

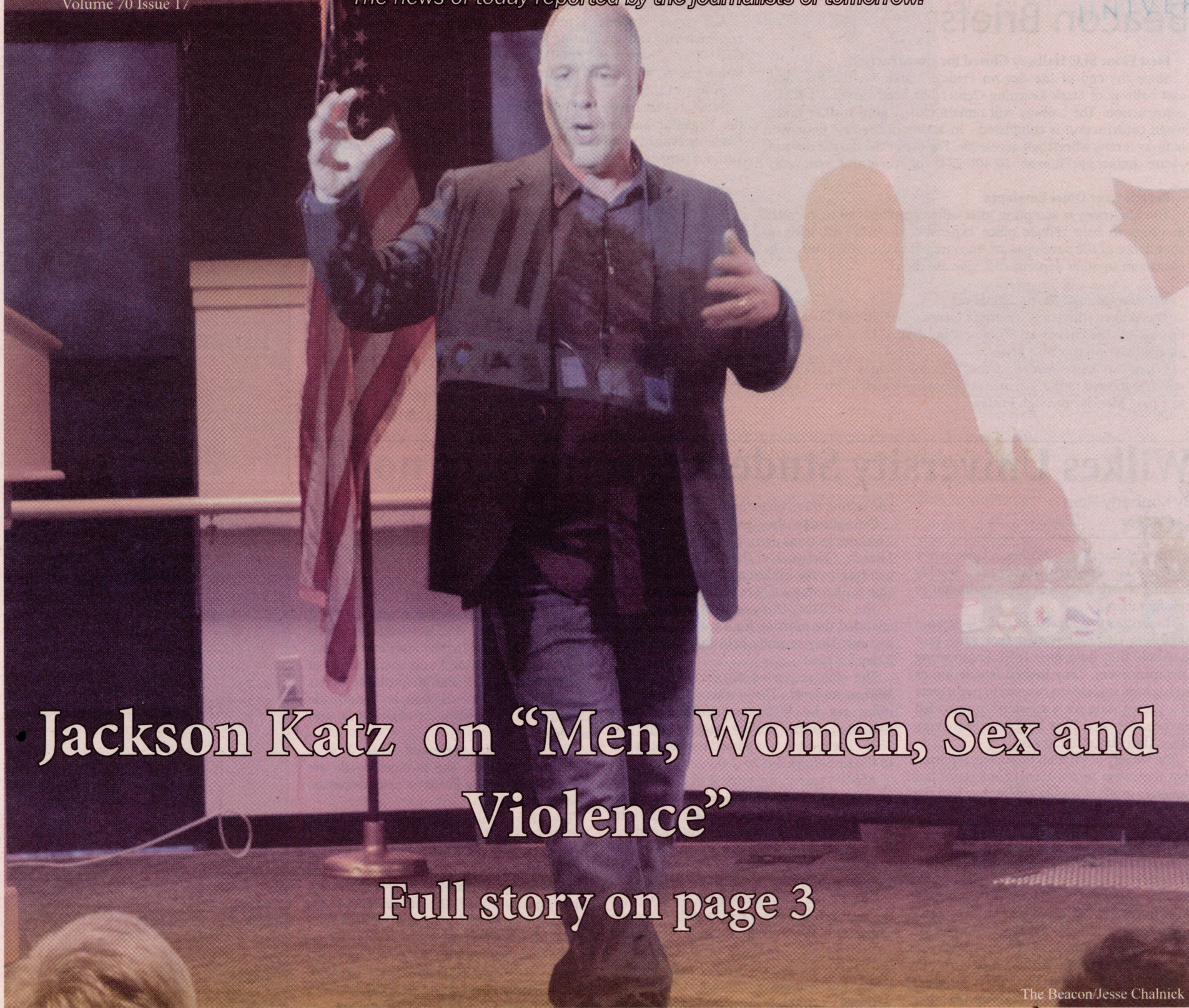
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Jackson Katz on "Men, Women, Sex and Violence"

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News

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Beacon Briefs

First Floor SLC Hallway Closed for Construction

Since the end of the day on Friday, March 10, the first floor east hallway of Stark Learning Center has been closed for RACP construction. The hallway will remain closed until further notice when construction is completed. In addition, the first floor west hallway is now wheelchair accessible. For use of the freight elevator, please contact Facilities at 570-408-2349 for access and assistance.

Recycle Inter-Office Envelopes

The Mailroom is accepting inter-office envelopes to be recycled in order to help reduce office expenses. Departments with an abundance of the envelopes are encouraged to drop them off at the Mailroom so other departments may use them.

Veteran Council Easter Egg Hunt

The Wilkes University Veteran's Council has placed Easter eggs throughout the Greenway. From now until April 12, if students find an egg they will receive a prize.

Prizes can be redeemed at the Veteran's Center of Excellence, which is located in the basement of Conyngham Hall, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

A Note to Students Graduating in May

Any level student planning on completing their degree requirements and graduating on May 20 must be registered for GRD 000 and have their completed graduation paperwork (diploma order, cap & gown order) returned the Registrar's Office no later than April 12, 2017.

Students that have not already done so are encouraged to notify the Registrar and meet with their advisor as soon as possible. Students cannot be added to the May Graduation list after this date without penalty.

Air Force ROTC to Host Open House

The Wilkes University Air Force ROTC (AFROTC) program will be hosting an Open House from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on April 20 in UCOM 126/127.

The event will provide students the opportunity to observe an AFROTC class, meet with AFROTC staff members and Air Force Officers for a Q&A, and learn more about AFROTC opportunities and scholarship benefits, including post-grad career options.

Students from Kings, Misericordia, University of Scranton, Marywood, Bloomsburg, East Stroudsburg, PSU (Wilkes Barre, Scranton and Hazleton) and LCCC are eligible to participate in the AFROTC program.

The event is open to all college students in any major.

If interested, students can RSVP via email by April 14 at boland.det752@gmail.com.

Wilkes University Student Government notes

By Kimberly Hein
LAE Editor

On Wednesday, Wilkes University's Student Government held its weekly meeting where there was the installment of new members.

The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) reported that each year they hold their IEEE Engineering Olympics event. They invited female junior high school students to campus to participate in a competition for a scholarship provided by the university. They hold meetings every other Thursday at 11:30 a.m.

The Society of Women Engineers reported that they went to a national conference last semester in Philadelphia where they had the opportunity to attend lectures and the career fair.

They held an "Amazing Race" at Wilkes last Friday with 60 high school girls competing in engineering-based events.

The Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance of Wilkes reported that they took a trip to Central Falls and it was "inspiring" to the members. They are currently trying to volunteer monthly for Ruth's Place.

Art Club reported that they plan on making Wilkes themed friendship bracelets

and selling them on campus.

On Saturday, they participated in Zebra Communications event benefiting Children's Miracle Network. They provided face painting to the children in attendance. The club is planning a trip to a museum.

The Wilkes University Running Club attended the meeting for a week 2 of 2 fund request. They recently held their 12 Annual Relay for Heat.

The club requested \$5 per mile run by Wilkes students. There was a total of 107 miles ran by Wilkes students. The total requested from student government was \$535. The motion was passed to allocate \$250 to the Running Club 26-2-0.

ASME came in for week 2 of 2 for a fund request for their annual car show. They requested \$1,000 to help with the costs of the "dyno" that will help their car show stand out in comparison to other car shows.

The motion to allocate \$1,000 to ASME passed 28-0-0.

ENACTUS was presented 1 of 2 for requesting funds. They reported that through the sale of ENACTUS clothing they raised \$1,500.

They requested \$4,000 from Student Government in order to fund a trip to a national competition. The presentations

are done in front of CEOs of fortune 500 companies, giving the students the opportunity to receive potential career or internship opportunities.

Rotaract Club presented a request for club recognition. The purpose of Rotaract is to provide an opportunity for young men and women to enhance the knowledge and skills that will assist them in personal development, to address the physical and social needs of their communities, and to promote better relations between all people worldwide through a framework of friendship and service.

The Big Event presented week 2 of 2 for a fund request. The motion to allocate \$5,915.00 to the Big Event on campus passed 25-0-3.

The Club of the month was announced as ASME for all of their hard work with their Annual Car Show.

The member of the month was announced as three different people for all of their help with Spring Fling. The members of the month are Shyann Barrett, Caitlin Brossman and Michaela Chidiac.

The treasure's report is as follows: All college: \$6,767.82, Conference: \$0.00, General: \$4,092.17 and Spirit: \$0.00 for a Student Government total of \$10,859.99.

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Dr. Jackson Katz on Men, Women, Sex and Violence

Renowned educator delivers keynote lecture on sexual assault, administrators respond

By Toni Pennello
Asst. News Editor

On March 27, Dr. Jackson Katz delivered a keynote address entitled "Men, Women, Sex and Violence" in the Henry Student Center Ballroom. The address kicked off "It's On Us Week," a week-long event organized by Wilkes administrators which highlighted issues of sexual violence, made possible by a grant from The Department of Education.

Katz is an educator, author, filmmaker and cultural theorist who is internationally known for his pioneering work and activism surrounding issues of gender, race and violence. He is known for his TED Talk, "Violence Against Women - It's a Men's Issue," which has been viewed more than three million times.

Katz also co-founded Mentors in Violence Prevention, one of the oldest and most influential gender violence prevention programs in North America, which works with athletes and the military. The program pioneered the "bystander" approach to combating sexual violence.

He is also the author of *The Macho Paradox: Why Some Men Hurt Women and How All Men Can Help*, and *Man Enough?* Donald Trump, Hillary Clinton and the Politics of Presidential Masculinity, both critically acclaimed.

Katz visited Wilkes to deliver a lecture dealing with bystander intervention and men's roles in ending sexual assault.

Gretchen Yeninas, associate dean of student affairs, indicated that the lecture was important because Wilkes is not immune from the issues of sexual violence. Part of her job, she said, is to deal with Title IX cases such as reported sexual assaults.

"Unfortunately I've seen a number of them in the year and a half that I've been in this position... violence against women... Sometimes it's men against men... it's obviously happening," she said.

"While the majority of students are kind and good to one another, and look out for one another, every once in awhile something happens, and it may not be intentional necessarily, but there's still some education that needs to be done around this topic, so I do see it as very important."

The bystander intervention approach that Katz and his colleagues pioneered is favored by Dr. Phillip Ruthkosky, dean of student affairs, and is the approach used in the video shown to students in every First Year Foundations class, called "Colonels Don't Stand By."

"If we as a society have the opportunity to make a difference, it absolutely needs to be

driven by students," Ruthkosky said. "... (F) olks like me, deans and administrators, we have a role to play and a leadership role as well, but students have the opportunity to really make an impact and stand up."

Ruthkosky explained that the role of students was most important since, although he could educate them about bystander intervention, he nor other administrators are likely to be in the situation to actually stop an assault.

"You start thinking about where these assaults are taking place at colleges in particular, it tends to be with acquaintances in very familiar environments... not all the time, but more often than not there's somebody in that scenario who had the opportunity to see something or hear something that might have made a difference," Ruthkosky said.

The lecture was opened by remarks from Title IX Coordinator Samantha Hart, who discussed the goals of "It's On Us" Week and thanked members of the Wilkes administration as well as Katz and attendees.

Hart's introduction was followed by a

"I think one of the roles that men can play in this work is we can say some things that sometimes women can't say, and, more accurately, we can be heard saying some things that women sometimes can't be heard saying."

-Dr. Jackson Katz

speech from President Patrick F. Leahy.

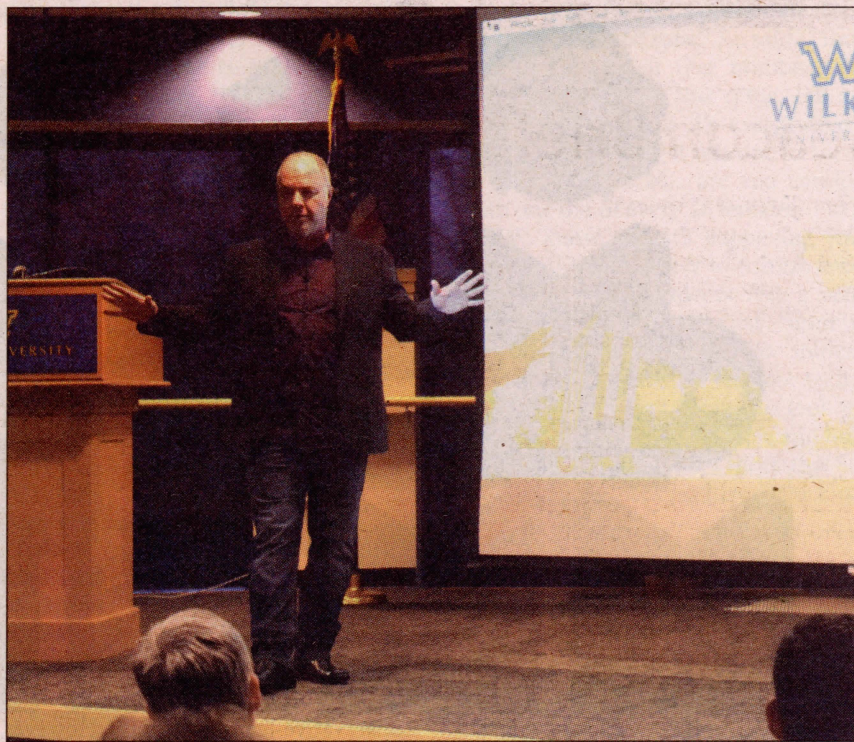
"There are so many reasons why I am proud to be the president of this University. One of the ones chief among those is the way in which we tackle the issues of sexual violence here. We are at the forefront of responding to sexual violence with our 'Colonels Don't Stand By' program," Leahy said.

Katz was introduced by Ruthkosky.

When asked why Katz was chosen to deliver the keynote lecture, Hart stated "We wanted to bring someone that was dynamic, and that would really make a strong opening remark for our week of awareness."

The event was well attended. Members of the community along with faculty and students nearly filled the ballroom.

"I was glad to see as many students there



The Beacon/ Jesse Chalnack

Renowned educator and pioneering activist Dr. Jackson Katz delivered his lecture entitled "Men, Women, Sex and Violence" in the Henry Student Center Ballroom on March 27. Katz was the keynote speaker for "It's On Us Week," a week-long event dedicated to discussing sexual violence.

as there were," said Yeninas. She pointed out that many students attended the lecture in groups, either with classmates in a course which covers relevant material or with their teammates, their coaches strongly encouraging their attendance.

"I'm sure that some were maybe coerced to be there, but I'm glad that they came and I hope they got something out of it too," Yeninas said. "Maybe some people looked disinterested because they weren't sure why they were there, but I really hope that by the end they really did get something out of it," Yeninas said.

At the lecture, Katz began with an anecdote about a negative experience he had while giving a presentation to a group of police officers. He had asked if anyone would mind if he moved away from the podium, to which one officer replied, "yeah, it'll make you an easier target."

Katz mentioned that he did not feel that hostility coming from the group in the ballroom, but that he also hadn't said much yet.

"I'm going to say some things that are pretty provocative, and deliberately so, because we've got some big problems in our

society, and we have some big problems in the world," he said.

Katz began by introducing the notion of a paradigm shift in the way that people think of the issues of sexual assault.

"... They've been previously seen as women's issues that some good men help out with... I don't accept that, and in fact, I'm going to argue that these are men's issues first and foremost."

Katz began illustrating this in the context of domestic violence. He asserted that although children who live in a home where domestic violence is common are referred to as "witnesses," he believes that this is a misnomer - and that those children are in fact also victims of the domestic violence.

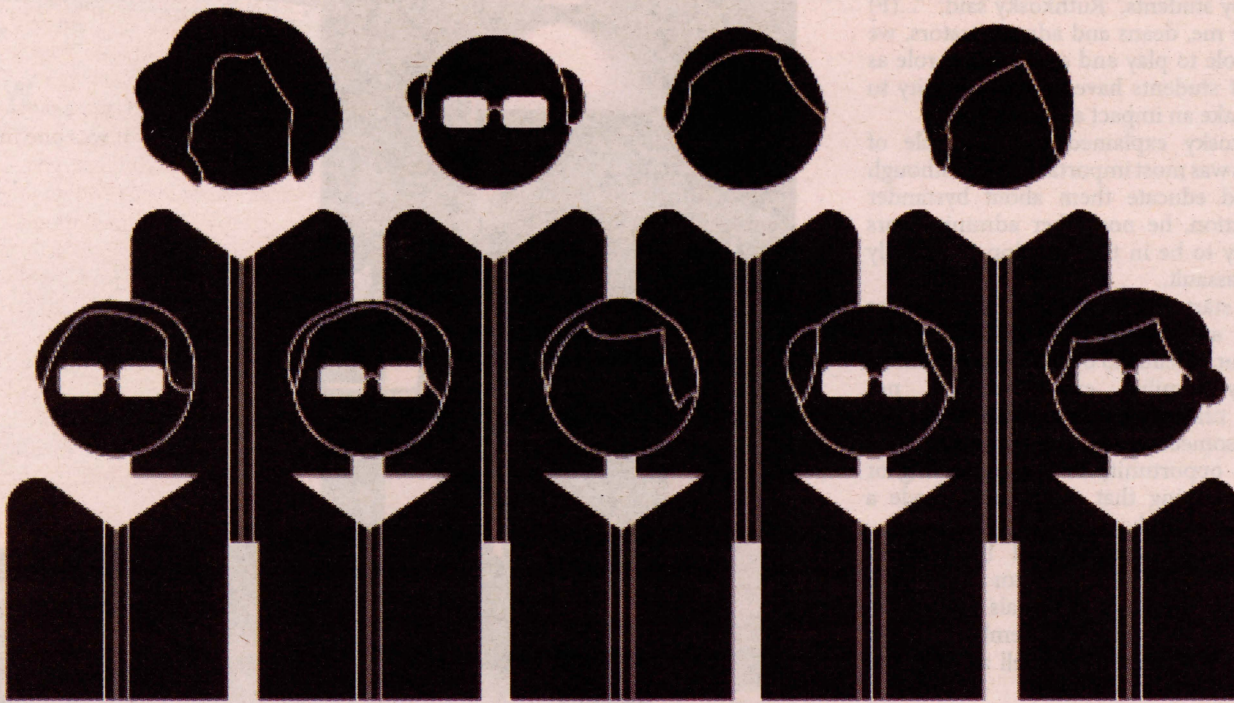
This lumps in a lot of boys growing up in those environments and men who grow up suffering the outcomes of their victimization. Katz added that those boys are more likely to end up engaging in criminal activity and ending up incarcerated.

Katz also cited a statistic regarding

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Supreme Court breakdown: What a new justice means for America

Confirmation vote for Trump's Supreme Court scheduled April 7



By Alyssa Mursch
News Editor

Brown v. Board of Education, Roe v. Wade, Obergefell v. Hodges.

Social issues. Presidential elections. Human rights.

Whether it is ruling segregation in schools unconstitutional, declaring that women have a constitutional right to an abortion during the first two trimesters or legalizing same-sex marriage across all 50 states, each one of these cases has been pivotal to American society.

"The Supreme Court fundamentally has an impact on American society," said Associate Professor and Chair of the political science department Dr. Kyle Kreider. The Court, in most cases, has the final say on the country's major issues and, as such, should be a pivotal part of what voters take into consideration when choosing a presidential candidate.

On Feb. 13, 2016, Republican Justice Antonin Scalia died. Since then, the question has been begged: Who will replace him? On April 7, a confirmation vote will take place to appoint President Donald Trump's pick of Republican Judge Neil Gorsuch.

This decision has been met with mixed feelings from Democrats and Republicans alike. During the election cycle, many liberals expressed concern that a Trump-appointed justice would create a

conservative-leaning Court. However, as Kreider put it, it is simply "one conservative replacing another." The balance of the Court will not shift unless another justice needs to be replaced while Trump is in office.

Although Gorsuch is not Democrats' first choice, Kreider noted that they must be strategic in how they handle it. Many Democrats see a weakened president after the healthcare bill failed, which was Trump's first big legislative attempt, Kreider explained. Therefore, they see this as an opportunity to put another kink in his agenda and hurt the administration's morale.

As such, Democrats in the Senate have threatened to filibuster to delay or stop the appointment of Gorsuch. Webster Dictionary defines filibuster as the use of extreme dilatory tactics- such as making long speeches- in an attempt to delay or prevent action, especially in a legislative assembly. If the Democrats do this, there would be 60 Republican votes needed to approve Gorsuch. However, with only 52 Republicans in the Senate and 2 Independents, at least six Democrats would need to approve.

Republicans in the Senate could counteract this, however, by changing the filibuster rule so it is not allowed during a Supreme Court vote. Although this is what Kreider refers to as a "nuclear option," it would ruin any chance of Democrats

being able to use this strategy to delay the appointment of a second justice, if the time comes.

If two conservative justices are appointed and the balance of the court shifts, Kreider speculates that conservative states will make stricter laws regarding social issues, such as abortion, with the mindset that if they are challenged and go to the Supreme Court while it is conservative-leaning, a new standard will be set.

According to npr.org, there is no disagreement that Gorsuch is conservative.

"On issues like abortion and affirmative action and gun rights and states' rights, we can expect him overall to be a reliable conservative vote and someone who is going to forcibly and eloquently put forward conservative positions on the court," Richard Hasen, professor of law and political science at the University of California, Irvine told the news outlet.

With The Senate having the final vote on the appointment, constituents that would like their voice to be heard have the opportunity to call their senators and encourage them to vote one way or another.

"We're seeing the results of a president that doesn't have much political knowledge or skill," Kreider said. "He can't bully everyone into submission."



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Gorsuch on the issues:

On immigration:

"Gorsuch is known for favoring the interpretation of judges over federal agencies in cases that involve unclear congressional laws. For opponents of President Trump's travel ban, Gorsuch's ruling could offer a potential sliver of hope."

On abortion:

"Although Gorsuch has never publicly offered his opinion on Roe v. Wade, he does seem to be a defender of religious freedom rights."

On assisted suicide:

"Gorsuch is firmly against assisted suicide and euthanasia."

On the environment:

"Gorsuch opposes the broad powers of federal agencies to interpret the law. He upheld Colorado's renewable energy standards when the coal industry challenged them."

Information from biography.com

Katz Lecture, Cont.

domestic violence related to mass shootings, an occurrence he finds “pathetically common” in the United States.

“Over the past decade, 57 percent of mass shootings had a domestic violence connection, which is to say that either the shooter was either the victim or perpetrator of domestic violence,” Katz said. “You would think that we would talk about domestic violence if we want to have a thoughtful discussion about mass shootings - and yet it rarely happens in the mainstream.”

Katz brought up the fact that women and feminist theorists have been discussing these issues since the 1970s, but that they still have yet to be mainstream thoughts.

Yeninas related this to her own experience with the Victim’s Resource Center, which she has been a part of for almost 20 years. The center opened in 1974, and began as a grassroots organization called the Luzerne County Women Organized Against Rape.

“I know that the conversation has obviously been ongoing, and it’s nice that a man is up there talking about this because it has been a lot of women, and they’re still fighting the good fight, so to speak, but we need some help in some ways too,” Yeninas said.

The reason why women need that help from men, Katz would say, partially stems from the defensiveness that many men show in the face of discussions of sexual assault.

“I think one of the roles that men can play in this work is we can say some things that sometimes women can’t say, and, more accurately, we can be heard saying some things that women sometimes can’t be heard saying.”

Katz said this in the context of passive language used to describe gender violence, such as saying “violence against women” rather than “men’s violence against women,” with the gendered words being variable and interchangeable. He said that this passive language takes away the accountability from perpetrators, but that active language is what makes many men uncomfortable as they feel they are being implicated based on their gender.

“That is how power works,” Katz added. His approach is to “invite” men to join the discussion rather than “indict” them.

Katz asserted that bystander intervention is very challenging and takes courage and leadership. While stepping in prior to a potential assault is important, he stressed the importance of facing the issues at a base

level.

Drawing a pyramid shape, he indicated that stopping an assault directly before it happens is at the tip, while the part of the pyramid with the greater area holds all of the attitudes that lead to the assault in the first place. Therefore, the most work to be done in the area of sexual violence lies in the sexism that pervades society.

“Don’t we know that attitudes influence actions? Don’t we know it’s naive to think that incidents that happen in this society... somehow they come out of nowhere? How ignorant can we be?” he said. Katz therefore encouraged students to step in when they hear their peers using sexist language and making sexist jokes, saying that silence in those situations indicates “consent and complicity” toward those attitudes.

“Of course they come out of somewhere. They come out of belief systems. And belief systems get nurtured and sustained in those very kinds of conversations,” he added.

Katz, along with Yeninas and Ruthkosky, agree that there is a long way to go in combatting the issue of sexual violence on college campuses. Ruthkosky thinks one of the factors stunting the process is arguing over statistics.

“You’ve heard the statistic that one in five college women are victims of an attempted or completed assault... and this could range all the way from inappropriate touching all the way up to rape,” he said. “You have a lot of critics of that number... several studies have shown that result, but a lot of individuals say that it’s exaggerated... my response is, let’s say it was one in 10, or one in 15 or one in 20... are you comfortable with one out of every 20 females? I’m not.

“We know that it’s happening way too often and the best way to I think approach that is to have students feel a sense of ownership and a sense of community... a sense that it’s on you as students to communicate better, to educate each other about what consent means, to look out for each other in any way possible and however you’re comfortable and I think that is what will make the most positive impact and the biggest difference.”



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Student Government Election results

2017-18 Senior Class

Representatives: Dylan Fox, Kyle Stanek, Nicole Hughes, Robert Muhlenforth, Katelyn Jimison, Cody Morcom.
Secretary: Rachel Wood.
Treasurer: Austin Paisley.
Vice President: Shyann Barrett
President: Paige Gallagher

2017-18 Junior Class

Representatives: Ellen Weber, Alexandra Panek, Ashley Wojciechowski.
Secretary: Ian Valles
Treasurer: Caitlin Brossman
Vice President: Harrison Eckert
President: Kyle Thomas

2017-18 Sophomore Class

Representatives: Brendan Steiner, Alanah Guerrero, Logan Biechy, Brianna Price, Leticia Patino-Flores, Liam Bartko.
Secretary: Lyndsey Shay
Treasurer: Amy Kulp
Vice President: Amanda Imbalzano
President: Hunter Hughes

Mega-Council election Timeline:

- 4/5 - Week 2 of 2 for Nominations
- 4/11 - Petitions due to Nate’s mailbox outside the SG office (all Mega Councils)
- 4/12 - Ballots Open (all Mega Councils)
- 4/18 - Ballots Close (all Mega Councils)
- 4/19 - New SG President installed

Wilkes University community reacts to missing girls in D.C.

By Cabrini Rudnicki
Staff Writer

In the past month, there has been a spread of interest regarding missing children, especially children of color, in the United States. In Washington D.C, citizens of the city have been crying injustice after a large amount of black teen girls have gone missing in the past month, with around 501 missing children cases (of all races) being reported since the beginning of 2017.

D.C has a history of issues involving sex trafficking, causing many people to believe the missing girls have been kidnapped and forced into prostitution. However, the police have assured people that they do not believe the current situation is a case of human trafficking.

However, regardless of whether the teenagers are going missing because of human trafficking or are running away, many students at Wilkes agree that the media has still not given enough attention to the problem.

Harry Gothreau, a senior political science major, was dismayed by the radio silence on the issue from major news publications.

"I think the media is definitely not talking about this enough," he said. "I watch a lot of

news, and I don't know anything about it."

Many students at Wilkes were not even aware human trafficking was an issue in the United States. Andrew Severino, a first year Environmental Engineering student, was one of them.

"I have heard of human trafficking in other countries, but I did not know it was a pressing issue here, this year, right now."

Samantha Trobe, a freshman political science major, on the other hand, had heard of human trafficking in the United States, but had not heard of the current possible issues in Washington.

"I know people from South America come to America for better lives, but unfortunately they get involved with people like the Cartel who promise them a brighter future, only to instead force them into sex trafficking."

In the past, human traffickers have latched themselves onto children and teenagers with low socioeconomic statuses. Amy Kulp, a freshman mathematics major, took notice of this, despite not being aware of the current pressing issues.

"[Human traffickers] take people who they think others won't notice, or care, if they are missing."

Although there is still the opinion that the girls have run away rather than that they were kidnapped, many still believe the lack of public recognition is an issue.

Dr. Andrew Wilczak, assistant professor of sociology at Wilkes, disagrees with the conspiracy aspect of the issue, citing "Pizzagate," which was a widespread belief that the Clinton administration had a sex trafficking ring run out of the D.C. Comet Ping Pong pizza chain that led to a public shooting. However, Wilczak does agree there has been a lack of police involvement.

"In the past few years, many black girls have gone missing, so many people's response to the current issues have been along the lines of 'What are you getting all angry about? This happens every year,'" said Wilczak. "If this was 15 young white girls, the city would shut down and the federal government would be involved."

Wilczak, like many other faculty and students of Wilkes, was concerned and shocked by the events, and hopes that the missing children will be found soon.



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Missing girls:

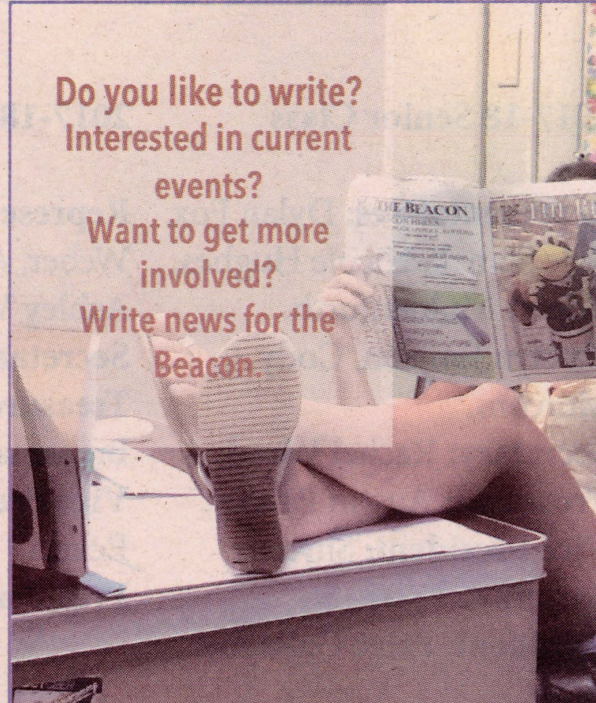
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Students listen in on a panel at Law Day on March 28.
From left: Kelly Cirovolo, Jill Matthews, Lenny Gryskewicz and Justin Richards.

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"The Grill Master" is a dear friend to many on campus

By Amanda Bialek

Asst. Life, Arts & Entertainment Editor

Tony Wallace, "The Grill Guy" is known for greeting everyone with his infectious smile and genuine care across the Wilkes University campus. Whether he is preparing students a panini in the dining hall or volunteering his time at Colonel sporting events, Wallace is dedicated to his job at Aramark and being involved with the students.

Wallace is originally from Atlantic City, New Jersey. He has been in the food and beverage business for 45 years. Wallace has worked at unique places such as Planet Hollywood, Miss America Pageants, The Playboy Club, Trump Plaza Hotel and Casino for 15 years and The Woodlands Inn for almost eight years.

He came to Wilkes Barre about 20 years ago because he enjoyed the laid-back atmosphere versus the hustle and bustle of the casino.

Wallace said his personal hero is his mother because she raised him to be the man he is today. "She instilled in us that work is very important, so I haven't missed a day of work in the last five years," Wallace said.

He currently works as the Deli Master in the Wilkes Dining Hall as well as mans the grill for special events on campus. He enjoys making different sandwiches and paninis everyday because it gives him the opportunity to be more personal and talk one-on-one with students and faculty.

"I am always curious to see the sandwich masterpieces he creates on a daily basis," Dylan Fox, pharmacy major said. "He always has a smile on his face and goes the extra mile to get to know the students of Wilkes University."

Wallace is an asset to the Wilkes Dining Service because he is always willing to get anyone what they would like to eat without hesitation. He is a happy-go-lucky guy who believes that everyday should be a good day at work.

"We love having Tony man the grill and serve the students at our semi-annual English Department picnics," Debra Archavage, office assistant of the English department said. "The students and faculty enjoyed having him join our event every year, and we specifically ask for him to be our grill master."

"Tony is more than just 'The Grill Guy,'" Bryan Bilbao, psychology major said. "He's like my dad away from home. Tony has that

upbeat, comical and positive vibe whenever you talk to him."

Every year, Wallace dedicates his time to helping with various events on campus such as the Big Event, Casino Night, The Color Wars, Sports Smash, Club Day, Orientation and Homecoming.

"He is selfless and a true gentleman. At Sports Smash, he cooked nearly 400 hot dogs and hamburgers without burning a single one," Cody Morcom, pharmacy major said. "He is truly a master of the craft."

When he is not operating the grill or making sandwiches, Wallace can be found attending Wilkes events where he volunteers and takes pictures of students for Facebook.

"Tony is extremely dedicated to helping out our student/athletes in every way he can," Joseph Czopek, men's and women's volleyball head coach said. "He is friends with so many students and knows them all by name."

"After learning that the Women's Volleyball team was trying to raise money for their Puerto Rico trip in Fall 2017, Wallace came to my office to discuss opening a concession stand in the Marts gym during the home volleyball and basketball games," Czopek said.

Wallace unselfishly gives up his personal time to help with the concession stand working almost every game. He has helped teach others how to check the inventory and how to prepare different foods for the concession stand. Wallace has also taken on the responsibility of cleaning up the kitchen after the games.

"Tony truthfully is a valuable resource to Wilkes University and the student body," Czopek said.

With his positive engagement with students and faculty and commitment to his work, Wallace truly demonstrates what "being Colonel" is all about.

"He makes our campus more vibrant and sociable," Bilbao said. "I am ever so grateful he came into our lives and hope he can stick around for a lot longer."

After moving to Pennsylvania, one of the individuals that made my transition more comfortable was Tony, said Dr. Rhonda Rabbitt, Dean, School of Education. "He consistently offered me a warm welcome and genuine care when our paths crossed. Since then, continues to reflect a positive and inclusive energy, with a focus on student experience."



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Tony Wallace enjoys grilling outside for students during The Big Event.



Photo Courtesy of Tony Wallace

RECIPE OF THE WEEK:

Energy-Boosting Banana Toast

INGREDIENTS:

- Rye bread
- Peanut Butter
- 1 Banana
- Chia Seeds
- Organic milk
- Ovaltine milk mix

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Toast one slice of Rye bread.
2. Slice banana.
3. While toast is warm, spread on peanut butter.
4. Place bananas on toast.
5. Sprinkle with Chia seeds.

*For additional vitamins and minerals, mix Classic Malt Ovaltine in a glass of milk. Enjoy!!



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

Submit it to Amanda Bialek, LA&E Assistant Editor

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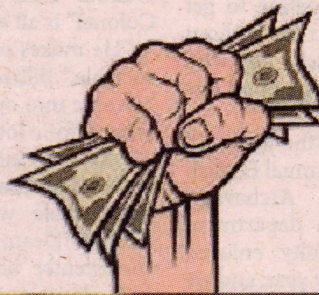
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The Health & Wellness Fair to be hosted on April 4

By Gabby Glinski
Co-Managing Editor

On April 4, the Health & Wellness Fair, sponsored by Health and Wellness Services, BACCHUS and Human Resources, will be held in the SUB Ballroom from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The fair will host approximately 63 vendors, including groups from the community as well as BACCHUS and Wilkes' Pharmacy School students, Neuroscience faculty, Campus Interfaith and WCLH.

The Pharmacy school students, holding 10 tables at the fair, will be providing education and conducting tests for a variety of topics including HPV, blood sugar levels, vaccinations, insurance education, skin care and asthma.

Featured educational topics include fitness and sports medicine, stress management, chiropractic evaluation, STI education, dental, nutrition and vision.

The fair vendors will conduct bone density screenings, blood pressure screenings, massages, blood sugar screenings, hearing screenings and stroke prevention and thyroid screenings.

Other vendors include Balance Yoga, Essential Oils, Caring Communities, Geisinger, community chiropractors,

Victims Resource Center, Weight Watchers, and Wilkes Barre Department of Health.

"The resources in the community and here on campus are to educate students on making healthy decisions," stated Gail Holby, Coordinator of Health and Wellness Services. Holby emphasized the importance of the fair with its low cost and free health services.

"I think it's really important," stated Gabrielle Gardner, Vice President of BACCHUS on the importance of the Health & Wellness Fair. "College tends to get students into unhealthy habits; skipping meals, not sleeping, drinking energy drinks."

BACCHUS participates in many other health awareness activities and programs on campus, including previously providing safe piercing information and providing free condoms. Gardner promotes health and wellness through BACCHUS and encourages students who are interested to join.

For more information on the Health & Wellness Fair, contact Health and Wellness Services at (570) 408-4730.



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Don't forget to have your résumé checked by Career Services on the second floor of Conyngham Hall before the Career Fair on Thursday, April 6, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the UCOM RAC.

Staff will see you immediately if they are available on site, or will get résumé feedback to you within 24 hours.

Career Fair to be held in UCOM on Thursday, April 6

The Career Fair will be held on Thursday, April 6, in UCOM RAC, from 11:00 a.m. - 2 p.m. for jobs, internships, part-time and summer positions. The following list is some of the employers who will be attending the event.

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Senior events announced for the rest of the semester

Below is a complete list of events for the senior class including all of the *Senior Week* activities.

- **Senior Meeting-** Thursday, April 6 11:15 a.m. Henry Student Center Ballroom.
- **Senior Salute-** Wednesday, April 26 1 p.m. - 7 p.m. Thursday, April 27 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Henry Student Center Ballroom
- **Extracurricular/Leadership Awards Luncheon-** Thursday, April 20 11 a.m. Henry Student Center Ballroom
- **Senior Picnic-** Monday, May 15 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. Fenner Quadrangle
- **Champagne Brunch-** Wednesday, May 17 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Henry Student Center Ballroom. (*By ticket only*)
- **Final Farewell-** Wednesday, May 17th 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Rodano's
- **Senior Picnic-** Monday, May 15 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. Fenner Quadrangle
- **17th Annual Pharmacy Dean's Golf Tournament-** Thursday, May 18. Registration 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.; Shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. Mount Laurel Golf Club, White Haven, PA. <http://www.mountainlaurelgolfclub.com> Reservations required: Email - theresa.rule@wilkes.edu or call 570-408-42700. Prices: \$90 - current Wilkes Students \$110 - all others. Price includes lunch, dinner and prizes.
- **President's Dinner Dance Honoring the Class of 2017-** Thursday, May 18 6 p.m. - 11 p.m. Woodlands Inn and Resort (*Shuttle service available*)
- **Commencement Rehearsal-** Friday, May 19 11:00 a.m. Arnaud C. Marts Sports and Conference Center
- **Academic Awards Ceremony-** Friday, May 19 3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts
- **President's Reception Honoring the Class of 2017-** Friday, May 19 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Weckesser Hall
- **Baccalaureate Service-** Friday, May 19 6:45 p.m. Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts
- **Pharmacy Professional Hooding Ceremony-** Friday, May 19 7:30 p.m. Arnaud C. Marts Sports and Conference Center
- **Nursing Pinning Ceremony-** Friday, May 19 12:30 p.m. Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts
- **AFROTC Commissioning-** Saturday, May 20 9:00 a.m. Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts
- **70th Annual Spring Commencement-** Saturday, May 20. Arnaud C. Marts Sports and Conference Center

70th Annual Spring Commencement will be held on May 20, 2017

Graduate Ceremony begins at 10 a.m. (doors open at 9 a.m.)

Bachelor's Degree Ceremony begins at 3 p.m. (doors open at 2 p.m.)

Review: Nintendo's newest home console "the Switch"

By Zachary Smith
Staff Writer

Unless you have been living under a rock for the last several months, you might have heard about Nintendo's latest home console, the Switch. Released amid some controversy since the previous system, the Wii U, was released only roughly four years prior, there was some worry that the Switch would not sell as well as its predecessors. Well with demand currently far exceeding supply, those fears seems to have been put to rest and we can instead focus on whether or not you should be those clamoring to get one.

The first thing that needs to be discussed about the switch is its design, it is actually pretty slick. The system itself is all housed within the screen, unlike the Wii U, which had a hand unit as well as a base unit, and this allows it to be turned into a portable gaming machine, similar to the 3DS. When plugged into the base unit, the system charges as well as outputs to your TV (assuming it's plugged in via HDMI cable), allowing you to play games.

The screen itself provides decent resolution, up to 720p. While you can play any game in tablet/handheld mode that you can while it is plugged into the TV, certain games, like The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild, were clearly meant to be played in TV mode. Graphically it is inferior to its current gen brothers PS4 and XBOne, but that is to be expected of a portable system. It is too early to tell though how much better graphically it is than the Wii U, early indications from Zelda would indicate that it is at least as good if not better in that department.

The controllers take a bit of getting used to, and are definitely not one of the systems stronger points. The "Joy Con" controllers can be removed from the system and plugged into a grip to better function when playing games in TV mode. The controllers can function both together and independently, allowing for two people to each wield one and play a game together. The controllers also have built in motion sensing controls along with an infrared sensor that allow games to implement motion assisted aiming, something you can see in the latest Zelda with most of Link's aiming.

I would not classify the controllers as "bad", they get the job done and are not the most uncomfortable things I've ever

held in my hands, but some of the design decision are poor. For instance, the start and select buttons are at an awkward position on each controller, and you will often hit the analogue stick attempting to hit them. They also have a surprisingly limited charge, clocking in at about 5-7 hours for me although that could be mitigated by turning off vibration functionality.

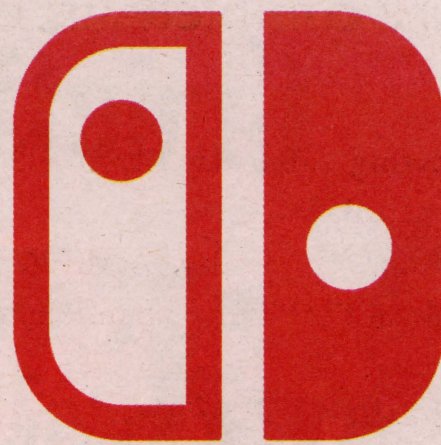
The user interface for the Switch is rather surprisingly bare bones currently, with minimalist icons, no music, and limited functionality besides playing games. The Nintendo Store is also unfortunately bare bones at this time, only having three categories at the time of this writing: New Releases, Coming Soon and Search. Nintendo has been surprisingly tight lipped about the virtual console, Nintendo's classic games platform. With the inherent two player nature of the system and how the individual joy con controllers resembling Super Nintendo controllers though, I would assume we will hear something about their plans for the Virtual Console by June at the Electronic Entertainment Expo.

At the time of printing, there are currently only about 20 games available for the Switch, with only five of those games being exclusive to the Switch. There are more on the way but none of the very big games have a definite release date yet so it is hard to gauge what the coming year looks like, but again we will most likely know more in June.

In its current condition I will say that I am excited for the future of the Switch. The system has a lot of potential, especially if it gets the virtual console right, the controllers are begging for more two player games and the virtual console would deliver. If you currently have a Wii U I would have a hard time recommending grabbing a Switch, you can already play the games worth playing on it. If you do not have a Wii U though, and somehow have the ability to purchase one (they are still very hard to find currently), there are a lot worse ways you could spend \$300.



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Greetings from the

GRAND CANYON

Wilkes Adventure Education



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The group takes a break from hiking to enjoy the view of the Grand Canyon in Arizona. The 10 day trip included camping in the Grand Canyon, hiking and watching sunrises and sunsets.



Photo courtesy of WAE

The group sits outside the beautiful 100-year-old lodge in New Mexico.

Kimberly Hein
Life, Arts and Entertainment Editor

The Wilkes Adventure Education Club has been active for roughly 10 years, of those 10 years, five has been under the direction of Jill Price.

Senior, Lucas Kline has been involved in WAE for four years but was the most active during his junior and senior year.

The club hosts indoor and outdoor adventures such as yoga, camping, glamping, ropes course and climbing.

The programs are targeted at anyone who wants to try new things, explore and be involved.

"Outdoor and indoor rock climbing has been very beneficial. It's taught the many different tying knots, climbing safety protocols and anchor/belay techniques. I've also been able to meet a lot of different people through the sport," Kline said.

The club went to the Grand Canyon over spring break this semester.

Jill Price, Director of the Adventure Education Club said "I'm always encouraging people to go outside of their comfort zones... it seemed like time to do the same!" when talking about what made

them adventure to the Grand Canyon.

The 10-day trip consisted of 11 people as they drove to the Grand Canyon. When there, they camped two nights at the Grand Canyon. Sunrise, sunsets, camping, and a day hike were on their agenda. While on the trip, they also got to sled down the White Sands National Monument, stay in a beautiful hundred-year-old lodge in New Mexico, visit the Saguaro Desert (some even got to feel what it is like to get cactus needles stuck in their legs), and eat some great barbecue in Texas.

Senior, Casara McCleaf said he favorite thing about the Grand Canyon was the immensity.

"As a group of 8 college students, a second grader, and two adults together non-stop for ten days (much of which was in close quarters), we sometimes rubbed on each others' nerves, but Jill set up a cool system where we could call "Kangaroo" and without hurting anyone's feelings, you could have some time away from that person," She said when addressing the creative way, they handled the long car ride.

She said that since driving took a lot of time and they only had the break to get everything accomplished, they had to work together to decide what was really important to everyone in the group.

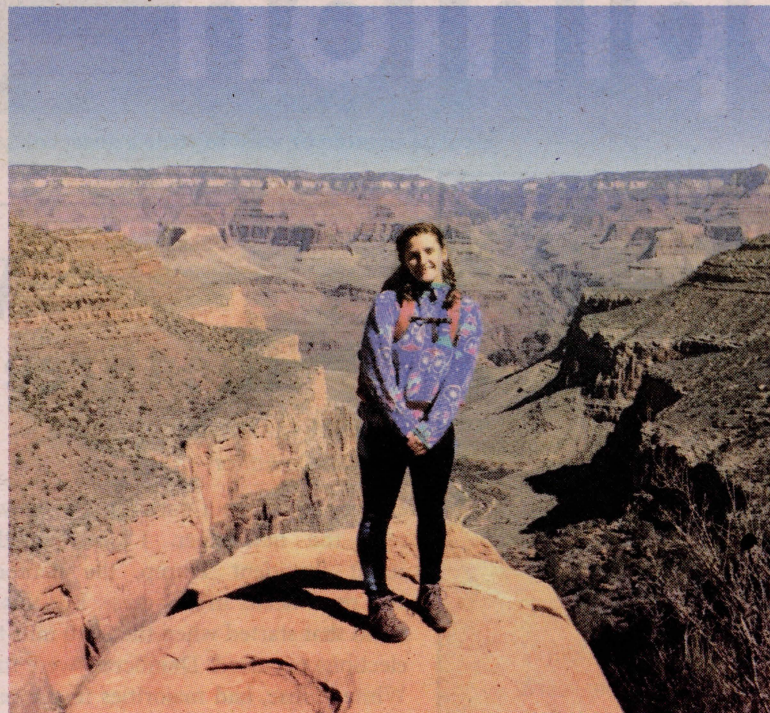


Photo courtesy of Grace Cadigan

Grace Cadigan, senior, stands at the top of the Grand Canyon.

"It was amazing to think that one river (over millions of years) caused such a massive and intricate landform. There were so many layers to the canyon that as you hiked down to the base of it, you would think that you were coming to the bottom only to find that you had only traversed one layer. We hiked until we came to a Plateau Point which overlooked the Colorado River. It was amazing to see how far we had come and how small the river was at the bottom that had once created this whole deep expanse," she continued.

Price said that her most memorable experience at the Grand Canyon was arriving for the sunset and being able to see the faces of the Wilkes Students when they saw the Canyon.

McCleaf said that the Grand Canyon was an experience that she is more than grateful to have had.

"Each member [of WAE] brought their own knowledge, passions, and personality to this trip. It was awesome to hear about the different rock formations from someone who was interested in geology, meet amazing people all around the country who have a love for the outdoors and a knack for adventure, and learn about all of the different aspects that go into a cross country road trip from people who have had experience and learn some new tips of our own along the

way," she said.

"Like its name, "Adventure Education" has taught me how to maximize my education through adventure. The adventure part requiring me to get out of my comfort zone. I hope to keep this method of learning with me throughout my life," Kline said when explaining a life lesson WAE has taught him.

Price advises students who feel like they need some adventure in their life to "Do it. It doesn't need to be perfect. You don't need all the perfect gear. You need a "yes" and an open mind".

An open mind is exactly what McCleaf had during the trip to the Grand Canyon.

"I usually like a hard-set plan, but with this trip there needed to be that flexibility for longer or shorter stays and different stops depending on what we saw and heard along the way. This started out as a worry of mine, but really made the trip better that we weren't tied to a schedule, because we got to see some great things that we didn't even know were available to us until we got on the trip," She explained.

Jill Price, Director of the Adventure Education Club for 5 years and the program has been active for roughly 10 years.

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Our Voice

Washington D.C.: The three ring circus, it's nothing new

By: Mark Makowski
Opinion Co-Editor

Everyday when I turn on the news or read the newspaper, I see something about President Trump, the democrats and republicans in Congress. But this is a trend that started when the 2010 mid-term elections occurred. Democrats were in the White House, had majorities in the senate house.

This however would come to an end when republicans took control of the house of representatives and to this day has never given it back. 2014 would be even better for republicans as they then took the senate away from the opposing party.

As the presidency of Barack Obama was reaching an end in 2016 it seemed like Hillary Clinton would be becoming our next president. It was also believed that democrats could make some inroads in the capitol as well.

This proved to be incredibly wrong as

one of the biggest upsets in election history occurred with Donald Trump defeating Hillary Clinton. This was something that honestly surprised me.

Going in I expected a very close election because of how divided the country would be. Hillary would run the if you like Obama vote for me strategy. While Trump ran on the vote for me and everything will be yuge again, (yes I said it).

So once the republicans ran the three branches of government, there would be no more gridlock right? Wrong.


The democrats have decided to oppose everything the republicans would like to do, which is what you may think is fine and dandy but in the end the American people will suffer more than their well of representatives.

But there is also a circus in the republican party now as all branches of the party can not agree on things such as the failed American Healthcare Act that was recently pulled by Paul Ryan because they did not

have enough republican voters to pass the bill.

Whether you love or hate the Affordable Care Act "Obamacare", whatever system it is replaced with will be similar to it. Also having the idea that one party should decide the fate of healthcare for the entire country is flat out crazy. This is something that has to be worked on by both sides if the aisle it is so important that a strict partisan approach fails on all levels.

If both sides can come together we can have better ideas on how to fix and solve the problems that our country has been facing for years. If cooperation never occurs, then the circus will continue in our nations capitol.

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Each week a Beacon editor will take
a stance on a current topic.

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Changes make this generation the most difficult

By Andre Spruell
Opinion Co-Editor

Each generation goes through its ups and downs, so does this generation have more ups or more downs?

With all of the young adults in this generation, it often faces a lot of criticism.

We are often criticized for things like not having the same grit as previous generations, for being lazy and many other factors.

In this generation's defense, it is the hardest generation to live in because of all the advances that have been made at this time.

Kids and young adults living in this generation have seen and have been responsible for so many changes. With change, criticism comes about.

The reason why criticism comes about from change is because change means that something that has been around.

For example, transforms into something new or is eliminated. Gay marriage is something that was only legal in certain states but became legal nationwide in 2013.

Something like that has been looked down upon by many people, mostly due to their religious beliefs. The legalization of this is something that people of this generation pushed for because they believed it to be unfair and discriminating that it was considered illegal for such a long time.

The biggest reason why this generation

is so difficult for young adults to live in is the negativity received from previous generations.

Previous generations tend to have problems with some of the changes that have occurred or will continue to occur because they hold onto old ideals that they were raised with which are being broken today. The legalization of gay marriage as previously stated is an example.

The fact that this generation is arguably more outspoken than previous generations helps bring about all these changes. Surely changes did happen in previous generations, but the fact that we are now able to create change through something like social media, which reaches millions of people instantly makes it easier to create that change.

There are members of previous generations that like to see all the change that has come about because they were the same ones advocating for those changes that are finally taking place today.

Personally, I would love to know what it was like to live in the previous decades and experience for myself what they were like, but nothing has been invented yet to make that possible.

Speaking of technology, that is something that has brought about significant change due to all the advances it has made.

This aspect is often brought up with this generation because technology goes hand in hand with this generation.

Even about 15 years ago, if you were to

tell someone that there would touch screen phones, hover boards and have the ability to turn on a video game console with your voice, they probably would not believe you.

Yet, all of those advancements have been made and has it gotten to the point where these advancements are occurring so quickly that this generation often has to teach previous generations, our parents and grandparents how to use the technology.

Another form of change is education.

While education is something that is very important for many in this country, the push for students to go to college is being done more than previous generations. There are many factors contributing to this fault.

One of those factors is that without a college degree, it is difficult to find a job that "pays well" where as in previous generations, a high school diploma was good enough because the idea of college was just that: an idea.

The reason college was less common in previous generations is because it was just too expensive and is even more expensive now, but scholarships and loans make it possible for students that come from low-income households to attend college.

On the other hand, there are many young adults that forgo a college education or drop out of the high school or college level and end up becoming very wealthy whether it be through athletics, an invention or anything else along those lines.

There are so many young people getting rich that Forbes Magazine each year puts

out its list of the 25 richest people under the age of 25.

Another change that has happened is the decline in the use of cigarettes.

Granted there are still people that smoke them, but now it is mostly those from previous generations that continue to smoke.

What contributed to this was the tobacco commercials with the orange screen and white text that said "tobacco" that have been around for nearly a decade. They still make ads and the more recent ones constantly talk about how this generation was the change to help stop the use of tobacco.

Being a college student in this generation is difficult because of the backlash received from previous generations, but we are taking advantage of all the advances from this generation to create change.

If all these positive changes keep coming out in the generation that is next in line, will they be as heavily criticized as this generation or are we going to be the scapegoats while the next generation gets the credit?

Just like each generation, eventually time will tell.

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Passionate about politics?
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The keys to succeed at being a Wilkes Colonel

By: Olivia Macdonald
Opinion Writer

Granted, I have only been here for two years after transferring and now graduating a year early... but I have had the opportunity to really explore Wilkes University and understand the ins and outs to being successful while in college.

Getting the highest grades in every class, and acing your capstone are very important things to do in college but you have to make sure that you can look back after graduating and smiling at different memories that you have made.

Being on a small campus, all of the resources may not be given like they are at larger schools, but there are several perks of being at a school where the ratio is pretty even. Embrace all opportunities to build a rapport with the professors in your major and any classes that you have to take to graduate.

Being a criminology major, I have had all of my professors in class but it is also good for them to know your face as more than another student in class so you feel

comfortable going to them with questions having to do with your classes or for a capstone senior year.

Lots of students complain about our library, I am also one of those students... sometimes it is too loud because the library becomes a social hall at times. Find a place where you feel like you can get work done. I know a lot of seniors who have studied at the same table, or in the same vicinity, since freshman year, and since they are graduating in May it must have worked. Another key to success that my advisor gave me was to use the time you stress about school to actually do the school work. I have stressed about too many things, including school work, and looking back at it I wish that I spent all of those hours thinking about my work to just do it and get it over with.

Once your work is finished EARLY you can then utilize office hours and the writing center to perfect whatever work is due. Grades are not everything in college (no matter what my mom says), having a social life is very important.

I regret the amount of time that I have let my social life take over my studies, and I bet


a lot of people can agree with me. Wilkes, just like any small school, can be toxic if you let yourself get invested into the drama of everyone else.

The key to success is to keep to yourself and friends in your life that have displayed a positive energy. If you are in a place that you do not like, get out of it, get away from those people!

It is scary in the beginning, but I promise you that there are other people that are thinking the same thing. Let your happiness on a small campus push you to being the most successful that you can.

Friendships come and go, along with boyfriends, or whatever "talking" to someone even means... but your diploma will follow you around for your entire life.

Do not give up in the last month of the school year, celebrate accomplishing another year at college but keep grounded to your studies and embrace what the university has to offer.

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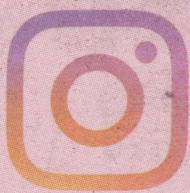
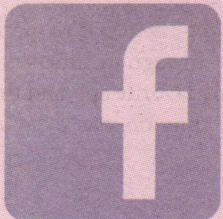
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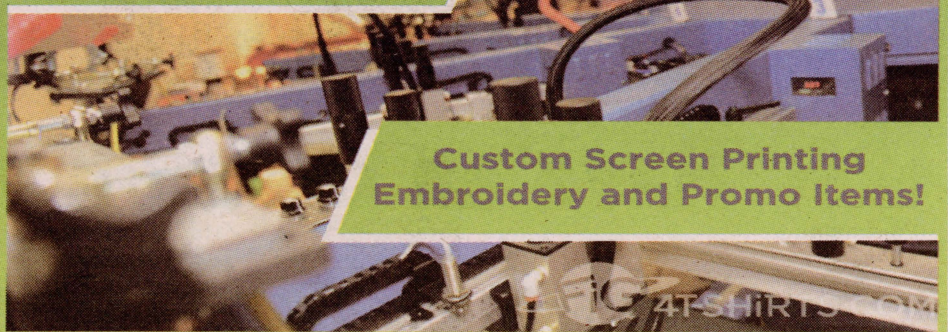
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Colonels Talk Back

Let's "talk" about your handheld devices.

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The Beacon asked Wilkes University students about their handheld devices. Nowadays, almost every college student owns a smartphone with many different apps. We asked them the type of cell phone, the apps they use, their favorite app, and how long they spend on that particular app a day.

Want to be in the next Colonels Talk Back? Email peyton.neishman@wilkes.edu.

Michelle Gronski
Freshman
Pre-Pharmacy

"I have an iPhone 6s. The top three apps I use on a daily basis is Snapchat, Instagram and Twitter. My favorite app is Twitter and I spend a couple hours of the day on it."



Sarah Metric
Freshman
Nursing

"I have the iPhone 7. The three apps, I use every day are Twitter, Facebook and Instagram. My favorite app is Twitter and I spend around three hours a day on it."



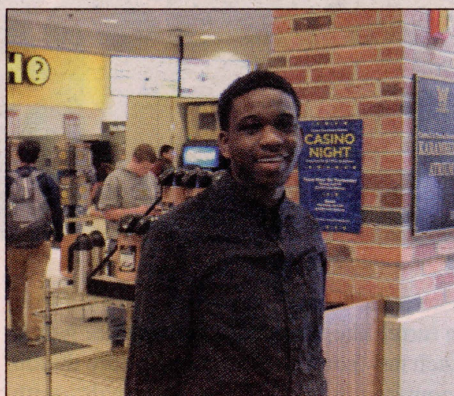
Erin Green
Freshman
Nursing

"My cell phone is an iPhone 7. The top three apps I use every day are Snapchat, Instagram and Twitter. My favorite app to use every day is snapchat. I spend about three hours a day on it."



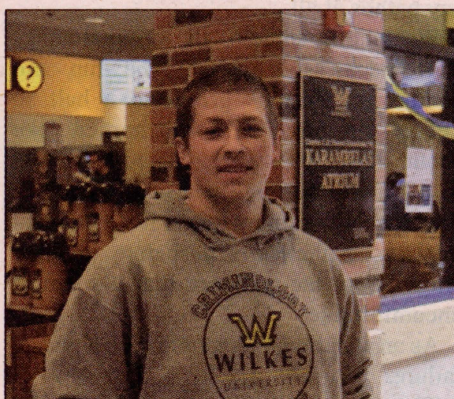
Conroy Yearde
Sophomore
Engineering

"I have a Samsung Galaxy Edge Plus. I use many different apps on a daily basis. My top three are Snapchat, Instagram and Facebook. It's a big number, but I spend around 15 hours a day on Snapchat."



Ethan Robinson
Junior
Criminology/Sociology

"I have a Samsung Galaxy 7 Edge. I use Facebook Messenger, Discord and Imgur. I spend more then I should on these. My favorite app is Imgur. I spend about five hours each day on this particular one."



Quin Parsons
Sophomore
Engineering

"I have the iPhone 6s. The top three apps I use every day are Instagram, Snapchat and the Game app. My favorite app and the one I send the most time on every day is Instagram."



Still a tale as old as time? Beauty and the Beast

By Susan Gerenscer
Guest Writer

Aesthetically, *Beauty and the Beast* is a beautiful movie. With gorgeous sets, lovely costumes, and stunning special effects, it definitely is a visual spectacle.

But that's the main problem with this film—it focuses far too much on spectacle to the detriment of substance, story, and, most certainly, performance.

Emma Watson as Belle brings no charm, gravitas, or energy whatsoever to her role. With all the charisma of a wet paper towel and the excitement of watching paint dry, she drifts vaguely through the movie, never committing to any particular emotion until the Beast (Dan Stevens) shows her his magnificent library.

Surrounded by magic and wonder, Watson seems disinterested at best and at worst, completely forgets to act beyond her eyebrows.

Throughout the “Be Our Guest” song she never deviates from a polite but bored smile. Even at the prince's transformation scene, she seems completely aloof despite her tears, though that might be due to skepticism at the prince's awful and conspicuous hairpiece. However, at least some of her inability to emote comes from the blatantly obvious autotune to her singing, an alternation so evident it makes most electronica vocals sound natural in comparison.

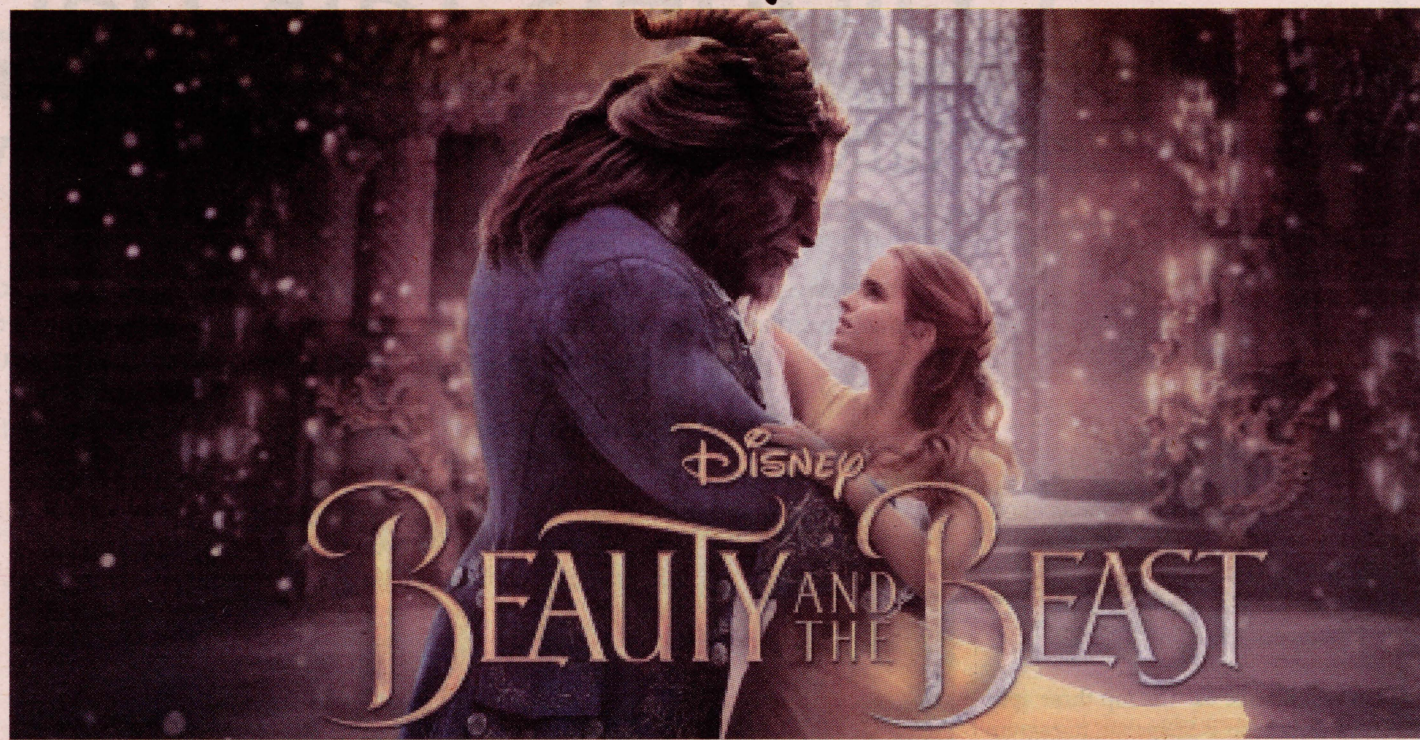
Perhaps Belle's stoicism is intended to be genetic, though, as her father Maurice (Kevin Kline) recites ninety percent of his lines totally devoid of expression.

Though Stevens is acceptably gloomy in his role, there's no weight to his acting, and even Ian McKellen as Cogsworth seems lost and directionless. But at least a few actors seem to be enjoying themselves. Lumiere (Ewan McGregor) and Plumette (t

he vivacious Gugu Mbatha-Raw) bring some much-needed levity to the castle, and it's a relief to cut away from the two massively uninteresting leads to spend time with Gaston (Luke Evans) and LeFou (Josh Gad).

As a film, it's astonishingly mediocre, particularly in the areas that require skill over glitz.

The cinematography is average at best, which doesn't help the somewhat confusing action sequences of the finale,



Source: <http://movies.disney.co.uk/beauty-and-the-beast-2017>

where the Beast jumps from castle turret to turret like Mario in a sidescroller game. Each new song sticks out like a sore thumb compared to the Disney originals, with only Stevens's solo “Evermore” inspiring any pathos at all.

Worse still, some of the original songs were needlessly altered. The fun and humorous “Gaston” grinds to a halt so LeFou can force in a shoehorned joke about illiteracy, with comedic timing so off that it seems like a gag in an SNL sketch about unfunny jokes. It's a moment that's so pathetically desperate to draw laughs from the audience that it's almost uncomfortable.

As an adaption, this movie is an abysmal failure.

Throwing away enormous potential for updating the story and rounding out its characters, *Beauty and the Beast* can't seem to decide if it wants to be a scene-by-scene reconstruction of the original animated film or an updated, modern version.

The result is a cringe-inducing, confused mess. A scene involving an enchanted book could be used to add depth to the incredibly shallow development of the relationship between Belle and the Beast (which is not at all helped by the total lack chemistry between the two actors),

but only highlights Disney's endless fascination with killing off the mothers of its female protagonists.

For all of Watson's talk in interviews about updating Belle into a more empowered woman, she has but a mere two scenes where her inventing skills are emphasized.

One of these sequences involves pointless malice from the villagers that only serves to drive home the point that Belle is a misunderstood martyr persecuted for being different, and the other is the first of the unneeded dead mom angst.

She does not use her talents in any significant way during the climax, instead being stranded on the sidelines while the Beast and Gaston duke it out. With the continued refusal to actually have Belle be an active participant of anything, one might think the film could at least concentrate on decent costumes for her, but both her ballgowns are entirely underwhelming.

The yellow one in particular looks like it was a discarded prom dress found during a department store's mid-winter clearance sale.

But if there's one wholly unnecessary change to this movie, it's the revelation that the Enchantress deliberately and knowingly cursed the servants along with the Beast. In the original Disney film, it's

hard not to see the Enchantress as just as selfish and short-sighted as the prince who refused her shelter, as she condemned the innocent servants to a horrible fate through her revenge.

Here, Belle is told by the servants that they deserve their lot in life because they couldn't prevent the Beast, their prince, from being an awful person.

Is the audience really supposed to believe a ten-year-old child (Chip, played by Nathan Mack) and a dog (Froufrou, turned into a footstool and played by Gizmo) should lose their lives because of the decisions of their ruler and employer?

Nice to know that the working class is not only responsible for the poor decisions of their elite leader, but deserves to be equally punished for said decisions.

While this movie is a soulless and cynically-devised remake created for a quick cash-in on the nostalgia of millennials, it was also enormously successful.

Unfortunately, it looks like the future holds many more aggressively lackluster adaptations of classic Disney films headlined by talentless actors.

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Wilkes wrestling team volunteers at the Mohegan Sun Arena

By Ashton Gyenizs
Sports Writer

Wilkes' wrestling team contributed a big role through volunteer work at the Pennsylvania Junior Wrestling (PJW) Youth State Championships, held at the Mohegan Sun Arena in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania on March 23-25.

Pennsylvania is recognized as one of the top wrestling states in the country. As a powerhouse in the wrestling subculture within the United States, it is expected that the state tournament, even at the junior and youth levels should be a major production. The PJW Youth States requires tons of volunteers, donations and sponsors to build the event into the flourishing and successful event it is year in and year out.

This year, the city of Wilkes-Barre was privileged with putting on this event and they did not disappoint. The work to bring this tournament to Wilkes-Barre was a process which began back in 2015 starting with a bid which pitched what the city of Wilkes-Barre could offer as host of the tournament.

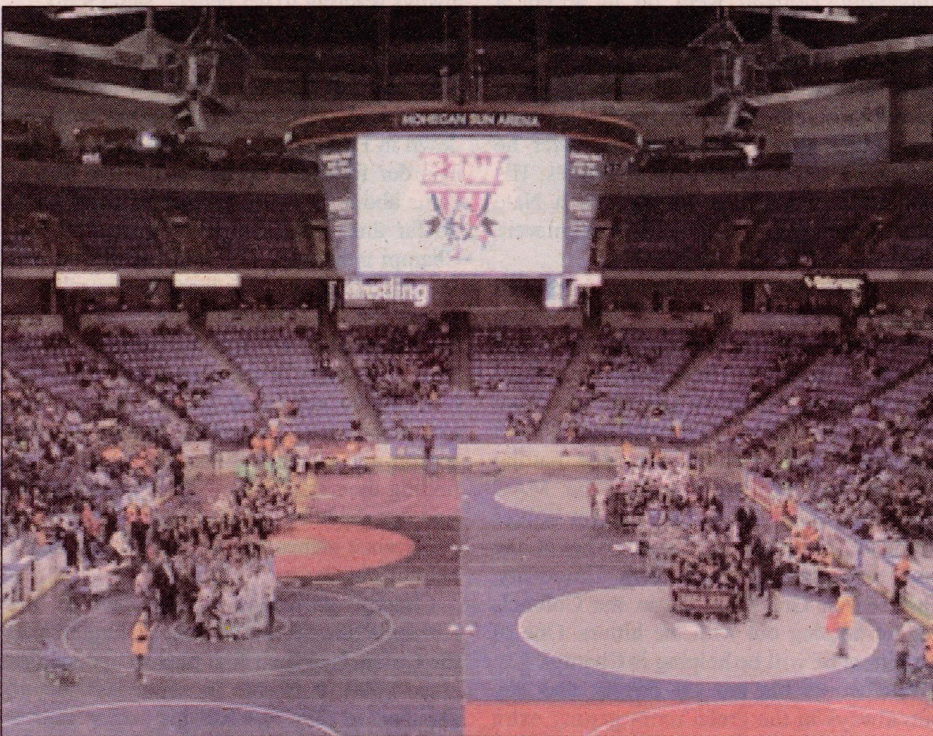
The Area 12 PJW event committee presented the bid to bring the PJW Youth State Championships to Wilkes-Barre back in October of 2015. Among many other committee members, Pankil Chander, a Wilkes wrestler and student, helped play a role in bringing the 2017 PJW Youth States to fruition.

Pankil started off with roles in organizing weigh-ins for the tournament, which took place at the Wyoming Valley Mall, as well as communications and gathering volunteers for the event.

A major piece of this year's PJW Youth State tournament was bringing in United States Olympian and three time World Champion Adeline Gray. Due to connections Pankil had made at a previous internship with Asics Wrestling's consulting firm, he was able to contact Adeline Gray's public relations agent and organize for her to come to the tournament in order to promote women's wrestling, sign autographs and distribute medals to those who placed in the tournament.



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Pankil Chander invited United States Olympian Adeline Gray to the tournament.



The Pennsylvania Junior Wrestling Youth Championships coordinate eight mats.

"I think the reason why it went so well is that we had the perfect amount of people and the right people to handle different moving parts," said Chander. "Everyone's responsibilities, in some way, shape or form, tied together so we all had to work cohesively to make sure the event ran smoothly."

Wilkes-Barre's history of wrestling runs deep through the top notch wrestling program at Wilkes University. So, on top of the tons of other volunteers investing their time into the tournament, it was a given that the Wilkes University wrestling team would offer its services to help give back to the sport and help make an already successful event run fluently, especially with Pankil as a board member.

"A lot of guys who are on the Wilkes team wrestled in this tournament. Giving back to this tournament, even if it was just working a scoring table or just writing numbers down on a weigh-in sheet, you are manning the tournament and making the event run smoothly, which always makes the experience good for the kids," Chander said.


Volunteer work as a whole is highly valued to the Wilkes University wrestling team and coaches. This kind of work not only helps the community, but it will also benefit the team.

"I think it helps build a team. Anytime you can get out in the community together and do something like this, it's good, especially in our sport which we love and pretty much helped grow us as people," said Wilkes wrestling head coach, John Laudenslager.

Putting on a large scale event such as this always requires immense amounts of people to keep things not just running, but running fluidly.

"It is community service, but more importantly, I think it is service to the sport," said Chander.

Nearly every member of the Wilkes wrestling team offered their time in some way to help give back to a sport that has offered them so much.

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Leicht: "tennis at the national scene is amazing"

By Taylor Ryan
Co-Sports Editor

As we enter into April, and can almost feel that crisp spring air, the Wilkes' tennis teams are prepping to get back outside onto the court back to perform and show all the strides they have taken in the offseason.

This past week, Chris Leicht, the Head Coach of both men's and women's tennis teams here at Wilkes, was highlighted and interviewed on the John Mendola Show on WILK.

The Coach spoke on the success the team has seen in the past few years, their annual spring break trip to Hilton Head South Carolina, and the expectations for this coming season.

While the blizzard of 2017 may have set them back a week before being able to practice back on the outdoor courts, the tennis teams will be back outside in about two more weeks.

Coach Leicht discussed the fact that going into this season, both the men's and women's teams are nationally ranked and have set a certain standard before the season has even began.



Logo courtesy of the John Mendola Show

While being nationally ranked is a huge accomplishment in itself, the Coach also revealed that one of the members of the men's tennis team, Jason Murphy is entering this season as nationally ranked at #12.

When the coach spoke on this subject

on the Mendola show saying, "Division III tennis at the national scene is amazing, so the fact that he has done so well, so it's the first time we have had both teams ranked as well as an individual player ranked. So kind of exciting times not only team wise but also

individual for us"

The Wilkes tennis teams have a tradition of their hard work, and in turn their large success during the season. In the past both teams have walked away as MAC Champions and they expect to continue this tradition. In order to ensure their success post season, Coach Leicht stated that he has scheduled more difficult out of conference teams in order to prepare for the out of conference challenges and allow the team to heighten their competition for the post season play.

Over the last couple of months, Coach Leicht has been recognized for he and the team's efforts more than once. In early February, the head coach was named PTR Coach of the Year. This shows that much of the overall success of the team and program of the year, it reflected on the consistent leadership. Coach Leicht has built the Wilkes' tennis program to a consistent success year after year, and for many to come.



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Joe Champi leads the Colonels in his senior year

By Brandon Gubitosa
Sports Writer

If anyone owes their high school friends a thank you, it's Joe Champi. The 6'1" slugger from Dupont, PA did not play varsity baseball until his senior year of high school, and it took a little bit of convincing from his friends. "I was a typical lazy high school kid, I did not want to commit to the whole high school aspect of baseball," said Champi talking about his decision to not play varsity baseball until his senior year. His friends knew how good he was at baseball growing up and kept encouraging him to come out for the team his senior season. "It was a very last second decision to do so, and well at this point I am really happy I did," said Champi.

Coming out of Pittston Area, Champi was recruited by Wilkes, Misericordia and Lackawanna to play baseball. At the time, Wilkes was coached by Matt Holland, who convinced Champi to play for the Colonels.

During his freshman season, Champi batted .360 with five homers and 24 runs batted in. He was second on the team in these categories and his performance was good enough for him to be named Second Team All-Mac.

When his freshman season was done, so was Matt Holland's time at Wilkes University. Holland went on to accept a position at Cal State Northridge, a Division I baseball school that competes in the Big West baseball conference. Champi was offered to go out there with his former head coach, and after considering the offer he declined it choosing to stay at Wilkes. His teammates and former hitting coach Nate Ramsey getting the head coach position were a big reason Champi chose to stay.

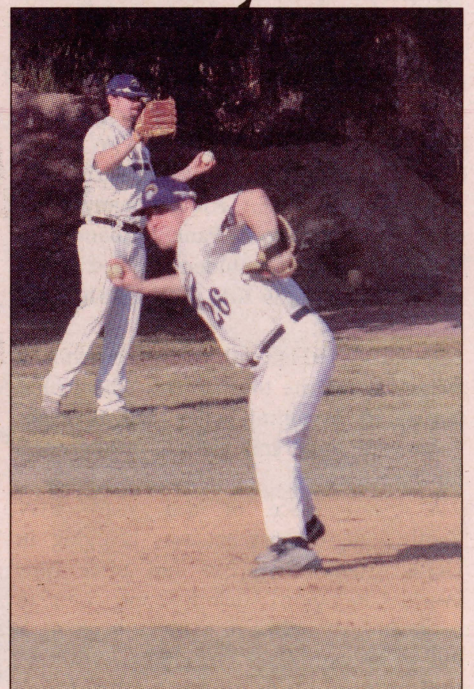
The following year Champi improved on those numbers. He led the team with a .404 batting average homering six times and batting in 43 runs. These numbers helped him on his way to being named First Team All-MAC and Third Team D3baseball.com All-Mid-Atlantic Region. His .404 batting average was tied for third in the MAC Freedom Conference, behind current Wilkes Graduate Assistant Joe Grato who at the time was playing for Eastern University. This season Grato will be in the Colonels dugout helping out with the hitters. One of the hitters he will be helping is Champi.

"He works his tail off day in and day out, always in the green room getting extra hitting done on his own," said Grato when

talking about Champi's work ethic. "He strives to be the best and is never satisfied always wanting to get better," said Grato.

The former lazy high school kid is now motivated to take his talents to the next level. This past fall Champi and a few teammates got invited to a Phillies scouting workout down in Philadelphia. Champi is aware that in order for more opportunities like this to come about, he needs to keep working hard. So far this year through 14 games played, Champi is batting .471 with one homer and 16 runs batted in. The team however as of March 29th is 5-10, but Champi along with his teammates are not too worried about that. "It is early in the season and everyone is trying to get going," said Champi. The Colonels have 24 games remaining this season and Champi thinks the team is just finding their stride now "It's a good time to find our stride as we have only played three conference games, as the snow really didn't help us out."

Champi will play a big part in the Colonels success this season, looking to lead the Colonels to their first playoff appearance since 2009. It is safe to say a last second decision to play baseball his senior year is definitely one Champi does not regret.



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#26 Joe Champi throws to first base.



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Winter Storm Stella still wreaking havoc for Wilkes athletics

By Luke Modrovsky
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For Wilkes athletics, it has not been an easy start to the spring season. With Winter Storm Stella dropping over two feet of snow, Stella has left athletic administrators with numerous rescheduling headaches.

Colonel Baseball was in a rare position, playing two home games before departing on their spring break trip. But when they returned, little did they know their field would be covered in snow just days later.

Sports information assistant Adam Planamento said he estimates approximately 30 schedule changes needed to be made to accommodate the inclement weather.

Through a combination of Wilkes employees and outside help, the turf was safely cleared in time for both men's and women's lacrosse to take the field on Mar. 22. Baseball and softball were not as lucky with their grass fields.

But on Wednesday and Thursday of last week, associate athletic director Phil Wingert said the grounds crew were finally able to drag both Artillery Park (Baseball)

and the softball field.

Baseball and softball were each able to kick off the home portion of their Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom schedules on Sunday against Eastern University. Baseball split the doubleheader action with a 6-3 victory and a 2-1 defeat, while softball pulled a sweep over the Eagles taking 2-0 and 13-0 (five innings) victories.

According to Wingert, Delaware Valley University will still host the softball portion of the MAC Freedom playoffs, but baseball will not be played at a single site. Instead, a portion of the conference tournament will be played at the site of the highest seed.

Going forward, there are not many weekend spaces available for baseball to play their doubleheaders.

"We try to keep the baseball doubleheaders on weekends in order to reduce missed class time," Wingert said.

But it is not only the spring sports that are struggling, fall sports looking to play their non-traditional seasons scheduled have also been forced indoors or finding



Photos courtesy of Wilkes Men's Lacrosse

To help with snow removal effort, the men's lacrosse team practiced scooping up "ground balls" by shoveling snow off of the bleachers at Schmidt Stadium. different practice times since the sports clear skies and warm temperatures. that are in season will get preference.

Going forward, it's easy to say the athletic administration will be rooting for



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Andrew Neidig

Junior Tennis Player

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Sports Writer

Name: Andrew Neidig

Year: Junior

Majors: Sports Management and Marketing

High School: Delaware Valley

Hometown: Matamoras, Pennsylvania

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

A. To play for Coach Chris Leicht, he was a big factor in my decision coming to Wilkes University.

Q. Post Graduation Plans in terms of a Career?

A. Go to Graduate School for my masters.

Q. What are your hopes for your junior season as a Colonel?

A. To win the MAC Title as a team and hope to go the rest of the year undefeated as a team.

Q. When/Why did you first begin playing tennis?

A. I started playing tennis when I was 12 years old. After playing recreationally for a year, I started to play and train more to get better.

Q. What does "Be Colonel" mean to you?

A. The name on the front means a lot more than the name on the back.

Q. If you had to choose one thing about Wilkes' Tennis Program that you love, what would it be?

A. I love our team chemistry on and off the court. For the amount of players we have it is very strong and we always have each other's back.

Q. Do you have other sports/interest/hobbies off of the field?

A. Love to play and watch basketball. Also like to hangout with friends.

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

A. I would say that my father is the most influential person in my life. He is my best friend and I can go to him for anything. He has always believed in me and I love him for everything he has done.

Q. A quote you live your life by?

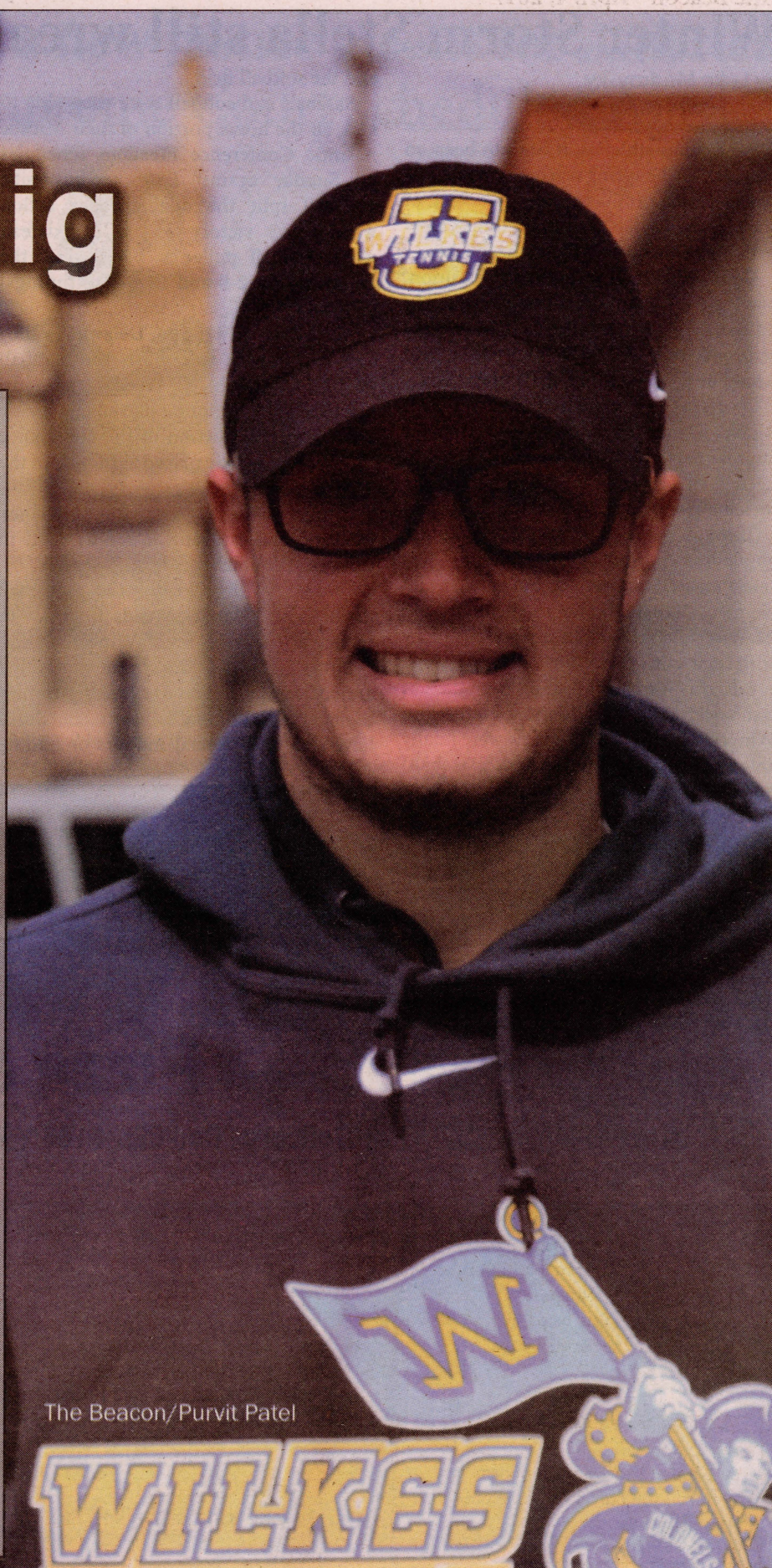
A. "Don't give up, don't ever give up."
- Jim Valvano
"Rumble young man rumble."
- Muhammad Ali

Q. If you could have dinner with a famous person, who would it be?

A. Mike Krzyzewski.



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Getting to know...

Jordan Vasarkovy

Sophomore Tennis Player

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Name: Jordan Vasarkovy
Year: Sophomore
Majors: Psychology/Criminology
Hometown: Toms River, NJ
High School: Toms River North
Position: First Singles and doubles

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

A. I came to Wilkes because out of all the schools that were recruiting me, Wilkes had the strongest tennis team and the best coach.

Q. Post Graduation Plans in terms of a Career?

A. I plan to go to law school and then I hope to be a part of a larger firm somewhere.

Q. What are your hopes for your sophomore season as a Colonel?

A. To have a successful season, win team MACs and to move onto Nationals.

Q. When/Why did you first begin playing tennis?

A. I started playing tennis when I was about four and a half years old. My grandparents had put me in lessons when I would stay at their house for the weekend. As I got older my parents told me I had to choose one of the few sports I participated in, and I decided I had a passion for tennis and that out of the sports I played I was the best at tennis.

Q. What does "Be Colonel" mean to you?

A. No matter who you are or where you are from, we are all Colonels and that unites us as one.

Q. If you could have dinner with a famous person, who would it be?

A. Roger Federer.

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

A. On the court and off, my team has an amazing bond with one another. We say we are two teams but one family. Our courts were just redone not too long ago and we have a great coaching staff. That being said, I am not sure there is anything that I would chose to improve about the Wilkes' Tennis Program.

Q. Do you have other sports/interest/hobbies off of the field?

A. Off the court, I enjoy reading in my free time, going to the gym twice a day and hanging out with my friends.

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

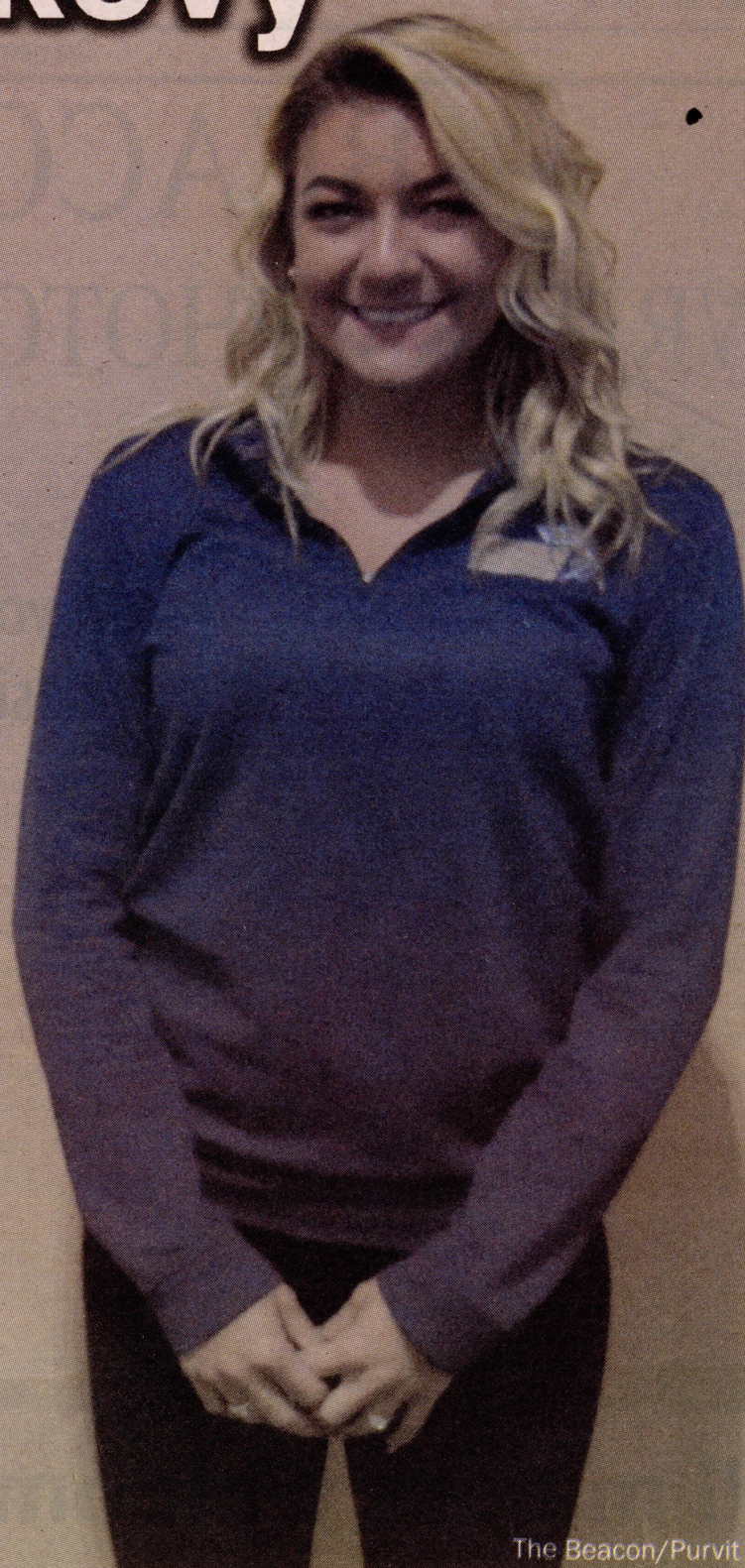
A. There are two most influential people in my life and that would have to be my parents. Although my father despises the sport I play, since it's what I love to do, he has pushed me in every way possible to become the best student athlete I can be and he continues to do so even now. My mother on the other hand, is the one who supports me in the good and bad on and off the court.

Q. A quote you live your life by?

A. The quote I live by is "All heart." Some may say it is a cliché but my father always instilled in me, that no matter what I do, to put my entire heart into it.



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