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One Stop Shop plans lead to support staff position losses

BY ALISON WOODY

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In conjunction with the university's move to consolidate services with the One Stop Shop service center in December and steps toward the Vision 2010 goals, university officials acknowledged last week that several support service personnel positions will be eliminated.

According to an official university press release on October 20, "Technology enhancements including integration of department databases, an increase in services made available directly to students online and plans to cross-train employees have resulted in the creation of 20 new full-time positions and the elimination of 27 current positions, at a net loss of seven full-time positions available within the university."

Scott Byers, vice president for finance and support operations, said, "A staff with a wide range of knowledge in student functions can better serve the needs of students as they make their way through the University. Students and parents expect efficient services that are both time and cost effective. The status quo is no longer possible

if Wilkes is to thrive and provide a higher level of service to our students."

On October 23, university officials held an open question and answer forum for faculty, staff and students about the One Stop Shop and personnel changes. The meeting was attended by about 60 people.

Byers opened the forum. "It's a difficult and exciting time as to how we move forward," he said. "Difficult because we are affecting people, but exciting because we are working for the students."

Mike Frantz, vice president for enrollment and marketing, discussed the affected positions and noted they would include "mostly financial aid, registrar, student accounts, and enrollment processing. [There will be] a reorganization between all of those areas."

"The primary reason [for the One Stop Shop] is to provide efficient and effective service to the students," said Byers.

According to the Wilkes' Human Resource webpage, jobs such as service associate, service clerk, specialist for enrollment

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Vice President for Finance and Support Operations Scott Byers and Vice President of Enrollment and Marketing Mike Frantz address faculty and staff in a meeting closed off to the local media.

Rally for Governor Rendell encourages youth to vote

BY ALISON WOODY

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Governor Rendell entered Wilkes University's "Get Out the Vote" rally on October 24 with chants of "Ed, Ed, Ed!" from screaming college-aged voters ready to make their voices heard.

Students from Wilkes University and King's College came out in droves to show their support for the Democrats seeking of-

fice in this very important, exciting mid-term election.

"It's a very important election, especially because we need to change the government for the better... Too many college students seem to be apathetic toward voting and they do not realize the effect they can have by casting one single vote," said Adam Gillette, junior business administration major.

Tia Adams, sophomore communication studies major, said, "We [the youth] are go-

ing to be the future of this country, so our voices should matter."

When asked if candidates pay attention to youth needs, Mallory Cooper, junior political science major, said "The candidates talk about our needs when they are running, but once they get elected they focus on the older population... I still feel like my voice does count in the sense that the major issues, such as social security, still impact me in some way."

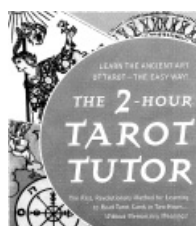
The rally was opened by Wilkes-Barre mayor Tom Leighton who spoke about what Rendell has done for the revitalization of the city. "My goal, my vision for Wilkes-Barre is to make it a true college town... We have two great anchors [in Wilkes and King's] that we have never taken advantage of until now," he said.

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AFROTC program turns on the afterburners

Number of cadets nearly doubles from last year

BY NICK PODOLAK
Beacon News Editor

Carl Benson lives the military lifestyle. Yes, he's got the crew cut and a kung-fu grip handshake, but next fall he will have something to show for it. He will begin serving his country as a developmental engineer for the Air Force.

A few years ago, though, Benson and his fellow cadets may have been denied the opportunity to go through their AFROTC training at Wilkes, which serves as the host school for 13 different universities in the area. The Air Force planned to disband the program after its participation numbers took a nosedive.

Now under the command of new Lt. Col. Kaster, the program has turned on its afterburners, nearly doubling the detachment from last year with 29 total cadets and 13 first year cadets.

"Growth is where we want to go," said Kaster. "We're look-

ing for quality, highly motivated students who want a military Air Force career. And that's what we have in this detachment. They are good ambassadors not only for the AFROTC but also for Wilkes University."

While the main goal of the program is to prepare young men and women to become officers in the United States Air Force, many leadership opportunities are provided as well through community service and weekly leadership labs.

For example Benson, whose father is a colonel and former F-15 Strike Eagle pilot, was born on Kirtland Air Force base in New Mexico and has spent most of his life traveling to bases all across the globe. However, most incoming cadets aren't fortunate enough to have such a strong military background, and Benson plays a key role in the Wingman Program which serves as the mentoring agenda within the AFROTC.

"We educate and train future

leaders of the Air Force. Through the mentoring program I can give my experiences of living in the Air Force to younger cadets and hopefully it will help them to grow," he said.

Lt. Col Kaster, who holds a bachelor's in science from Iowa State University and a master's in meteorology from St. Louis University, couldn't predict if a rough winter is on hand or not, but knows, "The weather in Iowa is a lot worse than Northeastern Pennsylvania."

When asked what the best part of his job was, he replied, "Good question. I think it's working with the young cadets...the future leaders of the Air Force. There aren't more than a couple more rewarding jobs in the whole United States Air Force," he said. "We all will retire some day and we have to make sure that the people who are coming up to replace us can do the job, control the skies, and protect the nation."



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Senior cadet Chuck Sigman(left), chats with sophomore cadet John Perez during a recent Wingman program meeting at the Kingston Armory.

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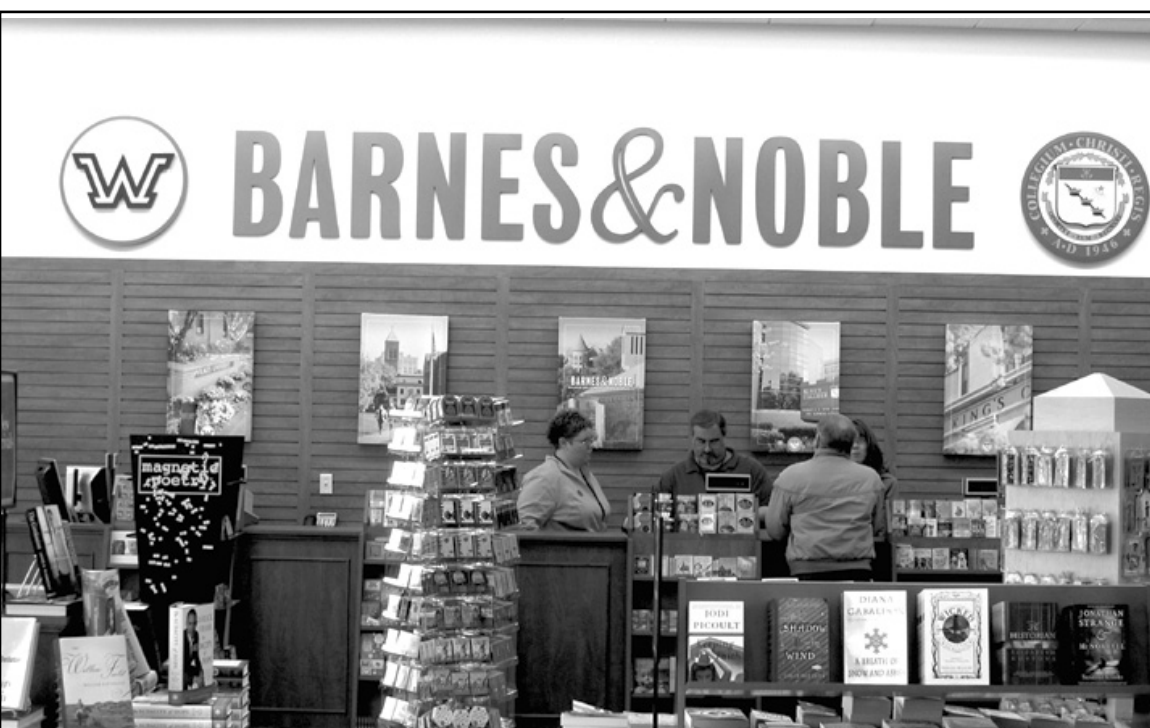
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The new bookstore, under the management of Barnes & Noble, is open in the Innovation Center near Public Square, Wilkes-Barre. The new bookstore features a Starbucks and spirit wear.

Pepé Le Pew prime suspect in spraying

Students report numerous sightings of “striped bandit” on campus

BY NICK PODOLAK &
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According to Animal Planet's Most Extreme, the skunk (scientific name: *Mephitis mephitis*) is the #1 stink-er in the world. Perhaps that explains why the furry little creature has caused such a stink on the Wilkes campus in the last few weeks.

Numerous skunk sightings have been reported between Franklin and River streets, and junior Jackie Aiello claims that she and her dog fell victim to one skunk's pungent spray while walking behind a CVS parking lot near Academy Street.

Several tomato juice baths later, Jackie noted, “I was really afraid when it happened. Now I'm really cautious when I have to walk my dog at night.”

Skunks have not only been reported throughout the city, but on the campus as well. In one incident sophomore Lindsay Sabol spotted several skunks on the greenway last week at 2:30 a.m. while walking

home from the computer lab in Breiseth Hall, and junior Darin Dolan says he felt threatened after disrupting one's midnight snack in a dumpster on River Street.

“The fact that there are so many skunks makes you wary of even being out at night... even if working at the computer lab,” Sabol said.

Rest assured, skunks are normally “docile, non-aggressive animals,” according to Wild Mammals of North America. They will, however, spray if cornered, which might have been brought about by the presence of Aiello's dog.

College of Science and Engineering professor Mike Steele clarifies that there is not necessarily an increase in the skunk population but an increase in activity as skunks forage to acquire more body fat for the onset of winter.

“This could be one or two family units that have dispersed as of last spring and the likely peak is because of trying to build body reserves before the winter season,” he said.

Even dead, skunk roadkill has been “stink-

ing up” most of River Street as the stench seeps and lingers in cars and households.

“It's really gross when the fan in my front window draws in the smell of a dead skunk in my whole house,” said Evans Hall resident Jack Petrose.

But while some find it repulsive, others have a preference for it. Could there possibly be skunk cologne in the works to appear in the near future, perhaps a Malodorous Musk?

“Well I don't know if there's a market for that,” Steele said with a laugh.



Stinky Facts

- A skunk's musk gland contains 15 ml's of scent.
- The musk can be sprayed up to a range of 3-5m.
- Skunks are carnivores, and their diet includes insects, grubs, and in some cases earthworms, snails, clams, crayfish, and frogs.
- If sprayed, the best remedy to rid the smell is to shower in something acidic, such as tomato juice.

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Courtesy of Augusto Lombana
Junior Lyndsey Phillips reacts to a skunk about to take the spraying position. The striped mammal has become a nuisance on the Wilkes campus and community, but its presence isn't necessarily due to increased numbers, but increased activity as they look to build up body reserves for the winter, when they normally shut down.

Vice President for Human Resources resigns

Panganiban accepts vice presidency at Diversified Information Technologies

BY MARK CONGDON

Beacon Correspondant

Vice president for Human Resources, Josephine Panganiban, will leave her position on November 3 for Diversified Information Technologies in Scranton. Panganiban has accepted a position as vice president of human resources and the position will allow her to focus on consulting.

Diversified Information Technologies was founded in 1982 and has 18 locations nationwide. It provides business management consulting in a variety of areas including disaster recovery and records management and currently boasts a client list of over 250 businesses in the energy, financial, government, healthcare,



Panganiban

insurance and pharmaceutical industries.

Despite looking forward to her new opportunity, Panganiban said that the decision to leave Wilkes wasn't easy.

"I looked back at Wilkes and am thankful for every person who gave me an excellent experience. This opportunity aligned with what my goals were in regard to consulting business how to run smoother," said Panganiban. "...[The position with Diversified] will focus more on assessing and consulting what businesses need to help them become more effective."

Mike Frantz, vice president for enrollment and marketing, notes he is sad to see Panganiban leave, but is very excited for her new opportunity. "I am very supportive of her decision because this is what's best for Josephine," he stated. "We had a shared mentorship. She taught me how to be a better professional and

knowledge."

Henry Castejon, assistant professor of chemistry, indicated concern about the online technology and upkeep.

Arthur Kibbe, professor of pharmaceutical sciences and chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC), acknowledged that, "The FAC has drafted two resolutions [for the One Stop Shop] for the faculty to vote on at the November 2 meeting."

One of the faculty resolutions states, "The faculty recognizes the value and contributions of the staff persons affected by the restructuring, and has not had input into the process of restructuring; be it resolved that the faculty does not support the elimination of any staff positions at this time."

"It is our hope that the university administration will allow the faculty time to review the reorganization and make suggestions as to how best to proceed... We believe that the faculty can have a valuable role to play in the governance of the university. Our hope is that the president and the rest of the administration will agree with us and allow us time to give our thoughtful suggestions," said Kibbe.

More goals that are hoped to be accomplished by the One Stop Shop are improved online services, with almost 90% of services becoming available over the computer

I looked back at Wilkes and am thankful for every person who gave me an excellent experience.

-Josephine Panganiban, Vice president of Human Resources

helped me realize the type of person I want to be."

Panganiban further noted that she will miss her mentors at Wilkes University. "There is so much talent in the area that needs to be appreciated and further developed. I had the pleasure of working with some of the most good-hearted, kind and very talented individuals at the university—in the Human Resource Department, the President's cabinet and President Gilmour.

which is estimated to provide a net savings of \$400,000. The One Stop Shop service center is set to open December 4 and even Byers acknowledges that "it will not be perfect" come the first day.

In response to the resistance voiced at the open forum, President Tim Gilmour said, "Wilkes is a much stronger financial institution than it was five years ago. The One Stop Shop approach is used by many other institutions... We do believe it can be done."

"We are putting people together to sort out routine processes and provide greater efficiency. We know this can work and this

Many have given me a lot of opportunities to grow at the university," she said.

"Josephine is someone who really values people and should be remembered for the good person that she is," Frantz concluded.

Panganiban began her career at Wilkes University in July of 2002. Currently, there is no job posting on the Wilkes website to fill this vacancy.

seems to be the right time to do it... From the time you implement this new project to the time it is done we will all feel discomfort with the personal part of it. At the end of the day, there is a constant drumbeat telling the institution to keep moving forward. The answer is not to keep doing the same thing and not getting results... We will do everything in our power we can to minimize the effect on people," said Gilmour.

Frantz concluded, "We have to do a lot of proving this is going to work. Trust us this can be done well and done right instead of the opposite."

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and records and specialist for financial aid and student accounts are open for internal and external applications until October 27. However, Frantz claims that internal candidates "will have the first shot at these positions."

Pamela Fendrock and Margaret Zellner, managers of the One Stop Shop, and Pamela Hoffman, director of human resources, will evaluate applications.

"We have to make this an institutionalized system that is not dependent on specific individuals, but rather a whole team... [Wilkes] had the ability to evoke change and we had to jump in with both feet... We have to have these groups work as a team so that we can serve the students better," said Byers.

Some faculty and staff have voiced concern about the elimination of positions and the restructuring associated with the One Stop Shop service center.

Mike Steele, professor of biology, is one faculty member with a strongly negative opinion. "There is a widespread lack of confidence to reorganize anything [on campus]. Implementation of any restructuring [activity] on this campus has cost us a lot of money and has been ineffective. If in fact the motivation is to increase student efficiency than why are we doing it a week before pre-registration? It is too much, too fast."

Ken Klemow, professor of biology, is afraid that "each staff member will be in charge of an enormous amount of

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Governor Rendell Q & A

BY ARIEL COHEN

Beacon Sports Editor

Following the rally last week, *The Beacon* was granted an exclusive interview with Governor Ed Rendell. The question/answer offers some insights into the Pennsylvania Governor's priorities and hope for young people in the state.

The Beacon : What is the most important reason for young voters to go to the polls?

Governor Rendell: Well, as I said, I think this election is about restructuring the priorities for America. Most of those priorities, whether it is healthcare, energy policy, whether it is economic growth...most of those policies will impact young people more than any other group. So they have a tremendous vested interest in what happens now. What government does in 2007 will have an effect in 2030, 2035, and 2040. It is time for young people to get involved and make their voices heard.

The Beacon : What do you think the mission of the democratic party as a whole is in terms of leadership and governance in our country?

Governor Rendell: Well I think you can see that it is clear that our party almost universally believes that government can and should be a very important vehicle for making change happen, for creating opportunity for young people through education, for creating opportunity for displaced workers by job training and retraining and by economic development initiatives. We also believe that it is government's responsibility to help our most venerable citizens; the very old, the very young, those that are sick, that are physically and mentally challenged and people who are very poor. We don't apologize for that, we think that is the right mission for government to have.

The Beacon : With the mid-term and the 2008 election, what do you say are the biggest issues facing both the state and the nation as a whole?

Governor Rendell: Well the biggest issues facing the state are our need to step in and do the things that the federal government is not doing now. For example, the alternative and renewable energy policy that I talked about. Expanding healthcare. I am very proud of the fact that since I have become governor, 370,000 more Pennsylvanians have healthcare insurance than before I became governor, but there are still one million Pennsylvanians that don't. We have to reduce the cost of healthcare. We have to continue to improve our education system because that is not only important for our individual children, but it is also important for us if we are going to remain competitive because qualified and skilled workers are going to be a currency of the future particularly in the global economy. We are not competing against West Virginia, Ohio, Northern New Jersey or Delaware, but we are competing against Korea, Singapore, Japan, India, France and Germany, and they educate their kids starting at the age of three. They pay a lot of attention to education and we better get on the stick to retain our competitiveness.

The Beacon : Think like a parent. What would be one piece of advice to college age students about how to live their lives and prepare for the future?

Governor Rendell: My advice would be to get involved. Get involved in some level of community service or some political activity or both. The issues that are being discussed right now will have a major impact on the 18-25 year olds more than any other group out there. So the more that you get involved and the earlier that you get involved the more you can help shape your future.

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Wilkes University's President Tim Gilmour reiterated what the mayor had to say. "The government has been extremely generous to this region, this city and this university."

Candidate after candidate stepped up to the podium encouraging the youth to go out November 7, cast a vote and tell others to do the same.

Thom Shubilla, a student representative from King's College, said, "If you feel your one vote is not enough, drag your friends to the polls. Get everyone you know to get out and vote."

Mike Carroll, who is running for state representative, feels the youth vote is necessary in this election. "The involvement of our young people is necessary, important and vital. Elections come and go, but participation wanes. Exercise your right to vote on November 7."

Eddie Day Pashinski, who is running for state representative in the 121st district, needed a little extra help to reach the top of the podium, but wound up delivering a huge speech that made the crowd come alive.

"Talk about the issues, enjoy your freedom of speech and know very well who speaks the truth and who twists it. You [the youth] give us a chance to show we care about you," he said.

Afterwards, Pashinski asked some students why they were in attendance. One said, "We make a difference!" and another exclaimed, "I want my voice heard!"

Paul Kanjorski, Congressman for the 11th district, provided more encouragement. "You are opinion makers. Even though you're

young, you leave an impression. I ask you to dedicate yourself for taking back America."

Governor Rendell took the stand and explained his stance on issues that affect college-aged voters, ranging from renewable energy to creating jobs and lowering the cost of higher education.

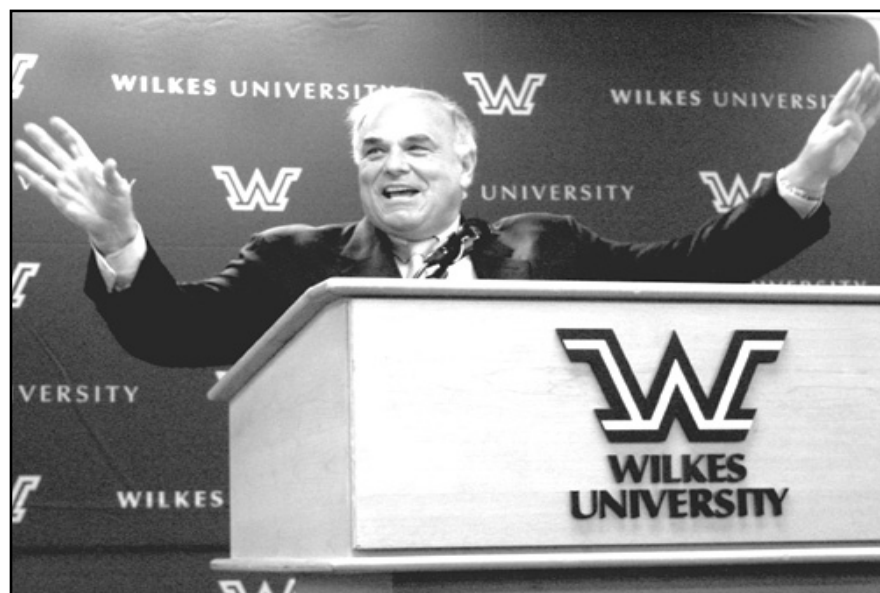
"What are we going to do to keep our best and brightest young people in Pennsylvania? There is no question that has been a real

"I think it is important for students and the youth to get out and vote and voice their opinion. There are actually organizations and websites to assist candidates in campaigning in order to understand how to get the youth vote because it is crucial to winning any election. We need to spread the word across college campuses that students need to make a difference in their country," he said.

Dave Sborz, sophomore political science major and one of the organizers of the voter rally, made a strong statement to his peers.

"In the 2004 election, I thought my generation was going to change the world. That change was never achieved. We simply said 'We

don't care.'... It's time for the youth to stand up and have our voices be heard."



The Beacon/Nick Zmijewski

Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell attends a voter rally at Wilkes University on October 24. Other candidates in attendance included Mike Carroll, Eddie Day Pashinski, and Paul Kanjorski.

challenge for the state for a long time. Not only the people from out of state that come to our great colleges, but also our homegrown Pennsylvanians," Rendell said. "My answer to all of that was, first

and foremost, to revitalize our communities.. secondly, we have to use our colleges as a resource. We want to turn them into an economic asset."

Matt Brown, junior entrepreneurship major, is a registered Republican, but was in attendance because he feels the youth vote is extremely important regardless of political views.

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Censorship a dangerous response to anger over report

CNN airs controversial sniper video infuriating U.S. officials

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We're told what books we need to read. We're told what television shows are for mature audiences. In college, and in life, we have specific things we need to see or hear in order to get our work done.

What if there were no choices? Imagine for a moment that some of the things we need or want to know are censored. While it is hard to believe that the U.S. could have a policy of media censorship, what if it did? Such government oversight is not unusual across the globe and throughout history.

Americans have little idea what they owe to the authors of the Con-

stitution and the Bill of Rights for anticipating the abuses of power inherent in government oversight of the news media.

CNN recently aired video footage of snipers targeting U.S. troops in Iraq. The video in question was actually shot by insurgents and forwarded to CNN correspondent Michael Ware in response to questions he had asked of the insurgents' reported leader. CNN opted to cut to black without showing actual impact on any U.S. soldier because editorial staff felt the images would be too horrific for audiences.

But CNN's decision to run any of the enemy's footage at

all has enraged many and even provoked some senators to call for the removal of CNN reporters from Iraq. The Committee of Concerned Journalists defended the piece for showing a clear picture of what our troops are going through in Iraq. But the nature of the film was so explicit that many see this as the news media crossing an ethical line in reporting. When does illustrating the "facts" of war become gratuitous? The CNN videos have since been copied and posted to internet sites such as YouTube.

Whether or not viewers feel that CNN's editorial decision to air the images was unethical, it still

begs the question: what if CNN is asked to leave? What does such censorship mean for American viewers? Sometimes the truth hurts but it's not automatically terrorist propaganda.

As James Madison knew, once a country goes down the path of censorship, it's tough to turn the cart around. To expell journalists--any journalists--from a country because we do not like the way they report can be described only as prior restraint of the message, something the Supreme Court long ago outlawed and has upheld in a variety of cases in modern history.

Should CNN be called out for an unethical choice in this case? Perhaps that decision is best left to the viewers and the bloggers. The American public is the best check on the press. If the public sees CNN's reporting as unethical, extreme, supportive of the enemy it will turn away and CNN will die its own slow death. The public has proven throughout history as having little tolerance for poor job performance in the public domain; thus, if CNN really crossed the line, we suspect CNN will feel it where it hurts.

Pretend for a moment that Donald Rumsfeld signs an order for the CNN reporters to leave. Our view of what is going on in Iraq will instantly be shaped by what we are permitted (or not) to see. Maybe this won't affect our overall feelings or opinions but it will affect us. We will be robbed of the opportunity to decide. To be a competent, informed person, all the facts are needed...even those that may be inflammatory or off-putting.

While the White House insists that this is a free country and censorship won't occur, we can't always assume that we know all the facts anyway. It is critical to seek out as much information as possible to make a decision on something and fight to protect our rights to that information.

Beacon Poll Results

The following are results of a poll that *The Beacon* conducted online this past week. The poll was unscientific, and does not claim to reflect the overall attitudes of students on campus. Results are based on 90 responses.

The Beacon asked:

What is your favorite kind of shoes?

- Sneakers - **10%**
- Flip flops - **10%**
- Stilettos - **9%**
- Birkenstocks - **4%**
- Barefoot - **4%**
- Converse - **4%**
- Ugg boots - **2%**
- Thigh-high boots - **2%**
- Orthopedic shoes - **1%**
- Other - **4%**

Next Week's Poll Question:

What University renovation or addition are you most excited about?

- One-stop shop
- Ralston field athletic center
- Library basement
- Law School
- New science building
- Stark Learning Center becoming a dorm
- Einstein Bagels
- Dart Center sound system
- Greenway addition
- Other

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United States has obligation to fight terror on every front

Genocide in Darfur must be answered

BY CURRAN DOBSON

Beacon Editor-in-Chief

The United Nations is warning the world of a "man-made catastrophe of an unprecedented scale."

Thousands of women have been raped, hundreds of thousands are dead and millions have been displaced from their homes. But the U.S. government has opted to avoid and ignore this genocide, most likely because it secretly backs those who are doing these horrific acts.

Something must be done for the people of Darfur.

Despite the devastation, few people are intimately familiar with the situation in Darfur, an area in western Sudan where a military group (backed by the Sudanese government) is waging a war designed to exterminate the ethnic population. Those who watched *ER* last season on NBC

right to stand by and watch as the death toll in Darfur creeps towards 400,000? As a country capable of making a difference, can we excuse ourselves from doing nothing simply because we are involved in other conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq?

Genocide does not come at politically convenient times.

Murder and rape must be addressed and cannot be allowed to continue without recourse or punishment.

America went to war with Iraq because we believed Saddam Hussein to be an evil dictator, one who killed his own people and had the capability and desire to kill Americans as well. Does the evil need to be directed at us in order for Americans to feel some need to answer it? Aren't the Janjaweed (the tribal militia) and the

saw some of the scenes of murder and desolation taking place in that country. The fictionalized account of the situation was just that, fiction, but the issues it raised were all too horrifyingly real.

The worldwide community has done little to alleviate the suffering of the Darfur victims.

While a UN peacekeeping force was sent to the region, members have little power to enforce any rule over the violent, well-armed military group. Meanwhile, more and more people are slaughtered every day.

The United States, as the self-appointed international police force and guardian against those countries that have been described as the "axis of evil," has done little to fix this situation. Granted, Americans have more than enough to deal with when we consider the ever-decreasing security in Iraq and the fact that the ground situation in Baghdad is now of civil war proportions.

Nevertheless, does that make it morally

Sudanese government just as evil as Saddam, or Hitler, or the Rwandan genocidaires who killed nearly 1 million people in 100 days? Don't they just as equally deserve the hammer of military might that we are capable of bestowing?

After the catastrophe in Rwanda, George W. Bush reportedly said, "Not on my watch." And yet, because we are mired in war on numerous fronts against terror in other parts of the globe, we have turned a blind eye to this genocide and the travesty wreaked on human life.

Truly, the Janjaweed *are* terrorists, armed with guns and power. Just because they didn't fly a plane into a building doesn't make them any less so. Terror against innocent lives deserves an answer, and one that will be effective. As an industrialized, wealthy, powerful nation, we must do our duty and stop the bullies of the world from picking on our neighbors.

In the absence of governmental checks and balances...

BY RYAN BROGHAMER

Beacon Staff Writer

Take a moment and thank the fathers of our nation for what you are about to read. It is because of their foresight and desire for a liberated and enlightened people that I am able to freely voice my opinions in this very space.

Decades before there was a 'war on terror' and policies of 'shock and awe', these great men realized the necessity of a citizenship to criticize and question the actions of their leadership. They acknowledged that not everything those in authority do is always correct, and recognized the right of the people to freely dissent and voice their displeasure against such faulty acts. These rights are guaranteed in the First Amendment to our United States Constitution. Also guaranteed in that amendment is the freedom of the press to report upon that government in an unimpeded manner.

Unfortunately, our current administration is seeing fit to abolish, or at least drastically alter, those rights. In recent speeches at Republican fundraisers, President Bush has taken to criticizing the press for exposing government secrets in the current Iraq war. In addition, it has been discussed that the press has too much freedom in the remarks it can make about our government, and its opinions on the conflict. Some people have begun to question the patriotism of our

press and the level of fairness with which it reports.

Others have taken it a step further and are proposing an "Office of Censorship" be established to control what the average American is exposed to from the media. The ironic part about that is that it was actually a member of the media who put forward that plan. As documented on mediamatters.org, Fox News' Brian Kilmeade said that the United States should "put up the Office of Censorship," a bygone World War II relic abolished in 1945. Kilmeade's co-host, E.D. Hill, elaborated on the role of the agency, saying it could determine whether news reports will "hurt the country" or actually "have news value."

I seem to remember, a few years ago now, President Bush saying that we were going to Iraq to free their people. We were sending our sons and daughters, friends and neighbors, off to a foreign land to fight a war to assure the freedom of the Iraqi people. As Andrew P. Napolitano asked Kilmeade, "How can we fight a war to bring freedom to another country - to bring freedom of the press to another country - when we're crushing freedom of the press here at home?"

I recently stumbled upon a March 5 article from *The Oregonian* ("Many Students Willing to Give Government Control of the Press"), and read with a heavy heart the misguided nature of our next generation.

Lindsey Pendergrass, a high school freshman, believes that newspapers should not be permitted to publish articles without government approval. "The press just wants to print something that people will buy," she told *The*

Oregonian.

"The government has to be true to the public.

The newspaper's study of teenagers' opinions showed that Pendergrass isn't alone. Nearly one-third of them disagreed with full freedom of the press, a number that was reportedly twice that of adults surveyed.

Mr. Kilmeade, Ms. Pendergrass and our President seem to ignore the role of the press as the fourth check. They believe that the job of our reporters is to faithfully report the words that the current administration wants them to report, with no other opinions being observed. It is this type of expurgation and suppression of dissent that

takes us from being a democracy into being a dictatorship.

I take this opportunity to ask that people educate themselves on the power of a free press, and examine regimes like that of China, where there are no such freedoms. People who speak ill of the government in that nation frequently go missing rather soon after they voice their dissent. Is this what America is coming to?

In closing, I quote Justice Potter Stewart in his opinion in the Pentagon Papers case in 1971: "In the absence of the governmental checks and balances present in other areas of our national life, the only effective restraint upon executive policy and power in the areas of national defense and international affairs may lie in an enlightened citizenry - in an informed and critical public opinion which alone can here protect the values of democratic government. For this reason, it is perhaps here that a press that is alert, aware, and free most vitally serves the basic purpose of the First Amendment. For without an informed and free press there cannot be an enlightened people."

YOUR VOICES

Dear Editor:

Thieves, crooks, and cheaters are just a few names given to people like me.

Like so many of my friends and millions of others across the world, I download music and other various materials. I am an avid gamer and supporter of all industries including music and movies, but I am still a poor college student.

Since coming to college I have learned that downloading is not only cheap but a lot of fun. Recently there was an article in *The Beacon* about Wilkes University getting letters from the RIAA (Recording Industry Association of America). Notices were sent to the school regarding several individuals who were downloading copyrighted music files. In the article the school clearly states that they are only abiding by The Digital Millennium Copyright Act, but it seems this is not the case.

Dean [Mark] Allen, who seems to be spearheading this problem head on, clearly stated, "The university is held responsible for the students' actions." If this was the case, then when the RIAA finally gets the name of the individual downloading the il-

legal music, will the school back the student in the court room or will they sit on the side of the RIAA "because of legal issues?" Allen was also quoted saying that the student's information is also jeopardized. So the real question is will the school protect our personal information once the RIAA demands names and information of the particular IP address? While downloading music is free and requires little to minimal effort to get almost anything you want, students are being targeted as criminals.

Barbara King, Associate Dean of Student Affairs also said, "...only letters were sent, a total of eight people have been affected and that they are trying to teach students how to correctly download music." The problem with these statements is where is the mass education to the Wilkes Campus? I work at the information desk in the student center, so I should know almost anything going on on campus, but when this statement was printed I was shocked. I have seen no pamphlets or flyers stating any information about this so-called education. As of recently the school has made a deal with Apple Computers in which a large portion of our

school has been redone with brand new Apple hardware and software. But what does this do for the students? Does Apple offer some kind of deal in which the students can download songs for practically nothing or at a discount price or something?

It seems the University can't really take the students' side because of legal issues because they may be sued. Maybe the university should look at the statistics of the RIAA court records and noticed that they are being pawned around like many others in recent years.

An example of the RIAA going after someone and losing is the case of Debbie Foster from Oklahoma. She was sued by the RIAA for downloading music from the program called Kazaa in November 2004. The problem with this accusation was that she did not own a computer; she didn't even know how to use one. When the RIAA found this out, they tried to cut their losses and end the case, but Debbie appealed to the court to get the case dismissed with prejudice, which means the RIAA paid her legal fees. The RIAA has sued many people, including grandmothers and dead people, and

their percentage of winning court cases is extremely low. Other evidence used against the RIAA has been that an IP does not represent a person.

Over the years the RIAA has declared that downloading music has lowered CD production and income to the record companies. A study was conducted by the Harvard Business School by the associate professor Felix Oberholzer. His finding suggested that it would take over 5,000 downloaded songs to displace the cost of one CD.

Downloading music allows more people to hear music they like, which leads to eventually buying the album. Overall it seems this administration is scared of an organization that tries to label itself as BIG BROTHER, but really is just an annoying fly to the Supreme Court and rest of the country. I think the Wilkes administration needs to support its students more and stop bending to the wills of every corporation that states they will sue if this continues to occur. If they don't have the money to back their own students then truly where is our tuition money going?

Mark Leicht, junior history major

Lack of manners among youth socially unacceptable

BY KRISTYN OSTMAN

Beacon Opinion Editor

Perhaps I'm just a keen observer of humans or just plain lucky.

I have noticed a new epidemic on the Wilkes campus. Twice in one week, I came across young men with their hands down their pants.

Now, normally, I wouldn't think anything of this, except one young man in particular would not remove his hand over the span of 20 minutes as he approached the Information Desk in the Student Center. He continued to search for treasure while asking some questions of one of the workstudy students.

I watched with astonishment (and revulsion) as this guy had such bad manners and was so socially inept that he spoke to the info desk worker and at no point removed his hand...and most of his forearm, from his pants.

Eww! Let's get one thing straight, any woman who sees a guy with his hand down his pants in public is thinking this: if you have to keep looking for it, it ain't worth finding. I realize "chivalry is dead" and with all the blurring of the gender roles, most people do not conform to traditional behavior and manners, but there has to be a line.

Who wants to shake your hand now? Sure, I can see where that hand has been,

but I have no idea where the contents of your pants have been that you are currently giving a hearty handshake.

There is a difference in what someone can do in public versus what they do in private. In your own living room, I wouldn't hold it against you for doing anything you want. In public, consider what you look like. Having bad manners can tell others more about you than you may think. You have one chance to make a first impression. Do you really want people to look at you and think, "That guy is so socially awkward that he can't stop playing pocket pool for five minutes?"

Women are not off the hook either. While I have witnessed fewer acts of horrific grossness among females, I have seen plenty of girls with poor public appearance. If I can see your thong, the pants are too tight. It is not cute to belch, and you are too old to be a tomboy.

Okay, so I'm not totally off the hook, either. I catch myself occasionally not using proper manners. But usually I will muster an apology to the company I am in and quickly correct myself. No one can be expected to do everything right all the time, especially since we all come from different backgrounds and there are no mandatory behavior classes. We all possess our own baseline and have built personality and mannerisms on top of that. However, this is no excuse for insensitivity to those around

you.

It's absolutely not just a problem at Wilkes or all colleges; this is a general social dysfunction. What's so wrong about having good manners? A touch of class here and there can change your entire public pres-

ence. Subconscious behavior is no excuse for being sloppy. You're an adult now, so start acting like one. Bottom line: stand up straight and get your hand out of your pants.



A Sight for Sore Eyes

Aleksander Lapinski

Tarot reader offers insight into the mystery of the cards

BY NORA JURASITS
Beacon Features Editor

In the spirit of Halloween, Wilkes is surrounded with a feeling of mysticism.

Whether it's finding out if there really is a ghost in Kirby Hall alongside the Ghost Chasers, or discovering what the future holds through careful reading of tarot cards, the Wilkes community has the opportunity to seek answers in a different realm.

Tarot card reader Wilma Carroll, who is based out of Manhattan, recently visited Wilkes and provided some students and faculty members insight into what their lives may be like in the future. Those who spoke with Carroll, as well as others who have heard about readings, may find themselves asking how tarot card reading actually works.

The Beacon recently had a chance to speak with Carroll about her experiences with this mysterious practice.

The Beacon: How did you begin reading tarot cards?

Wilma Carroll: Well, I always had this affinity with the supernatural when I was

a little girl and I was drawn to the mysterious and unusual. I happened to get into tarot cards when I was in college and I saw someone doing them. Around that time there was a movement of the occult, a renewal in people's interest in mysticism. I started working with them, and they talked to me. I got messages, and I kept working with them for that reason.

The Beacon: Was there any training involved?

Carroll: With something like this, there's no official training. You pick things up from other people out there, and from authors and readers. You study and read spiritual books. I travelled a lot and visited some organizations in London, and in France at a metaphysical institute. When it's a spiritual pursuit, there's no official training.

The Beacon: What is the process you go through when someone gets a reading?

Carroll: When I'm reading for entertainment, such as a college event, I do a little astrology with some numerology, look at palms then read cards. Privately, I do some astrology and numerology, but it's much longer with cards, about three spreads and one is very long, and then they can ask specific questions.

The Beacon: Do you read your own cards?

Carroll: I need someone outside. Some friends of mine can read for themselves and can get accurate readings. Once in a blue moon I'll have people helping me with some astrology things and give me precise answers. One woman in Queens is hard to get to, but is really, really good.

The Beacon: Why do you think people are drawn to tarot cards and getting their cards read?

Carroll: People are fascinated by what the future holds. It is some mystery, something we don't know, don't understand.

The Beacon: How do people benefit from having their cards read?

Carroll: For one thing, you start learning you are creating your own future. People don't realize that. It's something we create for ourselves. Delving into the future, telling oracles, you realize what you're setting up for yourself. It gives you more control over life, it's an introspective pursuit. If you work with the cards, images give you insights to life and how it relates to you. It helps to see things in much broader, multidimensional ways. Sometimes it's not easy because it's sensitive, people get sensitive. It's something I'm able to do, and if people want it, I offer it as a benefit. It's something I happen to do. There are very rewarding moments when I have a rapport with someone and we're able to deal with matters.

The Beacon: Have you ever had any strange or scary experiences while reading someone's cards?

Carroll: There's a section in the book about strange things I've seen in the cards. I was reading some place, and these people worked in the World Trade Center, and I said, 'Next year you're going to go to a new office,' and they disagreed. That was about a year before everything happened

with the World Trade Center. I saw strange things. I read a woman's cards and I saw she was pregnant. She got a test and she was. I saw death in the cards for a couple people, not necessarily them, but people around them. I've had some weird experiences since I've been reading almost 40 years.

The Beacon: How do you respond to people who don't believe in readings and other similar practices?

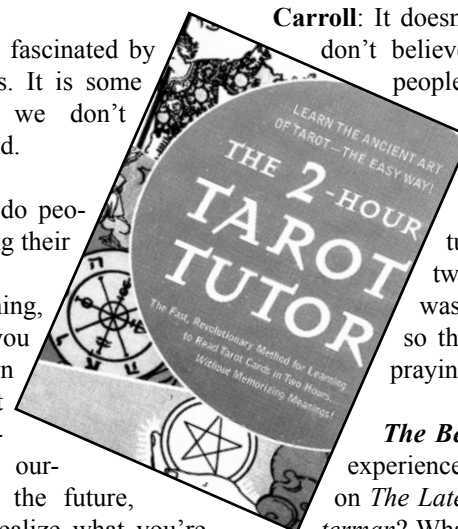
Carroll: It doesn't matter to me if they don't believe, but there are some people who think you're playing with the devil. They're fanatics. That's difficult. I did some readings in Kentucky and there were two students who felt I was dealing with the devil so they were standing there praying over me.

The Beacon: What was your experience like when you appeared on *The Late Show with David Letterman*? What did you do when you were featured on The Learning Channel?

Carroll: I wrote an article about it. He was very difficult, not easy to deal with, quite intimidating. The fun part was being with the other psychics, waiting for our turn and having a good time before we went into the room one by one with him. He was moody. The piece was funny, it was called, 'Psychic Night.' You didn't miss anything by not meeting him. Regis Philbin was very nice to me. Everyone thought he would be mean. I read cards for Joy, Regis' wife. Regis wanted me to predict who would win the election, and some of the audience booed me [when I said Bush]. He asked me some corny questions.

On TLC, I was on a show called *A Baby Story*. They followed the woman around from the time she found out she was pregnant and they go into delivery room and everything. This woman had a "girls night in," and I was there and was supposed to tell her what the baby would be like, what the daughter was going to be like.

Those interested in reading tarot cards can learn how by reading Carroll's book, *The 2-Hour Tarot Tutor*.



The Beacon/Nora Jurasits

Wilma Carroll, whose interest in the occult began during her childhood, spent a few hours in the Henry Student Center on Tuesday, October 29, reading the tarot cards of students and faculty.

Wilkes MBA program seeks link with Indian university

Faculty members from Punjabi University visit to negotiate terms

BY NORA JURASITS
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While globalization becomes increasingly common in businesses and corporations, Wilkes is not sitting idly by. Members of the Sidhu School of Business here at Wilkes are working in collaboration with Punjab School of Management Studies at Punjabi University in Patiala, India to form a joint studies program wherein students seeking their MBA here can study at Punjabi University, and Indian students have the opportunity to study in India for half of the program, then complete it at Wilkes.

Dr. S.K. Bansal, professor and head of the Punjab School of Management Studies at Punjabi University in Patiala, India, as well as professor A.S. Chawla, also from Punjabi University, vis-

ited Wilkes for the past two weeks to work with Paul C. Browne, dean of the Sidhu School of Business, and other faculty members involved in the MBA program to work towards merging the two MBA programs.

Browne explained that the time frame to get the two programs intertwined is fairly aggressive, but the challenge is dealing with the academic year as a unit, so if plans are set back slightly, it may mean pushing the integration back an entire year.

"We hope to get started on our first pilot projects next spring," Browne said. "When we'll have everything running, I could see some of their MBA students here for a whole semester as soon as the fall of '08."

The process began in April of last year when J.S. Sidhu, the namesake for the business school,

visited India, where he has spent some time throughout the course of his life.

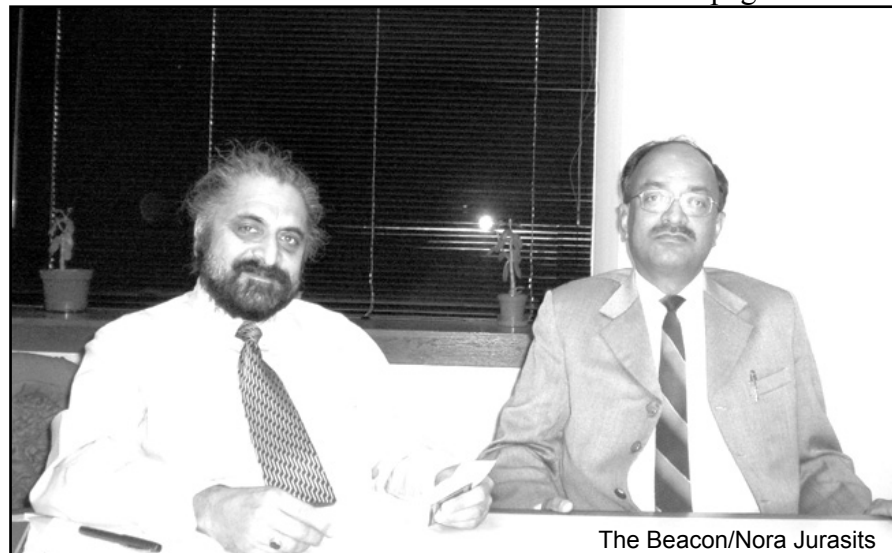
"When he visited, our vice-chancellor got an opportunity of meeting him and he brought him to our campus," Chawla said. "During the process, he mentioned the J.S. Sidhu School of Business is established at Wilkes and a few things he's been talking about, a leadership market and other things, and we got interested and we asked him, is there any possibility of collaboration or some kind of two situations coming

together?"

Sidhu then returned to Wilkes, and the process began. Faculty members of the MBA program,

along with President Tim Gilmour, traveled to India to observe the business program at Punjabi University.

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Dr. S.K. Bansal and A.S. Chawla, faculty members of the Punjab School of Management Studies at Punjabi University in Patiala, visited Wilkes for two weeks to work out plans for a program collaboration.

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Comfort food recipes for the harvest season

BY TABITHA HAPEMAN

Beacon Correspondent

Fall is here, and thanks in part to the chilly temperatures, the onset of cold and flu season, and the stress of the middle of the semester, students are in need of down-home comfort foods.

But most college students don't have

the luxury of traveling all the way back home every time they want soup that didn't come from a can. So learning to make a few simple dishes that don't require a lot of time, money or culinary skills can be the answer. The following recipes are easy to make and don't require very many ingredients.

Apple Crisp a la Mode

Ingredients:

6 apples
1 ½ cups rolled oats
¾ cup brown sugar
¼ cup all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon cinnamon
¼ teaspoon salt
1 stick softened butter
Whipped cream or ice cream (if desired)

1. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Lightly butter the 8 or 9 inch baking pan or spray it with non stick spray. Peel, core, and slice the apples, then arrange them evenly on the pan.

2. Combine the oats, brown sugar, flour, spices, and salt either in a mixing bowl or in a plastic bag that can be sealed and shaken. Cut the butter into squares and knead it into the mixture until the mixture holds together. (This is where the plastic bag trick become kind of fun.)
3. Crumble the topping evenly over the apples. Bake for 40 to 45 minutes or until the top is golden brown and juice starts to bumble around the edges.
4. Let the dish cool and serve with ice cream or whipped cream as desired. Serves 6.

Courtesy of FamilyFun.go.com

Quick, Easy-N-Fast Italian Meatball Soup

Apples are second only to soups during the fall season. Soup is a classic feel good food. This recipe is a really easy take on an originally very complicated Italian recipe.

Ingredients:

18 oz. package frozen fully cooked Italian-seasoned beef meatballs (about 35 meatballs)
2 cups frozen mixed vegetables
1 can beef broth

1 can Italian-style diced tomatoes
1 cup water
1/3 cup uncooked small shell pasta
Shredded Parmesan cheese

1. Combine all the ingredients except the pasta in a large saucepan. Bring to a slow boil. Reduce the heat and simmer for about 10 minutes.
2. Add pasta and cook until tender.
3. Serve with cheese, as desired.

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"Our ultimate goal is to provide two pathways. One is for Indian students going through their MBA program to do the first year there, and do their second year here and earn our degree, and the other one is to see if we can get to the point where we might have a joint venture school, which would probably be in India," Browne said.

Despite cultural differences, both Browne and Chawla agreed that the pedagogies used by professors in both programs are comparable, and that the similarities in basic techniques to facilitate learning will help the two programs to merge smoothly. The process of integration will start slow with a few exchange programs for students and collaboration of ideas.

"Our faculties [will] start working together on curricular design. We're hoping before too long to have a couple of courses where the students in India and the students here are working on the same course and can work on projects as a virtual team across the ocean, and as we go along with that, we will find ways to understand each other better," Browne said.

Dr. Anthony Liuzzo, director of the MBA program, said that during the time Chawla and Bansal have been at Wilkes, they have made a lot of progress.

"We have had extensive, long meetings, and the discussions have been very

fruitful. They are two intelligent, insightful individuals."

Liuzzo said that over spring break in March, they will be inviting twelve to fifteen Punjabi students to spend eight days on campus for an intensive graduate level course, which will also include Wilkes MBA students.

Chawla and Bansal have gotten to observe some undergraduate level courses during their stay at Wilkes, and Chawla said that the classrooms seem more participant-centered here, while Bansal, who sat in on a Personal and Professional Development class, commented that, "seeing the innovative ideas of students was marvelous."

Traveling to another country for any period of time may come with challenges, but Chawla and Bansal agreed that their stay at Wilkes has been beneficial in the sense of integrating programs, and that they had been received well by everyone at the university.

"There has been excellent hospitality, and we are extremely grateful to everyone," Chawla said. "Right from the top down, all colleagues have been warm and affectionate, much more than we expected."

While the integration of the programs is still in the early stages, there are big plans and expectations on both sides.

"When the resources of both universities are pulled together, the results can be bigger," Bansal said.

Quick, Easy-N-Fast Turkey Tortellini Soup

This soup recipe is really delicious, especially for anyone who likes vegetables in soups. It's really easy (as the name implies) and works even if frozen turkey or chicken is used instead of freshly cooked poultry.

Ingredients:

8 cups turkey or chicken stock
1/2 cup chopped red bell pepper
2 zucchini, unpeeled, quartered lengthwise and sliced
9 oz. package uncooked cheese-filled tortellini

2 to 3 cups cubed cooked turkey or chicken
1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

1. Boil stock in a pot at high heat. Add vegetables and tortellini. Reduce the heat to simmering and cover until the vegetables are tender. Add the meat and seasonings. Simmer for another 5 to ten minutes or until the flavors have blended.

Courtesy of Razzledazzlerecipes.com

New Sordoni exhibition features a variety of mediums

BY STEPHANIE DEBALKO

Beacon A&E Editor

Most artists, both past and present, wish to represent themselves in such a way that they are recognized for their "signature style."

But for Alan Magee, the artist whose work is currently on display in the Sordoni Art Gallery, it is shunning the idea of a signature style that has perhaps earned him the level of recognition and accomplishment he has achieved in his career.

"Beyond Recognition: The Art of Alan Magee" is a retrospective exhibition that includes Magee's work in many different media. According to Dr. Ronald Bernier, director of the Sordoni Art Gallery, the show includes digital photo-montages, lithographs, monotypes, tapestries, paintings and pieces in watercolor and colored pencil. The display even includes childhood drawings done by Magee that offer a very early reflection of his somewhat gothic tastes and lend well to the retrospective show.

Bernier said that he and Brittany Kramer, coordinator of the Sordoni Art Gallery, went through a collection of Magee's pieces to put together the retrospective show. They chose pieces that they felt not only fit into an accurate chronological span but also represented an interesting mix of media.

During his 30-year career Magee has had the opportunity to work as a book illustrator in New York and has created covers for notable books published by Bantam, Ballantine and Simon and Schuster Books, as well as for *Time*, *Playboy*, *New York Magazine* and *The New York Times*. Some of these covers are also on display in the current exhibition, paying homage to an important influence in Magee's career.

When viewing the work on display, one may find it difficult to distinguish whether or not some of the pieces are actual photographs or Magee's own renditions created from scratch. Magee acknowledged that while much of his work is representational, he would be more inclined to describe it as a "diverse but interconnected" body of work spanning many different genres.

He added that he would rather not use one blanket term for defining his work. "The reason we have to be a little bit shy of labels is because then we might feel hedged in by them, and if I want to do something entirely

different, [I would not be able to]."

When asked what medium he prefers to work with, the extremely articulate Magee was quick to state that he actually does not have a favorite.

"What I really like is the ability to work

Many have observed the political significance of Magee's diverse works, specifically the black and white monotypes that are strikingly placed along the back wall of the Gallery. Magee said that the monotypes, which were made on a press where some

going to take place... so I started to make the monotypes over that summer and into the fall. It would be hard to figure [those works] out politically, but what I was thinking about when I made them was that once this war is unleashed, a lot of people are going to get hurt that were not responsible for any of the events that led up to it—people in quiet neighborhoods and their animals and their kids," Magee said.

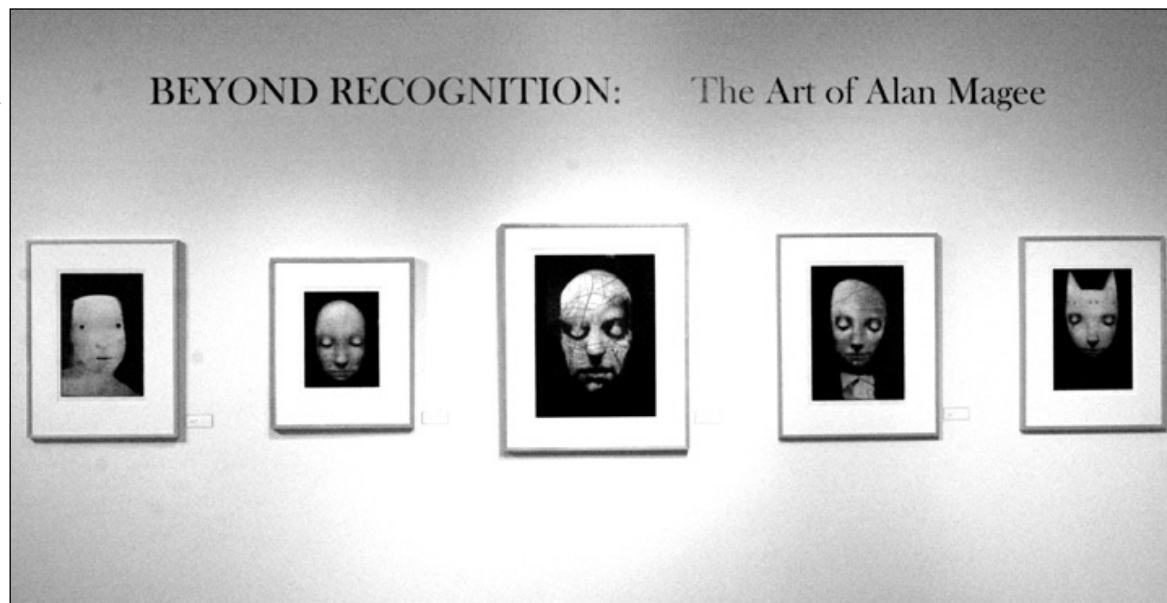
He continued, "It was also agreed that there was a new American policy that the news media were going to be prohibited from showing pictures of people maimed and hurt and bleeding, and the antiseptic nature of what we were going to see as opposed to what the reality was must have sparked those pictures."

As opposed to condemning what he thought was wrong, Magee feels the monotypes are more sympathetic works. The somber tone of those pieces may arguably reflect the feelings of many individuals toward current events and can therefore correlate to present times as well.

More of Magee's monotypes can currently be seen at the Goethe-Institute in New York. This exhibition, entitled "Alan Magee: Trauerarbeit (The Work of Mourning)" is a complete development of the black and white monotypes, including five very large tapestries. The title refers to the colossal task of getting over the horrors that occurred in Nazi Germany, and the show itself is described by Magee as more of a political/social show. In addition, there is also an exhibition of Magee's work on display at the Forum Gallery in New York entitled "Time Pieces," which are paintings and sculptures focusing on the "beauty of aged things."

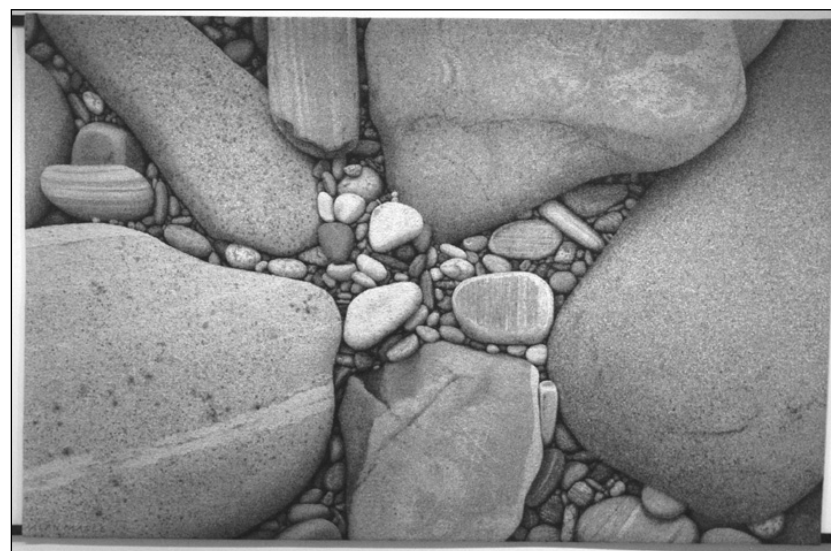
Magee, who has a very gentle demeanor and approachable personality, said that he feels the exhibition at the Sordoni Art Gallery offers enough glimpses of his work to provide a substantial span of his career and he seemed quite pleased with the choices Bernier and Kramer made.

"Beyond Recognition: The Art of Alan Magee" will run through December 10 and is free and open to the public, daily from 12:00-4:30 p.m.



The Beacon/Nick Zmijewski

The monotypes in Magee's exhibition are his own personal response to a time that was threatened with war and a disconnect between the war's events and the limited information the media was allowed to report. According to Magee, these monotypes display more of a sympathetic tone than an angry one.



The Beacon/Nick Zmijewski

The current exhibition in the Sordoni Art Gallery features the work of Alan Magee in a variety of mediums, such as this tapestry. Magee prefers to work with a variety of mediums in order to have many options for expressing his ideas.

with whatever ideas seem the most pressing to me and the most interesting, and to have this variety of mediums... to fit it to the most appropriate physical means to deal with an idea. If I had a favorite I would get tired of it," Magee said.

of the ink is wiped off the plates, were his own personal response to the first Gulf War bombing that started in January of 1991.

"I had a show coming up in New York for the fall of that year, but everyone was becoming aware that this bombing action was

Book Review: Nicholas Sparks' *True Believer*

BY NICOLE FRAIL
Beacon Correspondent

Just in time for Halloween, I've stumbled upon what I view to be the perfect book to greet the fall season. A mistaken legend, baffling mystery, ghostly lights and a challenging romance come together to form Nicholas Sparks' *True Believer*.

The novel, the tenth in Sparks' published collection, was given a 3 out of 5 star rating by Barnes and Noble readers and was released in April of 2005. Though not a new release, it is a great choice to get readers into the groove and feel of the fall season.

Jeremy Marsh is the protagonist in *True Believer*. Marsh is a 37-year old successful columnist for a national scientific magazine with a television appearance and a failed marriage under his belt. At the start of the novel, Marsh, who has already labeled himself a skeptic, receives a letter from Doris McClellan, a resident of Boone Creak, North Carolina. The town's psychic, the woman claims that on foggy nights, ghostly white lights appear in an abandoned, ancient cemetery on the outskirts of the small town and she begs for

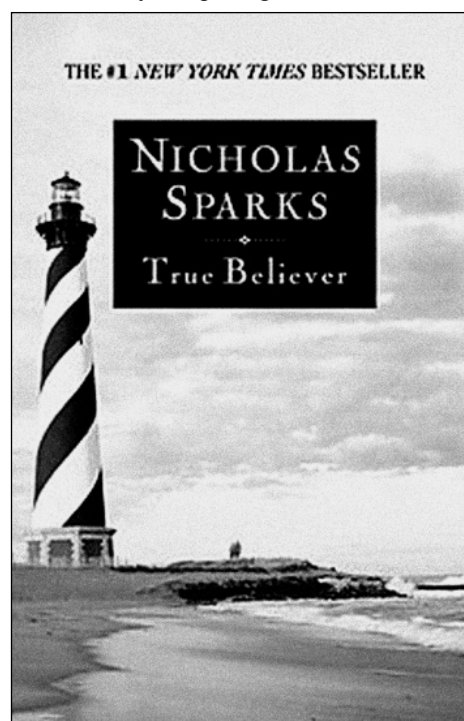
Marsh to come take a look.

Having already exposed many psychics and haunted grounds as frauds, she hopes that Marsh will be able to determine the cause of the lights and set the minds of her neighbors at ease.

Completely content with a life filled with excitement and family in New York City, Marsh takes the bait and heads down south, expecting to find the answer and return home the following week. What he doesn't expect to find, however, is a town frozen in time, extremely friendly and curious townsfolk, three different versions of a seemingly important legend and the most beautiful and intriguing woman he ever set his eyes on.

Lexie Darnell runs Boone Creak's library where Jeremy spends several days researching and learning more about the town's history as he waits for the fog to roll in. The more time he spends at the library, the stronger the feelings he develops for Lexie. Once he's seen the lights for himself, he grows suspicious. Not yet a true believer, Jeremy collects more information and begins to draw a conclusion, but soon

finds himself doubting if he should publish his story - exposing the town's secrets



Courtesy <http://millisa.vox.com>

could mean the end of a town that's already falling apart... and the collapse of a relationship he doesn't want to see end.

The end of *True Believer* leaves readers wanting more, hence Sparks' release of *At First Sight* in September of 2006. *At First Sight* picks up where *True Believer* left off and not only includes Lexie and Jeremy's struggling relationship, but Doris's psychic abilities. The ghostly lights in the cemetery even play another key role in the sequel.

If you're like me and don't like the idea of angry ghosts, terrifying surprises and people dressed as serial killers around this time of year, but still enjoy the crisp air and crunch of leaves that autumn has to offer, you'll enjoy these books. There are still enough mysteries, possibilities and questions to keep readers in suspense, but not enough to scare them to death. Not to mention, the romance between Jeremy and Lexie will make your heart melt.

In any novel Sparks releases, it's easy to fall in love with and feel for his characters. *True Believer* is no exception.

Grade: A



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Dinner and a Movie

Dinner: Denny's

BY STEPHANIE DEBALKO

Beacon A&E Editor

It's a well-known fact that Denny's Restaurants are close to the hearts of college students everywhere.

Not only is the menu extremely affordable and therefore accommodating to those depending on a dwindling bank account, but most Denny's are open 24 hours, lending well to the non-traditional and sometimes nocturnal lifestyles of college students.

However, I have never really heard much discussion about the quality of the actual food Denny's has to offer, which prompted me to decide to stop in one evening with some friends to find out if the food lives up to the reputation. Also, I really wanted pancakes.

Conveniently located on Kidder Street, Denny's is not far from the Wyoming Valley Mall and many other area shopping venues. It was a lucky thing for me that Matt drove, however, because the hill leading into the parking lot would surely have caused me to stall my car or run into some other calamity, as I am not always the greatest driver.

Upon walking into Denny's, one isn't exactly struck by the warm and welcoming atmosphere, but the counter seating and high ceilings lend themselves well to the 'diner' effect that I assume they're going for. We were promptly seated in a booth, since it was only about 6 o'clock on a Wednesday night.

The menu at Denny's offers a variety

of options ranging from burgers and sandwiches to breakfast platters. All I really wanted was pancakes, but, alas, my judgment was clouded by the endless array of options and I ended up opting for the Heartland Scramble. Along with 3 pancakes, the meal included scrambled eggs with onions, peppers, bacon and cheese, hashbrowns and bacon and sausage. This was probably far more food than any one person should ever consider eating at one meal, but I was blinded by the absurdly low price of \$6.49 and breakfast food is my weakness.

After much consideration, and perhaps some prodding by me so that I wouldn't end up being the only one engaging in a slight form of gluttony, Nora chose the Western burger, which came stacked with steak sauce and onion rings. Matt opted for the chicken strips, and when he asked for them buffalo-style, the waitress was very accommodating.

We didn't have to wait very long for our food, and when it came I made sure to save the pancakes for last, which, in retrospect, probably wasn't the best

idea. The eggs were soft and fluffy and the onions and peppers weren't overcooked. The hashbrowns could have been crispier, but they were still tasty with a good helping of ketchup. The eggs and hashbrowns were so filling I barely had room for the pancakes, but I waited it out and managed to dig into them eventually. Light and fluffy, they were exactly what I had been looking forward to after I covered them in maple syrup.

Nora's burger was also extremely filling, but it didn't disappoint with a flavorful mix of toppings. Matt seemed pretty pleased with his chicken strips, but we all agreed that, for some reason, Denny's just tastes better late at night. Maybe it's the atmosphere.

Overall, the food was decent and was definitely a deal for the price. Next time though, I'll probably wait until at least after midnight to hit up Denny's for the optimum dining experience.

Grade: B-

...And a movie: *Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning*

BY MIKE WILLIAMS

Beacon Staff Writer

Looking for a good scare? Or maybe just a reason to stay out of Texas?

Either way, *Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning* will not disappoint. *The Beginning* is the sixth film to feature everyone's favorite chainsaw swingin' psychopath, Leatherface, and his sadistic, cannibalistic redneck family.

Set as a prequel to the 2003 remake of the original *Texas Chainsaw Massacre*, this film answers a few questions that may have left fans of the series scratching their heads (or the bloody stumps where their heads used to be). Questions like: "Why do the Hewitts like to eat people so much?"

or "What happened to Uncle Monty's legs?" Most importantly, we'll learn how the menacing Sheriff Hoyt came to be the law around town (hint: it's not exactly a fair election), and why, exactly, does Leatherface get such a kick out of wearing a mask made out of human skin.

Set in 1969, the film follows two brothers, both set to ship off to the war in Vietnam, enjoying their last days of civilian life on a road trip with their girlfriends. Unfortunately for the group, they soon find out that war is the least of their worries, as they run afoul of Hewitt family patriarch, Sheriff Hoyt, played by the always-fabulous R. Lee Ermey,

and his hulking, dim-witted nephew, Thomas, better known to the horror community as Leatherface.

After being trapped by the sadistic family,

the four ill-fated teens are subjected to horrors that will get a wince out of even the most die-hard gore hounds. Will the brothers and their girls be able to escape the clutches of the pack of ruthless, cannibal killers, or will they all fall victim to the unspeakable terror that is *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre*?

As a horror movie, *Texas Chainsaw*

Massacre: The Beginning could not get any better. With its menacing villains, victims you can actually sympathize with and unrelenting suspense, *The Beginning* does everything it sets out to do, as it leads the audience through an hour and a half long thrill ride in which the blood and gore flies freely and the scares never stop. Its greatest weapon, however, is its unyielding sense of doom. From the moment that the group first crosses paths with Sheriff Hoyt, the tension begins building and continues unabated, until the film's blood splattered final frame, resulting in a terrifyingly unnerving movie experience.

Viewers with a weak stomach may want to pass on *The Beginning* as it packs quite a punch, with scene after scene of incredibly brutal, incredibly realistic violence. Though the title should be enough to clue you in to what kind of mayhem you're about to witness, it may be a good idea to prepare yourself for the gut-wrenchingly visceral visuals the

newest TCM brings to the table. Severed limbs, chainsaw impalements and unnecessary home surgery are just some of the grisly nuggets that *The Beginning* has to

offer, along with a few other surprises that are sure to keep you out of the hardware aisle.

After viewing this film, some may feel a newfound respect for the power of film and reaffirm its ability to legitimately shock and terrify audiences, while others will be left feeling a little queasy. However it strikes you, one thing is for sure, any-

one who sees *Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning* will never look at the Lone Star State, or power tools, the same way again.

Grade: A



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Schedule of Events

Monday, October 30

-Death Before Dishonor, No Turning Back, Wisdom in Chains, Faceoff and War Torn Life performing at Backstage at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, October 31

-Mardis Gras Halloween Party (all proceeds to go to Children's Service Center) 8 p.m.
-Sordoni Art Gallery Halloween Party at 4:30 p.m.
-*Manuscript* Halloween poetry reading at

7 p.m.

-Woodlands Annual Halloween Bash at 9 p.m.

-Boscoe and the Storm performing at the Woodlands at 10 p.m.

Wednesday, November 1

-Film: *Water* showing at the FM Kirby Center at 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

-Panda and Angel, The Juniper Tree, Nicole Carey, and Boyboird performing at Cafe Metropolis at 7 p.m.

Thursday, November 2

-Dennis Duez Handwriting Analyst in the Roth Concourse Henry Student Center at 11 a.m.

-Lion of Judah and War Hungry performing at Backstage at 6 p.m.

Friday, November 3

-*Seussical* at the FM Kirby Center at 10 a.m.

-The Erection Kids, Johnny Goes to the Carnival and The Situation Is performing at Backstage at 6 p.m.

-Al Green performing at the FM Kirby

Center at 7:30 p.m.

-Coals to Newcastle, Giving Chase, Ryan's Hope and Weezy's Hitlist performing at Cafe Metropolis at 8 p.m.

Saturday, November 4

-25 Ta Life, Play for Keeps, Kingdom. One Last Enemy and Mooseknuckle performing at Backstage at 6 p.m.

-Felix Sarco, Melded, Shattered Sky Productions and My Autumn Fire performing at Cafe Metropolis at 8 p.m.

Crossword Puzzle

BY CHRISTOPHER KUDRACK

Beacon Correspondent

ACROSS

1 British politician _____ Barre
6 Student Union Building for short
9 Of dubious character
14 Spiraled shell
15 Beats a king in war
16 Monetary gain
17 Pretend emotion
18 Keeps the peace
20 Sight, hearing...etc.
22 Person of 60's style
23 A needle pulling thread
24 Puts into service
26 Fly catcher
28 Ancient writing surface
31 8th month of the Gregorian calendar
36 Container
37 Swimming organs
39 A female donkey
40 Constellation "The Hunter"
43 Uppermost point
44 Fragrant wood
45 Friendly greeting
46 Something taken from a flask?
48 The "I" or self of a person

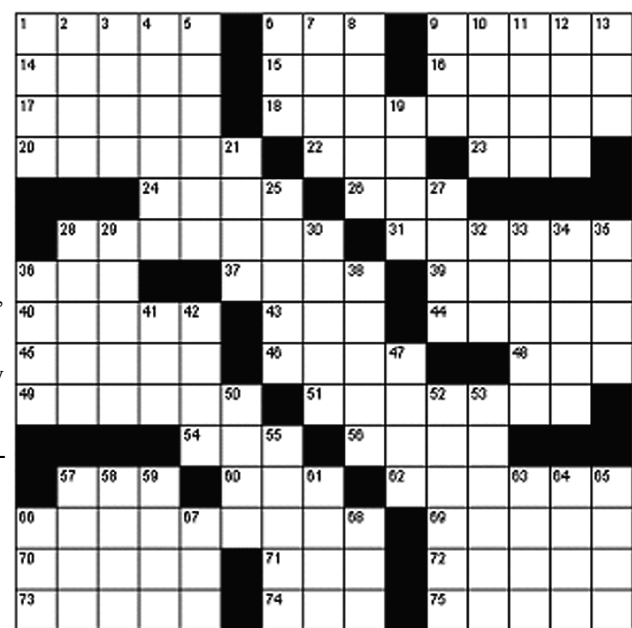
49 Necessary
51 Transmitters
54 "Hold on just a _____"
56 Country north of Thailand
57 Tract of open ground
60 "I got it!"
62 Personal instructors
66 Where a good GPA gets you
69 French headpiece
70 Towards Santa?
71 No
72 Small, slangily
73 Orphaned redhead
74 Imitate
75 Struck down

DOWN

1 Finishes a cake
2 Not All
3 Soon
4 Misbehaves
5 Like the moon?
6 Sticky pine substance
7 University Center on Main for short
8 On a lower level
9 Stark Learning Center for short
10 Modifications of basic colors
11 Fictional Company
12 To sketch

13 Currency of Japan
19 Sudden thought
21 Lowest feudal class
25 Spades, hearts, diamonds, and clubs
27 Wilkes University originally for short
28 Blender setting
29 Nimble
30 Winter storms
32 One thousand dollars, slangily
33 Beneath
34 Catches unexpectedly and quickly
35 A beginner
36 English political leader _____ Wilkes

38 Speech
41 Aged
42 Negative Responses
47 A small fly
50 A Compromise
52 Disbelieves
53 To regard highly
55 Plates, cups...etc., collectively
57 Tallahassee's county
58 Gain Income
59 Opposed to
61 Without delay



63 Sandwich cookie
64 Monthly payment
65 Ocular woe
66 CSI findings
67 Not he
68 Golf starter

This Week In History

BY MICHAEL GIONFRIDDO

Beacon Correspondent

October 30

1938: Orson Welles causes a nationwide panic with his broadcast of "War of the Worlds"--a realistic radio dramatization of a Martian invasion of Earth.

October 31

1517: Priest and scholar Martin Luther nails a piece of paper to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. The paper contained the 95 revolutionary opinions (also known as the 95 theses) that would begin the Protestant Reformation.

November 1

1765: In the face of widespread opposition in the American colonies, Parliament enacts the Stamp Act, a taxation measure designed to raise revenue for British military operations in America.

November 2

1948: In the greatest upset in presidential election history, Democratic incumbent Harry S. Truman defeats his

Republican challenger, Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York, by just over two million popular votes. In the days preceding the vote, political analysts and polls were so behind Dewey that on election night, long before all the votes were counted, the Chicago Tribune published an early edition with the banner headline "DEWEY DEFEATS TRUMAN."

November 3

1957: The Soviet Union launches the first animal into space--a dog name Laika--aboard the Sputnik 2 spacecraft.

November 4

1979: Student followers of the Ayatollah Khomeini send shock waves across America when they storm the U.S. embassy in Tehran. The radical Islamic fundamentalists took 90 hostages. The students were enraged that the deposed Shah had been allowed to enter the United States for medical treatment and they threatened to murder hostages if any rescue was attempted. Days later, Iran's provincial leader resigned, and the Ayatollah Khomeini, the leader of Iran's

fundamentalist revolutionaries, took full control of the country--and the fate of the hostages.

November 5

1605: Early in the morning, King James I of England learns that a plot (The Gunpowder Plot) to explode the Parliament building has been foiled, hours before he was scheduled to sit with the rest of the British government in a general parliamentary session. At about midnight on the night of November 4-5, Sir Thomas Knyvet, a justice of the peace, found Guy Fawkes lurking in a cellar under the Parliament building and ordered the premises searched. Some 20 barrels of gunpowder were found, and Fawkes was taken into custody. During a torture session on the rack, Fawkes revealed that he was a participant in an English Catholic conspiracy to annihilate England's Protestant government and replace it with Catholic leadership.

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

Women's tennis dominant season leads to successful postseason

BY RYAN BROGHAMER
Beacon Staff Writer

Typically, freshman students get the short end of the stick when they go up against upperclassman.

It seems logical; the juniors and seniors have been around the block once or twice and usually take care of newcomers with ease.

Someone should have told the competitors of MAC women's tennis to watch out for freshman Xiaoqiao Zhang.

The Wilkes first-year phenom defeated the top two seeds to pick up the number-one singles title at the Middle Atlantic Conference Individual Championships recently held at Lehigh University. Zhang entered singles competition seeded third and had to rally from a set down in each of her final matches.

Drew's Crystal Vo represented the only blemish to Zhang's singles record of 17-1 on the season, but Zhang showed resilience

in defeating the top-seed, 3-6, 6-4, 7-6 (10-7) in semi-final competition. Zhang then knocked off two seed Stacy Shapiro from Elizabethtown in the final, 3-6, 6-1, 7-6 (10-8) to claim the championship.

"I just went out and had fun. The weather is pretty cold, so maybe I didn't warm up enough and lost really quickly early in the matches, but later on I would find something and play better," said Zhang, who was especially eager to face Vo. "She graduates next year, and I really wanted to beat her

before she graduated. I didn't really feel any pressure before the match because if I lost to her again and tried my best, then there would be nothing to be disappointed about. I knew that the only thing I could do is do my best, give her a good match."

"She had a great individual tournament," said Chris Leicht, Wilkes women's tennis coach. "Playing

in the number-one bracket, she went up against the top 15 girls. She just played great, especially being a freshman. To come in and beat a senior and last year's champion, she really deserved that title," he said of the 2006 Freedom Conference Player of the Year.

While she may have grabbed the title, Zhang isn't the only rising star for the women's tennis team. Sophomores Alison McDonald and Kristen Wilt also had strong showings in the tournament.

McDonald, who was named to the first team All-conference squad, entered the second round seeded first and made quick work of Juniata's Caroline Weisser, 6-0, 6-2. She then dropped a tough 6-3, 6-2 loss to Emma Smith of Elizabethtown in the semis. McDonald capped her singles record at 15-2 for the fall season.

Wilt came into third singles as the number three seed and notched a 7-6 (7-2), 6-4 victory over Susquehanna's Katie Zimmerman in the second round before falling to second-seeded Emily Swarr from Elizabethtown, 4-6, 6-2, 7-6

Season Statistics

	Overall	Conference
Megan Bucher	7-1	3-0
Katie Buckley	7-2	4-1
Lauren Donmoyer	3-0	0-0
Caitlin Kelley	2-0	0-0
Alison McDonald	15-2	6-0
Jotanna O'Connell	7-3	3-1
Sara Ryder	12-3	6-0
Kaitlyn Wetzel	3-0	0-0
Kristen Wilt	13-3	5-1
Xiaoqiao Zhang	17-1	5-1



The Beacon/Todd Weibel

Sophomore Kristin Wilt swings at a serve during a tennis match earlier this season. The tennis team finished with a perfect regular season record of 16-0.

(10-4). The second team All-conference performer has an overall record of 13-3 in singles competition.

Senior Sara Ryder garnered a bit of the spotlight from the young guns, downing second seed Charissa Nordall of Lebanon Valley in the semi-final at fourth singles to set up a championship bid. The third-seeded Ryder fell just short however, following a 6-1, 6-1 loss to number-one seed MaryKate Kelly from Moravian. Ryder's record slips to 12-3 in singles.

Wilkes saw its hopes for a doubles title fall in the semis. In the two bracket, McDonald and Wilt came in seeded third but fell to the top-seeded tandem of Brittany Popaca and MaryKate Kelly from Elizabethtown, 8-6. The duo of McDonald and Wilt are now 14-3 overall. At third doubles, second seeded Sara Ryder and Jotanna O'Connell fell to unseeded Charissa Nordall and Jan White of Lebanon Valley, 9-7. With the loss, Ryder and O'Connell collect a record of 10-2.

While some of those losses may be tough to swallow, Leicht says that he's very pleased with the performance of the Lady

Colonels.

"I think we were seeded in every bracket, so it's very exciting. It goes to show how deep we are and how strong we are at every position," said the back-to-back Freedom Conference Coach of the Year winner. "We were really close with our doubles teams. I don't think we were really overmatched at any time."

Wilkes finishes the fall season with a university record-setting 16-0 mark in dual matches and garnered its first Freedom Conference team title in the process. The team will resume play in the spring as the women prepare for their first NCAA Division III Tournament competition and Leicht says that Wilkes will be a force to be reckoned with.

"I don't know if I expected all of this to happen so early, but the team really jelled and worked hard. Obviously it's a testament to the players where we are now. They really experienced a lot throughout the year and just worked hard at everything they did. I think there's a great future for Wilkes tennis."

Frightening Facts:

60% of college women who are infected with STD's, including genital herpes and AIDS, report that they were under the influence of alcohol at the time they had intercourse with the infected person.



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GAME OF THE WEEK

Cincinnati Bengals vs. Baltimore Ravens

Explosiveness will determine who is the true number one

BY CURRAN DOBSON
Beacon Editor-in-Chief

In an AFC North match up in Baltimore this Sunday, the Ravens take on their fellow first seed rivals, the Cincinnati Bengals. Both teams hold a record of 4-2 after week seven and look to improve their performance to take the lead in their division. With each team possessing a veteran running back in Rudi Johnson and Jamal Lewis, and with two players with five plus sacks on each team, the offense and defense seem evenly matched, making for an explosive Sunday afternoon football.

Offense

Cincinnati

Quarterback Carson Palmer is back this season after suffering a major knee injury in last year's AFC Championship against the Pittsburgh Steelers. His current 90.9 QB rating proves that not only is he back, but his recovery time was quick and effective. He's thrown for nine touchdowns and four interceptions, while completing his passes 62.2% of the time.

Twelve-year league veteran Steve McNair was injured in week six when his team lost to Carolina, suffering a concussion and sprained neck in the first quarter. He is a probable starter in week eight against Atlanta. Before his injury, he threw for five touchdowns and seven interceptions. While these might not be the most impressive statistics, he is adjusting to a new offense, as this is his first year with the Ravens after spending his entire professional career with the Tennessee Titans.

On the receiving end of Palmer's pass are hotshot Chad Johnson and TJ Houshmandzadeh. With an excessive celebration rule in the NFL because of his end zone antics last season, Chad Johnson may be spending more time planning his performances than actually catching the ball, with only one TD on the season. While another pair of

hands, TJ Houshmandzadeh (ridiculously long name aside) has performed well for the Bengals, catching four passes in the end zone and averaging 11.7 yards per reception.

On the other sideline, Baltimore has eight receiving touchdowns this season. Tight end Todd Heap is responsible for four, with Mark Clayton and Daniel Wilcox each contributing two touchdowns.

Six-year veteran Rudi Johnson has already posted four touchdowns this season through week seven, tying his overall record

for last year's season.

He has four of the five total rushing touchdowns for the Bengals.

Meanwhile, seven-year vet Jamal Lewis has only one touchdown this season, but he leads the team in rushing yards, with 352.

While the Bengals' offense looks stacked compared to the Ravens, Baltimore's defense will keep this game close.

Defense

Led by eleven-year seasoned linebacker Ray Lewis, Baltimore's defense will be coming into this game looking to shut down Palmer and the Bengals. He leads the team in tackles, with 39. His teammates, Bart

for some lost yards this Sunday. The Ravens lead the AFC in defending the run, holding their opponents to only 71.1 rushing yards per game. They are also second in the AFC for overall defense, also holding their opponents to only 252 yards per game. Cincinnati averages 26 rushing attempts per game for only 99.8 rushing yards, so the Ravens defense should have no problem stopping the run.

The Ravens defense also has eleven interceptions this season, compared to their opponents' eight and have capitalized on

two of these interceptions for touchdowns. The Bengals rely on the passing game to win and are ranked fourth in the AFC for their pass offense, averaging 215 yards per game. This is the biggest question mark of the game, whether the fourth ranked passing offense will beat out the second ranked defense in the AFC.

As the Ravens are clearly the dominant defensive team, this game will be a battle of Cincinnati's offense and Baltimore's defense. Although they also have two players with six sacks each, the Bengals defense ranks in the lower half of the AFC and should not put on as stellar of a performance as the Ravens defense.

As each team knows this is a crucial game in the AFC North, both the Ravens' and the Bengals' emotions will be running high. Even with home field advantage, the Ravens will not be able to pull this off and get the W come Sunday.

The Pick
Cincinnati Bengals 17
Baltimore Ravens 14

Double Take

Andee examines the stats that truly matter...

BY ANDEE SCARANTINO
Beacon Asst. Opinion Editor

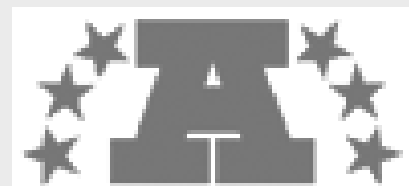
For the record, I hate Baltimore. It's such a pathetic excuse for a city. Maryland is such an awful state, and only pathetic libatious sots run the streets.

Anyone who resides there I have to deem incompetent, and therefore their football team must be filled with ridiculous poor excuses for professionals.

I refuse to go to Baltimore, and I'm going to protest Baltimore. Nobody should ever go there. It's a waste, and the football players are wastes. Wasteful belligerent fools are what they are. This team will never win the "Game of the Week."

In addition, our lovely Editor-in-Chief, Curran Dobson wrote this week's "Game of the Week," and she thinks the Bengals are going to win. I have to say I'd side with a female's opinions at any time in sports, because females know their sports. They look at the facts when it comes to the games, instead of spouting incessant bull.

There are my reasons why Cincinnati will surely prevail in this game. I hate Baltimore, and Curran is awesome. Win will the Ravens nevermore, and rock on Cincinnati!



Scott and Adalius Thomas each have five sacks this season and look to stop Palmer

Athlete of the Week: Xiaoqiao Zhang

BY ARIEL COHEN

Beacon Sports Editor

As a freshman tennis player, Xiaoqiao Zhang, knew what she was capable of and there were rumors that she was an amazing player, but no one was expecting her to go and win the MAC women's tennis number-one singles title in her first year.

After going 14-1 through the regular season in singles play, Zhang quickly rose to the top of the conference and landed herself a spot at the conference quarter finals. Zhang went on to win in straight sets 6-4 and 6-1 to move onto the semi-finals at Drew University. There she took on Crystal Vo winning in three sets 3-6, 6-4, 10-7.

Heading into the Middle Atlantic Conference Individual Championships on October 22nd at Lehigh University, Zhang was seeded third and came from behind to beat Stacy

Shapiro in three sets.

"For the final match, the player is new for me, because she is not from our conference, so I didn't know much about her, but I like that. I like to play somebody that is new, especially when I know she is good. So I think since I have already reached my goal for this year when I beat Vo, I just wanted to enjoy my last match for this year! So I did," said Zhang.

Zhang not only came away from her debut season as the number one player in the Middle Atlantic Conference, but she was also named as the Freedom Conference Player of the year and ended her season with a singles record of 17-1.

"She [Zhang] has a great year beating three seniors which made it even better. This is the culmination of a great season," said coach Chris Leicht.



The Beacon/Ariel Cohen
Xiaoqiao Zhang hits the ball during a match during her 17-1 season.

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has not been the case for the Wilkes team yet, Sheptock has cautioned his players to stay focused.

The last time the Colonels played at Ralston Field they smacked Moravian 17-0. Currently, Wilkes defense is holding opponents to fewer than two touchdowns per contest while the offense averages approximately 20 points a game. The balanced attack is the reason behind the team's winning ways. Leading both sides of the ball are linebacker Kyle Follweiler who has an impressive sixty-four tackles this season, and quarterback Al Karraffa with over 1,000 passing yards to go along with 10 touchdown passes.

Somers Point, New Jersey native Jake

Grande said, "Our team is doing real well this season. The way we practice hard and go at each other every day makes the games on Saturday a lot easier."

The Colonels will look to finish painting the big picture by stomping on Susquehanna University on Saturday, November 4.



WEEKEND RECAPS

Men's Football

Nationally-ranked Wilkes University used a balanced offensive attack and a stingy defensive effort to remain unbeaten with a 30-6 Middle Atlantic Conference win at Albright College on Saturday afternoon.

Men's Soccer

Drew University got a second half goal from Brian Dempsey to notch a 1-0 Freedom Conference men's soccer win over Wilkes University on Friday afternoon at Ralston.

Women's Soccer

Georgina Robinson tallied the game-winning goal in the second half to lift Wilkes University to a 2-1 Freedom Conference women's soccer win over Drew University on Friday afternoon at Ralston Field.

Volleyball

The Wilkes University volleyball team concluded their season on Saturday by dropping a pair of matches at the Marts Center. The Lady Colonels fell in five games to Kean University, 19-30, 30-24, 24-30, 30-22, 15-10 in their opening match. They suffered a 30-19, 30-23, 30-23 loss to Keuka College in the nightcap. Wilkes ends their season with an overall record of 6-24.

Field Hockey

Wilkes University ended their 2006 field hockey campaign with a 5-0 non-conference win over Arcadia University on Friday afternoon at Artillery Park. The Lady Colonels conclude their season with an overall record of 9-9. Arcadia saw their overall record fall to 3-15.

NUMBERS OF THE WEEK

15

Number of consecutive regular season wins for the Wilkes football team dating back to last season.

183

Total offense allowed by the Wilkes defense in the game against Albright; an offense that averaged over 400 yards per game in their last 3 games.

4

Number of saves by Wilkes goalie TJ Baloga in the 2-0 shutout against Baptist Bible.

17-1

Record of Wilkes freshman Xiaoqiao Zhang en route to the MAC Women's Tennis Title.

Preview of the Week: Football vs. Susquehanna

The Colonels head into their final game with an 8-0 record

BY CARLTON HOLMES
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In sports every team and individual player has a dream that fuels the beginning of the season.

The big picture normally consists of breezing by every team that stands in their way. Why? For bragging rights, achieving absolute glory, the 1st place trophy, or wearing the "bling, bling" on the finger that indicates champion status.

Of course, the reality is that not every team will reach the winners' podium or wear the championship ring.

But the Wilkes University football team definitely has its eyes on the prize as the Colonels attempt to continue painting the big picture by defeating Susquehanna University this weekend.

"Not too many teams have the

opportunity to be a part of something special, such as being number one and going to the playoffs. It's a great feeling," said senior wide receiver Jim Jordan.

At this writing, the Colonels are ranked 11th in the nation, and are comfortably sitting on a phenomenal overall record of 8-0.

Who knows why the Colonels are doing so well? It's not like they have a Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year nominee or anything. Oh, wait. Strike that. "The award is a public vote, and being in consideration speaks highly of the program," stated head coach Frank Sheptock. Sheptock is currently in his 11th season at Wilkes, and was named MAC Coach of the Year last season by posting an 8-3 record along with a NCAA D3 tournament bid.

"Sheptock does so much scouting. He knows teams in and out,

and what they are going to do, when they're going to do it, and that's part of the reason why we are 8-0," said Jordan.

The Colonels will look to add a tally to the win column at home in their game against Susquehanna who has an underwhelming 2-4 record in the MAC conference. Although Susquehanna may not have the best record in the conference, its wins are significant. Susquehanna beat MAC powerhouse Delaware Valley at the Aggies' home 17-10. Susquehanna's upset win against the Aggies may translate into a potential fight to the end against the Colonels.

The other major challenge could be that a losing record can sometimes make a team hungry for a win; whereas, a winning record can sometimes allow a team to become over-confident. While this



The Beacon/Todd Weibel

Jim Jordan helps to clear the way for Tom Andreopoulos as he runs downfield in the Colonels 17-0 win over visiting Moravian two weeks ago.

Campus Calendar

All Week

*Beyond Recognition: The Art of Alan Magee, Sordoni Art Gallery

*Registration for Spring & Intersession 2007

Monday 10/30

*"Feast on Faith," Alumni House - 4:45 p.m.

Tuesday 10/31

*Halloween Party, Sordoni Art Gallery -

4:30 p.m.

*Flu Shots, Miller Conference Room - 1:00 p.m.

*Halloween Party at Club Mardi Gras Benefitting the Children's Service Center, Club Mardi Gras - 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday 11/1

*No events scheduled

Thursday 11/2

*Dennis Duez Handwriting Analyst, HSC

Roth Concourse - 11:00 a.m.

*Taste of Wilkes, HSC Ballroom - 12:00 p.m.

Friday 11/3

*No events scheduled

Saturday 11/4

*Football vs. Susquehanna - 1:00 p.m.

*Wrestling vs. York - 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 11/5

*No events scheduled

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