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Wilkes faculty battles Alzheimer’s Disease**

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President Leahy and Dr. Harold Cox shake hands at the dedication for Harold Cox Hall. Cox suffers from Alzheimer’s Disease.

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Beacon Briefs

Toys for Tots Drive

The men's lacrosse team is hosting a Toys-For-Tots campaign from now through Dec. 18. Please consider donating a new, unwrapped, child-appropriate toy (no guns, knives, or food) to help brighten the holidays for a child in need. Donations can be placed in one of the bins in UCOM or the Student Center.

Calendar Reminder to all

According to the University's Academic Calendar, Tuesday, Nov. 24 is to follow a Thursday class schedule. Thanksgiving Recess begins Nov. 24 at 10 p.m. Fall classes resume Nov. 30 at 8 a.m.

ASME Backpack Fundraiser

The ASME Club is selling backpacks bearing the Wilkes University logo for \$25, payable in cash or by checks made out to "Wilkes University ASME". Selling locations are the Mechanical Engineering Office in SLC 141 and the Henry Student Center during club hours on select days. Email requests can be sent to the club president Joshua Reightler at joshua.reightler@wilkes.edu or the Engineering Department secretary Renee Chirico at renee.chirico@wilkes.edu.

New WGS Newsletter Now Available On-Line

The latest edition of the Women's and Gender Studies Newsletter is now available online. Learn about the upcoming spring WGS conference, WGS students and alum, and more. Go to: <http://wilkes.edu/academics/colleges/arts-humanities-social-sciences/behavioral-social-sciences/womens-and-gender-studies/newsletter/index.aspx>

SG Notes: Club reports; ASME, SAE Mini Baja Veteran's Club fund request; Captial Projects

By Toni Pennello
Staff Writer

Week 11

Wilkes University's Student Government met on Wednesday for its weekly meeting.

Stephen Lee, representing the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), delivered a club report. ASME will be selling backpacks with the Wilkes logo on them for the remainder of the semester. The backpacks are \$25. ASME will continue to fundraise and perform community service this semester and will host their 10th annual car show next semester.

The SAE Mini Baja club, represented by Jeremy Yeoman, should be beginning construction on their car soon. It is expected to be finished by the end of the semester, and next year will be spent testing it. The club required at least \$10,000 to build the car, and have been receiving funding from alumni and other organizations.

Last week, the Veterans Council requested \$375-\$500 for T-shirts to promote their self defense seminar, which will take place Feb. 23 from 11 a.m. to 1p.m. The Veterans Council hopes that the T-shirts, which will be given away for free, will raise more awareness about the event. The council reported that \$375 would cover the cost of 75 shirts, and \$500 would cover 100 shirts. Student Government voted unanimously to

allocate the \$500 for 100 shirts. This was the last request for funds of the semester.

The Capital Projects committee requested a total of \$40,000 for updates to The Martz Gym. According to John Scalese, much of the equipment is 13 years old, and most have a warrantee of 5-10 years. Updates would include at least five new elliptical machines, new bikes, three decline benches, foam plyo boxes to replace the current wooden set, and perhaps a new dumbbell set as well as kettle bells.

According to the Library Council, construction of the front desk in the library is finished, and it should be opened back up sometime this week.

MSC will be accepting nonperishable food donations as well as money to buy food items to benefit the Zion Baptist church. Students who donate will be entered into a raffle.

The Commuter Council will be offering free hot chocolate and cookies in the sub during club hours on Dec. 1.

On Dec. 14 at 8 p.m. the IRHC will be holding its end of the year study break. They will also be collecting money and Toys for Tots in exchange for raffle tickets.

The council reviewed the Treasurer's report and the budget is as follows: All college: \$749.88. General: \$1,036.38. Conference: \$0.00. Spirit: \$0.00 for a Student Government total of \$1,786.26.

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Terror attacks in Paris, failure of shared intelligence services

International community rallies with France while some instill fear in citizens

By Sarah Bedford
News Editor

On Nov. 13, 129 individuals were killed after terrorist attacks at a concert hall, the Stade de France and numerous bars and restaurants conducted by the Islamic State in Syria and Iraq were completed on Friday evening.

"The ferocity and frequency (second attack in 10 months) are concerning," explained Dr. Andreea Maieran, visiting assistant professor of political science.

The attacks happened less than a year since January's attacks at the Charlie Hebdo office, which left 12 individuals dead.

Maieran explained that the Nov. 13 attacks were a result of "a failure of French intelligence services, but also a failure to share intelligence and operational military information between Europe and the U.S."

While the United States has the Patriot Act that consists of mass surveillance on citizens, France has also created its own version of the legislation.

In essence, the act can give the French government's intelligence agency similar powers to the U.S. legislation which includes the "power to tap cell phones, read emails, and force Internet providers to scan customers' Internet use for information upon request," according to Digital Trends.

While French citizens have reacted with resilience and dignity amidst the events, Maieran explains that they are entitled to hold their government to a high standard.

"Once we give up our right to privacy, we maintain the legitimate and reasonable expectation that information obtained from surveillance is used to prevent terrorist attacks," she said.

As the French President Francois Hollande continues to work on legislative alterations to protect the country, the international community has reached out to support the city of Paris.

"Terrorism can never win because the national community will also support the countries that have been attacked," she said. "People refuse to give up their style of living."

Relating the incident to American citizens, Maieran explained that U.S. citizens also should not live in fear.

"We should not be afraid to travel... we should not be afraid of studying abroad," she said, adding that living in fear will only "let them win."

The notion of fear is an aspect that American politicians have latched onto, dealing with the arrival of Syrian refugees into the United States as well as to other countries.

"Sadly, politicians will continue to disappoint us as they politicize this event to obtain electoral gains," Maieran said, pointing to French politicians such as Marine Le Pen, president of the Front National who



Graphic By Israel Rodriguez

has bred fear and xenophobia (hatred of foreigners) into citizens.

"She (Le Pen) and her party already have exploited the situation and created more fear and more intolerance," Maieran said of the party, which has far right political motives including a rigid stance on immigration.

"If we continue to be intolerant we're only

going to make things worse," she said.

News reports flooded in on the status of the assailants, claiming that family members did not know that they were involved in the terror organizations.

Maieran explained that this is quite possible as "they don't socialize the way we do... they only hear one brainwashing ideology," adding "we judge them based on the family relations we have, but their circumstances might be very different"

Due to the cultural differences, many of the assumptions made by American politicians as well as mainstream media has escalated and propagated the intolerance Maieran spoke of.

"The media likes to simplify and oversimplify things," Maieran said, calling the issue at hand is multilayered as it deals with terror groups and also generalizations made about religion.

"Normal Muslim believers condemn the death of any human being," Maieran said. This notion was further spread though the "Not in My Name" social media trend emerged as Muslims rallied in support of France.

This was not the only act of unity displayed despite the tragic events. "One of the most powerful videos was the French people leaving the stadium singing 'La Marseillaise,'" she said.

"We should focus on what unites us," Maieran concluded. "There is immense common interest between France, United States, and other allies shaped by our shared values of democracy and liberty. We must continue to possess the belief that these values will ultimately prevail against the idea of ISIS"

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Politicians place blame on refugees; mentality of terror groups on youth members

On Nov. 16, Governor Tom Wolf released a statement that Pa. will still accept Syrian refugees: "To assist the settlement of families fleeing the humanitarian crisis in Syria, the Federal Government coordinates with local charitable organizations in Pennsylvania and other states. Pennsylvania will continue working with the Federal Government to ensure that all individuals have gone through the proper screening process."

While the admittance of refugees into the country has sparked debate, Dr. Andreea

Maieran, visiting assistant professor of political science, explained that stopping refugees from entering the country will not stop terrorism, but instead will instill more of the radical thoughts of terror groups like ISIS into its followers.

The attacks are typically put into motion by young men of the organizations.

These men are typically in their early to mid-20s, citizens of the European Union and according to Maieran, they are "frustrated young men who are part of a minority and

are not integrated."

She added that they live in ghettos on the outskirts of major cities like Paris, they have a different native language and they practice a different religion.

Due to the feeling of alienation and the lack of education many of the men have, they are very vulnerable to the "brainwashing" of terrorist mentality.

Maieran explained that the leaders of the groups often tell them that "the western world does not want them" and the actions

by politicians only supports that notion.

"If we continue to be intolerant we're only going to make things worse," she said.

Calling the refugees a scapegoat to politicians, many place blame on the individuals for the cause of the terror attacks which is not the case, according to Maieran.

"There are forced connections with the refugees crisis because it's easy to do so," Maieran said.

Motor Voter Law passed in California; automatic voter registration Step in right direction but hinderance to those without license

By Toni Pennello
Staff Writer

In October, The New Motor Voter Law was passed in California. This new law means that anyone receiving a driver's license or other identification in the state will be automatically registered to vote.

Democratic group iVote is pushing to pass this law in all 50 states. The purpose is to ensure that all Americans are able to register, and hopefully increase voter turnout. According to census.gov, the 2014 congressional election showed the lowest voter turnout since 1978.

Will automatic voter registration increase voter turnout? Dr. Thomas Baldino, professor of political science, doesn't think it can hurt.

"I want more people to vote, and to be able to vote one must be registered," Baldino said. "Putting arbitrary or difficult obstacles in the path of people who are wishing to register, that's a problem."

Political science Professor Dr. Kyle Kreider agrees that this might be a necessary step in increasing voter turnout.

"I support automatic voter registration because I believe the 'costs' associated with voting should be kept as low as possible," Kreider explained.

Baldino referred to various practices that don't necessarily hinder people from registering by law, but end up doing so accidentally. This includes the need to show an ID and birth certificate to register.

"Not everyone drives, and typically people who don't drive are poor. Poor people are hindered in their ability to register, which means you're shutting them out of the voting process," Baldino explained.

If someone who wants to register does not have a required birth certificate, they will need to pay to get a new one, which Baldino referred to as an "artificial cost to vote."

The New Motor Voter Law is still mostly exclusive to American citizens who drive, however.

"I'm worried about the people who aren't driving," Baldino explained. "If you're going to give those people who do drive an automatic registration, what are you doing for those who don't drive? Those who aren't driving are more likely older, or poor."

Both Baldino and Kreider expressed skepticism for how effective automatic voter registration will be to help voter turnout. Kreider explained that there are two separate problems: voter registration, and voter turnout.

"It's true that there are some people who'd




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like to vote on Election Day but can't because they are not registered to vote. However, by and large, those who are not registered to vote are ones who would not vote on Election Day anyway, even if they had that opportunity," Kreider said. "We need to help lower costs but be mindful that voter turnout won't increase a great deal because of this."

Although it has its drawbacks, both Baldino and Kreider feel that this is a step in the right direction. To Baldino, the more

pressing issue lies in the fact that people are actually against automatic registration.

"There are states like California who are working hard, or at least creating conditions to expand participation," Baldino said. "But there are other states that are putting up more roadblocks to voting. That is more troubling to me than making it easier."

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"Voting: What can the U.S. learn from other countries?"



On Nov. 17 Roland Rich, Former Executive Head of the United Nations Democracy Fund, presented, "What can the U.S. learn from other countries?" Rich highlighted several other countries' government and voting system concepts that differ from America's. One of the main points of Rich's presentation encouraged the U.S. to implement a stronger Federal Election Commission to regulate the voting process and system. (At left, is Rich. At right, Wilkes University Provost Dr. Anne Skleder addresses audience members.

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'Kirby cat' in need of a forever home; adoption

By Sarah Bedford
News Editor

Housed beneath the steps of Wilkes University's Kirby Hall resides the smallest member of the campus community.

The little Colonel, known to some as Buttercup or Marshmallow and to others as Sally, is an adult grey and white cat who has become a loved asset to students who daily walk through campus.

Elizabeth Bracco, a P3 student explained that she and her friends enjoy spending time with the Kirby Cat.

"I am in the library almost every night and so I bring her a bowl of cat food on my way to the library," she said. "My friends and I play with her during study breaks and on our walk home."

The cat is very friendly, though shy at first, according to P2 student, Jimmy Steigerwalt.

"She was very shy the first time I met her and wouldn't let me pet her," Steigerwalt explained. "Later that night, I walked over to her little cat house under Kirby while she was sleeping. She woke up when she saw me, so I put my hand out and she started purring and let me pet her. Ever since that moment, she has been the friendliest cat I've ever met."

The students believe that the feline once had a home but has since been abandoned.

"One student told me that she was someone that graduated last year's pet, and just left her here after they left, which is extremely sad," Bracco said.

"When I feed her, she does not stand over her food while she eats it; typically stray cats are very protective over any food that they may receive," said Amanda Gerberich, a P3 pharmacy student. "I worry what will happen to her if she is outside for the winter."

The cat appears to be neutered as it's ear has been clipped, which according to Jen Reese, a volunteer at Blue Chip Farm, an animal refuge in Dallas, Pa, is what some organizations do to show that the cat has been spayed or neutered.

While students at Wilkes love seeing the four legged friend, many worry about her whereabouts during the winter months.

"I realize that finding someone willing to take in a stray cat is a tall order, but I hope that a true cat enthusiast is able to take her in," Steigerwalt said.

At present, members of the campus community have provided the Kirby cat with a shelter and bed along with cat food and milk along with companionship.

"A lot of other students play with her, which I think is great," Bracco said. "There have been numerous people that will feed her or leave her milk. She even has two beds



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Concerned students wish to find the feline a forever home before the cold, winter months.

under the staircase, which is so sweet."

Steigerwalt agreed adding, "I feel that it shows the character of Wilkes students."

Due to the change in season, these students would like to see the Kirby Cat find a permanent home.

Reese explained that at present, Blue Chip is caring for roughly 200 cats and not currently taking more in as they receive calls for stray cats each hour. She added that even when cats are brought into the shelter, they don't always adjust well to the other cats and with older cats, it's much more difficult for them to find homes.


Reese felt that the best option for the cat would be to start an outreach on social media to see if someone within the campus community could care for her.

Students attested to the cats likability, hoping to find her a forever home.

"Although she can be shy around strangers at first, she is very friendly once you are able to pet her for the first time. Considering how clean and well-kept she is, I think she was a former house cat and could easily transition to being adopted as a house cat," Steigerwalt said.

"She is super friendly, loves attention, and is need of a good home! She is fixed, relatively very healthy, and very active," Bracco added.

For individuals interested in volunteering at Blue Chip Farms, call (570) 333-5265.

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New full service Starbucks coming in Spring 2016 semester; UCOM

By Dian McKinney
Staff Writer

A full service Starbucks being placed in the Gambini's Cafe will be the next new addition to the list of alterations being made to Wilkes University campus.

Additions already made this past semester include the Gateway Project and the POD.

Whereas previously there had only been a few coffee options in the "We Proudly Serve Starbucks," there will soon be a full menu upgrade for all beverages hot and cold. Latte's and frappuccino's will be included. In addition, there will be pastries and

sandwiches that are typically served at other full Starbucks around the country.

In addition to a menu upgrade, Wilkes is also adding new indoor and outdoor seating, including umbrella tables in the Gateway for students to lounge and enjoy coffee and fresh air.

Similar to many of the upgrades that were made on campus, the new Starbucks is giving students a safer option as it is closer to campus than the Dunkin Donuts and Starbucks in the Square. Students who need coffee late at night would usually travel to the Square will soon have option to get coffee


and many other necessities right on campus.

This Starbucks is also a much safer alternative than traveling to get coffee in the Square because it is directly across from the Public Safety Headquarters. Rather than taking a long walk to get coffee before a late night study session, one can simply go on campus.

Construction on the Starbucks began on Nov. 6 and should be completed sometime in the beginning of January; just in time for the Spring semester. Flex Dollars, Dining Dollars, and cash will be accepted. In addition, students will be able to use the Starbucks

App that allows students to make and pay for their order, earn and track rewards, and send gift cards to friends.

Gambini's is also looking to hire 11 new employees, including Wilkes University students. This employment opportunity will involve two weeks of training in the new Gambini's Starbucks. Although this is not a work study option, students are encouraged to apply if they are interested in becoming a barista.

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Education Club raises funds for The Jared Box Project

By Sarah Bedford
News Editor

The Wilkes University Education Club held a fundraiser to send care packages to children ages 2-11 who are at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP). The boxes help to give well wishes this holiday season.

The club had set a goal to raise \$500 to make 50 boxes but exceeded, raising \$550 and creating 75 boxes.

The care packages, known as The Jared Box, are plastic storage bins filled with small toys and games for a specific age and sex. The boxes serve as a diversion for young patients

who find themselves in the hospital receiving medical treatment like chemotherapy. Within the club's care packages, they included reading books, activity books, flash cards, puzzles, art supplies, toys, etc.

According to the organization's website, more than 200,000 Jared Boxes have been delivered across the country.

The Education Club raised the funds by selling "Home is Where the Heart Is" long sleeve shirts.

Karissa Hensel, the Education Club's vice president who is also a junior early childhood with a special education certificate explained that the club was looking forward to working with the Jared Box Project and hopes to do so again.

"When you look at the faces of these kids in the hospitals, then seeing the joy it brings them when receiving the boxes, we knew we wanted to bring that joy," Hensel said.

The Education Club is still working on fundraisers such as Wilkes Tumblers which



Left, Education Club President Theresa Kloeker and right, Karissa Hensel showcase a few of the Jared Boxes the organization created for the children in the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. The packages included books, games, art supplies, and toys. In total, the club created 75 boxes and hopes to pair with the organization again.

they are they still selling. They will also be participating in Relay for Life.

They will also be volunteering at the university Christmas party to watch the faculty and staff's children during the evening.

For information on how to join the Education Club, contact Karissa Hensel or Theresa Kloeker.

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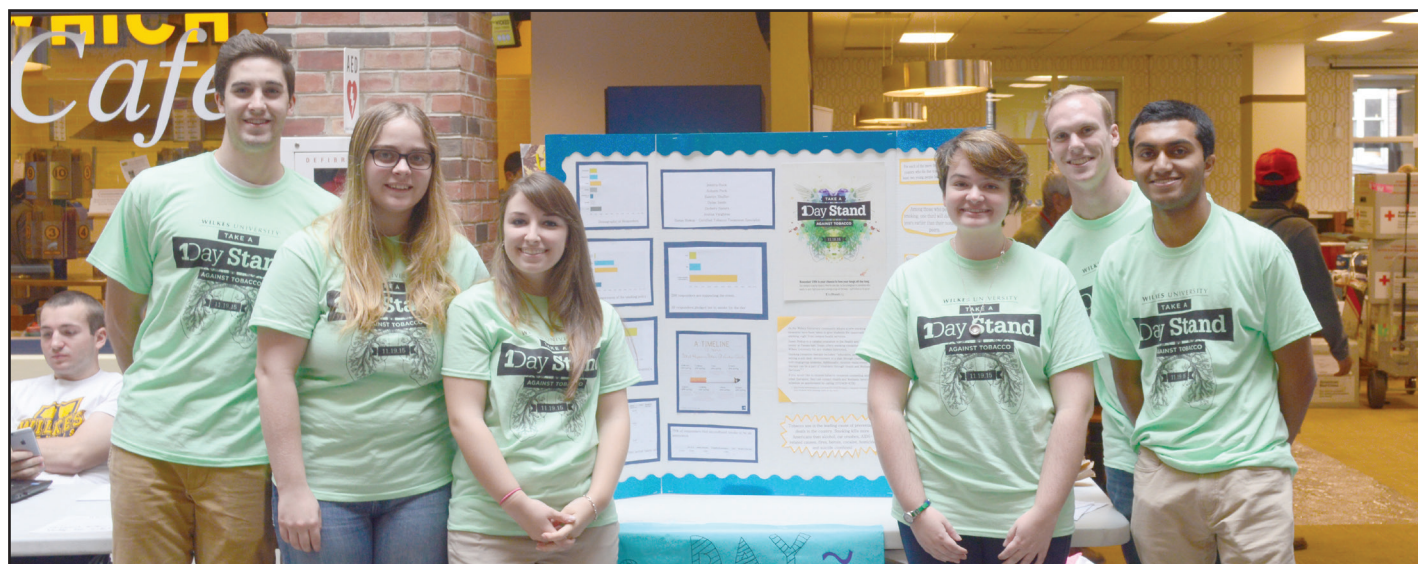
One Day Stand celebrates lung health; nonsmoking


By Gabby Glinski
Asst. News Editor

On Nov. 19, a group of pharmacy held "One Day Stand" an event where students and faculty pledged not to smoke for a day.

The group has been working closely with Susan Biskup from Passan Hall to develop the event. The results of a survey given earlier in the semester were presented at the event as well as information educating students and staff about the negative effects of smoking.

According to the One Day Stand web page, more than 1,577 campuses nationwide have a 100 percent smoke or tobacco free policy in place. The program encourages campuses to take a One Day Stand pledge a tobacco-free policy for one day.



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New language course for Spring 2016 Mandarin Chinese offers language requirement diversity

By Amanda Bialek
Staff Writer

Are you interested in learning a different language? Or do you need to fill a general education requirement yet?

A new Mandarin Chinese course is now being offered to all Wilkes students.

For the spring 2016 Semester, students can register for Elementary Mandarin Chinese I which is MAN 101 section A or B online. It is held on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at either 9 or 10 a.m.

The instructor for this course is Chendi Jiang. She is from Beijing, China and graduated from the University of Macau with a Bachelor's degree in Economics. She previously taught another program at the University of Washington in St. Louis.

Many people believe that if you can speak a language, you can teach it. This is a basic misunderstanding of foreign language teaching, Jiang said.

She wants to teach her students in a way that is very formal and standard to help them understand the language and culture behind it.

Her class covers basic conversations and includes contextualized exercises. She also uses similar conversations but in different contexts to challenge and encourage students to think logically.

"I try to create a 100 percent target language atmosphere in class," Jiang said.

If she needs to translate something for a student she will use the English language. A majority of the time she will speak using the target language, Mandarin Chinese.

Through the Alliance for Language Learning and Education Exchange Foundation (ALLEX), the university has the opportunity to offer this high quality language program for two years in exchange for Miss Jiang earning her MBA in business administration in the Wilkes graduate program.

"We have a desire to expand our language offerings. This was just a really good opportunity to offer students something very different."

-Dr. Diane Wenger

"We have a desire to expand our language offerings," said Dr. Diane E. Wenger, associate professor and co-chair of Global History and Languages. "This was just a really good opportunity to offer students something very different."

This exchange program has given the university the chance to provide students with an interesting course at no additional cost.

Jiang knows that this language is hard for students to learn compared to French or Spanish, so she tries to make the class interesting and easier for students to get started.

"I want students to get a surprise that the language is different from what they imagine or know (from) before."

Her hope is that students continue to



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Offered in spring 2016, students have the chance to study elementary mandarin chinese under instructor, Chemdi Jiang. The course is three credits and counts are a foreign language.

keep their interest and passion in Mandarin Chinese after the conclusion of the course.

"I think it would be really good for students (or) anybody to broaden their horizons," Wenger said.

Learning a new language opens up opportunities for people to communicate and make connections with people around the world.

If you have any questions or are interested in learning more about the

program, contact Dr. Diane Wenger at diane.wenger@wilkes.edu or (570) 408-4221. To find out more details about the course, contact Chendi Jiang at chendi.jiang@wilkes.edu.



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A student's reflection on gaining awareness

World AIDS Day reminds that global health issues are local

By Colleen O'Callaghan
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Kihinga George, a 21 year old from Tanzania, visited Wilkes University from Oct. 6 to the 20.

His trip was sponsored by Dr. Linda Winkler, professor of anthropology at Wilkes and a private donor, Ed Meehan. After 18 months of planning and working to obtain a visa for Kihinga he was able to spend two weeks in the United States.

Along with Bishop Reverend Ralph Jones of the Northwestern Synod of the ELCA, Winkler founded an AIDS control program in Tanzania.

Kihinga became an orphan at a very young age due to the AIDS epidemic in Africa.

Since 2011, Zebra Communications, Wilkes University's student-run public relations agency has raised money to support several other orphans as well as Kihinga.

Meeting Kihinga in person, as a member

of Zebra Communications, made me realize the AIDS epidemic is more important than I had originally thought.

According to the United Nations Children's Fund, in 2012, 1.2 million children were orphaned by AIDS and about 1.5 million people, of all ages, in Tanzania were living with HIV.

I then decided to look at statistics in the United States about AIDS because in there are such high numbers in Tanzania. In doing so, I found on the United Nations Children's Fund page for the United States, that there is very little information for the year 2012 when it comes to the subject.

The only information that I could find were the highest estimation and lowest estimation of people of all ages living with HIV. In 2012, the low was 920,000 people in the United States, while the high was 1.8 million – a large gap.

National HIV Testing Day in the United States is June 27. To find out where you can get tested, the CDC's (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) website has a link to "Find Testing Locations."

All that is needed is the person's city and state or ZIP code to find the locations closest to them.

People can also filter their results to find what they are looking to get tested for more specifically, as well as find out if the facility offers HIV Testing for free, Conventional HIV Oral Tests, or testing for other STDs.

According to the website for World AIDS Day, there are an estimated 34 million people, globally, living with HIV and more than 35 million people have died from HIV, making the virus one of the most destructive epidemics in history.

Dec. 1 is World AIDS Day, which is an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV, show their support for people living with HIV and to commemorate those who have died from the virus.

World AIDS Day is an opportunity for people to learn more about HIV and put their knowledge into action.

The World AIDS Day website also stated that this day is important because although


there are many scientific advances in the HIV treatment, people still do not know the facts when it comes to protecting themselves and others from HIV, or the shame and discrimination that remain all too real for many people living with HIV.

To show support for people living with HIV, on World AIDS Day, people can wear the international symbol of HIV awareness and support – a red ribbon.

Also according to their website, this day reminds the public, globally, that HIV has not gone away and that there is still a need to raise money, increase the awareness, fight prejudice and improve education.

You don't have to wait until December 1st. Call Caring Communities at 570-829-2700 for a free HIV/STD testing today.

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Showing thankfulness throughout the community



The Beacon/Nicole Zukowski

The month of November, in association with the Thanksgiving holiday, offers people and opportunity to reflect on their lives and give thanks for all that they have.

Wilkes is challenging everyone to join the '30 Days Of Thankful' challenge by posting on social media all that they are thankful for. The idea is to fill the Wilkes student center with thankful posts.

Anyone with questions can contact Caitlin Czeh in the Interfaith Office caitlin.czeh@wilkes.edu.

If social media is not your cup of tea then get involved with local causes or team up with the numerous organizations on campus who are supporting those in need this holiday season.

Ways to donate time or money

Invite one or two international students to Thanksgiving and have a great opportunity to share an American holiday with someone from a foreign culture. Contact Georgia Costalas at the Center for Global Education and Diversity, Georgia.costalas@wilkes.edu for more information.

Zebra Communications also will be

teaming up the Salvation Army to kick off the organization's annual Christmas Red Kettle Campaign, which helps raise awareness and financial support for vital Salvation Army programs during the holiday season and year round.

Donate your spare change in the kettles located in the SUB.

Keep an ear out for musical performances to come in December

Staff Reports

As the winter season comes into full swing many musical performances will be taking place at the Darthy Dickson Dart Center for the performing Arts and other locations to rejoice in the celebration of the season.

Wilkes University Civic Band Presents "Solos and Ensembles: A Celebration of Wind and Percussion Music" on Dec. 6.

Conducted by Dr. Philip G. Simon, the concert will feature music from ensembles of various sizes, ranging from double quintet to full symphonic band.

The program features feature selections with student soloists: "Yorkshire Ballad" by James Barnes with tuba soloist Ryan Lamoreux and "Concerto for Two Flutes and Wind Ensemble" by Domenico Cimerosa, transcribed by Philip G. Simon and with flute soloists Sofia Soares and Meghan Ertle.

The program will also feature "Chorale for Brass and Percussion" by Vaclav Nelhybel, "Little Symphony for Winds: Movement IV" by Franz Schubert and arranged by Verne Reynolds.

Along with "Chorale and Shaker Dance" by John Zdechlik. Other selections include "March, Op. 99" by Serge Prokofiev and "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" by Claude T. Smith.

Wilkes University Choral Ensembles Present In Dulci Jubilo on Dec 11.

The Wilkes University Chorus and the Wilkes University Chamber Singers will present 'In Dulci Jubilo'.

This is a program of Christmas choral music and will be performed at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Wilkes-Barre.

The program includes arrangements of "Masters in this Hall," "Children Go Where I Send Thee" and "In Dulci Jubilo,"

as well as other Christmas music by John Rutter, Steven Sametz and Eleanor Daley. Also on the program is Franz Biebl's "Ave Maria."

Both groups are directed by Steven Thomas, director of choral activities and chair of the division of performing arts at Wilkes University.

The free concert begins at 7:30 p.m. and is open to the public.

The University Chorus is the University's largest choral ensemble and is open to any member of the Wilkes community, by audition in the beginning of semesters.

The Chamber Singers typically perform a wide range of a cappella repertoire, from Renaissance to contemporary music, and frequently collaborates with the Arcadia Chorale on the annual NEPA Bach Festival.

For more information, please contact Steven Thomas at 570-408-4434 or steven.thomas@wilkes.edu.

Wilkes University Flute Ensemble Presents Concert on Dec. 13.

The Wilkes University Flute Ensemble will hold a concert at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 13 in the Dorothy Dickson Dart Center. Admission is free with refreshments to follow.

A. Lish Lindsey, adjunct instructor of flute, will direct the ensemble.

The program will feature the music of Boismortier, Clarke, Debussy, Grier, Rossini and Scarlatti, as well showcase solo flutists from the ensemble.

The Dorothy Dickson Dart Center has helped to shape the lives of the many performing artists who have lived, worked, and performed on its stage, and it stands as a symbol of the University's ongoing commitment to programs in the performing arts.

It is located at 30 West River St., on the corners of South River and South streets.

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The Beacon/Alexandra Devarie

"My biological father is an alcoholic. He was a cop and that was a huge influence on his drinking problem. He couldn't control and separate from work so when he would come home from the bar he would take his anger out on my mom. My mom really didn't know what to do; she couldn't rely on the police because they were his friends. When I was four years old my parents ended up in a bad domestic violence dispute. My parents divorced after the dispute. Soon after my mom and I were homeless. My mom eventually saved enough money up so we could get an apartment about 200 miles away from him. These events are huge influences on why I study psychology, criminology and why it was important for me to incorporate myself with the domestic violence service center."

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OPINION: Putting the 'B' in LGBT

By Eric Casey
Staff Writer

It's great that support for lesbian, gay and transgender groups have accomplished many incredible things. Recognition in the media has been a huge factor in the way Americans and the rest of the world have come around to respecting those who are different from them.

With that being said I just have some basic questions. Where in the world is the support for bisexuals?

It's just something I have noticed very recently, but I'm sure the lack of recognition of bisexuals has always been high.

It's tiring to see news reports of a high school student coming out as gay to his or her entire class at graduation, or a vine celebrity coming out of the closet on YouTube, which suddenly causes a parade around them for days on end.

There are even gay folks out there who seem to have apathy toward bisexuals by saying things like "oh you're just going through a phase" or "come out as gay and join our side."

Ian Valles is a freshman secondary education major and part of Wilkes' GSA (Gay Straight Alliance). He's openly bisexual and had a lot to say on the issue.

In regard to gays and lesbians Valles said, "They feel we can't pick a side and we're a detriment to their message. How can you oppress someone when you yourself are being oppressed the same way?"

However, Valles thinks there has been small progress.

"We've made strides in the general community and we're much more accepted then we were ten years ago."

The worst attitude comes from straight people who say things like "batting for the other team I see?", "pick a side already!" or even "so you get action twice as much?"

It's not that those are side-effects of bisexual people, rather they are personality traits seen in all genders.

Em Leonick, a senior English major, had thoughts about those who ignore bisexuals.

"I think it's really counterproductive to

the movement because I know there are people who don't think they belong in the community as long as they're dating someone who isn't the same sex as them."

There is a lot of shame and negative stigmas that surround the bisexual community. We as a country talk about equality for gays and even recently transgender people. What about people who identify as bisexual? It's almost like those spreading equality messages are only for equality when it suits them or when it's for their own cause.

According to You Gov UK, one in two young adults in the UK ages 18-24 are not 100 percent heterosexual. That's 43 percent of young people who do not register as a zero or six on the Kinsey Scale, where zero is completely heterosexual and a six is completely homosexual. The amount who did fall on either a zero or six was 52% of the 18-24 year olds.

The study also points out that with every passing generation, they seem to see their sexuality less fixed in stone like the previous generation.

It's time to stop pretending that bisexual people are invisible and some sort of myth.

The media is to blame for the negative stereotypes surrounding the bisexual community.

The few times that I do see bi character portrayals on television usually exasperates me. They are always portrayed as "sluts" and overly dramatic flirtatious people who just want sex.

There's almost never a character who identifies as bi portrayed as going through a rough time in their life with a serious storyline.

"In the entertainment industry we're ignored because they like to marginalize the LGBT community into just the gay and lesbian community because they make up a majority of it. We're pretty much obscure and rarely mentioned", Valles said.

Junior English major Josephine Latimer also adds, "Bisexual people are never really taken seriously. Their identities are always invalidated because

of the fact they are attracted to both males and females, they're not seen as queer enough to be part of the LGBT community."

She went on to say, "There's this skepticism into whether they should be part of the community because they may be 'straight passing' since at the moment they happen to be in a heterosexual relationship."

Who knows if the future will be better for those who are bisexual?

It's hard enough being bisexual in the real world, but it's worse not seeing fair portrayals in the media.

Unfortunately people take what they see in their daily content viewing habits as 100% fact, when in reality it's just fabricated. As time goes by the LGBT movement to acceptance looks promising to all who identify in this community. To me though, bisexuals seem to be the last part of LGBT that's left outside looking in.

To further that idea of bisexuals waiting

to get their "acceptance," Valles had the following to say about what he hears throughout campus and everywhere else in general.

"There's still naysayers and I've heard it on campus too. I've heard people who identify as bisexual say negative things about other bisexual people. It goes down the line because I also heard bisexual people say negative things about pansexuals and transgenders saying negative things about non-binary people," Valles said.

"It's the mentality that you pick on people smaller than you which is a natural human thing as sad as that is."



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“Root, little pig, or die:” the Dr. Cox story

Dr. Cox , dressed in uniform, speaks with a student veteran during the Veteran’s Day ceremony.

By James Jaskolka
Editor-in-Chief

The office of University Archivist Dr. Harold E. Cox looks like it belongs in a museum.

Tucked in the back corner of the Farley Library's first floor, it sits encased by streak-free glass. The furniture looks antiquated, but beautiful. The desk is a strong cherry-colored wood that radiates importance. Not a book is out of place, not a paper where it shouldn't be.

Some of Cox's cleanliness comes from a strict military background, where organization is key; much of it, however, stems from the simple fact that he rarely spends time there.

Cox is often seen eating breakfast in the cafeteria, or walking around campus visiting friends. Having worked at the university since 1963, Cox knows his way around the people and places on campus. He's the only person at Wilkes who has been here for every president. He was here when Wilkes became one of the first schools to admit people of color.

He's seen so much of Wilkes' history that as university archivist, he's made it his personal responsibility to collect and preserve it all.

"There's no other historical memory here other than what Harold has collected in archives," Bonnie Culver, director of the creative writing graduate program housed in the building named after Cox, said. "He's made everything about Wilkes."

Cox, a history professor emeritus who also teaches the required research class to creative writing graduate students, has a deep love for history. Cox spends his free time researching his own ancestry, finding out that he shares lineage with surprisingly famous people, such as Mac Bethad mac Findlaí, the historical Macbeth.

For someone with such a passion for history, it seems sadly ironic that Cox's own historical memory is continuously waning: Cox suffers from Alzheimer's disease, a neurodegenerative illness that causes exponential memory loss and trouble with cognitive processing.

When recounting stories, Cox is candid; he's quick to share stories of blunderous ex-students and stories from his time as reserve command sergeant major for the U.S. Army; he moves rapidly from smug satisfaction at his own jokes to a teary-eyed somber when speaking of dead friends.

Despite the candid confidence, Cox often trails off, letting long pauses linger

between his words. His frustration with the disease is clear, although he still keeps his sense of humor.

"It's a most useful disease, because you can always excuse yourself," Cox said. "If anything goes wrong, I can blame it on Alzheimer's."

Those close to Cox realize the toll it takes on him.

"I can't imagine what it's like knowing you're losing your mind when you're as smart as he is," Vicki Mayk, director of public relations and friend of Cox, said.

"He's aware that he doesn't remember," Culver, a longtime colleague and close friend, said. "That's the hardest part for Dr. Cox."

But Cox is a fighter, and he doesn't give up. Even before his military involvement, Cox prided himself on his determination and endurance. He lives his life by a saying he's heard since he was a child - "Root, little pig, or die."

And rooting he is.

Cox is currently part of an experimental drug testing for his disease, where he takes a regiment of pills for a year. He said he feels better than he did, but he and Culver both admit that it fluctuates.

More important than the medicine to Cox is his own willpower and reserve. While sharing stories about the military, Cox mentions the need to be strong and stand on one's own.

"You don't raise competent people if you don't make them think and learn to survive, particularly in this world," he said.

"He's feisty, that's part of what keeps him going. He doesn't want to give up. You have to admire that," Culver said. "Some people stay at home and don't do anything. That's not Harold."

When all is said and done, disease or not, Harold E. Cox is the kind of person to get what he wants, despite the obstacles.

"I came into this world upside down with the umbilical cord around my neck. I almost was strangled to death. There are a lot of people that had probably wished it had happened," he said, laughing. "But I'm perfectly happy here."

Root, little pig, or die.



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Dr. Cox and President Leahy share a smile before Cox delivered a lecture in May 2013.

Opinion

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Healthy for the holidays: Tips for healthy living

Local fitness coach offers ways to feel your best during the holiday season

By Maria Currie
Guest Writer

Maria Currie is an Star Diamond Independent Team Beachbody Coach.

Tis the season for fun, families and stress. Buying presents, traveling and being around lots of food can wear you down. Did you know that the average American eats 32% more over the four-day Thanksgiving weekend alone?

Despite your best efforts to keep unhealthy food out of your line of sight, you cannot control your environment as well as you can during the rest of the year. So, don't let the holiday pressures interrupt your routine and make it even more challenging to follow your plans to stay healthy. Alleviate stress by taking the time to have a game plan. The easiest way to do this is to plan ahead and be proactive.

Here are some tips to stay healthy during the holidays.

1. Don't plan to lose weight.

Yes that's right! It is more realistic for people to set a goal of maintaining their weight. Trying to stay 100% on track during the holidays may be the exact thing that causes you to gain weight.

One possible reason for this is the Forbidden Fruit Effect (or Theory of Psychological Resistance). Your longing for whatever it is you can't or shouldn't have. The deprivation is what makes holiday food all the more tempting.

2. Get sweating! (and I don't mean running around Christmas shopping). Exercise helps you cope with the stress because it releases endorphins that help boost your mood and energy.

The Department of Health and Human



Courtesy of Maria Currie

Services recommends that for healthy adults you get at least 150 minutes a week of moderate aerobic activity or 75 minutes a week of vigorous aerobic activity. Also, add in strength training exercises at least twice a week. Muscle burns fat and boosts your metabolism. Don't have a solid thirty minute stretch? Try three 10-minute bursts instead. What's important is making the time.

3. Pack snacks. Packing your own healthy snacks will lead to less poor choices while traveling. You can have baggies of nuts, seeds and fruit. This way you are not tempted to grab junk food at the convenience store.

If you want to pack a granola bar, choose a cleaner one that does not have a lot of ingredients and is high in protein

to satisfy you longer. Also, you should eat something small every 2-3 hours to avoid becoming too hungry and to keep your metabolism up.

4. Drink Up! Water that is. We were taught to drink six 8oz of water a day, but the science behind that one size fits all mentality has changed. It is now recommended that you should drink half of your body weight in ounces.

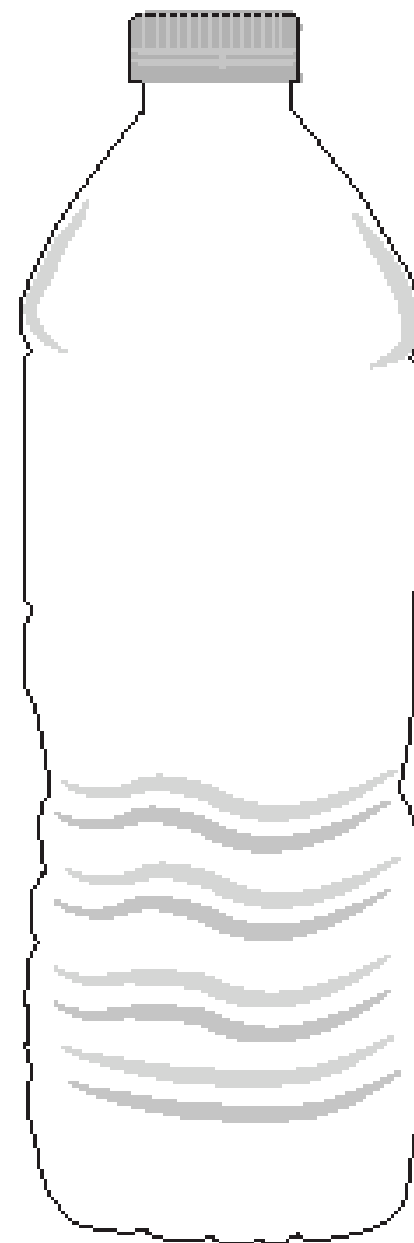
For example, if you weigh 150 pounds, that would be 75 ounces of water a day. It's also very difficult for the body to tell the difference between hunger and thirst. Try drinking a glass of water instead of grabbing a snack, you may just be dehydrated.

5. Portion Control - Sure, we all want that one special dish we only see once a year. So don't deprive yourself! Use your hand as a guideline for the portion you should eat. For example, a cupped hand is ½ cup and the palm of your hand is 3-4 ounces.

Also, use a smaller plate to fool your eyes and keep portions smaller. A bigger plate equals more calories. If you go out to eat or a plate is prepared for you, cut everything in half to play it safe.

6. Get your rest - Even with all of the craziness, you want to make sure you are getting a good night's sleep. Sleeping well can help you reduce your calorie consumption because it inhibits the release of ghrelin, an appetite-stimulating hormone, while promoting the release of leptin, another hormone that limits hunger.

Plus, it will help you keep your immune system in check and prevent you from becoming the Grinch.



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Colonels Talk Back

Terrorist attacks in Paris: “What should governments do?”

Interviews by
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Jacob Mensinger
Junior
English & Philosophy

“As a country, our federal government remains united and empathetic toward the situation in Paris and the political turmoil it will cause. With regards to the refugees, I think it's important that we remain open but we also must follow the law with regard to the screening process.”

Brian Finnerty
Junior
Integrative Media

“A lot of terrorist strength happened with all of the nonsense during the Cold War. At the same time, it's not really a straight answer. We could stomp them into the dirt over and over again like we did in the Vietnam War, but that's only one way to solve it.”

Megan McGovern
Sophomore
Biology (Pre-Med) & Spanish

“I think Americans need to be more accepting to people of different religions and cultures. However, I think America should be more involved in helping (prevent) terrorist attacks than we are currently. I think the countries in which there were attacks should also be looking to protect themselves too.”

The city of Paris underwent a series of terrorist attacks from ISIS, who claimed responsibility for the attacks. Not only did they attack the city's stadium during a highly attended soccer match between host France and visiting world champion Germany, but they launched attacks on other sites throughout the French capital. Suicide bombers and ISIS members with AK-47s were the main methods for the attacks. According to CNN, innocent civilians were also held hostage during the entire ordeal.

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



John Scalese
Junior
Finance

“Obviously the whole thing is a tragedy. I'm happy that France is going after who did it. France isn't just sitting there waiting for something else to happen. I'm happy that we have the idea that we shouldn't let any of the refugees into the country because they could possibly be terrorists but for some people that is wrong.”



Ammar Sabanovic
Junior
Criminology

“I think personally that we should all just get together and take out ISIS as a whole. We have enough firepower to definitely take them out. I feel bad for what happened over there. It's obviously a tragedy but we could definitely prevent it in the future by taking them out.”



Madison Becker
Freshman
Spanish

“I feel very scared to see what the next step is. I know that the government is probably not doing what people think they should be doing by allowing refugees into America. I'm on board with it, but I don't think they should be doing it right now. Although they're coming here for a better life, I think we need to focus on keeping America safe instead for right now.”

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy Halloween

By Gabriella Romanelli
Guest Writer

Fluffing garland at the top of a pajama display in my store, I excitedly hummed the tune of the Time Warp to myself. Doing a little dance as I climbed down the ladder, ready to see the late-night, double-feature, picture-show after my shift, I heard a squeal come from the customer at the register.

"I thought your legs were a Halloween decoration until you started moving!"

Instead of wearing merchandise from my store that night, I was festive in skeleton tights with a red mini-skirt and a graphic tee with juicy, red lips. It was, after all, the night before Halloween, and I was going to the midnight showing of Rocky Horror Picture Show after closing the store.

The amused customer explained to me that from where she was standing, she could only see my legs through the doorway to the back half of the store, and not my upper body or the ladder.

Her laughter faded instantly when she learned that the reason I was up there on the ladder was not to put my skeleton legs on display for Halloween, but to hang holiday decorations.

"Don't even remind me," she groaned, recognizing that while it wasn't even Halloween yet, the mall was already beginning to look a lot like Christmas.

I have grown accustomed to these reactions and attitudes toward the holiday season throughout my five years of working in retail, and they become more common with every passing year. As if the consumer take-over of Thanksgiving through Black Friday wasn't enough of a reason for customers to be obsessed with bargain-hunting and gift-buying, they are now being reminded of the pressures of presents as early as Halloween, making these disheartening comments multiply.

Every year, my co-workers and I excitedly deck the halls on Halloween, only to strip them on Christmas Eve, before I've even

eaten my grandfather's fettuccine, or hurried my little brother to bed for Santa's arrival. In retail, our sales holiday comes and goes before our real holiday gets a chance to begin.

It is the irrational and disproportional prominence of the sales' holiday over the real holiday that makes shoppers' attitudes toward the holidays so negative. It is the reason I hear so many of them nervously and angrily say "I'm not ready for Christmas," or worse, "I hate Christmas." It is the idea that to be "ready for Christmas," one must have a great deal of cash set aside for excessive amounts of presents. It is the absurd notion that the amount of gifts you buy and receive is more important than the fettuccine you eat and the people you share it with.

Perhaps the reason I continue to decorate for the holidays in Halloween clothes year after year is because the meaning of the holidays has shifted from the home to the shopping mall. Commercialization of the holidays has led us to believe that preparing

for Christmas means hunting out deals as early as Nov. 1, so that you can make the most of your money and maximize the amount of gifts under the tree.

Instead of making the most of your money with unnecessary gifts this holiday season, try making the most of your time by spending it with the people that have made your holiday traditions and memories so meaningful in the first place.

And if you're going to buy the ridiculous battery-operated beanie with a string of illuminating Christmas lights, buy it for your bald father so that his head stays warm while the two of you make your house the brightest on the block every year. Make your purchase a thoughtful addition to your tradition, and don't be embarrassed when he wears it in public when you inevitably need to run to the hardware store for a replacement fuse.



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Georgia O'Keeffe's lasting influence on art and fashion

By Allison Rossi
Staff Writer

Georgia O'Keeffe was an influential painter. She was born on Nov. 15, 1887. O'Keeffe passed away in 1986.

According to biography.com O'Keeffe was best known for her flower canvases and southwestern landscapes. In her early years of life, O'Keeffe always had an interest in art. Later she went to study at the Art Institute of Chicago in the early 1900s.

O'Keeffe moved to New York and studied with artists. One of the artists she studied with was William Merritt Chase, a member of the Art Students League. Eventually O'Keeffe's connections began to grow leading to her first art show. Alfred Stieglitz, an owner of a gallery, showed her paintings to the public for the first time. The two of them eventually married. After the death of her husband in 1946, O'Keeffe moved to New Mexico and eventually passed away there in 1986.

Today, O'Keeffe still has an enormous impact on fashion and art. Vogue made a statement about the anniversary of O'Keeffe's birthday, Nov. 15. Vogue explained, "Way back in 1938, Calvin Klein purchased Georgia O'Keeffe's Summer Days for a reported \$1 million.



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The designer even met the famously private artist around that time, traveling to her Abiqui, New Mexico, home Ghost Ranch, with Bruce Weber."

Vogue continued to provide examples of how O'Keeffe has influenced and continues to influence the fashion world: "Michael Kors name checked O'Keeffe at his Spring '16 show and nodded to her work with macro-florals, the steer skull, a favorite O'Keeffe motif which also turns up at Gareth Pugh Spring 2015. Tome's Fall 2013 lineup took its cues from O'Keeffe's elegantly

androgynous personal style. At Valentino Spring 2012, O'Keeffe's influence came to life in a clean easy southwestern spirit, and O'Keeffe was also the muse for Suno's "feminized but cool" Spring '15 lineup."

O'Keeffe had an enormous impact on art as well. The impact was so strong that there is a museum dedicated to her. The Georgia O'Keeffe Museum is located at 217 Johnson Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico. The museum displays approximately 150 oil paintings, nearly 700 sketches, pastel, watercolor and charcoal paintings all created by O'Keeffe.

The museum also holds personal property of the artist such as her art materials, documentation and photography of her life and time period. The museum explained: "The art of Georgia O'Keeffe has been well known for eight decades in this country and for many years has been attaining similar prominence abroad. More than 500 examples of her works are in over 100 public collections in Asia, Europe, and North and Central America."

As mentioned previously, Georgia O'Keeffe's first show was in New York. That first show's work has been incorporated into hundreds of single and group exhibitions around the world.

O'Keeffe will continue to influence art and fashion for years to come. The marvelous American modernism painter has impacted us for many decades.

Georgia O'Keeffe stated, "I've been absolutely terrified every moment of my life - and I've never let it keep me from doing a single thing I wanted to do."



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Suddenly Last Summer: You can cut the tension with a knife

By Sara Pisak
Opinion Editor

Of all the books I have reviewed for this column, I have never reviewed or analyzed a drama selection. I came close when writing an analysis of T.S. Eliot's famed, *Murder In The Cathedral*, which can be read as having both elements of a poetic work and of a dramatic work. Having never analyzed strictly a work of drama for this column, I wanted to begin with the classic, *Suddenly Last Summer* composed by Tennessee Williams.

Most everyone, even if they are not steeped in the literary community, has at least heard of Tennessee Williams, thus making his works some of the most popular and enduring of our time. Williams lists of productions and awards are almost too numerous to count. I selected *Suddenly Last Summer* due to Williams' ability to create dialogue and actions which jump from the page. This can be said about any of Williams' work. Personally, it seems *Suddenly Last Summer* gets caught between Williams' other classics especially; *Cat On A Hot Tin Roof*, *The Glass Menagerie* and of course *A Streetcar Named Desire*. Therefore, I wanted to discuss a text which was not included in "the big three" of Williams' works but is still a well-known text.

Williams has been a personal favorite since I first read and watched *A Streetcar Named Desire* many years ago. The popularity of Williams' plays prevails as not only literary classics, but as Broadway plays and film classics as well. Some of the most classic, influential films stem from Williams' dramatic works and feature some of the greatest actors and actresses the cinema has to offer. Elizabeth Taylor, Paul Newman, Vivien Leigh and Marlon Brando have all starred in film versions of Williams' most popular plays. The cinematic version of *Suddenly Last Summer* stars Elizabeth Taylor and Katharine Hepburn.

Suddenly Last Summer stands out among Williams' other classics as Williams uses this text to reflect societal actions. Williams' dialogue and the reflection of the fear of society jump from the page and grab hold of the reader.

When diving into *Suddenly Last Summer*, a reader encounters a tangled web of family secrets. Mrs. Venable requests Dr. Cukrowicz to perform a lobotomy on her niece, Catharine, in order to keep the secrets surrounding Mrs. Venable's son Sebastian's death from seeing the light of day. Catharine is the last to see Sebastian alive as she accompanies him on a summer vacation. The reader learns Sebastian used Catharine as bait to lure his future male lovers. While I will

not reveal the cause of Sebastian's death and the ending of the play, Mrs. Venable requests Catharine's lobotomy in order to quell her story of attracting Sebastian's love interests before it becomes public knowledge.

The technique in which Williams composes his dialogue sees Catharine's words leap from the page as she uses diction such as "attract," "attention," "made contacts" and "procuring." Mrs. Venable is shocked and outraged so much so that she is willing to "cut this hideous story out of her brain!"


Williams designed the work so every word and action leads up to Catharine's big reveal and when Williams adds a greater number of words to Catharine's dialogue, her speech quickens and the reader needs a minute to recover from the shocking news that has been delivered.

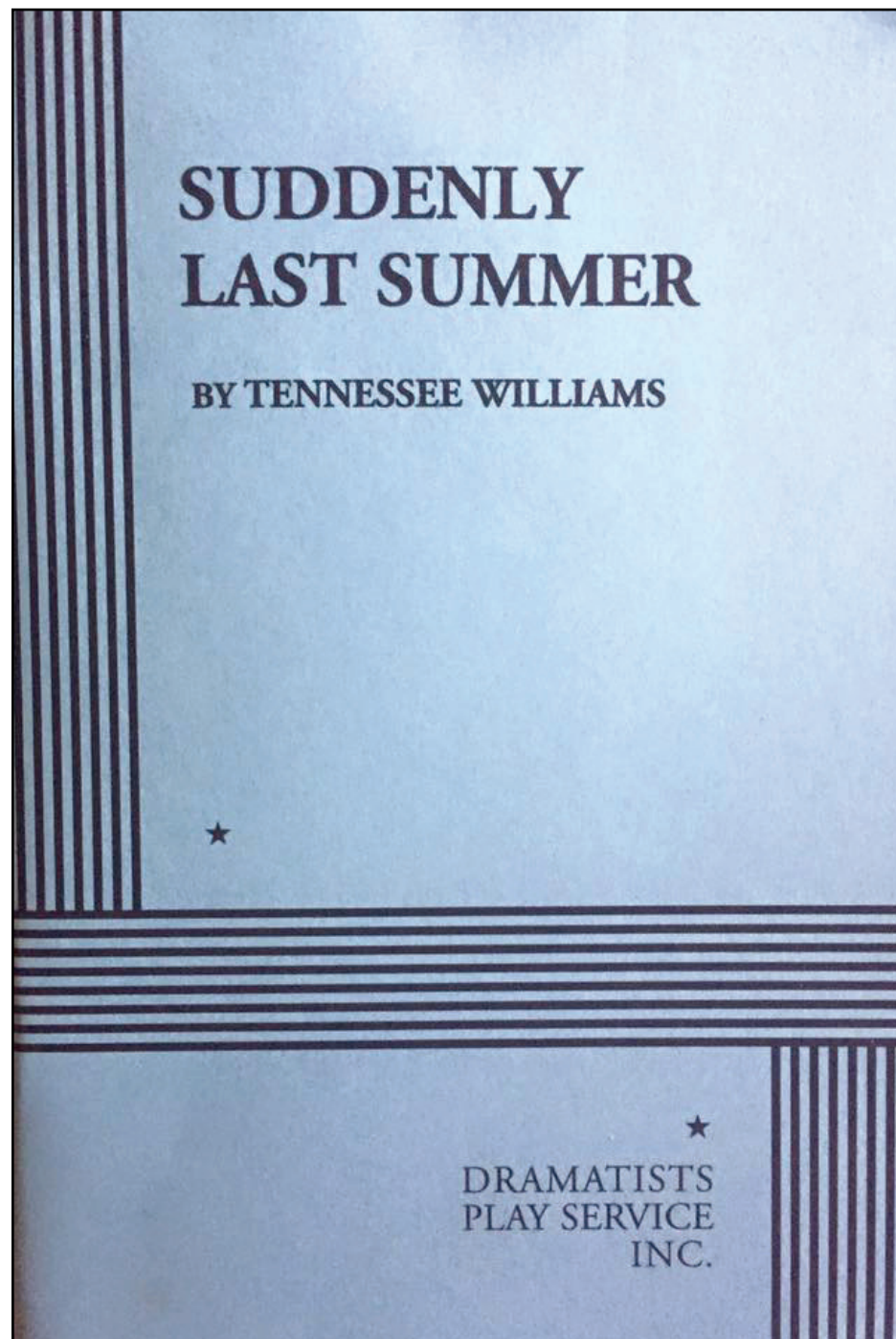
Thus, when the truth is revealed, the reader feels Mrs. Venable's shock. In sharing in Mrs. Venable's shock, the reader does not share Mrs. Venable's maiming tendencies to destroy Catharine but instead are shocked that Sebastian is someone other than the person his mother has been portraying.

Just as Mrs. Venable has no idea of her son's true objectives for bringing Catharine on vacation, the reader has also been left in the dark. When Catharine declares the real reason for her presence, it is the first time Sebastian and Catharine can be seen as their genuine selves. Catharine is seen not as an untruthful, disturbed patient and Sebastian is not viewed as the poetic, honest son.

Further, it is only after Williams allows Catharine to make this shocking declaration can Mrs. Venable also be seen for whom she really is and her less than honorable motives revealed. It is with Catharine's declaration the characters are cleansed of their hidden agendas and concealed selves. Williams entraps the reader in the double-sided nature of each character, thus ensnaring the reader in the double-sided nature of society itself.

The mark of a great playwright is even without actors and actresses performing the work visually, a reader can feel the palpable tension and tangible sentiment as they read. In *Suddenly Last Summer*, the tension and the emotion is so perceptibly thick it can be cut with Dr. Cukrowicz's knife.

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Sara's Score:

Courtesy of Sara Pisak



Economical ways to create holiday traditions

By Rebecca Voorhees
Staff Writer

Although it is only November, the holiday season is quickly approaching. Some students are giddy with anticipation and Christmas spirit, while others will remain annoyed until after Thanksgiving. But when the time finally comes, people will wonder how they are supposed to afford gifts this year.

Just thinking about it makes some students turn as green as the Grinch. Shopping is not easy by any means, and it is even harder when one feels like they cannot buy a gift their family or close friends deserve. Knowing that money is tight (especially for college students), a budget is important to stand by. Here are some fun and fiscal ideas to try out this season.

1. Secret Santa is the most predictable saver, yet, it is also the most practical. This works great for friend groups, clubs, and athletic teams. Get together with classmates and discuss an ideal budget. Usually \$10-15 is reasonable enough to

get something small that still has quality. Clothes like scarves, hats and even pajamas are really great and affordable items to buy. Take time to dig through the clearance bin filled with DVDs at Walmart. Grab a good book or music album. The possibilities are endless.

2. Do it yourself! DIYs are always a great option when trying to save money. Get creative and think outside the box. Fill Mason jars with tiny marshmallows and dress them up as snowmen. Make a photo album of all the fun times you shared with your family over the past year. Bake cookies shaped like reindeer, or turn old buttons into clever magnets. Save a few more bucks by wrapping gifts with old newspaper and colorful magazines. These gifts are sure to please because of all the preparation and effort put into them.

3. Let's be honest- no one likes to get a pair of socks for Christmas, but what if there was a way to make this boring gesture more fun? Try out this modern twist on stocking stuffers. Buy a funky pair of socks and then fill them up with your

friends' favorite candy. If they happen not to have a sweet tooth, stuff the socks with nifty school supplies. That could be one less thing they have to worry about when the spring semester starts in January.

4. Ornaments make great sentimental gifts. They come in every shape, color, size and character. Buy a simple addition to the collection already on the tree, or start the tradition of getting a new ornament every year. These are very memorable, and can be a part of the holidays for a lifetime.

5. Maybe you are not so good at shopping. Sometimes you can only express how much you appreciate someone through words, and that's okay. A simple card can have more value than any materialistic present. They are easy to purchase or make, and sending a message to let someone know you think about them is better than perfect (some hidden cash is pretty sweet, too).

Hopefully this list will encourage students to try something new and feel comfortable with purchasing gifts this

family and friends should not necessitate spending every last cent. All in all, the cliché "it's the thought that counts" really does possess significance.



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A garden is only as beautiful as the walls surrounding it

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Recently, there was a devastating terrorist attack on the city of Paris, France, or the City Of Light, as it is known affectionately.

That city's lights were dimmed undeniably by the bloodshed that shook the city, and much of the world.

As a part of the European Union, all citizens are free to travel within the counties in the Eurozone, with minimal to no scrutiny. This is one of the most beautiful things about Europe as a whole.

You can get on a train in Madrid, have brunch in Paris, dinner in Amsterdam, and wake up in Berlin, all without the need for invasive bag searches, screenings or passports. This is an incredible feat of trust and unity in countries that less than 80 years ago were waging a second war of global proportions against one another. In that time, we've seen a beautiful

conglomeration of cultures, each remaining individual, yet coexisting without the need for nationalistic behavior.

All this changed on Nov. 13.

Terrorism can be a scary thing; it derails your whole life. Americans know this implicitly, as after 9/11 we felt exposed, scared and uncertain. These emotions are expected, but how we respond to them is what really matters.

The United States responded by going on the defense. We beefed up security, made it much more difficult to come and go through the country and all together tightened the border, even with allied countries.

We're seeing a similar reaction in France right now.

People are paranoid, and the borders have been tightened as a response. I cannot imagine a Europe where you can no longer travel freely from one country to another. I feel that France needs to remain steadfast and strong, no matter how unimaginable that may seem.

The country needs to take a course of action similar to Spain after several commuter trains were blown up over a decade ago. Spain kept its borders open and encouraged people to visit. They took a life altering event and put it past them after an appropriate mourning period.

Laura Kessler put it quite well.

"I feel they have certain obligations to keep their borders open. They are a part of the EU and they need to keep up their end of the bargain as a member."

"Yeah, and I feel if they close their borders, it just shows other countries that they should close their borders as well," said fellow peer, Amanda Cohick.

Dr. Jonathan Kuiken, and assistant professor of history, also shared his comments.

"Yes, the Schengen Agreement is one of the fundamental agreements from the creators of the EU, and thus France needs to remain a participant. If they were to abandon the agreement, it could result in a

major blow to the European community as well as the economy, with only marginally better security in return.

"I think strategically placed security measures would serve a better purpose, as long lines at the border, with American style searches, aren't worth the economic and social disadvantages they could result in.

"If Jean Monnet, the founding father of the European Union, could see the knee-jerk reactions that some people are pushing in France, he'd be spinning in his grave."

I agree wholeheartedly with these statements.

If France closes its borders, it could set off a domino effect, with serious repercussions on the world economy, unity in the European Union, and worse yet, could boost morale for terrorist groups.

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Wilkes athletes weigh in on the stress of finals

By Kim Hein
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With finals quickly approaching, there is seems to be much work to get done and not enough time in which to do it.

Time management is key at this point in the semester.

"Sometimes I feel pressure as an athlete," said Abby Sanders, a junior volleyball player. "For example, my parents expect me to be able to handle everything from school, volleyball, and any extra curriculars while looking for a job. They expect me to do the absolute best I can because I'm here for an education first and to play volleyball second."

Student athletes seem to have a lot on their plates between practices, games and other clubs they are involved in, which makes one wonder how they have time to prepare for finals.

"We cancel all team activities during this time. We also cancel all activities during the days before the finals, so that they have plenty of time to focus on their studying," Chris Heery, head coach of the women's basketball team explained when talking about preparation for finals.

Heery went on to talk about how although the NCAA has a grade point average that players must meet to qualify to play in on game day, he sets the requirement higher.

The women's basketball team practices eight to 10 hours a week, as well as the men's basketball team. It takes great time management skills to handle everything going on in athlete's lives.

The coaches monitor their student athletes to make sure they are attending class and keeping up with their assignments.

The women on the basketball team study majors such as business, psychology, communication studies, pharmacy, and education.

"For the past four years, the women's basketball team has had a 3.4 GPA. We are very proud of that," Heery continued.

"As a team we monitor our players' academics throughout the semester to make sure they are in good standing heading into finals," said Izzi Metz, head coach of the men's basketball team. Hopefully there is



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Clockwise: Matt Kaster, baseball (maroon shirt); Alex Kramer, baseball; Matthew Reese, baseball; Forrest Jordan, baseball; Mike Fleck, wrestling; Arlindo Isidoro, golf; Tyler Sutto, cross country; and Johnny Jan Jr., baseball, work on assignments at the Wilkes library.

not as much pressure felt by our players during finals time because they have been doing well during the semester."

The men's basketball team contains students studying subjects such as mechanical engineering, biology, communication studies, business, as well as psychology.

"We have a team GPA around 3.0. We regularly meet and discuss academics with our players, plus monitor their grades with progress report and speak with University College," Metz said.

"Our coaches are very supportive of us. Most girls ask upperclassmen in their majors for tips and how best to manage their time with the classes they're taking," Sanders

said.

"Coach does everything he can to make us aware of supplemental instruction sessions and encourages us to do everything we can to get the best education we can."

Matt Kaster, a junior baseball player, weighed in on the matter of being a student athlete when preparing for finals.

"I think finals are tough on every student regardless of playing a sport, and if you prepare with the time you have, that the added stress isn't needed. With good time management and study habits, playing a sport shouldn't add too much," Kaster said.

He advises students to be organized, disciplined and stick to a schedule.

"Planning out what you need to do and completing them allows you to balance your sport as well as work and free time but without it leads to chaos," Kaster continues.

Sanders added onto her own advice.

"Start early. The worst thing to do is to wait until the last minute to start studying for finals. These test are worth a good percent of your grade so the earlier you start the better. Also, studying in groups can make things easier and gives you the opportunity to ask about something you don't understand."



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Jared Powell: Leading by example on and off the field

By Andre Spruell
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Senior student-athlete Jared Powell is defensive back for the Wilkes football team who has worked hard for all of his accomplishments.

Some of those accomplishments include being named to the MAC weekly football Honor Roll, honorable mention selection for the All-MAC football teams, and being named MVP of the Mayor's Cup against King's College by totaling 4 tackles, an interception, and taking back a 48 yard fumble to the endzone in that game as the colonels went on to win 24-17.

Powell grew up in Plainfield, NJ, with his five siblings, moved to the northeastern Pennsylvania area when he was in seventh grade, and has lived here ever since.

"Plainfield, New Jersey, is definitely not the best place to grow up, but it has helped mold me into the person I am today," said Powell.

The best way Powell knew how to make friends was by playing football. Even though he said how he missed his friends from NJ, playing football made the transition from moving to Pa. much easier. His parents, who are both huge football fanatics, were the ones that got him into football.

Even though he eventually decided to play football in college, at one point Powell was also playing basketball, wrestling, track, and baseball because of his father. He credits the other sports with helping teach him life lessons.

"I lead the defensive backs. They're all my brothers and I'm like a big brother to

them. That just transfers into the real world because it helped me develop leadership skills," said Powell.

When asked about some of the biggest changes from freshman to senior year, Powell noted how he was grandfathered into the role of being the leader of the defensive backs. Starting halfway into his sophomore year, the role grew him into the leader he is today.

He had no choice, it was just given to him and had to lead right away. Mentoring the young freshmen and sophomore defensive backs was something he took upon himself, along with his other senior teammates, to help out the underclassmen -- because he was in their shoes not too long ago.

Along with helping his younger teammates on the field, Powell's has words of advice for underclassmen who are balancing being a student while playing a sport.

"Definitely stick with it. It's definitely going to get hard, it is going to get tough. You have to find the time to get your work done and just sticking with it because you're here, the hardest part is getting here."

After it is all said and done, some of Powell's plans after completing college includes giving coaching a shot. He is getting a degree in communication studies with a focus in broadcast and public relations. Powell wants to be a sports broadcaster, but is currently leaning toward the public relations side to get his foot in the door. He hopes he can coach while doing that, but he will be seeking a full-time job in the public relations field.



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Courtesy of Emmie Gibson

Powell alongside President Leahy and head coach Trey Brown accepting the MVP award after the victorious win against King's this past Saturday.

New men's LAX team welcomes new traditions

By Evan Willey
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Wilkes University recently welcomed a men's lacrosse team to the college. It has been a long time coming, but now there are men's and women's lacrosse teams.

Both teams will have games in the spring season. Curtis Jaques will be the head coach to the new team, with help from Assistant Coach Casey Flynn and Graduate Assistant Michael DeBlasio.

The new season starts up in January, with their first official game in March against Ferrum College in Ferrum, Virginia.

As the new team is forming, so are new traditions. Since the holiday season is

coming up and the newly established lacrosse team wants to start spreading some holiday cheer. The team will be partnering up with Toys for Tots to collect toys for people in the community who aren't able to purchase toys for their loved ones.

Since Nov. 13, there have been huge boxes waiting to be filled with toys placed in strategic places around campus. These boxes are located in the UCOM, the Henry Student Center, and the Martz gym. The boxes will stay there until Dec. 18.

The team would greatly appreciate if anyone willing could donate a new, unwrapped, child appropriate toy (no guns, knives, or food). Donating will help brighten up the holiday season for a child in need.

This is the first ever fundraiser by the

team, but definitely not the last.

The team hopes this fundraiser not only collects many great toys for children, but that it gives more awareness about the new team. Junior defender Daravann Lok is excited for this season to start.

"I have very high expectations for this season, I'm hoping with this fundraiser we can build a really good fan base."



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Men's basketball opens season with a 82-60 win

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The men's basketball team defeated Summit University at home, 82-60. Four different players reached over 10 points, which shows the depth in players that the Colonels have.

The game started and the Colonels broke out their first lead at 15-14 still early in the game. The Colonels stepped up and increased the deficit to 33-18, which was the largest lead of the half. The Colonels continued playing tough and felt comfortable with a 37-27 lead going into halftime.

The beginning of the second half started a great run for the Colonels. They scored 15 points and only let Summit score two, bringing the score to 65-45. Summit was slowed down by the Colonel defense late in the game, and they could not pull their team out of the deficit.

At the end of the game, the Colonels made a 10-point run only allowing one point in, and put up the largest lead in the game of 26 points with a score of 82-56. The game ended 82-60.



Freshman guard Clay Basalyga gets ready to set up a teammate at this past Tuesday night's game.

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Senior Steve Stravinski opened his season with the game leading 20 points and seven rebounds. Senior Alec Wizar scored 14 points and had four assists. The two seniors led the team, along with two new freshman Marcus Robinson and Clay Basalyga.

Robinson scored 17 points and had five steals in his first game. The first year player

competed alongside experienced college players.

"It means a lot to me to be able to play at this level with much older, more developed players because it shows that I can make an impact on my team this year. I will hopefully be really successful," Robinson said.

Most first year players do not make a

great impact on the court until they have a few years of experience. Robinson did not become the basketball player he is today by himself. The basketball program here at Wilkes has taught him a lot.

"I credit both the coaches and the players. I have learned a lot from the whole coaching staff which has made my performance better since I've been here, and I'm truly grateful to have other members of the team to help me along the way to learn the system much faster and easier," Robinson said.

Basalyga scored 13 points and had the team high eight rebounds in his first game. He reflected on how important his first game was to him.

"To play in my first collegiate game and be able to help contribute to the team was one of the greatest feelings I have ever had. Getting the W made it that much better," Basalyga said.

For further information on the basketball team's schedule, visit www.gowilkesu.com.



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Wilkes Cross Country: Men's and women's season recap

By Mark Makowski
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The Wilkes men's and women's cross country seasons concluded in the NCAA Mid-East Regional's at Dickinson College on Nov. 14. The men's team would finish 36th out of 52 teams, and the women's team 41st out of 50 teams that participated in the event.

Nick Wadas entered his eighth season of coaching both the men's and women's teams with not only team goals, but also personal player goals.

"I wanted to match or beat the teams' 2014 finish at the MAC championship," he explains. "And we accomplished this: The men's team finished 8th out of 17 teams, and the women's team 12th out of 17 teams. I also had personal goals for everyone to run their personal best, and everyone either achieved this goal or came very close to it."

Senior Martin Tolbert, who is seen by many as the leader of the men's team, was not going to let the team fall backwards after three years of consistent building. He wanted to push the team and at the same time set goals for himself in his last year on the course.

"I was hoping to run faster than my personal best which was 28 minutes and 45 seconds. I was able to achieve that with a

time of 28 minutes and 24 seconds," he said. "And for the team overall we were looking to finish higher in the MAC championship and the NCAA regional championship which we did as well. And most importantly finishing the season injury free was a big feat."

The women's cross country team was one that had a tough road in front of it before the season started. Senior Tracey Hilker was the only senior of the group that was filled with underclassmen. Although she had to deal with a heavy class load, Hilker would still be there for the team and help them grow.

"I expected the team to push each other just like last year, and keep each other motivated to put in the long miles each week," she said. "The team has always been a dependable group in the past, but this year I was impressed with the support given as a group not only during meets but on a personal level."

The women's team is also like the men's program. They have consistently improved year after year. They broke a substantial amount of not only personal best times, but also school program best times. Freshman Morgan Jones burst on to the scene this year, and would collect several school records during what was only her first year on the course.

One bright spot for both teams this season

was the Alvernia Invitational. Morgan Jones finished first in the event and the women's team finished second overall at the event. Sophomore Jordan Lindley also finished first for the men's side, and the team placed first in the event, giving the men's team its best finish since 2010.

Next year may be a struggle for both the programs as they lose seniors, but Coach Wadas looks to keep the success going.

"I keep our goals to better ourselves and increase our finishes in the MAC championships. We will lose some seniors to graduation and will have some smaller

teams," he said. "We are going to have to bring in some recruits for both teams, and the men's team will be a little more freshman heavy than in years past."

As next year approaches, the Wilkes cross country teams will start all over again. Although they are going to lose many strong performers, they will reload and as the underclassmen move up they will instill the hard work and dedication that they learned from the previous leaders of the teams.



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Men's Cross Country finished first at the Alvernia Invitational earlier this season.

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Getting to know...

Amanda Lope

Sophomore Swimmer

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Amanda Lope is a biology/ pre-med major at Wilkes. From Dallas, Pa., Lope swims for the women's swim team at the university.

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

A: Mostly scholarships and the small campus

Q: Post-graduation plans in terms of a career?

A: I hope to do my surgical residency at the University of California San Francisco, after attending medical school at University of California San Diego.

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

A: I want everybody to get their personal best times and grow as a family together

Q: When/Why did you first begin swimming?

A: I began swimming when I was 8 years old because my mom made me.

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

A: A more convenient practice schedule: we usually don't get out of practice until 10 PM, it's just hard to eat a good meal afterwards if you live in a dorm.

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

A: In my spare time I do yoga and study.

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

A: My parents are the most influential people in my life; I love my Mom and Dad and know I can go to them for anything.

Q: A quote you live your life by?

A: "Be the change you wish to see in the world" -Unknown

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

A: To "be Colonel" means to be a leader, to have pride and always going beyond your expectations; being a Colonel means you're a part of a family.

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

A: If I could have dinner with a famous person from the past I would choose Rosa Parks.



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Getting to know...

Peter Feno

Junior Swimmer

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Peter Feno attends Wilkes University with double majoring in both accounting and communication studies. From Shickshinny, Pa., Feno swims for the Men's Swim Team at Wilkes.

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

A: The driving force to come to Wilkes was the community. I came from a small town of 1,000 people, and here at Wilkes there still is that sense of family bonds you get from faculty, professors and students. It's big enough to meet new people but small enough to gain great friendships.

Q: Post-graduation plans in terms of a Career?

A: Change the world, baby! Land a job at a professional accounting firm, and help others relieve the stress of financial problems. For communications? I always wanted to be a DJ like Howard Stern.

Q: What are your hopes for your [current year] season as a Colonel?

A: Finishing the season by not drowning. In all seriousness, improve on my times, and have the integrity of what it means to "Be Colonel". Swim fast, pass class as a student athlete.

Q: When/Why did you first begin swimming?

A: I started playing this sport for the first time in my life two months ago. I wanted to be part of a team and give it my all. If I do that, I know I could succeed in and outside of the water.

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

A: Taking pride in our sports teams as students, athletes and coaches could be the most important. We aren't as big as PSU, but to have a student section at sports events would be awesome to see.

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

A: Outside of the water I perform in WUT (Wilkes University Theatre Ensemble), play basketball with friends, and perform speeches on the Wilkes Speech and Debate team.

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

A: People every day will influence you from right and wrong. It is you who controls your free will.

Q: A quote you live your life by?

A: "Your future hasn't been written yet; no one's has. The future is whatever you make, so make it a good one."
-Doc Brown

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

A: Being Colonel means stepping up and being the best human being you can be. Give a little more and take less. Work harder to achieve your goals, do the small things, which in turn, turn into big things. Don't take anything for granted and never lose your cool.

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

A: It would have to be Frank Sinatra. Learning about the past, eating fine steak, sipping on some Jack Daniels, picking up some chicks, and playing some tunes would have to be a perfect night.



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