



# THE BEACON

The news of today reported by the journalists of tomorrow.

## Sordoni Gallery reopens with Warhol to inspire community

By Megan Stanley  
Staff Writer

The Sordoni Art Gallery was officially rededicated Oct 6. The first exhibit on display is "15 Minutes: From Image to Icon" which displays artwork from Pennsylvanian artist Andy Warhol.

Located in the Karambelas Media and Communication Center, the new gallery is set to enrich the arts for students, faculty and staff alike. The new space is more than double the old location and is fitted for high-end art exhibits and opportunities for teaching and learning.

The opening event was attended by Alumni, current students, faculty, staff and members of the local community.

Introducing the talk was Tom Mackinnon, Vice President for University Advancement. He told the crowd gathered: "This is a truly iconic moment and is the culmination of two years of work. What an incredibly way to kick off a new era."

He paid homage to the fact for the past five years, a building has been dedicated to Homecoming.

Mackinnon moved on to recognize important people in attendance such as the board of trustees, former Wilkes presidents Breiseth and Michelini, Pa. state Sen. Lisa Baker and Wilkes-Barre Mayor Tony George.

Paul Riggs, the Dean of Arts at Wilkes University also took to the podium. He told the audience:

"I am excited, mostly because what this

signifies for our university's commitment to the arts and as a member of this community I am proud."

The gallery Director, Heather Sincavage spoke about the reasons she came to Wilkes to work in the Sordoni Gallery: "People love Wilkes University and people care about what happens here."

"This gallery does not service our art department, it creates a community and gives us ways to creatively understand our world."

"Warhol changed how we view art, and Sordoni will change how Wilkes University and the community experience art."

"Tonight I would like to share this gallery with you. It's not only my job, but a labour of love."

Cody Morcom, the 2017/18 president of student government also made a speech in which he said: "Let me say a sincere thank you to all those involved."

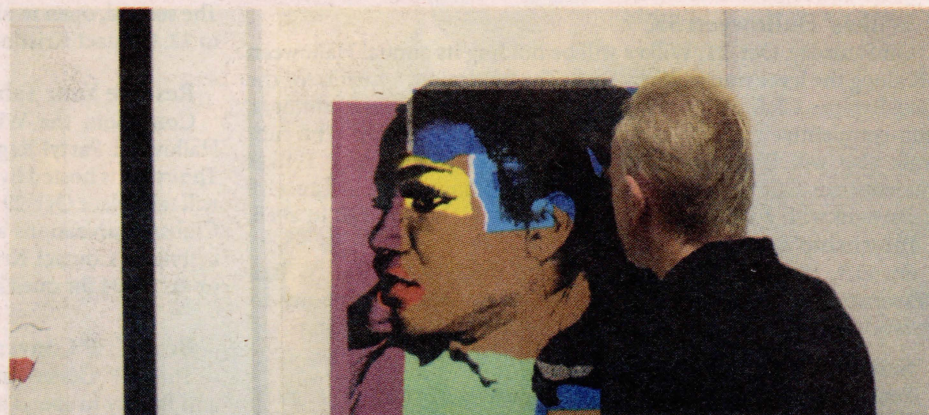
"We have never been more proud of the past, amazed at the present ecstatic for the future."

Vice President of the Board of Trustees, Bill Miller, addressed the crowd: "It [the gallery] will not only benefit the students, but also the community."

"It brings another building block to the diamond city that is Wilkes-Barre."

"It is a huge source of pride and I cannot wait for you to see it."

In his speech, President Leahy paid homage to former President John F Kennedy's speech outside Amherst College's new library that was in honour of poet Robert Frost and



The Beacon / Steffen Horwath

The new gallery space provided a much larger location for the artwork.

in which he praised the importance of art within America.

"I look forward to an America which will reward achievement in the arts as we reward achievement in business or statecraft."

Using Kennedy's ideals, President Leahy applied them to Wilkes University stating he hoped it would continue to be "a private institution with a public purpose."

"It is a gift to the people of Wilkes-Barre and Pennsylvania, we hope the people of the community will love it."

"It is our duty as educators to ensure our students get exposure to science and arts. Our nurses and pharmacists should see Warhol."

Representing the Sordoni family was

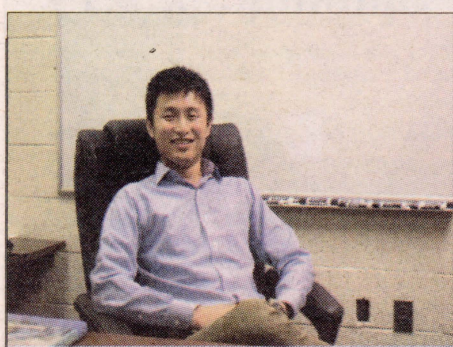
Andrew Sordoni who said: "For generations it has been an honor and a privilege to be associated with the arts at Wilkes."

"This vision is a resource for the community that will underpin and enhance our civilisation."

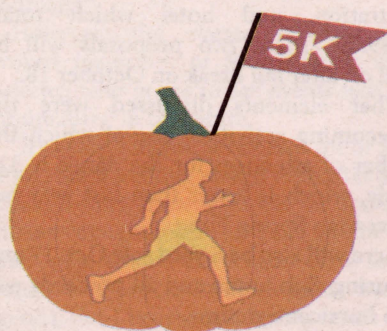
The ribbon was then cut by the six members who delivered speeches and attendees of the opening were invited to look around the new arts space.

The gallery is open to visitors Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m to 5 p.m, Thursday 10 a.m to 7 p.m, and Saturday through Sunday noon to 5 p.m.

**SEE PAGES 12 and 13**  
for more photos



Learn about a new Wilkes professor, page 4

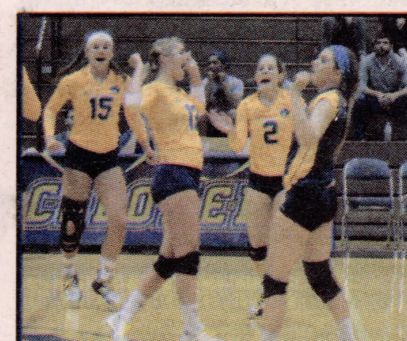


Graphic by Todd Espenshade

Get spooky at the 5K, page 7



The Marvel cinematic Universe, page 14



The Beacon/Nicole Gaetani

Lady Colonel Volleyball takes on Pediatric Cancer page 21



# News

Have a breaking story or a press release to send? Contact the news editor: [cabrini.rudnicki@wilkes.edu](mailto:cabrini.rudnicki@wilkes.edu)

## Beacon Briefs

Compiled by Cabrini Rudnicki  
News Editor

### Wilkes' Halloween 5K

On Saturday, Oct. 21, Wilkes will be holding its annual Halloween 5K along the levee trail in Kirby Park. The fundraiser, which is for the Geo-Explore Club, will have three categories: competitive runners, non-competitive runners and walkers. It begins at 2 p.m. The run/walk also will feature a costume contest for participants. Wilkes students can sign up in the SUB during club hours, and will receive a discount with a Wilkes ID. Any questions can be directed to ellen.

### Internship & Career Fair

On Oct. 19, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the UCOM, join Wilkes University at its Internship & Career Fair for the opportunity to network with potential employers, or to find the right internship.

### Senator Casey to Visit Campus

Senator Casey will be visiting campus on Oct. 11 as a guest of the APhA (American Pharmacist Association) and the PPA (Pennsylvania Pharmacy Association). At 8:30 a.m. in the Ballroom, a round table event will be held. Students can attend. Senator Casey will be speaking on healthcare, pharmacist counseling, and opioid epidemic.

### Interfaith Student Retreats

Wilkes students are invited to join the Interfaith Office in two upcoming retreats, hosted by the University of Scranton. The first retreat, The Soul Men's Retreat, is Sept. 29 to Oct. 1, for male students. The second, open to all students, is The Mystery Retreat from Oct. 20 to 22. Contact Kristin Osipower at [kristin.osipower@wilkes.edu](mailto:kristin.osipower@wilkes.edu).

### Reserve Your Table at the Community Halloween Party

Come join the Wilkes' community at the Annual Community Halloween Party! Register for a table for your club or organization. The event is hosted by Wilkes University for local children. The event will take place Oct. 29 from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Student Union Building. Clubs/organizations are responsible for their own decor and treats/activities. Contact Kristin Osipower at [kristin.osipower@wilkes.edu](mailto:kristin.osipower@wilkes.edu) or ext. 5904 for questions, or in order to reserve a table.

### Be an IEP Conversation Partner

The IEP Conversation Partner program is looking for students and faculty to spend an hour or two a week speaking to international students involved in the intensive English Program. Participants do not need to plan special activities for their conversation partner, they just need to include them in some of their usual activities. For more information, contact Dr. Kimberly Niezgoda, [Kimberly.niezgoda@wilkes.edu](mailto:Kimberly.niezgoda@wilkes.edu).

## Wilkes University Student Government notes

By Megan Stanley  
Staff Writer

Wilkes University's Student Government held its weekly meeting on Wednesday.

The first item of business was the proposal by Women Empowered by Science (WEBS) to become a Student Government recognized club. Open to any major, the club's intention is to align Wilkes students with local female middle school students through mentoring sessions. The motion to make WEBS a Student Government recognized club passed with 35 votes.

The second item of business was the Singapore Conference Non-club funding request. After working on research on colorectal cancer in mice, four biology majors and their academic advisers Dr. Gutierrez and Dr. Kalter have been invited to the European Society for Medical

Oncology in Singapore. Requesting a total sum of \$2087.83 for their registration fee, the group expressed how much of a great opportunity it would be for the students going and for Wilkes' reputation internationally. The motion to give the funding was passed with 39 votes.

Approval to make the Ecology Club a

Student Government recognized club was third on the agenda. The aim of the club is to provide a social space for environmental and non-health science students, with the hope of helping them receive professional advice from speakers and experience from internships and scholarships.

The group also hopes to take trips to local parks. The motion to recognize the Ecology Club passed by 40 votes.

The Indian Cultural Club funding request was the fourth item of business. The group requested \$600 for the cost of food for their New Year's event which is partnering with the community and King's College. Last year 180 people attended and the funding would help ensure that there is enough food for attendees. The decision to give the funding was passed by 38 votes.

The fifth item of business was the proposal by the Study Abroad Club to become Student Government recognized. The emphasis of the club is to help Wilkes students experience new cultures, learn non-classroom skills and explain their knowledge of the world.

The group will hold fundraisers to lower costs and hopefully raise awareness about

the opportunities to study abroad as there are currently only two Wilkes students studying internationally.

Next the Neuroscience Club proposed a funding request to help cover costs of the Neuroscience conference in Washington in November. The group is sending five students to the conference to experience the event before they present their own research next year.

The group is asking Student Government to cover the cost of membership, registration, and hotel which totals \$1,189.89. These two proposals will be voted on after fall break on October 18.

Other elements discussed were the homecoming activities, one of which the number of attendees for the dance is 320 people, which is lower than last year but higher than Spring Fling.

There will also be a yard sale Oct. 17 and 19 during club hours and all proceeds will go to hurricane victims.



@wilkesbeacon  
[megan.stanley@wilkes.edu](mailto:megan.stanley@wilkes.edu)

## table of contents

news.....2

life, a&e.....7

spread.....12

opinion.....14

sports.....19



# Professor named 'Distinguished Young Pharmacist'

By Cabrini Rudnicki  
News Editor

On Sept. 23, a Wilkes University professor was named "Distinguished Young Pharmacist" by the Pennsylvania Pharmacist Association.

Thomas Franko, Pharm. D., who is an assistant professor in the Nesbitt School of Pharmacy, was given the award at the 2017 Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association Conference held at Kalahari Resorts and Convention Center in Pocono Manor.

The award was given for his participation in the Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association (PPA), as well as his dedication to the practice of pharmacy and community activities.

Franko was shocked to find out he received the award, as it was kept a secret until it was announced.

"Getting an award like this shows that efforts do not go unrecognized," Franko said. "What is even better is that the award is given by a committee of peers, so their recognition is fantastic."

Franko currently serves as a PPA membership committee chair, a member of the naloxone sub-committee, and has helped develop statewide dispensing

guidelines and has participated in the "Know Pain, No Gain" student contest committee.

He is also the northeast director of the board of directors for the organization.

"My work with the pharmacy community is really focused on pain and substance abuse. I work with our students to do community outreach programs as well as research into pharmacists attitudes towards opioid misuse."

The organization, which was founded in 1878, has more than 2,300 members throughout Pennsylvania. According to the official website, the PPA promotes the profession through advocacy, education and communication.

A fellow colleague, Dr. Adam VanWert, spoke praise of Franko and his achievements.

"Dr. Thomas Franko is an undoubtedly deserving recipient of his award from the Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association. He is a leader in Pennsylvania in the fight against opioid addiction and abuse, and has been formally recognized by students and peers as an excellent educator."



@wilkesbeacon  
cabrini.rudnicki@wilkes.edu



Courtesy of Wilkes Marketing

Dr. Thomas Franko holds his "Distinguished Young Pharmacist" award, for his dedication to the American Pharmacist Association and his commitment to community activities.

# 'How much do we have to endure?'

## Students and faculty respond to deadliest mass shooting in U.S. History

By Isaiah McGahee  
Staff Writer

All 58 victims of the shooting in Las Vegas have been identified according to the New York Times. Hundreds took part in a candlelight vigil on Thursday, mourning the loss of Charleston Hartfield, a Las Vegas police officer killed in the massacre.

Identified as the deadliest mass shooting in United States history, the ages of the victims range from 20-67. The devastation left behind the wake of the shooting has been felt across the nation.

Students and faculty around Wilkes University expressed concern, anger, and a desire for revised legislation concerning gun control in the United States.

Dr. Marcia Balester, Coordinator of First Year Foundations and adviser of Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society voiced her opinion, affirming that she doesn't sense any concern in students or faculty of incoming students, regarding their safety on campus or at campus related events.

To quell incoming student and parent concern about safety on campus, Balester said:

"The only way to combat something like this is if you see something, say something. If everyone is vigilant, especially taking note of possible signs, I think we can make some endroads."

However, the events in Las Vegas evoked memories of Sandy Hook within Balester, who hopes to see events like these minimized in the future.

"It's really a shame, it reminds me of Sandy Hook, but if nothing passed even after Sandy Hook, I don't know what can be done. The shooter bought over 33 guns in the past year... He should have been on a federal watch. You can't control someone with an agenda, but I believe something needs to be done to make these types of situations less frequent in the future," said Balester.

Gun control wasn't the only pressing issue bothering those around Wilkes, students

also voiced their frustration with media and political agendas following the tragedy.

"Right now, I don't think it's the time to capitalize and focus on gun control... Let's allow the victims to rest and allow the time to mourn first. Right now, I don't think it's appropriate to capitalize on someone's grief with political agenda," said junior pharmacy major Lily Nguyen.

Fellow junior pharmacy student Neha Kunche, expressed her disdain for increasing gun violence and felt the need for action was first priority.

"Generally, I don't like talking about issues like this, but I'm sick and tired of seeing these types of headlines. I think most people are tired of seeing 'the highest mass shooting in U.S. history.' We just saw that same headline a year ago... How much do we have to endure? There's a time for grief, but we need to do something. We've had so many incidents, I find it ridiculous. Let's not drag it out, let's take action," said Kunche.

According to data gathered by the Gun Violence Archive, there is a mass shooting - defined as four or more people shot in one incident, not including the shooter - every nine out of 10 days on average.

### How to Help Survivors of the Las Vegas Shooting

Donate to GoFundMe pages such as Steve Sisolak's, the Chair of the Clark County Commission, "Las Vegas Victims' Fund."

Donate money to the National Compassion Fund, which will donate 100 percent of funds to victims.



@wilkesbeacon  
isaiah.mcgaher@wilkes.edu



# Manuscript Society celebrates 70 years, holds gathering

By Cabrini Rudnicki  
News Editor

*Editor's note: Megan Stanley, a member of the Manuscript Society, is a current weekly staff writer for the Beacon.*

The Wilkes' Manuscript Society recently held a Manuscript Gathering during Homecoming to celebrate the group's 70th anniversary.

The event, which was held in Kirby Hall on Saturday, Oct. 7, gathered current members and alumni of the society to read their favorite pieces from past editions.

The Manuscript Society publishes a yearly magazine titled Manuscript filled with written and visual art from students and staff. The society started in 1947, making this year's edition the organization's 70th edition.

This 70th edition will feature creative writing and art from current students, as well as special picks from past editions.

At the event, multiple readers spoke, including editors and staff Elyse Guzewicz, Mackenze Egan, Megan Stanley, and multiple members of the English faculty including Dr. Mischelle B. Anthony, department chair.

The poetry included in the gathering had a diverse mix of topics, including the season of Fall, Helen of Troy, and middle-class working life.

Elyse Guzewicz, current executive editor, smiled with pride while speaking on her own experiences with the society.

"I came to the first meeting in 2014, bright eyed and bushy tailed, 17 years old, ready to take over the world," she said. "I'm almost 21, and still haven't learned that taking over the world isn't really a productive task."

"It's such an honor to be part of a tradition that's consisted longer than Wilkes University has." The Manuscript Society started while Wilkes University was still Bucknell Junior College.

Guzewicz's mother, Melissa Guzewicz,



The Beacon / Megan Stanley

Elyse Guzewicz, the executive editor of the magazine, stands at the podium to introduce each speaker at the gathering.

also spoke at the event, reading some of her daughter's own poetry.

**SEE MANUSCRIPT,  
PAGE 6**

## Profile of a new professor: Dr. Xin Luo

By Steffen Horwath  
Staff Writer

New to the mathematics department: Dr. Xin Luo, a diversified educator from the University of Alabama.

Luo was born in Wuhu, Anhui Province, a part of Southeast China very close to world renowned Yellow Mountains. When he graduated from Jinan University in Guangzhou, China, he had a bachelor's degree in mathematics and applied mathematics, and a masters in applied mathematics. His focus is in financial mathematics, which he continued studying while at the University of Alabama for his Ph.D.

"When I was a kid, I was good at math as well as English," said Luo when asked why he followed his academic path. He taught a variety of math classes through his time at the University of Alabama.

After speaking about the Wilkes Community, he explained that the University of Alabama has much larger class sizes than Wilkes, and he would much rather have the smaller class sizes. He explained it as being more comfortable, as the larger classes had about 40, 50 or even 60 students. At Wilkes, one of his classes

— precalculus — has a comparatively small class size of about 25 students. During the week, Luo has a full set of morning and evening classes.

"I enjoy the small town with pretty much everything, but I miss the Asian supermarkets."

Luo, who lives in Kingston, has only taught here for a couple of months and is already very happy with his situation.

He has gotten to know much of his close faculty, and is happy with his friendly relationships, he said. He is even friends with assistant professor of mechanical engineering, Dr. Xiaoming Mu, who he frequently eats lunch with at the SUB.

Through the application process, Luo had to make it through multiple interview sessions and attend a major math department meeting. He explained it as a stressful but worthy process.

When looking forward at his placement at Wilkes, he would like to be part of the up and coming areas of actuary and financial mathematics. He believes that it is a new study that will be brought to Wilkes very shortly.

At the moment, Luo studies optimizations that can be used for all types of fields, including financial, engineering and



The Beacon / Steffen Horwath  
Dr. Xin Luo

pharmaceutical. He uses his optimizations to make models to determine the best ways to "optimize" resources and cost of products and decisions.

"My research is very important for all industries. It can save companies money, produce revenue, and possibly create new jobs."



@wilkesbeacon  
steffen.horwath@wilkes.edu

*Editor's note: Twenty-five new faculty members have joined the Colonel family this year. Each week, The Beacon will feature them.*



## A celebration fit for a king and queen: Homecoming 2017

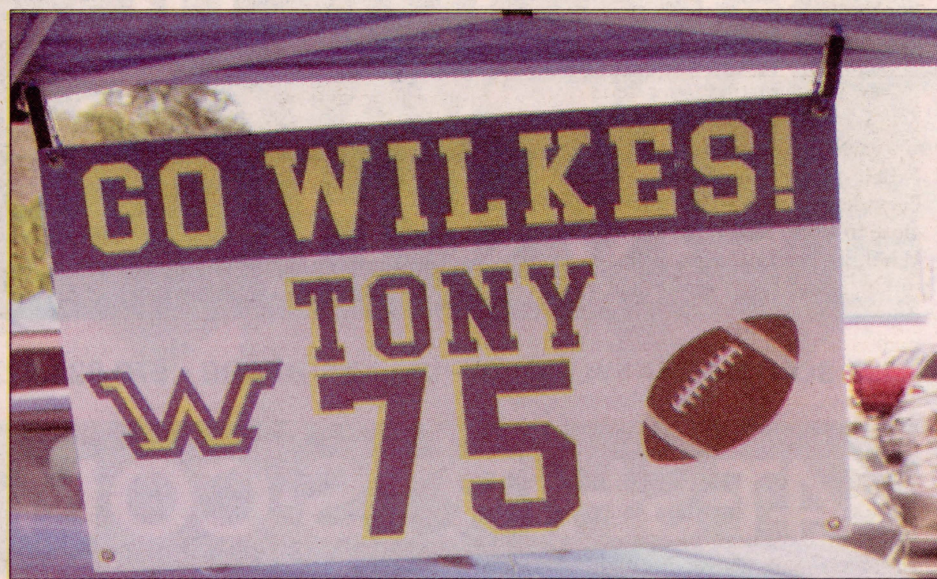


From left: Bryan Bilbao and Allie Grudeski, homecoming king and queen of 2016, pose with 2017 homecoming royalty Nancy Ramirez and Dylan Fox. The Beacon / Sean Connelly



The Beacon / Sean Connelly

Derek Schneider, a defensive lineman on the football team, stands on the field during Friday's homecoming game against Widener.



The Beacon / Sean Connelly

Friends, families and fans of the Wilkes University football team gathered with signs to support the players during their homecoming game.



## MANUSCRIPT, continued from page 4

"When I actually wrote, and I had a poem published, it was mediocre, and that's OK, but then God took whatever skill I had and instilled it down and He created Elyse."

Dr. Helen Davis, an associate professor of the English department, also read one of her own personal poems.

"This actually came to me about a parenting mistake, those of you who are parents know my sentiments," said Davis. Davis read a series of haikus about her relationship with her children.

"Are you mad at me?/Whispered in my ear/Shameful reprimand," started Davis' poetry.

One of the faculty advisers, Dr. Sean Kelly, spoke on the organization's impact on his life, despite only being involved for a few years.

"As a new faculty member trying to learn the ropes, advising the Manuscript Society gave me the opportunity to interact closely with students and to form friendships with other faculty. For me personally, serving as the faculty adviser for the Manuscript has



The Beacon / Megan Stanley

Dr. Sean Kelly, one of the faculty advisors for the Manuscript Society, read an autumnal poem called "Fall" by Dennis Tucker, a former writer at Wilkes University.

been for the most deeply rewarding aspect of my experience at Wilkes."

Kelly, along with other faculty and students, marveled at the historical and cultural significance of the older editions. Kelly mentioned the ability to track cultural and societal movements through past students' writings, but also spoke of their

similarities.

"Whether from 1975 or 1995 or 2015, each manuscript bears the peculiar mark of the imagination, passion, and artistic ambition of Wilkes students and writers."



@wilkesbeacon  
cabrini.rudnicki@wilkes.edu

**Love keeping up  
with the news?  
Why not try  
writing it?**

**Contact:**

[cabrini.rudnicki@wilkes.edu](mailto:cabrini.rudnicki@wilkes.edu)  
[isaiah.mcgahee@wilkes.edu](mailto:isaiah.mcgahee@wilkes.edu)

**Join the Beacon team  
today!**

# FUTURISTIC INNOVATIVE GRAPHICS INCORPORATED

156 SOUTH PENNSYLVANIA • WILKES-BARRE • 570.823.9272

## 4T-SHIRTS.COM



@FIGshirts



FIGshirts



@FIGshirts

**SCREEN PRINTING • EMBROIDERY • PROMOTIONAL ITEMS**



**TONS OF FALL COLORS  
TO CHOOSE FROM!**



# Life, Arts & Entertainment

Have a story or want your event to be featured? Contact the Life, A&E Editor: [amanda.bialek@wilkes.edu](mailto:amanda.bialek@wilkes.edu)

## Get spooky at Geo-Explore Club's Halloween 5K run

By Jordan Fritz  
Guest Writer

If you happen to be walking around Kirby Park the week before Halloween, you may see some ghosts, goblins and ghouls running around - literally.

Wilkes' Geo-Explore Club is hosting a Halloween 5K in Kirby Park at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 21. This rain or shine event encourages students and the community to celebrate the spirit of Halloween while getting their exercise in.

The cost of the race is \$10 for Wilkes students and \$20 for non-Wilkes students. Those who sign up for the event before Oct. 13 will be guaranteed a t-shirt. After Oct. 13, remaining t-shirts will be given out on a first come, first serve basis the day of the event.

Race participants are encouraged to dress up in Halloween costumes for the event. All runners and walkers that dress up have the

opportunity to win awards for their costumes as they cross the finish line. The costumes will be judged by Wilkes professors. Costume categories include 'hardest to run in,' 'most scary,' 'most funny,' 'best group costume' and 'judge's choice.'

Some of the Geo-Explore Club members have started planning costumes for the 5K.

"My boyfriend and I are planning on doing a couples costume of either Steve Irwin and a crocodile or Forrest Gump and Jenny," Emma Sukowaski, a Geo-Explore Club member said.

The president of the Geo-Explore Club, Ellen Mook, is planning on dressing up as a mouse caught in a mouse trap.

The Geo-Explore Club was started back in 2016. Previously, the club was known as the Environmental Outdoor Club before going into retirement. Last year, students resurrected the club and renamed it the Geo-

Explore Club.

"The main thing we wanted to bring the club back for was the spring break trip with the professors from the Earth and Environmental department," Mook said.

All of the money raised at the event is going to help fund the Geo-Explore Club's trip to Hawaii during spring break 2018. The club wants to camp out and explore Hawaii. Sukowaski is looking forward to attending the trip.

"Being a geology major, I'm very excited to see all the things I've seen in geology textbooks in real life," Sukowaski said.

While visiting the Big Island, the Geo-Explore Club will visit the black, pink, green and white sand beaches. The group plans on hiking to the top of the highest peak on the island, Mauna Kea. They also will stargaze during the evening hours.

"Because Hawaii is surrounded by oceans,

it is one of the best places in the world to see stars," Mook said.

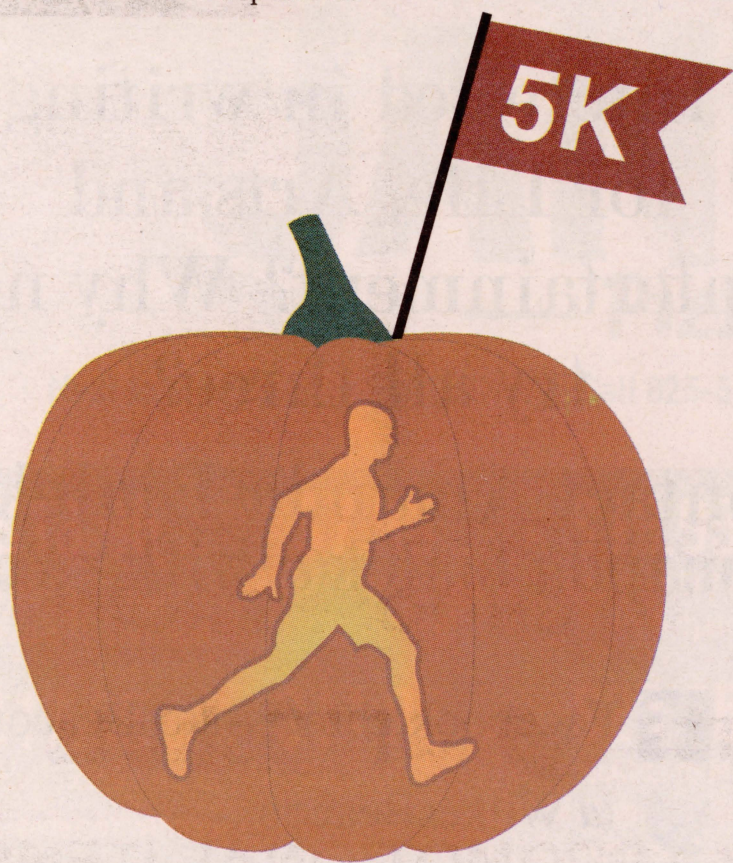
The group will also be exploring active lava flows, large waterfalls and the rainforest. The club also plans on flying to the island of Honolulu with one main destination in mind, the Pearl Harbor Memorial site.

If you enjoy exploring the great outdoors, consider joining Geo-Explore Club or participating in their upcoming 5K run.

"I met some of my closest friends and now boyfriend through the club, so it's definitely a place where people come together," Sukowaski said.

Those who are interested in signing up for the Halloween 5K or joining Geo-Explore Club can contact Ellen Mook at [ellen.mook@wilkes.edu](mailto:ellen.mook@wilkes.edu).

 @wilkesbeacon  
[jordan.fritz@wilkes.edu](mailto:jordan.fritz@wilkes.edu)



Graphic by Todd Espenshade



Submitted Graphic



# RECIPE OF THE WEEK:

## INGREDIENTS:

- 2 cups all-purpose gluten-free flour
- 3/4 tsp. kosher salt
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 2 tbsp. butter
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 2/3 cup sour cream
- 1 cup bananas, mashed

Design by Nicole Kutos

## INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees and line muffin tin with cupcake liners.
2. In large bowl, place the flour, salt, baking powder, baking soda and sugar. Whisk to combine ingredients well.
3. Add butter, eggs, vanilla and sour cream to bowl. Mix all ingredients until combined.
4. Fold mashed bananas into batter.
5. Scrape the batter into the prepared muffin tin.
6. Bake for 30-40 minutes until golden brown.

## Gluten-Free Banana Bread



Recipe from Gluten-Free on a Shoestring



**\$1 off  
with  
this ad!**

*Do you have a favorite dorm room recipe that's convenient for college students always on the go?*

*Submit it to Amanda Bialek, Life, Arts and*

*Entertainment Editor*

*amanda.bialek@wilkes.edu*

Interested in writing  
for Life, Arts and  
Entertainment? Why not  
try all three?

Contact Amanda Bialek at  
[amanda.bialek@wilkes.edu](mailto:amanda.bialek@wilkes.edu)



Facebook.com/WilkesBeacon



@WilkesBeacon



# May the forest be with you as you participate in the campus challenge

By Shannon O'Connor  
Asst. Life, Arts & Entertainment Editor

Get up and get moving.

Wilkes University is currently involved in the Outdoor Nation Campus Challenge.

This challenge is a "Mother-Nature-meets-March-Madness" competition with 100 schools from across the country going head-to-head for four weeks to see who can get the most people outside and active," according to the Outdoor Nation Campus Challenge website.

The goal of the Outdoor Nation Campus Challenge is to see which university can encourage the most students to be active and explore the great outdoors. The university that accumulates the most points wins the challenge.

Students, faculty, staff and members of the community can get involved in this challenge. Those who are intrested can download the Outdoor Nation app and register under Wilkes University.


By logging your outdoor activities on the app, Wilkes earns more points in the challenge. One activity earns the Wilkes team 50 points. Users can pictures of themselves

and their friends doing an outdoor activity and share it on the app. Whether you are reading outside, relaxing in a hammock or taking a hike at a local park, all of these activities can be documented by taking a quick photo and uploading them.

Wilkes Adventure Education club will also be hosting events throughout the challenge to give people the opportunity to earn more points. To learn more about the upcoming events, check out their instagram page for updates and the Wilkes Today emails.

The Outdoor Nation Challenge began Sept. 18 and runs through Oct. 15. Wilkes is currently in eighth place.

Help out Wilkes University and get active by getting involved in the Outdoor Nation Challenge. The university with the highest number of points will win free outdoor gear and be named National Outdoor Champion. For more information or questions, contact Adventure Education Coordinator, Jill Price, at [Jill.Price@wilkes.edu](mailto:Jill.Price@wilkes.edu).

 [@wilkesbeacon](https://twitter.com/wilkesbeacon)  
[shannon.oconnor@wilkes.edu](mailto:shannon.oconnor@wilkes.edu)



Graphic by Todd Espenshade

## JANUZZIS — Pizza & Subs —

Next to Movies 14 • For Delivery- Call 825-5166 • Wilkes -Barre. Kingston. Plains. Plymouth. Nanticoke

**\$13.95** + TAX

large 16" 1-topping  
pizza & 2-liter soda

**\$7.95** + TAX

each for 5 or more  
large plain pies

**\$16.95** + TAX

3 hot & cold subs  
mix & match

**\$20.95** + TAX

large 16" pizza & 12  
cut tray sicilian pizza

**\$17.95** + TAX

2 large plain pizzas  
toppings extra

**\$20.95** + TAX

24- cut Sicilian pizza

**\$17.95** + TAX

12- cut Sicilian pizza  
& 1 order of wings

**\$11.95** + TAX

12 -cut Sicilian pizza

**\$23.95** + TAX

2 tickets to Movies  
14, 1 med- 1 topping  
pizza & 2 drinks

**\$12.95** + TAX

small 12" 1-topping  
pizza & choice of  
any sub

**\$18.95** + TAX

large 16" pizza, 1  
sub, & an appetizer

**\$28.95** + TAX

3 large 1- topping  
pizzas



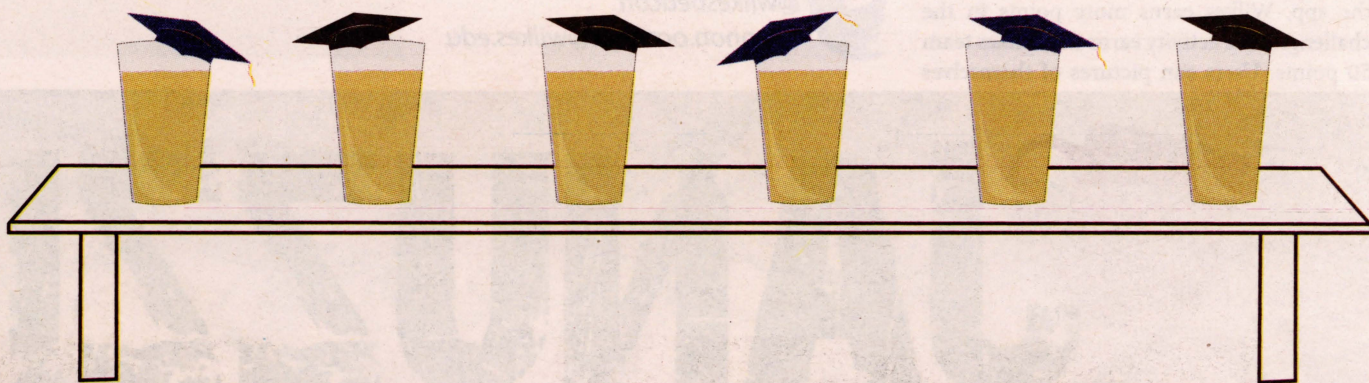
# PINTS WITH PROFESSORS



Donna Chisarick Michael '73, Cynthia Perry Possanza '78 and Susan Margalis Perlis '78 enjoy food and drinks at the Pints with Professors event.



Kristen Cesari '95, Merya Kagatci '95 and Dr. LoriAnn Pajalich '96 pose for a selfie at this memorable event.



Dr. Terri Wignot, Michelle Garrison, Deb Dietrich and Margaret Petty share a laugh while meeting with professors and alumni from various graduating years.



The Beacon/Sean Connelly Brandon Gubitosa, John Platt and Jordan Nochimson, all from the class of 2017, catch up over some drinks and talk about their best memories as Colonels.

Graphic by Todd Espenshade



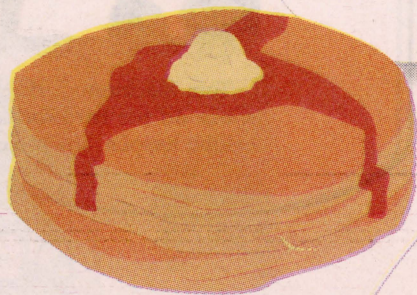
# Breakfast with the president



President Patrick Leahy discusses the future plans and renovations for the Wilkes University campus.



The Dean of Pharmacy, Scott Stolte (standing), converses with alumni and students of Wilkes. Brian Palmiter '13, Mary Simmons '10, Dylan Fox '20 and Alyssa Stencavage '15 enjoyed reflecting upon their experience at Wilkes University.



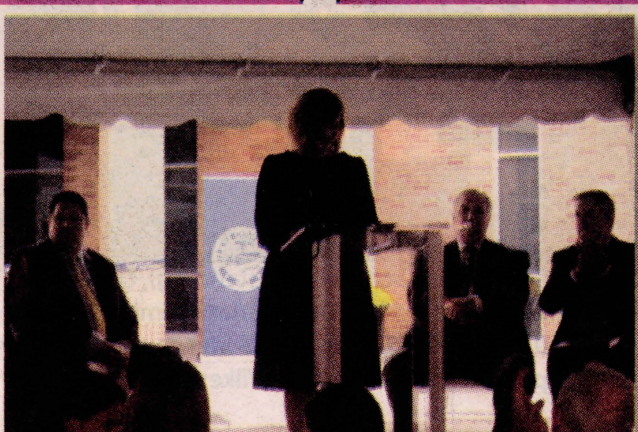
Mark Albrecht, a proud spouse of alumna, Aareen Albrecht '77, was enjoying the variety of breakfast food provided by the University.



Photos by Khadijatou Allagouma  
Patricia Trotta Ossont '78 and Maureen Carey '77 had a great time catching up with President Leahy and other alumni at the breakfast.



## Sordoni Art Gallery opens to public with Warhol exhibit



The Beacon / Steffen Horwath  
Heather Sincavage, who is the gallery director of the Sordoni Art Gallery, speaks in front of the crowd about her experiences planning the exhibit.



The Beacon / Steffen Horwath  
Tom Mackinnon, vice president of university advancement, spoke on the hardwork and dedication needed to make the exhibit happen. The project took over two years to complete.

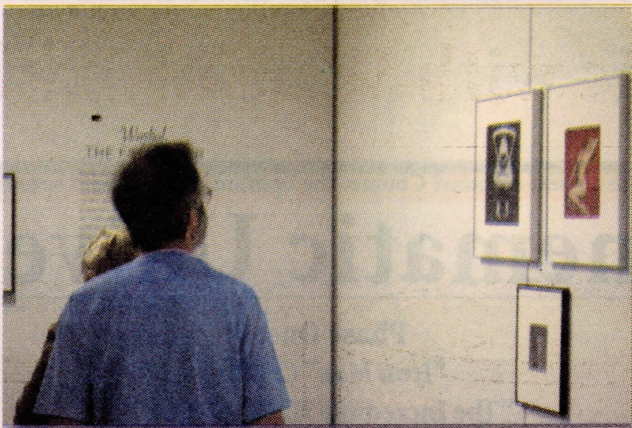


The Beacon / Steffen Horwath  
From left to right: Paul Riggs, Dean of Arts; Andrew Sordoni; Bill Mayer, the vice president of the Board of Trustees; Heather Sincavage, director of the gallery; University President Patrick Leahy; Cody Morcom, president of student government.



The Beacon / Steffen Horwath  
The exhibit featured an Andy Warhol impersonator complete with a white wig and a red suit, who posed with visitors.





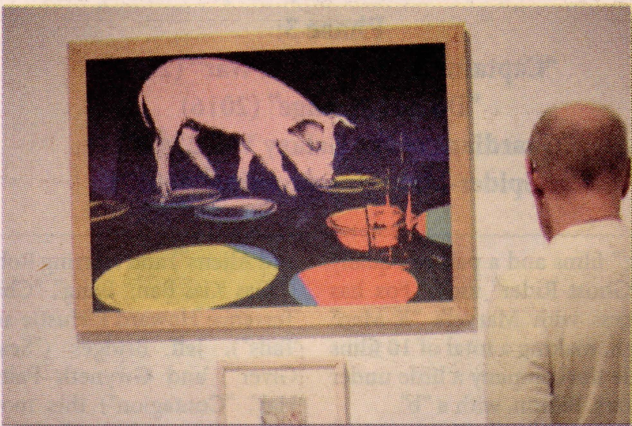
The Beacon / Cabrini Rudnicki

The exhibit featured some of Warhol's seminal pieces that helped to define the Pop Art era of the 1960s, including his famed silkscreen Marilyn Diptych, as well as some shots from other artists of Monroe, whom he used as a muse.



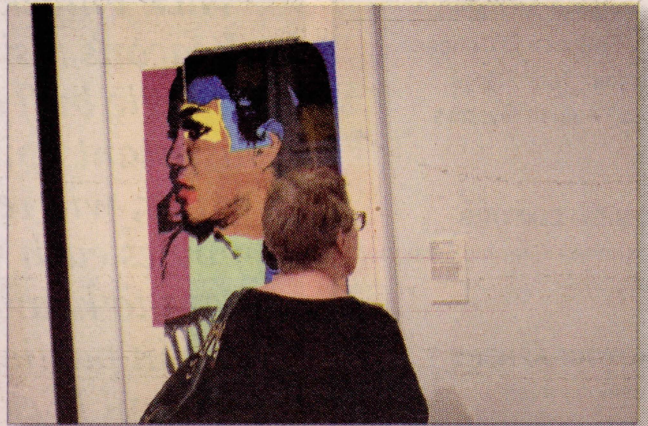
The Beacon / Cabrini Rudnicki

Students and faculty admired some of Warhol's larger image sets, including Flowers, a set of 10 photo pop art florals produced in 1970.



The Beacon / Cabrini Rudnicki

Warhol's art often featured surreal subjects, such as the one pictured above, Fiesta Pig, which features a pig investigating glassware.



The Beacon / Cabrini Rudnicki

At the event, students, faculty and alumni as well as the Wilkes-Barre community were invited to admire the art.



# Opinion

Have an opinion or want to write a guest column? Contact the opinion editor: [andre.spruell@wilkes.edu](mailto:andre.spruell@wilkes.edu)

## Editorial Staff 2017-18

### MANAGERIAL STAFF

Editor-in-Chief - Toni Pennello  
Managing Editor - Danny Van Brunt  
Adviser - Dr. Kalen Churcher

### SECTION EDITORS

News - Cabrini Rudnicki  
LA&E - Amanda Bialek  
Opinion - Andre Spruell  
Sports - Luke Modrovsky

### ASSISTANT EDITORS

News - Isaiah McGahee  
LA&E - Shannon O'Connor  
Opinion - Nick Filipek  
Sports - Ashton Gyenizs

### DESIGN EDITORS

Todd Espenshade - Graphic Designer

### PHOTOGRAPHERS

Positions available

Interested in joining the Beacon?

To learn more about the positions we offer and what you can do, contact [daniel.vanbrunt@wilkes.edu](mailto:daniel.vanbrunt@wilkes.edu)

141 S. Main St.  
Clayton and Theresa  
Karambelas Media Center  
Wilkes University  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18766  
[www.thewilkesbeacon.com](http://www.thewilkesbeacon.com)

## The Marvel Cinematic Universe

By Nicholas Filipek  
Asst. Opinion Editor



*Nick Filipek, The Beacon's resident movie buff and assistant opinion editor, will review movies each week. Want to hear about one in particular? Email Nick at: [nicholas.filipek@wilkes.edu](mailto:nicholas.filipek@wilkes.edu).*

If you read last week's edition of "Nick's Flick Picks" you'll know it was all about Warner Brothers and their attempt to catch up in the "superhero movie" race with their DC Comics characters. Who exactly are they racing though?

Marvel Studios has been pumping out hit after hit since 2008 and has shown the entire movie industry that there is money to be made with this genre.

When Marvel first got into the movie business, they licensed out their character and let other studios do the legwork. New Line Cinema had some success with the "Blade" franchise.

Fox has made three non-successful

"Fantastic Four" films and a pair of equally unsuccessful "Ghost Rider" flicks. Fox has had huge success with Marvel's "X-Men" property though, making a total of 10 films which has made the company a little under five billion dollars. Billion, with a "b".

In 2002, Sony optioned "Spider-Man". This is when the real explosion of superhero flicks started coming out. "Spider-Man" opened to 114 million and rocketed us into the current obsession with these colorful characters.

Once Marvel figured out they can be twice as successful if they produced their own movies, "Marvel Studios" was born. In less than 10 years Marvel Studios has put out 16 movies that have all been financially successful, and quite honestly, all good movies.

Like everything else though, some are better than others, and I of course have my favorites.

**"Iron Man" (2008)**- You can not build an entire movie universe without a solid foundation, and that's exactly what "Iron Man" did in 2008.

Directed by Jon Favreau ("Elf", "Cowboys

and Aliens") and starring Robert Downey Jr. ("Kiss Kiss Bang Bang", "Charlie Bartlett"), Terrence Howard ("Hustle and Flow", "Red Tails"), Jeff Bridges ("Seabiscuit", "The Giver") and Gwyneth Paltrow ("Shallow Hal", "Contagion") this movie stands the test of time and is still one of, if not THE, strongest Marvel Studios movie of all time.

Some may not know that RDJ wasn't always the big time actor he is today. For a long time he had a "Hollywood bad boy" record, and has at least two more planned with "Avengers: Infinity War" parts one and two.

**"Marvel's The Avengers" (2012)**- When I was a kid "The Avengers" was my favorite book to pick up for two reasons. One, I loved seeing all my heroes in one place; it solidified the fact that all these people inhabit the same world. Two, I was a poor cheap kid who didn't want to but seven different books to see these characters.

This movie gives me the same chills as when I used to open the book to an amazing double splash page. (In comics that's when one image takes up both full pages)

Director Joss Whendon ("Serenity",

### Phase One:

"Iron Man" (2008)  
"The Incredible Hulk" (2008)  
"Iron Man 2" (2010)  
"Thor" (2011)  
"Captain America: The First Avenger" (2011)  
"Marvel's The Avengers" (2012)

### Phase Two:

"Iron Man 3" (2013)  
"Thor: The Dark World" (2013)  
"Captain America: The Winter Soldier" (2014)  
"Guardians of the Galaxy" (2014)  
"Avengers: Age of Ultron" (2015)  
"Ant-Man" (2015)

### Phase 3:

"Captain America: Civil War" (2016)  
"Doctor Strange" (2016)  
"Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2" (2017)  
"Spider-Man: Homecoming" (2017)



The Beacon - October 10, 2017

## M.C.U. Continued

"Much Ado About Nothing") does an incredible job balancing out all the characters to make this feel like a true ensemble piece. With so many strong characters running, or flying, around it is hard to share the spotlight evenly. Some characters can end up falling into the background, as other more well established character steal the spotlight and make it "their" movie. This doesn't happen once during The Avengers and the movie plays like a well written comic book come to life.

Captain America, Chris Evans ("The Perfect Score", "Before We Go"); Iron Man, Robert Downey Junior ("Kiss Kiss Bang Bang", "Charlie Bartlett"); Black Widow, Scarlett Johansson ("The Prestige", "Lucy"); Hawkeye, Jeremy Renner ("The Hurt Locker", "Arrival"); Thor, Chris Hemsworth ("Rush", "Red Dawn"); and Dr. Bruce Banner also known as The Incredible Hulk, Mark Ruffalo ("Shutter Island", "13 Going On 30"), must team up under the orders of Colonel Nick Fury, Samuel L Jackson ("Pulp Fiction", "Unbreakable"), to stop Loki, Tom Hiddleston ("Kong: Skull Island", "Crimson Peak"), from bringing an alien invasion to earth.

This movie was the culmination of four years, and five movies, into one epic event that made the studio over a billion dollars. Again, that is a billion, with a "b", all from one movie. This is the dream slam-dunk that every studio hopes for and now Marvel Studios has the formula.

The Avengers reassembled for a sequel in 2015, "Avengers: Age of Ultron" and will reassemble soon to fight Thanos, the mad titan, in the 2018 premiere of "Avengers: Infinity War". I'm going to go out on a limb now and place my bet that "Infinity War" becomes Marvel Studios highest grossing movie, in the shortest time span, and overall gross more than two billion dollars worldwide.

**"Spider-Man: Homecoming" (2017)**- This is the fifth time we have tried to have the "web-head" up on the silver screen, and this movie hits the bull's-eye. Sony Studios optioned the license for "Spider-Man" and did a great job, for the time, of bringing the character to life in the movies.

From the original, Sony spawned one successful sequel with "Spider-Man 2" in 2004 and the highly unpopular "Spider-Man 3" in 2007. From there they had the original idea to reboot the character to even worse results in "The Amazing Spider-Man" one and two in 2012 and 2014.

## Opinion

After the devastating flop in 2014, Sony tried a different approach and teamed up with Marvel to "allow" the character to appear in "Captain America: Civil War" to huge acclaims.

After the hype of seeing the wall crawler take action with a new actor playing him, Tom Holland ("The Impossible", "Locke"), Marvel and Sony teamed up again to release "Spider-Man: Homecoming".

Tom Holland absolutely kills the role of Peter Parker. The infatuation with Spider-Man as a character comes from the fact that he is a teen in a costume trying to do his best to protect his neighborhood. Tobey Maguire and Andrew Garfield (the previous Spider-Men) could not pull this off. Maguire was 27, looking 37, trying to play a boy fresh out of high school and still finding his way through his awkward phase. Meanwhile Garfield was even older than Maguire playing the high school lad at the age of 29, and just too pretty to assume he couldn't land a girl like Emma Stone or have normal teen problems like bullies and acne.

Holland on the other hand embodies the awkward stage of teenage life easily, despite being 21. He makes this character feel real, and like he could easily be the little boy who lives next door. Peter's friend Ned, played by Jacob Batalon ("Watch Room", "North Woods") is like the icing on the cake, representing everyone else in high school who wasn't bitten by a radio active spider and granted extraordinary powers growing up.

The best shout out has to go to Michael Keaton ("Batman", "The Founder") for his role as Adrian Toomes aka The Vulture. When this movie was first announced and the information regarding the villain choice was released I have to admit I was a bit hesitant. What a strange pull from the Spider-Man rogue gallery, but Keaton is boss. He is downright intimidating in some scenes, while still managing to be charming. You don't like the villain because he's breaking the law, but you don't hate him either because on some level, you can relate.

This version of Spider-Man can be seen coming up in "Avengers: Infinity War" and the untitled sequel to "Spider-Man: Homecoming".

No matter how you slice it, it has to be said that Marvel is currently king of this emerging industry.



Coming Soon from the Marvel Cinematic Universe:

**"Thor: Ragnarok" (November 3rd, 2017)**

**"Avengers: Infinity War" (May 4th, 2017)**

**"Black Panther" (February 16th, 2018)**

**"Ant-Man and the Wasp" (July 6th, 2018)**

**"Captain Marvel" (March 8th, 2019)**

**"Avengers: Infinity War Part 2" (May 3rd, 2019)**



# Domestic violence: a serious issue that takes many forms

By Savannah Pinnock  
Staff Writer

Domestic violence is a universal phenomenon and one that is -- or should be -- a topic of conversation in all cultures.

Victims of domestic violence are heavily encouraged to report their abuse and seek help from a myriad of resources designed to aid victims in recovering, as well as coping from abuse.

Although domestic violence can be largely described as a household term, it happens to be quite nuanced in its meaning. In an effort to promote clarity, domestic violence can be defined as acts "of violence or abuse against a person living in one's household, especially a member of one's immediate family."

Acts of violence or abuse can manifest in a variety of ways ranging from rape, homicide, stalking and a negative state of mental health.

The phenomenon of domestic violence is one that often goes unnoticed, with the victim suffering in silence often due to a fear of being ridiculed or excluded due to

the complex nature of the nuclear family, as well as families in general.

Due to the implicitly surreptitious nature of domestic violence, the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence established the "Day of Unity". The "Day of Unity" was held in October 1981 and intended to diminish violence against women as well as

***Approximately twenty individuals experiences domestic violence per minute which amounts to roughly ten million individuals per year, according to The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV).***

children. This event gave rise to Domestic Violence Awareness month held annually within the month of October.

In 1989, the U.S. Congress passed a law assigning October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Domestic violence happens to share the same month with the Breast Cancer Awareness and subsequently finds itself privy to misconceptions that marginalize male victims.

Although women are widely understood to be victims of domestic violence, men also happen to be effected. In fact, according to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence's website, "1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have been victims of [some form of] physical violence by an intimate partner within their lifetime".

Having an understanding that a population of men undergo domestic abuse is vital in combating it and identifying the warning signs.

Warning signs range from embarrassing the victim to intimidating the victim via guns, knives and other dangerous weapons.

Approximately 20 individuals experience domestic violence per minute which amounts to roughly 10 million individuals per year, according to The National

Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV).


Such statistics make it necessary to spread awareness towards this epidemic as it is a silent killer.

The detrimental effects of domestic violence are striking and traces of such abuse can manifest within an individual's life in greater and/or lesser degrees.

For this reason, initiatives such as the NCADV are vital in allowing communities to understand what domestic violence is, as well as its nature in an effort to combat it through the power of knowledge and understanding.

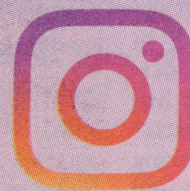
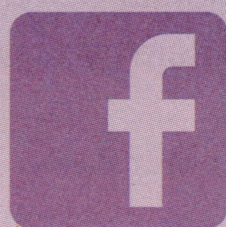
Epidemics that go unnoticed are likely to affect the vast majority of populations as they often go untreated.

In the same respect, Domestic Violence Awareness Month is central in allowing for the treatment of domestic violence, one person at a time.

 @wilkesbeacon  
savannah.pinnock@wilkes.edu

**Follow us on Facebook,  
Twitter and Instagram!**

**Facebook: The Beacon**  
**Twitter: @wilkesbeacon**  
**Instagram: @wilkesbeacon**





# Meet the Majors

## This week's major: Neuroscience

Interviews and photos by

Abigail Tarway

Opinion Writer

Every week, The Beacon will offer a chance for majors to be placed in the spotlight. Each student that gets chosen will have a few words, to express why they chose the major and how they feel it will benefit them in the future.

Leana Pande  
Sophomore

"Neuroscience is fascinating to me as a subject where biology explains ideas that I used to always think was abstract like thoughts and human behavior. The very idea that a brain lesion or a tumor can completely change the way somebody acts is interesting to me."

In the future I hope to be a physician, which may or may not employ neuroscience."



Margaret Galatioto  
Senior

"My sophomore year, when Neuroscience became an official major, I immediately switched to it because it was the best of both worlds for me- It combined all the psychology and biology courses I wanted to take so it literally was the perfect major for me."

For the future I'm very excited to see where neuroscience will take me."



Paige Gallagher  
Senior

"At this point, neuroscience is my passion and I am so happy that I chose this path. Not to mention, it's the perfect combination of all of the sciences, which I love!"

Specializing in neuroscience will help me in my future because it will provide me with the most satisfying and fulfilling life that I could ever imagine."



For more information about Wilkes University's Neuroscience program, visit:  
<http://www.wilkes.edu/academics/colleges/arts-humanities-social-sciences/behavioral-social-sciences/neuroscience/index.aspx>



# How drastically has dating changed over the years?

By MaKenna Walsh  
Staff Writer

Whether or not dating is a thing of the past heavily depends upon the standards and expectations you have set for yourself and for the partner you're searching for.

If you prefer to settle down take things slow, then by all means do that.

Sometimes you'll hear people refer to themselves as old-fashioned with regards to dating. By that they're usually referring to something along the lines of picking their date up at the door, greeting the parents, driving to the date they planned for the night and then walking you back to the door.

On the other hand, which is also completely acceptable, are those who don't want to settle down. In fact, commitment phobia and relationship anxiety are real and more prominent than ever before.

I suspect it could have something to do with the divorce rates in the generations before us; many of our parents, guardians and other role models are considered part of the baby boomer generation. According to Pew Research Center, "Among U.S. adults ages 50 and older, the divorce rate

has roughly doubled since the 1990s."

Considering those are the relationships we grew up seeing, it makes sense that our generation struggles to commit. In our eyes, it doesn't necessarily work out.

I mentioned earlier how commitment phobia and relationship anxiety are quite common. On PsychCentral, it's mentioned that these aversions may be caused by fear of a relationship ending suddenly, or not being the right relationship—unhealthy relationships are definitely something to be fearful of.

In addition to fearing what "might happen," many individuals experience anxious feelings due to childhood trauma or abuse, or simply feel paranoid due to past relationships that didn't work out.

Regardless of someone's reason to be apprehensive toward relationships, the way social media and technology impact every aspect of our lives makes avoiding relationships easy. Not only is it easy, but it is viewed as normal.

No one questions someone's choice to be single or to be a part of the dating scene, which can barely be considered dating.

Over the past couple of years, the term

"talking" became very popular and the term was just as confusing to me as it was to my mother.

My older brother, Austin and I would vent to her constantly about relationships; she could never wrap her head around the concept. When we were forced to explain the meaning of "talking," the only words we could conjure up were: 'its dating without the title,' or its 'dating without committing.'

How the heck can you be dating but not dating with no title, but the title "talking?"

Social media and technology controls most of our everyday lives, including our relationships.

Apps like Tinder, Bumble, Zoosk, Match, OkCupid, are a few of the MANY available dating apps and websites offering a seemingly endless plethora of profiles to scroll through. Swipe left, swipe right and matching are now commonly used verbs.

After matching with someone, comes the goofy dating trends. From 'ghosting' to 'cuffing,' people avoid dating by any means possible. More often than not, one of the parties involved in a modern relationship is left questioning the status; then comes the dreaded "so...like, what are we?"

Then they hightail it in the opposite direction, right back to the drawing board, a.k.a, whichever dating site you met on.

For some it may be something as simple as FOMO—fear of missing out—which is holding them back.

Something thing we tend to do a lot is think about the possibility that there may be a better match for you out there somewhere, or ponder the possibility of the single life being the more desirable lifestyle.

There are exceptions; many still value all of the ups and downs and pros and cons of dating. For the most part, nobody sees it as an issue to be a part of the unorthodox modern-day dating game.

Similar to style changing as time progresses, other aspects of life change, too.

The fear failure and rejection holds people back from many opportunities. Some wind up wondering what could have been; just put yourself out there.'

Regardless of if you want to be picked up at the door, or send the "I'm here" text from the end of the driveway, don't settle for less.

@wilkesbeacon  
makenna.walsh@wilkes.edu

# The growing trend of CTE & memory loss in football

By Brandon Belfonti  
Staff Writer

The topic of brain damage may be just as, if not more, sensitive than taking a knee. Why? It's not a choice.

I relate to this issue on a personal level for two reasons. One is that I played football as a running back, which endures the most physical impact out of anyone on the field.

The second reason is because my grandfather played football in highschool with one of the best players in the country, who will be called Joe to keep his identity private. Joe had a lot of speed to go along with his then 270 pound frame.

Joe went onto to play Division One football and eventually compete in the NFL and did extremely well. Fast forward to 2017 and Joe nowadays can't even find the bathroom in his own house.

So why is this issue more pressing? Joe doesn't understand what taking a knee would even mean.

Because of former players like Joe, the NFL is being reduced every year by rules to make it less physical and more complicated. I think we can all agree that the league being less physical is not helping the cause. This forms a wild misunderstanding between

players and fans.

Players are on the field to make a name for themselves, while fans want action, big hits and entertainment. This gap of silent disagreement is an only growing gap that is fed every year by upset fans and even more upset doctors that horrifyingly examine the brains of these players after years of head trauma.

What is 'CTE'?

CTE stands for Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy. Simply put, the brain becomes severely injured over time. A quick search will tell you that it's caused by repeated hits to the head. Football may provide such. It's not a complicated concept to grasp.

Wacking your brain against your skull over a stretch of years and calling it a job will not result in a life of longevity and a clear head while watching your grandkids on the playground.

Many of these players develop advanced forms of dementia and many other mental disorders to list. This is real. This is scary. The scary part being that a social standard is indirectly taking life.

Football is game of passion. One that I hold dear and forever will.

Imagine the level of commitment and love at the professional level. Try to picture having the opportunity to do what you have dreamed of since being a little kid and then actually being able to live it out.

Now imagine being told your best friend lost his brain functions and took his own life to the same dream.

Every player, highschool to the NFL, is now put into the same moral dilemma. Regardless, do you stop doing the thing you love for a more meaningful life or do you sacrifice quality for quantity of life?

I am in no position to say which is right because everyone has their own perspective. Yet, this unique decision of life is closer to our lives than anyone could suspect.

These men knowingly do what they love because it is a life well lived, even being told the consequences.

Football is a game. So is life. Who decides the cost?

I believe each person does in how they decide to live. "If I did not have football, I don't know where I would be in life," said Cris Carter who proudly sits in the hall of fame along with every list of the best to play the game.

Where is the line? When does quality of

life become so great that there is a sacrifice of it? Does living out a dream for a few years beat out being OK with being OK for a lifetime?

I know that I will watch a battle of 22 men every Sunday afternoon as I have since my earliest memories. I will continue to idolize these men. I will continually be mesmerized by the popping hits and ankle breaking acts of athleticism.

However, although these warriors in helmets and jerseys have reached their goal of playing in the NFL, there's a statistically terrifying chance they won't even be able to recall any of it.

@wilkesbeacon  
brandon.belfonti@wilkes.edu

**Have an opinion  
you'd like to share?**  
**Email us!**  
**andre.spruell@wilkes.edu**



# Sports

Want your sport covered? Deserve to be Athlete of the Week? Contact the sports editor: [Luke.Modrovsky@wilkes.edu](mailto:Luke.Modrovsky@wilkes.edu)

## Wilkes (0-6) drops homecoming to Widener (4-2), 30-7

By Danny Van Brunt  
Managing Editor

Homecoming alumni, in the 80-degree October heat, watched Wilkes hold the Widener offense to only 10 points in the first half before the Pride scored 20 in the second half to end the game, 30-7.

The Colonels started their first drive following the kick off, and shortly faced a fourth down with five yards to go. Senior punter Bobby Nye executed a fake punt, ran towards the right sideline and was stopped just short of the first down marker.

With great field position, the Pride threw a 26-yard touchdown pass and made the field goal, giving them a 7-0 lead with 11:07 remaining in the first quarter.

Wilkes was stopped again, and Widener received the punt. The Colonel defense made a big stop when second-year defensive lineman Derek Schneider sacked their quarterback on third down, forcing a 40-yard Pride field goal to up the score to 10-0.

Just before the half ended, Widener was in the Colonel's red zone. Widener tossed the ball towards the end zone, the ball went over the receiver's head but an unsportsmanlike call on Wilkes reset the downs for the Pride.

After a failed quarterback run up the middle, the Pride quarterback threw a pass to the corner of the end zone on second down and senior defensive back Casey Evans intercepted the pass to prevent Widener from scoring. Wilkes kneeled to end the half.

Widener came out fresh in the third quarter, going 77 yards on a nine-play drive with the quarterback rushing two yards for the touchdown. The extra point went wide left, bringing the score to 16-0 with 10:40 left in the third quarter.

On the following drive, the Colonel's first-year quarterback Wade Rippeon tossed up a pass that was intercepted by the Pride's safety and returned for a 36-yard touchdown. The field goal brought the score to 23-0 at 9:24.

Wilkes struggled to put a drive together for the rest of the third quarter.

Suddenly at 11:52 in the fourth, Widener connected a long pass to the receiver down



The Marching Colonels at halftime.

the field for an 82-yard touchdown. The following field goal lifted the score to 30-0.

Wilkes finally put points on the board when first-year quarterback Nicholas Geimer put together a scoring-drive. He first tossed the ball to Nick Yanik for 27 yards, threw another nine-yard completion to Sincere Williams then ran four yards up the middle for the lone touchdown of the game, 30-7.

"I think defensively, we definitely improved as a unit," Nye said. "We had two turnovers against a very good Widener offense. Offensively, we had a young quarterback come in the game and showed some good signs like scoring a touchdown on his second drive."

After the game, Evans acknowledged the alumni who came out to the game and was happy to see them.

"The atmosphere was amazing at the game. Seeing all the blue and yellow in the stands and being able to reconnect with the alumni after was special. Although the result didn't play out the way we wanted to, it was still a great game," said Evans.

For the last stretch of games, Nye says that this will be their bye-week and it is something that the team needs. He thinks that if the team plays like they did on the final two drives of this game against Widener, then the team should be looking good going into the week seven matchup with FDU-Florham.

"As far as moving forward, we'll look into the mistakes we made as a team in the game and improve on them," Evans said. "At this point in the season, all we can do is continue to get better at each and every practice, and come together as a team."



The Beacon/Sean Connolly

First-year wide receiver Nick Yanik (15) caught a 27-yard pass from Nick Geimer.



First-year quarterback Nick Geimer (14) led the team on a 67-yard scoring drive.

**Widener 30, Wilkes 7**  
**Widener** 10'0" 13'7" - 30  
**Wilkes** 0'0" 0'7" - 7


**First quarter**  
 WID — D'Andre Sapp 26 pass from Graham Jespersen (Mike Raczak kick), 11:16  
 WID — Raczak 40 field goal, 3:19

**Third quarter**  
 WID — Jespersen 2 run (Raczak kick failed), 10:40  
 WID — Jordan Powell 36 interception return (Raczak kick), 9:24

**Fourth quarter**  
 WID — Montrell Hicks-Taylor 82 pass from Jespersen (Raczak kick), 11:52  
 WIL — Nick Geimer 4 run (Mike Hauck kick), 8:17

**Team statistics WID WIL**  
 First downs 19 12  
 Rushes-yards 39-163 30-142  
 Passing yards 243 137  
 Total yards 406 279  
 Passing 16-30-2 17-28-3  
 Sacked-yards lost 2-7 2-3  
 Punts-avg. 4-44 7-39

Penalties-yards 9-101 8-120  
**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**  
**RUSHING** — Widener, Rob Ennis Jr. 21-96, Chris Randle 4-26, Jespersen 7-25, Muhammad Abdur-Razzaq 2-6, Tahir Cruise 1-5, Sapp 3-3, Matt Arthur 1-2, Wilkes, Geimer 10-71, Nick Yanik 1-48, Shane Deemer 7-18, Jeff Steeber 3-17, Bobby Nye 1-5, Sincere Williams 2-1, TEAM 1-(-2), Wade Rippeon 5-(-16).  
**PASSING** — Widener, Jespersen 16-30-2-243, Wilkes, Geimer 11-17-1-86, Rippeon 6-11-2-51.  
**RECEIVING** — Widener, Hicks-Taylor 5-153, James Gillespie 4-40, Sapp 3-26, Pat Downey 2-25, Ennis 2-(-1), Wilkes, Garrett Armstrong 5-42, Yanik 2-37, Deemer 3-27, Steeber 3-20, Williams 2-9, Derek Nelson 2-2.  
**MISSED FGs** — Widener, Raczak 43 (WL). Wilkes, none.

 @wilkesbeacon  
[Daniel.VanBrunt@wilkes.edu](mailto:Daniel.VanBrunt@wilkes.edu)



# Coaches explain the influence parents have on their athletes

By Amber Grohowski  
Sports Writer

When looking at the athletics program here at Wilkes, the number one supporters of the athletes are often overlooked. The parents behind the Colonels are a big part of what Wilkes athletics is all about. When you think about parents and coaches, you most likely think of them as not having any relation, right?

Both women's Basketball Coach Chris Heery and Wrestling Coach Jon Laudenslager, can agree that parent involvement in college sports is a "major key for success" as DJ Khaled would put it. Coach Heery mentioned that he felt a parent's role is "to be unconditionally supportive of their child and the team and that it is the coach's role to correct and instruct the players."

Coach Laudenslager added that feedback from parents is always helpful, since coaches don't always know exactly what is going on in their athletes lives.

An anonymous parent said that they believe "parents are more supportive than they are involved" being that some parents are farther away from Wilkes and can't always be there physically. The parent agreed that their role is to "encourage all

players on the floor to play hard and play to win."

Both coaches said out of all the years they have been coaching at Wilkes, they never dealt with extreme circumstances where a parent got out of control and had to be removed from the gym, whereas the parental source believes they have taken things a bit too far a time or two. The parent said they "are used to winning and they are very competitive" and when that is mixed with all the emotions that come along with sports, things can sometimes get out of hand.

Coach Heery believes staying positive and being loud affects the team play drastically and makes the overall game experience better. Coach Laudenslager said that sometimes athletes "listen more to their parents on the bleachers than their actual coaches because they're just so used to hearing their voices."

This is why he said it is crucial not to be negative.

Laudenslager, mentioned that an athlete's upbringing has a lot to do with who they are as individuals. Parents play a major role as their kids grow up, teaching character traits like dedication, confidence, respect, commitment and many others, which are desired when playing a sport. Laudenslager says parents are used to being involved in

their son or daughter's life.

In wrestling, before sending their children off to college, parents would spend much of their time at wrestling tournaments, cheering them on.

Heery adds that it is sometimes difficult for parents to step back and look at the bigger picture especially being so involved in their child's life in high school and their athletic endeavors.

However, here at Wilkes, athletic teams strive to be not only Colonel, but also family. Laudenslager believes his wrestlers "consider themselves brothers; they care about each other" and want their teammates to succeed both academically and athletically. The coaches explained certain activities they do to help create a bond between not only the players, but the parents as well.

Each season is a new beginning for them, so the wrestlers host a "Family Day" early on. Laudenslager says, this helps the freshmen and their families get acquainted with the team, and creates a stronger connection between the upperclassman.

Laudenslager also jokes that the parents bring an enormous amount of food that can feed probably half of Pennsylvania, the desserts taking up about half of it. The team and coaches are grateful for their generous


donations.

Heery says the parents of Wilkes Women's Basketball hold a few tailgates if the weather stays nice for the start of their season. This brings everyone together, adding to the sense of "family". The team will also hold post game dinners after Senior Day and the Alumni game, inviting the parents to join.

"We usually have a game located where some of our players are originally from, and their parents host a dinner for our team after our game," Heery said.

Laudenslager adds in that the parents even created their own Wilkes Wrestling Fan page on Facebook. He says it keeps everyone up to date on everything. Unlike other sports, wrestling is an all-day event. Usually, they are at tournaments or quad meets, making it very tough to do post game things.

Laudenslager said they will go out and have a nice dinner with the athletes and their families, for example, "Grapple at the Garden is a tournament we participate in at Madison Square Garden. We will usually go out and eat at Jimmy's Brothers Barbeque after we're done there," he said.

 @wilkesbeacon  
Amber.Grohowski@wilkes.edu



## Wilkes Fall Sports Schedules

### Field Hockey

x-9/2 vs. Susquehanna, L 3-4 (OT)  
x-9/3 vs. Ithaca, L 1-2  
9/6 vs. Marywood, W 4-3 (OT)  
9/9 @ Arcadia, L 2-5  
9/13 vs. Keystone, W 4-0  
9/16 vs. Alvernia, L 1-4  
9/19 vs. Moravian, W 4-3  
\*9/23 @ Eastern, L 0-5  
9/26 @ U. of Scranton, L 3-5  
\*9/30 @ FDU-Florham, L 2-3  
10/4 vs. Elizabethtown, L 0-1  
\*10/7 vs. Desales, W 1-0  
10/11 @ Widener, 7:00 P.M.  
\*10/14 vs. Manhattanville, 12:00 P.M.  
\*10/18 @ King's, 7:00 P.M.  
\*10/21 vs. Del. Valley, 11:30 A.M.  
\*10/26 vs. Misericordia, 7:00 P.M.  
\*MAC Freedom  
x-Connie Harnum Classic (4th place)  
**Record: 4-8 (MAC-F 1-2)**  
Home games @ Schmidt Stadium

### Football

9/2 @ Muhlenberg, L 19-62  
\*9/9 vs. Lebanon Valley, L 0-36  
\*9/15 vs. Delaware Valley, L 14-34  
\*9/23 @ Misericordia, L 14-43  
\*9/30 @ Lycoming, L 7-34  
\*x-10/7 vs. Widener, L 7-30  
\*10/21 @ FDU-Florham, 1:00 P.M.  
\*10/28 @ Albright, 1:00 P.M.  
\*y-11/4 vs. Stevenson, 12:00 P.M.  
\*z-11/11 @ King's, 12:00 P.M.  
\*MAC  
x-Homecoming  
y-Friends and Family Day & Senior Day  
z-Mayor's Cup  
**Record: 0-6 (MAC 0-5)**  
Home games @ Schmidt Stadium  
Results as of Oct. 7

### Men's Soccer

9/1 vs. PSU-Berks, W 3-2 (OT)  
9/3 vs. Marywood, L 0-1  
9/5 @ Valley Forge, W 5-0  
9/9 @ Moravian, L 0-1  
9/14 @ Summit, L 0-2  
9/16 @ Lebanon Valley, L 0-4  
9/20 vs. Susquehanna, W 1-0 (OT)  
9/23 vs. Stevenson, W 3-0  
9/27 @ U. of Scranton, L 0-3  
\*9/30 @ Delaware Valley, W 3-2  
10/4 vs. Lancaster Bible, W 2-0.  
\*10/7 vs. FDU-Florham, L 0-1  
\*10/11 vs. King's, 7:00 P.M.  
\*10/14 @ Desales, 3:00 P.M.  
\*10/17 @ Misericordia., 7:00 P.M.  
\*10/21 vs. Eastern, 2:00 P.M.  
10/25 vs. Penn College, 7:00 P.M.  
\*10/28 @ Manhattanville, 3:30 P.M.  
\*MAC Freedom  
**Record: 6-6 (MAC-Free. 1-1)**  
Home matches @ Schmidt Stadium

### Women's Soccer

9/1 vs. PSU-Berks, T 1-1 (2OT)  
9/4 vs. Muhlenberg, W 2-1  
9/9 @ Marywood, W 5-3  
9/13 vs. William Patterson, W 1-0  
9/16 vs. Penn College, W 3-0  
9/20 @ Susquehanna, L 0-1  
9/23 vs. Arcadia, W 1-0  
9/26 @ U. of Scranton, T 0-0 (2OT)  
\*9/29 @ Delaware Valley, W 2-0  
10/3 @ Stockton, W 2-0  
\*10/6 vs. FDU-Florham, W 3-1  
\*10/10 vs. King's, 4:30 P.M.  
\*10/14 @ Desales, 1:00 P.M.  
\*10/18 @ Misericordia., 6:30 P.M.  
\*10/21 vs. Eastern, 4:30 P.M.  
10/24 @ SUNY-Cortland, 7:00 P.M.  
\*10/28 @ Manhattanville, 1:00 P.M.  
\*MAC Freedom  
**Record: 8-1-2 (MAC-Free. 2-0)**  
Home matches @ Schmidt Stadium





## Colonel athletics in brief

By Luke Modrovsky  
Sports Editor

Oct. 3

**WTEN:** The Lady Colonels dominated in an 8-1 win against the University of Scranton. Jordan Vasarkovy, Francesca Varela-Seri, Dana Saliyev, Laura Zielinski and Brittany Stanton were all singles winners. The double teams of Vasarkovy/Saliyev, Varela-Seri/Zielinski and Stanton/Erin Volutza were winners in doubles competition.

**WSOC:** Courtney Stanley posted her fifth shutout of the season in a 2-0 victory over non-conference opponent Stockton. Goal scorers were Micaela Oliverio and Ema Sabovic.

**WVB:** The Lady Colonels fell to their cross-town rival King's in straight sets, 15-25, 25-27 and 13-25. Alexis Morgan totaled 29 assists in the loss.

Oct. 4

**MSOC:** Tim Gallagher posted his fourth shutout of the year in a 2-0 victory over Lancaster Bible College. Camry Huff struck first at 17:39 before Cole Hefner added an insurance goal late in the second half at 77:54.

**FH:** In a tightly contested non-conference matchup where the Lady Colonels outshot visiting Elizabethtown on goal, 5-4, Wilkes could not find an equalizing goal in the 1-0 loss.

Oct. 5

WVB: See page 21.

Oct. 6

WSOC: See page 19.

Oct. 7

**WVB:** The Lady Colonels swept Lebanon Valley and Rutgers-Newark in their

homecoming tri-match. Games scores were 25-6, 27-25, 18-25 and 25-20 and 25-20, 25-22 and 25-21, respectively. Alex Ferrier led the offense in the first match with 12 kills. Jamey Mikovich led the second match with 13.

**MXC:** Franco Balbuena ran the fifth best time in school history in 27:32.3 in the 8k event hosted by Desales. The Colonels finished 11th out of 28 teams at the event.

**WXC:** Lady Colonel Moriah Teed posted her career-best time of 26:39.9 to lead Wilkes. Wilkes would take 15th out of 22 teams.

**MSWIM:** The Colonels kicked off their 2017-18 campaign in a tightly contested non-conference battle with William Patterson. Wilkes dropped a 98-108, but saw numerous Colonels post first place finishes, along with three program records.

**FB:** See page 19.

**FH:** Wilkes handed Desales their first Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom loss of the season in a 1-0 win. Zoe Stepanski scored the game's lone goal eleven minutes into the second half. Netminder Dallas Kendra posted her eighth career shutout, tying for third on the school's all-time list with Margo Serafini '86. It was just announced that Serafini will be inducted into the Wilkes Athletics Hall of Fame.

**MSOC:** The Colonels dropped a 1-0 decision to give visiting FDU-Florham their first victory of the season. Wilkes dominated the game on the scorecard, but could not find the back of the net in the loss.



@wilkesbeacon  
Luke.Modrovsky@wilkes.edu

## WVB: Pediatric Cancer Night

By Kirsten Peters  
Staff Writer

On Oct. 5, the Wilkes Lady Colonels took on the Lancaster Bible College Chargers during their Pediatric Cancer Night at home, winning the first set and losing the following three, falling short 3-1.

In the first set, freshman Erin Silverman served for a five-point run, allowing the Lady Colonels to tie the set 16-16. Senior Madison Scarfaro had two of her 13 kills for the night during this run. Scarfaro had her third night with double-digit kills.

Later in the set, the Lady Colonels took the 24-23 lead on one of sophomore Alex Ferrier's five aces. A ball handling error by the Chargers gave the Lady Colonels the 26-24 win for set one.

Although the Lady Colonels won set one, the Chargers won the following three sets with scores of 19-25, 21-25 and 20-25.

Even though they lost, the Lady Colonels had a solid night statistically: senior Alexis Morgan had 39 assists and 15 digs for her fifth double-double in the past six matches; senior Kayley Schinski had eight kills, four blocks

and a career high of 11 digs; sophomore Juliet Betke had the most digs for the night with 18; sophomore Michele Natale tied a career-high of six kills; sophomore Julie Murphy had five digs and her first career kill; in addition

to Ferrier's five aces, she had 12 kills and seven digs; Silverman had eight digs; and freshman Christie Challenger had five digs and two blocks.

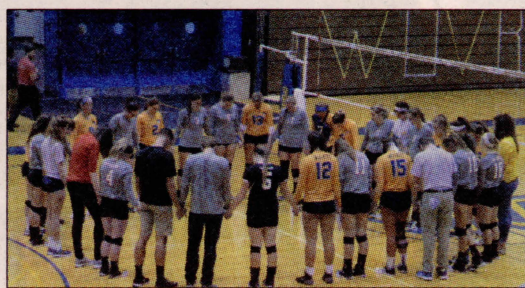
According to head coach Joe Czopek, "The team has been working hard to build chemistry together and turn a low in our season into a

positive finish. Despite a rough conference record, the ladies have stayed positive throughout the losses and are starting to turn the corner."

**Lancaster Bible (3) d. Wilkes (1)**  
24-26, 25-19, 25-21, 25-20  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa. -- Marts Center  
Lancaster Bible 8-10, Wilkes 4-15 (0-4)  
( ) denotes MAC Freedom



@wilkesbeacon  
Kirsten.Peters@wilkes.edu



The Beacon/Kirsten Peters

Both Wilkes and Lancaster Bible College gather to share a moment dedicate to children with pediatric cancer.

## Wilkes Fall Sports Schedules

### Men's Tennis

9/16 vs. Keystone, W 9-0  
vs. Messiah, W 9-0  
9/16 & 9/17 @ Bloomsburg Tourney  
9/30 vs. Penn College, W 9-0  
9/30 & 10/1 @ ITA Regionals  
10/21 & 10/22 @ MAC  
Individual Tournament  
(@ Ralston Athletic Complex)  
**Record: 3-0**

### Women's Tennis

9/16 vs. Messiah, W 9-0  
9/23-9/25 @ ITA Regionals  
9/30 vs. Penn College, W 9-0  
10/3 @ U. of Scranton, W 8-1  
10/14 & 10/15 @ MAC  
Individual Tournament  
(@ Ralston Athletic Complex)  
Home matches @ Ralston Athletic Complex  
**Record: 3-0**

Results as of Oct. 7

### Men's Cross Country

9/1 @ Misericordia Invite (8th place)  
9/9 @ Dutch. Invite (6th place)  
9/23 @ Aggie Open (4th place)  
9/30 @ Dickinson Short-Long Invite (13th place)  
10/7 @ Desales Invitational (11th place)  
10/14 @ Gettysburg Invitational 10:30 a.m.  
10/28 @ MAC Championships  
(Delaware Valley) 11:15 a.m.  
11/11 @ NCAA Midcast Regional,  
(Newville, PA) 12:00 p.m.

### Women's Cross Country

9/1 @ Misericordia Invite (7th place)  
9/9 @ Dutch. Invite (8th place)  
9/23 @ Aggie Open (9th place)  
9/30 @ Dickinson Short-Long Invite (21st place)  
10/7 @ Desales Invitational (15th place)  
10/14 @ Gettysburg Invitational 11:15 a.m.  
10/28 @ MAC Championships  
(Delaware Valley) 10:15 a.m.  
11/11 @ NCAA Midcast Regional,  
(Newville, PA) 11:00 a.m.

### Women's Volleyball

x-9/2 vs. Widener, L 0-3  
vs. Bridgewater, L 0-3  
x-9/3 vs. Wesley, L 1-3  
vs. Simpson, L 0-3  
9/7 vs. Clarks Summit, W 3-1  
9/9 vs. Haverford, L 0-3  
vs. PSU-Berks, W 3-0  
\*9/13 vs. Eastern, L 1-3  
9/16 vs. Immaculata, W 3-0  
vs. PSU-Harrisburg, W 3-2  
\*9/19 @ Manhattanville, L 2-3  
9/21 @ Moravian, L 0-3  
9/23 vs. Wesley, L 0-3  
@ Rutgers-Camden, L 2-3  
\*9/27 vs. FDU-Florham, L 2-3  
9/30 vs. PSU-Berks, L 1-3  
@ PSU-Altoona, L 1-3  
\*10/3 @ King's, L 0-3  
10/5 vs. Lancaster Bible, L 1-3

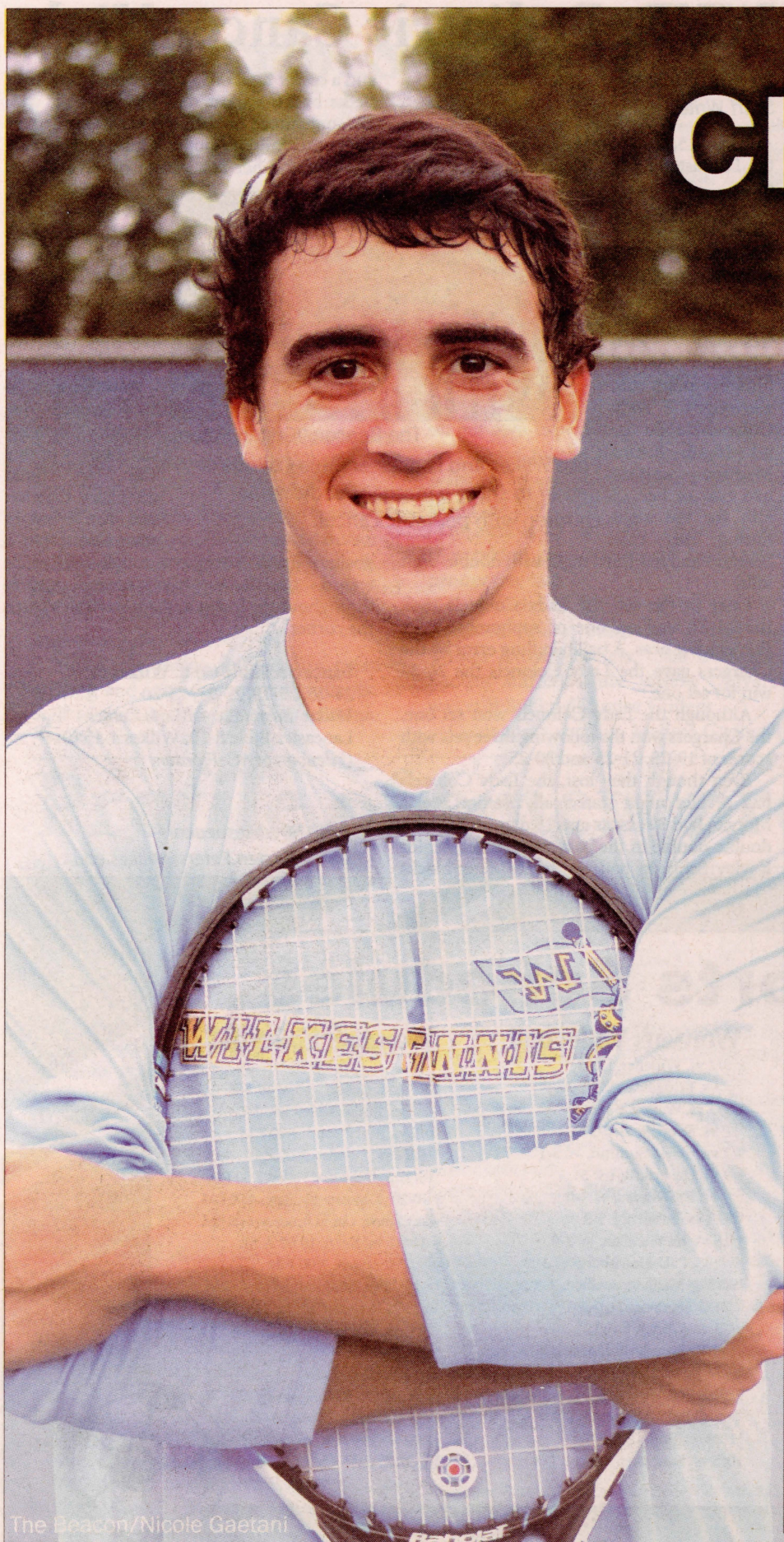
### Women's Volleyball

(cont'd)

10/7 vs. Lebanon Valley, W 3-1  
vs. Rutgers-Newark, 3-0  
10/9 vs. Marywood, 7:00 P.M.  
\*10/11 vs. Desales, 7:00 P.M.  
\*10/17 @ Delaware Valley, 7:00 P.M.  
y-10/20 vs. Morrisville State, 4:00 P.M.  
y-vs. Catholic Uni. of America, 6:00 P.M.  
y-10/21 vs. Kean, 10:00 A.M.  
y-vs. Moravian, 2:00 P.M.  
\*z-10/25 vs. Misericordia, 7:00 P.M.  
10/28 vs. Rutgers-Camden 11:00 A.M.  
vs. Utica, 3:00 P.M.  
\*MAC Freedom  
x- Puerto Rico Clasico  
y-Colonel Clash Tournament  
z- Senior Night  
Home matches @ Marts Center  
**Record: 6-15 (MAC-F 0-4)**







## Getting to know... **Chris Maderitz** Tennis Player

### **The Beacon: Male Athlete of the Week 9/25-10/1**

**Why Chris Maderitz was selected:** Maderitz posted a 6-0, 6-0 sweep against Penn College on Sept. 30. His record stands at 4-0 and has not dropped a set to date.

**Name:** Chris Maderitz  
**Year:** Sophomore  
**Major:** Finance  
**Hometown:** York, Pa.  
**High School:** Central York

#### **Driving force for your decision to come to Wilkes?**

Tennis was the main driving force as I wasn't sure if this was necessarily ... the place I wanted to be. (Coach Leicht) showed how close the team was and how they were like family.

#### **Post graduation plans in terms of a career?**

Not entirely sure what I want to do. If worse comes to worse I'll probably teach tennis.

#### **Favorite building on campus?**

UCOM.

#### **Hopes for this season as a Colonel?**

I hope we win our 11th conference championship in a row and make (it) to nationals once again.

#### **When/Why did you first begin playing?**

Started playing because I would always watch on TV but never actually play.

#### **Coke or Pepsi?**

Pepsi.

#### **If you had to choose one thing about your program that you could improve, what would it be?**

I would add lights to the tennis courts for night matches.

#### **Other interests or hobbies off of the field?**

Watching football and hanging with friends.

#### **Most influential person in your life?**

Mom and Dad.

#### **A quote you live your life by?**

"Don't waste your time or time will waste you." -Matt Bellamy

#### **What does "Be Colonel" mean to you?**

Representing the school both on the field as well as in the classroom.

#### **If you could have dinner with a famous person from the past, who would it be?**

Vince Lombardi.

#### **Anyone to give a shout-out to?**

My tennis team for always being by my side.

*Editor's note: This year's Athlete of the Week will be merit-based. Don't agree with our selection? Let us know on Twitter: @WilkesBeacon*

*Additionally, at the end of the academic year, we will post a reader poll to crown an "Athlete of the Year".*

*Full qualification criteria and more information can be found on our website: [www.thewilkesbeacon.com](http://www.thewilkesbeacon.com)*



Getting to know...

# Juliet Betke

Sophomore Volleyball Player

## The Beacon: Female Athlete of the Week 9/25-10/1

Why Juliet Betke was selected: Betke tallied a career high of 30 digs against Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom opponent Fairleigh Dickinson University - Florham. She also added four assists in the tight five set matchup loss.

**Name:** Juliet Betke

**Year:** Sophomore

**Major:** Pharmacy

**Hometown:** Poplar Grove, Ill.

**High School:** Belvidere North HS

**Position:** Libero/Defensive Specialist

**When/Why did you first begin playing?**

3rd Grade-my mom made me

**Most influential person in your life?**

Pat Meinert- previous high school coach and club coach and director

**Post graduation plans in terms of a career?**

Clinical Pharmacy

**Coke or Pepsi?**

Coke - specifically McDonald's coke

**Favorite building on campus?**

Bedford

**Favorite meal to eat on campus?**

Grilled cheese

**Favorite professor?**

Dr. Klemow

*Editor's note: This year's Athlete of the Week will be merit-based. Don't agree with our selection? Let us know on Twitter: @WilkesBeacon*

*Additionally, at the end of the academic year, we will post a reader poll to crown an "Athlete of the Year".*

*Full qualification criteria and more information can be found on our website: [www.thewilkesbeacon.com](http://www.thewilkesbeacon.com)*



The Beacon/Steffen Horwa





**DON'T FORGET  
TO COME TO THE**

# **INTERNSHIP & CAREER FAIR!**

**W**  
**WILKES**  
UNIVERSITY

**THURSDAY,  
OCT. 19TH  
11AM - 3PM  
UCOM 1ST FL.**

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT SHARON CASTANO, INTERNSHIP DIRECTOR 2ND FLOOR HSC**