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'Wilkes is the reason I am who I am'

Business school namesake Jay S. Sidhu visits Wilkes



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Leahy and Sidhu shake hands before the Q & A on Oct. 17. Sidhu, chairman and CEO of Customers Bank, received his MBA at Wilkes in 1973.

By Toni Pennello
Editor-in-Chief

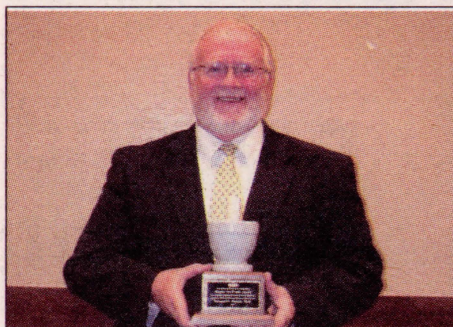
On Oct. 17 at 3:30 p.m., to a full house in the McHale Gymnasium, President Patrick Leahy announced an unusual cell phone policy -- to have them out, to take photos and videos and live tweet an event that he felt was worth utmost celebration.

The occasion was a Q&A with Jay S. Sidhu, 1973 graduate of the Wilkes University MBA program, former member of the Wilkes Board of Trustees, and namesake

of the University's school of business and leadership.

Sidhu is the chairman and CEO of Customers Bancorp and Customer's Bank, headquartered in Wyomissing, Pa. In January, Forbes ranked Customer's Bancorp as number 35 out of 100 on their largest banks list. According to a press release on the financial institution's website, they

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United Nations Rep. speaks on global sustainability

By Maddie Davis
Staff Writer

The Humpty Dumpty Institute's partnership with Wilkes University recently held Dr. Donald Lee as a part of its United Nations Lecture Series.

Dr. Lee's lecture was held in the Miller Room of the Student Union Building on Oct. 19, and gathered those interested in the United Nations and global sustainability.

The Humpty Dumpty Institute's Higher Education Alliance has helped bring 25 lecturers to Wilkes University to provide all students and faculty with various informal lectures and meetings through its six-year partnership.

Dr. Donald Lee is the president of the International Committee for Oct. 17, which promotes the International Day of the Eradication of Poverty. He is also the former Chief of Social Perspectives on the Development Branch of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

At the lecture, Dr. Lee spoke about building a sustainable world and overall global sustainability and its importance for our current and future generations.

"It's an existential issue," Dr. Lee urged, "it trumps any other social and economic issue you can think about, because if we don't solve this problem there won't be any humans left around."

Dr. Lee introduced the nine planetary boundaries that underlie sustainable development and his talk as a whole. These nine boundaries enable humans to survive, incorporate all aspects of the world around us and are all affected by humans altering the environment.

"The sad news is, we raced past four of them," said Dr. Lee.

Throughout his lecture, Dr. Lee talked about human involvement in altering the environment and how it is affecting higher sea levels, the acceleration of the heating and cooling phases, and dramatic increase in global temperatures. From here, he discussed the problems with modern reshaping of the animal world for our own needs whether it be for animal companions or for meat, eggs, and milk.

Wilkes University junior mechanical engineering major Kelvin Awo found Dr. Lee's reshaping of the animal world

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Information for students graduating in May 2018

Be prepared to complete your order for Diploma and Cap and Gown for May Commencement. Forms are available at the Registrar's Office or online under the Registrar Forms area. Completed forms, signed by your advisor, are due back in the Registrar's Office BY DEC. 15.

This paperwork is to be returned to the Registrar's Office in Capin Hall along with an updated copy of your Degree Audit (which you or your advisor runs). Be sure to run this audit AFTER you have registered for the Spring 2018 semester.

Come to Empty Bowls

Wilkes University, in partnership with King's College, Luzerne County Community College and Wyoming Seminary, will hold its sixth annual Empty Bowls event to benefit local food banks. This year's event will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 29 in the Henry Student Center Ballroom.

Dodgeball tournament cancelled

Phi Beta Lambda's Dodgeball Tournament is now cancelled and will be rescheduled for next semester.

Buy a yellow ribbon

The Wilkes Veteran's Council will be selling Yellow Ribbons in the SUB until Nov. 8. Stop by the table and show your support for a family member or a friend who is serving or has served this great nation. The ribbons will cost \$1 and will be displayed on the Greenway during our Veterans Day Celebration on Nov. 9.

Reserve your table at the community Halloween party

Come join the Wilkes' community at the Annual Community Halloween Party! Register for a table for your club or organization. The event is hosted by Wilkes University for local children. The event will take place Oct. 29 from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Student Union Building. Clubs/organizations are responsible for their own decor and treats/activities. Contact Kristin Osipower at kristin.osipower@wilkes.edu or ext. 5904 for questions, or in order to reserve a table.

Be an IEP conversation partner

The IEP Conversation Partner program is looking for students and faculty to spend an hour or two a week speaking to international students involved in the intensive English Program. Participants do not need to plan special activities for their conversation partner, they just need to include them in some of their usual activities. For more information, contact Dr. Kimberly Niezgoda, Kimberly.niezgoda@wilkes.edu.

Wilkes University Student Government notes

By Megan Stanley

Staff Writer

Wilkes University's Student Government held its first meeting after fall break on Wednesday, Oct. 18.

Before new business was discussed, President Leahy spoke to the students and praised the recent events, saying: "I'm hearing great things about the events you are hosting; homecoming was a huge success."

President Leahy then moved on to discuss the recent questions about the funding towards the new building developments and stated that since opening the Cohen Science building, all new campus work has been done without borrowing money, using state and alumni donations. He moved on to discuss future campus developments, including the redeveloping the sidewalks, Henry Student Center parking lot and various campus buildings.

President Leahy reiterated: "We're working really hard to minimize the amount of money we have to spend ... on stuff."

In terms of business, the first item on

the agenda was the Study Abroad Club student government recognition. The club is student orientated and hopes to raise awareness and be a network for students who want to study abroad for a semester or more. The group will also fundraise for their own trips which will be determined by students. Dr. Jeffrey Stratford, assistant professor of Biology, will be the academic advisor, but the club will be open to all majors. The motion to recognize the club passed with 34 votes.

The second item of business was the Neuroscience Club fund request. The club requested \$1,269.89 to attend the Society for Neuroscience Conference in Washington in November. The costs would cover five membership fees, registration costs, hotel rooms, and some food coverage. The Student Government motion to give the group \$889.89, which would cover hotel and membership fees, and this passed with 30 votes.

Casino Week fund request was the third item of business. The total cost for the week will be \$11,600, which is under budget compared to the past two years. The costs would cover the events over the week and

the prizes on offer. This proposal will be voted on during next week's meeting.

In discussion was also the committees that met during the week which were IT, Library and operations. The IT department are rolling out a new version of L.I.V.E. which will be more adapted for mobile usage, and will be available immediately after this semester. They've hired a new web designer and the colonel network will become more secure for students.

The library committee discussed the 2019 budget from which they are losing \$10,000, and want students to advocate to their deans to keep the specific journals they read.

Operations discussed fixing the Stark elevator, which will take 8 to 12 weeks, and reported that the sprinkler system is fully working.

Finally, the Student Government discussed the upcoming events such as Freak Week, Open Mic night, and Family Day.



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are also the number one Pennsylvania-chartered bank on the list. He has also won a host of awards, with many years of experience in the banking field.

Leahy began by thanking faculty, alumni, representatives from local businesses and all other members of the crowd for attending.

"In particular, I'm thrilled to have our superstar students join us today for what is, I promise you, a very special day at Wilkes University," Leahy said.

Leahy pointed out that almost 30,000 people have graduated from the University since its founding in 1933 -- and how special that made Sidhu's presence.

"I can tell you today that we have with us, quite possibly our most successful alum, or at least one of our most successful alums," Leahy claimed.

Sidhu, in humility, later rebuked Leahy's claim.

After Leahy spoke, he invited senior business major Aaron Sadowski to introduce Sidhu. Sadowski has interned at Customers Bank, and is currently treasury and corporate planning project assistant there, according to his LinkedIn profile.

Sadowski read a short biography about Sidhu before introducing him, and touted Sidhu's leadership skills from firsthand

experience.

The Q&A was presented as informal; Leahy and Sidhu sat across from each other at wooden chairs, a pitcher of water on the table separating them, and had a "conversation," as Leahy put it.

During the talk, Sidhu narrated his family life and humble beginnings in India, and how he came to be the CEO of Customers Bank.

Sidhu also discussed how he found his way to Wilkes, which he said is what changed everything for him.

Sidhu attended business school in India behind his parents' backs -- they wanted him to be a doctor, or an army officer -- but he knew he wanted to continue his education in the United States.

"My greatest dream was to come to the United States and to study. And so, Wilkes is the reason I am who I am."

When Sidhu decided to come to the United States for his MBA, he did not have enough money for the application fees.

"I had postcards made up and sent them to many different schools, and Wilkes was one of the schools that responded and sent me an application."

Sidhu answered questions posed by Leahy and audience members about business and banking, but went further to provide life lessons he has learned; including that he is always working to better himself, that he




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Wilkes University President Patrick Leahy and Jay S. Sidhu discuss Sidhu's life and success at the well attended Q & A on Oct. 17.

never goes to sleep without reading and that he never gives up.

"Never, ever, ever, ever, ever, ever give up when you are passionate about the clarity of your vision ... because there will always be obstacles all along the way. You will have

nine out of ten people tell you it will not work, but if you are passionate, never give up."

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interesting.

"Wolves are now being replaced with modern day animals like cats and dogs," Awo said. "Years from now those animals might not be around."

The reshaping of the animal population has caused deforestation to accelerate and remove the trees that help shade our rainforests, Lee said.

Dr. Lee touched base on the problem with plastic pollution in oceans, and even ventured into the seventeen sustainable development goals like poverty and hunger.

"I think it was a great talk," Dr. Linda Winkler, Wilkes anthropology professor said. "He created some very compelling arguments."

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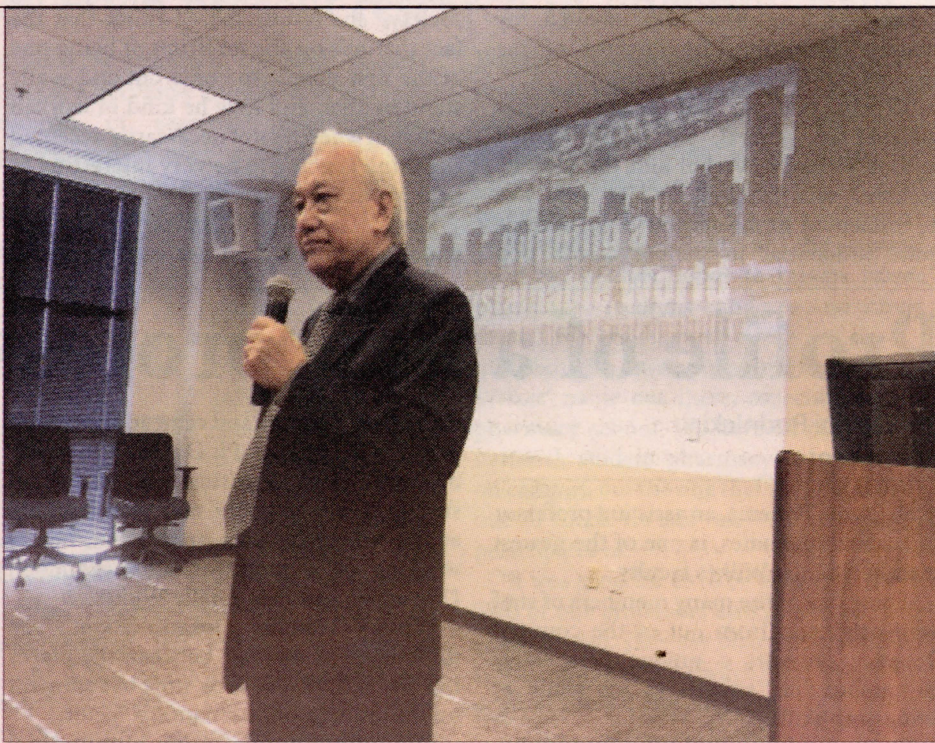
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— Dr. Donald Lee***

About Dr. Donald Lee

Lee, who has a Ph.D in economics from University College London, is an advocate for social justice, human rights, environmental sustainability and poverty.

He started at the United Nations as part of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok, Thailand. He helped create the Youth Employment Network in 2001, and served on its Steering Committee until his retirement.

He is president of the International Committee for Oct. 17, a committee to promote the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.



Courtesy of Dr. Andreea Maiercan

Dr. Donald Lee spoke on solutions to problems plaguing humanity, such as deforestation and plastic pollution.

Sordoni hosts visiting professor's lecture on Warhol

By Cabrini Rudnicki
News Editor

The newly reopened Sordoni Art Gallery will be hosting a speaker on Oct. 25 for its Andy Warhol themed lecture series.

Dr. Benjamin Kahan, who is an associate professor of Women's and Gender Studies at Louisiana State University, is visiting the university to deliver a lecture titled "Andy Warhol is a 'V': Philosophical Bachelorhood and the Celibate Factory."

Dr. Kahan has previously written books on sexuality, including titles such as "Celibacies: American Modernism and Sexual Life" and "Psychopathia Sexualis" (1844): A Classic Text in the History of Sexuality."

The lecture, which begins at 4:30 p.m. in the Karambelas Media and Communication Center in room 135, will be open to the public.

According to Kahan's description of the lecture, the discussion will focus on Andy Warhol's mysterious yet loud views on sex.

"Recasting the famously Queer Factory as a celibate sociality, this talk maps a secular group celibacy in Warhol's studio and the particular Eros native to it," Kahan's lecture description said.

The lecture series was created by Heather Sincavage, the director of the Sordoni Art Gallery.

"When putting the lecture series together in general, we really wanted to look at Andy Warhol and the icon he became," said Sincavage. "Not only was he influential to the art world, he became quite influential to people across pop

culture."

Sincavage compared Warhol's self-aware sexual image creation to that of Morrissey and Lady Gaga, two celebrities who also have sexual themes in their art without their private sexual life being in the foreground. Previously, Dr. Kahan looked at these celebrities, and others in other lectures.

"I thought the idea of constructing his [Warhol's] image was pretty current. It's similar to modern celebrities, and how it's pretty much an influencer on our own behaviors."

"Andy Warhol, who we definitely knew was gay, didn't talk much about those relationships; he kept that pretty much to himself," explained Sincavage. "He presented this image of celibacy in a way."

The lecture will discuss poignant moments of Warhol's life, such as his announcement of his marriage to a tape recorder.

"It's the whole idea of intimacy with someone else, and not allowing that relationship with his actual partner to be a topic of discussion."

"He's coming from the art world in the 60s, that's certainly a time when homosexuality is not entirely accepted by society," she elaborated. "I think that the fact that he's on the forefront of being one of the first people to come out and really stand by that, and how he kind of worked with that when it's not necessarily accepted ... I think is going to be very interesting to hear about."

Lanai Galarza, a senior psychology major, commented on her excitement for



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The Sordoni Art Gallery reopened on Oct. 6 with an Andy Warhol exhibit entitled "15 minutes: From Image to Icon." Dr. Benjamin Kahan's lecture on Oct. 25 is the second part of a series of lectures accompanying the newly opened exhibit.

the lecture.

"I think it will be really informative about an artist that I've heard his name a lot, but I don't know a lot about, so it would be nice to learn stuff about him."

The gallery reopened on Oct. 6 with collection curated by Heather Sincavage titled "15 Minutes: From Image to Icon."

A previous lecture, a curator's tour

hosted by Sincavage, was held on Oct. 11.

Another lecture will be held on Nov. 15, called "Andy and the Rusyns," focusing on his background as a son of an Eastern European immigrant family.



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Profile of a new professor: Dr. Kedir Tessema

By Cabrini Rudnicki
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Dr. Kedir Tessema, an assistant professor of leadership studies, is one of the newest members of the Wilkes faculty.

Being one of the many members of staff who originates from out of the country, Tessema provides a unique perspective to campus life, as well as his study of leadership skills.

Tessema, who works in the Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership, joined the university this semester.

Dr. Tessema was born and raised in the

country of Ethiopia and came to the United States in 2011 for his Ph.D at the University of San Diego focusing on leadership studies. He then spent one year teaching at the university post graduation, before working as a professor at Shenandoah University, and then finally Wilkes.

While Tessema joked about the differences in weather between the places he's worked, he also took time to comment on the amount of international faculty.

"I'm happy to see many international faculty teaching here. It makes you feel at home," he said, "You share a lot of experiences together, because we all

come from a lot of different international backgrounds."

The professor also complimented the work ethic of the members of the university.

"Students and faculty are both very hardworking," he remarked. "We are trying to help students learn, and I love the very connective spirit here."

Tessema's collegiate background in education eventually led to his study of leadership.

"As an educator, you see problems between students and communities," he said. "So one of these problems is leadership."

The university offers a leadership minor to students, focusing on the interaction between leaders and followers in different contexts. Tessema, along with other professors in the Business department, teach classes such as "Advance Leadership Theory and Practice" and "Organizational Behavior."

"The world needs leaders, not in terms of numbers, but quality leaders. We are faced with a number of problems, social, environmental, political, but we lack leaders, which is why we are having trouble tightening our survival."

Dean of Nesbitt School of Pharmacy honored with PPA award

By Megan Stanley
Staff Writer

Founding Dean of the Nesbitt School of Pharmacy, Bernard Graham, has been honored by the Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association.

Dr. Graham was awarded the Mortar and Pestle Award at the 2017 Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association annual conference on Sept. 23.

The award is in recognition of lifetime service, dedication and commitment to pharmacy.

The Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association is made up of 2,300 pharmacists and pharmacy students across the state. It is a leading voice of pharmacy in Pennsylvania and promotes the profession through advocacy, education, and communication.

In receiving the award, Dr. Graham said: "I was both surprised and humbled by the award. I am extremely grateful to be recognized by my professional colleagues

for a lifetime of work."

Graham established the Nesbitt School of Pharmacy at Wilkes University in 1994, making it the 82nd school of pharmacy in the country.

Graham was Dean of the school for 22 years before recently stepping down in July. He is currently on sabbatical leave, and will return in a new role in 2018. In May 2017, he was honored with the title Dean Emeritus.

During his time at Wilkes University he has mentored and trained more 67 faculty members and has led, taught, and mentored over 1,200 students.

"The award is actually an award for the Nesbitt School of Pharmacy," Graham said.

"Nothing could be accomplished without the magnificent faculty and staff and the wonderful students in the pharmacy program. It also is a

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Courtesy of Wilkes Marketing

Dr. Bernard Graham holding his Mortar and Pestle Award, awarded to him at the 2017 Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association.

Wilkes Pharmacy students, professor present at conference

Pharm. D. Candidates Erika Zarfoss and Ashley Eden present research in Pheonix, Ariz.

By Isaiah McGahee
Asst. News Editor

Wilkes University pharmacy students presented research findings at the American College of Clinical Pharmacy (ACCP) annual conference in Phoenix, Ariz., which took place Oct. 7 to 10.

Pharm. D. Candidates Erika Zarfoss and Ashley Eden presented at the conference. The subject of their presentation was the effects of vitamin C in cardiac surgery patients, relating to decreasing their risk of post-operation atrial fibrillation.

According to the ACCP, the annual meeting is designed for health professionals involved with clinical pharmacy—students, residents, fellows, and experienced practitioners and educators. The educational programming developed for the Annual Meeting provides attendees with new, high quality information that will be both challenging and applicable in their practice.

"It was a great conference with

pharmacy students across the nation; it was really cool. There were a ton of posters being presented, it was awesome to see all the different work being done across the country and to be a part of that," said Zarfoss.

Zarfoss' and Eden's presentation, a poster, consisted of results from healthy volunteers who had taken oral vitamin C. The main focus of their presentation was the analysis of blood from healthy volunteers and the concentration of oxidative biomarkers in their blood.

Biomarkers are a measurable substance in an organism whose presence is indicative of some phenomenon such as disease, infection, or environmental exposure.

According to Clinical Chemistry, the leading international journal of clinical laboratory science, providing 2,000 pages per year of peer-reviewed papers that

advance the science of the field, oxidative stress is a pervasive condition of increased amounts of reactive oxygen/nitrogen species, and is now recognized to be a prominent feature of many acute and chronic diseases and even of the normal aging process.

"It's always great to get our small school's name out there."

- Erika Zarfoss

Although Zarfoss and Eden participated at the conference, the subject of their presentation continues on.

"We're currently enrolling patients at Geisinger, who will be undergoing cardiac surgery. We will actually be administering the vitamin C, through I.V. to them. Again, we'll be taking blood samples from them, similar to what we did for the healthy volunteers and analyzing their levels of oxidative biomarkers," said Zarfoss.


The body of the study came from Dr. Scott

Bolesta, associate professor of pharmacy practice at Wilkes. Bolesta enlisted the help of Zarfoss and Eden to assist in furthering the research. Bolesta hopes to see the project go further, eventually being applied to actual patients.

Through presenting at the annual meeting, Zarfoss hopes to inspire future pharmacy students and to positively impact the Wilkes community.

"I think it's always awesome for us to get Wilkes' name out there, especially in the pharmacy school. We have 14 chapters of national, student pharmacy organizations on campus, but the one that we went to isn't one of them. It's not one Wilkes typically participates in.

"It was great for us to be able to go there. Two of our professors also presented their research also. They say pharmacy is a small world, and it is. It's always great to get our small school's name out there," said Zarfoss.

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Harvey Weinstein, Hollywood and the abuse of power

By Danny Van Brunt
Managing Editor

Harvey Weinstein's name has dominated the headlines. Over the past couple of weeks, actresses are exposing the decades-long sexual abuse culture of Hollywood, and more specifically, The Weinstein Company.

The Weinstein Company was created by Weinstein and his brother in 2005, and is a multimedia production and distribution company. This emerged out of Miramax Films founded by the brothers as well in 1979, and the two companies have received 341 Oscar nominations and won 81 Academy awards.

Weinstein is accused of sexual assault and harassment on many different occasions from an increasing amount of people by the day. The stories all sound eerily similar.

The New Yorker published a piece called "From aggressive overtures to sexual assault: Harvey Weinstein's accusers tell their stories," written by Ronan Farrow on Oct. 10, featuring numerous accounts of sexual assault from Weinstein.

This article reveals the nature of his business, and claims that he would treat the

potential actresses like prostitutes.

In each case, a woman makes contact with Weinstein and arranges a meeting time. Weinstein promises that there will be another woman present during the interview, so they will feel safe in spite of rumors about him. The woman would stick around for the length of the photoshoot, but then leave the actress one-on-one with Weinstein.

The interview would start pleasantly with compliments and hopefulness towards employing the actress, but would quickly turn into what the actress could do for him. If the actress put up with his sexual abuse, the actress was granted a role and therefore, would become famous.

Weinstein's power has kept him afloat for the past few decades, because actresses had to withhold this information from others to protect themselves. Even when they did speak out, Weinstein had the power to cover it up.

Associates of Weinstein were quiet in light of the news. Soon after, he was fired from the Weinstein Company and sent off to rehab. His company is still powerful and connected with other organizations. He

even sent large donations to politicians.

The silence among everyone was deafening, which cleared the airwaves for the abused.

"This story makes me think of a monopoly and how a monopoly can breed discontent," said senior political science and philosophy double-major Hunter Hilinski. "In cases like this, power always trumps reason. If you are unable to speak out, you are essentially powerless. If you take a look at the past, women did not have the voice that they do now, partly due to patriarchy."

Another article published in the Guardian by Pamela Hutchinson on Oct. 19 called "Moguls and starlets: 100 years of Hollywood's corrosive, systemic sexism," sheds an even greater light on the issue that faced by actresses today.

According to the article, women were constantly manipulated throughout the history of the business, and although Weinstein has left, Hollywood has not changed.

One of the most captivating parts of this article is what Seth MacFarlane said at a pre-Oscars event in 2013. He was telling a series of edgy jokes, and then introduced the best supporting actress nominees with the

following joke.

"Congratulations, you five ladies no longer have to pretend to be attracted to Harvey Weinstein," said MacFarlane. The article continued, "The idea that female stars and aspiring stars are required to accept the attentions, at the very least, of older male studio executives and producers, is as old as the Hollywood hills."

The realization that people are coming to now is that Hollywood is not the magical place it used to be. There is a problem with saying "used to be" because as this article states, Hollywood has forever been this way.

Overcoming one of the toughest and most powerful men of this industry has shed a new light on this industry and other industries as well.

The Sexual Misconduct and Harassment page of the Wilkes University website details who to contact in these situations. Contact the resources available to protect yourself, as well as your fellow students.



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notable indication of the support by the University administration for this premier professional program," he added.

"Wilkes University and the Nesbitt School of Pharmacy affords some unique service and leadership opportunities and any of our students participate in sports and University governance.

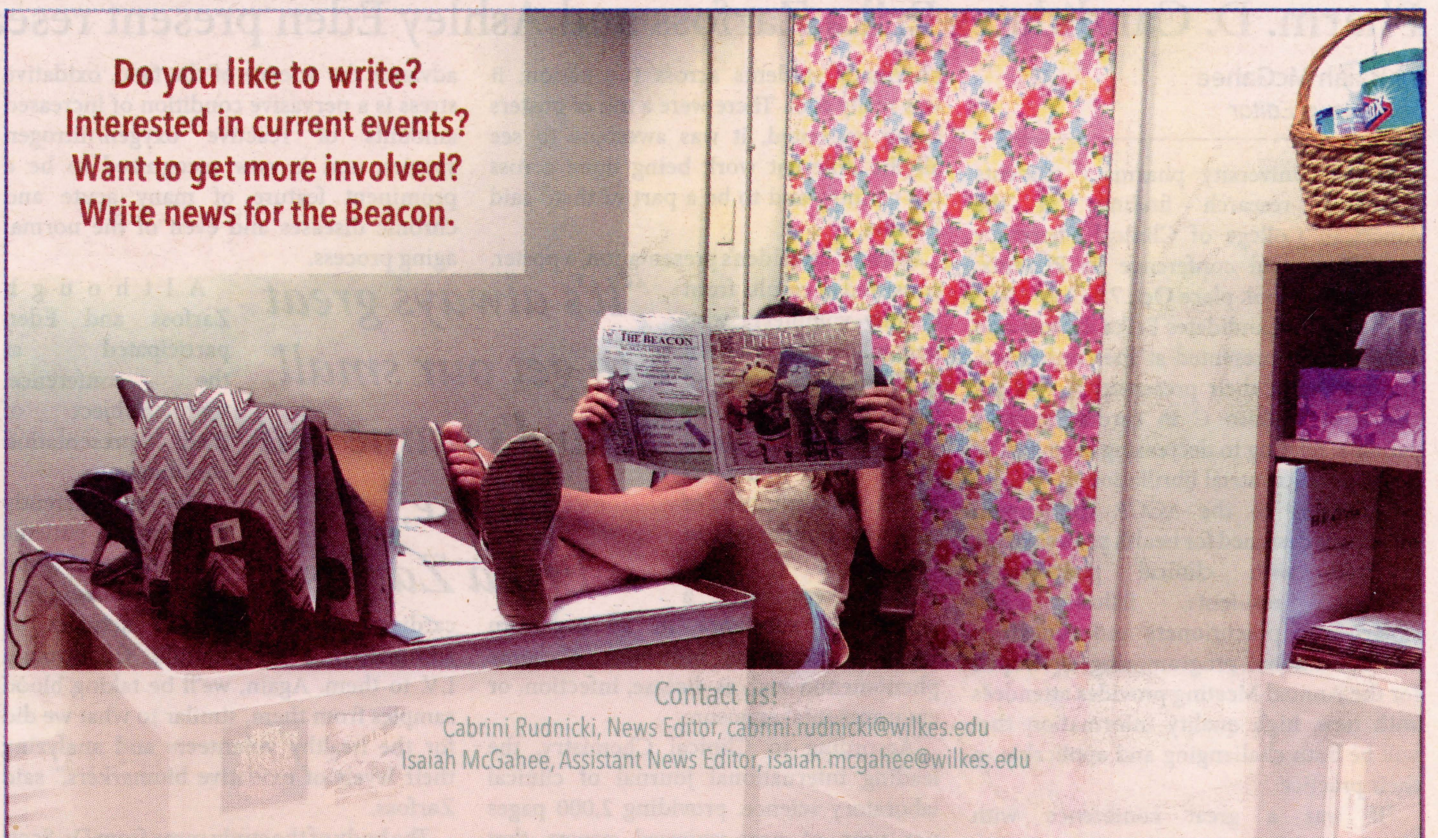
"Our students also have remained very involved with local and state-wide professional organizations, especially the Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association, and have the opportunity to attend and actively participate in their professional meetings."

Last week, Graham was named 2017 Distinguished Alumnus of the School of Health Sciences at Purdue University, where he received his masters degree in 1974 and his Ph. D in bionucleonics in 1976.



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Good Morning, Wilkes-Barre! WCLH awarded top in the country

By Shannon O'Connor
Assistant LA&E Editor

Turn up that dial on your radio and kick back to Wilkes University's award winning radio station, WCLH, 90.7 FM.

Recently, a website known as Great Value Colleges (greatvaluecolleges.net), released a list of the "30 Amazing College Radio Stations 2017-2018." These 30 radio stations were picked from schools across the country based on what they offer, their dedication to the students and culture and their "pure excellence." Wilkes' own WCLH was given the spot of number 11 out of the possible 30.

According to Great Value Colleges "Wilkes University's radio station made our list because of its ability to have a niche and be really dang good at it!"

WCLH is completely based on student-run programming and has been providing their talents to the Wyoming Valley area, as well as surrounding areas, since 1971. The station has an executive staff, entirely made up of students, which allows them to have

a hands-on experience at running a radio station. The students are in charge of the production and programing of the material heard on the air.

WCLH plays 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This station carries everything from news, to alternative, to metal, to electronic and hip hop. This year the station also covers Wilkes sporting events. The station features a show about movies, actors and the famous soundtracks that have come out of Hollywood. In the past, WCLH has even had an auto talk show.

"We are really flexible when it comes to programming. Students have an idea for a show, we'll roll with it," Kristen Rock, the station manager of WCLH.

Rock said this award is something the station has been picked for in the past by a different website. Two years ago, WCLH was picked as one of the top 50 radio stations in the country by bestcolleges.com and still remains on that list to date. Rock says "It's wonderful to be recognized for something like that. These kids work really hard so it's great to have this recognition."

Great Value Colleges said their favorite part of WCLH is the traditions they follow. These traditions are created and run by the students. They include Metal Mondays and Hip Hop Evenings. The directors of both these traditions were excited about this award.

"Our members produce diverse programming and provide outlets to the bands not heard on terrestrial radio. That being said, the work put into the station pays off when we are recognized at a national level," Kendle Peters, the metal director said.

The Hip Hop Director, Kya Lewis also expressed her joy.


"Personally, I think this is great because we have so much fun doing what we love on the radio and never expect any recognition from it, so to be awarded with this honor is a huge accomplishment," Lewis said.

Even after being recognized as one of the best in the country, WCLH continues to plan for new extensions on the network. With the new Karambelas Media and Communication Center, students have come up with lots of new ideas. Some

goals for the future are to get out into the community more and create more events. Rock said one of the main goals is to bring in new people, whether that be students, faculty or staff, for possible new shows and interviews. If a certain department or club has something big going on, such as a research project or an event, WCLH would cover it. Being in a central area of campus, there are new reporting opportunities for WCLH.

To hear the sounds of this award winning radio station, tune in to 90.7 FM, visit their website at www.wclh.org or jam out to WCLH outside the Karambelas Media and Communication Center at 141 S. Main St., Wilkes-Barre.

Individuals who are interested in joining the WCLH station, or have an idea for an interview or show, can contact Kristen Rock at kristen.rock@wilkes.edu for more information.

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WCLH SCHEDULE:

METAL

All Monday

Everyday Midnight to 4 a.m.

ALTERNATIVE

Tuesday through Sunday

4 a.m. to 5 p.m.

HIP HOP

Tuesday through Sunday

5p.m. to Midnight

RECIPE OF THE WEEK:

INGREDIENTS:

- Kosher salt
- 6 medium orange bell peppers
- 8 oz. elbow macaroni
- 1 1/4 cups half-and-half
- 8 oz. cream cheese, room temp.
- 4 oz. mild cheddar, shredded

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Bring a pot of water to a boil.
2. Cut off the tops of the peppers and remove the seeds and membranes.
3. Boil the peppers until tender, then run under cold water.
4. Once cool, carve a jack-o-lantern face into each pepper.
5. Cook pasta in water until al dente.
6. Heat half-and-half in saucepan and add cream cheese once simmering.
7. Whisk in cheddar and add pasta.
8. Enjoy your spooky treat!

mac-o-Lantern
and cheese Bowls



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Colonel's Closet helps conquer hunger across campus

By Shannon O'Connor
Asst. Life, Arts & Entertainment Editor

If you are in need of a helping hand, Wilkes University is here to provide support for students, staff and faculty. One of these services available is the on campus Colonel's Closet.

Colonel's Closet is a free food pantry run by the Interfaith Office for any student, faculty or staff that may be in need of assistance. The food pantry offers food, personal hygiene products, household and toiletry items.

Colonel's Closet is open to all individuals of Wilkes University and is currently run on the honor system. Whether assistance is needed short term or long term, Wilkes community members can stop by for food or products they are unable to afford. Colonel's Closet is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"If you ever see me in the office and need to use the pantry, you're welcome to stop in," said Kristin Osipower, campus interfaith coordinator.

Osipower said if any students feel uncomfortable coming to the office itself, they can contact her and she will make a special package for them. The student can arrange to pick up the package at the information desk on the first floor of the Henry Student Center or at the mail room on the second floor.

"The Colonel's Closet is completely campus supported," Osipower said.

All of the food and products found in the pantry are donations. Various clubs and resident halls hold food drives in the dorms to supply more for Colonel's Closet. Osipower's goal building a supply of cookware like pots, pans and utensils.

"I'm looking to supply more of these items so students can better utilize the items found in the pantry," Osipower said. "I'm always willing to listen and then, if need be, help the student get whatever support they may need."

She said it is always up to the student if they want to talk and will never ask someone to explain their situation unless


they want to.

"The biggest thing right now that I am working on is eliminating the stigma of coming to the pantry," Osipower said.

Lack of food among college students is an issue plaguing the nation. Having a food pantry available is one way to help conquer campus hunger. All services at Colonel's Closet are confidential. If you could benefit from a visit to the food pantry, see Kristin

Osipower at the Interfaith Office located on the second floor of the Henry Student Center or contact her at kristin.osipower@wilkes.edu.

Mother Teresa is quoted as saying, "If you can't feed a hundred people, then just feed one."

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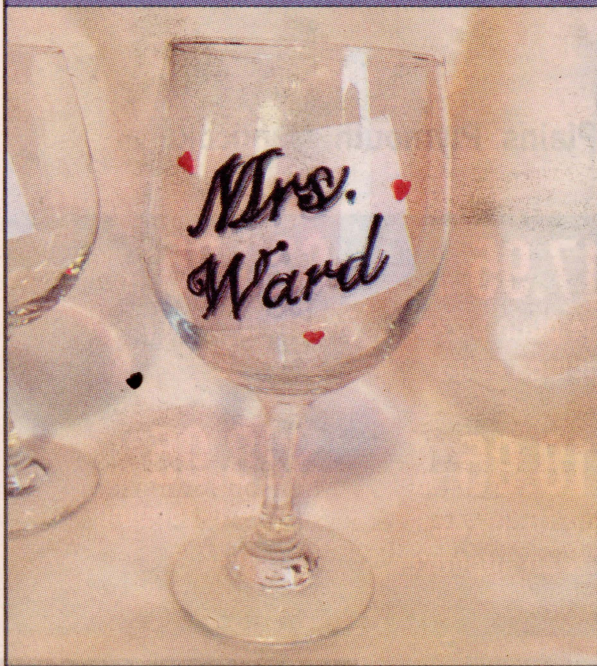
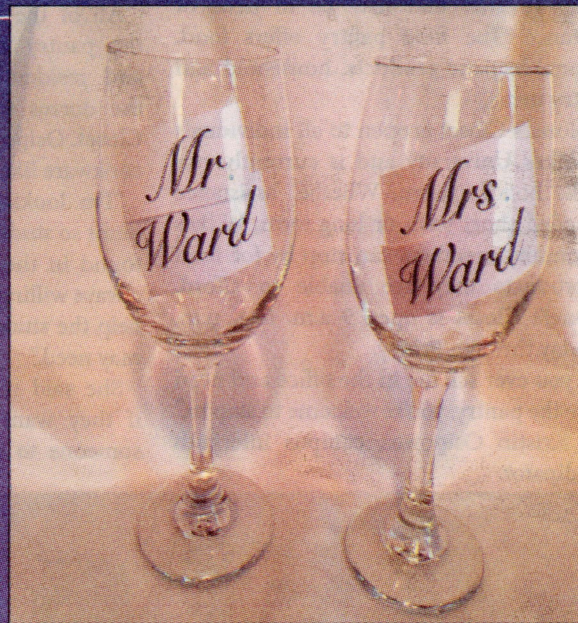
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Supplies needed:

- ~Glass
- ~Rubbing alcohol
- ~Paper towel
- ~Design
- ~Tape
- ~Paint Marker

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3. Use the paint marker to trace your design.
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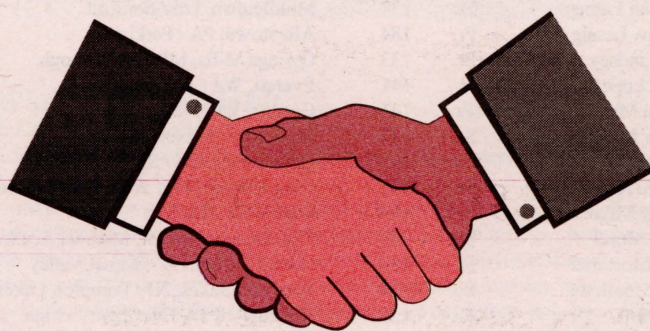
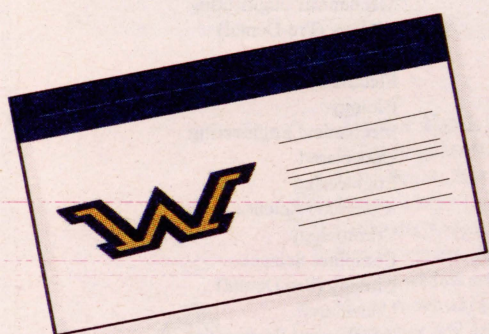
Wilkes Internship & Career Fair



A variety of local businesses and companies showed up to the Wilkes University Internship and Career Fair. Students and employers were able to come together and discuss the future ahead.



Student Joseph Gaglioti speaks with Ted Wampole and Joyce Morrash Zaykowski, representatives of the City of Wilkes-Barre.



Wilkes student Daniel McLean stopped and had an entertaining conversation with Sharon Brodie of UGI, Natural Gas and Electricity of Pennsylvania.



Students were given the opportunity to meet with potential employers such as Catie Kline, Rob Krukowitz and Jordan Pray, representatives of Benco Dental.

The Beacon/ Madison Kaminski
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Wilkes Winter Sport Previews

Wilkes Wrestling Winter Preview #WREST

Affiliation: Compete in Middle Atlantic Conference, but also qualify wrestlers for the NCAA Regional tournament
Head Coach: Jon Laudenslager (222-88-5), 15th season as head coach

Venue: Henry Gymnasium at the Arnaud C. Marts Center
Last year's record: 20-5

Key returners: Three returners with NCAA experience: Matt Grossmann (National Champ 2015), Nick Racanelli (2016 and 2017 NCAA Qualifier), and Josh Evans (2015 NCAA Qualifier).

What coach says about this season: "Our expectations are always the same: work hard, stay committed, care about our fellow teammates and try to get the maximum out of ourselves and each other. The winning and losing isn't as important and is an end result of a long process of getting into great shape and building confidence that we can compete with anyone, knowing we have prepared to our fullest capacity and having Colonel Pride!"

-Compiled by Amber Grohowski, Staff Writer

2017-2018 Wrestling Roster:

NAME	YR.	WT.	HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL	MAJOR
Moustafa Almeky	Fr.	197	Shavertown, PA / Dallas	Biology
Brandon Belfonti	Fr.	157	Slatington, PA / Northern Lehigh	PreMed
Bryce Bernardine	So.	141	Jericho, VT / Mt. Mansfield Union	Sports Management
Bilal Bici	Jr.	149	Totowa, NJ / Passaic Valley	Business
Michael Brown	So.	157	Plains, PA / Coughlin	Biology
Gage Cannavino	Fr.	149	Athens, PA / Athens	Mechanical Engineering
Jason DeBoard	Fr.	165	Avoca, PA / Pittston	Pre-Physical Therapy
Mark Digeronimo	Fr.	125	Newton, NJ / Kittatiny	Undeclared
Jake Dimarsico	Sr.	133	Thiells, NY / North Rockland	Accounting
Riley Donovan	Fr.	133	Marietta, NY / Marcellus Central	Sports Management
Josh Evans	Jr.	149	Palmerton, PA / Palmerton	Nursing
Morgan Fuller	Sr.	149	Hamlin, PA / Western Wayne	Nursing
Nicholas Goff	So.	285	Jamesburg, NJ / Monroe Twp.	Criminology
Tyler Green	Fr.	174	Schuylerville, NY / Schuylerville	Engineering
Matthew Grossmann	Sr.	141	Lancaster, PA / Manheim Township	Business Administration
Alexandra Gundlah	Fr.	125	Pompton Lakes, NJ / Pompton Lakes High School	Pharmacy
Ashton Gyenizs	Jr.	157	Madison, CT / Daniel Hand	Communications
Brock Horton	Fr.	133	Towanda, PA / Athens	Computer Science
Jacob Huling	So.	197	Jersey Shore, PA / Jersey Shore	Nursing
Logan Huling	Fr.	184	Jersey Shore, PA / Jersey Shore	Primary Education/Special Education
Matthew Judge	So.	184	Eynon, PA / Valley View	English
Marcus Kassab	Fr.	157	Pine Grove, PA / Pine Grove	Entrepreneurship
Sean Kshir	So.	165	Mansfield, PA / Mansfield	Biology
Anthony LaDuca	Fr.	174	Garfield, NJ / Garfield	Mechanical Engineering
Brendan Lamey	Fr.	157	Middletown, DE / Sanford	Biology (Pre-Dental)
Andrew Lessig	Fr.	184	Allentown, PA / Parkland	Finance
Karl Lindsey	Fr.	133	Owings Mills, MD / McDonogh	Electrical Engineering
Jessie Lopez	Jr.	141	Everett, WA / Everett	Biology
Mason Madden-Edwards	Fr.	141	Gordon, PA / North Schuylkill	Mechanical Engineering
Nasser McCummings	So.	184	Stafford, VA / North Stafford	Undeclared
Brett McGill	So.	165	Collegeville, PA / Spring-Ford	Engineering
Kyle Medrow	So.	141	West Chester, PA / West Chester Henderson	Computer Science
Patrick Miko	Fr.	125	Derby, CT / Derby	Criminology
Justin Morel	So.	174	Corona, NY / Mt. St. Michael Academy	Computer Science
Ryan Mortimer	Fr.	184	Garnet Valley, PA / Garnet Valley	Biology (Pre-Dental)
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Dylan O'Connor	Fr.	125	Somerset, NJ / Bishop George Ahr	Environmental Engineering
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Richard Thompson III	Fr.	285	Mill Hall, PA / Central Mountain	Criminology
Denzel Tovar	So.	125	Wall, NJ / Wall	Nursing
Kyle Trout	Fr.	125	Mount Laurel, NJ / Lenape	Education
Corbin White	So.	165	Barnesville, PA / Mohoney Area	Undeclared

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Women's Swimming Winter Preview #WSWIM

Affiliation: Middle Atlantic Conference (Freedom)

Head Coach: Mark Barnes (8-30), fourth season

Venue: Wyoming Valley Catholic Youth Center

Last year's record: 3-12

Key returners: Juniors: Allie Aspey, Morgan Williams. Sophomore: Kyleigh Smeltzer.

What Coach says about this season: "We are looking for the women's team to be strong in individual races. We are recruiting hard this year on the women's side to bring in depth like on the men's side. Even with our smaller roster size, the women will be strong in several relays and be swimming for top 8, podium finishes at the MAC Championships."

-Compiled by Ashton Gyenizs, Asst. Sports Editor

Women's Swim Team Roster 2017-18

NAME	YR.	HT.	EVENTS	HOMETOWN / HIGHSCHOOL	MAJOR
Allie Aspey	Jr.	5-10	IM/Backstroke	Dover, PA / Dover	Biology
Kayla Gronkowski	Jr.	5-2	Freestyle	Nanticoke, PA / Nanticoke	Computer Science
Stephenie Gyidei	Jr.	5-1	Sprint	Allentown, PA / Louis E. Dieruff	Biology
Abby Keating	Fr.	5-3	Distance/IM	Spring Grove, PA / Spring Grove	Pre-Pharmacy
Cassie Merrill	So.	5-6	Freestyle/Backstroke	Scranton, PA / West Scranton	Spanish
Julia Rostrom	So.	5-6	Freestyle	Harleysville, PA / Souderton Area	Undeclared
Brianna Sailor	Fr.	5-7	Backstroke	Philadelphia, PA / Milton Hershey	Nursing
Kyleigh Smeltzer	So.	5-4	Backstroke/Freestyle	Manchester, PA / Northeastern	Pre-Occupational Therapy
Morgan Williams	Jr.	5-11	Distance	Scranton, PA / West Scranton	Psychology
Jordan Zbegner	Fr.	5-8	Breaststroke	Dupont, PA / Pittston Area	Education

Men's Swimming Winter Preview #MSWIM

Affiliation: Middle Atlantic Conference (Freedom)
Head Coach: Mark Barnes (7-26), fourth season
Venue: Wyoming Valley Catholic Youth Center (CYC)
Last year's record: 5-8
Key Returners: Sophomore: Tyler Weatherby, Anthony Stampone. Senior: Thurman Fogleman
What coach says about this season: "The men's team's future is looking bright. We have brought in a great core of freshmen this season with 11. This is the first time in team history that we have brought a recruiting class in of their caliber and size. With the size of the freshmen added to the upperclassmen, we finally have what we have needed the previous three seasons, depth. We are strong across all events with depth. We are able to get several top finishers in each event."
-Compiled by Ashton Gyenizs, Asst. Sports Editor

Men's Swim Team Roster 2017-18

NAME	YR.	HT.	EVENTS	HOMETOWN / HIGHSCHOOL	MAJOR
Cameron Aspey	Fr.	6-0	Butterfly/Mid	Dover, PA / Dover	Mechanical Engineering
Phillip Bennett	So.	5-8	Butterfly/Freestyle	Sayre, PA / Sayre	Nursing
Justin Burda	Fr.	6-2	Butterfly/Sprint	Allentown, PA / Allentown Central Catholic	Mechanical Engineering
Jared Byrne	Fr.	5-11	Mid/Sprint/IM	Pequea, PA / Penn Manor	Pre-Pharmacy
Christopher Daley	Fr.	6-0	Distance	Bethlehem, PA / Allentown Central Catholic	Finance
Tyler Deters	Fr.	5-7	Butterfly/Sprint	Cogan Station, PA / Montoursville	Undeclared
Thurman Fogleman	Sr.	5-11	Breaststroke/Sprinter	York, PA / William Penn	Early Childhood & Elementary Education
Michael Grizzle	So.	6-1	Sprint	Upper Darby, PA / Upper Darby	Mechanical Engineering
Daniel Mack	Fr.	5-10	Distance	Hanover, PA / New Oxford	Electrical Engineering
Nick Martino	Fr.	5-10	Distance	Hummelstown, PA / Upper Dauphin	Mechanical Engineering
Chase Osborne	Jr.	5-5	Sprint	Lords Valley, PA / Wallenpaupack	Mechanical Engineering
Mike Pettit	Fr.	6-0	Distance	Montrose, PA / Montrose Area Jr/Sr	Chemistry
Luis Rueben Pino Mojica	Fr.	5-8	Sprint	Panama	Earth and Environmental Science
Anthony Stampone	So.	5-10	Sprint/Distance	Kent Island, MD / Kent Island	Engineering
Tyler Weatherby	So.	6-1	Butterfly/IM	Sewell, NJ / Gloucester County Institutional Technology	Mechanical Engineering
Jacob Wessner	Fr.	6-3	Backstroke	Auburn, PA / Blue Mountain	Finance

Men's Basketball Winter Preview #MBB

Affiliation: Middle Atlantic Conference (Freedom)
Head coach: Izzi Metz (38-39), fourth season at Wilkes (107-101) overall, ninth year as head coach
Venue: Henry Gymnasium at the Arnaud C. Marts Center
Last year's record: 12-13, just missed the playoffs last season, but defeated #15 ranked Hope College
Key returners: Junior guards Marcus Robinson (15.2 points per game and 3.9 rebounds per game) and Connor Evans (12.4/3.5); both were honorable mention all-conference last season. Senior forward Zach Brunner (6.6/4.1), who has been a three-year starter.
What coach says about this season: "We are very excited and optimistic heading into this season. We return a lot of experienced players who have playoff experience and are used to playing in big games. The last few years we were not a very deep team, especially when injuries occurred, but I believe that this season we have very good overall depth. I know our players are excited for a two-game tournament in Florida at the end of December. That should prepare the guys for the rigor of conference play during the second semester. We expect our upperclassmen to lead our team on and off the court, but are also counting on our younger players to be contributors throughout the season."
Editor's note: Team roster will be published when they are officially released by Wilkes Athletics.
-Compiled by Kirsten Peters, Staff Writer

Women's Basketball Winter Preview #WBB

Affiliation: Middle Atlantic Conference (Freedom)
Head Coach: Chris Heery, (41-107) seventh season
Venue: Henry Gymnasium at the Arnaud C. Marts Center
Last year's record: 6-19 10-14 6-19 10-14 4-21 5-20
Key returners: Senior Catherine McFadden (4.5 points/game, 3.3 rebounds/game) will return as one of the leading scorers from last year. Watch for junior Ashley Caster (7.0/5.2) to provide a lot of energy in the paint and the Lady Colonels hope to "bank" on her for some key points inside.
What coach says about this season: "We will have a lot of speed on the team this year, so we will be looking to push the ball and play aggressive defense. We have some of our key scorers back, which will give us a lift both inside and outside. Our team chemistry will be an important part of our team's success."
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"Bad" Movies that I Find Enjoyable

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Nick Filipek, The Beacon's resident movie buff and assistant opinion editor, will review movies each week. Want to hear about one in particular? Email Nick at: nicholas.filipek@wilkes.edu.

Have you ever disagreed with your friends about a movie you like, that they don't? This intrigues me more than anything about movies: how two people can sit and watch the same movie and have two different opinions. Why do we like the movies we like?

Sometimes viewers won't even see a movie if the critics pan it hard enough. A flick is especially doomed if it ends up on one of those "worst movies ever made" lists that suck you into the Internet. I myself went down such a rabbit trail and realized that plenty of the movies that made these lists aren't bad, that in fact, I like a lot of them.

Here are a few movies I saw on more than one of the Internet lists and just didn't think deserved to be there.

"Bio-Dome" (1996)- A bit on the older side, relatively, but still a really strong comedy contender. Back in the 90's everyone wanted Pauly Shore (Encino Man, Son in Law) to practically be in everything. This led to the oversaturated market of "The Weasel" (ask your parents) that led to Shore's 15 minutes of fame ending sooner than he hoped.

Right on his way out of the spotlight though director Jason Bloom (Irving, Viva Las Nowhere) paired Shore and Stephen Baldwin (The Usual Suspects, The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas) together for a cinematic good time. The duo, play a pair of idiots, Bud and Doyle, who somehow mistake a multi million-dollar science experiment, named the "Bio-Dome", for a mall and sneak in. The experiment doesn't allow for the doors to open for an entire year and the two dolts are stuck inside along with the five scientists conducting the experiment.

The "Bio-Dome 5" are led by Dr. Noah

Falkner, played by William Atherton (Die Hard, Ghostbusters), and all of them are less than excited about their intrusive guests. The boys represent chaos in the Bio-Dome and love to wreak as much as possible up until and including breaking the laws of the experiment, opening the doors, and having a wild party thrashing the entire ecosphere of the Bio-Dome.

To earn back the respect and trust of the two lovely lady scientists, Kylie Minogue (Moulin Rouge!, San Andreas) and Dara Tomanovih (Back in Business, Amnesia) Bud and Doyle must fix the Bio-Dome and bring homeostasis back to 100%.

The whole movie is as 90's as you can get, and that is the probable cause of why I'm so fond of it. Another suspected reason is the fact that this movie also leans closer to just dumb, silly, comedy rather than witty satire. I still give it a watch sometimes and it holds up fine as that same stupid silly movie that makes me smile even when it shouldn't.

At the end of the day movies are supposed to be entertaining, and though this movie might not be the great thinker

Graphic by Todd Espenshade



"BAD" Movies continued

Curious as to what
"bad" movies made the other lists?
Here are some websites
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information for the article:

www.screenrant.com

www.imdb.com

www.boxofficemojo.com

www.rottentomatoes.com

of our time, its still entertaining.
"Funny People" (2009) – Sometimes even combining all the best ingredients can not make a successful or beloved film, and "Funny People" is the perfect example of that.

Take an all-star writer/director, Judd Apatow ("The 40 Year Old Virgin", "Knocked Up") and add two of the most well known comedians/actors, Adam Sandler ("The Waterboy, Billy Madison") and Seth Rogen (Zach and Miri Make a Porno, Superbad) and you should have a comedy blockbuster, no? According to the critics this was a good movie, but the core of the Sandler/Rogen fan base straight up despise this film.

The movie centers on George Simmons, played by Sandler, and his struggle through a rough patch in life. George Simmons, much like Sandler himself, has worked his way to the top of the comedy food chain and is a mega star when he is hit with the news that he has a rare cancer. The news sends him on a life-changing journey of trying to get back to his stand up comedy roots where he meets a truly funny upcoming comedian played by Seth Rogen.

That's the first half of the three-hour movie, which is the biggest complaint fans have about the flick, the second complaint being the entire second half of the film itself. In the middle of this self-discovery journey, George feels like this is the perfect opportunity to reunite with "the one that got away" played by Leslie Mann

("This is 40", "Big Daddy).

Unfortunately for George (Sandler) though his old love Laura (Mann) is married with children. The love triangle eventually has to come to a head and the movie wraps up after that, but not in the way you might think. I won't spoil the exact ending because I really feel this is a worthwhile film that deserves more viewers, and suggest everyone give it a watch.

All of the actors bring their "A-Game" and it truly is a funny movie, just not the whole time. There are parts that have serious issues and tones to go through to tell the story that needs to be told. I think viewers have such a problem with this movie because they heard the Sandler and Rogan team up and expected "The 40 Year Old Waterboy" or some other combination of the two actors previous works.

"Yoga Hosers" (2016) – Not only does this movie not deserve to be on any "worst movies ever" lists, but it should actually be watched and enjoyed by all. General disclaimer and all around known fact, I love writer/director/podcaster, Kevin Smith so its no surprise that I love the movie that combines all three of his talents.

This is Smith's latest flick, and he is going through a somewhat of a renaissance right now. He has forgone all cares about what critics will say and has decided to make movies that quite frankly, aren't for everyone. Smith has continued to

make movies the way he wants to make, with the people he wants to make them with, for over two decades now and "Yoga Hosers" is no exception.

The movie centers around two teenage girls who work at a convenience store, clerks, some would say, and get involved in an evil plot bigger than the two of them that includes foot tall Canadian Nazis made out of bratwurst called Bratzis. I'll give you a second to reread that sentence; I did say these flicks weren't for everyone. I do believe there are two types of people in the world and one type didn't read any further while the other type is thinking, "I need to see this movie".

First big complaint that Smith received in making this movie is that he cast his daughter, Harley Quinn Smith, and her best friend, Lily Rose Depp, who's father is Johnny Depp ("Pirates of the Caribbean", "Edward Scissorhands") and also in the movie, as the leads though it would be their film debut. To be clear though, Kevin Smith wrote this movie with those two specific girls in mind and didn't just hand the roles over. The girls

are wonderful in the movie and deserve every second of screen time.

Both Smith and Depp play very well in the first and second act of the movie against their co-stars who include Justin Long (Accepted, Live Free or Die Hard), Adam Brody (Mr. & Mrs. Smith, Grind), Austin Butler (Aliens in the Attic, The Carrie Diaries), Tyler Posey (Scary Movie 5, Teen Wolf), and Genesis Rodriguez (Identity Thief, Man on a Ledge) to name a few.

The third act is where all movies come to the grand finale, but this movie really brings that to a new level. I won't spoil it but I just have to say that Ralph Garman (A Million Ways to Die in the West, Family Guy) gives a stunning performance. Smith, Lily Rose and Johnny Depp, and Garman make this finale scene one of my favorite in all of existence.

"Yoga Hosers" is unfortunately the only title on this list to be on Netflix at the time so I suggest you sit, chill and "do your wurst"

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Ecology club: Explore your environment, build future skills

By Ryan Roskowski and
Laura Zielinski
Guest Writers

When was the last time the question, "What are you going to do once you have a degree?" was asked of a college student?

Under immense pressure, undergraduates rush to get their lives together working through the responsibilities of studies, work, athletics, and extracurriculars to figure out that next chapter in life.

For the majority of students, a certain number of research experience hours and significant knowledge of the research are urged prior to graduation.

Unfortunately, it may be difficult to easily find quality opportunities without some tedious searching or costly expenses.

To further enrich its students for post undergraduate life, Wilkes University is offering a pre-professional Ecology club for science majors to supplement classroom teaching. The club has a purpose to serve student's vocational needs and interests for the future while including another essential

component: entertainment.

As an individual student, it is difficult to pursue significant studies or get on the road to do field work. Yet, the Ecology club hopes to build bridges of communication amongst science major students to offset these limitations.

Just think, instead of stressing at an unpleasant job to fulfill the prerequisite of lab experience, this club may allow you to partake in the research that you enjoy while having fun and building important friendships.

The club seeks to engage members in fun activities to teach them about the environment and also to give them the skills they need to help protect their environment.

Club activities include bird watching, field trips, hikes, tree tagging, and much more.

The club will also have professional speakers come in to talk about the environment and the field of ecology as well as long term studies to display how aspects of the environment can change over time.

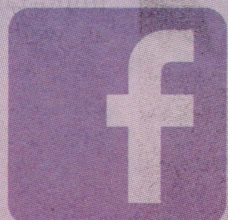
The club will be student run; and, therefore, offers great leadership and organization opportunities as well.

Join the Ecology Club today so you can prepare for your future, make a difference, and have fun at the same time.

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Meet the Majors

This week's major: Performing Arts

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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.

Kris Tjornhom
Sophomore

"Being a performing arts major, it is kind of scary thinking about the future because of severe lack of job security. The only thing that really helps is to keep your head up and if you have a passion for what you're doing it's not nearly as intimidating."



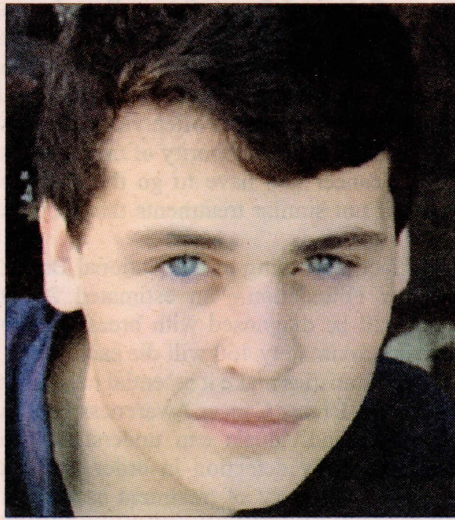
Celena Granito
Freshman

"I've been performing for as long as I can remember. I've always loved being on the stage. I started dance when I was three, and ever since then I've loved it. I enjoy expressing myself while performing and having fun while doing it."

Submitted photos

Melissa Berardelli
Sophomore

"I chose this major because I was diagnosed with chiari malformation my freshman year of high school and had four major brain surgeries. I decided then that I would do what made me happy and pursue my dreams rather than just play things safe. Ever since, I've been singing, dancing, and acting my way to my dreams."



Justin Gaskill
Junior

"Within the world of theatre, some things in the future may be heavily weighted off of sheer luck, but training is an incredibly important part of the process as well. I am confident that this program is helping our students gain the skills and confidence they need to succeed in this business."

Media coverage distorting mass shootings in the U.S.

By Andre Spruell
Opinion Editor

Mass shootings have been coming up in the news often these days, but why? A possible reason may be due to the media coverage.

What has brought up this conversation was the recent attack in Las Vegas that occurred on Oct. 1, when 58 people were killed at an outdoor music festival, and nearly 500 people were injured (New York Times).

The amount of lives affected and taken away from those just going to enjoy themselves at a concert is hard to fathom.

Instead of arguing about the gun control policy in the U.S., which is a discussion that should be had at this point, media coverage is something that should also be looked at.

Blaming the media entirely is not what I am saying, but the amount of attention these shooters have gotten is something that may explain why so many shootings have occurred over such a short period time.

No matter where a mass shooting occurs, it is something that has to be reported on because simply put, the public has a right to

know. On the other hand, it seems like the more people a shooter kills or injures, the more publicized the shooter becomes.

It sounds terrible to say but the most memorable mass shootings are often the ones in which a large number of people were killed or injured.

Some common traits associated with mass shooters are that they are mentally ill and commit mass murders to fill a void of loneliness.

The idea of filling that void of loneliness makes sense because more often than not, those who have committed this crime tend to be more socially isolated, which correlates to most people not paying them attention. So by committing a mass murder, they finally get that attention and go down in the history books for their actions.

One common trait that I always have an issue grappling with is that most mass shooters are mentally ill.

In some cases, I believe it to be true because there are times when the shooter has been diagnosed as mentally ill, but at the same time, not every shooter falls in this category.

More often than not, mass shooters have

a common goal they want to accomplish by targeting a particular group of people, which falls under the definition of terrorism.

According to dictionary.com, terrorism is defined as the use of violence that threatens to intimidate or coerce, especially for political purposes.

The fear created through these attacks can technically be classified as terroristic attacks, but the media tends to be reluctant in using that word and instead associate the term "mentally ill."

I think the reason why is because it is a safer bet to place that term on mass shooters is that it is easier to assume that a shooter is mentally ill as opposed to being a terrorist because more often than not, mass shooters are white males.

As a nation, we tend to exclusively associate terrorism with those of Middle Eastern descent because of 9/11, but that has to change.

According to data compiled by Mother Jones magazine, which looked at mass shootings in the United States since 1982, white people, almost exclusively white men, committed 64% of the shootings.

When it comes to mass shootings, it is

inevitable that another one will occur which is disheartening to say, but when it does, we must form our own opinions and not run away with what the picture the media paints.

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Mass Shootings within the last decade

These 4 are the deadliest mass shootings in U.S. history:

Las Vegas (2017)

- 58 killed, over 500 injured

Orlando (2016)

- 49 killed, more than 50 injured

Virginia Tech (2007)

- 32 killed, unknown number of those injured

Sandy Hook Elementary (2012)

- 20 children killed, 6 adults killed

Source: CNN.com

Breast cancer affects many people in many ways

By Savannah Pinnock
Staff Writer

Within the United States, the month of October is a month that unofficially welcomes the autumn season. The crisp, cool to lukewarm air, the change in the hues of the foliage, and the welcoming of Halloween and ghoulish decorations bring the presence of October.

Although these experiences are undoubtedly central to this time of the year, Breast Cancer Awareness is also fundamental to this month.

Throughout Breast Cancer Awareness Month, one will likely find a host of individuals donning pink ribbons and a wide range of pink attire. The sight is quite peculiar and significant in that it is a means of spreading awareness against the disease.

Much like other cancer awareness organizations held throughout the year, the Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign uses a pink ribbon as well as the color pink as a worldwide symbol for breast cancer awareness.

Second to heart disease, breast cancer is a leading disease responsible for the deaths of women.

The disease has become a household

term, though few may know how it truly develops within an individual.

In an effort to clarify the oncological nature of the disease, the National Breast Cancer Foundation defines it as "a disease in which malignant (cancer) cells form in the tissues of the breast." This disease is often fatal and is responsible for the deaths of approximately 41,000 women and a prognosis within roughly 253,000 women.

For this reason, organizations such as the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation actively seek to spread awareness against the disease and are highly active within the Breast Cancer Awareness Month campaign.

Although women are often victimized by the disease, a large minority of men sustain breast cancer and have to go through the same if not similar treatments that women do.

In fact, according to the National Breast Cancer Foundation, "an estimated 2,470 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer and approximately 460 will die each year."

Such statistics make it essential to society to have a Breast Cancer Awareness Month in which individuals can understand the value of early detection in order to limit the harmful extent of treatment as well as attaining screenings.

During this campaign, individuals can also explore treatment options or find smaller to larger means of raising awareness of this disease.

The Breast Cancer Awareness campaign is one of many campaigns that seek to decrease the deaths of breast cancer victims and in a broader sense, find a cure and eliminate the disease entirely.

According to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, one of their primary goals is to ultimately "reduce the current number of breast cancer deaths by fifty percent in the U.S. by 2026."

Such a mission is only possible when the awareness of the disease is at its peak, and individuals decide to contribute to the campaign in an effort to combat the epidemic.

The span of a decade is a relatively short period of time to reach this goal but it can be done, one supporter at a time.

This October, for the sake of 1 in 8 women diagnosed with cancer, the men who sustain the disease, and the 3.3 million survivors alive today; make a change, spread awareness, and contribute.

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Sports

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WSOC: Towlen's goal lifts Lady Colonels in victory over #18 Misericordia

By Kirsten Peters
Staff Writer

On Oct. 18, the Wilkes University Lady Colonels beat No. 18 Misericordia University 1-0 in an intense, defensive battle between the two statistically-best defensive teams in the Middle Atlantic Conference (Freedom).

Junior Nicolette Towlen scored the only goal of the game, giving the Lady Colonels a 1-0 lead during the 29th minute of play.

Sophomore Jessica Egan cleared the ball from Wilkes's defensive end 28:15 into play. Senior Ema Sabovic kicked the ball just in front of the middle field line, causing Towlen to have to race against two of Misericordia's Lady Cougars to get to the right side box. With the goalkeeper running towards Towlen to try and take away her angle, Towlen shot the ball to score the only goal of the night, making that her second goal of the season and the eighth of her career.

When reflecting on her goal, Towlen said, "The throw ball came and I knew I had the defense beat - I just knew it was going in after that." With a grin on her face, Towlen noted, "I don't really remember much after that."

But even if Towlen doesn't remember, Head Coach John Sumoski does, he said, "We did what we needed to do coming into the game. Nikki had a great goal and ran her butt off the entire game, so it was awesome."

With 61 minutes of play left after Towlen's goal, the game became a battle of the defenses. Junior goalkeeper Courtney Stanley blocked a shot by Jackie Stevens at the 82:39 mark, stopping the Cougars from having any more shot opportunities for the remainder of the game. This gave Stanley five saves for the game and her seventh shutout of the season, moving her into a tie for second in program history for shutouts in a season.

After winning this conference road game, Wilkes has improved its record to 10-2-2 overall and to 4-1-0 in the conference. Misericordia, being ranked at No. 18 by the

United Soccer Coaches Poll and No. 3 in the region, has taken a hit to their record, falling to 11-3-2 overall and 4-1, the same as the Lady Colonels, in the conference.

With only two MAC Freedom games remaining, there are four teams tied at 4-1 in the conference: Wilkes, Misericordia, Eastern and DeSales.

After the win to tie the Lady Colonels and the Cougars in the conference, Sumoski commented on the rigor of conference games, noting, "Well, conference games are always going to be tough games. They're usually only one or two goal games."

Although Sumoski acknowledged the anticipated challenges of conference games, he also noted that the Lady Colonels always set out to take care of what they can control ahead of time.

"We had a very good scouting report coming in," explained Sumoski. "We've seen Mis. a lot, so I thought we were very prepared and knew that we were going to weather a bit of a storm at times because they have some girls who can really strike the ball well."

Overall, Towlen's goal and a solid defensive performance by the Lady Colonels led the team to victory over the Misericordia Lady Cougars.

Oct. 18

Wilkes 1, Misericordia 0

Wilkes 1'0 — '1

Misericordia 0'0 — '0

First half — 1. WIL Nicolette Towlen (unassisted), 28:15. **Second half** — No scoring.

Shots — WIL 4, MIS 16. **Saves** — WIL 5 (Courtney Stanley); MIS 2 (Alyssa Pojero). **Corner kicks** — WIL 3, MIS 7.



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WTEN: Lady Colonels win 10 of 11 MAC individual championships

By Amber Grohowski
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Wilkes women's tennis competed in the Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) Individual Championships, hosted at both Kirby Park and Wilkes University. The Lady Colonels took 10 of 11 titles during the weekend of Oct. 13-14.

They swept the doubles category, but fell short in just one singles title, taking six out of seven possible championships there.

Jordan Vasarkovy, at No. 1 singles, locked in her third consecutive title, rising above Albright's Mara Trifoi in the semi-finals, and conquering her match up against King's Emily Fernandez in the finals.

Francesca Varela-Seri followed Vasarkovy, taking the No. 2 spot, competing against DeSales' Amber Achenbach in the semi-finals, where Varela-Seri swept past Achenbach. She earned her second consecutive title when she defeated Hannah Summerson of Lycoming in the finals.

Dana Saliyev triumphed over Lycoming's Kaitlin Hallabuk in her semi-final matchup and Misericordia's Linsey Parks in the finals, securing the No. 3 spot. Her accomplishments snagged herself a second straight title.

At No. 4, Laura Zielinski also earned a title at the tournament by breezing past Messiah's Emily Wichert in the semi-finals, and coming up successful in the finals against Allyson Wolf of FDU-Florham.

Dagney Markle at No. 6, earned her

first title as a Colonel at the tournament, coming out on top in the title match. Markle advanced in the semi-finals before beating FDU-Florham's Mia Capozzoli in the finals.

Sarah Malone was the second rookie to achieve her first title. At No. 7 singles, she won over Stevenson's Rebecca Connelly in the semi-finals, setting her up against DeSales' Gabby Serratore in the finals where she came out with the crown.

Brittany Stanton took second place at No. 5 singles. Stanton fell short to Messiah's Amanda Adamsin the finals.

Women's tennis had all four doubles teams demolish their opponents, and earn their titles in the MAC tournament.

Vasarkovy/Saliyev, at No. 1 doubles, earned an 8-1 victory in the finals, grasping their first title as a pair.

At No. 2, Zielinski/Varela-Seri conquered with an 8-3 win against FDU-Florham. With this win, the duo clutched their first crown together as well.

Markle/Stanton, at No. 3 doubles, claim the crown with an 8-3 win in the finals.

At No. 4 Doubles, Nicole Gaetani and Courtney McCowan attributed to the doubles' success, earning their title with an 8-3 victory.

Wilkes women's tennis will return to action in March, when they travel to Hilton Head Island, SC during their annual spring break trip. After that, they'll begin their spring schedule.



Vasarkovy
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Nick Doyle to help men's basketball as new assistant coach

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Wilkes University men's basketball has added a new assistant coach, Nick Doyle, as they look to build on their previous season.

He replaces the outgoing Stefan Thompson. Thompson previously held the titles of Assistant Basketball Coach and Director of Intramurals. Doyle will assume those same duties.

In his college career, Doyle played for Virginia Wesleyan College under Wilkes alum, Dave Macedo '96. At VWC, he started and significantly contributed to a final four team in 2015. He played every game that season in which he averaged, 7.3 points and 2.1 rebounds per game. He also shot for 48 percent from three point range that season.

He started his first 13 games of his senior season. He averaged 10.9 points per game until he suffered a season-ending injury.

Prior to his position as the assistant men's basketball coach, Doyle was a graduate assistant at Lynchburg College, coaching basketball and earning his master's degree in educational leadership as well.

He became interested in a position coaching at Wilkes after meeting men's basketball head coach, Coach Izzi Metz, and learning about the history of Wilkes' program

through his own college head coach, Dave Macedo, who attended and played basketball for Wilkes University.

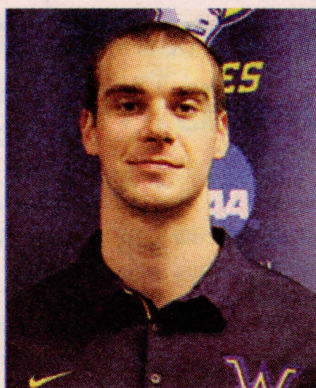
"Hearing him talk about the history and the competition and the culture around this campus, it was like something I wanted to be apart of," said Doyle. "I thought I would be lucky to have this opportunity to be at Wilkes."

Doyle's college coach and he had a strong relationship, which is how Doyle found out about the opportunity to get a coaching position at Wilkes University and become apart of the history of the Colonel men's basketball team.

"I think he really influenced me saying this would be a good position for me to be in, especially right out of college. He really looked out for me and also taught me everything I know about the game," said Doyle.

His own coach taught him a positive work ethic, how to compete and how to not take days off. Doyle explained how he just wants to bring that positive outlook on the game to the basketball players at Wilkes.

"You can't take days off and I'm just trying to bring that to Wilkes," said Doyle.



Nick Doyle

Photo Courtesy of
Wilkes Athletics

"You can't take days off and I'm just trying to bring that to Wilkes."

Doyle believes that he will be able to transfer the knowledge that he has learned from his head coach, Macedo, will be very applicable and helpful to the current basketball players at Wilkes University.

On top of the aspect of the game Doyle has learned from Macedo, he also feels that his experiences in the south and with both division one and three will allow him to offer more to the team here.

"I think it's definitely going to help me getting to know the guys and meet the guys and bringing them a different aspect of the game, most of these guys are from the northern part of the country and me being from Virginia,

it's just a whole different game," said Doyle, "People think differently and I think I could bring a whole different perspective to them coming from both division one and division three."

The new assistant coach for Colonel men's

basketball believes he has a lot to offer and bring to the table that could overall benefit the team. He really feels that giving them a different perspective will assist their game as well as help with what the players need in order to be successful on the court and in the classroom.

Doyle looks to be a major part of the team's success this season and for seasons to come. Helping individuals and the team as a whole reach their potential is something he is truly excited for.

"I am really excited, now that practices have started, being on the court with the guys, watching them set their goals and actually achieve their goals," Doyle said, "I'm also looking forward to having my hand in helping them reach what they want to reach in their potential on and off the court. It will bring me joy when they reach their potential. Helping them achieve their goals is something I will strive for."

As the season progresses, Doyle will surely be their to assist and push the men's basketball team here at Wilkes University in order to get them to be the best that they can be this season.



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Wilkes Fall Sports Schedules

Field Hockey

x-9/2 vs. Susquehanna, L 3-4 (OT)
x-9/3 vs. Ithaca, L 1-2
9/6 vs. Marywood, W 4-3 (OT)
9/9 @ Arcadia, L 2-5
9/13 vs. Keystone, W 4-0
9/16 vs. Alvernia, L 1-4
9/19 vs. Moravian, W 4-3
*9/23 @ Eastern, L 0-5
9/26 @ U. of Scranton, L 3-5
*9/30 @ FDU-Florham, L 2-3
10/4 vs. Elizabethtown, L 0-1
*10/7 vs. Desales, W 1-0
10/11 @ Widener, W 3-2 (OT)
*10/14 vs. Manhattanville, W 2-0
*10/18 @ King's, W 2-1
*10/21 vs. Del. Valley, W 5-2
*10/26 vs. Misericordia, 7:00 P.M.
*MAC Freedom
x-Connie Harnum Classic (4th place)
Record: 8-8 (MAC-F 4-2)
Home games @ Schmidt Stadium

Football

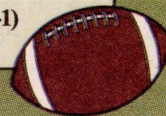
9/2 @ Muhlenberg, L 19-62
*9/9 vs. Lebanon Valley, L 0-36
*9/15 vs. Delaware Valley, L 14-34
*9/23 @ Misericordia, L 14-43
*9/30 @ Lycoming, L 7-34
*x-10/7 vs. Widener, L 7-30
*10/21 @ FDU-Florham, L 31-49
*10/28 @ Albright, 1:00 P.M.
*y-11/4 vs. Stevenson, 12:00 P.M.
*z-11/11 @ King's, 12:00 P.M.
*MAC
x-Homecoming
y-Friends and Family Day & Senior Day
z-Mayor's Cup
Record: 0-7 (MAC 0-6)
Home games @ Schmidt Stadium
Results as of Oct. 21

Men's Soccer

9/1 vs. PSU-Berks, W 3-2 (OT)
9/3 vs. Marywood, L 0-1
9/5 @ Valley Forge, W 5-0
9/9 @ Moravian, L 0-1
9/14 @ Summit, L 0-2
9/16 @ Lebanon Valley, L 0-4
9/20 vs. Susquehanna, W 1-0 (OT)
9/23 vs. Stevenson, W 3-0
9/27 @ U. of Scranton, L 0-3
*9/30 @ Delaware Valley, W 3-2
10/4 vs. Lancaster Bible, W 2-0.
*10/7 vs. FDU-Florham, L 0-1
*10/11 vs. King's, L 0-1
*10/14 @ Desales, T 0-0 (2OT)
*10/17 @ Misericordia, L 1-3
*10/21 vs. Eastern, W 1-0 (2OT)
10/25 vs. Penn College, 7:00 P.M.
*10/28 @ Manhattanville, 3:30 P.M.
*MAC Freedom
Record: 7-8-1 (MAC-Free. 2-3-1)
Home matches @ Schmidt Stadium

Women's Soccer

9/1 vs. PSU-Berks, T 1-1 (2OT)
9/4 vs. Muhlenberg, W 2-1
9/9 @ Marywood, W 5-3
9/13 vs. William Patterson, W 1-0
9/16 vs. Penn College, W 3-0
9/20 @ Susquehanna, L 0-1
9/23 vs. Arcadia, W 1-0
9/26 @ U. of Scranton, T 0-0 (2OT)
*9/29 @ Delaware Valley, W 2-0
10/3 @ Stockton, W 2-0
*10/6 vs. FDU-Florham, W 3-1
*10/10 vs. King's, W 1-0
*10/14 @ Desales, L 0-2
*10/18 @ Misericordia, W 1-0
*10/21 vs. Eastern, T 0-0 (2OT)
10/24 @ SUNY-Cortland, 7:00 P.M.
*10/28 @ Manhattanville, 1:00 P.M.
*MAC Freedom
Record: 10-2-3 (MAC-Free. 4-1-1)
Home matches @ Schmidt Stadium



Colonel athletics in brief: the last two weeks of Wilkes fall sports

By Alex Kiellar
Staff Writer

Oct. 9

WVB: Senior Madison Scarfaro leads the Lady Colonels to 3-1 victory over Marywood with a career-high 16 kills. Set scores were 25-20, 25-19, 21-25, and 25-21.

Oct. 10

WSOC: Sophomore Delfina Bracchi hit a second half free kick to propel the Lady Colonels to a 1-0 victory over rival King's. Junior goalie Courtney Stanley made two saves, one with just over three minutes left to record her seventh shutout in the last nine games.

Oct. 11

FH: Senior Marissa Surdy hits the game-winner 7:59 into overtime for her third goal of the game as the Lady Colonels defeat Widener 3-2.

WVB: Lady Colonels fall to Desales 3-1 with set scores 18-25, 27-25, and 26-28. Sophomore Jamey Mikovich led the match with 19 kills, senior Alexis Morgan led the match in assists with 41.

MSOC: Sophomore Cole Hefner is unable to capitalize on a tremendous opportunity as he beats the King's goalkeeper but hits the crossbar in a closely contested 1-0 defeat. Junior goaltender Tim Gallagher made five saves for the losing Colonels.

Oct. 14

FH: Junior Hayley Gayoski made both goals for the Lady Colonels in a 2-0 win over Manhattanville, assisted by Junior Megan Kane and Senior Marissa Surdy. Junior goaltender Dallas Kendra made one save for her sixth victory of the season.

MXC: Freshman Blade Tirado led the Colonels with a time of 28:23.0 to come in 88th place overall as the Colonels placed 18th

of 25 teams at the Gettysburg Invitational.

WXC: Freshman Autumn Pedron leads the Lady Colonels with a time of 26:58.2 to place 148th overall. The team placed 25th out of 31 teams, with five runners setting season-best times.

WSOC: The Lady Colonels fail to find the back of the net in a 2-0 loss against DeSales as their four-game winning streak is snapped. Shots on goal were equal in the contest with goalie Courtney Stanley making four saves for the Lady Colonels.

MSWIM: Led by freshman Justin Burda, freshman Jared Byrne, and the relay team of freshman Mike Pettit, freshman Tyler Deters, and junior Chase Osborne, the Colonels finished first of four teams with 752 points at the Colonel Splash and Dash Invite.

WSWIM: The Lady Colonels finished third with a total of 330 points, with Freshman Abby Keating setting new program records in the 100 butterfly and the 100 IM, finishing first with a time of 1:04.31 and third with a time of 1:05.88, respectively.

MSOC: The Colonels play to a double-overtime draw versus DeSales behind seven saves from junior goalkeeper Tim Gallagher for his fifth shutout of the season.

Oct. 15

WTEN: See page 19.

MGOLF: The Colonels finished in seventh place at the 2017 Gino Biondi Memorial Invitational with a two-day score of 676. Senior Alex Anderson led all Colonels scorers with a four-over 75 on day two and a combined 156 for the tournament.

Oct. 17

WVB: The Lady Colonels completed a 3-0 shutout victory of Delaware Valley with a 25-19 set three victory, overcoming an early 9-5 deficit in what would be the final

set. Sophomore Jamey Mikovich led the match with 12 kills and 20 digs. Senior Alexis Morgan led the match with 28 assists. The Lady Colonels won the first two sets, 25-18 and 26-24, respectively.

MSOC: Tim Gallagher makes four saves in a 3-1 defeat at Misericordia. Freshman Shane Henehan found the back of the net for his first career goal in the 60th minute for the Colonels only goal of the contest.

Oct. 18

WSOC: See page 19.

FH: Junior Haley Gayoski found the back of the net with under two minutes left in the game to propel the Lady Colonels to 2-1 victory over rival King's. Gayoski also hit the tying goal in the 47th minute assisted from junior Megan Kane. Junior Dallas Kendra made three saves in the victory.

Oct. 20

WVB: On the first night of the Colonel Clash Tournament, the Lady Colonels dropped a pair of 3-0 matches to Morrisville State College and Catholic University of America. Senior Alexis Morgan recorded her tenth double-double this season with 23 assists and 15 digs.

MSWIM: The Colonels fell to Arcadia 142-44 with all racers and relay teams finishing in no more than second place for the Colonels. The 200 free relay team of freshman Jared Byrne, sophomore Tyler Weatherby, freshman Tyler Deters, and freshman Nick Martino finished with a time of 1:33.41, just over one second shy of first place.

WSWIM: Freshman Abby Keating takes first place in the 200 IM with a time of 2:24.92, but the Lady Colonels fall 136-42 at Arcadia. 200 medley relay team of Keating, junior Morgan Williams, junior Allie Aspey, and sophomore Kyleigh Smeltzer finished second with a time of 2:05.38.

Oct. 21

FH: It might have been Senior Day, but it would be the youth doing most of the scoring. Junior Megan Kane (2), freshman Maddie Kelley (1) and sophomore Gianna Gennetts (1) scored four out of the five goals. Senior Marissa Surdy rounded out the scoring action.


FB: In a what was expected to be an opportunity for the Colonels to pull off their first win, the FDU-Florham Devils had other plans in the MAC contest, defeating Wilkes 49-31.

MSWIM: The Colonels snatched their first victory of the season over Mount Saint Mary, 152-97. The relay team of sophomore Anthony Stampone, freshman Nick Martino, sophomore Tyler Weatherby and freshman Jared Byrne set a program record in the 800 free relay in 7:58.81.

WSWIM: The Lady Colonels fell to Mount Saint Mary in their home opener, 151-79. The relay team of junior Morgan Williams, sophomore Kyleigh Smeltzer, freshman Abby Keating and junior Allie Aspey took second in the 200 medley relay in 2:07.07. Keating also finishes with two victories on the day, 50 freestyle in 27.36 and 500 freestyle in 5:43.02. Aspey placed first in the 100 butterfly with a time of 1:09.34.

MSOC: Alvaro Fernandez-Maldonado nets his first career goal with just 52 seconds remaining in the second overtime to lead Wilkes to a 1-0 win over Eastern. It was the first victory over Eastern since 2009.

WSOC: After 110 minutes of action, none of the combined 25 shots between the Lady Colonels and Eastern would find the net. The game ended in a tie after double overtime.

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Wilkes Fall Sports Schedules

Men's Tennis

9/16 vs. Keystone, W 9-0
vs. Messiah, W 9-0
9/16 & 9/17 @ Bloomsburg Tourney
9/30 vs. Penn College, W 9-0
9/30 & 10/1 @ ITA Regionals
10/21 & 10/22 @ MAC
Individual Tournament
(@ Ralston Athletic Complex)
Record: 3-0

Women's Tennis

9/16 vs. Messiah, W 9-0
9/23-9/25 @ ITA Regionals
9/30 vs. Penn College, W 9-0
10/3 @ U. of Scranton, W 8-1
10/14 & 10/15 @ MAC
Individual Tournament
(10 of 11 championship crowned)
Home matches @ Ralston Athletic Complex
Record: 3-0

Results as of Oct. 21

Men's Cross Country

9/1 @ Misericordia Invite (8th place)
9/9 @ Dutch. Invite (6th place)
9/23 @ Aggie Open (4th place)
9/30 @ Dickinson Short-Long Invite (13th place)
10/7 @ Desales Invitational (11th place)
10/14 @ Gettysburg Invitational (18th place)
10/28 @ MAC Championships
(Delaware Valley) 11:15 a.m.
11/11 @ NCAA Mideast Regional,
(Newville, PA) 12:00 p.m.

Women's Cross Country

9/1 @ Misericordia Invite (7th place)
9/9 @ Dutch. Invite (8th place)
9/23 @ Aggie Open (9th place)
9/30 @ Dickinson Short-Long Invite (21st place)
10/7 @ Desales Invitational (15th place)
10/14 @ Gettysburg Invitational (25th place)
10/28 @ MAC Championships
(Delaware Valley) 10:15 a.m.
11/11 @ NCAA Mideast Regional,
(Newville, PA) 11:00 a.m.

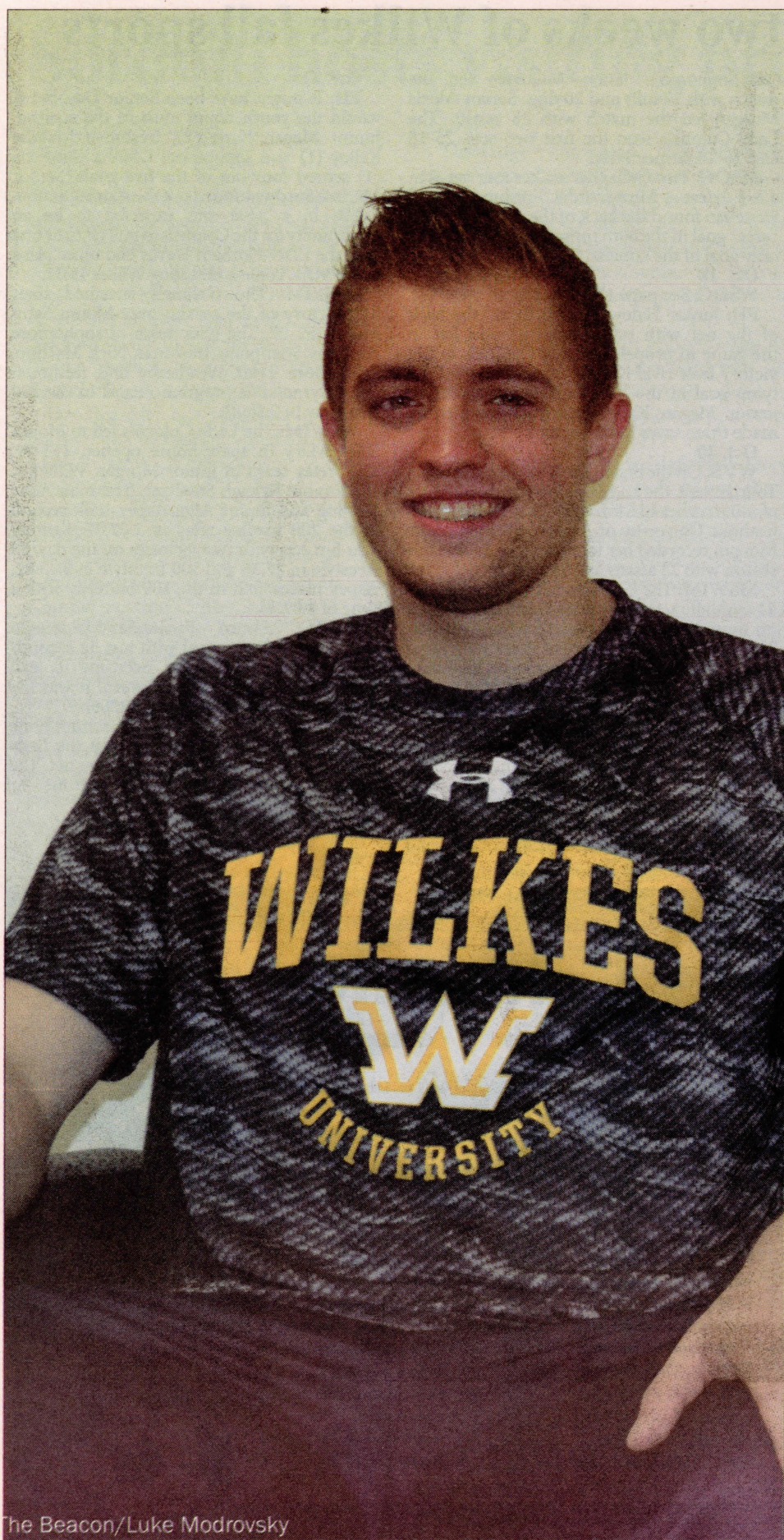
Women's Volleyball

x-9/2 vs. Widener, L 0-3
vs. Bridgewater, L 0-3
x-9/3 vs. Wesley, L 1-3
vs. Simpson, L 0-3
9/7 vs. Clarks Summit, W 3-1
9/9 vs. Haverford, L 0-3
vs. PSU-Berks, W 3-0
*9/13 vs. Eastern, L 1-3
9/16 vs. Immaculata, W 3-0
vs. PSU-Harrisburg, W 3-2
*9/19 @ Manhattanville, L 2-3
9/21 @ Moravian, L 0-3
9/23 vs. Wesley, L 0-3
@ Rutgers-Camden, L 2-3
*9/27 vs. FDU-Florham, L 2-3
9/30 vs. PSU-Behrend, L 1-3
@ PSU-Altoona, L 1-3
*10/3 @ King's, L 0-3
10/5 vs. Lancaster Bible, L 1-3

Women's Volleyball

(cont'd)

10/7 vs. Lebanon Valley, W 3-1
vs. Rutgers-Newark, 3-0
10/9 vs. Marywood, W 3-1
*10/11 vs. Desales, L 1-3
*10/17 @ Delaware Valley, W 3-0
y-10/20 vs. Morrisville State, L 0-3
y-vs. Catholic Uni. of America, L 0-3
y-10/21 vs. Kean, L 0-3
y-vs. Moravian, L 2-3
*z-10/25 vs. Misericordia., 7:00 P.M.
10/28 vs. Rutgers-Camden 11:00 A.M.
vs. Utica, 3:00 P.M.
*MAC Freedom
x-Puerto Rico Clasico (0-4)
y-Colonel Clash Tournament (0-4)
z-Senior Night
Home matches @ Marts Center
Record: 8-20 (MAC-F 1-5)



Getting to know...

Jared Byrne

Freshman Swimmer

The Beacon: Male Athlete of the Week 10/2-10/15

Why Jared Byrne was selected: Jared Byrne got his collegiate swimming career off to a fast start where he broke the program record for 200 freestyle in 1:50.63 and 100 freestyle in 49.86 in the season opener against William Patterson on Oct. 7. He was the first swimmer to finish the 100 freestyle in under 50 seconds. Byrne also set a new program mark in the 100 individual medley in 57.89 in the inaugural Colonel Splash and Dash Invitational on Oct. 14.

What head coach Mark Barnes said: "Jared is a true student-athlete. He not only works hard in the classroom but also in the pool. He steps up to any task or challenge/goal you set for him. He is usually the first one in the pool and the last one out. He is one of those athletes that come along only once every decade or so. He will and has already changed the face and name of Wilkes swimming."

Name: Jared Byrne
Year: Freshman
Major: Pre-Pharmacy
Hometown: Lancaster, Pa.
High School: Penn Manor HS
Position: Sprint/Mid-distance freestyle

Driving force for your decision to come to Wilkes?
 The small campus atmosphere and 6-year Pharmacy Program. The swim team took me in as family even before I was on the team.

Post graduation plans in terms of a career?
 Become a pharmacist and work in a community pharmacy near my house where I can get to know the patients I work for.

Favorite building on campus?
 Sturdevant Hall. It is where I stayed for my [recruiting trip] and where most of the swimmers stay freshman year. It carries is also great for Nerf battles.

If we put jolly ranchers into a container, how many do you think you could lift?
 None, I would eat them all.

Hopes for this season as a Colonel?
 Medal at the MAC championship, and help grow the swim team and bring in recruits. I also want to keep a high GPA and enjoy my classes as best as I can.

Favorite meal to eat on campus?
 Breakfast at Late night. Especially after a hard practice.

A quote you live your life by?
 "Just because you don't have 100% does not mean you can't give 100% of what you do have." - Dan Lumas

What does "Be Colonel" mean to you?
 I am part of a small school, but it is filled with people smarter than other big schools. Even though it is challenging being in college, we can make a name for ourselves.

When/Why did you first begin swimming?
 I started swimming around age 8. I wanted to beat my brother in everything he did, so I did not stop until I could beat him in every event.

If you had to choose one thing about your program that you could improve, what would it be?
 I wish we could have more advertising for the swim team. Many people do not even know we have one, and I hope that with this year's class we can make a name for ourselves as well as the school.

Other interests or hobbies off of the field?
 I love to eat. I consider it a hobby at this point. That is a huge reason why I swim.

Most influential person in your life?
 My parents without a doubt. They inspire me to achieve goals I did not know were possible.

If you could have dinner with a famous person from the past, who would it be?
 Jimmy Hendrix, or Buddy Holly.

Favorite professor?
 Bernie Kovacs. I have never laughed so hard in class until I met him. He also loves what he does and makes a boring class entertaining.

Anyone to give a shout-out to?
 The whole swim team, Eason, Ilia and Coach.

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Getting to know...

Marissa Surdy

Senior Field Hockey Player

The Beacon: Female Athlete of the Week 10/2-10/15

Why Marissa Surdy was selected: Marissa Surdy posted a hat trick against Widener on Oct. 11. Her third goal of the evening came in dramatic fashion as she dribbled through the defense into the circle to net the overtime game winner. Surdy also moved into second place on the school's all time-goals list with 49. Surdy also tallied an assist in a Oct. 14 game against Manhattanville. Congratulations, Marissa!

What head coach Sara Myers said: "Marissa has been a key player for us in the last four years. Marissa is very hard to defend in the attacking 25 with her dynamic stick skills and ball speed. She is a great team player and she sets her teammates up beautifully. I can't wait to see what she and the team can accomplish as we are in the middle of our importance conference schedule."

Name: Marissa Surdy

Year: Senior

Major: Nursing

Hometown: Mountain Top, Pa.

High School: Crestwood HS

Position: Forward

Driving force for your decision to come to Wilkes?

I wanted to come to Wilkes because it gave me the opportunity to be close to my family, play field hockey, and take on a challenging major.

Post graduation plans in terms of a career?

My plans after college are to move to Philadelphia and pursue a career as an emergency room nurse.

Favorite building on campus?

My favorite building on campus is Cohen. The remodel in the labs makes learning more enjoyable.

When/Why did you first begin playing?

I began playing in third grade because my sister was playing and I wanted to be like her.

Most influential person in your life?

My sister. She is my rock and my best friend. She keeps me grounded and on the right path and she's always there for me whenever I need her.

Hopes for this season as a Colonel?

Continue our winning streak and make it to playoffs.

Favorite meal to eat on campus?

POD's wraps

Favorite professor?

I enjoy all the professors in the Wilkes Nursing Program. Without the dedicated professors at Wilkes, playing a sport for me wouldn't have been possible. They go out of their way to make schedule changes so I could be at games or practices and I will forever be grateful to the school for allowing me to achieve such an amazing major while still playing my sport.

Other interests or hobbies off of the field?

I enjoy photography and reading.

Most influential person in your life?

My sister, she is my rock and my best friend. She keeps me grounded and on the right path and she's always there for me whenever I need her.

A quote you live your life by?

"Bloom where you are planted."

What does "Be Colonel" mean to you?

It means hard work and dedication and being part of something greater. It means a lot to me to have been part of such a great program the past four years. my sport.

Anyone to give a shout-out to?

Coach Myers! She's been such an amazing coach these past 4 years and my rock. She's molded me into the player I am today and I will always be grateful to her for that. Whether it be on or off the field, she's always there for me and her loving personality inspires me daily to be a better person. Love you Coach Myers!

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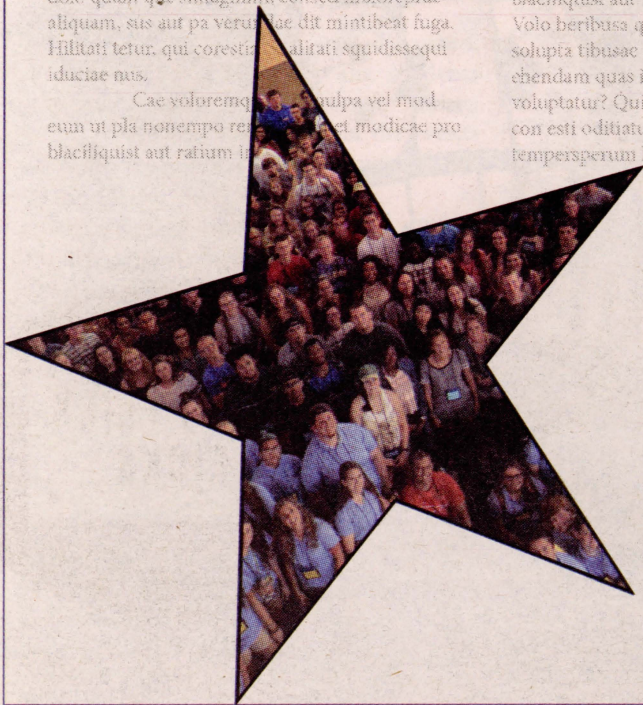
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