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Agnes, 50 years later: Educating a new generation



The Beacon/Emily Cherkaukas

Although the damage from the Agnes flood left Wilkes University with seemingly irreplaceable damage in 1972, the campus community repaired and rebuilt. Now, Wilkes is observing the 50-year anniversary of Agnes with a walk-through tour, raising awareness of the impressionable history. For more information and to see more historical archived photos of the damage, see page 5.



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By Maddy Kinard
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Semester start causes bookstore backorders, headaches

By Maddy Kinard
News Editor

With the Fall 2022 semester in full swing, students and faculty remain perplexed and frustrated by the current bookstore model.

When the current contract came to an end in August 2021, the bookstore was brought to campus for the first time since 2007. It was to act as a hybrid model, allowing students to order textbooks online as they have in the past. However, due to continuous supply chain issues, it is resulting in more backorders than successful textbook purchases, especially within the English department.

“Unfortunately, my experience with the new bookstore has been unsatisfactory. I find the bookstore manager to be very responsive and stuck in the middle of a new system that we’re all struggling with,” said Dr. Mischelle Anthony, associate professor and chair of English.

Anthony said she frequently has to direct students toward other online purchasing options, like Chegg, Thriftbooks and Better World Books. She also misses the bookstore in its previous model, expressing the ease and familiarity of staff having decades of experience.

“I felt confident that I could walk down to the bookstore and see my books on the shelves and make sure I have the right edition for the desk copy beforehand, so

that meant a lot,” said Anthony.

Textbook errors are also a frequent issue in using this model. Dr. Helen Davis, associate professor of English, reports that several times her submitted textbooks have been changed in error to other texts.

One of her biggest concerns with the new arrangement is that some students are required to order from the bookstore due to financial aid restrictions.

“If they add a course during the first or second week of classes, as commonly

creates an unfair disadvantage,” said Davis.

To combat this, Davis emails students in advance with book information and encourages them to buy books online prior to the start of the semester. She also uploads digital copies of the text for the first week or two of the semester in her general education courses to aid students who may still be waiting on the textbook.

Mary Pashinski, junior dual major in secondary education and English, has also given up on the bookstore,

the university put together a committee to help the process along in planning to make sure the transition was easy for students and staff. This committee came to the Student Government, which I was a part of at the time, with their ideas. I’m not sure if even one of us agreed with the location of the bookstore or the idea that no books would be kept on hand,” said Pashinski.

She also experienced a similar issue as Davis, stating that for one of her courses, the selected text through the bookstore was wrong which led to multiple students ordering and receiving the wrong book. In another class where a textbook was required, the textbook was never listed which resulted in everyone showing up without it.

Joseph Stager, store manager, strongly urges faculty to submit course material requests as soon as ordering for the upcoming term opens and for students to order their course material as soon as possible prior to those terms. That way, they can limit so many orders happening at once at the beginning of the semester and students will then have time to plan accordingly should a text not arrive.

“We continue to elicit feedback and identify problems so that improvements can be made as we move forward. This system will work. And I’m certain that the bookstore and Wilkes has the best intentions for its students, faculty and staff,” said Stager.



happens, and order their books the day that they enroll, they have to wait weeks for the books to arrive. This delay can cause them to get behind on coursework, which

stating that when one of her books went on backorder, she was told it would not arrive for another three weeks after the start of the semester.

“When the lease at the location of the previous bookstore was coming to an end,

Graphic by David Marks

Have an event you want covered? Email the news editor Madelynn.Kinard@wilkes.edu

How to keep yourself and others safe from Monkeypox

By Maddy Kinard
News Editor

What is monkeypox?

Monkeypox is a rare disease caused by infection from the monkeypox virus. Those infected may experience a rash which can be located on or near the genitals or anus, hands, feet, chest, face and or mouth. The rash may resemble pimples or blisters which can be itchy and go through phases of scabbing and healing.

How can I protect myself?

1. Avoid close, skin-to-skin contact with others who look like they have a rash resembling deep-seated blisters or pimples
2. Avoid contact with objects an infected individual may have used
3. Wear clothing that covers exposed skin that could come into contact with seats on public transportation (i.e. jeans on a plane).
4. Wash your hands often

What do I do if I think I'm infected?

1. Self isolate
2. Talk to a healthcare provider and get tested
3. Use coverings on the rash to limit spreading it to others
4. Don't pop or scratch lesions
5. Wear a mask until all symptoms have resolved

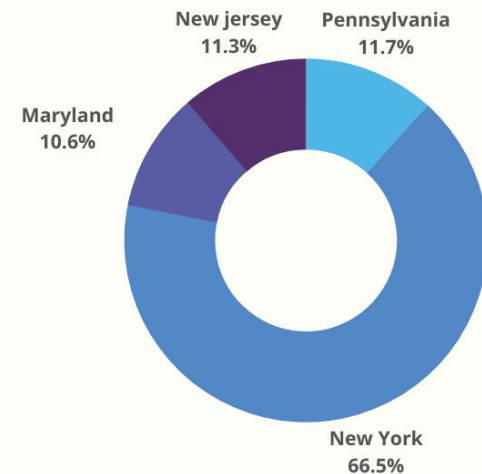
A note from Gretchen Yeninas, dean of student affairs

"Wilkes University is working closely with the regional and state departments of health to prepare for when a member of our community needs assistance with testing or treatment.

"Students should call Health and Wellness Services anytime for confidential assistance and care: 570-408-4370 or campus ext. 4730."

Information compiled from the CDC and Sage USA

Percentage of Monkeypox cases in Northeast States



Current and former presidents visit area in same week



The Beacon/Ariel Reed

President Joe Biden addresses the students and faculty at in the Martz Center of Wilkes University, where he spoke in support of ending gun violence.

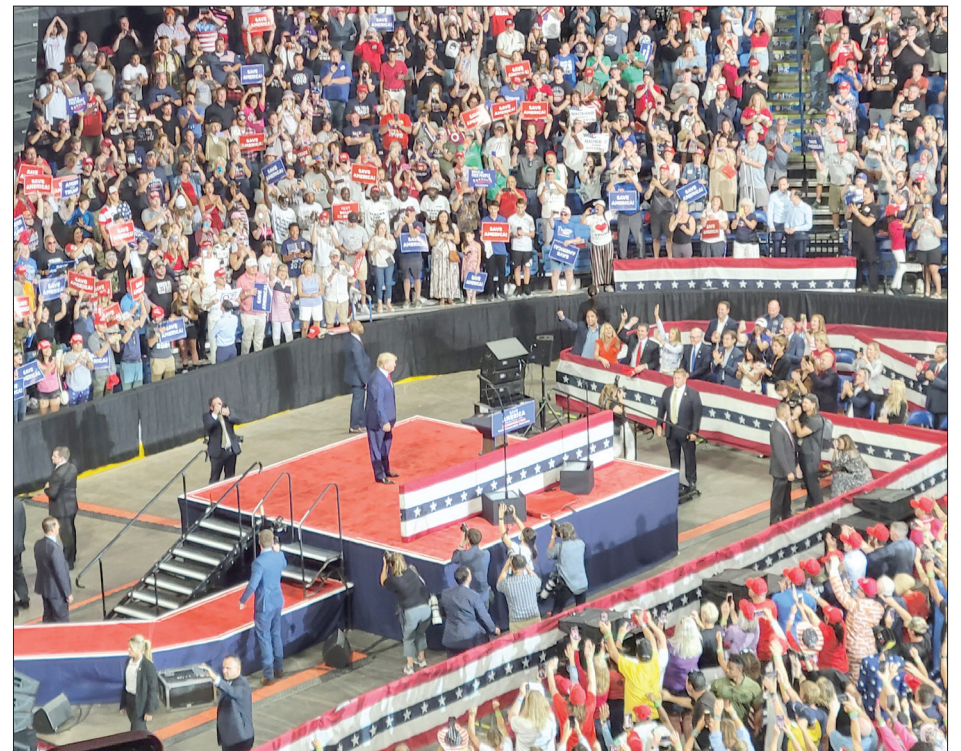


Photo courtesy of Bernard Socha

Former President Donald Trump held a rally at Mohegan Sun Arena in Wilkes-Barre Township. Trump gave endorsements to Mehmet Oz and Doug Mastriano.

Archived photos and tour reveal true extent of flood damage

By Emily Cherkauskas
Editor-in-Chief

Fifty years after the floods of Hurricane Agnes damaged and destroyed parts of then-Wilkes College in 1972, the now-university is observing the memories with a public tour, open to anyone in the community.

In a collaboration between the Wilkes University Archives and the Eugene S. Farley Library, the Sordoni Art Gallery, the history and integrative media departments, the WCLH radio station and web services, a walk-through tour was able to be set up.

There are 12 stations designated across campus in front of certain buildings that detail the extensive damage done by the flood. Each sign includes a map of the locations for all buildings that were extensively damaged, including Weckesser Hall, the library, Kirby Hall, Chase Hall and more.

Aside from photographs and a short biography, each sign also offers a QR code and link to follow, www.wilkes.edu/agnes, where more photos and statistics of flood damage are revealed. Additionally, interviews organized by WCLH, Wilkes' radio station, are offered of staff reflecting on the event.

For the extended story, interviews and reflections, go to www.thewilkesbeacon.com

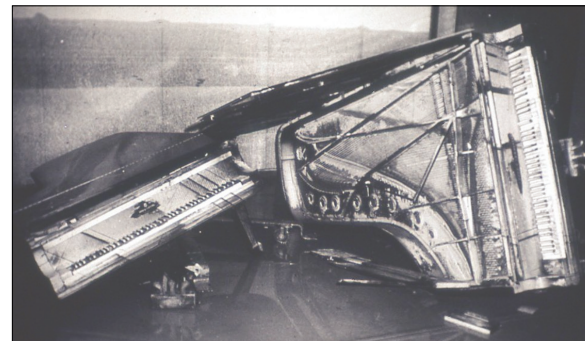
Photos are courtesy of the Wilkes University E. S. Farley Library Archives. For the entire collection of photos, visit the repository, available online at: wilkes.libguides.com/library/archives



Above: A photo of the stage at the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for Performing Arts before the flood. Below: The same stage, damaged after flooding, littered with debris.



Above: Within the basement of the Eugene S. Farley Library, an unidentified, presumed staff member, assesses the destroyed bookshelves and materials.



Left: Several instruments were damaged and destroyed due to flooding including pianos, organs and other instruments and materials for musical performances. This photo shows an example of one such grand piano destroyed from the disaster.



Above, right, middle and center: A before and after of the past men's dining hall, which has been since razed. The dining area became filled with river water, damaging the floors and furniture. The middle photo in particular shows the commons area filled with water, while the right shows the dining area filled with mud.

Fly Fishing Club returns for its second year at Wilkes

By Maddy Kinard
News Editor

Fly Fishing Club is back for its second year on campus, reeling in new students and welcoming them to their relaxing, fun environment.

The club was created in 2021 by junior environmental engineering major, Jacob Smith and sophomore undeclared major, Randall Zack who also serve as club president and treasurer respectively. Fishing all the time as a kid, Smith grew up with a river in his front yard. His love for the sport continued into his formative years, leading him to fish all throughout high school as well, frequently competitively. Zack and Smith had met and fished during this time together and eventually, both ended up at Wilkes.

“I said, ‘well we don’t have one here, would you want to do it with me?’ and then we found some other interest and went from there,” said Smith.

Fly fishing differentiates from regular fishing, or spin fishing, in that instead of using something weighted to throw when casting, fly fishing lines are bigger and weighted, serving as the weight itself.

The club hosts many events and outings, the most recent being a trash clean-up at Seven Tubs Nature Area in Luzerne County. During this event, they were able to pick up a truckload of trash and finished by fishing in the stream. They also fish in various locations, some being Scranton, Lackawanna and Keystone College as they frequently collaborate with their club.

Beyond going out and fishing together, members of the club are interested in the conservation of streams. In the past, they have written letters to the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission on proposed regulations, either in support or against it.

They are also currently working on bringing in speakers, one being a man who builds rods from scratch and another to talk about his career in Fish and Boat.

One important aspect of the club is that you do not have to know how to fly

fish to join.

“The best part about the club is the opportunity to teach other people how to fly fish,” said Zack. “The hope is that at least one person will discover a passion for the outdoors. Fly fishing is more than fishing, it’s about taking a step back from your busy life and appreciating nature.”

For those who may be nervous about joining, Smith defines the club as “super laid back.” New ideas or critiques are welcomed. The club also has all the necessary gear for members and is working on gaining Student Government funding to pay for fishing licenses for those who do not have one.

The club saw great success on club day, having 35 students sign up to join. For others wanting to get involved, the club holds scheduled meeting times usually on the second Thursday of every month in Cohen 119. Their next meeting will be Sept. 15 at 12p.m.

Photo Courtesy Jacob Smith



Josh Hamilton (closer student) and Robert Davis (farther), fly fish at a private spot during their spring break trip in Schuylkill county.



The club cleans up at Seven Tubs Nature Area in Luzerne County.

LEFT TO RIGHT: Alexis Reedy, Trevor Welsh, Ian Allison, Olivia Rudell, Randal Zack, Robert Davis, Jacob Smith, Daniel Pentka

Life, Arts & Entertainment

Have any events or artists to be shared? Contact Life, Arts & Entertainment Editor: Jordan.Daniel@wilkes.edu

Patricia Moss-Vreeland to give lecture at Sordoni Art Gallery

By Morgan Rich

Life, Arts & Entertainment Asst. Editor

On Aug. 26 the Sordoni Art Gallery opened a new exhibit titled “In Search of Meaning: Memory Becomes Us,” and will host an art in context feature lecture with the artist Patricia Moss-Vreeland at 5 p.m. on Sept. 15.

“In Search of Meaning: Memory Becomes Us” will feature paintings, prints, mixed media, interviews, poetry, scientific texts and videos by Moss-Vreeland that reflect how she connects memory to our senses, place and identity. The pieces are designed so that each person who views her works can find something that they relate to.

Moss-Vreeland is an artist, author, poet and leader who focuses on the relationship between art, memory and creativity and explores the social impact of memory through sciences, history and language.

“Patricia sent the gallery a proposal to display her work,” said Heather Sincavage, associate professor of art and the director of the Sordoni Art Gallery. “Her work touches creative writing, psychology, neuroscience and gender studies so I felt this was an interesting intersection of disciplines that could access the work and see their curriculum reflected in it.”

The artist will speak about her work that will be featured in the exhibit and about the collaborative research she did at the Monell Chemical Senses Center and with Dr. Dasa Zeithmaova at the University of Oregon.

“I think that an opportunity like this on campus is amazing,” said junior business major Rebecca Timko. “Experiencing a lecture like this can be a life and career changing experience for students and this artist’s work can appeal and influence students across all majors and backgrounds.”

Moss-Vreeland has been exhibited internationally and nationally for over 40 years and she has collaborated with

neuroscientists to explore the human brain and memory for over 20 years. So far, her works have been displayed at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Brooklyn Museum of Art, the Institute of Contemporary Art, the Art Institute of Chicago and the Holocaust Museum in Houston.

“I am excited to be exhibiting where students have access to the gallery,” said Moss-Vreeland. “I have had numerous interactions with students who have responded in such stimulating ways and I appreciate hearing their thoughts and connections to the art and concepts. It becomes a dynamic part of my work and exhibition. There is a table with a response box, inviting participation and by stopping and reflecting, you can experience the ways in which creativity guides us.”

Moss-Vreeland tends to experiment with different kinds of materials to stretch her own boundaries and the boundaries of others. She also enjoys having conversations with scientists about memory and learning. She believed that it would be interesting to reveal the process of the artist and scientist talking with one another about their work and their views and representing that in the exhibition.

Since Moss-Vreeland is inspired by nature, she uses it in all of her artworks and her media. She enjoys capturing the feeling of something and not just the way that it appears; what she imagines and observes is woven together to create her art styles.

“I have found this exciting,” said Moss-Vreeland. “I talk about the art and science of memory as intertwined spaces and show that art and memory are subjective, creative, interpretative and have social impact. Imagination moves us forward.”

Moss-Vreeland will speak for about 45 minutes and will answer questions from the public. A free wine and cheese reception will follow the lecture and is free and open to everyone. Parking will be available for visitors in the Karambelas Center located directly outside of the Sordoni Art Gallery.



“In Search of Meaning: Memory Becomes Us” incorporates many types of media, such as paintings, prints, artist books, poetry and videos in the show. Pictured here is “Habitat Lost” by Moss-Vreeland and is one of the many oil paintings inside the exhibition.

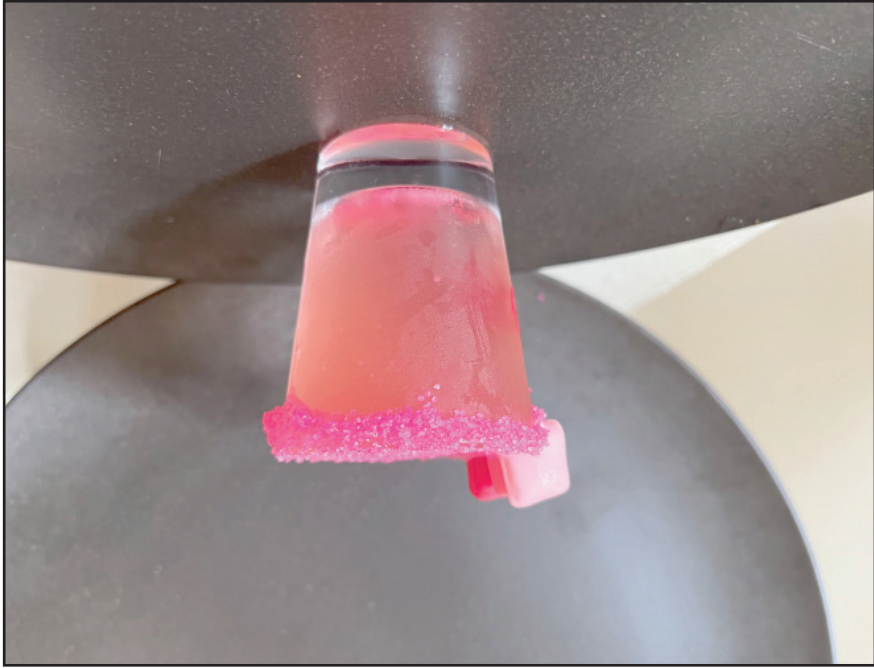


Photo courtesy of Jordan Daniel

This piece of art titled “Rhapsody” is a wall hanging print and framed by a pigment print. On the wall hanging print is a poem titled “Rhapsody” by Moss-Vreeland and allows the viewer to reflect upon recalling memories.

Cocktail of the Week: Pretty, pink & sweet Starburst shot

By Haley Katona



The Beacon/Haley Katona
This quick and easy replica of the candy only consists of a few ingredients.

Ordering shots at the bar or pouring shots at home can be monotonous with the same round of whiskey or vodka but this shot will help “sweeten” things up.

Ingredients:

Equal part any brand of vanilla vodka
Equal part Watermelon Puckers (Schnapps)
Equal part sweet and sour mix

You will need shot glasses, ice and something to shake the liquor in.
This optional but for a pretty garnish, use simple syrup, pink sugar and mini pink starburst.

Directions:

Add ice to a cocktail shaker.
Depending on how many shots you would like to make, add equal amounts of the vanilla vodka, watermelon schnapps and sweet and sour mix over
The Beacon reminds everyone to drink responsibly...and that the legal drinking age is 21.

Close and shake for about 20-25 seconds to get an even blend. If you do not have a cocktail shaker, you can take another empty cup and pour the total ingredients over ice into the empty cup and continue doing so until it is blended.
Take two small bowls and place a thin layer of simple syrup in one and pink sugar in the other. Pick up your shot glass and place it bottom side up into the syrup, trying to make sure a layer of syrup coats the rim. Then, gently place it into the sugar and rotate it until the rim of the shot glass has a pink sugary coating.
Cut a little slice into the mini starburst and put it on the edge. You can add as many as you prefer.
Pour the mix from the shaker or cup into the shot glass and voila!

Beacon Bumps

Each week, the Wilkes Beacon staff adds a song to the Beacon Bumps playlist on Spotify. Check us out this week's bumps to the right.

Emily Cherkaskas, Editor-in-Chief:
Mary On A Cross - Ghost

Ariel Reed, Managing Editor:
toxic energy - blackbear, The Used

Maddy Kinard, News Editor:
New Gold - Gorillaz, Tame Impala, Bootie Brown

Jordan Daniel, LA&E Editor:
Suspicious Minds - Elvis Presley

Morgan Rich, LA&E Asst. Editor:
the lakes - Taylor Swift

Baylee Guedes, Sports Editor:
Dreams - Fleetwood Mac

David Marks, Lead Layout Designer:
Charcoal Baby - Blood Orange

Programming Board presents 'goat yoga' alongside Chemistry Club

By Wren Haze

Life, Arts & Entertainment Staff Writer

Programming board hosted Goat Yoga on Sept. 8. The event was a repeat of Treat Yourself Thursday that occurred last fall and similar elements were implemented.

Chemistry Club also collaborated with Programming Board. Members of the club made scented sugar cubes, which were then used for sugar scrubs.

"We're using a hot plate with a melt pour soap base and some coconut oil," said junior biochemistry major and chemistry club president Daphne Shencavitz. "Then, we pour it in molds with sugar mixed with

essential oils and vitamin E oil. Then, we let them harden."

Students were able to either create their own sugar scrubs or pick out ones that were pre-made by the club. Some of the sugar scrub scents included lemon, blood orange, lavender and sandalwood.

The event included a grab-and-go, which allowed students to pick out claw hair clips, guashas, face roller and build their own charcuterie boards. There also was coloring and friendship bracelets for stress relief.

"We wanted to make a twist with the event and added Buttinhead Farms for goat yoga," said sophomore political

science and history double major Kaelin Hughes, who is also Programming Board president.

As for the actual Goat Yoga, attendees were able to go inside the pen and play with the goats, whereas others attempted yoga poses while these goats were placed on top or near them. The goats were easily approachable and photographable as the ones in their shirts were ready to strike a pose.

Events like these are meant for students to sit back and relax during a week that may have been stressful. However, planning events and attracting students to attend can be a challenge.

"The goats make it really interactive," said sophomore nursing major and community service chair of programming board, Lauren Beaver. "They also draw a crowd no matter what."

According to Hughes, preparations for this event and others from Programming Board have been in the works since the summer. Due to certain circumstances, the board has been condensed, which left programming board with some issues with event planning.

"It was confusing to switch between contacts and coordinate for goat yoga but other than that I think it pulled itself together," said Hughes.

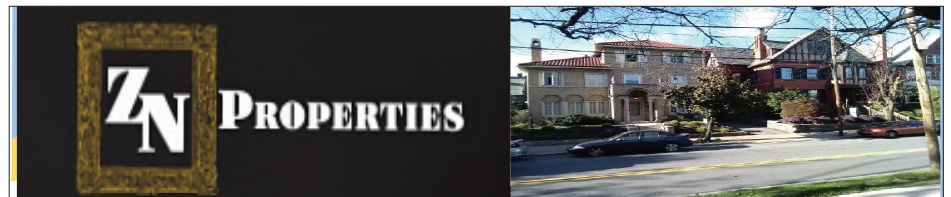
All photos taken by Wren Haze.



From left, Rebecca Lunbinski (first-year, undecided) and Emma Hosier (first-year, education), made fast friends with one of the goats at Programming Board's yoga event.



There was no shortage of goat's at Programming Board's recent goat yoga.



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As for the actual Goat Yoga, attendees were able to go inside the pen and play with the goats, whereas others attempted yoga poses while these goats were placed on top or near them. The goats were easily approachable and photographable as the ones in their shirts were ready to strike a pose.

Events like these are meant for students to sit back and relax during a week that may have been stressful. However, planning events and attracting students to attend can be a challenge.

"The goats make it really interactive," said sophomore nursing major and community service chair of programming board, Lauren Beaver. "They also draw a crowd no matter what."

According to Hughes, preparations for this event and others from Programming Board have been in the works since the summer. Due to certain circumstances, the board has been condensed, which left programming board with some issues with event planning.

"It was confusing to switch between contacts and coordinate for goat yoga but other than that I think it pulled itself together," said Hughes.

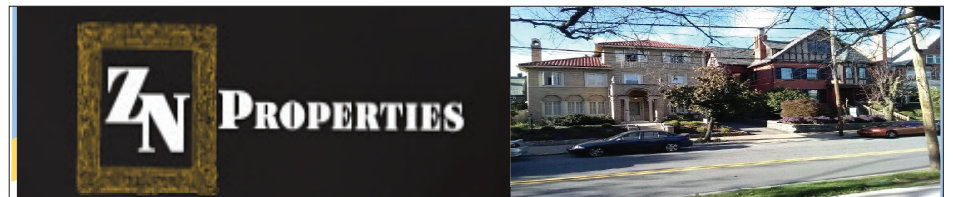
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From left, Rebecca Lunbinski (first-year, undecided) and Emma Hosier (first-year, education), made fast friends with one of the goats at Programming Board's yoga event.



There was no shortage of goat's at Programming Board's recent goat yoga.



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Join book club and start reading “Holding Up the Universe”

By Jordan Daniel

Life, Arts & Entertainment Editor

The Book Club is starting back up again since its start last semester and members are already joining fast.

The first book members will read this month is “Holding Up the Universe” by Jennifer Niven, and the first meeting to discuss the book will be Sept. 25 at noon, at the Barnes & Noble located in the Arena Hub Plaza.

“I’m not a very outgoing person but I really like reading and sometimes when I’m reading books I’m like, ‘God, I wish I had someone else to talk to about it.’ So that way they counteract what I’m thinking about,” said senior communication studies major and leader of the book club, Victoria Yother.

Book lovers and those who enjoy discussing literature will have plenty of opportunities to do so if they sign up for this club. The club reads one book a month and at the end of every month all the members will meet to discuss the particular book. At this time, members

are responsible for acquiring their own books.

“I wanted to be a part of a club that would fit with my busy schedule and encourages me to interact with people who love reading like I do,” said junior musical theater major, Jay’na Johnson.

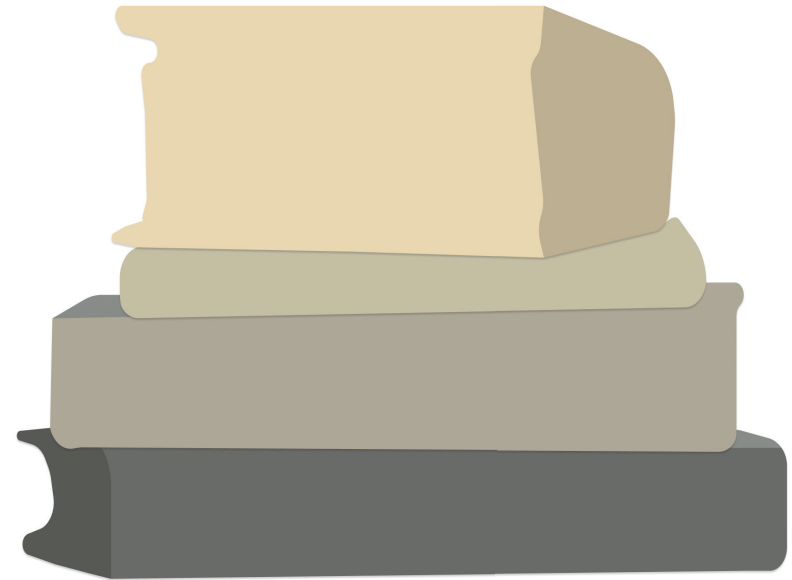
“Holding Up the Universe” was chosen after Yother sent a Google form via email to existing members and those who recently joined. “Holding Up the Universe” tells the story of a growing relationship between two teenagers, Libby Strout and Jack Masselin, who end up in group counseling after being involved in a bullying game.

“I think it’ll be a great book to read for our first meeting with an easy lighthearted topic,” said Yother. “I’m looking forward to our first meeting and getting to know everyone else in the group as well.”

Many new members joined this year after discovering the club’s existence in Today at Wilkes emails. They are excited to begin reading different books, discussing their ideas and thoughts with

others and making new friends.

“It sounds like a very open environment so don’t be afraid to jump in,” said first-year criminology and psychology major, Skylar Forella.



Graphic by David Marks

If interested in signing up for the book club or to ask any questions about the club, email Yother at victoria.yother@wilkes.edu

Save the date: Upcoming campus events

**Kearney & Company
Campus Visit**

9/14

**Home Football Game:
Wilkes vs.
Widener University**

9/17

**Home Field Hockey
Match: Wilkes vs.
Ramapo College**

9/28

**Sordoni Art Gallery’s
Art in Context Feature
Lecture**

9/15

**Home Women’s Soccer
Match: Wilkes vs.
University of Scranton**

9/20

**Programming Board’s
Giveaway**

9/29

**Programming Board’s
Ping Pong & Pizza**

9/15

**Programming Board’s
“Get Groovy” Event**

9/22

**Riverfront Parks’ Chalk
Fest and Hydromania**

10/1

**Family Day 2022:
Celebrate Your Family
of Colonels**

9/17

**National Society of
Professional Engineers
Networking Event**

9/25

**Sordoni Art Gallery’s
Art in Your Hands
Workshop and Birthday**

10/6

MAGICAL MEMORIES WITH MORGAN

What is the Disney College Program?

By Morgan Rich
Life, Arts & Entertainment Asst. Editor

For most college students, there is a certain time in their undergraduate life when they must complete an internship or something similar. For me, that journey began on Sept. 12 with The Walt Disney Co.

In February, I was accepted into a national internship program called the Disney College Program. The Disney college program is a four- to 12-month paid internship program located in Anaheim, Calif. and Orlando, Fla. that offers on-the-job experience, networking opportunities, educational classes and more.

About four weeks before the arrival date, the company sends the student their onboarding paperwork, which includes where the student will work on their program. The Walt Disney Co. allows their interns to work anywhere on their property, which can include the resorts, parks, ESPN Wide World of Sports and Disney Springs. Interns are also expected to work at least 30 hours per week but can expect to work 50 or more hours during the busier seasons.

I found out that I would be working in merchandise on the boardwalk at Disney's Boardwalk Inn, a hotel and entertainment complex. I will work the cash register, stock merchandise, sell packaged items, help and talk to guests, stock the backrooms and even more that I will find out about when I get there.

Being a full-time student also grants me the opportunity to have a study hall every Tuesday and Thursday so I can attend my online class and complete my schoolwork.

During the program, participants are expected to follow the company's look for employees, who are referred to as cast members and will work the shifts that full-time and part-time cast members do not want.

Although it does not sound like the most glamorous of internships to some extent, going into the program with a positive mindset and attitude will set everyone up for success.

As a communication studies major, my role and location are specific to help me in my area of study because I will investigate the heritage, culture and business of a Fortune 500 company, explore career and professional

development opportunities, engage with professional communication scholars, work in a collaborative team environment, assist in day-to-day media questions, issues, crisis management, cast communication and contribute to the development of communication strategies that enhance and protect the reputation of the company.

I will also communicate personally with guests and contribute to the company's rhetorical strategies, utilize interpersonal communication skills while interacting with guests and fellow cast members from different cultures around the world, participate in weekly exclusive events that showcase possible career opportunities in the company specific to communication studies, participate in learning how to brand within public relations and I will learn about the company's film, rhetoric and public relations history.

During my internship, I will be fortunate enough to receive an apartment with my own bedroom and bathroom. My apartment is also only about a 13-minute drive to where I will work.

This internship has been a dream of mine since I was in the eighth grade and I am extremely happy that I will finally get to live out one of my dreams. According to the company, out of the 12,000 students that apply every semester, only 20 percent get accepted.

I will be doing my internship from September until January 2023.

Come back every week to hear more about my magical memories with the Disney college program.



The Beacon/Morgan Rich

Rich shows off her acceptance into the Disney college program.

Henry's Dining Hall holds grand reopening after months of renovation and construction



Wilkes students check into the dining hall and pass through the archway where President Greg Cant dropped by earlier in the day to ceremoniously re-open the space with a ribbon cutting.

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Administrators gather around the salad bar, complete with all the fixings. The salad bar is just one of many upgrades to Henry's Dining Hall.



This dedication to Gilda & Frank Cuscela Sr. was done in 1999 by their son, Frank, a successful, local businessman who found himself in a position to give back to the community that welcomed his parents from Italy.



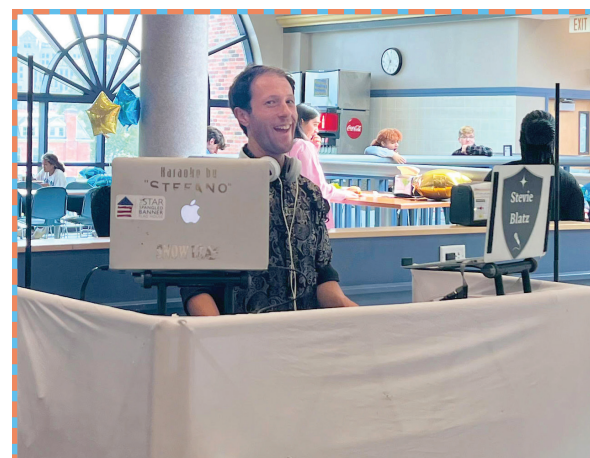
Above: Students enjoy their meals and companionship. According to Wilkes, Henry's Dining Hall affords seating for up to 452.



Left, above: Aramark senior district marketing manager Vince McNeil, left, and regional graphic designer Hannah O'Brien, right, handed out swag and celebrated. 'We're here to celebrate the Grand Re-opening of Henry's Dining Hall,' McNeil said. 'There's been renovations, new stations, new offerings, and a new menu. We're celebrating University Leadership and bringing some fanfare.'



Left: For those who might like to study or just enjoy a little quiet time with their meal, the space in the back of the dining hall affords that exact opportunity. It offers lots of natural lighting, a common theme throughout the dining hall.



Left, below: Stevie Blatz, of Stevie Blatz Entertainment out of Easton, Pa., provided music for diners and administration alike during the reopening.

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Monarchy: not something to romanticize

On Sept. 8, Queen Elizabeth II died after a reign that lasted 70 years, seven months and two days—the longest in British history.

With a tumultuous event sending a rift through the digital world, we are once again reminding our readers to be mindful and cautious of misinformation they find while browsing the Internet. With such a divisive entity that is the concept of a royal family existing, conflict naturally occurs.

For example, Reductress, a verified Twitter account, tweeted that the queen's beloved corgis would be buried alive with her—yes, buried alive.

If one would click on Reductress's profile, they would see the bio explaining it is a fake news magazine. Additionally, clicking on the link to the supposed article would lead to a page explaining the claim was all a joke.

Although it was an excellent example of dark humor and satire, a large portion of online users did not understand this sarcasm. Tens of thousands of Twitter users ended up believing this to be true, thanks to the verification and prominence it had as a search result for "Queen Elizabeth II" on the day of her death. The post was liked and shared hundreds of thousands of times, and

this does not include the number of users who saw the post without engaging with it.

This is just one example of misinformation spreading online, and it will continue to get worse if online readers do not understand media literacy. Unfortunately, many users don't read past a headline or the first sentence of an article, thus leading to ignorance prevailing.

Regardless of whatever your views are on Queen Elizabeth II, or just the concept of a monarchy in general, there is something we all can agree on: Do not fall into the hole of fake news.

The royal family in particular has become the subject of salacious news and gossip, to the point where what's actually important to the world is suppressed by such gossip, thanks to tabloid culture taking advantage of readers that lack media literacy.

You can enjoy the entertainment and drama that the royal family brings with what comes about with an entire family being put in the spotlight, but you should not romanticize them, as fantastical as royal life seems. Queen Elizabeth II was one of, if not the most public figures on the planet, while having to remain the most private. We don't know what truly goes on

behind closed doors, despite news outlets claiming an unnamed source came out and said this or that.

As desperate as the infamous tabloids and news outlets can act in trying to peek into the life of the mysterious royal family, we will never know the full story of anything that happens behind the walls of the palaces.

Even with the queen's death bringing international attention to the small country, with eyes focusing on Britain, misinformation will continue to flourish, as it always will with the royal family. Readers will continue to read what satisfies their curiosity and bias, even if it is misinterpreted or factually incorrect.

If certain royal family members or staff try to give their side of the story, that is all they can give. We don't know the other side. Magazines and tabloids will continue to report on what makes them money and clicks, no matter what amount of truth or falsity it is based from.

The future is going to bring up many stories now that the queen, the head of state, is gone. Because of that, it is up to the readers to do proper research and mindful reading.

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The politics of Wilkes parking: a commuter's perspective

By Rudy Urenovich
Staff Writer

I can remember my very first day as a first-year student at Wilkes in the fall of 2019. As a commuter, the 40-minute drive to Wilkes required its own mental preparation.

I arrive here fairly early, I'd say before 8:30 a.m., but imagine my surprise to find the lot almost full...the big, extensive lot behind the student center, almost entirely filled. By the grace of whatever higher power there is, I managed to get one of the last spots, but it gave me even more anxiety.

Fast-forward three years, and I can say the parking situation is not much better. And, depending on the time of year, I would say it is even worse.

I will concede that this school year, although we are still in the early days, has been an outlier. While the beginning of the semester is always a hectic time for college life, the parking situation thus far has been beyond expectations.

Now I will begin to address some of the elephants in the room. I have heard that the handing out of parking passes this year was disorganized and perhaps a bit too generous. I think this is quite obvious; just try to find a spot anywhere on campus after 10 a.m. You'll end up on the roof of the parking garage, should you be so lucky.

Now, I am not going to just complain and whine without proposing some possible solutions.

I think upperclassmen, faculty, and commuters should have priority when it comes to parking. For instance, when we schedule classes, we do so in order of graduation year.

I firmly believe that commuters should have first dibs when it comes to parking, in terms of obtaining a pass and having open spaces in the a lot.

I do not need my own personal spot, just a chance to get a desirable spot. I'm sorry residents, but we literally cannot attend school without a car—we use it for our education, not just going on a Target run.

The district where I attended high school, while having countless shortcomings, had enough foresight to designate a specific lot for student drivers, thus making transportation to and from school considerably easier. It should be possible on the Wilkes campus.

This may not be practical, but I believe on the parking pass application, we choose whether we park in a main lot or at the Ralston complex, so why can we not get more specific, and choose a lot that we prefer to part in most of the time? I know it might not be this simple.

But, to put it bluntly, if I must pay \$120 a semester for a parking pass, I would like to be guaranteed a spot. It should at



The Beacon/Rudy Urenovich

Walking out of the Henry Student Center greets one with the horizon of a seemingly endless parking lot.

the very least be assured there are enough spaces to accommodate for everyone who must purchase a pass.

I understand there are extenuating circumstances, events and visitors. The other week, even President Joe Biden made an appearance at Wilkes. But if classes are in session, we the students should be the first priority when it comes to rights such as parking.

We pay our dues through tuition, run countless clubs, programs, and organizations and make up the school's identity. In short there would be no school

without the students. I think a little more consideration, planning, and perhaps even a little money could be used to ensure we have necessities like decent parking.

I would like to end a high note, however. I must say I was delighted when I was handed my parking pass and discovered it was a placard as opposed to those awful little stickers that reek havoc on my windshield and were always done in garish colors.

Some improvement. It really is the small things.

Caffeine and college students: an unhealthy relationship

By Sydney Allabaugh
Opinion Staff Writer

On an average morning, you can find me in line at the campus Starbucks for my daily coffee.

I am one of millions in my age demographic who have a caffeine dependency. According to the National Institute of Health (NIH), caffeine is the most commonly used drug in the world. Should daily use of this stimulant be this widely accepted?

Luckily, consuming under 400 milligrams of caffeine a day is generally safe and can even have some health benefits.

However, excessive caffeine usage can lead to a variety of side effects including insomnia, nervousness, heart

complications and muscle tremors, according to the Mayo Clinic. This can become a serious problem if someone struggles with caffeine use disorder and requires more caffeine than average to feel alert.

Additionally, caffeine consumption by means of coffee and energy drinks can pose additional health risks. Coffee and energy drinks are both acidic, which potentially can lead to enamel erosion according to the NIH.

Sweet caffeinated drinks from Starbucks and Dunkin' and energy drinks like Red Bull also commonly contain double the daily recommended amount of sugar.

This high sugar content combined with high acidity can lead to tooth decay. High sugar intake alone can lead to obesity,

heart disease, kidney diseases and more according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

Even more health issues arise when caffeine is used as a replacement for sleep. Most adults need between seven and nine hours of sleep a day.

When caffeine is used to extend the amount of time spent awake, it can lead to sleep deprivation. According to the Cleveland Clinic, lack of sleep can lead to short-term problems like impaired memory and poor quality of life and long-term problems like diabetes, heart attack or stroke.

Although the stimulant caffeine is not inherently harmful in smaller doses, poor dietary and sleep habits often coincide with caffeine addiction.

When we normalize or even trivialize the effects of daily coffee consumption, many may not realize these potential dangers. Drug addiction, regardless of substance severity, should never be normalized.

Luckily, you can limit the negative consequences of caffeine addiction. Using a straw and rinsing your mouth after drinking a caffeinated beverage can prevent dental issues.

Drinking black or unsweetened coffee and tea reduces sugar intake. The NIH also recommends that caffeine should be consumed over six hours before going to bed to reduce sleep disturbances.

Like most treats in our diet, coffee and tea can be safe as long as we know the risks and consume in moderation.

“Finch” review: an inclusive self-care app for students

By Emily Cherkauskas
Editor-in-Chief

The problem with many health and self-care apps is that following or understanding information and goals gets overwhelming or annoying too quickly—rendering their selling point useless.

In fact, “Finch” is the opposite of that. Available on the Apple and Google Play stores, you get to control how many goals to follow, what notifications you receive and what aspects of your life journeys you can focus on.

In “Finch,” you become the owner of a pet baby bird, with the goal of nurturing it to let it grow up and learn its personality, including its likes and dislikes.

One may be typically reminded of a “Tamagotchi” pet, but unlike “Tamagotchi,” the goal is to not let your pet die, as that isn’t the point of “Finch.”

Taking hold of self-care

“Finch” allows you to focus on certain journeys that offer specific sets of goals to follow. Some examples include hygiene, exercise, mindfulness, tidiness, work-life harmony, sleep and more. You are also able to create your own journey. You are able

to start all of those journeys together, with as many goals as you want to follow—there is no limit or minimum.

There is an incentive to following your goals. With each goal completed, you are awarded with in-game currency that can be used to buy clothes or furniture for your pet.

As you complete more, you can reach milestones and allow your pet to grow from a baby to an adult.

I have noticed the app encourages and focuses on the lifestyle of taking one day at a time. You just focus on the goals you have for the day and reap the rewards of completing them.

As someone who would constantly worry about what I would have to do for the entirety of a week, “Finch” has definitely slowed my mind down and led



me to focus more on the idea of taking control of each day for what it offers.

It’s honestly perfect for a college student trying to adjust to the new lifestyle, either commuter or resident. If you are struggling to get into a routine, you can take on the simplest to the most energizing of goal, from setting a goal to brushing your hair or cleaning your clothes, to following unlimited yoga exercises.

Pricing and privacy

The app offers a premium subscription mode for any interested users, with yearly or monthly plans. The yearly plan rounds out to a little over three dollars a month.

The creative goals and activities you can engage in as a non-premium user give much flexibility, still offering an extremely

strong core.

The app is transparent and shows you all the features and activities you can get with premium, such as more in-depth tutorials and prompts for exercises or journaling, or more app customization. Although I do not currently have a subscription, I would recommend it if one were interested.

The creators explain in the terms of service that they make money off premium subscriptions, rather than selling data to advertisers. Even the non-premium app does not include any advertisements, unlike other apps or games.

Expectational privacy is a need for many users, including myself—especially now in the current era.

On the subject of privacy: There is no cloud saving; all local data must be saved manually, which is compressed into a zip file, with your control of where it is saved.

For these reasons, I wholeheartedly recommend “Finch.” It’s flexible, inclusive to everyone, judgement-free—and cute.

I was nowhere near able to include all features available in the app, so I recommend anyone to check it out and see what it has to offer for a memorable self-care journey.

Screenshot by Emily Cherkauskas

Wren’s watchlist: “The Case Study of Vanitas” and a chaotic plot

By Wren Haze
LA&E/Opinion Staff Writer

Spoiler alert: This story contains plot reveals.

This week, I finally found time to finish the second part of the first season of “The Case Study of Vanitas,” and this show does not give me a break.

The show follows a vampire of the Crimson Moon, Noé Archiviste, a 19-year-old man who is in search of the Book of Vanitas.

First things first, the show has me hooked by its beautiful animation style and color choice. Archiviste’s color palette is white, black and purple and with darker skin. I enjoy that the author included a person of color, as many animes do not include them and when they do, they are perceived in a bad light. In this series, Archiviste is the main character.

Archiviste ends up finding the book of Vanitas and coincidentally not, meets the owner of the book to be named... Vanitas. Shocker.

The second part of the first season starts shining light into Vanitas’ past. In the first part of the season, his past was put on the back burner and left readers to make assumptions. However, I discovered that nothing catches Twitter’s attention like a man with black hair and bright blue eyes. I still hate him.

The second part focuses a lot on the Beast of Gévaudan and the rumor about its recent reappearance. Vanitas and Noé travel to Gévaudan to investigate this issue. I got to see how much trust Noé puts into Vanitas and how much Vanitas cares for him.

Noé coincidentally gets taken by the Beast of Gévaudan and we get insight about the truth of Gévaudan. This part of

the series shines a light on how corrupt the government is and how easily they twist and lie about things.

This is where the chaos begins.

After Noé returns back to Vanitas, Vanitas’ book has gone missing. The book is in possession of Chloé d’Apchier, who is using it to end her own life and get retribution for the d’Apchier.

However, the plan backfires on her as she discovers that Jean-Jacques Chastel is in love with her. Nothing is cuter than finding out your lover is reciprocating your feelings just when you are about to die.

Well, she does not die. Shocking.

This series does its best to not kill off characters and instead gives them savior by the one and only Vanitas.

I understand that this trope adds to the plot and shows importance of Vanitas and his stupid little book that shows the same

animation every time he uses it, but it gets old. I would have enjoyed the Beast of Gévaudan arc a lot more if they killed off a character.

Just when things seem to end for every character in this series, Vanitas’ younger brother appears out of nowhere and uses Dominique DeSade, a childhood love interest for Archiviste, to lure Noé out.

Does it work? Absolutely.

This is where stuff gets crazy.

Everyone is fighting each other and suddenly Vanitas wants to kill Archiviste. Why? I am not entirely sure, but all I know is once they make-up it all lovey dovey at the end.

Something homosexual was definitely happening, but again not my issue.

The show was very pleasing to watch and though the storyline was slightly confusing, I would rate this series as a 9/10.

Meet the Majors

This week's major: Nursing

Interviews and photos by
Jordan Daniel
Life, Arts & Entertainment
Editor

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

Gianna Picco Junior

“My favorite part of nursing is being able to help someone or give them something that they can take with them and thrive with once they are back on their feet.

I chose nursing because I love being able to help people. I like being able to help someone when they are not at their best and watch them grow and succeed.

My goal is to impact the lives of many.”



Deiry Contreras Senior

“I think everyone should have basic knowledge on how to stay healthy and understand what the proper procedures are in emergencies. I wanted to have that basic knowledge and go beyond it. I enjoy applying what I learned in nursing into my life.

I hope to leave a positive impact on my patients, not just in their physical health but also their mental health. I understand that being in the hospital takes a great toll on people and I would like to be their relief throughout their stay.”

Photos: The Beacon/Jordan Daniel

Allison Shurock Senior

“I have wanted to be a nurse for as long as I can remember. My two biggest inspirations are both my mom and my aunt who are both RNs in the ICU.

I actually recently accepted a job after completing my externship this summer as a labor and delivery RN at Geisinger in Danville upon graduation. I am so excited to begin my journey as a nurse.”



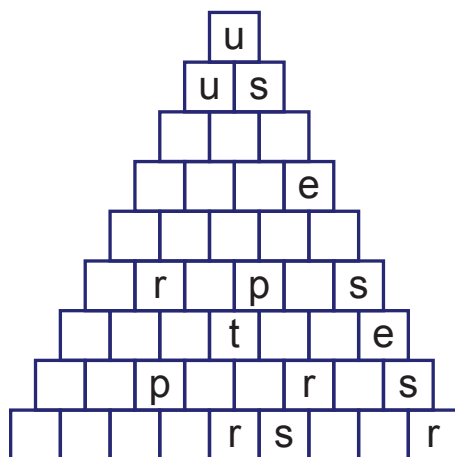
Matthew Stankiewicz Senior

“I’ve always seemed to have an intrinsic motive to help people. Nursing will allow me to do this everyday. Nursing also has countless avenues to explore to truly find my calling in life.

After graduation and passing the NCLEX, I plan to work in an emergency department locally before traveling with the end goal of becoming a flight nurse.”

Need to unwind? Relax your brain with some exercises

Word Pyramid



HOW TO PLAY:

Start from the top, going down the pyramid. Each level includes the letters from the previous letter, which one letter added. Keep solving the new word.

HINTS:

- Level 3: To take legal action.
- Level 4: Without a doubt.
- Level 5: A bag or satchel.
- Level 6: Breaks out or bursts.
- Level 7: A large area of land, typically for farm animals.
- Level 8: A person who is succesful and appealing.

Fallen phrase



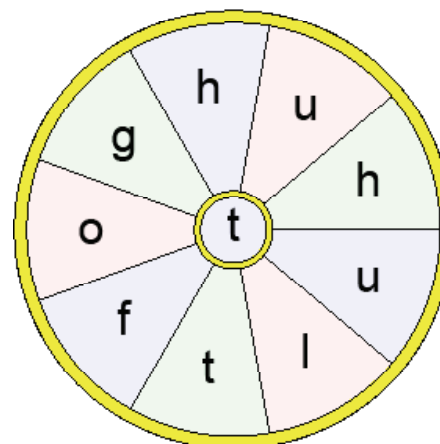
O V T E E F I K S O
 T E Y N I T D S N O T T
 H E R T H D N I I I Y N I E

HOW TO PLAY:

The fallen letters of the phrase above must be placed back in their correct order. Each letter is directly below the column it fell from, and it must be figured out which row the letters should be placed in. For additional help, cross each letter out once placed.

HINT: "Not over yet."

Word wheel



HOW TO PLAY:

Create as many words possible with the letters present in the word wheel. When creating a word, each word can only use a spoke once and must not repeat. Every word must contain the letter in the center of the wheel.

HINT for the base word that contains all letters in the wheel:
 "One who meditates and ponders."

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WORD WHEEL SOLUTION

- Level 3: Sue.
- Level 4: Sure.
- Level 5: Pursue.
- Level 6: Erupts.
- Level 7: Pasture.
- Level 8: Superstar.

WORD WHEEL SOLUTION

Base word solution: Thoughtful.
Some remaining words: flout,
 fought, glout, glut, got, goth, gout,
 gut, holt, hot, hut, lot, loth,
 lout, oft, ought, out, tho, thou,
 thought, thought, thoughtful, thug,
 toft, tofu, tog, tolu, tof, tough, tout,
 tuft, tug, tut and tutu.

Sports

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FB: New quarterback helps Wilkes start season off strong

By Baylee Guedes
Sports Editor

For many, the best season of the year has finally begun... football season. The Colonels started off their season with a big win over the Keystone College Giants, taking the game 48-21. This win was momentous for Wilkes as they are being led by new sophomore quarterback Isaiah Rodriguez.

In his first start and first win, Rodriguez went 18 for 23 while putting up 217 passing yards as well as throwing two touchdown passes and adding a rushing touchdown.

"It is an honor (to be a starter) and it is something that I had to be patient and work for during my freshman year," said Rodriguez. "The moment is finally here and I am just hoping that I can continue to produce and help carry this team to a championship. Funny enough, it was actually my birthday on the day of the game, so it was the best birthday gift I could ask for."

The coaching staff is looking forward to what Rodriguez is going to do for the team throughout the entirety of the season.

"Isaiah did a great job of managing the game in his first start," said head coach Jonathan Drach.

"He is a big kid that can run and throw the ball

with great accuracy. He gets better every day with each additional rep that he takes. He will continue to grow as a leader and on-field performer as the season goes on."

Aside from having a new, young

quarterback, the majority of the team is considered experienced returners, Drach explained after the team win.

"We return a great deal of varsity lettermen," said Drach. "We have great senior leadership and we look forward to the team growing under

and members are looking to capitalize on the energy that they have already gained right off of the first snap of the season.

"There is still a lot of stuff we need to improve on defensively and offensively but a decent start (to the season)," said junior defensive back Jesse Adesso who added seven tackles in the win over Keystone. "This season I am looking forward to winning more games and getting better as a team."

Looking ahead, the Colonels will be playing this Saturday as they host Widener University at noon in a battle of the right shade of blue and gold. Following the home game.

The team is looking forward to taking this first-win momentum and gassing it all the way to the MAC championship game and title.

For more information on statistics and the remaining schedule, go to www.gowilkesu.com

them as the players that have stepped into starting roles know the expectation of their positions and have done a great job of filling those requirements."

The team is coming off of a .600 season

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Head Coach Jonathan Drach argues a call made on the field.



The team marches in unity on to the field.

WSOC: One final run in the MAC Freedom tournament

By Wren Hazel

LA&E and Opinion Writer

With only one more run in the MAC, women's soccer is continuing the pursuit of a championship coming oh-so-close the past six years of play.

Last season, the team finished 5th and fought its way past a tough FDU-Florham to make the semifinals. Eventually, the team fell to the soccer powerhouse Misericordia.

"So far this year, it has been a really good start," said head coach John McNichol. "It is a group that is close, enjoys working together and I could not be happier with the way they are as people."

Despite graduating Emily Bidelspach, the teams' leading scorer, the team has started off the season on a high note.

Losing a leading scorer can be difficult to bounce back from, but junior goalkeeper Hannah Landis returns this season as the defensive cornerstone.

"I think this is one of the best defensive lines we've had since I've been at Wilkes," said Landis. "I am looking forward to competing this year. Our back line has a lot of grit & determination & we are eager to show good teams we can run with them."

Landis received player of the week

honors three times throughout the last season. She also averaged a .759 save percentage and helped the Colonels with 82 saves.

Alongside Landis, Wilkes returns forward sophomore Sarah Eliff and graduate student Kayla Lopez.

"Having another shot at a last season is a big deal," said Lopez. "In the last four years I have been very unlucky when it comes to injuries, so being healthy and having a strong start to the season is great to see and I am excited to see how much more I can bring to the team and we are all very eager to finally get a championship win."

McNichol is looking to create consistency in how the Colonels work and train. He believes if they continue to improve with bringing that consistency each day, good things will happen.

"We understand that if we do not pay attention to details and do not work hard every single day, it is one momentary lapse in judgment or decision that can be whether we win or lose a game for us," said McNichol. "The goal is to continue to improve each day."

The Colonels return to action tonight at Susquehanna for a non-conference match-up at 7 p.m..



Photo: The Beacon/Ariel Reed

Goalie Hannah Landis punts the ball across the field to move it into the attacking third.



MSOC: Fifth years look to lead team through regular season

By Ariel Reed

Managing Editor

“Defense wins championships,” said head coach Michael Piranian. “You hear it all the time. Having (Zach) Tone and (Nicholas) Surgent ... the guys that have been part of a lot of games for us.”

Senior goalkeeper Zach Tone and graduate student Nicholas Surgent return to the loaded Colonel defensive line to further lock their playoff ambitions.

“We were both captains last year,” said Surgent. “I think it helps carry over into this year. We always had that extra leadership. We’re like glue, and we are very close to each other and we know what we’re looking for.”

Tone and Surgent are four-year starters. The chemistry developed between the two players over the years is second to none—and is quite obvious when watching their game play.

In addition to the return of Tone and Surgent, the Colonels also bring juniors Andrew Slusser and Eli Gordon back into the line-up.

Piranian expressed the importance of bringing back the veteran players as their knowledge and established chemistry lay the foundation for a successful season.

“On and off the field there’s just chemistry that we know where certain players will be on the field,” said Tone. “Like you don’t really have to look but they will be in the right position. There’s not much communication position wise because there’s that experience.”

Last season, Wilkes finished in the pack with a three-way tie for 3rd place.

Due to tiebreaker rules, they fell to the 5th seed, forcing them to compete in the play-in game. Unfortunately, the team fell to Stevens.

“We haven’t had an answer against

Stevens yet,” said Piranian. “Right there for us. We haven’t beaten them and it’s actually been three games in a row.”

Several new faces arrived on the team to help in the push for a playoff push; one of them being a first-year out of Allentown, Pa.: Will Wagstaff and another out of Oley Valley, Pa. Josey Williamson.

“I talk to our opposing coaches at pregame, he’s made their scouting reports and we expect a lot of things from him,” said Piranian. “It will be tough for him because he’s not a hidden gem right now.

“Josey Williamson is a kid that’s walked onto the team and has shown his athleticism and he has been really exciting to watch,” said Piranian.

Wilkes returns to the pitch Saturday as they travel to Rutgers-Camden for a 1 p.m. game.



Nicholas Surgent throws the ball inbound.



Photo: The Beacon/Ariel Reed

First-year Will Wagstaff looks to the defensive line in anticipation of getting the ball passed to him.



First-year Josey Williamson cuts off a Haverford defender.

Getting to know...

Angel Ramos

Junior Football Player

The Beacon: Male Athlete of the Week Sept. 1 to Sept. 8

Why Angel Ramos was selected: Ramos recorded eight tackles, three of which were for loss. Ramos also recorded two sacks. His efforts awarded him MAC Freedom Defensive Player of the Week honors.

Name: Angel Ramos

Year: Junior

Major: Accounting

Minor: Data Analytics

Hometown: Allentown, Pa.

High School: Parkland H.S.

Position: Defensive Tackle

Driving force for your decision to come to Wilkes?

The environment not only the area, but the teams and the people here.

Post-graduation plans in terms of a career?

I plan on pursuing an accounting career post graduation.

Hopes for this season?

I hope to continue to improve and heighten the standards for the team

When/Why did you first begin playing?

I loved watching the sport and my dad was all about football so I got into it fairly quick.

Favorite thing to do during practice?

I like doing 1 on 1's or doing relay races.

Favorite meal to eat on campus?

Quesadillas.

What color/flavor of Gatorade is your favorite?

Definitely fruit punch.

If your life was a movie, who would you want to play you and why?

Aaron Donald because I would look like the best defensive tackle.

Is math blue or red, and why do you think that?

Math for me is blue and whenever I think of numbers, I think of lighter colors.

Go to karaoke song?

Billie Jeans Michael Jackson.

If you could choose your height, what would it be and why?

It'd probably be 6'2 - 6'4.

Anyone to give a shout-out to?

I would like to shout out all my coaches and teammates especially my high school teammate Adam Piston.

- Compiled by Ariel Reed, Managing Editor

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Getting to know...

Kayla Lopez

Graduate-Student Soccer Player

The Beacon: Female Athlete of the Week Sept. 1 to Sept. 8

Why Kayla Lopez was selected: Lopez recorded a goal and an assist in her game against Penn College. Lopez played a vital role in the team's success.

Name: Kayla Lopez

Year: Graduate student

Major: Bioengineering

Hometown: Binghamton, N.Y.

High School: Chenango Valley H.S.

Position: Forward

stuck with it because all my friends were always playing. I didn't start taking it seriously until freshman year of high school- which is very late compared to most people.

Favorite thing to do during practice?

Playing over the river.

Favorite meal to eat on campus?

This isn't a meal, but whenever I am on campus I go to Starbucks and get an iced matcha latte with vanilla and almond milk - everyone should try it.

What color/flavor of Gatorade is your favorite?

Yellow.

Is math blue or red, and why do you think that?

Red. Math is red, English is blue, history is yellow, and science is green - this is the only right answer.

Go to karaoke song?

Umbrella by Rihanna.

If you could choose your height, what would it be and why?

I would choose to stay the same height. I am 5' 1" and if I was tall I wouldn't be able to buy shoes from the kid's section.

Anyone to give a shout-out to?

The basketball boys of 408. Thank you for letting me live with you guys.

- Compiled by Ariel Reed, Managing Editor

Driving force for your decision to come to Wilkes?

I originally came into college interested in Pharmacy. Being able to continue my soccer career as well as attend an amazing pharmacy program was a no brainer. However, after switching majors during my sophomore year, I decided to stay at Wilkes rather than transferring because I knew the amazing science faculty here would help me find success in the future.

Post-graduation plans in terms of a career?

After I finish my masters, I plan to either go to medical school or stick with bioengineering and go into drug and gene delivery.

Favorite memory as a Colonel?

My favorite memory as a Colonel would have to be the 4/5 game at FDU-Florham last season. We were tied with 10 minutes left in the game and Vicky (Burkhart) scored an amazing goal. We tied with them earlier in the season, so it was great to go there and win and to be able to continue our season.

When/Why did you first begin playing?

I started playing when I was 5 and



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