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Welcome! Returning to campus is a reunion of sorts, as you rekindle friendships, but it is also a wonderful time to make new friends with first-year and transfer students or someone new in class. This fall, we expect to have nearly 2,500 undergraduate students enrolled at Wilkes, the most in our history. We will also be home to the largest number of resident students. I'm so proud of this growing Colonel community.

This summer, the University welcomed a new academic leader on campus with the addition of Dr. Abel Adekola as the dean of the Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership. Dr. Adekola comes to Wilkes from the University of Wisconsin-Stout where he spent more than 20 years of his distinguished career. He brings a vast wealth of knowledge, including expertise in international business; we are delighted to have him as part of the Wilkes family.

Wilkes continued our successful MEDUCA-Bilingual Panama initiative, hosting our second cohort of Panamanian educators this summer. It was a wonderful cultural exchange as the teachers shared traditional food, music and dance of their country with us on Panama Cultural Day and their schedules allowed them to celebrate a traditional 4th of July in Wilkes-Barre. The third cohort of educators will arrive at Wilkes in September. I encourage you to join in any campus activities and share the welcoming Colonel spirit with our Panamanian guests.

We are glad to bring a new major to our exceptionally broad program mix with the addition of a geology major. The curriculum combines traditional and modern elements of geology to meet graduate school and professional licensing requirements while giving our students the hands-on experience to stand out in a competitive job market.

Our facilities team has been quite busy this summer, so you'll notice some exciting physical changes on campus. Sports fans can enjoy the comfort of new home bleachers at the Ralston Athletic Complex. Take some time to cheer on your fellow Colonels and check them out. The University renovated Waller North and South, remodeling kitchens and bathrooms, as well as painting and carpeting.

A new campus-wide signage project was started this summer. Not only will these signs help point visitors and prospective students in the right direction, but they'll also greatly improve the look of our campus.

We will continue the positive momentum as work begins on the Clayton and Theresa Karambelas Media Center. Formerly known

as 141 South Main Street, the building will serve as a home for the communication studies department, featuring space for co-curricular activities, faculty offices, and classrooms.

Plans for the media center, named to honor the Karambelases for giving one of the largest gifts in Wilkes history, were unveiled at the third annual Founders Gala. At the black-tie event, Mr. and Mrs. Karambelas were presented with the President's Medal, recognizing them for their years of friendship and generosity to Wilkes.

The Founders Gala, established in 2014, also supports the First Generation Scholarship Fund, which provides additional financial resources to first-generation students who may not otherwise have the opportunity to pursue a Wilkes education. I'm proud to say that, over the last three years, this event has raised nearly \$1 million.

As much as I've enjoyed this summer, I'm ready for fall. I'm ready to see the Fenner Quad bustling with students, residence halls turning into homes, and classrooms buzzing with ideas. Nelson Mandela once said, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." Wilkes continues to change and grow to provide you with the best possible environment for your education. We're ready to start another great year on campus. I hope you are, too.

I look forward to seeing you on campus and on Twitter, @PatrickFLeahy.

Sincerely,
Dr. Patrick F. Leahy
 @PatrickFLeahy

Upcoming Events

August

8/26-8/28: Welcome Weekend
8/29: First Day of Classes
Student Government petitions available
8/31: First SG Meeting, Miller Room, 6 p.m.

September

9/1: WUPB Welcome Back Bingo, time and location TBD
9/8: Club Day, Greenway, 11a.m.-1 p.m.
WU Programming Board, Comedian K-von, Ballroom, 5-10 p.m.
9/13: MSC Movie Night, Ballroom, 6:30-9 p.m.

October

9/14: Student Government petitions due
9/15: Council of the Clubs 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Student Government ballots open
Welcome to our Neighborhood Social, Ballroom 5-7 p.m.
9/17: Family Day
9/20: MSC Hispanic Heritage Event
Fiesta, Ballroom, 6:30-9 p.m.
9/29: Homecoming Pep Rally, Greenway 5-8 p.m.
9/30: Homecoming Dance, Genetti's, 6-11 p.m.

October

10/1: Homecoming Game, 1-4 p.m.

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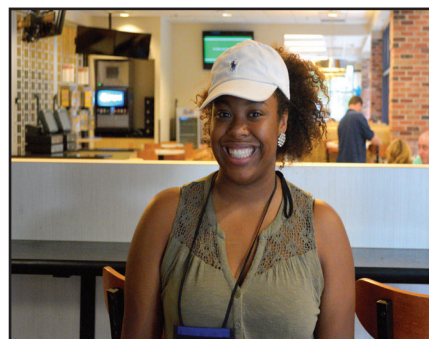
Colonels Talk Back

We asked incoming freshman: “What are you looking forward to this fall semester?”

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David Bubblo
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

“I’m looking forward to meeting new people and furthering my education.”

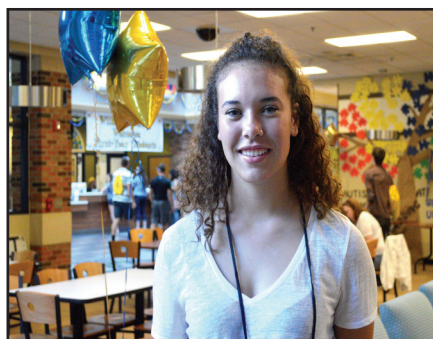


Yamilet Paulino
Allentown, Pa.

“I’m looking forward to the new communications center (that is scheduled to be built).”

Kaliyan Moore
Williamsport, Pa.

“I’m excited to be living more independently.”



Bryce Bernadine
Bolton, Vt.

“(I’m) looking forward to the school athletics.”

Campus full of Pokestops: Gotta catch ‘em all, but not in class

By Alyssa Mursch
News Editor

For the multitude of people who are on a mission to catch ‘em all, the Wilkes campus is a good place to visit. With various Pokestops, Wilkes University is a large part of the Pokemon phenomenon that spiked the interest of thousands since July.

Pokemon Go combines reality and fantasy as players have to travel around their local neighborhoods to capture Pokemon. Whether it’s in Public Square or next to Breiseth Hall, it seems that these virtual creatures are dominating Wilkes-Barre and consuming the attention of everyone that downloads the app.

Some common stops among Wilkes campus include Capin Hall, Sturdevant Hall and Conyngham Hall – where The Beacon office is located. The Annette Evans Alumni House also doubles as a Pokemon gym, which players can capture or, if already

occupied, battle the current occupant in hopes of gaining possession of it.

With the school year quickly approaching, Wilkes’ staff advises that the fun stay in a student’s spare time, or be used as a break from their work, and that they not let it interfere with their classes.

“I understand the draw of Pokemon-Go. I have a son who enjoys playing and I’ll admit to catching a few Pokemon on campus,” said Associate Dean of Student Affairs Gretchen Yeninas. “However, this shouldn’t interfere with the classroom.

It doesn’t matter if there is a Zubat or Caterpie on your professor’s desk, this game is for outside of the classroom.”

Public safety also released a safety reminder that emphasized the importance of staying alert when collecting Pokeballs and catching the Pikachus, Charizards and Squirtles that occupy Wilkes campus and the surrounding areas.

Other safety tips include: playing in pairs or as a group, telling someone when and where you are going before you go, refraining from driving while playing and being careful not to trespass on private property.

Jordan McKeaige, a sophomore biochemistry major, enjoys playing the game and plans to continue playing once he returns to campus this month.


“I love the app; it makes me appreciate nature and what’s going on around me,” McKeaige said.

“I’ve also seen how many Pokestops and gyms are on/near campus, and I know I’ll be playing as soon as the semester starts.”

It is unlikely McKeaige will be alone. According to Forbes.com, 46 percent of Pokemon Go players are between 18 and 29 years old. Sixty-three percent of players are female, and almost 46 percent earn less than \$50,000 a year.

Another interesting fact: 34.6 percent of all Pokeman Go players earn more than \$100,000 annually -- that’s a lot of Pokeballs.



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Life, Arts & Entertainment

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Student Government President encourages freshman involvement

By Allie Grudeski

Student Government President

Student Government at Wilkes University is like a family comprised of members who push each other to their highest potential.

Our student leaders take it upon themselves to make a difference by planning some of the largest events on campus and throughout the community.

These include casino week, dances, bubble soccer, parties on the greenway and so much more.

These events bring in hundreds of undergraduate students together both on and off campus.

Our organization also values giving back to our community in any way possible. We donate every year to the local food pantries, shelters and camps in the Wilkes-Barre area.

We dedicate a day each year to giving back

to our surrounding communities. We call this The Big Event. We send close to 600 students across Luzerne County to work on various service projects.

Student Government meetings are on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in the Miller Room, on the second floor of the Henry Student Center.

Our University is extremely active. I strongly encourage you to attend Student Government meeting and consider running for a position.

Petitions for open positions will be available Aug. 29. (the first day of classes)



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and are due Sept. 14.

Petitions can be picked up outside the Student Government Office or found on our website at www.wilkes.edu/StudentGovernment.

Although Student Government is not the only way to be involved at Wilkes University, it is definitely one of the greatest ways to learn about how the university operates and how you can make an impact on campus.

I suggest that you follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to keep up to date on what we're up to next. We serve as liaisons between students and administrators on campus, so do not hesitate to contact any member with concerns you may have.

We have an exciting year planned ahead of us and would love to have you on our board.

Please reach out to me or any other executive board member if you have any questions at all.

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More information about Wilkes University Student Government:
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The Wilkes class of 2020 meets its alma mater

By Toni Pennello

Assistant News Editor

The 2016 summer orientations brought hundreds of freshmen to Wilkes University to learn about the campus, register for fall classes and meet other students.

After hours of exploring, hearing welcome lectures and meeting with advisers, incoming freshmen gathered in the student center for bingo, ice cream and casino games.

Incoming freshman Domingo Franciamore, of New Milford, Conn., plans to spend his four years studying secondary education to meet his goal of being a history teacher.

Domingo sat in the lounge outside of the ballroom while casino night was taking place, explaining that he's "not very good at card games."

"I'm having a good time in my groups. I like the people," Franciamore said, adding he feels many of the people he met will probably be his friends this fall.

Jaqueline Gallo, a junior, spent this year's

orientation as a mentor for her second time.

"It's been fantastic. Lots of fun," Gallo said. "The freshman class is amazing. They're friendly and spunky... they definitely have the Wilkes spirit."

Freshman Samantha Lisk showed plenty of spirit, despite being on campus for only one day.

"I love Wilkes," said Lisk, of Mt. Pocono, Pa. "I love meeting so many different people who are enthusiastic to meet each other."

Lisk has yet to choose a major, but has her priorities for her future at least vaguely in line.

"Leaving with as little debt as possible... that's my goal."

Check out our instagram for more photos from summer events:



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The Beacon/ Gabby Glinski

Incoming freshmen and their mentors pose during the second orientation.

Spotlight: Wilkes theater program, passion for artistry

Wilkes students gain opportunity and experience behind-the-scenes theater life

By Rachel Leandri
Managing Editor

Wilkes is often associated with programs such as pharmacy or nursing. What is sometimes less discussed is the university's Division of Performing Arts, which includes programs in theatre, musical theatre, music and dance.

The Wilkes University Theater provides opportunities for theatre artists to develop their skills in a caring and well-equipped atmosphere within the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center. A student can declare majoring in either musical theatre or theatre arts.

Junior Micaela Oliverio has found that Wilkes is a perfect fit to suit her interests and passions. She chose to double major in communication studies and musical theatre.

"I found my passion for theatre when I was in high school. I realized that it was the only thing I could see myself doing for the rest of my life," she said. "I am so happy that I chose musical theatre as part of my double major because all of my professors are really flexible when it comes to scheduling my classes, rehearsals and practices for soccer."

However, unlike Oliverio, not all musical theatre students had Wilkes on top of their list when balancing out their options of universities with different levels of performing arts programs.

"When searching schools, I immediately jumped into the big name performance programs, but eventually realized that type of atmosphere that I had always longed for was not right for me," said junior Gianna Chase.

After attending a Wilkes open house in 2014, Chase began to see her potential within the Wilkes program.

"I met some of the students already in the program and realized they were a variety of personalities," Chase said. "No one was like the other, and realizing this, I knew I just had to choose Wilkes."

Students who are intrigued by the arts but ultimately choose a different major are encouraged to participate, as the Division of the Performing Arts provides opportunities for Wilkes students of all majors.

THE190, a class offered every semester for one, two, or three credits, offers students the opportunity to work on theatre productions in a variety of capacities ranging from stage

management to theatre set construction.

Theatre work study is also an option for those interested in gaining experience working backstage, on lights, or on sound and scenery.

Assistant Professor of the Performing Arts Jon Liebetrau feels that Wilkes students form a sturdy knowledge base of the real world aspects of theatre that will benefit them long term.

"Our goal as a theater program is to provide our majors over their four years at Wilkes the tools and experience necessary to succeed in a very competitive professional field," Liebetrau said. "Our majors get extensive training in acting, music, dance, design, directing and technical theater."


While time-consuming, the program requires strong commitment and the willingness to acquire new skill sets out of one's comfort zone. Every student performer or participant will take part in every aspect of production.

"Every student learns how to utilize and be comfortable with power tools, electrics, costuming, paint, and anything else the production calls for because these

are necessary life skills that carry over into real world activities," Chase shared. "One must also be equally open to the idea of commitment which involves being punctual, attentive, and always giving 110% because the reality of this business is that everyone is replaceable."

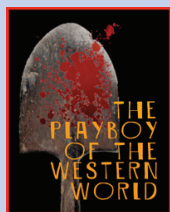
The Division of Performing Arts at Wilkes has not only strengthened students' abilities to sing and act, but to help them become better performers and in turn, better individuals.

"The Wilkes theatre department is a great example of what it will be like to be in the performance industry for the rest of my life," Oliverio stated. "I didn't think it was possible, but I've learned how to love theatre more than I already do."

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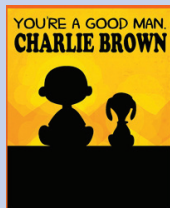
Visit the Beacon online for video coverage of the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center.

2016-2017 Performing Arts Schedule



"The Playboy of the Western World"

Sept. 29, 30, Oct. 1 at 8 p.m.; Oct. 2 at 2 p.m



"You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown"

Feb. 17, 18, 24, 25 at 8 p.m.; Feb. 19, 26 at 2 p.m.

"We Shot JFK"

April 6, 7, 8 at 8 p.m.; April 9 at 2 p.m.



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FOUNDERS

Third annual Founders Gala raises \$360,000 for first generation scholars



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Youstena Zaki speaks at the Third Annual Wilkes University Founders Gala upon receiving the First Generation Scholarship.

By Sarah Bedford
Editor-in-Chief

On June 4, Colonels of the past, future and present gathered with friends and donors at the Westmoreland Club in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. for the third annual Wilkes University Founders Gala.

An evening filled with excitement, the event took place as part of a fundraising effort for the First Generation Scholarship. With the event selling out, the funds raised totaled \$360,000.

This year Youstena Zaki was the student speaker and one of the recipients of the First Generation Scholarship.

Detailing her move from Egypt to the United States, Zaki said her family soon learned that their lives would forever be changed.

"We thought our life would be perfect, like in the movies," she said.

However, that was not the case.

With a language barrier and financial

woes, Zaki knew her future depended on pursuing higher education.

After attending Harrisburg Community College and earning a 4.0 GPA, Zaki applied to Wilkes and found out she had been granted the First Generation Scholarship.

"Blue and gold are definitely my colors," she said, laughing.

Now enrolled in the pharmacy program, Zaki is on track to graduate in 2019.

Garnering cheers from the crowd, Zaki ended her reflection: "Truly God bless America and the alumni support."

The evening continued with the presentation of the President's Medal to Clayton Karambelas, class of 1949 and his wife Theresa.

President Patrick Leahy explained that in determining who the recipients would be for this year, one couple's name continued to come up.

"That couple of course is Theresa and Clayton Karambelas," Leahy said.

During the evening, it was announced

that the Karambelases would become major donors to the new media center for the Communication Studies Department, making the couple the most giving in Wilkes history.

"We're trying to adapt to all of this excitement," Clayton explained.

The couple had deep roots in NEPA as the Karambelases were local business owners and lived near the university campus.

"(It's a) privilege to gift this university a building that's been in our lives since we were newlyweds," he added.

Humbled to receive the recognition, the couple passed the message of encouragement to others to continue to support the university.

"(I hope this) lights a fire in you to pay it forward," Theresa said.

In total, the Founders Gala has raised nearly \$1 million for first generation students.

GALA 2016



(Left): President Leahy awards Clayton and Theresa Karambelas with the President's medal. (Below): Pictured is the Karambelas' President's Medal and concept art of the new Karambelas Media Center at 141 S. Main St.

The Beacon/ Gabby Glinski

At the third annual Wilkes University Founders Gala on June 4, President Patrick Leahy and President's Medal recipients Clayton and Theresa Karambelas announced plans to create the Karambelas Media Center at 141 S. Main St., adjacent to the campus Gateway.

The Karambelas' newest gift to the campus community is the largest in Wilkes history.

Leahy explained that there are few individuals as giving as the couple.

"Wilkes has few friends more loyal than Clayton and Theresa Karambelas," Leahy said. "Their support over the years has provided additions to campus enjoyed by generations of students. With the Karambelas Media Center, they are ensuring that students who participate in classes and in some of our most popular co-curricular activities will have an outstanding educational experience and be well-prepared to enter the job market."

The media center will be housed in the same building as the upgraded Sordoni Art gallery announced the previous academic year.

The 17,726-square-foot media center will house all of the communication studies co-curricular activities. These include WCLH Radio, Wilkes Now television studios, The Beacon student newspaper, the student-run public relations agency Zebra Communications and the speech and debate team.

Communication Studies chair and professor Mark Stine explained that he is most looking forward to "custom-built nature" of the facility to best serve students and the faculty.

"I think the new communications facility is something that has been a long time coming for our department and our students," Stine said. "I think that we're very excited to see



all of the co-curriculars come together in one place where we can create a synergy."

Current communication studies students as well as newly enrolled Colonels have shared similar sentiments.

"The new center gives me a great opportunity to learn and get into the field I want to be in after college," explained incoming freshman Ben Mandell.

Senior communication studies major, Annelise Przywara who serves as the co-chair and account manager of Zebra Communications and director of Wilkes Now explained that she is most looking forward to the collaboration between co-curriculars.

"I think the new Communications Center will be a tremendous asset to the Department of Communication Studies, as well as to future majors and minors," Przywara said. "I'm really looking forward to all co-curricular activities being housed in the same building for the first time, as it will allow for closer collaboration between each. Furthermore, the center will enable

the Department to be better recognized by the campus community."

The facility will include separate offices and work rooms for the student organizations, as well as state-of-the-art television and radio studios, audio room, video editing room, faculty offices and classrooms.

"All of our lives we've been in sales and marketing so it seemed a wonderful dovetail as well as the fact that it's so close to town where Clayton's family had a business for so many years," Theresa explained. "Wilkes has a very special place in our heart so we're happy to be able to do it."

Projects at Wilkes that have been supported by the Karambelases include the Web of Science, one of the world's best scholarly databases. They also supported the Henry Student Center atrium, Dorothy Dickson Darte Center digital marquee, greenway pergola, Cohen Science Center grand staircase, and the new campus gateway.

Clayton and Theresa have served on numerous boards and committees at Wilkes and throughout the community.

Opinion

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Trump vs. Clinton: What could possibly go wrong?

By Mark Makowski
Opinion Co-Editor

Nov. 8, is a date some may relish and others may fear. On this date, voters will select either Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton or Republican nominee Donald Trump.

The two candidates enter the general election scene with sky-high unfavorable numbers. Clinton was under FBI investigation, and Trump seems to utter the most volatile statements. Some say this election will be a blowout, ending with Clinton as the 45th President of the United States. However, I believe that this will be a very close election.

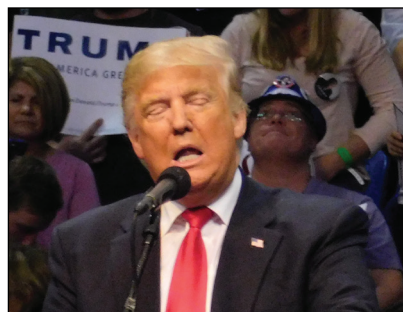
Supporters of Trump will emphasize how the billionaire businessman received more than 13 million votes during the primary season, according to Real Clear Politics. This was the most in any GOP primary election. Critics will say, on the other hand, that Trump received the most votes against him in primary history, which is also true. However, when the primaries began with the Iowa Caucuses on Feb. 1, there were 17 GOP candidates. The Democratic party, on the other hand, had only had three.

Trump describes himself as “the Washington outsider,” a title that contributes to his popularity, as his supporters view him as someone who can clean up Washington and make the federal government a well-oiled machine again. He also touts about his net worth and how he does not need to

take money from Wall Street lobbyists, which is something that his opponent did as a New York Senator and as Secretary of State during the first term of the Obama Administration.

Trump’s business record has its hot and cold stretches as well. He has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy for companies four times over his lifetime. Ironically, Trump repeatedly mentions how the government lets companies get away with this and foots the bill for their mistakes.

Clinton also faces the dilemma over her election history. In September 1999, the Clintons purchased a home in Chappaqua, N.Y. As a resident of New York, Clinton was able to run for office for the upcoming open U.S. Senate seat. Prior to the election, it looked like it would be Clinton against New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, but he dropped out of the race and Clinton faced Rick Lazio, who ended up being no



The Beacon/ Tom Bedford



Submitted Photo

Above: Donald Trump at the April 25 rally at Mohegan Sun Arena.
Below: Ian Valles, Hillary Clinton, Scott Vandine.

match against her.

Clinton easily won her re-election bid in 2006, and it looked like it would be her last term as a senator as she prepared to run for President in 2008. Once 2008 came around, however, Clinton faced the fight of her life facing first-term Illinois Senator Barack Obama. Clinton count not beat the freshman senator.


This election cycle, Clinton looked like the presumptive nominee before the primaries and debates occurred but, once again, she faced several problems on her path to the Democratic nomination. Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders ended up being a thorn in the side of Clinton. He pushed a very strong, very left, progressive agenda.

This made Clinton very uncomfortable, as she had to keep shifting to the left – somewhere that she is not very comfortable with. Free college and free healthcare is something that the progressive wing of the party has pushed

along with Sanders, and now Clinton is somewhat following it. She now emphasizes how she plans to run a progressive agenda, because that is the flavor of the week for the Democratic party.

Hillary Clinton has been criticized for taking a progressive approach that she has never supported in the past. Although this can cause more Independent voters to support Clinton, there can also be a backlash from middle-of-the-road Democrats who disapprove of the direction that the party is heading. Donald Trump also faces criticism from his within his own party, about whether or not he is conservative enough for the Republican Party of 2016. An example of this occurred during the Republican Convention where Texas Senator Ted Cruz decided on primetime television to “vote your conscience.”

As it looks right now, the 2016 election might have one of the lowest turnouts in recent history. I believe that it will be similar to the 2000 election between Al Gore and George W. Bush, which all came down to the state of Florida to decide who was going to win. Whichever candidate becomes the next president, he or she will have to face some of the highest disapproval ratings in history.

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Tentative 2016 presidential and VP, debate schedule

- First presidential debate: Sept. 26, Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y.
- Format: six 15-minute segments selected by the moderator and announced ahead of the debate.
- Vice presidential debate: Oct. 4, at Longwood University in Farmville, Va.
- Format: nine 10-minute segments.
- Second presidential debate: Oct. 9, at Washington University in St. Louis
- Format: town meeting style, half of the questions will come from participants and the other half from the moderator.
- Third presidential debate: Oct. 19, at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- Format: six 15-minute segments.

Schedule from USA Today, updated July 19, 2016.

Even 20 years later, Bulls still the best

By Andre Spruell
Opinion Co-Editor

When it came to the '95-96 Chicago Bulls of the NBA, the team's 72-10 regular season record was deemed unbreakable. That is until this year's Golden State Warriors broke it by going 73-9.

For many NBA fans and analysts alike, that Bulls team from 20 years ago is regarded as the best team in NBA history because along with its then record, the team was also able to win the championship that year. Unlike the Bulls, the Warriors fell one game short of winning a title.

As a result, I believe the '96 Bulls are still the best team in NBA history. Although this year's Warriors team broke the "unbreakable" record of 72 wins in the regular season, at the end of the day, the team did not win the title.

When it comes to sports, winning championships is what creates the legacy for teams and individual players alike, because winning a title is the highest accolade a team can achieve. Since this is the nature of sports, the Warriors will be defined as the typical, "Yeah, but..." kind of team, similar to the New England Patriots of the NFL in 2007 who went undefeated but lost to the New York Giants in Super Bowl XLII.

The Warriors also had a legitimate shot to win the title. Before reaching the Finals,

the Warriors overcame a 3-1 deficit to the Oklahoma City Thunder in the Western Conference Finals to win the series 4-3.

In the Finals, the Warriors were up 3-1 to the Cleveland Cavaliers led by LeBron James, and like the Thunder in the previous series, the Warriors blew their lead, and ultimately lost the series and a title a year after winning it.

Despite having a 20-year difference, there are some striking similarities between the two teams, one of them being that the Warriors head coach, Steve Kerr, played on that famous Bulls team. Another similarity is the players, especially each team's star players.

On the Bulls, their star player was without a doubt the most polarizing figure in NBA history and is still regarded as the best to ever play the game of basketball, and that is Michael Jordan. Over his career, Jordan averaged 30.1 points per game, 6.2 rebounds per game, and 5.3 assists per game, which got him elected into the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame in 2009.

Hoping to have a similar career and future is Stephen Curry, the Warriors star player, has become a household name in the NBA. The reigning two-time MVP is known for his exquisite ball handling and being able to knock down a barrage of three pointers, on a consistent basis, a combination never seen before.


Despite having multiple ankle issues in the beginning of his NBA career, Curry has bounced back in a big way this season by averaging 30.1 points per game, 6.7 assists per game, and 5.4 rebounds per game, numbers similar to Jordan. Also, Curry made 402 three pointers, breaking his own NBA record of 290 threes last year.

Like Jordan, Curry has a signature shoe with Under Armour and is one of the highest grossing signature player shoes among current NBA players. Aside from his stellar play, Curry gained a lot of popularity because of his underdog story of only being recruited by one Division 1 school, facing criticism because his father, Dell Curry, was a former NBA player, also because his wife, Ayesha Curry and his children are seen as "relationship goals" in the eyes of many people.

Even though the '96 Bulls are still the best team in NBA history in my opinion, I would put the Warriors second. Although they were not able to notch a title, what the Warriors accomplished this year cannot be undermined. Their NBA record of 73 wins in the regular season will stand up for a long time.

What really amazes me about the '16 Warriors, is how they are changing the game. By playing an undersized starting five and relying heavily on three point shots. Despite

that, they will still go down as arguably the second best team in NBA history, while the '96 Bulls still sit atop as the best team in NBA history. Who knows, when and who the next team will be to accomplish this feat.

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Potent Thoughts

Multiculturalism and respecting patient values in healthcare



By Elizabeth Bracco, P4 student

You're a healthcare provider, and you're making your way through each room to see each patient. You come across a new folder on the door for a new patient of yours. You read the first and last name and the reason why the patient is seeing you today. What's the first thought that comes to your head? It should be how to care for your patient, not

a preconceived notion of their religion, race, or ethnicity. However, many patients fear the latter and are worried that their healthcare provider will judge them.

We must identify and respect patients' values such as religion and spirituality in order to properly care for them. For example, a patient's religion may prohibit them from receiving blood transfusions or consuming gelatin, which can be found in various prescription medications. They may also be hesitant to try certain medications based on their religious beliefs.

In any given community, income and education levels can drastically vary between individuals leading to gaps in care between economic classes. We should be mindful of insurance coverage or lack thereof, deductibles, and co-pays because if they are too burdensome for patients, they may not be able to afford the necessary care. When communicating with patients or giving

them reading materials, documents should be on a third grade reading level for ease of comprehension. Another effective way to communicate with patients is by using the teach-back method to ensure understanding.

Additionally, gender and sexuality disparities exist in America today. Both men and women have proven themselves to be intelligent leaders, yet sexism still exists, especially in the elderly population. For instance, there are some elderly patients who will only be seen by male physicians. Gaining one's trust by informed decisions will help to overcome this boundary.

As we turn the tables on this issue, healthcare providers should be mindful of their patients to regard them with their chosen identity. If you are unsure, ask them. Most patients would much rather you ask rather than call them the wrong name. Sexuality should only be asked about when necessary to appropriately care for the

patient and should be asked by using gender-neutral nouns, such as "partner."

No patient deserves to feel belittled or uncomfortable around his or her healthcare provider, yet these situations still continue to happen every day. The chain of events is inevitable: patients become uncomfortable around their physician so they not visit them regularly, they will miss prescription refills, have their health suffer, and ultimately, their overall well-being will decline.

As healthcare professionals, it is crucial for us to be cognizant of cultural differences to serve our patients in the best way possible. We must treat our patients as such and not as just a number. We must allow patients to become part of the conversation of their care, for then they will be more apt to follow through with their regimens.

We are the future of healthcare. It is up to us to give patients the respect and care they deserve.

Sports

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Men's lacrosse team enters its second year

By Danny VanBrunt
Sports Co-Editor

Wilkes University restarted its lacrosse program last year after several decades. The team went 0-15 after its first season back since the 1970s.

"I really enjoyed my first year in the program and am very excited to get back at it for this upcoming year," said junior mid-fielder Jeremy Kachel.

Players for the men's team knew from the beginning of the season that they entered an incredibly competitive conference. In a preseason poll, Wilkes was ranked the last team out of eight teams in the MAC.

This was likely because Wilkes had no prior stats to be judged from, as well as very little time to recruit players with the program only in its first year.

Wilkes lacrosse became a championship team in 1975 and had nationally ranked players.

"In just five short years the Wilkes College lacrosse program has spawned from a nonentity to one of the most thriving college division operations on the east coast," said

an article from 1974 found on the team's instagram page, @Wilkeslacrosse.

The success found on the Wilkes team decades ago can bring some motivation to the players of today. A quote from 1974 shows how the championship team started from the bottom. That relates to this first season. The team hopes to have a breakthrough year, where any win can excite and rally the team for more.

"I thought this season went very well. Even though we weren't fortunate enough to come up with a win, we grew more than any other team in the league.

"If you look at our stats as the season went on, our numbers went up and we kept breaking our own records.

"The last game of the season was the best game we played by far," said junior defender James Copley.

The lacrosse team hopes to carry over that momentum into its next season. Copley has surrendered a lot to be a part of this team.

"I personally joined the team after having to drop AF ROTC. I joined the team very late in the preseason and worried about how long it would take to join the family. We became a huge family right off the bat.



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Midfielder Jeremy Kachel is looking forward to this coming season.

"The family aspect is biggest thing I missed about ROTC. However, we have become brothers through the hardship, blood, sweat

and tears. It's really corny but extremely true," Copley said.

Sports recap: Spring season full of ups and downs for teams

By Taylor Ryan
Sports Co-Editor

This spring season, there were eight teams competing and representing Wilkes University in the MAC Freedom Conference. The spring sports include women's golf, men's golf, women's lacrosse, men's lacrosse, baseball, softball, women's tennis and men's tennis.

The MAC Sportsmanship team recognizes student-athletes who demonstrate the act of sportsmanship on and off the field. Each athlete is selected to the MAC sportsmanship team by their respective coach.

The following athletes were named to the MAC Sportsmanship team; Joshua Slocum (baseball), Alex Anderson (men's golf), Kate Mahoney (women's golf), Glenn Weist (men's lacrosse), Tabitha Gravius (women's lacrosse), Sarah Birchmeier (softball), Michael Kranz (men's tennis) and Madison Salmon (women's tennis).

Women's lacrosse, women's tennis and men's tennis went to the Freedom

Conference tournament.

Women's lacrosse was able to finish 4-2 in the conference and 12-5 overall. The team then continued its season and competed in the Freedom Conference tournament as the #3 seed. The team fell to Misericordia in the semi-final round.

"The season was successful. We were hoping to get back to the championships but we fell short in the semifinals. I don't think there is anything we would have done differently except to find our consistency a little earlier on in the season," said Coach Kammie Towey, who is the head coach of the Lady Colonels.

Men's and women's tennis had record-breaking seasons. The men's team finished with a school record of 23 wins, finishing 23-3 overall. The women's team finished with a school record of 21 wins and finished 21-3 overall.

The women's team has held the MAC Freedom champion title since 2007, and each year made NCAA Tournament appearances.

The men's team has had the MAC Freedom championship title since 2008, and NCAA Tournament appearances each year. This year, both teams advanced to the 2nd round of the NCAA tournament.

"Both my men's and women's tennis teams had record-breaking years. We also swept the major conference awards. I am excited about the potential of next year's squad," said Christopher Leicht, head coach of men's and women's tennis.

"We lost a total of four seniors, and they will be hard to replace. We do have a very large senior class next year, which is great," he continued.

During its second season, the women's golf team finished with just under a .500 record, winning 3 of 7 matches.

"This was a success for our young team. Our team is still in the growing stages and so I anticipate that we will continue to be competitive in our matches," said Head Coach Beth Spencer.


The baseball team finished 18-21 overall,

and 7-14 in the conference. The team only graduated four seniors this past season, giving them a strong start with experience next year.

"We had the opportunity to see what a lot of our young talent can do. I think this next season will be about cleaning up some of the small details that make good teams great," said Head Coach Nate Ramsey.

The women's softball team finished with an overall record of 13-23, and a conference record of 3-11. The team did not graduate any seniors this past season, and will be able to come back this year with a lot of leadership and experience on the team.

"This team now has one full year under our belts with the new coach. We look forward to welcoming a new freshman class as reinforcements next season in effort improve record for next year" said utility player Tea Heister.

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Spring Commencement: A farewell to Colonels

By Alyssa Mursch
News Editor

Wilkes University bid farewell to a total of 715 students at its 69th Annual Spring Commencement Ceremony on May 21.

Among the 715 graduates, six awards were presented as well as an additional two students specially recognized.

Anthony Fanucci, received the Alumni Leadership Award, which is given to the student who has contributed the most to the Wilkes student life and activities program. Troy Carey, received the Teresa Jordan and Frank Mahm Prize, which is given to the student "who most nearly represents the ideal respecting moral courage, unselfishness, and noteworthy extracurricular participation significantly advancing the university on and off campus."

Three students received the Mabel Scott Wandell Award and Sterling Leroy Wandell Award. The awards are given to the man and woman with the highest GPA. This year, Sydney Schafer graduated with a perfect 4.0 average. Donachatch Kiangsiri and Zachary Sullivan, tied with a 3.98.

Finally, pharmacy students Kelly Kempa and James Steigerwalt, were recognized for

earning 4.0 averages during their first four years at Wilkes.

Ty Frederickson spoke on behalf of students receiving graduate degrees, and Anthony Fanucci spoke on behalf of those receiving bachelor's degrees.

Frederickson is among the first doctoral graduates from ABA, which is an international school in Muscat, Oman. Fanucci received his bachelor of science degree and is continuing his schooling toward a doctor of pharmacy degree at Wilkes. He also served as Student Government president.

The ceremonies were held at the Arnaud C. Marts Sports and Conference Center on Wilkes University's campus.

Speakers included acting deputy secretary of postsecondary and higher education at the Pennsylvania Department of Education Wil Del Pilar, as well as President Patrick F. Leahy.

"Two ceremonies, 715 graduates, thousands of family members, bagpipes, parades and street celebrations after," described Vice President of Student Affairs Paul Adams. "There is no better day in our academic year."


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The newest alumni of Wilkes University applaud as the 2016 Spring Commencement concludes. In total, 715 students graduated during the ceremonies.



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