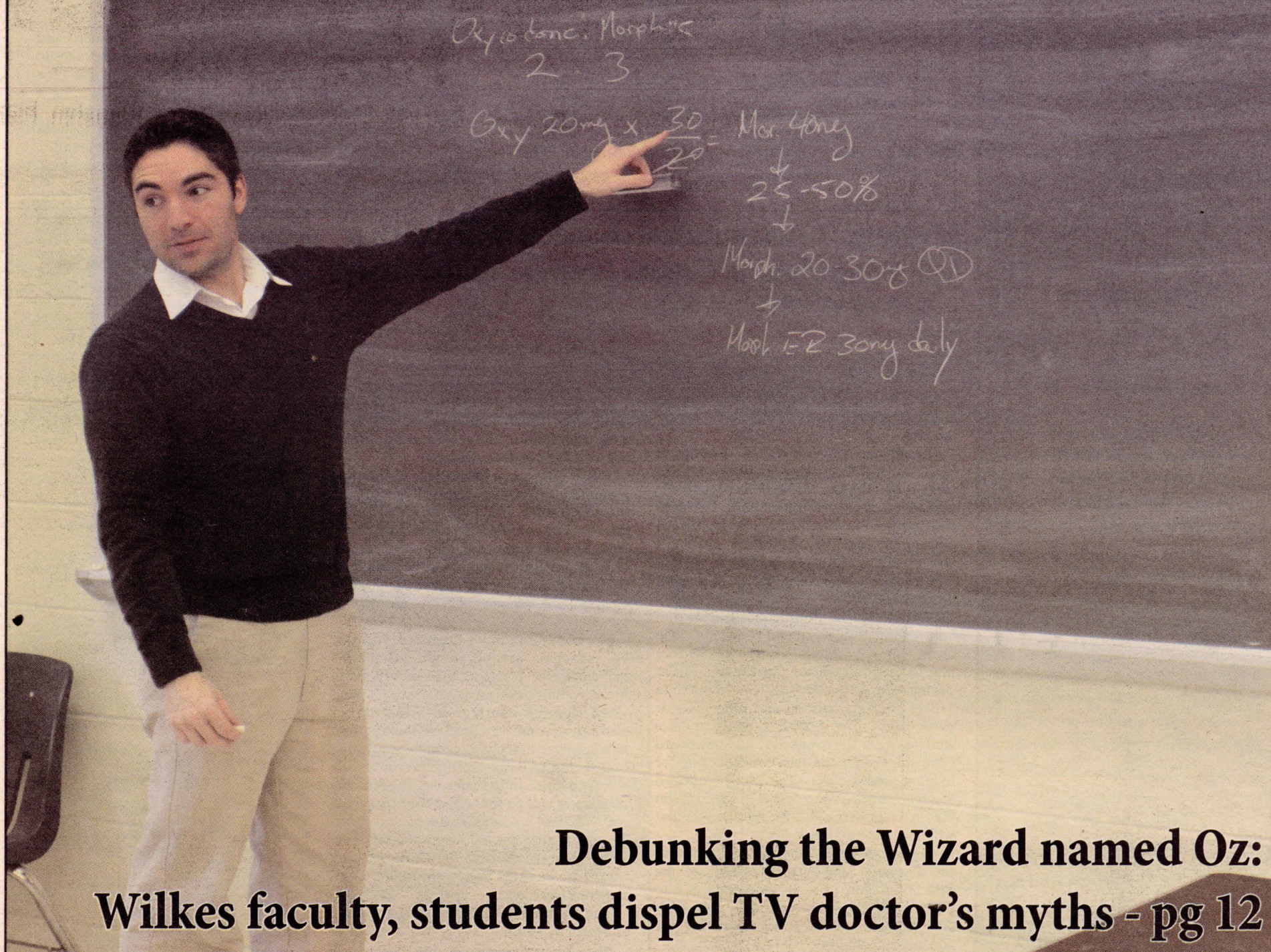




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Debunking the Wizard named Oz: Wilkes faculty, students dispel TV doctor's myths - pg 12

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Above: Dr. Tom Franko, assistant professor of pharmacy practice, lectures. Franko and two students recently presented research debunking myths sold by Dr. Oz, the well-known television doctor with a tendency to promote the use of "natural" alternatives to medications.

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Beacon Briefs

Influenza Vaccine

The Wilkes University Health & Wellness Department is offering the influenza vaccine Fluzone Quadrivalent at a cost of \$20, payable by check made out to Wilkes University or cash. Vaccines will be given during regular office hours. There is a limited number of shots available, which are offered on a first-come, first-serve basis.

She's the First

On Nov. 5, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the SUB, Women's and Gender Studies and Psi Chi will be selling tie-dye cupcakes in support of the non-profit organization, She's The First. One hundred percent of the proceeds will go toward funding a year's worth of education for a girl in a developing country.

For more information, or if students would like to bake cupcakes, or make a donation, contact Dr. Thomas at jennifer.thomas@wilkes.edu, or Anna Podrasky at anna.podrasky@wilkes.edu.

SG Notes: Constitutional changes, IEEE, IRHC; Ski & Snowboard, Capital Projects, fund request

By Jen Baron
Staff Writer

Week 8

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

The representative from the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) came in for the second week to present the updates made to their constitution. The main modifications involved changing the titles of officers, adding two new officer positions, and clarifying voting procedures. Student Government voted and the new constitution was passed.

Olivia Hewison, President of the Ski and Snowboard Club, requested funds for a trip to Killington, Vermont. The trip will be from Jan. 10 to 15, which is a Sunday to a Friday during winter break. The trip is open to Wilkes students, alumni and other outside participants. The club is hoping to have students from the King's Ski and Snowboard Club join in on the trip. Students pay for lodging and tickets. The club requested \$3,600.00 to cover the cost of transportation via Coach bus. The vote for the fund request will be made next week.

Theresa Kloeker and Karissa Hensel, the President and Vice President of the Education Club, came in for week 1 of 2 to present their new constitution. Members will vote next week about approving the constitution changes.

Melissa Zappala, a sophomore member of Student Government, requested \$1,209.00 for 200 shirts that will be given out at the football game on Saturday, Oct. 31. Student Government allocated the full amount for the shirts.

Keri Diehl, President of the Inner Residence Hall Council (IRHC) presented for the second week about revisions made to the IRHC constitution. Some are to allow commuters to participate in the club, clarify the Resident Assistant (RA) fund request process and allow every RA to have a hall ambassador. The new constitution was approved and is now in effect.

The Capital Projects Committee requested \$10,000.00 that will go toward the new commuter lounge, which will be in the Hiscox Room on the second floor of the SUB. The full amount was allocated for the renovations and resources for the room.

Dylan Fox was voted to be the Student Government Member of the Month for October.

The Food Committee discussed what will be happening around campus. Gambini's will close Dec. 6 so that the renovations to make it a Starbucks can begin and be running when students return from break. It was also brought up that they are looking into having coffee in the library, more vegetarian options in the dining hall and increasing the weekend hours in the cafeteria. The reusable containers will go into effect soon. Students can purchase a container for \$5 and it can be used to take out food from the cafeteria, rather than eating there. Students can bring the dirty containers back to the cafeteria and receive a clean one.

The sophomore class is selling tuxedo shirts for \$10 each.

The council reviewed the Treasurer's report and the current budget is as follows: All College: \$749.88, General Funds: \$5,493.26, Conference: \$2,662, Spirit: \$2,000.00 for a Student Government total of \$10,905.14.

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Police Academy training exercises come to Wilkes



The Beacon/ Gabby Glinski

On Oct. 27, local Police Academy training exercises were held on top of the UCOM Parking Garage between 3:30 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. The cadets were practicing traffic stop procedures, writing speeding tickets, the correct way to pull someone over and weapon procedures. The Police Instructors and cadets did not carry live weapons and a vehicle PA system was used throughout training.



UN lecture held; World Food Programme, Syria

By Sarah Bedford
News Editor

On Oct. 27, World Food Programme, or WFP, Senior Communications Officer Gerald Bourke, held a discussion with students, faculty and staff, as well as members of the community on the WFP's involvement in Syria.

Bourke is currently a New York based spokesperson for WFP; previously he was a spokesperson for its operations in the DPRK and China, starting in 2001. He was a Senior Donor Relations Officer at its headquarters in Rome, a Senior Liaison Officer in the office of the Deputy Executive Director and then was a Senior External Relations Officer in New York for four years.

Prior to joining the UN, Gerald was a foreign correspondent for more than 20 years, working mostly in Africa and Asia.

The lecture began at 4 p.m. in the Miller Conference Room of the Henry Student Center.

Bourke began the lecture with an overview of the WFP.

Voluntarily funded, WFP is the largest humanitarian organization in practice helping approximately 80 countries at present and feeding 80 million people per year.

The organization typically aids countries affected by war and natural disaster, such as Iraq, Africa and Syria.

Bourke explained that while strides are being made, the most recent decision of the United Nations will hopefully further support the group's mission.

On Sept. 10, 2014 the UN decided that the Sustainable Development Goals would include eradication of hunger.

The goal states, "End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture" as its overall basis. The timeline is set for 2030.

"It's a huge undertaking," Bourke explained. "[We] will need the commitments of governments... enthusiasm, energy will need to be sustained if we are to get there."

Bourke cited statistics claiming that if world hunger were to be eradicated, the annual investment needed would be \$260 million per year, and the global Gross Domestic Product will increase 5 percent.

Bourke explained that while WFP is doing everything they can to offer assistance in affected countries, money is always an issue.

"We're always short which means there are those on our list who will go without our rations," he said.

While the organization focuses on immediate emergencies, Bourke explained that it is challenged with devoting resources in the long term.

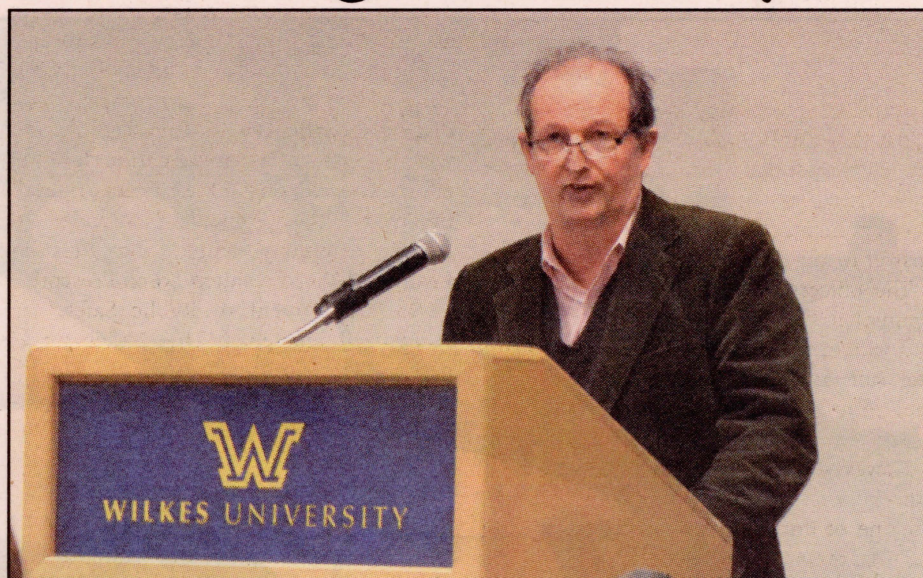
He said that responses to emergencies need to be localized in the communities and long term resources need to be established.

With the current Syrian crisis, Bourke explained that at present 4 million people are being fed within the country but there are 8-9 million individuals who have been displaced.

"You can negotiate with governments inside of Damascus much of the day and at night... the non-government factions," Bourke explained.

It is the constant negotiate and trust building within these affected lands that allows for WFP to enter these countries and aid the people.

"It's about building trust... and patience... The people who do this are nothing short of



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Gerald Bourke, senior communications officer for the World Food Programme.

heroic," he said.

Bourke explained that it's not just the impact of the crisis within Syria, but the effect that the displaced refugees have on neighboring countries.

At present, 25 percent of Lebanon's population is Syrian refugees which has proved to be a burden on the host country.

While parts of the international community have reached out to support Syrian efforts, much has not.

"Some are ashamed of themselves for not being part of the political fix," Bourke said.

In December 2014, WFP had to leave Syria due to lack of funds. However, after a campaign to bring back resources they were able to resume operations.

The lecture concluded with a Q&A with members of the audience.

The next United Nations lecture will take place on Nov. 17. For more information, contact Dr. Andrew Miller at andrew.miller1@wilkes.edu.



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Wilkes alumnus Bill Evanina to serve as guest lecturer

By Alyssa Mursch
Social Media Director

Wilkes Alumnus and National Counterintelligence Executive Bill Evanina will return to campus as a guest lecturer on Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. in the Ballroom of the SUB.

Evanina's lecture, entitled "Economic Espionage: Don't Be A Victim," will provide business owners and individuals with information on how to better protect themselves from this threat, discussing issues of cyber security and theft of personally identifiable information.

According to Cornell University, economic espionage is the "theft or misappropriation of a trade secret with the intent or knowledge that the offense will benefit any foreign

government, foreign instrumentality, or foreign agent."

Evanina currently serves as the head of the National Counterintelligence and Security Center for the U.S. government, one of the highest rankings possible. He is responsible for producing the National Threat Identification and Prioritization Assessment, producing and implementing the National Counterintelligence Strategy and conducting regular damage assessments.

Prior to this role, Evanina was chief of the CIA's Counterespionage Group in the Counterintelligence Center, where he led personnel in an effort to identify and stop espionage related activities from foreign intelligence services.

Additionally, Evanina served 18 years with

the FBI, working extensively with the Joint Terrorist Task Force after 9/11.

News media will have an opportunity to interview national counterintelligence executive William "Bill" Evanina in a Nov. 2 conference call at 1:30 p.m. To be part of the advance interview with Evanina, reporters should dial into the bridge line at 1-866-469-3239 and enter the Attendee Access Code: 94553785. Please confirm attendance prior to the call with Vicki Mayk, director of public relations, at 570-408-4779.

Evanina is a 1989 Wilkes graduate who majored in Public Administration. During his time there, he played for the baseball team and worked as a resident assistant in the former Pickering Hall. He graduated magna cum laude.

"I think it will be really beneficial for students to learn about what he does," said Alumni Communication and Events manager Jacki Lukas, who organized the event. "It's going to be eye opening for a lot of people because you don't think about what he does on a daily basis, but that's because he does a good job at it. If he wasn't doing his job we wouldn't be protected, we wouldn't be safe."

This event is open to the public and admission is free. If any students are interested in attending a luncheon with Evanina on Nov. 12, contact Jacki Lukas at jacqueline.lukas@wilkes.edu.



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Public Safety awards officers; campus protection

By Dian McKinney
Staff Writer

Students attending Wilkes University know that Public Safety plays a huge role for every individual on campus. Whether walking to class or walking in the Square, day or night, Public Safety will always answer to any students' call.

The officers have shown time and time again that they are dedicated to their job and willing to do anything to keep students feel safe and secure on campus, despite the complications involved in the city (environment) around Wilkes.

However, there are a few Public Safety officers who have gone above and beyond the line of duty and have received awards for their feats.

Two Public Safety officers recently have been recognized for their acts. On a Sunday morning in March, Corporal William Dubiak and PSO Michael O'Donnel assisted Police Officers Daniel Roper and Erica Oswald as they struggled with an intoxicated driver near Ross Street.

Throughout the struggle with the 33-year-old driver, Roper was assaulted and received injuries to the face. After this attack, both of the police officers attempted to take the man without success. At this point, O'Donnel and Dubiak arrived on the scene and radioed dispatch of their location and assisted with the arrest.

Later, additional Wilkes-Barre police arrived on the scene.

Because O'Donnel and Dubiak illustrated such responsible, hardworking and dedicated characteristics, they were awarded with a Letter of Commendation for their efforts. Oswald, one of the officers originally involved with the incident, attended the awards ceremony, along with President Leahy and Vice President Loren Prescott.

The Department of Public Safety also recognized Lieutenant Don Noble for his actions taken on Aug. 8.

While patrolling his regular route on the corner of South Franklin and West Northampton Streets, Lieutenant Noble witnessed a car crash and did not hesitate to get involved and begin helping at the scene.

In the crashed van, two young girls and a family were trapped inside. Noble approached the van and began forcing open the front passenger door and freeing the girls and the family. In addition, Noble conducted medical assessments and they were all found to be without injuries.

Shortly after the girls and the family were freed, the van erupted into flames. The Wilkes-Barre fire department arrived at the scene and the fire was extinguished.


"You don't make a plan, you rely on your training. I did what was the most important thing at the time, getting them out," said Noble, who was awarded the Meritorious Award.



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Other individuals recognized at the awards ceremony included: Lt. Phil Miller, Sgt. Seth Pesta, PSO Holly Stull, SPSO Michele Sabol-Jones, PSO Dale Chamberlain, PSO Jeff Maciejczyk, SPSO Eric Snyder, PSO Chris Yale, Communications Officer Jill Lewis, Ms. Lyndi Moran and Ms. Janis Sekera for three or more years of dedicated and distinguished service to the Department of Public Safety.

In addition, Christopher Jagoe, Director of Public Safety, said that the Department of Public Safety is going to be teaming up with the Wilkes-Barre Area Police Department in order to create a more safe and aware team of safety and support around Wilkes University.

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State budget impasse takes toll on Pa. students Wilkes students with some financial holds allowed to register for spring

By Toni Pennello
Staff Writer

After a historical four months without a decision, the state budget impasse is taking its toll on Pennsylvanians.

Since Governor Tom Wolf vetoed the entire budget bill, which was originally passed by the largely republican General Assembly, no decisions have been made. Meanwhile, students are waiting for their PHEAA grants as registration for classes begins.

According to pa.gov, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania must approve the state

budget by June 30 as the fiscal year begins on July 1. If no decision is made, the Commonwealth cannot make any payments until there is an agreement. This includes all expenditures other than "areas that affect the health, safety and protection of Pennsylvanians or as required under Federal Law, state court decisions or the Pennsylvania Constitution," according to the website.

State grants do not fit into these categories.

According to an email sent by the Wilkes Financial Aid department, students who have tuition balances for the amount of their pending state grants will still be able to register for classes. Instead of a hold on


the registration account, the only process affected will be graduation. Vice President for student affairs Paul Adams and Interim Director of financial aid Karen Taylor could not be reached for comments.

Even though they are still able to register for classes, students who were depending on their state grants for a fall tuition refund are out of luck as of right now, because Gov. Wolf and the Republican lawmakers continue to disagree. Although the feud seems hopeless, politicians like Senator John Yudichak of the Luzerne/Carbon District are working hard to bring the impasse to an end.

Yudichak recognizes the importance of state grants to students, and is a former

member of the PHEAA Board of Directors. He has continuously voted to increase state funding for PHEAA.

"I will continue to work with my colleagues, both Democrat and Republican, to forge a sensible compromise on a comprehensive state budget that makes responsible and sustainable investments in programs like PHEAA that add great value to both students and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania," Yudichak said.

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Anatomy of Administrator: Getting to know Gretchen Yeninas

By Toni Pennello
Staff Writer

Gretchen Yeninas is the associate dean of Student Affairs at Wilkes. Although she has worked at Wilkes for 17 years (starting as the assistant director of residence life, then the director of residence life and then the advising coordinator) she has been in her current position since early August.

"It's exciting to be able to move along the different steps I've had at the college and into this position. It's definitely a change of pace, but it's been a good transition," she said.

Prior to her career at Wilkes, she was working at a SUNY school in Upstate New York.

"It was such a big school - I didn't really care for the environment, and I wanted to be closer to home," she said, adding that her family is from Sweet Valley. "I saw the job was open, I got the job, moved home and I've been happy ever since."

Yeninas' favorite part of her job is working with students.

"Clearly you wouldn't work at a college if you didn't like working with students. For the last couple of months, I've been working with a lot of students that I hadn't really had the opportunity to meet," she explained. "I've had some really interesting conversations with students - some heartfelt conversations with students. The students really seem to open up to me pretty easily, which I hope is

a good thing.

"I like being able to make these connections with students and get to know their stories."

Yeninas received an English degree from Elizabethtown College in 1995, a Master's of Human Resource Management in 1997 from the University of Scranton and completed a Master's of Creative writing at Wilkes in 2007.

Her career choice was not influenced much by her degrees.

"The reason I got into higher education is that I had been an RA on campus when I was in school. Sometimes what you do outside of the classroom really is important and can kind of lead into bigger things," she said. "I got into my job more because of things I was involved with, not because of what my degree was."

Fitness is very important to Yeninas after a recent health scare. Yeninas spends her free time outdoors or playing MineCraft with her six-year-old son. She also enjoys reading every now and then, and tries to keep up with popular fiction.

Although her career doesn't revolve around writing, she tries to continue doing it.

"I haven't done a lot lately, I don't want to say I consider myself a writer, but it's one of those things I've been trying to get back into and I've done a little bit more of it lately," she explained.

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Gretchen Yeninas, associate dean of Student Affairs.

Weird News

By Gabby Glinski
Asst. News Editor

ALABAMA

A homeowner in Mobile Alabama found a dead shark in her yard after a bad case of flooding. Homeowner Whitney Constantine told WALA that her home floods when there is heavy rain, but that recent floods have been the worst she's experienced. Constantine's husband stated he will most likely bury the shark.

SOUTH CAROLINA

A man is facing charges after police say they found 7,000-10,000 guns stored on his property. Brent Nicholson, 51 has his loot stacked in his house, his parent's home, a nearby storage building and the liquor store he runs with his father. Authorities also found crossbows, ammunition, taxidermied animal heads and scores of chainsaws.

ALASKA

An Alaskan woman shared a Facebook video of a moose wandering calmly in the lobby area of a grocery store. A store employee can be heard saying "I can't let it come in" while blocking the doorway with her body. "Can you imagine?" she says.

PENNSYLVANIA

An elderly woman saved herself during an assault by yelling "There's the police!". The spooked robber dropped his gun and fled. The gun was later found to merely be a BB gun. Police are still searching for the robber.

VERMONT

A hotel in Burlington is offering a new 'roadkill' menu this November. The hotel will host Wild About Vermont, a fish and wild game supper with consisting of donations from hunters and fishermen. Goose, deer, bear, moose and muskrat will be served. Fish caught in Lake Champlain will also be on the menu.

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Wilkes English Honors Program sponsors community book drive

By Staff reports

The Wilkes University chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, the national English honor society, is sponsoring a book drive across Luzerne county.

Taking place until Nov. 20, all books received will be donated to Ruth's Place House of Hope, Inc. and St. Hedwig's Veterans Home.

"As English honor society students, we have the wonderful privilege to read, to study and to compose literary works. Our main goal of the drive is to offer someone who might not have the same opportunities the same experience," Sara Pisak, president of the Wilkes University chapter, said.

"Whether the book is new or slightly used, it is all about spreading education, giving someone a few minutes of escape from a stressful situation or instilling a love of reading in the community's youth."

Boxes for donations are established in the following places: Mountain Top: Kirby Library. Plymouth: Wyoming Valley West High School. Tamaqua: Marian Catholic. West Hazleton: Holy Name of Jesus Parish. Wilkes-Barre: City Hall; Wilkes University; Barnes & Noble on Public Square; Schiel's Family Market.

For more information, contact Sara Pisak at (570)-401-7196 or at sara.pisak@wilkes.edu.

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Nursing students show compassion for locals in need

By Justin Topa
Life, Arts & Entertainment Editor

A two-mile walk around Wilkes-Barre serves as symbolism for the struggle thousands of men and women throughout the Wyoming Valley face on a daily basis.

Seventy-five nursing students rallied together for a walk honoring Ruth's Place, brandishing signs letting those in need know their simple message: Wilkes University is here to help.

The nursing students made a visible presence within the crowd of hundreds that participated in the walk-a-thon. The group also raised more than \$850 for the organization.

Wilkes University's Passan School of Nursing has been working toward helping those in need throughout the Wyoming Valley for some time, often under the direction of Dr. Maria Grandinetti, an assistant professor of nursing. This is the department's fourth year of participation in the annual walk-a-thon.

"Nursing is the art and science of caring for others," explained Grandinetti. "This outreach helps to demonstrate a lot of what nursing is really about and it does so by helping those right here in our community."

The walk, honoring Ruth's Place, is set up in a way in which the course mirrors a route those in need may take in reaching

the number of poverty alleviation resources in downtown Wilkes-Barre and the surrounding Wyoming Valley.

Ruth's Place opened its doors in 2008 and serves to provide shelter and case management services for women who are experiencing homelessness. They have provided emergency shelter and services for more than 2,000 homeless women since their opening.

In support of National Homeless and Hunger Awareness Week, the Passan School of Nursing is also currently collecting hoodies for the homeless. They will collect and distribute any outerwear in good condition for both males and females

within our community. Any donations may be dropped off in N222 of Stark Learning Center before Nov. 14.

Students are also expecting to participate in a walk during the spring semester dedicated to the American Heart Association within Nayaug Park in Scranton.

"This is what nursing is about," said Grandinetti. "When people are not able to fully care for themselves, either temporarily or permanently, a nurse steps in. It's not just about giving medication or following orders. It is about caring for others. That's the big thing."



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Photo Courtesy of Maria Grandinetti

Seventy-five nursing students rallied for a walk honoring Ruth's Place, brandishing signs letting those in need know their simple message: Wilkes University is here to help. The two-mile walk is just one of a few ways the Passan School of Nursing helps with poverty alleviation and helping those within the community in need.

Get ready, get set, get connected with alumni

By Amanda Bialek
Staff Writer

The Wilkes Office of Alumni Relations will host its annual Connecting the Dots Alumni and Student Networking Program from 6 to 8 p.m. on Nov. 4, in the Henry Student Center Ballroom. Students are invited to connect with alumni who are professionals in the work force.

The event is free for all students, and there will be food, prizes and career advice. Students will have the opportunity to engage in casual conversations with alumni who share the same career passions, as well as receive advice from the participants.

"We try to bring back alumni from different industries and majors, so that any student that comes would have someone to talk to," said Mary E. Simmons, associate director of alumni relations.

According to Simmons, the alumni participants are grouped by industry and then students, based on their major, can pick which group they would like to sit with.

"A highlight is that it gets students used to talking with alumni and people who are older than them and have a lot more experience than they do," said Jacki Lukas, alumni

communications and events manager.

This year will have the greatest number of alumni in attendance. There will be 37 alumni, and between 80 and 100 students are expected to participate.

"We are looking forward to a refreshing change with the amount of alumni and our structure," Lukas said.

Human resource professionals will conduct mock interviews and offer critique to students. This prepares students with enriched communication skills for their future interviews.

"I think it's a great opportunity for students just to see what kind

of jobs are out there," Lukas said. "I think sometimes students are very focused in what they want to do without realizing that there's so much more."

It is recommended that students pre-register online at community.wilkes.edu/ctd15. Students who pre-register are entered to win a \$50 gift card to Barnes and Noble. They must be present at the event to win. Walk-ins are also welcome.

For more information, contact the Alumni Office at 570-408-7787 or alumni@wilkes.edu.

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BACCHUS shares important message about personal health



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On Oct. 29, BACCHUS held their "Wrap Your Halloweenie" event in the SUB lounge. Pictured from left to right: Jessica Drebot, Brianna Baumunk, Troy Carey.



The Beacon/ Rebecca Voorhees

BACCHUS handed out condoms in the appearance of lollipops as a friendly way of reminding the campus to be smart about their health and protect themselves.

WCLH radio connects with Spanish speakers through "Receso Comunitario"

By Jackie Kurovsky
Staff Writer

Racial diversity in the area has been rapidly increasing, with the Hispanic population seeing an especially great increase. According to a Citizen's Voice new report, the Hispanic population in Luzerne County grew by as much as 479 percent in 2011.

With this rise of cultural diversity comes a need to pay attention to the issues and topics affecting these growing communities.

One effort to do this is being made by Wilkes University's radio station, 90.7 WCLH. The station has recently introduced a program catered toward the Hispanic community. Its array of content is delivered entirely in the Spanish language.

The program, titled "Receso Comunitario," (which translates to "Community Coffee Break") covers a wide range of topics that affect The Hispanic population. The show's content covers everything from food to finances to arts and entertainment.



Arias, on-air.
Courtesy of Kristen Rock

"Our goal is reach people that are living here in Northeast Pa., but are part of the Spanish speaking communities as well," said Kristen Rock, general manager for WCLH.

Benjamin Franklin Arias, Ph.D, is the host of the program. A professor who specializes in teaching English as a second language, Arias currently represents the Hazleton Area school district as a parent and community liaison.

The Hazleton community has seen one of the most rapid growths of Hispanic population in our area.

Before moving to this area, Arias taught both English and Spanish to schools in New York and New Jersey. He has also served as the head of the English department at a Dominican Republic University.

Arias said he was inspired to host the show to bring to the forefront the topics that Spanish speakers should know about.


"I am sure that this program benefits the community in a great way," Arias said. "The community is informed about different topics through the interviews we have in each show."

Arias said the show is always open to listeners' feedback, suggestions and questions. He says the reaction to the show has been very positive overall.

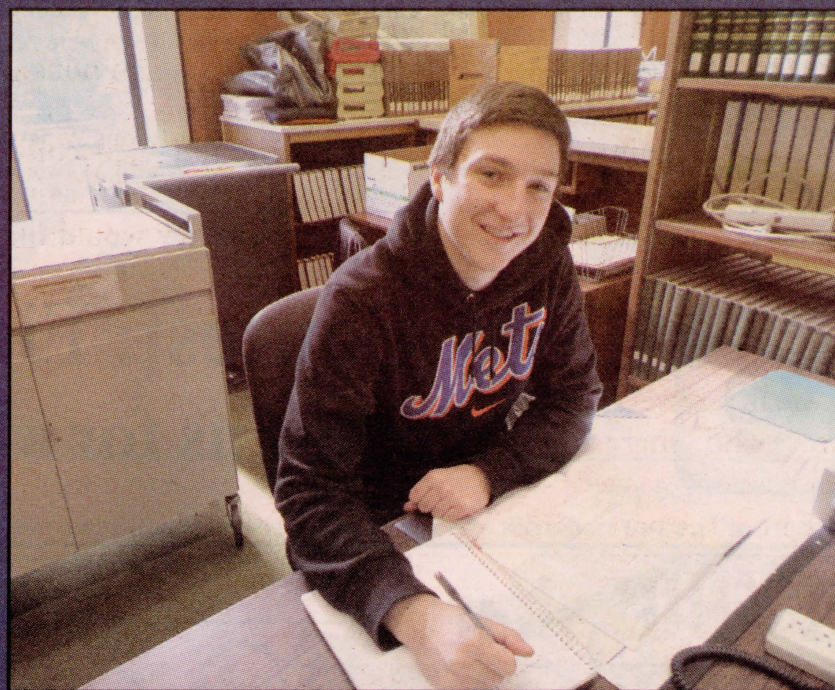
"Many people have been telling me about the show and some of them would like to be interviewed to share about their area of expertise," he noted.

The show has quickly become popular within our community. Arias said his audience is always waiting eagerly for the next installment.

"Receso Comunitario" airs every Sunday from 11 a.m. to noon on 90.7 FM, and live on WCLH.org. For more information, contact Benjamin Franklin Arias at BenFrank1305@gmail.com.

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HUMANS OF WILKES UNIVERSITY



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"The hardest part about balancing school and working is losing study time. There are classes that I have taken that I know I could have done better in, but I haven't had the time to dedicate or set aside to actually study, as much as I would have liked to. It comes down to picking and choosing what classes are going to be your main priorities and which classes are you going to not necessarily disregard but push to the side more and balance them that way. Recently, I acquired a new job at H & B Mortgage, and a lot of the stuff that I am learning from my classes I am utilizing there now. I'm being exposed to all of this information and I think it's giving me an edge. I'm taking 19 credits and working almost 28 hours a week. I think the pay off in the end will be worth it."

-Matthew Seyer

Battle for the best wings in Wilkes-Barre

By Michelle Lehman
Staff Writer

The Wilkes University Programming Board is bringing the Wing Wars back to campus.

Wing Wars used to be an Off Campus Council event, but after the OCC disbanded last year, the Programming Board took over the war.

Wing Wars will be held at 8 p.m. on Nov. 5 in the ballroom of the Henry Student Center.

This event is free and open to all students.

Six local wing vendors will contribute to the event, but vendors names had not been officially released as of Friday. The WUPB will order 300 wings from each restaurant. There will be a grand total of 1,800 wings at the event.

Each student attending will be able to have one wing from each vendor. The students will then be able to vote on the wing they like the best, after tasting all of the options.

The establishment that wins Wing Wars will be used by the WUPB at two more

events throughout the year.

Valarie Woods, the president of WUPB, said that the OCC had always done pizza wars in the past. After the OCC disbanded last year, she volunteered the WUPB to take over. She thinks that Wing Wars is too popular of an event to not bring back to campus.

"Wing Wars is a great way to support local businesses, and who doesn't love wings?" Woods said.

Previously, local restaurants like Rodano's, Januzzi's, Chicken Coop,

Whiskey Business and Anthracite Café have supplied wings to the event.

Kelly Hughes, a manager at Rodano's confirmed that Rodano's will be participating in Wing Wars.

Hughes said that Rodano's has never won in the past but this year everyone should vote for Rodano's wings.

"Rodano's hot and mild blue cheese wings are their best specialty flavor in my opinion," she said.



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OPINION: Part II of Top GOP Contenders (6-12)

By Emily DeAngelis
Design Editor

Rand Paul- After traveling with his father, Ron Paul's, 2008 campaign, Rand emerged a polished and poised politician. The ophthalmologist had several wondering if he would seek nomination, but the self-proclaimed constitutional conservative has been doing well since his announcement on April 17, 2015. Paul is currently on five Senate committees and is viewed as a leader in the conservative bloc in congress.

Lindsey Graham- Graham has served as senator of South Carolina since 2003, and has remained a staunch advocate for our troops ever since entering politics. In his 2008 run for congress, he received the highest number of votes in South Carolina history, tallying over one million. His strengths lie in his foreign policy and dedication to our military. Before entering the political world, Graham served in the US Air Force and other guard related services.

Mike Huckabee- Talk show host and Governor, Huckabee, was questionable as names began entering the ring for the run for president. Huckabee is a favorite in the religious sector; he doubles as a politician and pastor. However, some conservatives still remain uneasy about some of his beliefs. The New York Times reported that Huckabee's belief in redemption lead him to pardon over one-thousand criminals-some of these convicts went on to reoffend the law.

Bobby Jindal- 55th governor of Louisiana, Bobby Jindal, is a Rhodes Scholar and healthcare expert. The Washington Post reports that Jindal, a recently converted Christian, is using his transformation as the basis for his GOP run. Jindal is currently working with Brad Sherman of Solid Rock Christian Church in Iowa, whom also worked on Huckabee's winning campaign in Iowa. While many are divided on his reasoning for the switch, moral or immoral, it is leading much of his political conversation to resolve around his religion rather than the issues.


John Kasich- Born in McKee's Rocks, near Pittsburgh, Kasich is the 69th

governor of Ohio. Throughout his career, he has remained a strong conservative and has continually put his views into action. He is anti-abortion, and has found ways to raise revenue in Ohio without raising taxes. However, he did blur the lines of his conservatism by providing funds to make medicare available in Ohio, and although he does not favor the Affordable Care Act, his actions worked to help promote some of its values.

Marco Rubio- Born in Florida to Cuban parents who were naturalized citizens, Rubio is the most consistent conservative candidate. While most conservatives dabble in supporting some liberal ideas, Rubio remains entirely firm on his ideals. According to the Politics and Elections Portal, Rubio believes in raising the minimum age for social security, and that no taxes should be raised during a recession. Currently, he has strong supporters in the Cuban population, conservatives and Tea Party alike.

Rick Santorum- Attorney Rick Santorum has been arguably the most voiced candidate in the race so far. He has not hesitated to criticize Obama's policies as "corrupt," and to challenge Trump whenever the opportunity arises. On the Issues states that Santorum voted yes to banning same sex marriage, and voted in two controversial polls, answering yes and no to abortions in the case of rape and incest. Many of his other votes remained in line with conservative views.

Donald Trump-Running behind the phrase, "Make America Great Again," Trump is a representative of American success. He has hit bankruptcy four times and remains on top; however, in terms of the issues, he began his campaign somewhat scattered. Now, however, we know that he opposes immigration laws, supports individual rights to own a gun and disagrees when it comes to expanding ObamaCare. According to InsideGov.com, for education, Trump agrees that there should be vouchers for school choice, an old concept that is slowly coming back to light.

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Wilkes Faculty and Students Debunk the TV Doctor

Story by James Jaskolka | Design by Nicole Kutos

Wilkes University Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice Thomas Franko is not a fan of "patronizing TV doctors." That's why he wanted to debunk the myths sold by Dr. Oz, a high-profile TV doctor who endorses different "natural alternatives" to medication.

Franko and Wilkes University pharmacy students Lauren Lockus and Brittany Wills recently presented research on this topic at the Pennsylvania Pharmacist Association's annual meeting. Entitled "The Dr. Oz Effect," the presentation discussed how Oz's endorsements result in large spikes in the sales of "magic" pills that Franko said are ultimately ineffective and often harmful.

"The big thing that we push is safe and appropriate use of medication; if medication is going to hurt you it's not safe, and if won't help you, it's not appropriate," Franko said. "What he's pushing on his show falls under both of those categories."

"Many of his viewers are unaware that his recommended products are not completely benign," Wills explained. "Many herbal supplements and vitamins interact with many prescription medications and may not be completely free of side effects of their own."

The researchers found there is evidence that some of the alternative medications have potentially harmful effects. For example, raspberry ketones, one of the weight loss "miracles" Oz regularly plugs, has been linked to hypoglycemia, blood thinness and increased risk for stroke in case studies. Garcinia cambogia, Oz's "dual-action fat buster," has been known to cause muscle pain.

They also found that the studies Oz refers to in his pitches are almost never conducted on humans and are rarely applicable to real-life scenarios. Franko said weight lost from these supplements is "statistically significant" to an incredibly small degree, and the same results could be attained by taking a walk.

Oz also has a tendency to inadvertently promote non-adherence to regulated or prescription medication, which Franko said is dangerous, even if unintentional.

"He can promote medications that aren't effective, and in the same breath, promote not using medication that has been proven to be effective," Franko said.

Franko offered solutions that consumers can take to combat "the Dr. Oz effect:"

Check with a professional. "Consumers should always check with their healthcare team. This can be your family physician or local pharmacist. Going online and searching Web MD or other various sources provides a non-reliable, and at times biased, source of information."

Ask questions. "They should always ask, 'what does the data show?' Several of the studies that Dr. Oz uses are very weak and have almost zero external validity."

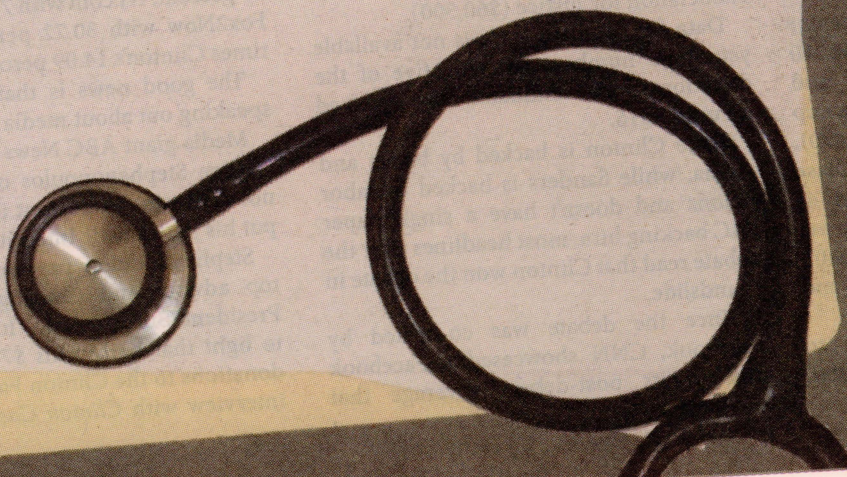
Diet and exercise. "Of course, always verify your plans with you physician first. When done appropriately, this approach is safe and effective."

The Pennsylvania Pharmacist Association's annual meeting is made up of pharmacists who work in several different sectors - independent, chain, education and hospital systems - so it was important for Franko to educate those in attendance about how ineffective, or even dangerous, these alternatives can be.

He stresses the importance of being informed to give customers a better idea of what they may be buying.

"I tell every student that comes through here, we should not be standing behind people, pushing; we should be standing next to people, coaching," Franko said.

"We should urge them to be healthy and offer them the evidence that's there so that they can make an informed decision. It's ultimately the patient's responsibility to be healthy, but it's our job to encourage them to make smart choices."



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Did Hillary really win the Dem. Debate?

Americans question media bias present in coverage of 2016 Presidential race

By Ashley Evert
Managing Editor

There are numerous ways to gather information about the political candidates running for President in 2016, but media consumers may not be aware of the media bias that skews the information they're receiving.

Whether Americans watched the Democratic Debate live on TV, caught it online later or skimmed tweets on Twitter to get the basic gist, that information was directly or indirectly subject to media bias.

Thankfully, many Americans are already mindful of media bias. According to a national Rasmussen survey, sixty-one percent of "likely voters" in the United States say they do not trust the political news they are getting.

When it comes to the 2016 presidential campaign, only 23 percent believe most reporters will try to offer unbiased coverage, 59 percent think that coverage will be slanted instead, with 36 percent who say most reporters will try to help Hillary Clinton during the campaign.

It's no wonder that people surveyed believe that coverage will be slanted in Clinton's favor. The recent Democratic Debate was hosted by CNN, which is owned by Time Warner – one of Clinton's biggest financial backers.

According to data from the Center for Responsive Politics, Clinton's top 10 cumulative donors between 1999 and 2016 were, in descending order, Citigroup (\$782,327), Goldman Sachs (\$711,490), DLA Piper (\$628,030), JPMorgan Chase (\$620,919), EMILY's List (\$605,174), Morgan Stanley (\$543,065), Time Warner (\$411,296), Skadden Arps (\$406,640), Lehman Brothers (\$362,853) and Cablevision Systems (\$336,288).

The data for Sanders goes back to 1989. His top 10 are, in descending order,

Machinists/Aerospace Workers union (\$105,000), Teamsters union (\$93,700), National Education Association (\$84,350), United Auto Workers (\$79,650), United Food & Commercial Workers union (\$72,500), Communications Workers of America (\$68,000), Laborers Union (\$64,000), Carpenters & Joiners Union (\$62,000), National Association of Letter Carriers (\$61,000), and the American Association for Justice (\$60,500).

Data for the 2016 cycle is not available yet; these numbers are reflective of the donations both candidates have received up until 2016.

Since Clinton is backed by banks and media, while Sanders is backed by labor unions and doesn't have a single super PAC backing him, most headlines after the debate read that Clinton won the debate in a landslide.

Since the debate was co-hosted by Facebook, CNN showcased a Facebook poll in its post-debate coverage that

suggested Sanders won the debate: 75% of Facebook voters cast their votes for Sanders, with Clinton at only 18%. The poll has since been removed by the website and did not appear on CNN.

According to fortune.com, three additional polls also show that Sanders was perceived as the debate winner with over half the vote. Time had him winning with 57 percent, NJ.com with 71.71 percent, and Fox2Now with 80.72 percent, almost six times Clinton's 14.09 percent.

The good news is that Americans are speaking out about media bias.

Media giant ABC News recently let host George Stephanopoulos off the hook for not disclosing important information that put his journalistic integrity at risk.

Stephanopoulos previously worked as top adviser and campaign manager to President Bill Clinton. It recently came to light that he hid his \$75,000 worth of donations to the Clinton Foundation in an interview with *Clinton Cash* author Peter

Schweizer.

The content of Schweizer's book explains "how and why foreign governments and businesses helped make Bill and Hillary rich."

Politico senior media writer Jack Shafer said, "The donation corrodes much of the journalistic credibility Stephanopoulos has labored so carefully to build since joining ABC News as a correspondent and analyst in December 1996."

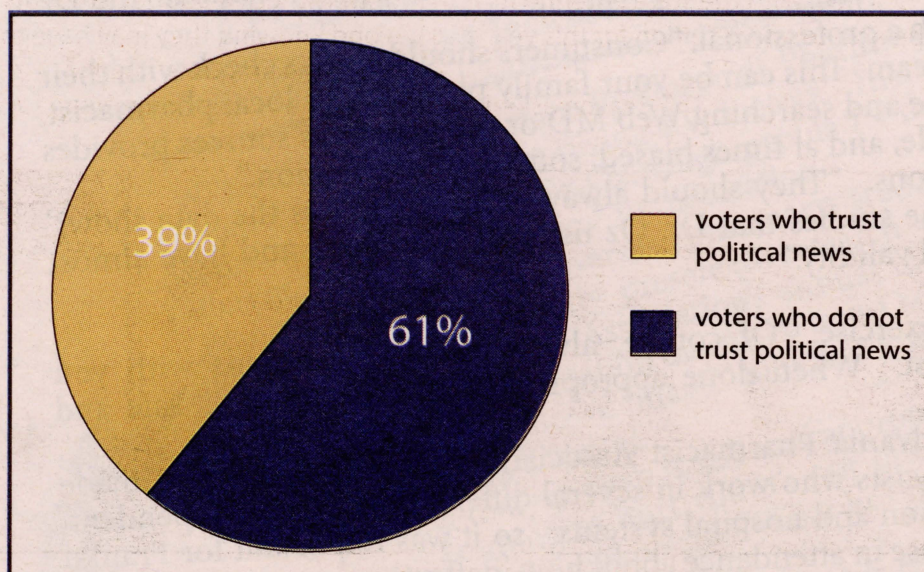
Stephanopoulos' colleagues are not alone in criticizing his actions -- Twitter was flooded with critiques of his lack of disclosure. Some are calling for his resignation.

Parents always preach not to believe everything one reads, but that piece of advice is pertinent to the 2016 Presidential election.

In this nation's history, four Presidential elections have been decided by the Electoral College where the popular vote candidate did not win.

Many Americans already believe that their votes don't count. If we are to remain a true democracy, the media cannot continue to sway voters and influence what little power we perceive we have.

If we are to remain a true democracy, we must hold our journalists and broadcasters to the highest standards of integrity.



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Colonels Talk Back

Reactions to account holds due to delayed PHEAA funds

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Keri Diehl
Senior
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"I feel bad for the students who have their money on hold because there is a lot of financial burden on students, especially at a private university. It's unfortunate that students cannot have the money that is entitled to them on time."



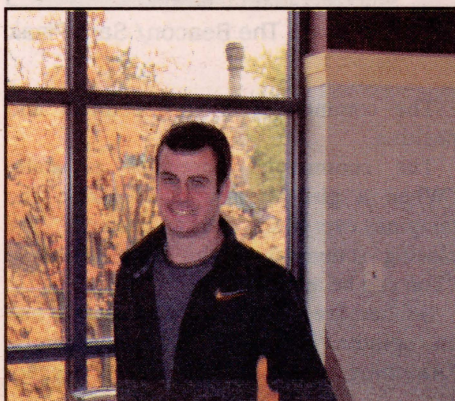
Erica Martzen
Freshman
Political Science & International Studies

"I think it's a little overwhelming when you are trying to worry about your grades and making sure you are getting through your first year of school. We now have to worry about money that was almost guaranteed to us, but is really up in the air."



Patrick Gelso
Sophomore
Mechanical Engineering

"It's really a shame because you have a great institution here where a lot of people would love to be at. So people who might already struggle because of financial reasons...this is just putting an extra damper on their ability to pay for school."



Patrick Gilhooley
Sophomore
Mechanical Engineering

"This has made me really disappointed with the system in general because you have college tuition, which is already crazy expensive and now you have an instance where the government is impeding with the campus to even have that money. These politicians are acting very irresponsibly."



Lily Nguyen
Freshman
Pre-Pharmacy

"I wasn't really surprised because the dispute over PHEAA is representing what's happening on a national level. Democrats and Republicans are in conflict and constantly trying to beat each other. Although I wasn't surprised, I'm still upset by it because it is currently affecting me at the college level."



Jacee Yorks
Freshman
Engineering Management

"The whole situation makes me feel distraught because we can't see how much we owe. It's very concerning because we can't schedule our classes with a hold on our account. I don't understand why politicians can't get together and approve it."



PA State Lawmakers failed to meet a June 30th budget deadline and have yet to pass a State Budget plan for the 2015-16 fiscal year. With that, education funding around the state has been delayed until a budget plan can be reached. With the state entering its fifth month without a budget, students are beginning to wonder how they will be able to afford tuition for this year and beyond knowing they may have to fork over a few extra thousand dollars if funding amounts change.

The Beacon asked members of the Wilkes Community for a reaction to the news.

Clinton and Sanders misspoke on the realities of marijuana

By Anthony Fanucci
Guest Writer

Marijuana legalization currently holds as a hot topic in both the healthcare field and the political world. Being a pharmacy major with a great interest in politics, I pay great attention to this topic and the changes that are occurring. I will reserve my medical reasoning for being opposed to the legalization for another time and will instead focus on the political side.

In the recent Democratic presidential debate, the legalization of marijuana was discussed in detail. Presidential candidate Bernie Sanders leaned toward the legalization of marijuana and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton did not object.

Both Sanders and Clinton spoke about the devastating imprisonment rates that are

occurring for these non-violent offenders who are arrested for using the drug. However, both candidates were speaking about facts that are entirely false and they led voters to believe their absurd and inaccurate story.

Bernie Sanders and Hillary Clinton led the American taxpayers to believe that money is being used to feed, shelter and care for a massive number of citizens who are behind bars for marijuana use. However, according to four scholars from Oxford University the facts couldn't be further from the truth. According to their 2012 compilation of prison records in America, "Marijuana Legalization: What Everyone Needs to Know," they noted that around 700,000 people are arrested each year for possession of marijuana.

Both Sanders and Clinton failed to keep reading after this point apparently. The

scholars continued on expressing the fact that nearly none of those people that got arrested, actually end up in prison. At the time of their publication, less than 400 people were serving in state or federal prisons for such charges.

Senator Sanders claimed that millions of people were currently imprisoned for these charges and Hillary Clinton did not object to the fact. The former Secretary of State remained neutral about the legalization of marijuana but supported Senator Sanders' opinions on the prison system.

The moment that Bernie Sanders offered his likelihood to support the legalization of marijuana, the debate crowd erupted with applause. It does not surprise me that Sanders favored the legalization of marijuana being he even admitted to smoking it once or twice in an interview with Katie Couric.

Senator Sanders claimed that the drug didn't quite work for him but he fails to realize how many people it does have a negative effect on. Yet, he thinks that false statements about the incarceration records in the U.S. completely justify the legalization of the drug. However, what really makes me wonder is why the crowd was in such support of his views to legalize the harmful drug.

It is impossible to know the exact reason, but I doubt that tax revenue for their local cities was the main reason for their support. The truth is voters have fallen into the trap of believing false facts from politicians that are seeking the highest seat in the country.

I can only hope that voters do not take "facts" for granted, especially when it comes to an illegal drug.

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If you listen to Barbie: "Anything is possible."

By Allison Rossi
Staff Writer

Over the years Barbie has been idolized by females at all ages.

For younger girls she is the perfect toy that they can relate to and do her hair and dress them in all different outfits. Older girls, on the other hand, are getting compared to her model body type every day.

Barbie has long since set an unrealistic expectation for women's bodies, the need to have perfect hair, skin and attention from men.

According to www.barbiemedia.com, "Barbie's debut as the 'teenage fashion model' mirrored the sophisticated glamour of 1950s stars like Marilyn Monroe, Rita Hayworth and Elizabeth Taylor, donning high arched brows, pursed red lips, a sassy pony tail with curly bangs and a coy, sideways glance. Even her figure was high fashion and model like, with pale, ivory skin, long slim legs and a narrow waist and hips."

Barbie was a figure that many wished to be. Barbie had many careers in her lifetime, ranging from a volunteer to president, but Barbie's career choices were not what many people focused on. That is, until the new Mattel commercial premiered.



The Beacon/ Sara Pisak

The commercial is titled "Anything is Possible." The commercial starts out by stating, "What happens when girls are free to imagine? They can be anything!"

The commercial goes on to show young girls ranging from approximately 5 to 10 years old taking on roles in high statues such as a professor at a university, a veterinarian, a soccer coach and a business woman.

The commercial is very comical and positive.

The commercial continues to state, "When a girl plays with a Barbie she imagines everything she can become." The closing statement of the commercial is, "You can be anything."

Sophomore Theresa Couchara had an opinion about the new commercial "Anything is Possible." Couchara

explained: "I liked the commercial a lot. I thought it was cute and powerful. Instead of showing little girls that they need to be perfect, this showed them that they can be anything they want to be."

Wilkes University student Serina Steinbrenner also expressed her opinion on the commercial.

"I think it is important for a big brand like Barbie to focus more on girls growing up with big dreams rather than their physical appearance."

Mattel does a great job emphasizing the importance of enhancing self-esteem and installing the idea to dream big in young children at an early age. The video sends powerful messages to people to inspire to be something important and that an individual can amount to anything if they set their minds to it.

This pushes the idolization off of materialistic items and physical features such as Barbie's car, big dream house and her perfectly slim figure.

The video represents what is truly valuable in life, to have a career of your liking and to not base your self-worth on your physical features and temporary items.

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Agatha Christie's Secret Notebook: An icon's secrets revealed

By Sara Pisak
Assistant Opinion Editor

Agatha Christie's Secret Notebook: Fifty Years of Mysteries in the Making is a wonderful gift for any lover of Christie's work. John Curran, who has splendidly edited *Agatha Christie's Secret Notebook*, is serving as literary advisor to Agatha Christie's estate.

Curran has the monumental task of scouring and editing a total of 73 of Christie's notebooks. Once Curran selected the material to include within this collection, he successfully transformed what could have been shattered notes into a readable assemblage of little known facts behind some of the greatest novels.

Compiling Christie's notes by story, proves no easy task as Curran informs the reader that Christie often never finished a notebook and often had several notebooks started at the same time. This means Christie can begin an idea for a plot and character in a specific notebook and not fully develop the idea until three or four years later in a completely different set of notebooks.

In order to create a readable text, without shattered notes, *Agatha Christie's Secret Notebook* often employs the format of using Christie's actual notebook with Curran translating her hard to read handwriting. Curran then explains her thought process or cultural, personal and historical elements that have influenced her work. This is where the text shines as a reader can view Christie's notes as she maps out character traits and seating plans for some her greatest capers.

Agatha Christie's Secret Notebook lacks any red herring (for which her novels are famous for) but instead detangles the thought process of one of the greatest literary minds. The reader is treated to several facts of Christie's life as they learn how she crafted each of her mysteries. Personally, I enjoyed the detailed description of how Christie influenced what would later be called "The Golden Age of Detective Fiction" which covers the years 1920-1945. Christie's influence was felt as she wrote the first serial killer murders in her ABC Murder collection.

Christie's influence on The Golden Age expanded as she often used real-life, pulled from the headlines plot points. As an author during The Golden Age, Christie employed death by poison more than any other author. Christie having knowledge of poisons and medication from her early

work as a pharmacy technician, she used her experience to mix poisons and vary their ways of administration, thus never reusing or recreating a plot.

In addition to background on Christie's historical contribution to literature, *Agatha Christie's Secret Notebook* also boasts two unpublished Hercule Poirot stories: "The Capture of Cerberus" (which was banned due to its illusions and mockery of Hitler) and "The Incident of the Dog's Ball." As Christie death in 1976 at the age of 85 marked the end of her publishing career, there is no better gift to readers than the never before seen works from a legend.


I stumbled upon John Curran's text while buying another Agatha Christie mystery. Although I have made my way through a great deal of Christie's work, there are some of her mysteries which I have not yet read. I recommend that before reading Agatha Christie's Secret Notebook, a reader should at least be familiar with her most popular texts.

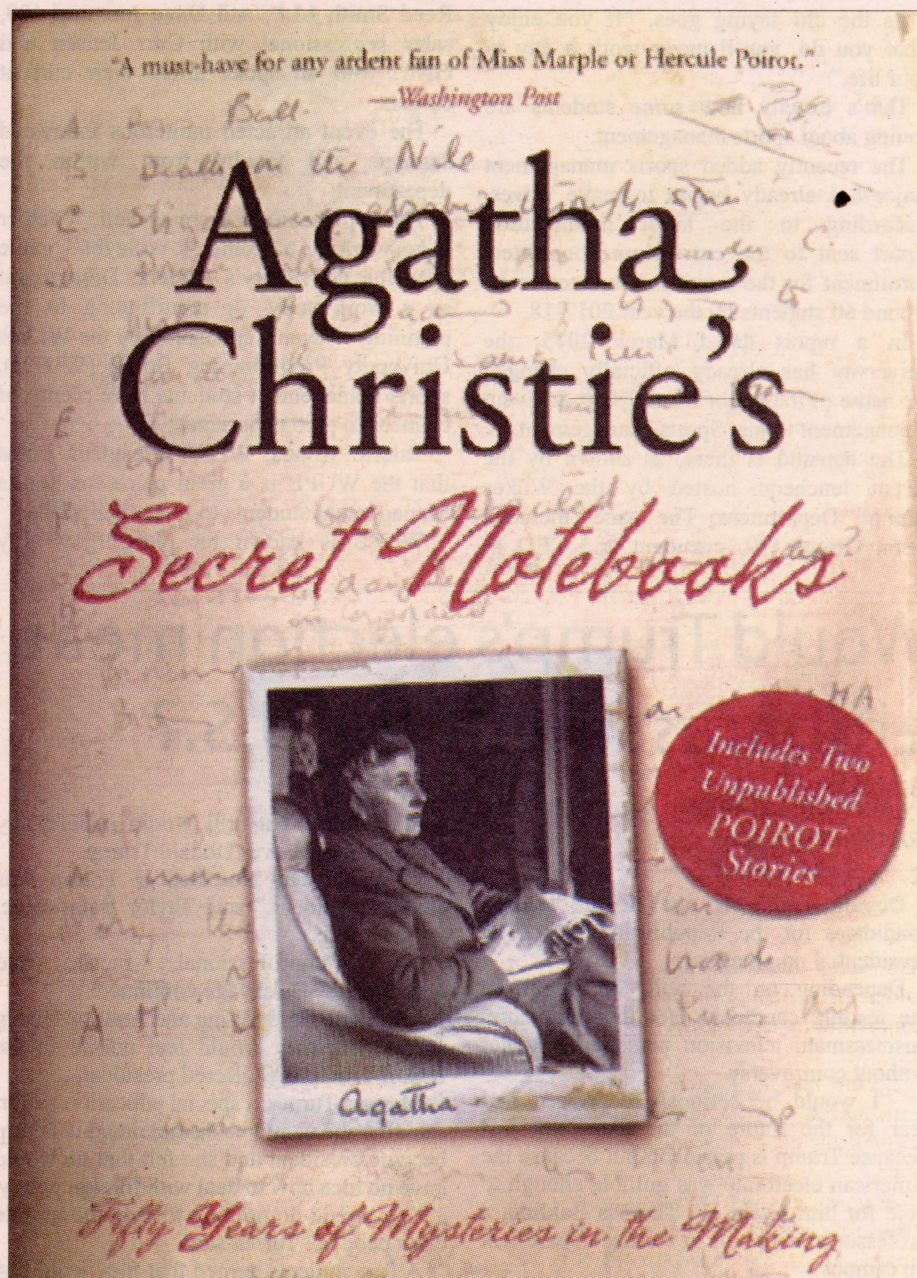
This book is not for the causal lover of Christie's mysteries or the mystery genre as a whole since knowledge of particular Christie plots and characters are a must when viewing Christie's notes and Curran's commentary. Without direct knowledge of at least some of Christie's works, a reader maybe blindsided to the inner workings of the specifically highlighted text.

If I had to pick a downfall of this text it would be the omission of notes on major Christie works such as *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd* and *Murder on the Orient Express*. This is not Curran's fault as Christie often misplaced or discarded notebooks. Although not a deal breaker when buying this text, if these classics were included, the status of *Agatha Christie's Secret Notebook* would be elevated.

The lack of these texts is a small price to pay. A reader is granted unprecedented access to the notes of a literary legend. As a writer, much can be learned by studying the writing progress of fellow authors. John Curran grants writers and fans the gift to learn and to grow as an author from studying the mind of a woman who defined a genre.

This unmatched access is what creates a memorable experience for a reader as they view Christie's creative process from the story's conception to the text's publishing.

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Sara's Score:



New sports management major making waves

By Luke Modrovsky
Staff Writer

As the old saying goes, "If you enjoy what you do, you'll never work a day in your life."

That's exactly how some students are feeling about sports management.

The recently added sports management major has already begun to make waves. According to the latest modification report sent to the curriculum committee, enrollment for the major is projected to be around 60 students by the year 2017-18.

In a report dated March 2015, the university has already officially changed the name of the major from Sports & Event Management to just Sports Management.

The demand is there, as shown by the recent luncheon hosted by the Wilkes Alumni Department. The panel included Jason Griggs '90, president and CEO of

Maxout Strength Systems; Drew Amoroso '06, fitness lawyer and senior associate at Reed Smith LLP; and Dave Jannuzzi '00, sales professional with Corr Jensen and GNC, who all spoke about their current careers.

The event attracted numerous interested students and faculty from within the department.

The opportunity is there as well. Whether it be working a women's volleyball game with the University's Athletic Department as a work-study, or contributing to the planning of events sponsored by the Wilkes University Programming Board (WUPB), sports management students have plenty of chances to gain experience.

Valerie Woods, WUPB President, notes that the WUPB is a great place for Sports Management students to hone their skills.

WUPB is known for planning weekly

events, most of which are held on Thursday nights.

"We plan two very large concerts, book comedians and host weekly events that give you this real life experience speaking with agencies, making phone calls and planning the logistics of an event," Woods said.

She also reminds those interested to stop by during a WUPB meeting. They are held at 11:30 a.m. every Thursday in the Miller Room.

Freshman Seth Frankenfield, who has just recently declared his major to the sports management field, has aspirations of either working within professional sports or overseeing a school's athletic department, even possibly returning to his local high school to become the athletic director.

"I'm excited to work in the sports management field with what I am going to do. I'm glad the university has something

that I can really be interested in working in."

Elmer Strollis, a freshman within the major, feels that major will be a rewarding experience and believes he made an easy choice.

Strollis reflected back on his high school playing days where he contributed to the GAR Memorial boy's soccer team.

"By my junior and senior year, I saw that there were jobs working in sports and I got extremely excited. Working within sports would allow me to stay connected with something I love."

With the opportunity, demand, and excitement about sports management, the major will certainly exceed expectations in the coming years.



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Would Trump's election mean embarrassment for U.S.?

By Michelle Lehman
Contributing Writer

Donald Trump is one of the leading candidates for the Republican Party 2016 presidential nomination.

Depending on the poll, he might be the leading candidate. Yet the billionaire, businessman, television personality is not without controversy.

"I would be seriously depressed and fear for the future of the U.S., not just because Trump is president, but because the American electorate was gullible enough to vote for him," said Dr. Thomas Baldino, a professor in the political science department on campus.

Baldino said he thinks Trump is unfit and unqualified to be president.

"He lacks the experience, he lacks the good character required of the office, and he is too temperamental and impetuous," Baldino said.

Neha Kansal, a freshman, said she would move out of the country if Trump became president. She is not currently registered to vote but if Trump was elected, she said she would definitely vote in the next election to change that.

There are other students on campus that also say they know little - if anything -

about politics but still would choose any other candidate over Donald Trump.

"I would feel horrified if Trump was elected president," said Taylor Balasavage, a sophomore.

"He's unprofessional, racist, and uneducated," Balasavage continued.

Freshmen Brady Wing and Andrew Chang agreed that they would feel unsafe in the U.S. if Trump was elected president.

Marissa Turner, a special education major, said that she would be disappointed if Trump became president and she felt that he would have no idea how to deal with foreign policy.

"He would do nothing to help the middle class people," Turner said.

A few students agreed that they would be embarrassed if Trump was the president.

During the recent republican debate, Trump said that his main goal would be to bring the U.S. out of the \$19 trillion debt the country has accumulated.

"I feel like he's in the race to change the way people are used to campaigning, but he isn't a serious candidate," said Rachel Velehoski, a freshman at Wilkes.



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Senior Day sparks emotion for students at last home game

By Danny Van Brunt
Sports Editor

The seniors played their final home game on Halloween against the Stevenson Mustangs. The game also marked Senior Day.

The stands were filled with family and friends for the event, and T-shirts were given to those who came in costume. The shirts were themed both Wilkes football and Halloween.

The Colonels lost 31-14; they now head into their last two away games versus Misericordia and King's.

The seniors spent some to reflect on their football careers. Kyle Belle has played football for eight years, and these past four have been especially memorable.

"I had the opportunity to meet some great people and another chance in continuing my football career," Belle said.

Belle is a defensive back for the team. He knows he will be sad when training camp starts next year and he will not be there.

His most memorable experience is when he played Stevenson two years ago. He recovered an onside kick at the end of the game, which led the team to come back and win.

Michael Paskas is another defensive back. He believes football is not something

he takes for granted. He also claims that he was blessed with the opportunity that most individuals dream of.

"I met some of my best friends these past four years. I have created relationships with my teammates and coaches that will last a lifetime," Paskas said. "Football had a major impact on my career at Wilkes University. It developed me into a mature young man and taught me adversity is something that can be overcome with effort and determination."

Robert Moyer, a defensive lineman, said one of the most difficult things he has experienced was not making the team his freshman year. Instead, he was the team manager. Once he tried out the following year, he earned his spot and has become a better person because of it.

"Football is as important to me as to breathe air. I have put my heart and soul into the sport that I love," Moyer said. He will be sad when it is all over, however he is eager to take the lessons and skills he has learned in school, then apply them to his job.

Linebacker Anthony Trotta has played at Wilkes for the past two years, and has made friends and memories that will last forever.

"It's been an honor going out every Saturday to play the game I love with some of my best friends. It is also an honor to be able to represent Wilkes University, my



Seniors of Wilkes football were honored at last home game leaving their mark on both the field and Wilkes Athletics. The Beacon/Gabby Glinski

family and hometown of Old Forge," Trotta said.

Tyheed Jackson is a defensive back, and claims that there is nothing that can explain how important football is to him. He dreamed about playing in college ever since he started playing at the Pee Wee level.

"My most memorable moment was when I started for the first time against Lycoming last year on Homecoming," Jackson said.

Jackson believes that being a part of the football team shows that you have the desire, dedication and determination to be the best you can be.

"One thing I am going to miss the most is strapping up those pads, blocking everything out, and playing the game with my brothers! When it is finally over, I can say I did it!" Jackson said.

Head Coach Trey Brown is going to miss the seniors. Brown has coached for a while, and knows that after you spend so much time with your players, it is hard to let them go.

There are some great seniors that will be leaving this year, but there are a lot of players on the team that will step it up in the following years. He knows some players are new to positions and they have plenty of room for improvement. He has only been in the program for the past two years and has seen his players transform since last year. They speak the same language, and there is visible growth.

"The best experience I had with these

seniors was in our win over Delaware Valley. The seniors have never beaten them, and it was the first night game. In the fashion in which we did it was remarkable. We had to drive down the field on offense to score, and stopped the team from scoring on defense for four plays near the end-zone. There was so much satisfaction for this program, and in the eyes of the players was just utter joy," Brown said.

It's an honor for Brown to teach his players how to grow as individuals during their time in college. He knows that he is evaluated by wins and losses, but he genuinely feels good when the coaching staff has taught their players how to be better people overall through overcoming adversities.

He enjoyed seeing his players evolve into his second year, and is melancholy that his players will be leaving.

The game against Stevenson was the Colonels last home game of the season. The Colonels are playing away for their last two games, but will be at relatively local places. On Nov. 7, the Colonels will be going to Misericordia in Dallas, and on Nov. 14, the Colonels will be going to King's in Wilkes Barre.

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Wide receiver Aaron Coyne catches the ball on the sideline against Stevenson this past Saturday.

Wilkes University's men's basketball: Survive and advance

By Mark Makowski
Sports Writer

With two weeks until the season starts, the Colonels Men's Basketball team looks to go a step further than it did last season. The Colonels were denied a trip to the conference tournament last year after a loss to Kings College in the last game of the season.

Head Coach Izzi Metz is entering his second season in charge of the program after a 12-13 record last year. He looks at a team that can do some great things this year.

"Every day in practice we are always telling the team to get better," he said. "While trying to get better you always want to have the right schemes that will make plays develop and make the team successful."

This year's team returns a core of players that are looking to make a deep postseason run. Senior guard Alec Wizar is ready to see what they can accomplish.

"The team's ceiling is incredibly high, we have a lot of talented players returning mixed with a very deep freshman class," he said. "Everyone is excited about the possibilities, and willing to work to achieve them."

Metz is also impressed with sophomore forward Zachery Brunner who burst on to the scene in his Freshman season averaging 11 points per game, and just more than five rebounds per game. Brunner is ready to take the next step this season and become a leader.

"This year I see myself improving my game all around and doing whatever it may be to help the team," Brunner said. "I also see myself as more of a leader this year to the team."

Even though this is a team that looks like it has compiled a complete roster, there is still a lot of work to be done in order to be

successful.

Last year the Colonels offense finished third in the Freedom Conference with 73.3 points per game. Although they were a scoring machine, they still had problems. Last season the Colonels attempted 463 free throws last year which was dead last in the conference.

Metz is gearing the squad to not only score as many points as they did last year, but also capitalize on other opportunities.

He believes that getting to the foul line will help the team in multiple ways.

"Improve our half court defense is a key improvement needed this year," he said. "On offense we have to get to the foul line more so we can not only score more points, but to set up our defense."

Conference play will be what decides if the Colonels get over the hump and make it to the conference tournament. In this year's preseason poll, the Colonels are projected to finish fifth. Although Coach Metz does participate in the poll, he does not take it to heart.

"I don't put a lot of stock into it," He explains. "I've seen teams that are ranked first collapse or struggle, and I have seen teams that are ranked eighth win the conference."

The Colonels must be ready and prepared for every conference game; because they know your schemes, and they will find a weak point. If this team is able to build a good defense to help its high powered offense, the Colonels should have a very successful season.

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The Wilkes Men's Basketball team tipped off the start of their season with a scrimmage this past Wednesday.

Season preview: Women's lacrosse is taking it to the MAC

By Sean Grundy
Sports Writer

The Wilkes University Lady Colonels had an exceptional 2015 campaign amounting to the record of 10-5, winning 4 games at home and winning five games on the road.

With a conference record of 2-4, Wilkes was a game away from making the Freedom Conference playoffs. The team started out 8-1 before hitting a mid season skid losing four straight conference games.

Four outstanding Colonels were named to the All-Freedom Conference list. First team ballots are Carley Smith and Madeleine Brownsey, second team Tori Kerr, and Jessica MacConchie received honorable

mention.

Smith posted a career high 120 points on 52 goals and 68 assists. Brownsey put up 92 points, scoring 83 goals and dishing out nine assists. Kerr scored 56 goals and also had 66 points and dished out 10 assists. MacConchie scored 13 points dished out one assist and had 14 points. MacConchie also had 49 ground balls on the season.

"Carley Smith was a huge asset to the team and she will be missed, but there is a huge incoming freshman class full of talent to make up for the lose of Smith," said senior Emily Ketterman.

With Smith being the only senior last season, the Colonels should have no problem transitioning into the 2016 season with the array of talent that they have picked up in

recruitment process. They already have a strong core of seniors and upperclassmen that can lead this team to many victories. This season the Lady Colonels will have seven seniors on their roster: Tori Kerr, Melanie Rivera, Katherine Block, Jessica MacConchie, Madeleine Brownsey and Meaghan Skelly.

"We expect nothing less than it make playoffs and to make it back to the MAC," said senior Melanie Rivera.

The Lady Colonels have just wrapped up their fall season with a record of 2-2. In that time, they played several teams some of which they will see during the season, they played King's, Misericordia, Kutztown, and Seminary College.

The Lady Colonels did well and competed

hard and feels they are ready for the upcoming season.

"The team dynamic is very different than it was last year and in a short amount of the freshman have molded together with the upperclassmen," said senior Meaghan Skelly. "We have all the tools needed to succeed in the MAC conference."

The Lady Colonels season opener will be against Cedar Crest College at Cedar Crest on March 4, and the team's home opener will be against Houghton College at Ralston Athletic Complex on March 11.

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Wilkes baseball participates in its first annual Halloween game



Players of Wilkes baseball gathered together for a fun photo on Friday afternoon after playing a game against one another dressing up in the spirit of Halloween.

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The Colonels were back out on the field Oct. 30 in their first annual Halloween game. Eighteen Colonels laced up in what they called a friendly exhibition game.

Players dressed up in their Halloween costumes and fielded positions they normally wouldn't play. Pitcher Marcus Leaf participated in the game; however, he was

out in centerfield for the game.

Leaf like other players found the game to be a success.

"Everyone came out to have a good time, it was a great chance to take a break from working hard from the fall season," said Leaf. "It was basically like a reward for working hard during fall ball."

Junior George Sidiropoulos found the game to be a great experience.

"It was exciting to be able to be the first

Wilkes team in history to go out on the field for a Halloween game," said Sidiropoulos.

He later hopes that "this could be the start of a tradition for years to come."

Sidiropoulos was out on the field in his 80's aerobics outfit looking like Richard Simmons out on the field.

Junior Johnny Jan found the game to also to be a great time.

"I thought it was awesome, a great way to end the fall season. It is always fun seeing all

the costumes and everyone letting loose one last time in the fall. You see a lot more teams doing this and I would love to make this an annual thing," said Jan.

With all in the spirit of Halloween fun, Team Leaf would go on to defeat Team Kramer 10-6.

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Men's soccer team looks to bounce back at end of season

By Andre Spruell
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The Wilkes University men's soccer team will end their season the way members did not think they would.

With the season coming to a close, the Colonels currently hold a record of 4-12 due to an injury plagued season full of tough losses.

"We've certainly have had some disappointments this season, but we have shown that we can play with anyone if we continue to work hard," said sophomore midfielder David Sinegra.

He also added there has been a fair amount of injuries this season that have kept key players out of important games for us.

One of the biggest factors for why the colonels have struggled this season is because they lost some of their key attacking players from last year, which proved difficult to replace this season. Despite not having such a stellar season, the men's soccer team have found ways to remain upbeat and take a positive approach to things.

"Everyone on the team is really close and the locker room is great. It helped us stay positive and optimistic this season," said sophomore defender Tyler Kukosky.

The Colonels do not have chance to reach

the playoffs, they have had some bright spots this season that include the midfield and goalkeeping.

The play of senior of midfielder Eddie Metzger will surely be missed because of his ability to set players up and being able to put the ball in the back of the net. Although Metzger will be missed greatly, the play of freshman goalkeeper Tim Gallagher has proven to be more than spectacular as he and Metzger were named as MAC Freedom players of the week not too long ago.

With the disappointment of a season filled with struggles, the colonels remain optimistic and will look to learn from their mistakes this season to improve and get

better next season. The play of some of the underclassmen and players who had to play in unfamiliar roles this year may prove to benefit the men's soccer team next season.

"Some things we can work on is, in the offseason, our strength and fitness, and the development of a more dangerous and fluid attack in the spring season," said Kukosky.

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Getting to know...

Sarah O'Hara

Sophomore Basketball Guard

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Sarah O'Hara is a history major with a minors in secondary education and psychology at Wilkes University. From Doylestown, Pa., O'Hara plays for guard for the Women's Basketball team.

Q: What was the driving force for your decision to come to Wilkes?

A: I had really good relationships with my teachers in high school, and I knew that I would have an opportunity for that with the small class sizes here. That was a big point for me, as well as getting to continue my basketball career.

Q: What are your post graduation plans in terms of a career?

A: High school history teacher and basketball coach

Q: What are your hopes for your second season as a Colonel?

A: I would like to see the Women's basketball team make it into the playoffs and go for the MAC.

Q: When/Why did you first begin playing basketball?

A: I started playing when I was in 3rd grade because I was old enough to play in my REC league, so my dad put together a team of some of my friends and I've been playing ever since.

Q: If you had to choose one thing about Wilkes' Basketball Program that you could improve, what would it be?

A: I would want us to start a tradition of winning seasons, which we are definitely up to starting this season.

Q: Do you have other sports/interests/hobbies off of the court?

A: I don't play any other sports but I do enjoy watching baseball or football, and of course college basketball when I'm not at the gym. But I love watching movies or just hanging out with my friends.

Q: Who would you say, is the most influential person in your life?

A: One of many of the wonderful influential people in my life is probably my high school history teacher, Brian Weaver. He helped me through some of the toughest classes I took in high school, and he was also a coach so he was able to help me with any problems I was having with basketball as well. I can only hope to be half the teacher that he was for me.

Q: A quote you live your life by?


A: "Don't give up. Don't ever give up." -Jim Valvano

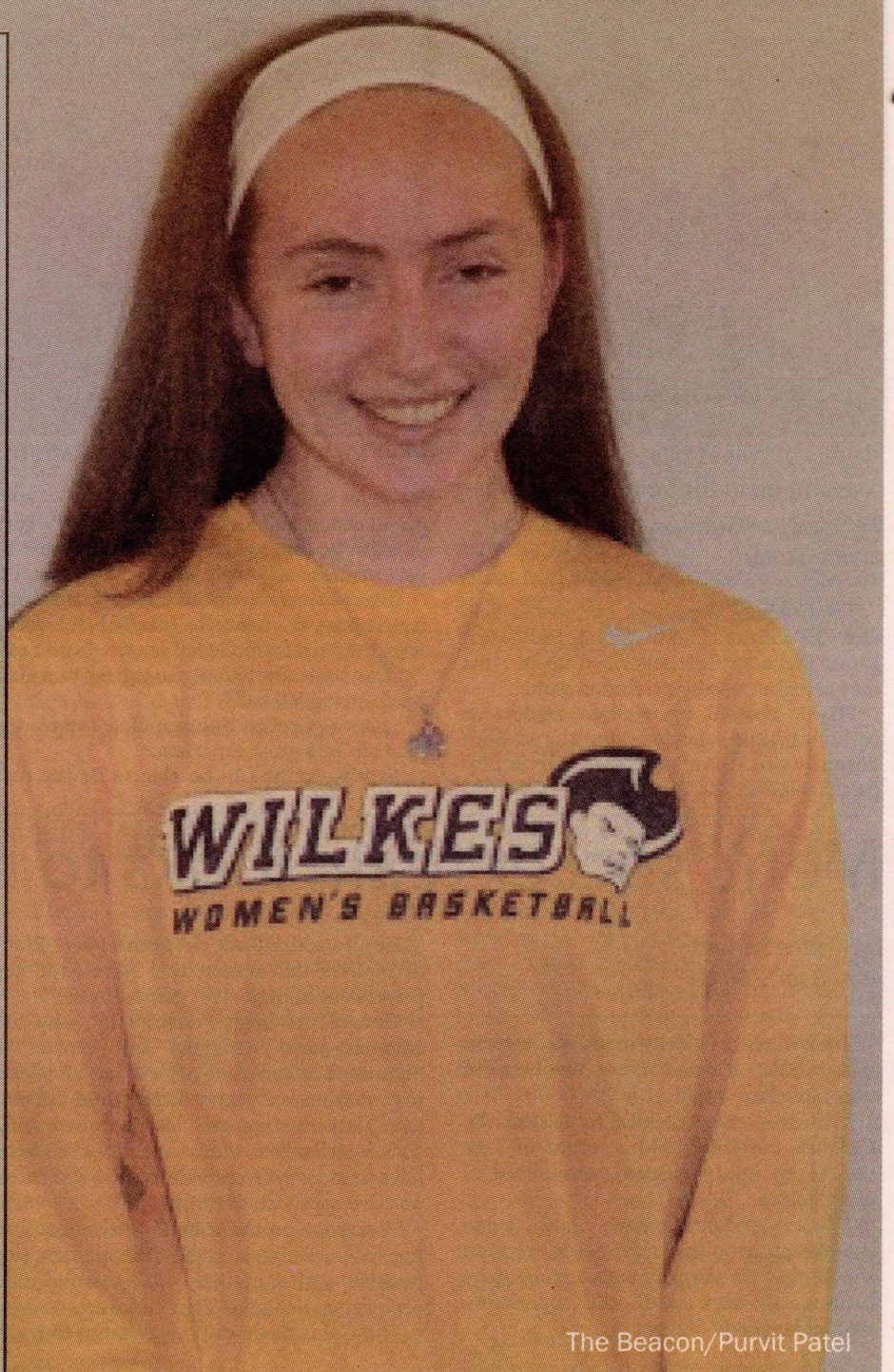
Q: Do you have any advice for the freshmen student athletes beginning their freshmen seasons and semesters?

A: Don't fall behind on your school work; it can pile up quickly if you don't stay on top of it. Also, don't be afraid to ask for help, whether it's involving your sport or school work. There are so many resources here at Wilkes and within your team.

Q: How do you feel about the changes being made to campus this year? What do you like or dislike?

A: I how the new gateway project looks and I definitely feel a lot safer when I have to walk back and forth from Towers to campus at night. I also like that Student Services is getting moved onto campus so it's more accessible. But I dislike that some of the buildings uses are changing, it's definitely going to be a little confusing.

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Getting to know...

Matt Grossman

Sophomore Wrestler

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Matt Grossman is a Management major at Wilkes. As a sophomore, he wrestles at 133 lbs for the university. Grossman is a 2015 NCAA Champion Wrestler.

Q: When did you first start wrestling?

A: When I was in first grade at age 6.

Q: What was your driving force for coming to Wilkes?

A: The ability to obtain a degree in business from a strong business school and wrestle at a very strong wrestling school with a rich winning tradition.

Q: What are your hopes for this season?

A: To have fun and wrestle hard.

Q: How does it feel to be a National Champion?

A: It is a good feeling but now that it is a new season it doesn't count for anything I need to continue to work hard and work towards winning the NCAAAs again.

Q: Wrestling is often considered one of the most physically demanding sports, how do you feel about this statement and how do you keep up?

A: Wrestling is an extremely physically demanding sport. It takes a lot of hard work to get into wrestling shape. To wrestle you need to have excellent cardio and be physically strong along with having excellent technique.


Q: Is there any advice you would like to offer younger student athletes?

A: To work hard and enjoy what you do.

Q: If you could have dinner with any famous person from the past, who would it be?

A: Dave Schultz, he was an incredible wrestler who unfortunately died very young and I have heard that he was a great role model and great person.

His life story has been the inspiration for the movie foxcatcher and for an ESPN 30 for 30.

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