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## UN Lecture Series features UN Rep. Dawda Jobarteh

By Michelle Grossbauer  
Staff Writer

The United Nations Lecture series was brought to Wilkes University this past Tuesday with another lecture being offered next week. This series is partnered with the Humpty Dumpty Institute's Higher Education Alliance for the United Nations to connect UN officials to students.

Wilkes welcomed Dr. Dawda Jobarteh, the Global Head of the UN SDG Strategy Hub for their most recent lecture series on Tuesday, Mar. 19 where he talked about the idea of global citizenship.

Jobarteh's beginnings started with connecting to his Gambian and Argentine roots. He was born in Kenya and raised in New York City. He holds a Ph. D and a master's degree in War Studies from King's College London, and a bachelor's degree from Emory University.

Ever since Jobarteh was little, he always felt very fortunate and had a passion to give back. He went to an international school through grades K-12. His friends were from different countries and acknowledged that he never saw "in color." Once he left New York City to find his path in higher education, he quickly realized he was living in a bubble of naivety.

He went to an American University in Georgia where people labeled him



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Jobarteh's lecture was titled 'A Journey to Global Citizenship' where he touched on his own life as well his position at the SDG Strategy Hub.

as black. This was the first time that Jobarteh saw himself being racially identified. Being that he does not see in color, Jobarteh believes that one must put in the work to project themselves in the way they want to be seen by others.

During his sophomore year of college,

he was given the opportunity to study abroad in Australia. The professors that traveled with him did not take him seriously. They stereotyped him; believing he only wanted to party while abroad.

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## BASE: Capozzi, Pronti energize offense against Muhlenberg, Eastern

By Kirsten Peters  
Co-Sports Editor

KINGSTON, Pa. -- On the diamond, Wilkes went 2-1 on the week, claiming victories in their home opener against Muhlenberg and the first game of their Sunday doubleheader against Eastern.

On Wednesday, March 20, the Colonels christened Artillery Park with a 15-9 victory in their first home contest.

In the slugfest, senior Nicholas Capozzi led the Colonels' offensive efforts, finding himself on base for all five of his plate appearances. His perfect 1.000 batting average, going 3-3 with two walks, made his bat in the three-hole a guarantee for success.

In addition to crossing home plate four times himself, Capozzi brought in two runs, contributing six runs on the day, including a two-run homer.

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# News

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## Student Government notes: March 20 weekly meeting

By Sara Ross  
Staff Writer

This week's Student Government meeting was the longest so far this semester and, it was full of first and second week fund requests, and a visit from Dr. Anne Skleder and Dr. Paul Adams.

Skleder and Adams came in to discuss student affairs regarding the inclement weather policy at Wilkes. Students expressed their opinions about the current policies, and what could be done to revise them, in order to take better courses of action in the future.

This week then started with a club recognition for the Silver Wings Club. If Silver Wings were to be recognized, they would be able to attend the National Conclave (NATCON), which is a gathering of Silver

Wings and Arnold Air Society members from across the nation.

The Hospitality Research Group then started off the fund requests for attending the Hospitality Leadership Conference. The conference takes place on April 12 to the 13 in Las Vegas; they requested \$214 for travel expenses.

The Frisbee Club made a constitution update, and the new changes make it mandatory for the officer and members to attend meetings and practices, along with other requirements.

Kappa Psi is looking to attend the Kappa Psi Grand Council Convention in D.C. from July 17 to the 21. The convention would allow pharmacy students to meet professionals in the field and build their portfolios. They requested \$7,750 to cover their travel

expenses.

Pre-Pharmacy Club is planning a trip to the American Museum of Natural History on Apr. 13. It is \$20 per student to go on the trip, which will cover most of the costs, but Pre-Pharmacy would still need \$990 for transportation.

The Education Club gave a presentation about going to the PSEA Education Conference March 28 through the 30 at Kalahari Resort. The theme of the conference is "Be the Wave of Change." To attend, the Education Club requested \$900 for registration and hotel fees.


Wilkes University School of Pharmacy students have been selected to attend the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) Institute on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence on May 29 through June 2 in Salt Lake City. They asked for \$7,835 to attend this

event.

Lambda Kappa Sigma (LKS) made a request of \$2,400 in order to go to the LKS convention in Milwaukee from July 31 to Aug. 3. This convention allows pharmacy students to receive awards and gain networking opportunities.

The final first week discussion was for the Big Event on Apr. 27. Big Event is a campus-wide community service event around different businesses in Wilkes-Barre that will cost about \$6,000.

Finally the Block Party, Student Body Forum, Spirit Committee, Capital Projects and the Commuter Council's Constitution all passed with a majority in favor of each.

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## Beacon Briefs: The upcoming happenings on campus

Compiled by Sean Schmoyer

### Don't Miss the MSC Talent Show

The Multicultural Student Coalition will hold a talent show at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 5, in the Henry Student Center Ballroom.

Students can sign up by filling out the Google forms on the MSC Talent

Show Wilkes Today page.

Admission is free and there will be food provided so come out and cheer on the performers.

### Support Suicide Prevention: Glow Run

The sixth annual Glow Run will be sponsored by Residence life from 7 p.m.

to 11 p.m. on Saturday, April 27.

Students can register at the Glow Run table in the Henry Student Center between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. today, Thursday, April 15 through April 17, and April 22, through April 26.

The cost is \$10.00 for Wilkes students and \$15.00 for non-Wilkes students.

### Support WACA

The Wilkes African Cultural Association will be selling headbands and scrunchies on March 26 and 28, and April 9, 11, and 16 during club hours in the Student Union Building. For more information, contact Mmachi at [mmachi.dimoriaku@wilkes.edu](mailto:mmachi.dimoriaku@wilkes.edu).

### Sign Up for the Downtown Establishment Tour

This semester's Downtown Establishment Tour is Saturday, April 6. Sign-ups started last Tuesday. The night will celebrate the 50th anniversary of Woodstock, thus WilkesStock.

Cost is \$10 for seniors, and \$15 for any non-seniors. This covers the T-shirt, food and bus transportation to River Grille. There will also be various drink specials.


You must pay cash to reserve your spot. Email Lexie Panek with any questions.

### Programming Board Hosts Bryce Vine

Wilkes University Programming Board presents Bryce Vine at 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 30, at the MAC in UCOM.

Admission is free to all Wilkes undergraduate students. Any students with a valid college ID (or P3/P4, graduate students and Wilkes faculty/staff) can pay \$10 at the door. Tickets for the general public will be \$15 at the door.

If you have any questions please contact the Wilkes University Programming Board at [wupb@wilkes.edu](mailto:wupb@wilkes.edu).

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In the March 19 edition of The Beacon, the address listed for the new resident hall (above building) was incorrect. The correct address is 116 S. Main St. The Beacon apologizes for the error.



# New online masters of business administration program to be offered

By Cabrini Rudnicki  
Co-News Editor

A new opportunity for education has been announced at Wilkes University.

The Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership has announced a new online master of business administration program.

Prospective students have until Aug. 1 to apply to start in the fall when the program launches.

The program, which can be completed in two years, features two seven-week courses in each semester which take place sequentially rather than concurrently.

New students will be accepted every fall, spring and summer semesters following Fall 2019.

Dr. Jennifer Edmonds, associate dean and director of graduate programs in the Sidhu school, spoke about the benefits of the program's unique structure.

"Most people in our MBA program have a full-time job, so they don't have to worry about taking two courses at the same time," she said. "They can take one course

and complete it, and then halfway through the semester, begin another."

The MBA program is also offered in a weekend format. This format has students attending face-to-face classes on the second Saturday of each month, with coursework and assignments conducted on online. This program offers different tracks such as global business, leadership, and management, which will not be included in the online MBA program version.

The program was created as part of the school's strategic plan, according to Edmonds.

"It was something that everyone in the school of business decided was a direction they wanted to go," continued Edmonds.

Karen M. Alessi, assistant director of the MBA program, discussed the outside responsibilities of graduate students.

"I think it is just harder for students with jobs, families," she said. "They need flexibility. With the advancement of technology, it was the most convenient way they could do it."

The program's planning took years to

complete.

"I think planning the flow of the curriculum, how long it should take, and what the courses should be, that was the easy part," said Edmonds. "The plan of how we get from no online MBA to having an online MBA, it took years."

"There was a lot to consider," she continued. "Do we need an outside organization to help you have (an online MBA), build one, and run one? Or are you going to have it, build it, and run it on your own? That was probably what took the longest time. Getting the university to be in the position to make that decision, which means we had to present both options."

The school in the end decided to run the program on it's own.

"We'll hire the support staff. We are looking to hire an instructional designer right now."

The university also announced recently an Early Childhood education online component as well.

Both Edmonds and Alessi agreed that the school in general was pushing online

instruction services.


"I think that's the push of a lot of universities," said Edmonds. "I know that's something that both the president and the provost have really been committed to."

Increasing the number of online offerings is in the university's own strategic plan, according to Edmonds.

"We have received feedback that the students want it," she continued. "We know they want more flexibility, we know that there are students who do not come here because we do not have (an online program.)"

The program will emphasize leadership, according to Wilkes. It is designed for aspiring business leaders, as well as experienced business professionals looking to grow their skills in things like communication, professionalism, and decision-making skills.

"It's time," said Edmonds, of starting the program.

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## Barron's education program comes to the Sidhu School of Business

By Sammi Verespy  
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Barron's is a weekly newspaper and online news site published by Dow Jones & Co. This weekly editorial focuses on financial news and market developments.

The access to this program has been made possible through a scholarship provided by Mike Hirthler and Jacobi Capital Management.

Through this program, students can gain access to other news editorials, and the magazine itself for free.

"This magazine is really important because it provides insight to the top businesses in America," said Abel Adekola, dean of the Sidhu School of Business. "There is also an opportunity for students to go to New York City and visit the DOW."

Austin Hackenburg, a senior finance major also commented on the access to the Barron's.

"The idea behind Barron's is they want to promote financial literacy on college campuses. So, to do this they are partnering with universities and with small businesses because you need a sponsor to get into the business. So, you get access to many journals, like The Wall Street Journal, Market watch and such, all for free," said Hackenberg.

Wilkes University's E.S. Farley Library has

access to all of the print media.

"This is important to note because we want to promote financial literacy of all students on campus. We want all majors to be able to be more financially literate and this program provides that to all Wilkes students," said Adekola.

This program also allows select students to become ambassadors of the brand. This includes senior finance majors, Hackenberg, Nicole Harmer, and junior finance and accounting major Alec Levin.

"Within the ambassador program we really just get to represent the company and the brand," said Hackenberg. "We get to make sure that Wilkes students are aware of what is available to them. Especially since this is such a great company and business."

"We also get to promote financial literacy on campus," he added.

"There is so much room for students to get involved in this program," said Levin. "This is a company that is obviously focused on business, but they also have an emphasis on journalism and communication. So the students in that major would be able to get involved as well."

"One thing that is cool is how new this program is. Wilkes was within the top four or five schools to start out with this program," Levin added.



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The new program will allow students in the Sidhu business school to become ambassadors of the Barron's brand.

"There are now 25-30 schools participating. All big name schools, like the University of Florida, University of Georgia, and even Cornell. So, it is awesome to see Wilkes be a forerunner for what looks to be such a large and impressive program," said Levin.

When asked about what this brings to the business program, everyone involved had rave reviews.

"This ultimately comes down to (the

Barron program) teaching us about the real world. This brings connections and the materials that provide students with the tools to be able to use them in the future," added Levin.

To get a copy of these free materials, stop in and talk to a librarian to get your free access.

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# English Dept. hosts award-winning author Carmen Maria Machado

By Sean Schmoyer  
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As part of the Allan Hamilton Dickson Fund Spring Writers Series, the Wilkes English Department recently hosted award-winning author Carmen Maria Machado.

Machado's short story collection titled *Her Body and Other Parties* has won the Bard Fiction Prize, the Shirley Jackson Prize, the Lambda Literary Award for Lesbian Fiction, the National Book Critics Circle's John Leonard Prize and the Richard Yates Short Story Prize, among other awards.

While on campus Machado conducted a workshop with Wilkes students from the English department.

The reading pulled in a large crowd of students, Wilkes faculty, and visitors from the community. Machado has gained fame as an accomplished writer, but also as being a member and supporter of the LGBTQ community. Machado is also recognized as a member of *The New York Times*' "The New Vanguard," with *Her Body and Other Parties* a

collection of 15 books written by female fiction authors of the 21st century.

Jay Guziewicz, sophomore, psychology major, said, "I think my favorite part about meeting Carmen was just how welcoming she was. A lot of times I expect people, especially those who are published and award winning authors, to be a little cold, but she wasn't at all. From the moment she started reading one of her short stories, to when I actually met her, I could just tell how genuine she really was, and that was really compelling and I appreciated that about her."

At the reading Machado read two excerpts, one from her short story "Blur" and the other from her upcoming memoir *In the Dream House*, which will release this fall. The two excerpts each tell a similar story but through different narratives.

"Blur" tells a fictional story of a woman on her way to meet with her girlfriend, one who is described as controlling and overbearing. While driving the woman makes a stop at a gas station bathroom where she loses her glasses. Unable to

see, the woman panics about how her girlfriend will react to her being late as she is unable to drive without her glasses.

While trying to figure out what to do the woman is approached by the man who convinces her to walk her way to her girlfriend even if it will take days, saying that her girlfriend can't be mad if she is late if she came to her on her hands and knees.

He then tells her a story of a woman and a monster, one in which the monster gives a woman gifts which keeps the woman coming back to the monster every night. This fictional tale of both the woman who loses her glasses and the woman who is with the



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Aside from her short story reading in the evening, Machado also visited upper-level English courses for workshops.

monster reflects toxic relationships and the struggles both men and women experience no matter their sexuality.

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# Office of Diversity Initiatives hosts Amy Kuiken's accent lecture

By Maddie Davis  
Co-News Editor

On Wednesday, the Office of Global Diversity Initiatives hosted Amy Kuiken for her talk titled "Beyond My Accent."

For the talk, Kuiken focused on the dialectics and different accents within all languages.

Kuiken is a linguist and a French adjunct professor at Wilkes.

Before her talk, Kuiken asked her attendees to take a dialect quiz which measured where a person's dialect is from.

Throughout her talk she engaged the audience of traditional students as well as the MEDUCA 10 students from Panama, a student from Kuwait, and one student from Jamaica.

She also gave a poll to the audience through an application to ask whether the attendees have ever been teased for the way that they talk. Kuiken found that 11 of the attendees had said yes and four had said no they had not been teased.

She was surprised that people have not been teased and explained that these individuals may not realize that people are teasing them for their accent.

"We do often get teased for the way

we speak. Sometimes it is friendly and sometimes it is a little more than that," said Kuiken.

Kuiken then flipped through different popular items in American culture to see the different pronunciations and names the audience would come up with and explain these are based on where they were from.

She then moved to talk about her background as a linguist and how, with the universal phonetic alphabet, anyone around the world can pronounce different sounds.

She also offered tips when you may not understand an accent and stressed that everyone has an accent.

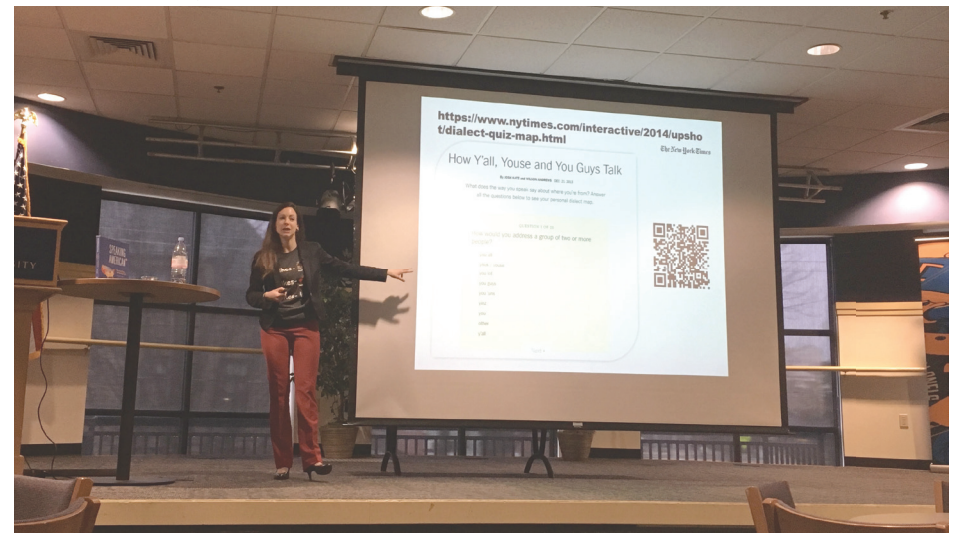
"I have an accent, you have an accent, we all have an accent" said Kuiken.

A few of the students who had attended the event commented on the content of the talk and overall why they came.

Thomas Krutsick, a senior psychology and neuroscience student, attended Kuiken's talk with a few of his friends.

"I attended because I have an interest in linguistics, as the way something is said can pack more meaning than the words themselves," said Krutsick.

Alexsandra Quadarella, a freshman psychology and neuroscience student, also




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Amy Kuiken interacted with the audience throughout her lecture calling for group participation, translation and pronunciation help, and quiz and poll participation.

the differences in our dialect was very interesting," she added.

For more information about the Office of Diversity Initiatives and their upcoming events, please contact Erica Acosta at Erica.Acosta@wilkes.edu.

"There were Panamanian students there too and hearing them not understand

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In reality, Jobarteh wanted to learn the Australian culture and their way of teaching/educating.

Jobarteh then recalled a time when his primary school teacher said he would never graduate high school. At the time he did agree with her because he knew he was not studying what he wanted.

As he got older he then set out to prove her wrong and pursued graduate school so he could study what he wanted to.

As apart of his travel and studies, Jobarteh was able to visit the Republic of Gambia in West Africa and Argentina in South America where he first witnessed true poverty. These locations were where his direction in life became clear to him.

He was given the opportunity to work for two presidents. During graduate school, he was offered a job that focused on research and poverty toward African leaders. Accepting the job, he was curious to see decision making in a power field and how to instill change. This was just the beginning of his climb to social impact.

Jobarteh became the Managing Director of MIT Solve and worked at the United Nations in the Executive Office of the Secretary-General on strategic partnerships related to sustainable development and climate change.

Prior to that position, he managed a multi-million-dollar partnership at a private sector company providing communities with reliable, affordable, and safe water in three West African countries.

He also worked at the Africa Progress Panel where he was the Acting Director and the Head of Research and Policy.

Currently, Jobarteh is the Global Head of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Strategy Hub, located in the United Nations Office for Partnership. The SDG Strategy Hub is aimed at catalyzing SDG advocacy and coordination to inspire action.

Jobarteh explained the Sustainable Development Goals are based on the Millennium Development Goals from 1999.

These eight goals were created to hail as a plan for how the world should develop in the future. These goals were achieved because of how well they were written.

Jobarteh did not want a particular section of life to get left behind, so the

SDG documents were written so every sector of life has its own individual responsibility.

These include 17 goals to accomplish between years 2015-2030. The Strategy Hub based on the SDG is run by Jobarteh aiming to reach over the bureaucracy of government to push further. He helps to understand how to deliver goals listed and minimize the rise of nationalism.

Jobarteh's day-to-day life includes thinking about how things can be done differently and doing so. He said if one tries to innovate, they cannot do the same thing and expect something different to happen. Jobarteh said that businesses always have to grow, and that is the same mindset as the UN. Without said goals, things will not change.

If Jobarteh could talk to his 20-year-old self, he would say it is okay not to have all the answers. Be curious and seek answers out, then piece all of that information together. Ask questions and be humble. His regrets are looked at as a way to learn about failure.

Dr. Andreea Maierean, the Coordinator of international studies major at Wilkes University and an Assistant Professor of political science commented on Jobarteh's lecture and the attending students' responses.

"We greatly enjoyed the lecture... The speaker was charismatic, energizing, and engaging. Student feedback has been very positive as they have found him witty, relatable and informative," Maierean said.

Courtney Corona, a freshman political science major, went to Jobarteh's lecture and said that she had found his talk inspiring.

Corona added that she found it was inciteful to see that he had no direct path when pursuing higher education.

She also added that his main goal is to help people and make an impact on the world. No matter what tried stopping him along his journey, he always made sure he was making a greater impact on society.

Jobarteh finished his presentation by explaining that a plastic straw breaks down in 100 years yet remains on Earth for 450 years. Cleaning up beaches is a great step to becoming environmentally friendly, however, the mindset of how we use plastic in the first place is what needs to change.

"Everyone can learn from everyone," Jobarteh said. "It is free to be nice."



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Dr. Andreea Maierean introduced the speaker, Jobarteh. This lecture marked the beginning of the spring UN lecture series.

Wilkes University and the Humpty Dumpty Insitute will continue to host UN Lecture Series throughout the remainder of the Spring semester. The next lecture will be held tomorrow at 4 p.m. in the Miller Room of the SUB.  
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# Students react to new vegan restaurant opening near campus

By Maddie Davis and Sammi Verespy  
Co-News Editor and Staff Writer

It was announced this past week that a new vegan restaurant will be opening below the new student apartments on 134 South Main Street on the south side of campus.

Eden Vegan Cafe, will open its second location in Wilkes-Barre, right outside of the campus. The first restaurant has been open in Scranton for more than a decade.

The restaurant offers vegan soups, paninis, sandwiches and pizza, among many other different options.

When asked, most students were unaware about the new restaurant.

"I think this is something Wilkes should give an official statement on, it seems exciting but I had no idea," said Josh Shepard, senior musical theatre major.

This location plans to open its doors on South Main Street in August. Many students around campus are excited about the opening of a new restaurant.

Rawan Elshamsy, a freshman nursing student, talked about how the restaurant would help her be able to eat with her friends because of their vegetarian options.

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The second excerpt, being from Machado's memoir, is based on a true experience of Machado's life with her then girlfriend.

This story once again highlights a demanding and controlling girlfriend, and the excerpt along with a large amount of Machado's memoir is about domestic violence in queer relationships.

After the two readings Machado took questions from the audience. Brianna Schunk, junior, english major, asked Machado, "Do you have any life advice for young queer woman specifically, like in terms of identity and if you want to tie it to writing that would be awesome?"

Machado's answer resonated with other members of the audience who are also members of the LGBTQ community.

"I think that identity is fluid, and that is normal. Also write the stories that you want to see in the world. The number one type of person who comes to talk to me are queer folk, who say that they have never read anything like

"As someone who really doesn't eat me, it is hard to go out with friends and eat something other than a salad or plain pasta," said Elshamsy. "A place that has vegan options will be nice because I won't have to worry about what I am eating all of the time."

Rawan was not the only student to echo the idea of being satisfied with the options the restaurant has for students

Chris Smith, a sophomore history and international studies double major was also excited about the new restaurant. Smith says that he is also a vegetarian.

"It is so exciting to see vegan/ vegetarian options coming to campus. There is such a lack of this in the campus area. It is pretty great," he said.

The restaurant has not spoken on if Wilkes flex dollars are going to be a payment option, but some students hope that they will be able to use their flex dollars on another off-campus restaurant.


"If flex dollars were accepted, this would be pretty cool for students," said Tyler Deters, sophomore criminology and sociology double major. "There are no real vegan options in Wilkes-Barre, or on Wilkes University's campus. So this is definitely needed for the campus and for the community."

my work. That they haven't read stories that are just about queer people living their life. Write the books you want to read," said Machado.

"I attended the event partly because of the fact that I'm an English minor, so I like to go to events hosted by the English department. I also had heard about Carmen previously from my sister, who had always talked positively about her works.

"I also have to say that I was swayed to attend the event because I'm a young LGBT person, and having someone who has won awards in LGBT writing come to campus was really exciting for me," said Guzewicz.


Machado finished out the event by signing copies of Her Body and Other Parties for those in attendance. A television show of Her Body and Other Parties is being made by FX and her new memoir is coming out this fall, so those who are interested in the Machado's work should keep an eye out for updates about both.

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There were some students who were indifferent to the announced opening of the restaurant, but they still agreed it could be a good opportunity for those who are vegan/ vegetarian.

"I'm not a vegan. This does not impact me at all," said Nicholas Whitney, senior history major. "I think it is nice to see that there are options for those who choose this lifestyle."


Eden Vegan Cafe is expected to open in August, if not earlier.

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## Bryce Vine returns to Wilkes University Saturday for his third performance

By Sarah Matarella  
*Life, Arts & Entertainment Editor*

Singer, songwriter Bryce Vine will be performing at the MAC in UCOM at Wilkes University at 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 30. Vine opened for Hoodie Allen at the spring semester concert at Wilkes University in 2015, performed again in 2017, and is now returning in 2019.

"I don't know man, every time I've been there I just get the best energy from the kids, the school, the staff and everybody there," said Vine.

He said this is what keeps him coming back to such a smaller scale city.

"This is now the school I've been to more than anywhere else, I've never performed at a school this many times before," said Vine.

Vine recently released a new hit single "La La Land" featuring YG on March 1 which he will be featuring on his set on Saturday. The song has a more laid back feel and playfully makes fun of Los Angeles culture.

"I wrote "La La Land" just with a buddy of mine and we were at his place and it was

all over an acoustic guitar. We were low key making fun of LA culture even though we are totally embraced in it...It's very sarcastic like: "You live in the canyon how big your mansion?" said Vine.

He said it was not until he wrote this song that he realized that he should not be taking his job in the music industry too seriously. This song allowed him to have fun, especially being able to write it with one of his friends. The music video of the song was also recorded, is currently being edited and is expected to be released in the near future.

Vine also disclosed that he will be releasing his new album "Carnival" in the summer as he just finished writing and recording most of the songs. Like "La La Land," the songs in the album will have more of a focus on the lyrics.

"Lyrics of songs were always what I followed. I love the storytelling of songs and hearing what other people are going through. It's like therapy to me. My favorite band has a song called "Wounded" that's about a friend of his (the artist's) that was

a victim of domestic violence and she's a different person now. It (the song) says "When you touch her skin, there's sparks on it." They could have easily talked about love and partying, and that was inspiring to me," said Vine.

In the future, Vine plans to continue to collaborate with other artists as he has done with YG, Juice, Emma Zander and Wale among. He said he is currently working on a song with Steve Aoki, who is an electronic music artist and DJ and expressed excitement about working with him.

As for his upcoming performance at Wilkes, Vine will be playing two new songs from his upcoming album "Carnival" that have not been heard before as well as his



Photo Submitted by Breanne Flores of Warner Bros Records.

well-known songs. Vine expressed that he can't wait to hear everyone in the crowd sing the lyrics to his songs.

He said fans can expect this show to be very high energy and even better than the last two times he performed.

"Yo, I mean I just can't wait to see everybody. Some people I'll be seeing for the first time and hopefully others who I've already met. It's a great group of people there. Both times, with the school, I've gone out with them afterwards and I really enjoy it

there. I'm glad everyone wants me back," Vine said.

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# Wilkes University to host annual Adventures in Science

By Anna Culver  
Staff Writer

Wilkes University will be hosting over 250 local elementary students in their annual Adventures in Science event on April 26.

Adventures in Science is held every spring semester and has been going on for about 15 years. This program gives local elementary students a chance to learn more about science and is designed to increase interest in the sciences and give students hands-on experiences.

Students have the chance to learn about science in several different ways through these programs. Unlike the Women Empowered by Science (WEBS) program that Wilkes University also has that is open to all female students, Adventures in Science is open to all fifth grade students.

“This program allows them to experience science in ways that they may have not thought of before. It is a really great way for them to get interested in anything science related,”

said Jacob Buda, a junior pharmacy major and student coordinator for Adventures in Science.

This program is free for the fifth grade students in all of the local schools to participate and everything is funded by donations from the public and partially by Student Government at Wilkes University.

Adventures in Science also allows young students the opportunity to get experience in a lab setting via specially designed labs. Participants will go from lab to lab in the Cohen Science Center to conduct experiments and learn about each of the different types of sciences.

“With the different science experiments that we are having them do, it’s providing this really cool environment where they get to be with friends at a respected, scientifically-minded university with strong science programs. It lets them see the cool side of science not just the scary side with global warming and climate change the stuff that we see in the news,” said Sean McMonagle, a biology major and

student coordinator for Adventures in Science

Students can participate in chemistry, biology and physics focused labs with members of the Wilkes University faculty throughout the day. One specific lab will give students the chance to look through microscopes at pond water to see the many microorganisms that live in the water up close and personal. These labs give the participants the chance to see science in a fun-based lab setting with the help of faculty and college students.

“My favorite thing is probably is watching the students when they see something new for the first time and their reaction on their face that is just pure excitement and interest. It is so genuine to see the impact that this program has,” said Ashley Wojciechowski, a senior biology major and student coordinator for the program.

Wojciechowski later shared that she was sad that she could no longer participate in the event after this year

as it is her senior year and that it has been such an amazing experience for her.

Organizers of Adventures in Science are also still looking for students who are willing to volunteer and help out during the program. Wilkes student volunteers of any major are needed to show students around the campus, leading them from lab to lab and also to help in the labs that each group will be participating in.

The staff stressed that these volunteers are important to the program as the participants will get the chance to talk with college students. Volunteers will be provided with free breakfast and lunch as well as a free T-shirt for participating.

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# Wellness at Wilkes: Spring cleaning for college students

By Natalie Stephens  
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There are many benefits to having a clean and organized space, especially in college. With finals approaching fast, it is beneficial to get rid of extra clutter to both clean out your space and mind.

The regular cleaning also probably hasn't been given the attention it needs due to the cold weather, so with the sun peeking out, it is the time to open your windows and let the fresh air motivate you.

One tip is to start with a garbage bag and go through the papers that have accumulated on countertops and desks throughout the school year.

If you haven't looked at something since before winter break chances are you don't need it.

"My cleaning is more or less just trying to keep things organized," said Cassie Oldt, junior pharmacy student at Wilkes University.

Taking time to declutter will help not

only to clear your space when finals are here and you need to study but also to clear your mind so you are not stressing over clutter.

"I definitely think that spring cleaning can help clear your mind. I always think cleaning helps to clear my mind and prepare me for work. If I have a test to study for I cannot study when my room is a mess. Your space is a product of your mind I think," said Emily Messinger, senior middle level education major at Wilkes University.

Spring is also the time many people get hit with seasonal allergies so getting rid of excess dust in your room can also help.

Try and wipe down nightstands, tables, desks and any other areas that might collect dust. You can even venture outside of your dorm room and clean your car as well if you have one on campus.

"I always clean my car in the spring. Inside and out. I like to vacuum, clean

the seats, windows, everything. I enjoy a spotless car," said Messinger.

We all know that one friend that might be a little too lackadaisical when it comes to laundry. If this is you, try and get rid of that pile of laundry in the corner of your room that you have been neglecting for the past month.

In addition, you can go through your clothes and see what you don't wear anymore.

There's typically not a lot of storage in college dorms, so getting rid of clothes can free up some closet space.

"I tried to clean my room before I left for spring break. Usually, before breaks, I always try to make sure I make my room extra nice. While I was on break at my house, I purged stuff that I don't wear anymore and donated it to the Salvation Army," said Hunter Hughes, junior pre-med neuroscience major at Wilkes University.

This will help not only you to have more space for clothes but it also makes

your space more appealing and allow you to come back to a clean room.


Oldt also said that she typically cleans out her closet in the summer and she knows she's going to have to do so again.

If you're having trouble getting started on these chores, you can always make it fun. "Just put on some good music and comfy clothes and just get the job done," said Messinger.

Spring cleaning not only gives you

a fresh space but also a jump start on the move-out process. If you find things that you no longer need or that are from winter, pack them up.

This will make your life easier when you are ready to go home for summer break. So, whether your looking to reduce your stress, or just tidy up your room, use some of these tips and tricks to kick start your spring cleaning regime.

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## The Beacon's Featured Photos of the Week



Meet Minnie, pictured right, and Francis, pictured left. Minnie is an emotional support dog responsible for providing companionship and support to her owner, Lexie Panek. According to Panek, "She gives me someone to be accountable for other than myself." Taking care of Minnie helps Panek not only stay on track with her responsibilities, but she also helps keep her motivated. Francis is a service dog responsible for detecting his owner's life-threatening latex allergy. Francis's owner, Ellen Weber, said, "I went from not being able to leave the house for six months, to being able to go to pretty much anywhere." The love, support and care these animals provide is not only astounding in itself, but ensures the well-being and safety of the students on Wilkes University's campus.



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## 1934: *The Bison Stampede* hits the press for the first time

*Editor's note: These articles originally appeared in the Oct. 4, 1934 (Vol. 1, Issue 1) issue of The Bison Stampede. The Beacon has quite the storied past through Bucknell Junior College, to Wilkes College, and now Wilkes University. The Beacon has enjoyed many years of success, publishing continuously since 1936. The newspaper began as The Bison Stampede from 1934 until 1936 before changing names to The Beacon. Curious to see more online? Check out [www.beaconarchives.wilkes.edu](http://www.beaconarchives.wilkes.edu) to dig through a Wilkes University treasure. This week, we revisit the first ever issue of the then The Bison Stampede. From growing pains at Bucknell Junior College as a whole to early traces of athletic programs, we look back to the year 1934 for it all.*

*-Complied by Luke Modrovsky, Editor-in-Chief*

### Infant College has Growing Pains

*Much Extensive Remodeling is Done During Summer Vacation.*

By Unknown

1934 *The Bison Stampede* Staff

During the past Summer months while most college students were busily engaged discovering novel positions of relaxation either among the city flies and mosquitoes or the more grown up pests of the country, Bucknell's baby was experiencing most violent growing pains; cutting "new teeth" and blaring forth, to the world in general, and to Wilkes-Barre in particular, its identity.

What we're really trying to say is that the Bucknell Junior College has expanded considerably during the Summer months. Befitting the work done in the interior of the school building are three large "Bucknell University" signs to arrest the roving eye, two running almost the entire height of the building on either side and one standing out like a gold tooth, above the main portal. It has been rumored that plans are being made to install a five hundred foot Neon sign on the roof for the benefit of stratosphere flyers and inhabitants of nearby planets.

In addition to major remodelling projects, the entire building was cleaned and made ready for use from cellar to roof. Incidentally a great battle was waged during the scrubbing campaign between Janitor Loftus and his "stooges", and a most persistent army of water bugs. During the operations on the auditorium a grease spot was found on a squeaky board in one corner of the room. Sad to say, that is all that remains of last year's orthophonic victrola. A fur-lined vinegar bottle will be awarded anyone who deposits a new one in its place.

On the second floor, the large room in the rear was converted into a most

attractive library, thoroughly equipped, which, with its yearly expansion will become a decidedly acceptable addition to the college and the community. During the waxing of the library floor it is reported that an exhibition in plain and fancy skating was given by two of our Park Avenue sophomores.

In addition to the classrooms on the second floor there has been furnished a ladies' lounge room quite replete with green and rose cushioned divans and chairs. "Dearie me" and other violent expressions of ecstasy.

Three new laboratories have been installed on the third floor which has become practically a bachelor's paradise. (Women students beware of the barking dogs and growling males.) In the rear of the floor are the biology and physics laboratories, wherein freshmen and playful sophomores may cavort and tinker with the doodads and gadgets, which, incidentally, set back Papa Bucknell to the tune of \$7,000. The organic chemistry laboratory nearing completion is extensively equipped for the performing of various suicidal experiments during the ensuing year and together with the inorganic laboratory forms a chemical division of which to be justly proud. It has been stated by one who is in a position to know that the Junior College laboratories are as finely equipped for their size as any in the country, excepting Yale and Jefferson Medical School.

We shall hardly be disputed when we say that the \$15,000 spent in improvements has turned the local division of Bucknell University into an institution adequately equipped to provide two full years of college work at a minimum of cost.

### Basketball To Be (Campus) Premier Sport

*Varsity Football Tabooed But Students May Have Own Game*

With the influx of new material, Bucknell Junior College is looking forward to a promising year in sports. The frosh prospects combined with the sophomore men from last year should provide several good athletic teams for the Blue and Orange. Due to lack of available material and lateness of the season there probably will be no football team. However if enough students desire to play football and express their desire to Director Eisenhower, intramural contests will be arranged.

Emphasis this year will be on basketball. The entire squad from last year has returned and several high school stars have entered school as freshmen. Hold-overs from last year's team are: Captain John Swengal, Kolonoski, V. Loftus, B. Riemensnyder, John O'Donnell, J. Salsburg, J. Mollahan, and Bob Goss.

In the incoming class we find the

following as great possibilities: Gunari, a member of Luzerne championship team two years ago, Mill formerly from Coughlin, Tucker, captain of last year's Meyers High team and Masloski, of Nanticoke. With this formidable array of talent nothing but a strong team can be expected. The schedule this year is extremely difficult. It includes the following: Temple Frosh, Hun School, Pennington Prep., Bucknell Frosh, Wyoming Seminary, St. Thomas Frosh, Dickinson Seminary, West Chester Teachers' College Frosh, Colgate Fresh (pending), and Bloomsburg Teachers' College Frosh (pending). Return engagements will be arranged with each of these aggregations except those of Temple U. Fresh and Hun School.

Coach Henry Peters plans to begin practice early, since it will not be necessary to await the end of football season.

### 1934: Early traces of female athletics on campus

Girls-Attention!!!

Are you interested in athletics? If not, why not? We want every sophomore and every Freshman who is physically fit to come for at least one of the sports activities which we expect to participate in as the season progresses.

Basketball, hockey, swimming, and tennis is the program. These are not just diversions they add Zest and enthusiasm to your school life. Your physical education is important. The beneficial results to health derived from well regulated exercise are recommended and recognized by all medical authorities.


Then again, we all want to keep that school girl figure. We can do our daily dozen in the

gym and get a real thrill out of it.

We had a fine, peppy basketball team last year and with more material to work on we should make a name for Bucknell Junior College. Show your interest and sportsmanship, attend all the meetings and gaWWmes scheduled. If you do not take an active part let your presence be an inspiration to those who do.

Get the Bucknell spirit! Let's go.

*Editor's Note: Wilkes football and men's basketball would play their first seasons in 1946 and the first female athletic program began in 1960 (basketball).*

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# BEACON BITES

## PEANUT BUTTER BANANA BITES



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 chopped peanuts



### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Slice the bananas into small, 1/4 inch pieces.
2. Spread peanut butter on half of the banana slices and place another slice on top.
3. String each banana sandwich on their own individual toothpick.
4. Put chocolate chips in a bowl and microwave in 30 second increments until the chocolate is melted (Mix chocolate in between microwave increments).
5. Dip half of the banana sandwiches into the chocolate using the toothpick.
6. Optional: Press the banana bite in sprinkles or chopped peanuts so they stick in the chocolate.
7. Remove toothpick and place the banana bites on wax paper or tin foil to harden.
8. Note: If you don't eat them immediately, place them in the freezer.

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# ENJOYING THE BEAUTIES of the Spring Season

By Savannah Pinnock  
*Opinion Editor*

Birds chirping, flowers blooming, a comfortable breeze and a beautiful silvery morning mist. To many, these things are reminiscent of our collective idea of spring. Those were the days, weren't they?

Well yes, and they're here once again. March 21 marked a moment in which we can begin to welcome the upcoming changes in the weather and brighter days to come. It is a time that is marked by renewal and possesses an immense aesthetic appeal.

As a student at Wilkes University, spring also marks a time in which the semester can begin to feel hectic. Taking a look at your agenda, it feels as if something is due every other day. This can easily create a feeling of general malaise and stress.

For professors and faculty members, this time may also result in a great deal of frustration in terms of grading and preparations.

Although this is true, the spring season should not be a time that one affiliates with academic stress. It is a time students, professors and faculty should welcome and enjoy to the fullest capacity.

Yes, classes are still in session but one can and should still enjoy the beauties of the spring season.

One of the best ways to fully enjoy the springtime is to make sure that you're healthy. As end of the semester papers, exams and assignments begin to surface it is easy to fall prey to the idea of sleeping when it's done.

As students, many of us abide by the idea of getting things done immediately in an effort to prevent stress and potential complications down the line. On the other hand, there are many students who feel as though they perform best under pressure.

As a consequence of this, they may unintentionally procrastinate or intentionally put something off until another time.

Irregardless of which box you fit into as a student, it is essential that you take care of yourself. One of the primary ways in which a person can get sick is through sleep deprivation.

In fact, according to Eric J. Olson

writing for mayoclinic.org, "studies show that people who don't get quality sleep or enough sleep are more likely to get sick after being exposed to a virus, such as a common cold virus."

This finding is troubling as many college students fall into this population of individuals.

Due to important assignments and deadlines, many who procrastinate and abide by a sleep when it's done

philosophy may find themselves with a serious case of general malaise.

Alongside the effect sleep deprivation can have on one's immune system, it can also lessen recovery time for illnesses.

According to Olson, "Lack of sleep can also affect how fast you recover if you do get sick." For this reason

it is crucial that you make sure to allot yourself enough time to rest.



The spring season is also a time marked by allergens and the common cold. So be retrospective, if you're a person who is plagued by allergies be sure to stop by your local pharmacy and get allergy medication.

In terms of the potential of obtaining the common cold, be sure to carry sanitizer with you. Also, if you have the option of sanitizing or washing your hands, be sure to wash your hands. At

Wilkes University we have access to a great team of licensed professionals who specialize in making sure you're healthy.

So be sure to pay a visit to Passan Hall if you feel a bit under the weather. We still have a few more weeks left of the semester. You want to ensure that you're in great shape to face the coming weeks.

After making sure that you're in good health for the coming weeks, it is essential that you smell the roses, literally.

As residents of northeastern Pa., many of us understand that mother nature has a peculiar relationship with our region.

In this region, the springtime can bear an uncanny resemblance to the winter. For this reason, we have the added pleasure of being able to truly feel when spring is approaching.

We can often sense when spring is truly beginning. We can feel the first few warm breezes, the warmer days and see the glimmer of the morning dew.

Shortly, these small signs will culminate into the spring that we all know and sometimes love.

When this time finally emerges, be sure to go outside and experience the full sensations of the spring.

As Wilkes students and faculty, we have the privilege of having access to beautiful areas such as Kirby Park, the Riverfront and the quad. When spring is in full fruition, visiting these places is truly sensational.

After your classes, feel free to take a walk to the Riverfront and read for your class. Take a selfie in front of our statue of John Wilkes in the quad. Be keen to the emergence and revival of flora and living things around you.

Spring is truly a time to celebrate nature, so go ahead and smell the roses. Let us welcome and celebrate the emergence of new life.







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### PLCB, Ali Baba's Lounge needs to be shut down

The ball is in your court, Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board. It's time to revoke the liquor license of the Ali Baba Liquor Lounge.

Back in November, management of the Ali Baba's faced a hearing to try and renew the night club's liquor license. The club has been operating under a temporary license since its expiration on Aug. 31, 2018. According to a fact sheet on the board's website, the board "typically objects to the renewal of more than 150 licenses annually, often its statutory obligation to protect the safety, peace, health and welfare of the commonwealth."

Should the board decide to not renew the lounge's license, Ali Baba's would have the opportunity to appeal to the Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas.

However, The Citizens' Voice reported on March 14 that the board is offering to allow Ali Baba Lounge to sell its license, rather than risk it being taken away. Such a sale would likely end the current establishment as it stands now.

University President Dr. Patrick Leahy testified in the November hearing that negative activity around the club plays a role in trying to attract prospective students.

Back in 2016, on Christmas morning, Wilkes-Barre Police responded to the parking lot of the Ali Baba Lounge for reports of gunshots, according to a campus-wide public safety notice. Later that day, a window in the UCOM was reported

damaged and a bullet was recovered.

Admittedly, there have been reports of similar incidents at nearby businesses.

In July of last year, University Public Safety officers on patrol encountered a large fight in the 200-block of South Main Street near Donahue's Irish Pub (located at 215 S. Main St.), according to another campus-wide public safety notice. Shortly after, officers heard what they believed to be multiple gun shots.

Most recently, there were more shots fired, a total of nine, on Sept. 1, 2018, when officers had to be dispatched to the Ali Baba Lounge for a shooting just outside, according to a Wilkes-Barre City Police Department Facebook post.

Just a few hundred feet.

That is what separates the Wilkes University campus from three shootings in just as many years. While admittedly some students were away from campus on breaks during these incidents, it's frightening to realize how close these three shootings occurred.

Think about it: That's just a few hundred feet away from where up to 353 students sleep every night, as well as numerous other residential areas and off-campus apartments within the same distance.

Will the next incident impact the university directly? Proximity says it very well could.

Several Wilkes athletic teams have banned their student-athletes from even stepping

foot inside the establishment, citing safety concerns, even those over 21 years of age.


The club was temporarily shut down back in February 2017 after city code officials investigated and confirmed code violations inside the building. Ali Baba's was able to reopen in March 2018 after making appropriate adjustments.

According to published reports, club manager Ali Abualburak claims the lounge is the "safest establishment in the downtown -- period."

While Abualburak presented \$1,500 in checks to law enforcement organizations in the past, it seems hypocritical to host acts such as rapper Uncle Murda (May 2017), whose rap lyrics promote killing law enforcement officers stating it's "Time to start killing these coppers." Let's also not forget rapper Tekashi 6ix9ine, who admitted to using a 13-year old girl in a sexual performance in a video posted on Instagram, was originally supposed to play at the venue before Ali Baba's announced the show's cancellation, perhaps due to public outcry about the performance.

Promoting the "safest establishment in the downtown," huh?

Overall, the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board needs to step up to the plate and ensure Ali Baba's Liquor Lounge is shut down, for good.

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# “Captain Marvel”: Marvel’s first female superhero

By Savannah Pinnock  
Opinion Editor

On March 8, Marvel Studios released a film that will continue to be revolutionary for women and people from all walks of life.

It is a testament to the power of women and provides many with a fantastical role model. It is also interesting to see that the film was released on International Women’s Day.

However, with this being said, what makes this movie revolutionary? To the everyday person who is not familiar with the Marvel Studios canon, what does this mean?

In order to understand the significance of this film, it is imperative that one has an understanding of the history of Marvel Studios.

As it pertains to Marvel movies, there was a series of films released ranging from Iron Man that was released in 2008 to Avengers: Infinity War which was released in 2018.

Of all the amazing and empowering films released which discuss a tale of inner strength and determination, there was something missing.

On Feb. 16, 2018, Marvel Studios released Black Panther, which had a primary focus on a Wakandan Prince who would quickly rise to become a king.

This transition would come as a result of the death of the protagonist’s father, the king of Wakanda. The story speaks volumes about the power of unity, bonds and togetherness.

However, one of the most distinct features that made this film stand out is that it had a primary focus on black people.

While Marvel Studios put an immense crack in the glass ceiling for people of

color in heroic films and in many other amazing ways, it is clear that something was missing.

This missing element was easily unbeknownst to many as women are often underrepresented in many contexts. In the realm of heroic films, there is a prevailing heroic movie related trope in which the only woman who seems to be featured is the loving mother or maternal figure.

If the maternal figure isn’t present, there is a damsel in distress or female love interest. In these roles, it is clear that the woman is essentialized and casted as the quintessential woman.

However, Captain Marvel completely flipped the script and allowed the woman to be the protagonist. It must also be said that she isn’t the static, powerful yet, relatively unimportant Hela, the sister of Thor.

Captain Marvel is in fact rumored to be one of Marvel’s strongest and greatest superheroes of the Marvel Cinematic Universes. She is also rumored to be a key player in the upcoming film Avengers: Endgame. Could she possibly be the heroine? Only time will tell.

In this film actress Brie Larson who plays the role of the protagonist, Carol Danvers is a character who has been instructed time and time again to control her anger.

Eventually she and many others come to find that her anger is a force to be reckoned with. The film is amazing, to say anymore would be unfair to those that have yet to see the film.

Taking a look at Danvers’ constant instruction to control her anger to the discerning eye is highly metaphoric. It emphasizes an obvious parallel between the plight of Danvers and women around the globe. Women are often told that they are overly emotional.

When a woman shows any form of negative or intense emotion she is often assumed to be menstruating. This film acknowledges that and says a resounding no. The film makes it clear that the zest and emotion of a woman is where her power lies.

It is also worth mentioning that the protagonist is an independent and liberated woman. Although it would be amazing if she had a suitor, she just has the comfort of her best friend, friend’s and her pseudo-familial support system.

The release of this film has come with a mixed response. Many believe that the film gave women more representation in heroic films and boosted the message of female empowerment. Others felt that this movie wasn’t revolutionary enough and could have done more in terms of sexual equality.

Adding to this conversation about Captain Marvel, psychology professor Nicole Ryerson makes it clear that she feels as though this movie does begin to break the glass ceiling.

However, she states that “there’s of course more work to be done. You know I think that we’ve made amazing strides but I don’t think it should stop here.”

In fact, she believes that this film scratches the surface of the problem but “there are still areas in which women aren’t seen as equals and aren’t taken as seriously and so it would be great to see this as a starting off point. It’s a good foundation but we need to keep going with it.”

As it pertains the positive takeaways of Captain Marvel, Ryerson believes that it will have an amazing impact on children and younger generations.

She states that she has “a daughter and she’ll be able to see somebody who is like her in superhero movies which is really cool.”

Alongside positively impacting young women and girls, she states that “the most important thing is that kids can look to superheroes and see anyone who’s like them, I think that’s huge.”

She states this in reference to the recent Marvel Studios film Black Panther and the newly released Captain Marvel.

Marvel Studios’ release of the first female superhero film, Captain Marvel, is undoubtedly revolutionary. After watching this film, as a young woman I was so proud to be a woman and I’m sure the feeling is mutual for many.

However, it is clear to see that Marvel was not the first to achieve this end with the presence of DC Comics’ Wonder Woman in 2017.

While this is true, the presence of this film will and has empowered many. Over the course of the next decade and decades to come, these film will set a precedent for the presence of more female superheroes.

While Jimmy can look up to Iron Man, Jessica can look up to Captain Marvel or vice versa of course.



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# Trump administration proposes limiting student loan borrowing

By Neil Murphy  
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According to an AP News report published on March 18, the Trump administration proposed new limits on student loans taken out by parents and graduate students to curb the raising of college costs.

In the plan, it never mentions specific limits, but they could vary based on academic programs.

Will this actually help students? According to the Trump administration, it definitely could. However, I'm certain most people will agree that this plan proposal is completely ludicrous.

When asked about his opinion on the plan being proposed, Gregory Chang, a sophomore pharmacy major and political science minor, stated, "If you are pro-democracy there should be no reason to be against education."

I'm not saying Donald Trump is anti-education, but capping the amount of federal student loans one can receive is counterintuitive if you want to support

education."

What makes this plan so bad? Well, this will actually damage students. This is really common sense when you think about it.

The cost of private institutions always increases every year, and for an example just look at Wilkes' tuition for the past five years.

When tuition goes up, most students have to request more money for their federal student loans, which in turn puts more students in debt. If students cannot get the loans required, students must work to pay for the really high balance.

If a student can't pay a really high balance out of pocket, a student has to make two choices: either drop out of their current university and transfer to another university that has a significantly lesser

cost of attendance, or just not go to college overall as this would be a deterrent.

I asked Delmar Guziewicz, a former Wilkes University history and international studies student whether or not capping student loans would have been a deterrent for going to pursue higher education. He stated the following,

"I firmly believe that capping student is a deterrent for pursuing higher education. If you expect to run out of money, university is not something to pursue. While student loans may be detrimental to the student, having the guarantee to pay for university is a safe net."

If students view this as a deterrent and decide not to go to university, this will easily create a further divide between classes in the United States.

Individuals won't be able to obtain a


degree as easily and will go into fields that won't be making as much money as those with a four-year degree.

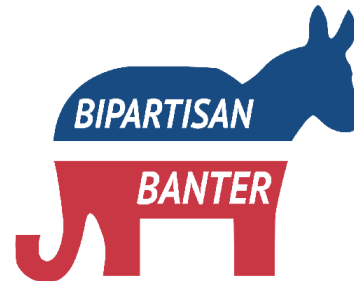
If only the rich can afford college, then they will hold the highest positions in society, displacing those who are not in those fields and positions. This is quite alarming when you really think about it.

This is clearly an oppressive policy being put on by individuals who have no clear understanding on what students actually go through when they enroll in higher level education. They also seem that they do not have a feasible or realistic view on the future of young American citizens.

Overall, I would hope that individuals strongly oppose this act. You can break this down into an ethical/moral issue because of the negative effects this would have on the country.

If Americans act and contact their representatives, they can help prevent this from occurring.

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## Responding to New Zealand: Thoughts from a fellow Muslim

By Zarqua Ansari  
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I was sitting in my car last Friday scrolling through my Twitter feed as I waited for *jumma* *namaz*. My classes end at noon on Fridays, so I usually get lunch and follow it up with some Dunkin' Donuts as I wait for the *masjid* to open at one.

It was a gorgeous day. The sun was bright and there were birds chirping for the first time in months in the Pennsylvania winter. I was in a good mood. That's when I saw a tweet saying, "I'm praying for New Zealand." Immediately I looked up New Zealand: "49 Dead in New Zealand Mosque Shooting."

As a Muslim girl who was waiting alone in my car for the *masjid* doors to be opened by the *imam*, my whole body drained. I felt a cold sense of anger settle in my gut.

I felt hot waves of fear flash through my body. Forty-nine dead. My fingers became frantic as I tried to piece together what had happened.

The terrorist, not the shooter but the terrorist, had massacred 41 people, and killed another seven people at another *masjid* down the road. Two more died in the hospital later. At least 40 more are injured.

New Zealand is historically very nonviolent. In fact, if someone so much as

pickpockets in New Zealand, it becomes a headline.

At this point, I started feeling an immense amount of fear and nausea. If this could happen in New Zealand, of all places, what stops it from happening here in America?

According to the National Crime Victimization Survey, "467,321 persons were victims of a crime committed with a firearm in 2011. That number has been steadily increasing since 1999."

He live-streamed footage of him entering one of the largest and oldest *masjids* of New Zealand using a GoPro. The video is grotesque. He wanted it to be spread. "If you see a video with a red/green carpet or a white building or a gun as the thumbnail DO NOT WATCH IT. Report it and move on," said one Twitter user (@glossyhs).

The *khutba* at my *masjid* that *jumma* was about the incident. There was a significant decrease in people that had attended. "Love thy neighbor," the Bible says.

We began to doubt the neighborhood our *masjid* was nestled in. Not a single one of us felt safe. We felt violated. The very being of our faith was under fire. Quite literally. Our identity would be erased due to fear.

What if someone had decided that we were too rowdy? Who would protect us if someone decided to do the same here? After all, my *masjid* is also called Masjid al-Noor.

Dr. Sh. Yasir Qadhi, the Dean of Academic Affairs at the Al-Maghrib Institute in Houston, Texas talks about the effect the terrorist attack has had on the Muslim community.

He explains the attack and details the manifesto that the terrorist had posted online prior to executing the attack. Qadhi refused to refer to the terrorist by name to avoid humanizing him.

"He is a self-proclaimed white-supremacist. The terrorist's agenda, however, was not new. We have been hearing this language, we have been exposed to this rhetoric for many many years. He blames mass immigration and Muslim fertility rates for the takeover of European 'Western culture'."

The man chose that *masjid* specifically because it used to be a church. He felt that this was a symbol of Islamic takeover. The irony lies in the fact that man was not a church-goer.

However his ideas are not surprising. A false narrative is perpetuated by the media. No political leaders seem to refute this kind of talk. The fact is that Muslims are portrayed as terrorists.

Another fact is that only 6% of the recorded terrorist attacks by the UN are actually Muslims. The far right is responsible for almost 100 percent of the terrorist attacks in the past year and a half. However, no other

terrorists' religion ever seems to be a factor.

Islamophobia has become popular. At some level, I feel bad for the terrorist. He was simply brainwashed.


He believes that Muslims are violent and hatred filled. There is no threat to "Western civilization." The media has made a false monster which allows for the rise of real monsters.

The entire concept of the famous book "Lord of the Flies" revolves around this subject. What we do from here forward is what matters.

If we start to unite and spread love and condone this behavior then we might be able to find peace at last. After all, Islam means "peace."



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# Meet the Majors

## This week's field: Spanish

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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.



Harrison Eckert  
Senior

"I am a double major in biology and Spanish. I came to Wilkes as a pre-pharmacy major then decided that was not what I wanted to do. I transitioned to Spanish because I worked with Dr. Bianco before college to write two textbooks with her. My dream job would be to work as a trauma surgeon by day and help teach in a medical institution at night."



Kassandra Rinker  
Freshman

"I am a Spanish major because I love the Spanish language and it has been an interest of mine since high school. I would love to do some form of translation or be an ESL teacher."



Josselyn Morataya  
Junior

"I am a Spanish major because I am a part of the international studies program coming from Guatemala. I had to learn English as a second language so I always wanted to do bilingual as a career. I would love to become an ESL teacher."



Derek Donaldson  
Freshman

"I am a double major in pharmacy and Spanish. I would like to extend my medical education into medical school and I can use Spanish to adequately communicate with potential patients. I saw the need for Spanish ever since high school."



# Taking a look at some of this year's best metal singles so far

By Parker Dorsey  
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## RHYTHM REWIND with Parker Dorsey

Metal music in 2019 is already in full swing. Brand new albums from Overkill, Dream Theater and Candlemass already hit the shelves, and we still have very highly anticipated records from Slipknot and Tool that are coming out soon.

There are also rumblings of new material coming from Gojira, Nile and Opeth that we'll have to keep an eye on. However, there's quite a few new singles from bands to be excited about.

### Death Angel - Humanicide

While often dwarfed by their contemporaries within the Bay Area, the perennially underrated Death Angel have always been fairly consistent with their thrash output across the past 30 years.

Their upcoming ninth album, judging by the title track single, should feature more of the norm. Dropped just this past Friday, "Humanicide" is a frenetic, face-melting guitar attack. *Humanicide* comes out May 31 on Nuclear Blast Records.

### Amon Amarth - Raven's Flight

The good ol' Swedish Vikings dropped this single on midnight last Wednesday. "Raven's Flight" has all the elements of a classic Amon

Amarth song: epic and crushingly heavy guitars, a rhythm section that gallops distinctly like Viking warriors on horseback, lyrics about "distant shores" and powerful vocals from Johan Hegg (who also looks like a Viking). *Berserker* comes out May 3 on Nuclear Blast Records.

### Whitechapel - Hickory Creek

The Tennessee-based deathcore act Whitechapel just dropped their fifth and final single last Thursday in anticipation for their seventh studio album, *The Valley*. The album is based off of frontman Phil Bozeman's upbringing in Hardin Valley, and the single "Hickory Creek" is specifically written in memory to his mother.

"Hickory Creek" is substantially different than any other material from the band due to consisting almost entirely of clean vocals. The song has a great deal of emotional weight behind it, and the other four singles are quite dynamic

and highlight a marked progression in the band's sound. *The Valley* comes out March 29 on Metal Blade Records.

### Possessed - No More Room In Hell

This is completely unprecedented, unexpected and absolutely exciting. This is my personal most anticipated release of the year. Often hailed as one of the founders of death metal, the Californian band Possessed is going to be dropping their first album in over 33 years.

Their first single in forever, "No More Room in Hell" was dropped two Fridays ago. The production is filthy and vintage and Jeff Becerra's vocals sound timeless and arguably even more powerful than before. *Revelations of Oblivion* comes out May 10 on Nuclear Blast Records.

### Fleshgod Apocalypse - Sugar

The Italian orchestral death metal giants Fleshgod Apocalypse dropped their new single "Sugar" on the 8th. It's absolutely killer, with drums moving at the speed of sound and a

beautiful symphonic section that pairs seamlessly with the guitars. This is going to be their first album since their debut record where Francesco Paoli records the vocals. He's also the drummer. It is safe to say he isn't a human? *Veleno* comes out May 24 on Nuclear Blast Records.

### Periphery - Garden in the Bones


The djent standard bearers Periphery dropped their second single in anticipation for their sixth studio album, *Periphery IV: HAIL STAN*, on the first day of March.

Much like their first single "Blood Eagle," "Garden in the Bones" features crushingly heavy guitars and vocals that are both elegantly sung and powerfully shouted. *Periphery IV: HAIL STAN* comes out Apr 5 on 3DOT Recordings.

### After the Burial - Behold the Crown

Ever hear a song that was almost exclusively pinch harmonics? Me neither, until "Behold the Crown" was dropped on Feb 27 in anticipation for After the Burial's sixth studio album *Evergreen*.

This seems like a song that is destined for the mosh pit. The guitars have a weighty djent punch and the breakdowns are killer. *Evergreen* comes out April 19 on Sumerian Records.

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## NBA: Can “The King” recover and reclaim his throne?

By Kevin Singhel  
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When LeBron James left the Cleveland Cavaliers to join the Los Angeles Lakers last summer, the NBA was abuzz.

James had made eight straight NBA finals appearances, four with the Miami Heat and four with the Cavaliers. Now he was leaving Cleveland to team up with the young core of Lonzo Ball, Kyle Kuzma and Brandon Ingram on one of the most famous and well-known franchises in sports.

NBA legend Magic Johnson was able to lure James to Los Angeles and subsequently surrounded him with solid veteran pickups such as Rajon Rondo, Lance Stephenson, and Javale Mcgee.

Although many NBA pundits believed the Lakers were still a piece or two away from being serious title contenders, experts had them pegged for a playoff berth and possibly making it into the second round.

However, the Lakers' season slowly spiraled into failure, as they were completely out of the playoff picture by the time the calendar flipped to March.

So that begs the question, what went wrong with LeBron and the Lakers?

One of the biggest derailments to the Lakers' season were the constant injuries the team had to deal with.

On Christmas Day, the Lakers blew out the two-time defending champion Warriors on the road to improve their record to 20-14 on the year. Los Angeles appeared to be hitting their stride, and were looking like serious playoff contenders.

Unfortunately, during their Christmas Day game against the Warriors, James suffered a groin injury and had to miss considerable time.

James missed seventeen games with that injury as the Lakers went only 6-11 during James' absence.

James is not the only Laker that has missed considerable time, as Rondo, Ball, and Ingram have all missed significant playing time due to injuries

or medical concerns.

Although this Lakers team is talented, it, like many other teams, simply was not built to handle a slew of injuries, especially with their best player, and arguably the best player in the world, missing a fifth of the season.

With so many players out, it's no wonder that the Lakers have struggled to add to their win column this year.

Another big derailment to the Lakers' season were the constant trade rumors that swirled around the team and destroyed its trust and chemistry.

During the weeks leading up to the trade deadline, the Lakers were reported to be actively pursuing All-Pro center Anthony Davis from the New Orleans Pelicans.

The Lakers' offer to the Pelicans reportedly included Ball, Kuzma, Ingram and several draft picks just to acquire Davis.

The reports also suggested James' high desire to play with Davis, implying that James could have used his star power to pressure the Lakers' front office into trying to acquire Davis.

Once the trade offer was leaked and declined by the Pelicans, the damage was already done. The Lakers' chemistry took a huge hit, as many of the younger players felt that they were no longer part of the future plan and they were simply being used as trade bait to acquire other talent.

It's also extremely hard to focus and put your best foot forward while trade rumours swirl around you. You never know if a particular game will be your

last for the historic franchise and with this particular group of teammates, making it hard to play your best. It is because of this it is no surprise that the Lakers have compiled an awful record of 4-13 since the trade deadline.

Another big point of failure during the Lakers' season revolves around the coaching staff and head coach Luke Walton.

Walton is famous for being an assistant coach with the Golden State Warriors and helping them build their dynasty, however he has struggled with the Lakers.

Reports have stated that Walton has lost control of the locker room and struggles to keep his players in check.

In fact Marc Stein of the New York Times reported that Walton is “almost certain” to be fired by the Lakers at the end of the season.

This is just another chapter in LeBron James' feuding with head coaches.

In Cleveland, James ran David Blatt out of town despite a Finals appearance the previous year and owning one of the best records in the NBA at the time of his firing.

Coaching James, an athlete that is almost bigger than the game itself, is a very tough task that only a few can seem to handle. Perhaps a different voice of reason is exactly the remedy the Lakers need in order to get back on track for the next few seasons.

The final and most simple explanation for the Lakers' struggles is simply maybe James just isn't the player he used to be.

James is 34 years old and has played 16 seasons in the NBA without missing many games until this season. That has amounted to thousands of minutes in playing time and thousands of hours of training and recovery.

Despite being a great athlete, all of that work is bound to catch up eventually. This can be seen from James missing significant time with injury for the first time in his entire career.

James has also been seen giving lackadaisical efforts on the defensive end of the floor by letting opponents drive by without a challenge and not running to cover open shooters.

The Lakers have recognized this problem and have begun placing James on a minutes restriction in order to ease some of his load on his body. Not many people are going to argue and say that James is a bad player, as he is still averaging 27.5 points per game along with 8.5 rebounds and 8 assists per game.

However, something definitely seems different about “The King” this year, and while he is still a superstar, it seems like he lacks the ability to single-handedly carry a team to the playoffs like he had in years past.

With their loss to the Nets last Friday, the Lakers and James are officially eliminated from playoff contention.

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Will Luke Walton coach the Lakers next season?

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**BASE, from frontcover**

Despite Capozzi's inexcusable success, he noted some of the major changes that the team has inevitably been adjusting to since falling under the leadership of new head coach Kevin Gryboski.

"Change is never easy, but it's important to adapt to the new culture right off the bat," explained Capozzi. "The expectation now is to win - plain and simple. It's our job to develop and respond to that expectation by doing the little things and playing baseball the right way."

In addition to Capozzi's standout performance, sophomores Vincent Uzzi, Nicholas Malatesta and Nicholas Pronti carried the middle of the lineup.

Uzzi demonstrated his effectiveness as a designated hitter, going 3-3 with a sacrifice-fly and a walk, bringing in four RBIs. Malatesta found himself on base for three out of his four at bats and Pronti snagged back-to-back doubles off of Muhlenberg's Isaac Spiegel.

On the mound, sophomore Frank Navatta earned the win for Wilkes.

After Muhlenberg earned five runs against sophomore pitcher Tony Molitoris in the first three innings of play, Navatta turned the game around with four stellar innings, only allowing two hits and keeping the Mules from crossing the plate.

Following their 15-9 victory over Muhlenberg, the Colonels kept up their momentum heading into their

doubleheader with Eastern on Sunday, March 24.

In a fast-paced contest against the Eagles, the game remained scoreless for four innings before the Colonels' offense was able to break open in the bottom of the fifth.

Senior Jack Fischer scored sophomore catcher Vincent Bobbin on a single to right field. Capozzi followed suit with a single to the right side as well, scoring Fischer and giving Wilkes the 2-0 lead.

After another scoreless top-half of the inning, Wilkes tacked on four runs to their lead in the bottom of the sixth.



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Senior Nicholas Capozzi tapping helmets after hitting a home run against Eastern, one of his two in a week where he went .545 on 11 at bats.

A one-out solo homerun by sophomore Jonah Harder set the tone for the inning.

Two more runs scored before Patrizio got on with a single up the middle and crossed the plate on an error by the catcher. This final run for Wilkes highlighted one of Eastern's main downfalls for the day: errors.

Leading the team with a .500 batting average for both contests against Eastern, Pronti emphasized the importance of building upon the opponent's fundamental mistakes.

"We got a lead, we kept a lead and we capitalized on the other team's errors.

That's what ultimately led us to a win in the first game," said Pronti, point-blank.

However, the Colonels would not have been able to keep their lead without a stellar performance from freshman pitcher JT Hibsman, who allowed only four hits in 5.2 innings.

"We showed a lot of heart to win in both games today," said Hibsman. "It takes a lot to put together a string of at bats, and we did that pretty well. But I think we need to do better at going at batters and staying ahead in the count."

In the second contest against Eastern, the Colonels challenged the Eagles' five-run lead in the bottom of the seventh, tying the game at 9 and sending the game

to extra innings.

Capozzi and Pronti were at the forefront of this comeback attempt, going 2-5 and 3-5, respectively.

"We're working to get Wilkes back on top and we have to have the mentality of wanting more in order to do so," said Capozzi.

However, Eastern didn't succumb to the Colonels perseverance, regaining the lead 11-9 in the top of the eighth against sophomore pitcher Andrew Indzonka, who was able to close out the first game against Eastern but who couldn't do the same the second time around.

With an error by the catcher that scored sophomore Jared Angerman, the Colonels were back in the game, 11-10. But there simply wasn't enough time for Wilkes, as back-to-back strikeouts closed out game two of the doubleheader and sealed the Colonels' fate.

Wilkes finished the week 2-1 and begins their five-game week on Tuesday, March 26 with an away match against Eastern to close out the three-game series.

"I'm looking forward to the fact that we haven't even played our best baseball yet," said Pronti. "We're on that path - we're right there - we're always knocking every game, but once we get there, we'll be a very difficult team to beat, and that's super exciting if we do end up making the playoffs."



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## ►►►►► SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULES ◀◀◀◀◀◀

### Men's Tennis

3/16 @ Muhlenburg W 7-2  
 3/17 @ Yeshiva W 5-4  
 3/23 vs Franklin & Marshall PPD  
 3/24 @ No. 8 Wesleyan L 9-0  
 \*3/30 @ FDU-Florham 12 p.m.  
 \*4/6 vs Manhattanville 1 p.m.  
 \*4/10 vs Misericordia 3:30 p.m.  
 \*4/13 @ DeSales 9 a.m.  
 4/13 @ Villanova 3 p.m.  
 4/14 vs Drew 9 a.m.  
 4/14 vs Keystone 3 p.m.  
 \*4/17 vs Eastern 3:30 p.m.  
 \*4/24 @ King's 3:30 p.m.  
 4/25 @ Bloomsburg 4:30 p.m.  
 \*4/27 vs Delaware Valley 11 a.m.  
 \*Denotes MAC Freedom match

### Women's Tennis

3/16 @ Muhlenburg W 9-0  
 3/23 vs Franklin & Marshall PPD  
 3/24 @ No. 7 Wesleyan L 9-0  
 \*3/30 @ FDU-Florham 12 p.m.  
 \*4/6 vs Manhattanville 1 p.m.  
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 4/25 @ Bloomsburg 4:30 p.m.  
 \*4/27 vs Delaware Valley 11 a.m.  
 4/27 vs Rutgers-Camden 3 p.m.  
 4/28 @ Stevens 12 p.m.  
 \*Denotes MAC Freedom match

### Men's Volleyball

1/16 vs Immaculata W 3-0  
 1/23 @ Mount St. Vincent W 3-0  
 1/26 vs Elizabethtown L 3-2  
 1/26 vs Keuka L 3-1  
 1/30 @ CCNY W 3-1  
 2/2 @ Purchase W 3-0  
 2/2 @ Baruch L 3-0  
 2/6 vs PSU Altoona L 3-0  
 \*2/13 @ Widener W 3-0  
 \*2/16 @ No. 4 Stevenson L 3-0  
 \*2/16 vs Arcadia L 3-0  
 \*2/23 vs Messiah College L 3-1  
 \*2/23 vs Alvernia W 3-1  
 2/26 @ York (N.Y.) W 3-0  
 \*2/28 vs Eastern W 3-1  
 \*3/12 @ Misericordia L 3-0  
 \*3/15 @ Messiah L 3-0  
 3/16 vs St. Joe's-Brooklyn W 3-0  
 3/16 vs Medaille L 3-0  
 \*3/20 vs Misericordia L 3-1  
 \*3/23 vs Stevenson L 3-0  
 3/23 vs PSU-Behrend L 3-0  
 \*3/27 vs Arcadia 7 p.m.  
 3/30 vs Sarah Lawrence 11 a.m.  
 3/30 vs New Jersey City 1 p.m.  
 \*4/3 @ Eastern 7 p.m.  
 \*4/6 vs Alvernia 2 p.m.  
 \*4/6 @ Widner 4 p.m.  
 \*Denotes MAC match

### Women's Lacrosse

2/23 @ Gwynedd Mercy L 18-8  
 3/2 vs Notre Dame Md. W 16-15  
 3/5 vs Purchase W 19-9  
 3/16 @ Old Westbury L 20-17  
 3/20 @ Keystone W 11-10  
 3/23 @ Maritime L 15-9  
 3/24 vs Medaille W 14-12  
 3/28 vs Mount St. Vincent 4 p.m.  
 \*4/3 vs King's 5 p.m.  
 \*4/6 vs Manhattanville 1 p.m.  
 \*4/10 @ Eastern 4 p.m.  
 \*4/13 vs Delaware Valley 1 p.m.  
 \*4/17 @ Misericordia 4 p.m.  
 4/22 @ Cazenovia 4 p.m.  
 \*4/24 vs DeSales 4 p.m.  
 \*4/27 @ FDU-Florham 1 p.m.  
 \*Denotes MAC Freedom game



# SB: Brown records 100th hit in Keystone sweep

By Tyler Aldinger  
Staff Writer

EDWARDSVILLE, Pa. -- The Wilkes University softball team took care of business Wednesday night as they swept Keystone College in a doubleheader, 14-7 in game one, and 4-3 in game two.

Freshman Rhiannon Aurand started on the mound for the Colonels in game one. She entered the game with a 2-1 record.

The Colonels did not have an ideal start in the top of the first inning as Keystone College got a early single and a bunt which had a bad throw to the base and allowed two Keystone runners to advance into scoring position.

Shannon Lloyd for the Giants slammed a three run home run to give Keystone the 3-0 lead. Aurand was able to bounce back and finish the top of the first inning without giving up any more runs.

Wilkes would answer back in the bottom of the second inning, when Haley Welker's sacrifice fly to bring Caylee-Mae Williams home which cut the Colonels deficit 3-1.

In the third inning, Sarah Gibson hit an RBI past second base sending Haley Boyd home reducing the Keystone lead 3-2.

Gab Giordano moved Gibson to second with a sacrifice bunt. Emma Stauffer, who was next up at bat, was hit by a pitch, putting runners on first and second base.

Britny Jumalon singled, sending Gibson home and tying the game at 3-3.

Caitlin Brown reached a milestone in the third inning as she recorded 100th collegiate hit in the bottom of the third.

"Just being able to contribute is a big part of it just moving baserunners and just doing everything I can here to be able to produce for my team and help my team win," said Brown reflecting on her 100 career hits at bat.

Keystone scored again in the fifth inning to take a 4-3 lead.

Celine Podlesney was put in as relief for the Colonels and let up a two more runs.

Giordano started a huge fifth inning things off with a homerun. Welker then crushed a three run homerun, regaining the lead for the Colonels 7-6.

Sydney Cogswell, Gibson and Giordano all contributed to the scoring spree in the bottom of the fifth inning, extending the Colonels lead 10-6.

Keystone was only able to get one more run in the top of the sixth inning before another barrage of Colonel runs put the game out of reach for the Giants.

"We definitely adjusted much quicker to the different speeds of pitching which was good, we got off to a slower start in the first inning and the team adjusted and worked late...started hitting the ball to the right side and that's when we're effective," said head

coach Sarah Leavenworth (Maulorico) on the slow start for the Colonels.

Junior Gracen Staunton took the mound for the second game of the double-header.

The Colonels got an early lead in the first inning, 1-0.

Staunton let up a two run home run in the third inning which gave Keystone the lead 2-1, shortly after the Giants increased their lead to 3-1.

"They weren't afraid to attack the ball... in the early counts they were swinging a lot, and they were able to get pretty solid hits," said Staunton.

The Colonels managed to fight their way back in the fourth and fifth inning with a two run RBI from Jordyn Kondras which sent Brown home, Keystone still led 3-2.

Gibson and Staunton both singled to start of the bottom of the sixth inning. Jumalon hit a RBI triple bringing home Staunton and Gibson, putting the Colonels back in the lead 4-3.


Staunton finished off the last two innings strong and did not allow the Giants to come back. Despite having a runner in scoring position in the top of the seventh inning.

"I was just making sure I hit my spots, make sure I'm doing what I'm supposed to so it will help my teammates behind me as much as possible," said Staunton.

With the doubleheader sweep, the Colonels improve to an 8-7 overall record, 0-2 in conference play.



The Beacon/Kyle Kraemer  
Senior Caitlin Brown reached the 100 hit milestone last Wednesday in game one of the Colonels doubleheader against Keystone.

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## ▶▶▶▶▶ SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULES ◀◀◀◀◀

### Men's Lacrosse

2/21 @ Marywood L 8-7 (2OT)  
2/23 vs Wesley W 19-7  
2/27 vs Utica W 12-9  
3/5 @ Bridgewater L 12-8  
3/9 vs Mount St. Vincent W 17-6  
3/13 New England L 14-12  
3/20 @ Alvernia W 17-11  
3/23 vs Wells W 22-7  
3/30 @ Mount St. Mary 1 p.m.  
\*4/3 @ King's 7 p.m.  
\*4/6 @ Mahattanville 1 p.m.  
\*4/10 vs Eastern 4 p.m.  
\*4/13 @ Delaware Valley 1 p.m.  
\*4/17 vs Misericordia 7 p.m.  
\*4/24 @ DeSales 7 p.m.  
\*4/27 vs FDU Florham 1 p.m.  
\*Denotes MAC Freedom game

### Baseball

\*\*3/2 vs Ma. Maritime W 9-7  
\*\*3/3 vs PSU-Behrend L 8-4  
\*\*3/3 vs Kenyon W 6-5  
\*\*3/4 vs Eastern Nazarene L11-9  
\*\*3/5 vs Muskingum L 7-3  
\*\*3/7 vs Dominican L 5-3  
\*\*3/8 vs Northwestern (MN) L4-3, L7-4  
\*\*3/9 vs Houghton L 12-11  
\*3/16 @ Misericordia L 5-1, 5-3  
\*3/17 vs Misericordia W 11-3  
3/20 vs Muhlenberg W 15-9  
\*3/24 vs Eastern W 6-0, L 10-11 (8 inn.)  
3/24 vs PSU-Brandywine (DH) PPD  
\*3/26 @ Eastern 3:30 p.m.  
3/27 vs Cabrini 3 p.m.  
\*3/29 vs DeSales 3:30 p.m.  
\*3/30 @ DeSales (DH) 1 p.m.

\*Denotes MAC Freedom game  
\*\*At Fort Pierce

### Softball

3/3 @ Pfeiffer (DH) L7-0, L 1-0  
\*\*3/6 vs Wesley W 7-6  
\*\*3/6 vs Rivier W 10-1 (6 inn.)  
\*\*3/6 vs Mary Washington W 7-2  
\*\*3/7 vs Chatham W 7-6  
\*\*3/7 vs Guilford W 9-6 (10 inn.)  
3/9 @ Randolph M. L 5-0, L 10-0 (5 inn.)  
3/10 @ Eastern M. W 4-2, L 5-0  
\*3/17 vs Misericordia L 2-0, L 5-3  
3/20 vs Keystone W 14-7, W 4-3  
\*3/24 @ Eastern W 5-2, W 4-1  
3/24 vs Stockton (DH) PPD  
3/27 vs Lycoming (DH) 3 p.m.

\*3/30 vs DeSales (DH) 1 p.m.  
4/3 @ Scranton (DH) 4 p.m.  
\*4/6 vs Manhattanville 1 p.m.  
4/10 vs Clarks Summit (DH) 6 p.m.  
\*4/13 @ King's (DH) 1 p.m.  
4/17 vs Marywood (DH) 4 p.m.  
\*4/18 vs Delaware Valley (DH) 1 p.m.  
4/24 vs Susquehanna (DH) 5 p.m.  
\*4/27 @ FDU-Florham (DH) 1 p.m.

\*Denotes MAC Freedom game  
\*\*Fastpitch Dreams Spring Classic



Getting to know...

# Gage Coudriet

## Freshman Baseball Player



***The Beacon: Male Athlete of the Week Mar. 12 - Mar. 17***

**Why Gage Coudriet was selected:** Coudriet earned his first conference victory of his collegiate career after defeating Misericordia 11-3. The relief pitcher lasted five innings with one strikeout and gave up three hits to lead his team to victory.

**Name:** Gage Coudriet

**Year:** Freshman

**Major:** Mechanical Engineering

**Hometown:** Philipsburg, Pa.

**High School:** Philipsburg-Osceola HS

**Position:** Pitcher

**Driving force for your decision to come to Wilkes?**

Wilkes University provided an opportunity for me to pursue my passions through a great mechanical engineering program, while also allowing me to continue my athletic career.

**Post-graduation plans in terms of a career?**

I hope to become an employee at an engineering firm and assist the company in achieving its goals. I also plan on possibly furthering my education if I feel that it will be beneficial with my career.

**When/Why did you first begin playing?**

I started playing baseball at eight years old because many of my family members played. I always enjoyed watching games or playing for fun in my yard.

**Favorite thing to do during practice?**

Throw bullpens and continue to improve my pitching abilities.

**Hopes for this season as a Colonel?**

I hope to help the team in any way I can to compete for a conference title and be successful in achieving that goal.

**Favorite building on campus?**

Stark Learning Center. It provides many resources and has many study rooms for when you need somewhere quiet to focus and get work done.

**Favorite meal to eat on campus?**

Any sandwich from Which Wich.

**Favorite professor?**

Dr. Razavi. His class allows us to be creative in inventing a new product and possibly getting a patent for it.

**Other interests or hobbies off of the field?**

I enjoy hunting, fishing and watching sports.

**What came first? The chicken or the egg?**

The egg came first because dinosaurs laid eggs way before chickens even existed.

**Most influential person in your life?**

My parents. They made me into the person I am today and always believed in me no matter what I wanted to achieve in life.

**If you could have dinner with a famous person from the past, who would it be?**

Roberto Clemente. I would want to experience his views on the game of baseball, and the positive effects he made on people in his community.

**A quote you live your life by?**

"It's hard to beat a person who never gives up." – Babe Ruth

**What does "Be Colonel" mean to you?**

"Be Colonel" means that you should be proud of being a part of the Wilkes community, represent the university in a positive way through your actions and support all Colonels.

**Anyone to give a shout-out to?**

Thank you to my family and any of my prior and current coaches for helping me become the person and athlete I am today.

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The Beacon/Nicole Gaetani

*-Compiled by Kirsten Peters, Co-Sports Editor*



Getting to know...

# Jordan Vasarkovy

## Senior Tennis Player

### **The Beacon: Female Athlete of the Week Mar. 12 - Mar. 17**

**Why Jordan Vasarkovy was selected:** Vasarkovy was selected as the MAC Freedom Women's Tennis Player of the Week for the 11th time in her career. Playing No. 1 singles and No. 1 doubles, Vasarkovy won both her matches against Muhlenberg to earn her recognition.

**Name:** Jordan Vasarkovy

**Year:** Senior

**Major:** Psychology, Criminology & Sociology

**Hometown:** Toms River, N.J.

**High School:** Toms River HS North

**Position:** Singles & Doubles

#### **Driving force for your decision to come to Wilkes?**

During my recruitment process, I was recruited by many different schools, but the staff at Wilkes University was the most genuine and welcoming out of the ones I encountered. The team had a family sense to it, which made my decision easy when I thought about what team I wanted to join.

#### **Post graduation plans in terms of a career?**

After graduation, I am planning to go to law school.

#### **When/Why did you first begin playing?**

I began playing when I was five years old. Tennis was my grandfather's favorite sport. So when I would visit him and my grandmother, they decided to put me into lessons in hopes that I would like it.

#### **Favorite thing to do during practice?**

My favorite thing to do during practice is return serves.

#### **Hopes for this season as a Colonel?**

This season, I hope to progress further into the NCAA national tournament.

#### **If you had to choose one thing about your program that you could improve, what would it be?**

With our new coach, the program has been improved and there isn't anything that would need to be changed.

#### **Other interests or hobbies off of the field?**

I love to travel.

#### **Favorite professor?**

Dr. Kreider.

#### **Favorite building on campus?**

Marts.

#### **Favorite meal to eat on campus?**

Caesar salad from the POD.

#### **Coke or Pepsi?**

Pepsi.

#### **What came first? The chicken or the egg?**

The chicken.

#### **Most influential person in your life?**

My father.

#### **If you could have dinner with a famous person from the past, who would it be?**

I would want to have dinner with Margaret Court. She was a dominant player of her era from the late 50s to the early 70s. She is often credited as being the first women's tennis player to adopt a physical fitness regimen, which today is so important to the game.

#### **A quote you live your life by?**

"Never underestimate yourself."

#### **What does "Be Colonel" mean to you?**

"Be Colonel" to me means to put your best foot forward at all times and in everything you do.

#### **Anyone to give a shout-out to?**

My teammates.

-Compiled by Kirsten Peters, Co-Sports Editor



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