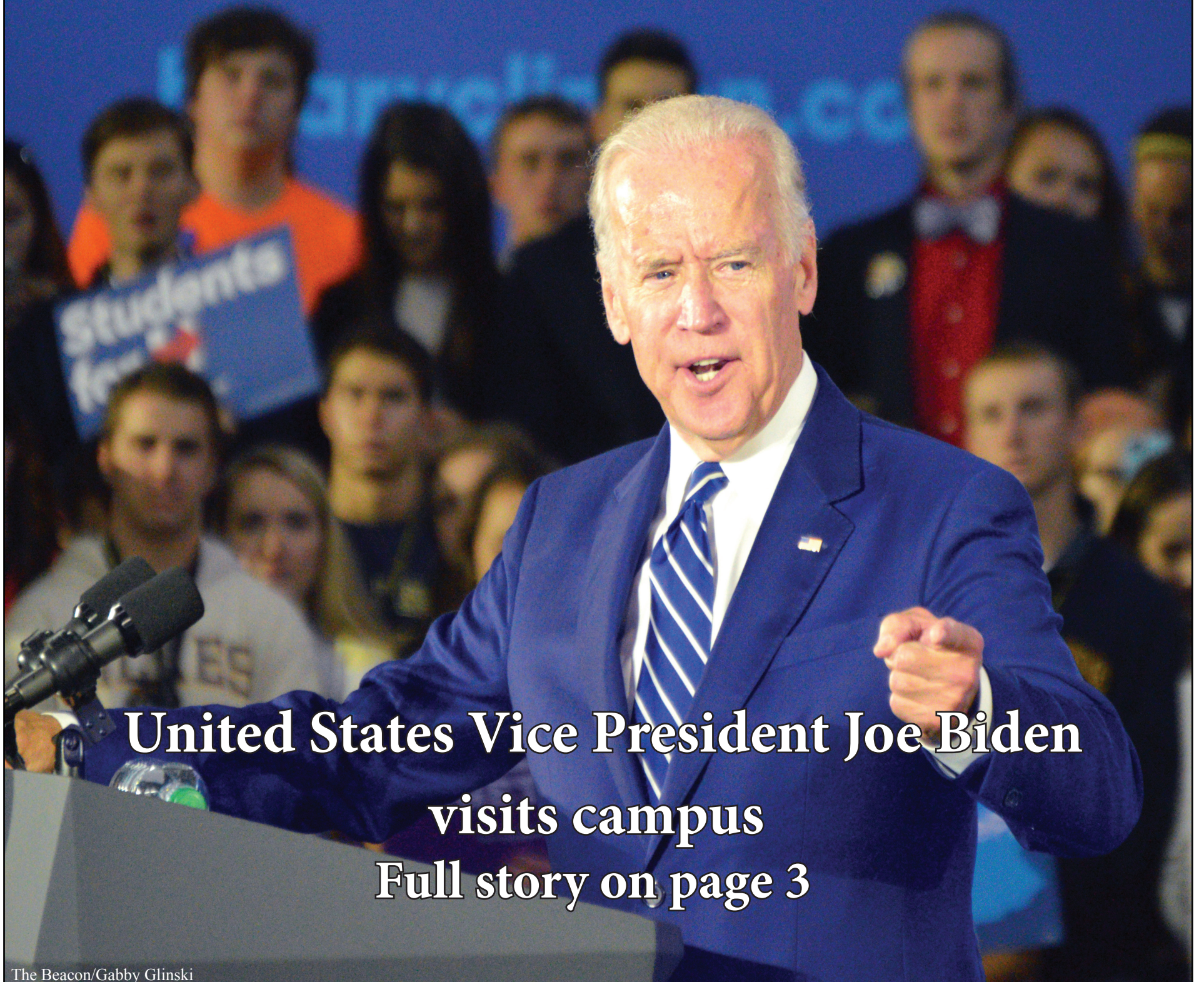




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Beacon Briefs

NYC Bus Trip Ticket Sales

Ticket sales for the New York City bus trip sponsored by the Commuter Council will begin Oct. 18 through Nov. 17 or until all tickets are sold. Sales will take place during Club Hours in the Henry Student Center. Tickets are \$25/seat. Payment is due upon signing up and all students are welcome to attend. The trip is scheduled for Nov. 19. The bus will leave promptly from the Marts Gym at 7 a.m. Upon arrival in the city, the day is yours. The bus will leave NYC at 7 p.m. Questions can be directed to Sarah Bedford at sarah.bedford@wilkes.edu.

Student Development Trip to Reaper’s Revenge Haunted Attraction

The Office of Student Development is hosting a trip to Reaper’s Revenge Haunted Attraction in Scranton, Pa. on Oct. 29. Tickets cost \$5 and the bus will leave from Marts Gym at 6:15 p.m.

Community Halloween Party

The annual community Halloween Party will be held on Oct. 25 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Faculty and staff are encouraged to bring their children for a fun-filled event in the Marts Multi-Purpose Room. There will be food and drinks provided in the lobby and club tables set up in the Multi-Purpose Room on the lower level of the gym. Children will have the opportunity to learn about candy vs. medicine, make GAK, paint pumpkins, decorate cookies and more. Any questions regarding the event can be regarded to Megan Valkenburg at megan.boone@wilkes.edu.

Attention Seniors: Senior Portrait Scheduling

Schedule senior portrait session as soon as possible for the Amnicola Yearbook. Portraits will be taken from Oct. 24 to Oct. 28 in the Henry Student Center, 1st floor. To schedule go to www.ouryear.com and the school code is 222. Any questions can be emailed to abigail.sanders@wilkes.edu.

Wilkes University Student Government notes

By Alyssa Mursch
News Editor

On Wednesday evening, Wilkes University’s Student Government held its weekly meeting.

The NSO Club presented its fund request for week one of two. The fund request was for the banquet which is where the awards are handed out for anything the team has accomplished during the year.

Registration is \$40 per person for the banquet and 15 people would be attending, for a total of \$600, as well as \$25 banquet registration, \$1,000 for hotel rooms, a total of \$81 for parking, \$90.64 for gas costs and \$1,024 for food and meal costs, coming to a total fund request of \$3,170.64.

The club said that the SG van would be publicity for Wilkes, as well as matching shirts and nametags worn during the conference.

The Aviation Interest Club then made their argument to be recognized as a SG recognized club for week two of two. They said they have updated their constitution and that flying is not currently under their current policy. The motion to recognize it as a club passed 33-0-0.

The Ski and Snowboard presented its fund request for week two of two.

The funds requested were for annual Killington ski trip in January. The trip needs 42 to 50 people to go and there are

five students already committed to going on the trip. The trip includes a lift ticket, lodging, coach bus and shuttle service to the mountain.

Fundraising ideas include shirt sales, hat sales, chocolate sales or a restaurant promotional event. The trip would bring publicity to Wilkes and the club said it hopes to make the trip more affordable for students on tight budgets.

The request was for \$5,000, which is \$100 per person. The motion to allocate \$100 per student for up to 30 students was passed 33-0-0.

The group then discussed a new SG logo. It was discussed whether to go with Polos or T-shirts, with the Polos being \$15 a piece and T-shirts costing \$7 a piece.

A motion was passed 32-0-1 to dismiss the inactive clubs which include the Power Lifting Club, SAFE Club, Medieval Renaissance Club and Wilkes in the World.

Upcoming events were listed, including WUBP Open Mic Night on Oct. 20, the Downtown Establishment Tour on Oct. 22, WUBP Freakfast Oct. 27, Casino Week Texas Hold ‘Em Nov. 1 and MSC Real Talk Event Nov. 1.

Committees then presented to the group.

The library committee discussed the two new systems for e-books that are being considered. One added 5,000 books to the library and would not require the library

to pay for them until they are used. The second is specifically for the nursing system and includes about 150 titles. The titles can be used multiple times without being purchased, making them cost-effective.

The UAC told the group about four major changes it is seeking, which are clarification of a period of evaluation, when the last assessment was collected and reviewed, accounting for the number of students being assessed and the benchmarking process and whether or not those benchmarks are being achieved.

The TREC said it wants to do the recognition ceremony in the spring instead of the fall and hope to increase attendance by holding it right after a faculty meeting.

SLAM discussed a new program for people who are being treated unfairly that would provide them with somewhere to report it. The new program is called the Council of Diversity, Inclusion and Equality.

The operations committee concluded these reports by announcing the Pharmacy care lab dedication that took place Oct. 22 in the evening as well as announcing Joe Biden’s visit to speak in UCOM on Oct. 21.

The Treasurer’s Report stands as follows: All College: \$2,167.46; General Funds: \$11,715; Conference: \$5,000; Spirit: \$2,000 for a SG total of \$20,882.46.

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Wilkes-Barre audience cheers for Uncle Joe

Vice President Joe Biden visits Wilkes University campus

By Sarah Bedford
Editor-in-Chief

More than 700 individuals gathered inside the University Center on Main building at Wilkes University Friday afternoon for a visit with the Vice President -- of not the university, but of the United States.

"We at Wilkes are delighted to have an event like this on our campus," said Wilkes University President Patrick Leahy. "Regardless of what political persuasion one is, it's really important our students have access to these kind of political events and the fact that the sitting vice president who we think is the highest ranking government official to ever visit our campus is here is a real treat for us."

Campaigning on behalf of Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton, Vice President Joe Biden, members of local Clinton campaign organizers, along with Rep. Eddie Day Pashinski, Sen. John Yudichak, Senate candidate Katie McGinty, and Sen. Bob Casey joined the stage.

Introducing Biden to the stage was Sara Wolff, a motivational speaker and NEPA local who also serves as a Down Syndrome advocate.

"I stand before you... as an American who happens to have Down Syndrome, who believes in Hillary Clinton and stands with her," Wolff said.

Biden took to the stage to show his support for Clinton and his distrust in Republican Presidential nominee Donald Trump.

Discussing Clinton's background in social work and family affairs, Biden expressed his wish to the audience that they see the Hillary he knows.

"This is about the dignity and respect for parents," he commented, in regards to college affordability. "It's a long more than the economy. It's about dignity, it's about respect... that's what motivates Hillary."

Sharing the story of an infant named Beau, named after the Vice President's late son who died in May 2015, Biden explained that he cried. The sign of emotion was coined as being an honorable father, but he explained if Clinton were to cry, she would be accused of using the "woman card."

Biden also touched on issues of the economy and the working middle class. Being called "Middle Class Joe" in Washington is not viewed as sophisticated, but Biden explained, "I'm pretty damn sophisticated about the middle class."

Expressing his concern for a Trump presidency, Biden detailed recent scandals



and flops by the GOP. Calling attention to the audience the claims of world leaders that feel the current United States election "can't be true" and calling Trump "void of intellectual context or he's dangerous."

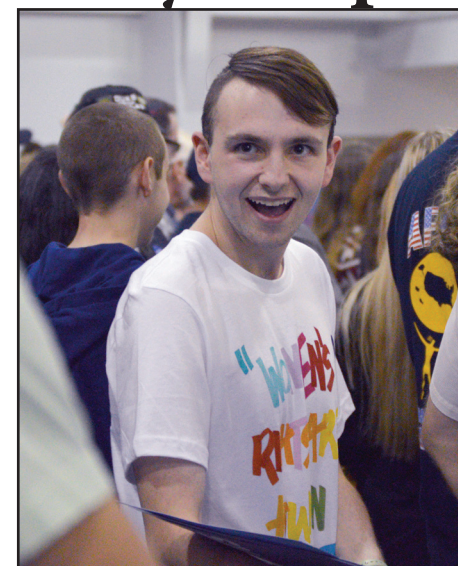
Students in attendance expressed excitement over the Vice President's visit.

"I think it's really cool that they brought a local politician back to the area who obviously is a known figure and friendly face,"

said sophomore secondary education and history major, Ian Valles. "I think he's done a phenomenal job the past eight years... and improved our standing in the world." Valles also serves as a Clinton campaign volunteer.

Speaking directly to the students in the room, Biden expressed his optimism for their future.

"America never bows. We never bend. We own the finish line this year and this century."



Above: Student Ian Valles hands out "Stronger Together" posters in the crowd.

Left top: More than 700 individuals gathered inside the University Center on Main building to see Vice President Joe Biden.

Left middle: Vice President Joe Biden delivers his support for Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton and his distrust in Republican nominee, Donald Trump.

Left bottom: Selected student body representatives fill the stands to the side of the stage.

Below: Katie McGinty takes the stage.



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Wilkes University students weigh in on final presidential debate

By Toni Pennello
Asst. News Editor

Last Wednesday, on the night of the third and final presidential debate, a focus group discussion of young voters was held in the basement of the Stark Learning Center.

The approximately 50 minute discussion, which prefaced a group-viewing of the debate, was led by Dr. Jane Elmes-Crahall, professor of communication studies.

This discussion was in many ways a follow up to a series of previous focus groups that Elmes-Crahall facilitated in her intro courses prior to the primaries. Data from the discussions were collected and analyzed by Elmes-Crahall's class called "Controlling Spin-News, Politics and Public Relations," which she has taught during presidential primaries

since 1996.

The purpose of these discussions is to determine how young voters are responding to the election and media representations of candidates.

The focus group was attended by about 15 students between the ages of 19 and 29, 10 of which indicated that it would be their first time voting. Not only were all of the students registered, but they all indicated that they planned to vote in November.

The group consisted of five registered democrats, three registered republicans, four independents, and two unaffiliated.

When asked to rate the importance of this election on a scale of one to 10, the students' responses ranged from 7.5 to 10, with many students rating 9's and 10's.

Students chalked their sense of urgency up to long term consequences, with one student pointing out that the fact that one candidate isn't a politician motivates him to care more.

The issues brought up by the students, who were primarily communication studies majors with the exception of one engineering major, included economics, healthcare, foreign policy, national security and the environment.

As far as the candidates go, the students broadly indicated that they would like to see more in-depth discussion of the issues rather than name calling. One student described the dialogue from the candidate as being more "reactionary" than advocating anything, with much of the focus being on finding dirt on the other candidate.

In general, students wanted to see more

empathy and in-depth problem solving from the candidates. One student said he'd like to see Clinton less "robotic," while also saying that he'd like for Trump to "answer the questions and shut up."

Students described the election and relations between the candidates as "hostile," "immature," "childish" and "like a circus."

When a poll was taken prior to the debate, the results were as follows: Hillary Clinton- 7, Donald Trump- 3, Jill Stein- 2, Gary Johnson- 1.

The students agreed that Trump had the most to gain from this final debate, but they all seemed solidified in their decisions.

When asked what it would take for the debate to sway his decision, one student responded "a miracle."



Fact check of third and final presidential debate

By Alyssa Mursch
News Editor

Last Wednesday, Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump took the stage in the third and final presidential debate in Vegas. Each candidate made hefty claims about their own policies as well as jabs at one another, so as it concluded the begging question at hand was: What is the truth?

Politifact provided some insight into what statements were true and which ones were not.

Claim: Trump: "I believe if my opponent should win this race, which I truly don't think will happen, we will have a Second Amendment which will be a very, very small replica of what it is right now."

Factcheck: Although more accurate than previous claims Trump has made that Clinton wants to "abolish the Second Amendment," this statement still garners further explanation.

Clinton has said and continues to say she supports the right to bear arms, but with stronger gun control.

Claim: Clinton: "We have 33,000 people a year who die from guns."

Factcheck: Politifact rated this claim mostly true because, although the number is accurate, it leaves out the important fact that two-thirds of these deaths are suicides, not homicides.

Claim: Clinton: "Indeed, he said women should be punished, that there should be some form of punishment for women who obtain abortions."

Factcheck: Politifact found this claim

against Trump as half true. Trump did say something to this effect, but his campaign retracted the statement within a matter of hours, and Trump clarified that he meant doctors should be punished for providing abortions, not women who undergo the procedure.

Claim: Trump: "Hillary Clinton wanted the wall. Hillary Clinton fought for the wall in 2006 or thereabouts."

Factcheck: Politifact rated this claim as half true. Clinton did vote in 2006 for 700 miles of fencing along the U.S./Mexico border, but not for the taller, longer concrete wall that Trump vows to build.

Claim: Clinton: "You encouraged espionage against our people."

Factcheck: Politifact rated this claim against Trump as half true. Trump said at a press conference in South Florida that he hoped Russia was able to find "the 30,000 emails that are missing." That was a reference to Clinton's emails specifically, however, not Americans' emails more broadly.

Claim: Trump: "Her plan is going to raise taxes and even double your taxes."

Factcheck: Politifact found this claim to be mostly false. The vast majority of taxpayers would see no change to their tax bill or even tax cuts under Clinton's economic plan. The richest payers would see increases, but not even the typical richest taxpayer would see their taxes double.

Claim: Trump: "She gave us ISIS, because her and Obama created this huge vacuum, and a small group came out of that huge vacuum

because when -- we should never have been in Iraq, but once we were there, we should have never got out the way they wanted to get out. She gave us ISIS as sure as you are sitting there."

Factcheck: Politifact deemed this claim to be mostly false. ISIS' roots predate Clinton's tenure at the state department. The terrorist group can be traced back to 2004, when George W. Bush was president. Experts said, however, that it's possible that Clinton-backed policies such as voting for the war in Iraq and intervening in Libya may have contributed to the power of ISIS.

Claim: Trump: "I will tell you what isn't fictionalized are her e-mails, where she destroyed 33,000 e-mails criminally, criminally, after getting a subpoena from the United States Congress."

Factcheck: Politifact rated this claim as half true.

Clinton's staff received a subpoena for Benghazi-related emails on March 4. An employee managing her server deleted 33,000 of Clinton's emails three weeks later. However, the FBI found no evidence that the emails were deleted deliberately to avoid the subpoena or other requests. Clinton's team requested for the emails to be deleted months before the subpoena came.

Claim: Clinton: "(Trump) is the first candidate ever to run for president in the last 40-plus years who has not released his tax returns."

Factcheck: Politifact found this to be mostly true. Every other major nominee for the past

40 years have released their tax returns, except for Gerald Ford.

Claim: Clinton: "Once again, Donald is implying that he didn't support the invasion of Iraq. I said it was a mistake. I've said that years ago. He has consistently denied what is a very clear fact."

Factcheck: Politifact found this to be true, citing Trump responding to the question of whether or not America should go to war with the response of "I guess so" in 2002. He didn't voice full-throated opposition until almost a year and a half after the invasion.

Claim: Trump: "We take care of illegal immigrants, people that come into the country illegally, better than we take care of our vets."

Factcheck: Politifact deemed this claim to be false. Veterans are entitled to several more benefits that are not offered to civilians, much less undocumented immigrants, who aren't eligible for Medicaid, Obamacare and Social Security and are even barred from enrolling in colleges in some

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Fall 2016 majors and minors fair: Students find their niche



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Students discuss the uses and benefits of a biology degree with Dr. William Terzaghi, professor of biology. Each year, students have the opportunity to explore the majors and minors that Wilkes has to offer, each with representatives conveniently positioned next to each other.



The Beacon/Theresa Couchara

Dr. Rafael Garcia, assistant professor of foreign languages, talks with a few undeclared students, for whom the event was intended, about Spanish degrees. The students could declare either a major or a minor in the subject. A Spanish degree in combination with another is useful in fields like medicine, social work and more.



The Beacon/Theresa Couchara

Nate Barnhart and representatives from engineering offered fun, demonstrative activities to students considering a major in the field.



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Dr. Edward Schicatanio, associate professor of psychology, meets with interested students at the major and minors fair.

Wilkes University BACCHUS holds alcohol awareness walk

By Alyssa Mursch
News Editor

More than 500 students gathered in the campus Greenway last Tuesday to walk a mile in unison.

The students were walking for alcohol awareness as part of National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week, which takes place the third week of October every year.

National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week is a week during which colleges around the country partake in raising awareness about the dangers of alcohol abuse, specifically binge drinking and potential negative decisions that could be related, such as drunk driving, as these are aspects of alcohol consumption that typically affect college students directly.

According to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, about 1,825 college students between the ages of 18 and 24 die from alcohol-related unintentional injuries, including motor vehicle crashes.

This is just one potential danger that Alcohol Awareness Week seeks to make students aware of.

"Everyone we know has been affected or knows someone affected by the consequences of alcohol abuse," said BACCHUS president Lara McQue. BACCHUS organized this walk and is a student-run club dedicated to health and wellness of fellow students.

The goal of the walk is not only to bring awareness to alcohol abuse, but also to provide support to those struggling with alcohol addiction, McQue explained.

"It's like (we're saying) look, these are 500 people that you can go that want to help and support you," she said.

The walk began in the campus Greenway, where Wilkes' radio station, WCLH, set the mood with upbeat music. Students participating picked up their matching T-shirts, and a sign over a walkway adjacent to the library read "Be part of the solution."


Campus Public Safety and Wilkes-Barre City Police also aided in the event as they helped the students cross busy streets and directed traffic accordingly.

Club advisor Gail Holby has been doing this walk for a number of years and said it can help educate students of underage and excessive drinking.

"We're trying to stop the negative stereotypes of college drinking behaviors by educating students that most of their peers don't abuse alcohol and that most of their peers make safe, healthy choices," Holby said.

Along with the walk, the university also provided a drunk driving simulation, which was held by The Lehigh Valley Health Network and the Highway Safety Commission last Wednesday to provide students with the experience of what it is like to drive under the influence of alcohol and raise awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving.

Studies by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism found that one of the most beneficial solutions to irresponsible college drinking is promoting awareness, which is specifically what these programs aim to do.

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(Above) Seniors Jess Grable, Courtney Moyer and Gabrielle Gardner lead off the Alcohol Awareness Walk. (Below) A group of students stop for a quick photo.



Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program to be offered in spring 2017

By Zachary Smith
Staff Writer

Starting in the spring semester of 2017, Wilkes University will be running a program designed to give students a deeper understanding of the United States prison system. The Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program, the only one of its kind across Luzerne and Lackawanna counties, will take 12 Wilkes students and 12 inmates from State Correctional Institution Dallas and combine them for a class that will examine the criminal justice system from inside the correctional facility itself.

The goal of the class is to give students

a deeper understanding of what goes on inside of a prison, the functions of a prison, the experience and the minds of prisoners themselves.

"What if you were to be defined by the worst thing you have ever done, and only that?" asks Dr. Craig Wiernik, sociology professor who will be teaching the class. Wiernik hopes that in answering this question over the semester, his students will come to realize that there are more to these people than the crimes they have committed.

"(My goal) is to have students recognize that the men and women that we are putting into these prisons are human beings, even if

they have made some really bad decisions," he said.

The students are not the only ones who will be getting something out of the class however. The inmates participating will also be expected to do all of the assignments and coursework throughout the semester.

"People in prison are really hungry for educational opportunities" Wiernik said. "If we can increase the education of people in prison, they will have the tools available to help themselves get a job in the modern world."

When it comes to the prisoners, they will come from diverse backgrounds. There are no restrictions on what type of prisoners

can take the class, and students will not have any indication as to the nature of their crimes ahead of time.

"They will be interviewed ahead of time like the students will be, but there are no restrictions." Wiernik noted, "They could be doing three to four years for a DUI, or be serving life sentences for murder."

Students who were interested in taking the class were required to fill out an application and go through an interview process which will result in 12 students being chosen to take the class.

"I was really impressed with the turnout of Wilkes students" Wiernik said, "I hope to run it again every year."

Life, Arts & Entertainment

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Internship and Career Fair brings employers to Wilkes

By Amanda Bialek

Asst. Life, Arts and Entertainment Editor

The Internship and Career Fair is an opportunity for students and soon-to-be alumni to network with local companies. If you are seeking an internship or full-time employment, there are a variety of businesses looking for individuals who are eager to learn and demonstrate good work ethic.

This year's fair was held at a larger venue for a longer time frame, which allowed more students -- and businesses -- to be accommodated.

"In order to make it most efficient for students to meet the most employers, I thought why don't we bring them here," Sharon Castano, internship and mentoring coordinator said.

Castano started the Internship Fair in 2006. She handles the internships for all majors except for pharmacy, nursing and education, who have their own coordinators.

She reaches out to company recruiters and decides where the internship fair is held. Castano also organizes the structure of the fair, so it creates a learning environment that is beneficial for both employers and students.

This year, there were a total of 52 businesses involved.

"Every company will be looking for different things, but the one thing that they are looking for is the student that can be a sponge," Castano said.

Companies are not necessarily looking for individuals who have a lot of internship experience. Castano believes companies are interested in students who are ready to learn and are excited about what the company does.

As for students who are seeking careers or jobs, businesses are seeking individuals who have hands-on experience from an internship. Castano said some companies have a dual-duty at the fair because they are looking for both potential interns and employees.

"I tell students first of all when they go to the tables, to go in the reverse order of the way they like the companies," Castano said. "Don't start with the first one on your list."

It is important to speak with companies you are most interested in after practicing your introduction with the others.

"I actually say if you have six (companies) that you like, start at number eight and get your jitters out," Castano said.

By following this advice, Castano believes students will be better rehearsed and prepared when they speak with their top choices.

Some students may feel that they do not have enough related experience to land an internship.

"Don't sell yourself short. You being able to be involved in clubs and organizations, manage your time as a college student, maybe have a part-time job or play a sport, that's a lot," Castano said.

Time management experience is a key quality employers look for.

"Students feel like they have to have this excellent job experience. Really, it's just time management experience," Castano said.

Career Services are responsible for recruiting employers as well as preparing students for the day of the fair. They check resumes, help students understand how to approach employers, suggest what types of questions to ask and encourage them to research companies ahead of time.

"There are mounds of research that indicate that students who have a clearer career focus persist longer in college, feel better about being in college and enjoy the experience more and are usually more likely to achieve their career goals," Carol Bosack, director of career services said.

Career Services helps students match majors with their values, interests and skills. It also assists with identifying careers within a person's field of study. Some of the services offered include Life-Career Planning courses, individual coaching and mock interviews.

Lisa Mulvey, career services coordinator, said students should have their resume checked by career services and the faculty within their major to ensure their various skills are best represented.

"Be more aware of what we offer as a school," Jennifer Baron, English and secondary education major said.

The Career Services and the Cooperative Education & Internship Office is available to guide students as well as assist them with resume and interview preparation. The office hosts the Internship and Career Fair on campus so people can meet directly with employers and gain experience having conversations on a professional level.



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Montage Mountain Representatives speak with Wilkes University student about potential internships.



The Beacon/ Jesse Chalnack

The Internship and Career Fair held in UCOM brought 52 employers and 294 students together.

"This saves you so much footwork having to go out and find employers that are hiring interns and hiring full-time employees. They're here looking specifically for Wilkes students," Mulvey said. "You're beating out a lot of the competition from King's, Misericordia, University of Scranton because you're right here on our campus, so you don't have to go very far."

Baron said attending the fair is "important because it gives you that related experience that employers are going to look for when you graduate."

Students can make connections with

companies at the fair that may lead to their first internship or job.

"Our faculty are very supportive of my program," Castano said. "They truly believe that internships help students get the necessary experience to help them get jobs upon graduation."

For more information on internships or resume advice, contact Sharon Castano at sharon.castano@wilkes.edu, Carol Bosack at carol.bosack@wilkes.edu or Lisa Mulvey at lisa.mulvey@wilkes.edu.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK:

College Kid Pancakes

INGREDIENTS:

- Handful of quick oats
- 3 tablespoons of egg whites or 1 whole egg
- 1 banana mashed
- Sprinkle of cinnamon
- Optional:
- 10 almonds chopped mixed into batter
- Chocolate Chips
- Blueberries

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Mash banana in a bowl.
 2. Add oats and egg whites (or 1 whole egg) and mix well.
 3. Add cinnamon and chopped almonds if desired.
 4. Spray pan with cooking spray and put on medium heat.
 5. Pour in batter into 3 small pancakes in the pan.
 6. Sprinkle a few blueberries or chocolate chips in the batter if desired.
 7. Cook for about 3 minutes on each side or until golden brown.
- Serve with syrup or hash browns if desired.



Wilkes Student Chef, Catherine Sarver made this simple and tasty breakfast dish.

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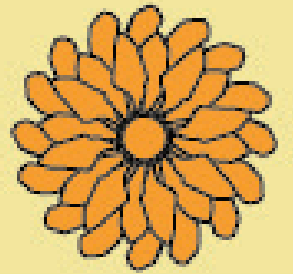


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Little Theatre presents musical the Rocky Horror Show Live

Wilkes students have FREE entry with their ID; tickets for public are \$20

By Catherine Rose
Staff Writer

A jump to the left and a then step to the right? That's right, get ready to do the time warp again.

Little Theatre of Wilkes-Barre will present the iconic musical, The Rocky Horror Show, starting with an opening performance on Oct. 28.

The Rocky Horror Show is a comedic tribute to horror movies of the 1940s through the 1970s. During a storm, a newly engaged couple breakdown and ventures off to get help. The couple, Brad and Janet, come to the castle of a mad, transvestite scientist, Dr. Frank 'N' Furter, who has created a Frankenstein-esque monster. Brad and Janet are soon swept up into the experiment and find themselves in the time warp. The night's adventures change their lives forever.

Director Justin John Costello says they should expect the unexpected with this year's production.

"The story, songs and characters will all be the same, but the staging, costuming, choreography and production design elements will be highly stylized, with certain

specific nods to the cult film version," Costello said. "This production has high points of comedy and wit, countered with moments of deep sadness and pathos. It is raw, powerful and extremely entertaining."

The show engages the audience and is incredibly interactive. Patrons will participate in certain scenes and some first-timers will be asked to jump on stage to fully immerse themselves in the on-stage experience.

Being a cult-classic, the show carries with it some traditions, such as throwing rice along with the wedding guests and throwing a toast in the air when one of the characters, Frank, toasts at dinner.

A member of the show's ensemble, Alison Scott, noted that improvisation and audience participation makes for a unique show. Don't expect to see the same show twice.

"With a show like this one that has been around for so long and has been done so often, it is really easy to lose sight of the original production," she said.

Carol Sweeney plays the narrator of the show. She appreciates how Costello "somewhat parallels our production with

what is currently happening in the world. We are at risk of nuclear attack; we are not 'safe' and are so vulnerable. We leave the audience with something to think about."

Costello says the show "has brilliant songs and lyrics that will keep you humming and jumping to the left for more. The comedy reaches very high heights, and the story has a very modern message in the mantra 'Don't Dream It. Be It.'"

The first live show will be at 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 28. There will be another show at 7 p.m. on Oct. 29, with a special midnight showing later the same night.

Tickets are \$20 for the public and can be



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Some cast members from Rocky Horror Show LIVE at Little Theatre of Wilkes-Barre are, from left, Qalil Ismail, Mark Petrole, Kristina Toussaint and Zachary Michael Sessock.

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Poet of the week: Melissa Irizarry

This week's poet is an Freshman English major here at Wilkes University.

Colored Men's Pain

I hope there's sunshine
Beyond all this rain
We're losing people that
Heaven gains
Trayvon, Micheal,
Justice for Jonathan
Killing the innocent
Because of their dark skin
"Cops keep you safe
Protect and defend"
But cops are out killing
Our families and friends
Innocent people
A brother, a son
Jonathan's children's
Lives just begun
But just like that
They lost their father
Shot by the cops in
The arms of his mother
Tell me please
Where is the justice
When cops and watchmen
Are the people behind this
But we should sit back
Watch and be quiet?
What gives us the right
To protest and riot?
But you have rights
From a badge and a gun
To kill innocent men
Not carrying one
I hope there is sunshine
Beyond all this rain
I hope there is justice
For colored men's pain

- Melissa Irizarry

Stop clowning around: It's no laughing matter

By Ashton Gyenizs
Staff Writer

Reports of clowns publicly frightening people in Pennsylvania and across the nation continue, and for Wilkes University students, the situation is no joke.

Society has created clowns to become a symbol of fear through the media, specifically through movies in the horror genre that utilize clowns like "It".

"Clowns are really freaky and they scare the bejeezus out of me because I watched the movie "It" at 10 years old," said Richard Gilson, a sophomore criminology major at Wilkes University.

A traditional clown with white makeup, a big smile, a round red nose and big shoes has always been found in circuses and carnivals, but this fall clowns have found a new home causing trouble in public places across the entire country just to get a scare out of people.

Wilkes students tend to believe that clowns should remain a symbol for humor. Once they are removed from the originally intended context, they become a symbol of fear.

"They have their place in society as a funny symbol, but besides that, they should be left at carnivals," said Covey Austin, a sophomore biology major. "There is no reason to dress up as clowns to scare people."

It may be the case that some of the people disguised as clowns are not intending to cause physical harm; however, there have been far too many situations where clowns have used violence.

Christopher Jagoe, director of Wilkes' Public Safety, said someone dressing as a clown does not automatically represent a problem.

"Addressing such an incident would be situational. For instance, we would not stop someone dressed as a clown on Halloween unless the persons behavior required us to. Wearing a costume such as this is not illegal. Certain behaviors displayed or actions by the wearer, however, may be interpreted by others as threatening, intimidating, or harassing - all of which could result in an escalated response and more serious consequences for the person in the costume."

It is hard to look over the cases of assault both to and by those in clown costumes. Intentions are unclear by individual clowns which has resulted in many pedestrians

jumping to conclusions and assuming the worst. This may even mean they protect themselves through violence.

Trenton Hagan, a sophomore marketing student at Wilkes University believes there is a large portion of the population that is terrified of clowns so it is horrible to go into public and dress as something that would scare mass amounts of people. It is also dangerous for those dressing up as clowns because people are taking it into their own hands, standing up for themselves, and assaulting clowns.

The jury is still out as to why people are joining the clown bandwagon, but it is evident that since the beginning of this phenomenon, more clowns have shown up.

It seems "people are catching on because they think it's a funny trend. Nobody would have done this before, had a few people not started it up and the media had not blown it all out of proportion," said Patrice Lonardi, a Wilkes University sophomore marketing major.

Jagoe added that rumor has also contributed to the clown sightings and fears.

"Many of these incidents are not based on facts and are generated and amplified by rumor, social media and/or media echo," he explained.

"Clown sightings have been reported seemingly everywhere at the local and national level. As this issue gets more attention it only makes it more likely that copycats will want in on the controversy. Students at Wilkes University (or their visitors) should be aware that any behavior which disrupts the academic mission or activities on campus would be minimally subject to a disciplinary referral.

"On or off campus, Wilkes University expects our students to maintain standards of conduct that are not only in compliance with campus conduct regulations and the laws, but to maintain behavior that is not detrimental to or discredits our campus," Jagoe continued. "We have confidence that our students recognize how seemingly innocuous actions taken could have serious repercussions in today's environment and have the maturity level to behave accordingly."



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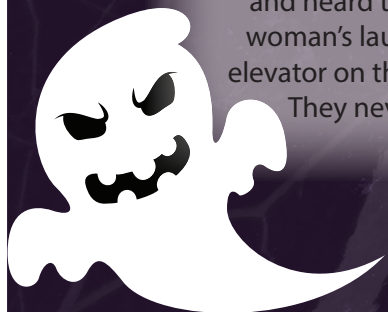
Chase Hall



Wilkes University has been around for 83 years. In that amount of time, imagine the thousands of faces that have walked through campus day and night. What if some of those innocent faces are a few permanent students whose presence has never really left? With Halloween upon us, beware of the spirits and ghosts that may be lurking around the corner.

Chase Hall: Chase hall is the first building students see when they tour the campus. Is it also the last place student will see?

Conyngham Hall: Career and tutoring services are offered here. Rumor has it that one day, security guards had locked the building up for the night and heard the sound of a young woman's laugh echoing near the elevator on the side of the building. They never found the girl.



Conyngham Hall

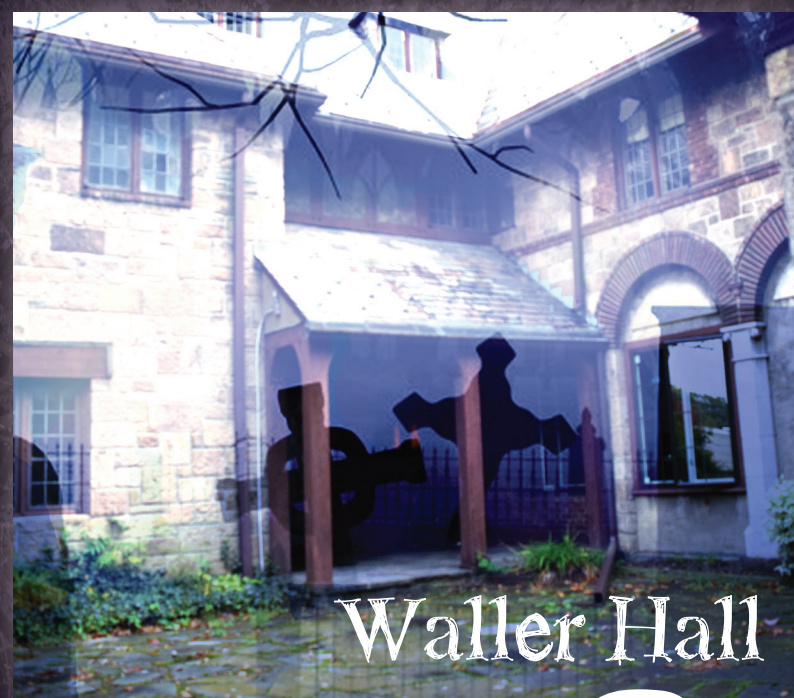




Sturdevant Hall

Sturdevant Hall: A brown building with big shutter windows should serve as a comfortable living for first year students. Little do they know the mysteries of this on campus residence will leave some students taking their spooky tales to the grave with them.

Waller Hall: Home of the freshmen honors students, Waller comes with a speakeasy in the basement and secret passageways throughout the second floor. Resident Assistant Dylan Fox said, "The Wallers were afraid of kidnappers, and as a result they designed interconnecting rooms so that they could make an escape in the event of a kidnapping. Currently, the doors are all locked, separating the rooms from each other, as far as I know!" If students wanted, they could circle the entire floor without ever stepping into a hallway.



Waller Hall



Kirby Hall

Kirby Hall: Home to the English Department, the spooks in this academic hall aren't fiction. There have been reports of shadows up and down the stairs as well as a fogging stained glass window.



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Our Voice Beacon vs Odyssey: Rebuttal

By: Elyse Guzewicz
Copy Editor

Let me begin by saying I love the Beacon. The Beacon was one of the first campus organizations I joined my freshman year, two whole years before the Odyssey even came to the Wilkes Campus, and I wrote and edited for the Beacon long before the Odyssey came into my life. In the spring of 2015, I took second place for my opinion columns in the PA News Media Keystone Press Awards for college publications.

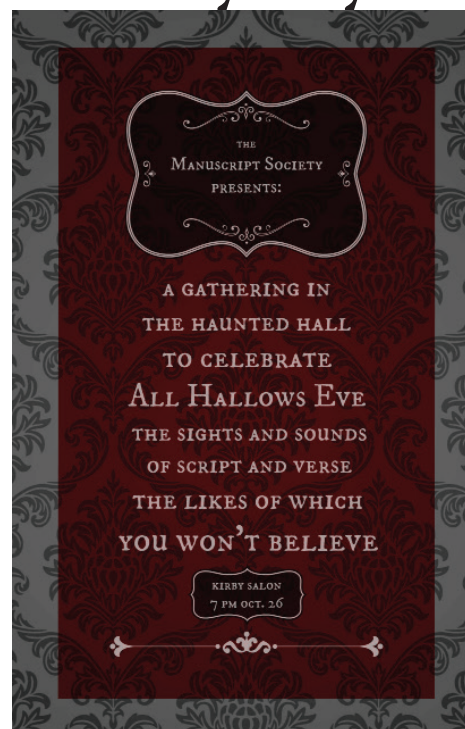
I've been the Editor-in-Chief for the Wilkes University chapter of the Odyssey Online for almost six months, a quarter of the time I spent working for the Beacon. I'm highly involved in campus-only media; as the Executive Editor of the Manuscript literary magazine and a continuing copy editor for the Beacon, I pride myself on staying involved in campus publications whenever I can.

That being said, the Beacon being threatened by the Odyssey was more amusing to me than upsetting.

The Beacon is primarily campus print media. Well organized, well written print media, but inherently limited to the Wilkes community. There are many quality pieces published in the Beacon every week, but the primary readership is within the few blocks that make up Wilkes University.

The Odyssey barely compares. It's a bigger organization, run out of New York, New York, with localized communities all over the United States. Our media exists only online, with a clean, user-friendly interface making it easy to find articles on whatever topic you choose. It's a very different platform from a print newspaper, with over 80 percent of readers viewing articles on mobile devices.

One of the major complaints Gabby's editorial proposed was the issue of social sharing. At the Odyssey, social sharing is at the heart of our organization – every article needs to be shared on multiple platforms including Facebook, Twitter, Reddit and many other popular media outlets. The Beacon's major source of readership is the newspaper stand, located in various places around campus, where Beacons are placed every week for students, faculty, and staff to



Courtesy of The Manuscript

pick up and read.

"Are overshared listicles and "Dear Future Boyfriend" articles overtaking Facebook feeds and pushing traditional campus media outlets out of the way?" Well, yes, you could put it that way – but then again the Beacon doesn't have a foot to stand on when 87 percent of Odyssey's traffic is generated by organic (person-to-person) social sharing, while the Beacon authors almost never share their articles online.

I find it difficult to understand why the Beacon feels as if "it's being overshadowed by online socialized media" when the Beacon barely runs online now, the Wordpress website puttering along like a nineties station wagon – getting the job done. Of course the Odyssey has more online traffic – we're an online publication with a beautiful website.

The Beacon isn't as easy to access as the Odyssey for creators either – as a commuter who spent two years taking the bus to and from school, working three jobs in addition to academics made nighttime Beacon

meetings nearly impossible for me to attend, and it got harder and harder to create regular content completely on my own. Odyssey requires commitment, but it's a lot easier to submit entirely online and not worry about a time commitment on campus.

No offense to the Beacon and the hard work this team puts into the paper, but Odyssey isn't in the same weight class as you. The Beacon is the only one who sees Odyssey as a competitor; to any outsider, our two publications aren't comparable. We're a national publication, edited from NYC, reaching over thirty million people all over the world. We're no more a threat to campus media than Buzzfeed.

To the former Odyssey creators who prefer the Beacon: more power to you, but your reform has already happened. Some of the former creators from the Beacon were working during my time as EIC, and some were let go due to a lack of commitment. My current team of nine creators is dedicated, putting out quality content week-by-week without limitations by section or topic.

Charlsley Carey, the Editor-In-Chief for the Midlothian, VA community, said "I had always loved writing, but I didn't want it to be something too serious... I wanted something where I could write about whatever I wanted with no real limitations or censorship. At Odyssey I not only discovered I was actually not too shabby with coming up with topics and writing, but I fell in love with it as well."

That's what we're all about.

Each week a Beacon editor will take a stance on a current topic.
Note: The views expressed are those of the writer.

The Raiders: From the bay to the desert

By: Mark Makowski
Co-Opinion Editor

The Las Vegas Raiders? Yes, as of right now it looks like at the start of the next decade if not sooner, this question will become a true statement.

On Oct. 17, Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval signed a bill into law a \$750 million hotel tax to place the funding in order for the Raiders planned \$1.9 Billion stadium in the desert. To fill in the rest of the budget, the Raiders would request a \$500 million loan from the NFL, and some investors have also promised to give money to fund this mecca of a stadium.

Las Vegas is a decent sized city, with a population of a little over 600,000 according to the US Census Bureau. In fact, there are more people living in Las Vegas than living in Oakland where the Raiders call home.

Las Vegas has always been the entertainment capital of the world, but it is always a question if professional sports leagues would want to move teams there and if they could sustain popularity. One of the main reasons why we have never seen professional sports in Vegas is because of the sports gambling in the city which is legal there.

Personally however, I believe that even though there is legal sports gambling there, the players still aren't allowed to gamble on games. That is a rule that has been set in stone and we've seen the effects of this with Pete Rose who is Major League Baseball's all time hits leader. Rose was caught gambling on games and has since been banned from baseball.

Another question that comes up is will the Las Vegas population go out to the stadiums and watch the games, something that smaller market teams always worry about. The plans for the stadium as of now would be 65,000 seats, which is 9,000 more seats than what they currently have in the ancient and out of date Oakland Coliseum.

However, if the Raiders do indeed move to Las Vegas, they wouldn't be the first professional sports league in the city. This past summer T-Mobile Arena was constructed just off the strip. After the completion of the \$375 million project, the NHL announced that Las Vegas won rights to an expansion team and the team will have its inaugural season in 2017.

One major hurdle that faces Raiders owner Mark Davis is not the finances, but the approval for his team to leave Oakland



Oakland Alameda Coliseum originally opened in 1966 and has been the home of the Oakland Raiders twice 1966-1981 and 1995-present.

for Las Vegas. For a team to move, 24 of the 32 league owners must approve the move. If this does not happen, the Raiders will most likely be stuck in Oakland.

However, the Raiders have a long history of not following what the establishment has told them to do. In 1980, Raiders then owner Al Davis was looking for stadium improvements to the Oakland Coliseum, Davis agreed to move the team to Los Angeles to play in the oversized Los Angeles Coliseum. The Raiders did not get the ¾ votes needed to move the team, so Al Davis decided to sue the NFL.

After winning the lawsuit and moving the team to Los Angeles, it would only take Davis five seasons to realize that moving to an even older 95,000 seat stadium was not the best idea and started to look for a new stadium. In 1995 the Raiders and the City

of Oakland agreed to renovate the Oakland Coliseum and the Raiders would return home again.

Since the 21 years back in Oakland, the stadium hasn't gotten much better. Since 1995, 21 NFL stadiums have been constructed. The Coliseum is a relic that the Raiders are desperate to get away from. The stadium is severely outdated, there are even incidents of pipes breaking in the locker rooms and the rooms become flooded with water.

This stadium is also from the "cookie cutter" era which was during the 1960s and 1970s where all stadiums built were to host both football and baseball teams. The Coliseum is the last stadium that has a football team the Raiders and a baseball team the A's playing there.


Also there has been no budging on the

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City of Oakland trying to put a funding plan together. The Golden State Warriors who play next door in Oracle Arena, will also be leaving Oakland within the next couple of seasons to play in their new arena being built in San Francisco.

I do believe that the Raiders are making the right decisions in attempting to move to Las Vegas. They have been trying over and over to get a new stadium built and even with these plans going through, Oakland still has not stepped up to the table and tried to negotiate a deal.

And if the owners decide to vote against the Raiders move, I am sure that Mark Davis will pull a page out of his father's playbook and move the team anyway.

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I don't need therapy, I have a dog: The life of having an animal at school

By: Olivia Macdonald
Opinion Writer

Walking on Wilkes' Greenway is becoming more enjoyable on the sunny days, with all of the new pups sniffing around. It seems that having a dog, or any pet, is becoming the new thing to do, and who doesn't love a wet-nosed-kiss every now and again?

It is proven that having a dog reduces stress, and anxiety especially while dealing with a course load of classes. I would think the best part of having a dog on campus, would be a tail wagging every time you get home from a stressful day.

Kahlua was one of the first pups to walk Wilkes' campus last year. She is owned by Nicholas Brady, Ryan Dailey, Austin Quiroz, and Storm Deemer, who rescued her from a listing on Craigslist.

"It's a lot of work, but it's an awesome feeling being greeted every time you walk through the door," Brady says. "She's a get away from the crazy stuff in life, and balances out all of the negativity."

Whenever Kahlua, or any student pets are spotted on campus, there is a consistent smile on people's faces and an "aw!" to follow. A lot of people view having a pet while in school a bad idea, because the animal will not get the amount of attention that it deserves and in some cases, those people are correct.

But on the other hand, having a pet at school means that there is an abundant amount of people to take care of it, compared to if you were living on your own out of college. Most students would jump at the opportunity to walk a dog (if they are a dog person), which is what usually happens with Wilkes' favorite friendly little monster, Thor.

Thor will either scare or comfort students because of his large build since he is a King Cane Corso. I have had the pleasure of walking Thor several times, with one of my good friends and the way that students faces light up when they see him after a hard test, or boring lecture, he always makes the day better.

Grace Sanzalone, who is a regular dog walker with Thor says, "When I'm walking him I feed off of his energy," she explains. "He is always relaxed and just wants to say hi to people!"

Even though Thor's owner, Jill, is a faculty member here at Wilkes, it does not change the fact of how much time and work it takes to raise and train a puppy. Several of our Wilkes students have been learning this which can get pretty exhausting, and sometimes make you want to give up.

But for those of us that do not have puppies and bunnies on campus, we thank you and your little runts for putting smiles on our faces and wet kisses on our cheeks.



Five-month old puppy, Bane, enjoys a sunny day at Wilkes University.

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"It's a lot of work, but it's an awesome feeling being greeted every time you walk through the door."
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2016 Election: “Why are you voting for Hillary Clinton?”

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Americans will head to the voting booths on Nov. 8 to cast their ballot for President. Although every Presidential Election will generate some buzz, this particular one leaves some voters truly puzzled on how they will vote. In this week's Colonel Talk Back, we talked to committed voters about why they support their candidate.

The Beacon asked members of the Wilkes Community at the Joe Biden rally why they are voting for Hillary Clinton. Want to be in the next Colonels Talk Back? Email luke.modrovsky@wilkes.edu

Ian Valles
Sophomore
Secondary Education: History

“I think she is the most qualified candidate, not just this year, but in any year in modern history. I like the fact that she supports equal rights for everyone and that she's fighting for a better future for the rest of the world.”

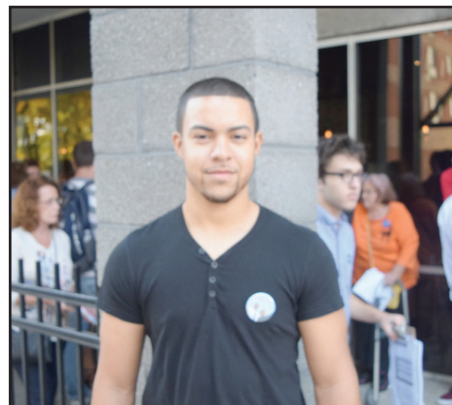


Whitley Culver
Senior
Political Science

“I am registered as a Republican, but the party has gotten kind of ridiculous. I really just can't be behind Trump. I sided more with Hillary on some of the issues in this election.”

Darien Rivera
Junior
Business Management

“The reason why I'm voting for her is because her values are pretty clear to me. She is the better fit for president. She has more experience, being there for a long time alongside Barack Obama. She is prepared to take the position because of her views on education and equality are ones that stand out to me.”



Karissa Hensel
Senior
Early Childhood & Special Education

“Well, I'm pretty new to the politics but I really like what she stands for as far as education and trying to help us, because that's obviously a big part of my major. But also, all of the opportunities she gives as far as Planned Parenthood.”

This year's Colonel Talk Back will feature three weeks of election coverage.

Next week: We feature members of the Wilkes community who are casting their vote in favor of Donald Trump.

Note: While outside the Clinton-Kaine event on Friday afternoon, *The Beacon* was directed by campaign staffers to not interview anyone in line on the city sidewalk, citing safety concerns. Numerous requests by *The Beacon* for appropriate interview locations were denied, and *The Beacon* complied with staffers' direction and stopped after four interviews.

The new target of the election: Millennials

By: Shannon O'Connor
Opinion Writer

With all the chaos surrounding the upcoming election, the candidates always try and pull different demographics to support their campaigns. These presidential candidates have their eyes set on one group in particular, the Millennials.

The Millennials, otherwise known as the portion of the population born between 1980 and 1998, now have the largest population in the country, even surpassing the Baby Boomers. They have become the target of research, not only because of their size, but because of their lifestyles.

The Millennials are the first generation to be raised with technology, including the internet, social media and cellphones. This has geared a whole new way of thinking toward political, social, and economic issues.

When it comes to politics, the Millennials are more likely to not choose a political affiliation as well as not vote.

Most feel they are not represented and feel their vote does not count. As stated by Russell Dalton of The Washington Post, "When candidates actually speak to the concerns and interests of the young, more are drawn into the electoral process." With this election, Trump and Clinton, as well as Sanders, catered policies to directly influence the millennials and encourage their participation in the election process.

One such policy that is being highly talked about is that of free college. Both Clinton and Sanders advocated for their policies that would make public universities tuition free for families that make less than \$125,000 a year.

They also promise to help those out of college that are struggling with crippling student debt. This sounds very appealing, especially with the cost of college being what it is, however is it plausible?

Unfortunately, if this plan were to be carried out it would plunder quite fast. "While these goals are the right ones, the reality is that free public college would make it harder to achieve them,"

explained Kevin James of U.S. News. If college were to be free, more students would be applying to institutions causing the acceptance rates to fall.

These colleges would not have the room to house, as well as educate the growing number of students entering the college life. Another issue that would surface would be the quality of the education. With large class sizes, would students be receiving the attention they need from their professors as well as their advisors?


The idea of free college is the golden ticket many have been looking for. To be given the opportunity to earn a college degree without the worry of finances is only found in the most idealistic societies, not in the current state of the United States.

Hopefully, Trump and Clinton will create more policies in the coming weeks, and later on in one of their presidencies, that will cater more toward the Millennial crowd. Until then, we must sit back and hope our voices are louder than the rest of the noise.

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The next big thing? Rise of soccer in the US

By: Andre Spruell
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Soccer is a sport that is the most popular in many countries, even in the United States.

There are many sports that are put ahead of soccer in this country, some of those sports include baseball, hockey, and football, which is the most popular sport in the country. The irony is that in countries outside of the U.S., soccer is referred to as football, and in other parts of the world, the United States' version of football is known as "American football."

When it comes to the sport of soccer, there are many people that do not like it, and even more people that do like it. Aside from soccer being on the international stage at tournaments like the FIFA World Cup and the Olympics, many of the different professional leagues within the sport is watched by many Americans.

According to the Huffington Post, among 12- to 17-year-olds, MLS is now more popular than MLB. This is important for the growth of soccer in this country, because that is the largest age group that participates

in these sports considering it is the youth level.

Personally, I think soccer will be among the top three most popular in the states, but it will still take some time. There are many reasons why it will take a while for the American public to grow towards the sport.

One reason why many Americans would not consider watching the sport, is because it may be difficult to understand and is boring. Unlike many other sports that have multiple timeouts and commercial timeouts for advertising purposes, soccer is a 90-minute game broken down into two 45 minute straight halves on a field whose dimensions are larger than a football field.

For the fact that the game occurs at a slower pace and has a very little "commercial time" for big advertisers are two reasons alone. Less money from advertisers and less viewership, means less money coming in from networks. A major reason why most of the popular networks are hesitant to air a live game.

The biggest factor in my opinion as to why the sport is not largely popular in the states is because of the lack of an

international superstar for the U.S. Despite having extremely solid players throughout the years, no U.S. superstar has had international star power.

Being half Argentine, Lionel Messi is ranked as the best player in the world and, thus carries name recognition throughout the world. There are many other players from the games past and present who have the same influence.

Since soccer is rapidly growing in popularity, this may change, especially with the rise of 17-year-old American midfielder Christian Pulisic. The soon-to-be 18-year-old currently starts at his respected position of Midfielder for Borussia Dortmund, which is one of the most popular teams in the world out of the Bundesliga, a German league considered as one of the top leagues in the world.

Along with a cultural shift and a potential international superstar, soccer will ultimately become a top tier sport in the United States, and possibly become the most watched sport in the country, but only time will tell.

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Wilkes hires coaches for new men's and women's ice hockey teams

By Luke Modrovsky
Asst. Sports Editor

The Toyota SportsPlex at Coal Street Park has already welcomed Wilkes University to its ice.

Now, the individuals leading the ice hockey programs have been hired and are already on the road recruiting.

Just weeks ago, Wilkes University announced the school would begin offering varsity ice hockey for men and women beginning in the 2017-18 academic year.

Michael Young has been appointed as head coach for the men's program and Stephannie Newmark filled the role as the women's head coach.

Wilkes' announcement came after local crosstown rival King's College announced it would



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Newly appointed head coach Michael Young discusses his plans for the new program.

offer ice hockey beginning in 2017-18.

The move targets an expanded approach from the traditional regional recruiting areas. Wilkes is making an effort to attract student-athletes on a national and international level.

King's and Wilkes are both set to compete in the Middle Atlantic Conference, along with action in the newly formed United Collegiate Hockey Conference.

Doing this will allow both schools to compete for UCHC's NCAA Division III Championship automatic qualifying bid.

Members of the new UCHC include Chatham University, Elmira College, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, King's, Lebanon Valley College, Manhattanville College, Neumann University, Stevenson University and Utica College. The UCHC also includes the Nazareth College men's team.

Wilkes will play an abbreviated UCHC

schedule in 2017-18 before becoming a full member in 2018-19.

The five Middle Atlantic Conference schools are King's, Wilkes, Lebanon Valley, Manhattanville and Stevenson. They will compete for a MAC title beginning in the 2017-18 season.

Michael Young, a native of Ontario, Canada, joins Wilkes after six seasons on the coaching staff of Westfield State University in Westfield, Mass.

"I'm very excited to get working for this program," Young said.

He also spent his two years playing for Westfield State where he playing in 49 games for the Owls.

Young provides a diverse range of experience. His playing experience includes a season at UMass Boston, captain for the Wheatfield Blade in the GOJHL, Paris Mounties in the

NJHL and Woolwich Wildcats, along with a championship in the Waterloo Wolves Midget AAA organization.

After three years as an assistant coach at Westfield State, Young was promoted to associate head coach.

"I'm grateful for the opportunity to lead the first season of men's ice hockey here at Wilkes," Young said of his appointment.

Young hopes to lead his group of young men both on and off the ice, citing his academic advising role at Westfield State.

Newmark, a native of Australia, hails both her playing and coaching experiences to lead the new program to success.

Building a new program from the ground up can be a challenge, but it is something that Newmark has been a part of before.

She was the assistant coach at Daniel Webster for their school's inaugural season in 2015-16.

During the same season, Newmark also served as an assistant coach for Austin Preparatory School, a high school in Reading, Mass. That year, Austin Prep advanced to the Massachusetts Division I Ice Hockey Tournament.

"I will definitely be looking back to my time at Daniel Webster to help me here," Newmark said, "With any new program, mistakes are sure to be made, but I hope to be able to learn from our mistakes and convert those into wins here."



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Women's head coach Stephanie Newmark discusses her vision for the inaugural season.

Newmark said, "With any new program, mistakes are sure to be made, but I hope to be able to learn from our mistakes and convert those into wins here."

Newmark spent eight years playing on the Australian National Women's Ice Hockey team. While a member of that squad, she captured a silver medal at the Division 3 International Ice

Hockey Federation World Championships.

In 2009, her team captured a bronze medal at the Division 2A level in Slovenia.

Just last year, Newmark secured her first gold medal in the Division 2B IIHF World Championships in Spain.

Newmark hopes that her experiences as both a player and a coach will help her team achieve success.

She hopes that she can help get the program off to a good start in its first year and build upward from there.

Both programs will use the Toyota SportsPlex at Coal Street Park for practices and games courtesy of the University's affiliation with the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins.

Both Young and Newmark noted the first class facility that student-athletes will have to call home.

"It's very exciting

to have a such a first class facility," Young noted.

"Looking around the facility makes me hope that our student-athletes realize how lucky they are," Newmark said.

Although they are coaches of separate teams, both Young and Newmark said they look to build off each other.

"We will be a lot of games we play back-to-back," Young said, "With that said, when we aren't playing, I'll be the women's team's number one fan."

"We will definitely be working together to coordinate practice and game schedules," Newmark said, "I plan on supporting the men's team's effort as much as I can."

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On Aug. 29, President Patrick Leahy announced that Wilkes would offer ice hockey in 2017-18.

Student Athletic Advisory Committee regulates NCAA decisions

By Taylor Ryan
Sports Co-Editor

“Student-athletes have a voice in the NCAA through advisory committees at the campus, conference and national level through the NCAA student-athlete advisory committees (SAACs),” according to the NCAA website.

Wilkes University, along with every other Division I, II or III colleges, has SAACs present on campus.

Currently, Wilkes’ committee has 50 student-athletes serving as representatives in SAAC. The faculty adviser is John Sumoski, who also serves as the Head Coach for the women’s soccer team. Sumoski has been the faculty advisor for the committee since 2002. He is followed by a full executive board, Sarah O’Hara, president; Maura Anistanski, vice president; Missy Oertner, secretary; and Caitlin Brown, media coordinator.

All of the student-athletes who serve on the committee are handpicked by the coaches of their respective team. Each coach selects three or four athletes to represent their team on the committee, this ensures that each team is equally represented and informed of decisions that are being made that will affect them.

Student-athletes who are chosen as representatives must maintain a cumulative GPA of a 2.75 or higher in order to continue to serve.

The SAACs committees on college campuses hold very high importance. The various functions of national SAACs include, generating a student-athlete voice within the NCAA structure, recommend potential NCAA legislation, and promote a positive student-athlete image. The campus SAACs are intended for a little different purpose compared to on the national level, but there is some overlap. These functions include, organizing community service efforts, disseminate information and building a sense of community within the athletics program involving all athletic teams.

Anistranski discussed the importance of the committee on Wilkes’ campus.

“It’s crucial to have a SAAC committee on campus as a way to involve our student athletes in the Wilkes Community and the Wilkes-Barre community in ways other than just playing sports, such as community service events. Also, our SAAC committee members have a say in things such as MAC legislation that is being voted on each school year, so this is a way for us to represent the voices of Wilkes athletes in determining the

rules that effect the sports we play.”

This year SAAC is “really pushing to bridge the gap between athletes and non-athletes on campus, put an emphasis on community service on our campus, and increasing the support of all of our sports teams,” O’Hara said.

The committee is very busy during the academic year, aside from the monthly meetings SAAC members are also in charge of Special Olympics Bowling and other Special Olympics events throughout the year, the Wilkes Charity Challenge in the Spring, Project Standing Room Only for the Wilkes vs. Kings basketball game in February, and a plethora of other fundraising and community service events throughout the school year.

Anistranski reiterated the plans that SAAC has in revamping their presence on campus.


“This year, we are also trying to have a bigger presence on campus and do more for our student-athletes than we have in past years. We would love to become more involved with the Special Olympics chapter in our area and get all student-athletes, not just SAAC members, on board with that event. Also, we are trying to increase support for other athletic teams amongst ourselves and get our athletes to go out and support each other to build a more fun fan

atmosphere for Wilkes Athletics.”

Each representative serves on a subcommittee for the duration of the school year in order to ensure all goals and plans are met and events are successful. These committees include student-athlete well-being, Special Olympics, Wilkes Community, Project Standing Room Only, Social Media, and the Wilkes Charity Challenge.

The SAAC committee is very involved, and important to obtain on Wilkes’ campus. These student-athletes obtain qualities that represent the hard-working athletes present on our campus.

If you’re interested, talk to your head coach, or contact SAAC President, Sarah O’hara at sarah.ohara@wilkes.edu

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Intramural Sport Schedule

Soccer

10/25: The Sea Bears vs. Drunkies 9 p.m.
10/25: Balls Deep vs. Are Hands Allowed? 10 p.m.
10/26: The Sea Bears vs. Are Hands Allowed? 7 p.m.
10/26: Balls Deep vs. Drunkies 8 p.m.
10/26: HUFF N PUFF vs. Mean Machine 9 p.m.
10/26: We Are Waller vs. We Suck 10 p.m.
10/27: We Are Waller vs. WARRIORS 7 p.m.
10/27: The Sea Bears vs. The Boys 8 p.m.
10/27: Balls Deep vs. team Domino’s 9 p.m.
10/27: HUFF N PUFF vs. Not in Shape 10 p.m.

Flag Football

10/23: Balor Club vs. Drunkies; 6 p.m.
10/23: Wentz Wagon vs. Tommy Tuff Nutz; 7 p.m.
10/24: OSU vs. Drunkies; 8 p.m.
10/24: Balor Club vs. Wentz Wagon; 9 p.m.



Wilkes Fall/Winter Home

Field Hockey
10/25 7:00 p.m.

Women's Volleyball
10/30 11:00am & 3:00 p.m.

Men's and Women's Swimming
10/29 1:00 p.m.
11/5 1:00 p.m.
11/12 1:00 p.m.

Women's Basketball
11/16 6 p.m.
11/22 6 p.m.
12/1 7 p.m.

Men's Basketball
11/15 7 p.m.
11/22 8 p.m.
11/26 3 p.m.

Men's Soccer
10/29 7:30 p.m.

Women's Soccer
10/25 4:00p.m.
10/29 5:00 p.m.

Football
10/29 1:00 p.m.
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1/28 11 a.m.
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(The Halloween version of) Getting to know...

Glenn Weist

Junior Football Player

By Purvit Patel
Sports Writer

Name: Glenn Weist
Major: Criminology
Year: Junior
Position: Defensive Back

Q: What was your favorite Halloween and why?

A: My favorite Halloween would have to be all of them when I was younger, because I miss being able to go around and get free candy.

Q: Favorite Candy?

A: Reese's Cups

Q: Name the scariest costume you've ever seen, and tell why?

A: The scariest costume I ever saw was definitely Jigsaw, because it was late at night and I was walking home, and he was casually standing in an alleyway.

Q: What was your driving force to attend Wilkes University?

A: It was close to home, and I could further my football career.

Q: If you could change one thing about Wilkes' campus, what would it be?

A: If I could change one thing about Wilkes, I would definitely move the fields, and athletic complex closer to campus.

Q: What would you say is your proudest moment as a college athlete?

A: My proudest moment as an athlete would definitely be beating Del Val last year under the lights at home.

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

A: "Be Colonel" means doing the right thing and doing the best you can.

Q: Do you have a message to any of your fans?

A: If anyone has the same costume as mine, I will swipe for you at pod.

Q: What are your hobbies and pastimes outside of your sport?

A: Hanging out with my roommates Tanner, Marcellus, Fitz and Adrian. Some other things I enjoy doing is beating Marcellus in 2k, and Fitz in Naruto.

Q: Lastly, what does it mean to you to be a Wilkes University Colonel?

A: Being a Colonel is a unique title that all of us here can share so to me it means being studious, committed, and hardworking to achieve your goals in the class room as well as the field.



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(The Halloween version of) Getting to know...

Madison Scarfaro

Junior Volleyball Player

By Purvit Patel
Sports Writer

Name: Madison Scarfaro
Major: Political Science /
Criminology
Year: Junior
Position: Hitter

Q: What was your favorite Halloween and why?

A: My favorite Halloween's were all when I was younger because I got to trick-or-treat and get a lot of candy.

Q: Favorite Candy?

A: Reese's and Pretzel M&M's

Q: Name the scariest costume you've ever seen, and tell why?

A: The scariest costume I've ever seen was a clown because there was barely anyone outside and they were just wandering the streets with a scary mask on so we ran away.

Q: What was your driving force to attend Wilkes University?

A: When I found out that Grace Boyle was coming here and playing volleyball, I wanted to come here and play volleyball.

Q: If you could change one thing about Wilkes' campus, what would it be?

A: If I would change one thing about Wilkes' campus it would be to add fun activities to the Greenway

that are there every day.

Q: What would you say is your proudest moment as a college athlete?

A: My proudest moment as a college athlete was getting into MAC playoffs my freshmen year.

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

A: "Be Colonel" means to do the best you can in everything that you do and never give up.

Q: Do you have a message to any of your fans?

A: Feel free to look at my favorite candy question and get me both kinds!!!

Q: What are your hobbies aside from volleyball and pastimes?

A: Hanging out with Grace and Ally are my favorite hobbies. I also enjoy hanging out with my friends Mike Paskas and Garrett Armstrong.

Q: Lastly, what does it mean to you to be a Wilkes University Colonel?

A: Being a Wilkes University Colonel means a lot to me because of how great this school is. It means that I am devoted to my school, as well as the academics and athletics that come with going here.



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