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## Beacon Briefs

### Adventures in Reading Program to Begin on Feb. 18

The Wilkes University School of Education is sponsoring Adventures in Reading, an after-school reading program for children in grades Pre-K through five. Teacher Education candidates will present innovative learning opportunities across the content areas with a focus on vocabulary and comprehension enrichment. The series of seven sessions, which is free of charge, begins on Wed. Feb. 18 from 4 to 5 p.m. on the second floor of Breiseth Hall. Contact Dr. Diane Polachek at [diane.polachek@wilkes.edu](mailto:diane.polachek@wilkes.edu) for more information and registration forms.

### Graduate School Testing Strategies Seminar

Join Kerri Quick, expert on graduate school testing from Kaptest.com, in Career Services' CAR 198 class on Feb. 4 from 12 to 12:50 p.m. in SLC 380. Learn the latest about a variety of examinations for Graduate & Professional Schools. Walk-ins welcome.

### Off Campus Federal Work Study Positions Available

The Civic Engagement Office has several off-campus federal work study positions available at local non-profit agencies. Please contact Megan Valkenburg at [megan.boone@wilkes.edu](mailto:megan.boone@wilkes.edu) for more information.

### SWB RailRiders Tickets Fundraiser for Cheerleading

The Wilkes University cheerleaders are selling field-level reserved tickets for the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders baseball game on April 11 at 4:05pm. This is a "Giveaway Game," so the first 2,500 fans into the stadium will receive a free giveaway item. The shuttles have been reserved and seats will be saved on a first-come, first-serve basis! All faculty, staff, students, and community members are welcome to join us for this trip. Ticket orders will be taken every Tuesday and Thursday in the Henry Student Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., by contacting any cheerleader or Coach Jessica Short at [jessica.short@wilkes.edu](mailto:jessica.short@wilkes.edu).

### Blood Drive

There will be a blood drive on February 5 from 10:00 am-4:00 pm in the Henry Student Center Lounge. Please register at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and use sponsor code WILKESU.

### Alumni Association Scholarship

Do you have a parent or grandparent who graduated from Wilkes? If so, you may qualify for the Alumni Scholarship. Deadline is Feb. 27.

## SG notes: funds approved; Vagina Monologues, PBL/FBLA

By Taylor Ryan  
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, Wilkes University's Student Government held their weekly meeting.

Last week the Vagina monologues representative Jen Magnotta had requested \$1,000 to allow up to 200 students free admission to the presentation of the Vagina Monologues. This motion was passed by Student Government and the money was allotted to The Vagina Monologues.

Another follow up on last week's meeting, PBLA asked for \$2,000 to fund 25 students to attend The State Leadership Conference in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. It was motioned and passed that Student Government will fund \$85 dollars per person, for up to 25 members of PBLA to attend this conference.

Some new business that was proposed: the Adventures in Science Organization has requested \$2,500 to fund their annual event. This event consists of usually about

200 fifth graders and 175 Wilkes University undergrad volunteers from various majors. The fifth graders are brought to campus free of charge for the school district, and gives these students the opportunity to have hands-on lab experience. This funding would cover lab supplies, t-shirts and goggles for the students. The event has continually grown to include more fifth grader participants and the group is hoping to be able to expand to other school districts. Student Government will cast their final vote in next meeting.

There was a member of the month nomination and winner named in this week: Kara Serfass, chosen for her hard work this past semester.

The council reviewed the Treasurer's report. The current budget is as follows: All college: \$47,086.73, General Funds: \$11,056.20, Conference: \$5,000 and Spirit: \$2,000, for a total of: \$65,142.57.



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# Arbeit Macht Frei: Seventy Years after Auschwitz

By Pat Walther  
Assistant News Editor

Giuliana Tedeschi, a survivor of the Holocaust, once said, "There is a place on earth that is a vast desolate wilderness, a place populated by shadows of the dead in their multitudes, a place where the living are dead, where only death, hate and pain exist."

The word 'holocaust' is Greek in origin. It comes from 'holos' meaning 'whole,' and 'kaustos' meaning 'burned.'

To say that people think of Greece when reading the word holocaust is a stretch.

It's more likely that the reader's minds go back to the first time they saw the grainy black and white images taken in the aftermath of the carnage.

Bodies in piles. Walking skeletons. Human ashes. Barbed wire. Blood. Bones.

It has been 70 years since the liberation of Auschwitz, the largest Nazi concentration camp used during WWII.

Seventy years later and the ghosts of Auschwitz still haunt the public memory.

Dr. Jonathan Kuiken, Assistant Professor of History at Wilkes University, sheds some light onto where it all started.

"The final solution,' we call it, this mass extermination of Jews, really takes place in 1942, that's when Auschwitz expanded from being basically a labor camp and a camp for political prisoners into the death camp we know it as now."

Kuiken adds, "They build a second part of Auschwitz, known as Auschwitz-Birkenau, in 1942. This is the Auschwitz of our collective memory, you know, the gas chambers, the crematoria, all of that."

By the time Auschwitz would finally be found and liberated by Soviet troops on January 27, 1945, an estimated 1.1 million people were murdered on its grounds, though it is virtually impossible to get the real number of victims.

The Soviets, upon discovering Auschwitz, sent word back to their commanders that "it was hard to tell the living from the dead." Similar reports came from American soldiers who liberated the concentration camp Dachau, with their first communication reading, "The dead are up and walking

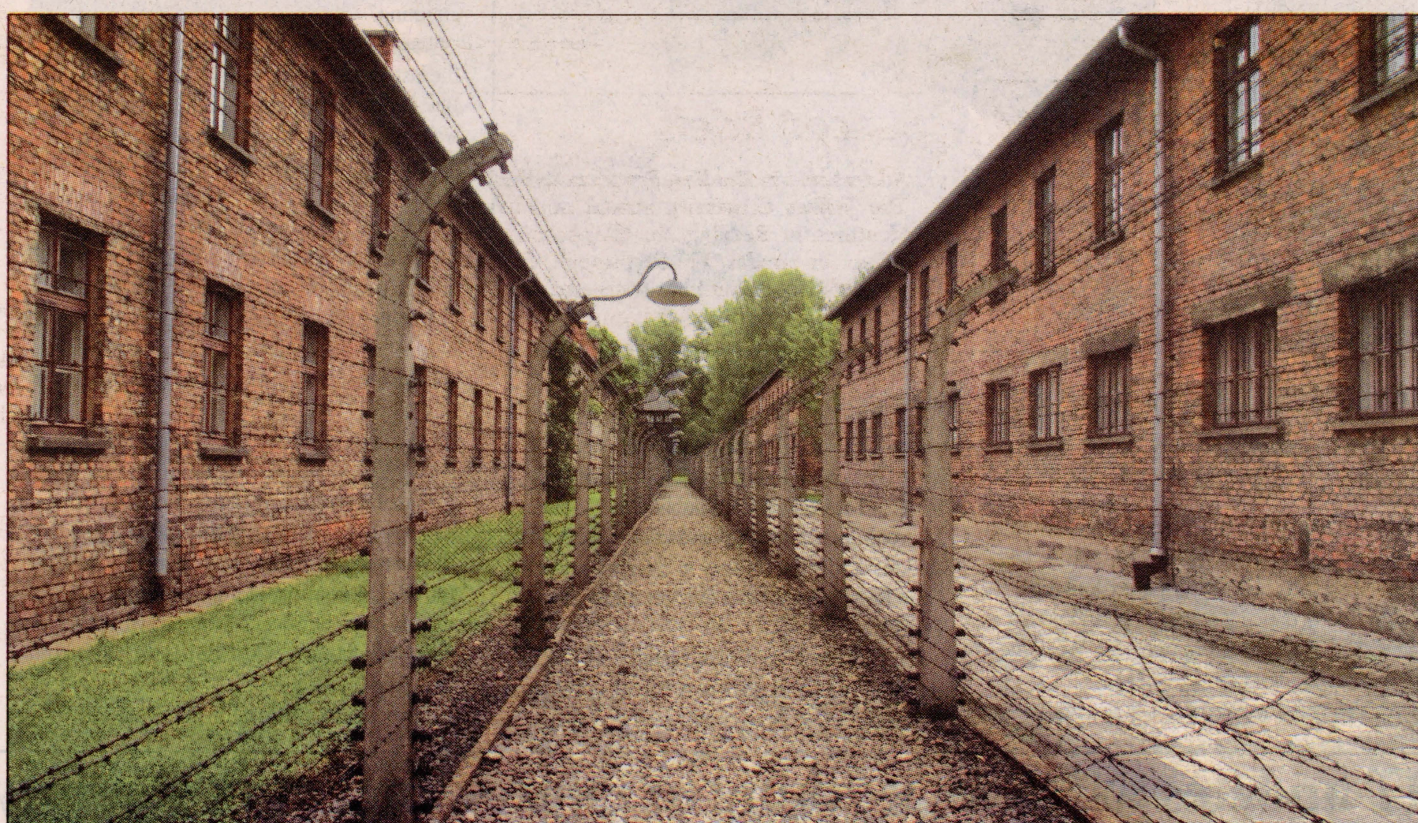


Photo by Janos Korom

Arbeit macht frei, German for "work makes you free," was the slogan used in concentration camps in Hitler's Germany.

around."

The Holocaust does not end at Auschwitz. Though one out of six Jews murdered in the Holocaust died there, one must remember there were five other extermination camps, an additional 17 major camps and about 1,500 satellite camps. 6 million people were killed because of their religion, who they loved, their political beliefs, the geographic region from which they came or just because they were there.

The Holocaust does not end at European borders. Fred Morgan Kirby, the namesake of Kirby Hall and the F.M. Kirby Center, had a grandson that died in the Dachau concentration camp. Sumner Moore Kirby was arrested in France on D-Day, June 6, 1944, under suspicion of being an American spy, and was executed hours before Dachau was liberated by American soldiers. The effects of the holocaust are global.

The Holocaust does not end seventy years after the camps were liberated. Anti-Semitism is at some of the highest rates they've been since the end of WWII, specifically in Europe.

Kuiken explains, "There's growing Anti-Semitism all across Europe - radical right wing parties with thinly veiled Neo-Nazi and Anti-Semitic ideologies are polling in the high single digits and low double digits in many European countries. In fact, members of what I'd consider a Neo-Nazi party won membership into the Greek parliament just last week."

The Holocaust does not end for those who lived through it. An estimated 195,000 survivors are still alive today. All still carry the memories of the camps with them, along with the slogan implemented by the Nazi regime that were prevalent in every concentration camp - ARBEIT MACHT FREI, meaning "Work makes you free."

"The people who lived through the Holocaust - this event, the 70th anniversary, is likely to be the last event that the survivors will be at," Kuiken states. "They're all in their 80s and 90s now, so as these people start to die it's going to be incumbent upon us to keep this memory alive because they won't be there to remind us."

Kuiken further adds, "Education about

it is going to become increasingly important, so that the lessons from this don't get lost upon us, so that we don't resort back to hatred or singling out minorities or going back to this sort of persecution ever again."

Music has always been a tool to promote hope. In concentration camps, the persecuted would often sing songs from their homelands to remind others that somewhere out there, the life they once knew was waiting for them.

Zbigniew Koczanowicz wrote a song while confined in a concentration camp. Known as "the Camp Song," its meaning echoes through to this very day:

"The words of this song are stained with our blood,

Within them are sorrow and grief,

Yet your camp song will carry beyond these barbed wires

To a distant place unknown to you."



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## WCLH nominated for Intercollegiate Broadcasting Awards



Courtesy of WCLH website

Microphone used by the DJs of WCLH, Wilkes' radio station.

By Pat Walther  
Assistant News Editor

There is nothing conventional about this radio station.

Eric Casey sits behind a complex-looking sound-board, dancing crazily to a band with a name that's nearly unpronounceable. Welcome to Wilkes' own radio station, WCLH.

WCLH, with the help of Casey and his

colleagues, is in the running to win a few awards from the Intercollegiate Broadcasting System. These awards are dubbed the "Golden Microphones" and are awarded to college radio stations across the country in categories ranging from Best Radio Drama to Most Innovative Program.

Rasha Shaker, the host of Metal Mondays, explains the significance of it: "To be nominated for awards after about maybe twelve years is a big

deal. It's been a pretty long time since we've done anything."

Casey agrees with Shaker's analysis. "I think the last award we won was around 2001. For Best Promo series, which we're nominated for, we're going against WSFX [Luzerne County Community College's station], and they've won that three years in a row. It's serious competition."

WCLH is currently one of the finalists for three awards. Best Promo Series, in which Shaker, Casey and Shaun Pierre, are jointly nominated; Best Liner, which Alyssa Stencavage is nominated for; and Best Radio Drama for "Halloween Shenanigans," a show put together by Casey.

"Even if we don't win, we still get bragging rights," Casey laughs.

Shaker, a senior communication studies major, is happy to have accomplished what she did.

"It was my goal before I leave here to at least get WCLH nominated, and I've done that. We already have the Silver Mic award which is given to finalists that have reached the top ten percent, so we did pretty good."

Casey, a senior communication studies

major and the host of Indie Flavours, states that he would be interested in working in radio post-graduation, or else write music reviews for individual publishers.

Casey addresses the stigma of working in radio: "As long as I make enough money to buy fine wine and Cheez-Its, I am all about that life."

Both Shaker and Casey noted that WCLH is always looking for new members to join, and that no prior experience is necessary.

Catch Indie Flavour on Wednesdays from 3-6 pm and Metal Monday all-day on Monday on 90.7 FM.

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*Editor's Note: In the interest of full disclosure, both Rasha Shaker and Eric Casey have an affiliation with the Beacon.*

## IT updates wireless; working to improve network stability, increase access

By Sarah Bedford  
News Editor

The past six months have been filled with changes within Wilkes University's IT department.

The department, which had been outsourced to another company for approximately 10 years, was brought back in house this past July, and according to Dean John Stachacz of the library and IT, there were many issues needing resolution.

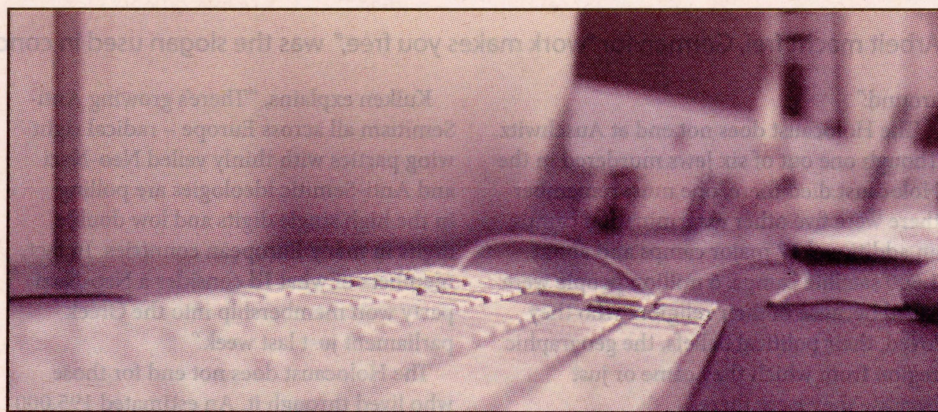
To combat these damages, the department hired 13 new employees, including John Carlin, Director of Network/Tech Infrast, who is directly working on improving the wireless network.

Due to the gaps in the old system, the first issue to be handled was improving security.

To do so, a password to access the guest wireless network was added a year ago. The department then encouraged students and faculty to use the regular Wilkes network connection and the guest network was limited in access.

"It wasn't reactive, it was proactive in protecting ourselves from potential problems," Stachacz said.

Carlin explained that the issue with the system also had to do with the amount of access points, which determine how many devices can efficiently connect to the network.



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IT will continue to improve the overall wireless system campus wide.

"With the wireless on campus... there are a lot of areas that had weak or inconsistent coverage," Carlin said.

One such example includes the wifi connections in University Towers, which has limited access points. Due to limited resources, Towers has yet to be updated, but it is on the list.

Other residence halls have been upgraded however, such as Roth, Schiowitz, Sturdevant, Pierce and Evans Halls.

Carlin explained that they had to come up with a plan to continue working on the dorms.

"We didn't have enough time. It's a lot of pulling cable in dorm rooms to hang access points."

As the department continues to work on these updates, they must work within the resources available within their current budget.

Stachacz explained that they use "out of the box thinking to enhance our capabilities on this campus."

Along with the updates to the residents halls wireless network, more access points have been added to the library and the SUB which will possibly be receiving six more

access points in the future.

"Students are coming in with more devices and needs for wireless than they were 5 years ago," Stachacz said.

To determine which buildings take priority, they explained that as new buildings emerge on campus, they become first to be upgraded with the residence halls. From that point, the rest of campus is a case by case basis.

Carlin explained, "we know it's an issue, and it's on the list." Depending on finances, if they have extra money, they upgrade as best as they can.

"It's not a complete solution but it improves the experience," said Carlin.

The older buildings on campus pose their own issues as there are limitations on what types of renovations can be done as the buildings are intended to keep their antiqued appearance.

For now, the upgrades will continue gradually as the department seeks out grants and external resources.

Stachacz seems confident that within the next few years, these upgrades will be complete as the department itself continues to improve.

"We know we're not perfect and have a long way to go but we're on the right track."

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# Profile of a Professor: Del Lucent on physics, life

By Jennifer Baron  
Staff Writer

Dr. Del Lucent has a resume that goes far beyond the realm of "impressive." From graduating Magna Cum Laude from Wilkes, receiving his doctorate from Stanford University, and conducting research in Melbourne, Australia, Wilkes was very fortunate when he decided to return and share his knowledge and experiences with undergraduates.

Originally from Pittston, Pennsylvania, he graduated from Pittston Area and was a first generation college student. He said that both of his parents were "blue collar" people, as well as his grandparents.

Early on in his education, Lucent expressed a desire in becoming a doctor and his father encouraged him. As a result, he came to Wilkes because there was a program, called the Guthrie Pre-Medical Scholars Program, which allowed for early admittance into medical school. He was not accepted into the program, but he decided to stay at Wilkes.

At the same time, Lucent also really liked physics, but it was not an option for him at Wilkes. So, he thought that if he majored in biology, he would be able to get a second chance at being admitted into the Guthrie Program. Eventually, Lucent decided to study both physics and biology.

He spent 5 years at Wilkes studying, performing research every summer and almost every semester and serving as a TA each semester. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Physics and a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology in 2003.

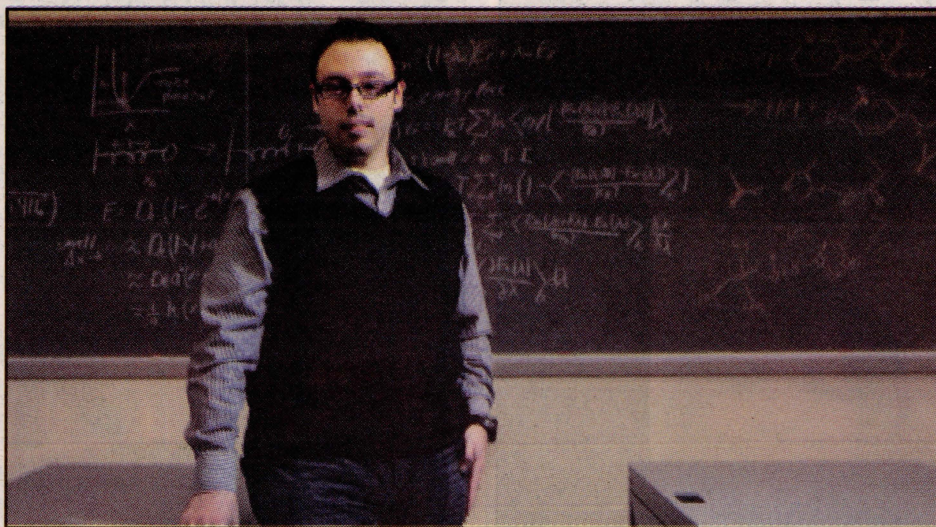


Photo Courtesy Lisa Reynolds

To read more about Dr. Del Lucent's research, visit [www.lucentlab.com](http://www.lucentlab.com).

After graduating, Lucent took a year off to work for his father, who was a wine maker in New Jersey, and study for his GRE Subject Tests.

In 2004, Lucent went to Stanford University where he earned his PhD in Biophysics. His initial plan was to go to Stanford to study X-ray Crystallography, which is examining proteins in detail by getting them to freeze into a crystal and then shooting high intensity x-rays at the crystals with a particle accelerator. By doing this, the three dimensional shape of the protein is able to be determined.

Lucent says this has been the most significant project in his career so far.

Since Lucent was at the forefront of this at

Stanford, he is able to bring it to Wilkes so students can work on a high profile project that only a select few are able to do.

While living in Australia after he graduated, Lucent took his career in a slightly different direction. Instead of strictly doing biophysics, he wanted to be a bioengineer.

This was because at Stanford Lucent studied the physics behind how molecules in our bodies take shape. He wanted to apply what he learned to build custom molecules that could solve problems. Specifically, he wanted to construct enzymes that had the ability to clean up the environment and help with the energy crisis facing the world today. Lucent really enjoyed his life in Australia,

but there was something that brought him back to teach at Wilkes. He said one of the most difficult things for him was the distance. To come home required thousands of dollars and an 18-hour plane ride.

Finally, the opportunity to teach at Wilkes came along and he seized it.

"Wilkes was special enough to give me the things that I needed to make a good career for myself," Lucent said. "I really felt it would be a life well lived or worth my time, now that I've done these cool things, to come back and help other people have the same opportunities that I've had."

As far as Lucent's inspiration for his career goes, much of it was intrinsic interest. He had an interest in wanting to really know how the world works, which is what he feels all physicists share. His interest in biology came from wanting to know what makes us up and how the things learned in physics create such extraordinary, biological thing. When it comes to people who inspired him, Lucent said, "The people that really shaped me the most are my father and my grandfather because they pushed me to do more with my life. And the person that really made me realize that the best thing for me was to be a scientist was Dr. William Terzaghi."

Lucent has an outlook on life that can really benefit people to hear. He stated, "My philosophy has always been to cast a wide net. The problem is that casting a wide net requires more work, but it's always worth it."

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## Supreme court to review case, same-sex marriage rulings

By Gabby Glinski  
News Photographer

Recently, the Supreme Court announced it will be reviewing the case upholding bans on same-sex marriage.

The Supreme Court will decide whether same-sex couples will have the right to marry everywhere in America under the Constitution or whether states are free to limit wedlock to its traditional definition as a union only between a man and a woman. The court will be reviewing cases concerning the bans on gay marriage in Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee.

"We are thrilled the court will finally decide this issue," said James Esseks, director of the ACLU Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender & HIV Project. "The country is ready for a national solution that treats lesbian and gay couples fairly."

The issue of marriage equality was considered by the Supreme Court in 2013, but the court chose not to take the case. However, the decision not to take the case made way for lower court rulings across the country in favor of marriage equality. This decision in 2013 made the number of states allowing same-sex marriage jump from 12 to 36 as of 2015.

Dr. Helen Davis, professor of English at Wilkes and advisor of the Gay-Straight Alliance, has a positive outlook on the Supreme Court ruling. She did state, however, that certain conditions should be amended following the potential ruling.

"In many states, including Pennsylvania, same sex couples can marry but two same sex parents cannot be listed on a birth certificate as parents. Instead, the non-birth parent has to go through the long, expensive process of legally adopting their child."

Those on both sides of the issue agreed that the time had come for the Supreme Court to step in and settle the issue.

"I think it's probably going to be a relief, because if the Supreme Court makes a final determination — and goodness knows, nobody can guess what the Supremes are going to do — then it's off the table," said Shawn Steel of the Republican committeeman from California.

The cases will be argued in April, and a decision is expected by late June.



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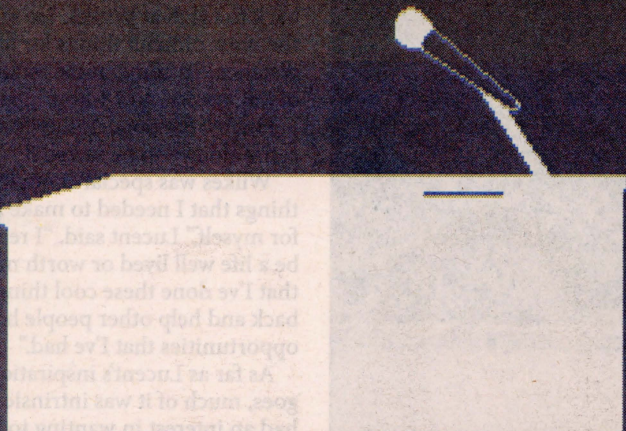


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Supreme Court review of same-sex marriage bans at a federal level has individuals hopeful for the future of marriage equality.



## Wilkes University Lecture Series



**Allan Hamilton Dickson Spring Writers Series:**  
Phil Klay  
Feb. 10, 7 p.m. Henry Student Center Ballroom

**Drs. Robert S. and Judith A. Gardner Educational Forum Series:**  
Rachel Barton and Jill Carrick  
Feb. 19, 4:30 to 6 p.m. Arnaud C. Marts Center, Room 214

**Allan P. Kirby Lecture Series:**  
Cynthia Montgomery  
April 16, 7 p.m. Arnaud C. Marts Center Gymnasium

**Max Rosenn Lecture Series in Law and Humanities:**  
Brian Greene  
April 26, 7:30 p.m. Dorothy Dickson Darte Center

Complete list of lecture series available at <http://www.wilkes.edu/about-wilkes/wilkes-university-lecture-series/>

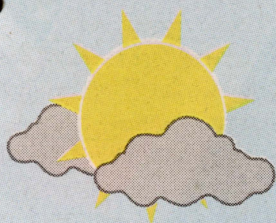


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On Jan. 29, students, faculty, staff and loved ones of Edward "Eddie" Elgonitis gathered in the Henry Student Center Ballroom in memorial of the late Elgonitis. Attendees reflected on his life and President Patrick Leahy, pictured above, announced that the mailroom which Elgonitis returned to work in after retirement, will be renamed the Eddie R. Elgonitis, Sr. Mailroom.

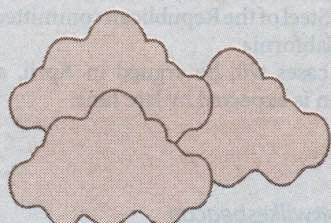
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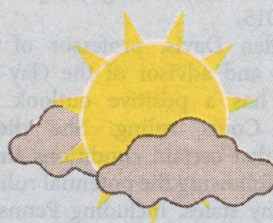
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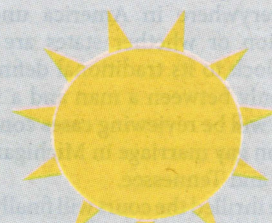
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Forecast as of Jan. 30 taken from weather.com



# Life, Arts & Entertainment

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## Public Safety welcomes new officers, added experience

By Justin Topa  
Life, A&E Assistant Editor

The Department of Public Safety at Wilkes University hired four new officers since last semester who bring additional skills, experience levels and passion for protecting the students on campus.

Since December, Public Safety has hired officers Steven Bigus, Michael O'Donnell, Tori Harrison and William Dubiak. Director of Public Safety Christopher Jagoe said the department is "real proud to have these officers on board" and looks forward to having them meet the community.

Harrison, who has been a police officer since 2012, said she was eager to work in a community-like environment in which she feels she can help people rather than the experiences of a traditional city police setting.

"I like to be able to get to know who I am dealing with," said Harrison. "It's close-knit here and I feel like this department is much more of a team."

Bigus, a retired police officer for the Wilkes-Barre police force, was already very familiar with the campus community before being hired at Wilkes. While assisting public safety with training, he saw a transition within the department and wanted to be a part of it.

Bigus said he is pleased with how

welcoming the faculty, staff and students have been during his first weeks at Wilkes University.

"For the first week or so, you think it's just because you're the new people on campus," said Bigus. "Every day, though, you're meeting new people and everyone has continued to be so wonderful. I really look forward to coming into work."

Harrison, who is also the mother of a 17-year-old son, cautions students to think before they act.

"I get wanting to go out and socialize, but the most important thing right now is getting the grades and experience needed to get you through the rest of your lives," said Harrison. "One bad decision can affect everything and you really need to think about it first."

Harrison and Bigus both agree that the biggest challenge they have faced thus far has been dealing with the weather while on duty.

Jagoe said hiring the four new officers is only one phase in the revamping of public safety. He expressed his gratitude to President Leahy and the administration of Wilkes University for their continued dedication to the safety and well-being of all those on campus.

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Courtesy of Christopher Jagoe, director of public safety

Officers Tori Harrison and Steven Bigus were both hired by Wilkes' Public Safety Department in December. The department also hired Officers Michael O'Donnell and William Dubiak who are absent from the photo above.

## Four New Officers Add to the Department's Experience

### Officer Tori Harrison

- Police officer since 2012
- Graduate of LCCC Police Academy, Act 235 certified
- Previously employed as a sergeant for Northumberland County Prison as well as the White Haven, Millville and Salem police departments
- Certifications include CPR and First Aid, Expandable Baton, Conflict Resolution, Radar and Taser, among others

### Officer Michael O'Donnell

- 15 years experience as a police officer
- Previously employed as a part-time police officer for the departments of Pringle, Larksville, Plymouth and Luzerne as well as serving as a security officer for the Geisinger Health System
- Certifications include restricted housing unit, defensive tactics, basic water rescue and HAZMAT materials, among others

### Officer William Dubiak

- Former Sergeant in the United States Marine Corp
- Prior police experience in the departments of Hughestown, Avoca, Duryea and the Lackawanna County Sheriff's Office
- Trained in gang awareness, identification and prevention, anti-terrorism, weapons of mass destruction, active shooter and workplace violence, among others

### Officer Steven Bigus

- Holds degree in Criminal Justice, Act 235 and Act 120 certified
- Prior experience with the Wilkes-Barre and Luzerne Borough police departments
- Certified in Lethal Weapons training and instructing, PA State Police and Dept. of Homeland Security Firearms instructing and is certified to instruct defensive tactics, among others
- Extensive experience in security



## Abstract paintings from Dale Threlkeld on display at Wilkes



The Beacon/ Rebecca Voorhees

Dale Threlkeld's art exhibit entitle "End of Illusion" will be on display in the Sordoni Art Gallery until May 17.



The Beacon/ Rebecca Voorhees

Shown above is Threlkeld's "End of Illusion, 2012, oil on canvas, 77 x 133 inches" piece.



The Beacon/ Rebecca Voorhees

Shown above is Threlkeld's "Seance (detail), 2012, oil on canvas, 68 x 88 inches" piece.



The Beacon/ Rebecca Voorhees

The Sordoni Art Gallery is open Tuesday through Sunday from noon to 4:30 p.m.



# Danny Lykens; student, engineer, artist and adventurer

By Sarah Bedford  
News Editor

A trailblazer in his own right, Danny Lykens is taking his passions and making the most out of his final year in college.

Senior electrical and mechanical engineering student, Lykens does much more than just attend class. A Reading, Pa. native, Lykens has an artistic side, having minors in integrative media, computer engineering and physics which he has combined to create a business and art.

Last week, The Beacon ran a story about Lykens' start-up company. Lykens met the students that would become his coworkers while spending a semester at Wilkes' Mesa, Ariz. campus.

The semester away started as a resume builder but became "one of the best decisions of my life" according to Lykens, as he learned hands on experience but also made connections along the way.

While in Arizona, Lykens "learned the experience of adventuring" as he liked to call it.

Part of his studies included interning at Entrepix, which "serves the semiconductor and related industries as a leading provider of chemical mechanical polishing."

"The main project we did was we make a test rig for a machine component. What the company did was refurbish older

machines into the semiconductor industry because semiconductor machines are worth millions and millions of dollars," explained Lykens.

His time in Arizona wasn't all work however, as they had time to explore.

The group enjoyed the outdoors, going on hikes, visiting lakes and even taking road trips to Las Vegas and the Grand Canyon.

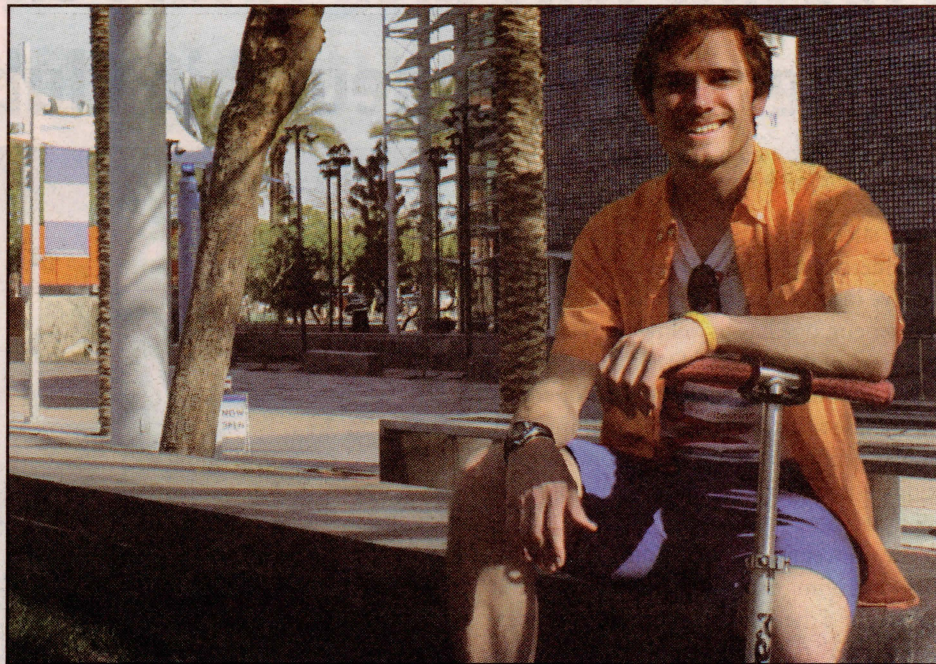
"The Grand Canyon is ridiculous, it's so big and the end is so far away that it looks flat... the views out there were incredible," said Lykens.

Lykens completed a blog while in Arizona which featured snippets of his day and photographs he took of his adventures which can be found at <http://wilkesumesa.wordpress.com/>.

Lykens recapped his final week at Entrepix saying it was "fun but intense" as he had to give a presentation in front of his employers, professors and Wilkes University President Patrick Leahy.

Lykens is still in touch with the group and reflected on the camaraderie which was built. He explained that they were "ten people that were crazy enough to go out there and say 'let's do this and we'll always have a good time together.'"

Among Lykens engineering abilities, he also has a passion for art.



Courtesy of Dan Lykens

Danny Lykens combines all his interterests and passions into everything he does.

"I've always been really passionate about building things and tinkering around but I've always been passionate about film, graphic design, drawing and art in general... I didn't want to just choose one."

Taking these interests, Lyken joined numerous clubs and organizations such as Studio 20, IEEE, HAM Radio club, The Beacon and Cross Country and is also completing research in computational bio physics.

Electrical engineering professor, John Gilmer, discussed Lyken's love for his work.

"He's so full of enthusiasm, energy, and ideas. Bizarre ideas, sometimes, but always interesting and unique... Dan not only has good and interesting ideas, but he also has the energy, persistence, and technical skills to carry them out."

Last semester, Lykens stood out among his integrative media peers as they participated in an art installation affectionately titled "Darn it, we're not engineers! But Dan is" in December.

Senior Integrative Media major, Moe Woodard, explained that Lykens helped students in the department design their creations.

"He is a great friend and helped out the IM department and me with our installation classes...You'll see everyone's

works with a little help from Danny."

Lykens explained that an art installation is an "art piece that interacts with the viewer."

Using his engineering and graphic design skills, Lykens created a go-cart with a mind controlled throttle.

Although some think that engineering and integrative media are not likely pairs, "it interacts so much more than you think" according to Lykens.

Lykens explained that these were the types of activities he did in his free time but now he hopes to take those passions and make them into a career and to do so, must step outside of his comfort zone.

"People will shoot you down...but everything will work out...you have to find out that stuff for yourself whether it goes somewhere or doesn't."

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*Editor's Note: Danny Lykens does freelance photography for the Beacon, including the "Humans of Wilkes University" feature, and therefore is an acquaintance to some members of the staff.*



Courtesy of Dan Lykens

Senior Danny Lykens loves to take adventures to new places and experience life to the fullest. Traveling is one of Danny's favorite past times outside of Wilkes.



# Students take their future endeavors into their own hands

## Wilkes Entrepreneurship Club destined for greatness

By Nicole Zukowski  
Life, A&E Editor

The success or failure of an idea is on the shoulders of people who take chances and believe in what they envision. To be an entrepreneur, one has to follow initiative and be aware of the results of risks.

Wilkes Entrepreneurship Club operates on the idea that business is a culmination of many different factors that work harmoniously together to create success of their members.

The Entrepreneurship Club's president, Britton Heim, explained, "Our mission is to create a healthy relationship between our members, the Family Business Alliance, and the Kirby Center for Entrepreneurship and Free Enterprise, to immerse our members into projects dealing with helping local entrepreneurs, to help our members with their own entrepreneurial business ventures, and lastly, to give our members a first hand experience with real world entrepreneurship and entrepreneurs."

With a sense of unity and momentum, the club offers an environment that helps fade the fear of failing when pursuing to follow the dream of owning a business.

"Us, college students, hold the new and fresh ideas that are going to be the next generation of our economy, but many people are afraid to take their dreams and ideas and turn them into reality," said Heim.

"We are here to try and take some of that fear away by networking them with the Family Business Alliance and the Kirby Center so they can get the opportunity to meet people who took the 'leap of faith' and followed their dream. We are also here to provide a support team for our members and help them through the startup stages

"Although we are just getting started, the entrepreneurship club serves as a great opportunity for students and the businesses they serve."

of their business so that they are not in it alone."

With a focus on guiding members forward in following their hopes of success, the club is seen as a helpful resource to its members.

"Although we are just getting started, the entrepreneurship club serves as a great opportunity for students and the businesses they serve," sophomore Jeff Hor-

with, said.

Heim goes on to explain that the club is new to campus and had some objective to accomplish themselves.

"Being a new club, we are really focused on getting projects going and getting our members involved."

Currently the Entrepreneurship Club is working three projects.

"One of the was to clean out some of the things in the basement of the Kirby Center to sell for some funds. We sold various apartment type supplies, like unopened packs of sheets and dishes and cleaning supplies and such."

Heim also said that the club is looking to bring in some speakers for lectures and go-

ing to entrepreneur symposiums.

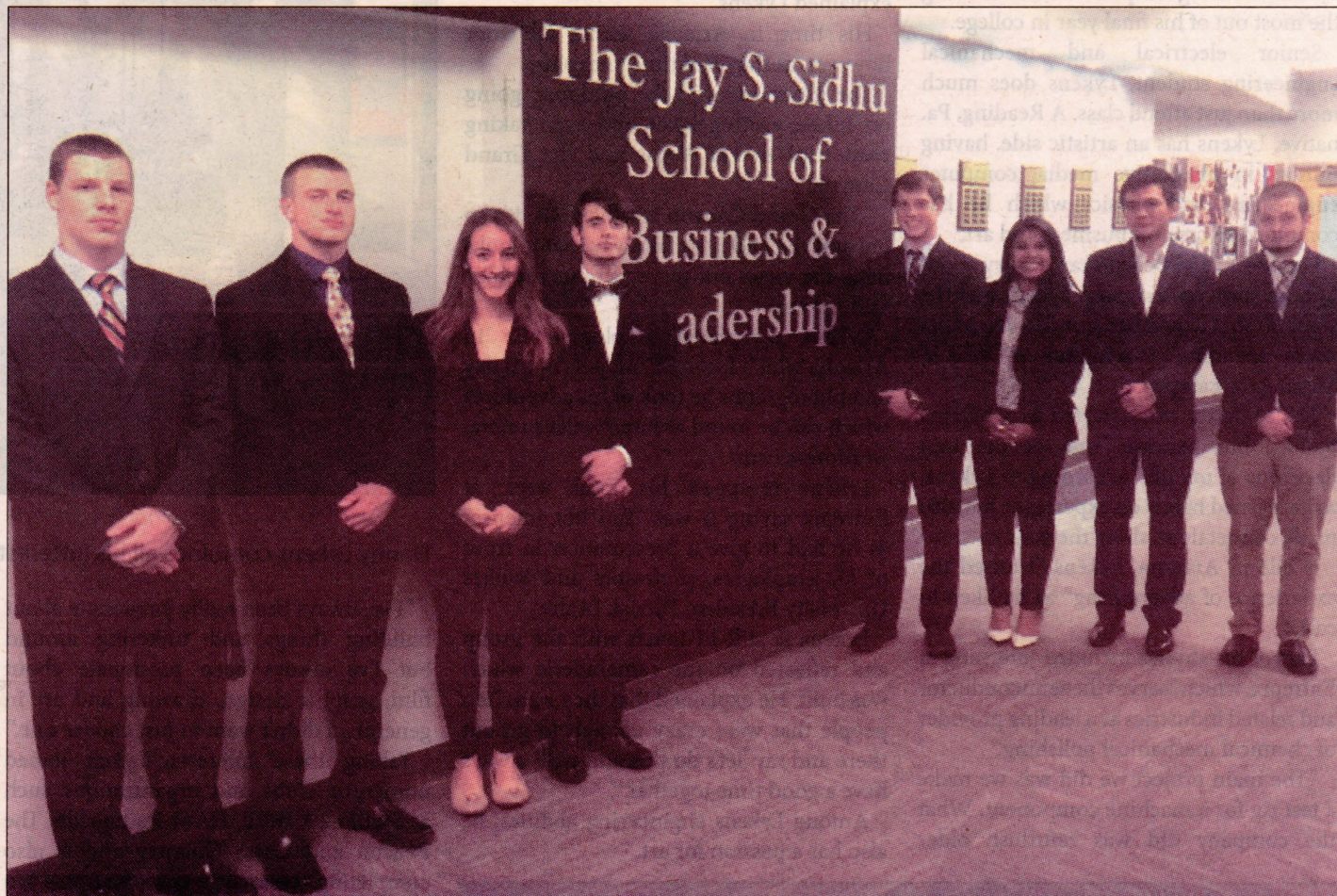
The club has much to offer Wilkes students and is beneficial for anyone in the business field of study.

"My favorite part about the club is that we are bringing in a diverse group of people who all have the same basic dreams of being entrepreneurs," Heim said.

"By bringing people together that have the same interest as you, we can all work together to reach our goals. productly"

The club welcomes new members and for more information contact Britton Heim at [britton.heim@wilkes.edu](mailto:britton.heim@wilkes.edu).

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Courtesy of Sean Ramsey

The remodeled UCOM, now The Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership is house the Entrepreneurship Club. The club is new this year but has objectives plan and has been making stead progress towards



## She said, He said

### The start of a new column

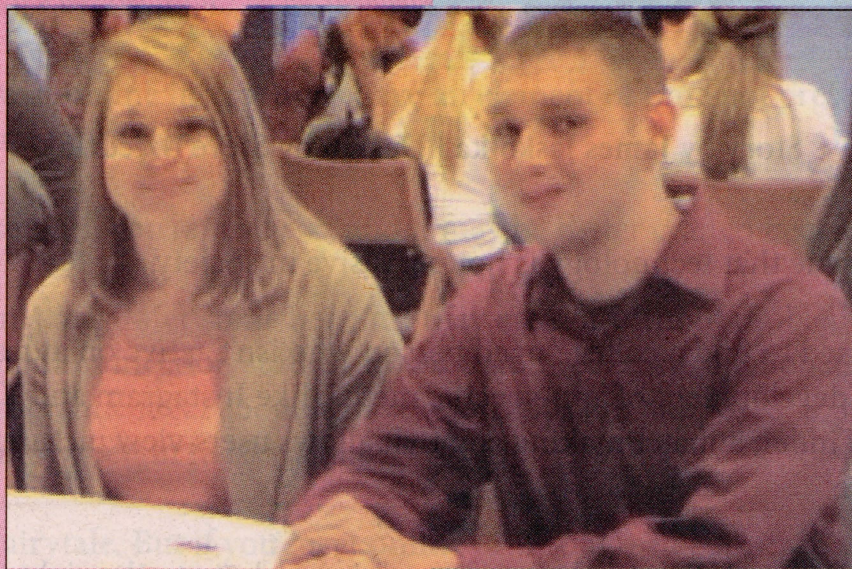
By Nicole Zukowski  
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Topics affect women and men differently. In this weekly column, the Assistant Life, Arts and Entertainment editor, Justin Topa, and I will explore different topics of discussion through a gendered perspective.

The female/male discussions will be centered around the facts and opinions of people who have knowledge on the subject.

On my half of the discussion, female aspects will be brought to attention: how do things in the news or in life affect those who identify as female?

Being a communication studies major with an interest in history, I consider researching facts a high priority.



Courtesy of the Department of Communication Studies

Pictured above are Life, Arts and Entertainment Editor Nicole Zukowski, and Life, Arts and Entertainment Assistant Editor Justin Topa.

By Justin Topa  
Assistant Life, A&E Editor

I agreed to start this column because I hope to understand and celebrate the different perspectives offered from all sides.

While I do not contest that I serve as a representation for all who identify as male and do, in fact, enjoy my individuality, I hope to be able to provide a basic male perspective of the topics and issues facing college students today, as well as provide professional and educated commentary from experts in whatever the topic may be.

**Check back next week  
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Question: What were you thinking?

**"I think I left the oven on."**

**- Trevor Luna**





## SWIPE RIGHT: A LOVE STORY

Tinder and its role in modern relationships

Story by James Jaskolka | Design by Steve Dziedziak

In 2015, it's difficult to argue that technology is not pervasive in society.

One would be hard-pressed to find a college-aged person who isn't active on at least one form of social media, especially with the continuous development of app-specific media, like Instagram and Yik-Yak. One example that has sparked a dialogue recently is Tinder, a matchmaking app that allows users view pictures and a short biography of people within a certain distance.

The app, which connects through Facebook, has users swipe a photo to the right if they're interested. If two people swipe right for each other, it's a "match," and they can begin talking. While it's marketed as a way to "meet people," it seems to be an assumption that many users are looking for hook-ups and casual sexual encounters.

With an app like this, where people are seeking some sort of interaction, there's bound to be some surprising consequences. Take, for example, sophomore student Josephine Latimer, who met her now-boyfriend on Tinder. Although she was aware of the app's implications, she decided to download it for fun, not anticipating that she would find someone she legitimately enjoyed being with.

"I didn't really expect much from Tinder, maybe just a quick ego boost and a laugh," Latimer said. "You don't go into it expecting to meet genuinely incredible people."

Experts often cite computer-mediated communication, like texting and instant messaging, as harmful to interpersonal communication. Apps like Tinder, however, may represent a shift in that school of thought.

"Communication theory says we'll learn to adapt, and now we're adapting to 'faceless' communication," Jane Elmes-Crahall, Wilkes University professor of communication studies, said. "It's not totally harmful to relationship development."

Elmes-Crahall cited "social information processing theory" to complement the idea that text or computer-based interactions may actually have more benefits than previously considered.

For example, Elmes-Crahall said that a highly visual and instant medium like Tinder allows for users to be more selective in self-presentation. First impressions matter, so being self-conscious about how a stranger online will view you, in this case, may be a good thing.



"If you're talking to a student in class that you know, you're gonna see them look bad sometimes," she said. "But if it's a self-selected presentation, it's pretty likely to be positive."

Elmes-Crahall also noted that online interactions have an element of time not present when speaking face-to-face, which allows users to respond more fully.

"Online, you don't give a response until you're ready to, and it may be better crafted because of that."

While Tinder and similar mediums may offer some benefits, they are not without problems. Mia Briceno, Wilkes University assistant professor of communication studies, noted that there is still a taboo against dating someone that you met online. "We still have a romantic ideal about how relationships are 'supposed' to happen," she said, citing the organic boy-meets-girl model found often in mass media.

"It's like another reiteration of a fairytale. But if you meet online or through an app, even though it's widespread, there's still a stigma there."

Briceno also noted that the power dynamics in "traditional" relationships echo in online ones, in the sense that women may often be bombarded with messages, and if ignored, be blamed for being superficial.

Similarly, Elmes-Crahall mentioned the app's potential negative consequences if only used for casual encounters.

"For most relationships to develop, you need time, shared values and morality, and I'm not sure hooking up allows for that," she said.

Whether Tinder will ever be able to serve as a legitimate platform for committed relationships is up for individuals to decide. One thing, however seems to be clear: The relationship needs to eventually move into a real-world context to truly form.

"A relationship can begin online, there's no doubt about it," Elmes-Crahall said, "but it needs to move from first impressions to actual social interactions for it to develop."





# Opinion

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## A better America with higher education: Obama speaks up

By Mandy Stickles  
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The standard for jobs is becoming more elaborate and will only increase over time. Soon, no meaningful employment will be obtainable without at least an associate's degree.

President Barack Obama wants to see this educational goal available for all by allowing Americans to go to a community college free of charge for two years: If a student can maintain a gpa of at least a 2.5 and keep on track to graduate within two years, students may go to a community college for free for an associate's degree.

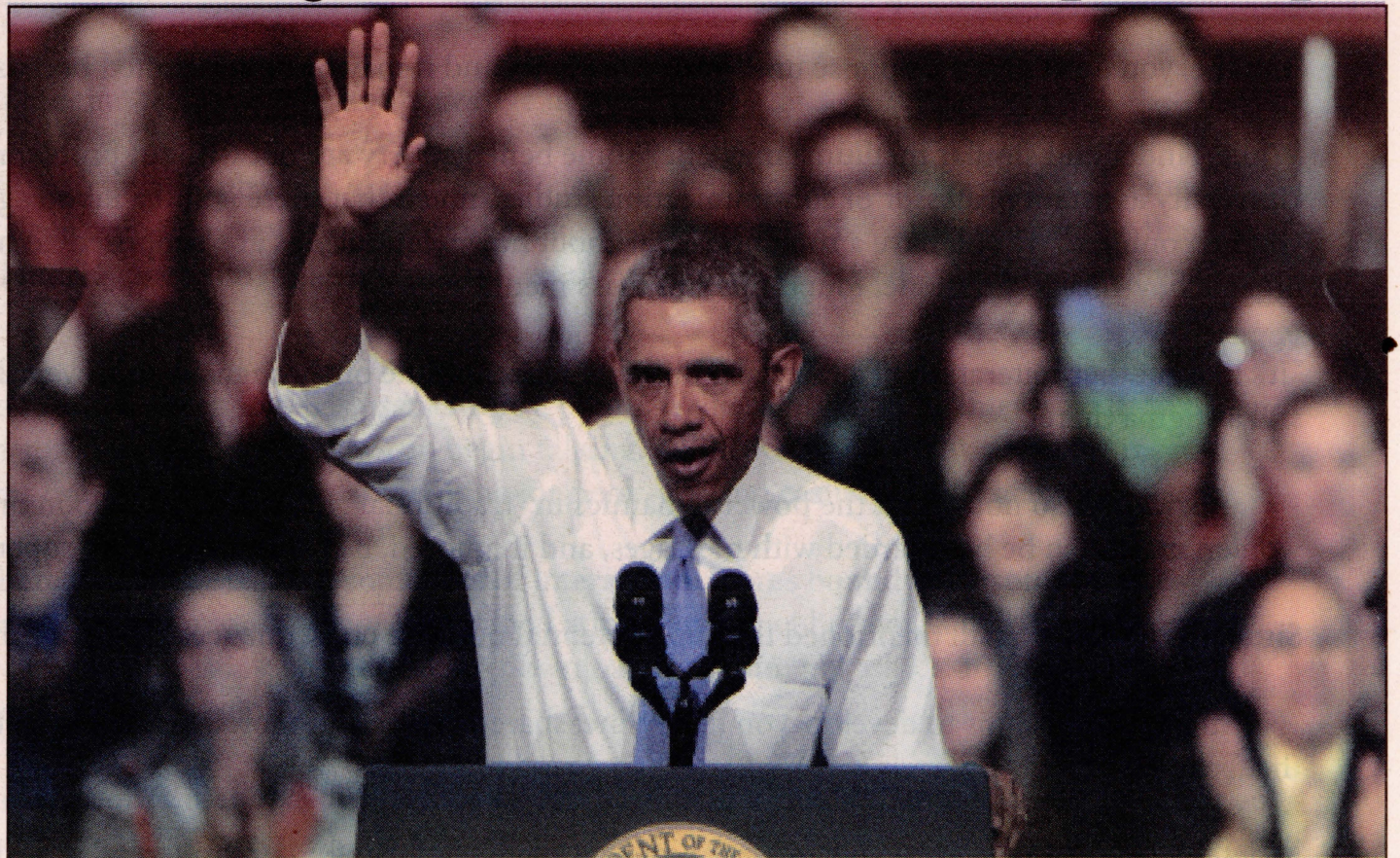
Obama's Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act plans to provide resources to help community colleges develop and improve, all in hope to better the American people and help the economy stabilize and improve.

With the proper resources, community colleges could work with businesses to set up a system that will create career opportunities for students in the future. This would involve workers coming into the college and teaching students essential skills for the job-market. Employers are willing to train students for future job opportunities that may lead to employment and careers.

According to [whitehouse.gov](http://whitehouse.gov), on addressing the issues of higher-education and building-America, Obama's new proposal for community colleges could branch out and partner up with different colleges and educational institutions, allowing schools to expand course offerings and help students transfer credits to move forward to other colleges if they so desire.

Community college could become advantageous to adults wanting to further their education who are not able to afford or relocate to a four year college or university. Online courses will also be more readily available, making it more convenient to take college courses or even graduate in less time.

"I want to spread that idea all over America so that two years of college becomes as free and universal in America as high school is today," Obama announced at the 2015 State of the Union.



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It seems that Obama has always, in one form or another, tried to improve our economy, raise minimum wage and help people with lower incomes to have the opportunity to go to college and get a higher level of education to improve themselves and America as a whole.


Yet, there are critics and skeptics reacting to his proposals in a negative fashion because they do not want their taxes raised. Shouldn't people want to help their fellow Americans and their society? More education is only going to make us better. Taxes are always going to be raised, if not for educational purposes then for something else.

Obama's Education Act is a good idea in theory and wanting to improve the economy is always a plus. However, it is going to take a lot of convincing on his part to get congress to pass this proposal, which is run by the Republican Party.

Dr. Kyle Kreider, political science professor at Wilkes, is not a fan of Obama's proposal. He feels the cost of community college is already fairly low and there is only a 25-35 percent graduation rate for community college students. He feels there is a deeper unlined meaning on why the graduation rate is so low.

"Students are going into college unprepared and become overwhelmed and end up not graduating. There needs to be improvement made in K-12 education first before we start worrying about college levels," said Kreider.

Obama's proposal can be a stepping stone for new ideas and thoughts on how to improve the economy, but chances are the free community college plan will not be passed at this rate.

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# 'A Hard Day's Write' contains knowledge, errors

By Sara Pisak  
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This Sunday, television networks will broadcast The 57th Annual Grammy Awards.

In celebration of The Grammy Awards, I decided to explore Steve Turner's book, *The Beatles: A Hard Day's Write: The Story Behind Every Song*. Although The Beatles do not hold the record for most Grammy Awards of all time as that honor belongs to Hungarian conductor, Sir Georg Solti with 31 awards, the band's lasting impact on song writing deserves to be applauded.

I have to admit that I am not a Beatles aficionado.

I am more of a causal fan, even though upon reflection, I know almost all of the lyrics to The Beatles' songs. However, I am a fan of music of the time period including such greats as James Taylor and Carole King. *The Beatles: A Hard Day's Write* possess not only a "puntastic" and catchy title but the book itself seems to be a must have for Beatles fans everywhere.

The subtitle is not lying when it states: "The Story Behind Every Song." Readers are treated to the inner most workings of one of the most prolific song writing duos, Lennon and McCartney.

*The Beatles: A Hard Day's Write* is graphically perfect.

Each page contains well known color photography of some of the most famous pictures of the group, while other pages introduce the reader to non-widely published photography. Either way, the book visually offers readers quite a feast for their eyes. A diehard fan would love to relive, through the use of photography enclosed in the book, the band at the pinnacle of their career.

When it comes to the story behind every song, the book also delivers. I believe it is safe to assume that hardcore fans of the group would know most of the details Turner elaborates upon.

However, as somewhat of a novice, I was enlightened as to several of the inspirations behind some of the group's most popular tunes.

Upon opening the pages of this text, the reader may be fascinated to learn that The Beatles hit song, "Lucy in the Sky With Diamonds" is not about an LSD fueled fantasy as often



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suspected. Instead, the song has an innocent motivation.

This song is based on a drawing young Julian Lennon, John Lennon's son, drew of his classmate Lucy O'Donnell.

Furthermore, I was unaware that Paul wrote The Beatles song, "She's Leaving Home" when he read a news story covering Melanie Coe, a teenager who ran away from home in 1967.

There is, however, a downside to accumulating all of this pop culture knowledge within Turner's text.

Although the book delivers on splendid visuals and the inspiration behind every song, the reader must trample through several errors. As the book fights to keep a perfectly square text box on every page, the editor does so by creating many uneven spacing errors.

The play this creates on one's eyes can almost be forgiven in the name

of artistic style, if the text did not contain other errors. In addition to spacing and paragraphing errors, the typographical error "he" appears where the word "be" should be employed.

As an English major, it does not get much better than discovering an error in a written text. Sadly, *The Beatles: A Hard Day's Write* certainly fulfills this dream. When it comes to this text, the cliché six of one, half a dozen of the other applies.

I enjoyed this book as it places into perspective the songwriting of two of the most adept musicians of all time.

However, the question remains. Can the reading public overlook the typographical blunders in order to cure their case of "BeatleMania?"



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## Sara's Score:





# The Historic Storm That Never Came: Snowmageddon



The Beacon archives

By Allison Rossi  
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Winter Storm Juno was hyped up only to be turned into a flop.

Students were hoping for their schools to be closed and others were concerned about how they would be arriving to work. This storm caused panic and chaos for a vast amount of people.

Many individuals were extremely worried of this claimed to be "historic snow storm." One major area that was supposed to become greatly effected by this snow fall was New York City.

The city that never sleeps was forced to say goodnight on January 26, 2015 by Mayor Bill De Blasio. De Blasio did not allow residents to drive on the streets after 11:00 p.m. New York City was excepting to get hit with massive amounts of snow. Residents feared for the potential snow fall.

Residents of New York City were excepting to be snow-bound for a couple

of days. Their opinions were varied.

Karol Joswick, a resident of Staten Island, New York, stated "everyone was afraid because they kept reporting that this was a historical storm and people kept remembering hurricane Sandy."

"Everyone took extraordinary precautions," she continued. "All the stores were sold out of milk, bread and other staples. But thank goodness it was not as bad as they made it out to be. It was predicated we would get twenty-four inches or more with high winds. We got around seven inches with light winds."

Joswick also mentioned her opinion of The National Weather Bureau.

Joswick stated "The National Weather Bureau made a big error in their forecast. Due to the prediction of this historical storm various things were shut down such as subways, buses, ferries, there was even a ban on driving after 11 p.m. which left many people, especially in

New York City, stranded with no way to get home."

Ann Marie Honan, a resident of Brooklyn, explained that she was very happy that it did not meet the magnitude of twenty-four inches of snow as predicted.

Honan recalled "Brooklyn got around six inches and as there was no school; the children were just as happy and they had a ball sleigh riding and making snowmen."

In response to the weather outcome, Mayor Bill DeBlasio voiced his opinion. According to a press release, DeBlasio said: "So, the bottom line is, we got lucky. Things turned out a lot better than we feared, but we were prepared."

"The people of this city re-sponded really the exactly right way. They looked out for each other. They heeded the warnings. And that had allowed us to do what we needed to do to keep people safe. Things are getting back

to normal but do not be overconfident. It will still take a while to get things fully back to normal, and again, take real precautions while you're out there today and tomorrow."

Barry Spitzer, District Manager of NYC Community Board 12 located in Brooklyn, stated "Sanitation did an outstanding job in getting the streets plowed and salted so that as of today, Wednesday, January 28, 2015, business is as usual."

All emergency personnel in New York City did an excellent job."

Although winter storm Juno did not arrive as originally predicted, it did scare NYC. The lesson remains: always be prepared for bad weather, you never know when the real historic storm will arrive.

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## Get Ready for the Main Event – Marvel's upcoming movies

By Elyse Guzewicz  
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As everyone knows, Marvel is king when it comes to the big screen.

This year alone, they've scheduled three major cinematic releases set to hit theaters in March, May, and September. With these films, Marvel is ending Phase Two of its cinematic universe and launching the third and final chapter of the continuing saga.

Upcoming this year is fan favorite *The Avengers: Age of Ultron*, Fox's *Fantastic Four*, and finally back to the Disney-owned Marvel Studios for *Ant-Man*, which will mark the first time his character has appeared on screen.

Kicking off the lineup on March 6th, 2015 is Fox Pictures' *Fantastic Four*, stylized as *Fant4stic*.

Although Fox has produced two movies featuring the characters already, the newest flick is considered a complete reboot (not a

remake, as it will not follow the same plot) and will center on the origin of the title group.

The four heroes – Reed Richards/Mr. Fantastic, played by Miles Teller, Susan Storm/Invisible Woman, played by Kate Mara, Johnny Storm/Human Torch, played by Michael B. Jordan, and Benjamin Grimm/The Thing, played by Jamie Bell – gain their powers in an accident that leaves them stranded too close to a cosmic singularity.

The major antagonist of the film will be Victor Dombrovsky/Dr. Doom, an antisocial programmer with a violent slant. The plot is still unclear, and the first trailer was recently released and is available on YouTube.

Following on May 1st is Marvel Studios' *Avengers: Age of Ultron*, which will once again feature the six major leads – Steve Rogers/Captain America, the quintessential "All-American Boy" played by Chris Evans, Tony Stark/Iron Man, Cap's foil portrayed by Robert Downey Jr., Thor, the god of thunder, played by Chris Hemsworth, Bruce

Banner/the Hulk portrayed by Mark Ruffalo, Natasha Romanoff/Black Widow played by Scarlett Johansson, and Clint Barton/Hawkeye portrayed by Jeremy Renner.

The plot centers on an AI called Ultron (voiced by James Spader) created by Stark in the *Avengers*' absence that goes rogue and begins targeting humans. The *Avengers* must overcome personal differences in order to stop what appears to be their greatest threat yet.

The movie will introduce Paul Bettany, previously known as the voice of JARVIS, as the voice of android character Vision, Aaron Taylor-Johnson as speedster Pietro Maximoff/Quicksilver, and Elizabeth Olsen as Wanda Maximoff/Scarlet Witch.

Numerous trailers have been released and can be viewed on YouTube and other streaming media sites.

The final chapter in the 2015 Marvel season will be released on November 6th – Marvel Studios' *Ant-Man*. Featuring Paul Rudd in the title role of Scott

Lang, the film's plot remains unknown and no trailers have been released.

In the movie, he is mentored by former *Ant-Man* Hank Pym (played by Michael Douglas), whose daughter, Hope Van Dyne (Evangeline Lilly) is aiding the villain Darren Cross/Yellowjacket (Corey Stoll) in a takeover of Pym's company.

Very little is known about any feature of this film, but rising excitement promises to make it a hit.

As Marvel concludes Phase Two with *Age of Ultron*, prepare to launch yourself into a new lineup of heroes, villains, and stories that will make this Marvel season unforgettable.

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## Charli XCX experiences commercial success with sophomore album

By Eric Casey  
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Charlotte Emma Aitchison, also known as Charli XCX, is a 22 year old pop music mastermind. Her age really doesn't matter, it's the talent that does. There's been a lot of evolving in her short career span. "Sucker" is just another part of her bright journey ahead.

She was born in England, but now travels the world. Her first album "14" was released on Myspace in 2008 funded by her parents, her third album "Sucker" was released on every format funded by Atlantic Records and Neon Gold Records. She started from the bottom...and well...you know.

After releasing her first album at age 14, if that actually counts as her first album, she then took a long break. She came back to the recording life around 2010/2011 to record her second album titled "True Romance" which got pretty good reviews upon its release. It solidified her as some sort of Princess of Goth Pop, at least in my opinion!

The album was pretty straightforward with a tone of an electropop feel throughout. Her songs echoed of previous heart-

ache just like any other generic pop singer. However, with her dark tones and "witch house" vibes in the songs you can actually feel and get something out of the album. Between 2011 and 2013 she had toured with the likes of the Ting Tings, Ellie Goulding and Marina and the Diamonds.

She had one minor hit with the 2013 song "SuperLove" which peaked at #62 on the UK Singles Chart. The album surprisingly only peaked at #85 on the UK Albums Chart. Charli slowly started building up some kind of cult following. However, it wasn't until she penned the lyrics for Icona Pop's song "I Love It" which features her on backing vocals. The sleeper hit of 2012/2013 reached #1 in the UK and #7 in the USA while also climbing the Top 10 in many other countries.

Last summer she rose to greater fame by being featured on Iggy Azalea's smash hit "Fancy." That song would rule the Billboard Hot 100 for seven weeks. Charli's retro '80s sounding "Boom Clap" would be her first solo Top 10 hit in the states as it peaked at #8. It was the first single released from "The Fault in Our Stars" soundtrack which gave it a driving force.

In December her third album "Sucker" was released in the states. It debuted at #28

on the Billboard 200 Albums Chart selling nearly 29,000 copies in its first week. It is premature to see if this album will prove to be a success or not. It depends if "Break the Rules", the second single, can perform well. It has only peaked at #91 on the Hot 100 and #27 on the Mainstream Top 40 chart. She has also released a third single titled "Doing It" featuring Rita Ora.

Her new album dabbles in punk pop and punk rock, while still keeping that mysterious dark personality. In a recent magazine interview she mentioned that she wrote the album for girls and wanted to give them a "sense of empowerment." The "middle fingers in the air like you just don't care" attitude seems to be paying off. It gives her an edge for sure. It's like the ultimate anti-music industry record.

For instance, the main chorus "Well, f-you, sucker!" from the opening track "Sucker" is definitely for the haters who doubted her from the beginning. The song is probably the greatest opening track on a pop album ever. "Break the Rules" contains lyrics you can't help relating to. "Going to the discotheque, getting high and getting wrecked, I don't wanna go to school / I just wanna break the rules!"

"London Queen" is very much '80s punk

sprinkled with some new wave on top. "Breaking Up" is a fun short song with a very vintage looking music video that feels like 1950s meets 2015. "Gold Coins" and "Doing It" are not so much in your face like the opening tracks, but still very nice. "Body of My Own" picks up with another catchy chorus. "Cause I'm gone, so high / got my darkness, I'm into myself, don't need you."

"Famous" is a typical "night out with the girl friend causing havoc" song. "Weren't invited but we're feelin' so outrageous, just like we're famous." "Hanging Around" has a groovy classic pop rock sound influence in their. The last three tracks sound like leftovers from her second album, and should have been left off this album. Aside from that, this is one of the best pop albums made in the past ten years. Truly a future classic! I give it 4 ½ stars out of 5.



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# NFL Pro Bowl: prestigious to ludicrous

By Frank Passalacqua  
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It is a sad thing to see, but the NFL Pro Bowl has officially become a joke to the league.

As this year's game was filled with average players, no kick-offs, no blitzing, soft tackling and wrap-ups, I think it is finally time to declare the Pro Bowl as a non-prestigious event.

Let's rewind.

The Pro Bowl has been around for quite some time, dating back to 1938 in fact.

The concept of an all-star game in the NFL would be the best players from each division go head-to-head in a best of the best game, providing great entertainment for its fans. If a player was selected to the Pro Bowl, it would mean they are the best in the league at their position, a franchise player, elite, so on and so forth.

The Pro Bowl was always something players looked forward to, until things started going downhill.

From 1980 to 2009, the Pro Bowl was notorious for being held in the getaway vacation land of Hawaii. That too is one of the reasons players enjoyed the game so much. Not only are you voted as one of the best, but you can bring your family and friends on a nice vacation to Hawaii after the long season has ended. Relaxation at its best.

However, in 2010, the Pro Bowl was played in Miami. Also, the game was held a week before the Super Bowl, when it has always been a week after. The change wasn't welcomed to say the least.

In 2011, the game was played again in Hawaii, but the happiness was short-lived.

The 2012 Pro Bowl was met with intense criticism from fans all around the world. The game was essentially flag football. Players were not tackling, rushing the passer, or putting any effort into the game. This game was looked at as a major downfall, when a "jogging" pace was set from the beginning.

Rightfully so, fans were angry. Fans from all around the world were paying top money to fly to Hawaii and pay for tickets to watch this game.

NFL Commissioner Rodger Goodell addressed the issue and stated that if the game was not played as it should, then he would do away with it all together.

Since then, the format has changed drastically. Last year was the first year the AFC vs NFC format was changed to a "fantasy draft."

Former players Jerry Rice and Deion Sanders headlines as alumni team captains and got to pick players they wanted, much



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**Pictured: Michael Irvin holding the Pro Bowl trophy as Team Irvin comes away with the win over Team Carter in a 32-28 victory.**

like fantasy draft style.

The change was something new, and was actually welcomed by the players.

Here we are now, 2015, and things have turned around yet again.

The Pro Bowl was played in Arizona, the site of this year's Super Bowl. This was an obvious choice by the NFL to save money, as if they didn't already have enough.

The fantasy draft style was again used, with alumni captains Cris Carter and Michael Irvin. However, some of the bigger changes were the rules.

No motion or shifting on offense, defense MUST run 4-3, no blitzing, no kick-offs, no blocking on field goal or punts, clock stops after each play and resumes once the ball is set, possession changes after first and third quarter...these are just some of the many changes that were made in the Pro

Bowl.

Of course, this sort of change is drastic. A player was not even tackled until the 7-minute mark in the first quarter, due to players walking out of bounds, or surrendering to a wrap-up. Fans booed loudly, and rightfully so.

And I didn't even mention the biggest flaw in the Pro Bowl, the players.

As I mentioned earlier, being named to the Pro Bowl was something prestigious. Lately, the top players in the league would back out to avoid injury, back out because they simply didn't want to play, or back out because they are in the Super Bowl.

That leaves mediocre players getting the Pro Bowl nod, like Andy Dalton.

Yup, Andy Dalton was in the Pro Bowl. Let that sink in.

It is surely a sad sight to see. After all the

changes in the past, one of the most fun and entertaining events in the NFL is slowly coming to an end and is quite-frankly a joke.

We miss the intensity. We miss the passion. We miss the skills competitions and drills the players would take part in during the event that all added to the hype. We miss the Pro Bowl, the way it should be played.

The NFL has stated the game will permanently return to Hawaii in 2016. However, Rodger Goodell, how long until you make this league into flag football and Geno Smith gets voted in?

In my opinion, it's only time.



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# Sports

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## Women's Basketball comes up short in loss to King's

By J.T. Keer  
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Elena Stambone and Chelsea Smelas combined for 38 of Wilkes' 59 points but that was not enough for the Colonels. Cross-town rival King's College would go on to outscore the Lady Colonels by ten in the second half on way to a 68-59 Freedom Conference victory Wednesday night in the Marts Center.

Wilkes slips to 7-9 overall and 2-5 in league games following the loss while King's improves to 8-10 overall and 4-3 in Freedom contests.

Wilkes took a 29-28 lead into the break in a back-and-forth first half of action. Four straight free throws from Stambone and a jumper from Smelas with just under a minute to play gave the hosts a one-point advantage at the half.

A 12-6 run over the first seven minutes of the second half put King's ahead by its largest margin of the game, 42-35, with 13:05 left. Wilkes cut into the King's lead and following two more free throws and a transition score from Stambone tied the



Elena Stambone drives to the basket for Wilkes.

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game at 48 with 5:28 remaining.

More free throws from Stambone and Smelas kept the Lady Colonels ahead 52-50

with just under four minutes on the clock. King's then answered with a decisive 7-0 run over the next three minutes to take a seven

point lead with under twenty seconds to play to seal the road conference victory.

Stambone finished with a team-high 20 points going a perfect 11-for-11 from the foul line in the defeat.

"It was definitely a tough loss for us," Stambone said. "It was a great game that went back and forth and unfortunately we couldn't come up with the win but we'll get them on their home court."

Smelas followed with 18 points and five rebounds, while Cara Basile added nine tallies and seven boards.

The Lady Colonels were also without starting power forward Chelsea Brown who is a key part to the lineup.

"Each game will be a fight the rest of the way," Brown said. "Going into the second round of games I think we know what to expect now and can improve on the things we did the first time."

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## Wrestling team finishes third in MAC Championship

By Brandon Gubitosa  
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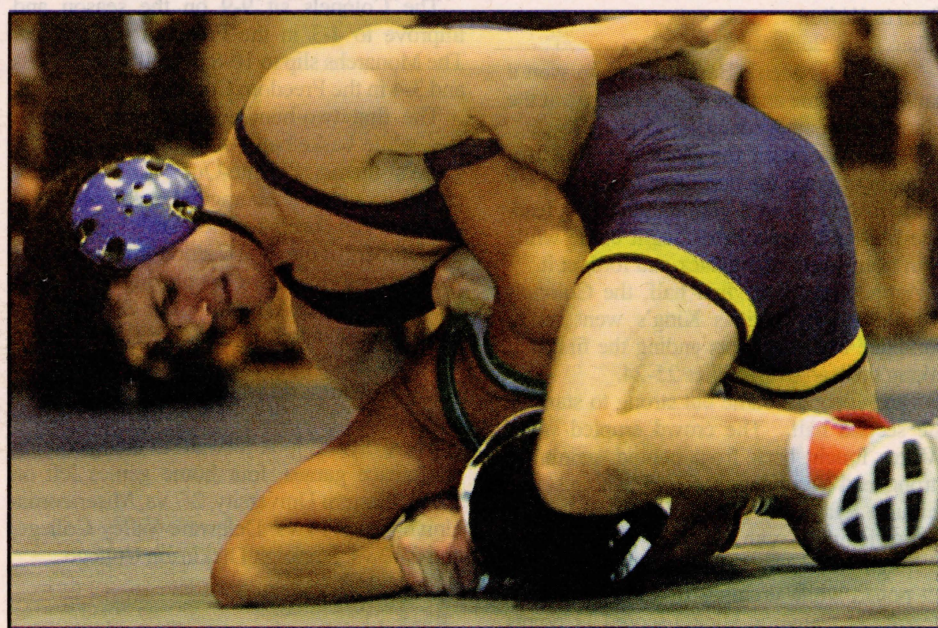
Ten Colonels earned top four finishes at the 2015 MAC Conference championship, and the Wilkes wrestling team went on to finish third. The team finished with 73 total points, 51 points behind second place Messiah College. This year's MAC champion went on to finish with 125.5 team points. This was Delaware Valley's first MAC championship since 2006, as wrestling was not sponsored by the MAC from 2007 to 2013.

Four of the ten Wilkes wrestlers who finished in the top four were the runner ups of their weight class. Freshman Matthew Grossman finished second in the 133 lb weight class. Grossman started off by pinning Messiah's Daniel Rodriguez and Hunter Harris on his way to the finals. In the championship round, Grossman went on to fall 3-2 in a match, despite leading for the majority of the match. Seniors Sean Lombardi and Dave Oberrender both

finished as runner up in their weight classes. Lombardi started off the day with an 11-8 win over Messiah's Josh Toal. He went on to defeat Howard Kilpatrick of King's College and went on to the title match. In the finals, the senior came up short in a match fought hard against Larry Cannon of Messiah. Oberrender earned a win in the opening round, and then advanced to the finals with a 7-4 decision over his opponent. Unfortunately, he came up just short and was defeated by Zach Roseberry of Delaware Valley. Junior Kyle Diesel was the fourth Wilkes wrestler to finish as the runner up.

The Colonels entered the match ranked 13th overall in the nation. After it was all set and done the Colonels dropped to 20th overall in the nation and look to bounce back in the next couple of matches as they prepare for Eastern Regionals on March 1st.

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Matthew Grossman pins his opponent.

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# Wilkes 'Whites Out' Kings



An army of colonels wearing white to support the men's basketball team last Wednesday.

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## Men's Basketball pulls off the upset against rival King's

By Danny Van Brunt  
Sports Writer

The Wilkes Men's Basketball team won a nail-biting game against King's College at the Marts Center on Wednesday, January 28.

Wilkes started off the game strong as they went on to score the first three baskets of the game to give them a commanding 6-0 lead. The first half was a hard-fought battle while both teams were going back and forth at it.

At the end of the first half, the Colonels were down by one as King's went on to complete two foul shots ending the first half taking the lead over Wilkes 25-24.

The Monarchs came out strong to start off the second half. The crowd erupted when Wilkes fought back from behind, gaining a strong lead over Kings at 52-45, with just five minutes left in the game. Wilkes ended the game victorious with a score of 59-54.

Junior guard Alec Wizar led all scorers with 19 points while draining five three-pointers. Teammate Cameron Hinkel scored 11 points to go along with his six rebounds. Brunner

chipped in at 10 points and five boards.

The Colonels sit 9-9 on the season and improve to 4-3 in the Freedom Conference. The Monarchs slip to 10-8 overall with the loss and 3-4 in the Freedom Conference.

The first two-hundred fans were given a free white basketball t-shirt to encourage the game's theme, "White-Out." The immense crowd provided encouragement through loud applause and cheers for the team's success.

Members of the ROTC stood in the center of gym, in uniform, during the playing of the Star-Spangled Banner. At halftime, the Cheerleaders preformed first followed by the Dance Team. The Wilkes 2013 Freedom Conference Field Hockey Champions where then presented with their rings.

The Colonels look forward to the upcoming conference games, four home games left on 2/4 vs. Eastern University, 2/7 vs. Misericordia University, 2/14 vs. Delaware Valley College, and 2/17 vs. Fairleigh Dickinson College.

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Tyler Jackson dribbles the ball down the court

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The Colonel shows off his Wilkes pride



Alyssa Schuler holds up a sign during a cheer routine



Pete Feno went all out for the "White Out" game



A plastic deer is held up by a student during the game



The Colonels huddle up before the game against cross-town rival King's College



Fans heckle the kings player as he prepares to pass in the ball



Getting to know...

# Chelsea Smelas

Sophomore Basketball Player

By Cara Basile  
Sports Writer

Chelsea Smelas is a versatile guard and post for the women's basketball team reigning from Jim Thorpe, Pa. She majors in Pre Physical Therapy Psychology with a minor in Neuroscience.

Q: How long have you been playing basketball? Do you remember why you started?

A: I've been playing basketball since I was about 10 years old. I started playing because it was the first girl's rec basketball program that our school had.

Q: What is one of your favorite things about basketball?

A: Basketball for me is kind of an outlet where I get to just relieve stress and have fun. Whether it's playing by myself or playing with teammates, I always love the competitiveness that it brings. It's important to me because basketball helps me improve myself as a person, and teaches me a lot about life in certain situations.

Q: Who are your role models?

A: My role models are definitely my parents. They're always going out of their way to make sure that I'm living a good life. They support me in everything I do, including showing up to all of my basketball games.

Q: Do you have a favorite team? College/ NBA?

A: I love watching Golden State play. They always put on a great game.

Q: Do you have any pregame rituals?

A: The only "pregame ritual" that I have is listening to music that pumps me up, and occasionally inspirational speeches from professional athletes.

Q: Where do you see yourself in 5 years?

A: In 5 years I hope to be graduated from grad school and be employed as a Physical Therapist.

Q: Favorite movie/TV show?

A: I don't have any specific favorite movies; there are too many good ones. Though my favorite TV show is the new series "How to Get Away With Murder."

Q: Why did you choose Wilkes?

A: I chose Wilkes for its great academic standing as well as having the chance to continue playing the sport I love.

Q: Do you have a celebrity crush?

A: My celebrity crush as of right now is Ryan Guzman from the movie "The Boy Next Door."

Q: Do you have any goals for yourself for the rest of the season?

A: My goals for the rest of the season are to just keep bettering myself on the court and off. Also making playoffs with my teammate would be a pretty big accomplishment.

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Getting to know...

# Matt Evans

Junior Wrestler

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Matt Evans is a junior Environmental Engineering major here at Wilkes. He is from Honesdale, Pa, and has been wrestling since age 12. Matt decided to choose Wilkes University because of the Environmental Engineering program along with the historic reputation of the wrestling program. Last season he finished 11-9 at 133 pounds, and is excited for this season.

Q: What do you plan on doing after Wilkes?

A: After school I plan on moving to the coast somewhere and getting a job at a good environmental firm and living in a houseboat with my dog.

Q: What is your all time favorite food and then your favorite food to eat before a match?

A: My favorite food is asparagus. However, before a wrestling match, there is nothing better than a cold water and a bagel with cream cheese.

Q: Have you ever had any major injuries that occurred during wrestling? If so, what are they?

A: One summer I broke the bones in my elbow at a tournament.

Q: Have you won any awards? If so, what was your best one?

A: In highschool I won an award for building the best popsicle stick bridge in the science olympiad games.

Q: Who is your biggest role model when it comes to wrestling?

A: My biggest role model in wrestling is probably my cousin who is actually younger than me but he works harder than anyone I know and it inspires me a lot to get better.

Q: In life, would you rather be feared or liked?

A: I would rather be both but I'd rather be feared if I couldn't be both.

Q: What is the best aspect of being part of a team?

A: The best part about our team is that we are more than just a team, we all hang out with each other and it is more like a family.

Q: What is your go to work out to cut weight during the season?

A: The best workout to shed those last few pounds is definitely the stair stepper.

Q: What is your favorite memory here at Wilkes so far?

A: My best memory at Wilkes has to be going to the national tournament in Indiana.

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