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## Wilkes welcomes United Nations Rep. Charles Chauvel to campus

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On Feb. 13, Wilkes University and the Humpty Dumpty Institute hosted Charles Chauvel as a part of the United Nations Lecture Series.

Wilkes has partnered with the Humpty Dumpty Institute since the 2011-2012 academic year, and has since brought 27 speakers, Chauvel being their 28th.

According to its website, the Humpty Dumpty Institute "is a unique non-profit organization dedicated to tackling difficult global and domestic issues by establishing innovative and strategic public/private partnerships that provide sensible solutions to serious problems."

Chauvel began working for the United Nations Development Programme, or UNDP, in 2013, after his diverse background of being a member of the House of Representatives in the Parliament of New Zealand, where he held many prestigious positions such as Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Attorney General. He also founded the New Zealand Chapter of the Global Organisation of Parliamentarians Against Corruption.

Through the UNDP, Chauvel is in charge of the Inclusive Political Processes team, where his team hopes to reach societal goals like civic engagement, political participation of women, as well as the eradication of poverty, and much more.

During the lecture, Chauvel focused on the Sustainable Development Goal 16, and expressed the goal of the U.N. and the

framework behind it: to promote better government around the world. He hoped through this that the governments will be more inclusive and promote more freedoms to rid the world of corrupt governments.

Chauvel took the audience step by step through the history of the U.N.'s former goals, to establish a blueprint for all countries to base their agendas off of, the first being the eight Millennium Development Goals leading to the 2030 Agenda, to modern day struggles with the enforcement of the goals to make countries more representative and inclusive.

"This was the first time, back in 1990, that there was this political conveying of a large number of countries of the United Nations to have a discussion of what the priorities in the system should be," said Chauvel.

Through these goals, and the joining together of the countries, the enforcement of these goals resulted in a decrease in poverty in some countries. Countries now could report back to the U.N. about their progress so the U.N. could gather again and learn from the lessons and obstacles that were faced with the eight goals, later creating a new goal agenda: the 2030 Agenda.

"The prime goal of the sustainable development goals of the Agenda 2030 was leaving no one behind," said Chauvel, which is how it differed from the eight Millennium Development Goals.

"You have to concentrate on those who are most vulnerable, most marginalized, and most discriminated against; those are the



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Charles Chauvel was a member of the House of Representatives in New Zealand before joining the United Nations Development Programme.

new goals of the UN in 2015. first targets if you want to make progress," said Chauvel.

He then focused on the three pillars of the new 17 Sustainable Development Goals: economic growth, social development and justice, and environmental protection.

Chauvel emphasized one of the 17 goals of the 2030 Agenda -- Goal 16, which led to

"We call it the breakthrough goal because in its fullest text it talks about promoting peaceful and inclusive societies," said

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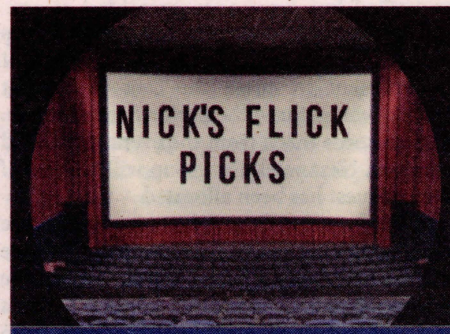


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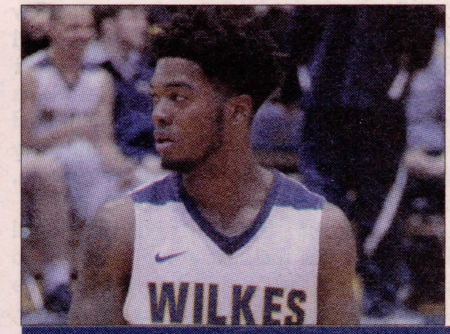


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**Intramural Sign Ups**  
Intrmural sports are offering 6-on-6 co-ed volleyball, 5-on-5 men's and women's basketball, and 7-on-7 co-ed indoor soccer. The deadline to sign up for these sports is Feb. 23. For any further questions or interest in intramurals please contact [nicholas.doyle@wilkes.edu](mailto:nicholas.doyle@wilkes.edu).

**Scholarships Available through the Alumni Association**  
If a parent or grandparent of yours graduated from Wilkes University, you may qualify for the Wilkes University Alumni Scholarship that is now accepting applicants. Apply through the Wilkes alumni website to see if you qualify before the Feb. 23 deadline.

**Come out and run in the upcoming Glow Run**  
On April 13 at 7 p.m., the Office of Residence Life will be hosting "Glow Through the Darkness," a 5th Annual Glow Run 5K which raises proceeds for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Online registration and more information will be released soon.

**LEAP Program Clothing Drive**  
Wilkes University's LEAP program will hold a clothing drive and collecting all used clothing for those in need. There will be a clothing drop off box in the SUB lounge on the first floor of the Henry Student Union Building. For any questions contact Zawadi through email at [Nshimirimana.zawadi@wilkes.edu](mailto:Nshimirimana.zawadi@wilkes.edu).

**Kappa Psi Volleyball Tournament**  
On Mar. 13, from 6 to 9 p.m., the pharmacy fraternity Kappa Psi will be holding a volleyball tournament that will be open to the entire school. Each team will consist of 6 players and the first place team wins a grand prize. It will cost \$5 per player in the tournament; and you can pay with either cash or card. For further questions please email [@ashley.hoffman@wilkes.edu](mailto:@ashley.hoffman@wilkes.edu).

**Running Club's Relay for Heat**  
On Feb. 24 at 6 a.m., Wilkes University's Running is holding its 100-mile Relay for Heat. Proceeds from the run will be used to help local families pay for their heating bills. To make a contribution or if you have any questions, please contact the adviser [william.terzaghi@wilkes.edu](mailto:william.terzaghi@wilkes.edu) or the club's president [Franco.Balbuena@wilkes.edu](mailto:Franco.Balbuena@wilkes.edu)

## Wilkes University Student Government notes

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On Feb. 14, Student Government held its weekly meeting. This was also the first week Student Government used the electronic voting system.

Last week, the Society of Women Engineers delivered its club report. Last semester they toured a local industry, and watched presentations by professional members of the Leigh High Valley chapter, and helped with SHINE, an afterschool program headquartered at Wilkes. This semester they will assist Women Empowered by Science, planning the Amazing Race and hope to do another industry tour.

The first item of business was the Chemistry Club fund request for its conference in New Orleans. At the conference, the group will meet students and professors from other universities, exchange demos and students will present research. The group requested \$3,500 from Student Government and they were given \$2,618 to cover hotel, registration, and demonstration supplies costs.

The Student National Pharmaceutical Association was the next group to return to find out about their fund request. The group will be attending their first ever conference, and will be able to take part in workshops and present their own proposals. The group requested \$3,000, and Student Government agreed to allocate \$1,928.49 to the group for hotel and registration.

The Lambda Kappa Sigma fund request for their July conference in Buffalo was the next item of business. Twelve pharmacy students are attending the conference and will be able to apply for national committees, present research and increase recognition for Wilkes. The group are requesting \$1,161 for hotel costs, and will find out next week if their request was successful.

The next item of business was the American Society of Mechanical Engineers fund request for their annual Car Show. The event has been happening for 12 years and is free to both Wilkes students and the public. Last year the event attracted 200 cars with even more spectators. The group requested \$1,000, and will receive news next week about their request.

The Vagina Monologues fund request was next. The group requested \$500 from Student Government to cover the cost of student tickets, who got into the performance for free. The proceeds made from the event go to local charities. Next week the group will find out if their request has been allocated.

A fund request from Adventures in Science was next. This year's Adventure in Science will be held April 27, and the theme will be science from a submarine. It will be a campus wide event that will include 230 children from local schools. The total fund request is \$2,730 to cover the T-shirts for staff and student volunteers, bags for the school children and safety goggles.

The next item of business was the Pre-Pharmacy Club fund request for its trip to a museum in Philadelphia. The group asked for \$317, which will go towards a school bus that will transport the group to and from Wilkes.

Next was a fund request from Phi Beta Lambda. The group are going to the state leadership conference in April. At the conference, the group will attend an awards ceremony, visit campaign booths, network and attend workshops. The group are requesting \$1,540 to cover 14 registration fees.

Next was the Spirit Committee fund request. There will be a Spring Sport giveaway to get Wilkes students excited about spring sport season. In the SUB, they will be giving away water bottles and key chains. Student Government agreed to allot \$665 to the Spirit Committee.

Finally, there was the Casino Week fund request. The request totals \$11,000 for the three events that go across the week. The fund will be approved next week.

The academic planning board met. The honor program and marching band are both up for reviews and the business school is working on editing their finance major.

The operations committee met and said that the Stark elevators will be renovated, the Evans Hall laundry room will be redone in the summer and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, an NBA player, will be talking at the university on April 29.

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# Students, faculty react to White House domestic violence allegations

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Many Americans have been shocked and disturbed with the recent domestic abuse allegations against White House Staff Secretary Rob Porter. The students and faculty of Wilkes University have since reacted to these allegations.

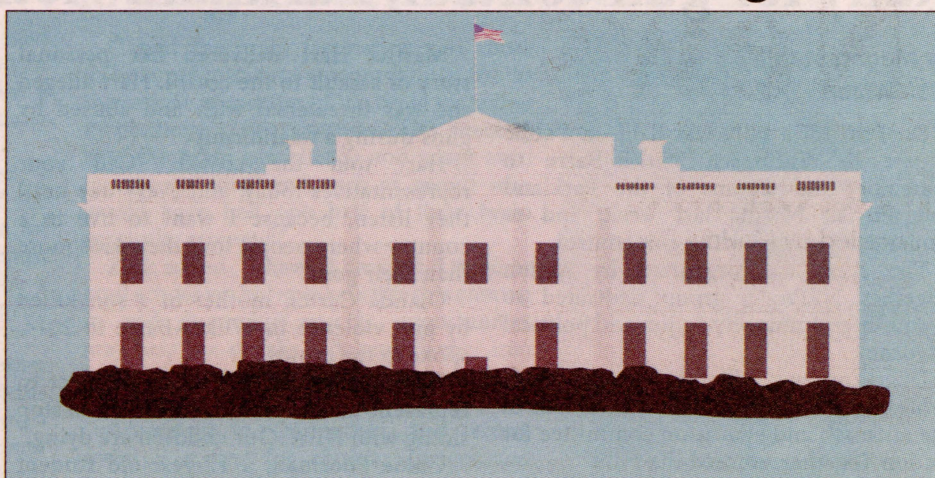
On Feb. 6, *The Daily Mail* broke the story about the abuse allegations from the account of Jennifer Willoughby, Porter's second wife. The story uncovered a dark account of one of the Oval Office's most important players: that he was allegedly an emotionally and physically abusive partner who had unpredictable behavior. As White House Staff Secretary, Porter handled confidential files and had direct contact with the president. He was up for a promotion before resigning because of the allegations.

Colbie Holderness, Porter's first wife, came out in *The Washington Post* with her own piece about her alleged abusive marriage with the former staff secretary, including pictures of the aftermath of a bruised and swollen eye she said he gave her. Holderness discussed her experience, saying she lived in constant fear of him. She went on to question

Kellyanne Conway's description of how she wasn't worried for Porter's now girlfriend, and White House Communications Director Hope Hicks, because she was "strong," as a guest on Jake Tapper's "State of the Union" on CNN.

In March and April of 2017, the FBI conducted interviews with Porter's ex-wives where they gave their accounts of his abusive side. In July 2017, the FBI concluded their investigation of Porter, and turned it over to the White House. They could then use their judgement of whether to give him full security clearance or not, as Porter has been granted the same interim clearance even a year into Trump's presidency, which raises the question of whether or not he should be trusted in such a high-profile job.

Slowly throughout the past weeks, the allegations have gained traction, calling to question how the White House wasn't aware of these reports when giving Porter his security clearance to work in the White House. It was confirmed by multiple sources that the FBI indeed had been notified and in contact with his ex-wives with this on his record, but the White House still allowed him to have this prestigious, sensitive job.



Graphic by Todd Epenshade

These allegations have called into question White House Chief of Staff John Kelly and White House Counsel Don McGahn, who had been notified about the FBI's investigation of Rob Porter. They together ignored the allegations as threatening to the White House, and Kelly even came out commending Porter of how great of a man he was and how he has true integrity; Kelly

has since taken back his comment and taken a stance against Porter. President Trump sent out his own cryptic tweet supporting not only Rob Porter, but also shaming any allegation as it destroys people calling for due

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## Nursing department hosts Women's Reproductive Health Panel

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On Feb 15, the nursing department held Wilkes University's annual Women's Reproductive Health Panel, discussing and educating members of the community on reproductive health. Topics included STDs, community health services, and contraceptive measures.

Dr. Maria Grandinetti, an associate professor in the nursing department at Wilkes University, started the presentation with a slideshow of quick information on reproductive health. Grandinetti's presentation gave information on the different kinds of STDs and contraceptives.

"I just want to let you know, it's your body and it's your choice. It's your right to say yes or no. You have one life and one future, so think about all these things. Protect yourself."

The panel also had a visiting representative from Maternal and Family Health Services, or MFHS. Mickey Davis, a reproductive health educator who works for the Wilkes-Barre office, showcased the services MFHS and Planned Parenthood offer, including things like STD testing, contraceptive treatment, and family planning.

The two companies, which often work together, have different goals in dealing with women's reproductive health. Maternal and Family Health Services is a non-profit that focuses on women and children's health and

nutrition needs, while Planned Parenthood is a non-profit based on reproductive health.

"Planned Parenthood, in my opinion, is more about helping people avoid the things they aren't ready for," said Davis. "I think of them more as preventive measures."

"Many people have the perception that the centers help just women, but both MFHS and Planned Parenthood have services for male and female-bodied people."

"[Planned Parenthood] is really good for people with little to no insurance," she explained. "They are open to literally everyone. In Pennsylvania, people 14 years and older can get reproductive health care from the center without parents' permission."

The presentation also included a representative from Caring Communities, named Sharon Whitegarden.

Caring Communities is a public health agency which started from the AIDS crisis of the early '90s. They have multiple offices throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania, including Hazelton, Towanda, Bloomsburg, and Wilkes-Barre.

Although they started with AIDS, today they focus on things like STD testing.

"We don't do many tests in the offices, most of our tests are done in the community," she explained. "We were given a contract by the state of Pennsylvania to give STD tests to those least likely to access tests on their own."

The clinic targets particular populations by holding HIV testing clinics in places such as

drug and alcohol facilities and areas with high engagement by homosexual people, such as gay bars or Pride Fest.

"There was such a demand for testing at Pride Fest last year that eventually we had to shut the operations down and start making actual appointments for people," said Davis. "People have a tendency to access services when the services are brought to them instead of having the responsibility to go out and access them on their own."

The clinic also has programs such as the Linked Care program, which helps people newly diagnosed with HIV.

"There are many people who decide to not receive medical care when they become diagnosed with HIV. This program acts as a way to hold someone's hand and help them process what is going on in their lives," she explained. "It's a nice program because it's not anything that's forced on the individual."

Sharon also revealed that Luzerne County is ranked No. 38 out of 200 counties in the country that are most likely to experience a severe HIV epidemic.

"Let's not make that disconnect. When we are talking birth control, you have to make that plan for STD prevention."

"One take home point, as an educator, is don't assume people know things just because you know things," Davis said.



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### Quick Reproductive Health Facts

Facts and statistics given by experts during the panel:

- 3.2 million unintended pregnancies happen each year in the United States
- In women 19 years and younger, 4 out of 5 pregnancies are unintended
- Oral contraceptives are 91% effective
- Half of HPV infections happen between the ages of 15 to 24
- There is a 50 percent positivity rate for first time testers of Hepatitis-C in Wilkes-Barre, according to Caring Communities



# Rally for gun control, Parkland victims held in downtown Wilkes-Barre

By Megan Stanley  
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On Feb. 18, a rally was held on Public Square in downtown Wilkes-Barre to remember the victims of the Parkland shooting in Florida last week, and to demand action regarding gun control.

The event was organized by Action Together NEPA, a group dedicated to promoting community action and political advocacy.

Dr. Andrew Wilczak, a sociology professor at Wilkes University and chair of the outreach and education committee for Action Together, emceed the rally.

"This is something I'm very passionate about. As an educator, this is something I think about everyday going to work," Wilczak said.

"My wife works in schools in Wilkes-Barre, I have a 4-year-old and another on the way. So this touches my life in a variety of ways."

Lorraine Smith, who held a sign that read: "Thoughts & Prayers won't stop the killing."

"I have two daughters, one of which graduated from Wilkes, and two granddaughters. We have to stop this violence. There is so much hatred, it has to end."

Roger Lerner, a rabbi from Temple B'nai B'rith of Kingston, began the rally with a prayer.

Lerner boasted a message of leadership to the children. "I don't think we adults can do it. I don't think our politicians can do it at this point. I don't think they have the moral courage to stand up and talk about the violence of the guns that are in our midst and do something about it. I'm pleading to the children: I think you have to."

"People aren't listening. There's too much money involved, but if you get the children to say it, get them to say it loudly, get them to say it everywhere in this nation, then they'll have to listen."

Wilkes-Barre Police Commander Ron Foy discussed the changing roles of principles, parenting and the use of technology and the impact they have upon children in a controversial speech.

Foy also encouraged the crowd to stand up to potential criminals, saying, "Do not stay silent, if something looks wrong and makes the hairs on the back of your neck stand up there's a reason."

His talk prompted reaction from the crowd.

"Assault rifles make the hairs on the back of my neck stand up - you're blaming the victims, the innocent people," one woman shouted.

Martha Hart delivered her personal story of assault to the crowd. Hart alleged she was threatened with and abused by guns during a relationship.

Hart told the crowd: "Call your representatives today, and every day until they listen, because I want to live in a country where people love their kids more than their guns."

Olanda Carter, mother of a son killed by gun violence in Wilkes-Barre in 2014, spoke to the crowd.

"It's time to call out those we elect to represent us, and it's time for them to stop siding with NRA. Our children are dying."

Chloe Poorman, a 17-year-old student from Wyoming Valley West High School delivered a speech at the rally about how gun control would make her and her friends safer at school.

"We're losing innocent victims because of some law a couple of old dudes made in the 1700s. If this is what makes America great, I can no longer be proud of my country. Gun violence is out of control and my classmates and I shouldn't be nervous to go out and get an education."

"My generation is the generation that has been scared by gun violence the most, and we will be voting a lot sooner than politicians are ready for."

Rod Gerada, of Peach and Justice Center, spoke about the tight alcohol and drug regulations in comparison to gun regulations.

"This young man did not act alone, he had accomplices. His accomplices are the current administration, 52 senators, and anyone that has ever donated even a single dollar to the NRA," Gerada told the crowd.

State representative Eddie Day Pashinski discussed the impact that the billion-dollar industry is having upon the politics of the nation and encouraged people to vote in elections.

"Our democracy is being poisoned by an infusion of, not millions of dollars, but billions of dollars. The dollars that are flowing are taking care of the powerful at the demise of us, regular folks," he said.

Pashinski told the crowd that a forum is being planned to make sure citizens feel safe and have the understanding to vote in elections.

"We're scared and we are angry and we are frightened for our love for our children and our community, and it's because of that love we are going to fight like hell for our kids, for our community and for the future of Northeastern Pennsylvania," Wilczak said. We will fight forever if we have to."



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Dr. Andrew Wilczak, of the sociology department at Wilkes University, is also the chair of the outreach and education committee for Action Together, which organized the



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Citizens of Wilkes-Barre held signs supporting stronger gun control, as well signs dedicated to the remembrance of victims of the Parkland shooting.



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Martha Hart delivered a personal story about her own experiences with gun violence and pleaded the audience to speak to their representatives.



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# SUNY Upstate Medical College Visting Lecture Series to be held

By Megan Stanley  
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On Feb. 27, Dr. Dan Tso will visit Wilkes University as part of the SUNY Upstate Medical College Visiting Lecture Series

Titled "Plasticity and the Dynamic Brain: Wiring, Injury and Re-writing", Tso's lecture will be available for all students, faculty and staff at Wilkes University.

According to the SUNY Upstate website, the lecture series is designed to "spark interest in the biomedical sciences and to further awareness among students and faculty of opportunities at SUNY Upstate."

The brochure created by Upstate for the series says that Tso's lecture will detail recent research that has resulted in a greater appreciation for the adaptability of the adult brain when faced with changes in the environment or in response to injury.

"We will explore the fixed versus plastic nature of the adult brain and some of the underlying neural mechanisms" the brochure reads.

The Director of Health Science and Student Success centre, Constance Dombroski, was responsible for organising the event. After being contacted by SUNY Upstate Medical College, Dombroski said she accepted the opportunity to host Tso because "it's a pretty

good opportunity, not just for our pre-med students who want to know what kind of programs are available to them, but also a neuroscience students who are particularly interested in this."

"I think regardless of career interest, I think it's a good and interesting topic for all our students. I think it applies to a lot of different students across Wilkes campus, it is open to everybody. It would just be a good opportunity for those individuals to be involved," Dombroski added.

At the lecture, Tso will be promoting courses that SUNY offers to the students that attend. The medical college offers a variety of graduate programs from cell and developmental biology to microbiology and immunology to neuroscience.

Dombroski also said that there will be a lunch in which some students, recommended by psychology professor Dr. Ed Schicatano, will be invited and will have the opportunity to talk with Tso.

Miranda Zink, a sophomore neuroscience major, said, "The brain is amazingly dynamic and resilient and I would love to learn more about its ability to bounce back after an injury. It also will be nice as a neuro student to hear about courses I can take and learn about the different options available for me in the future."


"I find the brain fascinating and chose to be a neuroscience student largely due to the unique properties of the brain including its plasticity," Zink continued. "It's amazing how the brain can change and adapt even in extreme situations, such as people who would have had one half of their brain surgically removed."

Zink added, "I haven't decided if to go to grad school yet but speakers like this coming in and discussing specific opportunities may help me decide if delving deeper into neuroscience is something I want to dedicate my time too."

According to Dombroski, the lecture series is a first for Health Sciences and Student Success Department.

"This is the first event like this through Health Sciences and Student Success. I try to get as many programming opportunities for our students, but it depends on what presents itself."

"As far as other outside programming opportunities there's outside faculty members coming but I do have other health schools coming to present on their programming but that's pretty health specific."

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## Prof. elected to Pennsylvanian Pharmacy Association educational board

By Megan Stanley  
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Dr. Kimberly Ference, a professor in the pharmacy department, was recently elected to the Pennsylvanian Pharmacist Association (PPA) Educational Board.

Ference has been involved with the PPA for nine years, and said, "I fell in love with the association because it's just got a great energy about it. It's a great place to meet other pharmacists across the state and get involved with state initiatives."

Ference has been the adviser for the Wilkes University student chapter of PPA for eight years, and served on a variety of committees before her election to the board.

"When I was asked to run on the education board I didn't hesitate at all because of my involvement with the rest of the organization," Ference added.

One of the key missions of PPA is to legislate for pharmacists and educate its members on new and current topics and to also foster leaders in pharmacy.

Last year the association created a new program called "LEAD." Available to pharmacists who have graduated within the last 10 years, those who join

the program the online modules that focus on improving leadership skills.

"The purpose of this program is to foster leaders and grow leaders that will help serve the association in the future or beyond PPA after they have helped out - perhaps some of the national organizations," Ference said.

Another key thing the association does is provide grants for research projects. Four grants are given out every year, and they each are around \$1,000.

"Students and new practitioners apply for grants to help get research off the ground and help advance the pharmacy practice in the state," Ference explained.

Ference graduated from Wilkes University. After spending four years teaching at the University of Oklahoma, Ference talked about her return to Wilkes University as a professor.

"University of Oklahoma is a division one school with very large class sizes. It was really hard to get to know the students I was teaching - I felt disconnected from my students," she said.

"What I loved about being a student was the mentorship I received and the fact that we had small class sizes - I knew all of my classmates, I knew all of my professors and they knew my

name," Ference continued. "Although I had a good experience at the University of Oklahoma, I was craving that environment where I really knew my students well, and that's what brought me back here."

At Wilkes, Ference teaches the Foundations of Pharmacy Practice course, which is for P1 pharmacy students. As part of the course, they learn how to advocate for themselves and their patients, and talk about leadership and professionalism. She also teaches final-year students at her practice site, at which she specialises in diabetes and smoking.

This semester, Ference has also taken up a new role as Director of Care Labs, which is a skills-based course.


Ference is an appreciated professor at the university. Kayla Reece, a junior pharmacy major, said that she "made class enjoyable, and learning worthwhile."

The association also holds a "Know Pain Know Gain Competition" at the annual conference each year for pharmacy students to take part in. This year Dylan Fox, pharmacy student and future PPA student chapter president, was a finalist.



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Ference

"Obviously a big congratulations to Dr. Ference. The PPA education board works really close with us, so it's important we have her as a large voice,"

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# Profile of a new professor: Dr. Bobby Karimi, tectonophysicist

By Freddy Del Rosario  
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New to the Wilkes University community is Dr. Bobby Karimi, geologist and an assistant professor.

Karimi, who works in Cohen Science Center, joined the university last semester.

Originally from the city of Calgary in Alberta, Canada, Karimi received his bachelor's degree as well as his Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh, where he studied geology, but focused his studies in tectonics.

Prior to teaching at Wilkes, Karimi taught in Millersville University, Clarion University of Pennsylvania, and Colorado College.

"I think each one of the colleges I have taught at prepared me in a very unique way to teach here at Wilkes. As a professor, there's always a big variety of students in all the places I have taught at, so I have become very adaptive."

His keen interest in the field of geology led him to the conclusion that academia was a place he could call home.

"I knew from the get-go what I was

getting into when I decided to get my Ph.D. I got a chance to teach while working on my doctorate, and it was very gratifying," he remarked.

Karimi's passion for geology as a student led him to further his education.

"I really want to understand how things behave and why do they behave the way they do, in terms of the physics of something," he said he explained to his advisor.

His main focus in his studies of geology is in tectonophysics, which is the study of the physics aspect of plate boundaries.

Most of his current research deals with the tectonics and volcanism of Chile, in collaboration with other academics from different universities, for which, so far, patterns of eruption frequency have been identified, as well as a relation to some smaller scale tectonics features.

Additionally, he is conducting research that focuses in landslides, and using Geophysics to model landslides and then using Geographic Information Systems and mapping to identify the areas that are in high risk of landslides.



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Dr. Bobby Karimi often sits at his office computer analyzing his recent research results.

"I think what attracted me the most to Wilkes University was this department" he said. "Because the geology program is so new, we have a lot of control on what we think

the experience of students studying geology should be like and having such impact it's really exciting."

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Chauvel dove further into the issue of the U.N.'s inability to make rules and enforcing them on countries to help push the agenda and goals for those countries who were unwilling to cooperate and who were corrupt themselves; as well as funding issues.

The obstacles faced by the 2030 Agenda resulted in a new agenda and initiative in 2015 to establish an online survey, through the platform The World We Want, available to all countries who profoundly answered that they wanted free government and trust in the institutions.

Their overall goal, as expressed by Chauvel, is to get "the world we want: honest and effective government." To get this Chauvel is hoping to make government more inclusive, more gender friendly for more representation in the countries that are now more corrupt and less inclusive.

Chauvel went into further detail about how the UNDP, which he was apart of, supports the countries through developing policy guidance to help these countries reach the desired goals of the U.N.. The UNDP is in constant contact with the 144 countries they have partnered with to make the governments more inclusive and representative like the country wishes.

Through examples like India, Chauvel showed the audience that the history of sustainable goals drafted by different countries apart of the U.N. are helping the world become more inclusive and less

discriminatory and selective.

Sophomore psychology major, Amanda Imbalzano, enjoyed Chauvel's talk, finding the overall mission of the U.N. most interesting.

"I think he did a really good job speaking overall especially bringing up important topics like what the U.N. stands for," said Imbalzano.

"The 17 goals were very interesting; just trying to bring everyone [around the world] together, goal 16 being the most important which included peace and justice," said Imbalzano, "I think that really shows that we all need to come together as countries."

Joe Teeple, senior psychology major, enjoyed the presentation as a whole as well as the many others apart of the United Nations Lecture Series.

"I thought he did a very good job," said Teeple. "I thought he was concise but also detailed enough where you could get a picture of the work the U.N. is doing."

"The whole moving things from the ground up struck a chord with me really well; I like that the U.N. is moving in that direction and I like that they are bringing that to us so we can go out and do that."

"I like the U.N. lecture series as a whole," said Teeple, "I think the people they are bringing in are interesting and then they're exposing us to sort of the global perspective and the U.N.'s perspective on problems that are pervasive here, but more severe in other areas."



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process for any future allegation.

The Trump administration has had its fair share of allegations that have plagued its credibility and overall approval from Americans. Trump's silence and vague support of Porter and domestic abuse seem to not only go against the #MeToo Movement, that has empowered the coming forth of allegations, but isn't resonating well with Americans, especially those on the Wilkes University campus.

Dr. Andrew Wilczak, sociology professor, spoke out against the White House's handling of the allegations and further discussed how the president's silence may affect future generations of women and children.

"The administration is refusing to speak out in any meaningful way," said Wilczak.

"Others in the White House who are authorized to speak for the president have said that he doesn't support this, that he is not pro-domestic violence, but we haven't heard it from him and that is interesting."

"They will never come out and say that they are pro-domestic violence, but the conclusion that a lot of people will draw is that they are," said Wilczak. "That might conceivably lead to an increase in violence and also a decrease in reporting."

Wilczak further discussed the potential issues that may come from the White House's lack of a stance on domestic abuse.

"We already have a major problem with people not wanting to ask for help in general, and so saying that a strong person wouldn't be victimized is bad," he said. "I would also be concerned of this encouraging people to

kind of take justice into their own hands.

"It's a teachable moment to say this is why women don't come forward or are afraid to come forward," said Wilczak.

"I am especially fearful of women and children who may be at elevated risk of being victimized because there are millions of people who idolize (Trump), and when he doesn't take these things seriously there is a possibility that his supporters may not take this seriously."

"If the president doesn't do it then why should I do it?" Wilczak asked.

Hannah Bolacker, freshman education major, expressed her concern for future generations of children who may believe domestic violence is "OK" just because our president is not fighting back against it.

"We need to make domestic violence non-existent in this country," Bolacker said. "We shouldn't have leaders, officials, anybody in power being able to say that domestic violence is OK."

She made a call to action for America against domestic abuse.

"We need to come together to say as a country that with all of these issues, we are on the same page that it is not okay to beat somebody you love," expressed Bolacker.

Vicki Hoffman, freshman biology major, talked about her take on the domestic abuse allegations.

"You know how many [people] are against Trump himself, there's a lot that say he abuses women; so why should we trust anything that he says either?" asked Hoffman.

"A government who doesn't take this type of violence seriously sends a signal to the rest of the country that you may as well go ahead; that is what really scares me," Wilczak said.



# Life, Arts & Entertainment

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## Poco and Jim Messina will bring 50 years of music to F.M. Kirby Center

By Jacqueline Kurovsky  
Staff Writer

Country rock fans will be in for a treat as west coast band Poco reunites with co-founder Jim Messina on Feb. 22 at the F.M. Kirby Center in Wilkes-Barre.

Poco, a formidable pillar of their genre, formed in 1968 led by Rusty Young, Jim Messina and Richie Furay. Success was not an unfamiliar taste - Furay and Messina had just come from the disbanded supergroup Buffalo Springfield, whose final album also featured Young on guitar.

Poco's debut 1969 album, "Pickin' Up the Pieces," is considered a pioneering album of the country rock genre. It paved the way for the newly-emerging Southern California sound that would be the driving force of the genre.

This sound took shape in the famous West Hollywood club Troubadour, responsible for the launch of countless careers - Poco's included.

Poco's Troubadour shows were often attended by now-legendary musicians including Don Henley and George Harrison.

"We were combining country instruments with rock and roll songs and people were interested," Poco frontman Rusty Young, now 70, said.

The band's lineup shuffled around through the decades, with Randy Meisner and Timothy Schmit both leaving to join the now-legendary group The Eagles.

"We knew how talented everybody was," Young said. "When people left, we knew they were going to be successful."

Through the changes in the band's lineup, Young remained at the helm of Poco's ship. He wrote and sang what would become the group's first number one hit, 1979's "Crazy Love."

In the years to follow, Young and bandmate Paul Cotton were the driving force of several big hits for the band including "Heart of the Night" and "The Last Goodbye." Young still leads as the frontman of Poco, now a foursome of musicians.



The treat for Kirby Center audiences will be Poco's reuniting with founding member Jim Messina. After leaving Buffalo Springfield, Messina was with Poco for two years and was a main contributor to the first two albums. He went on to pursue a career as a record producer, signing with Columbia Records.

Messina's career led him to become the producer for Kenny Loggins in the early 1970s. Loggins at the time had no manager and was taken under Messina's wing.

Messina's contributions to Loggins' work led to an unexpected sort of success.

Initially planning to stay out of the spotlight, Messina produced The Kenny Loggins Band. He soon found himself back to performing and touring as part of the soft rock duo Loggins and Messina, going on to sell over 20 million albums. Among their hits are classics such as "Danny's Song" and "House at Pooh Corner."

The duo split and pursued solo careers in 1976. Messina took a new musical direction, with his albums leaning towards latin jazz with a rock and roll edge. He went on to release a succession of solo work beginning with 1979's Oasis.

In 1989, Poco's original lineup including Messina took to the road for a successful reunion tour. That same year, the group would release Legacy, their second release to be certified gold. Messina wrote and sang three of the songs and co-wrote "Call It Love" with Rusty Young on vocals.

"[The album] was our chance to go back in history and we had a great time," Young said.

Messina had a second reunion tour, this time with former musical partner Kenny Loggins in 2005. Out of this tour came the live DVD and CD collection "Sittin' In Again at the Santa Barbara Bowl." The pair once again reunited for a tour in 2009.

Messina continues to work in music production and publishing and is creator of "The Songwriter's Performance Workshop," an intensive six day workshop for singers and songwriters.

Rusty Young announced his retirement in

2013 but is since back on the road. The last member of Poco to release a solo record, he debuted "Waitin' on the Sun" in 2017.


Young's fellow members of Poco are now Jack Sundrud, Michael Webb and Rick Lonow. All are featured on "Waitin' on the Sun" which does not stray from the original Poco sound.

"It's hard to divorce me from Poco," Young said. "You can't get away from it."

Young promises a mix of music in his show with Messina, selecting from their catalog of nearly 50 years of music.

"You'll hear all the classics," he said. "We're going to cover a lot of territory and it's going to be a lot of fun."

Poco and Messina take the stage at 7:30 p.m. with doors opening at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are available at the F.M. Kirby Center Box

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To purchase tickets for "An Evening with Poco," visit the F.M. Kirby Center Box Office or online at [www.kirbycenter.org](http://www.kirbycenter.org).



# RECIPE OF THE WEEK:

## INGREDIENTS:

- ½ cup flour
- 2 eggs
- ½ cup water
- ½ milk
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- ¼ teaspoon salt

## INSTRUCTIONS:

1. In a bowl, whisk together the flour and eggs.
2. Slowly add in the milk and water.
3. Lastly, add in the butter and salt until smooth.
4. In a greased pan on medium to high heat, pour a small amount of batter into the pan.
5. Swirl around the batter so no place is thick.
6. When the one side is cooked flip and cook the other side.
7. When done fold and top with whatever you like.
8. Enjoy!

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# Airforce ROTC at Wilkes encourages student participation

By Shannon O'Connor  
Life, Arts & Entertainment Asst. Editor

The Air Force Reserve Officers' Training Corps, otherwise known as AFROTC, aims to help students become a part of something greater than themselves.

AFROTC is an educational program that allows students to prepare for a future career in the United States Air Force. This program is based around building and developing leadership skills while simultaneously earning a four-year degree. Upon completing an academic degree in any major of a student's choice, he or she has the opportunity to earn a commission as an active duty officer.

Cadet Lt. Colonel Thomas Swain, a Wilkes senior criminology major involved in the AFROTC program, said "For me AFROTC is the main path to the rest of my life."

The Wilkes University AFROTC Detachment 752 has been around since 1973, and was one of the first detachments to allow women to join. In the 1970s, when the evolution of military service went from the draft to all volunteers, women were finally able to become apart of the military.

AFROTC Detachment 752 has had cadets graduate and achieve more than anyone could have imagined.

Major Melissa Bierma stated: "We have someone that works with the Department of State. We have someone that is the president of a university. We have people that work with the CIA, the FBI. We have people running their own businesses. We have people that are test pilots for the Air Force. We have people working at the Pentagon. We have people building the latest and greatest technology. So many different things, and they all got their start here."

Through the AFROTC program, the cadets are able to get involved in their community as well as experience the world around them. Participants work with the elderly, and raise breast cancer awareness, visit Air Force bases and participate in a two-week intensive training known as field training.

"It's a brotherhood that I am proud to be a part of," stated King's Cadet Captain Andrew Bonner.

AFROTC also provides scholarship opportunities to incoming and established college students. These scholarships range from partial to full tuition and fees. Cadets that receive scholarships also earn a monthly stipend and an annual book allowance. To receive these scholarships a cadet must be a full-time student, have a GPA of 2.5 or higher, pass the Air Force

Officer Qualifying and Physical Fitness exams, meet medical requirements and be enrolled in AFROTC classes.

Anyone can join AFROTC, including students enrolled in neighboring colleges. Detachment 752 currently has students from ten different colleges and universities in the Northeastern Pennsylvania area. To enroll, a student must register for the class through their adviser, then will be expected to participate in two elective courses, an academic class, a leadership class and a group fitness session.

"If you're looking for something where you know you're going to have a career and you want that stability in your life, then come and join ROTC. It is something that is going to change you as a person but it also is going to give you people you know you are going to be able to count on for the rest of your life," stated Cadet Maura Clarke, a Wilkes University sophomore.

For more information about AFROTC on a national scale visit <http://www.afrotc.com>.

For more information or to join Wilkes University AFROTC Detachment 752 stop by their office at 169 S. Main St., Suite 112, Wilkes Barre, call 570-408-4860, email [rotcdl@wilkes.edu](mailto:rotcdl@wilkes.edu) or visit [www.wilkes.edu/rotc](http://www.wilkes.edu/rotc).



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# Self Love with Shannon

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*Keeping yourself happy and healthy, not only physically but mentally, is the most important thing you can do. If you're not on top of your mental health game, you will start to slip and slide right into a potential pit of misery. Especially in college, it is difficult to put your well being first. Remember self love is not selfish. This means that when it comes to your well being it needs to be at the top of your list. There are a few tips to help keep your mental health in tip top shape and to always be awesome!*

## 1. You time

Making time for yourself is by far the most important thing for your mental health. "You time" is anytime you carve out of your very busy day to do something you love. This can be 10 minutes, it could be two hours, whatever you feel you need. Whether it is reading a book, watching a movie, going to the gym or even taking a nap, take some time for yourself.

## 2. Meditate

Your mind and body should always be in harmony for you to be able to perform at your best. One way to make sure



you are in harmony and eliminate all the negativity in your life is to meditate or practice yoga. Whether you are a beginner or an experienced yogi, anyone with a yoga mat can practice this craft. Download some meditation or yoga apps and get started on your journey to harmony.

## 3. Plants

Plants are a wonderful way to liven up a dorm and increase your mental health. Sounds crazy right? Not only does having plants mean more oxygen in the air, but it could mean a better routine. Plants obviously need to be taken care of. This adds stability to your life. When

everything in your life is all over the place, the one thing you know for sure is that you have to take care of your plants. With spring right around the corner, it is the perfect time to start thinking about what beautiful plants you are going to fill your life with.

## 4. Oranges

This will probably sound crazier than the plants, but oranges and other citrus fruits are said to help boost your mood and increase your overall mental health. There are many ways to feel the benefits of these wonderful fruits. You can eat them, use an air freshener or break out the essential oils. Essential oils can be

used in food, as perfume or in a diffuser. Their multiple uses can be beneficial to you and your mental health.

## 5. Don't be afraid to ask for help

Never be afraid to ask for help. If you think there is a serious issue going on in your life or you need someone to talk, no matter what it is, asking for help is very important. Mental health is a serious issue and you should always make sure you're on top of yours.



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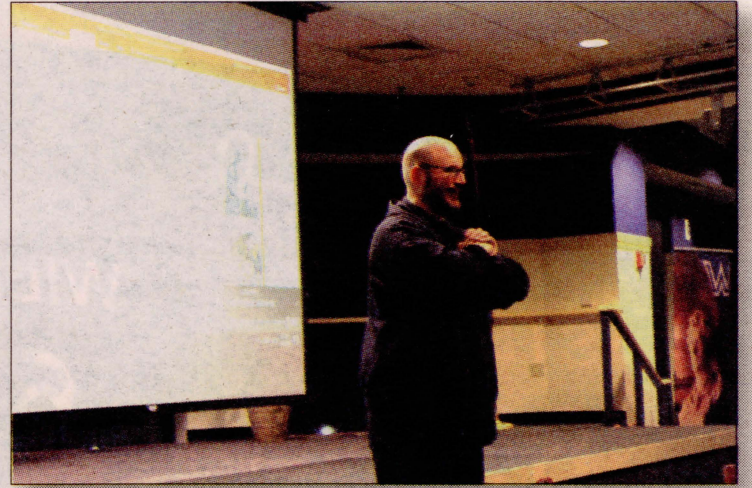




## Black History Month Program: "Straight Outta History"



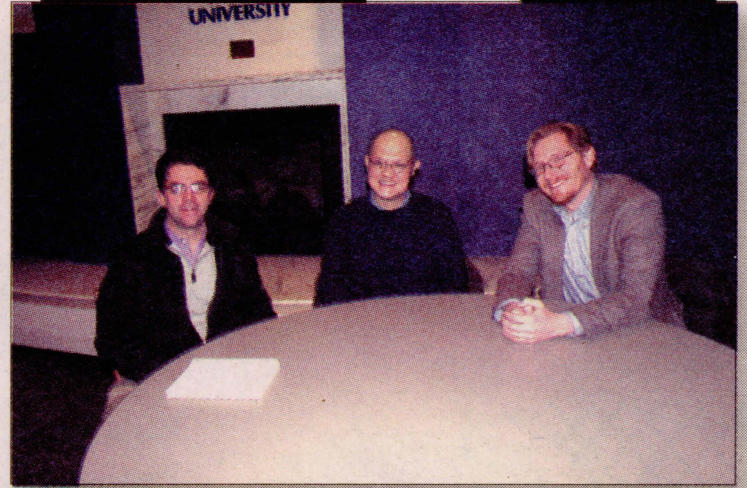
From left: Victoria Kraft, Umou Jalloh, Abie Pessima, Autumn Washington and Conroy Yearde were just a few of the students in attendance ready to engage in discussion about the history of rap and hip-hop.



Dr. Andrew Wilczak, sociology professor, fills in for Santana Velez, who due to unfortunate events could not speak at the lecture. In celebration of Black History Month, Wilczak and Velez planned an evening on the history of rap and hip-hop and the importance of Black music on American history.



Wilkes-Barre NAACP (branch #2306) is the sponsor of the events taking place throughout this month. President of the branch, Guerline L. Laureore, discusses the importance of Black History Month and why it should be celebrated.



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Professors Rafael Garcia, Akira Shimizu and Jonathan Kuiken enjoy the "Straight Outta History" event.



# Women's Basketball



Sophomore Kelsey Yustat (#5) looks up floor during Saturday's contest.



Sophomore Alyssa Alfano (#2) plays defense inside the Marts Center during the women's game.



The Wilkes University Marching Colonels play during Saturday's Senior Day games.



Freshman Maddie Kelley (#00) looks to pass to one of her Lady Colonel teammates.



Wilkes Women's Basketball huddles during a timeout in their game against Eastern.

## Senior

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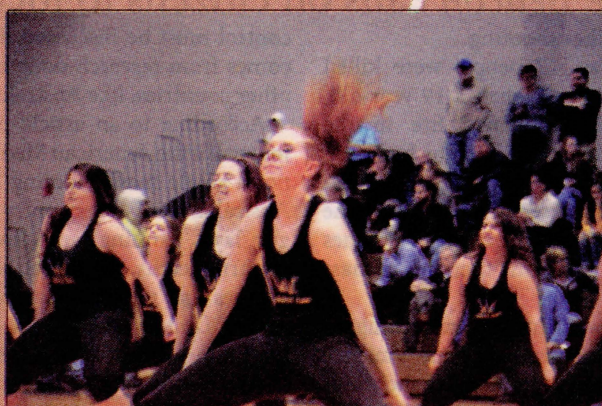
# Men's Basketball



Freshman Jack Bova (#15) launches a three-point shot attempt during Saturday's game against Eastern.



The Colonel Student Section turned out for the game in full force with their usual antics.



The Wilkes Dance Team performs at halftime of the men's basketball game.



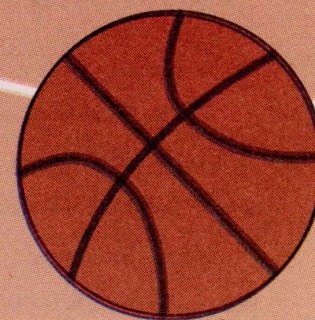
Freshman Landon Henry (#2) looks to block Eastern's game winning shot at the end of the game.



Junior Marcus Robinson (#10) drives through the right hand side of the lane during Saturday's action.

## Day

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## Our Voice

*Each week, The Beacon's editorial board will take a stance on a current issue.*

### 'Another shooting'

*The Beacon calls on citizens to focus on solutions, not politics*

There was another shooting.

Last Wednesday, 17 people were killed and at least 14 injured when a 19 year old, wielding an AR-15, opened fire in the Florida high school from which he had been expelled.

"Another one?" seemed to be the immediate question when the headlines popped up on T.V. "Wasn't there just a mass shooting?"

There surely was. In fact, according to the non-profit organization Gun Violence Archive, there have been 30 mass shootings in the United States so far in 2018. The archive also found that there is a mass shooting in the country, on average, every nine out of 10 days.

This is not the case around the world. Cnn.com reported, citing research by Adam Lankford of the University of Alabama in 2016, that while Americans make up only 5 percent of the world's population, they make up 31 percent of the world's mass shooters. The report also detailed that The United States has the most mass shootings of any country, by a significant degree.

Clearly we are doing something wrong. There is no denying that.

However, politicizing the issue seems to be diluting the process.

Any helpful discussion is being buried by fiery demands on social media for either increased gun security in our schools or to ban guns entirely. As a country that has a such complex relationship with guns, these kind of drastic demands do little to help fix the issue at hand. Mass shootings have affected our country for years. A solution cannot happen overnight.

However, there is no question that gun

control must be discussed. Evidence of that comes from research done on incidences in other countries, like Australia.

According to an article published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, not a single mass shooting has occurred in Australia since the country reformed their gun laws, banning rapid-fire guns, in 1997. Firearm deaths, in general, also declined.

Does that mean the same thing will work in the United States? Not necessarily. But does it mean that, as responsible citizens, we should be considering that it might? Many of us on the Beacon editorial board are inclined to think so.

On the other side of the political coin, the organization "Everytown for Gun Safety" has come under fire for reporting misleading statistics about school shootings.

The organization, whose name speaks for itself, reported that 18 school shootings have occurred in the United States alone in 2018. If that number sounds unbelievable, that's because it is not entirely accurate.

The Washington Post explained that the organization "inflated" that number using instances that many of us would not count as school shootings, at least not in the same vein as Columbine or Sandy Hook.

These included an instance where a Michigan man, parked in the lot of a school which housed no students or teachers — it had been closed for seven months — called the police to report that he was suicidal and had a gun. While he ended his own life, the school seems to have had little to do with the incident.

Another instance that the organization counted in its inflated number was one where a student fired a few rounds in the

school parking lot following an altercation. No one was injured, and it was after 8 p.m.

These situations are a far cry from the tragedy that occurred last week. While undoubtedly tragic, these are personal situations that ended up being brought on school property, not deliberate, premeditated attempts to kill as many classmates as possible.

To blindly push agendas by sharing misleading statistics is irresponsible, unethical and counterintuitive.

So-called "fake news" should not be utilized alongside such a tragic event. It's moments like this when serious journalism needs to come to the forefront and exaggerated messages that promote a certain agenda need to be in the background.

Our first priority should not be the defense of our political opinions in the face of possible issues with them. It should not be to exaggerate an issue that is scary in itself. It should be having an open mind about what the actual best thing is for solving this problem.

This is what it means to love your country.

If there is clear evidence that there is something wrong, you try to fix it. You explore every possible avenue for fixing it. You do this because you love your country, you love the people in it, and you do not want to see so many people senselessly killed.

Perhaps the issue is a matter of gun control. Maybe it's an issue of mental health. Maybe it's an issue of being able to spot warning signs. It could be some combination of all of these things, but there will be no answer if there is no discussion.

If you love your country, you love your country. Not your agenda.



# Meet the Majors

## This week's major: Integrative Media

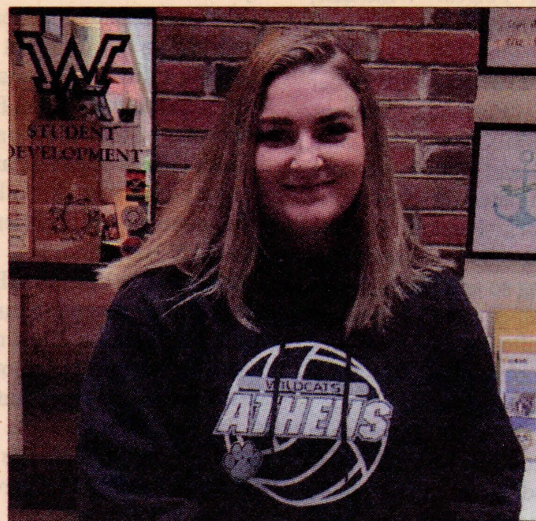
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Andre Spruell  
Opinion Editor

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



Danny Devito  
Sophomore

"I feel it has benefitted me a lot already. It has taught me many skills that I will need to be a professional in my field and taught me how to handle interactions with clients in the real world. My career goal is to become a professional sports designer. It was an insane workload, with insane hours, but (that) is where I want to be."



The Beacon/ Andre Spruell  
McKaylah DeKay  
Sophomore

"IM has benefitted me by allowing me to take something I love and turn it in to a possible career. This major has also helped me to develop a very strong design foundation that I feel is necessary to thrive in the industry.

In the future I hope to use what I've learned here to become a graphic designer."



# The Cultural Impact of 'Black Panther'

By Andre Spruell  
Opinion Editor

Whenever there is tons of hype about something, the greater chance it has to become a bust. In the case of "Black Panther," it surpassed those great expectations and did so while still preserving African culture.

The first time I heard about the movie was through Twitter, as it was gaining tons of praises for being the first all-black superhero movie. With that fact alone, it was hard not to get excited about it because it is literally something that we have never seen before.

One way it maintained African culture is by having a true African American takeover with the not only the whole cast being black with actors like Michael B. Jordan, Chadwick Boseman, Forrest Whittaker, and more, but the director, Ryan Coogler, is also black.

Coogler's only directed two other films, which were "Fruitvale Station" and "Creed," two films that were also predominantly black and both have won awards and were nominated for even more.

The fact that Black Panther is only Coogler's third film speaks volumes to his talent, especially doing so as a black man at the young age of 31, since most Hollywood directors are older white males.

Another way the movie preserved black culture was by the language used.

Although there were a lot of modern jokes made throughout the movie, it is based in Africa, and every actor spoke English with an African accent and even spoke in African dialect at times, which included subtitles any time they did.

Something like an accent is something minor, but for me, that went a long way in preserving black culture.

The director could have easily just had the actors speak regularly since the cast was already all black. Since each character spoke with an African accent and even in African dialect, it made the movie that much more authentic.

Another form of language important to the film was the character of Erik Killmonger, played by Michael B. Jordan. The fact that he grew up in Oakland, Calif., and when he went Wakanda, the place where the Black Panther and his people reside, he stayed true to where he is from by speaking in Ebonics and only speaking in African dialect when he had to prove he is a member of the Black Panther's royal

family.

This was important because he was noted as being American instead of being from Wakanda, and Ebonics, or Black English, is popular in Oakland, a predominantly black area. By Michael B. Jordan's character speaking in Ebonics, it emphasized that he lived in America his whole life and representing how blacks in predominantly black areas would speak.


The biggest way that black culture was represented in the movie was the representation of the different African tribes.

Having the element of the different tribes was something that I was not expecting and was pleasantly surprising. It is not that I did not expect any tribes to be in the movie, but the fact that there were so many represented.

The scene that stood out most to me in representing the different tribes was when T'Challa, the main character, is being announced as the official Black Panther and when one of the leaders asks if any of the different tribes objected, and there were just so many represented, followed by another tribe coming out challenging the newly appointed Black Panther.

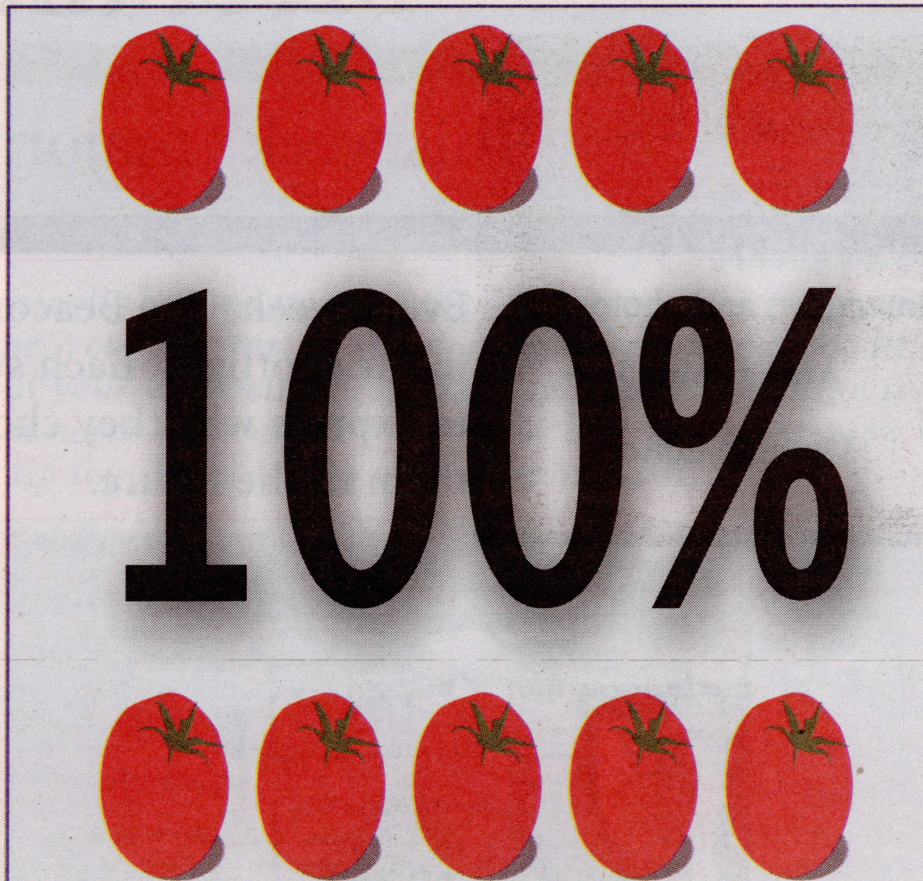
Overall, I believe that Black Panther did an excellent job staying true to black culture, while representing it in a multitude of ways that was successful. Another element that added greatly in representing black culture is the soundtrack to the film, which was mostly done under the creativeness of Kendrick Lamar, who is regarded as one of the best artists ever.

Based off seeing the movie on its opening night, I believe that "Black Panther" will be remembered as one of the greatest movies of all-time and will certainly be attached to black culture as one of the culture's most epic pieces of art.

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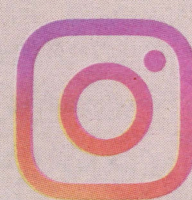
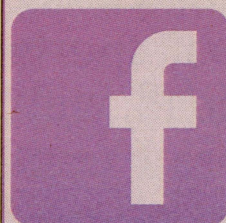


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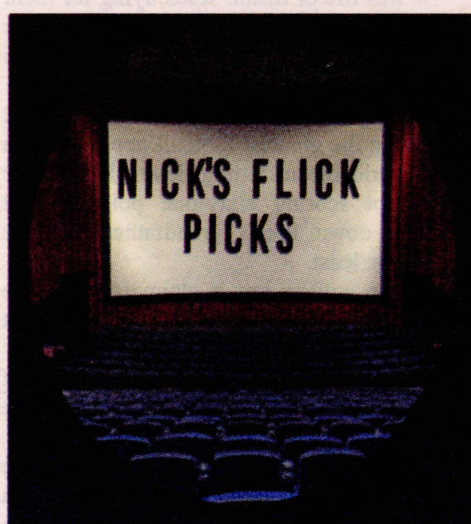
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# Black Panther claws its way to number one



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By Nicholas Filipek  
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There is not enough room for a fancy intro this week folks; I saw "Black Panther," and there is much to discuss about its awesomeness.

**The Story-** As promised, the movie picks up where "Captain America: Civil War" left us, with a son who must take his fallen father's place as not only the King of a nation, but the protector of the people. T'Challa is about to inherit a mantle that has been passed down from generation to generation, the mantle of The Black Panther.

We enter the city of Wakanda, which we learn was built on the largest vibranium mine on the planet. For those unfamiliar, vibranium is the strongest substance found in the Marvel Cinematic Universe, MCU for short.

The vibranium deposit has allowed the Wakandans to become the most advanced civilization on Earth. They fear sharing their technology with the world, seeing how man has abused technological

advancements throughout the centuries, and hide their city from the outside world, always "watching from the shadows."

Somehow a stranger enters their metropolis, claiming to have the birth right to challenge the new King, and become the ruler of the African nation, with a much different agenda. He plans to take the Wakandan technology and put it in the hands of oppressed people everywhere. Subsequently this would expose Wakanda, "forcing" the new world to make Wakanda the capital for the world, over which he would rule.

T'Challa must face his fears of being an unready King and hero to do both in order to save his family, friends and country.

**The Director-** This is Ryan Coogler's third film, and at age 31, he seems to have a better idea of what to do behind a camera than directors twice his age. I highly recommend both "Fruitvale Station" (now on Netflix) and "Creed."

Along with directing Black Panther, Coogler also wrote the story, which says a lot about how much of this movie was his complete vision.

Said vision is absolutely gorgeous. It was a tall order to develop and create a fictional city in the heart of Africa, which is technology advanced, while making it seem like a grounded real-world setting. It is almost like asking someone to do the impossible, and that's exactly what Coogler did.

From scene to scene you believe every aspect of the space these characters inhabit, and very little imagination is needed to believe that it's the same world that we live in. This allows us to fall into complete immersion of everything going on in the film.

The settings, the accents and especially the costuming brought the city of Wakanda to life. This real world Coogler created allowed the cast to immerse themselves too, which lead them to bring these characters to life in a way that would make anyone who loves acting melt.

**The Cast-** Chadwick Boseman ("Get On Up," "42") stars as our hero, the new King of Wakanda and the Black Panther. We met this character in "Captain America: Civil War," but we really dive in deep with this movie about what drives T'Challa to be a good king and a just hero.

There were scenes where he was able to make me feel the weight of what it was like to have that pressure of balancing

between the two personas with just a look. I plan to see much more of Boseman in not only future MCU films, but different leading roles in various genres.

Michael B. Jordan ("Fantastic 4," "Chronicle") played the perfect counterpoint to T'Challa and had me actually rooting for the villain. Jordan's character, Erik Killmonger, was not your standard MCU villain. Though not every time, after over a decade of producing 15 flicks, the MCU has given us some flat "cookie cutter" villains, but Jordan's was by far the best.

There was never a point where his motives seemed too crazy or over the top. It was clear that after the hand Killmonger was dealt, he was angry and had a more radical view of how to take care of business than T'Challa, but at the end of the day, they had the same goal.

Lupita Nyong'o played Nakia, who could have very easily turned into "the love interest" in the movie, but through her performance, took the character to a whole new level. We meet Nakia as she travels with a group of captured African women on their way somewhere unknown, but you could imagine as being horrible.

The Black Panther ends up messing up her undercover mission and she holds no punches in telling him so. Right from the jump we are shown she is a strong, independent person who needs no saving from the hero. That theme carries out through the film, leading her to be one of three strong female leads in the movie.

Danai Gurira gets the distinct honor of being the most awesome, most fierce character of any movie, ever. That's right, I said it. With just a look she makes me feel like a scorned child who has embarrassed himself. She oozes confidence, loyalty, pride and patriotism throughout the film. Such a strong love and sense of duty for her country are coincidentally what causes her character, Okoye, to have her biggest conflict in the film.

The next film coming from the MCU, "Avengers: Infinity War," will be the largest event this universe has yet to face. It has people hyped all over the place, myself included. I really did not think there could be anything to get me more excited for that movie, but knowing Gurira will return in that film to reprise the role of Okoye, did just that.

Finally Letitia Wright is the perfect

essence of young, fun and playful that compliments her character's extraordinary brilliance and grounds her as to not seem like a geek or know-it-all. Shuri is T'Challa's sister and is in fact the smartest human being who inhabits the MCU, making her smarter than Tony Stark, Stephen Strange or even Bruce Banner, to name a few.

Shuri's work is responsible for the tech that powers the nation and especially her brother's suit and gear. She is forever improving on her inventions, never satisfied, saying, "just because something works doesn't mean it can't work better."

**The Summary-** The whole experience of going to see Black Panther was extraordinary. From start to finish it is an astonishingly entertaining piece of art that everyone should experience.

There was a sense of electricity in the air as the credits rolled. This movie will have an effect on the world. It certainly will have a cultural impact for many who have not been able to see themselves in a title role, until now.

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# How and why faith plays such an important role in sports

By Brandon Belfonti  
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Faith has driven almost any subject in human history. Organisms on the hierarchy chart created by Aristotle were all second to God, education in America experienced its largest split ever because of catholicism, and the highest grossing restaurant per store in our country, Chick-fil-A, is closed on Sundays.

No matter how controversial this topic is, it has a place in our world. And no matter how big a presence that is, we must see it. Religion has become a large part of sports.

Most recently it was after the Superbowl. Headlines such as, "Eagles' coach and players credit their faith after Super Bowl win" were scattered about and made this prestigious accomplishment something more than the better team.

All of the sudden there was another factor at play and it was not one of air pressure or stolen play cards.

It was faith.

"I can only give the praise to my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, for giving me this

opportunity," said coach Doug Pederson. Jesus Christ put him on the field for that win.

"It's all about the faith, it's all about our family, and then it's all about the Philadelphia Eagles, and it's in that order," Pederson then followed with. Faith, family, then the Eagles.

Are we supposed to believe the Eagles were meant to win no matter what the circumstances?

Some invisible power was going to have them win the game through any possibility? A common denominator of this team was faith.

"All Glory to God" seemed to be the phrase of the game. It was used by Eagles Quarterback Nick Foles and leading wide receiver Zach Ertz in post-game interviews, which was then followed by backup quarterback Chase Daniel, who hosted a weekly Bible study, saying the Eagles were "by far the most spiritual team" he has played for.

Who is to say if something gave these men an advantage? But it can be said that they were all in a tightly connected mindset with one goal in mind. They did have something

to raise them above; or at least they thought they did.

I would argue that simply thinking you have some edge actually provides exactly that. In Chris Paul's (highly respected NBA player) senior year of highschool, his grandfather was murdered on the street at sixty-one years old.

Two days later Paul intentionally scored sixty-one points to honor his lost loved one. He had a few minutes to spare and could have claimed the fifty year old state record, but he did not want that. He wanted to honor his grandfather.

The average high school basketball player would be happy with twenty points. Why did this come so easy for Paul?

He was supposed to score those points. It was not just points in a basketball game. That is why he air balled the following shot and fell to the ground in tears. He had done what he was supposed to do and now the emotion had reached him.

These players felt something so much more than a game. The sport in which they were competing had so much more value than the satisfaction of a trophy or a win.

It was life or death. Jesus dying for them to be at, and then win the Super Bowl, or Paul's grandfather's dying age was his number to reach.


The stakes were so much greater. Not winning the greatest football opportunity in the world meant letting down their savior and not scoring sixty-one points meant letting down Paul's grandfather, in their minds at least.

These actions are a claim to what the human mind is capable of when it sees what must be done.

Religion does that. It clears the fog of indecisiveness and creates a much more meaningful reason to do well in sports.

When that powerful mindset can be harnessed as a unifying factor of a team such as the Eagles, the possibilities seem to be limitless.

The stories of what religion has done for so many people in so many different situations is endless, but is it religion or is it what was there all along?

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# What is the best way to handle the end of a friendship?

By Savannah Pinnock  
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Friendships are one of the most important relationships a person can have over the course of a lifetime.

It is also one of the most fascinating, as it combines the platonic emotion, and love found from a familial relationship with the exclusivity of a romantic relationship.

The duality found within a friendship has been integrated into works of poetry, narratives, and a myriad of other prose.

With the gravity attributed to this unique relationship, it is fair to ask: how does one handle the end of a friendship? Well, before answering this question, one must understand the psychological significance of a friendship and the emotionally injurious effects it can have on a person when such a relationship is terminated.

Humanity is marked by its capacity to ask intense philosophical questions such as "why do we exist?" "what is the meaning of life?" and a plethora of other questions.

With this in mind, it is easy for a person to become engulfed in these questions and to perceive himself as a small, insignificant speckle against a massive universe. When given an idle moment to think, people

tend to consider this existential crisis and a feeling of loneliness can quickly present itself.

When it comes to the melancholic feelings that come from humanity's inquisitive nature, friendship can easily be seen as a panacea for this lonely mindset.

Saul Levine, writing from Psychology Today says it even better: "People without friends often experience the vulnerability of loneliness, that poignant state which many of us have felt at some point."

With that being said, it can be easily argued that the opposite also holds true. People who do have friendships are less likely to experience loneliness.

When a fundamental relationship is terminated, the effects are often negative though the extremity of the effects is dependent on the length and quality of the friendship.

If a person has shared a great deal of information and experiences with a friend for an extensive period of time, the individuals may find their lives void of this person, as they meant a lot to them.

On the other hand, if the friendship is mostly superficial and short in its longevity, the effects of the loss may be minor or null in significance.

In order to cope with either scenario, it

is important to evaluate the pros and cons related to the friendship.

Were you truly happy with your friendship, and was the relationship satisfying?


Many times friendships are toxic, as one party may find that the friendship is beginning to take a toll on their mental health and overall well-being. It is also important to evaluate the lessons you have learned after losing the friendship.

For instance, if the friendship was negative for any particular reason, evaluate that reason and move forward with that wisdom in mind and pursue beneficial friendships that lack those negative attributes.

It is also important to know that friendships, like any non-familial relationship, will come and go.

As human beings we are subject to psychological, social, physical, and emotional growth and likewise, our friendships will do the same, and termination or small shifts often follow.

So enjoy the moment, and when it's gone, don't linger on it but draw from the experience and continue onto the amazing journey called life.

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## MBB: Offense explodes as Colonels rout Monarchs 101-72

By Ben Mandell  
Asst. Sports Editor

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. -- The Wilkes University Colonels put up a season high 101 points in the blowout win over the King's College Monarchs in the 100th meeting between the two rivals.

The Monarchs still own a slight edge in the all-time series after this game 55-45.

The Colonels came into this game riding high off the momentum of their win Saturday over Misericordia which put them into the MAC Freedom tournament. The Colonels have gotten a lot of production from Marcus Robinson and Rob Pecorelli, as they have lead the team in scoring all season long.

The Monarchs came into this one looking to play the role of spoiler as they had just been eliminated.

The game started off with some bad news for the Colonels when Connor Evans drove to the basket and fell awkwardly injured his knee three minutes into the game.

"I have not given it too much thought, I just know that it's his knee," Colonels Head Coach Izzi Metz said on Connor Evans knee injury. "I'm not sure if it's going to keep him out long term."

The Landon Henry (7 points) came in to replace Evans and the Colonels did not miss a beat. The Colonels put up a whopping 49 points in the first half as they continued to roll without Evans. The Colonels did not take their foot off the gas in the second half as they were able to break triple digits for the first time this season.

"Coach always tells us that if someone goes down, the next man has to step up," Junior Marcus Robinson said. "Landon played very well filling in tonight at the point and were only looking ahead to the next game."

Marcus Robinson (14 points) recorded a double-double adding 11 rebounds to his double digit point total. Mark Mullins (16 points) fell one rebound short (9) from a double-double, Mason Gross (15 points) also came close to a triple-double with 6 assists and 7 rebounds, and Rob Pecorelli (19 points) had a game high point total and

6 assists. All together the Colonels totaled 25 assists.

"I really feel like I'm locked in right now, I know later on in the season these guys count me and the other upper-classmen to step up," Robinson said. "They're just kind of bouncing off of us."

The Colonels have officially locked up the



The Beacon/Alex Kielar  
Wilkes senior Mason Gross drives through Chris Fazzini to the basket.

top seed for the MAC Freedom tournament so they will have home court advantage throughout the tournament.

"There's always an extra push when playing at home because of the crowd and all of our fans," Robinson said. "We're just looking forward to getting this win."

The other three seeds are still up in the air as DeSales, Eastern, and Misericordia are all tied with 9-4 records. Eastern controls their own destiny, as a win on Saturday in their final game will put them in the two seed due to tie breakers. Misericordia and Desales currently sit tied in the standings and every tiebreaker category, so hopefully they create some separation in their final

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## MBB: Colonels fall to Eastern in heartbreaking fashion on Senior Day

By Ben Mandell  
Asst. Sports Editor

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. -- The Wilkes University Colonels fell in their regular season finale on Saturday, 69-66, against the Eastern University Eagles. The Colonels honored their four seniors: starting Andre Spruell (3 points), Zach Brunner (6 points), Mason Gross (4 points), and John Goffredo (0 points).

The Colonels came into this game with home court in the Middle Athletic Conference Freedom tournament locked up, so they did not have much to play for. The Eagles came into the game knowing a win would put them in the two seed for the upcoming tournament.

The game started with the Eagles jumping out to a 5-0 lead before the Colonels could get a basket, but Brunner and Spruell answered to make it a 7-5 game. The Eagles continued to surge on the Colonels seniors, as they jumped out to an 11-point lead. Rob Pecorelli then got going for the Colonels hitting four three-point shots to lead the Colonels charge back into this game. Wilkes took a one-point lead into halftime in this one following their impressive run to get back into the game.

The Colonels came out in the second half strong, as they controlled play for the most part. Pecorelli continued to knock down threes for the Colonels and they lead by as many as ten. The Eagles hung around though and continued to slowly chip into the Colonels lead. The Colonels lead by five with one minute to go, but the Eagles' Antonio Chapman (19 points) took over. Chapman hit a three with 56 seconds remaining, and following a Colonel turnover the Eagles Jordan Johnson made a layup to tie the game up. Following a Rob Pecorelli miss on a shot

just outside the paint, Chapman grabbed the rebound and sprinted down the floor. Chapman pulled up outside the key and drained the go ahead three-point shot with 0.2 seconds left on the clock and gave the Eagles their first lead of the second half. The Colonels tried to throw up a hail mary of a



The Beacon/Kirsten Peters  
The Colonels getting pumped up before before their game Saturday against Eastern.

shot but it failed and the Eagles grabbed the win and swept the season series.

"I'm not too worried about momentum," Colonels Head Coach Izzi Metz said. "We did not have Zach Brunner at full strength and we did not have Connor Evans, our starting point guard."

The Colonels did get some good news though as Clay Basalyga dressed in his first game since injuring his ankle in practice, Brunner played 15 minutes after leaving Tuesday's game with an ankle injury, and Connor Evans, even though he did not dress, seemed to be walking around normally following his knee injury.

"[Connor] is day to day," Metz said. "Zach gave us good minutes tonight, his ankle was sore but it's getting better and he should be 100 percent for Wednesday."

Following all the action on Saturday, the MAC Freedom seeds are set. The Colonels have the top seed and will host the fourth

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# WBB: Lady Colonels fall in Senior Day affair

By Kirsten Peters  
Staff Writer

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. — On Feb. 17, the Lady Colonels were defeated 81-68 in their last regular season home game against the Eastern University Eagles on Senior Day.

Before the game got underway, the Lady Colonels honored their five seniors, Jamie Campbell, Nicole Farrell, Catey McFadden, Sarah O'Hara and Emily Sofranko, for their accomplishments both on and off the court.

In the first quarter, Eastern's starters were hot off the bench, establishing a lead from the beginning and never allowing Wilkes to surpass it. In response to the Eagles' early lead, Wilkes' Campbell put the Lady Colonels first seven points on the board. Freshman Maddie Kelley tacked on a two-pointer at the 1:18 mark to close out the quarter for the Lady Colonels, leaving them trailing 16-9.

With a fire burning in their stomachs, the Lady Colonels got the ball rolling with a three-pointer by sophomore Gianna Roberts only nine seconds into the second quarter. Although the Lady Colonels were able to decrease Eastern's lead to an attainable four points, the Eagles offense answered back, primarily with senior Taylor Price scoring 10 of her 20 points for the night in this quarter, pushing Eastern ahead 44-24.

With 47 seconds left in the quarter, Roberts, one of Wilkes's leading scorers for the day with 13 points, made a jump-shot to kick-start the Lady Colonels seven-point run to close out the half. A shot from behind the arc by sophomore Kelsey Yustat and a layup



The Beacon/Kirsten Peters

Seniors Emily Sofranko and Jamie Campbell react to a play during Saturday's Senior Day action.

by Roberts finished out the half for the Lady Colonels with a deficit of 13 points.

After the half, the Eagles demonstrated their purpose by reaching their largest lead of the game at 61-40. But the Lady Colonels did what they do best and had another hard-fought mini comeback to end the quarter at 61-48 with a layup by Roberts and two three-pointers, one by sophomore Chelsea Erkes and one by McFadden, who tied Roberts with 13 points and whose two three-pointers of the night tied her for seventh in school history

with 89 shots from behind the arc in her four years as a Lady Colonel.

In the fourth quarter, the Lady Colonels continued their efforts at making a comeback by putting 20 points on the board. However, the Eagles matched the 20 points Wilkes got with 20 points of their own, not allowing the Lady Colonels to gain any ground on their lead and closing out the game 81-68.

In the MAC Freedom, the Lady Colonels finished with a record of 0-14 and had an overall record of 4-21 for the season.

## Eastern 81 Wilkes 68

**Eastern (81)** -- Taylor Price 6 6-6 20, Amanda Riff 6 0-0 15, Regie Robinson 6 1-2 13, Brianna Young-Harris 2 2-4 6, Taylor Azer 2 1-2 6, Da'Naziah Brown 1 3-3 5, Maya Harris 2 1-2 5, Viki Kneis 1 2-2 4, Naomi Harris 1 1-2 3, Sarah Getzinger 1 0-0 2, Faith Gingrich 1 0-0 2, MaryKate McGloughlin 0 0-0 0. **Totals 29 17-23 81.**

**Wilkes (68)** -- Catey McFadden 5 1-2 13, Gianna Roberts 6 1-1 13, Jamie Campbell 3 0-0 7, Alyssa Alfano 2 3-4 7, Kelsey Yustat 2 1-2 6, Nicole Farrell 1 3-4 5, Maddie Kelley 2 0-0 5, Chelsea Erkes 2 1-1 5, Emily Sofranko 1 1-1 3, Sarah O'Hara 1 0-0 2, Sierra Smith 1 0-2 2. **Totals 26 11-17 68.**

**Eastern** '16 '28 '17 '20-- '81

**Wilkes** '9 '22 '17 '20-- '68

**3-point goals** -- EAST 6 (Riff 3, Price 2, Azer); WIL 5 (McFadden 2, Campbell, Yustat, Kelley)



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seeded Misericordia. The Eagles slipped into the two seed with the win, meaning that they will play host to third seeded DeSales. Both teams will play in the semi-final games Wednesday, with the winners playing for the conference championship.

### Eastern 69, Wilkes 66

**Eastern (69)** -- Antonio Chapman 8 0-0 19, Austin James 4 0-0 11, Darius Washington 3 1-1 9, Victor pena 3 2-4 9, Jordan Johnson 4 1-1 9, William Blet 3 2-2 8, Gabe Perez 0 2-2 2 Austin Duncan 1 0-0 2, Miles Carter 0 0-0 0. **Totals 26 8-10 69.**

**Wilkes (66)** -- Rob Pecorelli 8 0-0 22, Marcus Robinson 4 0-0 9, Mark Mullins 3 3-5 9, Jack Bova 3 0-1 8, Zach Brunner 3 0-0 6, Mason Gross 2 0-0 4, Andre Spruell 1 0-0 3, Landon Henry 1 0-0 3, Tommy Bowen 1 0-0 2, John Goffredo 0 0-0 0, Zach Walser 0 0-0 0. **Totals 26 3-6 66.**

**Halftime score** -- Wilkes 34-33

**Three-point goals** -- EAS 9 (Chapman 3, James 3, Washington 2, Pena); WIL 11 (Pecorelli 6, Bova 2, Robinson, Henry, Spruell.)



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## Wilkes Winter Sports Schedules

### Wrestling

11/3 vs. Millersville L 24-25  
11/4 @ King's, 10th place  
11/11 vs. SUNY Cortland, L 20-23  
vs. NYU, L 6-34  
vs. Hunter College, W 38-6  
11/18 vs. Heidelberg, L, 23-28  
@ Mount Union, L, 9-33  
vs. Alma, W, 34-8  
vs. Baldwin Wallace, L, 3-43  
vs. Greensboro, W, 31-13  
12/2 vs. Southern Virginia, W, 35-9  
vs. McDaniel College, W 25-12  
12/8 vs. Elizabethtown, W, 24-19  
12/10 @ Stevens Institute, L, 16-29  
vs. LIU Post, L, 3-38  
12/22 Wilkes Open  
1/4 vs. North Central, L, 6-32  
vs. Chicago, L, 17-24  
vs. Ohio Northern, L, 18-24  
1/11 vs. Penn Tech, W, 43-9  
vs. Lackawanna College, W, 41-10  
1/20 MAC Champ. @ King's, 3rd Place  
1/28 John Reese Duals  
vs. William & Jefferson, W, 30-19  
vs. RIT, W, 22-21  
vs. SUNY Oneonta, L, 20-24  
2/2 @ College of NJ, L, 6-42  
2/3 Messiah Open  
2/9 vs. Ithaca, L, 3-40  
2/11 vs. King's, W, 44-6

### Men's Swimming

10/7 vs. William Paterson, L 98-108  
10/14 Colonel Sprint Invite, 1st place  
\*10/20 @ Arcadia, L, 44-142  
10/21 vs. Mount Saint Mary, W, 152-97  
\*10/28 vs. Stevenson, W, 117-20  
\*11/5 @ Lebanon Valley, W, 128-61  
vs. Dickinson, L, 88-106  
\*11/11 vs. FDU-Florham, W, 126-72  
11/18, 11/19 Diamond Invite, 5th place  
\*12/3 @ Lycoming, L, 84-173  
12/8 vs. PSU-Altoona, W, 110-70  
\*1/13 @ Misericordia, L, 108-139  
\*1/20 @ Messiah, L, 65-125  
1/27 vs. SUNY-Cobleskill, W 135-86  
vs. SUNY-Delhi, W, 155-37  
2/3 vs. King's, L, 68-130  
2/15-2/18 MAC Championships  
\*MAC  
Home meets @ Wilkes-Barre  
Record: 7-7  
(MAC: 3-5)

### WREST (Continued)

2/16 vs. Scranton @ Ki...  
2/17 vs. Keystone @ Scranton, W, 46-6  
Home meets @ Marts Center  
Record: 12-15  
Results through 2/17



### Women's Swimming

10/14 Colonel Sprint Invite, 3rd place  
\*10/20 @ Arcadia, L, 42-136  
10/21 vs. Mount Saint Mary's, L, 79-151  
\*10/28 vs. Stevenson, L, 61-104  
\*11/5 @ Lebanon Valley, L, 57-136  
vs. Dickinson, 57-111  
\*11/11 vs. FDU-Florham, L, 77-90  
11/18-11/19 Diamond Invite, 9th place  
\*12/3 @ Lycoming, L, 74-164  
12/8 vs. PSU-Altoona, L, 85-88  
\*1/13 @ Misericordia, L, 48-199  
\*1/20 @ Messiah, L, 46-114  
1/27 vs. SUNY Cobleskill, W, 103-85  
vs. SUNY-Delhi, W, 102-36  
\*2/3 vs. King's, L, 37-155  
2/15-2/18 MAC Championships  
\*MAC  
Home meets @ Wilkes-Barre CYC  
Record: 2-11  
(MAC: 0-8)

### MVB (Continued):

\*4/4 @ Messiah, 7:00 p.m.  
4/7 vs. City College of New York, 11:00 a.m.  
\*MAC  
Home matches @ Marts Center  
Record: 4-11  
(MAC: 1-3)

### Men's Volleyball

1/17 @ Lancaster Bible, L, 1-3  
1/19 @ St. John Fisher, L, 0-3  
1/20 @ Endicott College, L, 0-3  
@ Bard College, W, 3-1  
1/24 vs. Loras College, L, 0-3  
1/27 vs. Wilson College, L, 0-3  
vs. Bard College, W, 3-1  
\*2/3 @ Stevenson, L, 0-3  
\*2/8 vs. Messiah, L, 0-3  
\*2/10 @ Arcadia, L, 1-3  
vs. Kean, L 0-3  
2/11 vs. Hunter College, L, 0-3  
vs. Mount Saint Vincent, L, 0-3  
\*2/14 vs. Misericordia, W, 3-1  
vs. York College, W, 3-0  
\*2/21 vs. Alvernia, 7:00 p.m.  
2/23 @ York College, 8:00 p.m.  
2/25 vs. New Jersey City, 11:00 a.m.  
vs. Keuka College, 3:00 p.m.  
\*2/28 @ Widener, 7:00 p.m.  
3/15 @ Lehman College, 7:00 p.m.  
\*3/17 @ Alvernia, 12:00 p.m.  
\*3/21 vs. Widener, 7:00 p.m.  
\*3/24 vs. Stevenson, 2:00 p.m.  
\*3/27 @ Misericordia, 7:00 p.m.  
\*3/29 vs. Arcadia, 7:00 p.m.





# This past week: Colonel Athletics in Brief

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Sports Editor

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**WREST:** On Senior Day, the Colonels dominated cross-town rival King's College, 44-6. Wilkes took three matches by forfeit, but still outwrestled the visiting Monarchs, 26-6, in contested matches. Seniors Jake Dimarsico (Forfeit), Matt Grossmann (Decision, 6-1), Josh Evans (Forfeit) and Bilal Bici (Decision, 5-4) all picked up victories.

**MVB:** The Colonels dropped a pair of matches in the Knights Challenge hosted by Arcadia. Wilkes fell to Hunter (19-25, 19-25 and 20-25) and Mount Saint Vincent (18-25, 23-25 and 20-25). Senior Daniel Sales led the way against Hunter with eight kills, 10 assists and three digs. Senior Dylan Smith paced the Colonels with 10 kills against Mt. Saint Vincent.

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**WBB:** Sophomore Sierra Smith scored 11 points, but would not be enough in the cross-town rivalry against King's as the Lady Colonels fell 82-49.

**MBB:** See page 19.

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**MLAX:** The Colonels were faced with a 9-2 halftime deficit and could not recover as the University of Scranton defeated Wilkes 14-5 in the season opener. Senior Jeremy Kachel notched two goals in the loss.

**MVB:** The Colonels won their first ever match in Middle Atlantic Conference play

as they defeated visiting Misericordia in four sets (22-25, 25-22, 26-24 and 25-23). Senior Brian Schumacher tallied 8 kills in the match and finished with a team-high .357 hitting percentage. The Colonels also took a sweep against York College (25-8, 25-20 and 27-29). Senior Daniel Sales and sophomore Salvatore Purpura provided 18 and 17 assists, respectively.

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**MSWIM:** Two relay teams took the pool as the 200 medley group of freshman Jared Byrne, sophomore Anthony Stampone, freshman Justin Burda and freshman Nick Martino set a new school record with a time of 1:40.62 and the team's first podium first since the mid-1970s and sophomore Cameron Aspey, freshman Christopher Daley, freshman Mike Petit and freshman Tyler Weatherby finished the 800 freestyle relay with another school record-breaking time of 7:52.03.

**WSWIM:** The Lady Colonel team of freshman Abby Keating, sophomore Kyleigh Smeltzer, junior Allie Aspey and junior Morgan Williams touched in 10th place in the 200 medley relay with a time of 1:59.16.

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**MSWIM:** The relay team of Bryne, Stampone, Burda and Martno captured yet another podium finish (seventh) by finishing the 400 medley relay in 3:42.27, also a school record. Byrne also set a program record of his

own by finishing the 100 backstroke in 54.70.

**WSWIM:** The relay team of Keating, Smeltzer, Aspey and Williams also set a new school record in the 400 medley with a time of 4:25.07.

**WREST:** Freshman Kyle Trout, senior Matt Grossmann, junior Josh Evans and sophomore Kyle Medrow all picked major decisions in the 23-21 lost as the University of Scranton pulled off the upset in day one of the 2018 Cross County Challenge. Junior John Ritter also added a technical fall in the loss.

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**WREST:** The Colonels picked up five victories by forfeit and defeated Keystone College on the second day of the 2018 Cross County Challenge. Wilkes won the contested matches 16-6, while winning the match 46-6. Grossmann, junior Josh Evans, junior Ashton Gyenizs and freshman Moustafa Almeky all picked up victories in the team rout.

**WBB:** See page 20.

**MBB:** See page 19.

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**MSWIM:** Burda broke his own program in the 100 fly finals with a time a 53.50. He placed 11th in that event.

**WSWIM:** Keating broke her own program record in the 400 IM with a second place finish in the A final in 4:44.85.



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game. Misericordia plays Manhattanville and DeSales plays Delaware Valley.

**Wilkes 101, King's 72**

**Wilkes (101)** -- Rob Pecorelli 5 6-7 19, Mark Mullins 5 6-8 16, Mason Gross 7 1-1 15, Marcus Robinson 4 2-2 14, Zach Brunner 6 0-1 12, Tommy Bowen 2 5-6 9, Landon Henry 2 2-2 7, Jack Bova 1 0-0 3, Andre Spruell 1 0-0 3, Derek Heiserman 1 0-0 2, Cooper Chaffee 0 1-2 1, John Goffredo 0 0-2 0, Zach Walser 0 0-0 0, Connor Evans 0 0-0 0, Noah Jackson 0 0-0 0. **Totals 34 25-31 101.**

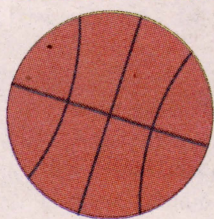
**King's (72)** -- Chris Fazzini 6 5-7 17, Connor Callejas 6 2-3 16, Tyler Millan 3 6-6 14, Joshua Bailey 4 0-0 10, Lenny Radziak 2 0-0 5, Mike Prociak 2 0-0 4, Noah Tanner 1 0-0 3, Dan Angelo 1 0-0 2, Jack Bridges 0 1-2 1, Pat Mitchell 0 0-0 0, Tony Maloney 0 0-0 0, Noah Pettenati 0 0-0 0, Jack Brewster 0 0-0 0, Victor Nyanway 0 0-0 0, James Willis 0 0-0 0, Devin Ringler 0 0-0 0. **Totals 25 14-18 72.**

**Halftime** -- Wilkes 49-27.

**Three-point goals** -- WIL 10 (Robinson 4, Pecorelli 3, Bova 1, Spruell 1, Henry 1); KIN 8 (Bailey 2, Callejas 2, Millan 2, Radziak 1, Tanner 1).



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## Wilkes Winter Sports Schedules

### Women's Basketball

11/15 @ Rutgers-Camden, L, 54-83  
11/17 vs. Marywood, W, 70-59  
11/18 vs. U. of Scranton, L, 43-78  
11/21 vs. PSU Wilkes-Barre, W, 72-51  
11/30 @ Moravian, L, 57-80  
12/4 @ Rutgers-Newark, L, 43-59  
12/5 vs. Valley Forge, W, 89-76  
12/7 vs. PSU-Schuylkill, L, 56-61  
12/9 vs. Juniata, L, 44-77  
\*1/3 @ FDU-Florham, L, 59-90  
\*1/6 vs. Manhattanville, L, 38-93  
1/8 @ PSU-Hazleton, W, 93-79  
\*1/10 @ Delaware Valley, L, 71-83  
\*1/13 @ Eastern, L, 79-93  
\*1/17 vs. DeSales, L, 36-101  
\*1/20 vs. King's, L, 59-75

1/22 @ Alvernia, L, 60-65  
\*1/24 @ Misericordia, L, 33-89  
\*1/27 vs. Delaware Valley, L, 61-67  
\*1/31 vs. FDU-Florham, L, 63-104  
\*2/3 @ Manhattanville, L, 45-63  
\*2/7 @ DeSales, L, 46-89  
\*2/10 vs. Misericordia, L, 54-87  
\*2/13 @ King's, L, 49-82  
\*2/17 vs. Eastern, L, 68-81

\*-MAC Freedom  
Home games @ Marts Center  
**Record: 4-21**  
(MAC-Freedom: 0-14)

Results through 2/17



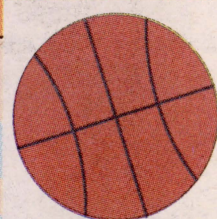
### Men's Basketball

11/15 vs. PSU-Hazleton, W, 83-58  
11/18 @ Elizabethtown, W, 86-75  
11/21 vs. PSU-WB, W, 74-65  
11/25 @ Marywood, L, 64-74  
11/26 @ U. of Scranton, W-52-45  
11/29 @ Drew, W, 87-80  
12/2 vs. Messiah, L, 64-67  
12/5 vs. Clarks Summit, W, 86-64  
12/19 @ Albright, L, 65-72  
12/28 @ Hiram, L, 85-94  
12/29 @ Norwich, W, 97-74  
\*1/3 @ FDU-Florham, W, 75-52  
\*1/6 vs. Mahattanville, W, 73-68  
\*1/10 @ Delaware Valley, W 78-69  
\*1/13 @ Eastern, L, 76-91  
\*1/17 vs. Desales, W, 72-66

\*1/20 vs. King's, W, 76-64  
\*1/24 @ Misericordia, W, 87-82 (OT)  
\*1/27 vs. Delaware Valley, W, 58-57  
\*1/31 vs. FDU-Florham, W, 86-59  
\*2/3 @ Manhattanville, L, 63-73  
\*2/7 @ Desales, W, 72-67  
\*2/10 vs. Misericordia, W, 86-72  
\*2/13 @ King's, W, 101-72  
\*2/17 @ Eastern, L, 66-69

\*-MAC Freedom  
Home games @ Marts Center  
**Record: 18-7**  
(MAC-Freedom: 11-3)

Results through 2/17





Getting to know...

# Marcus Robinson

## Junior Basketball Player

**The Beacon: Male Athlete of the Week 2/5 - 2/11**

**Why Marcus Robinson was selected:** Marcus Robinson led the Colonels in scoring in both victories against DeSales and Misericordia with 18 and 24 points, respectively on Feb. 8 and Feb. 10.

Congratulations, Marcus!

**What head coach Izzi Metz said:** "Marcus is one of those guys who's gonna give his best effort every day, whether he's injured or sick. His energy level may at times be a little low cause it's a long season, but he brings it and leads by example."

**Name:** Marcus Robinson Jr.

**Year:** 2019

**Major:** Management

**Hometown:** Swedsboro, N. J.

**High School:** Kingsway Regional HS

**Position:** Shooting Guard

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

Nothing.

**Other interests or hobbies off of the field?**  
Golf, football, soccer, volleyball, and video games.

**Most influential person in your life?**  
My dad.

**A quote you live your life by?**  
"Today I will do what others won't, so tomorrow I can accomplish what others can't." - Jerry Rice

**What does "Be Colonel" mean to you?**  
It means that you are one with your community, as well as a kind individual who isn't afraid to help others when help is needed.

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

**Coke or Pepsi?**  
Pepsi.

**Favorite meal to eat on campus?**  
Chicken Cheesesteak from Grille Works.

**Anyone to give a shout-out to?**  
My family and the Goon Squad.

-Compiled by Alex Kielar, Asst. Sports Editor

**Driving force for your decision to come to Wilkes?**

The coaches here stood out from the other schools that were recruiting me, and the recruiting class I came in with.

**Post graduation plans in terms of a career?**  
Contracting for the U.S. Government.

**Favorite building on campus?**  
UCOM.

**What came first? The chicken or the egg?**  
The egg.

**Hopes for this season as a Colonel?**  
Win the MAC and make NCAA's.

**When/Why did you first begin playing?**  
My dad pushed me to play at a young age because he played in college as well.

**Favorite thing to do during practice?**  
Dance when my favorite songs come on.

**Other interests or hobbies off of the field?**  
Golf, Football, Soccer, Volleyball, and Video Games.

**Favorite professor?**  
Dr. Edmonds.



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Getting to know...

# Catey McFadden

## Senior Basketball Player

**The Beacon: Female Athlete of the Week 2/5 - 2/11**

**Why Catey McFadden was selected:** Catey McFadden had a team-high 13 points in a loss against Miscericordia on Feb. 10.

Congratulations, Catey!

**What head coach Chris Heery said:** "Catey is a four year starter and a senior captain. She has given her all to Wilkes Basketball."

**Name:** Catey McFadden

**Year:** Senior

**Major:** Early Childhood and Special Education

**Minor:** Reading

**Hometown:** Doylestown, Pa.

**High School:** Archbishop Wood HS

**Position:** Guard

**Driving force for your decision to come to Wilkes?**

I knew that I didn't want to go far and I wanted to play basketball. Wilkes also has a great education department that I wanted to be a part of.

**Favorite thing to do during practice?**

Old Farts and Babies. This is a game that we play during the practice before every game. The game is the freshman and sophomores (Babies) vs. the juniors and seniors (Old Farts). Whichever team makes three shots and a half court shot first wins. I must say Old Farts have had the most wins on the season.

**When/Why did you first begin playing?**

I first began playing basketball in 1st grade. It was just one of those sports that everyone played growing up so I decided to try it and realized that I enjoyed it so I stuck with it.

**Post graduation plans in terms of a career?**

I plan to move back to Doylestown and work in my home school district in a 1st or 2nd grade classroom.

**What does "Be Colonel" mean to you?**

"Be Colonel" means being a leader in everything that you do on and off the court. It means putting in your best effort and representing something that is more than a University.

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

**Favorite building on campus?**  
The SUB.

**Other interests or hobbies off of the field?**

Other than basketball, I enjoy watching Netflix (currently watching Grace and Frankie) (10/10 would recommend), hanging out with friends, and going home to spend time with my family.

**What came first? The chicken or the egg?**  
The chicken. #Godisgood

**Hopes for this season as a Colonel?**

Given that it is the end of the season, I hope to make the best of my last game here at Wilkes University. I hope to finish the season on a positive note and get the win with my team.

**Most influential person in your life?**

Nick Foles.

**Favorite meal to eat on campus?**

Chicken Cheesesteak with Curly Fries from Grille Works.

**A quote you live your life by?**

"Life's too short to be taken so seriously."

**Favorite professor?**

Dr. Polachek.

**Anyone to give a shout-out to?**

Nicole Farrell, Jayflo3, Carson Wentz.

*Compiled by Alex Kielar, Asst. Sports Editor*



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