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Presidential and Mega-Council elections to be held

By: Maddie Davis
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Student Government and the campus' other Megacouncils are gearing up to begin their presidential elections for their annual elections.

According to Student Government Parliamentarian, Gregory Chang, online ballots will be sent out to students via email at midnight on April 4. Students will have six days to fill out their ballots for the Student Government and Megacouncil presidents before they close at noon on April 9.

Alanah Guerrero and Jason DeBoard are the two students running for Student Body President for the 2019-2020 academic year.

Both candidates prided themselves on their current and past leadership positions in and out of Wilkes University as well as their different reasons for choosing to run in this years election. Despite the similarities, each of the two talked about what the position means to them and how they would improve and change the campus if elected.

Guerrero is a junior nursing student is running for her second time within the past two years. She and two other candidates were defeated by current student body president, Hunter Hughes.

She called herself a selfless person and believes this will help her connect more



Courtesy of Alanah Guerrero and Jason DeBoard

Guerrero and DeBoard along with the other candiates for the other Mega-Councils will speak at the student body forum on Tuesday, April 2.

to the student body. Guerrero recalled a time before she attended Wilkes where someone told her to always 'pay it forward.' She hopes to pay it forward by helping students and adding to their experiences while at Wilkes.

"I just want to make their experience

here memorable and as comfortable as possible. I love my school and support it any way I can and I want other people to love it," said Guerrero.

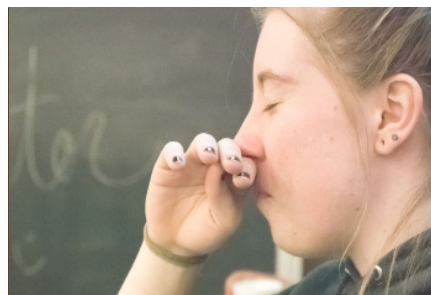
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Center for Career and Development holds Spring 2019 Career & Internship Fair

By: Natalie Stephens
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The Career and Development Center hosted 95 organizations at their annual Career and Internships fair this past Thursday, March 28, in the University Center on Main at Wilkes University.

The event was planned to help students connect and introduce themselves to actual people from organizations and possible future employers as well as just giving students the opportunity to work on marketing themselves.

Carol Bosack Kosek is the Director of Career Development and Internships and has worked in the Career and Development Center here at Wilkes University for 25 years. She has been planning the Career and Internship fair for the last 20 or so years.

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Student Government notes: March 27 weekly meeting

By Sara Ross
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On March 27, Student Government had its weekly meeting with vice president Brianna Price taking the lead, as president Hunter Hughes was absent. Price reminded everyone to be conscious of their decisions when they vote on motions in regard to their amount of funds.

First, Women Empowered By Science (WEBS) came in for a club report, discussing its plans for Adventures in Science on April 26 and their volunteer team for the Big Event on April 27. If interested in joining, they meet every other Thursday.

Following this, there was a visit from assistant dean of the School of Pharmacy of Student Affairs, Dr. Julie Olenak. She wanted to address some issues that arose around the pharmacy Kappa Psi presentation from last

week. The most important one pertaining to rumors surrounding their acceptance of members into their organization, which was resolved.

Kappa Psi then had its second fund request presentation to attend the Grand Council Convention from July 17 to the 21 in D.C. The total cost of the trip would amount to \$7,750, but in a passing motion to reduce the costs, they only allocated \$4,450.

The Hospitality Research Group also gave a follow-up discussion about attending the Hospitality Leadership Conference on April 12 to the 13 in Las Vegas. They requested \$214 to cover their travel expenses and received their amount in a passing motion of 22 in favor, two opposing, and one abstaining.

Pre-Pharmacy Club requested \$990 last week for its field trip to the National

History Museum on April 13. The request was granted in a passing motion, and there are still open spots for anyone that would be interested in going on the trip.

Education Club made a second appearance as well, as they went to the PSEA Education Conference March 28 through 30 at Kalahari Resort. The group received \$900 for it. The theme of the conference is "Be the Wave of Change."

Wilkes University School of Pharmacy students have been selected to attend the American Pharmacists Association Institute on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence on May 29 through June 2. They received \$6,960, which will cover the expenses of seven students.


Lambda Kappa Sigma (LKS) made a request of \$2,400 last week, which would allow them to go to the LKS convention in Milwaukee from July 31 to Aug. 3. In

a passing motion, they received this full amount.

The last fund request was the Big Event on April 27. Big Event is a campus-wide community service event around Wilkes-Barre. The total cost of the event was \$6,000, and this amount was approved by Student Government.

Frisbee Club made an update to its constitution as well, and it was approved. The new changes make it mandatory for the officer and members to attend meetings and practices, along with other requirements.

Finally, Silver Wings made a second appearance and succeeded in getting their club recognized. By being recognized, this will allow them to start a Wilkes chapter and to attend the National Conclave.

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Beacon Briefs: The upcoming happenings on campus

Compiled by Sean Schmoyer

Don't Miss the MSC Talent Show

The Multicultural Student Coalition will hold a talent show at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 5, in the Henry Student Center Ballroom.

Students can sign up by filling out the Google forms on the MSC Talent Show Wilkes Today page.

Admission is free, and there will be food provided, so come out and cheer on the performers.

Support Suicide Prevention: Glow Run

The sixth annual Glow Run will be sponsored by Residence life from 7 to 11 p.m. on Saturday, April 27.

Students can register at the Glow Run table in the Henry Student Center between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. today, Thursday, April 15 through April 17, and April 22, through April 26.

The cost is \$10.00 for Wilkes students and \$15.00 for non-Wilkes students.

Support WACA's Scrunchie and Headband Sale


The Wilkes African Cultural Association will be selling headbands and scrunchies on April 9, 11, and 16 during club hours in the Student Union Building. For more information, contact Mmachi at mmachi.dimoriaku@wilkes.edu.

Sign Up for the Downtown Establishment Tour

This semester's Downtown Establishment

Tour is Saturday, April 6. The night will celebrate the 50th anniversary of Woodstock, thus WilkesStock.

Cost is \$10 for seniors, and \$15 for any non-seniors. This covers the T-shirt, food and bus transportation to River Grille. There will also be various drinks for those who attend and are at least 21-years-old.

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Upcoming Events: 2019 Spring Semester

April

2 - Presidential Forum (SG)
2 - Health and Wellness Fair
2 - Wine and Cheese (SG)
2 - Sordoni Art Gallery Opening:
Ukiyo-e to Shin Hanga Exhibition
4 - Opioid Epidemic Awareness Walk
4 - Palm Reader (WUPB)
4 - Presidential Ballot Opens (SG)
4 - Future Night (WUPB)
5 - Talent Show (MSC)
6 - Color Wars (Hindu Spirituality Club)
6 - Downtown Establishment Tour
6 - Art in Context Lecture (Sordoni)

9 - Presidential Ballot Closes (SG)
10 - Executive Board Nominations Wk. 1 (SG)
11 - Giveaway (WUPB)
11 - The Art of Japanese Woodcut Lecture (Sordoni)
13 - Block Party (SG)
17 - Executive Board Nominations Wk. 2 (SG)
25 - Motivational Sticky Notes (WUPB)
25 - Get Ready for Summer Bingo (WUPB)
27 - Big Event (SG)
27 - Glow Run (Residence Life)
28 - Mall Shopping Shuttle
30 - The Peace Crane Project (Sordoni)

WUPB denotes Wilkes University Programming Board
CC denotes Commuter Council
SG denotes Student Government
SD denotes Student Development
MSC denotes Multicultural Student Coalition

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New opportunities for elementary and early childhood education majors

By Cabrini Rudnicki
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Wilkes University has announced changes to the Elementary and Early Childhood Education Department. An agreement with Lackawanna College as well as a new online program were announced recently.

A new articulation agreement has been met with Lackawanna College. Lackawanna graduates can transfer to Wilkes to complete their bachelor's degree. Students from Lackawanna who have completed an associate degree in early childhood education can transfer into the major as a junior at Wilkes.

The agreement was signed by President Patrick F. Leahy and Lackawanna College President Mark Volk on March 27.

Dr. Rhonda Rabbitt, dean of education at Wilkes University welcomed the crowd at the signing.

"There comes moments in history where things come into an alignment," she said. "There is a lot of talk about the budget in early childhood education, and there is a lot of talk in the field about poor quality childcare, lack of access, lack of people who are working with our most vulnerable population of students.

"All of those are coming together at the same time, and all of us in higher education have a chance to make a difference."

Dr. Anne Skleder, Wilkes University provost, spoke about the crisis of early childhood education further.

"By 2028, to hold the highest rating in a childcare center...a hundred percent of those teachers need to be bachelor prepared. We are no way there, and we will not be there save for programs we are announcing today," said Skleder.

Volk spoke about the unique situation most Lackawanna students are in. According to Volk, 82 percent of families in the college are at or below the poverty line.

"When we look at (our student's) ability to raise themselves up into the middle class, it is a major challenge," said Volk. "We can provide pathways to provide opportunities for those young men and women to move from our campus to (Wilkes.)"

Amy Hnasko, assistant education professor at Wilkes, also spoke about the new online program.

According to Hnasko, the new online program is what prompted the articulation agreement with Lackawanna.

"The online bachelors requires that you have an associates before entering the program," said



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Pictured seated left to right is Wilkes University President Patrick F. Leahy and Lackawanna College President Mark Volk. Standing left to right is Lackawanna College Academic Dean, Suzanne Cercone; Lackawanna College Vice President of Academic Affairs and Chief Academic Officer, Erica Barone Pricci; Lackawanna College Social Science Division Chair, Nicole Bradigan; Wilkes University Provost and Senior Vice President, Anne Skleder; Wilkes University Dean of the School of Education, Rhonda Rabbitt; and Wilkes University Associate Professor and Chair of the Undergraduate Education Program, Suzanne Galella. Hnasko.

In the program, early childhood educators with at least 55 credits can now earn their bachelor's degree online at Wilkes. A scholarship through the Pennsylvania Child Care Association is available for students who qualify.

A similar agreement with Luzerne County Community College was announced in

December 2018.

For more information on both programs, prospective students can call the Wilkes Admission office at (570) 408-4400.

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United Nations Lecture Series hosts lecture on climate change

By Michelle Grossbauer
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Jamil Ahmad was welcomed this past Tuesday as part of the United Nations Lecture Series presented by the Humpty Dumpty Institute's Higher Education Alliance for the United Nations. Ahmad's presentation focused on the importance of climate change and what it is doing to our environment.

His beginnings started in 1986 where he joined the Foreign Service of Pakistan. He worked in duty stations across Asia, Europe, and Africa which gave Ahmad experience in bilateral and multilateral affairs.

In 2008, Ahmad joined the UN Environment as the Secretary for the Governing Bodies based in Kenya. In this position, he worked directly with the Secretariat and led the organization of the sessions of Governing Bodies by serving as the focal point of the UN Environment's external relations. He remained in this position until 2014.

Ahmad is currently the head of intergovernmental affairs at the New York office of the United Nations Environmental Program. His work includes taking a lead on sustainable development and the environment in support of the organization's policies. Ahmad has a master's degree in

political science.

His presentation began by discussing how climate change is relevant today. The importance of multilateralism includes how everyone (and every country) is affected by climate change. If we act only in one country, then it will not prevent climate change from being impacted by actions from other countries.

Ahmad also expressed the importance of youth tied to climate change. With 18 billion people in the world being 10 to 24-year-olds, this is the largest young generation to exist. We have to be the ones to change because we have to either deal with the dying environment or change what impacts it. One change Ahmad pointed out was his approval of the refillable water stations on Wilkes campus.

Freshman Allyssa Olear found the presentation to be a great opportunity to learn about the impact the UN is making towards a green economy.

"We're fortunate enough to be in a situation that if we really try, we can make environmentally conscious decisions without worrying about food or other necessities from day to day," said Olear.

She personally found the Sustainable Development Goals interesting because many individuals dismiss the interconnectedness



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Jamil Ahmad, head of intergovernmental affairs at the New York office of the United Nations Environmental Program, presented a climate change lecture from the perspective of a government official.

of social issues with environmental impact.

Freshman Donald Ballou agreed with Olear, saying, "I really appreciated his aggressive stance on climate action, and I'm inspired to use my passions to fuel my work ethic and dedication to my career as he did."

Ballou said that it was an honor to have such a senior lead in the UN such as Ahmad to come to speak at Wilkes. The cruciality of climate change became real for him when

listening to the presentation which raised internal questions for himself as to how he could make a difference.

"His encouragement for small but meaningful actions inspired questions and ideas of becoming more ecologically conscious - even here at Wilkes."

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Pi Sigma Alpha welcomes two scholars for a presidential lecture

By Sean Schmoyer
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On March 26, the Political Science Honor Society, Pi Sigma Alpha hosted two guest speakers. Dr. Scott R. Meinke, professor of political science at Bucknell University, and Dr. Michael Dimino, professor of law at Widener University Commonwealth Law School, presented about the legal and political checks on our President and other members of the government.

Dimino's presentation focused on three topics: an introduction to what impeachment is, the meaning of the phrase "high crimes and misdemeanors," and the judiciary's role in impeachment.

Dimino began by expressing that impeachment itself is a process used in the House of Representatives and is the equivalent of an indictment.

However, he explained that impeachment is not a criminal proceeding, it is a way to remove the President and any civil officer.

This means that a president must first be impeached before being tried under criminal charges.

After talking about how impeachment works Dimino moved on to discuss the charge of high crimes and misdemeanors and what it means. In a sense, he explained that high crimes and misdemeanors can be whatever the courts or the House of Representatives decides it to be in terms of political reality, but that such a flimsy definition is not acceptable from a constitutional

standing.

The charge "high crimes and misdemeanors" was taken from English law where misdemeanors did not mean a criminal offense but instead held a different meaning.

"Misdemeanors meant, in English Law, as a term of art that means political offenses against the community and the state as a whole," Dimino said. "We know this both from English and American practice where officials have been impeached for conduct that was not criminal but did reflect poorly on their offices."

"For example in 1804, a federal judge was impeached but was not guilty of treason or bribery, but was impeached for being drunk on the bench and demonstrated unfitness for office."

This definition of high crimes and misdemeanors serves as a limitation on impeachment.

Other impeachable charges include corruption, misapplication of funds, abuse of official power in an unlawful way, and encroaching on the power of the legislation.

In terms of the judiciary's role in impeachment, the Supreme Court has stated that the House and Senate have the sole power over impeachment.

Dimino then passed the presentation off to Meinke who discussed what influences congressional members' decisions, the impact impeachment can carry, and the tools Congress has aside from impeachment to keep checks on the President.



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Dr. Michael Dimino (Widener), left, and Dr. Scott R. Meinke (Bucknell), right, paired together to give a lecture about the impeachment as a whole and its origins in law.

Meinke began by discussing that congressional members are influenced by whether they are up for reelection. He spoke about how a reelection can shape how and when Congress checks the President and that the party in control of the House of Representatives and the Senate plays a crucial role as well. Meinke expressed that a current reality we have to face in our political climate is that partisanship and party competition play a crucial role in how our congressional members act.

Next Meinke talked about the three presidents who underwent the impeachment process: Andrew Johnson, Bill Clinton and Richard Nixon.

Johnson's case showcases how large of a role partisanship plays in Congress. Johnson was primarily impeached due to disagreements with his actions despite none of them being direct actions against the United States.

Before talking about the impact of the attempt to impeach Bill Clinton, Meinke explained Richard Pious' Popular Law of Impeachment. Pious' law states that Congress will often refer to the findings in public opinion polls about the grounds for which a president should be impeached or removed from office.

Clinton's case expresses how important impeachment is and how it should be used carefully or it may have the opposite effect.

"There are some lessons from the Clinton case and some cautions for those who might think about impeachment focused on short term political gain. In the case of Bill Clinton, the attempt to impeach Bill Clinton resulted in a backfire on Republicans and resulted in Republicans losing seats in the House

of Representatives, and Bill Clinton's approval rating reached its highest point during the attempt to impeach him. So the attempt to impeach Bill Clinton was countered by the Popular Law of Impeachment as Congress did not have the public support," said Meinke.

Finally, Meinke talked about the actions Congress can use to keep the president in check without using impeachment. Congress can limit presidential authority, undo presidential actions, have some control over the president's funds, and take public positions opposing what the president does.

Recently the House and Senate have disapproved of President Trump's declaration of a national emergency. They have made a unanimous call for the release of the Mueller Report in full, and Congress has taken action to attempt to educate the American people about crucial issues by inviting the NATO Secretary General to speak before a joint session of Congress.

Donald Ballou, freshman international relations major shared his thought on the lecture as a whole.


"I didn't know much about it going in, but to learn that impeachment did not, and could not, involve criminal punishments, and could only result in removal of office and prevention of holding office again was very interesting to me," said Ballou.

"I thought the entire presentation was very interesting, and it really surprised me to know the technicalities of impeachment," he said.



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Dimino started the lecture talking about what impeachment is and the meaning behind it.

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CODIE hosts activist Robyn Ochs' 'Beyond Binaries' lecture

By Sammi Verespy
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The Council on Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity recently welcomed Robyn Ochs, who put on the talk "Beyond Binaries: Identity and Sexuality."

Ochs is an educator, campus speaker, a grassroots activist as well as an editor for the Bi Women Quarterly and two anthologies that focus around the idea of bisexuality.

Ochs started her talk in the form of a question. Saying, "Have you ever been told your sexuality is a phase? That being a bisexual won't last. Well, I am here to show you that that is a wrong idea. I am exhibit A, I have been bisexual for 41 and a half years now."

This talk emphasized that it was OK to be who you are, whoever that is, no matter how long it takes you to find who you truly are.

"We are many many things at once, not just our sexuality," said Ochs. "We are our ability or our disability, our gender, our age, our political beliefs, or even our class."

This is an idea that is echoed throughout the program, that it is OK to be whatever you identify as because that makes you who you are.

Brianna Schunk, junior English and dance dual major echoed this idea as to why events like this are important.

"Queer visibility events are so important around our campus," Schunk said. "We have GSA (Gender and Sexuality Alliance) and other support events, but none really like this where everyone, even members of the community can come. The queer community is one that needs exposure, needs to be known, needs to be felt. For people to be able to be seen and not afraid. That is why we

need events like this."

Helen Davis, a Wilkes English professor also commented on why these types of events are important for the campus community.

"These events help us understand each other more," Davis said. "They broaden our perspectives and make topics that people have trouble understanding easier to see. This also helps to transform the lens of students to come to a collective frame of reference."

This program is one that Ochs said these talks have given her a sense of validation and allow her to remain varied and complex.

"We think in binaries," she commented. "This program shows through our own experience, through how we are in this room. It shows how complex and interesting people are, these charts and graphs are a huge impact on our views in this room. This is because each number represented one person in this room. It is an actual being right here."

This is in reference to the interactive portion of the talk. There was an interactive study that was anonymous. This was done by filling out a 20-question form that was optional. Questions on this included different questions about sexuality, gender, crushes and even how families view your sexuality.

This then was taken to a real-life Ochs scale. This allowed people to stand on the points that people had actually ranked themselves, and show it on a demographic scale. The rankings were one to seven with one representing similar gender choices and seven being different gender choices from your own. There is also an "N/A," "X," and "?" choice for those who do not fit on the scale.

This scale is an adapted version of the Kinsey scale, so that it can be more



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Ochs talked about the different identities and sexualities that exist outside of the binary.

inclusive of everyone and their choices and how they identify.

This exercise ignited a conversation from the audience about how sexuality and gender can be as private or as open as you need it to be. Ochs said "this is 'Identity not 'U'dentity" emphasizing that there are endless possibilities with how you see yourself and your gender."

There was also a conversation on attraction. Ochs provided insight into why we need to find more words and to be clearer with expression.

"We do not have complex enough vocabularies yet. But we will get there, we will find it, but humans are just so complex," she said.

This is something that she mended together by saying attraction is temporal, but you are forever, so fall in love with yourself first.

This brought up how to help yourself

come to a clearer point in who you are.

There are many resources available to students and even community members that are struggling with their identity or finding themselves.

On campus, the first resource is to reach out to CODIE, this can be done by talking to Helen Davis or to Erica Acosta. The other options include Wilkes University's safe space ally program, the LGBTQ+ awareness and ally sessions, the LGBTQ brochures that can be picked up around campus, and lastly, Title IX can also be reached out to.

In the community, some resources that are available include biresources.org as well as Ochs's journal, Biwomen Quarterly.

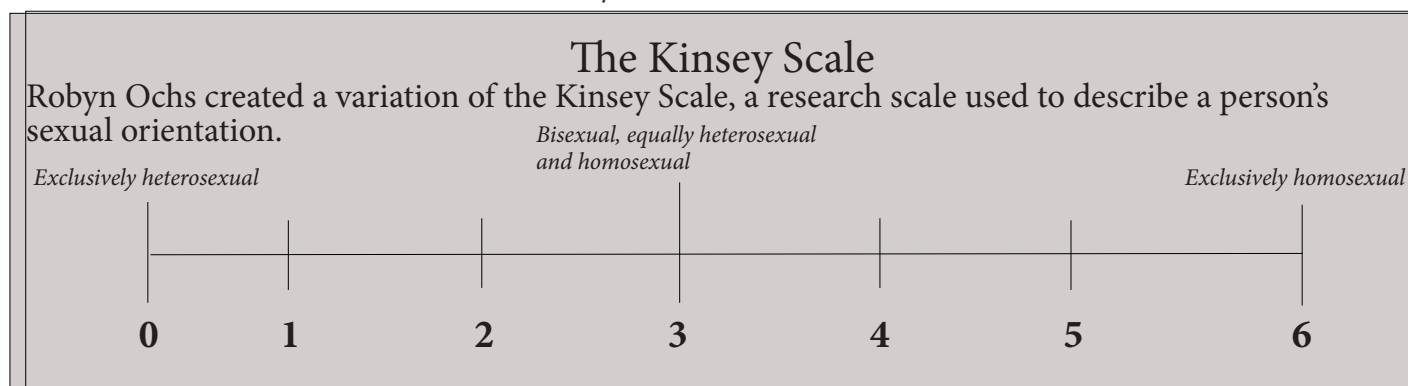
This can be found at biwomenboston.org

Ochs said that if anything, she "wants to allow people to have permission to exist. To be comfortable in their own skin. To be comfortable in their own skin and to not have the answers. But to also know they are not alone in not having those answers. That it is OK and they are not alone."

To support Ochs in her journeys, and to support Biwomen Quarterly, her buttons, flags and jewelry are available for sale on her Etsy shop, Biproducts. One hundred percent of the proceeds go to funding for the journal.



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to do is to use the resources from the Capital Projects Committee to continue to improve parts of the campus for students. This committee uses leftover money from Student Government to make enhancements for the campus.

As apart of the committee, she hopes to remodel the first floor of the Henry Student Center with more computers and a better-designed gaming lounge.

She also said they she wants to use more student outreach initiatives like surveys to have activities that students are interested in. Guerrero hopes to be an ally to club members and to overall make students comfortable with approaching herself with any ideas.

“As student body president I would love to be more of an ally of the clubs on campus and just be more supportive,” she added.

She finally added that she hopes to continue to support the Student Government’s slogan “by the students for the students” if she is to be elected.

DeBoard is a sophomore biology and neuroscience major who is currently the Commuter Council president. He made

a name for himself and was elected as the first ever freshman president this past year.

“I am a natural leader,” said DeBoard. “I have led since I was little.”

He personally believes because he has held multiple jobs and leadership titles on and off of campus that he is fit to be the president of the student body.

“Rather than being pigeonholed into this is how to lead college students, I have many different perspectives on how to lead people with disabilities, how to lead younger children and have also been a leader on campus,” he added.

DeBoard also noticed that students were concerned about how their money was being spent. He then worked on making Wilkes’ budget more transparent for the students. Through this, he was able to show students that a portion of their money is being used by Student Government to put on-campus events.

“I want it to be a known thing that it is your money and this is what we are doing with it,” said DeBoard.

As Commuter Council president he tailored his budget to have more giveaways and events for not only

commuters but for all Wilkes students.

He recently has hosted giveaways for students which have given away gas cards and tire gauges to students that write encouragement cards which he posts all around campus.

As student body president, DeBoard said that he hopes to be the voice of the students and maintain efficiency when it comes to engagement. He specifically wants students to know that he wants this position to care, serve and solve any problems that may come up on campus.

“To get more people involved you just have to show you care about them,” he said “Engagement is a very hard. It is a difficult process but I think I do it well.

“I want them to know that I am here to serve you. I am the voice of the students. I don’t want to be that narcissistic person that thinks they can run it all and that they know it all. I am here for your advice.”

The campus is set to vote for these candidates from April 4 through 9 and some students were unsure about the presidential election altogether.

Two students echoed some of the confusion around campus regarding the Student Government and Megacouncil

elections. Both Sophia Gavigan, junior marketing and hospitality major, and Jenna Frei, junior nursing major, explained that they did not know that elections were coming up and added that they did not know who was running.


“I only know Alanah is running because I see her posters,” said Frei.

When asked whether the two would vote or not they both answered maybe and were overall unsure of how the elections work and what exactly they were voting for.

The candidates for the Megacouncil elections include the following.

Briana Rowland, Abie Pessima, and Amina Mustafa will all run in the MSC President race. Ivy Kusi will run unopposed for RHC President. Neil Murphy and Bryanna Polascik will compete for the Commuter Council President position. Finally, Lety Flores, Deandre Depass and Miranda McKinney will run for the Programming Board President.

Ballots will be sent to students on April 4.

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Profile of a Professor: Dr. Kimmy T. Nguyen: Pharmacy Practice

By Joshua Shepard
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Assistant professor Kimmy Nguyen started working at Wilkes University at the beginning of the fall semester in August of 2018.

Growing up in Harrisburg, Pa, Nguyen earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy in Philadelphia, Pa. She later completed a year as postgraduate in Pharmacy Practice Residency at the Corporal Michael J. Crescenz VA Medical Center in Philadelphia and another year in Ambulatory Care Pharmacy at the VA Hudson Valley Health Care System in Wappingers Falls, NY. She is also a member of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy and the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists.

To Nguyen, pharmacy combines a lot of sciences, whether biology and chemistry, and finds a way to help people. She believes there are so many ways and opportunities in pharmacy that it can be overwhelming.

Nguyen clinically practices at the Volunteers in Medicine in Wilkes-Barre,

Pa. The program was designed to provide free primary and preventative health services for those individuals who are employed but have no access to or cannot afford health insurance. Nguyen is proud to help at Volunteers in Medicine for people who need it the most.

Prior to Nguyen working at Wilkes, her younger sister Lily-Ann Nguyen is a current student in the pharmacy department as well.

“She’s been talking to me about her time here as a student and it’s always been positive things, so when I was finishing up my training and I saw the job posting, I thought ‘why not try to apply here?’”

Originally, Nguyen thought of becoming a grade school teacher, but she later decided to go major in pharmacy and attend a six-year program. During that time, she still had a passion to teach; she would be involved as a teaching assistant, mentor, tutor, or resident advisor.

Teaching and helping others figure out what they want to do is where she finds the most joy and satisfaction out of the field of pharmacy. Shadowing faculty members, and creating lectures were just a sample of

what Nguyen would have to do will in her postgraduate training years. Afterward, she decided to look for teaching jobs specifically.

Though this is Nguyen’s first academic year at Wilkes University, the transition was smooth and easy for her that she already feels at home in the Wilkes community.

“I have been enjoying every second of it,” said Nguyen happily, “It’s been a dream come true, and everyone has been so welcoming, supportive and helpful.”

Her professional interests include the pharmacotherapeutics of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, hypertension, dyslipidemia, diabetes, and gout. However, pharmacy is not all of Nguyen’s life, she always makes time for her hobbies, including video games, reading, origami and taking care of her hamster.


Nguyen is grateful to be a part of the Wilkes University and she humbly feels like she can make her mark in the lives of students here. She feels welcomed to be a part of the Wilkes community, and has found ways to relax and release



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Dr. Kimmy Nguyen

any pressure from the academic setting, especially when she’s really busy with her schedule and paperwork.

“I couldn’t have done (this) without all the people that have helped me figure out my way around the first couple of months,” said Nguyen, smiling about her experience so far at Wilkes University, “It’s been nothing but good things here.”

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French conversation group open to anyone who can say “Bonjour”

By Anna Culver
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Every Wednesday, in Breiseth 107 from 4:15 to 5:00 p.m., the event “Pardon Our French” is held for Wilkes students, faculty, staff and friends to practice their French skills.

Amy Kuiken, an adjunct faculty member in Wilkes University’s division of global cultures is the French professor and an ESL instructor for the IFARHU program.

She developed and runs this interactive language program, “Pardon Our French” and started it in 2016 as a way for her French students to have the chance to get extra time to practice French with one another.

Kuiken also wanted to give other students who are not in the class, but are interested in speaking, the chance to learn more about the French language in the process.

When asked what inspired her to start the program, she said:

“For me, I think it was to keep life interesting...I, myself, was born in America and was raised speaking English, but when I learned French, it opened the world up to me. I moved from the Boston area to northeastern Pa. and I wasn’t sure what that meant for speaking French. So, I decided to do this group and see who would come and I was surprised by how many people came.”

The event is open to everyone. Students, professors, and community members are welcome to attend to learn more. It does not matter what amount of French that you know, as long as you can say “bonjour,” and are willing to learn.

Even students with different language backgrounds are welcome to come to learn. If one is monolingual knowing just English or bilingual, this is an environment that is geared toward exposing people to the French language.

Kuiken mentioned that one benefit of this

group is that you can make mistakes and have the opportunity to see how you can communicate effectively with people at many different levels.

“It is easier to grow when there is no final exam at the end,” said Kuiken.

Depending on the semester, Kuiken observed that turn out has been varying. It has about four to five people who come consistently, but there is always room to more.

“I had a really good time and I think going to do it again,” said Donald Ballou, first year international studies major, who was attending the event for the first time. Even if all you want to do is see if you can just follow along, this even can present the environment to do so.

“It was my first time, but it was a really good experience and makes me want to speak French again,” said Allyssa Olear, a first year political science and international studies dual major.


Kuiken also mentioned that she presents a topic at the beginning of each session allowing

everyone to then chime in as they are able to.

The topics range from anything from Pepsi versus Coke or dogs versus cats. Her hope is that by presenting these topics, everyone gets the chance to use a little bit of language or a lot to make a comment depending on what they know. She wants people in her class to feel as though if they do not have the ability to speak fluent French, that they can still contribute to the conversation.

“I have devoted much of my life to expanding the size of my students’ world and my own world through language and to see that there are other people interested in that also really encourages me,” said Kuiken.

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Senioritis: How is it affecting you, class of 2019?

By Nicholas Filipek
Managing Editor

This week marks the first week in April, and for many Wilkes University students, it also marks their last full month of school.

These seniors have overcome many struggles to get to where they are now, but have just one more hurdle to jump in order to get to that finish line of graduation: senioritis.

The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines the affliction as, “an ebbing of motivation and effort by school seniors as evidenced by tardiness, absences, and lower grades.”

Many believe senioritis to be a myth, nothing more than an excuse to be lazy, yet to others it is a reality of trying to both get through their final semester and find a job with what little bit of steam they have left.

Aislinn Speranza, a marketing & communication studies dual-major, CEO of Zebra Communications, vice president of Phi Beta Lambda, captain of Wilkes

women’s soccer team and an employee to three jobs on campus, is certainly feeling the strain of being stretched so thin.

“I feel like I am definitely in an awkward place because I have to do all of my homework, and take care of all my responsibilities that I have here at Wilkes, but I still have to look for jobs and try to be as professional as I can to continue the rest of my life in whatever workforce I go into.”

Having so much on your plate is a common theme at Wilkes, with many students wanting to take advantage of all the activities the university has to offer.

Romeo Rosario, a psychology major with a sociology minor, resident assistant in Doane Hall, BACCHUS President, e-mentor and the head drum major for the Wilkes marching band, also feels the need to try to be in too many places all at the same time.

“Trying to organize everything, and just trying to make sure you show up, because honestly just showing up to things is half the problem, is probably like the biggest challenge.”

That challenge will go on for another couple of weeks until many Seniors walk across that stage and claim their diplomas. Until then however, there still is a whole lot of school left, and Ben Saunders, communication studies major and director of technology who sits on the executive board for Zebra Communications, knows the challenges that still lie ahead.

“As of right now, I’m not overwhelmingly busy, but with graduation and final exams, projects and stuff on the horizon, I know a huge workload is about to crash down onto my head,” Saunders said.

Though everyone seems to be a bit on edge, and just wanting for all of it to just be over with already, when all three seniors who were asked, “Will you miss Wilkes?” Each stopped, smiled, and thought about just how much they will, in fact, miss this second home and everything it has meant to them.

“It’s become my home, and it has just always been there, even though it has been the cause of all my stress, it was for something good.” said Rosario, with

Saunders sharing a similar opinion of how comfortable it is to become at Wilkes.

“The whole routine and environment is something I’ve gotten used to and started to enjoy, and it is definitely something I’ll miss a lot,” Saunders said.

Speranza includes a further sentiment that is, quite honestly, the hope for every college hopeful, and the college experience personified.

“I am going to miss it a lot. I came in undeclared and now I am leaving four and a half years later with two degrees, tons of experience and a lot of new friends that I know for a fact are going to be my friends for life, even the connections I have made here. I will come back for Homecoming and it’ll be a bunch of familiar people that I am going to be excited to see.”

It is just time to buckle down and get it done seniors. You have proven that you can make it this far, and graduation is just a bit further to go.

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Wilkes University Biology Club hosts annual Fear Factor event



(Top left) Eight contestants bravely faced their fears last Tuesday evening, undergoing a series of challenges meant to test their fortitude.

(Top center) Contestants, like David Miller also had to escape from a set of handcuffs, with the only key buried in a container of sawdust and various live bugs.

(Bottom center) Lauren Waltz battles to keep down one of the various stomach-turning delicacies presented as challenges.

(Right) “I had to eat gross animal stomach,” said digital design and media art sophomore, Rahmiere Jones (left) with David Miller (right).

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"It's always been a really good vehicle for people to get jobs, internships or get used to practicing how to do your elevator speech and shake someone's hand and introduce yourself to get over the nervousness," said Bosack.

As students, no matter what class, the Career and Development Center stresses that it is important to be planning ahead for internships to gain experience and for their careers after graduation.

"It's good for us students to see what's out there," said Benjamin Gibson, senior electrical engineering major at Wilkes University.

Having an internship on your resume is also beneficial because it shows that you have relevant experience in your field and that you are able and willing to put in the work. There is always a

chance the that you have an internship that you don't really see yourself pursuing into a job and that's good to find out before you graduate and are looking for full time work.

"Internships are very important because it gives you a sense of what you want to do and what you don't want to do so it can help you narrow down the option," said Yasmeen Ahmed, junior psychology major at Wilkes University.

The Career and Internship fair gives students the opportunity to make connections while also boosting their confidence when it comes to introducing themselves to possible employers.

"The most important thing is that they have made a connection with an actual person because everything is so computer based and now you have someone you can ask questions to, that

you have actually given your resume to," said Bosack.

Being proactive and following up is also an important aspect of getting an internship or job as well as just thanking those that have helped you get to where you are or may be going. A thank you or check in is always appreciated and it could set you apart from others in the field.


One of the most important factors in finding an internship or job is networking. You could get your dream job by just introducing yourself to someone who knows someone. All you have to do it show up and introduce yourself.

"One thing I hope to gain is more networking abilities and being able to talk to employers and just to really get my resume out there," said James Dotter, senior sports management major at Wilkes University.

The next Career and Internship fair will be in the Fall of 2019 so there will be many more opportunities for students to grow their network and learn more about internships and employment opportunities in the area and beyond.

Wilkes University Career and Development Center is always an available resource to assist students in creating or re-working resumes as well as holding mock interviews to help students become more prepared for the workforce.

If you have any questions on the Career and Internship Fair or the Career and Development Center contact Carol Bosack at carol.bosack@wilkes.edu or Sharon Castano at sharon.castano@wilkes.edu

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Three-toed sloths have such a unique way of moving branch to branch.

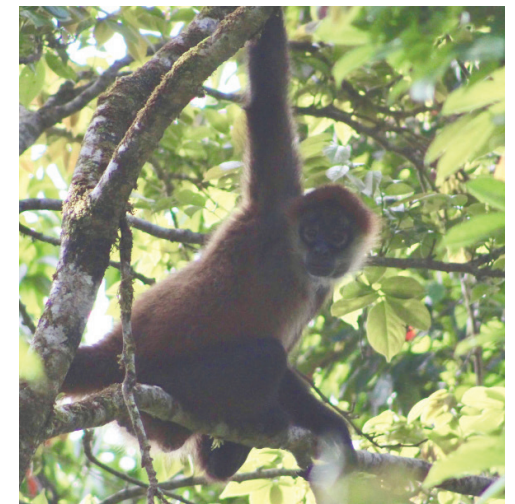


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A spider sits and watches the outside world move around it.



This parrot is ready for its quick afternoon snack.



The look a monkey gives you could make you stop in your tracks.

This week's photos were taken during spring break in Coasta Rica.

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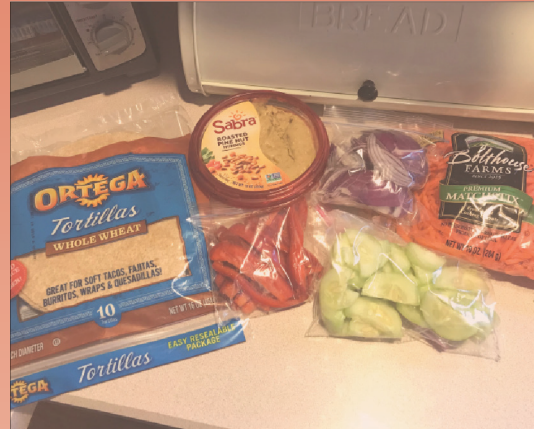
VEGGIE WRAP

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cucumber
- 1 red pepper
- 1 red onion
- 1 bag of matchstick carrots
- 1 bag of tortillas
- 1 container of your favorite hummus (*I used Sabra's Roasted Pine Nut Hummus)

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Cut the cucumber into half circle shapes.
2. Cut the red pepper into vertical sticks.
3. Cut the red onion into thin stripes. *Note: Store the red onion in a plastic container.
4. Using a spoon, smear a heaping teaspoon of hummus onto the center of the tortilla.
5. Add the matchstick carrots on top of the hummus.
6. Add the cucumber halves, red pepper sticks and onions.
7. Roll the tortilla shell so your veggies are contained inside the wrap.
8. Enjoy your healthy veggie wrap.



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BREAKFAST AT TIFFANY'S



Alexandra Balavage, Megan Kramer, Cody Morcom, Alannah Guerrero, Madalyn Pfaff and Gabriel Velez pose together on the dance floor at the Genetti Hotel.



Scott Heffelfinger and David Lanius were all smiles as the two showed off their bowties and coordinating formalwear.



Waiting for dinner, Edison Fowler, Reynaldo Perez, April Haupt, Matthew Kelly, Kylie Dillon, Rai-Shawn Rihaldi, Aneal Knowles and Kaitlyn Swartz pose with the *Breakfast at Tiffany's* themed decor.



Eric Kong, Samantha Cotto and Jason Aristizabal take a moment for a photo during the evening's festivities.



Friends Raeva Mulloth, Marissa Lewis and Stephanie Ostir all dressed up in formal attire for the special occasion.



Nikki Hart and Michaela Fehn strike a pose together on the dance floor at Spring Fling.



Wilkes University students seized the opportunity to connect with friends, take a variety of photographs and welcome the spring season back to campus.



Alan Sebastianell, Noah Molina, David Lanius, Scott Heffelfinger Bottom, Mia Walker, Caroline Rickard and Jillian Weston enjoy dressing up and getting a meal for \$5.00.



The dance floor of the Genetti Hotel was flooded with pastel colors to reflect the spring-themed event.

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Jussie Smollett charges dropped; locals speak out about Empire actor

If people commit crimes, they should have to face some sort of fair punishment.

On Jan. 22, Fox Empire star Jussie Smollett called police with reports of a threatening letter and a powdery substance at work.

On Jan. 29, Smollett filed a police report of a hate crime. Smollett reported that he was assaulted by two men for being a black, gay man, according to published reports.

When the alleged hate crime was under investigation, it was later discovered that Smollett's police report was a hoax.

Smollett told police that two men attacked him outside of the Loews Hotel in Chicago while he was walking. The attackers were identified as the Nigerian brothers, Abimbola "Abel" and Olabinjo "Ola" Osundario.

Those men were wearing ski masks during the time of the attack and shouting racist and homophobic slurs to defend "MAGA" (Make America Great Again). Smollett was charged with 16 felony counts from staging this false hate crime.

He allegedly paid his coworkers to help him stage this crime.

Smollett claimed that the two brothers, Abel and Ola Osundario, doused him with chemical and then tied a noose around his neck. For this act, the brothers claimed that Smollett payed them \$3,500 for the attack. However, Smollett said he paid them that amount for fitness training.

On March 26, all of Smollett's felony charges that were placed against him were dropped.

In an interview with CNN, Cook County First Assistant State's Attorney, Joseph Magats said, "The only reason that it's getting the scrutiny that it is is because of who got the disposition. There are plenty of other cases like this, over 5,700 that have gotten some type of alternative or deferred type of prosecution."

The black and the LGBTQ communities are outraged about the outcome of Smollett's case where his charges have been dropped.

According to mechanical engineering student at Wilkes University, Daniel Yenca, "Jussie Smollett is giving the black community a worse name. By doing something as he did, he is enhancing the stigma that the black community is eccentric and will do anything to get attention. We are a struggling community as it is and this act makes it even harder to be taken seriously, especially as an academic."

Staging a false hate crime against someone who is black and gay can also give a negative look at not only the black community, but the LGBTQ community as well.

A member of the LGBTQ community, Mary Endy stated, "This greatly affects our community because if he is really lying about hate crimes against us, we as a community won't be taken seriously."


All it takes is one person to create such a case like this is exactly what gives certain a negative stereotype. These communities are struggling as it is, and cases like this makes it more difficult for people in these communities to fit into society.

If any everyday civilian were to stage a hate crime and file a false police report, they would have gotten some sort of punishment. Whether you're a celebrity with money or not, if you commit a crime, you should have to face some type of prosecution.

That brings us into equal human rights. We live in a society that you can get away with practically anything if you're in a higher social class.

Wilkes Barre resident and member of the LGBTQ community Beth Farr stated, "I don't agree with the charges being dropped if it were based solely on the fact he paid off someone to have the charges dropped. I can only hope and pray that wasn't the case. Our judicial system is doing this at an alarming rate these days, and it's quite scary and appalling. Everyone should be held responsible for the consequences of their actions, regardless of their financial or social status."

Smollett was charged with 16 felony counts of staging this false hate crime but all charges were dropped.

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The brick and mortar experience: What will become of it?

By Savannah Pinnock
Opinion Editor

Sight, sound, touch, taste and smell are sensations that we commonly refer to as the five senses. It has also been revealed that there are even more sensations that are a part of the human experience.

Through the use of the complex inner workings of the human body, one is able to observe their surroundings and make decisions accordingly.

With this being said, is it possible that the sense-oriented brick and mortar shopping experience is becoming obsolete?

Is society more in favor of a digital experience which only allows one to use one of their senses in their decision making?

The answer to this question is quite complicated and may come as a surprise. Taking a look at the technological changes that have occurred throughout society, it is clear to see that at the turn of the century society witnessed a boom in technological advancements.

As early as the late 70s, the technological innovations of Steve Jobs and other digital masterminds began to shift the way in which society functions.

It is also important to note that technology is not a term that should be seen with strong digital denotations. Technology is simply anything that enhances the efficiency of a daily task.

However, what is particularly interesting is that digital technology has often been gradually integrated into different areas of society. For instance, at one point in time the vast majority of one's social interactions were not facilitated by any form of digital technology, e.g. cell phones, tablets, PCs, etc.

In modern times, it is clear to see that

computer mediated communication has rendered conventional communication slightly obsolete. To fully grasp the gravity of this shift, one can simply ask Millennials or Generation Z individuals if they prefer to have a conversation via text or phone call. Many of these individuals would choose a conversation via text message.

Bearing this in mind, it is only reasonable to assume that the same will hold true for the shift from brick and mortar to digital or online shopping.

From the perspective of the Wilkes/King's Barnes & Noble's manager, Corrine Sartini, it seems as though the future for brick and mortars isn't necessarily bright but it's also not dark.

In response to this question, Sartini said that she believes that "they're going to be pretty much done."

"I've been to the mall recently and it's like dead compared to when I was a kid growing up in the 80s. Malls were the place to go but now it's like online shopping."

Sartini's insights are similar to that of many. There is a drastic shift occurring from a more conventional and sensation based form of shopping to a digital one.

While Sartini feels as though the future of brick and mortar stores isn't very promising, she does feel as though there are certain experience that will keep it going.

As it pertains to Barnes & Noble she feels that it's future will still be quite bright. In reference to Barnes & Noble she states that "just like the digital, I think there are a lot of students there that still want the physical book and they want to come to the bookstore and read the book you know, and sit and relax and read a book."

As Barnes & Noble consumers, many

students, myself included prefer a physical version of the textbook to a digital version. As a consequence of this, the physicality of a brick and mortar bookstore is nice.

Also, sometimes you may need your textbook as soon as possible and ordering it online will inevitably cause a slight delay. Sartini also adds that Wilkes University students, King's College students and the general community can "come over and have a coffee."

One of the perks of going to the local bookstore is that there is a Starbucks integrated into the bookstore. This is one aspect that online shopping simply cannot compete with.

However, it is also true that one can simply make or get coffee while ordering a book on their preferred digital device. It is truly dependent on the person in question.

English adjunct faculty member Kathleen Kemmerer offers a completely antithetical perspective. She states that it is "frustrating" in reference to the brick and mortar shopping experience.

She elaborates on this point stating that, "I only shop online, I was in a store the other day and I couldn't find what I wanted. They didn't have the sizes, they didn't have the style but they had them online so I went home and ordered them online."

While shopping online can be a great alternative if what you're looking for is unavailable, there are some downsides. Kemmerer states that in the sense of color and qualities of the fabric, brick and mortar shopping takes the win.

She states that "color matters more to me because I'm often shopping for something specific and you order it online and it comes in and it's not anywhere close."

She also expresses concern for those

who may be affected by what she and many feel is inevitable; the end to the brick and mortar shopping experience.

She states that she feels "very sorry for the people that work there because I think they're going to be displaced persons. They're not going to have jobs so I feel bad about that." She adds that although this is unfortunate, she would rather order online.

In light of these perspectives, it is safe to suggest that most people feel that there are certain aspects of the brick and mortar shopping experience that will sustain its existence.


However, there are many features and efficiencies that online shopping provides that brick and mortar shopping simply does not.

So, in answering the question of what will come of the brick and mortar experience, it is safe to say that no one can truly know.

For the next few decades it's future will be stable but the way in which we use it may change tremendously.



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Autism awareness month: April showers bring special powers

By Zarqua Ansari
Staff Writer

What do Emily Dickinson, Isaac Newton, Charles Darwin, Bill Gates, Jerry Seinfeld, Mozart and Albert Einstein all have in common? They all have (or had) autism.

According to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, autism has been identified in about 1 in 59 children.

To increase the awareness of a disorder that affects much of the population and is commonly misunderstood, the month of April is designated as Autism Awareness Month. Autism Awareness Day falls on April 2.

Many people believe that autism is caused by vaccines. This has been disproven time and time again. In fact Andrew Wakefield, the man that published a study proving this presumed fact in 1997, has been completely discredited on many accounts.

There were procedural errors, falsifications of data and many other scientifically unapproved aspects to his study. An argument made on no evidence isn't an argument but a false claim.

That being said, what exactly is autism? Let's break down the name. Autism spectrum

disorder or as it is commonly called autism, is a mental disorder. It is a spectrum which suggests that it doesn't have definitive stages, but rather, like a color spectrum, is fluid.

According to Autism Speaks, ASD refers to a wide range of conditions that are characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech and nonverbal communication. These are common symptoms of many other mental disorders, such as turrets, ADHD, and anxiety.

In other words, autism is a scale of mental disorder symptoms. Some people have more symptoms and some have very few.

For instance, many people can't even tell that I am slightly autistic. I tend not to bring it up because it doesn't really make a difference.

However, every now and then, someone picks up on a nervous tick and asks me about it.

I'm often told "you don't look autistic." This is true only because no one looks autistic. Autism is a mental disorder, not a physically characterizable one. For this reason, it is often difficult to diagnose.

"ASD can sometimes be detected at 18 months or younger. By age 2, a diagnosis by an experienced professional can be considered

very reliable. However, many children do not receive final diagnosis until much older."

This is a problem because early intervention treatment can improve a child's development. These services include therapy to help the child talk, walk and interact with others. As of today, prevention seems to be the only cure for autism.

Although the cause for autism isn't known, many risk factors have been linked to it. Children with autistic siblings especially an autistic twin are at a higher risk. Children born to older parents also have a higher risk.

Drugs containing valproic acid and thalidomide that are taken during pregnancy greatly increase this risk as well. Interestingly ASD is nearly four times as common in males than females. These factors are environmental, biological and genetic in nature.

According to Dr. Zaman, ASD is often "considered an embarrassment." It is more common for people in America to be exposed to autistic individuals and therefore it is more accepted.

"Many people of different ethnicities, especially Asian cultures, have difficulty accepting that their child has ASD, or any other mental disorder that may affect their

learning ability."

It's often proven that the first three years of a child's life greatly influence their social skills for the rest of their lives.


It has also been said that "many people aren't patient enough with their kids and this can cause the child to grow up with a negative sense of self." Autistic children are affected by this even more strongly than other children.

However, there's nothing wrong with being a little different. Many famous people who bring ease and comfort to our daily lives are autistic.

So next time you're using your iPhone, reading poetry, or watching Seinfeld be mindful about Autism and aim to spread awareness of this disease this Autism Awareness Month.



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Will prejudice ever become a thing of the past?

By Breanna Ebisch
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Many world leaders and ordinary people around the globe argue that prejudice doesn't affect our daily lives anymore.

However, despite these arguments, it has never been more evident that prejudice is alive within our society every single day.

Following the recent events such as the Christ Church shooting in New Zealand, the riots in Ferguson, Mo. and discrimination judgements based simply on people's race, gender, religion, sexuality or ethnicity, it is obvious that judgements are still being made without any true reason.

The Merriam-Webster Dictionary's definition of prejudice is "injury or damage resulting from some judgement or action of another in disregard to one's rights."

These actions can vary from verbal sayings or derogatory terms to physically violent attacks on groups of people, or individuals that have preconceived judgements made about them by others.

Prejudice is dangerous in more ways than one and it is present all across the globe today.

Within the last few years many countries have seemingly made strides towards a more accepting and peaceful society, but there has also been a large spike in hate crimes, especially in the United States, that make the news almost every other day.

The civil rights movement sparked a change all across America and since then, countless amounts of improvements had been made regarding prejudice.

However, even with the changes made in the last few decades, it seems as if society is moving in the opposite direction.

Hatred has seemed to take a reign on many communities that have not only been stereotyped but experienced violence and discrimination for a long period of time.

No matter what changes are made, prejudice always seems to continuously exist. The question still remains; will there ever be a time when the world will be free of prejudice?

The answer is extremely complicated and the solution to eliminate prejudice is a long journey that includes many extremely involved steps. Sociologists, psychologists, world leaders and anthropologists have tried for decades to find the answer to this very question.

What about society makes prejudice thrive and what can the global community do to get rid of the terrible act?

Prejudice has existed for centuries upon centuries but it has never been as prominent as today. Minority groups have been oppressed in multiple instances throughout history and through these horrible actions, prejudice has simply become a normality in today's world.

More than ever before, violent attacks are occurring across the globe and endangering thousands of people everyday.

Despite the outpouring of support and love for the communities affected, why has no action been taken against the terrible acts that stem from poorly made judgements?

Over many generations, the mindset that carries prejudice is passed down through children and families which is what keeps it alive today.

This not only makes it difficult to eliminate prejudice because it ascends over many years but it also helps people understand how intricate the issue is. There is not simple solution to reaching a world where prejudice doesn't exist.

There is hope for a world filled of peace


and everyone living in harmony with each other. By not making these quick, inaccurate judgements about people who are slightly different than us, the violent actions and hurtful words would cease to exist which would create a much safer world.

Eliminating prejudice is not an entirely impossible, unsolvable problem. It just requires a large amount of effort from millions of people across the globe. By working together and ridding the world of this harmful practice, everyone will be living in a better place and no one will be in danger anymore.

Irregardless of a person's race, sexuality, gender or religion, we are all human and deserve to be treated with equal amounts of love.



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Meet the Majors

This week's field: Marketing

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



Zach Walser
Senior

"I am a marketing major because I have always enjoyed talking to people and creating meaningful relationships. I enjoy looking at a company's problem, analyzing the situation, then fixing it. I have always been attracted to the sales industry because I thrive on day-to-day opportunities."



Dylan Farrow
Senior

"I chose to be a marketing major because it allows you to be analytical and creative at the same time. Every day challenges you to evaluate a situation and find a solution. In an ideal world, I would be working in the front office for the Baltimore Ravens."



Mariah Curtis
Senior

"I am a marketing major because I enjoy dealing with people. You can get a job in any type of company which allows for constant change of scenery. I enjoy catering to people's likes and dislikes/needs and demands. I would love to work in marketing or retail for the Philadelphia Eagles."



Travis Woolfenden
Senior

"I am a marketing major because it allows you to be creative, interact with people, and sometimes problem solve. I look forward to challenges and creating impact through new ideas. I hope to one day work in the sales department for the Philadelphia Phillies."

The Matt Fox Experience is truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience

By Parker Dorsey
Asst. Opinion Editor

RHYTHM  **REWIND**
with Parker Dorsey

The Matt Fox Experience is an experimental electronic fusion project based out of Moonachie, New Jersey.

It is headed by songwriter and lead vocalist Michael 'Shred' Spadavecchia and the project focuses on the life and daily activities of a certain Matthew Dean Fox.

Their discography spans four albums: *The Matt Fox Experience*, *Matt Fox: Graduation Day*, *A Very Merry Matt Fox Christmas Spectacular* and *frank.* The fourth album differs from the first three as it is focused primarily on a person named Frank.

"This album is dedicated to the one person who has been through everything. Through thick and thin, through the toughest of times and the easiest of times. This album is dedicated to the person who has sat through every single Matt Fox song and has enjoyed every one of them, and has been the

most inspiring and helpful person to work on this entire experience. Without this person, none of this would have happened. Because this person has been the top contributor to all of this," according to the album intro.

frank. was released June 4, 2017 and spans 16 songs and has a runtime of about 45 minutes. Some of the songs include "Frank Brushes His Teeth," "Bongos," "Toast" and "Space Pirates."

The songs have an interesting mix of various fusion and electronic sounds from some sort of computer music-making software.

Spadavecchia doesn't have the best voice, but he does make up for it with heart. His vocal range goes anywhere from a soft high pitch to a spoken

narrative. Other songs he adopts a deeper voice and in another he's a mumbling pirate. The guy tries, and it's obvious he's having a lot of fun behind the mic.

Some of the instrumentation includes electronic keys, synths, funky guitars and drum beats. It sounds like the kind of stuff you would hear from a retro video game from the 80s.

"The Matt Fox Experience is one of the greatest and most compelling musical ventures of all time," said Andy Severino, a junior environmental engineering major who went to high school with the guys involved with the Matt Fox Experience. "It feels good knowing that the work done on this album will deeply affect people on an emotional level for generations to come."



Will Apple Inc.'s effort to enter the streaming world be too little too late?

By Nick Filipek
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Just this past week, the multinational technology company, Apple Inc. has decided to throw their hat into the ring of the streaming service business, but is it too late?

In a world where more and more consumers are choosing to "cut the cord" and move away from traditional cable, streaming services provide a safe haven for lower prices and great original programming.

Netflix, for example, charges 12 dollars a month and offers award-winning original movies and series. This is literally a fraction of the cost that cable companies charge for similar programming; so, it is obvious to see why so many have chosen to ditch the cable boxes and satellite dishes in favor of streaming.

It is no wonder the tech giant Apple wants to spread their reach into a different money making venture with such popularity behind it.

The only problem for Apple is that their competitors have had a major head start, with some streaming services offering video

on demand content for over a decade now.

If we stay with our example of Netflix, who started their business by shipping DVDs directly to consumers, began their movie streaming expansion in 2007, giving them a now 12 year jump on Apple. In those 12 years, Netflix has become almost synonymous with the word streaming, and has entered the pop culture pantheon with the meme, "Netflix & Chill"

Dan Mattern, Chief Engineer of the Television Center at Wilkes University, shares concern over the timing of the company's emergence into this already budding enterprise.

"Apple has a great brand name, so maybe the people who already have the Apple TV Box will sign up for it. I think it is going to be tough, I think Netflix has such a huge portion of the market."

Other large corporations, such as Amazon, have also been riding this streaming train seeing the potential and offering millions of already existing Amazon Prime members a streaming service for free.

Furthermore, after already proving their streaming model was successful, Amazon has started investing in creating and offering their own original content, which the public

seemingly loves.

Will Apple be able to do the same with their new Apple TV+ plus, however? Frankly, it will be difficult. There are a plethora of new streaming services popping up nearly every month now, most with a built in customer base already existing.

The Walt Disney Company, for instance, announced their streaming service, Disney+ (seriously, what is with all the "+"s) which will take all of their content, Star Wars, Marvel, Pixar, Disney Animation and more, put them under one roof and for one price.

That will be hard for any service to compete with, let alone, one with zero track records in the entertainment business.

On the Apple website, the company describes their future service as being "a new streaming service where the most creative minds in TV and film tell the kinds of stories only they can. Featuring original shows and movies across every genre, Apple TV+ is coming this fall. Exclusively on the Apple TV app."


Those are really broad statements, with nothing promising anything different, which is exactly what the company used to pride itself on with the slogan, "Think Different."

The album goes through a day in the life of the eponymous Frank. He makes toast, brushes his teeth, goes to school and eats lunch. The lyrics are very upbeat and positive, telling the listener to go to school and maintain good hygienic practices. They also tell the listener the dangers of sleeping in and the importance of making sure you eat lunch.

The album has a short intermission, which is followed by several songs about Matt Fox. There are also songs about space pirates, bongos, pyromancy and the play button.

Overall, *frank.* is a fun album about someone who seems like a very upstanding guy. While the Matt Fox Experience hasn't released any new material in almost two years, I will definitely be keeping an eye out should anything new come out.

Parker's Picks: "Wake Up," "Matt Fox & The Banana Gods," "Matt Fox Ordering a Pizza," "Frank Goes to School," "Funky Frank"

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Mattern also had an interesting theory that quite honestly makes so much sense of how a company can take such a risk and just jump into the streaming waters feet first.

"Maybe long term, I mean 10-12 years from now, they might be able to make something of it but I don't think Apple is too concerned with making a whole lot of money with this, I mean they do so many things now that make money, that if this didn't make money, I don't think it's a big deal for them. I knew that they had to do something; they should have just done it five years ago."

Personally, as someone graduating with a degree in broadcast production, I think this is a thrilling prospect, if it works out. This will add yet another door for prospective film and television production hopefuls to go to for employment and add their own personal view to an ever expanding medium.

This is going to take a sizeable investment, however, to be able to compete with the best of the best, but it's Apple, I think they can afford the bill.

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NCAAB: The “Big Dance” parties into the Final Four

By Kevin Singhel
Staff Writer

March has ended, and as the calendar flips to April, the NCAA's Final Four begins. The NCAA Men's Basketball tournament originally started with 68 teams, and after weeks of upsets, blowouts and buzzer-beaters, only four teams remain.

The Texas Tech Red Raiders were the first team to clinch a spot in the Final Four after knocking off top seeded Gonzaga and winning the West region on Saturday. This is the first Final Four in the program's history, and the Red Raiders were able to accomplish this off the back of their amazing defense.

Texas Tech, statistically, has the best defense in the country, and some experts argue that it may even be one of the best in NCAA history. The Red Raiders rode their defense to a share of the Big 12 regular season title, but some were worried after Texas Tech was upset by lowly West Virginia in the Big 12 conference tournament.

Regardless, Texas Tech still earned a No. 3 seed in the NCAA tournament and was given a first round matchup with No. 14 seed Northern Kentucky. Texas Tech's stout defense held strong as the Red Raiders routed the Norsemen. In the second round they faced a No. 6 seeded Buffalo team that accrued over thirty wins throughout the season. The Red Raiders held Buffalo's potent offense to only 58 points in a blowout victory.

More of the same occurred throughout the Sweet Sixteen, as their stifling defense held Michigan to just a measly 44 points. In their Elite Eight game against Gonzaga, Texas Tech was challenged for the first time in the tournament, but the Red Raiders were still able to punch their ticket to the Final Four with a 75-69 victory.

The Red Raiders find themselves in a tough matchup, as the Michigan State Spartans will be awaiting them in the Final Four after upsetting the No.1 overall seed Duke Blue Devils 68-67 on Sunday night. The Spartans have had an extremely successful season, winning a share of the Big Ten regular season title and dominating the Big Ten Conference Tournament. Michigan State entered the East region as the 2nd seed was a trendy pick to challenge Duke for a Final Four berth.

However, Michigan State inspired little confidence in their fans after they struggled to put away the 15th seeded Bradley Bulldogs in the opening round. The Spartans were quick to right the ship as they dominated Big Ten rival Minnesota by twenty points in the next round.

During the Sweet Sixteen the Spartans clearly outclassed 3rd seeded LSU in an 80-63 before defeating Duke in an Elite Eight thriller. The Spartans are now marching on to the Final Four with loads of confidence.

Michigan State is an extremely balanced team that plays both ends of the floor well. They are loaded with talent and have a healthy dose of experience mixed in as well. In addition, the team is led by legendary coach Tom Izzo, a man famous for getting the most out of his team come tournament time. Michigan State's success will hinge on Izzo's ability to solve Texas Tech's vaunted defense and design a game plan to create scoring opportunities.

The Final Four matchup on the other side of the bracket features a team that not many expected to make it this far. The Auburn Tigers were able to shock the world and reach the final four as the 5th seed in their region. After a disappointing regular season that saw them finish just 5th in the SEC regular season standings, the Tigers reeled off an impressive SEC conference tournament run that was capped by a blowout victory over Tennessee in the finals.

The Tigers entered the Midwest region as the No. 5 seed and were nearly upset in the first round. New Mexico State took Auburn down to the wire, but Auburn escaped with a one point victory after New Mexico State missed two out of three free throws with

one second remaining. From that point on, Auburn reeled off three upsets of their own, taking down three of the NCAA's blue bloods along the way. The Tigers destroyed the higher seeded Kansas Jayhawks as they

dropped 89 points in a 14 point win during the round of 32.

Auburn's offensive explosion continued during the second weekend of the tournament as they scored 97 points in a shocking upset win against No.1 seeded North Carolina.

However, everything wasn't as perfect as it seemed for the Tigers as one of their top players

Chuma Okeke, tore his ACL late in the game and will miss the remainder of the NCAA tournament. However, Auburn didn't let the injury slow them down as they took down the Kentucky Wildcats in a 77-71 overtime victory in the Elite Eight.

Auburn is an extremely potent offensive team that is capable of sinking opponents with a barrage of three point shots. Even though they are missing Okeke, Auburn should not be taken lightly in the Final Four.

Opposite of Auburn in this Final Four matchup are the Virginia Cavaliers. Virginia coach Tony Bennett has long prided himself on building a program around strong defense and solid fundamentals, and this year is no different. Virginia is all about slowing down the pace of the game and wearing down their opponents.

Unfortunately for Virginia, the results simply weren't there last year, as they became the first ever No. 1 seed to lose to a No. 16 seed. Virginia has spent their season trying to get over the embarrassing loss.

The Cavaliers have redeemed themselves this year by winning a share of the stacked

ACC regular season title. The Cavaliers were given a No.1 seed and slated for a first round matchup with 16th seeded Gardner-Webb. After a slow first half, Virginia was able to turn things around and dominate the rest of the game, avoiding another catastrophic upset. In the second round, Virginia was matched up with 9th seeded Oklahoma, although the game wasn't as one sided as you would expect it.

Virginia continued to have close games as they barely squeaked by 12th seeded Oregon by four points, and needed a buzzer-beater to force overtime in order to beat 3rd seeded Purdue in the Elite Eight.

Virginia may have a tough time slowing down Auburn's explosive offense, but their slow methodical play could also limit the number of possessions and scoring opportunities the Tigers have. In addition, Virginia has experience on the big stage and has already proven to be filled with clutch performers throughout the tournament. The Cavaliers have yet to allow more than 54 points in the tournament, so Auburn may not put up the big numbers that they have been accustomed to seeing over the past few weeks. This Final Four matchup highlights Auburn's offense and Virginia's defense.




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MLB: How does revamped NL East stack up in MLB?

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Opening day has passed and already the 2019 Major League Baseball season has made history. The league has never seen the top two vote-getters for the previous year's Cy Young, MLB's best pitcher, face off on opening day.

This year, both the top two pitchers in the National and American League met on opening day. Jacob deGrom, the reigning NL Cy Young, of the New York Mets went up against Max Scherzer of the Washington Nationals.

The game lived up to its potential, as both the aces made even more history, striking out at least 10 batters each. deGrom edged out Scherzer in a 2-0 Mets win.

The reigning NL MVP Christian Yelich has also made history of his own. As of Sunday, he had homered in each of the first four games, the first time a reigning MVP has done that and tying the record for homerun streaks to start a season.

With the new season, there appears to be a change to the NL's hierarchy but the AL has stayed the same.

The NL East was the most active division this offseason and has turned itself from the worst division in baseball to arguably the best. The Mets built their bullpen up by bringing in Edwin Diaz, Jeurys Familia, Justin Wilson and Luis Avilan. They added the veteran presence of Robinson Cano and Wilson Ramos along with the rise of highly touted first base prospect Pete Alonso.

The Phillies made the biggest splash, reeling in Bryce Harper for 12 years and \$330M while also getting Andrew McCutchen and Jean

Segura.

Washington added Patrick Corbin, and despite the departure of Harper, the Nationals are showing confidence in their the young replacements Juan Soto and Victor Robles Jr. All of the additions for those teams are to try and dethrone Ronald Acuna, Freddie

Freeman, Ozzie Albies and the Braves, who did not make many moves during the winter.

The NL Central saw the Brewers emerge as champions last year but with the Cardinals and Cubs there could be another new king in their division.

The NL West, AL West and AL Central all look to be the same after a quiet offseason.

The AL East will be interesting as the Yankees and Red Sox continue the greatest rivalry in all of sports at the top of the division and the young Rays emerge under the leadership of highly touted manager Kevin Cash.

I believe the Mets and the Phillies are going to be the top teams in the NL East this season. The Phillies lineup with Harper, Segura, Rhys Hoskins, J.T. Realmuto, Maikal Franco and McCutchen are going to be hard to deal with

but outside of Aaron Nola, they don't have a dominant starting pitcher.

The Mets lineup appears to be dangerous as well with Brandon Nimmo, Alonso, Cano, Ramos, Michael Conforto and Rosario. The lineup is improved but the strength of the team is its starting pitching. With deGrom, Noah

OPENING DAY



Syndergaard, Zach Wheeler and Steven Matz, the Mets boast one of the league's premier staffs.

In the highly competitive NL East, the Mets and Nationals have the edge in starting pitching as they are miles ahead of the Braves and Phillies.

The Phillies have the best lineup, but the Mets, Nationals and Braves are right behind them, with very talented lineups of their own.

The bullpen edge goes to the Mets, despite Washington's efforts to retool theirs. The Nationals bullpen has already cost them one game and came close to losing another after giving up four runs on Sunday before Turner's walk-off home run.

Compared to the rest of the league, the Mets, Nationals and Phillies are capable contending for a World Series, but they are also in a tough division where they have to play each other, and may not be all able to make the playoffs.



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National League	American League
	East
New York Mets	Boston Red Sox
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SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULES

Men's Tennis

3/16 @ Muhlenburg W 7-2
3/17 @ Yeshiva W 5-4
3/23 vs Franklin & Marshall PPD
3/24 @ No. 8 Wesleyan L 9-0
*3/30 @ FDU-Florham W 9-0
*4/6 vs Manhattanville 1 p.m.
*4/10 vs Misericordia 3:30 p.m.
*4/13 @ DeSales 9 a.m.
4/13 @ Villanova 3 p.m.
4/14 vs Drew 9 a.m.
4/14 vs Keystone 3 p.m.
*4/17 vs Eastern 3:30 p.m.
*4/24 @ King's 3:30 p.m.
4/25 @ Bloomsburg 4:30 p.m.
*4/27 vs Delaware Valley 11 a.m.
*Denotes MAC Freedom match

Women's Tennis

3/16 @ Muhlenburg W 9-0
3/23 vs Franklin & Marshall PPD
3/24 @ No. 7 Wesleyan L 9-0
*3/30 @ FDU-Florham W 9-0
*4/6 vs Manhattanville 1 p.m.
*4/10 vs Misericordia 3:30 p.m.
*4/13 @ DeSales 9 a.m.
4/14 vs Drew 9 a.m.
4/14 vs Keystone 3 p.m.
*4/17 vs Eastern 3:30 p.m.
*4/24 @ King's 3:30 p.m.
4/25 @ Bloomsburg 4:30 p.m.
*4/27 vs Delaware Valley 11 a.m.
4/27 vs Rutgers-Camden 3 p.m.
4/28 @ Stevens 12 p.m.
*Denotes MAC Freedom match

Men's Volleyball

1/16 vs Immaculata W 3-0
1/23 @ Mount St. Vincent W 3-0
1/26 vs Elizabethtown L 3-2
1/26 vs Keuka L 3-1
1/30 @ CCNY W 3-1
2/2 @ Purchase W 3-0
2/2 @ Baruch L 3-0
2/6 vs PSU Altoona L 3-0
*2/13 @ Widener W 3-0
*2/16 @ No. 4 Stevenson L 3-0
*2/16 vs Arcadia L 3-0
*2/23 vs Messiah College L 3-1
*2/23 vs Alvernia W 3-1
2/26 @ York (N.Y.) W 3-0
*2/28 vs Eastern W 3-1
*3/12 @ Misericordia L 3-0
*3/15 @ Messiah L 3-0
3/16 vs St. Joe's-Brooklyn W 3-0
3/16 vs Medaille L 3-0
*3/20 vs Misericordia L 3-1
*3/23 vs Stevenson L 3-0
3/23 vs PSU-Behrend L 3-0
*3/27 vs Arcadia L 3-0
3/30 vs Sarah Lawrence CNCLD
3/30 vs New Jersey City CNCLD
*4/3 @ Eastern 7 p.m.
*4/6 vs Alvernia 2 p.m.
*4/6 @ Widner 4 p.m.
*Denotes MAC match

Women's Lacrosse

2/23 @ Gwynedd Mercy L 18-8
3/2 vs Notre Dame Md. W 16-15
3/5 vs Purchase W 19-9
3/16 @ Old Westbury L 20-17
3/20 @ Keystone W 11-10
3/23 @ Maritime L 15-9
3/24 vs Medaille W 14-12
3/28 vs Mount St. Vincent W 10-6
*4/3 vs King's 5 p.m.
*4/6 vs Manhattanville 1 p.m.
*4/10 @ Eastern 4 p.m.
*4/13 vs Delaware Valley 1 p.m.
*4/17 @ Misericordia 4 p.m.
4/22 @ Cazenovia 4 p.m.
*4/24 vs DeSales 4 p.m.
*4/27 @ FDU-Florham 1 p.m.
*Denotes MAC Freedom game

WLAX: Boccio shines against Mount Saint Vincent

By Kendyl Kalish
Staff Writer

EDWARDSVILLE, Pa. -- The Wilkes University women's lacrosse team took on the Mount Saint Vincent Dolphins Thursday night at Schmidt Stadium in a non-conference game. The Colonels won 10-6, which improved their record.

The Colonels record going into the game was 5-2 while the Dolphins record was 2-1.

Prior to Thursday's game, senior Kyra Boccio was named the Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) Freedom offensive player of the week. This was her second time winning the award this season.

"It felt awesome. It was a goal I had coming into the season," Boccio said.

For Thursday's game, the goalkeeper for Wilkes was Sarah Carlini. Mount Saint Vincent sent Allyson Weakliem to defend their net.

Thursday's game started out relatively fast paced with a lot of great passes for both teams. Wilkes took an early lead though.

Ashley Burkhardt put Wilkes on the board with a goal at the 26:59 mark in the first half, giving Wilkes some momentum.

Less than a minute later, the Colonels increased their lead with a goal from Domenica Lerch making it 2-0.

Allyson Joly scored for Wilkes a few minutes later giving Wilkes a 3-0 lead and prompting the Dolphins to call a timeout.

A short time later, the Dolphins gained possession of the ball and had some great shots. They even put one past Carlini, but the

referee ruled no goal.

The score stayed at 3-0 for the next ten minutes of game time until Burkhardt scored another goal the Colonels scored another goal making it 4-0. This was Burkhardt's second goal of the game.

The Dolphins finally put themselves on the board at the 10:03 mark of the first half with a goal from Veronica Sevivas making the game 4-1.

Boccio answered for Wilkes less than a minute later as the Colonels increased their lead once more making it 5-1.

Lerch and Boccio each added another goal

for Wilkes to take a 7-1 lead into halftime. The Colonels had the advantage in shots as well, leading that category 16-10.

Before the start of the second half, Wilkes coach Burkhardt urged her players to "pick up the intensity because the team could easily come back and score a lot on us." That's exactly what the Dolphins did in the second half of the game.

Paulina Mandujano took advantage of a man-up situation less than three minutes into the second half and scored for the Dolphins making it 7-2.

Boccio was able to get the goal back for the

Colonels, getting the lead back up to a six-points.

The Colonels continued to add to their lead as Boccio scored her fourth goal with 9:14 remaining in the game making it 9-2.

The Dolphins started to pick up the pace as they sensed the clock winding down.

Mount Saint Vincent's Sevivas scored her second goal of the game with 7:26 to go making the score 9-3. Mandujano also scored her second goal of the game with about six minutes remaining making the score 9-4.

The Colonels still had the lead, but the Dolphins had a lot of momentum going. A comeback seemed like a possibility, especially when Amy Cohen scored another goal for the Dolphins with 5:47 remaining in the game making it 9-5.

With 3:24 to go, Sierra Duman was able to score another goal for the Colonels with an assist from Laura Singleton making it 10-5.

Mount Saint Vincent's Caitlin Elia scored with 2:56 remaining in the game making it 10-6.

Despite strong efforts from both teams following that goal, the score remained 10-6 at the end of the game giving Wilkes the win and improving their record.

Wilkes will be back at home on Wednesday Apr. 3 at 5 p.m. in a conference game against rival school King's College at Schmidt Stadium.

"We'll focus on playing a full, intense sixty-minute game," junior Gracie Franco said.



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Senior Kyra Boccio continued her impressive season by scoring four goals and assist against Mount Saint Vincent.



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Men's Lacrosse

2/21 @ Marywood L 8-7 (2OT)
2/23 vs Wesley W 19-7
2/27 vs Utica W 12-9
3/5 @ Bridgewater L 12-8
3/9 vs Mount St. Vincent W 17-6
3/13 New England L 14-12
3/20 @ Alvernia W 17-11
3/23 vs Wells W 22-7
3/30 @ Mount St. Mary W 21-7
*4/3 @ King's 7 p.m.
*4/6 @ Mahattanville 1 p.m.
*4/10 vs Eastern 4 p.m.
*4/13 @ Delaware Valley 1 p.m.
*4/17 vs Misericordia 7 p.m.
*4/24 @ DeSales 7 p.m.
*4/27 vs FDU Florham 1 p.m.
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Baseball

**3/2 vs Ma. Maritime W 9-7
**3/3 vs PSU-Behrend L 8-4
**3/3 vs Kenyon W 6-5
**3/4 vs Eastern Nazarene L11-9
**3/5 vs Muskingum L 7-3
**3/7 vs Dominican L 5-3
**3/8 vs Northwestern (MN) L4-3, L 7-4
**3/9 vs Houghton L 12-11
*3/16 @ Misericordia L 5-1, 5-3
*3/17 vs Misericordia W 11-3
3/20 vs Muhlenberg W 15-9
*3/24 vs Eastern W 6-0, L 10-11 (8 inn.)
3/24 vs PSU-Brandywine (DH) PPD
*3/26 @ Eastern W 8-2
*3/29 vs DeSales L 11-4
*3/30 @ DeSales (DH) W 4-3 (8 inn.), L 2-1 (8 inn.)
W 4-3 (8 inn.), L 2-1 (8 inn.)
4/2 vs Marywood 3:30 p.m.
*4/5 vs Manhattanville 3:30 p.m.
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4/9 vs Immaculata 3:30 p.m.
4/10 @ Scranton 5 p.m.
*4/12 @ King's 3:30 p.m.
*4/13 vs King's (DH) 1 p.m.
4/14 vs PSU Schuylkill 12 p.m.
*4/18 vs Delaware Valley 3:30 p.m.
*4/19 @ Delaware Valley (DH) 12 p.m.
4/23 @ Leb. Valley 3:30 p.m.
*4/26 @ FDU-Flor. 3:30 p.m.
*4/27 vs FDU-Flor. (DH) 1 p.m.
*Denotes MAC Freedom game
**At Fort Pierce

Softball

3/3 @ Pfeiffer (DH) L7-0, L 1-0
**3/6 vs Wesley W 7-6
**3/6 vs Rivier W 10-1 (6 inn.)
**3/6 vs Mary Washington W 7-2
**3/7 vs Chatham W 7-6
**3/7 vs Guilford W 9-6 (10 inn.)
3/9 @ Randolph M. L 5-0, L 10-0 (5 inn.)
3/10 @ Eastern M. W 4-2, L 5-0
*3/17 vs Misericordia L 2-0, L 5-3
3/20 vs Keystone W 14-7, W 4-3
*3/24 @ Eastern W 5-2, W 4-1
3/27 vs Lycoming (DH) W 8-1, W 8-7
*3/30 vs DeSales (DH) W 5-1, W 2-0
3/31 vs Stockton (DH) W 8-2, L 4-2
4/3 @ Scranton (DH) 4 p.m.
*4/6 vs Manhattanville 1 p.m.
4/10 vs Clarks Summit (DH) 6 p.m.
*4/13 @ King's (DH) 1 p.m.
4/17 vs Marywood (DH) 4 p.m.
*4/18 vs Delaware Valley (DH) 1 p.m.
4/24 vs Susquehanna (DH) 5 p.m.
*4/27 @ FDU-Florham (DH) 1 p.m.
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Getting to know...

Nicholas Capozzi

Senior Baseball Player



The Beacon: Male Athlete of the Week Mar. 19 - Mar. 25

Why Nicholas Capozzi was selected: Capozzi led Wilkes on the offensive front, hitting .545 with two home runs and three walks. His performances against Muhlenberg and Eastern helped Wilkes secure two wins.

Name: Nicholas Capozzi

Year: Senior

Majors: Criminology & Sociology

Minors: Spanish & Business Administration

Hometown: Syracuse, NY

High School: Christian Brothers Academy

Position: First Base

Coke or Pepsi?

Definitely Coke, especially fountain Coke.

Other interests or hobbies off of the field?

I'm a big country music fan, so driving along listening to it or going to a bunch of concerts is what I like to do off of the field.

What came first? The chicken or the egg?

The chicken. On Noah's Ark two chickens walked off, not two eggs.

Most influential person in your life?

There are a lot. I think the most important thing is taking little things from admirable people who are influential to better yourself.

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

Alex Rodriguez. He gets bad publicity from the steroid stigma, but the way he composes himself is remarkable. He came back humbled and still shares his knowledge. He would probably pay for dinner, too.

A quote you live your life by?

"Don't be a victim of your own success." Learn what you do well and roll with it. Stick to your inner self and don't try to be bigger than who you are. We all have different strengths and skills, so recognize them, but don't become complacent.

Driving force for your decision to come to Wilkes?

Honestly, I noticed the potential. I saw that Wilkes was ready to thrive and advance its reputation, and I wanted to flourish right along with it. I thought the baseball program took a shot in recruiting me, and I wanted to take advantage of the opportunity.

When/Why did you first begin playing?

Between playing catch with foam baseballs, watching the Yankees with my grandma or going to games with my parents, I fell in love and became obsessed with the sport.

Hopes for this season as a Colonel?

The expectation is to win. We're done hoping for playoff appearances. This program has developed on and off the field, and we just need to expect the highest level of excellence.

Favorite building on campus?

UCOM. The team rooms are my favorite place to get work done and I'm a regular at Starbucks to say the least.

Favorite meal to eat on campus?

The Asiago crusted chicken at the SUB, penne with red sauce and a breadstick on the side. For dessert, mint chocolate chip ice cream with crushed oreos or blondies.

Favorite professor?

I don't think picking one professor would do justice. Wilkes is unique in that students can develop personal relationships with their professors outside of the classroom, which can help us excel inside the classroom.

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What does "Be Colonel" mean to you?

Nobody at Wilkes is the same, and we have different outcomes. "Be Colonel" means take advantage of the opportunities that the University can provide and solidify yourself for who you really want to be.

Anyone to give a shout-out to?

Definitely, my family and those at Wilkes who have made my fours years so special.

-Compiled by Kirsten Peters, Co-Sports Editor

Getting to know...

Caitlin Brown

Senior Softball Player

The Beacon: Female Athlete of the Week Mar. 19 - Mar. 25

Why Caitlin Brown was selected: Brown led Wilkes to four consecutive victories for the week in doubleheaders against Keystone and Eastern, achieving her 100th career hit against Keystone.

Name: Caitlin Brown**Year:** Senior**Major:** Nursing**Minor:** Women & Gender Studies**Hometown:** Glen Cove, NY**High School:** Glen Cove HS**Position:** Third Base

anything Marvel. I also used to play the trumpet and sing.

Favorite professor?

Dr. Joyce Victor.

Favorite building on campus?

The Farley Library.

Favorite meal to eat on campus?

Upscale night at the SUB.

Coke or Pepsi?

I'd have to pick Dr. Pepper... due to the credentials.

What came first? The chicken or the egg?

The egg came first.

Most influential person in your life?

My grandparents and my mom.

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

If I could have dinner with a famous person from the past it would be either Florence Nightingale or Langston Hughes.

A quote you live your life by?

"Don't go through life, grow through life."

What does "Be Colonel" mean to you?

To "Be Colonel" means unity. Playing for the name on the front of my uniform and for my team. It means giving back to the community and constantly helping those in need. It means more than you or me; it means we.

Anyone to give a shout-out to?

I would like to give a shout-out to my amazing team, coaches and friends. Another, and most important, shout-out to my family. Thank you all for continuously supporting me throughout my career on and off of the field.

Driving force for your decision to come to Wilkes?

I decided on Wilkes because I could play softball as well as pursue a degree in nursing.

Post graduation plans in terms of a career?

After graduation, I would like to start my nursing career and eventually further my education. I would also like to continue coaching softball if possible.

When/Why did you first begin playing?

I began playing softball when I was in first grade - I hated it. I decided to try again a couple of years later and absolutely fell in love with the game.

Favorite thing to do during practice?

Scrimmaging.

Hopes for this season as a Colonel?

This season we have a very positive and promising outlook. I see us having an improved overall record, sweeping all the teams we have split with in the past and making it as far as possible in the post season.

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

The softball program has grown and continues to grow tremendously each and everyday. Personally, I would just like to contribute to the growth as best as I can.

Other interests or hobbies off of the field?

I love The Golden Girls, Fraiser and

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BASE: All-around effort leads to .500 week for Colonels

By Kirsten Peters
Co-Sports Editor

With four games on the calendar, Wilkes broke even with a 2-2 week, securing a win against Eastern to finish their three-game series 2-1 and falling in two contests against DeSales to lose their series 2-1.

After splitting the doubleheader against Eastern last week with a 6-0 victory and an 11-10 loss on Sunday, March 24, the Colonels looked to finish their series with the Eagles in a nine inning contest on Wednesday in St. Davids, Pa.

On a night that proved to showcase senior second baseman Jack Fischer, the Colonels capped off their series against Eastern with an 8-2 victory.

Fischer, who couldn't have chosen a better game to reach his 100th career hit, went 4-4 with a walk and proved to be a guarantee for success in the two-hole.

To kick off his stellar night, Fischer singled to right-centerfield in the first inning. Senior Nicholas Capozzi walked and the two moved into scoring position on a wild pitch. With junior Brandon Reno in the four-hole, his power earned him a double down the left field line, scoring both Fischer and Capozzi to give the Colonels an early 2-0 lead.

The Colonels and the Eagles appeared to go back-and-forth in a game of small ball, but Wilkes broke open in the top of the seventh when Fischer, who went 4-4 with a walk, doubled down the right field line.

Wilkes closed out the final inning of play by stretching their three-run lead to six runs. Reno finished the game 3-5, and Fischer led the three-game series against Eastern with his stat line.

Going 6-12 with two walks, Fischer proved to be the Eagles' Achilles heel, allowing the Colonels to win the series.

Noting Wilkes' success against Eastern, Fischer was straight and to the point, "We played some well-fought games."

Senior Noah Durnin kept the Eagles in check on the mound for seven innings, having five strikeouts and only allowing four hits and one earned run.

"Starting a new season is always hard, but this week it seemed that we were truly in mid-season form," said Reno, on the series win over Eastern. "Everyone knew their role on the field, on the bench and in the bullpen."

After defeating Eastern, the Colonels fell in two out of three contests against DeSales.

On Friday, Wilkes suffered a substantial blow with an 11-4 loss, just two days after beating Eastern.

Before injuring his hand and being out for the rest of the series, sophomore Nicholas Pronti made his presence known with a lead-off home run to start the second inning. Singles to left field by Reno and sophomore Jonah Harder in the bottom of the third demonstrated Wilkes'

attempt to tighten up the gap DeSales had created, making the game 7-3.

"On Friday, we were flat. Everybody played a little too tight and the game got away from us," said shortstop Michael Patrizio, who filled in for Pronti in the remaining two games of the series.

Despite the Bulldogs deafening seven runs, they tacked on four more between the fourth and the fifth to silence the Colonels.

Even though Wilkes scored in the bottom of the eighth, DeSales shut down any run at a comeback attempt for the Colonels, allowing their starting pitcher John Poccia to close out the eighth and have Zac Vitorelli come in just for the ninth to get the job done.

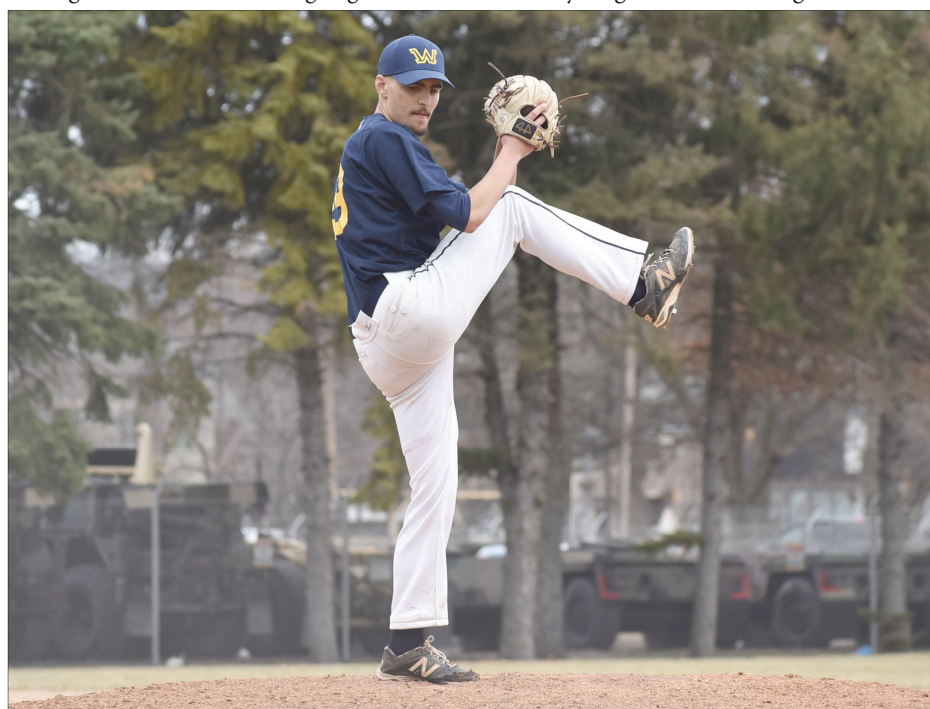
However, Saturday proved to be a different set of games for the Colonels, going into extra

which we needed to get a lead for JT, who we knew would pump strikes and give us a chance," said Patrizio, on the success of his teammates. "That's exactly what he did, and he did a fantastic job."

Reno reiterated Patrizio's sentiments, highlighting the importance of quality pitching that allows defense to win games.

"As position players, we love to have good outings from our starting pitching," said Reno. "That was the case this weekend with our pitchers going right at batters and going out with a confidence that resembled the juniors and seniors."

With freshman JT Hibsichman on the mound, the newbie snagged his second victory of his young career, following his standout



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Freshman pitcher JT Hibsichman secured the second victory of his young collegiate career with a 4-3 win over DeSales, following a 6-0 win over Eastern last week.

innings for both games of the doubleheader to make for a long and eventful day.

"Winning the series against Eastern was huge for us to keep a good spot in the standings, but losing in the first game against DeSales brought us back to reality," explained Patrizio. "We needed to go into the doubleheader hungry and ready to go."

From the first inning on Saturday, the Colonels game-play shifted from the dreary day prior.

With two outs, Capozzi walked and realigned the Colonels' momentum, leaving a job to be done by Reno in the four-hole. With a homer to left-field, Reno gave Wilkes the two-run advantage and a lead for the first time in their series against DeSales.

"Reno hit a homer to set the tone in the first,

performance that earned Wilkes their 6-0 victory in game one against Eastern.

Going for 7.2 innings and only allowing the final third of the game to be finished by sophomore pitcher Andrew Indzonka, Hibsichman struck out four batters and kept the Bulldogs to four hits and three runs in the low-scoring game.

"This week we came back from a tough Friday to only allow five runs combined on Saturday," said Hibsichman. "Hopefully, we can use this weekend as a launchpad for the rest of the year."

Harder, who found himself as the lead-off batter for the game, stretched the Colonels' lead to 3-1 in the third inning with a single to centerfield that allowed him to score on Capozzi's sac-fly to center.

With a .571 batting average on seven at bats and a walk, Harder led Wilkes' offensive stats for the DeSales series. However, a tight hamstring prevented him from playing in game three.

Despite the Bulldogs' ability to tie the game up at three in the bottom of the sixth, the Colonels pushed the first game of the doubleheader to the top of the eighth.

With one out, three consecutive walks left bases loaded for Patrizio. A sac-fly to centerfield did the job and allowed junior Matthew Reinert to tag up from third and cross the plate for the 4-3 victory.

"The infield was in and I knew I just had to put a ball in the outfield and get the run in," said Patrizio. "I was looking for a first-pitch fastball up in the zone. I got it and put a good swing on it that was deep enough for Reinert to score on."

In the second game of the doubleheader, DeSales and Wilkes competed in the same fashion - low scoring and into extra innings.

"We are in every game and this weekend was just another example of that," said Reno. "It was a test in our ability to bounce back, and if we play like we did this weekend, I can guarantee a playoff spot for the Colonels."

With freshman Gage Coudriet on the mound, who previously helped Wilkes defeat Misericordia 11-3, only one run was put on the board by the Bulldogs in the bottom of the third.

The Colonels answered with a run of their own in the top of the fifth to tie the game up. Wing doubled to left-centerfield and pinch-hitter sophomore Bryan Nifenecker fulfilled his role with a productive groundout to the right side that scored Wing for the 1-1 tie.

However, that proved to be the Colonels only run, as DeSales secured the walk-off victory in the bottom of the eighth, winning not only the game 2-1 but also the series 2-1 over Wilkes.

"The team is fairly happy with where we stand at this point now that both of our conference series against last season's top two teams, DeSales and Misericordia, are behind us," said Fischer, before he echoed playoff aspirations similar to Reno's mindset. "We have put ourselves in a good position to make playoffs by the end of the year."

With playoffs already on the horizon for the Colonels, their series against Manhattanville, which starts on Friday at 3:30 p.m. at Wilkes' Artillery Park, could be the Colonels next stepping stone toward their goal.

"We battled and gave it all we had against DeSales, and I'm excited to get back to work this week and take down Manhattanville starting on Friday," said Patrizio.

To follow the Colonels non-conference matchups, Wilkes will play back-to-back games against Marywood and Cabrini on Tuesday and Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. respectively.



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