signifying the beginning of the season.

However, with the holidays now launching around Halloween, (or September if you talk to some layaway associates), Black Friday is beginning to lose its significance with regard to sales. "The current significance [of Black Friday] is that it is a high traffic day," Heineman Batory said.

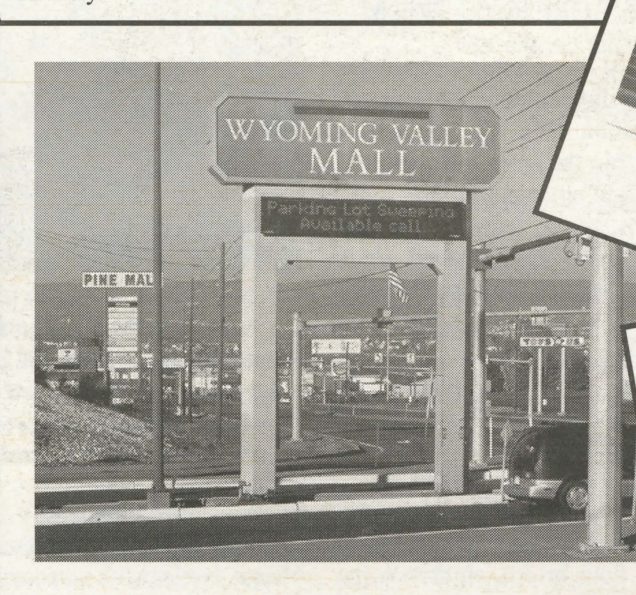
By traffic, Heineman Batory was referring to people browsing the stores, not actually purchasing. In terms of sales, the Saturday before Christmas is the biggest retail day of the year.

However, the foot traffic of browsers in the U.S. is incredible the day after Thanksgiving. The National Retail Federation estimated 133 million people hit stores on Black Friday and the following weekend. "The largest traffic would be in the malls, with the anchor stores leading the way," Heineman Batory said. "However, in the last few years, the electronic box stores have increased their traffic."

Stores such as Best Buy, Circuit City, Wal-Mart and Tar-

get seek to draw customers by offering deep discounts. With incentives such as laptops under \$500, who could resist getting up in the early morning and waiting outside for the sales.

Some students on the Wilkes campus can resist the Black Friday sales. Freshman Spanish/education major Kristen Potsko said, "I'm not a hardcore shopper. I don't go at five in the morning," and if she does go, she takes it more leisurely.

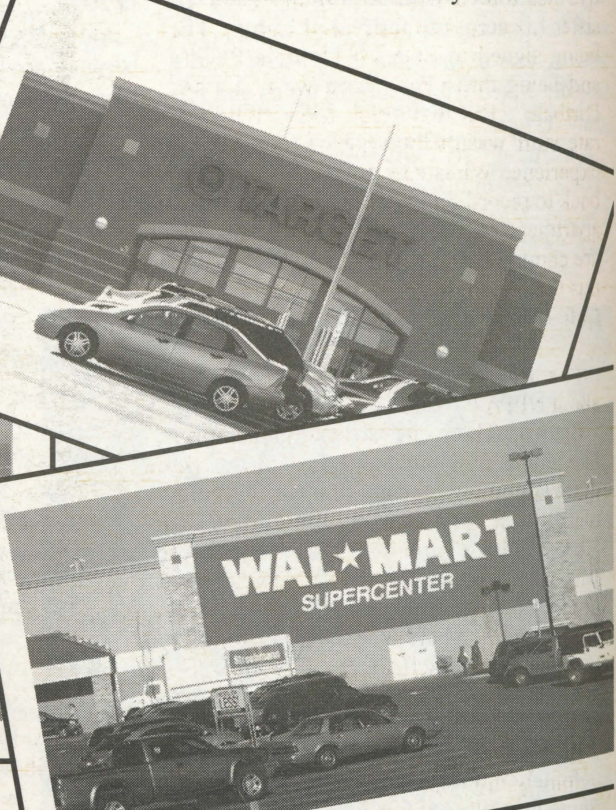


For those "hardcore shoppers" out there, this year there is a website to ease the trouble. While typically, shoppers have to wait until Thanksgiving Day or even Black Friday morning to get a glimpse of the sales store are offering, this year there is website that has dedicated itself to tracking down the store sales and bring them to shoppers early.

Gottadeal.com, which typically hunts for online deals in order to alert consumers, has opened a Black Friday website in correlation with its regular website. The site tracks sales from Toys 'R Us to Express to Ikea. In addition, the website is updated often and users can even sign up for e-mail alerts for when their favorite store is posted.

Numerous retailers in the Wilkes-Barre area declined to discuss Black Friday. However, according to reports by CNN, stores such as Target and Sam's

Club are going the extra mile to get customers into their stores on Black Friday. Target is offering celebrity wake up calls, while Sam's Club is giving away "dream vacations" to a few lucky visitors.



Black Friday Hit List

The Beacon took a look at Black Friday deals at GottaDeal.com to find the best and most interesting deals at stores in the Wilkes-Barre area. Below are some steals. Check out GottaDeal.com for more.

>Best Buy - Opening @ 5a.m.
Steal: Toshiba L25-s1192 Celeron M 370 Notebook, \$379.99

>Target- Opening @ 6a.m.
Deal: DVD sets, including *Laguna Beach* Season 1, *Sex in the City* Season 2, and others, \$17.88

>Office Max- Opening @ 7a.m.
Steal: Palm Treo 650 Smartphone, \$99.99

>Express - Opening @ 7a.m.
Steal: Free clutch with any purchase

>Spencers - Opening @ 7a.m.
Deal: Belts, buckles, wallets, body jewelry & posters.
Buy 1, Get 1 50% off

Some of these offers are for a limited time, so the earlier the better.

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A&E Interview: Brendan B. Brown, Wheatus vocalist

Beacon talks to "Teenage Dirtbag" singer, who will perform Wednesday at Cafe Metropolis

BY DONNA TALARICO

Beacon A&E Editor

He graduated from Wilkes basketball arch rival in 1995 with a degree in history.

But, we'll let this grad of 'Da U' slide. He spent more time in his dorm ordering take-in and playing his guitar than cheering against the Colonels. This Long Island native has toured with his brother Peter and sister Liz across America and Europe, after being signed to SONY/Columbia Records and being thrust into fame with "Teenage Dirtbag." But that quick fame and corporate stuff wasn't the type of rock and roll experience Wheatus wanted. This group is back to recording its own stuff, in their own apartment on their own terms. And, they are coming within walking distance to campus this Wednesday for a 7:00 p.m. show at Café Metropolis.

The Beacon: What do you miss most about NEPA?

Brown: There are so many memories, like going flyfishing in Tobyhanna. But, there is nothing better in the world, and no place better for disgusting drunk food than NEPA. There is nothing like nasty cheese fries when you are s-it-faced. That's one of my fondest memories- standing on the street corner after the bar closed with a handful of heart attack cheese fries.

The Beacon: Tell me about your experience at University of Scranton.

Brown: I started out as pre-med, but I definitely did not want to become a doctor. Sometimes the reason you are there doing something is because it's what others want you to do. I didn't start off following my own advice. The U is a very isolated place, probably on purpose. And only four years could never expose you to the rich history of the area. Most people just know there are skunks and it is cold.

The Beacon: So many people think that a band's career begins when its first hit single tears up the radio waves. That is so untrue- that's just when the world finds out about them. Tell us about how Wheatus began.

Brown: My brother and sister were in college at Villanova and I was bouncing around the 'New York scene' as they call it, looking to get something professional and serious. I played (lead guitar) for a band I am still proud of called Hope Factory for



Courtesy of Good Cop PR

Brendan B. Brown (fourth from left) and Wheatus

a while. In 1997, I started doing my own stuff, recording four-track demos, where I played the bass and drumkit as well. My brother graduated from Villanova, and well, that's the shortened version of our story.

The Beacon: So, fast forward to "Teenage Dirtbag." First of all, I must ask, were you a teenage dirtbag? That song probably took everyone back to their teenage grunge days, or made the preppies wish they had experienced those days.

Brown: You know, it's very funny. That term has become endearing. But in 1985, people said that about people who listened to Judas Priest, wore a jean jacket and had a brush in their back pocket and a mullet.

The Beacon: That's why this song was such a hit here in NEPA.

Brown: (laughs) I dressed like that for a while.

The Beacon: So, "Dirtbag" was a success. But, shortly after Columbia told you to change your voice. I read that some-

where. If I am not mistaken, someone gets signed *because* of their voice.

Brown: I imagine it is confusing to people reading that as it was for me when I heard (the record exec) say it. Drop us and sign someone else. I spent a lifetime trying to be an individual, trying to develop a unique, original sound. Then, in just ten seconds, someone asks you to sound like someone else. It's hard not to take it personally.

The Beacon: I also read that they remixed one of your songs to a point where you could not even play it. It's funny man, I sometimes listen to the radio and think about how these artists can perform concerts. (afterthought: Probably like Ashlee.)

Brown: That was "Wanna Be a Gangster," our third single released in the UK. An A&R guy insisted we send it to this dance club DJ guy, who when I talked to him, was the biggest idiot. This was a song we recorded with Bruce Dickinson from Iron Maiden. We did this in Abby Road with him, it was exciting

and a dream story for us. Then, they sent it off to some crack-head. They sampled a piece of (The Beatles) "Dear Prudence" in it- you don't sample the Beatles in England. They released it against our wishes. The single was a flop, and it was a version a rock band could never play live.

The Beacon: So- even if you played the song live the way it was supposed to be, the fans would not even recognize it because it was not what it was fed.

Brown: You lose either way.

The Beacon: You are from New York, so attending college in NEPA surely was culture shock. But, what was it like overseas?

Brown: There are so many things different, yet they are subtle. It's like in *Pulp Fiction*- It's La Big Mac and a Royale with cheese. People there tend to pace themselves more, and when they work, they are more focused. In America, people work all the time. There, they have perfectly timed vacations and tea time and they all adhere to it, and then switch right back into work mode. The neighborhoods are similar. In northeast England, it is very similar to NEPA. They are working class, there are a lot of coal mines too.

The Beacon: Your music really caught on over there. How was the music different?

Brown: We found that over there, pop music is interpreted and accepted differently. The same person who buys a Slip Knot CD will also buy the new Madonna single. In America, we have more strict genre allegiance. Over there, it is more mix and match. But, everything and anything can go through the pop machine. We did. And, didn't like it.

The Beacon: Tell me about the new CD.

Brown: It is definitely the album we never could have recorded with Sony. It's like a 70s record, dark and warm. We wanted to get as far away as what is being played on the radio as possible- you know, the super bright overload. This is warmer sounding.

The Beacon: So, will it be cheese fries instead of a turkey this year?

Brown: I will probably buy a few extra cups of cheese fries so I can throw them in the microwave at the next venue.

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Off The Charts

Music Review



Gretchen Wilson gets *All Jacked Up*

BY VICTORIA WHITE
Beacon News Editor

Self-proclaimed redneck and rebel Gretchen Wilson released her sophomore album *All Jacked Up* in late September. The new CD covers many of the same topics that made country music fans fall in love with Wilson in 2004 when she came out with her first single "Redneck Woman" which was followed by three other large successes from her first album *Here for the Party*.

All Jacked Up features the same hearty honky-tonk themes that keep Wilson's fans enthralled. She's still singing about her dislike for enchanting socialite females in "California Girls" and the hardships of the blue collar culture in songs like "Politically Uncorrect," and "Not bad for a Bartender." The heart and soul of wrenching songs like "Homewrecker" were not lost in the new album either as she sings about the woes of a country girl in "He Ain't Even Cold Yet" and "I Don't Feel Like Loving You Today."

Continuing her themes of drinking, having a good time and love (for a country girl) are "All Jacked Up," "Skool Ring," and "One Bud Wiser."

Hidden on the new album is an untitled track that adds a new dimension to the familiar themes and sounds of the CD. Talking to heartache, a common theme, the song adds a new sound to the CD that tends to remind listeners of Norah Jones through the addition of a jazz style to the mystery track.

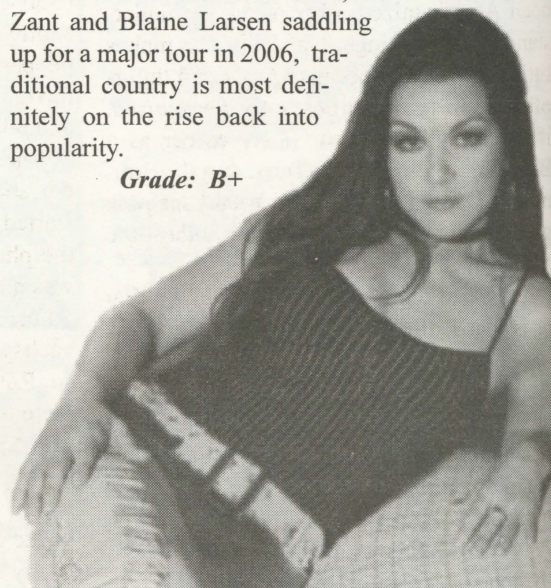
The CD features many of the same themes as Wilson's debut album, but in the same way that fans fell

in love with the first album because of the insights it gave into this remarkable singer/song writer, the songs on this album further the biography via music that Wilson is constructing.

I'll admit to being a die-hard country music fan and although the CD does not add any new themes to the artist's profile I still enjoy it tremendously. I think my love for the CD comes from the reincarnation of traditional blue-collar rooted country music being brought back to the mainstream of the genre. For the past several years many die-hard country fans, like me, found ourselves listening to supposed country singers on many different genre stations.

With new artists like Wilson, Van Zant and Blaine Larsen saddling up for a major tour in 2006, traditional country is most definitely on the rise back into popularity.

Grade: B+



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Dinner and a Movie

Dinner: Pancho Villa

New eatery adds spice to downtown

BY DONNA TALARICO
Beacon A&E Editor

Getting there was half the battle. (No debit cards accepted, so we made two trips--and we intercepted a CVS manager chasing a shoplifter.)

The other half of the battle was getting through my meal without losing every ounce of mucous in my nose and keeping my mascara in tact.

None of that is meant negatively, mind you. It all boils down to taste. Literally. See. Everything within our borders has been Americanized, even what we understand as ethnic things. Naturally, this makes little sense to me, because American things often seem to be purposefully *foreignized*, if that's really a word. I remember as a Brownie waving an American flag in a Memorial Day parade and my friend Jasmine pointed out--as she still does today--the 'Made in China' tag.

Anyway, I digress. The point I am getting at is that I often say that Mexican food is my favorite, meaning I like tostadas at Taco Bell, enchiladas at Chi-Chi's and burritos at Don Pablo's. So when a new Mexican restaurant, dubbed "authentic," opened on Main Street, I was so there. And I dragged along my trusty assistant editor. In fact, the only thing hotter than my lunch date was the food.

See, at *real* Mexican restaurants, patrons do not get the luxury of getting hot sauce upon request in a little packet. It's a given. And, at *real* Mexican restaurants, the cuisine does not taste anything like the fast food places, and really, not much like the chain places.

We seated ourselves, and even though the place was small, we had many seating options. Aside from a table filled with four men, we were the only ones there. We were given a bilingual menu and some nachos. The homemade salsa given to us on the house was by far the best I've ever had. (Sorry, Old El Paso!) Total kudos to this subtly spicy concoction of onions, tomatoes, peppers and cilantro--it was bursting with flavor. The chips served with it were fresh and hot with the right amount of salt.

When the waitress returned to take our order, she took mine and when my companion started to order, she left the table to answer the phone, without excusing herself. That was not what I would call quality service.

I ordered a three enchiladas platter, one of each type: beef, chicken and cheese (or queso, Rollo Y Res, De Mole Poblano). These were \$7.00, but since I got one of each, it was \$1.00 extra. I was asked if I wanted green or red sauce. In retrospect, I realized green=cool and red=hot. I went through all of the napkins on the table wiping tears out of my eyes from the fiery red sauce.



The Beacon/Nick Zmijewski

Trivia Factoid: Pancho Villa is a famed Mexican bandit.

Now, I am positive the quality of meat was very many times higher than that of fast food, and I know that this is how tacos and the like are supposed to be made. However, being used to the mushy Taco Bell meat, the big pieces of shredded and marinated meat took some getting used to. The cheese and chicken enchilada were better. The rice was good, but the beans were a little more runny than I would have liked. With the two side orders, \$7.00 was an okay value. But I take a little issue with the extra dollar for trying a mixture of enchiladas. Next time I will get all cheese.

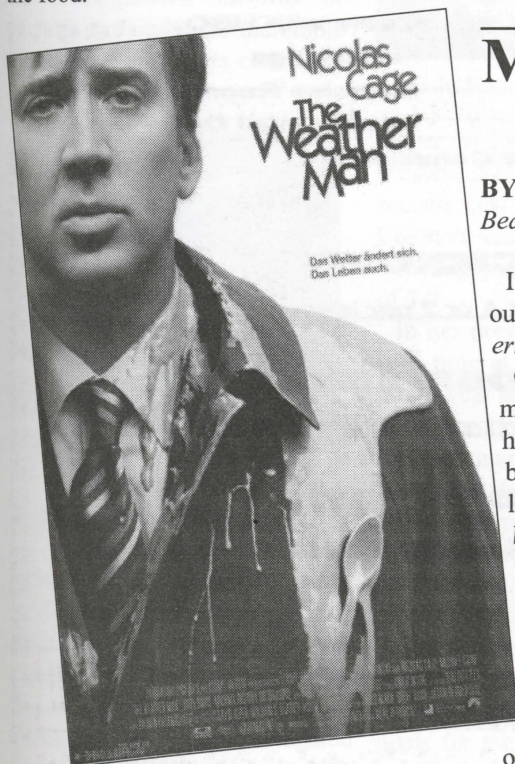
My partner opted for three chicken tacos. He asked the waitress to have those without lettuce and tomato, but we were told they didn't come that way. Tostadas do. Their tacos only come with the meat, onions and cilantro. We liked having an authentic Mexican waitress (it beats a skater kid mispronouncing 'case-a-dilla'), but he did miss that she said the big 'o' word when she rattled off the ingredients. But even after

scraping off the onions, he enjoyed the soft shell tacos. These were \$1.00 each and a good value.

With just one can of Diet Pepsi that I drank rather quickly and all of the nachos gone, I had nothing to douse out the flames in my mouth. I was flushed, hot, crying and sweating--symptoms a 27-year-old woman should not have yet. However, with the proper knowledge of ingredients and the spicy-scale, I could do this place again.

If one is looking for American Mexican (read: mild) they had better run for the border. Fast. The border of American that is.

Pancho Villa is open until 1:00 a.m. and it does have free delivery, scoring points for the typical college-age person. The place also serves breakfast, desserts and has a very large menu of authentic food. For their high-quality food, which takes getting used to, they get a B-, for the service and inconvenience of no cards they get a D, and for the salsa and bringing culture, they get an A. That averages to be a.... **Grade: C**



Courtesy of Yahoo! Movies

Movie: The Weatherman

Beacon critic says forecast cloudy for Cage flick

BY ALISON SHERRY
Beacon Staff Writer

If you think newscasters have a glamorous life on T.V., the new movie, *The Weatherman* aims to dispel this notion.

Of course, as a communications studies major with personal experience, I could have told you that. But maybe it could be more entertaining (or not) to let Nicolas Cage take you into his world as *The Weatherman*, who appears to the rest of the world to have his life together, but behind the scenes, life doesn't run so smoothly.

Chicago weatherman Dave Spritz (Cage) has a picture perfect life, at least to the masses who either love him or hate him. While floating on the suc-

cess of his career, Dave's personal life is sinking. Between dealing with his neurotic ex-wife, his relationship with a temperamental Pulitzer Prize-winning father (Michael Caine) who only expresses disappointment in him, and estrangement from his children, Dave begins to feel that his life isn't the glitz and glamour that television at some point seemed to promise.

After receiving a tempting job offer in New York, Dave contemplates whether to pursue a new life or stay in Chicago and work out his personal problems.

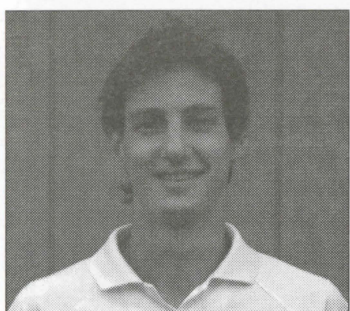
The Weatherman predicts that you bring an umbrella, because there's a huge chance of rain. This movie can often be depressing and not as funny and light-hearted as the trailers suggest. Cage, as always, delivers, and fans will definitely be pleased with

his performance. His character takes baby steps toward success in his personal life in small steps, but at times he fails entirely which unfortunately diminishes the movie. However, it does add a dose of reality, since life isn't really so easily fixed up in a matter of hours.

The problem was that I wanted to see Cage succeed in all of his attempts. Movies aren't supposed to be reality anyway. *The Weatherman* can be light-hearted at times, but I wouldn't call it knee slapping funny. Overall, it should be labeled a good drama, but a bad comedy that will probably do much better on DVD than it will in the theatres.

Grade: C+

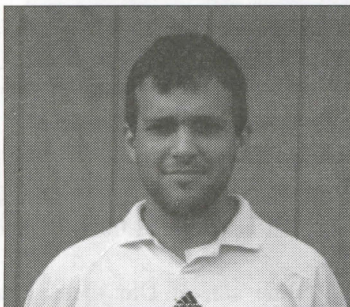
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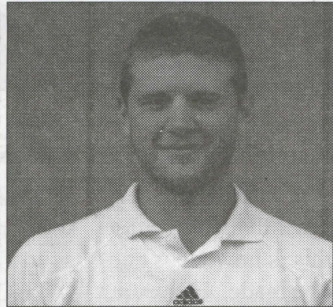
Jon Blahosky



Mike Leaman



Sean Fisher



Mike Bridy

Men's Soccer

The physical presence of senior captain, Mike Leaman solidified the defense for the past four years for the men's soccer team. As a 'gigantic' play player on the defensive line, the hole that Leaman's

departure will leave is substantial. Head coach Phil Wingert said that at this point he has not tagged anyone to fill Leaman's place yet.

Leaman had a productive senior season scoring once and recorded four assists. Also during the sea-

son, Leaman shot on the goal four times.

Skill describes mid-fielder Sean Fisher perfectly. When Fisher first came to Wilkes he had to adjust from the style and competitiveness of high school to the different style of the college game. According to Wingert, Fisher has been a dominant player with the team both on and off the field.

From the moment he stepped on the field Wingert had extreme confidence in Fisher's feet. "When we as a team are able to find [Fisher's] feet, we normally expect something good to happen," stated Wingert.

#15 Mike Bridy, M
#18 Mike Leaman, D
#21 Sean Fisher, M
#25 Jon Blahosky, F

Volleyball

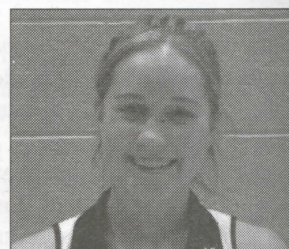
The volleyball team was led by three seniors that included Amanda Harlan, Alicia Vieselmeyer and Jillian Focht. All three led the team

not only by example but also in statistics. Vieselmeyer led the team with 60 blocks averaging .59 blocks per game and also led in kills with 321 and just over 3 per game. Harlan also added 225 kills and complete nearly 60 percent of her serve attempts. Focht also contributed a lot to the team adding 26 blocks on the seasons along with 274 digs averaging nearly 3 per contest.

Teammate Kristen Linhart noted that all three of the seniors were extremely dedicated to the team. Specifically she cited Harlan and Focht as the players who lifted the spirits of the team when things didn't seem to be going their way. Vieselmeyer was the team builder and the one who led the team to make everyone work together as a true team. "It is going to be hard to see them all go because they meant a lot to the team," she added.



Amanda Harlan



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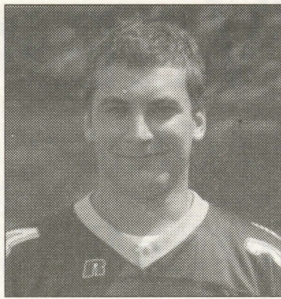
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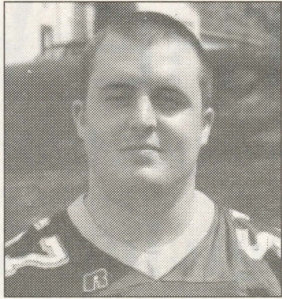
It is a tradition to name some of the stand-out graduating seniors as co-captains for the year. This year head football coach, Frank Shepstock elected to break with tradition and choose captains of the week. The rationale for the move was that all the seniors deserve to be captains and all helped to play some sort of leadership role whether it was on or off the field.

Although all of the seniors players had their moments the key seniors this year included punter/kicker Kyle Devlin, defensive end Mike Fox, and defensive end Jared Meckler. Devlin who was named as the Diversity Player of the Game after the Wilkes-King's game had an incredible season, which included a 43-yard field goal in the NCAA Division III playoffs, round one game on Sat-

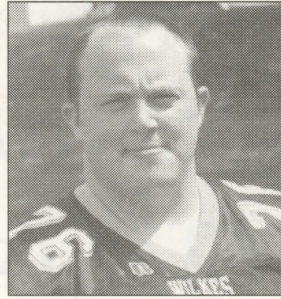
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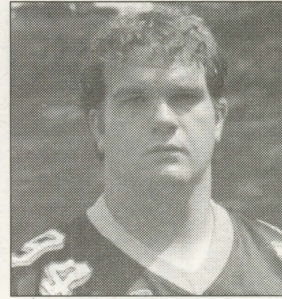
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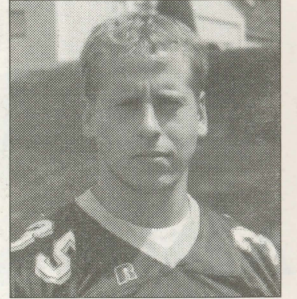
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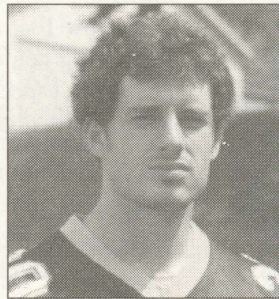


Kyle Devlin

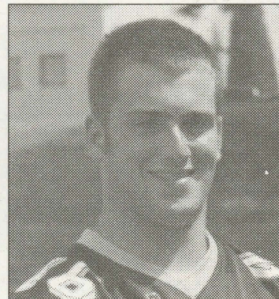
urday against 11th ranked Rowan University.

Fox, who played in all eleven games this season chipped in nine tackles and also forced one fumble on the season.

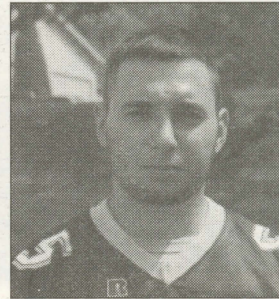
Meckler also played in all eleven games. Meckler raked in 18 total tackles for the season, which included ten solo tackles, two of those which went for a loss. From the entire staff here at *The Beacon* we want list all of the seniors and congratulate them on an excellent season and career here at Wilkes.



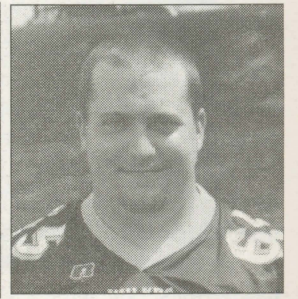
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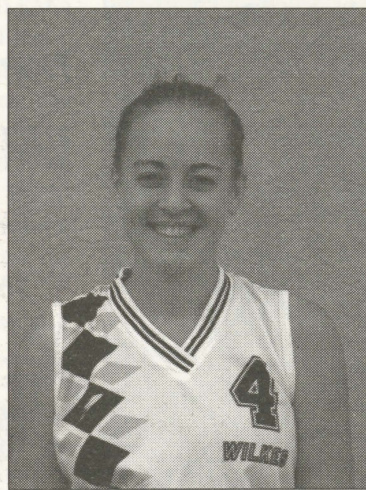
#46 Jared Meckler, DE
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#65 Jason Skarbez, G

#76 Jeff Thompson, C
#89 Jay Price, DB
#94 Mike Fox, DE

Field Hockey

Lara Judson, the co-captain and only returning upperclassman on the field hockey team is one of the leaders who helped hold the team together to get to the semi-finals of the Freedom Conference playoffs. The senior mid-fielder who led the team in shots on goals also added two assists on the season.

Junior defender, Courtney El-eazar stated, "Lara is one of the team's star players. She was not only the captain but an incredible player that was always consistent on the field."



Lara Judson

player Malone fished her senior season 12-2. Malone also was the second best player on the Lady Colonels team in the conference finishing with a conference mark of 4-2.

In her previous season, Malone split time at fourth and fifth singles a year ago. Malone had a 7-7 singles record, while also compiling a 4-9 mark with three different partners at first doubles. To wrap up her final post season on the tennis team, Malone made it to the quarter finals where she dropped an 8-1 decision to Messiah's Rebecca Grant. Malone's presence on the team will be missed greatly and she has helped to set new goals for the returning players of the team.



Cassie Malone

Women's Tennis

Cassie Malone, the lone senior on the women's tennis team finished the season with an impressive 13-3 record. Not only did she play singles, but she also played doubles most of the time alongside Jotanna O'Connell. As a doubles

Women's Soccer

Tara Friedman, the four-year veteran of the women's soccer team has earned great respect on the team from both the coaching staff and her fellow team mates. According to head soccer coach, John Sumoski, "[She is a] person that has a commanding style of leadership but in a productive way." She makes this quite apparent by always seeming to but what is best for the team first.

Friedman was looked at as the tone-setter and someone that embraced the ultimate goal of winning in the MAC from day one. This season Friedman has three assists and was a perfect 1.000 for shots her goal. With her career at Wilkes complete Sumoski and the team will miss her passion and enthusiasm that she showed for the game.

Versatility and adaption are only two of the words that describe graduating senior and women's soccer forward Jennifer Compton. Compton has been a great example for her teammates and will be

missed most diversity on the field.

Originally a player who played only with her right foot, she was able to train herself to play just as well with her left foot giving her the chance to be one of the dominant players on the field. With this ability Sumoski was able to leave her alone on the left wing. According to Sumoski, "[Compton] [was one of the few players who] consistently was able to put the ball on the back post."

When Compton started on the team her freshman year she played the mid-fielder position, then later moved to the defensive line, and finished up her career in the forward position. As Compton leaves the university her consistency and flexibility will be missed by both the coaching staff and the players.



Tara Friedman



Jennifer Compton



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GAME OF THE WEEK

NFL: Denver Bronco at Dallas Cowboys/Atlanta Falcons at Detroit Lions

A double-helping of Thanksgiving football

BY KEVIN REED
Beacon Staff Writer

Turkey Day football is as traditional to the holiday as pumpkin pie and cranberry sauce.

It is the perfect thing to watch between servings, or simply to fall asleep to while the abundance of tryptophan works its magic. This year, the NFL serves up a double-header of action with the Atlanta Falcons traveling to Detroit to take on the Lions and the Denver Broncos making a visit to Dallas to clash with the Cowboys.

The early game, which kicks off a little after 12:30 p.m., will pit the Falcons against the Lions. Neither team sports a dominating aerial attack to say the least, but each team has a different reason for it. The Falcons have one of the biggest names in the league in quarterback Michael Vick, but their problem is that they don't have a great receiving corps to accompany him. I fail to echo the critics that say Vick can't win a game with his arm.

However, the Lions have the opposite issue: their receivers are more than capable, but their quarterback, Joey Harrington has been a classic underachiever so far in his career. If Harrington can connect with his array of first-round draft picks at receiver (Roy Williams, Charles Rogers, and Mike Williams), they will have a definite edge.

All things considered, I think this game will be won on the ground. Both teams have top-end running backs in Warrick Dunn for Atlanta and Kevin Jones for Detroit. Whichever team can control the ball for the majority of the game will have a distinct advantage. Both



defenses are fairly identical and special teams shouldn't hold any mismatches since both teams are used to playing in dome conditions.

The predicted better game on Thanksgiving will be the Denver-Dallas match-up, kicking off just after 4:15 p.m. The main battle to pay attention to is how the 4th-ranked Denver offense plays against the 6th-ranked Cowboys defense (through Week 10). The Broncos have a double-headed monster at running-back with Tatum Bell and Mike Anderson sharing the load.

Denver quarterback Jake Plummer has excelled ever since he got out of that offensive wasteland in Arizona, and he has formidable targets in wide receivers Rod Smith and Ashley Lelie. The Dallas defense has been sparked by '05 draft picks Marcus Spears at defensive end and linebacker DeMarcus Ware. They also have all-pro lineman La'Roi Glover and safety Roy Williams, whose clutch interception of Donovan McNabb last Monday night is still making Eagles fans everywhere cringe.

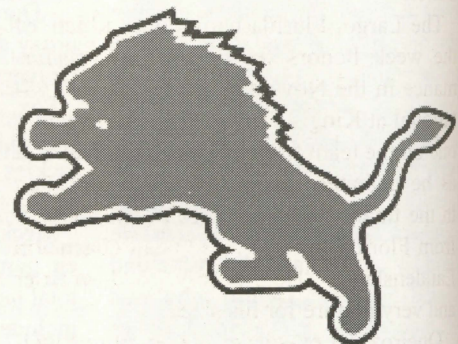
On the other side of the coin, the Cowboys offense, which is led by quarterback Drew Bledsoe and receivers Terry Glenn and Keyshawn Johnson, must carry the load for a recently struggling Dallas offense. They are using a revolving door of running backs with nagging injuries to upstart runner Julius Jones, so the passing game must click for the Cowboys to be successful. A potential "X-factor" in this game will be Broncos' kicker Jason Elam, not so much for his prowess for big kicks, but rather for his counterpart, Dallas' rookie kicker Shaun Suisham.

Dallas signed him off waivers from Pittsburgh as he got released after training camp.

Suisham's lack of experience in big games will allow Elam's ability to be magnified. Elam's leg could make a big difference in this game, especially if it is close come late in the fourth quarter.

The Picks:

Atlanta 31, Detroit 17
Denver 20, Dallas 17



Double Take

Sarah examines the facts that really matter...

BY SARAH HERBERT
Beacon Features Editor

Seventy-five days until Super Bowl XL. I know I'm excited, not so much for the game but mostly for the end of another boring football season.

This past Monday, I attempted to understand the game. My boyfriend and I were watching the Cowboys v. Eagles game at a local sports bar where he tried to explain the game to me once again.

After lining up sugar and Sweet'N Lo packets to represent each time he quizzed me on the various positions. I passed the verbal sugar packet exam with flying colors. Later on when the players and their positions came on the screen he asked, "What position does SS stand for, Sarah?"

My reply was, "Short stop!" Apparently I was wrong.

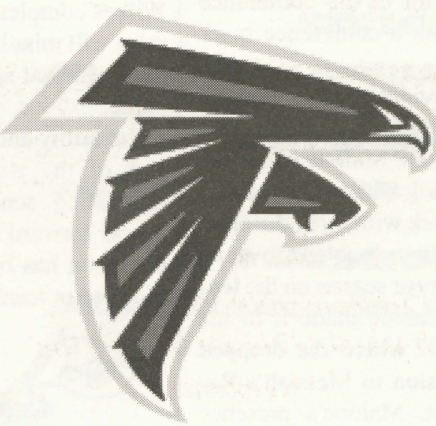
What is the moral of this story? I will never understand or like football. However, this week's game features the Detroit Lions and the Atlanta Falcons. Of course, I'm going to pick the Falcons. Why? I like Atlanta. I also like Michael Vick. He is the QB, and I now know that that doesn't stand for queen bee. Go Falcons!

Quick Info:

Broncos/Cowboys
(4:15, CBS)

Falcons/Lions
(12:30, FOX)

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Athlete of the Week

Wrestling: Felipe Queiroz

BY NICK PODOLAK
Beacon Asst. Sports Editor

When it comes to wrestling, freshman Felipe Queiroz would prefer a long, cold winter to the tropical climates of the Sunshine State.

The Largo, Florida native gets athlete of the week honors for his brilliant performance in the November 12 Monarch Invitational at King's College. He was the only one on the team to snatch an individual title as he defeated teammate Shaun Farnham in the finals. "You don't come all the way from Florida to lose," said head coach Jon Laudenslager. "He's a very good wrestler and very mature for his size."

Queiroz, an ex-soccer player from Pinellas Park High School in Clearwater Florida, credits his former wrestling coach for his aggressive style. "You either attack or they attack you. Like my high school coach always told me, there's three kinds of wrestlers, those who watch things happen, those who wonder what will happen, and those who make things happen, and I believe I'm the one who makes things happen," he said.

So far this season, Queiroz (125) has lived up to his word. After defeating Kyle Flickiger from nationally ranked York in the non-conference season opener, Queiroz took the crown in the Monarch Invitational. After advancing from the semi-finals with a 6-2 win over Scott Gormen of Oneonta, Queiroz went on to defeat teammate Shaun Farnham in the finals. "They were pretty close matches, but I go into every match believing that

I'm gonna win," Queiroz said. "If I doubt myself one bit, I'm gonna lose."

Queiroz turned down several Division I schools to be a Colonel, including Tennessee Chattanooga. "Even though it's kind of far from Florida, Pennsylvania's a good wrestling state. And I have a friend that comes up here (teammate Joe Scala)," he said.

Although there is no connection between pro wrestling and "real" NCAA wrestling, Queiroz was surprised to hear about the recent passing of WWE Latino superstar Eddy Guerrero, who died of heart failure. "When I was really young, I used to like Shawn Michaels but since then I have shifted away from the sport," Queiroz admitted.

Hand in hand with his individual accomplishments, Queiroz has also helped the team to jump to 19th in the nation according to the Brute-Adidas National Division III rankings, but coach Jon Laudenslager says that the standings do not mean a thing. "The only standings that matter are where you stand when everything is all said and done," he said.

Felipe took second place in this weekend at the Red Dragon Invitational as the Colonels won the contest.

Felipe and his teammates will be in action Saturday at 9:00 in the R.I.T. Tournament in Rochester, New York.



Courtesy of Sports Information

Jason Acquaye chases down Rowan quarterback Joe Rankin in Saturday's NCAA playoff game. The Colonels lost to the Profs 42-3, and finished the season with an 8-3 record.

WEEKEND RECAPS

Football

Rowan's 21-point explosion in the first quarter doomed Colonels as they lost 42-3 in the first round of the NCAA Division III playoffs.

Men's basketball

The 9th ranked Colonels (1-1) bounced back from Friday's loss against Potsdam, thrashing Paul Smith's College 95-39 on Saturday at the Clarkson Tournament in Potsdam, New York. Chris Shovlin led the charge with 13 points, five assists, and four steals, while Keith Kline has 12 points, 11 boards, and three assists and steals. Mike Constantine put up 11 on the board, as David Goode and Jeremy Kable combined for 14 points.

Women's basketball

The women's basketball team lost in the championship round of the Scotty Wood Tournament, falling to Muhlenberg 70-52. Randi Corbo put up 13 points, Andrea Kacprowicz had 12 tallies, and Rena Bolin had ten points, eight assists, and three steals as the Lady Colonels dropped to 1-1 on the season.

Wrestling

The Wilkes grapplers wrestled at the Red Dragon Invitational at State University of New York at Oneonta this weekend. Results of the meet were unavailable at press time.

NUMBERS OF THE WEEK

17

Tackles by linebacker Kyle Follweiler in Saturday's football game against Rowan University.

150

Points scored by the men's basketball team during the weekend.

19

Rank of the Wilkes wrestling team in the second Brute-Adidas National Ranking this year.

57

Points scored by the women's basketball team in their first victory of the season, a 57-52 decision over Cabrini.

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Preview of the Week: Women's Basketball vs. King's on 11/30

BY RYAN DIPPRE
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The Lady Colonels will be looking to make a statement as they take the floor against King's College on November 30.

"We're taking an underdog viewpoint," said first year head coach Rachel Hartung. "In the league we're in, any given team, any given night can win."

Both Wilkes and King's are under new head coaches this season. Wilkes also sports eight freshmen on its roster, while the Lady Monarchs will suit up six freshmen.

Hartung, however, considers the team's youth to be more of a strength than a weakness. "We're a different team," she said. "They really won't get the opportunity to see us."

Hartung, a 2001 DeSales graduate, competed regularly against King's throughout her career. "We had our own rivalry against King's," she said. Hartung also respects her players' desire to

beat the Lady Monarchs. "This is definitely one we want," said Hartung.

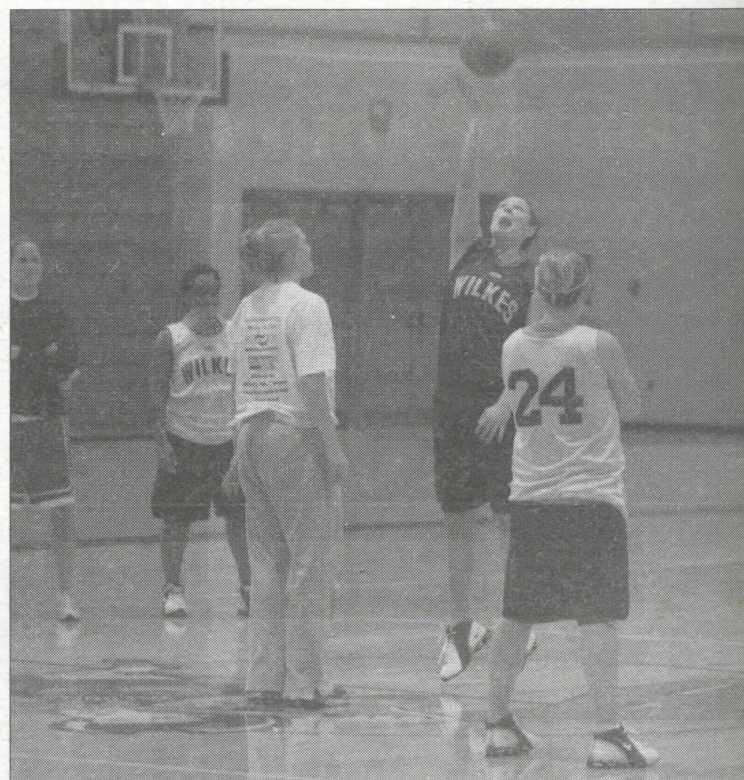
The Lady Colonels will be looking to their defense to lead them against new King's coach Brian Donoghue's fast-break offense. "Our big thing is going to be a hard-nosed defense," said Hartung. "They have some very good individual players...our defense is going to have to be on its game that day."

The King's team that will be gracing the Henry Gymnasium on November 30, however, will not be the Lady Monarchs of old. Head coach Bryan Witten, who engineered the powerhouse King's teams that went deep into the NCAA tournament on a regular basis, is gone. The 2005 edition of the Lady Monarchs has a new coach and a much younger team than its four seniors would suggest. Underclassmen rule the roster, with two-thirds of the team in their sophomore or freshman years.

The Lady Colonels and their

coach seem to have meshed well, posting a 1-1 record through the Scotty Wood tournament. King's, on the other hand, appears to be struggling with coach Donoghue's new system. The Lady Monarchs dropped their opening two games in the Marymount Tip-Off Classic, a tournament that they won in 2004.

The first Wilkes-King's game of the year is looking to be a fight to the finish. The teams will be very evenly matched, with Wilkes' young and talented defense squaring off against a King's offense led by pre-season All-American Beth Jordan. Both teams have little scouting information to build their game plan on, and King's will enter struggling much more than they have in recent years. The Wilkes program is also on the rise, and its underdog status gives it a chance to knock off an unsuspecting King's team struggling to find its identity. A tough defense and an opportunistic offense could lead the Lady Colonels to one of their biggest victories in years.



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The Lady Colonels, under new head coach Rachel Hartung, will be looking to knock off King's when they take the floor at Wilkes on November 30. Wilkes is currently 1-1 while the Lady Monarchs are 0-2.

Campus Calendar

All Week

*Hideous Beauty, Sor-doni Art Gallery

MONDAY (11/21)

*CEO Thanksgiving Project -- 8:30 to 5 p.m.

TUESDAY (11/22)

*CEO Thanksgiving Project -- 8:30 to 5 p.m.

*Women's Basketball @ Marywood -- 6 p.m.
*Men's Basketball vs. Baptist Bible -- 7 p.m.
*Thanksgiving Recess

Begins -- 10 p.m.

WEDNESDAY (11/23)

*CEO Thanksgiving Project -- 8:30 to 5 p.m.
*Crossroads Coffee House, First United Methodist Church -- 7 to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY (11/24)

*Thanksgiving

FRIDAY (11/25)

*No events listed

SATURDAY (11/26)

*No events listed

SUNDAY (11/27)

*Residence Halls re-open at noon

Due to Thanksgiving break, *The Beacon* will not publish Monday, November 28. *The Beacon* will publish again on Monday, December 5.

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Congratulations to Judy Wienckoski, who correctly identified last week's secret shot, which was of the front and side archway on the front porch of Conyngham Hall.