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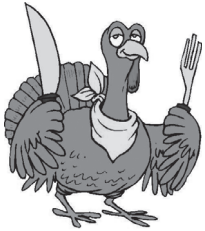
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Frantz appointed interim VP of Advancement

BY ANDEE SCARANTINO

Beacon Editor-in-Chief

Wilkes University is currently taking new strides in the progress of their multi-million dollar capitol campaign, as Dr. Tim Gilmour, Wilkes University President, has just appointed Vice President for Enrollment and Marketing Communications, Mike Frantz, Interim Vice President for Advancement. Frantz will be replacing former VP, Marty Williams, as he suffered a stroke on Easter Sunday, last Spring.

According to Gilmour, the position is not currently a permanent one. Frantz will be serving in both positions for a six month trial period, where there will be an assessment at the end of the academic year to evaluate whether the arrangement is conducive to the needs of Wilkes University, the capitol campaign, and others dealing with enrollment and development.

A feasibility study by a national consultant indicated to Gilmour that Frantz truly would be the best fit for the position, currently. Gilmour personally agrees, stating, "Mike is truly an exceptional leader. What he brings is a real passion for higher education. He cares about what he does, and he cares about other people. And [he] obviously understands what it takes to get a message across. And that's why we've been so successful in our student improvement. He's also realized that in higher education, we can't continue raising costs and we're going to address that issue."

Gilmour also illustrated that the appointment of Frantz into the VP for Advancement position will give former VP Williams time to continue to recover, and see where he is best fit in the constant growth of the organization.



The Beacon/Andrew Seaman
Mike Frantz, Vice President for Enrollment and Marketing Communications, will also be serving as Interim Vice President of Advancement.

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Lamb assumes new role as SD Coordinator

BY AMY FUSCO

Beacon Staff Writer

The search for a new Student Development Coordinator has come to a successful conclusion.

Last week, Gabrielle Lamb, 2004 Wilkes alumna, began her new post as the chosen candidate to help lead student development efforts. Lamb returns to her alma mater after several years as an economic development specialist at the Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry.

As the Student Development Coordinator, Lamb will work on student activities, advise the Programming Board, direct and shape student leadership programs, among many other tasks.

Philip Ruthkosky, Director of Student Development said, "There are four aspects of Gabrielle's background that are really going to allow her to make a nice transition to higher education."

First, he explained, she was a student leader at Wilkes. Ruthkosky noted that Lamb has a great sense of campus culture and understands the value of extra curricular activities. While

attending Wilkes University, Lamb was the News Editor for *The Beacon* and was involved with the PR agency Zebra Communications.

Second, as an economic development specialist with the Chamber, Lamb worked with a diverse range of clients. She explained that while she was a specialist she worked on "downtown development and marketed the area as a sensible place to do business, to live and play."

Another attractive aspect of Lamb's background was her engagement in the community. She is involved in different committees within the community and has participated in many community services. Last, and most importantly, Ruthkosky feels that Lamb is very passionate about working with students.

Ruthkosky said he is "very pleased that we are going to have another person in the department who is passionate about their role and working with students and who is going to reinforce our whole philosophy of mentoring."

Lamb knows how important it is to have role models and to this day, she still has mentors here at Wilkes. She is eager to contribute the same

support system to Wilkes students.

Lamb said, "I had a very positive experience here at Wilkes as a student and I wanted to repeat that as a professional." She likes the environment on campus, which has a "great source of energy." Lamb expects her new career will be an extremely rewarding experience for her due to being passionate about working with students and having good people surrounding her on campus.

Erin Sweet, a sophomore and publicity chair of Programming Board, said, "It will be neat that we'll have a fresh mind on the board. Since she graduated only a few years ago, she seems young enough to know what we like."

Lamb is very excited about meeting everybody, hearing people's different perspectives, interacting with students and people on campus, and the leadership development part of the Student Development position.

Ruthkosky said, "It will take time for her to get a sense of the office culture and get a sense of our programs and sustain what we have been doing."

Wilkes 75th anniversary anticipated in 2008

BY JAMIE GWYNN
Beacon Staff Writer

In 1933, Prohibition was repealed, FDR became President, and Billie Holiday was discovered singing at Monette's club.

And the Wyoming Valley saw Bucknell Junior College--the precursor to the modern Wilkes University--begin.

Though planning for Wilkes' 75th anniversary is still in early stages, according to university officials, the celebration will likely extend into the entire community.

"The [Wilkes anniversary] is a stepping stone, a platform, a diving board to jump, and I don't know that we ever, as an example, really celebrated our presence, our relationship with the city," said Mike Frantz, Vice President for Enrollment Services and newly appointed Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations.

Dr. C. Reynold Verret pointed out that in 1933, when Wilkes was known as Bucknell University Junior College, Wilkes became a foundation for good

things to come into our region.

"The planting of this educational institution in Wilkes-Barre, and a lot of the [city's growth], is coincidental with the formation of this University," said Verret. "The University provides some important things for development of the region, economically and socially in many ways. [Perhaps] the biggest thing that we provide, beside the creation of talent, is creating an environment that is open to the larger world."

Wilkes' integral role in the city for nearly 75 years is a reason why Frantz hopes to get the city involved in the celebration.

"This is a way to plan a function or series of functions that really celebrate.. and help cement that partnership, that association in the minds of not only students and faculty and staff here, but also those residents of Wilkes-Barre who don't necessarily have an educational connection right now with Wilkes," said Frantz. "Does this give us the chance to build on that, to springboard in ways we've probably haven't even imagined yet?"

The only two celebrations that

Dr. Harold Cox, the University's archivist, had official files for were the 50th and 60th anniversaries.

"The sixtieth was far bigger and more spectacular than the fiftieth," said Cox. "They did a good job on that."

Both events were similar in what they included: seminars, theatre performances, concerts, lectures, special films and a dance, to name a few. The feature event during the 50th anniversary was an alumni symposium. The 60th anniversary featured a seminar series; five lectures in which former faculty, staff, trustees and students reflected upon the early history of the institution through recollections, anecdotes, and written histories.

When asked about a possible timeline for the university's 75 birthday celebration, Frantz noted that it's still too early in the planning stages, but there will be a lot going on with the celebration.

"There will not be a singular event," said Frantz. "I think celebrating a milestone such as a 75th anniversary encourages us to think and plan for a series of events and how then we might interconnect them around the theme of our

birthday, and everything is in very much a discussion planning stage right now. I think the options are almost limitless."

Verret, who witnessed the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia's 185th anniversary, commented that students should be just as excited as he is for the upcoming events.

"Students should get excited because the celebration for students is that they become part of an important tradition," said Verret. "Think about how many of the leaders, the political and social leaders in this area and beyond, are Wilkes graduates... Being involved in the 75th anniversary is

saying you are part of that tradition."

Students agree that a celebration for Wilkes is important for the institution and the community.

"It's definitely important for Wilkes University because it shows that we care about our history," said David Ramil, a senior political science major.

Even though Frantz stated that the project is still in its early planning stages, he said, "Like lots of good birthdays that people have enjoyed over the years, there are surprises," said Frantz. "Stay tuned for surprises."

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(LEFT) A picture of Conyngham Center before the flood of 1972. During the flood, the Center experienced 4-feet of water throughout the first floor. The building was damaged again months later when fire damaged some of the walls inside. Almost \$350,000 was spent to reconstruct the building to make it usable. It was reopened for use in 1979.

(BELOW) The Beacon/Jenna Stephens



(ABOVE) Courtesy of Dr. Harold Cox
(RIGHT) Conyngham Center, as it stands today contains University College, The Beacon Office, the Commuter Lounge and various other administrative offices. The building is celebrating its 110th anniversary this year.

Online social networking benefits youth, study says

BY NICOLE FRAIL

Beacon Asst. News Editor

In the most recent volume of the *Journal of Adolescent Research*, Dr. Brendesha M. Tynes' article "Internet Safety Gone Wild? Sacrificing the Educational and Psychosocial Benefits of Online Social Environments" indicates that online socialization through networks like Facebook and programs such as AIM are more beneficial to the development of adolescents than they are harmful or dangerous.

"Many internet safety and parenting experts suggest that parents prohibit their teens from social networking sites and other online spaces where predators may lurk... [But] banning adolescents from social networking sites - if this were even feasible - as well as monitoring too closely might close off avenues for beneficial cognitive and psychosocial development that are available to young people in the online social world," claims Tynes, Assistant Professor of African American Studies and Educational Psychology at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

According to Tynes, while socializing in chatrooms with other teenagers located all over the world, adolescents learn valuable perspective-taking, argumentative, decision-making and critical thinking skills. Playing online games may also help adolescents "develop cognitive skills such as spatial visualization, analog representation - the ability to read images - and divided visual attention, that is, being able to manage multiple components in a visual field at once."

"I would like to see more research... [But] I think that it does provide those opportunities and unfortunately today, the education that we give teenagers does not allow many opportunities for critical thinking, because it's so based on testing and memorization of answers for standardized tests that they really need opportunities to develop these critical thinking skills because it is at this age that they are able to do this. A huge problem with school is that it often sacrifices that in the name of mass testing," said Dr. Jennifer Thomas, assistant professor of psychology at Wilkes University.

Teenagers may also benefit from databases such as YouTube. In her article, Tynes mentions research by Sonja Baumer of the University of California at San Diego centered around how adolescents learn global and political information through videos and dialogue on YouTube and various social networking sites.

"Educationally, the strongest point made by [Tynes] is that users of the social networks are more globally aware since they

have immediate access to global issues, and the chance to read about global events from people in those settings," said Dr. Jane Elmes-Crahall, professor of communication studies. "That means at least on the surface, today's media-savvy young people know world events. And, emotionally, they can be moved to be caring."

"I don't think the average teenager thinks of anything from a political standpoint," said Erin Koolman, a senior at E. L. Meyers high school in Wilkes-Barre. But if adolescents had a special interest in political affairs or global concerns, they could certainly find the information that they were



Courtesy of Kerri Frail

Students at E. L. Meyers High School in Wilkes-Barre sit at computers during class where social networking sites such as Facebook and MySpace remain blocked despite studies that emphasize the benefits of online socialization for adolescents.

looking for online, Koolman added.

While Tynes believes that the benefits of online communication "can far outweigh the potential dangers," area high schools haven't seen anything that proves social networking sites can be used not only safely, but also for educational purposes.

However, even if local high schools are outfitted with computer labs and internet access, according to the Wilkes-Barre Area School District website, "the [use] of networked resources for non-academic purposes is not permitted." Websites such as Facebook and MySpace and also programs like AIM and Yahoo Messenger are blocked on all computers throughout the district.

Despite research suggesting the benefits of online socialization and data from the Youth Internet Safety Surveys arguing that there has been a decrease of unwanted sexual solicitation from 1 in 5 adolescents ages 10 to 17 in 1999-2000 to 1 in 7 in 2005,

the school district will not allow access to network sites due to bullying, slander and solicitation/pedophilia, confirmed Patrick Peters, Dean of Students at Meyers High.

Alongside educational and psychological development, Tynes' research suggests that teenagers can also benefit emotionally and socially. Networking can aid adolescents as they explore their identities and can also "fulfill the need for social support, intimacy, and autonomy." Through perspective taking and racialized role taking, Tynes says that teenagers can become educated on racial and cultural issues while speaking with peers located on the other side of the

issues such as romantic relationships or sexual health.

"If we look at websites that are geared toward teenagers, the sites they most often go to are sites having to do with sex. They have lots and lots of questions about sex. The way that we educate kids about sex today, the overwhelming majority of schools are abstinence only or abstinence based..." said Thomas. "Teens have lots of questions and lots of misconceptions, so they go to these online chatrooms to find out what the truth is... We just have to hope that they are going to sites with the right information."

Depending on location and a teen's own background, socializing with peers online and learning about different races, religions, and cultures may make a smoother transition from high school to college, where many vibrant cultures are brought together on a single campus and many forms of online socialization continue.

According to Mike Salem, chief information officer of IT Services, "Wilkes does not block any websites. Higher ed is a very open environment and to date there has not been any compelling reason to even consider doing so."

Without restrictions, Wilkes students can continue to use network sites such as Facebook whenever and wherever they would like. Nicole Zastko, a senior communication studies and integrative media double major, is currently researching college students use of Facebook.

"I'm expecting to conclude that most college students see Facebook as something beneficial to their college careers and something that serves as a helpful tool in their social lives," said Zastko.

While Tynes brings to light many benefits of online socialization, many parents are still focused on the negative aspects portrayed by the media. Although Tynes offers alternatives to banning social online environments for concerned parents and educators, she says that "the first line of defense should be teens themselves. Increasingly, tech-savvy adolescents are aware of the risks in online socializing and are developing their own strategies for staying safe in cyberspace."

"All adolescents can benefit as early as the age of twelve from having parents sitting down with them and explaining to them the consequences of being on the internet," said Thomas.

Although the positive aspects of online socialization may be growing, Elmes-Crahall believes that communicating in person is still vital for interpersonal relationships. "Every hour spent on social networks is one less hour spent learning how to effectively communicate face-to-face."

country or even across seas.

"I believe that teens can be more open online because they are in the comfort of their own homes. I agree that they can get a diverse picture of current issues online, but nothing compares to face-to-face contact," said Sean Deats, sophomore psychology major. "I don't think that online communication eliminates racial or sexual stereotypes, but it certainly helps."

"I think the internet can only go so far and one-on-one interaction is different... I think it's going to take a lot more than just interacting with people on the internet to break stereotypes that are so engrained," said Thomas. "Social psychologists would say that to reduce stereotypes and prejudices, you need to interact with people different from you so you can see how similar they really are."

The internet can also provide a safe place for teens to talk about sensitive or personal

FRANTZ

from FRONT PAGE

"We have the former vice president, Marty Williams, coming back with us on a part time basis, really recovering in remarkable ways from a very serious stroke, and we felt, at least for a while, that one of the key factors in recovery is hope, and a sense that you really can get back and make a difference. Obviously for somebody that as been a vice president, that's very important that we really shouldn't close off that option for Marty," said Gilmour.

Frantz feels he is knowledgeable in taking on the new position, in addition to his current VP role.

"Certainly as a cabinet we know where we stand with the capitol campaign. It's a common and frequent topic in our meetings, and I have been learning daily, and will continue to learn daily. I hope that we all do that in whatever job we're in. There are a lot of similarities between enrollment and advancement work. It's building relationships with those that we wish to be associated with the institution, cultivating those relationships to the point that, from a student perspective, this is what they see as best fit for their enrollment; from a fundraising perspective, this is an institution that's best fit for their philanthropic dollars. And in many ways it's making the same case," said Frantz.

Sandra Carroll, Director of Alumni Relations, who formerly served as interim VP, along with Mike Wood, have both brought much to the table in assisting Frantz with his efforts in acclimating to the VP role.

"Mike's recently brought on two additional people on his part of the house, and they're just going gang-busters. Sandra, likewise, has a team, and she's just added an immediate di-

rect report who will start in February on that team, and she certainly wants to help that person acclimate to the institution, and to build her squad. There's a third component, who is Rebecca Van Jura, who does special event planning," said Frantz.

Carroll is also confident in Frantz's ability to fulfill the new position. "I think, having been a VP, he has all the raw materials already," said Carroll. "I prompt him for alumni events, put him with the right people... do things like explain budgetary, ongoing initiatives, things we've undertaken and hope to undertake."

Carroll finds that Frantz filling the new VP role will help her in continuing projects she was working on before she filled the interim VP role. For example, many projects take several years to be completed, such as the Annual Giving Program Carroll is currently directing a lot of attention toward.

"Basically, the whole time I was filling in as interim, I couldn't concentrate all my energies on alumni relations. Adding on responsibility, I had to set aside my natural priorities," said Carroll.

Gilmour feels that if the arrangement works, it is possible to become permanent in the future. He stated that people like Melanie Mickelson, Director of Admissions, and Jack Chielli, Executive Director of Marketing Communications, would probably be working closer with Frantz in the areas of enrollment and marketing.

As for Frantz, he is generally pleased with the new position. "I'm honored, thrilled; it's a fun challenge," he said.

Wilkes University Leadership



After Mike Frantz's transition to Interim Vice President of Advancement, the following is the current Wilkes Leadership according to Wilkes.edu.

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Dr. C. Reynold Verret

Vice President for Student Affairs

Dr. Paul S. Adams

Vice President for Enrollment and Marketing

Interim Vice President for Advancement

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On Saturday, November 10, Wilkes University celebrated Diwali, in the second floor ballroom of the Henry Student Center. Diwali, one of the biggest festivals of Hindus, is enthusiastically celebrated for five days. On the fifteenth day of Kartika, homes are cleaned, windows are opened, and candles are lit to symbolize knowledge, encourage reflection and welcome Laskmi, the goddess of wealth. On the third day, the main Diwali or "Festival of Lights" is celebrated with fireworks. Gifts are exchanged throughout the festival between friends and family.

SG Notes November 14, 2007

Treasurer's Report

All College: \$1,220.96

General: \$1,220.96

Special Projects: \$2,040

Spirit: \$815

Leadership: \$3,525.04

Conferences: \$9,500

Start-Up: \$600

Club Reports

The following clubs presented a report to SG.

Programming Board

Anime Club

Student Alumni Association

SAM

New Business

Climbing Club - granted club status; motion passed 33-2-5, but stipulation includes editing a minor detail in their constitution and must get approval through student development for all outdoor activities

Com 362 - Mass Communication Law - motion passed 24-14-2 on a \$200 donation for their First Amendment Week; stipulation is that all unused monies must be returned along with receipts.

Rock Wall Training - discussed training availability for next semester

Widener Leadership Conference- motion passed 21-12-3 on a \$600 allowance for SG members to attend the conference; a stipulation was placed that members interested must sign up by Friday and place a \$10 deposit to be reimbursed the day of the conference.

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Free and independent media ensure democracy

Wireless communication can undermine power grabs

BY THE BEACON
EDITORIAL BOARD

When Pervez Musharraf, Pakistani President, decided that it was for the good of the country that he take complete and absolute control of all government operations, like most dictators, one of his first actions was to close down or control the country's independent media.

Musharraf realized that his country's supreme court was not going to allow him to serve as president and military leader for another term. Therefore he declared the Pakistani constitution invalid and placed the country under marshal law, his law.

He also shut down his nation's independent media outlets and barred certain people from return-

ing on air. Some reports from inside Pakistan says that broadcast outlets were warned by military officials that if a broadcaster says anything negative about Musharraf or his army the person will face three years in jail and a \$70,000 fine.

Musharraf said that his actions are justified; he gave the country independent media and they reported negatively.

As history shows us, one of the first things that dictators do is take control of the independent media. Most recently we can look at Hugo Chavez and his attempt to create a dictatorship in Venezuela. One of his first actions was to shut down independent media outlets, but unfortunately for Chavez and Musharraf, it is not as easy as it once was to shut the door on com-

munication.

With smart phones, pocket PCs, PDAs, laptops, and all of the other wireless devices available to the public, there will always be open windows of communication when the door is closed. In fact one of the best things for Pakistan's drowning democracy is Facebook.

On Facebook there have been postings between Pakistani university students for "flash protests" to ensure that the military will not have any prior knowledge of an assembly. Young people have also been communicating through cell phones and text messaging.

This is a repeat of what happened in Venezuela a short time ago. After Chavez shut down broadcast stations and took control of print media, people rioted in the streets and the entire protest was orga-

nized on the internet. The protesters would then communicate the location of police and other dangers through text messaging and other media.

Fortunately, this all means that would be dictators cannot gain supreme and absolute control over a country as strongly as they once did, because the control is not there to have. The internet creates a social network that can deliver news from all over the world and help protesters organize in a safe environment free from government control.

We encourage the protesters to continue to organize in Pakistan for reestablishment of their independent media outlets, because when there is no free and independent media, there is no democracy.

Can a t-shirt message threaten a nation's security?

BY YOHANNA DE LOS
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If you were told that you couldn't wear a specific piece of clothing because it could offend others, what would you do?

Would you respond to whoever told you this and change, or would you refuse to conform because you believe it's your right to express yourself in the way you feel comfortable?

A recent court case, *Jarrar v. Harris*, deals with such censorship of expression. Raed Jarrar, a resident of the United States, was going to board a Jet Blue plane when he was denied access. He was told that he could not wear a t-shirt that

said, "We will not be silent."

When Jarrar asked why he was not allowed to wear the t-shirt, authorities explained that some people were offended by its message. Jarrar said that he never meant to offend anybody, and he also said that he knew that wearing a t-shirt was within his constitutional rights.

The authorities tried to convince him that it was not within his rights. Unfortunately, since he wanted to go back home he agreed to wearing another shirt over the one in question. Later, he contacted the media and ACLU.

The First Amendment states, "Congress shall make no law... abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press..."

By looking at what the courts have ruled on what's free speech, I believe this man's right of speech was violated. Previously, the courts have ruled that speech is protected if it's free of fighting words--offensive speech designed to provoke a reaction, usually violent, among those who read or hear the message.

The courts have ruled that speech must be free of incitement because, as *Brandenburg v. Ohio* (1969) illustrated, the government is able to regulate speech if it presents a "clear and present danger to the security of the nation."

Finally, protected speech must be free of obscenity. As defined by *Miller v. California* (1973), obscenity can be defined as speech

that "(1) the average person, applying contemporary community standards, would find, taken as a whole, to appeal to the prurient interest; (2) depicts or describes in a patently offensive manner specifically defined sexual conduct; and (3) lacks as a whole serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value."

Clearly, Jarrar's rights to free speech were violated. There was no obscenity involved in the message communicated on his t-shirt, nor were there fighting words present designed to incite. I believe it is time for everyone to start thinking how important free speech is. As long as it does not present a threat to the nation, being able to express what we think of others and of the government is vital to democracy.

I invite each one of you to think about what does free speech mean to you? How can this right be respected and protected? Should I be punished if I wear a t-shirt that says something someone doesn't agree with?

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Poll Results

The following are results of a poll that *The Beacon* conducted online this past week. The poll was unscientific, and does not claim to reflect the overall attitudes of students on campus. Results are based on 86 responses.

The Beacon asked:

With only one year until the 2008 presidential election, what candidate do you support at this time?

- Ron Paul-17%
- Hillary Clinton-20%
- Rudy Giuliani-21%
- Barack Obama-16%
- Mitt Romney-7%
- John Edwards -5%
- John McCain-6%
- Bill Richardson-0%
- Other-5%
- None/don't care-3%

Next Week's Question:

Who has been the most dominant sports athlete or team in the past ten years?

- Tiger Woods
- Jeff Gordon
- Venus & Serena Williams
- Michael Phelps
- Roger Federer
- Lance Armstrong
- NY Yankees
- LA Lakers
- NE Patriots
- Other

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



A Sight for Sore Eyes by: Aleksander Lapinski

The Angry Rant: Turkey and PETA

BY TIM SEIGFRIED

Beacon Asst. Sports Editor

It's Thanksgiving season, and do you know what that means? Turkey. Lots and lots of turkey: turkey on Thursday, turkey sandwiches on Friday, Turkey salad on Saturday, and, inevitably, turkey vomit on Sunday.

Just like every other Thanksgiving, it's going to be a sea of leftovers, an ocean of turkey-related dishes, and a deluge of tryptophan (the natural sedative in turkey - or as I call it: "Poor man's methyl trichloride"), resulting in yet another sleepy, bloated four-day weekend that ultimately ends in stomach pain and tears.

In other words: It's going to be awesome.

Let's face facts: Turkey is great. So is ham, bacon, beef, pork, chicken, fish and venison. Actually, anything that at one point had a face is delicious. Except for Panda bears - they're very fatty.

All joking aside, meat is a way of life. It's delicious, it's essential, and it's been used for special occasions throughout history dating back to when Ogg and Slar would kill a Tyrannosaurus-Rex for their cousin's

Bah-mitzvah.

However, some will argue that eating meat isn't an essential part of life, nor is it delicious or beneficial to your health. Fair enough. I'm all about respecting someone else's opinion; so if you don't like meat, that's your prerogative.

What I am not all about is when people ram their own opinions down your throat or otherwise engage in activity to make you feel like you're being intimidated or bullied into behaving a certain way or changing the way you act around them, out of fear of retribution.

Like wearing a fur coat in the presence of PETA protestors, for example.

Yes, this is a rant about PETA, (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) an organization who has done a lot of good in the field of animal cruelty, forming in 1980 with the goal to promote education and awareness of the suffrage of animals on farms, laboratories, and other areas.

Sounds simple, right?

What their mission statement doesn't tell you is that PETA members frequently engage in unethical behavior which results in property damage, personal harm, and other criminal and hypocritical behavior.

Some examples: PETA is supportive of the Animal Liberation Front (ALF), an extremist group whose sole existence is to cause "abolish institutionalized animal exploitation," through means such as arson, breaking and entering, and theft.

PETA founder Ingrid Newkirk once said "Even if animal research resulted in a cure for AIDS, we'd be against it." That's funny that she would say that, seeing as how she recently broke her wrist, and subsequently blogged about the event, saying "Thank goodness for IV (intravenous) drips," referring to the painkiller or other such drug that helped her through her pain; apparently unaware that IV drips were initially tested on animals during their creation.

Rod Coronado, a member of the Earth Liberation Front and former member of the ALF, has been convicted on more than one occasion, including charges for arson, felony conspiracy, and felony charge of demonstrating the use of a destructive device, among others. In a speech at American University in Washington, D.C., Coronado told students how to make an incendiary device out of a "simple plastic jug that you fill with gasoline and oil." While he isn't a member, PETA donated

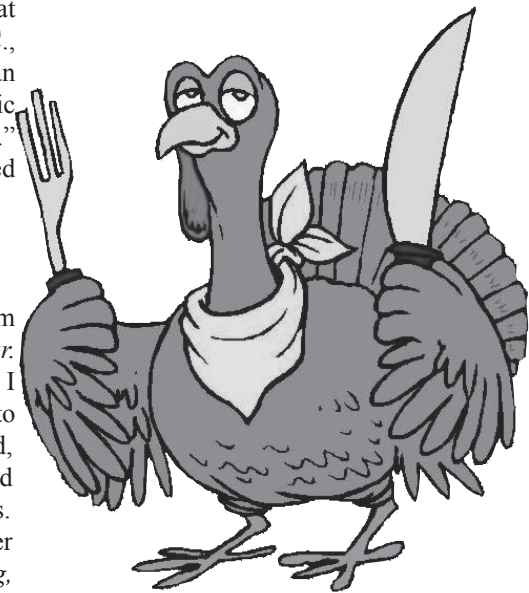
\$45,000 to the "Rodney Coronado Support Committee."

The hypocrisy doesn't stop there, as PETA has come under scrutiny for its policies and practices regarding euthanasia, including one such campaign that pitted Michael Vick against PETA, with the headline "Who's Killed More Animals?" Vick's total was 8, PETA's was 14,400. (No, I'm not supporting Michael Vick)

There's more where that came from, as PETA and its members has been involved in several incidents in which they revel in their own hypocrisy. Don't believe me? Do a search for "PETA hypocrisy" and see for yourself.

So, what am I saying? Is animal cruelty acceptable? Of course not. Should it be policed? Of course. Should someone firebomb a building because they are testing animals in trying to create a cure for cancer inside? You know the answer to that one.

Gobble, gobble.



The Angry Rant Part 2: Forced Celebrations

BY ANDEE SCARANTINO

Beacon Editor-in-Chief

Thanksgiving was never meant to be shut up in a single day. ~Robert Caspar Lintner

I begin with this quote as to say I am thankful for many things. As I am in my 22nd year of life, I'm thankful for my health (despite my smoking habits and poor eating.) I'm thankful for the success I've had thus far. I'm thankful for the relationships I have with my parents, my brothers, and my friends.

As a matter of fact, every single day I express thanks for all the gifts I've been given. So, with pleasure, I will express my thoughts on Thanksgiving guilt-free, as I feel my way of expressing thanks (on any random day at any given time,) is sufficient.

I hate Thanksgiving. I hate the idea that we Americans, unlike many places in Europe, only get about two weeks of vacation time a year, as opposed to the typical six weeks in many places overseas. We work long days, yet we get about two weeks to spend our time how we wish. Yet, America seems to choose for us what days we *have* to sit, and not work, and theoretically spend time with

people we, again theoretically, should *love*, *respect*, and *be thankful for*. America dictates that this day, of all days, should be a happy day, spent gorging on enormous feasts, and in modern day, watching football.

I find it awkward that when someone says they don't eat turkey and cranberry sauce on Thanksgiving, they receive strange glances. Why should America tell us we have to eat turkey! I hate turkey! And, I hate cranberry sauce. I'd be happier eating steak, and drinking gin and tonic. I don't want to devote a day to gluttony.

I really can't stand that people look at this day as a "blessing." "Oh, we don't have to work," they say. Hmm. Right. You don't have to work. Wouldn't you rather have free will to choose what days you didn't work, instead of a cold November day, where society has told you you should probably try to get along with your extended family that you never call during 97% of the year? (Rough estimation on that figure, naturally.) Oh, and by the way, I really hate football.

I'm so tired of America forcing their traditions on me! I am. This all stems from the idea that this is a country based on freedom. Our entire society is based on the idea of being free, and the freedom we once sought was primarily "religious freedom."

I say this because on this past Easter

Sunday, I was not in America. Now, I am part of the 20% of America that is *secular*. I was not born with a religion, nor do I attend church. I proudly did not have to celebrate Easter, because where I lived, nearly every business was open, and people were going about their daily lives.

Needless to say, in America on Easter Sunday, much like *Thanksgiving*, businesses are closed, and people tend to stay cooped up in their homes eating food they don't like. Maybe I don't want to do that! Why should I suffer? I'm a work-a-holic. Maybe I'd rather be at school, doing my work, with access to resources I need! No, I can't do that either, because I'm forced to move out of my dorm room, and go stay with my parents in a place I don't like for a select number of days.

I can't really complain that much. I only live 20 minutes away, but I think it's ludicrous for poor college students to have to drive (and waste gas money) back to, I don't know, New Jersey, to go spend a holiday they may or may not enjoy, only to waste *more* gas money to travel back to Wilkes-Barre. Maybe it's just me. Maybe my bitterness and distaste for the entire thing actually clouds the point I'm trying to make, but generally, before I rant, I consult with people on how they feel about

the holiday traditions, and I have a lot of consenting opinions on this matter.

I don't like Thanksgiving, and I wish society would stop making me feel guilty for not spending a gluttonous day with extended family that I've had about 2 hours of cumulative conversation with in the past 10 years.

I guess it all really boils down to freedom, and the fact that I can't express my yearning to be free from these mundane traditions without sounding like a hateful, heinous person!

Maybe we should all be a little more grateful, and give thanks all year round, instead of pretending to care on one certain day of the year. Also, maybe we should have a little respect for people who don't want to celebrate, instead of acting like they've committed some type of cardinal sin. Happy Holidays.

“All I want for Christmas is...”

Ask those you love to register to vote for your holiday gift

BY MARK CONGDON JR.

Beacon Opinion Editor

So, the holidays are right around the corner, and as college students, we may have a limited budget to spend on our holiday gifts. Well, if you're in need of a gift that's completely free, is thoughtful, and is contributing to the betterment of society, then I have the solution for you.

When I graduated high school in 2004, I asked all my friends and family to register to vote for my graduation present. Not only that, every year since 2004, I have asked all my family and friends to do this as my Christmas present. As a result, all of my immediate family members are registered

to vote, and many of my extended family and friends are as well. Nine of my closest friends and family now participate in the democratic process, and these were people who didn't before I asked them to register to vote.

Not only was this gift free, but by asking my family and friends to do this, they were able to become educated on the voting and political process of our country, and they do go out and vote on Election Day.

Moreover, if you're tired of our political leaders not listening or valuing your opinions, then by voting yourself and having your family and friends vote, will empower you to feel as though you are *acting* on the issue. How many people can actually say that all they want for Christmas, Hanukah, their birthday and graduation presents are to have the ones they care about register to vote?

There are many websites that provide needed forms to register and educational materials to understand the political process. Many websites also provide information about stances that political parties and

politicians take.

Some of these websites include: rock-thevote.com, declareyourself.org, lww.org, and justvote.org to name a few.

Even more important, is that after you ask your family and friends to register to vote, you must make sure to encourage them to vote on Election Day.

So, if you're tired of the fact that many politicians don't listen to our generation, the 18-29 year olds, and don't value us as American citizens, then I encourage you to give and ask for the gift of the vote.

Ask your family and friends to register to vote, and encourage them to vote on Election Day for your holiday gift or any other celebration throughout the year you may observe.

If we all do this, we will have a very powerful voice and vote in the 2008 presidential election and those thereafter.

If you're a poor student or on a limited budget for the holidays, like myself, I encourage you to give the greatest gift of all, ask them to register to vote and vote on Election Day.

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Seriously!?



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On Sunday, Nov. 18, a trash can on the 2nd floor of Breis in the student lounge was discovered that contains an inappropriate saying on it.

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Your Voices

Dear Editor:

The 2008 Presidential campaigns are underway and in full swing. Many of the candidates on both sides are well qualified.

But there is one candidate who is the worst possible choice to be the next Commander-in-chief of our country and that person is former New York City mayor Rudy Giuliani. Having him occupy the Oval Office would be just as bad, if not worse, than having George W. Bush in the Oval Office.

When President Bush first took office, he inherited an estimated \$160 billion surplus from the Clinton administration. In a matter of two years he turned the budget from a historical surplus into a historical \$374 billion deficit. This occurred after his budget director Mitch Daniels said that Americans "will see a second historical budget surplus."

Similarly, mayor of NYC Giuliani increased the city's spending and left current mayor Michael Bloomberg with a multi-billion dollar deficit and opposed what could have been one of the city's largest tax breaks.

Foreign policy under President Giuliani would be a complete disaster. First, he has the least amount of foreign policy experience than the other candidates. Just like President Bush, Giuliani would not do any-

thing to diminish the worldwide disgust for the United States. The next president should be dedicated to mending fences with the international communities, especially our allies, instead of treating them like rubbish.

Also like President Bush, Giuliani believes that everyone should have rights except Americans. That is why he supports expanding government's powers to eavesdrop on Americans without warrants and the government's right to torture anyone, including Americans. He is critical of the Democrats' desire to negotiate with Iran. On the other hand, if Giuliani were president, he would support military action against the Iranian government. Giuliani takes this particular stand despite the fact the U.S. military is fighting on two fronts, is stretched too thin and war in Iraq would cost this country an estimated \$2 trillion. Another war would be completely devastating to this country, its people, and economy. Like President Bush, Giuliani doesn't live in the real world.

Finally, Giuliani's foundation for his campaign... 9/11. He mentions 9/11 in every topic including why he answers his wife's phone calls during speeches. Democratic Presidential candidate Senator Joe Biden of Delaware summed it up about Giuliani. At the last Democratic debate Biden said, "Rudy Giuliani (is) probably the most un-

der-qualified man since George Bush to seek the presidency...there are only three things he mentions in a sentence: a noun, a verb and 9/11."

Giuliani brags about his leadership during and after 9/11. What he does not want the public to know is that the New York City Council is considering investigating Giuliani for giving FDNY equipment that was determined faulty after the first WTC bombing. Also part of the investigation is why Giuliani allowed a vital emergency radio transmitter to be left on top of the WTC after the first attack.

If anyone is happy with the current administration, which is full of broken promises, huge deficits, backdoor corrupt deals to corporate interests, large secretive expansion of government powers, trampling of American rights, a 28% approval rating ect. then Giuliani is your man, because he promises more of the same. If anyone is like me and believes in a responsible government while preserving the Constitution then one should know Giuliani is the absolute worst person to be the next president.

Robert Donahue
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Black Friday bargains lure shoppers out of bed

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For American consumers, shopping for Christmas gifts the day after Thanksgiving marks the start of the holiday shopping season, but among businesses "Black Friday" is known as the day their losses finally turn into profits.

"[Black Friday] is not the biggest shopping day of the year, and is also not the biggest shopping day of the holiday season, but it is the biggest traffic day," said Anne Heineman Batory, professor of marketing.

Several local stores are using special promotions and longer hours to take advantage of the large number of people who will be out shopping.

The doors of the Old Navy in Wilkes-Barre will open at 5:00 a.m. and the first 200 customers that make a \$20.00 purchase will receive a free MP3 player.

"The door busters that we are running and the MP3 players that we're handing out, we're expecting that to generate a lot of business earlier in the day," said Jennifer Kane, the store manager of Old Navy.

Throughout Black Friday, three-quarters of all items in the store will be on sale. Kane predicts that a lot of the sweaters, outerwear, sleepwear, and robes will constantly need to be restocked.

"I think that with us having Best Buy next door, it's going to be very enticing for the customer, because electronics are definitely great gifts," Kane said. "Old Navy is also offering a lot of great gifts, too, so I think we're going to see a lot of traffic where the customer is going to be spending at Best Buy and here and vice versa."

The line at the checkout inside Best Buy



The Beacon/Jenna Stephens

usually stretches from the front of the store all the way to the back on Black Friday according to Melissa Brewer, store manager. Best Buy will be giving out free AT&T Nokia N6555 Cell Phones with two year agreements early on in the day.

"I look forward to Black Friday every year," Brewer said. "I come in at 2:00 a.m. I'm supposed to work a split shift because I'm a manager, but I'll stay all day."

Best Buy will open at 5:00 a.m., but employees come in to work between 2:00 and 3:00 a.m. and work eight to ten hour shifts as needed. They also attend two meetings called "Green Day" prior to Black Friday to prepare for the day.

Chuck Sullick, the operations manager of Best Buy, said, "If you think about Best Buy, we're going to do ten times more business on Black Friday-look at Wal-Mart-they're probably going to break one million, two

million dollar days, so we're talking about a lot of money on Black Friday."

Wal-Mart is typically open 24 hours a day, but will not open until 5:00 a.m. on Black Friday. On Thursday evening, everything will be set out onto the floor so all the associates have to do Friday morning is take the black plastic off the merchandise, according to Amy Bencoster, store manager of Wal-Mart. Cashiers come in to work at 4:30 a.m. and the overnight employees work until 6:30 a.m.

Bencoster estimates that costumers would probably spend around \$200-\$300 on Black Friday. The most popular merchandise of the season is electronics and items from the toy department like Tickle Me Elmo.

People have different reasons for waking up early to face the huge crowds on Black Friday.

"I think it's just tradition. So many people have done it for so many years and there is a lot of great buys out there and like anything else, people just can't pass up a great buy," says Bencoster.

"If what I'm purchasing is absolutely worth it [I would definitely stay in line for hours]," says Erin Sweet, a sophomore integrated media major. "Any kind of software I would like to see on sale. Typically they are around \$600, so I'd be willing to buy it at around \$200."

Although large numbers of shoppers are expected to be out on Black Friday, at least one manager is worried that rising gas prices might have an affect on sales.

"I would say the weather would be a big part of it, the price of gas, if the weather gets really cold people are going to be trying to decide whether they actually want to shop or pay their heating bill," Bencoster said.



Student of the Week: Alisha Cain

BY CHRISTINE ZAVASKAS
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Alisha Cain, a fifth year senior (P3) pharmacy and English major, knows the meaning of the word busy.

In addition to her double major in two subjects at opposite ends of the academic world, she is involved in a plethora of extracurricular activities. She is the founder and president of the Equestrian Club at Wilkes and also the founder of the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association.

Along with being an officer in both Sigma Tau Delta and Rho Chi, she is a member of Alpha Chi, Christian Fellowship Club, and serves as an E-mentor/Orientation Leader and a pharmacy mentor for P2 students.

This year, Cain took on the new role of Senior Resident Assistant, which was created to better serve the increased number of students living in University Towers. She is also starting a project as historian of the pharmacy honor society to create a sort of practice book for pharmacy majors. For all her efforts to serve the Wilkes University community, *The Beacon* chose Cain as this week's Student of the Week and sat down with her to learn more about the activities she is currently participating in.

The Beacon: What made you decide to double major in two such very different subjects?

Cain: I'm fascinated by the medical world. My mom, aunt, and grandma are all nurses or respiratory therapists, so I have a lot of family members that are involved in the medical world. Pharmacy itself sounded very interesting because you could break down the body, learn all about it, and how different drugs affect it. But then, with English, that was my strongest subject in high school. I work with a pharmacist a few hours a week, and she actually has kind of created her own job definition. She teaches the Hershey Medical School students, works a couple hours a week in a pharmacy, has a clinical practice, and writes for medical journals. She was the person who, through talking with her, I got the idea of how I could intertwine pharmacy and English.

The Beacon: What does the position of Senior Resident Assistant entail?

Cain: My RA job is kind of a new role this year. With acquiring University Towers and having more students in there, it is kind of a similar situation to Evans Hall, where we have a lot of students in one particular building. I'm essentially there as a go-to person for the other seven resident assistants in University Towers. So, if they're having roommate conflicts or any sort of problem that they don't know how to deal with, or if they need ideas for programming, I'm kind of a point person in between them and Brenda Stanley, Director of Residence Life. It's a spot they created at least for this year and pos-

sibly next year to fit the needs of University Towers.

The Beacon: Can you explain the pharmacy book you are helping create?

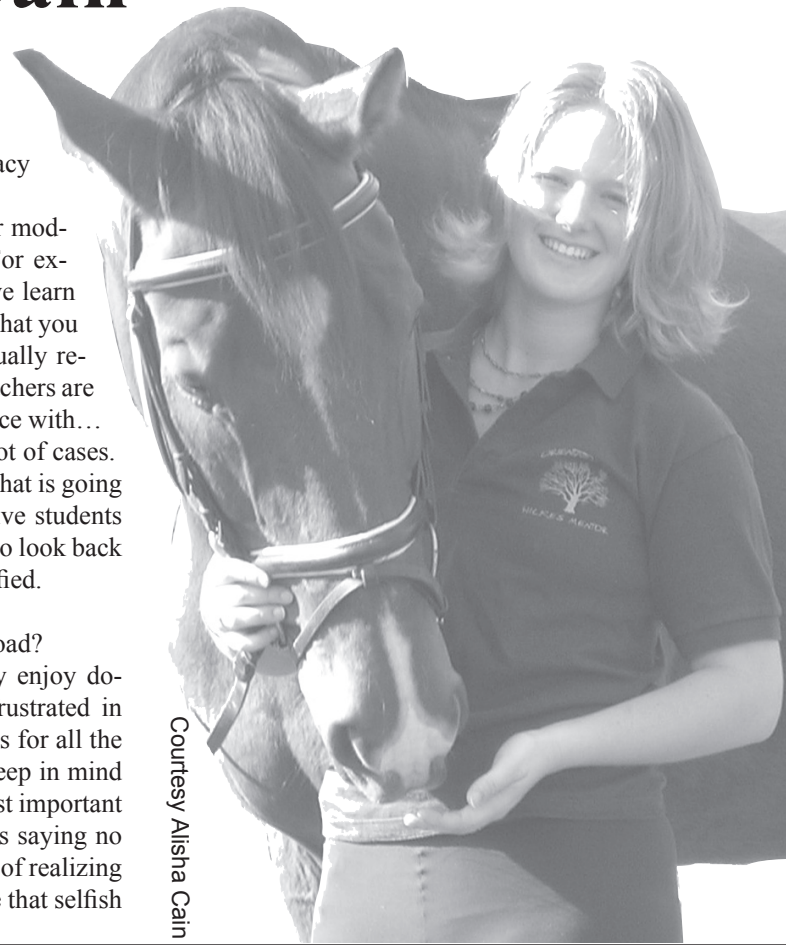
Cain: In pharmacy we have what we call our modules. They are our really big drug classes. For example, right now we're in cardiovascular, so we learn about every single cardiovascular disease and what you would treat those with. On the test we're actually required to apply what we know...Some of the teachers are really good with providing cases for us to practice with...Some other modules, they don't really have a lot of cases. What we're trying to do, is put together a book that is going to have cases for every module. It will just give students the chance to practice more, or they can save it to look back over right before they take their test to get certified.

The Beacon: How do you handle your workload?

Cain: Time management is huge. I actually enjoy doing both curricula because if I start getting frustrated in pharmacy, I can go and work on my English. As for all the extracurricular activities, I think you have to keep in mind that school is why you're here and that's the most important thing. Something I've always struggled with is saying no and not getting involved. So this year, I'm kind of realizing that a little bit. Finally, I think you have to have that selfish time. So I actually ride my horse five times a week. He is kind of my sanity.

The Beacon: What are your future plans?

Cain: After completing pharmacy school, I'm interested in going for a residency...Ideally when I enter the workforce, I would love to be able to work 20 hours a week in some field of pharmacy. Then, [I'd like to] have the rest of my time devoted to a home office with either writing for medical journals or possibly teaching...I'd also like to have a little farm and a little dressage (a type of horseback riding) business on the side.



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Native American singer, storyteller enlightens audience

BY CHRISTA SGOBBA

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With a few somber beats of a drum accompanying a haunting, wailing chant, Namorah Gayle Byrd can take an entire audience back to the funereal songs of her Native American ancestors.

But before the mood becomes too morose, Byrd switches to quick, firm taps on the drum and starts a rhythmic, confident chant that grows louder and louder. Suddenly, the audience can feel the pre-battle excitement of the first people of America.

Byrd, a Native American singer, dancer, and storyteller, came to Wilkes on November 14 to share her cultural traditions and talents with the Wilkes community in honor of Native American History Month. Nearly 30 students, faculty, and staff members turned out to hear her sing traditional songs, tell time-honored stories, and share personal experiences of her culture.

"It's not only important for students, but for faculty and staff as well," said Dr. Maria Suarez, the special assistant to the president

for multicultural and community affairs. "When we learn about heritages and communities within the U.S., we learn different perspectives about life and environment and different cultural traditions."

Wearing a traditional buckskin outfit with fringe and turquoise beading, Byrd sang welcome, battle, and funeral songs. Her many silver bracelets caught the light as she beat her traditional drum or shook rattles that came from all across the Americas.

She explained to the audience that the songs were made up of sounds and syllables strung together to create meaning. Verbatim translations were not possible, but the meaning for each could be understood through the mood transferred to the listener.

"When she sang, I wanted to stand up and dance. I closed my eyes to listen," Suarez said.

"There's something very special about the songs. I felt at peace, even though the room was noisy."

Byrd was raised in a family where Native American traditions were taught implicitly. She grew up in a Westernized world, attending Catholic schools throughout elementary and high school before going on to Temple University. There, she earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in English literature.

A standout debater and animated storyteller, Byrd later shared these talents with her children, telling them lengthy, detailed bedtime stories each night. As a child, her favorite stories were fairy tales, which she passed on to her children.

"I wanted to entertain my children, to keep them happy, and laughing, and also in bed," she said. "But because I was in competitive speech, I learned how to make my voice express emotion. I began to read them as if the animals were alive, as if the characters were real."

Soon, her storytelling

prowess caught the attention of administrators at her children's schools. They asked her to tell stories in classrooms, and later during assemblies. As her reputation grew, schools from all over the area were clamoring to book her for events.

When she began telling stories, she stuck to fairy tales and mainstream children stories. It was not until a life altering event prompted her to throw herself into the depths of her ancestral culture.

In 1991, Byrd was living in Philadelphia when she came across an ad for a Native American powwow in the Philadelphia Inquirer. Curious, she persuaded her parents to accompany her. Although Byrd knew she was part Cherokee and part Chitimacha, she had never actively practiced the culture.

When she arrived at the celebration, she was drawn to the drums and the sacred circle where the dancers performed. Leaning against a tree in blue jeans, a red blouse, and a baseball cap, she heard a voice call from behind.

"I was just standing there watching and I heard a voice behind me say, 'Why aren't you dressed for dancing?'" she recalled. "I ignored it, and then the voice said louder, 'Why aren't you dressed for dancing? You have ten minutes.'"

Byrd turned around and realized the voice was coming from an Apache chief, and he was addressing her. Dancers in beautiful, beaded buckskin regalia and men in full feathers passed her in a flurry.

He asked her if she celebrated her Native American heritage, and she told him she did not. He told her that was a shame, and handed her a brochure for the United American Indians of the Delaware Valley.

The brochure lay on her dresser for months.

"I just stared at it. I was really nervous, and I didn't know what to think about it," she said. "But the brochure kept calling to me. I kept walking over to it and looking at it."

Finally, Byrd attended a meeting, and was astonished at what she saw.

"It was just packed. There were hundreds of people there from 52 nations across the United States," she said.

She began to learn the traditions of her culture. She attended meetings once a month for near-



Courtesy of Namorah Byrd

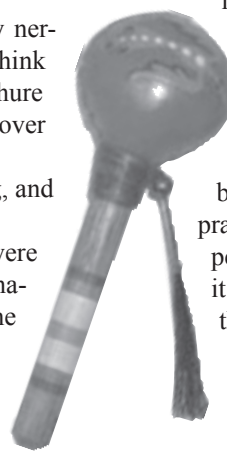
Namorah Byrd, who took the Native American name of Spirit Keeper, travels to colleges and universities to share her culture through songs, dances, and stories.

ly 15 years, and would often drop by the center after work to listen to different stories and hear all kinds of songs.

Soon, she began dancing, drumming, and singing. She traveled to different reservations where she learned unique songs and dances of each nation. Then she started to share her culture with non-Natives in colleges and universities throughout the area.

Balancing the Native American lifestyle in a Westernized world has proven difficult for Byrd. But the values and wisdom she has learned from her culture make it worth the struggle.

"The West does not reinforce tranquility, adequate time for contemplation, and it doesn't nurture the vision and views of balance," she said. "In order to practice the traditions that require peace, harmony, and tranquility, it's necessary to ignore many of the distractions of the West, and that is not always easy."



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“Like a Rolling Stone...” *History professor recalls rock and roll days*

BY NICK PODOLAK
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As a child growing up in the small western Pennsylvania town of Monongahela, historian Dennis Hupchick remembers watching would-be pro football Hall of Famer, Joe Montana. But while the other children may have emulated “Joe Cool” at the time, Hupchick’s idol was Mick Jagger, frontman for the Rolling Stones.

At the age of 16, Hupchick and his friends formed their first band and latched on to the expression, “a rolling stone gathers no moss,” to come up with the name The Mossy Rocks.

“We were the ones that didn’t roll,” Hupchick joked.

Comprised of a singer, drummer, bass player, and guitar player, The Rocks were led by Hupchick’s vocals and harmonica playing. The group played mostly blues/rock covers like the early Rolling Stones, but they drew the line at The Beatles, who didn’t exactly fit their playing style.

“Our bass player was the lone Beatles’ fan in the group,” Hupchick said. “The Beatles were OK, but ‘I Wanna Hold Your Hand’ just didn’t fit ‘Let’s Make It, Pretty Babe.’”

But when Hupchick’s cousin convinced him to join a band called The Rogues, who

were in need of a lead singer, Hupchick’s real musical career took off. He and his newfound band would eventually go on tour for four years using Hupchick’s 1960 Chevy station wagon. Their main stomping grounds included the western half of Pennsylvania; Akron, Ohio; Morgantown, West Virginia; and “the arm” of Maryland. The Rogues played six nights a week.

The group even landed a gig at Geneva on the Lake, Ohio, where they served as the house band, and made \$1,000 a month.

“That was pretty amazing pay for that time since it was the sixties,” Hupchick said. “An average worker was making ten thousand a year, and we stayed there for two months and were making quite a bit of money.”

One of The Rogues’ most popular songs was Van Morrison’s “Gloria,” in which Hupchick would shout out the letters ‘G-L-O-R-I-A.’ Their manager actually released the song as a single, and the crowd thought it was a Rogues’ original, though they never took credit.

“‘Gloria’” wasn’t making it big on the radio at the time, and people demanded we play it,” Hupchick said. “We actually did a cover of Robert Johnson’s ‘Crossroads’ before Cream put it out.”

After completing grad school, Hupchick joined another band comprised of for-

mer Rogue members and friends, called Uncle John, a reference to the Grateful Dead’s “Uncle John’s Band.”

“We had a really crazy, eclectic mix; some people in the band liked to do country western, so we did sort of rock/country thing, usually with some satirical content in the lyrics, you know. I don’t hold it as the best. The Rogues were really...that four year stretch with The Rogues was the highlight of my rock career,” he said.

Though staying a loyal devotee to music throughout the 80s and early 90s, Hupchick admits that music does not play as an important role in life as it once did, though he still likes to rock out from time to time, especially to the likes of German electronic bands such as Tangerine Dream, Rammstein, and The Armageddon Dildoes.

“Over time, it became repetitious. What people think is new today...I heard it. There’s very little new that has come along in rock music, I hate to say it, that isn’t repetitious to me. However, I still consider music important. I find it to be one of the most enjoyable ways of relaxing. It doesn’t



Photo Courtesy of Dennis Hupchick

Dr. Hupchick live on stage in Bulgaria (Summer 1975)

matter if it’s head-pounding rock or classical music,” Hupchick said.

The only music that Hupchick does not enjoy, though, is main-stream country and hip-hop.

“I guess I just never acquired a taste for it,” he said.

Dinner Review: Norm’s Pizza and Eatery

BY ALISSA LINDNER
Beacon Asst. A&E Editor

Not being from the area, I usually stay safe choosing chain restaurants over the smaller, locally owned dining areas. A friend of mine recommended Norm’s Pizza and Eatery, on Sherman Street, so I decided to give it a shot.

Upon first entrance, the restaurant appeared more like a hotel than a dining area; however my guest and I decided Norm’s was still worth a shot.

The menu offered little variety from other classic Italian restaurants. Everything from regular Sicilian pizza and wings to calzones and submarines could be found on the menu. I also immediately noticed the prices, which were extremely reasonable for a college student on a budget.

Most of the menu items were priced at approximately \$5.00. A large round pie was \$7.95, with specialty pies ranging anywhere from \$6.50 to \$14.50. My guest

and I both decided on a slice of Sicilian pizza for \$.99 and half dozen wings for \$3.00.

A topping can be added to the pizza for an additional \$.15.

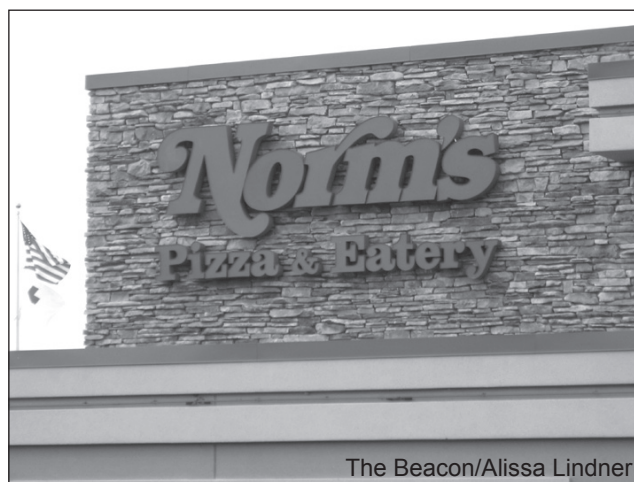
The Sicilian slices were brought to us first. At about two inches by six inches each, the slices were definitely only worth the the money. Although

the crust was just right thickness, the sauce was extremely chunky and lacked the right amount of cheese. My guest ordered his slice with mushrooms and bacon, which

added substance to the pizza; however, he still commented on the lack of cheese.

About ten minutes later, our wings were delivered. My wings were cajun style and my guest ordered mild. The wings were much better for their value. The outside of every wing was crispy and each wing of-

fered a substantial amount of meat. The cajun style offered a little more spice than the mild; however, neither left your mouth burning.



The Beacon/Alissa Lindner

We visited Norm’s on a Saturday afternoon. For the few people at the restaurant, our service was definitely lacking. To begin with, our server seemed pushy, not giving us much time to look over the menu. Upon delivering our food, the server never checked back with us to make sure everything was all right. My guest even had to stop her for a refill on his drink. Maybe because I am a server myself, I am highly critical but I believe she could have been more attentive.

At approximately \$10.00, our bill was reasonable. Despite the small size of the Sicilian slice, the perfection of the wings definitely was worth their money. With tip, dining at Norm’s Pizza and Eatery was \$15.00.

If you are searching for a local place to dine out with friends at a reasonable price, Norm’s is a great option; however if your hope is to impress a date you might want to stick to a pricier chain Italian restaurant.

Grade: C+

Local Band Spotlight: My Ghost My Vengeance

BY MATTHEW GOGAS

Beacon Staff Writer

My Ghost My Vengeance is a metal-core band currently based out of Wilkes-Barre, PA.

The band originally started in 2004 under the name Drain the Life. After a series of member changes, a record label signing, and a name change, the current nucleus is stable and most importantly, successful. My Ghost My Vengeance frequently plays in NEPA at venues such as Backstage Enterprises in Kingston. They have also played in Allentown, East Stroudsburg, and Lancaster.

The Beacon recently spoke with the band's bass guitar player, Jim Conlon. Although Jim is not the original bassist, he joined in 2005 and is considered irreplaceable by all of the other members.

The Beacon: How did you join the band?

Conlon: The lead singer, Rob, and I were formally in a band together called Snakes Among Us with Tom Cawley and Angelo Parente who became the drummer for Motionless in White. After Snakes spilt up, Rob asked me to join Drain the Life when things didn't work out with their original bass player and the guy they got after him.

The Beacon: What are your greatest influences?

Conlon: Let's see...Botch, In Flames, Unearth, Metallica of course. Jason Newsted is my idol. Brian really likes Botch, Jay likes Unearth, Dave likes All that Remains, and Rob likes Evanescence.....seriously he does. I'm not kidding.

The Beacon: How do you define the genre that you guys play?

Conlon: Well, we don't like to define ourselves, but I guess metalcore, which is a cross between metal and hardcore.

The Beacon: What is the difference?

Conlon: Metal is more just really fast guitar and the vocals are pretty much just all screaming. Hardcore is more like fast drums, constant guitar riffs, not so much soloing, and more breakdowns.

The Beacon: Does My Ghost My Vengeance play many shows in the area?

Conlon: Not really. There are not many places to play around here except for Backstage, which is closing down by the way. We play in Stroudsburg, Allentown, and pretty much anywhere.

The Beacon: Do you think My Ghost My Vengeance has a big fan base in the area?

Conlon: Yeah, we have a lot of friends here. They always come out when we play.



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The Beacon: Tell me about the other band members.

Conlon: Brian Gildea is a stand up gentleman and great guitar player with Lego hair. His hair looks like a Lego person's hair. Rob Fulletta and Dave Kenderdine are very good fathers and they are both talented musicians. Jay Smith is a very good drummer and loves Mountain Dew a lot.

The Beacon: Why did you change the name of the band from Drain the Life to My Ghost My Vengeance?

Conlon: Well, we got signed to a record label and they didn't think the name was really marketable, so we changed it.

The Beacon: What record label does My Ghost My Vengeance play on?

Conlon: We play on East Coast Independent.

The Beacon: What type of record label is East Coast Independent?

Conlon: It's an indie label.

The Beacon: Do you guys feel like you are building a name for yourselves?

Conlon: Yeah, they're going to put us on tour over the summer. We are going to play some Warped Tour dates. They are funding us well; they're helping us out a lot. They're good guys getting our name out there and stuff...We cut two records; one of them with our label and one of them on our own. The one on the label is self titled. You can pick it up on iTunes and all those internet download sites or you could just buy it at one of our shows.

The Beacon: Are there any interesting or funny stories about the band that you want to share?

Conlon: We were going to play a show in Allentown and we got a little lost and just kept driving around singing lines from the song "Allentown" by Billy Joel. We just kept driving around singing "Well we're driving here in Allentown." It was pretty funny. When we finally got to the show, we ended up not playing and driving home and I was pissed. Another funny story is when Dave tried to flip his guitar around his body and dropped it. He put a huge chip in the side of it and we laughed at him for so long.

The Beacon: What does My Ghost My Vengeance want their fans to know about them?

Conlon: We really appreciate our fans coming out to see us and support us. For those that do not know us, add us on Myspace.com because we're really cool guys.

Schedule of Events

Tuesday, November 20

- The Art of Betsy Havira at Beer Deli in Forty Fort from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Wednesday, November 21

- Theives and Villians, Riot Like Words and TBA performing at Backstage at 6 p.m.

- The Menzingers, Title Fight, The Big Green, Captain We're Sinking and Curtis Iria performing at Cafe Metropolis at 7 p.m.

- Go Go Gadget performing at the Woodlands at 10 p.m.

Thursday, November 22

Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday, November 23

- The Doodlebops Live! At the Kirby Center at 3 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

- The Mad Conductor, The Stupid, Stupid Henchmen, Below Me and Chee performing at Cafe Metropolis at 7 p.m.

- The Five Percent and 39 Mariner performing at the Woodlands at 9 p.m.

Saturday, November 24

- Endless Mike and the Beagle Club, CD and the Broken Strings, The Washer Dryer Combo and The Naught Naught Nurses performing at Cafe Metropolis at 7 p.m.

- Bootleg Slumber Part #4 premier at Backstage at 8 p.m.

- Sweetwater performing at the Woodlands at 10 p.m.

Sunday, November 25

- Kirby Park birding event in Kirby Park at 8 a.m.

Monday, November 26

- String Ensemble Concert at the Darte Center at 6:00 p.m.

- Religious Rights Roundtable in the Henry Student Center Ballroom 6:30 p.m.

Empty Bowls auction serves area's needy

BY MARISSA PHILLIPS

Beacon A&E Editor

When the presenter explained the auction rules as "bid with cards, and stand up, and make animal sounds," the room went silent. No one expected a charity auction to include making a public spectacle...

Luckily, it was just a playful way to begin the night, and the auctioning rules remained fairly standard: a simple raise of a colored, number paddle placed a bid on one of the hand-crafted, hand-painted bowls up for auction.

The Empty Bowls auction was organized by Jean Adams, Wilkes ceramics instructor, Megan Boone, Community Service Coordinator, Shelley Pearce, the Director of the Conservatory and Chair of the Cultural Council, and student Zach Bremmer. The event was the second of what is hoped to be an annual occurrence and was arranged as a part of Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week and the money that was raised will be going to aid those in need in the area.

Last year the event was organized by Angela Hermes, former director of Campus Interfaith, along with Adams. This year there was much more time to organize the event, which paid off. There was about a 30% increase in the money raised for charity this year.

The bowls themselves were a combination of functionality and fine art. Adams crafted all of the larger bowls for auction, intending to "give artists a canvas to paint on,"

and other bowls were hand-crafted by local artists as well as student, Amanda Zerfoss. Once they had created the bowls, local artists, as well as student and faculty were asked to paint a bowl for the auction.

Some of the people who took part in painting a bowl included Mrs. Patty Gilmour, Dr. Chad Stanley, and Dean of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences Darin Fields, students such as Matt Armstrong and Amanda Zerfoss. There were also local artists involved such as Georgiana Cray Bart. In reaching out to the local artists for this project, Pearce contacted artists who had either done projects for, or had a connection with the Cultural Council, which was founded in 1989 and is a volunteer-based organization supporting local artists and the arts.

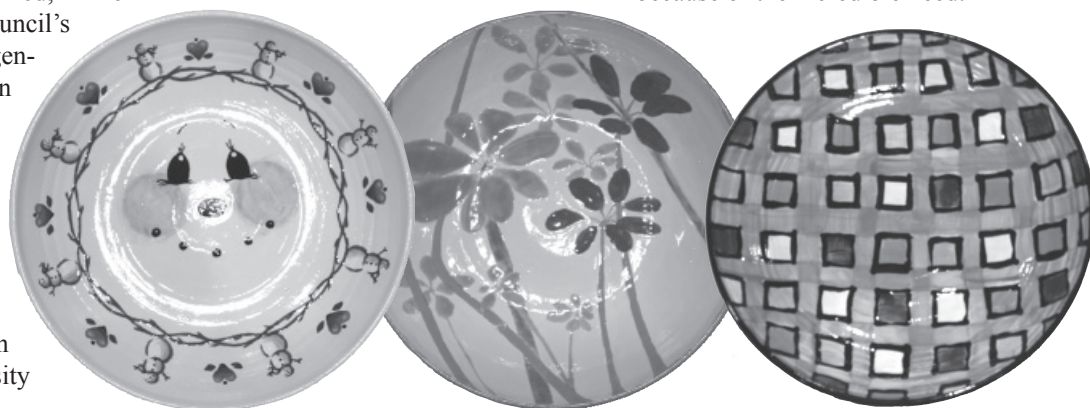
Pearce explained, "The Cultural Council's home has generously been offered by Wilkes since 1999, and members of the council are thrilled to be able to collaborate with Wilkes University

in a project to help this cause."

Organizers of the Empty Bowls auction raised \$1,226 for charity. The price range of the bowls ran the gamut; some going for \$12, while others went up to \$80.

The money will support the St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen, which Boone explained "serves hundreds of homeless people every day" and is part of the Wilkes community service partner network. Some of the money will also be donated to Ruth's Place, a women's homeless shelter in Wilkes-Barre.

Although the event served as a showcase of local art on one hand, the main focus in the end came back to serving the needy in the area. Adams stated that she wants to see the event improve each year. "We would like to see it grow because of the incredible need."



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BY CHRISTOPHER KUDRAK

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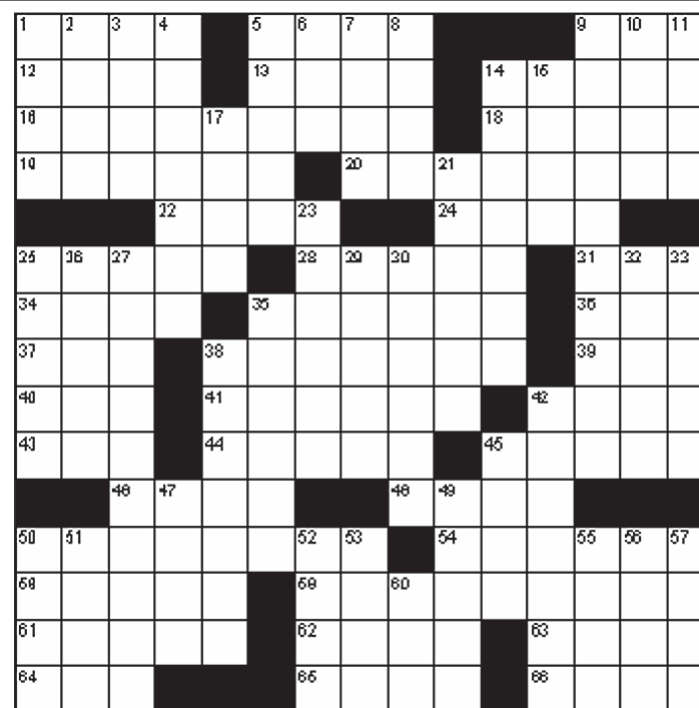
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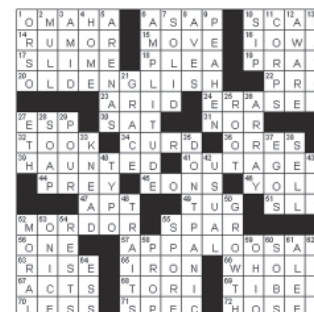
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OverheardInNewYork.com

BY ANDEE SCARANTINO

Beacon Editor-in-Chief

Ever since I was 14, I've done this really innovative thing. I've written down quotes in these little notebooks. Yes, everything that I found really amusing that people have said, or I've overheard, I've written down. Pretty genius, right? Wrong. Turns out, there's a web site that does this: OverheardInNewYork.com.

The site is what it sounds like. People write down things they hear in New York, whether it be on the street, at work, on trains, or at the various universities. They submit them, and the quotes are displayed on the site.

The site even does special features, like "Wednesday One-Liners," and blurbs dedicated to Subway train drivers.

Here is what you can expect to find on the site:

White mom: Which kitty is your favorite?

Little girl holding book of baby animals: The black one!

Mom: The black one? He sure is a cute kitty.

Little girl, loudly: Once you go black, you never go back!

Passing thug, flashing her a thumbs-up: Word!

White mom: I don't care what your father says, we are so moving to Westchester.

Nerdy hipster to friends: You want nerdy? You know what I did today? I worked on this robot helmet I'm making on my floor. Yep, a robot helmet complete with LED lights -- for my girlfriend. See? That's love right there.

Girlfriend, explaining: I told him we could have butt sex.

Nerdy hipster, emphatically: But not until I finish the helmet!

Black guy with clipboard: Anyone? A minute of your time to save the children! Anyone! 'Scuse me, pretty miss! Excuse me! [Pretty girl ignores him.] Oooh! I'm too flyyy fo' da children. I'm too hot fo' da children. [To old lady] Ma'am, do you wanna save the children?

Old lady: I hate children.

So, you see, this site is purely entertaining. I think my opinion, here, is that I just want to get the word out to everyone. If you want a laugh, go visit Overheard In New York.

However, I totally give this site an "S" for "S"tole my idea, you jerks!

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Commentary

The biggest sports turkeys of all-time

Overpriced and underperforming athletes headline a holiday tribute

BY TIM SEIGFRIED

Beacon Asst. Sports Editor

Since it's Thanksgiving season, the sports staff here at *The Beacon* decided to do a tribute to our favorite sports turkeys, which can be defined as any professional athlete who consistently failed to come up in the clutch, live down expectations, or has otherwise engaged in behavior that diminished their stardom.

And now, in no particular order: the biggest sports turkeys of all-time.

Ryan Leaf: After being picked as a finalist for the Heisman Trophy in his junior year in college, Leaf was the second overall pick of the 1998 NFL Draft, where he was drafted by the San Diego Chargers, who traded two first-round picks, a second-round pick, and two players to the Arizona Cardinals to get the second spot in the draft. The result? 26 games, 317-655 (48.4% completion rate), 3,666 yards, 14 touchdowns, 36 interceptions with a quarterback rating of 50.0.

David Beckham: One of the most popular soccer players of all-time, Beckham also established himself as one of the best footballers of his era, as well as one of the wealthiest. In 2007, Beckham signed a five year, \$250 million contract with the Los Angeles Galaxy, in what would be one of the most notorious multi-continent free agency moves in the history of sports. At the end of the 2007 season, an injury-laden Beckham would play in only five games with 2 goals in 252 minutes. As a result, the Galaxy missed the playoffs with 7-14-9 record.



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David Beckham doesn't understand why he is on this list.

The National Hockey League: Seriously, do they even play hockey anymore? I could swear that they were broadcasting their games on Lifetime this season.



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Ryan Leaf is also confused.

Sidd Finch: 28-year-old Hayden "Siddhartha" Finch was a reclusive young man who was being recruited by the New York Mets in 1985, despite the fact that he has never played baseball in his entire life. Finch, whose adopted father died in a plane crash in Nepal, briefly attended Harvard University before leaving to study in Tibet, where he claims to have discovered his true calling: A Major League Baseball pitcher whose fastball topped out at 168 miles per hour- yes, you read that right - 168 MPH. Just one week after a training session with the Mets, Finch would announce his retirement from baseball so he can concentrate on his other true calling: The French Horn.

Sam Bowie: A 7'1" center and phenom throughout high school and college, Bowie was named to two All-American teams, while also being selected to represent the United States in the 1980 Olympic basketball team. Bowie would enter the NBA draft in 1984, where he would be drafted second before future Hall-of-Famers Michael Jordan, Charles Barkley, and John Stockton. Bowie would end his career after 10 years due to numerous injuries, finishing with 10.9 points and 7.5 rebounds per game.

(In all fairness, Bowie wasn't a complete turkey. It's only after he is compared to Jordan, Barkley and Stockton that his turkyness is revealed.)

Ki-Jana Carter: Widely regarded as one of the greatest running backs in college football history, Carter was part of the undefeated 1994 Penn State football team along with Kerry Collins, Bobby Engram and Joe Jerevicius, who would go on to win the Rose Bowl over Oregon. (Most people will tell you that Penn State should have gone to the National Championship Game that season...but that's another story for another day.) Carter would win co-MVP of the Rose Bowl, and would later finish second to Heisman Trophy winner Rashaan Salaam. Carter was the first overall pick in the 1995 draft, but he would tear his ACL in his first NFL pre-season game, essentially

ending his career. He would play for the Cincinnati Bengals, the Washington Redskins and the New Orleans Saints. He finished his career with 319 carries for 1144 yards and 20 touchdowns.

Rashaan Salaam: Salaam, who beat out Ki-Jana Carter for the Heisman Trophy (under much debate), would see a much less successful career than Carter, after being selected in the 1995 draft by the Chicago Bears. 31 games, 470 attempts, 1682 yards, 13 touchdowns and several dime-bags (see also: Marijuana) later, Salaam found himself on the outside looking in, and would end up playing in the XFL and the AFL, where he wouldn't find any further success.

Roger Clemens (2007) and Freddy Garcia: "The Rocket," who was resigned to playing for the highest bidder in his later seasons, joined the New York Yankees in May of 2007, signing a contract that was worth over \$28 million dollars. Clemens failed to prove his worth for the Yankees, as he went 6-6 in 18 games with an ERA of 4.18.

When the Phillies traded for Freddy Garcia in December of 2006, it appeared that the Phillies cemented themselves as the best team in the National League east, as he solidified their already sound rotation. It wouldn't come to pass, as Garcia ended his season with a shoulder injury after only 11 starts, in which he went 1-5 with a 5.90 ERA, while costing the Phillies \$10 million dollars.

Their combined stats: 29 games, 7-6, 4.82 ERA at \$38 million dollars.

Similarly, **Kyle Kendrick**, who was called up from Double-A in early June to replace Garcia, went 10-4 with a 3.87 ERA in 20 games. His salary? A paltry 400 K.

Carl Pavano: Originally drafted by the Montreal Expos, Pavano found his best success with the Florida Marlins, with his best season coming in 2004, when he went 18-8 en route to a World Series championship. In 2005, Pavano signed with the New York Yankees with a four-year contract worth \$39.95 million dollars. In his first two seasons in the Bronx, Pavano pitched in 19 games, with a 5-6 record and a 4.78 ERA amid several injuries, including Tommy John surgery, which will likely sideline him for most of the 2008 season.

Denny Neagle: In 1997, Neagle (then with the Atlanta Braves) went 20-5 with a 2.97 ERA, helping the Braves to the Na-

tional League Championship Series. He was traded to the Cincinnati Reds, and then to the New York Yankees, where he would win a World Series in 2000, but signed as a free agent with the Colorado Rockies in 2001, to a lucrative contract worth \$51 million dollars over five years. Over the next three seasons, Neagle would go 19-23 with an ERA of 5.57. He missed the entire 2004 season due to injuries, and would run into legal troubles, which included a drunk driving arrest and a guilty plea to patronizing a prostitute.

Mike Hampton: After six years with the Houston Astros, including the 1999 season when he went 22-4 with a 2.90 ERA. In 2000, he was traded to the New York Mets, where he would go on to lead them to the World Series before signing with the

Colorado Rockies for \$121 million dollars over eight years. Hampton would fall prey to the thin air of Colorado, where he was 21-28 with an ERA of 5.76, before being traded to the Atlanta Braves following the 2002 season, where he was rather successful, despite injuries. Hampton would miss the entire 2006 season to have Tommy John



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The Rocket is furious of his inclusion among this mediocrity.

surgery, and would go on to miss the entire 2007 season after having further surgery performed on his left elbow.

Special mention goes to the **Florida Marlins**, who acquired Hampton from the Rockies on November 16, 2002, only to trade him the next day to the Atlanta Braves for pitcher Tim Lincecum. Hampton never pitched in a game for the Marlins; he barely had enough time to put their uniform on, but they still ended up paying \$38 million dollars of his salary in the trade to the Braves. I don't know what's funnier: The fact that they paid him enough money to finance the movie Garden State 40 times over, or that they traded him for a guy named Spooner-barger. What is this, Fraggles Rock?

There you have it, the biggest sports turkeys of all-time. We're sure we've missed some, and perhaps even some were unfairly included. But the great thing about sports is that there can always be discussion.

Happy Thanksgiving, to you and yours.

Lady Colonels Fall Twice In Boston

BY CARLTON HOLMES

Beacon Sports Editor

The Lady Colonels suffered two losses last weekend in Boston at the Endicott College Tournament that featured three other teams.

The team fell short in their opening game on Friday against Endicott College (MA). The Gulls went on a 17-2 run in the first half en route to an 84-34 win over the Lady Colonels. Endicott out-scored the Lady Colonels 43-18 in the first half.

Freshman guard from Spinnerstown (PA), Sam Lynam, led the Lady Colonels in scoring with 13. Senior Katie Cappelloni followed with seven points while snatching six boards.

On Saturday, the team took on Rhode Island College at 1 PM for the consolation game and ended up losing to the Anchorwomen 81-55. The Lady Colonels trailed by eight entering into the second half but couldn't produce enough points to stay in the game. Cappelloni led the team in scor-

ing with 15 points as the Lady Colonels dropped to 0-2. Lynam scored 11 off the bench and junior Chelsey Gosse dropped in 10 points for the Lady Colonels.

The Lady Colonels hit 42 percent of their shots in the second half but couldn't weather the Anchorwomen's storm. RIC shot 58 percent from the floor as six of players scored double figures. Jennifer Knott led all scorers with 19 points and Sara Coughlin chipped in with 10 points and dished out 10 assists for RIC.

"One thing I could never fault the players for is if they play their hardest, that's all I could ask for," said head coach Rachel Emmerthal. "There are going to be nights where the ball doesn't go into the basket, but if you continue to play, you gain confidence."

The Lady Colonels go on the road to face Marywood University on Tuesday, November 20 at 6PM.



The Beacon/Gino Troiani
Wilkes sophomore Nicole Quick and freshman Sam Lynam run drills during practice last week. The Lady Colonels went 0-2 during the Endicott College Tournament in Boston on November 16 and 17.

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GAME OF THE WEEK

Green Bay Packers v. Detroit Lions

NFC rivals battle it out on Thanksgiving Day

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Every year, on the fourth Thursday of November, families and loved ones gather to take part in one of the most celebrated of all holiday traditions; a time-honored tradition that supercedes race, creed, sex, and age.

Of course, Thanksgiving Day football.

Since 1934, the Detroit Lions have hosted the Thanksgiving Classic, a game which originally began in 1934 as a gimmick by the Lions in an attempt to increase attendance during the seasons. The fans took to it, and the Lions have hosted a game on Thanksgiving Day each year since then, except during World War 2 from 1939-1944, and have a 35-31-1 record in that span.

However, unlike most seasons, the Lions are going into this game with a legitimate shot at the post-season, tallying up a record of 6-4, which is good enough for second place in the NFC North behind the rival Green Bay Packers.

Detroit, which hasn't had a winning season since 1993, has been one of the perennial losers in the NFL in recent years, including a 2-14 season in 2001, followed by a 3-13 season in 2002.

Their turnaround comes as a surprise to most, as they haven't made any key additions to their roster since last season, nor has the organization had any significant internal changes which could have resulted in such a shift.

One key difference for the team is the performance of their quarterback John Kitna, who is having a remarkable season in comparison to his previous work, including last season, in which he threw 21 touchdowns and 22 interceptions, resulting in a rating of 79.9, resulting in a 3-13 finish on the season.

This year, however, Kitna is looking like a completely different quarterback; passing for 2,296 yards through 9 games with 12 touchdowns and 8 interceptions; with a completion rate of 67.8% and a quarterback rating of 92.9, which ranks him 4th in the NFC.

His main targets this season are former first-round draft pick Roy Williams (49 receptions, 613 yards, 5 touchdowns) and newly acquired Shaun McDonald (44 receptions, 519 yards, 4 touchdowns).

Not to be outdone, however, are the tan-

dem of wide-receivers Mike Furrey and 2007 first-round pick Calvin Johnson, who have quietly helped the offense, putting up a combined 781 yards with three touchdowns.

On the ground, the Lions have been far less successful, as their running game is one of the worst in the NFL, having gained only 744 yards, despite only having 186 attempts, ranking them last in the NFL in that category.

When they do run the ball, they turn to running backs Kevin Jones (339 yards, 5 TD) and Tatum Bell (182 yards, 1 TD), combining for one of the worst running back combos in the NFL.

While it can be argued that the Lions have been successful this season, a further look at their schedule reveals games against seven teams with a combined record of 27-36, resulting in a rather easy schedule. Their real test is going to come in the second half of the season, where they will be pitted against the New York Giants, the Dallas Cowboys, and a second game against the Green Bay Packers on the final day of the season.

Their first game against the Packers comes in the form of the Thanksgiving Day Classic, which will be their third game against Green Bay in the last 10 years, in which they will be looking to break the 1-1 tie of the previous two games.

The Lions will have their work cut out for them, as the Packers are being led by a young, tough defense, and a grizzled veteran who is finding the fountain of youth while leading the team to their best start (9-1) since 1996, which was the last time they won the Super Bowl.

The Green Bay Packers, who finished with a 4-12 record two seasons ago, are among the great storylines that the NFL has going this year: A young, upstart team with an ageless quarterback is defying the analysts and the odds in defeating their opponents in a rather convincing fashion, while simultaneously making it look as fun as a pick-up game on a Saturday afternoon.

The Packers realized that statement three weeks ago, only minutes after the Denver Broncos sent the game into overtime on a last second field goal, when Brett Favre, on the first play in overtime, threw an 82-yard touchdown pass to win the game, sending the team into a frenzy.

After the game, Favre would say: "That was fun. I can't wait to watch the tape."

Indeed, that has been the mantra of the Packers this season, who are currently leading the NFC North, after three straight wins against the Philadelphia Eagles, the New York Giants, and the San Diego Chargers to start the season, culminating in a 34-0 slaughter against the Minnesota Vikings during week 10; a game that saw Favre go 33-46 with 351 yards and 3 touchdowns.

That game gave the Green Bay faithful another reason to smile, as it added another "W" to the column and also saw Favre join Dan Marino to become only two quarterbacks in history to pass for 60,000 yards.

Favre, at age 38, is one of the biggest reasons that the Packers are atop the NFC North, as he has passed for 2,757 yards (1st in the NFL), 16 touchdowns and a quarterback rating of 96.2, which would rank him as one of the best quarterbacks this season.

He is helped out by veteran wide-receiver Donald Driver, who leads the team with 48 receptions and 602 passing yards, while second-year receiver Greg Jennings is putting up good numbers with 27 receptions for 517 yards, while leading the team with six touchdowns.

On the ground, however, the Packers have struggled mightily, as they have the worst production out of their backfield in the NFL this season; running for only 697 yards and scoring only six touchdowns from their running backs.

However, the Packers have shown some life on the ground in the last three weeks, as rookie running back Ryan Grant has put up more than 100 yards in two of the last three games.

Defensively, the Packers have excelled this season, holding their opponents to 306.2 yards per game (10th in NFL), while holding their opponents at bay with 92.9 yards per game on the ground.

With the playoffs looming on the horizon, the Packers will turn to Brett Favre once again to lead them to victory on Thanksgiving Day.

The Pick:

Green Bay Packers: 28

Detroit Lions: 13

**The player stats are through week 10*

Double Take

Steph examines the stats that truly matter...

BY STEPHANIE GERCHMAN

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In wake of the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, I planned on deciding the winning Turkey Day Game team by looking at some biographies and finding out which team had more players that chose Thanksgiving foods as their favorites.

Unfortunately, upon trying to do some research I found that finding that type of information on football players is not like finding that information on singers and actors. I can find out Paris Hilton's weight, (115lbs) and Britney Spears' shoe size, (6) but I can't find out what the players of football teams like to eat.

Instead, I decided to settle for going on wikipedia.org, searching each team and looking for familiar words. The Detroit Lions were first. I found out that Marvin Gaye tried out for the team in 1970 and two of the team players sang back up on his song "What's Going On." I recognized this because of the remake of "What's Going On" in 2001, featuring Britney Spears and P. Diddy. It's probably sad that I've only heard the remake version and think that it is pretty sweet.

Looking at the Green Bay Packer's Wikipedia entry the only word I really recognized was cheese. Packer's fans are called "Cheese Heads." This stood out because as a big fan of Full House I remember Michelle calling Uncle Jesse a Cheese Head. I actually continued to read after this one and saw that the Packers have one of the longest wait lists for season tickets with a wait time of 35 years. Some fans leave their tickets to family members in their wills or put their newborns on the waiting list.

I've decided that while Marvin Gaye is pretty cool, "Cheese Heads" are way better. They are crazy enough to put newborns on the waiting list for tickets and they were even mentioned on the show Full House. The winner of this game will be the Green Bay Packers because as Michelle Tanner would say, "You've got it dude!"

Athlete of the Week

Felipe Queiroz

BY CARLTON HOLMES

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Two solid seasons in the 125-pound weight class is the reason he's ranked sixth in the nation among Division III wrestlers and after manhandling Scranton's Scott Puglisi last Tuesday, he may be on his way to another.

At the 4:10 mark of the Colonels home match against the Royals, Felipe Queiroz slammed Puglisi to the mat to score a second period pin over Puglisi. Queiroz efforts in the opening match gave the Colonels a 6-0 lead en route to a 41-7 victory over Scranton.

"This year when I go out there, I'm looking to pound people," said Queiroz. "I'm looking to stuff their face in the mat."

After placing second in the King's Tournament a week prior to their match with the Monarchs, the Colonels were looking to do some damage in their first dual match of the season and Queiroz provided the spark they needed.

Last year, Quiroz finished the season with a 19-7 record and went 2-2 in the NCAA Division III National Tournament. He was the lone wrestler from the Colonels roster to compete in national's, but still manages to think he posted a bad season. Now Quiroz is in his junior season at the 125-pound weight class and believes his opponents should be well-prepared before they step onto the mat with him.

"I feel like last year, I wasn't that focused because it was coming off a good freshman season," said Queiroz. "I'm hungry now so I'm more focused and ready to go."

In Queiroz debut season as Colonel in 2005-2006, he posted a 26-9 overall record, 10-2 in dual matches and won by way of 11 falls. He took home first-place

in the King's Tournament during this season in the 125 pound weight class. In the MAC Championship, Queiroz won first place as the Colonels placed third out seven teams. He wrapped up the 2005-06 season as one of two Colonels representing the team in the NCAA Tournament and placed sixth.

After posting back-to-back successful seasons, Queiroz believes the pressure for him to do well lingers on.

"There's always going to be pressure to do better," said Queiroz. "You have a bulls-eye on your back and everybody is looking to take you down so there's pressure on everybody."

Queiroz and the Colonels will be back in action on the road, December 1 for their RIT Tournament.



The Beacon/Gino Troiani
Wilkes junior wrestler Felipe Queiroz is 6-2 this season, following a 19-7 record last season.



The Beacon/Gino Troiani
Freshman center Mackensy O'Hara preparing to make a move on one of her teammates during practice last Friday.

CROSS COUNTRY

Runners, start your engines.

For the first time since 1994, Wilkes University will sponsor both men's and women's cross country varsity sports in the fall of 2008. Both teams will compete in the Middle Atlantic Conference.

Due to lack of players in both sports 13 years ago, Wilkes could no longer sponsor cross country.

Nick Wadas will serve as head coach and is in the process of recruiting students and local talent.

NUMBERS OF THE WEEK

15

Total number of points scored by senior captain Katie Capelloni on Saturday against Rhode Island College.

50

Number of Division III players representing the U.S. against the Mexican National Team on December 8 in Chihuahua, Mexico. Senior All-American Kyle Follweiler will be joining the team.

41

Number of points scored by all wrestlers combined in their home bout against Scranton on Tuesday. The Royals were held to seven points.

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Days remaining until the Thanksgiving Classic between Green Bay and Detroit. The Packers are 8-1, second in the NFC, while the Lions are third with a 6-3 record.

Colonels Explode 41-7 Over Former Conference Foe

BY CARLTON HOLMES
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The Colonels home performance a week ago might pose as a sign for another successful season for the nationally ranked team.

In their first dual match of the season, the 19th ranked Colonels dominated former conference rival, The University of Scranton, en route to a 41-7 win over the Royals.

Junior Felipe Queiroz opened the night for the Colonels by pinning Scott Puglisi at the 4:10 mark. The Colonels went up 6-0 after Queiroz's win.

At the 133-pound weight class, freshman Ryan Wilson from Manasquan, NJ, added six more to the scoreboard when he pinned Jeff Kapica after tussling for only 2:10.

Three matches later, nationally ranked junior Justin Barowski would take on Mike Guenther at the 157-pound weight class.

Barowski, ranked 9th in Division III, spanked Guenther in a 15-1 decision.

The Colonels would win four of the last five matches against the Royals following the great start by Queiroz, Wilson and Barowski.

Jon Laudenslager received his 44th win in dual matches as Colonel head coach in the teams' win over Scranton.

"The Scranton win was good to get under our belt in front our home crowd," said the fifth-year head coach.

"Seems like we're getting better everyday. The guys were aggressive, they went after (Scranton) and I thought they wrestled well." Senior Ryan Feldman put the finishing touches on a successful night for the Colonels with a victory by way of pin after 3:59 against Neil Slocum.

"We're looking tough for how early it is," said Feldman. "(Winning) gave us confidence although Scranton is not really a powerhouse. But it's not where you start, it's where you finish. Every year we start good but the finishing has been hard for us."

Last year the Colonels won eight of their initial ten matches before dropping six of their last eight. The Colonels concluded their season at the Metropolitan Conference Championships. The team finished fifth. Queiroz continued wrestling in the NCAA Division III Championships and finished with a record of 2-2.

The Colonels wrestled in the East Stroudsburg Open on Saturday. The tournament featured teams from all NCAA programs, such as, Duke, Virginia Tech, Maryland and many others.



The Beacon/Gino Troiani

Two Colonels getting busy during practice last Friday. The team was preparing for their tournament at East Stroudsburg University the next day. The team combined for a record of 24-25 throughout 10 different weight classes. Freshman Chris Smith from Wantage (NJ) reached the quarterfinal round, the farthest of all of all Colonels.

Follweiler Selected to Represent United States

BY CARLTON HOLMES
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Although the curtains closed two weeks ago on the Colonels 2007 football season, Kyle Follweiler has one more scene left on his script.

Follweiler was recently selected to play for the American Football Coaches Association's Division III All-Star Team. He will be suiting up on December 8th to represent the United

States in this year's Aztec Bowl against the Mexican National Team. Follweiler will be one of 50 Division III seniors on the team.

Follweiler, senior All-American from Slatington (PA), was named MAC Defensive Player of the Year for the 2007 season. This is the third season in a row he was chosen for the postseason award. He finished the season with 131 tackles, six sacks and four interceptions.

Follweiler finished his career

with 434 tackles, a conference championship ring in 2006 and First-Team Defensive honors each season. He was also named Defensive Rookie of the Year in 2004.

The Aztec Bowl serves as a season-ending game for Mexico's college football season.

This year will be the 11th consecutive year the AFCA created a team to take on Mexico's top players. The United States is 9-1 all-time against Mexico.

Former Widener, Delaware Val-

ley and LaSalle head coach, Bill Manlove will coach this year's team. Manlove was also an assistant coach in the 2002 Aztec Bowl.

Estadio Olimpico Universitario, a stadium that seats 22,000 fans on the campus of University of Chihuahua in Mexico, will host the contest.

Chitwood Sports Media of Jefferson, Texas will provide a live webcast of the Aztec Bowl.

Announcers Charlie Chitwood

and Ned Frantangelo will provide commentary for the game on December 8 along with 90-minute preview shows on December 5, 6 and 7. The preview shows begin at the hotel of Team USA each night at 6 p.m. on CST. The game webcast and preview shows can be accessed on afca.com or aztec-bowl.com.

The Sports Information Department contributed to this report.