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## Beacon Briefs

### 22nd Annual Taste of Wilkes

The 22nd annual Taste of Wilkes- "Tastes from Around the World" will be held on Nov. 20 from 12:30-1:30 in the Ballroom of the Henry Student Center. With a \$5.00 donation guests are able to sample home cooked dishes that highlight the Wilkes' family's vibrant culinary heritage. Please send along your registration to Megan.boone@wilkes.edu.

### Veterans Council Annual Flag Drive

The Veterans Council is holding their annual Flag Drive during club hours on Nov. 4 and 6. For a \$1 donation, write the name of a veteran or active duty service member on a provided ribbon. These ribbons will be attached to flags which will be used to line the sidewalks of the Greenway during the Veterans Day ceremony on Nov 11. All proceeds raised are being used to create care packages for the 101st Airborne unit out of Ft Campbell, who will be deployed during this holiday season. Any questions should be directed to Jesse Goble (jesse.goble@gmail.com)

### Food Pantry Volunteer Opportunity Announcement

FYF class Urban Plunge will be partnering with the First Baptist Church to volunteer at their food pantry the week of Nov. 2, 10, and 17 during Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 1-3pm. Please contact Megan Valkenburg or Thomas Swain for more information.

### Are you interested in being an RA?

Find out more about being a Resident Assistant and the recruitment process at an information session. The thirty minute info sessions will be held in the Savitz Lounge (SUB 2nd floor) on the following dates:

- Tuesday, Nov. 11th at 11:30AM
- Thursday, Nov. 20th at 12PM
- Monday, Dec. 1st at 5PM

Also, watch for information tables on the first floor of the SUB. Current RAs will be present to answer questions about their experience at the following times:

- Tuesday, Nov. 18th from 11AM-1PM
- Thursday, Nov. 20th from 11AM-1PM
- Tuesday, Nov. 25th from 11AM-1PM

Email Nicole.clemson@wilkes.edu with any specific questions or to be added to the RA recruitment email list.

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Connect with alumni who are now professionals in the following fields: Communication Studies, Computer Science, Accounting, Engineering, Human Resource, Political Science, Education, Nursing, Integrative Media, Psychology, Marketing, Business, Law Enforcement, Law and more on Nov. 5, from 6-8 p.m. in the Henry Student Center Ballroom (2nd Floor).

## SG notes: constitution revisions

By Nicholas Durdan  
Staff Writer

In a meeting with a refreshingly light agenda, Wilkes University Student Government entertained a guest report of the food service manager and went over a club's constitution.

The psychology club began week one of two for its constitution revisions for Student Government.

Student Government was pleased with the revisions and said the psychology club made no such irregularities. Overall reception was positive.

Senior Member Anthony Bartoli added: "They did a great job."

Joe Binotto the new manager of dining services made a guest report to Student Government, asking about how food services at Wilkes can improve.

Binotto made it abundantly clear he is

ready for any requests at the hands of the students.

Some requests included a to-go option at Henry's Cafe and a soft-serve ice cream machine which could also dispense frozen yogurt.

This feedback will be calculated and Wilkes students are encouraged to voice their opinion of dining options and changes.

The budget for Student Government is as follows: all college: \$ 1,256.36, conference: \$2,500, spirit: \$505.39, general: \$6,017.32, giving Student Government a total of: \$10,279.07.

Student Government meets at 6 p.m. Every Wednesday at the Miller Room inside the Henry Student Center.



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# Student attacked; Yik Yak first to report

By Justin Topa  
Assistant News Editor

The Oct. 19 on-campus attack of a Wilkes University student has some questioning if security officials notified the campus community soon enough.

Around 6:30 p.m., a female student reported to Public Safety that she was attacked in the alleyway between University Center on Main and 141 South Main Street across from the office of Public Safety. While walking between the two buildings, the victim was stopped by two unfamiliar males. One of the males struck the victim in the face before the two suspects immediately fled the scene, officials said.

Public Safety reviewed footage of the attack, including the victim being struck and the two males fleeing the scene, officials said. Copies of the footage were given to Wilkes-Barre City Police. The two men were identified by police based on the footage. As of Oct. 31, no charges had been filed.

Christopher Jagoe, director of Public Safety, said that usual motives do not seem to have played a role in this case.

"I can tell you it was not robbery," Jagoe said. "Obviously this was a criminal act, but I don't think there was any intention to rob or seriously injure the girl."

While an official alert was sent to the university's faculty, students and staff, it was not delivered until the following day, more than 18 hours after the incident. Students reported their first indication of the attack was through the anonymous, proximity-based phone application, Yik Yak. Within minutes of the incident, notice of the alleged attack appeared on the app.

Cofounders of Yik Yak, Tyler Droll and Brooks Buffington, said they built the application primarily to be the only localized social forum without prior relationships or friendships for the purpose of delivering relevant, timely content to hyper-local areas of people.

"We consistently see regions using the app to call out or discuss breaking news like the incident at Wilkes University," the co-founders said in an email to The Beacon. "Just like other popular social apps, it provides a space to interact with peers and learn more about what is happening. One of the top reasons we created the app was specifically for these instances of breaking news."

Droll and Buffington credit their app and its open-forum set-up as one of the "better social platforms" to broadcast information to the largest audience. They encourage the anonymous postings of vital information for those in the community.

"We encourage users to use Yik Yak for



The Beacon/Gabby Glinski

**Jagoe urges those on campus to remain aware of their surroundings when walking around the community. If you feel uncomfortable, the director suggests following your intuition and immediately calling Public Safety.**

this reason when the need presents itself because it's important for all individuals in a community to be connected and alerted when it comes to emergency situations," Droll and Buffington added.

While the app is commonly used for reporting and hearing about breaking news, some students are nervous about hearing of violent acts on campus through Yik Yak and similar forms of social media.

"I don't think you should have to hear about something dangerous occurring on campus through an anonymous social media app," said Wilkes junior Katie Lawlor. Lawlor was one of multiple students who learned of the attack first through Yik Yak.

"The fact that Public Safety waited until the day after to say anything about the incident is dangerous because those same two guys could have returned to campus and no one may have heard about what happened to the first victim if it hadn't been for Yik Yak."

Under the Clery Act, public safety officials are required to immediately alert the community when there is an imminent threat to the safety of those on campus.

Jagoe said this type of immediate alert is used only when others are immediately in danger and need quick instruction on how to proceed. He cited possible uses for such alerts as when dealing with an armed gunman, an impending weather event like a tornado or significant structural damage to a building. He did not find the Oct. 19 incident warranted a need for this type of alert.

"For a situation like this, where it is isolated, the individuals had fled the area and there is no determination that there is any ongoing threat to the campus community, I would not put a text alert out. Instead, we followed up with the message to the community," Jagoe said.

Both Jagoe and Lawlor agree that relying on Yik Yak for emergency alerts is not in the best interest of those on campus because the reliability of the posts cannot be verified. Jagoe, who has said a social media presence for Public Safety is possible for the future, sees a danger in the rapid posting of emergency information.

"There is always a way to get information out quicker, but we need to be careful when we're in a hurry to get information out," Jagoe said. "Sometimes the information can change, circumstances or stories change and, sometimes, descriptions change. You have to be careful about what kind of information you put out because you don't want to create undue concern amongst the community."

Jagoe urges those on campus to remain aware of their surroundings when walking. If there is anything making you uncomfortable, the director suggests following your intuition and immediately calling Public Safety. If students have any information regarding the incident on Oct. 19, they are asked to call Wilkes-Barre City detectives by dialing (570) 208-4200.

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## Frein; 48 day manhunt over

By Sarah Bedford  
News Editor

After 48 days of searching the Pocono mountain region for one of the FBI's most wanted men, Eric Frein was captured.

Thirty-one-year-old Frein, who is accused of killing Cpl. Bryon Dickson and seriously injuring Trooper Alex Douglass on Sept. 12, was found in abandoned Birchwood-Pocono Airpark near an airplane hangar.

On Thursday evening, Frein was spotted near the hangar where he was ordered to surrender, according to NBC News.

According to Pennsylvania State Police Commissioner Frank Noonan, "He looked fairly healthy, healthier than I would have expected."

"A team was sweeping through the area, surprised him as he was outside of the hangar, gave him commands to surrender, he complied with those commands and was taken into custody," explained Lt. Col. George Bivens, Pennsylvania State Police.

Friday morning, charges were formally brought against Frein, including murder of the first degree.

Pike County District Attorney Raymond Tonkin has announced he will seek the death penalty.

Frein was arrested in Dickson's handcuffs and taken away in his patrol vehicle.

Outside the Pike County Courthouse, Frein cooperated with the judge as he was asked questions while a crowd gathered to huddle him, calling him a "coward" according to NBC.

The next court appearance is scheduled for Nov. 12.

Emily Kramer, a Wilkes University junior communication studies and psychology major who resides in Blakeslee felt relief after the suspects capture.

"It's a relief to know that they have finally caught him. There's no excuse for the amount of time it took the police department to capture him. But, nonetheless, I am just glad they finally have. I'm sure people have a better peace of mind now because of this."

Frein left a trail of false leads throughout the manhunt as well as abandoned campsites and his diary which included accounts from the crime.

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# Wilkes launches new website; users face issues

By Jennifer Baron  
Staff Writer

Wilkes University launched its new website Oct. 21. It has a new, cleaner, more organized, appearance, which is considered by many to be an improvement. There is also an updated content management system to help make items much easier to locate.

Although the website is easier to use and has an improved look, students and instructors alike have been experiencing problems with it and have had some questions about it in general.

Jack Chielli, the associate vice president of marketing communications, and Craig Thomas, the director of web services and marketing communications, were able to comment on the issues that people are facing.

First and foremost, the website received a makeover because the content management system that Wilkes was using for the website ceased to update. The content management system is basically the entire backbone that makes up any website. So, when Chielli and Thomas found out that the product would not be updating, they looked for other options.

Chielli said if they kept the old system it would've been "like buying a car when they stop making the parts. If it's not supported, when it breaks down it just causes a whole lot more effects."

The new system is now much more

capable than the previous one in terms of what can go on the website.

To create, plan, and critique the website, a committee of stakeholders on campus was created from students and faculty to IT and a marketing firm. They helped with branding, designing, shuffling the site to get it to where it needed to be. Then Chielli and Thomas "took the show on the road." They also went to numerous groups and interviewed 200 people about website so they would get enough feedback in order to take the next steps. They did this because, as Thomas put it, "we are basically the facilitators of the website. The website is actually the students and everyone who operates on it."

Before the two addressed the issues with the new website, they wanted to clear up a misconception that some students and staff have. When students and faculty members were asked if they had any problems with the website, a common concern was that that the website launch occurred at an inconvenient time what with mid-term grades needing to be submitted and registration occurring for students.

Chielli and Thomas want to make it clear that the systems in which students register for classes and faculty submit grades is a separate system from the Wilkes homepage (www.wilkes.edu). Any issues with those two sources has nothing to do with the new website.

They wanted to address some of the concerns people on campus are having.

One of the main issues students have been facing with the website is broken links. An indication that signals a link malfunction with the website is when the familiar "404 File or Directory Not Found" message pops up.

To fix this, they run a software system that goes through the website and checks for all the broken links and it reports them back to them. When the site was initially launched, there were many broken links that needed fixing. However, as they keep scanning, fewer and fewer are getting returned to them, which is a good sign because more and more are being corrected.

They are also working on response time of the website by trying to get it to load quicker. They are at a good spot when it comes to loading, but it can be quicker. Everyone should know that the first time they go on the website, it will be slow because of all the new information, pictures, videos and links. But, after the first time visiting the site, it will be saved on the computer and load faster the next time.

Chielli said that with such a major adjustment, glitches were bound to happen, but the problems they have had were not unexpected and they now how to fix them. Just give it some time.

A major thing that students may not realize is that websites for colleges are 70 percent intended for prospective students and only 30 percent for current students. In

fact, the website was launched at this time of year for two reasons. One was because they needed people around campus to identify issues with the site, so they couldn't do it over break. Another was because it is prime recruitment season and a school's website leaves an impression. Some may not agree, but this was certainly true for Dian McKinney.

McKinney, a freshman English major, loves Wilkes. However, last year, when she looking at and applying to schools, Wilkes wasn't even on her radar: Why?

"Before I visited the campus, I was researching Wilkes online," she said. "I thought that the website didn't look legitimate; it was unorganized and difficult to locate what I needed. I almost didn't even come visit. Once I did, I fell in love with the campus, but the website was definitely a drawback. The new website looks more modern, professional, and appealing to the eye. I really love it."

The new website, just like the old one, will be constantly evolving as new technologies are introduced, information arises and website contributors become accustomed to a system that is much easier to use. This was the first huge step to a never-ending process. As Chielli and Thomas put it, "We now have the structure to go forward for a number of years."

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## 'Family of Colonels' experienced life on campus during Wilkes University's annual Family Day

By Sarah Bedford  
News Editor

Wilkes University hosted Family Day on Nov. 1, allowing students and their families a chance to bond while experience numerous aspects of campus life.

According to Melissa Howells, student development coordinator, roughly 422 people were registered for the event with 149 families in total.

At the start of the event, Howells felt the event was off to a good start.

"I think registration is going well... It's nice to see families intermingling where students mingle."

As families gathered in the Henry Student Center Concourse, there was a free brunch and student groups set up various fundraisers.

"We're really excited to have this opportunity," said Sarah Kennedy, sophomore class president, as her class was

selling Wilkes baseball hats.

Jessica Short, a graduate assistant, worked closely on this year's Family Day festivities and commented that the staff researched what other universities do for their events.

One such activity that was added was the "Thinking of You" postcards, which families were invited to write. They will be sent a few weeks after the event as to show the "essence of Family Day," Short said.

Students gathered with their families and prepared for the day's events as well.

Junior Pharmacy major Christian Giovannini talked about what his plans were for the day.

"We're going to the tailgate and game... I'm excited to spend the day with them."

The first session offered was entitled "Academic Issues: After the Mid-Term" which was hosted in the Miller Room and filled quickly.

In between sessions and activities,

families milled about the Henry Student Center playing pool and visiting campus.

The Sordani Art Gallery was also open from 12 to 4:30 p.m. which showed the faculty exhibit and featured the work of faculty such as Richard Fuller, who was a professor from 1969 through 2000 when he retired. Fuller died in 2013.

Throughout the day, tours were also given.

At 1 p.m. families gathered behind the Henry Student Center to take shuttles to the football game where the Colonels faced Albright College.

Activities in the evening included Open Climb at the University Center on Main, Interfaith Services, Wilkes Bingo and a Movie Screening of "The Amazing Spiderman 2."

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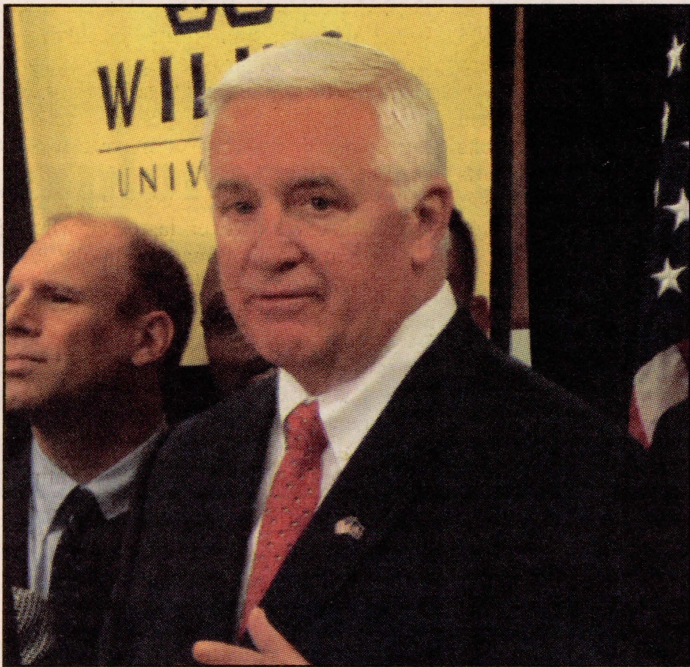
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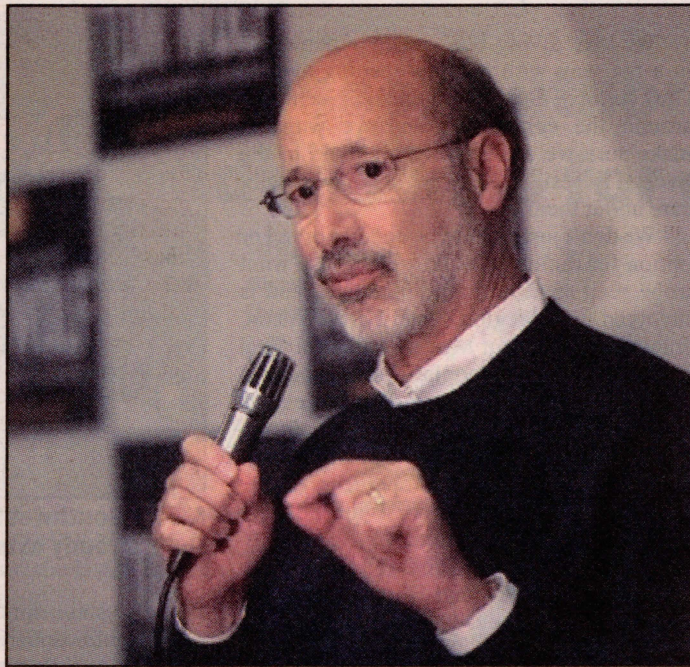


## Speaking bluntly: Marijuana and politics in Pa.

### Gubernatorial candidates spark legal pot conversation



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**Incumbent Tom Corbett, Republican governor, during a recent press conference announcing college grants**

**Tom Wolf, Democratic candidate for governor**

**By Pat Walther**  
Staff Writer

There are plenty of topics in the world of politics that divide people. Things like abortion, stem cell research and euthanasia are hot button issues that relate more to the moral code of the individual presenting their opinion than what can be done for the good of society.

Medical marijuana, on the other hand, even with the overwhelming support Americans show for it, is still illegal in 27 states, including Pennsylvania, though recent polls by CBS News confirm that a whopping 77 percent of Americans support the legalization of medical marijuana.

Pennsylvania's House of Representatives adjourned for the year on Oct. 23 without considering a proposal to protect seriously ill patients who find relief with marijuana use, effectively making it legal for medicinal purposes.

SB 1182, also known as the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Act, passed in the Pennsylvania State Senate in a 43 to 7 vote in favor of it. Despite overwhelming support for the bill, the House did not grant a hearing for it. This bill campaigns for a tightly controlled and well regulated system where patients suffering from debilitating

and life threatening conditions could easily and safely obtain medical cannabis without the risk of legal repercussion.

While it could be considerably difficult to meet all of the requirements this bill would set for medicinal marijuana use, these are baby steps that could potentially open a dialogue that could lead to widespread changes in marijuana policies in Pennsylvania.

Four out of six of Pennsylvania's neighbor states have already legalized marijuana for medicinal use, and while one Wilkes student thinks PA is "too conservative for social progression," with the large scale push for cannabis related issues by the Millennial generation, medical marijuana and (realistically) legalized marijuana are only a few years-time from becoming a reality.

While the socially beneficial nature of pot legalization in the medical field is good enough for most, some are drawn to its legalization for the financial benefits.

ArkView Market Research, a San Francisco based investor group, has estimated that the legal marijuana market in the United States is worth close to 2 billion dollars. In five years, the legal pot market is estimated to increase to just over 10 billion dollars.

As Pennsylvanians scatter to their

respective polling places, politicians and their views on weed are taking the spotlight. Tom Wolf, democratic candidate for governor, supports the idea of decriminalizing marijuana possession for any amount under an ounce.

"We need to legalize medical marijuana immediately," Tom Wolf declared during a debate on Oct. 8. He later added, "I think we ought to see what happens in places like Colorado and Washington before we decide to go any further with the legalization of recreational marijuana, however."

Incumbent Governor and Republican Tom Corbett, a staunch opponent of marijuana legalization in any form, has recently changed his position, supporting the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Act, specifically for children suffering from ailments that can cause dozens of seizures a day. Marijuana has been found to severely cut down on not only the number of seizures experienced but also the severity of each one.

So while some look at marijuana as a nuisance to society, to others with serious medical conditions, it can be a saving grace. And now, one could say, it can even serve a 'higher' purpose.

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## Marijuana Revenue

### \$1.53 billion

The amount the US' legal marijuana market is worth

### \$10.2 billion

The amount the market is predicted to be worth in five years

### \$17.4 billion

Amount State and Federal governments spend on prohibition of Marijuana

### \$6.17 million

The amount of tax revenue collected in Colorado on legal marijuana sales in just the first two months of 2014.

### \$40 million

Amount of money going to public schools through legally purchased marijuana in Colorado

All facts and figures courtesy of the Huffington Post



# Moe's Southwest Grill, Hoopla! Frozen Yogurt scheduled to open Wilkes-Barre location this week; giving to community

By Sarah Bedford  
News Editor

On Nov. 6, Moe's Southwest Grill and Hoopla! Frozen Yogurt will host a special College VIP Party for all students, faculty and staff of Wilkes University and King's College before their grand opening.

"The first 50 through the door for this event will receive free Moe's burritos for a year and the first 400 will receive free Moe's lunch and Hoopla! dessert.

"In addition, free Moe's spirit T-shirts will be given to the first 600 customers for the College VIP party," said a spokesperson.

Director of Marketing and Public Relations, Stephen Donnelly, explained that these events have proven to be successful in the past. At one opening in Missouri, roughly 150 college students camped outside prior to the grand opening in the hopes of capturing some of the freebies.

The Moe's franchise prides itself in providing fresh, organic ingredients and being connected to the community, Donnelly said.

"We love giving back to the community in a big way with our pre-opening events. Our culture for both brands is centered around the community and we want to make sure we are actively involved in the lives of its residents and show that we really care about them.

"We don't just want to be another brand or option for dining in Wilkes-Barre, we want to be seen as a fun brand that cares and is involved in the region," said Larry Wilson, franchise partner for Moe's Southwest Grill and co-founder of Hoopla! Frozen Yogurt.

Moe's will host community events starting Nov. 5, with a fundraiser benefitting Wilkes-Barre's G.A.R. Junior/Senior Memorial High and 100 percent of the proceeds will go to School Wide Positive Behavior Support program.

On Nov. 6, there will be a \$10 'all you can eat' buffet at Moe's and Hoopla! with 100 percent of the proceeds going to Coughlin High School's Red & Blue Fund, which benefits the wellness center for students and athletes. Coughlin is also located in Wilkes-Barre.

Donnelly explains that Moe's is a family-



Moe's Southwest Grill plans to add one more location in Wilkes-Barre to their already existing chain.

friendly establishment but also a "fun, more exciting atmosphere" for college students.

The Moe's Southwest Grill and Hoopla! grand opening is Nov. 7 and is located at 101 and 103 Bear Creek Commons, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702, which is off Mundy Street

behind Longhorn Steakhouse.

For more information, visit

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## Mechanical engineering professor authors fiction book, explores meaning of life and reasons for existence

By Nicole Zukowski  
Life, A&E Editor

Many moments during one's life are consumed by trying to answer the simple question: What is the meaning of it all?

Using his analytical mind and trust of his heart, Dr. Edward Bednarz III, assistant professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, tackled that question in a fiction book he wrote, "The Journey to Discover the Meaning of Life".

He is the first to tell you that he is not a philosopher, but this book is his personal view of the world.

"There are many answers to that question and everyone has a different one," Bednarz said. "I hope that after people read the book they can reflection on it and maybe relate to some of the characters."

A mechanical engineer writing a fiction

book is not something one hears everyday.

"I wrote part of the book 14 years ago; I was a student here at Wilkes. I would write short stories just for fun," Bednarz said.

Bednarz graduated from Wilkes in 2001. Afterward, he worked as a senior mechanical engineer for the United States Army. In 2013, Bednarz was hired at Wilkes to teach full-time.

With about 14 years between writing the first part of his book and the last, Bednarz saw changes in his writing.

"It (merging the two parts) was interesting, my writing style improved since I was 20 when I wrote the first couple of chapters," Bednarz said.

Bednarz laughed while saying, "I drove my editors nuts a little because I wanted about 150 revisions."

He credited his improved writing style to his education. He related the technical

writing he had to do in his life to writing this book.

"I think that my technical writing has helped me to write a fiction book because in technical writing, every word means something and every variable means something. I used that same level of scrutiny when writing this book," Bednarz said.

Another factor that Bednarz had to take into consideration is his changed inspiration to write.

"There are different things in my life now. I have a son and I'm teaching now," Bednarz said.

Bednarz went from sitting in class writing for fun to teaching the class writing from the lessons he learned.

Bednarz went on to say, "I think that there are a lot of positive messages in the book. Life is a journey, not a destination. If you are waiting for a destination, you're going to miss life so you have to enjoy it as you go."

Bednarz was involved with the book from start to finish. He wrote, helped edit and even took the photo for the cover, which is his son and a family friend's daughter.

"I am very proud of it. It is definitely what I've created."

### The Journey to Discover the Meaning of Life

Edward T. Bednarz III, PhD



Courtesy of Edward Bednarz

**Giving a personal touch to every aspect of the book, the cover is actually Bednarz's son and family friend's daughter.**

If interested in reading Bednarz's book "The Journey to Discover the Meaning of Life," it is for sale at his office, Stark Learning Center 145, for \$12. He will even personalize the copy.

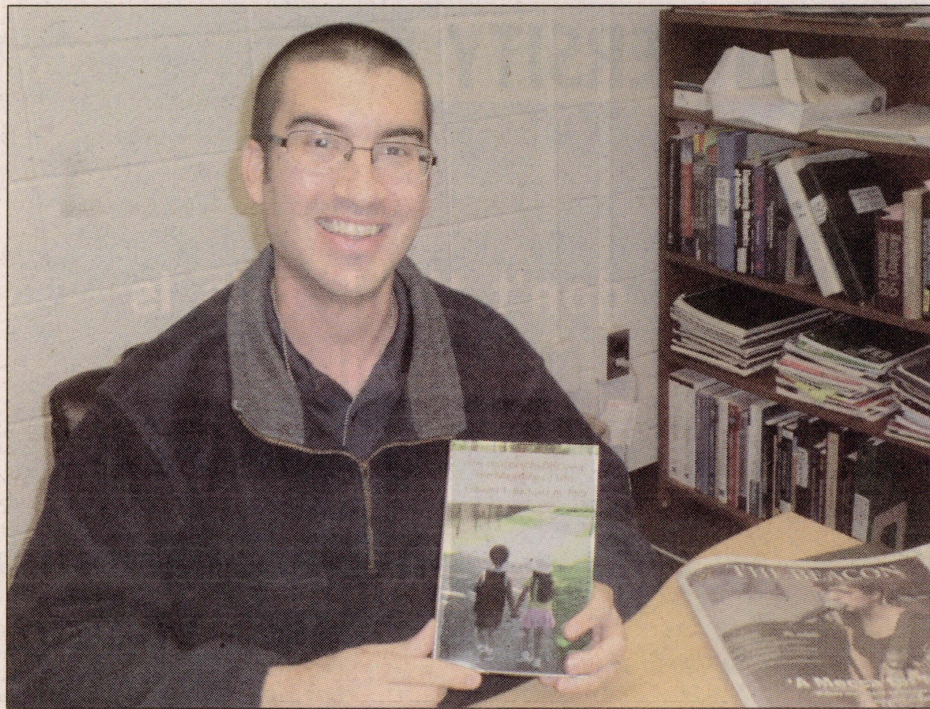
The book is also available on Amazon for pre-order; the release date for Amazon and Barnes and Noble is Dec. 23.

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Dr. Bednarz with his book, "The Journey to Discover the Meaning of Life."

The Beacon/ Nicole Zukowski



# Student Government to host "Casino Week"

By Austin Ely  
Staff Writer

Possibly one of the largest and most fun events on campus in both the fall and spring semester is Casino Week.

This fall semester, Casino Week will be held from Nov. 11 to the 14.

Casino Week here at Wilkes has become a genuine and fun-filled custom, possibly because it is during one of the most crucial times of the year: finals week. While students may or may not feel buckled down due to exams, papers or projects, Casino Week is perfect for those who are simply looking to get away from some of that "crunching" and studying in order to have a bit of fun.

It is yet another time of the year where students can get out, meet new people and spend time with friends while also being given the opportunity to win some prizes.

Anthony Fanucci is the primary coordinator of the event. "We (Wilkes University Student Government) work very hard to host this event and we just want everyone to have a great time."

Casino Week is over the course of three days in which students are able to participate in certain events to earn coins.

Also, at the door, students can win prizes such as gift cards and a smart TV.

The coins come in to play when students want to enter the raffle to win more prizes, which boasts a much larger collection of items. From a Macbook Pro, an iPad, a Surface Tablet and more, students will have the chance to enter the raffle for these prizes.

On Nov. 11, there will be Texas Hold Em'. On Nov. 12, Student Government is hosting Bingo and finally, on Nov. 14, there will be Casino Night, where many traditional casino games will be offered.

Friday night will last two to three hours where, at the end of the night, raffle prizes will be given out.

The event is one of the largest that Student Government puts together throughout the year and it often surpasses 500 people at Casino Night.

If interested in winning prizes and taking a break from academic life, Casino Week starts Nov. 11.

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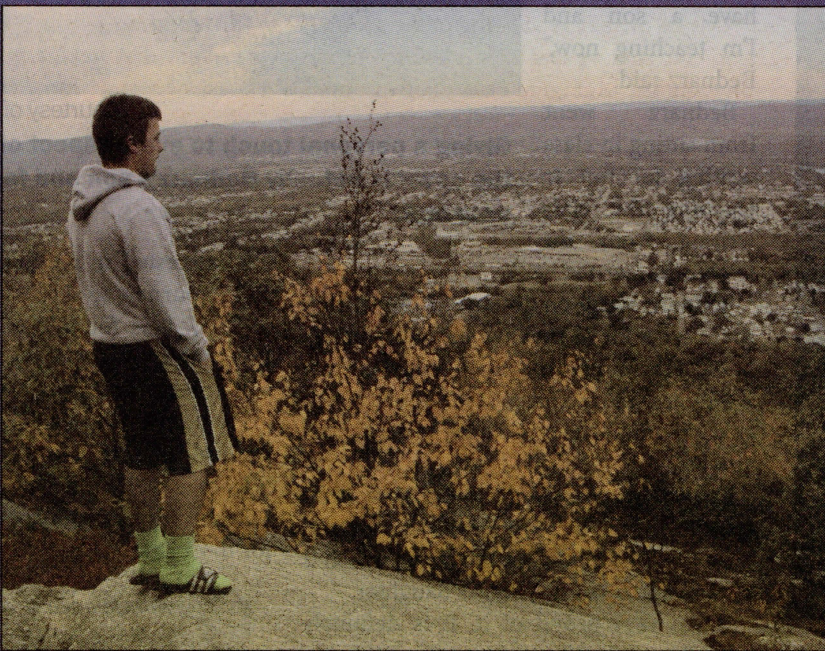


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"I don't think this is  
the trail."

- TJ Zelinka



# Helping the people who protect our country

By Nicole Zukowski

Life, A&E Editor

Imagine waking up in the morning having no idea where you are because you are still shaking from the terrifying dream that manifests from your real-life experiences. Your forehead is dripping with sweat, your palms are clammy and you are reliving about 50 different emotions from the past two years from a time when you served protecting the United States at war.

At Wilkes, the Veterans Council tries to help the student veterans and community veterans as well as currently employed soldiers.

"Our club is an advocacy group for promotion of student veteran and veteran issues and we tend to focus on community service," Jesse Goble, president of the Wilkes Veterans Council, said.

This club is one of the most active groups involved in several community service projects at Wilkes.

"The Veteran's Day Ceremony is on Nov. 11, with our annual flag drive coming up. All the proceeds will be donated to Kim Wood's annual Christmas Care packages to the troops," Goble said.

Goble went on to say more about why they chose to help this foundation.

"Her project reaches more troops than we could on our own, and we're very proud to assist in making sure our troops realize that their sacrifices aren't forgotten by us."

The Veterans Council has already began their mission to help.

"This semester we've assisted Emily McGaha, the school's Americorp VISTA rep, with the 9/11 Day of Service and Remembrance in which we helped collect donations of clothing and money to assist homeless veterans from the Wyoming Valley," Goble said.

Veterans Council not only extends its hands to veterans but also wants to make sure the campus is safe for everyone.

"We also held our 5th Safety and Self Defense seminar for the students, faculty and staff of Wilkes University," Goble said.

Protecting oneself is all about knowing the basics of self defense.

"The Safety and Self Defense Seminar that we put on every fall semester is mostly for the freshmen coming in. This event



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**The Veterans Council is holding a flag drive in the Henry Student Center during club hours to celebrate Veteran's Day.**

teaches students how to be safe in the area, how to use pepper spray, how to throw a proper punch, and things that would protect you," Matthew Kolodgie, vice president of the Veterans Council said.

The club is developed around helping and assisting veterans and soldiers.

"My favorite part about this club is the support we are giving our deserving veterans," Kellie Palko, an active member said. "Our soldiers come home from deployment and are expected to get right back into normal life, which is not easy. Our club tries to help them out."

The issues of and from war hits all too close to home for Palko.

"My own sister has been deployed to Iraq twice and I've seen the effects of war," Palko said. "It's very taxing. It makes me happy to know I may be helping a struggling vet out there."

Kolodgie could also attest to the adjustment of life with a change of pace that blending back into civilian life could have on someone.

"The Veterans Club helps me be more comfortable as a student on campus. The veterans here are generally at least four years older than the traditional student right out of high school. They have more life experience and unique at that," Kolodgie said. "It helps us come together

and discuss issues we may have as students that a traditional student may not face."

Satisfaction from knowing that you are making a difference is what this club strives for.

"I'm sure other students at Wilkes would love the benefits of this club. Many of them probably have a vet in their own family and can have the same satisfaction as I do from participating in this club," Palko said.

There are many different ways the club benefits people.

"My favorite part of being in the group is knowing that we can advocate for veterans on campus," Kolodgie said. "For example, on Club Day, we had a student approach us and tell us how she is a veteran but she had no clue about the benefits she was entitled to."

"She was going to school by using loans, so we connected her with our Veterans educator and she is now switched over to the GI Bill, which is free education for her."

Small things like that could drastically change lives, which is precisely the reason the Veterans Council operates.

Although much of the club is made up of veterans, it is not a requirement of joining.

"Anyone can be a member of the VC and we encourage non-veterans to join. Currently, we have three students who are not veterans who are actively involved,"

Kolodgie said. "Our group couldn't function without the help of these non-veterans and we appreciate everything they do for us."

Goble comments on what benefits students receive from joining.

"I like the camaraderie of the club as well as performing community service through the club," Goble said. "Students who join our club can expect to have the opportunity to take part in multiple community service projects."

"In addition to that, they get access to members that have a wide variety of life experience and information who are all willing to help each other."

Palko says "The people in this club are amazing and dedicated to helping our fellow vets. We are always looking for people to join and help out with events if anyone's interested."

If the fall does not seem like a good time to join the Veterans Council, they also help with the car show in the spring, whose proceeds are donated to the Wounded Warrior project.

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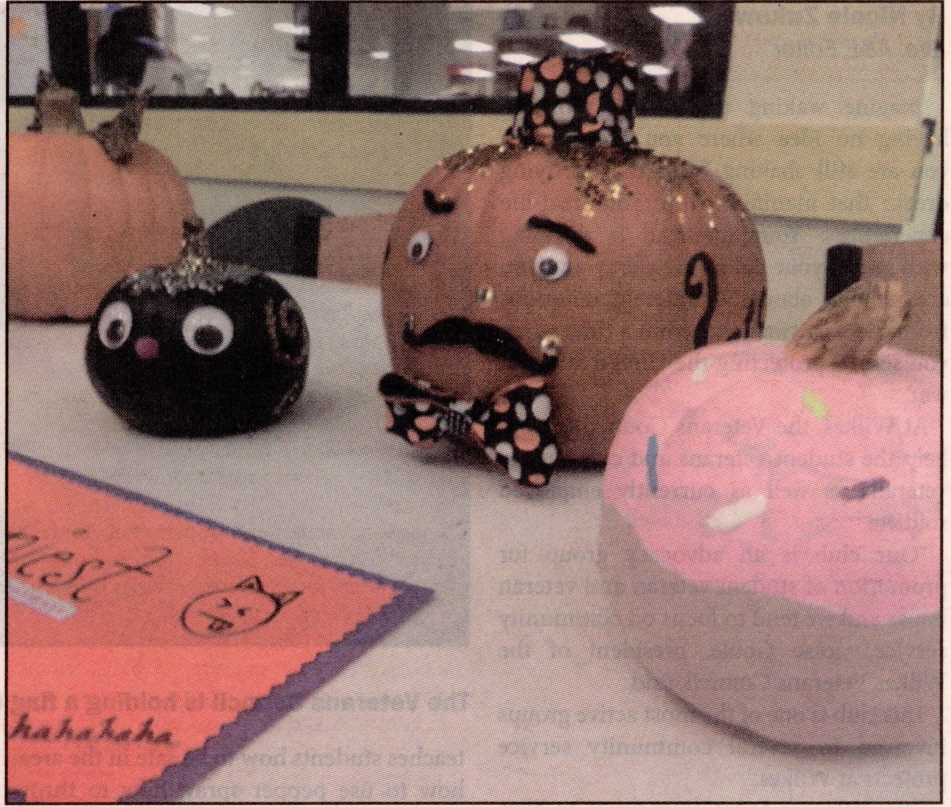


## WUPB ends "Freak Week" with a pumpkin contest



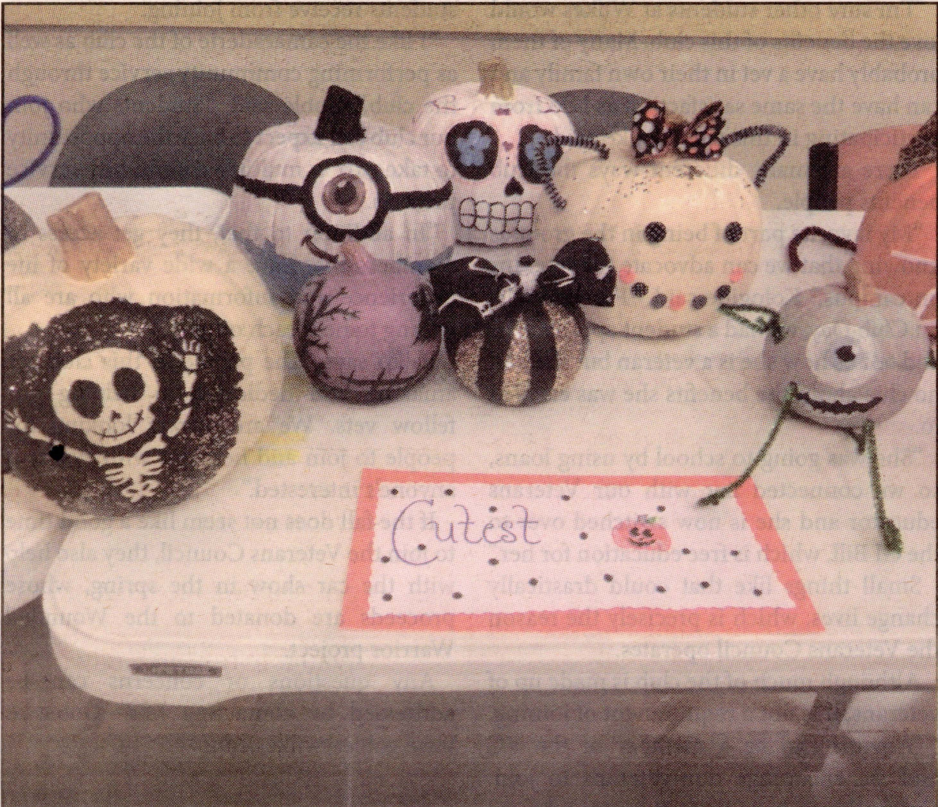
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Participants had the opportunity to decorate pumpkins however they wanted.



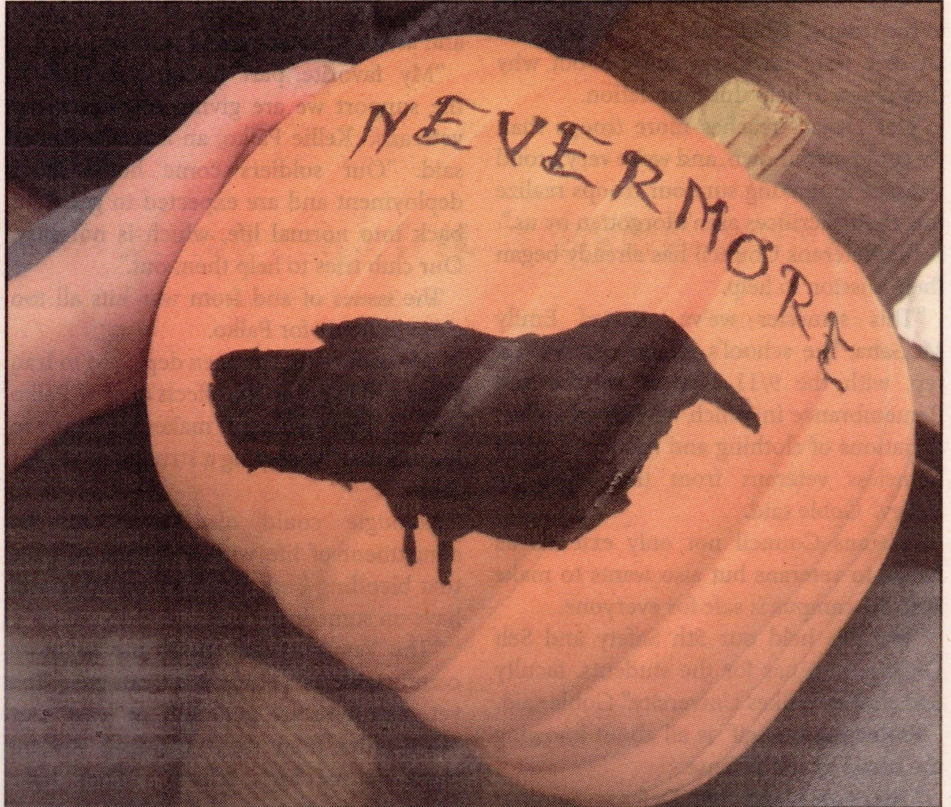
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The Pumpkin contest featured a variety of categories, including "funniest," pictured above.



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Another category was "cutest," shown here.



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Freshman English major Erin Michael painted her pumpkin as a tribute to Edgar Allan Poe.



# Head in the clouds: Information safety in digital age

By Jenna Colleran-Geiger  
Contributing Writer

Following a recent public hacking scandal that involved many celebrities, some Wilkes University Apple iCloud users are apprehensive about storing certain things on their iPhones and other Apple devices.

"It makes me nervous about how much of my private information is stored on a little cloud on my phone," said junior Rebecca Ragle, an occupational therapy student at Wilkes University. "I want to look into the benefits of turning it off, just so I can make sure my privacy is protected."

Other students are also worried about their personal information being hacked through Apple's iCloud feature.

Sophomore student Sam Vedral described the recent scandal as an "invasion of privacy" and does not trust the cloud. Things such as personal pictures, text messages and Internet history can be exposed through the hacking of the cloud.

iCloud is supposed to be used as a way of saving and backing up a user's data. According to Apple's website, data is "encrypt(ed) when it's sent over the Internet," and kept encrypted when stored on Apple's servers.

At least one student has decided to give up on it completely. "I don't use the iCloud..." said junior Chris Takacs, a sports management major. "My privacy is my privacy. Even before the scandals, it didn't seem safe to me."

"I'm even skeptical about what I save on my computer, an Apple MacBook, because

everything is so easily retrievable these days."

Students are concerned about more than just their iPhone data being exposed by hackers; consumers of other Apple products have become apprehensive about what they choose to store on their devices.

A student who doesn't own an iPhone was reassured by the hacking scandal. Sophomore Biology major, Lyndsey Doyle said this is "another reason (she is) not an iPhone user and will never use Apple products."

Apple has not made any changes to iCloud, but this scandal has raised a lot of questions about its legitimacy. When asked about the recent privacy breaches, "Janea," a representative at Apple Support, did not have a personal statement on behalf of Apple, but she offered a link to the press release Apple made after the celebrity hackings took place.

According to the press release, "After more than 40 hours of investigation, we have discovered that certain celebrity accounts were compromised by a very targeted attack on user names, passwords and security questions, a practice that has become all too common on the Internet."

This could suggest that the targeted celebrities were using relatively easy to guess usernames and passwords, which somewhat removes iCloud from criticism.

Apple's recommendation is to use strong passwords and security questions, which will make it much more difficult for hackers to be able to obtain one's private information.

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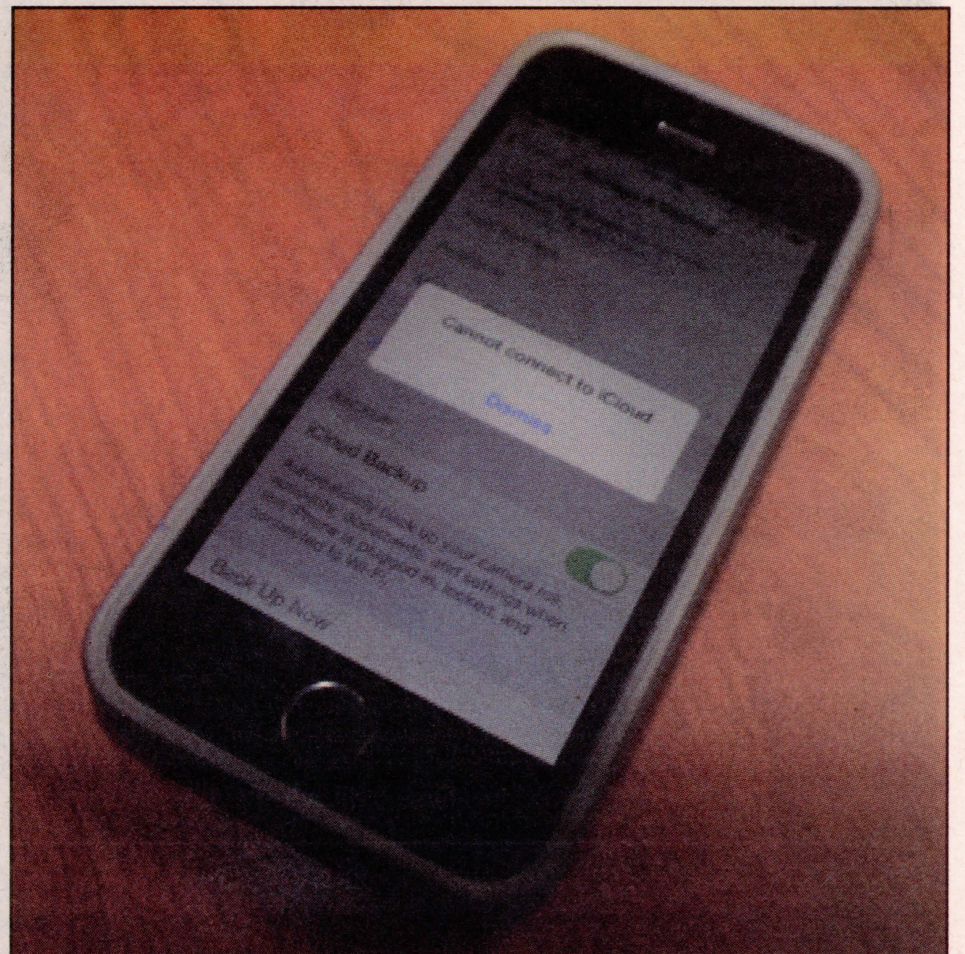


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Are students at risk when uploading their information to the cloud?

## Wilkes Adventure Education offers students array of activities

By Pat Walther  
Staff Writer

It's said that there is no better method for learning than direct, hands on experience. Wilkes Adventure Education (WAE) strives to connect students to the world of experiential learning and, as the title of the program suggests, adventure.

Anthony Fanucci, student coordinator for WAE, is a huge proponent of this method of teaching and with the help of organization coordinator Jill Price, leads hiking, biking, climbing, and kayaking trips that blend fun activities with unique educational opportunities that are seldom found at any other institution.

A large scale activity well known around campus is "glamping." As Fanucci explains it, "Glamping, or glamorous camping,

is always very popular among students because it provides a happy medium between staying in a hotel and camping in a tent."

Fanucci adds "On these trips, students get to stay in a cabin with a heat source so they don't have to worry about cold temperatures but at the same time they are still able to enjoy nature and the beauty of camping."

In addition to glamping, WAE offers weekly events such as a class that involves the very popular activity of hot yoga. As Fanucci elaborates, "Often over 20 students are present at hot yoga each week. And we don't want money to limit students from attending any of our trips so many are free and others only cost a small fee."

The next event WAE will be hosting is a hike along the Appalachian Trail at High Point State Park in New Jersey on

November 8th. In addition to that, their next glamping excursion will be taking place toward the end of November. Slots are currently available for both trips.

"We pride ourselves on having lots of fun while learning at the same time," Fanucci says.

Between day-trips to cities, weekly yoga classes and extravagant camping expeditions, Wilkes students are offered an array of activities in which education and lasting life experiences are intertwined.

If interested in getting involved with a WAE trip or activity, their office is located in the SUB lounge and Fanucci encourages students to stop by any time at all. Students can also email Jill Price at jill.price@wilkes.edu with any questions they may have.

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### Upcoming WAE Events

Hiking on the Appalachian Trail on November 8th

Glamping in late November

Slots available for both trips, Stop by WAE office in SUB lounge or email jill.price@wilkes.edu



# CARRIE

## THE MUSICAL

Story by Bill Amos  
Design by Steve Dziedziak

Chilling music, eerie sound effects and dismal stage design set the mood for Wilkes University's latest production: "Carrie the Musical," adapted from the novel by Stephen King.

The performance is scheduled just after Halloween, which Senior Musical Theater Major and Stage Manager Shaun Peirre jests is the cast's way of "keeping the spooky going."

Associate Professor of Theater Joe Dawson said that he was intrigued by the music from the show and explained that "Carrie the Musical" offered a unique challenge that you don't normally get from other musicals.

"It's not your ordinary musical," Dawson said. "'Carrie' is a very integrated show. Typically of musicals the story tends to pause, in a way, for a musical number. There's a break. In 'Carrie,' the music, the action, and even the special effects and sound effects are all kind of dependent upon one another."

Dawson explained that all the elements of the story are designed to really compliment each other and work together to create the thrilling and eerie tone of the overall performance.

He also explained that the play calls tones of good and evil to attention as they teeter on a balance.

"Some of what Carrie does is ruled by revenge, while other things she does is for the greater good. The play also brings to light issues with bullying."

Dawson says that "Carrie the Musical" doesn't truly define who the villains or who the heroes are.

"Every character is screwed up in their own way, which I think speaks more of the reality of bullying and being bullied. The story doesn't trivialize high school problems. Good horror movies say there is good and there is evil and villains get punished, but here you see that the bullies are just as troubled as Carrie."

Dawson complimented the students involved with "Carrie the Musical," explaining that though it is a challenging show, he has every confidence in the cast.





The cast gathered in a circle at the bottom of the stage with the gray, dreary walls of the festered and weathered set looming over them like tall, haunting shadows of the theater's wings to the show's themes and deeper meaning that lurk beneath the thin veil of schoolyard mockery and teasing.

"The musical number 'In' even touches upon how everyone is self-conscious of their own insecurities and how it's almost a sin to be an outsider," Freshman Musical Theater Major Katy Roarty added.

Throughout the script you find a lot of hidden meanings, like Easter eggs, left for the audience to find that suggests events to come later in the story, Pierre explained. The play, he said, is very suggestive of what's to come.

"A lot of people know Carrie and they know what's going to happen if they've seen the movie. So, 'Carrie the Musical' has this element of anticipation like you'd see from an Alfred Hitchcock film. You don't just show a house blowing up, you show the audience the bomb and then make them wait for the explosion and I think that's what's so great about Carrie. The audience already knows the story. They're just on the edge and waiting for it to happen," Sophomore Musical Theatre major Margaret Roarty said.

Katy Roarty explained that the play takes the story out of its element, in the sense that audiences are so used to seeing the film on the screen with special effects. The play turns it on its head because the story allows audiences to see it in a completely different scope.

"It elaborates upon the relationships of characters and allows them to grow. You learn so much more about each of the characters," Margaret Roarty said.

While the cast was willing to offer their insights into how the stage version of Carrie fleshes out the characters, they were very resistant to talk about special effects for fear that they might give away any surprises.

"We play on a lot of optical illusions," Ashley Potkulski, who portrays the titular character, Carrie White, said vaguely.

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## Wonder Woman's costume in need of a upgrade?

By Elyse Guzewicz  
Staff Writer

How would you imagine a costume for a battle-ready superhero? Next year, in the DC Comics film *Batman v Superman*, we will finally get our chance to see Wonder Woman on the big screen. Some stills of actress Gal Gadot in costume have already surfaced, and although it isn't the traditional leather and metal strapless one-piece Wonder Woman is usually seen in, it's far from the highly utilitarian battle armor her male counterparts have been seen in in the last few movies.

Gender equality in comics is a topic for another article. Female costume designs are often impractical to say the least. But, in the case of Wonder Woman, her outfit is actually counterproductive to her character and fighting style.

In the comics, Wonder Woman proves to be more aggressive than her male peers, going as far as killing a man for his crimes in recent issues. She's a martial artist, fighting largely with a sword and her feet. Kicks are her specialty, often jumping or hitting with both legs and tumbling.

This makes a perfect place to start redesigning her costume. Wonder Woman uses kicks as her primary form of attack, making skirts and underwear uncomfortable at best.

Skirts would obstruct movement, causing potential injuries or limiting range of attack. Underwear-style bottoms risk slipping out of position for any kick that raises a foot above hip level, meaning an uncomfortable mid-battle adjustment.

The best replacement for these would be a sturdy, snug pair of pants. If Batman can have stretchy Kevlar, then Wonder Woman can have the same. Keeping the traditional cobalt, the stars could be moved to the sides in a tuxedo-stripe pattern, maintaining the patriotic look with a practical update.

Moving up, a metal bustier isn't all that practical for a primarily hand-to-hand fighter. The majority of her top is leather, with only the neckline being metal, making it a prime target for offenders.

This bustier-style top is actually very dangerous: The metal part can

actually function as a handle, allowing combatants to either pin her, pull her down, or (as there are no straps) remove her top, exposing her during battle. This could happen accidentally during flight as well.

For maximum efficiency, her neckline should reach that of her male counterparts. Her design traditionally eschews sleeves, and there's nothing wrong with that. A high-necked, sleeveless top is a practical look.

Her metal insignia, traditionally mounted across her bust, could be sewn in as a belt across her hips, with an embroidered eagle taking its place on her chest. There is no reason that it should be removed entirely, but to keep it from functioning as a weapon against her, it should be sewn into her uniform completely.

There isn't much to change about her famous bracelets, other than ensuring they function as bracers and not truncated gauntlets, covering her entire forearms.

There has been much argument for removing the heels from Wonder Woman's shoes, and frankly, I disagree. One of Wonder Woman's greatest strengths is her femininity. She isn't just another powerful superhero, she's a powerful, female superhero.

Although many of her other highly feminine traits (her skirt, her bustier) are dangerous and would have to be removed, her heels can be altered and stay functional.

Obviously, stilettos pose a real threat to her balance and make it easy for someone to sweep her ankles. I would propose replacing the narrow heels with wedges, which are stable and provide grounding for any kicks or other physical attacks.

In this costume, Wonder Woman could defeat any enemy without worry that her costume would prove detrimental to her during her fight. Realistic without sacrificing femininity, this is a design worthy of the daughter of a god.



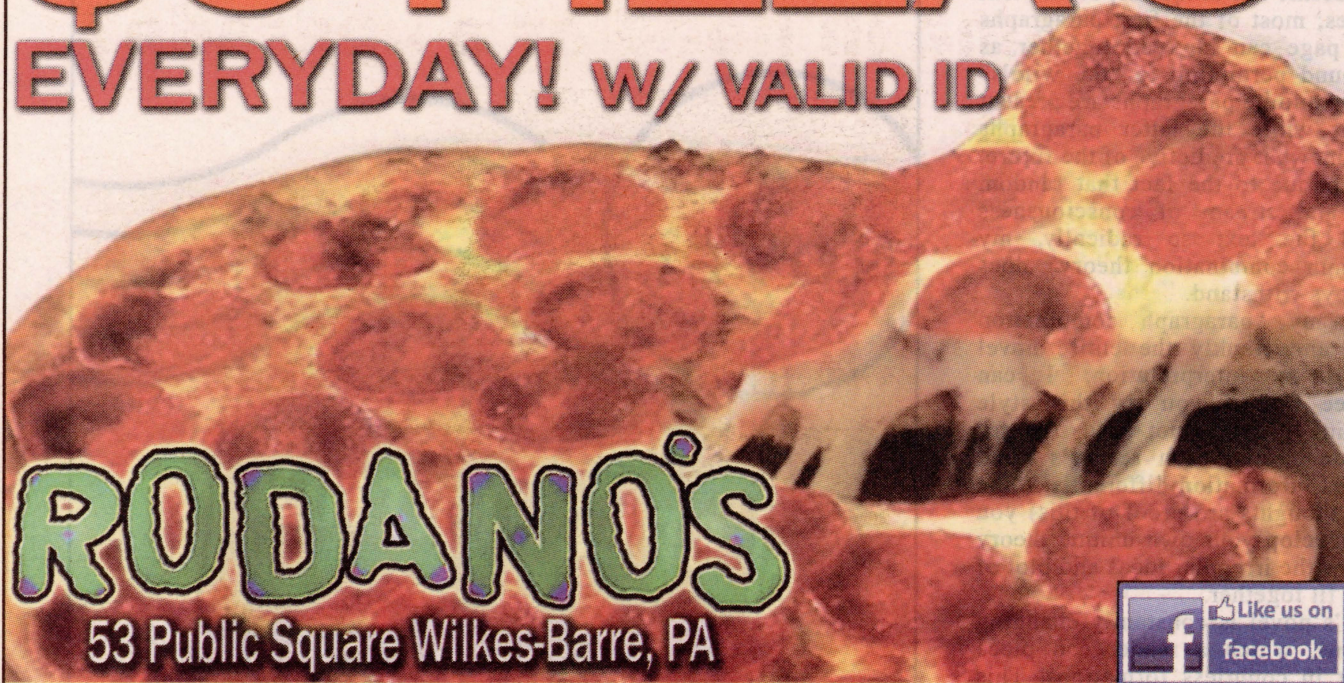
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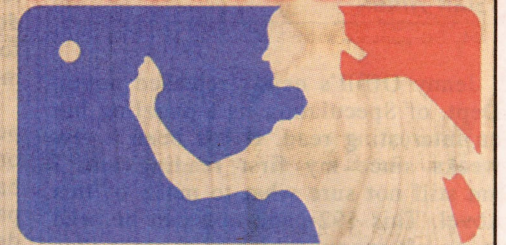


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## Dept. of Speculation - Reinventing the Stream of Consciousness

By Sara Pisak  
Staff Writer

Jenny Offill's newly released novel, *Dept. of Speculation*, is a puzzling but an interesting read. It has been a few weeks since my first reading and I am still not sure what to make of this novel. This 192-page text can be read in an afternoon, which is a great idea as the reader will need plenty of time to process the novel's plot and potential themes.

Offill's novel follows a woman and a man simply known as "the wife" and "the husband" throughout their tempestuous relationship, which includes several affairs. In my opinion, the structure of the novel is a stream of consciousness novel taken to the extreme.

In a stream of consciousness novel, the character's or the narrator's thoughts and feelings are represented by uninterrupted dialogue or description. Offill uses this style in an unconventional way. Her stream of consciousness is consistently divided into roughly four to six short and concise paragraphs per page. This stream of consciousness includes many random facts, which "the wife" memorizes. A frequent fact that appears several times throughout the text is, "Antelope have 10x vision. That means on a clear night they can see the rings of Saturn."

Although stream of consciousness is not a new form of writing, as it has been frequently employed by authors such as James Joyce, Offill's use of injecting unusual scientific facts into her stream of consciousness text divulges into new territory. By standard definition, stream of consciousness is uninterrupted thoughts. Offill uses "the wife's" guilt and "the wife's" speculation towards her husband as an interruption to her own thoughts with memorized facts randomly entering her mind. This creates a delusion on the part of "the wife."

"The wife's" delusion spreads and she often forgets to return to her original

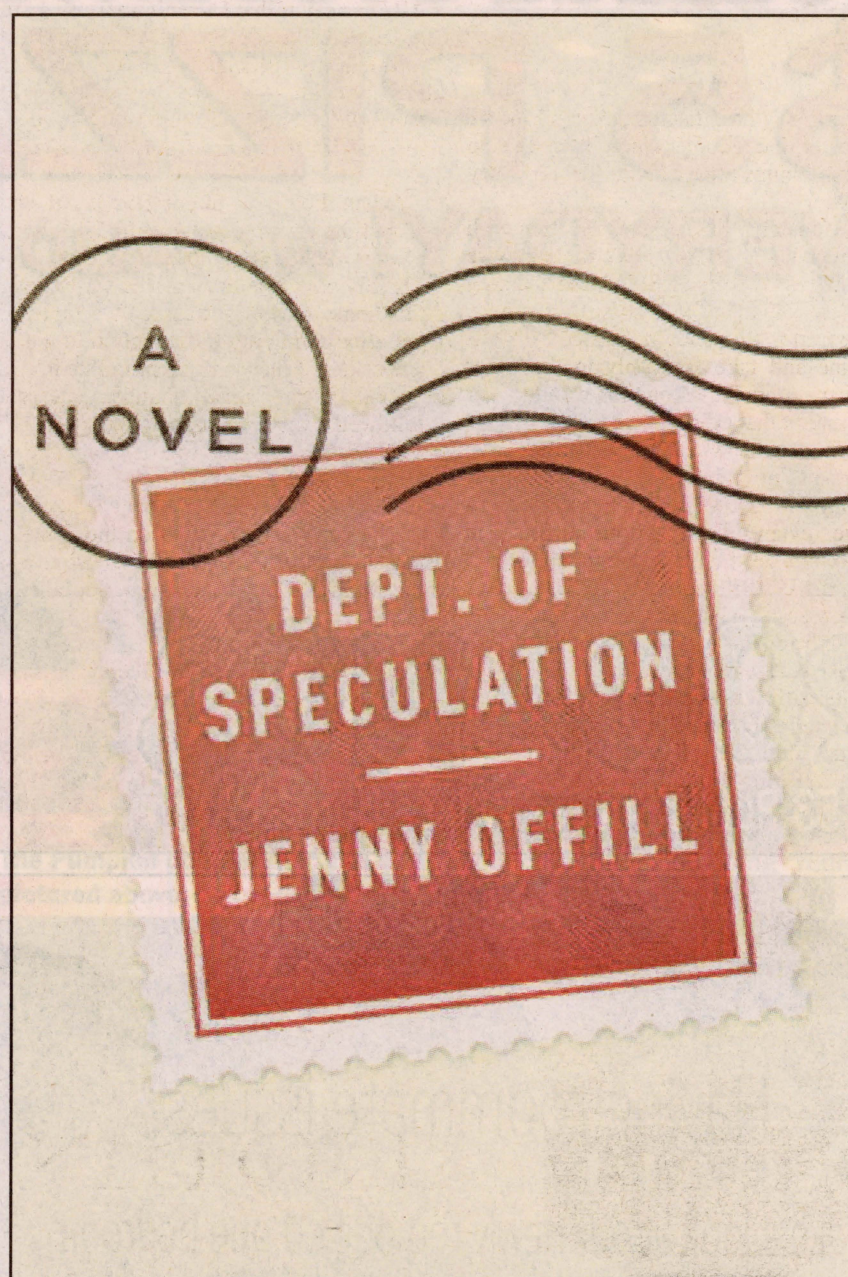
thought until several pages later; often resulting in leaving the reader in the dust. This habitually causes confusion for the reader or at least this reader was mildly confused.

I can define one unique aspect the text possesses; most of the first paragraphs on the page can be read together as background pertaining to "the wife's" past. The middle paragraphs are present dealings, while the latter paragraphs seem somewhat predictive of the future. However, due to the fact that random details and stream of consciousness changes the text so radically, my "paragraph combination theory" does not always withstand.

Since my "paragraph combination theory" and frankly the entire novel is open to interpretation, I can guarantee that if you try this style of reading it might not hold true for you. Considering each reader's mind processes information differently, ("the wife's" thoughts are proof of this) you might develop your own unique theory as to how the irregular ideas and plot of the text fit together.

Offill's novel is constantly changing directions, which a reader can piece together in countless formations. This infinite number of plot structures makes the text messy, confusing and at times teetering on paranoia, then again the same can be said about life in general. If this commentary on life is what Offill was trying to create then she has certainly achieved this affect. If this is not her intent, I am sure another reader will be able to devise a commentary, which reflects Offill's ideals.

I give Offill praise for experimenting with form but this experimentation creates more bewilderment than I personally care for in a novel. A reader will either finish this novel and love its immeasurable possibilities or dislike the fact the novel's immeasurable possibilities possess no solid ground, which to build a foundation. Needless to say, *Dept. of Speculation* leaves the reader with more than enough material for "speculation."



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### Sara's Score:





## Alt-j delivers new flimsy sophomore album "This Is All Yours"

By Eric Casey  
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It seems alt-j have taken cue from MGMT and Foster the People when it comes to releasing albums after a stellar debut. They just sink.

Unfortunately, this happens so often with much hyped new bands. One minute they're on the cover of Rolling Stone and winning "best new sound" awards at various shows, and the next minute they're bashed by NME magazine and fake fans only to disappear and become labeled as one-hit wonders...or something to that effect.

The folktronic band from Leeds, England, first came to prominence in early 2012 after releasing *An Awesome Wave*. It received positive reviews from various outlets and reached #13 on the UK Albums chart, and #80 on the US Billboard 200 Albums chart. "Breezeblocks" was the most popular single released from the album and reached #75 on the UK Singles chart and #9 on the US Alternative songs chart. Other well known singles included "Something Good", "Matilda", and "Tessellate."

After listening to their new album I went back to listen to their debut in full length.

All I can say is that I wasn't impressed at all. It seemed like a mess full of experimental rock that was difficult to get into, except for their popular songs and the accompanying videos. It was like listening to progressive rock which is a genre I don't pay attention to.

When their new album *This Is All Yours* (debuting at #4 on the Billboard Album charts with 68,000 sold) came out last month I briefly gave it a listen all the way through. For some reason I was really impressed, but after giving my full attention to it a few weeks later I just can't seem to like it.

The "Intro" song is quite interesting followed a very confusing "Nara."

By the third and fourth songs "Every Other Freckle" and "Left Hand Free" it starts to pick up pace.

The latter song now #9 on the Hot Rock songs chart which is their highest entry in the states making it their most popular song here.

However, after those tracks comes a very short peaceful flute track called "Garden Of England - interlude" followed by a very drab "Choice Of Kingdom."

Next is lead single "Hunger Of The Pine" which features a sound similar to "Every Other Freckle" in a sense that they're both

as close as you'll get to the sound of their debut album.

"Hunger Of The Pine" also features a Miley Cyrus sample from her song called "4X4" which makes the slow build up of the song compelling at the end. Aside from "The Gospel of John Hurt", the last half of the album falls apart into total blandness and unnecessary fillers.

It's a reminder of when MGMT released their second album *Congratulations* after coming off with huge success from their debut 2007 *Oracular Spectacular*.

It's hard to explain why some bands become aware of their growing popularity, so they throw everyone off by releasing an anti-attention grabber to see who the real fans are I suppose.



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# Midseason NFL report cards through Week 8

By Frank Passalacqua  
Opinion Editor

Week 8 is officially the halfway point for the season. Time really does fly, making it feel like Week 1 was just a few days ago.

There are a few teams that have stood out so far, making them the obvious playoff and conference winner contenders. Let us take a look at the midseason report card.

Starting off are the teams that have made an impact on the league. It is no surprise that Denver sits at the top of the NFL world at 6-1, looking like an elite force again for the third straight year. Peyton Manning took the history books and stamped his name in the no. 1 spot, solidifying his spot in the Hall of Fame in a few years after he retires. I give Denver the obvious A+.

Next is the only other one-loss team, the Arizona Cardinals. Yes, they are 6-1, but they still do not provide that dominance that any other 6-1 team usually would. Their defense has been pretty spotty all year, and their offense really does not prove to be anything scary, seeing they have only scored 164 points this season. I give them a B.

New England, my favorite to win the Super Bowl, sits at 6-2 on the year and now seems to have gotten their team back in that usual 'Patriot scheme of things' we have all seen in years past. Brady's performance against the Bears shows he still has what it takes to get them back to February. I give the Pats an A.

Now come the next group of teams that fall under the second-tier of potential Super Bowl contenders.

The Indianapolis Colts, San Diego Chargers, Philadelphia Eagles, Dallas Cowboys, Detroit Lions, and the Green Bay Packers all receive a B thus far.

The Colts are very spotty, but when things are going right, they can not be stopped. Andrew Luck is having a great year, but it's the defensive side of the ball that is keeping his team from progressing into anything more than a threat.

San Diego Chargers, one team who I think is a sleeper to many, has shown great signs of a team that has what it takes to fight through the playoffs. Philip Rivers has been on a whole new level these past two seasons, and it is only a matter of time before everything clicks with the team to bring them to the top.

The Philadelphia Eagles are another team who could make a late run and surprise many in the final stretch. Yes, they still are one of the top teams sitting at 5-2, but both losses came by four points or less. The Eagles are also another team that can be labeled "spotty," with their offensive being a powerhouse one week, to being virtually non-existent the next. Same applies for their

defense. If Foles can fix his interception-throwing sickness this year, they will finish atop the NFC.

Now is the Dallas Cowboys. A team that many had picked to be a Super Bowl winner just a week ago, until Tony Romo re-injured his back again. The same injury that required him to have season-ending surgery last year, and the same injury that could keep him out for a long period of time should he aggravate it again. DeMarco Murray is the reason the Cowboys are doing so good, and when one player carries a team, it usually does not end well. I think their fairy tale first half of the season ends soon, but they have earned their grade so far.

Detroit and Green Bay are NFC North firecrackers, showing the league what a true division fight is. At 6-2 and 5-3 respectively, both teams have played great so far. I picked Green Bay to be the NFC Champions in the beginning of the season, and I would not be surprised if they caught fire in this second half, as they usually do, and beat out the Lions.

The next tier of teams are the ones with an appearance of just, meh. The Buffalo Bills, Miami Dolphins, Cincinnati Bengals, Pittsburgh Steelers, Cleveland Browns, Houston Texans, Kansas City Chiefs, Chicago Bears, New Orleans Saints, Carolina Panthers, San Fran 49ers, and the Seattle Seahawks are teams that simply will not provide enough spark to be a contender.

Going into detail for each of those teams would be tedious, but I give them currently a C. The Bills will not make it out alive, despite exceptional play from Kyle Orton and Sammy Watkins, the Bengals have fallen significantly since their 4-0 start, the Saints are just not the same, the Seahawks have been exposed and do not look like a team that just won the Super Bowl, and the 49ers also do not show enough fire power to return to where they were last year. The rest of the teams I listed deserve their "C" grade, but nothing else worth mentioning.

After that is all your 3 wins or less teams. They obviously are not going to be a contender for their division or anything league-altering. I will not give them a F, but they get a D- in my book.

The teams that deserve an F are the 0-7 Oakland Raiders, the 1-7 New York Jets, 1-7 Jacksonville Jaguars, and the 1-6 Tampa Bay Bucs. Those teams are absolute bottom-barrel NFL clubs that are simply chaos ridden.

The Raiders have a promising future QB in Derek Carr, so at least they have that going for them. Other than that, the Jets look like a middle school football team, but that's okay in my book.

Eight weeks down, eight to go!

## ESPN.com Week 8 Power Rankings

RANK	TEAM / RECORD	TRENDING	Grade
1	 Broncos 6-1	— Last Week: 1	A+
2	 Cardinals 6-1	▲ 3 Last Week: 5	B
3	 Patriots 6-2	▲ 5 Last Week: 8	A
4	 Cowboys 6-2	▼ 2 Last Week: 2	B
5	 Eagles 5-2	▼ 2 Last Week: 3	B
6	 Lions 6-2	▲ 4 Last Week: 10	B
7	 Packers 5-3	▼ 1 Last Week: 6	B
8	 Chargers 5-3	▼ 1 Last Week: 7	B
9	 Colts 5-3	▼ 5 Last Week: 4	B
10	 Seahawks 4-3	▲ 1 Last Week: 11	C

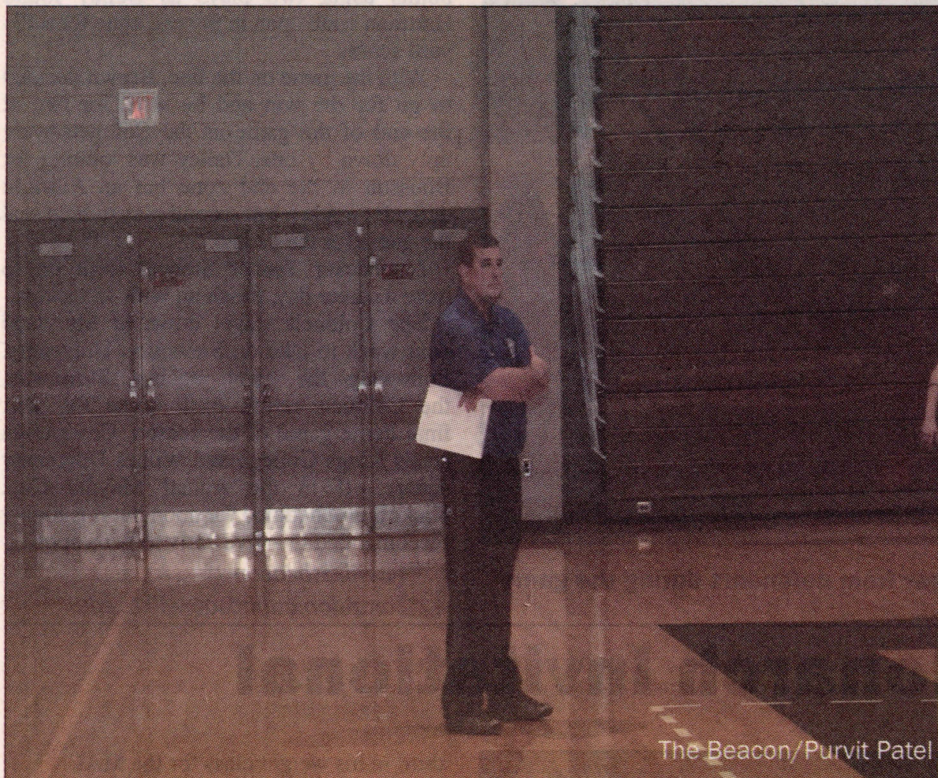
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# Sports

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## Women's basketball opens its season on Nov. 15



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Pictured above is Chris Heery watching his team at a recent practice

**By Danny Van Brunt**

Sports Writer

Women's Basketball at Wilkes University has just begun. Practice recently started on Oct. 15, and since then they have been practicing hard.

The first scrimmage took place away at the Penn State Wilkes-Barre campus on Oct. 30.

In an open interview with players from the team, Haley Mesaros, Elena Stambone, Missy Oertner, and Emelie Meinhart had plenty of positive things to say.

Practice has been going well, and the team performed well in its first scrimmage. The players look forward to their first game, along with future conference games.

The chemistry between the players is very strong, and they consider themselves a family. Most of the players room together too. The amount of players on the team is large which helps the team depth.

Almost all of the team is returning this year, as only one member of the starting team graduated.

This puts both the players and the coaches in high hopes for maximum improvement. The players feel their coaches push them really hard and are just as competitive as they are.

Head Coach Chris Heery also had many positive thoughts towards the upcoming season. He coaches alongside Graduate Assistant Kim Mui, Assistant Coaches Terry Balliet, and Mark Maholick.

Heery first said that the returning class gives him very high expectations this year for the team. His main goal of the season is to make it to the playoffs.

He is very eager to have the season start in a few weeks; the first two games are at home. November 15, the Colonels are scheduled to play the Penn State Berks, and November 19, they are scheduled to play Marywood University.

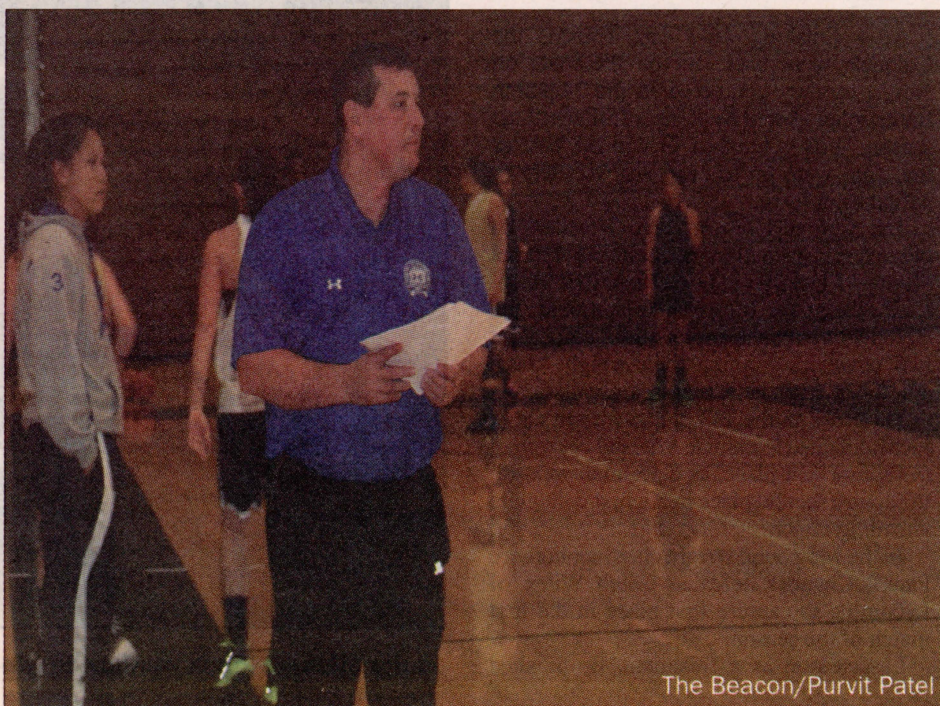
Both games will start at 7 p.m.. Heery stated, "We hope to continue improving to become an exciting team to watch."



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Pictured above is Missy Oertner dribbling during a drill at practice.

Pictured below is head coach Chris Heery and graduate assistant Kim Mui



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## Wilkes falls short in historic second half comeback

By Brandon Gubitosa  
Sports Editor

Things did not seem promising for the Colonels when the team found itself trailing Albright College 23-0 at the end of the first half. The Colonels went on to score 29 points in the second half forcing the game to head into overtime. Wilkes ended up falling 36-35 after failing to convert on a two point conversion in overtime.

The loss bounced the Colonels to 2-6 for the season while the Lions of Albright moved to a 4-4 record on the season.

Quarterback Ryan Dailey completed 23 passes for 219 yards and three touchdowns all of which were to tight end Jeremy Hartman. The senior tight end caught six passes for 76 yards.

With two minutes left in the game, down by eight, Dailey found a wide open Hartman in the end zone, as the Colonels were down by two.

With a big decision on the line Coach Trey Brown decided to go for two, and that decision ended up paying off. Senior receiver Jonathan Conklin took a pitch and found fellow senior receiver Tim Bousson wide open in the back of the end zone to



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Senior receiver Tim Bousson breaks away from defenders during the game

tie the game up at 29. Tim Bousson went on to lead all Wilkes receivers with seven receptions for 69 yards.

At the start of overtime, Albright received the ball and wasted little time scoring as they went up by a touchdown. The Colonels countered and went on to gain an extra 7 points using two plays as Dailey found Hartman wide open in the end zone for a 13-yard score.

With the game on the line, Brown decided to go for the win and he went for two at the end of the game as the Colonels were only down by one. Dailey was looking for Bousson in the end zone but an Albright defender made a last second play to help seal the game for the Lions.

Linebacker Tanner Stengel went on to have a career day, finishing with 15 tackles.

The Colonels travel down to Maryland next week to take on Stevenson University. Following the game against Stevenson, the Colonels return back home for their final home game of the season. Cross town rivals Kings College and Wilkes University square off in the annual Mayors Cup. Kickoff is scheduled for noon but it is highly recommended to arrive early to get a spot.

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## Colonels finish fourth at Monarch Invitational

By Brandon Gubitosa  
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After finishing 18-3 last season, the Colonels were back out on the mats on Nov. 1, as they competed in the Monarch Invitational hosted by King's College. Last season, Wilkes finished first in the east as the team went on to send six wrestlers to nationals in Iowa.

The Colonels return three wrestlers of the six sent to nationals, including juniors Michael Fleck, Kyle Diesel and Eric Bach. Last year at the Monarch Invitational, the Colonels went on to capture third place with two wrestlers winning their weight class, and four wrestlers placing in their class.

This year, in the 133 pound weight class, Fleck defeated teammate Michael Grossman to capture first place, as Grossman went on to capture second place in his first collegiate wrestling match.

In the 141 pound weight class, sophomore Pankil Chander defeated Caleb Wiley of Lycoming to capture first place in the first match of the season.

Last season as a freshman, he finished

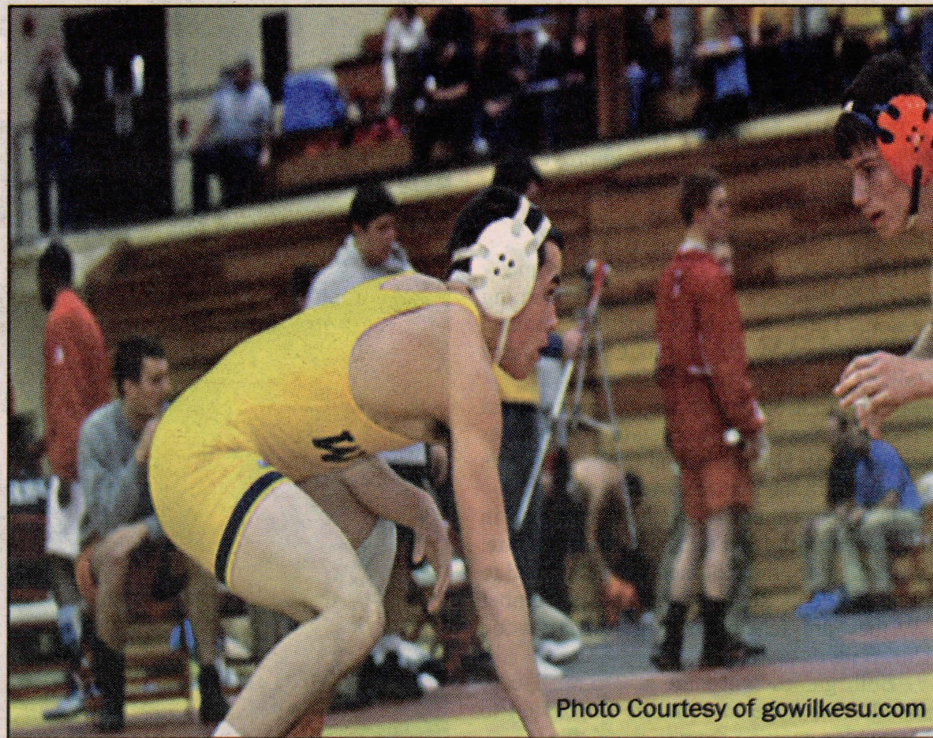


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Junior Michael Fleck went on to win the 133 pound weight class

third in his weight class for the MAC.

Diesel took third place in the 174 pound weight class defeating Tory Cain of RIT. Coming in third for the Colonels in the 285 pound weight class was senior David Oberrender.

Last season, Oberrender did not wrestle; however, in his sophomore year he went 17-8, finishing fifth at the Monarch Invitational.

Wilkes finished fourth in the tournament and 10 wrestlers finished top six in their weight class. Wilkes returns to the mat Wednesday night as the team squares off against Penn College at the Marts Center.

The Colonels will look to carry an impressive streak this season of seven straight years of 15 or more wins.

Following their match against Penn, Wilkes hosts the annual John Reese Duals on November 8, starting at 11 a.m..

On Dec. 28, Wilkes hosts the 82nd annual Wilkes open which features some of the best wrestlers that Division III has to offer.

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Getting to know...

# Tanner Stengel

Sophomore football Player

By J.T. Keer  
Sports Writer

Meet Wilkes linebacker Tanner Stengel a sophomore Mechanical and electrical engineering major. He is currently the teams leading tackler with 77 tackles on the season. With two game left, he is hoping to reach 100 tackles for the season.

Q: What brought you to Wilkes?

A: The people that I met from the football team as well as having everything I was looking for in a school.

Q: What is your favorite part about Wilkes?

A: The location

Q: How has your time here gone?

A: Time has gone by very fast but overall it's been a good time and good experience.

Q: What is your major?

A: Mechanical and electrical engineering.

Q: Do you know what you want to do?

A: Be successful.

Q: When did you start playing football?

A: When I was five so about 14 years ago.

Q: What was your favorite football moment so far you had in your life?

A: My first touchdown in flag football on an end around.

Q: How has your experience gone with football at Wilkes?

A: It's different. Coming here and playing on a team with guys you barely know and playing on a team with guys you grew up with are totally different things, but it makes it an interesting experience. And I mean interesting.

Q: What do you want to accomplish here?

A: Football wise, winning a MAC championship.

Q: Where are you from?

A: Allentown, PA

Q: What is there to do there?

A: There's Dorney Park, tons of places to eat and other things to do. PPL is also cool and the one and only Yocco's hot dogs. The Lehigh Valley Mall.

Q: Who's your favorite sports team?

A: Miami Dolphins

Q: Favorite player?

A: Andre Williams (hometown hero)

Q: Play any other sports in high school?

A: I ran track and competed in powerlifting.

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Getting to know...

# Kate Mahoney

Junior soccer player

By Evan Willey  
Sports Writer

Meet Kate Mahoney from the Wilkes Women's Soccer Team. Kate is a junior business major with a track in marketing. She is from Kingston, New Hampshire. She is the team's keeper and is also a member of the golf team. Kate is redshirted for the 2014 soccer season, but is looking forward to the rest of her time on the team.

Q: Describe an embarrassing athletic moment?

A: freshman year we played King's and the game was crazy. Girls were getting fouled like crazy and I was back peddling with no one around me in the box and tripped and fell backwards, totally wiped out..it was so awkward.

Q: What is satisfying about your sport?

A: I love my two sports because they both require so much focus that when I'm playing either golf or soccer I don't have to think about anything else I can just enjoy myself and play

Q: How do you manage playing a sport, being a full time student, and still having fun?

A: managing my time is really important i have to schedule every second of every day. Usually on dayswhen i have soccer and golf i just wake up go to class do homework go to both practices eat and then go to sleep again. But if i get all my work out of the way i always make time for fun with my friends.

Q: What is the best compliment you have ever received?

A: The best compliment i have ever received in college athletics was in our first home match i hit a couple good holes in a row and our wicked awesome coach, Harry Armstrong came up to me

and told me he was proud of me, i was so happy it meant a lot.

Q: What do you enjoy most about Wilkes University?

A: I like the business program at Wilkes the professors are amazing. I have a wonderful adviser, Dr. Batory, and I love how I have a lot of control over what direction I want to take my education in.

Q: If soccer never existed what sport would you play instead?

A: If soccer didn't exist i would probably still be a gymnast I did that when I was younger and loved it. I left because I just love soccer and my parents told me i had to choose one. However after playing golf this semester if I couldn't have soccer today I would stick with the golf team because its so much fun and I love my teammates.

Q: Who would you say is your "biggest fan?" Why?

A: My dad is my biggest fan. I have the best dad in the whole world. I live 5 hours away and he still drives down to see me usually once every three weeks. ...He supports me all the time and is my best friend.

Q: What would you do if you won 1 million dollars tomorrow?

A: If I won a million dollars tomorrow I would give money to my parents to help pay for school with what was left over I would save it and maybe try to buy a house in York Maine.

Q: What do you plan on doing after college and graduation?

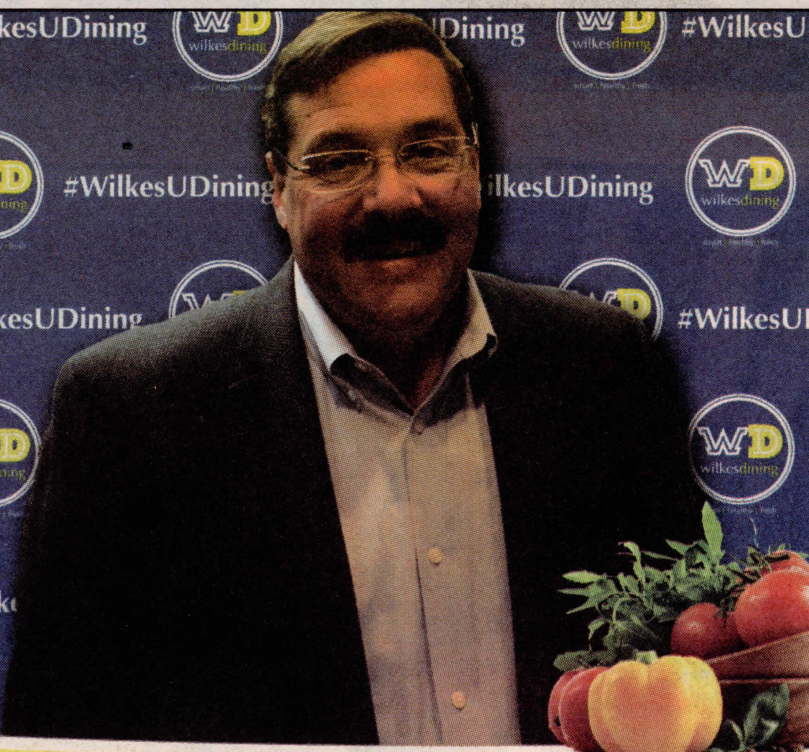
A: After College I plan on working for Churchill ranch Weddings, a wedding venue in Maine. I really want to get into the wedding industry and hopefully run my own wedding planning business someday.



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