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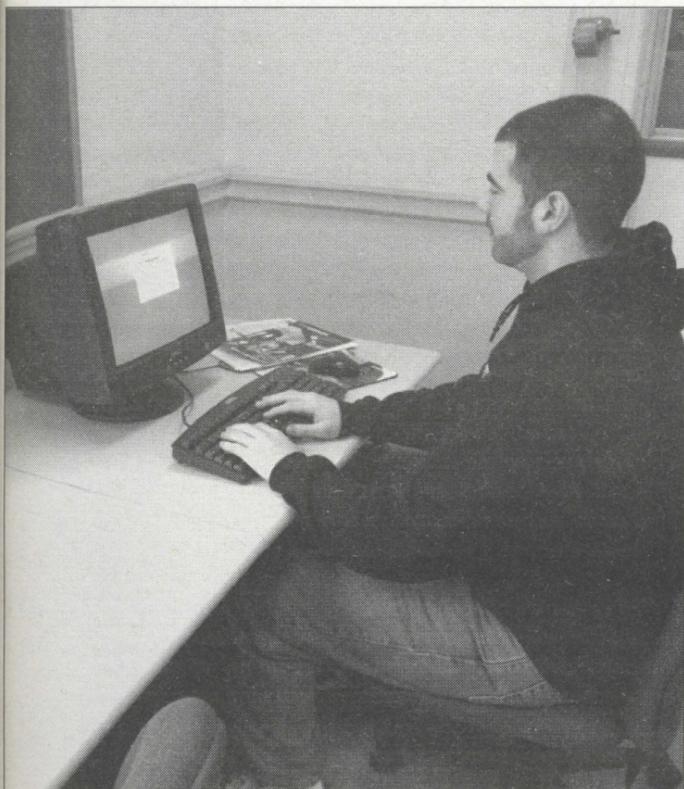
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Wilkes students and faculty negotiate IT improvements



BY STEPHANIE DEBALKO
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It's becoming the truism for the technology age: we never know how much we rely on a familiar process until it's changed.

Over the winter break, Information Technology officials initiated a major step in standardizing user IDs along with campus and off-campus access. While many of the changes have been implemented, the process has not been without its challenges.

The switch involved a number of changes for students, faculty and staff. Mike Salem, Chief Information Officer, Information Technology Services, explained these modifications. First, there is now a standard user ID for all members. This user ID should allow students access to personal e-mail, H-drive and WebCT accounts, as well as to the campus computer labs.

The H-drive was also upgraded and Wilkes now hosts WebCT as

opposed to another institution. This change allows Wilkes to deal directly with any problems rather than depending on an outside institution.

When the planned changes were announced last semester, both students and the faculty raised many questions. The Student Life and Media (SLAM) committee serves as an interface between students and the administration, according to Dr. Donald Mencer, associate professor of chemistry and chairperson of SLAM.

SLAM, which is supported by the Faculty Affairs Council (FAC), expressed its concerns through written communication to the President's cabinet asking members to put the changes on hold. While committee members' apprehension was taken into consideration, the process would remain on track and implementation ensued over late December and early January.

Mencer clarified why SLAM was concerned that perhaps the change was not in the best inter-

est of the students. "Any time you implement a relatively large change across a large number of users of varying levels of skill, you have to be concerned about... how easily this is going to happen, and are you going to be able to address those [problems that arise] in a way that will enable the university to continue to operate effectively?"

Mencer stressed that SLAM was not opposed to the changes, but rather was and remains more concerned with the pace at which the changes are occurring, as well as how they impact the efficiency of student and faculty operations.

According to Salem, the changes occurred over winter break because it is the longest break the university has, since during the summer there are still sessions in progress. He added that the plan for such IT changes had been in motion since last April.

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Committee explores new minor in leadership studies

BY ALISON WOODY
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Students who feel that demonstrable leadership will help them in the workplace and beyond may soon have another avenue to pursue at Wilkes.

Wilkes University faculty and

staff are currently exploring the possibility of adding a new minor in leadership studies to the curriculum. According to Mark Allen, Dean of Students, other projects such as the Emerging Leaders Program and Intercollegiate Leadership Wilkes-Barre have been well-received, and students have

demonstrated consistent interest in other leadership initiatives offered at Wilkes. This is in part what has prompted the Office of Student Affairs to investigate the viability of a possible academic minor that focuses on leadership styles and skills.

Allen is one person pushing for

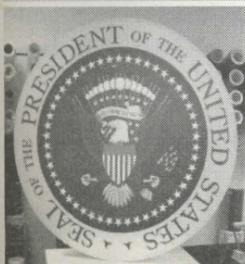
the idea. "The students seem to be enthusiastic about learning more about leadership and Student Affairs thought that it would be a good opportunity for them. We have put together an exploratory committee and developed a concept for the minor."

The minor in leadership studies

may be modeled after the existing women's studies minor at Wilkes. The preliminary outline for the program will consist of an introductory course in leadership and a capstone at the end of the minor

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WCLH picks up controversial syndicated talk shows

BY MARISSA PHILLIPS
Beacon Correspondent

This month, Wilkes radio station, WCLH 90.7 FM will begin airing the nationally syndicated news programs, "Making Contact" and is doing fundraising to allow them to soon pick up the show "Counterspin."

These programs, along with one other were recently dropped from the King's College WRKC 88.5 FM radio station line-up and the action caused tension between the

King's College radio station advisor and staff.

Jim Spak, a King's alumnus who had a regular show and broadcast "Making Contact," along with "Radio Nation," and "Counterspin" on WRKC, ran into problems with the content of one of those shows last October. He said he was confronted by King's station manager Sue Henry, after running an episode of "Making Contact" that featured an anti-war rally in Washington D.C., with

people who spoke out against the Bush administration.

Spak said Henry complained that the show was full of lies and extremism. While it was first only suspended pending analysis, after review, it was deemed "unbalanced" and promptly removed from the programming schedule.

Sue Henry was contacted and deferred comment to Robert McGonigle, King's College associate vice president of student affairs, who was unavailable for com-

ment.

According to Spak, instead of canceling all of his shows, Henry gave him an option. While "Making Contact" needed to remain off the air permanently, Spak was told he could choose to keep either "Radio Nation," or "Counterspin" on the air, as long as he screened them ahead of broadcast to make sure each program was balanced, according to the station's definition.

Spak rejected the offer, saying he could not work with the terms. "It seems like they don't understand the role of press in a free society," said Spak.

After learning the show had been

dropped by King's, WCLH station manager, Renee Loftus decided to pick up "Making Contact."

Loftus said that it will mesh well with the news show "Democracy Now," which is already aired on the station. "Making Contact" has an audience," said Loftus, "so it was kind of a no-brainer for us to run it."

"Making Contact" will air every Saturday at 11 a.m. and its addition in the line-up took place this weekend. "Counterspin" will air every Saturday at 11:30 a.m., but the starting date has not yet been determined, as fundraising must be done to allow for the show to be picked up.



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Students and faculty interact inside the studio of WCLH radio station, which is now carrying an additional controversial syndicated talk radio show. WCLH airs on 90.7 FM.

Beacon Correction

In the January 20, 2006 article, "Etruscan Press to relocate to Wilkes University," it was reported that the Manuscript Society would be moving with the Masters of Creative Writing Program out of Kirby Hall and to a new, unnamed space on campus. According to Dr. Michelle Anthony, Assistant Professor of English and Manuscript Society faculty advisor, the Manuscript Society will not be moving with the MA program and will remain in Kirby Hall with the English department. *The Beacon* regrets the error.

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News in Brief

Outcomes outweigh the risks for embedded journalists

BY KRISTIN KILE
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According to a January 29, 2006, ABC News article, Bob Woodruff, ABC World News Tonight's co-anchor, and cameraman Doug Vogt were severely injured that same day when they were hit by a road side bomb in Iraq. The team was embedded with soldiers in the 4th Infantry Division.

This incident again puts into perspective the dangers of sending reporters to hostile environments. According to a January 30, 2006 CNN article, Reporters Without Borders reported that 79 journalists and assistants have been killed in Iraq since the United States invaded in March 2003. But even in the face of such risks, news organizations continue to send reporters.

National outlets as well as many local news organizations have sent reporters into war zones to be embedded with U.S. military. Locally, the *Times Leader*, the *Scranton Times* and WNEP have all sent reporters to Iraq. Pat McHugh, publisher of the *Times Leader* said the outcome outweighs the risk.

"We realized that local young men and women, especially with the local national guard units and reserve units, were being called up and sent to Iraq, and we thought there was a compelling local story to tell based on the exploits of those local folks in incredibly hazardous circumstances," McHugh said.

In 2004, the *Times Leader* sent reporter Jerry Lynott and photographer John Wilkin to Iraq to be embedded with the 109th in-

fantry based out of Kingston. The duo was first stationed in Kuwait in February, 2004 and later embedded with another division of the 109th in Baghdad.

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Pat McHugh, *Times Leader* publisher

fantry based out of Kingston. The duo was first stationed in Kuwait in February, 2004 and later embedded with another division of the 109th in Baghdad.

"The risk is harm to the reporter. That's the greatest risk," McHugh said. "Certainly we weighed the possibility and concluded that the good that could come from accurately representing the things that were happening to the local young men and women outweighed that risk."

Lynott volunteered to go to Iraq because he said it was the biggest story going on at the time. He said the dangers ranged from getting sick from bad water or getting shot by the insurgents. In preparation for the potentially hazardous duty the reporters would soon find themselves in, officials at the *Times Leader* sent Lynott and Wilkin to hostile environment training, where they learned to administer first aid and how to protect themselves. The training session

where abductions are common.

"The main thing they tried to stress to us there was: don't try to be a hero. All these movies that you see on TV about people able to defeat an armed gunman and fight their way to freedom...I don't know how we would have done that. I think it was a lot of nonsense," Lynott said.

Lynott said there was a big difference from being stationed in Kuwait and then transferring to Iraq. While in Kuwait, the pair was issued helmets and flack jackets, but when they arrived in Iraq the reporters received body armor.

While Lynott and Wilkin were embedded with the 109th, they traveled on convoys with the soldiers and reported what soldiers did to keep themselves occupied. While they were in Iraq, Lynott said a few soldiers had babies, so they would feature those soldiers in various articles.

"The soldiers were always accommodat-

ing. They did their work...and I hoped we tried to convey that in the stories. They took on the responsibilities of protecting us, myself and a photographer. They have to take care of themselves, but they have an added responsibility of [keeping us] safe at the same time," Lynott said.

McHugh said he was not sure if he would send reporters over again. "I think the embedding rules were somewhat restrictive, and well, I won't say we were disappointed with the stories. I think with the restrictions we had to deal with, we didn't get everything we had hoped to."

He and Lynott said they were never censored as to what they could and could not write. McHugh said he would have liked to have greater access for reporters and photographers to go with the soldiers as they went into more dangerous circumstances.

When asked if he would go again, Lynott said he would possibly go under different circumstances. He said they were limited because they were embedded with the troops and could not go out on their own.

"When we were embedded with the troops we were confined to their barracks, their base, their movements. There's nothing that you could do on your own," Lynott said.

However, he said it is more dangerous to go out on your own in that environment. He also added there is no reason for him to be sent there because an infantry from the Wilkes-Barre area is not over in Iraq at this time.

Student Government Notes

February 1, 2006

-Representatives of the Lacrosse Club appeared for a second week in the fund request process. The club requested \$2,500 for game uniforms for 30 players and the cost of referees for four games. A motion was made and seconded for \$2,100 to be given and cover the cost of the uniforms for 30 players. Motion passed 21-12-5.

-Members of the Robotics Club appeared for the second week to get club recognition. Motion passed 35-0-1.

-Representatives of Adventures in Science appeared for a donation request of \$2,000 to pay for bags with Wilkes University logo on it for nearly 300 fifth graders who will be on campus on April 28. A motion was made and seconded for the full \$2,000 to be donated. The motion passed 30-0-8.

-SIFE appeared for it's first reading with a request of \$1,000 in funds for a confer-

ence.

-Spring Fling theme was announced as "Bathtime."

-Casino Night will be March 24.

-Programming Board announced the concert this year is Dashboard Confessional and it will be April 7.

-Commuter Council announced the next New York City trip is April 22.



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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Sago Mine tragedy recalls local history of mining

BY JOSEPH DEANGELIS
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From the late 19th century through the middle of the 20th, one industry predominated the Wyoming Valley: anthracite coal mining.

But times have changed and the industry that once ruled the area is barely seeing any light at all. While coal mining remains an important component of some economies, locally, coal mining employs only hundreds of Pennsylvanians—a far cry from the thousands employed during the heyday of King Coal.

Some question whether the Sago Mine tragedy in West Virginia on January 2 has affirmed long-standing fears about lack of mine safety that helped to end active coal mining in many areas across the country. An explosion led to the deaths of 12 miners in the Sago case.

While coal mining brought economic prosperity to the Wyoming Valley, it was also synonymous with danger both to the environment and to the men who worked the mines. However, the soft, clean anthracite coal was a popular product in the early 1900s.

But the Wyoming Valley witnessed its own mining tragedy on January 22, 1959 when 12 people died in the Knox Mine disaster at Port Griffith in Jenkins Township. The Knox Mine disaster has been called the final nail in the coffin to the mining industry locally.

“That was what they considered the beginning of the end of the deep mining in the Wyoming Valley,” said Mike Chminola, a history major at Wilkes.

Like the Knox Mine, which was flooded with water from the Susquehanna River, other coal mines have become flooded and unusable.

“There is not any mining in Wyoming Valley and there will never be any again,” said Dr. Harold Cox, professor emeritus of history and Wilkes University archivist. “There’s no way to mine coal in the valley.”

However, anthracite coal mining is still thriving in other parts of Pennsylvania even as close as Hazleton and Carbondale where small companies use strip mining to get at the coal.

“There really is not that much left,” said Chminola. “In the Wyoming Valley there is virtually none left.”

Recently, however, coal has emerged in scientific and economic discussions as a possible future source of energy thanks to gas prices on the rise and the conflict for oil, Cox said. He also added that the Sago Mine tragedy will not decrease the use of coal for that very reason.

“The use of coal, if anything, is going to

increase not decrease,” said Cox.

Mining does cause several environmental problems, including acid mine drainage which almost made the Susquehanna River sterile in the early 1900s.

“That’s one of the great problems that they have with mines is the acid mine water drainage,” said Cox.



Courtesy Richard Zmijewski

The tippel at Corder's Crossing, West Virginia. The tippel shows the typical mining operation of West Virginia coal mining processes.

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The foundation changes that occurred, Salem said, were essential corrections that will “allow for enhancements in all aspects of technology services.”

“These foundation changes were a necessary step in the implementation of a Wilkes portal that will provide students and alumni with a personalized/integrated view to on-line information/services from a wide array of systems such as schedule, e-mail, course catalog, grades, degree audit, financial aid, billing, deadlines...library resources, and campus news and events,” Salem said. He added that this “portal” is anticipated to become available by the end of 2006.

Although the changes that took place are in preparation for more advanced technological services, some students are experiencing problems with the system.

Timothy Burns, junior pharmacy major, said, “I had some minor problems opening power point slides from teachers. I also know two friends that were having prob-

lems: one with changing the password and the other with the setting on their off-campus computer that wouldn't let them open any files sent through e-mail.”

This situation is not unique, as many other students are also having trouble accessing e-mail or campus computers. Salem described this as a problem with syncing up the passwords and suggests that any students with this problem should contact the Help Desk for assistance.

At the same time, some students note that the problems have been relatively minor since the changeover. Neal Jackloski, junior communication studies major, said, “At first [I had some minor issues to deal with], but I don't have any problems with anything as of right now.”

As with any change, communication appears to be the key to successful implementation.

“Right now there are just unanswered questions... [And] I can't possibly formulate a final decision as to whether or not this project will, [in the long run], be worth the effort involved,” Mencer said.

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for students to reflect on what they have learned and relate it to their own strengths and weaknesses. Between those two objectives, students would choose from courses already existing in the curriculum that reflect the objectives of the minor.

Those involved with the project feel that adding a minor in leadership will benefit both Wilkes students and the community. Phil Ruthkosky, Director of Student Development, said, “So often leadership can be pinned to a certain major, but this is an interdisciplinary approach [with] an experiential piece that will provide knowledge and theory and then [allow students] the chance to put it to work.”

The conceptual frame behind the proposed leadership studies minor was to pursue an academic program that could capitalize on and encourage growth in the existing leadership initiatives students already seek out. An academic minor would make opportunities available to students that would ensure

confidence in their leadership skills upon graduating from Wilkes.

Allen remarked, “This minor will provide a meaningful experience to have students realize their own, full leadership potential. Also, when they go out into the workforce they can feel more confident and step up to roles that challenge them.”

At this time, the minor is still in the planning stages. The details have to be very specific and must go through the Academic Planning and Curriculum Committee before any formal action can be taken. Allen explained, “The minor is a work in progress. We are still defining what is it we want to present and we are still looking at other alternatives to shaping it.”

So what is the likelihood of a minor in leadership studies becoming a reality at Wilkes University? Dean Allen seems optimistic. “Everyone seems to feel that it is a good idea as it has been presented. The reality will be in how it is proposed and if it meets the learning needs of the academic committee. My hope is that they will embrace the concept.”



The Beacon/Nick Zmijewski

YMCA fire alarm sensors malfunction

The YMCA at 40 West North Hampton Street was evacuated Thursday, February 2 and again on Saturday, February 4 due to fire alarm sensors that were not working properly.

Although signs were posted throughout the facility warning of fire alarm testing last week, Nicole Witek, resident assistant of the building commented that the two incidents are not related to the testing.

According to the front desk attendant, the building is experiencing difficulties with the alarm sensors.

"Saturday the fire alarm went off and the sensor indicated it was on the fifth floor, but there were people up there and there was no fire," said Witek.

Public Safety officials on campus were not aware of the difficulties of that residents have been experiencing with the YMCA alarms because the building is independently owned and is not hooked into the Wilkes alarm system.

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Frey's *Million Little Pieces* controversy illustrates Americans value truth

BY THE BEACON EDITORIAL BOARD

James Frey's best-selling, Oprah-book-club inductee, *A Million Little Pieces*, has sparked a media frenzy and backlash in the courtroom, literally shredding Frey's credibility as an author into a million pieces.

The controversy surrounds a discovery by TheSmokingGun.com website, claiming the book contained multiple fabrications and embellishments. The book, termed by the publisher a "memoir," details the author's stint in rehab and battle with addiction, both of which Frey claims to be "truth." Turns out, *A Million Little Pieces* is the life story of James Frey...with some added scenes and embellished de-

tails to make it a good read.

Deciding if a book should be dubbed a memoir or fiction is a decision made by the publishers of the book, and we must remember that Frey cannot be held completely to blame for claiming this book was the former. At the same time, both the publisher and Frey have an obligation to readers; Frey should have spoken up and explained that truth is a relative concept and all is fair in love and the business world. And yes, the publisher should have done some investigative research like the fact-finding done by TheSmokingGun.com.

Let's remember, people paid money for this book, and both the publisher and Frey made a substantial profit when it reached the

best-seller list.

The question really becomes if we believe that the book gained such popularity because people thought it was true, or if the subject matter was interesting enough for people to pick it up regardless of whether it was true or not. Did Oprah put it on her book club because she thought she was reading a memoir, or because the quality of writing was high and the content was interesting? In this society, disclaimers such as "based on a true story" or on "actual events" usually carry a certain degree of weight; for some audiences, in fact, such a claim elevates the story to a higher status. It's more appealing because someone actually experienced it--or at least a good portion of what they view or read.

In James Frey's case, the majority of the events in *A Million Little Pieces* were true and apparently really happened. Most notably, he was in rehab at the age of 23, and he did overcome his addiction. The final message of the book remains the same, then: addiction can be overcome, and here's a personal story of this achievement. What audiences should (and will) call into question is whether the fine details of this addiction and achievement muddy the waters enough to render the overall message insincere or ineffective.

Clearly, people believe that the details do make a difference. The book is being reclassified as "fiction," and reprinted with an author's note stating, "I altered events and details all the way through the book." According to a Findlaw.com article by Anita Ramasastry, the publishing company of the book, Random House, and its subdivision, Doubleday, are facing court action by three separate readers of the book, citing breach of contract, negligent misrepresentation and consumer fraud. Oprah Winfrey has publicly apologized to viewers and readers for placing the book on her Book Club to begin with. As such, clearly some people do believe that the minor details are crucial, and they demand truth from their authors if they claim they are writing truth.

But it is difficult to determine if the majority of readers picked up the book because it was about drug addiction or if they did so because it was supposedly non-fiction. One fact remains; Americans value truth and they see a clear distinction between lying and telling the truth, even if the lying only concerns minor details. While this recent controversy will probably boost sales for Frey and Random House, future authors and publishers will hopefully learn from this instance and see the value assigned to simply telling the truth.

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 32 responses.

The Beacon asked:

What is the most fascinating mystery?

- What happens after death? - 38%
- 1975 disappearance of Jimmy Hoffa - 16%
- Disappearance of over 170 boats and planes in Bermuda Triangle - 13%
- The origins of humankind - 13%
- 1947 Roswell Army Airfield - 6%
- 1937 disappearance of Amelia Earhart - 6%
- 2005 disappearance of Natalee Holloway - 6%
- Crop circles in Minnesota farm field, summer 2005 - 0%
- Other - 2%

Next Week's Poll

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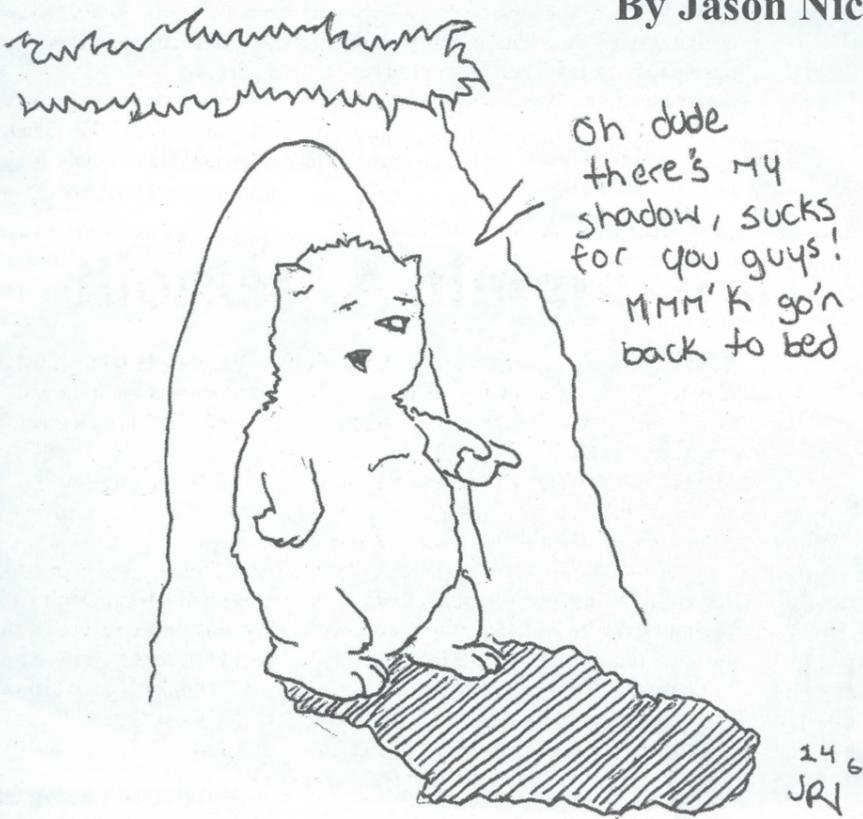
What would you like to see in place of the bookstore, in addition to extending Rifkin Cafe and its stage?

- Wilkes radio station
- 24 hour study area, computers
- Lounge - nice couches, tv, copy center, arcade
- Additional offices for clubs & directors
- Meeting room
- Computer clinic- IT Services
- Convenience or clothing store
- Other

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

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By Jason Nickle



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State of the Union Address

Conservative Accolades

BY TABITHA HAPEMAN
Beacon Columnist

The President was pretty clear last Tuesday night in his State of The Union Address on where he stands on the "War on Terror," and I think most conservatives would agree with him.

No matter the mistakes that were made going into the war in Iraq, the American troops are there now. It doesn't matter how we nitpick or bicker, our troops are overseas and fighting for our country and we need to do right by them. The motivations behind the war and the alleged miscalculations made almost five years ago are now a non-issue, but the fact remains that we *did* go to war, and pulling the troops before the time is right would be devastating to the country of Iraq.

The President also touched on other cultural issues such as gay marriage, stem cell research and cloning, but mainly focused on issues associated with the budget and new energy initiatives. President Bush's new energy initiatives were very surprising since he is thought of as an oilman by those on the political left. He stated that he would address the energy crisis by dedicating time and funds to the research of hybrid cars, the production of ethanol, and the use of clean and safe nuclear energy. His plan is to "replace 75% of Middle Eastern oil imports by 2025" with cleaner and safer alternative energy sources.

Perhaps a few conservatives will be offended by the statement that our country is "addicted to oil" but there is no reason

they should be. Both ends of the political spectrum should be thrilled with the plan to lessen our dependency on the Middle East for our energy source; it will be good for the country and good for the American people.

The President also called for a bipartisan solution to the Social Security problem and seemed confident that both parties could reach a solution to the Baby Boomer retirement crisis. Half the room interrupted rudely with whoops and hollers when the President made the observation that his bill to privatize Social Security was passed over, but the President handled it very well.

Hopefully, both Democrats and Republicans can come to some sort of an agreement before the entire generation of Baby Boomers retires and leaves the remaining Americans with little to no Social Security funds.

The conservative sect of the country should be pretty pleased with President Bush's State of The Union Address. Perhaps he should have concentrated more on the domestic cultural issues of the day to satisfy the right, but it was certainly politically safer to stay away from those topics. His energy initiatives should be supported by liberals and conservatives alike, though the right won't be surprised if the left does not support the education bill. President Bush stated that he wanted to "make permanent the expansion of the private sector" with respect to education.

All in all, the address was a success, though perhaps a little too politically safe. The country just might see a slight increase in the cooperation of the left and the right within the next few years. We'll keep our fingers crossed.

Liberal Boos

BY ROB DONAHUE
Beacon Correspondent

We, the United States, are a democracy... well, duh!

Someone just needs to remind President Bush.

I am sure that we all know by now that the President has authorized secret, and what many are calling *illegal*, wiretaps on American people suspected of consorting with the

e n e m y . This wire-tapping is so secretive that it wasn't even mentioned to U.S. Congress.

In November, reports came out about secret overseas U.S. prisons. In fact, Republican Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist of Tennessee was more concerned about who leaked the information than he was about the fact that we actually *have* secret prisons.

The Red Cross has accused the Bush Administration of hiding some prisoners in foreign prisons. In addition, it is well documented that the Bush administration has authorized detaining prisoners for an extended amount of time without access to a legal representation or even formal charges. And the list goes on and on.

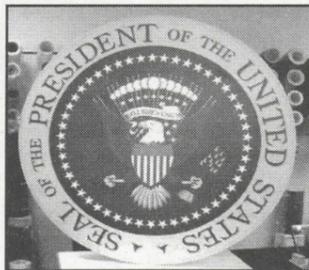
In his State of the Union Address last Tues-

day, the President argued that he is "just doing his job" by upholding the U.S. Constitution. Maybe he skipped the 4th Amendment (which prohibits searches without warrants), the 6th Amendment (which grants U.S. citizens the right to a fair, speedy, public trial), and the 8th Amendment (which prohibits cruel and unusual punishment) in high school or at Yale.

In short, what the President is doing is illegal and he should be removed from office before it gets worse. But of course many conservatives believe it's more impeachable for a president to have an affair with an intern than it is for a president to place himself higher than the Constitution and effectively begin to establish an autocracy.

Ultimately, his State of the Union Address underscores why America should be concerned about losses of our democratic freedoms. His weak justification of the domestic wiretapping actually just scratches the surface. Bush claimed that America is "addicted to oil," but his policies have fed that addiction. He acknowledged a need to cut the deficit that his administration single-handedly created thanks to tax cuts for the wealthy and spending billions on an unjust war. He argued for enhanced programs in math and science for young people, but the deficit and his call for yet more spending on defense while simultaneously cutting social programs suggests Bush needs to revisit a math class.

Are these inconsistencies what we want to communicate to other countries? Bush's excuses and plans should frighten the average American who believes in our Constitution.



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Politically Incorrect: with Benjamin A. Iezzoni

BY BENJAMIN IEZZONI
Beacon Correspondent

After much persuasion, I have finally been given my own column in *The Beacon*. Tremble in fear, Wilkes University. Fear and awe.

On Tuesday, January 31, President George W. Bush presented his compulsory State of the Union Address. Not surprisingly, he did his best to portray key issues of his presidency in a positive light.

The war in Iraq was covered in broad, general terms that would mean political suicide for any who dared point out flaws in his plans for closure on his conflict. After all, what respectable human being

would not lust after the expansion of freedom and democracy in our world? One would be unpatriotic and hateful toward his country should they not desire to support the spread of our most basic human rights. I mean, come on...It's not like there are any other ways of governing oneself. What fools could not see the boundless rewards of doing things *our way*? There really is no choice.

Think about it-- we're the United States of America, damn it. How can any nation not want to be like us? We must take care not to be fooled by the lies and chicanery that some try to pass before you; in any situation where people are trying to be different, they are obviously lying. People can't *really* be different; they must instead be envious

of how great we Americans are. A bunch of other countries showing off their "cultural" songs and dances are just trying to be unique or special.

You know what that reminds me of? Those dang Goth kids, always dressing up in their black clothes, pretending that they're something better than the rest of us. That's right. Our world is just one big schoolyard with its cliques. We're America...the "cool kid," and the countries in the Middle East that we're picking on right now are the noisy Goth kids, with their weird religions and crazy music. Those annoying little Goths are just trying to get some attention by rejecting us and being obstinate by voting against us in the student council election. They resent our freedom, our prosperity,

and so they lash out at us! You see, that's why we beat them up and steal their milk money. That'll teach them. Those arrogant jerks.

This is not a war, people. Don't believe otherwise. At the moment, Old Reliable is just calling it one to garner more support, to dupe people into giving him more executive power. Don't let him fool you--his noisy little ruckus in the Middle East should never be confused with a real war. Sure, I think it's good that we're over there, letting those Goth kids know who's boss; I just don't think that Bush has any right to call that pansy movement he's spreading a "war."

God bless us all, amen.

Why Spy? The difference between watching your neighbor shower and listening to his phone calls

BY MATT ZEBROWSKI
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When I started to think about the whole wiretapping without warrants controversy, the latest *faux pas* of the Bush administration, the first comparable act that came to mind was sneaking into your neighbor's lawn with a telescope to watch them shower.

Both acts involve monitoring something assumed to be private, and both are against the law. But the more I thought about wiretapping, I realized that what the administration is doing in the name of "national security" is nothing at all like standard voyeurism. Nothing like that at all, actually, though I almost wish that the comparison could be made.

See, watching your neighbor soap up his or her privates is just plain impolite. And more than a little creepy. But, it's creepy in a Christopher Walken sort of way. Wiretapping, on the other hand, is creepy in the

George Orwellian Negative Utopia sort of way. And not just because it's, well, wiretapping, but because the administration refuses to acknowledge that warrants for this sort of thing are necessary, and because people across the nation seem to be okay with that.

I know, I know, if you're on the phone with al Qaeda, we want to know why. That's perfectly fair, because honestly I'd be a little curious myself. But it's only half the story. Placing a wiretap without a warrant is against the law, no ifs, ands, or buts about it. Hell, for those cases where you're in a really big hurry, warrants can even be obtained *retroactively*, up to a few days before the placing of the tap.

What makes this even scarier is that the wiretaps have seemingly only been used in cases where there was genuinely questionable activity. Which means that warrants would have been granted without any problems. So, apparently, the only reason that the administration didn't get warrants in

these cases is that it didn't want to.

And that is bad news, because unlike the showering neighbor scenario, the only reason that I could think of to not abide by the law under these circumstances is to prove a point. That point appears to be that the administration is above the law and can therefore do whatever the hell it wants (See also: "Torture/Prisoner Rights" for other examples of this ideology).

Need proof? Just listen to any of the conservative pundits on talk radio or Fox News. They'll tell you that this wiretapping is the best development in political science since the Second Amendment because it proves that our boy, G.W., is willing to do whatever it takes to protect the American people, even if it means breaking the law. Which doesn't make any sense, considering that the reason we have laws in the first place is supposedly to protect the American people, too. The claim that past presidents have engaged in similar surveillance tactics isn't much of a justification, either. I mean, if

other presidents jumped off a bridge...

The wiretapping of suspected terrorists is, obviously, a valid and necessary protective endeavor, but there are certain rules that are in place to protect the American people in a different way. Sure, it's a stretch to assume that the administration will make the jump from monitoring legitimately suspicious individuals to suddenly tapping every phone in the nation, but don't forget, these are the same people who believe that allowing homosexuals to get married will somehow lead to state-sanctioned bestiality. Their whole mindset is apparently based on leaps of questionable logic. Besides, anyone who's seen *Episode III: Revenge of the Sith* knows that freedom is often taken away incrementally and justified in terms of increased protection. One day they're wiretapping without warrants, the next they're shooting lightning out of their fingertips. And no one really wants that.

Brangevaughnikat: Fighting the celebrity overexposure

BY KRISTYN OSTMAN
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No, it's not a monster about to attack Tokyo. It's the hideous overexposure of celebrity affairs. Okay, allow me to start off by saying that yes, I see the hypocrisy in writing an article criticizing the excessively publicized celebrity love lives. Nonetheless, I shall forge on.

First, I need to comment on the practice of nicknaming couples. Brangelina, Bennifer, TomKat and Vaughniston. What normally would be considered gibberish has now become household code words. Who thought this was a good idea? It doesn't somehow make them seem more approachable... these people are not our friends or neighbors, so really what's the point? Imagine if all couples referred to themselves with these catchy name combos. It's a particularly scary thought for me when I attempt to unite my name with that of former boyfriends. Somehow, all I came up with were three syllables sounding vaguely like diseases and one ethnic slur.

While I may need some work on my personal naming abilities, I regularly catch myself making mention of one of these popular monikers in conversation. Normally, I wouldn't use cutesy nicknames to refer to people I don't know, but I have a wealth of unsought knowledge about these people,

which is just as good.

So where are our news priorities these days? Whether I like it or not, I know more about Brad and Angelina's happy home than I do about the Alito hearings. Admittedly, I watch an almost unhealthy amount of Best Week Ever and the E! Channel, but I find myself unable to find real news when I want it. By real news, I mean completely unsullied by any celebrity gossip. It seems that even the mainstream news media has put particular focus on the lives of celebrities. Do the news media create the desire for such fluff, or are they giving us what we want? It's a chicken and egg question.

My local news channel recently reported "a very special announcement from Brangelina"...and oh yeah, those dudes in the mine all died. Why is the lead story the Hollywood couple's big baby rumors? How did that beat out mining disasters, the war, and the beating death of a small child (To give you some perspective, my local news reports for the tri-state area; most of the news comes from Manhattan or northern New Jersey)? At times like this it makes me wonder if the media is trying to force us into caring. In some ways, I feel like the miscommunication of the mine collapse is telling of the state of our news media. Many broadcast and print news outlets alike were quick to run a horribly incorrect story and yet somehow the same outlets always seem

to be ahead of the game concerning celebrity news.

I cannot place all the blame on the news media. It's likely that they are simply satisfying the demand for celebrity gossip. All kidding aside, taking excessive vacations and jumping into a new relationship before the ink dries on the divorce papers is not terribly noteworthy, so I don't think anyone will miss much by ignoring them. Most people would agree that there are far more important things going on in this world that

demand our attention.

I plan to do my part in ending the celebrity fixation. I will avoid celebrity news like the plague. When TomKat spawns its first (and hopefully only) kitten, I will not attempt to learn its name. If Brangelina jet sets to another country to congratulate themselves on what great humanitarians they are, I will not try to pronounce the name of said nation. Perhaps if we collectively ignore Paris Hilton, we could completely will her out of existence. The possibilities are endless!

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Newly redesigned Wilkes website launched last week *Committee seeks online feedback on usability and content*

BY SARAH HERBERT
Beacon Features Editor

Last Thursday, students, faculty, staff, alumni and prospective students were able to begin navigating the newly redesigned Wilkes University website.

While the site officially launched, designers were still hard at work on it through the end of the week, working out glitches and solving minor problems.

Pam Fendrock, Wilkes University's web content manager, proposed that the website be redesigned in October 2004. The next step was to form a redesign committee, which consisted of 16 members including two students. The committee has been meeting on a weekly basis since July of 2005 and a typical meeting consisted of a conference call to Collegis, a design company, in Orlando, Florida.

Users might be wondering where the new design scheme came from. Fendrock said, "the new design is based on the new view book, a resource for prospective students."

The view book was designed by an outside company called 160 over 90. According to Fendrock, the company "doesn't only do work with universities as clients. [It] deals with companies like American Eagle and [designers with the firm] are used to dealing with people in various age groups. That is one of the things that we really liked about them."



The Beacon/Sarah Herbert

Last Thursday, Wilkes debuted its newly redesigned website. The design scheme came from the new view book and is aimed at prospective students thinking about coming to the university. The website features bright colors for each section and also a variety of quotations in large, bubbly quotation marks. Site users wishing to give feedback should visit the online survey available on the university's homepage.

The view book was tested on prospective students and fared well. In fact, "application numbers are way up since the new view book came out," said Fendrock.

The newly redesigned website, working

in conjunction with the view book, features a variety of quotations in large, bubbly quotation marks and bright colors. The view book, website and other public documents

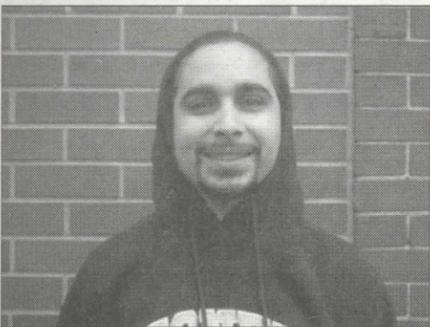
for the university are now intentionally vi-

sually and verbally consistent, which is desirable from a marketing standpoint. "We now have a unified front," said Fendrock.

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Tell Us ■■■ Features Editor Sarah Herbert was curious about what Wilkes students are thinking. Here is what she found out.

What is the worst spring break destination and why?



J.C. Jiminez- senior, communication studies major

"Afghanistan, because they bomb people there."



Greg Terlecky- freshman, computer science major

"Canada, because it's Canada. Who enjoys Canada?"



Joann Philips and Jessica Gentile- freshmen, biology and biochemistry majors

"Antarctica, because it's freaking cold there."



Matt Burian- senior, electrical engineering major

"Home is the worst place because of work."

Students test run new GRE format

BY ERICA LEO
Beacon Staff Writer

Climbing the collegiate ladder is seldom easy for most students and with the implementation of recent changes to the Graduate Record Examinations (GREs), reaching the next rung may become a little more difficult.

The GRE historically consisted of two sections: verbal and quantitative reasoning. The verbal section analyzed vocabulary and grammar skills whereas the quantitative section focused on basic math concepts and analytical reasoning.

The newly revised GRE features an added analytical writing section that challenges test-takers to write an essay from a given prompt.

But Educational Testing Service (ETS), who creates and submits the GRE, isn't satisfied yet.

In October of 2006 the GRE is scheduled to undergo yet more changes which feature less emphasis on vocabulary memorization and more emphasis on analytical skills.

Carol Bosack, Director of Career Services, works with students who are planning to take the GREs and applying to grad schools. Bosack feels that, despite the recent and upcoming changes to the GRE, the number of Wilkes students applying to grad school has increased.

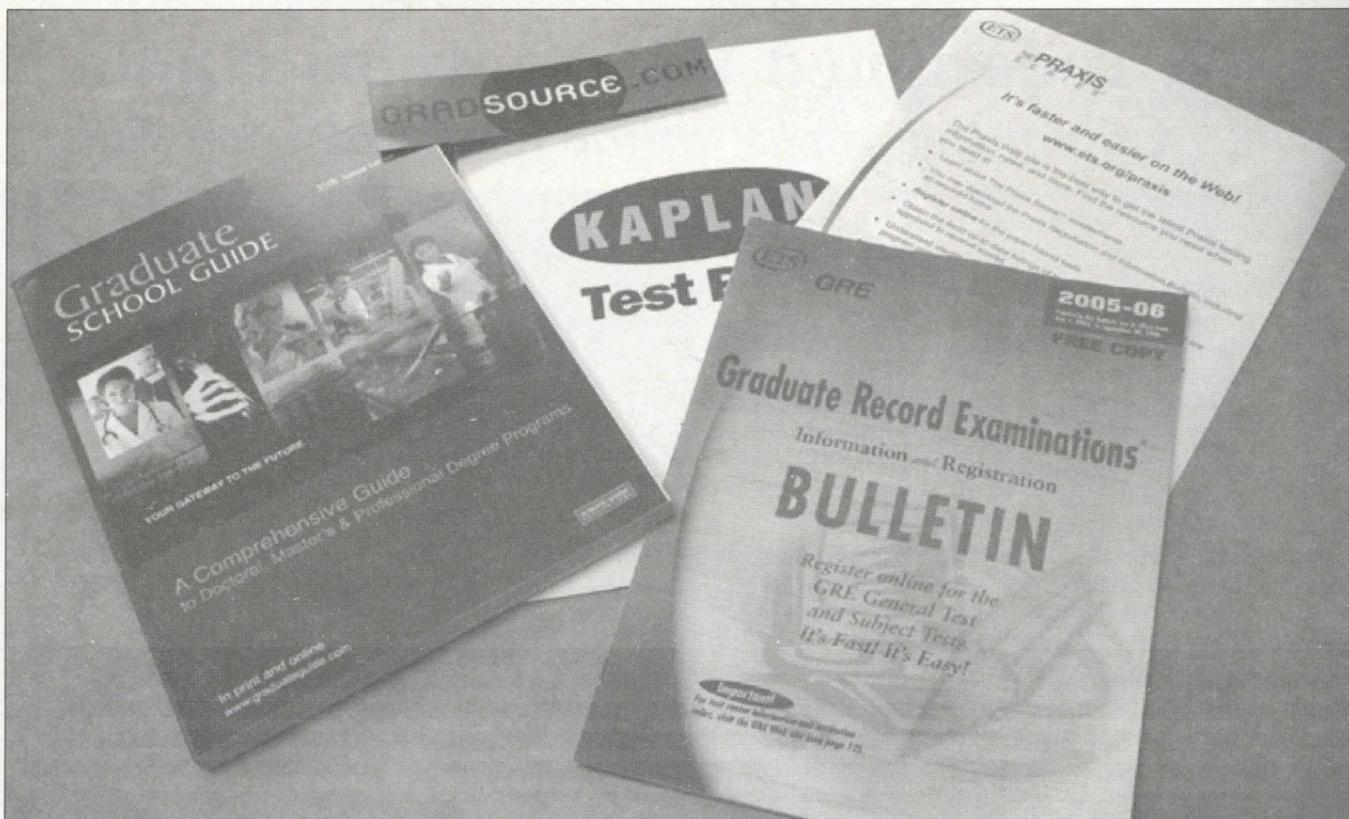
"I think students are realizing that at some point in their careers, and it may be a few years down the road, they will want to work on a master's or PhD," said Bosack.

Bosack encourages students who think they may want to further their education in the future to take the GRE's while they are still in school. GRE scores are stored and can be used as an evaluation tool by graduate schools for up to five years.

"If you're thinking of going to grad school in the next few years, even on a part time basis, take the GRE's while you're still in school and still used to thinking about things as a student," said Bosack.

Shanna Allen, senior psychology major, recently took the GRE exam and stressed that considerable preparation for the test is imperative.

"I started studying about a year before I took the GRE. There are many practice books available, and you can use them to increase your math skills and verbal knowledge. Studying is only going to help, so devote some time and energy to it



The Beacon/Nick Zmijewski

The Graduate Record Examination (GRE), historically consisting of verbal and quantitative reasoning sections that focused on grammar skills and math skills, has recently been revised. The new format has an added analytical writing section that challenges students to write an essay from a given prompt. Also, in October 2006, the GRE is scheduled to undergo even more changes which will feature more emphasis on vocabulary memorization. Recently, the number of Wilkes students applying to graduate schools has increased. Students interested in learning more about the GRE should visit the department of Career Services.

if you really want to do well on the GRE," said Allen.

Allen specifically recommended for stu-

dents to consider utilizing the information in the book, *GRE: Practicing to take the General Test*, by the Educational Testing Service. She indicated that this book was extremely helpful for her and feels that it

will be for other students as well.

"I found the scores I got on the practice tests in this book very close to what I got on the actual test," said Allen.

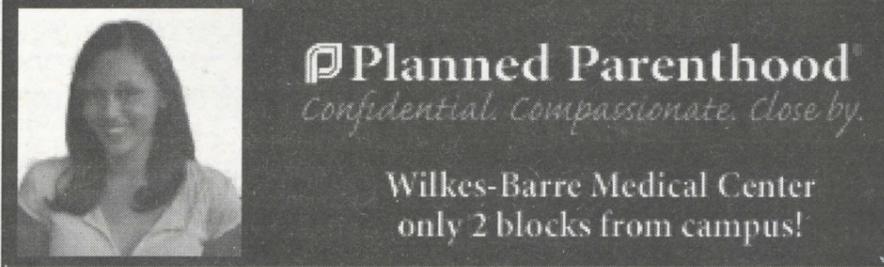
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Students raise funds for alternative spring break trips

BY SARAH DOMAN
Beacon Staff Writer

Students looking to relieve the stress of classes or make long-lasting memories with friends are likely to find both through alternative spring break experiences both domestic and abroad. The experiences are likely to offer a change of pace and an opportunity for growth for all involved.

The alternative spring break program has been an option for Wilkes for more than a decade. Dr. Evene Estwick, assistant professor of communication studies and a faculty advisor for this year's trip said, "Alternative spring break (ASB) is an opportunity for students to perform community service in a domestic area and overseas." Past trips have included destinations to India, Grenada, West Virginia, and Louisiana. This year ten students will travel to Kentucky and ten students will fly to Peru, along with two advisors for each trip.

This year's trips will last from March 4 to March 11. Freshman Spanish major Kristen Potsko said, "Not only will our group be able to travel to a foreign country [Peru] and learn about their culture, but we also get to have a personal experience with the people that we will be helping with our service work."

As a group the students will help determine the service project(s) for the trips. The top choices include working with children, a women's group, or local medical practice.

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The incorporation of bright colors throughout the website was not accidental. Each school and department has its own representative color. For example, all academic pages are orange and all pages for the School of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences are gray. Fendrock said that this was a conscious decision that the committee made "knowing that we were starting to graphically represent our new brand."

Steven Thomas, assistant professor of music said, "Right now it's a little difficult to navigate because I'm not used to it, but the more important question to ask is how the site is functioning for prospective students."

Kayla Griglock, sophomore at Wyoming Valley West high school has begun to browse the Internet for college choices. As a prospective student, Griglock enjoyed the design of the new site. "It's looks really good and it's easy for me to use" said Griglock.

This type of response from prospective students is just what the design committee is hoping for. In fact, Fendrock and the com-



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On Thurs., February 2, students planning to participate in Alternative Spring Break program raised funds with a spaghetti dinner. Junior Dave Scordino oversees the buffet line as senior Brandon Ingraham collects his food. Alternative Spring Break serves as an opportunity for students to perform community service in domestic area nationally and abroad. This year, there will be ten students participating in each of the Alternative Spring Break trips which will be traveling to Kentucky and Peru.

In order to afford travel and lodging, students must raise funds. The most recent fundraiser for ASB was a spaghetti dinner held last Thursday, February 2, for which many of the ingredients were donated. Students have also sold lollipops, coffee, and baked goods.

mittee could not agree more with Thomas' statement. "The main purpose of the site is to appeal to prospective students and their parents," said Fendrock.

However, that doesn't mean that current students, faculty, staff and alumni needs will be disregarded. With the new design also comes a great many technological changes that may not be evident by just viewing the site.

Mike Salem, Chief Information Officer, is working on a new portal system. According to Salem, this system would "allow you to personalize and pull together anything you might want to use on the web."

For example, a user could sign in to the website and instantly see their inbox, current news, and an academic page on the same screen.

In addition, the website will better utilize the banner system for things like the locator and online forms. What that means is that the locator will be more current and accurate since no one will have to manually enter the information.

In addition, "Ninety percent of the stuff you have to go to an office for will be self-service on the website," said Salem.

Potsko said, "That has been the major bulk of the work on our end of the trip. It really has been a team effort from both the Peru group and the Kentucky group, our domestic counterpart."

While students search their closets for work boots or gloves for ASB, others have

Salem hopes to begin working on the portal project in April with a completion date of October, although these dates are not official.

But until all of the kinks are worked out, the design team expects to field a great deal of phone calls and emails.

Fendrock hopes that the site's users will offer feedback. "It's just the nature of things for there to be upheaval, but the only way for us to get accurate feedback is through the survey," said Fendrock.

As of the time of publication, 121 people completed the online survey that is available on the homepage of the website. Fendrock urges users to complete the survey, as it is one of the only ways the design team can be aware of all the glitches.

"The beauty of the web is it's never finished. You find a typo or forget a link and you can very easily fix the typo or add the link that forgot. If you don't have the

planned trips with family and friends. Senior psychology major Michalene Davis said, "I plan to go to Atlantic City with my mom and grandmother. It's a nice way to relax and spend time with family."

feedback, there's only so much you can do," said Fendrock.

Just the **FACTS** COLLEGE DRINKING CONSEQUENCES

159,000 of today's first-year college students will drop out of school next year for alcohol or other drug-related reasons. The average student spends about \$900 on alcohol each year. Do you want to know how much cash the average student drops on his or her books? About \$450.

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New Mexican artist brings Southwest vision to campus

Johnnie Winona Ross exhibit opens at Sordoni

BY ANDEE SCARANTINO
Beacon Correspondent

Art lovers who take a stroll through the Sordoni Art Gallery over the next few weeks will be greeted with abstract images that may remind them of window blinds, barcodes, or even zebra stripes. Others may opt not to try and interpret the paintings of Johnnie Winona Ross at all, but instead they will simply take in the color and line work of the collection that has been on display since January 15 and will run through March 15.

Art is highly interpretive. What may look like a giant barcode to some, may connote a lifetime of passion to another. Such is the case with Johnnie Winona Ross, who finds his inspiration from his home in New Mexico, primarily in Native American artifacts and the archaeology and geology of the West. He uses the words transcendence and spiritual to describe his work, paintings which appear to the common eye as a series of horizontal bands. Every other band is white, while the bands in between are different colors, all of which are from the artist's imagination. Most contain drips of paint that Ross allows to fall freely down the canvas.

In an interview with Dr. Ronald R. Bernier, Director of the Sordoni Art Gallery at Wilkes University, Ross described his painting. "As an artist, I never found technique by itself to be that interesting or really very important. I am basically an intuitive painter, with much to owe to abstract expressionism. Intuitive moves happen quickly. They are reactive, honest, direct, and complex to understand. Crafting an object, whether it is a titanium white band, or a burnished surface, or a perfectly stretched linen tacked with copper is contemplative, intentional, slow, and done with obvious skill."

Bernier acknowledged that he purposefully sought to introduce Ross to Wilkes University and the Sordoni. "I saw an exhibition of his work in New York at the Stephen Haller Gallery, and I was just fascinated. I wanted to know a little more about it," said Bernier.

According to Bernier, it is a traveling exhibition, as most of the exhibitions in the gallery are. It was planned with the Stephen Haller Gallery in New York, and coordinated with Ross.

"Most of the works come from the Stephen Haller Gallery," said Bernier. "The piece that is on the far wall, the 72 inch piece; that's the first time it has ever been seen publicly... He (Ross) finished it fairly close prior to the exhibition... We are the first to be able to showcase it."

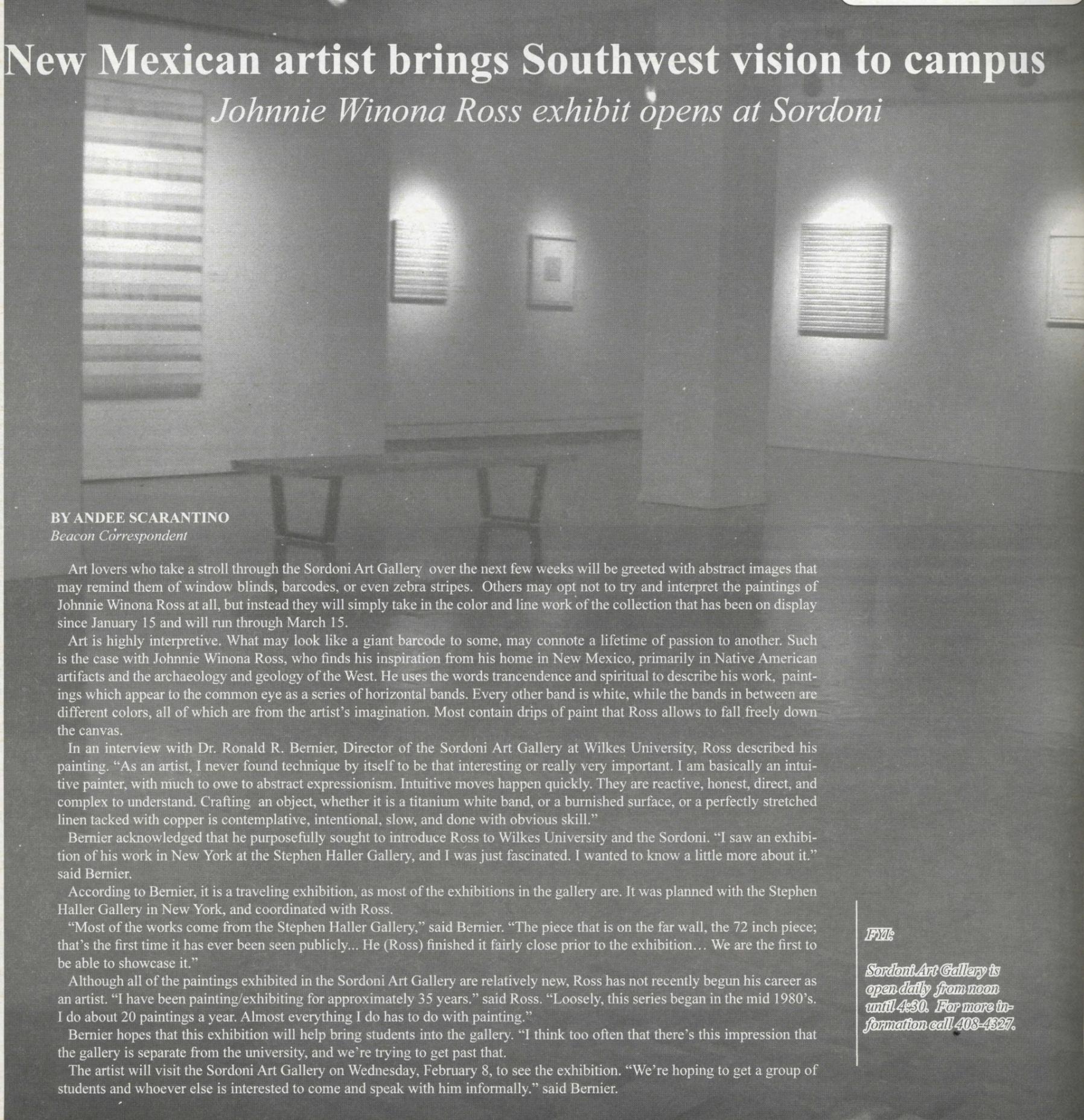
Although all of the paintings exhibited in the Sordoni Art Gallery are relatively new, Ross has not recently begun his career as an artist. "I have been painting/exhibiting for approximately 35 years," said Ross. "Loosely, this series began in the mid 1980's. I do about 20 paintings a year. Almost everything I do has to do with painting."

Bernier hopes that this exhibition will help bring students into the gallery. "I think too often that there's this impression that the gallery is separate from the university, and we're trying to get past that."

The artist will visit the Sordoni Art Gallery on Wednesday, February 8, to see the exhibition. "We're hoping to get a group of students and whoever else is interested to come and speak with him informally," said Bernier.

FYI:

Sordoni Art Gallery is open daily from noon until 4:30. For more information call 408-4327.



What's Poppin'

Off The Charts
Music Review

The Strokes' *First Impressions of Earth*

BY MATT ZEBROWSKI
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write catchy songs and that they have consistently pushed their boundaries with each successive album they have released.

Since they released their first album almost five years ago, The Strokes have consistently gotten a bad rap for looking and sounding derivative.

Sure, they dress like a bunch of typical NYC hipster tools and have typical NYC hipster tool haircuts, so I can understand the criticism there, but there's pretty much no denying that they

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First Impressions of Earth, their third and latest album, is no deviation from this pattern. As "Juicebox," the first single, suggests, many of the songs on *First Impressions* are louder and heavier than any of their prior material (and they get extra points for having David Cross, hands-down the funniest man in the world, star in the music video). This extra crunch really works well with the Strokes' retro-ish format, as other highlights like "Vision of Division" and "Ize of the World" (possi-

bly the best song on the CD, despite the really lame pun in the title-read the lyrics. You'll see what I mean) illustrate.

Other songs on the album, like "Electricityscape" and "Red Light," continue in the vein of "12:51" and other songs from their last album, *Room on Fire*, by experimenting with guitar tones that sound almost like keyboards. The only place where *First Impressions* goes awry is on some of the downtempo tracks. "On the Other Side" drags a bit after the first minute and a half or so, and "Ask Me Anything" is, unfortunately, so downright boring that I've only managed to listen to it

through twice, if that, since I got the album.

Even with these few bum tracks, *First Impressions* is still a fine album. After repeated listens, I'm still not sure yet if it's as good as *Room on Fire*, but it's definitely better than *Is This It?*, The Strokes' 2001 debut. It's also definitely a step in a different direction, and, therefore, thoroughly worth listening to.

Trendspotter

Skinny Jeans

BY MEGAN MANCE
Beacon Correspondent

Who would have ever thought that the jeans no one could get into would come back for a second round?

I remember it like it was yesterday: trying to squeeze my foot through a pair of straight leg jeans, lying on my bed using a coat hanger to pull up the zipper. After going into hibernation for a few years, skinny jeans are back and on the prowl, and can be seen on celebrities like Jessica Simpson, Mischa Barton, and Angelina Jolie.

Skinny jeans--also called cigarette jeans--are straight leg pants with a slim fit and lean proportions. They look great with a pair of stilettos for that sexy, chic look, and are the perfect pair of pants to tuck into your knee high boots, ugs or cowboy boots.

Skinny jeans, like the ones shown above, can be found in stores like T.J.Maxx, Kohl's, and The Bon-Ton. You can be sure that by purchasing a pair of skinny jeans, you'll add some "spice" to your wardrobe--if you can get the zipper up.

Nothing But Net

This week on the web

BY MYLES RUMBEL
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Cupid.com

With Valentine's Day around the corner, everyone wants a shot at love. And one site claims to help people find that special someone locally. *Cupid.com* is a website designed to connect local singles.

After users sign up, they first fill in their own profile. Then to look for a perfect match, users are offered a ton of categories. These options include things such as marital status, religion, physical appearance, education and even astrological sign. Once that special someone emerges from all of the means of narrowing choices down, users are urged to send a personal message, give them "eye contact" (essentially forwarding the profile the user has just created), adding them to a friend list or even recommending the person to another friend. Unlike lots of other online dating services,

cupid.com appears to be largely free, which should be an attractive characteristic to prospective users.

There are two major problems with the site. The first is what is considered "local." The search options range from 50 miles to 300 miles. Why didn't someone inform me that both New York City and Philadelphia are local? For the average person, traveling over 200 miles for a first date seems somewhat impractical, though admittedly, these options are better than connecting with folks in California or Texas, which is what many other online dating services may suggest.

Second, most of the people on the site (at least from this area) have not been active for quite some time (over a month).

Overall, though, the site definitely has potential, as long as people actually use it.



Dinner and a Movie

Dinner: Logan's Roadhouse

BY DONNA TALARICO
Beacon A&E Editor

To get in the mood to watch Alison Sherry's movie pick of the week, it seemed logical to choose an eatery with a western appeal. What better choice than a steakhouse? The Wyoming Valley offers quite a variety, but I opted for the area's newest addition: Logan's Roadhouse.

On a double-date, I headed to the new arena-area eatery, my Mazda almost sinking in the deep, violent sea of vehicles. Conquering the wave of cars, we made it to the lot and managed to find a spot. But, our friends had to park at Wal-Mart and walk over. Yes, it was that packed.

We were promptly greeted by a hostess, handed peanut-bucket shaped menus and were told we had a 25 to 40-minute wait. Notoriously indecisive, I thought that guaranteed I would probably know what I wanted by then. Twenty minutes later, we were seated in a step-up booth in the huge non-smoking section. The dining room was wide open, airy and rustic—all the makings of a real roadhouse.

Neon beer signs adorned every corner of every wall. As we walked to our table, the crunching of peanut shells under my cowboy boots startled me.

When our waitress asked for our drink order, we also gave our food order. I ordered the Brewski Onion Sirloin, a steak covered in onions simmered in Amber Bock (a lovely, dark and sweet brew) and garlic butter (\$10.99) and my date got the chopped steak (\$9.99), smothered in onions and mushrooms. The couple across the booth ordered the Logan's Filet Mignon (6oz., \$15.99) and the mesquite grilled chicken topped with parmesan cheese (\$9.99).

Each meal came with two sides and fresh yeast bread. We all opted for the made-from-scratch mashed potatoes and all opted, for \$.79 extra, to have them loaded: mixed with sour cream and bacon and topped with shredded, melted cheddar. For our second side, I had broccoli, Dave had a house salad, and Colleen and Andy--newly engaged--cutely ordered the same: mac and cheese.

We wasted no time digging into the complimentary tin can of roasted peanuts on the table. Soon, we were deliv-

ered the hot, fresh yeast bread which was fluffy and fantastic. Not long after, our entrees arrived and we could not believe the portion size of the sides. Almost too much for the reasonable rates! Everyone said their meal was excellent. I didn't taste anyone else's, but I can attest that the sauce dripping from my steak was to die for. I soaked up every last ounce of juice. Dave had a bite and was sad he did not order the same. "Next time," he said. I can assure you there will be a next time. The mashed potatoes alone would bring me back.

The bill was delivered before we were even half-way done, so we felt a little rushed. But we paid no attention. We had to double-check to make sure everything was counted: \$62.51 for four people, including the most expensive meal in the house and one beer. Fine dining quality, a filling meal (no need for appetizers here), totally reasonable prices and kick-butt potatoes give Logan's a:

Grade A+.

Movie: *Brokeback Mountain*

BY ALISON SHERRY
Beacon Correspondent

It's the movie everyone has been talking about...the "gay cowboy" movie, as it has been called.

Now, as a winner of four Golden Globes (including Best Picture), and recently nominated for this year's most prestigious Oscar categories, *Brokeback Mountain* breaks every imaginable preconception as soon as it starts. Based on the book by E. Annie Proulx and directed by Academy Award-nominee, Ang Lee, this film is definitely one of the most powerful love stories of our time.

Brokeback Mountain tells the story of two young men: Ennis Del Mar (Heath Ledger) a ranch hand, and Jack Twist (Jake Gyllenhaal), a rodeo cowboy. They meet in Signal, Wyoming, in the summer of 1963 when they each take on the job of herding a flock of sheep through the high and rugged grasslands of Brokeback Mountain. Even though there is an unspoken attraction between them for awhile, there is also a deep tension. But they form an unorthodox yet passionate and life-long bond, despite the wives and families they have at home. As their lives change throughout the years, the men still hold their relationship powerfully deep despite life's conflicts. However, in a time when such things were unspoken and taboo, it is only in the movie's end when audiences and the characters themselves realize how much they two men truly need each other. The film also stars Michelle Williams and Anne Hathaway.

Brokeback Mountain will indeed make history, if it hasn't already. And rightfully so. This movie isn't just about two gay cowboys who just happen to "hook up" in the mountains. It is a deeply profound love story, beautifully acted and directed. It doesn't matter if you are for or against the issues of homosexuality in today's society. And if that's the reason a viewer chooses not to see or like this movie, then I pity that individual for lack of an open-mind. This story reflects what is really going on even in today's society and what people, particularly homosexual men, may endure socially. When viewers see *Brokeback Mountain*, they will not see two gay cowboys. Instead, they will get to know two human beings struggling with social pressures and the realities of love. The movie's themes are not offensive or distasteful.

Brokeback Mountain may not be *Harry Potter* or *The Lord of the Rings*, but the heroes shine, the human landscapes are breathtaking, and it is definitely one of the biggest and best movies of our time.

Grade: A

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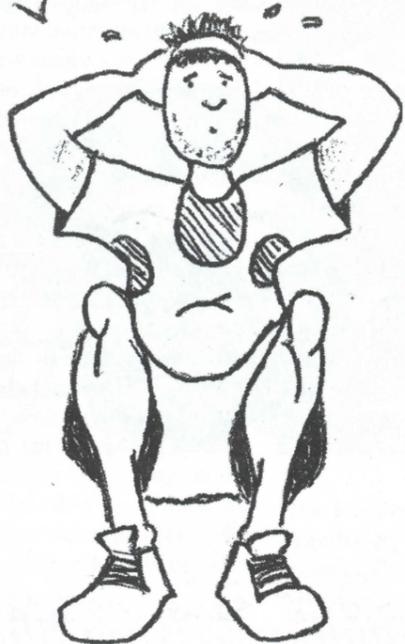
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COMMENTARY

T.O. to Denver-- A Rocky Mountain nightmare?

Broncos show interest in acquiring controversial receiver from Philly

BY NICK PODOLAK
Beacon Asst. Sports Editor

Now that all of the Super Bowl hoopla is all said and done, the media will once again draw its attention to the one-man soap opera known as Terrell Owens.

The big-headed receiver reportedly met with the Denver Broncos last week to discuss a possible trade that would free him from his tumultuous relationship with the Philadelphia Eagles.

On paper, it looks like a great deal. The Broncos haven't won two playoff games under coach Mike Shanahan since John Elway retired, and with star receiver Rod Smith turning 35 years old, Owens could very well be the offensive game-breaker

that Denver needs to get over that playoff hump.

But one has to question if Owens has learned his lesson after being suspended indefinitely by the Eagles. I mean, this is the same guy who labeled his former QB's a "queer" and a "choker," and was recently named "Most Hated Player" according to the latest issue of *GQ* magazine (voted in by other players, *not* the media).

If the deal does come through, get ready for one Rocky Mountain of a relationship between Owens and his newfound quarterback Jake Plummer.

One of the reasons Owens was booted from Philly was for his acidic comments toward quarterback Donovan McNabb, who had failed to step it up in the big games.

So what exactly does Owens think he will

get with Plummer, who went from "Jake the Snake" fame at Arizona State to "Jake the Mistake" in the pros?

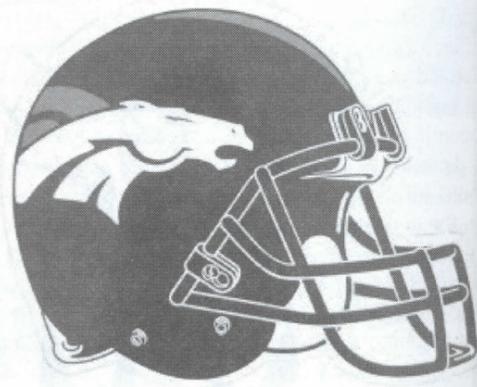
As soon as Plummer fails to hit T.O. between the 8 and the 1, Denver fans could Mile High salute their team down the toilet as Owens will take yet another team for a downward plunge (no Plummer puns intended).

What is Mike Shanahan's deal anyway? You would think he would have learned his lesson after wasting a third round draft pick on troubled Ohio State running back Maurice Clarett, who was cut from training camp last August and faces up to 23 years behind bars for robbery.

Keep in mind that the Eagles made it to the Super Bowl *without* T.O. in

the playoffs.

Perhaps Dick Vermeil said it best in a phone interview on Philadelphia's *Daily News Live*: "If Andy Reid can't handle him...Nobody can."



Officials...they're only human!

Officials taking harsh criticism for a spurt of recent embarrassing blunders

BY NICK PODOLAK
Beacon Asst. Sports Editor

It's fifth and goal with two seconds remaining in a 31-27 ballgame. The quarter-

back takes the snap and dives forward, just getting enough leverage to break the plane for the game winning touchdown.

Such was the case in a crazy 1990 college football showdown between Colorado

and Missouri when the refs lost track of the downs. The Buffaloes went on to beat Notre Dame in the Orange Bowl and got a share of the national championship with Georgia Tech. Missouri missed out.

So, is it fair to blame the refs for a loss? Or should the team take the heat for missing out on golden opportunities earlier on in the game? After all, I have never heard a coach attribute a win to a blown call.

Officials are very much in the game. They must understand the game inside and out, position themselves to see the best action, run up and down the sidelines while trying not to get bowled over, and make sure the score and play clock are up to speed, in addition to getting every call right.

Sure, instant replay in the NFL and some Division I college football is beneficial, but it is not surprising that the home team gets a little home cookin' once in awhile...and I don't blame

them. Gone are the days of just simply booing.

I'll admit that overturning the call on Troy Palamalu's interception in the Steelers/Colts game was ludicrous, but perhaps somewhere in the back of the ref's mind was the infamous game between the Cleveland Browns and the Jacksonville Jaguars. After the officials reversed a first and goal, another play had taken place (refs can only review a play before the next play is run), and fans hurled beer bottles and debris at the black and white which delayed the game for over a half hour.

And even though the reversal on Palamalu's pick favored the home team, referee Pete Morelli still had a rock thrown through the front window of his California home. So its safe to say that in this day and age, officials can never be too careful on the field.

However, the NFL tries to lower such mistakes by handpicking the referees for the Super Bowl. They are chosen based on their performance during the regular season and require at least five years of NFL experience.

So whether you swung a Terrible Towel yesterday or played the 12th man in vain, try to remember that those who wear the stripes are only human.



The Beacon/Todd Wiebel

Officiating is largely a thankless job as condemnation often far outweighs praise for officials in almost every sport. The pressures of officiating extend to far more than simply knowing the rules of the game.

that the home team gets a little home cookin' once in awhile...and I don't blame

Stauffer and crew making progress the old-fashioned way

Women's lacrosse team working hard under new head coach

BY RYAN DIPPRE
Beacon Sports Editor

A little hard work never hurt anybody.

The Wilkes women's lacrosse team may have found themselves questioning that maxim, however, after their first team practice session with new head coach Mary Kate Stauffer on Saturday, January 28.

Stauffer, a 2000 Rowan University graduate, met and put the team through a conditioning session to help set the work ethic for the upcoming season. Stauffer is "hoping to get them to the point where they work their butts off, but get rewarded for it." Of course, the only way of accomplishing the latter is by taking care of the former.

The Lady Colonels have responded positively to Stauffer's work ethic. "I think that conditioning is going to help us win games," said senior Jen Compton. Stauffer places the credit for the team unity on the shoulders of the older athletes. "I think we have good leadership," said Stauffer. "We have quite a few seniors who have been through the ranks."

Stauffer, a three-time, two-sport captain who was named to more than ten All-American teams in both field hockey and lacrosse, offers a combination of youth and experience to connect with her team. "I think that her knowledge of the game and her being young helps her relate to us better," said Compton, a co-captain.

Senior co-captain Pam Carey agrees. "She's going to be really good for the team."

Stauffer also has experience with newer



The Beacon/Todd Weibel

New head coach Mary Kate Stauffer (right) talks with her players during Saturday's practice in the Arnaud C. Marts Center. Stauffer comes to Wilkes after coaching stints at College Misericordia and Dallas High School.

college programs, having helped begin the women's lacrosse program at College Misericordia after graduating from Rowan. She also had the rare opportunity to compete in lacrosse throughout high school in addition to college. Although the sport has exploded on college campuses across the country, high schools have been slow to pick up the sport in some parts of the country. Stauffer, a native of southern New Jersey, noted that she was lucky to grow up in the area. "It's pretty big, actually, where

I'm from," she said.

All competitive sports are in the business of winning, and both the team and its coach are eager for success. "We want to take the program to a higher level of competitiveness," said Stauffer. Carey feels that after only one week of practice, Stauffer already has them on the right track. "She makes us work hard and pushes us to no end, but she sees a lot of potential in us," said Carey.

Though she pushes her team hard, Stauffer's encouragement also gives play-

ers the motivation to match the work effort she demands. "She pushes us and encourages us and has a quote for everything," said Carey. "She's just very encouraging."

Stauffer, in turn, appreciates the effort that her players are giving. "If Saturday [the first preseason practice] is any indication, of how they're going to work for the rest of the season, then that's very encouraging," said Stauffer.

The hard work that Stauffer is exhorting from her athletes is doing more than simply getting the team into shape. "I think that the team is coming together because of the conditioning," said Compton, a co-captain. "When you have to go through things like that as a team, it helps to bring the team closer together."

This was no accident on Stauffer's part, who has made some of her early season goals "team bonding, and...getting them on the same page as far as where they want the program to go."

Stauffer is driving the Lady Colonels to look toward "not just this season, but the following seasons." She wants her players not just to play the game, but to "understand how to build a program."

Although the team is learning to do just that, the focus still remains largely on the upcoming season. "As a team, we have expectations that we're going to surprise other teams," said Carey. "They're not going to be ready for Wilkes this year."

With a new coach and a new attitude, the 2006 season could wind up as one of the most exciting and successful in the short history of Lady Colonels lacrosse.

Chattin' with Past Colonels

Former standout linebacker Mike McCree remembers his days as a Colonel

BY RICH HANNICK
Beacon Staff Writer

This week *Beacon* reporter Rich Hannick talked with Past Colonel and current Wilkes University assistant football coach Mike McCree. McCree currently holds the position of linebackers/special team's coordinator.

Rich Hannick (RH): What made you want to play football for Wilkes?

Mike McCree (MM): I didn't know much about Wilkes until I was getting recruited to play football for Wilkes. I built a strong relationship at the time with coach [Frank] Sheptock. He was very influential in my decision to enroll at Wilkes. I really enjoyed my visit and the rest is history.

RH: What position did you play during your career here?

MM: I played linebacker my four years here. I played some special teams as well.

RH: What accolades did you receive as a player?

MM: I was captain my junior and senior year. I was all-conference and defensive player of the year for the team my senior year. We finished 10-0 in 1993 and won the MAC and played in the NCAA playoffs.

RH: Why did you want to become a coach?

MM: I graduated with a business degree but I wanted to stay involved in football. Coaching gave me this opportunity. Football was something I enjoyed doing and wanted to stay involved in the game.

Coaching gave me this opportunity. I also have to say I really enjoy working with the players. I look forward to coming into work everyday. I work with some really great people on a regular basis: Coach Sheptock, Coach Morales, and Coach McNulty. We also have great support, which makes everything easier.

RH: How did football prepare you for life in the classroom?

MM: Football set the tone early for me in the classroom. It taught me to set high academic goals. It helped me manage my time. It taught me not to settle for average.

RH: How did football prepare you for life after school?

MM: Football taught me you have to work hard to achieve your goals. Some

of the lessons I learn from this game that I carry over to coaching are commitment, leadership qualities, work ethic, team building, loyalty, and time management.

RH: What things do you tell your players about life after football?

MM: We try to mentor our players and prepare them for life. You can only play this game for so long. We try to help them make the right decisions and be the best person they can be. All lessons that will make them successful in whatever they want to do in life.

RH: What is your favorite football movie?

MM: The original *Longest Yard* with Burt Reynolds and *All the Right Moves* with Tom Cruise.

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GAME OF THE WEEK

NHL: New Jersey Devils versus Tampa Bay Lightning

Can Lightning strike twice?

BY KEVIN REED
Beacon Staff Writer



The defending Stanley Cup champion Tampa Bay Lightning skated into Continental Airlines Arena in New Jersey and trounced the hometown Devils 6-3 on October 26.

Since then, the two teams have split contests in Tampa Bay. These encounters have paved the way for a very competitive regular-season finale between the Tampa Bay Lightning revisiting the New Jersey Devils. This potential match-up could easily be seen again in April when the NHL playoffs start.

There is a definite parity between these two clubs, both of whom are playing well as of late. This likeness has to do with the priorities in how the teams were put together and the entities to which they owe their success. The Devils as well as the Lightning are well-coached and have reputations of letting hard work tell the story when the final buzzer sounds. Both teams are strong in goaltending and defensive play, and allowing role-players and teamwork to supply their offensive punches. Basic fundamentals, strategy, and smart play line the repertoire of these two perennially solid franchises.

As for the game, expect the physical play to determine the flow. This is especially true for the Lightning. Playing on the road in this game, they want to be the ones to dictate the flow and try to take advantage of the Devils' mistakes. Look for Tampa Bay's top forwards Brad Richards, Vaclav Prospal, and Vincent Lecavalier to lead the Lightning's charge offensively.

Tampa Bay also boasts one of the most complete defensive corps in the league. From veterans like Darryl Sydor to rookies like Paul Ranger, and from offensive defencemen like Dan Boyle to crunchers like Cory Sarich, the Lightning are stocked at the blue line. New Jersey's attack is headlined by snipers Patrick Elias and Scott Gomez and their defense is lead by dependable bluelin-

ers Brian Rafalski and Richard Matvichuk. The Devils have a future Hall-of-Famer at goaltender in the venerable Martin Brodeur. No offense to Tampa Bay's goaltending duo of Sean Burke and John Grahame, but Brodeur is easily one of the top three goalies in the past 15 years.

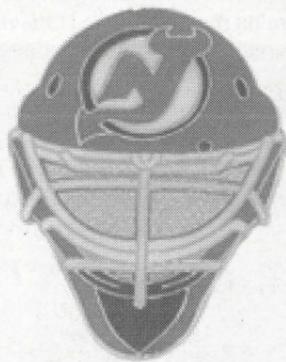
The undercard in this game, behind the defense and goaltending that should be displayed, will be from two players easily missed, but not because of their production. Tampa Bay's 5'9" speedster Martin St. Louis and New Jersey's 5'9" leading scorer Brian Gionta are negating the hockey adage that claims size equals career success. Both are exceptionally exciting players to watch and should this game proceed to an overtime shootout, these two will definitely be involved.

A duo of underappreciated rookies also will take the ice. Tampa Bay's surprise rookie, the 6'4", 254lb. Evgeny Artyukhin (pronounced ar-TOO-kin) has been raising

eyebrows all over the league for his 'power-forward' physical playing style. New Jersey's rookie sensation Zach Parise has been a solid producer for the red and black. Artyukhin and Parise have not been getting nearly as much respect as they deserve. With an incredible rookie crop this year that feature the likes of Washington's Alexander Ovechkin and Pittsburgh's Sidney Crosby, some stars just get shut out of the spotlight. Artyukhin and Parise are doing all they can to keep the pace.

The forecast for the game: strong southern winds will be approaching New Jersey just in time for the opening face-off as blustery conditions make for an interesting scene. The Devils will hold off the Lightning in a low-scoring game for two periods, but the Lightning will eventually strike again, late into the night. Look for a close and exciting game, beginning to end.

The Pick: Tampa Bay 4, New Jersey 2



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Double Take

Sarah examines the stats that truly matter

BY SARAH HERBERT
Beacon Features Editor

This week's game features the New Jersey Devils and the Tampa Bay Lightning.

Most of you are probably wondering what the heck kind of sport those teams play. Me, too. Much to my dismay, they're hockey teams. Well, at least it's not football.

Hockey seems to be all the rage lately, especially in the Wyoming Valley. It seems like everyone I know has contracted a nasty case of Penguin fever. I guess some of the players are good looking, but a hockey player isn't really anything to shake a stick at regardless.

In the game of hockey, it really comes down to what team has the bigger bully, not what team has the cutest players. I'm not really sure about the players on either of those teams, so I can't make an educated guess. Back to the old method of picking teams based on location and color.

I really have no idea what colors either team wears, and I'm not about to lower myself to researching a hockey team. Even I have standards. So let's move on to location.

Hands down, I have to pick the New Jersey Devils. Even though New Jersey typically has a bad reputation and is the home state of my least favorite singer, Bruce Springsteen, it does have some redeeming qualities.

Jon Bon Jovi was born there, and so was John Travolta, so the state can't be all that bad. Plus, you don't really have to know your left from your right in New Jersey, because you can only turn one way.

Even more importantly, they are called the Devils. If they can play a game of hockey as well as the Old Forge Blue Devils can play a game of basketball, this game should be a blowout. Is a blowout even possible in hockey?

Anyway, it's always best to stick with what you know. And since I don't see myself ever being able to write about the Old Forge Blue Devils, I'll root for the Jersey team. And since my Blue Devils have a big game on Friday, I'll take this opportunity to root for both teams. Go Devils.

Athlete of the Week

Wrestling: Felipe Quieroz

BY ADRIENNE RICHARDS
Beacon Staff Writer

According to Felipe Quieroz, there was no opportunity to wrestle in Florida. That, along with a good education, is what propelled him to Wilkes University.

Quieroz did not rest on his laurels once he got here, however, and has quickly become a standout wrestler for the Colonels.

Quieroz comes to Wilkes University from Clearwater, Florida where he was recruited for wrestling. Quieroz attended Pinellas Park High School, placing 3rd in the state his senior year. In addition to education, Quieroz wanted a university that could bring him one step closer to his goal of being a national champion.

Last weekend Quieroz improved his record again when he went 3-0 at the MAC Duals in Scranton. One of Quieroz's matches placed him against the 9th ranked team in Division III, Lycoming College.

With an impeccable record and impressive statistics, one has to wonder: Is this natural ability or does work ethic play a role?

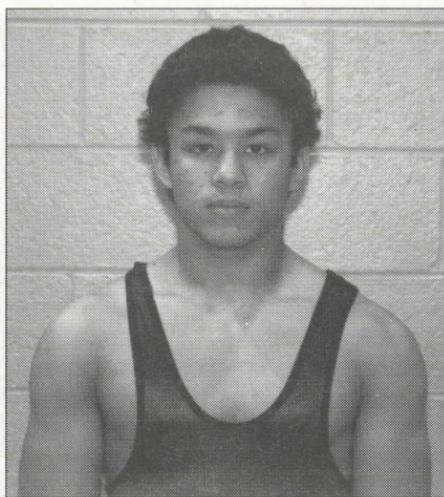
Head wrestling coach Jon Laudenslager said, "You don't come from Florida to lose. He's a hard little worker. If he's late [to practice] he'll make up the time."

Fellow teammate and co-captain Mike Sciulara added, "He's all-business all the time. He's a friendly kid, but on the mat he knows what he has to do."

Quieroz notes that he also has solid athletes in the practice room who push him to strive for success. In the 125 lb. class, Josh Pauling and Shaun Farnham are two teammates who Quieroz says inspire in him the intensity he needs.

Quieroz admits, "A lot of my time is devoted to wrestling. I find it hard to have a social life especially during season."

Quieroz will see in three weeks if all of



Courtesy of Sports Information

Quieroz pinned all three opponents during MAC Duals on Jan. 27, and also pinned Ithaca's Macario Alvarez in Saturday's match.

his hard work and dedication has paid off in the MAC championships, which will also serve as the qualifier for the national championships.

But even to great athletes like Quieroz, nerves are almost unavoidable. Quieroz acknowledged, "There's always some nervousness, but I have to be calm and I can't stress. I think it's just one more person I have to go through. I just go out and wrestle."

It may seem as though Quieroz has peaked early in his career, but coaches and teammates agree that this is not the case.

"He has to keep improving everyday, every year as well. He hasn't won anything yet," said Laudenslager.

"His attitude and work ethic [are] what make him a solid athlete. He does whatever it takes to win," explained Sciulara.

Two more matches stand in Quieroz's way before the MAC championships take place on February 18.



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Sophomore guard Chris Shovlin takes the ball down court on a fast break during Wednesday's game against Lycoming. Despite Shovlin's 10 buckets, the Colonels lost 77-69. Mike Constantine had a game high 17 points in the contest.

WEEKEND RECAPS

Men's Basketball

The Colonels traveled to Doylestown to take on Delaware Valley on Saturday afternoon in an attempt to maintain a share of first place in the Freedom Conference. Despite Chris Shovlin's 20 points, and three other Colonels breaking into the double-digits, Wilkes fell to the Aggies 93-84. The Colonels are currently 11-7 overall, and 7-3 in conference play, having dropped their last three conference games.

Women's Basketball

The Lady Colonels dropped an 81-55 decision to Delaware Valley College on Saturday afternoon. Senior Rena Bolin scored 15 points during the road trip, but a 19-0 first-half run by the Lady Aggies proved to be an insurmountable edge.

Wrestling

Wilkes took down Ithaca 25-11 in a dual meet on Saturday afternoon to improve its record to 13-3. The nationally-ranked Colonels won seven out of ten matches, including a pin by Felipe Quieroz in the 125 lb. class.

NUMBERS OF THE WEEK

4

Number of players who broke into double digits in Saturday's men's basketball game at Delaware Valley College.

13

Wins by the Wilkes wrestling team this season after dispatching Ithaca 25-11 on Saturday.

15

Points scored by senior Rena Bolin in Saturday's women's basketball game against Delaware Valley College.

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Matches out of ten won by the Colonels in Saturday's wrestling match against Ithaca.

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Preview of the Week: Women's basketball vs. FDU-Florham 2/11

BY ARIEL COHEN

Beacon Assistant Sports Editor

As the Lady Colonels prepare for their final home game of the season taking on conference rival FDU-Florham, the team will also be honoring several seniors in the annual Wilkes University senior day.

This year the women's team sends a Colonels salute out to three senior players including Andrea Kacprowicz, Tristen Tkach, and Rena Bolin all of whom have been key contributors to the team throughout their college careers.

In addition to honoring the seniors, the game plan for the Lady Colonels is to hopefully end their home schedule with a win.

"The key to this game is going to be starting strong right from the beginning as well as applying hard defense," stated head coach Rachel Hartung.

Wilkes heads into this game with an overall positive outlook because of the close competition in the Freedom Conference. As of February 2, the standings in-

dicated there was a two-way tie for second and a three-way tie for third place followed by the Lady Colonels who were in sole possession of fourth place. The only dominant team in the conference is Scranton who had a 9-0 record as of February 2.

Hartung said, "It is just a matter of showing up and doing what you do best."

Throughout the season the Lady Colonels have done just that and plan the same for this week's game. Having already played FDU once this season Hartung has a little more information to build strategy. After leading the Lady Colonels offensive game with 19 points in the last matchup against the Devils, Lacey Andreson is going to have a big part in this game as well. "She works extremely hard right from the start and is also very consistent on the court," stated Hartung about Andreson's performance.

Also playing extremely well throughout the season has been sophomore, Randi Corbo. Hartung commented that, "[Corbo] has



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Freshman guard Tiana Lee is suffocated by four Lycoming defenders in the Lady Colonels 62-53 win over Freedom Conference rival Lycoming College. The team takes on the University of Scranton this coming Wednesday and then plays FDU-Florham here at home on Saturday.

played very hard and had some really nice games this season."

With all of the contributions

from all of the offense and the defense improving throughout the season the Lady Colonels have the

potential to pull off a win in their final home game if they can be the ones to strike first.

Campus Calendar

All Week

*Campuses That Care Week

*Johnnie Winona Ross Abstract Paintings Exhibit, Sordoni Art Gallery

Monday (2/6)

*No events scheduled for today

Tuesday (2/7)

* Trent Graphic Poster Sale, HSC - 10 to 6 p.m.

Wednesday (2/8)

*Women's basketball @ Scranton - 6 p.m.

*Wrestling @ College of New Jersey - 7 p.m.

*Men's basketball @ Scranton - 8 p.m.

Thursday (2/9)

*No events scheduled for today

Friday (2/10)

* Open poetry reading, Barnes and Noble - 7 p.m.

Saturday (2/11)

*Women's basketball vs. FDU-Florham - 1 p.m.

*Men's basketball vs. FDU-Florham - 3 p.m.

*Wrestling vs. Scranton - 7 p.m.

Sunday (2/12)

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