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## Local business looking for volunteers for Dinners for Kids program

By Cabrini Rudnicki  
News Editor

A local business is looking for college student volunteers for its non-profit program that donates meals to local children.

Dinners for Kids is a program dedicated to delivering meals to children in the Wyoming Valley. The program started in 2011 and was founded by David Tevet, owner of the local restaurant Ollie's in Edwardsville.

The program, which is made up of mostly retirees and those over 65, is currently looking for new college student volunteers to deliver meals. The program recently expanded its program to Dan Flood Elementary School in Wilkes-Barre and needs drivers from the area.

The program is currently delivering to around 80 children. The group meets every Monday, Wednesday and Friday to pack two meals at a time in order. For example, on Monday they pack meals for Monday and Tuesday. The children receive six meals per week year-round. The meals are placed in microwave-safe plastic bowls in order to be reheated later.

Arlene Muchler, a retiree volunteer who has been with the program since it first started, explained the process of packaging up the food.

"We pack the meals, and pack the fruit, and put it in a bag, and then they box them

up and deliver them."

The organization is filled with pride over the meals' healthy components. One recent meal contained two chicken legs, mashed potatoes, carrots and gravy.

The drivers go in teams of two, with one person driving and the other person running the food. The drivers participate

Tevet visited an elementary school that has a free breakfast program, and cited what he saw there as proof of the problem.

"The one day, the bus was late so they allowed the kids to bring their food to the classroom, and I saw a kid from pre-k and he walked with a plate loaded with food, with five bananas on top of it," Tevet

why children are not getting food], but no matter what the reason is, we solve the problem," said Tevet, explaining the program's philosophy.

Schools across the area are noticing the importance of the program, and are considering doing scientific studies into its effectiveness by examining attentiveness and number of absences.

"Just making sure a kid doesn't go to sleep hungry is good enough for us," said Tevet. "But it's the icing on the cake if we get this unintended consequence of diversing the negative effects of child hunger."

Kristin Osipower, the university's Interfaith Coordinator, spoke on the benefits of volunteering for the program.

"The simple gift of bringing nutritious meals to young children in need will help those kids continue to stay healthy and do well in school," she said. "They are the next generation of college students."

"It's also very impactful for children to see young adults giving their time to do good things. After all, we all want the same thing -- a happy, healthier and safer world."

For information on volunteering, contact David Tevet at [dotevet@epix.net](mailto:dotevet@epix.net) or Kristin Osipower at [kristin.osipower@wilkes.edu](mailto:kristin.osipower@wilkes.edu).

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on their own schedule, with some drivers only driving once a month, and others participating every week. The food is picked up then delivered every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday around 3 p.m.

"Sometimes if [the drivers] are late, the kids start getting nervous, and start thinking maybe they won't get the meals today," said Tevet, founder of the program. He started the program after learning of the child hunger statistics in the area. There are estimates of 10,500 hungry children in the Luzerne county alone.

"You see it all the time and you don't realize it, it could be around the corner from your house."

remembered. "If a kid like that takes five bananas it means he doesn't get food at home."

Tevet also did his own personal research into the types of meals these children are eating, which led him to make it a point to create healthy, nutritious dinners.

"I went to supermarkets and I asked them, 'What do people buy with food stamps?' and I realized that they said many people with food stamps buy junk food, candy and packaged food," explained Tevet. "I realized that not only do some of [the children] not eat, they eat the wrong food."

"There are many, many reasons [for



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## Beacon Briefs

Compiled by Cabrini Rudnicki

### Take the One Day Stand with Pre-Pharmacy Club

Pre-Pharmacy Club will host its annual One Day Stand event in the Student Union Building. The event will take place Nov. 16 during club hours. The table will feature ways to show support to stop smoking around campus and free T-shirts.

### Support the Wilkes Baseball team at Chipotle

On Dec. 6, from 4 to 8 p.m. there will be a fundraiser at the Wilkes-Barre Chipotle for the Wilkes Baseball team. Customers must mention Wilkes Baseball or show them a photo of their flyer and then 50 percent of the proceeds will go towards the baseball program. Contact [brandon.michael@wilkes.edu](mailto:brandon.michael@wilkes.edu) if you have any questions

### Buy a yellow ribbon

The Wilkes Veteran's Council will be selling Yellow Ribbons in the SUB until Nov. 8. Stop by the table and show your support for a family member or a friend who is serving or has served this great nation. The ribbons will cost \$1 and will be displayed on the Greenway during our Veterans Day Celebration on Nov. 9.

### Have an international Thanksgiving

Faculty and students are asked to consider inviting one or two international students to their Thanksgiving dinner. This opportunity gives people a chance to share an American holiday with someone from a foreign culture. Contact Georgia Costala at the Center for Global Education and Diversity by phone (ext. 7854) or email ([georgia.costalas@wilkes.edu](mailto:georgia.costalas@wilkes.edu))

### 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.edu](mailto:Kimberly.niezgoda.edu).

### Spaghetti Dinner with the Choral Ensembles

The Wilkes University Choral Ensembles will be holding their annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser. The event will take place Sunday, Nov. 12 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Henry Student Center Ballroom. The attendees will be treated to a buffet style dinner as well as musical entertainment. Tickets are \$10 for adults, and \$5 for students and seniors. Proceeds benefit the Choral Ensembles. Contact Dr. Steven Thomas at [steven.thomas@wilkes.edu](mailto:steven.thomas@wilkes.edu) for more information.

## Wilkes University Student Government notes

By Megan Stanley  
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The Wilkes University Student Government held its weekly meeting on Wednesday.

In the meeting the Students for Environmental Sustainability Club presented their report. The club reported that it had been volunteering in local Pennsylvania woodlands to help conserve the nature and wildlife. The club has also held fundraisers, in which all donations will go to the PetCo foundation as the club wanted to help all the animals harmed in the recent natural disasters. The club is also aiming to do a joint event with Kings College called 'Recycle Wars' in February 2018. The event will include a plastic bottle collection, 'weigh the waste' and garbage art displays.

Next on the agenda was the Biology Club report. They told Student Government that members meet every Tuesday and their past events included a trip to the Renaissance Fair, hosting a table at the Halloween party on Sunday evening, and they have visited three elementary schools. In the spring the club hopes to host its own Fear Factor event on campus. For fundraisers the club sells dissection kits to freshmen and nurses and before Thanksgiving there will be a bake sale in Stark. The group also involved in highway clean up projects and food drives.

There was then a guest report about the new L.I.V.E Portal. The new portal will be live Dec. 21 in time for winter intersession. It will be more mobile friendly and more accessible for students and faculty members who have visual impairments.

The first order of business was the Student Government recognition of the Student Organisation for Latinos (SOL). SOL have organizations in other universities within the United States and seeks to empower Latino communities in college campuses. The Wilkes branch of the group aims to bring together the Latino students on campus and raise awareness of Hispanic culture. The group hopes to focus engage in community service that helps those involved with the recent natural disasters. The motion was passed to make SOL a student government recognised club.

The second order of business was the Nursing Student Organisation fund request for \$3799.64. The fund request is for 15 students to go to the Nursing Student Organization for the state of Pennsylvania. During the convention the students attending will get to hear keynote speakers, attend workshops and meet with hospital representatives. The convention will also be a chance for Wilkes to gain some publicity as the students will be wearing their Wilkes uniforms. The fund request covers registration, banquet, hotel and gas and food

costs. The Student Government will vote on the fund request at the next meeting.

The Marts Madness event was the third item of business. A partnership event between SAAC and the Spirit Committee will be held in Marts Gym at 9:45 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. to celebrate the start of the basketball season. The event will include performances from the dance and cheer teams, and there will games to win prizes for those who attend. The event will cost \$937.83. The government passed a motion to cover the cost of the event.

The First Year Foundations (FYF) committee met this week and had the following to report: 88.6% of students received their first course choice for their FYF; however, they are struggling to find professors to teach the courses and there is a concern regarding diversity. They are currently trying to find preventative measures against racism.

The operations committee also met this week. The Stark elevator is up and running again and there will be two new elevators after Summer 2018. The residence halls will be closed Nov. 22 and will reopen Nov. 26.



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## Dr. Nicole Pezzino receives Ten Under Ten Award from PPA

By Isaiah McGahee  
Asst. News Editor

Wilkes University's own, Assistant Professor of Pharmacy, Dr. Nicole Pezzino was a recipient of this year's Ten Under Ten award, presented by the Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association at their annual conference.

The award recognizes the top 10 pharmacists practicing for less than 10 years who demonstrate commitment to advancing the profession, involvement in the Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association and other pharmacy associations, and service to their community. The award is presented every three years.

In receiving the award, Pezzino was honored alongside several of her former mentors and instructors, something that she believed was one of the most special aspects about receiving the honor.

Nominated by a student, Pezzino feels both proud and humbled.

"It was definitely unexpected, I was truly honored. I was standing up there with several incredible pharmacists, it was a humbling experience; especially knowing that it was a student that nominated me, and then someone from the board of pharmacy," said Pezzino.

"Students are my number one priority,

having them nominate me was just incredible."

In addition to serving as a professor, Pezzino is also a practicing community pharmacist. A love for the community and community outreach serve as a driving force behind her actions.

She also encourages her students to do the same.

"I love doing community outreach events, I love being able to serve the community. It's neat being able to show students the impact that they can make in the community," Pezzino said.

Pezzino also brings real world experiences into the classroom, which she believes makes her job as a professor smoother and effective.

Her work as a community pharmacist allows for as she says, "seamless blend" of real life and teaching.

"It's awesome, because I can blend all of the things that I do, together, to make a mesh of an experience.

"As a pharmacist, I see patients and help them manage their medications and then when I go into the classroom, I'm teaching exactly what I'm



Courtesy of Wilkes Marketing

Dr. Nicole Pezzino won an award recognizing the top ten pharmacists who have been practicing under ten years.

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## Lambda Kappa Sigma to hold Turkey Tea Luncheon at S.U.B.

By Maddie Davis  
News Editor

At 11 a.m. on Nov. 8, Wilkes University's Lambda Kappa Sigma will host their annual Turkey Tea Luncheon in the Henry Student Center Ballroom from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Lambda Kappa Sigma partnered up with Salvation Army and Lieutenant Melissa Urbacz to head The Turkey Tea Luncheon, a thanksgiving themed fundraising event to help the local families of the Wilkes-Barre area.

The luncheon will serve traditional thanksgiving food made by the Lambda Kappa Sigma members.

The Turkey Tea Luncheon is one of Megan Sheriff's favorite events the fraternity holds. Sheriff is a member of Lambda Kappa Sigma and a third year pharmacy student at Wilkes.

"The purpose of Turkey Tea [luncheon] is to bring the school together to give back to our community," said Megan Sheriff.

"Knowing that we are able to help local families during the holiday season is a rewarding feeling," added Sheriff.

Lieutenant Melissa Urbacz added to Sheriff's enthusiasm for the event as this will be her second year partnering with Lambda Kappa Sigma for the luncheon. Lieutenant Melissa Urbacz works with the Salvation Army to help the Wilkes-Barre community as a whole.

"For us at The Salvation Army this is a great opportunity for the community to be made aware of what we do and how we help the Wilkes-Barre community" said Lt. Urbacz.

"The money that we receive from the funds raised by this luncheon goes right back into the community of Wilkes-Barre by helping us provide Christmas toys and food to over 500 families (1500 children), as well as other services that we offer," explained Lt. Urbacz.

"Melissa divides [the money raised by the event] up between the families" explained Kacey Knapp. Knapp also clarified that the money is also used "if

they need other stuff for the holidays like food and clothing."


Lambda Kappa Sigma president Kacey Knapp added her input on the Turkey Tea Luncheon as she has been apart of the past three luncheons.

"One of our core values is service," said Knapp "We're not a large group so we try to do little things that can grow into a bigger impact on the society."

There will also be a to-go option for those who want to enjoy a turkey dinner and want to help these local families but can't attend the entirety of the luncheon.

Tickets to attend the Luncheon are being sold until Nov. 4 for \$10. Ticket sales will be donated to the local Salvation Army to help families around the Wilkes-Barre area.

For further information or to purchase a ticket, please contact Megan Sheriff at [megan.sheriff@wilkes.edu](mailto:megan.sheriff@wilkes.edu).

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## Student awarded Collegiate Marching Band Festival Scholarship

By Megan Stanley  
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A Wilkes student was recently awarded the Collegiate Marching Band Festival Scholarship.

Senior English major, Rebecca Voorhees, received the \$1,000 scholarship after performing at the Collegiate Marching Band Festival on Oct. 1 at the J. Birney Crum Stadium in Allentown.

Voorhees is the First Assistant Drum Major of the Wilkes University Marching Band, The Marching Colonels.

Vivace Productions organizes the Collegiate Marching Band Festival and provides workshops that provides a "fresh new look at the art of music and its role in education," according to Vivace Productions website.

The Collegiate Marching Band Festival Scholarship is funded by Wells Fargo.

Upon receiving the Scholarship Voorhees said: "It was a really great honor."

"I was really surprised when it happened, we had just finished the show, and when you finish a show you usually get off the field right away so the next

group can perform."

"But instead we stood around and I looked around like 'why is this taking so long?' and then they announced my name and the scholarship, so that was a really nice moment - I laughed and cried a lot."

There were 36 applicants for the scholarship and Voorhees was selected based upon her GPA and leadership position alongside her submitted essay.

In her application essay, Voorhees wrote about her appreciation for Marching Band: "For me [marching band] was all about creating a new community, especially since we're such a young band."

"I just thought about how important it is to create traditions and build a family, and create that kind of outlet for students to escape school and have a positive experience."

Voorhees has been involved in the performing arts since eighth grade and is involved with other marching bands in the area, such as the Skyliners Drum and Bugle Corps.

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From left to right: Courtney J. Beard, program coordinator of Vivace Productions, Rebecca Voorhees; John Villella, president of Vivace Productions.

## Profile of a New Professor: Meet Dr. Caroline Fortunato

By Maddie Davis  
Staff Writer

Dr. Caroline Fortunato, one of the new additions to Wilkes University's biology department, accompanies the other 24 newest professors who joined Wilkes this semester.

"I'm an environmental microbiologist," Dr. Fortunato exclaimed. As an environmental microbiologist, she had traveled across the United States for her research. Dr. Fortunato looked at microbes, specifically in rivers and oceans, and how they affect the environment.

"Microbes are the drivers of a lot of processes that happen in the environment," Dr. Fortunato said as she specifically showed her interest in her past research with microbes.

Dr. Fortunato received her BA in Environmental Science and her Masters in Biology both at American University in Washington D.C., which kept her close to her hometown in Philadelphia where she was born and raised.

During her undergraduate, Dr.

Fortunato found herself interested in fieldwork specifically when she joined an REU program, which funds research opportunities for undergraduates, where collected samples and looked at nutrients in stormwater.

"Microbes mediate a lot of the important chemical cycles in the environment." Her research was overall driven by her interest in fieldwork and microbiology. She stressed the importance of microbes in the environment which her research has been driven by.

After she attained her PhD from the University of Maryland, Dr. Fortunato traveled to the west coast and focused on the microbes in the Columbia River that dumped out into estuaries and the Pacific Ocean. She studied how types of microbes from river to ocean gradient on the river on the west coast.

Her research career continued in Massachusetts at the Marine Biological Laboratory where she started her postdoctoral apprenticeship. She went with a vast array of different scientist into deep Atlantic Ocean to look at the

functions of microbes at hydrothermal vents.

After she finished her post-doc research in Massachusetts, Dr. Fortunato taught microbiology labs and biology for non majors at Bridgewater states which got her in the path of a more teacher driven career.

"I was looking for a small liberal arts college to teach at," said Dr. Fortunato when she was on the "hunt" for a new job.

"I like to have that balance of doing research with undergraduates and teaching undergraduates," Dr. Fortunato said when reflecting back to her thoughts on Wilkes University as a potential career.

Research was one of the deciding factors when she looked for a new job. Dr. Fortunato praised the "strong research program for undergraduates" which attracted her to Wilkes University.


Dr. Fortunato took the place of a retired professor this semester where she is currently teaching medical microbiology as well as Biology 121 labs. Next semester she is teaching microbiology for nursing students.



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Dr. Caroline Fortunato

"I would like to develop some courses that are more on the environment microbiology side" said Dr. Fortunato as well as looking to start more "environmental part to it" and establish some local field sites here for future undergraduate research.

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doing at the jobsite. It's a seamless blend of what I'm doing. I'm really teaching what I do, I love it. It's a lot of work, but it's meaningful work," said Pezzino.

Pharmacy wasn't always Pezzino's passion. As a child, she aspired to be a pre-school teacher and have 50 children. Although she didn't become a pre-school teacher, Pezzino still finds ways to use fun and creativity in the classroom.

She uses props that allows her students to empathize with patients who have and experience what it is like to have several different medical conditions, which require pharmaceutical aid. Despite not having 50 children, Pezzino is the happy owner of two pet dogs.

Through her accomplishments, Pezzino hopes to continue to make a positive impact on the Wilkes community.


"I think that (through winning the award), it is a direct reflection on the caliber of students we have at Wilkes.

They should know that they can go out and make a difference in the community.

My hashtag I like to use is: change the world. As pharmacy students at Wilkes University, though it is a smaller school, they can make a huge difference on the world around them, not only on the state but the country as a whole. I'm a real-life person, so are they... That lets me and them both know that they can do it," said Pezzino.

In the future, Pezzino hopes to continue to serve the community, abroad and at Wilkes.

"I hope to have all of our pharmacy students at Wilkes go into the community, using that hashtag change the world, from the small things they do, even in their daily encounters with patients, those things really make a difference. Whether it be changing the timing of medicines or taking the time to listen to them and talk with them, I think all of those things have a lot of potential," said Pezzino.

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Established in 2014, Voorhees is one of the original members of The Marching Colonels: "My first two seasons I was a marching member, I played the saxophone the first year and mellophone the second year.

"Last year I was the high brass section leader, so I was in charge of the mellophones and the trumpets, and there was six of us I believe."

"Then this past spring I auditioned for drum major and section leader, and I ended up with the assistant drum major position."

As the First Assistant Drum Major, Voorhees works alongside senior history major Courtney MacMonagle who is the Head Drum Major and Romeo Rosario, a junior psychology major who is the Second Assistant Drum Major.

She explained her role: "Basically we're kind of the student staff, so we're the step in between a regular marching member and the administrative staff.


"It's our job to make sure that rehearsals run well, so we give instruction, monitor

progress on the field wherever we can. Our main job is conducting the show."

As The Marching Colonels are the only collegiate marching band in the area, Voorhees said that it brings community to the university: "I think it makes Wilkes very unique because you have students who feel pressured to go two or three hours away to Westchester or Bloomsburg, and they have huge bands, but I feel this tight knit community is what people are looking for. Here, they get to have a group experience and still feel individually important and that's what a lot of students have expressed to me."

In the future, Voorhees hopes to keep music in her life: "I'm an English major and my concentration is in secondary education. As a teacher I would love to still participate in music programs. Even though it's not in my degree, I still have a lot of personal experience.

"I can play multiple instruments, I have a lot of passion for music and I think it would be unnatural for it not to be a part of my life moving on from school."

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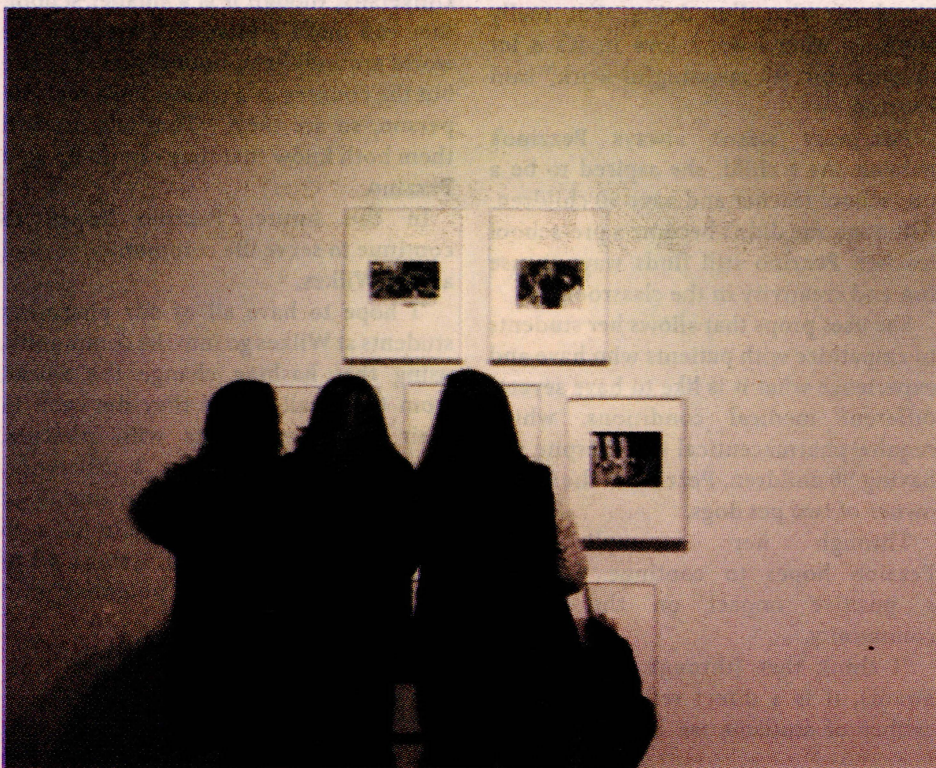
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# Family Day 2017



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Rebecca Mitchell, '21, with her family at the Create-a-Critter event at the Football Tailgate Lunch on Saturday.



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The newly dedicated Sordoni Art Gallery featuring Andy Warhol was also opened to families.



The Beacon / Cabrini Rudnicki  
The Main McHale Athletic Center held open climb for visiting families. Pictured: Maria Lurch, a junior psychology major.



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The Tailgate Lunch offered activities like Create-a-Critter, a photobooth, caricatures, and food.



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## CONNECTING THE DOTS

By Shannon O'Connor  
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It is never too early to start planning for the future. Networking is a great place to start when it comes to internships and careers.

According to Forbes Magazine writer Glenn Llopis, "If you are strategic and view networking through an opportunity lens, it can serve as a powerful professional development boot camp experience."

Connecting the Dots is a networking opportunity that gets a jump start on planning for your career.

On Nov. 2 the alumni office hosted the Connecting the Dots event for the students at Wilkes University. This event is designed for students to meet with alumni who are experts in their respected fields. Approximately 20 alumni come back for this event to spread their knowledge to Wilkes students.

There were groups set up for certain majors including engineering, communication studies, psychology, nursing/medical, business, education and political science/law.

When the students entered the event, they went to the group that corresponded to their major. After 45 minutes, the students were then able to move to another group that interested them and converse with those alumni.

"It allows the students to network but also have their best interests at heart," Jacqueline Lukas, manager of alumni relations and advancement special projects. Connecting the Dots truly students to get their name out to professionals.

Connecting the Dots is an event that is open for all students.

"Anyone can come and network and really show their stuff," Lukas said.

Most of the attending students are juniors and seniors. Some freshmen and sophomores were also present.

"It's never too early or too late to start networking," Lukas said.

This event has been a tradition for several years at Wilkes. Events such as this truly set in stone one of the aspects Wilkes University relays to its community. Wilkes makes clear one of its top values is "Nurturing individuals to understand and act on their abilities while challenging them to achieve great things."

There were various prizes for those who attended the Connecting the Dots event. The prizes included T-shirts and business card holders. To top off the evening, there was a raffle and the winner received \$50 in dining dollars.

Even though Connecting the Dots is a once-a-year event that takes place every Fall semester, there are other events that are similar to this event. These events are often geared to a particular major, such as psychology or engineering.

Even though these events revolve around one major, they still provide many opportunities for students to take advantage of.

"We do have other mentoring events that we do throughout the year. The alumni office specifically works with faculty members to have those mentoring events," Lukas said.

Lukas said she highly recommends students use these mentoring opportunities to further their future.

"I got my job (at Wilke) because I had an internship with a woman here. It is your skills but also those connections you have," Lukas said.

For any questions about the future Connecting the Dots events or other events that provide mentoring opportunities, please contact the Wilkes University alumni office at [alumni@wilkes.edu](mailto:alumni@wilkes.edu) or at 570-408-7787.



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Wilkes University invited alumni and students to come together in the Connecting the Dots event hosted by the alumni office.



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Wilkes students Jess Snyder and George Sidropoulos were able to sit down and meet with Donna Sedor and Jane Adonizio about their future in communication studies.



# RECIPE OF THE WEEK:

## INGREDIENTS:

- 3.4 oz. instant vanilla pudding mix
- 2 cups cold milk
- 15 oz. can pureed pumpkin
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1 cup vanilla sandwich cookies
- 8 oz frozen whipped topping, thawed

## INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Whisk together pudding mix and milk. Let sit for 5 minutes
2. Stir in pumpkin, cinnamon and nutmeg.
3. Crush vanilla sandwich cookies into crumbs.
4. In small cute mason jars layer cookie crumbs, pumpkin pudding and whipped topping. Repeat until you fill the glass.
5. Enjoy!!

## Pumpkin Pie Parfait



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# Career Planning Course offered in Spring 2018 semester

By Sarah Matarella  
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Struggling to perfect your resumé? Not sure how to go about applying to graduate school or jobs following graduation? Talk to your adviser about implementing the Career Planning course offered by the Wilkes University Career Services into your schedule to plan for future success.

"Prior to the class, we will have you complete a survey indicating what your interests are and if you would want to work with an alum, who has a job at your desired workplace. So, in addition to the weekly projects, you can become involved with an alum of your choice for a semester who you will be able to get to know via an informational interview," said Carol Bosack Kosek, director of career services and professor of the Career Planning course.

CAR 398 is a one credit course that is offered for the Spring 2018 semester. It is essentially a college course that allows students to clarify their plans for the future

regarding their occupations as well as possibly furthering their education with graduate school.

Although this class is only offered to juniors and seniors, it is a class that all students may want to consider incorporating into their schedule at some point.

"I am continually amazed by how critical interviewing skills are and how recruiters analyze every word, every look and every gesture that a student makes in an interview scenario. So, we really want to prep people with those skills in a highly competitive era like ours where one organization might be looking for only three top candidates for the position. Students really need to be able to promote their skills and educate professionals on how qualified they are," said Kosek.

This course entails all of the work and tasks that every student will need to carry out upon graduating college and entering the job market. It will allow students to earn credit for work that will already have to be done with added guidance along


the way. Assignments include building a resumé, filling out example applications, creating cover letters, participating in mock interviews, practicing proper business mannerisms and etiquette, while also learning how to promote themselves in the professional world.

"Junior year is often the best time to take this course. However, if it must be taken during senior year, first semester is much better to take the course than second semester of senior year to get the best experience. That way they are not sitting in their classes second semester of senior year with an incomplete resumé among other students who have everything completed. In addition, the more you practice these things, you begin to figure out what you enjoy and what you don't enjoy along with your strengths and weaknesses. It is better to figure those things out while you are still in college rather than when you enter the job market like I did," said Lisa Mulvey, coordinator of career services and the assistant professor of this course.

Career Services also holds many different types of events around campus throughout the academic year to help students become familiar with alumni. Events include alumni mixers, career fairs, internship fairs and fairs geared toward specific majors. These events are helpful if you are unable to implement this course into your schedule.

"This class allowed me to connect with alumni in my field of study and benefit from their knowledge and first-hand experience. The skills we are taught will be helpful in transitioning from college to the real world," said Sarah Hoffman, a junior enrolled in the Career Planning Course.

If you need more information about this course or about career development services, contact Career Services at [careers@wilkes.edu](mailto:careers@wilkes.edu), 570-408-4060 or visit the second floor of Conyngham Hall.

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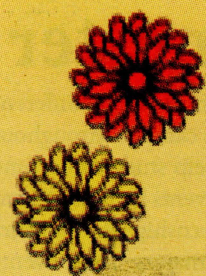
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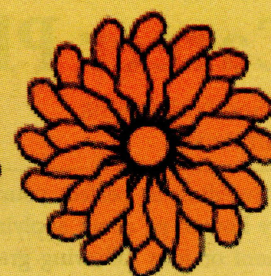
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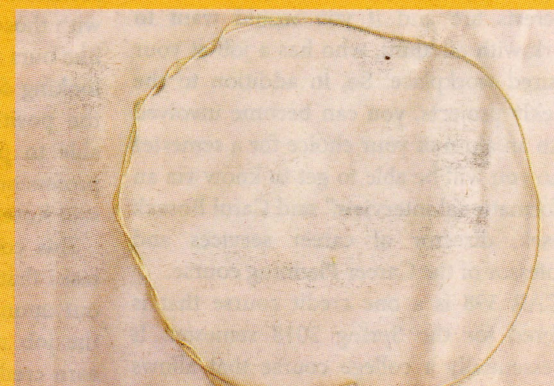
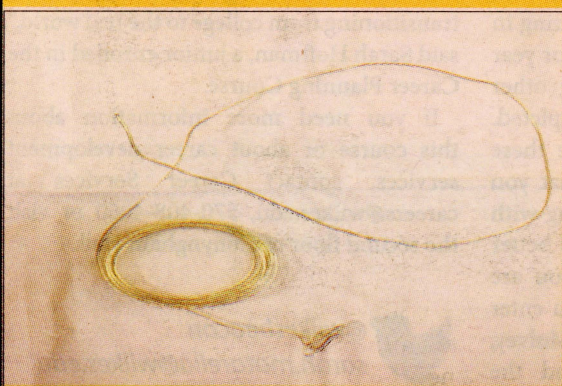
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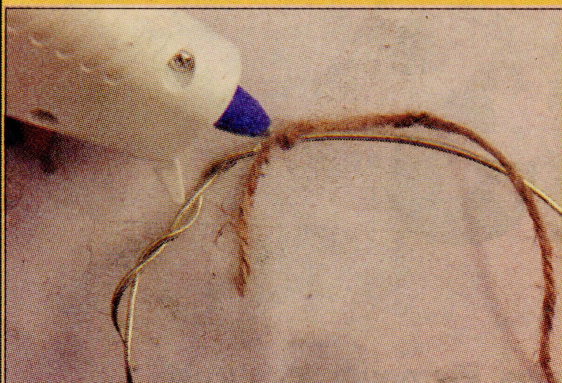
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Fake flowers



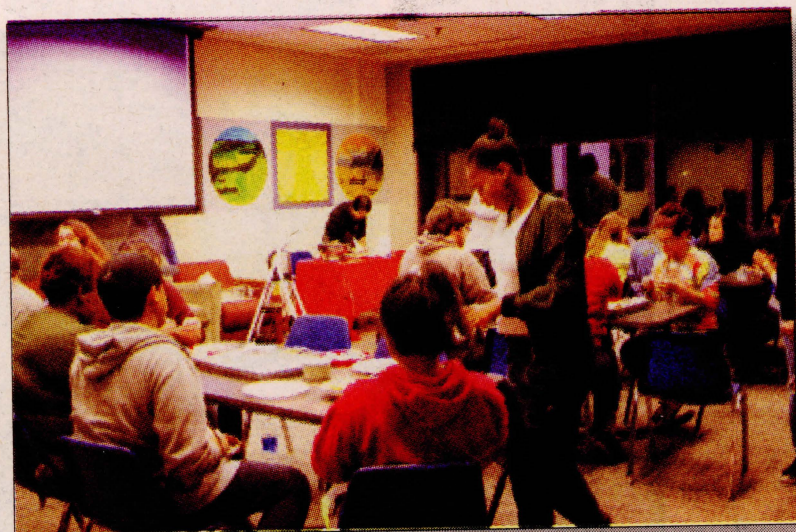
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- 1) Cut the wire and shape to fit head.
- 2) Wrap the whole circle with twine.  
\*You will need to glue the beginning, so that it stays in place.\*
- 3) Glue fake flowers onto the twine.  
\*Make sure they are secured.\*
- 4) Repeat until the crown is covered in flowers.
- 5) Wear your flower crown proudly!





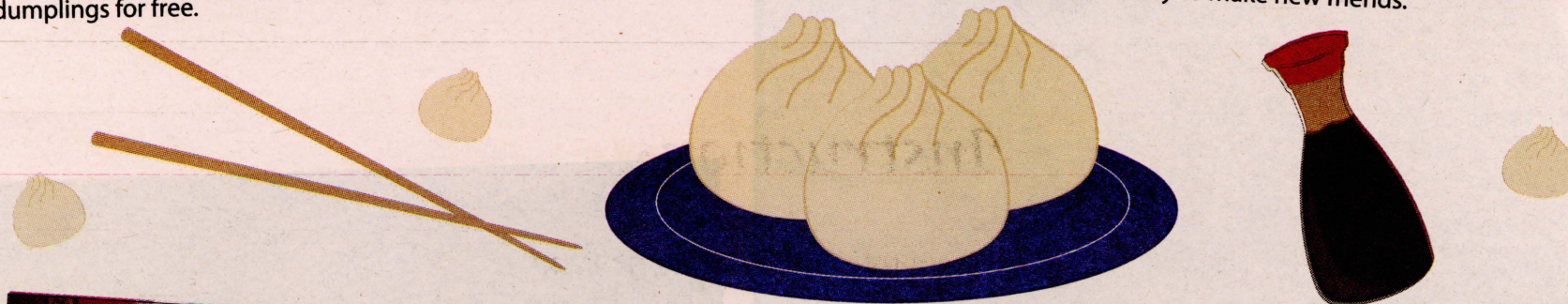
# Nom! Nom! Nom! Students make and eat dumplings



Wilkes University's Asian Cultural Society hosted a dumpling making event where students, faculty and staff could come and make dumplings for free.



Kimmie Dinh, Neha Kunche, Lily Nguyen, Steven Ramos, Cassie Oldt and Emily Kamienieck practice their dumpling making skills while having an opportunity to make new friends.



Mingzhu Yue prepares dumpling shells for the groups to use. Each person could pick between beef or veggie and egg for their yummy fillers.

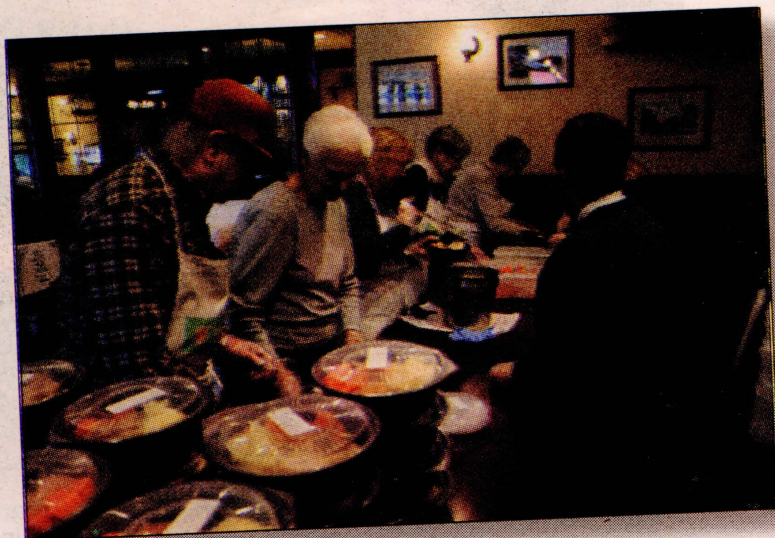
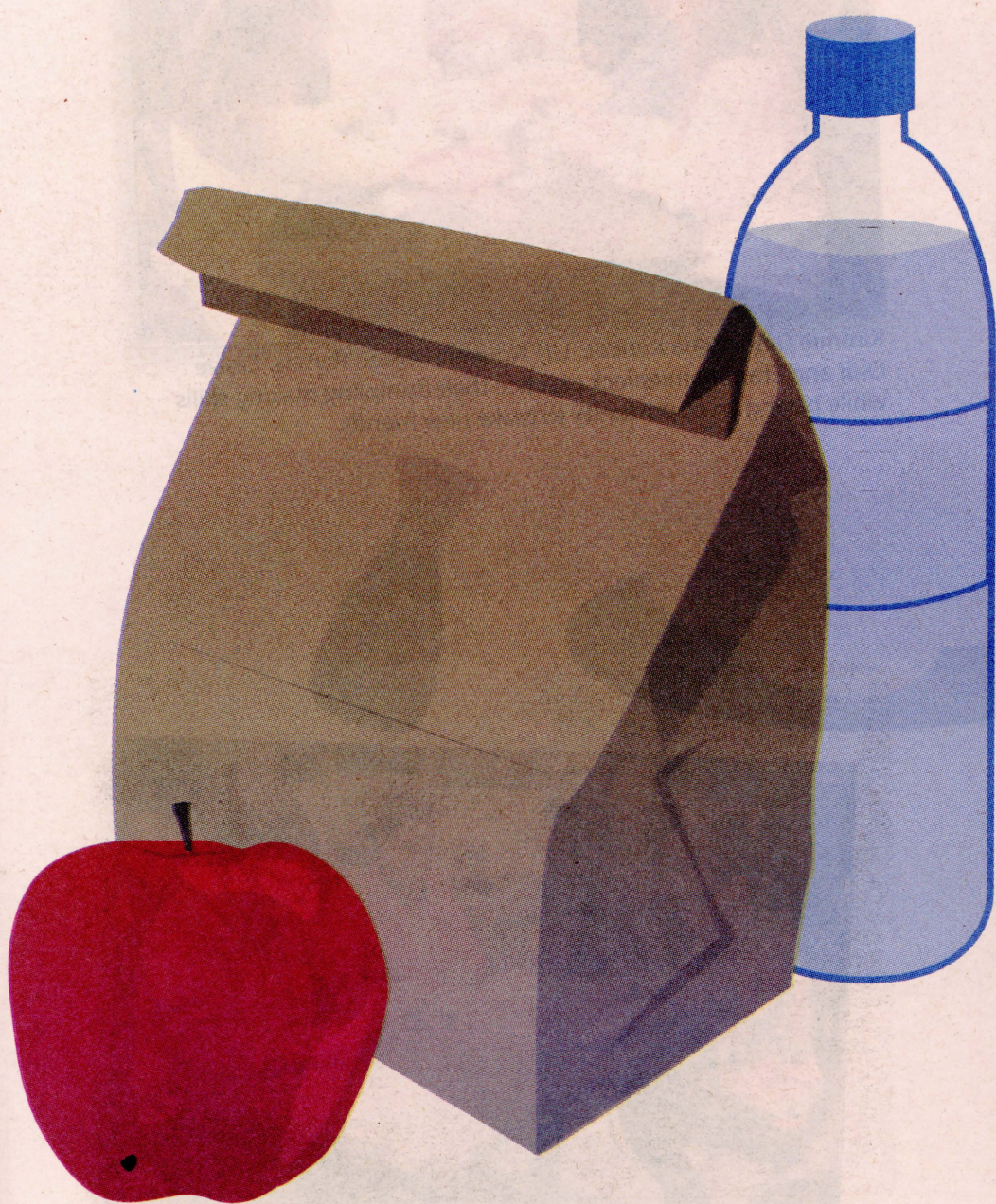


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Kara Dooner, Victoria Morrison and Jason Percival are enjoying their experience surrounding themselves in a fun and exciting cultural experience.

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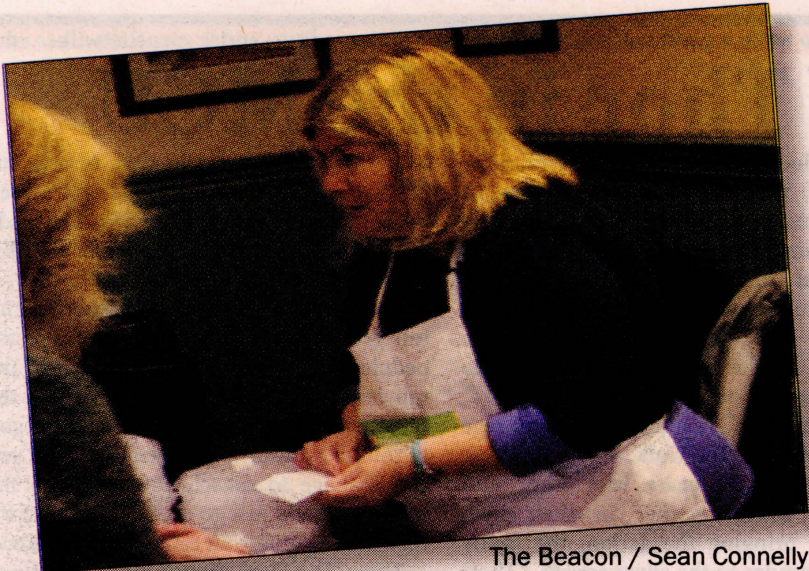


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The volunteers package food at Ollie's restaurant in Edwardsville.



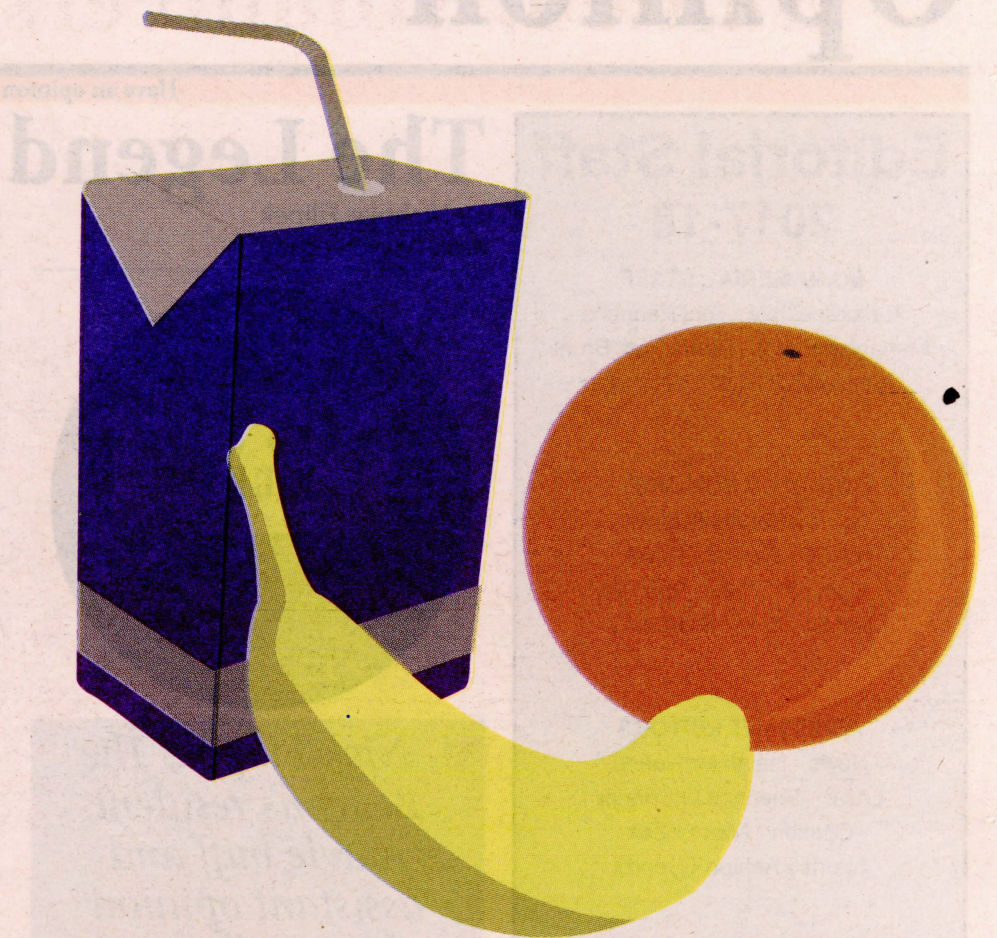
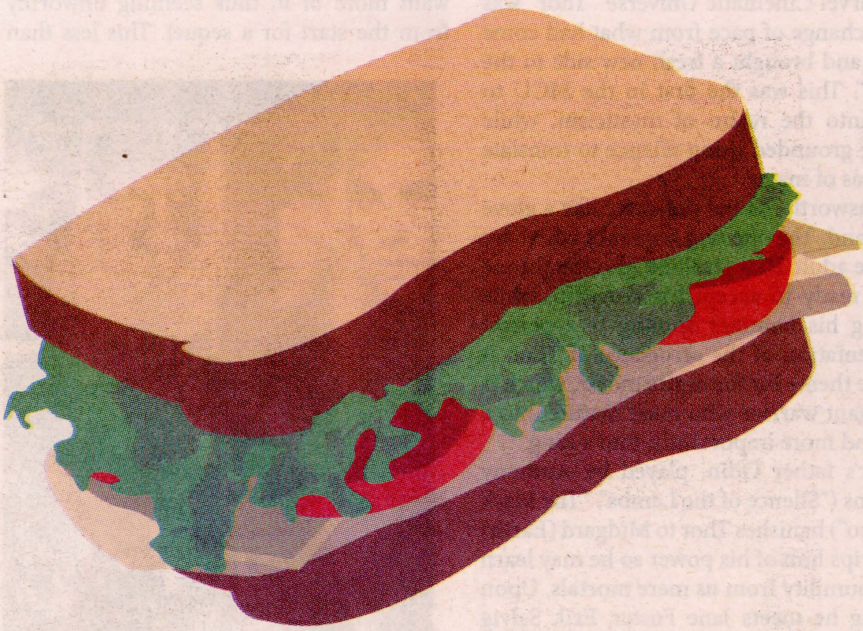
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From left to right: Cindy Levinson, Sandi Fine, Claudia Piczak, and Kathy Howantz





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Sandi Fine is one of many retirees volunteering for Dinners for Kids. The program is currently looking for college students.



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Volunteers package meals for the Dinners for Kids program.

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## The Legend of Thor in the MCU

By Nicholas Filipek  
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The legends of Thor, the almighty God of thunder in Norse mythology, have been entertaining audiences for years. The tales of Thor can be traced back to the Roman era of ancient history where he and his magical hammer Mjolnir have been defending man from creatures from other realms.

In August of 1962 Marvel Comics debuted their version of the Asgardian god of thunder. "Journey in Mystery" #83 was drawn by Jack "The King" Kirby, written by Larry Lieber and was all overseen by Stan Lee, birthing Thor into new life.

Before Chris Hemsworth ("Rush", 2016's "Ghostbusters") picked up the mighty mantle of Thor, Eric Allan Kramer

("Robin Hood: Men in Tights", "American Wedding") wielded the magic hammer in a 1988 television movie "The Incredible Hulk Returns". This was a spinoff movie of the popular 1977 TV series, "The Incredible Hulk" which starred Bill Bixby ("The Courtship of Eddie's Father", "My Favorite Martian") as the brilliant scientist Bruce Banner, and Lou Ferrigno ("Hercules", "Desert Warrior") as the big green rage monster himself, The Hulk.

Now nearly 30 years later Thor and Hulk are back together in their own adventure bringing the action, the funny and the thunder to the silver screen. "Thor: Ragnarok" hit theaters on November 3rd and has caused some booms at the box office.

Before we get into the details of reviewing Thor's latest adventure though, let's take a trip down memory lane and revisit the first two movies that got our hero to where he is.

**Thor (2011)**- The fourth movie to enter the Marvel Cinematic Universe "Thor" was a nice change of pace from what had come before and brought a fresh new side to the "MCU". This was the first in the MCU to delve into the realm of mysticism, while staying grounded using science to translate the ideas of magic.

Hemsworth fits the character like a glove fits a hand. The opening sequence where we first see adult Thor strolling into the throne room, ready to accept his kingship, while twirling his hammer smiling is a perfect representation of the arrogance of Thor. It sets the theme for the entire movie, which is an arrogant warrior who must mature into a man and more importantly, into a king.

Thor's father Odin, played by Anthony Hopkins ("Silence of the Lambs", "The Mask of Zorro") banishes Thor to Midgard (Earth) and strips him of his power so he may learn some humility from us mere mortals. Upon arriving he meets Jane Foster, Erik Selvig and Darcy Lewis played by Natalie Portman ("Star Wars Episodes 1-3", "Black Swan"), Stellan Skarsgard ("Good Will Hunting", "Deep Blue Sea") and Kat Dennings ("Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist", "Two Broke Girls") respectively.

It is with his new friends help that Thor is able to regain Mjolnir and his power in time

to get back to Asgard in time to stop his **\*\*SPOILERS!\*\*** half brother Loki, played by Tom Hiddleston ("Kong: Skull Island", "Crimson Peak"), from accomplishing his trickster plot.

The movie on a whole is good, but not too great. I think it's a hard concept for people to get behind. We like to go to the movies to see ourselves represented on the screen, at least to some degree, and the god of thunder doesn't lend itself to that. If you can manage to detach yourself from the real world, and just go on "the ride" just for the sake of going, you can enjoy this movie.

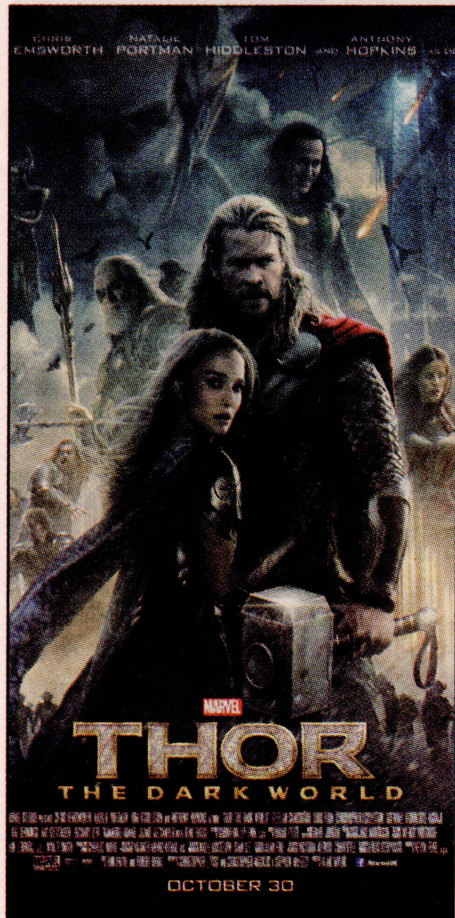
**Thor: The Dark World (2013)**- Making a sequel to a successful movie is no secret in Hollywood, but making it equally as successful seems to be the trick to learn. By all accounts this movie was indeed a success. It made a lot of money and the fans like it, well except this one.

The first movie just did not give me anything that I liked enough that I would want more of it, thus seeming unworthy from the start for a sequel. This less than





## The Legend of Thor cont.



exciting follow up is just that though, more of the same.

We enter in again with Jane Foster (Portman) desperately searching for the same anomalies to lead that led her to meet Thor in the first place. While out on an expedition she is transported to a different dimension where she becomes infused with a powerful entity known as the Aether. An enemy from the past, a dark elf named Malekith, played by Christopher Eccleston ("The Others", "G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra") wants this powerful Aether to exact revenge.

It is incredibly unclear of why Malekith was not searching for the Aether himself this whole time. He was just floating around in space waiting until someone else found it and then put his plan into motion. It is just a plot hole big enough to drive a truck through that's just off-putting to me.

The first movie is a classic origin story with a clear beginning, middle, and end. This movie however seems to be the same as Malekith's ship, just drifting along with

no clear direction. Every now and again they throw in some action scenes but none of them really have a point.

Even the grand finale scene, which normally should be a spectacle, was treated as a big joke. Most of the humor in the movie comes on those last few seconds as Darcy (Dennings) and her assistant are caught up in the commotion. This battle too just ends abruptly with Thor putting a stop to action in a fashion that made you wonder, "why didn't he just do that in the first place"

After this movie I would have sworn that they would never make another standalone Thor movie, but I was proven wrong.

**Thor: Ragnarok (2017)**- If you couldn't tell from the first two reviews, these particular story lines in the MCU are not my favorite. As a kid growing up reading comic books I do not think I ever actually picked up a Thor book. Thor was always just a background in the Avengers series.

With that being said I do have to admit that this most recent outing of the character in a standalone flick is my favorite, though I do not know if this counts as a pure standalone movie. This movie plays more like a buddy comedy, between Thor and Hulk, than a serious action movie, but it is still a Marvel comic book movie so bet that there are still amazing action sequences.

Mark Ruffalo ("Shutter Island", "Spotlight") who plays Bruce Banner and the green gamma ray ridden rebel alter ego Hulk, has stated that he does not see a standalone Hulk film anywhere in the future, hence his team up with Thor. I think this addition was what makes the movie so successful; the audience gets a human aspect that we can all connect with through Banner, that just was not present in the first two films.

The other big step up from the previous Thor movie was the villain. Cate Blanchett ("The Curious Case of Benjamin Button", "The Lord of the Rings") gets to really cut loose while bringing "Hela, Goddess of Death" to life. It is Hella's return to Asgard that causes the plotline of the movie to unfold, so the entire movie rests on her should to say the least. Blanchett brings her A-game and walks the line of delivering gold and chewing the scenery seamlessly.

With the help of Karl Urban ("Dredd", "Star Trek") playing Skurge "The Executioner" the pair brings a sense of doom and urgency to the movie that keeps the plot moving.

The addition of Jeff Goldblum ("Jurassic Park", "Independence Day") had me really excited upon hearing the casting news but I ended up being a bit disappointed. He didn't do anything wrong, he played his part well; it's just that there was really no need for his part in the movie. On the contrary, Tessa Thompson ("Dear White People", "Creed") did a fantastic playing Valkyrie and made me want to go and find a Thor book to read more about her character. She was absolutely fierce, and raw while being playful and just downright cute during some scenes.

The absolute showstopper in this movie was Loki (Hiddleston). Like almost every movie he is in, Hiddleston is charming and believable, even as the god of mischief. At this point I hope they end up making an entire movie surrounded around Loki and an adventure he had away from his half brother.



Do you have opinions? Do you wish you had a platform to share them? Contact Andre Spruell to write about it and get it off your chest.

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## Should there be stricter rules for how coaches treat players?

By Brandon Belfonti  
Opinion Editor

The job of a coach is to prepare a player to compete. The requirements may vary sport to sport, but where is the line?

When does a coach become more than he should be or even more so when a team needs him to be?

I have participated in organized sports since I was able to walk.

In this regard I have been under the authority of a coach for nearly my entire life, and have seen all forms that they come in. Good, bad, average, and all in between.

It was made clear from the start that there must be complete trust in my coach for there to be any achievements.

Likewise he had to trust in me and my teammates' abilities for their to be a structure to our game and relationship.

The idealistic coach is actually quite amusing. One that cares just enough, but isn't popping out of bushes on your way to class. One that will scream, but only when he should. One that is there for just you, but also the rest of the team. In these regards a

perfect coach is a hard thing to achieve and all depends on what that coach seeks.

Let me put it this way; There are coaches who want to win, and then there are coaches who want to win in only a certain way.

We all have competed against the team who is literally just on the field of play to win. No emotion, no communication, and just positions with a number. This is accompanied by a coach who would surely see a number before a name.

By definition he has done his job. Has he actually though?

The best coaches I have ever had have given me way more than a number and some routes.

I was given life lessons that correspond to every other aspect of my life. Along with that came relationships built in practice and games that equate to some of the deepest bonds in my life.

Who taught me that hard work and communication are major keys on and off the field? These kinds of coaches. Did we always win? A confident no is sufficient. Did I win in countless other ways? Yes. Am I still "winning" today because of how I

was coached? Even more so.

Now you see that there are two different kinds of coaches and that both come with advantages of your choosing.


What comes with these coaches is their spin on the world. These people cannot simply be robots telling us the best algorithm to achieve a win. They are human and they also have morals involved.

Are those morals always agreeable? No.

This is quite evident in the recent kneeling event of the NFL. These men signed up to play football, though. It's a commitment that comes with that spin that a coach humanly puts on his teaching.

No one said you can't walk off the field if those morals become too much either, but how many players left the NFL for what their coaches said to do during the National Anthem? Zero.

Coaches are given the right to cross the line when you give them the power to. You are also given the right to leave just as fast.

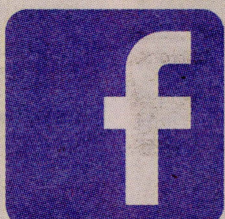
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# Meet the Majors

## This week's major: Computer Science

Interviews and photos by  
Abigail Tarway  
Staff 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.

Ryan Roskowski  
Junior

"Since I was in middle school I have been intrigued by computers and how they work. So, the enjoyment I got out of problem solving is ultimately what made me specialize in computer science.

Since I enjoy solving these problems so much, why not do it for a living? It will help me by giving me something fun as a career."



Alan Sebastianelli  
Sophomore

"My interest in computers and computer science started when I was 14 and got my first laptop for my birthday. I was always interested in the inner workings of computers and what made programs work.

I am not exactly sure what my plan is for the future, though I love what I am doing and I know my time at Wilkes will lead me towards a future I will love."



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Andrew Chupka  
Sophomore

"Objectively speaking, the demand for computer programmers is growing rapidly, so once I graduate I feel confident that I will be able to find a job. Personally though, I'm very excited to work in this field and possibly have a direct influence in the next big advancement in technology and computing."



Jeremy Miller  
Senior

"I've always been fascinated with video game design and development, and Wilkes gave me the opportunity to study this through the Gaming Track for Computer Science.

I feel this major will be a great help to me, as I plan to become a developer of video games. Classes like Artificial Intelligence were especially helpful."





# The unfair, high cost of student loan debt in U.S.

By Savannah Pinnock  
Staff Writer

Within the United States of America, the concept of education has undergone a series of radical revolutions in the name of promoting "a more perfect union."

As a nation, we have witnessed the Brown vs. The Board of Education trials which paved the way for a non-segregated school system. In the early 2000's, we witnessed the implementation of the Department of Education's "No Child Left Behind Act" promoted by former President George W. Bush, and the reauthorization of the "Every Student Succeeds Act" by former President Obama.

America is known for being the "land of opportunity" in which one can become anything they desire through hard work and dedication as the American dream entails.

Concepts such as Laissez-faire in which we function on a free market economy and being citizens of the "land of the free and the home of the brave" should allow an academically driven

person to have the ability to pursue their heart's desire, though, this is not the case post secondarily.

Within the U.S. educational system, the high cost of student loans gives the academic an unfair ultimatum.

The academic student must choose between a lower and less expensive quality of education to receive a less fulfilling as well as rewarding education or pursue their dream college and/or university and subject their self to a life of financial burden and a cloud of students loans hanging overhead.

With either choice, a student is left with a half fulfilled passion and the American dream cannot be fulfilled with half-truths.

The unfair nature of the American collegiate system is disappointing for the grandiose steps that the nation has taken toward establishing an egalitarian society in which any sensible desire is not perceived as overly ambitious, or deemed as inferior.

In an effort to illustrate how unjust student loans are within the U.S., it is essential that one has an understanding of how other countries manage the concept

of tuition and student loans.

Within the United States, student loans are at a staggering \$1.3 trillion dollars owed by students of which the government makes a profit. In other words, the nation thrives off of the financial burden it has placed on the often young college and/or university students that it targets. In a sense, the government prays on the academically driven and there are a myriad of efforts in place to end the government's "paycheck" in this regard.

"Our system is so broken that it is actually cheaper for Americans to study in a number of other countries than to attend college in the United States," wrote Brendan Gallagher for MerryJane.com.


Such a realization is one that many American students are becoming increasingly aware of as loan principles and interest rates are ostensibly high and those who are on the lower levels of the socioeconomic equilibrium tend to receive less monetary aid.

These factors often contribute to roughly 41 percent dropout rate seen among college students with only 59

percent continuing their collegiate education.

In countries like that of Germany, such financial strife seen at the hands of governmental money mongers is unheard of as tuition is completely free. One may suggest that there is no such thing as free, and such a person may be right although college students in Germany only have to pay a semester fee of \$250 per semester. Within the United States, \$250 may pay for a college textbook or two.

Such lows in regard to student loans are not exclusive to Germany, in fact Canada, France, Sweden and more have very low students loans, the highest of all these countries amounting to roughly 2,000 euros or \$2,333 USD. Comparing student loans within the United States to that of foreign countries makes it clear that the American student loan system is quite expensive but the beautiful thing is that the student always has a choice in how they further their education.

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## Opinions on Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

By Steve Urbanski  
Guest Writer

*Editor's Note: Here is the second part of Wilkes alumnus Steve Urbanski's DACA*

One argument against dreamers and all the other "huddled masses" is that they sneak into America to reap all the government giveaways. It is said they get food stamps, social security benefits, free medical care, and other governmental benefits. This is just not the case.

The Center for American Progress has determined that overall, "the passage of the DREAM Act would add \$329 billion to the U.S. economy and create 1.4 million new jobs by 2030."

With regard to our Social Security system, we can thank our lucky stars for the undocumented immigrants. According to Stephen Goss, the chief actuary of the Social Security Administration, about 1.8 million immigrants were working with fake or stolen Social Security cards in 2010, and he expects that number to reach 3.4 million by 2040. He calculates that undocumented immigrants paid \$13 billion into the retirement trust fund that year, and only got about \$1 billion in benefits. That is

an annual net of \$12 billion to the cash flow of the program for 2010.

Dreamers and undocumented immigrants are a net financial gain, but perhaps Belen Sisa, a 22-year-old undocumented immigrant said it best on her viral Facebook post.

"I, an undocumented immigrant, just filed my taxes and PAID \$300 to the state of Arizona. I cannot receive financial aid from the state or federal government for school, I cannot benefit from unemployment, a reduced healthcare plan, or a retirement fund. I think I'm a pretty good citizen. Oh and there are MILLIONS just like me who pay into a system they will never receive anything from. Want to tell me again how I should be deported, contribute nothing and only leech off this country while the 1% wealthiest people in this country steal from you everyday?"

The United States, at least a majority, have lived up to the words of the Emma Lazarus poem inscribed on the Statue of Liberty.

"Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

DACA exemplifies the beliefs that make our country what it is. It is consistent with the beliefs that allowed our nation to flourish and become one of the greatest nations the world has ever seen. It helped create a country that is the freest society in the world. It has not been an easy road, because some vocal minorities have thrown roadblocks in the way.

Our history is rife with anti-immigrant sentiment, but a particular example from the 19th Century may help us with the way forward. In the late 1840s and early 1850s, a political movement started known as the "Native American" party or just the "American" party, but most commonly known as the "Know Nothing" party. The Know Nothings were alarmed by an influx of immigration from Europe. Many of the new immigrants were Roman Catholics, and this did not sit well with the predominant Protestant population. The party reached its peak in the 1856 election when former President Millard Fillmore garnered 21.5 percent of the national Presidential vote as the standard bearer of the Know Nothing Party. He ran on a nativist/anti-immigrant platform.

In 1855, a little known Illinois politician and future President Abraham Lincoln

wrote to a friend

"I am not a Know-Nothing. That is certain. How could I be? How can any one who abhors the oppression of negroes, be in favor of degrading classes of white people? Our progress in degeneracy appears to me to be pretty rapid. As a nation, we begin by declaring that 'all men are created equal.' We now practically read it 'all men are created equal, except negroes.' When the Know-Nothings get control, it will read 'all men are created equal, except negroes, and foreigners, and Catholics.' When it comes to this I should prefer emigrating to some country where they make no pretense of loving liberty—to Russia, for instance, where despotism can be taken pure, and without the base alloy of hypocrisy."

Fortunately for us all, the thoughts of Lincoln won the day, and have won the day for most of the 162 years that have passed since Lincoln wrote to his friend Joshua Speed. Those same thoughts won the day when my grandmother, the dreamer, came to this country, and for that, I am eternally grateful.

We can only hope that the modern day Know Nothings join their 19th Century Know Nothings on the ash heap of history.



# Sports

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## WSOC: Lady Colonels sink Eastern in double overtime, 1-0

By Ashton Gyenizs  
Asst. Sports Editor

The No. 1 seeded Wilkes University Women's Soccer team snuck past No. 4 seeded Eastern University in their semifinal matchup in the Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom Tournament with a goal in the 103rd minute of play.

With tons of opportunities to score in regulation, the Lady Colonels just could not land a shot on goal. In the 22nd minute of the game, a loose ball resulted in the first chance to score, but Nicolette Towlen's shot on goal was defended by the Eagle goalkeeper, Adrianna Rowlands.

The next scoring opportunity for either side came in the 30th minute. Eastern University's corner kick, however, was cleared by the Lady Colonels.

Wilkes' next chance came with a long pass from Emily Wirth to Jessica Egan who was wide open running down the middle of the field. This was ruled an offside by the officials, though, because she was past the last Eagles defender before the pass was made.

31 minutes into the game was the next scoring opportunity for Wilkes. Towlen was in position to score from 20 yards out, but the shot was no good as it deflected off of the crossbar.

After a scoreless first half of play, Wilkes had yet another failed chance to score in the form of an additional Towlen shot on goal that was called back for offside.

The momentum swung in the other direction as the Eastern Eagles had two opportunities to score with back-to-back corner kicks. The second was nearly headed

in, but Wilkes' goalkeeper, Courtney Stanley, was there to make the save. This was followed by an Eagles shot that went high over the crossbar which kept the score tied at zero.

In the 72nd minute, another Wilkes shot on goal by Megan Lercara hit the crossbar and ended out of bounds. This led to another opportunity for Towlen in the 87th minute of the game. Midfielder, Delfina Bracchi fielded in a ball to set up Towlen for a score, but the shot flew wide right after Towlen's spin move around a defender. That was the last scoring opportunity for either team as regulation ended with a score of 0-0.

The first overtime was uneventful as both Wilkes and Eastern battled back and forth to get a leg up on their opponent, but neither team could put themselves into scoring position.

Entering the second overtime period, Wilkes finally took the win after 102:29 of play. Ema Sabovic passed to a wide open Nicolette Towlen who had all day to line up her shot on goal. The shot was placed in the bottom left of the goal. After it rolled in, the Lady Colonels were sent into a dog pile in celebration of their win that would send them to the MAC Freedom championship game against Misericordia.

**Wilkes 1, Eastern 0**

**Eastern** 0'0'0'0'0 -- 0

**Wilkes** 0'0'0'1 -- 1

**First half** -- No scoring. **Second half** -- No scoring. **First overtime** -- No scoring. **Second overtime** -- 1. WIL Nicolette Towlen (Ema Sabovic) 102:29

**Shots** -- EAS 4; WIL 18. **Saves** -- EAS 2 (Adrianna Rowlands); WIL 3 (Courtney Stanley). **Corners** -- EAS 4; WIL 5.

## WSOC: 103rd minute heartbreaker sinks Wilkes in final

By Luke Modrovsky  
Sports Editor

Wilkes is certainly no stranger to overtime, or even double overtime, but in the Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom final, it would be visiting Misericordia who prevailed in double overtime.

Misericordia's Alex Gallagher sent home the heartbreaking goal off a free ball in the 103rd minute.

While both teams managed a "not-to-lose" strategy, by taking limited shots in the offensive stalemate, the championship contest was bound for overtime. And why not overtime to decide this championship?

In a crowd similar to that of a Colonel Football game, the announced crowd of 513 made Schmidt Stadium a true playoff atmosphere. The game featured playoff atmosphere "oohs" and "ahs" from the fans in attendance.

The Lady Colonels thought they had scored in the 15th minute when Megan Lercara dumped a free ball into the penalty area to Emily Wirth. After hitting Wirth's right hip,

the ball bounced toward the Misericordia netminder, Alyssa Pojero, who made an attempt to secure the ball. In a flurry of action, Elise Brubaker's right foot and Pojero's hands came together rapidly. Brubaker would win

the battle by seeing the ball ricochet into the back of the net, but the official ruled that the Lady Cougars goalkeeper had control of the ball before Wilkes knocked it loose.

Gallagher made the hearts of Schmidt Stadium sink toward the end of the first half when her lofted shot sailed extremely close to the crossbar. It would float high, but the Colonel faithful could feel the tension.

Misericordia would dominate the early portion of the second half before the Lady Colonels saw their next scoring opportunity.

The Lady Colonels now put their hopes into an NCAA at-large or Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) bid to be announced this week.

**Misericordia 1, Wilkes 0**

**Misericordia** 0'0'0'1 -- 1

**Wilkes** 0'0'0'0 -- 0

**First half** -- No scoring. **Second half** -- No scoring. **First overtime** -- No scoring. **Second overtime** -- MIS, Alex Gallagher, 102:57.

**Shots** -- MIS 10; WIL 10. **Saves** -- MIS 6 (Alyssa Pojero); WIL 1 (Courtney Stanley). **Corners** -- MIS 1; WIL 3.



The Beacon/Nicole Gaetani  
Emily Wirth #3 takes a shot on goal during the MAC Freedom final.

## Field hockey: Late rally falls short, 3-2

By Kirsten Peters  
Staff Writer

On Nov. 1, the Wilkes University Lady Colonels took on the Misericordia Lady Cougars in a Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) Freedom semifinal field hockey game at Misericordia University.

At the beginning of halftime, the Lady Cougars had a 2-0 lead.

A long pass from senior Haley Gayoski at the top of the circle allowed senior Marissa Surdy to take a backhand shot 2:38 into the second half of the game for her tenth goal

of the season. This left Surdy with 51 career goals, tying her with Kim Kaskel's 1992-95 total for the school record. In addition to tying the school record for career goals, Surdy finished her career with 45 assists and 147 points.

In the 44th minute, the Lady Cougars were able to regain their two goal lead, scoring another goal to bring their lead to 3-1.

At 64:08, Gayoski scored the Lady Colonels second goal of the game. A screen set by senior Megan Kane on the Lady Cougars' goalkeeper allowed Gayoski to

steal the ball near midfield and stickhandle around three defenders to shoot the ball.

With four minutes left in the game, the Lady Colonels earned two penalty corners back to back, but were unsuccessful to score the tying goal.

This is the fifth straight season the Lady Colonels were in the MAC Freedom Tournament and finished the season with an 8-10 record overall, while the Lady Cougars moved onto 11-8 for the season.

According to freshman left forward Ali Dunn, who is the top scorer on the team for the Lady Colonels' freshmen, reflected on

the season, stating, "We had a rough patch when it came to our conference games, but we knew we had to give everything we had to be seeded for playoffs. We pushed through and were on a winning streak. We ended up qualifying for playoffs with the third seed."

"Even though things didn't go our way in the first round of playoffs, I've never played with a team that was so devoted and determined for this game."



# WREST: Colonels drop close match to DII Millersville, 25-24

By Amber Grohowski  
Staff Writer

To start the 2017-2018 season opener at Marts Gymnasium on Nov. 3, Matthew Judge at 184 pounds put Wilkes ahead 6-0 due to a Millersville forfeit. Millersville then gained points for the 197 pound technical fall, leaving the score at 6-5, with Wilkes still in the lead.

Nicholas Goff got a takedown during the heavyweight match with just over a minute to take a 3-1 lead. To take back the advantage, Yackenchick escaped and converted a takedown to put himself in front, 4-3. The final seconds ticked down to zero giving Millersville the lead in the match, 8-6.

With another technical fall in the 125 pound category, Millersville gained on the Colonels with a score of 13-6.

Jake Dimarsico, weighing in at 133, was down at the start of his first bout but got

ahead of his Millersville opponent, who then went on to tie the score back up, resulting in overtime. Millersville then got the take down, scoring three more points for the Marauders leaving a score of 16-6, with Millersville in the lead.

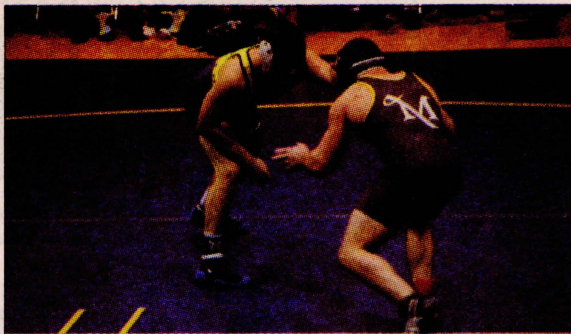
Mathew Grossman kept the Colonels in it. Weighing in at 141, he was able to cut the gap and make it 16-12, giving the Colonels another chance to fight back.

Medrow, weighing in at 149 pounds, never give up and came back from a Millersville 4-0 lead, making it 4-3 when the final buzzer went off but, unfortunately, fell short to his competitor.

Another technical fall at 157 pounds allowed the Marauders to extend their gap with an overall match score of 25-12 at this point.

With only two more Colonels to compete, Nicholas Racanelli, wrestling at 165, earned a fall with a

little less than half a minute left, helping Wilkes close the score gap, that seemed to only be getting larger.



Racanelli eyes up his opponent in the Nov. 4 home dual against DII foe Millersville.

Closing the opener, John Ritter was able to rack up some points in the 174-pound bout. The final score of the matchup was 25-24, with division II Millersville hanging on by the skin of their teeth.

Wilkes Wrestling will be returning to the Marts Gymnasium on November 11th, facing SUNY Cortland.

The Colonels also competed the the Ned McGinley Invitational Tournament hosted by King's College on Nov. 4. Wilkes gathered 38.5 team points at the event. New York University placed first in the invite with 146.5 team points.

Freshman Kyle Trout took fifth in the tournament after fighting back through the consolation round. He collected four straight 5-2 decisions before falling in the consolation semi-finals. His fifth place match was a victory by medical forfeit.

## Millersville 25, Wilkes 24

125: A. Wildonger (M) tech. fall Spencer Reed (W) 23-8 (7:00)

133: A. Baider (M) dec. Jake Dimarsico (W) 6-4 OT

141: Matt Grossmann (W) fall K. Constantine (M) 1:35

149: DJ Mele (M) dec. Kyle Medrow (W) 4-3

157: S. Decker (M) fall Ashton Gyenizs (W) 1:20

165: Nick Racanelli (W) fall S. Ruhnke (M) 4:41

174: John Ritter (W) fall C. Cossitor (M) 4:44

184: Matt Judge (W) won by forfeit

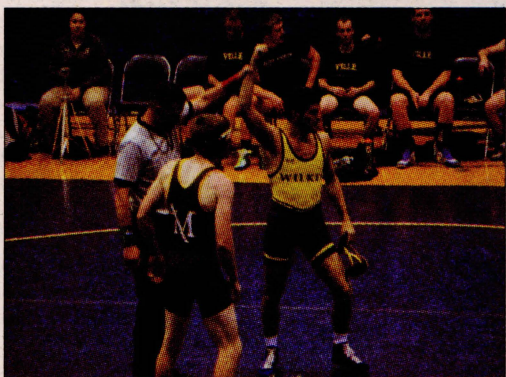
197: C. Dull (M) tech. fall Jacob Huling (W) 16-0 (2:32)

285: Z. Yackenchick (M) dec. Nick Goff (W) 4-3

Note: Match started at 184 pounds. Exhibition:

197: J. Fetterman (M) major dec. Moustafa Almeke (W) 11-1

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The Beacon/Nicole Gaetani

165-pounder Nick Racanelli has his hand raised for his first victory of the season.



## Wilkes Fall Sports Schedules

### Wrestling

11/3 vs. Millersville L 24-25  
11/4 @ King's, 10th place  
11/11 vs. SUNY Cortland, 11:00 a.m.  
vs. NYU, 1:00 p.m.  
vs. Mount Saint Vincent, 3:00 p.m.  
vs. Hunter College, 5:00 p.m.  
11/18 vs. Heidelberg, 10:00 a.m.  
@ Mount Union, 12:00 p.m.  
vs. Alma, 2:00 p.m.  
vs. Baldwin Wallace, 4:00 p.m.  
vs. Greensboro, 6:00 p.m.  
12/2 McDaniel Duals, 12:00 p.m.  
12/8 vs. Elizabethtown, 7:00 p.m.  
12/10 @ Stevens Institute, 12:00 p.m.  
12/22 Wilkes Open, 9:00 a.m.  
1/4, 1/5 NWCA National Duals, TBA  
1/11 vs. Centenary, 5:30 p.m.  
vs. Penn Tech, 8:30 p.m.  
1/20 MAC Champ. @ King's, 10:30 a.m.  
1/28 John Reese Duals, 11:00 a.m.  
2/2 @ College of NJ, 7:30 p.m.  
2/3 Messiah Open, 10:00 a.m.  
2/9 vs. Ithaca, 7:00 p.m.  
2/11 vs. King's, 12:00 p.m.  
2/16 vs. Scranton @ King's, 7:00 p.m.  
2/17 vs. Keystone @ Scranton, 12:00 p.m.  
Record: 0-1

### Football

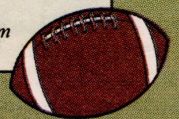
9/2 @ Muhlenberg, L 19-62  
\*9/9 vs. Lebanon Valley, L 0-36  
\*9/15 vs. Delaware Valley, L 14-34  
\*9/23 @ Misericordia, L 14-43  
\*9/30 @ Lycoming, L 7-34  
\*x-10/7 vs. Widener, L 7-30  
\*10/21 @ FDU-Florham, L 31-49  
\*10/28 @ Albright, L 23-26  
\*y-11/4 vs. Stevenson, L 12-44  
\*z-11/11 @ King's, 12:00 p.m.  
\*MAC  
x-Homecoming  
y-Friends and Family Day & Senior Day  
z-Mayor's Cup  
Record: 0-9 (MAC 0-8)  
Home games @ Schmidt Stadium  
Results as of Nov. 4

### 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, L 0-1  
\*10/14 @ Desales, T 0-0 (2OT)  
\*10/17 @ Misericordia, L 1-3  
\*10/21 vs. Eastern, W 1-0 (2OT)  
10/25 vs. Penn College, W 6-1  
\*10/28 @ Manhattanville, L 0-1  
\*MAC Freedom  
Record: 8-9-1 (MAC-Free. 2-4-1)  
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, W 1-0  
\*10/14 @ Desales, L 0-2  
\*10/18 @ Misericordia, W 1-0  
\*10/21 vs. Eastern, T 0-0 (2OT)  
10/24 @ SUNY-Cortland, W 1-0.  
\*10/28 @ Manhattanville, W 2-1  
x-\*10/31 vs. Eastern, W 1-0 (2OT)  
y-\*11/4 vs. Misericordia, L 1-0 (2OT)  
\*MAC Freedom  
x-MAC Freedom Semi-Final  
y-MAC Freedom Final  
Record: 13-3-3 (MAC-Free. 5-1-1)  
Home matches @ Schmidt Stadium





# FB: Colonels drop Senior Day affair 44-14 rout to Stevenson

By Luke Modrovsky  
Sports Editor

Colonel Football entered Schmidt Stadium with zero wins on the season and left Schmidt Stadium with a goose egg as Stevenson spoils senior day.

Wilkes held a 6-0 lead for the entirety of the first quarter after a stellar drive led by freshman Nick Geimer. Geimer rushed twice to put Wilkes closer to Mustang territory before finding Aaron Coyne on the next gain.

Geimer kept the ball himself to give the Colonels a fresh set of downs on the Stevenson 14. Geimer found one of his favorite targets in tight end Garrett Armstrong for an 11 yard chain moving completion before punching the ball in himself for a 3 yard touchdown. The extra point would fail as Mike Hauck's kick was blocked.

Wilkes would even see another scoring opportunity as they found themselves inside the Stevenson 10 yard line. On third and three, Geimer picked up one yard before head coach Trey Brown's Colonels elected to settle for points.

That decision would backfire as Hauck's 23 yard kick

sailed wide left.

Visiting Stevenson would score 10 unanswered points to take a lead, but Wilkes would rally back after a Jacob Brook intercepted Dan Williams in a drive-stopping play.

The Colonel offense marched down the field in 2:19 when Geimer found Armstrong on a 30 yard completion to cap off the scoring drive. However, Hauck's kick would again be blocked, keeping a 12-10 margin.

Hauck would finish 0-for-2 on extra points attempts, both blocked, while also missing a field goal attempt. Other than the Geimer-to-Armstrong touchdown, the Colonel's second quarter play was plagued by three Geimer fumbles.

A total 34 unanswered points gave Stevenson a lead they would never look back from. Second half scores including big passing plays of 90, 62 and 39 yards, along with a 33-yard field goal from Ian Gould.

Williams threw 28-of-45 passing for five scores. Preston Addo was his top target, bringing in a game-high ten catches for 230 yards and three

Nick Geimer (#14)

quarterback, warms up to get back on the field for the second half of the game.

touchdowns.

Geimer finished 32-of-44 passing for 307 and one score. He also rushed 24 times for 71 yards and another score. His top target, Garrett Armstrong, finished with seven receptions for 99 yards and one score.

The Colonels will travel to cross-town rival King's College for the 22nd annual Mayor's Cup game McCarthy Stadium. Kickoff is scheduled for 12:00 p.m. and will be televised locally on WQMY (Fox 56).

Stevenson 44, Wilkes 14

Stevenson 0'20'10'14—44

Wilkes 0'7'7'0—14

First quarter

WIL — Nick Geimer 3 run (Mike Hauck kick blocked), 10:08

Second quarter

STE — Sebastian Valinqueur 23 pass from Dan Williams (Ian Gould kick), 14:28

STE — Gould 28 field goal, 12:53

WIL — Garrett Armstrong 30 from Geimer (Hauck kick blocked), 4:23

STE — Preston Addo 21 pass from D. Williams (Gould kick), 2:11

STE — Gould 19 field goal, 0:00

Third quarter

STE — Devin Salisbury 90 pass from

Williams (Gould kick), 9:05

STE — Gould 33 field goal, 2:26

Fourth quarter

STE — Addo 62 pass from Williams (Gould kick), 12:30

STE — Addo 39 pass from Williams (Gould kick), 1:13

Team statistics 'S' 'W

First downs 22 25

Rushes-yards 23-96 42-109

Passing yards 446 337

Total yards 542 446

Passing 28-45-1 34-50-1

Sacked-yards lost 2-23 0-0

Punts-avg. 4-41 3-38

Penalties-yards 5-42 4-40

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING — Stevenson, Daqwan Hill

15-49 Williams 3-26, Salisbury 1-9, Isaiah Austin 3-8, Addo 1-4. Wilkes, Geimer 24-71, Shane Deemer 8-14, Sincere Williams 1-10, Nick Yanik 3-6, Jeff Steeber 1-5, Jacob Kadis 1-4, Wade Rippeon 4-(-1).

PASSING — Stevenson, Williams 18-45-1-446, Wilkes, Geimer 32-44-0-307, Rippeon 2-6-1-30

RECEIVING — Addo 10-230, Salisbury 6-110, Vainqueur 8-79, Kenneth Scott-Kelov 3-25, Patrick Najmola 1-2. Wilkes, rmstrong 7-99, Steeber 7-76, Derek Nelson -49, Deemer 4-36, Yanik 4-33, Aaron Coyne -27, Richard Ermeus 1-7, Kadis 2-5, Reich -5.

INTERCEPTIONS — Stevenson, Kobe olanos 1-20. Wilkes, Jacob Brook 1-9.

MISSED FGs — Stevenson, none. Wilkes, fike Hauck 23 (WL).



The Beacon/Nicole Gaetani  
Derek Nelson (#7), wide receiver, catches a pass from quarterback Nick Geimer (#14), and ran for a few yards mixing up multiple defenders.

## Wilkes Winter Sports Schedules

### Men's Swimming

10/7 vs. William Patterson, L 98-108  
10/14 Colonel Sprint Invite, 1st place  
\*10/20 @ Arcadia, L 44-142  
10/21 vs. Mount Saint Mary W 152-97  
\*10/28 vs. Stevenson, W 117-20  
\*11/5 @ Lebanon Valley, 1:00 p.m.  
11/5 @ Dickinson, 1:00 p.m.  
\*11/11 vs FDU-Florham, 1:00 p.m.  
11/18 Diamond Invite@King's  
11/19 Diamond Invite@King's  
\*12/3 @ Lycoming, 2:00 p.m.  
12/8 vs. PSU-Altoona, 7:00 p.m.  
\*1/13 @ Misericordia, 1:00 p.m.  
\*1/20 @ Messiah, 1:00 p.m.  
1/27 vs. SUNY-Cobleskill, 1:00 p.m.  
\*2/3 vs. King's, 1:00 p.m.  
\*-MAC  
Home meets @ Wilkes-Barre  
Catholic Youth Center  
Record: 2-2 (MAC: 1-1)

### Women's Swimming

10/14 Colonel Sprint Invite, 3rd place  
\*10/20 @ Arcadia, L 42-136  
10/21 vs. Mount Saint Mary, L 79-151  
\*10/28 vs. Stevenson, L 61-104  
\*11/5 @ Lebanon Valley, 1:00 p.m.  
11/5 @ Dickinson, 1:00 p.m.  
\*11/11 FDU-Florham, 1:00 p.m.  
11/18 Diamond Invite @ King's  
11/19 Diamond Invite @ King's  
\*12/3 @ Lycoming, 2:00 p.m.  
12/8 vs. PSU-Altoona, 7:00 p.m.  
\*1/13 @ Misericordia, 1:00 p.m.  
\*1/20 @ Messiah, 1:00 p.m.  
1/27 vs. SUNY-Cobleskill, 1:00 p.m.  
\*2/3 vs. King's, 1:00 p.m.  
\*-MAC  
Home meets @ Wilkes-Barre  
Catholic Youth Center  
Record: 0-3 (MAC: 0-2)  
Results as of Nov. 4

### Women's Basketball

11/15 @ Rutgers-Camden, 7:00 P.M.  
11/17 vs. Marywood, 8:00 P.M.  
11/18 vs. U. of Scranton, 4:00 P.M.  
11/21 vs. PSU Wilkes-Barre, 5:00 P.M.  
11/30 @ Moravian, 7:00 p.m.  
12/4 @ Rutgers-Newark, 7:00 p.m.  
12/5 vs. Valley Forge, 6:00 p.m.  
12/7 vs. PSU-Schuylkill, 7:00 p.m.  
12/9 vs. Juniata, 1:00 p.m.  
\*1/3 @ FDU-Florham, 8:00 p.m.  
\*1/6 vs. Manhattanville, 1:00 p.m.  
1/8 @ PSU-Hazleton, 6:00 p.m.  
\*1/10 @ Delaware Valley, 8:00 p.m.  
\*1/13 @ Eastern, 1:00 p.m.  
\*1/17 vs. DeSales, 8:00 p.m.  
\*1/20 vs. King's, 12:00 p.m.  
1/22 @ Alvernia, 6:00 p.m.  
\*1/24 @ Misericordia, 8:00 p.m.  
\*1/27 vs. Delaware Valley, 1:00 p.m.  
\*1/31 vs. FDU-Florham, 6:00 p.m.  
\*2/3 @ Manhattanville, 1:00 p.m.  
\*2/7 @ DeSales, 6:00 p.m.  
\*2/10 vs. Misericordia, 1:00 p.m.  
\*2/13 @ King's, 6:00 p.m.  
\*2/17 vs. Eastern, 1:00 p.m.  
\*-MAC Freedom  
Home games @ Marts Center  
Record: 0-0 (MAC-Freedom: 0-0)

### Men's Basketball

11/15 vs. PSU-Hazleton, 7:00 p.m.  
11/18 @ Elizabethtown, 3:00 p.m.  
11/21 vs. PSU-WB, p.m.  
11/25 @ Marywood, 1:00 p.m.  
11/26 @ U. of Scranton, 3:00 p.m.  
11/29 @ Drew, 7:00 p.m.  
12/2 vs. Messiah, 3:00 p.m.  
12/5 vs. Clarks Summit, 8:00 p.m.  
12/19 @ Albright, 7:00 p.m.  
12/28 @ Hiram, 7:00 p.m.  
12/29 @ Norwich, 3:00 p.m.  
\*1/3 @ FDU-Florham, 6:00 p.m.  
\*1/6 vs. Mahanville, 3:00 p.m.  
\*1/10 @ Delaware Valley, 6:00 p.m.  
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Getting to know...

# Lucas Snedeker

## Freshman Soccer Player

### The Beacon: Male Athlete of the Week 10/23-10/29

**Why Lucas Snedeker was selected:** "Freshman Lucas Snedeker scored his first career goal against Penn College in a non-conference matchup on Oct. 25. Little did he know, he would score just minutes later, helping to pour it on in a 6-1 drubbing over the visiting Wildcats. His accomplishments led him from a walk-on, to scoring not once, but twice, in regular game action during his first season as a Colonel."

**What head coach Michael Piranian said:** "He has been quite a pleasant surprise for the program. He is a freshman this year and came to the program as a walk-on. He is a talented player, for us, that had significant playing time as a forward (played in 17 games and started 9 of those). I think one of the highlights for Lucas, this fall, was winning an EA Sports FIFA tournament against his teammates with a surprisingly average team, Everton. My expectations for him and his output within the program will grow as he becomes more and more confident on the field. We look forward to what his future holds here with us at Wilkes."

**Name:** Lucas Snedeker  
**Year:** Freshman  
**Major:** Environmental Science  
**Hometown:** Scott Township, Pa.  
**High School:** Lakeland HS  
**Position:** Forward

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

As I visited Wilkes, the small and hands on class and school size. One of the first things I noticed was how friendly and helpful everyone around campus was. Soccer and my major was too other very important factors.

#### Favorite building on campus?

Cohen Science Center

#### If we put jolly ranchers into a container, how many do you think you could lift?

10,576.

#### What came first? The chicken or the egg?

The egg, of course.

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

Our hopes as a team were to make playoffs, as wanted by any team. As an individual player, I wanted to make a positive impact on the team and help win games in any way I could, and get as much experience as a collegiate player going into the off season.

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

I've been playing soccer as long as I could remember. Always had a great love of the game.

#### Coke or Pepsi?

Pepsi.

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

I would like to improve some of the gear we have. Get a wardrobe update.

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

Hiking, lacrosse, music, bird watching, science, face timing my brother.

#### Most influential person in your life?

My dad

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

"Life is uncertain, eat dessert first"

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

Be Colonel, to me, means to have pride and take value in anything you do to give Wilkes a valuable reputation.

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

Neil Armstrong or Jesus.

#### Favorite professor?

Haven't had too many professors as of yet, but Dr. Kuhar has got to be the favorite of my first semester here.

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

The whole soccer team, for a great first season.

-Complied by Luke Modrovsky, sports editor

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Getting to know...

# Elise Brubaker

## Freshman Soccer Player

**The Beacon: Female Athlete of the Week 10/23-10/29**

**Why Elise Brubaker was selected:** Brubaker scored the deciding goal in the team's regular season finale. The Lady Colonels defeated host Manhattanville in a 2-1 decision. Brubaker's upper-right connection was enough to clinch the first No. 1 MAC Freedom seed in program history. Congratulations, Elise!

**What head coach John Sumoski said:** "She's got great fitness, strength, speed and skill, but the thing that sets her apart is her desire. I tell the girls there are two components that we look at, can you run and will you run. There are plenty that have one component or the other and at certain degrees. Elise has both at such a high level. She will be a huge success in anything she does because she's very simply a winner with a strong mind."

**Name:** Elise Brubaker**Year:** Freshman**Major:** Mechanical Engineering, aspirations to apply to bioengineering/ biomedical engineering program**Hometown:** Northumberland, Pa.**High School:** Shikellamy HS**Position:** Midfield**Driving force for your decision to come to Wilkes?**

Wilkes is one of the few schools in Pennsylvania that has a bioengineering/ biomedical engineering program and women's soccer.

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

My hopes are to find a job within my field soon after graduation.

**Favorite building on campus?**

Stark. I cannot wait for the renovations to be complete

**What came first? The chicken or the egg?**

God.

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

To win the MAC Championship and make a run in the NCAA tournament.

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

I started playing when I was 7 years old. My parents wanted me to try different sports to find one that I like, and this was the perfect fit. I have a twin sister who also started playing when I did. She was the first of the two of us to score a goal, but she does not play any more. I am the one who stuck with it.

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

I would change the way the bleachers are facing so the home fans do not have to look into the sun.

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

I am a self taught knitter who enjoys and attending a knitting club back at home with elderly ladies at our public library. I also enjoy snowboarding and cooking.

**Most influential person in your life?**

I have had a lot of positive relationships with many coaches over the years. A few that come to mind are Johnny Evans, Chris Colescott and Frank Omlor.

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

The person that said winning isn't everything never won anything  
-Mia Hamm

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

To have pride in your school your classmates and your sports teams. Be an integral part of the Wilkes community.

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

I would have dinner with Henry Ford because he was a famous inventor who was tenacious. He wanted to invent engines and vehicles that most thought were impossible to make. He also wanted them to be affordable and accessible to everyone.

**Coke or Pepsi?**

Neither- I do not like soda.

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

Number 23 (Alondra Cervantes) from Eastern who gave me this nice black eye...

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