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Parking permits needed to park on Wilkes campus

Parking tickets are considered to be heated issues for students

By **Nicole Zukowski**
News Editor

Nothing is more annoying than seeing a parking ticket on your car, but then again nothing rises blood pressure more than someone who is parked illegally.

Getting caught parking illegally on the Wilkes' campus will cost \$25 in the form of a parking ticket. The university also possesses the right to tow away unauthorized vehicles parked.

Absolutely no parking is tolerated on any campus driveways and sidewalks, loading zones, no parking zones, fire lanes, grass, greenway areas. Handicapped areas without handicapped permit or license plate cannot be utilized.

When one is cited with a parking ticket, the ticket has to be paid within 120 days. If the ticket is not paid then the fee is added to the student's balance. Any student with past due parking tickets will have to make restitution prior to receiving any new parking permit for the upcoming semester.

The question that one might ask is: where does the money go from all the parking ticket money after the ticket is paid at Public Safety?

"The administration disburses of it (parking ticket money)," Office of Public Safety manger, Jerry Rebo said.

After the ticket is paid, money goes to the administration to disburses of as seen fit.

In order to park a vehicle on campus, one is required to have a parking permit or visiting pass. To obtain a parking permit an application process is mandatory; and to receive a visiting pass one must go to the building that the parking lot services.

Prior to the new semester, the application has to be filled out and handled in to Public Safety. To park at Ralston Field, across the bridge, permits are granted on a first come first served basis from the time the vehicle is registered in the start of the semester. Arrangements for disabled permits could be made through the Office of Public Safety.



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Parking is limited on the Wilkes campus due to lack of spaces in parking lots. Unauthorized cars parked could be subject to parking tickets or towing by the Office of Public Safety.

On-campus residents apply for a parking pass then are chosen from Resident Life. Commuter Council is in charge of choosing good candidates for parking passes for commuter students. Due to the limited number of spaces in each parking lot along with a few other reasons such as distance from your house to the university many students have to be turned down for parking spaces.

If asked if one has a vehicle on campus and the answer is yes there is a good chance a parking complaint will probably follow.

"Some complaints I hear from students include event parking in the parking lot behind the Student Union Building since this lot seems to be the favorite amongst both commuters and residents," Commuter Council President Christopher Cousin said. "I also hear

complaints about the snow plowing in the various parking lots. This is no fault to facilities though, as there is only so much room to put the snow."

Taking up a parking spot without an issued parking permit from the Office of Public Safety will result in a ticket. It comes down to if a permit is visible in the car.

The \$120 permit is a paper pass that dangles from the driver's mirror and is color coded.

"Right now it (parking permit) is a flimsy paper hanging pass, which frequently falls off and if they are perhaps a plastic or window cling-on, they may hold up better," Cousin said.

If the permit is not visible to the Public Safety officer doing patrol, the owner of the car will receive a ticket for unauthorized parking. Since

the pass is just a piece of paper that might fall down, the option to appeal the ticket is made to the receiver.

For whatever the reason, parking tickets could be appealed by going to the Office of Public Safety and filling out the appropriate paper work to the Traffic Council.

The Traffic Council is responsible to hear and give a ruling on cases involving ticketing and towing. Cases and appeals should be directed to Rebo at Public Safety within one week of the student's notification of the violation.

For any questions on the parking system or tickets one could contact Jerry Rebo, or email at parking@wilkes.edu.



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Wilkes University enacts Obama's education plan

By Amanda Stickles
Staff Writer

Wilkes is joining hands to increase opportunity for low-income families.

Wilkes has become the only higher education in northeast Pennsylvania to join the commitment to support the Pipeline to College Opportunity program announced on Jan. 16 at a White House summit, and one of only eight in the state of Pennsylvania.

The Pipeline is an academic, programmatic and financial aid commitment for colleges and universities in the support of President Barack Obama's initiatives to reduce barriers to higher education and increase college

opportunity for low-income students.

"I think the founders dinner will be a great way to honor the traditions of Wilkes, begin new traditions (i.e. awarding the first President's medal) while raising money for a special scholarship fund for students who are the first in their family to attend college," Mike Wood, vice president of advancement said.


Wilkes will be having a new fundraising event, the Founders Gala, in June that focuses raising scholarship money for low-income, first-generation college students. The focus will be to raise funds for the business and community leaders, alumni, and trustees to help financially needy, first-generation students complete college.

The goal for the event is to increase the number of financially needy students who want to enroll at Wilkes. The funds will also be used to expand and improve many of Wilkes' existing programs that help first-generation and financially-needy students graduate on time.

"This fund provides students that qualify with additional financial support over and above any institutional merit or need based aid," Wood said.

Wilkes already has a strong history of programs supporting student success for first-generation students and focuses on forming close personal relationships between faculty and student, which is a strong building block in academic success.

Wilkes has also been one of the oldest institutions in the United States since 1967 in sponsor of the program Upward Bound, which is a federal TRIO program dedicated to providing young people with the opportunity to succeed and prepare for college. Wilkes is also a part of the Act 101 program, which is a state program to support low income students in college.

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Love is in the air with the help of Alumni Association



Courtesy of Wilkes Alumni Association

RAs from Sullivan, Schiowitz and Catlin Halls spent time making valentines for our Colonel couples; married couples from Wilkes. If a love story started at Wilkes, share it and it might be a featured Sweetheart Story. Email bridget.giunta@wilkes.edu

Wilkes hosts winter open house Big turnout for an instant decision day

By Eric Casey
Staff Writer

Prospective students arrived to see what Wilkes had to offer in terms of academics, and any questions they might have had for faculty.

This past Saturday the only thing uneventful, fortunately, was the weather. As many as 180 students and their relatives joined in for what would become a busy day.

Those in attendance had to check in at 8:30 a.m. in the Henry Student Center Lobby, and then were welcomed by faculty and some current volunteer students at 9:30 a.m. Following that were a few sessions including lunch


around noon, and then a tour of the campus.

Wilkes' open house features a one-of-a-kind format that occurs during the fall and winter called "instant decision." This allows prospective students to find out on the spot if they have been accepted to Wilkes. To receive an instant decision toward the end of the day, high school seniors needed their transcripts, SAT/ACT scores, and completed application. The college transfer students brought with them their previous college transcripts and application.

"We're the only college in the area that does an instant decision," Melanie Wade, vice president for Enrollment Services, said. The admissions office usually makes a decision while they're touring campus."

"It's been going on for about 10 years now. Years ago as students started applying online, they wanted quicker gratification and response time."

On Saturday around half of the students had their necessary materials for an instant decision. In addition, Wilkes will host V.I.P. Day March 22 in which only accepted students will come back for another tour and attend "mini classes." Anyone interested in Wilkes University can check out the open house page section on its website.

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SG Notes

Due to the snow day on Feb. 5, the Student Government meeting was cancelled. SG President Ian Foley says a "long agenda" will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, to accommodate the old and new agendas.

Beacon Briefs

Actors, editors needed for state

pharmacy student video competition

The Pennsylvania Pharmacist Association (PPA) is holding a student competition between all state pharmacy schools. Any school can submit a video of any length with the intent of "immunization public awareness." The due date is Feb. 28. Wilkes' theme for the video is the sitcom "The Office." The script has already been written and is about three minutes long. PPA is in need of: a filmographer, an editor, actors to portray Micheal Scott, Jim Halpert, Pam Beasley-Halpert, Dwight Schrute, Kevin Malone, extra office workers, pharmacist and pharmacy interns. Anyone affiliated with Wilkes (students and faculty) can help with the video. If interested, email Alysha Lopez at alysha.n.lopez@gmail.com and let her know the role you are interested in. Filming can take place in one evening.

Psychology honor society accepts applications to Wilkes chapter

The Wilkes chapter of Psi Chi, the International Honor Society of Psychology, is accepting applications. Requirements for membership include registration as a psychology major or minor, second-semester sophomore status (at least 45 completed undergraduate credits), completion of at least three psychology courses at Wilkes, overall GPA of 3.0 or higher, psychology GPA of 3.4 or higher, and good moral character. Application forms are available from Cheryl Feichter, department secretary, in Breiseth 327. The completed application must be turned in to Feichter no later than Feb. 24. Attach an unofficial transcript to the application. If you have any questions or

concerns about Psi Chi, contact Dr. Jennifer Thomas, Psi-Chi adviser, at Jennifer.thomas@wilkes.edu, Alysha Bixler or Kristen Craven, Psi Chi co-presidents, at Alysha.bixler@wilkes.edu and Kristen.craven@wilkes.edu.

Information Feb. 25 in SUB for social, public service careers

A variety of social service, government, public service and environmental agencies will host information tables to speak to students about their job opportunities, internships, volunteering, and career options from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Henry Student Center Ballroom, Feb. 25. Students in the social sciences and environmental sciences can apply for internships or jobs by bringing resumes and dressing in business attire, or talk to representatives about volunteering or future careers. For resume assistance or questions, contact Career Services at Conyngham Hall 215 or via email at careers@wilkes.edu.

Club seeking new participants for rock-climbing Thursdays

The Climbing Club hosts open climb from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Thursday in the UCOM and is actively seeking new students, faculty and staff to try out climbing wall. Rock climbing is a great way to burn stress, exercise in untraditional way and experience a crowd of adventure-loving people who may or may not also be afraid of heights. Club members will teach participants how to work the ropes, climbing techniques and how to stretch your comfort zone in good company. Email patrick.killian@wilkes.edu for any questions or details.

'A World Apart' exhibit continues

The Sordoni Art Gallery is presenting "A

World Apart: The Legacy of George Gabin" through May 11. The gallery is located at 150 S. River St. in the Stark Learning Center on the Wilkes University campus. The gallery is open from noon to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. The gallery follows the university schedule and is closed during holidays and university breaks, admission is free. For more information, call 570-408-4325.

Gardner Forum Series to hold lecture on reporting child abuse

The Drs. Robert and Judy Gardner Educational Forum Series Event is holding a lecture on child abuse and mandatory reporting of abuse from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Feb. 13. The lecture features Karen Lindesy of the Victims Resource Center in Wilkes-Barre. The event takes place in the Arnaud C. Marts Center, Room 214.

'No Frills Revue' features skit comedy Feb. 23 in Darte Center

Wilkes University Theatre presents "The No Frills Revue," a play directed by Teresa Fallon with musical direction chosen by Ken McGraw. The show time is at 2 p.m. Feb. 23 in the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center. "The No Frills Revue" is an evening of sketch comedy and song set in a comedy club. The ticket price is general admission of \$10, seniors and students \$5. The show is free for faculty, staff, and students with a valid Wilkes ID.

Lecture discusses 'Future Trends'

The Allan P. Kirby Lecture Series will present a lecture on the topic of trends in the future On Tues. Feb. 25 at 7:30 p.m. "Why Future Trends will Demand Unlearning" will feature Jack Uldrich, a renowned global futurist and the author of eleven books. This

event will take place in the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center.

Theatre, musical theatre auditions

Audition dates for theatre and musical theatre are set for Feb. 22, March 15 and April 5. Anyone who would like to schedule an audition for one of the programs must complete and submit an application. Because scholarship awards are determined on a rolling basis, it is to the student's advantage to audition early. Students must be accepted into the university before their audition dates. To request more information about the programs, use the information request form located on the Theatre Department website.

Relay hosts Krispy Kreme fundraiser

The Zeta Psi Nursing team will be sponsoring a Krispy Kreme Fundraiser for Relay for Life. The sale will run Feb. 3-19. The doughnuts will be delivered on Feb. 26. If interested in placing an order, contact Cathy Hauze at ext 7120 or via e-mail at catherine.hauze@wilkes.edu.

Wilkes School of Education hosts Adventures in Reading Program

The Wilkes University School of Education is once again sponsoring Adventures in Reading, an after school reading program for children in grades Pre-K through five. Teacher education candidates will present innovative learning opportunities across the content areas with a focus on vocabulary and comprehension enrichment. The free series of nine sessions begins from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Feb. 12 on the second floor of Breiseth Hall. Contact Dr. Diane Polachek at diane.polachek@wilkes.edu for more information and registration forms.

Wilkes business students to offer free tax services

By Evan Willey
Correspondent

Accounting students at Wilkes University's Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership will offer free tax assistance to the public through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program.

The event will be offered 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Feb. 8, 15 and 22 on Wilkes campus in Breiseth Hall, room 105. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program offers free tax help to people with household income of less than \$52,000 who file basic federal, state, and local tax returns.

"The students have an opportunity to apply what they have learned in the classroom," said Dr. Cynthia Chisarick. "These students also gain confidence working in a professional setting. This entrepreneurial experience exposes them to a number of basic business concepts, including marketing, customer relations, ethics, tax preparation and computer

software applications."

Those who plan to attend should bring to the VITA site photo identification, valid social security cards for the taxpayer, spouse and dependents, W-2 form, interest and dividend statements from banks, a copy of last year's federal and state returns, other relevant information about income and expenses, along with bank routing numbers and account numbers for direct deposit to the VITA site.

"I originally started the program as a service to the community, to prepare tax returns for elderly and lower income individuals," Chisarick said. "It is an opportunity for them to give back to the community and gain valuable professional experience."

This program usually has 14 or 15 accounting students who volunteer. IRS sponsors this program who in order to be a volunteer you need to pass an exam to become certified preparers.



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Math students compete for scholarship

By Alec Wizar
Correspondent

Local area high school upperclassmen have the opportunity to compete for a four-year scholarship to Wilkes University by participating in a High School Mathematics Competition.

The 66th annual math contest will take place in the Rite Aid Auditorium located in Stark Learning Center on Wilkes University's campus on March 3, 2014.

This event is sponsored by the Luzerne County Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

The only students who are eligible to compete are junior and senior students currently attending LCCTM participating schools. These schools include any school geographically situated within Luzerne County along with Tunkhannock Area High School.

There is a junior and senior division with a maximum limit of 10 students per division per school. The team entry fee is \$10 per school, but the fee will be waived if at least one faculty member from the school is a current LCCTM member.

The contest will begin at 9 a.m., and should conclude around 1 p.m. with the awarding of prizes. Refreshments will be provided.

Steven Gapinski, Fanhui Kong and Ronald Pryor, faculty members of the Wilkes University Department of Mathematics and Computer Science composed the tests.

The prizes have increased greatly since last year.

"We're excited about the participants' interest in the event this year," Pryor said.

"The exams, which consist of 20 question sections, are graded the day of the event and prizes in the past have included bonds and textbooks," Gapinski said. "The new prizes allow an even greater incentive for students."

This year, Wilkes University will grant two full-tuition scholarships. One scholarship will be awarded to the winner of each division. In the event of a tie, tie-breaking criteria will be followed.

In addition to the scholarships, LCCTM will award cash prizes of \$100, \$75 and \$50 within each division. A team award will also be presented to the school with the highest combined score in each division.



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Student test their sexpertise at 'Sexual Jeopardy'

Bacchus Club event informs, entertains in the structure of a competitive format



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Students were invited to a free night of sex education held by the Bacchus Club on campus. This event made sex talk fun and informative by incorporating the game of Jeopardy with the open manner of sex. Laughs and knowledge were to be had at this event last Tuesday.

By Sarah Bedford
Assistant News Editor

On Feb. 4, in the Henry Student Center Ballroom, the Wilkes University Bacchus Club presented their annual "Sexual Jeopardy" game show for students looking to learn about sexual issues in a fun, open manner.

Rhonda Lynch, Bacchus Club President, adviser Gail Holby and members of the Bacchus Club organized the evening with a jeopardy style format allowing teams of four to test their knowledge on sexual topics like "Anatomy and Protection", "Birth Control", "STD's"

and "Condoms".

The game's host, Anne Holmes, warned students at the very beginning that this would be a straight forward evening and that those "trying" to be offended by the content matter, probably would be.

The program opened with a short video entitled, "10 Ways a Condom Can't Protect You..." featuring situations like encountering a velociraptor or a wrecking ball but highlighting the protection condoms do offer against STDs.

The show continued asking teams questions pertaining to sexual encounters, sexually transmitted diseases, proper methods of protection all the while Holmes would include explana-

tion to issues and even including anecdotes and puns.

"I thought it was very informative. There was a lot that was unknown. It definitely wasn't your normal health class, that's for sure," Gabby Glinkski, freshman communication studies major said.

In between jeopardy question sets, Holmes answered pre-submitted audience questions, some more profound than others.

Some responses warranted a demonstrated which included the proper technique of putting on a condom that included the use of a fake penis, which yielded some laughter from the audience.

Audience members who answered questions received blow-pops for correct answers.

Each member of the winning team left home with a prize but no one left empty handed. Students were encouraged to take condoms and information packets as per request of past Sexual Jeopardy attendees.

Sexual Jeopardy took place from 9 - 10 p.m. and is an annual event.



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Avoid turmoil, manage your account now

By Alyssa Stencavage
L&A&E Editor

Second semester was fast-approaching, and Susie was excited to begin anew. It was freshman year, and first semester had been a little rough. Learning the ins and outs of college, making new friends, time-management – it all seemed to be coming to a head. Naturally, Susie thought the next semester had to be better. However, she must have forgotten in the midst of everything else that she had received a notification about her Financial Aid Award and didn't bother to review it. As a result, she had a little trouble registering for classes, and with that trouble came added stress. What a great way to start another semester, huh?

Scene:

Friend walks into the room after class ready to catch up and Susie is sitting at a computer with her hands on her head looking frustrated

Friend: Hey! What's happening?

Susie: UGH. I can't register for classes for next semester, and I'm seriously FREAKING OUT. I've been sitting here for like, 20 minutes racking my brain trying to figure out what I should do.

Friend: Why won't they let you register?

Susie: Well...there's a hold on my account.

Friend: Why's that?

Susie: I got selected for verification and I guess I completely forgot about it. I remembered seeing something in my e-mail about it, but I had so much going on that it slipped my mind and now this! So basically now I don't know what to do because I can't register until this hold gets lifted and there's no telling how long that'll take.

Friend: OK, listen, listen. It happens to the best of us, it's not the end of the world. It happened to me, too. You'll be fine, but it sounds like something you probably should have looked at before today.

Susie: Yeah, tell me about it.

-End Scene-

As exemplified above, Executive Director of



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Solve account problems when they arise, and there will be no worries later.

Student Services Janine Becker said there are some common mishaps that those in student services see surrounding student accounts – issues that become a little overwhelming when registration time rolls around. The problem Susie faced isn't the only.

There are some obstacles that stand in the way of the final destination:

Problem: The Financial Aid Award notification that comes between April and August isn't reviewed. Becker said the impression is typically that financial aid covers anything, but that isn't exactly the case.

Solution: Everything students need to take care of the financial aid situation is available on the portal. All that needs to be done by following the guide under the "My Financial Aid" tab in the top right.

Problem: Like Susie's challenge, the verification process also comes in enough time for students to make sure everything is in order. If one is selected for random verification, that person is also notified between April and August. However, there is a downside if requirements are ignored. Ignoring requirements means no

financial aid, and we don't want that to happen.

Solution: That student need not worry if they follow the procedure. Again, all it takes is a quick glance at the top right-hand tab of the portal, labeled "Financial Aid Requirements," and he or she will be well on their way to crossing verification off their list.

Problem: Next, come the bills, bills, bills. Becker said bills for the fall are available in late July and are due in August. For the spring, they are due in January. If you stay on task, and take care of everything while it's fresh in your mind, those bills don't have to become a hassle. Not surprisingly, what happens is that bills aren't paid.

Solution: Pay your bills. That's the best approach. Start by clicking on "View Invoice (eBill)" at the top of the portal under the Student Services tab. While the task might seem daunting initially, taking care of the bills when they come knocking at your door will save you stress later.

Problem: As if all of the above isn't enough, there's registration, which can become an aggravation all on its own. But this problem is

compounded by all that comes before it. When registration comes around in November or March, unresolved financial aid award, verification and billing issues results in a hold on a student's account. A hold, in turn, prevents a student from registering.

Solution: The most logical solution would be to take care all the other issues before getting to this point, so that those previous inconveniences don't become more of a problem than they ever had to be.

Problem: Finally, we reach a dead-end. At this point it's the beginning of the term and classes have already started. Everything prior to this point has been neglected, so a student isn't registered, worst-case scenario is forced to leave school and therefore may miss registered classes.

Solution: If there is a solution here, it may only be to take a trip to student services immediately, and ask them for help in clearing up anything that may stand in the way of a successful semester. Better late than never.

College can be tough, it's understandable. Practically every student has a full schedule and knows the challenge of having to try and find the most effective way to get everything done and still relax a little. Plus, there are numerous other distractions. However, this is also no surprise, and for those in their later years of college, they've been through it all before. We get the e-mails and notifications, but tend to shove them to the side and say we'll get to them later. Therefore, we can't exactly complain when the time comes where everything needs to have been taken care of.

To set everything straight, we need not look too far. Becker said everything is available on the portal – and even better yet, we have it all at our very own fingertips. What we have to remember is that if one thing goes wrong or is out of order, it slows down the process. It's sort of like an interdependence of parts that create a domino effect of issues when one piece of the puzzle is out of place.

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Participants at open mic night 7 p.m. on Feb. 6 in the Student Union Building drew in an audience with a captivating performance.

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Zebra joins effort to aid education

By Marisa Farronato
Correspondent

Wilkes University's student-run public relations agency, Zebra Communications, is collaborating with founder and President of the Wilkes-Barre Area Education Improvement Foundation, Frank Pasquini, to enhance overall education within the local school systems.

Wilkes-Barre area recently joined the ranks of more than 200 districts around the state to have its own educational foundation, a body of volunteer fundraisers working independently of the district. The foundation works independently of the district's faculty, school directors and administration.

Fundraising for the foundation began last February, raising about \$1,7000 in 2013. Volunteers are going to start with a writing lab program, and a math and science program that focuses on technology through digital tablets for the use of students.

"Since I grew up in this area, I am really looking forward to seeing the progress we will make in helping the local schools," junior Zebra Communications member Talia Pantano said. "The foundation has really great intentions and we are hoping the community can support it, as well."

The success of other nonprofit organizations in Luzerne County gives the foundation hope. The foundation's first public event, a mixer, took place Jan. 24, with a crowd of more than 100.

Business students learn while exploring Europe

By Amanda Stickles
Staff Writer

Students can learn business strategies and explore foreign cultures by signing up for the three-credit International Business Experience elective course and get an experience of a lifetime while traveling in Eastern Europe.

The course is offered in the upcoming 2015 spring semester with Dr. Wagiha Taylor, and the traveling time will be through the spring break, Feb. 27 to March 8.

The course will include traveling to Krakow, Poland; Berlin, Germany; Prague, Czech Republic and Budapest, Hungary. The cost of the trip for students under the age of 30 is \$2,715 and the cost for students over 30 will be \$2,955. However, any student that signs up for the course before the end of February will receive \$150 discount off the cost of the trip.

Taylor also helps out the students by allowing them to do a payment plan where students can pay a certain amount each month

instead of paying the full amount up front.

The International Business experience course is not just for business majors, it is available to anyone who wants to get the travel experience and count it as an elective course. For business majors, this course can count as an internship as well.

The course includes only meeting twice throughout the whole semester, once before the traveling time so everyone gets to meet each other and then once after the trip to present a power point presentation of the experiences they had during their trip.

Students also hand in a five-page paper on what they learned while traveling to the foreign countries and of all the great experiences the students had while traveling.

This course is a hands-on experience of learning instead of learning in a classroom or through a text book.

"The purpose of the course is to create a global learning experience using Eastern Europe as a medium to facilitate the students understanding of the global business envi-


ronment," Taylor explained. "Presentations, discussions, travel, observations, and projects will provide the opportunity to demonstrate the student's knowledge."

Many students truly feel the International Business Experience is a great learning experience. Evan Miller, a Wilkes student, is taking the course for a second time this semester and feels it has become a great learning experience and has opened his eyes in many different ways.

"You do things you have never done before, see things you have never seen before and it really opens up your eyes to the world around you," Miller said.

Fifty seats are open for the upcoming spring 2015 course, 25 undergraduate and 25 graduate students.

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One important tip from Becker is to manage your resources well. Emails are always visible, and with the Wilkes Gmail system students even have the opportunity to look back on ones they might have missed to check on important information.

Becker said even generic e-mails from OneStop pop up from time to time. But even

after monitoring your e-mail, be sure to actually check the items on the portal and then follow-up.

"Always check your account on the portal," she said. "It tells you what you have to do. If there's a problem, come to student services when it arises."

If you're still experiencing confusion, frustration or other problems, stop by student services and ask for help or contact Becker at 570-408-8009 or at janine.becker@wilkes.edu.


It only takes a little bit of time if nipped in

the bud early on, and you'll be safer for it later on down the line.

Flashback to earlier scene:

Friend: Hey Susie, what ever happened with that problem on your account?

Susie: Oh, good! I FINALLY went to student services and got it all figured out.

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The Beacon/James Jaskolka

Scranton's Those Clever Foxes take the stage at The Other Side, the new music venue that just opened in Bart & Urby's. Located on Main Street, the venue is open on Friday and Saturday nights.

Downtown bar breaks on through to The Other Side

By James Jaskolka
Assistant L&A&E Editor

Through the doors of Bart & Urby's on Main St., past the bar bustling with locals and through the cigarette smoke of heated patio, one will find a room new to the building.

The left wall, inlaid with old-fashioned brick, houses a simple bar, backlit by candles that cast a shadow on the bartender and customers, nodding along to the music while sipping drinks.

Opposite and perpendicular, the walls are made of black sheet-rock, decorated with chalk graffiti. A glance reveals signatures of local bands, employees visually portraying inside jokes and doodles of robots.

The phrase "your butt" pops in a bright white against the dark walls. The entire image glows a dim ruby from the overhead lights casting on the walls.

From the room's center, Those Clever Foxes take the stage -- pulsating their brand of indie rock from the wooden platform as a fog ma-

chine exhales below, contrasting with the lights to make an eerie visual.

This is the Other Side, the brand new music venue in Wilkes-Barre.

Although Bart & Urby's used to host bands on occasion, the new venue opening means that there will be live music every weekend -- something familiar to owner Brian Urbanas, who used to host shows in the basement of his parents' house as a teenager.

"I always believed we needed to diversify our place, in the sense that you can't just depend on one type of customer," Urbanas said when questioned about his motives for the new addition. "And we felt there was a need for a



place that does all original music."

"It was always Brian's vision to have a place like this," booker/sound and light operator 'Stosh' Marchak said.

"(Opening the venue) wasn't just wanting another business... the owner appreciated the scene that was here. That was the whole point, to open up this place to try to revive the scene," Marchak continued.

"We're all about original music so we felt like this was a bar for that crowd. There's not enough of those bars anymore....there's plenty of places for cover bands to play. The true artists are ones writing their own music, and that's what I want to see."

With live music, drinks, and a late night dining menu (including some award-winning wing sauces), The Other Side is already promising a lot to do for an evening out in Wilkes-Barre -- not to mention the owner is talking about doing an expansion and offering all-ages matinee shows in the upcoming months.

Those who have attended and been involved in shows so far are praising the new venue.

"It is refreshing to see a place like The Other Side," Donnie Kirchner, who plays in Final Descent and Those Clever Foxes, said.

"It's such a cool place, that is very much an audience-oriented spot. The entire staff there are so unbelievably nice and accommodating."

To learn more about Bart & Urby's and The Other Side, readers can go to <http://www.bartandurby.com/>.



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Game show in store: just needs contestants, prizes and questions



The Beacon/David Lee

In the gleaming corridor of the 51st floor, the money can be made if you really want some more. Executive decisions, acinical precision, jumping from the windows, filled with indecision. I get good advice from the advertising world, “Treat me nice,” says the party girl. Coke adds life where there isn’t any.

By Christine Lee
Senior News Editor

This Valentine’s Day, WCLH’s 2Dudes1 Broadcast will offer listeners a different kind of dating game. In fact, you could probably say this romance show is almost like a game.

On Valentine’s Day, hosts Tom Bedford and Kris Carter will have three boys and one girl on-air to play a version of “The Dating Game.” The show will consist of the hosts asking the boys “random” questions with the girl being able to hear the boys’ responses through headphones. Based on the boys’ responses, the girl will pick a “date.”

“It’s just for fun, we’re not going to bash anybody; we’re just going to have a good time,” Carter said.

The only qualification to appear on the show is participants have to actually be single. They will even use questions the girl comes up with along with their own made-up questions. They intend for participants to have fun and not take the game too seriously.

“It’s going to be for fun, everyone’s going to love it,” Carter said. “It’s not like people are

going to find true love on Wilkes radio.”

There will even be free movie tickets added to the game. Carter and Bedford are hoping the show will generate more listeners to their broadcast, which plays up-and-coming artists of a variety of genres.

“We’re hoping the people who appear on air we’re hoping they get the word out to their friends and then people will listen to that show and then hopefully tune in for the shows week in and week out,” Carter said.

They said they are still looking for a girl and one more boy to make the game work, adding that there are no formal qualifications other than being single to appear on-air.

“There’s basically no rules; you just need to get out there,” Carter said.

Anyone interested in participating can contact Bedford and Carter at thomas.bedford@wilkes.edu and kristopher.carter@wilkes.edu. The show will air from 1:15 to 3:15p.m. on Valentine’s Day.



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Diversity trip to see NYC Play

By Amanda Kornak
Correspondent

The Office of Diversity Initiatives is hosting a trip for Wilkes, King’s and Misericordia students to see the play “Platanos Y Collard Greens” in New York City.

The show is at 3 p.m. on Feb. 15. Departure from Wilkes University’s Marts Gym will be at 11 a.m.

“Platanos Y Collard Greens” is a play that tells the story about two college students in a relationship. The couple is interracial; one of them is of a black background while the other is Latino. The show is supposed to contain comedy as well as romance and family matters.

“I think it is very important to go on this trip,” says Erica Acosta who is planning this trip, “so that students can see some issues that might arise from an interracial relationship and how to overcome those differences.”

“Platanos Y Collard Greens” acts as a

learning tool, that is also entertaining, for college students. College can be the time where many young people get involved with relationships, and by attending a university with a diverse student population it is relevant for students to learn about interracial relationships.

“This play had come to my university at the University of Buffalo,” Acosta says. “I loved it when I saw it, and I wanted to share that experience with our students here.”

Because three local universities are taking advantage of this opportunity, space is limited to only 18 student seats per university. Three faculty members and a staff member are also going on the trip.

For more information, email Acosta at erica.acosta@wilkes.edu or visit the “Platanos Y Collard Greens” website at www.platanosandcollardgreens.com.



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Coca-Cola advertisement causes controversy amongst viewers

By Lyndsie Yamrus
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The Super Bowl is always an exciting day of the year for Americans. Even if you're one of those people who have not a clue what's going on in the game, there's still a lot of potential to have a good time. If all else fails, there's always snacks and beer to partake in.

Except this year, no one seemed to really enjoy anything about the Super Bowl, especially the game (obviously). But another huge letdown was the commercials.

They just weren't very good. After watching some of them I either had no idea what product was being advertised, or I just flat out didn't even understand what I had just seen. Most weren't funny and even the "good" ones were just emotional or dramatic.

Perhaps the most controversial one out of

the whole batch was Coca-Cola's multilingual rendition of America the Beautiful.

When I saw it, I thought nothing much of it other than that it was cute, patriotic and that I kind of wanted a Cherry Coke.

The commercial was one minute long and featured the song being sung in seven different languages, including English, Spanish, Tagalog, Hebrew, Hindi, Keres, and Senegalese-French.

"It's Beautiful," as the ad was named, portrayed scenes depicting the lives of everyday Americans across the country, many of which (surprise!) do not speak English.

Coca-Cola's central goal was to articulate in a creative way that one of the things that makes this country beautiful is its diversity.

What makes this country beautiful is that people from all over the world can come here with their respective cultures, religions, traditions, families and friends. They can learn new

things and work hard for enjoyable lives, just like native-born Americans.

The point was that even though we're a diverse country, we're still united, and that's what is beautiful about living here. Simple enough.

The commercial instead instigated a national uproar, which is actually just downright disgusting.

The angry tweets poured in and covered everything from "We only speak English, idiots- go home" to "Why are terrorists singing an American song?"

Turns out that this is a country of ignorant, intolerant individuals, though it is sadly not surprising.

I honestly don't know what's worse, the fact that some people see all other countries as terrorists or the misunderstanding that English is the only possible language that can be spoken on this ground. What?

Coca-Cola has been doing their thing here for 127 years, portraying American families and friends enjoying cold sodas and making memories together.

Nothing has changed. They're still doing just that.

Coke products are for everybody, not just white people. It's 2014. Let's be real. I can't believe I'm even saying this.

The United States doesn't even have an official language. It's a mix of different cultures and languages. Maybe our education should require more history classes.

Every single person in that commercial sang praise to America. Isn't that what we want as citizens of this country?

What's un-American to me is all of the de-
testation towards this simple advertisement.



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Does the 'American Dream' symbolize freedom?

By Carly Yamrus
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There's this ideal in the minds of Americans: a vision. An idyllic normalcy. A widespread societal acceptance of the standard, the average, and the mediocre.

Something called the "American Dream."

In the most fundamental and traditional sense, the "American Dream" is the idea that hard work and opportunity produces a happy and fulfilled life.

This notion, accepted by most, drives our ceaseless desire to create some archetypal lifestyle that coincides with the lifestyle of others who have also bought into this nationalistic mantra never meant to be the model for modern human existence.

The "American Dream" strives for similarity. For likeness. For having what your neighbors have simply because they have it. For doing what your parents have done because it's what their own parents did.

We are asked the same tired question that generates the same tired response- some version of "What do you want to do in your life?" I can already guess at what everyone "thinks" they want in their lives.

First, they want to get a job straight out of college because you "have to." You have to write a resume. You have to interview. You turn in your formatted white piece of paper on top of two hundred other formatted white pieces of papers and you wait for someone to call you and tell you that your grey pant suit and your cover letter buzz words stood out against the rest of the worlds', and for that,



Courtesy of Instagram

In today's society, young adults are pressured to "take the road to happiness," and conform to the idea of the "American Dream" which includes going to college while living the "perfect life" of studying and making large amounts of money.

you are hired.

You go with the flow. Your life is pre-mapped out and your big "life events" directly correlate with whatever options Facebook suggests is important and noteworthy on your timeline. Buy a house. Get a dog. Get married and have two kids. Buy things. Buy a lot of things. Go on vacation. A week long vacation, tops.

It's the no-fail plan to happiness and success, isn't it? I guess so. If those are the things we really want. But I suppose none of us know what we really want. We do know what is wanted FOR us, but until we let go of the stereotypical idea of the "American Dream," what we have

is merely a beaten path. Somebody already took that road, and you know what? You don't have to.

Doesn't it seem a little ironic now in saying, "don't do things because other people are doing them." That really only ever applied to dumb decisions, didn't it?

If anything, the "American Dream" is a how-to guide on living a life that someone else chose for you because you didn't know you had any other options.

You complained about college for four years, do you even really want to go to grad school or is that just the next step?

The "American Dream" is a template. Somebody's rough sketch. It's a vague study guide for a test that nobody has the answers to. It has to be. "The American Dream" isn't my dream and it likely isn't yours. It might not even be in America for all you know.

And I don't think that's stubborn to think like that.

I don't think it's crazy.

It's not naïve.

It's freedom.



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'Friday Night Tykes' embraces concussive culture of football

By Alex Fahnestock
Sports Co-editor

In the very first clip of the debut episode of "Friday Night Tykes," a Texas youth football coach screams to his eight and nine year old players, "You have the opportunity today to rip their freakin' head off and let them bleed!"

"Friday Night Tykes" follows several youth football teams in the gridiron factory of Texas. The first episode focused on registration, training camp conditioning and the first game of the season.

Much of the drama we see is a familiar sight in youth football, such as players vomiting, crying, and being upset with playing time. Coaches show tough love, and in some cases exhibit the controversial intensity we see around the country in all youth sports.

A multitude of parents both onscreen and offscreen are speaking out against the Texas Youth Football Association and the nature of the game itself, questioning whether it is too violent for kids.

Among other scenes in the pilot episode, we see a violent collision that ends with one eight-year-old player lying face down after taking a hit to the head. He is given some water and is eventually determined by officials to be alright.

"The program is definitely troubling to watch," said Jeff Miller, the NFL's senior vice president of health and safety policy in an



Courtesy of Instagram

The TV series, Friday Night Tykes, follows youth football teams whose coaches take their coaching techniques to the extreme, leaving viewers skeptical.

official statement. "Our understanding is that this is not a league that signed up with USA Football to be a part of the Heads Up Football program. Thousands of youth leagues registered for Heads Up Football training this past season, meaning their coaches are certified

and teaching the game the right way. We hope this league and many more will join them this year."

There is also concern about the language and violent imagery used by coaches. In the program, they are often seen cursing at their

players and encouraging disdain and violence towards the other team versus respect and veneration.

In my opinion, I do not see the coaches' behavior or coaching styles as out-of-the-ordinary or troublesome.

The important thing to note is that "Tykes" is a reality series, not a documentary, and reality series' in this day and age are hardly undramatized.

I began playing youth football when I was nine years old, and my experience was remarkably similar to that of the young athletes on "Tykes."

Football is a physical game, and kids need to be prepped for that from the moment they sign up.

The rules of the game are taught before anything else, so even at nine years old I knew that when my coach told me to go out there and "knock that kid's head off," he's not telling me to spear him with the crown of my helmet or start throwing punches.

Instead, he's telling me to go hit that player hard enough to knock him to the ground and stop the play.

I got chewed out, cursed at and even hurled a few chunks, but I never quit. I came out better for it, and so will young boys and girls who participate in competitive, organized sports.



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Students spend Fall Break at local animal Shelter

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Tennis teams prepare for spring campaigns

Colonels head south after N.J. tourney

The Colonels will head to Madison, N.J., Feb. 15 and 16 for the Drew Invitational where they will begin the start of the rest of their season.

Head coach Christopher Leicht has been preparing his team for the matches ahead. After playing in three tournaments during the fall, including the Mid Atlantic Conference Individual Tournament where the team won eight out of nine brackets.

"The players have been working hard in the off-season, both on the court and in the weight-room," Leicht said. "We are excited to start our spring season soon."

Wilkes tennis will face tough competitors from non-conference teams and teams in the freedom conference. A few nonconference teams include Elizabethtown College, Bloomsburg University and Muhlenberg College. Arcadia University, Fairleigh-Dickinson-College at Florham, Eastern University, Stevenson University and King's College will compete for the Mid Atlantic Conference title down the road.

The men's team is rather young with only one senior, captain Alex Makos. Alongside Makos, is junior captain Brendon Blachowski. Leicht says they have been doing a great job leading the team.

After heading to South Carolina for a spring break trip March 3-5, the Colonels will come back March 14 for a home match against Elizabethtown College. Until then, Leicht and graduate assistant Carlos Quijano will continue to motivate the team to accomplish big wins.

"I believe that if you prepare the right way, then everyone is confident when they step out on the court," Leicht said. "We try to out-work every opponent that we play!"

— **Cara Basile,**
Correspondent

Lady Colonels after eighth straight title

Ally Kristofco, Anastasia English, and Amanda Rossi lead the Wilkes women's tennis team, as it seeks its eighth straight conference championship and another chance to get back to the NCAA National Tournament.

Dedication, hard work and confidence are what separate the champions from the others around them, and the team has acquired all three over the last seven seasons with being named Freedom Conference Champions seven straight years.



The Beacon / Jake Cochran

Seniors Amanda Rossi and Alex Makos lead the Wilkes tennis teams into their respective campaigns. Both teams will be heading to Hilton Head, S.C., during spring break as they get their seasons under way.

"This team is very dedicated, and one of the hardest working groups I have ever coached," Lady Colonels head coach Chris Leicht said.

With leadership from seniors Kristofco and Rossi and junior English, the team appears very experienced and prepared.

"We are lucky to have a great group of experienced captains who know what it takes to work hard, and prepare for the season," Leicht said.

The navy and gold have brought in five experienced freshmen who will be challenging for playing time. The Colonels also have experienced upperclassman such as sophomore Summer Lentini, a fall standout for the women of Wilkes.

The Navy and Gold lost Melanie Nolt and

Katie Lynn their one and two last spring. The Colonels have made large strides, from last spring to this fall.

"Confidence will be the biggest challenge the team will face this year," Lentini said. "So we are going to need everyone to step up to the plate and really push themselves to their full potential."

The women's team is set to face a challenging non-conference schedule, including Elizabethtown, Haverford, Bloomsburg, Scranton, NYU and Muhlenberg.

The team starts its spring season with the annual spring break tennis trip to Hilton Head Island, S.C., where the Lady Colonels will play four matches.

— **Marcus Leaf,**
Correspondent

Tennis schedules Lady Colonels

Spring Break, March 3-5, Hilton Head, S.C.
Elizabethtown, March 16, Ralston Complex
Haverford, March 20, Ralston Complex
Marywood, March 23, at Scranton
Bloomsburg, March 25, at Bloomsburg

Colonels

Drew Invitational, Feb. 15-16, Madison, N.J.
Spring Break, March 3-6, Hilton Head, S.C.
Elizabethtown, March 14, Ralston Complex
Bloomsburg, March 25, at Bloomsburg
Arcadia, March 29, at Glenside

After successful 2013, Wilkes baseball opens spring practice

By JT Keer

Sports Writer

The weather may not feel like it, but it's almost spring again and the Wilkes University Colonels' baseball season is upon us.

Following a promising 21-15 season with a mark of 9-12 in the conference, the Wilkes baseball team is expecting a great year with many young players that have experience returning to the lineup for the 2014 season.

The Colonels are returning six players back to the lineup that eclipsed the .290 mark including the power hitting Stephen Ruch who batted .387 with 46 hits, 21 extra base hits, 8 home runs and 45 runs batted in.

Dan Pisanchyn is the second leading batter returning, following a season in which he batted .344. Bobby Schappell, Tyler Marino, Tom Ring and Marcus Leaf are all also returning to the lineup for the Colonels.

Bobby Schappell, a junior infielder, is coming off a solid season in which he led the Colonels with 47 hits 41 runs scored and also was second on the team with 26 runs batted in and 1 home run.

"I think we're going to do pretty well this season," the junior said. "Our goal is to win the MAC and participate in the NCAA tournament. I believe that's a realistic goal for our team as long as people step up and make plays. We have been putting in hard work all off season so our

success will be contingent upon solid defense and good pitching from the staff. It's going to take a complete team effort for us to reach our goals this season.

However, if they want to be a major threat, players such as sophomore pitcher and outfielder, Tom Ring, who hit the ball with an average of .321 in his freshman campaign and was fourth on the team with a 4.95 ERA, are going to have to take control on the mound.

"I expect this year to make playoffs and have a great shot at winning the MAC championship," Ring said. "As an outfielder I am planning on having another season batting over .300 and as a pitcher I'm planning to become part of the starting rotation and help the team win some games."

The Colonels also return three other key pitchers. One of which is their stylin', profilin', jet flyin', flame throwin', wheelin' dealin', kiss stealin, Don't even try swingin' at my slider, sophomore pitcher Patrick Condo who led the team last season with 44.0 innings pitched, 31 strike outs, was second with an earned run average of 3.68 and only allowed one home run all season.

Also returning are senior A.J. Mihaly and sophomore Marcus Leaf after a solid campaign last year.

Some other major key returning players include junior outfielder and first baseman Tim Benner, senior pitcher Brandon Michael, soph-



Beacon file photo

The new season begins on Saturday, Feb. 22 against Lebanon Valley College. This year's team features many returning players.

omore outfielder Eric Hauer, and catcher Zak Berg.

The Colonels begin play Feb. 22 visiting the Lebanon Valley College Dutchmen and host Penn State Schuylkill on Feb. 23 before traveling



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Classic Arts Showcase

Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2014

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6:00pm Comedy Tonight
7:30pm Wilkes Now
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Classic Arts Showcase

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Classical Arts Showcase

Thursday, Feb. 13, 2014

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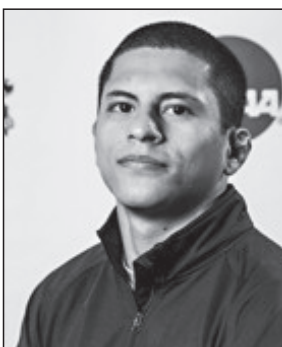
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The College of New Jersey

WU (15-3) TCNJ (8-5)



Guesseppe Rea (#10)



Season:
22-5

Career:
52-16

Mark Hartenstine (#5)



Season:
31-1

Career:
53-5

Myzar Mendoza



Season:
21-6

Career:
103-29

Eric Bach and William Fletcher ended a three-bout losing streak to help propel the Colonels' wrestling team to a 19-13 victory over the 25th-ranked College of New Jersey Feb. 7.

The victory was the 799th victory for the wrestling program, and gives the Colonels a shot at No. 800 when it hosts Ithaca College at 7 p.m. Feb. 14 at Marts Center.

Bach won the 197-pound class to put the Colonels ahead 16-13 and Fletcher put the match away with a win in the 285-pound class.

Wilkes jumped to a 7-0 lead after 125-pound Guesseppe Rea, 133-pound Myzar Mendoza and 149-pound Mark Hartenstine each won. Kristopher Krawchuk, 157-pound, gave Wilkes a 13-4 lead before the Lions won the next three bouts.

The Colonels were anticipating the big matchup.

"It's a big match this week because we are chasing the 800 win mark and (College of New Jersey) is tough," freshman 141-pounder Jake Dimarsica said. "The atmosphere is really intense and we are getting pushed to work even harder."

The Colonels were coming off of a second place finish at the MAC Championships crowning two champions, Mark Hartenstine and Kris Krawchuk, and most recently a tri-meet where the Colonels went 3-0 beating down Washington and Jefferson College 36-3 and Trinity College 47-3.

"Losing isn't an option we want to win out the rest of the season," Dimarsica said.

The Colonels were currently ranked No. 9 in the country with a 15-3 record and an impressive 6-0 mark at home.

After Friday nights match the Colonels headed to Grantham, Pa., for the Messiah Open Feb. 8 and then finish out the rest of their dual meet season with powerhouse Ithaca College and then King's College both home at the Marts Center.

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Beacon file photo

The Lady Colonels will be taking to the softball field again when the season opens later this month with a tournament at Virginia Beach.

Wilkes softball opens season with visit to Virginia Beach

By Stephanie Hahn
Correspondent

It's almost that time of year again. The Wilkes University softball team is gearing up to kick off the 2014 season. After ending last year's season with a record of 17-23, Wilkes hopes to make this season even better.

The women will be kicking off their season Feb. 28, when they head down to Virginia Beach. In Virginia they will start their season with a tournament of five games.

From there the following weekend they will be traveling to Salisbury, Md., where they will play in another tournament. The home season opener for Wilkes will be March 12 against The University of Scranton.

"I am really excited for this upcoming season because we seem to be improving more and more each year," says junior Mandy Seccia.

"We are all ready to work hard at practices and continue to improve each day. We hope our hard work will pay off during the season and we will win consistently. I am most looking forward to our rival game against Kings because even though they will be a tough team to beat, I think we will be very competitive with them."

Not only are these women great athletes on the field they are great students off the field. Four Players were named NFCA Scholar-Athletes for their academic performance during the 2012-2013 school years.

Alysha Bixler, Emily McGrath, Haylie Phillips and Kait Brown were the four student athletes to receive this honor. Three of the four were named to the Middle Atlantic Conference Honor Roll as Phillips was not eligible as a freshman.

Wilkes looks to return to the Freedom Conference tournament in 2014 following a four-year absence from the postseason event.

Beach Blast Tournament

Rowan University

3 p.m., Feb. 28

Oneonta

5 p.m. Feb. 28

Allegheny College

Noon March 1

Catholic University of America

4 p.m. March 1

Rutgers-Camden (DH)

10 a.m. March 2

Colonel Scoreboard

Women's Basketball

Feb. 6

Wilkes 66, Misericordia 52

Feb. 8

Manhattanville 57, Wilkes 44

Feb. 10

Allentown, Pa.
Muhlenberg College
7:30 p.m.

Feb. 12

Madison, N.J.
Fairleigh Dickinson-College at Florham
6 p.m.

Feb. 15

St. Davids, Pa.
Eastern University
1 p.m.

Feb. 18

Marts Center
DeSales
6 p.m.

Men's Basketball

Feb. 5

Misericordia 72, Wilkes 61

Feb. 8

Manhattanville 75, Wilkes 98

Feb. 12

Madison, N.J.
Farleigh-Dickinson
8 p.m.

Feb. 15

St. Davids, Pa.
Eastern University
3 p.m.

Feb. 18

Marts Center
DeSales
8 p.m.

Wrestling

Feb. 7

Wilkes 19, TCNJ 13

Feb. 8

Messiah Open
Grantham, Pa.

Feb. 14

Marts Center
Ithaca College
7 p.m.

Feb. 20

Marts Center
King's
7 p.m.

March 2

East Regionals at King's College

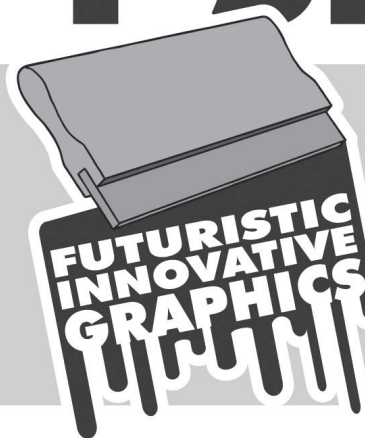
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