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New Sordoni gallery to open with Warhol

By Toni Pennello
Editor-in-Chief

At a meeting about what the opening exhibit at the new Sordoni Art Gallery should be, director of the gallery Heather Sincavage said the answer should have been obvious.

"We all agreed that we wanted it to be a Pennsylvania based artist," she explained. "The President (Dr. Patrick Leahy) said a few times, 'you know, someone like Warhol.'"

So they bounced ideas around, threw out some Pennsylvania artists' names, and couldn't seem to decide.

"We were finally saying, OK, who has the cachet of Warhol? Duh, Warhol does," Sincavage said laughing.

A collection of the famous Pittsburgh born pop artist's work will be shown in the gallery to usher in its opening at its new location, alongside the Karambelas Media and Communication Center on South Main Street.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place at 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 6, and the exhibit's opening reception will be at 7 p.m. on the

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Stark Learning Center construction updates

Construction to conclude Aug. 2018. Students, faculty show mixed reactions



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By Cabrini Rudnicki
News Editor

Construction taking place at the Stark Learning Center has served as a conversation piece since the spring 2017 semester, and has brought on mixed emotions for faculty and students.

Wilkes University has recently started

a project strengthening the campus infrastructure - \$4 million has been invested in construction meant to enhance the beauty and function of the university, according to a letter from University President Patrick Leahy emailed to students, staff and faculty last August.

The Stark Learning Center, a beacon for majors such as pharmacy, engineering,

nursing and more, is receiving a major face lift which will total \$6 million by the time construction is complete in August 2018.

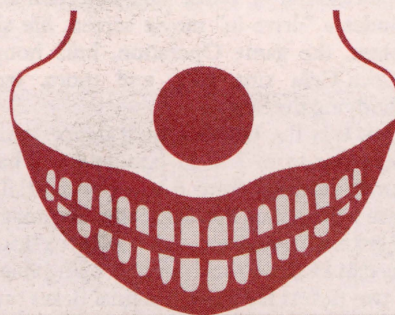
The school received \$3 million in funding from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through a RCPA grant, which was matched by university funding.

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Beacon Briefs

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Blood Drive to Support Hurricane Harvey Relief Efforts

On Tuesday, Sept. 19, from 10 a.m to 3:30 p.m in the Henry Student Center Lounge, the university will hold an American Red Cross blood drive. The drive is an effort to assist in the ongoing Hurricane Harvey relief efforts. The project is a joint effort of Civic Engagement, Public Safety and Student Government. To sign up, go to redcrossblood.org and enter WILKESU to make an appointment. Any questions can be directed to Megan Valkenburg, civic engagement coordinator, at megan.valkenburg@wilkes.edu

Wilkes' Halloween 5K

On Saturday, Oct. 21, Wilkes will hold the annual Halloween 5K along the levee trail in Kirby Park. The fundraiser, which is for the Geo-explore Club, will have three categories: competitive runners, non-competitive runners and walkers. It begins at 2 p.m. The run/walk also will feature a costume contest for participants. Wilkes students can sign up in the SUB during club hours, and will receive a discount with a Wilkes ID. Any questions can be directed to ellen.mook@wilkes.edu

Be an IEP Conversation Partner

The IEP Conversation Partner program is looking for students and faculty to spend an hour or two a week speaking to international students involved in the intensive English Program. Participants do not need to plan special activities for their conversation partner,

they just need to include them into some of their usual activities. For more information, contact Dr. Kimberly Niezgoda, Kimberly.niezdoda.edu.

Bystander Intervention Program Looking for Volunteers

The Office of Student Affairs, in collaboration with the Victims Resource Center of Luzerne County, are looking for volunteers to join a group of peer trainers who will present and discuss skills to intervene effectively when put in dangerous sexual situations. For more information, contact Associate Dean Philip J. Ruthkosky, Ph.D at Philip.ruthkoshy@wilkes.edu or Samantha Hart at Samantha.hart@wilkes.edu.

Internship & Career Fair

On Oct. 19, from 11 a.m to 3 p.m in the UCOM, join Wilkes University at their Internship & Career Fair for the opportunity to network with potential employers, or to find the right internship.

Scholarship Opportunity for Students of Polish Descent

Luzerne County residents of Polish descent can apply for The Polish Room Committee Scholarship by writing a brief history of their Polish heritage, and a description of what heritage means to them. Preference will be given to students who demonstrate financial need. The writings must be submitted along with the applicant's name, WIN and contact information, and given to Luciana Musto in the Alumni House. Email is also acceptable. Place "Polish Heritage Scholarships" in the subject line. The submission deadline is 4:30 p.m. Oct. 6. Late applications will not be accepted. For more information, visit wilkes.edu/polishroom.

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Wilkes University Student Government notes

By Andre Spruell
Opinion Editor

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

As the school year is still getting started, the meeting was primarily discussing upcoming projects.

The Club Hub Work Study, which is only institutional as opposed to federal and only open for non-student government members, requested \$10,200 for work study and an additional \$5,000 for the club's supplies. After a few minutes of deliberation, the members voted to allocate the requested funds.

The major projects discussed at the meeting were Homecoming 2017 and this year's fall event.

The theme for this year's Homecoming is "Bringing the 50s Back to Life," as it will take place the weekend of Oct. 5 to 7 with a special event taking place each day.

Oct. 5 is when the pep rally will be taking place from 6 to 9 p.m. on the Greenway, or the UCOM if it rains. The entertainment includes a "drive-in" movie screen, life size Yahtzee, the game Operation, hula hoops, a Coca-Cola ring toss, and more, truly embodying the 50s.

Oct. 6 is the Homecoming dance, which takes place from 7 to 11 p.m. and will have shuttles running from 6 to 11:30 p.m. The dance will include life size iconic 50s images. For tickets, it was discussed to have the tickets priced at \$5 or \$10 and possibly being able to get two tickets for \$15 if the final ticket price becomes \$10.

Oct. 7 is when the football Homecoming will take place at 1pm as the Colonels will take on Widener University. Before kickoff will be the presentation of the this year's

Homecoming court.

The total requested money for Homecoming weekend was \$26,285.56 or \$28,785.56 depending on if the final ticket price for the dance will be \$5 or \$10.

The Fall Event was the other project discussed in the meeting. It takes place Oct. 20 from 4 to 8 p.m. with the theme being "Wipeout," the hit T.V. competition show. The total requested budget for the event was \$6,900, possibly \$5,900 if the log slammer obstacle course gets taken out.

Other notes included that this year's freshmen class is the 2nd biggest class to enter the university behind this year's sophomore class.

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same day. The exhibit will run through Dec. 20.

Sincavage said that it was not as difficult to acquire the pieces as one might think - and that she already had the opportunity at the institution she worked at prior to Wilkes, thanks to the Andy Warhol Foundation.

According to their website, the foundation's mission is "the advancement of the visual arts." To do this, they take the vast and diverse work Warhol left behind after his sudden death in 1987 and make them available to institutions that may not otherwise have the means to acquire Warhol pieces.

One of those institutions was the University of Maine at Presque Isle, Sincavage's previous place of employment. There, she said she was overseeing about 160 of Warhol's polaroids and a number of prints. She said she has curated two Warhol exhibits in the past, but this one is - "by far" - the most extensive.

"The goal of this whole program, the goal that the foundation had set out, was to make Warhol accessible," Sincavage explained. "It's funny though, as you kind of get into it, that also means there is an endless amount of stuff to choose from."

To curate the exhibit, Sincavage first had to choose a theme.

"Warhol did so much work," she explained, "it was really about how I was going to approach Warhol to begin with. Was I going to hone in on a theme of his, or was I trying to go more like his catalogue



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Sordoni Art Gallery Director Heather Sincavage stands in the new gallery with some of famous pop artist Andy Warhol's work. Sincavage is currently in the process of hanging all of the pieces before the exhibit's opening on Oct. 6.

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It ended up being a mix of the two, she said.

"Because he is the pop artist, because he is sort of reflecting on pop, and reflecting on culture, I decided to approach it in a way

that when he was looking at this, he was able to create this, and when he created this, pop culture then ate it up and started throwing it back out," she said.

She used the example of the 10 piece Marilyn Monroe set that the gallery will show. Aside from the 10 screen print portraits, Sincavage included the publicity photo of Monroe that Warhol worked from, and several portraits done by other artists at the same time that were "a little more interpretive."

Sincavage also has many rare polaroid photos taken by Warhol, which he used for commissioned portraits.

Sincavage said that the response to the opening exhibit has been one of excitement, even though many of the details are still not public.

"The fact that we've been able to say that we're opening the Sordoni with Warhol is a bit of a buzz," she said. "There's a lot of excitement around this. I think the community is ... really looking forward to it. I really think it's going to be the place to be."

The new facility at the Sordoni matches the prestige of the artist opening the exhibit, she added.

"The facility is just stunning," she said, telling a story that a photographer described it as "a mini MOMA."

"It's really nuts. It really does have a presence about it that makes you feel like you're in a big city gallery," she said.

"I really can't believe that this is my job. I can't believe I'm working in this facility."

For more information about the gallery and its opening exhibit, visit wilkes.edu/sordoniartgallery.



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A 10 piece set of Warhol's screen prints of Marilyn Monroe will be on display at the exhibit, as well as the original publicity photo the artist worked from and photographs of Monroe by photographers in response to Warhol.

For more photos of the exhibit in progress, visit our website at: thewilkesbeacon.com

every taking place each day

STARK

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classrooms, furniture, and update the facade of the building. Ongoing constructions have led to closures of areas of the building and entry ways.

"Although we will continue to have the East wing of stark closed for construction for a few more months, the end result will be a total transformation of a 1957 area into a start of the art facility that was designed to serve the students," says Charles Cary, the executive director of Facilities.

This new area will contain new art labs, including, two new flex labs, an industry collaboration lab, an additive manufacturing lab, an interdisciplinary collaboration lobby, a collaboration corridor, new restrooms, an innovation hub area, as well as seven collaboration rooms.

Construction is scheduled to be completed Aug. 1, 2018; however, the university is currently ahead of schedule, and expects to complete it earlier than that.

While many students may be grumbling about the project for its hindrance on their

daily lives, others remain optimistic about the improvements to the university.

"I think the renovations are coming along nicely, and will make the building more enjoyable," says Sam Meehan, a sophomore Computer Systems major.

Mixed emotions aren't exclusive to students - many faculty members have expressed criticism as well.

"I have concerns over safety because many of the exits have been closed. If there was a fire, where would people go?" asks Dr. Barbara Brecken, an associate professor in the Department of Mathematics and Sciences.

"There has been a lot of difficulties for people with disabilities entering the building," says Professor Frank Sullivan. Past entrances have been temporarily changed in order to accommodate construction.

Other construction projects being worked on at this time include Schmidt Stadium, Waller Hall, Ralston Athletic Complex, and the addition of signage across campus.



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Courtesy of Wilkes Marketing

A digital rendering of what the inside of the Stark Learning Center is planned to look like when renovations are complete. The center is estimated to be finished in August 2018.

Students celebrate new media and communication center, thank donors

By Cabrini Rudnicki

News Editor

Editor's Note: Amanda Bialek, who represented the student body in her speech at the dedication of the Karambelas Media and Communication Center, is the Life, Arts and Entertainment Editor for The Beacon.

On Aug. 31, Wilkes University opened the newest addition to its campus. The Karambelas Media and Communication

Center opened on 141 S. Main St. next to UCom and across from Public Safety.

The Karambelas Media and Communication Center is now home to Communication Studies students and faculty, and houses all of the department's co-curriculars - including the student run TV station, radio station and public relations organization - in one building.

The project, which started in August of

2016, was supported by, and named for, Clayton and Theresa Karambelas. The couple donated one of the largest donations in the school's history.

While the couple asked that the exact figure of their donation not be disclosed, construction of the 14,000 square foot space cost a total of \$4 million.

Also in the building is cutting edge technology for the different media platforms, including a radio studio, a centralized newsroom, a television studio, and classrooms with cameras installed in order to better monitor public speaking.

The dedication of the center included speeches from Thomas MacKinnon, vice president of university advancement; Dr. Mark Stine, the chair of communication studies; Amanda Bialek, a student in the department; University President Patrick F. Leahy, as well as Clayton and Theresa Karambelas.

At the opening, students from the department also had a chance to personally express gratitude. Around 45 students entered the room at MacKinnon's cue, shaking hands with the Theresa and Clayton, as well as the other speakers.

As well as acknowledging the Karambelases, the future was also a much discussed topic at the opening.

"This building has been designed to create a synergy and atmosphere of collaboration, which we believe will lead to hundreds of creative and exciting projects," Stine said.

Student Amanda Bialek, a communication studies major, showed enthusiasm and appreciation for the center on behalf of her fellow students.

"It [The Karambelas Media and Communication Center] will be a home for thinking, for learning, for exploring, for experimenting, for researching, for creating, and for collaborating for many years to come."

Leahy beamed when it was his chance to speak at the event.

"We hope for nothing more for you students to become individuals like Clayton and Theresa Karambelas," he said.

The Karambelases also had chances to speak, both honored and excited to see the fruition of their hard work.

"I want you to know that I was reduced to tears at the beginning of this metamorphosis," said Theresa Karambelas in her emotional speech, "but at the same time it was exhilarating to see the addition to the always evolving Wilkes campus."

The Karambelases have donated to a number of other projects on campus, including the Henry Student Center atrium, the Darte digital marquee, the pergola on the Fenner Quadrangle, the Cohen Science Center's staircase, and the Karambelas East Campus Gateway.

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From left: Clayton Karambelas; Theresa Karambelas; University President Dr. Patrick Leahy; communication studies chair Dr. Mark Stine; and junior communication studies student Amanda Bialek spoke at the dedication of the new center, along with Thomas MacKinnon, vice president of university advancement.

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staircase, and the Karambelas East Campus Gateway.

Clayton Karambelas had graduated with a business administration degree from Wilkes in 1949, and he and his wife had gone on to own businesses such as Boston Candy Shop & Restaurant and C.K. Coffee. The two were previously honored the University's President's Medal in 2016.

Communication students throughout campus have been ecstatic about the opportunities that await them because of the new addition to campus.

Jackyla Moye, a Sophomore Communications major, remarked on the beauty of the building.

"I think the media center is very beautiful. It has a high-tech feeling to it."

As well as the Communications department, the building will also house the Sordani Art Gallery, set to open in October.



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Clayton and Theresa Karambelas, the namesakes of The Karambelas Media and Communication Center and many other locations on campus, delivered heartfelt speeches at the dedication of the center.

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dedication, visit
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Hurricane threat reminds students of flooding in Wilkes-Barre

By Isaiah McGahee
Asst. News Editor

The destruction left in Hurricane Harvey's wake is unprecedented, with such destruction so widespread, reminiscent very much of 2005's Hurricane Katrina. A category 4 hurricane, Harvey dropped more than 50 inches of rain on Southeast Texas, namely Houston, and parts of Southwest Louisiana over the span of a week, according to the NOAA/WPC meteorologist David Roth.

With a death toll of 20 plus, according to the Los Angeles Times, 28,000 square miles of land flooded, according to early estimates by Brad Kieserman, vice president of disaster services operations and logistics for the American Red Cross, and 32,000 displaced victims, according to Texas state and emergency officials, the impacts of Harvey are far-reaching.

As the southern United States attempts to rebuild from this disaster, its residents also brace themselves for another pair of storms, Irma and Jose, perhaps even more devastating than Harvey. Irma, a category 4 storm, and Jose, currently a category 3 storm appear to be on track to touch down along the east coast, according to the National Weather Service.

As the south recovers from Harvey

and awaits the arrival of Irma and Jose, members of the Wilkes University community stand in solidarity and empathize with those affected.

While Irma and Jose's direct path is still being established, Pennsylvania appears to be a potential target, including the Northeast region. This is of obvious concern to students at Wilkes and citizens of Wilkes-Barre in general.

The city of Wilkes-Barre is certainly no stranger to hurricanes and the devastation that comes along with them. In 1972, Hurricane Agnes dumped more than 12 inches of rain in 24 hours, causing the Susquehanna River to flood most of Luzerne County. More than 25,000 homes and business were destroyed in the aftermath, according to the Times Leader.

Then in 2011, Hurricane Irene significantly affected the area, causing a severe scare in Wilkes-Barre and Kingston, and flooding adjunct parts of Luzerne County, including Forty Fort and West Pittston.

Students across Wilkes University expressed their concerns about the potential of the coming storms.

"I'm concerned, especially noting this area's history with floods... These things are unpredictable, adding to the concern," said Shawn Austin, a sophomore

communication studies major.

When asked if he'd seen any concern around campus about the growing threat, Austin said "I haven't seen much concern (on campus) about the recent and upcoming weather, but off campus I have ... Maybe it's a generational thing, that in itself, may be problematic."

"I watched the weather expressly last night, it's scary," said Catherine Tuman, a junior pharmacy major.

Although Northeastern Pennsylvania is currently untouched, students around campus are certainly connected to and feeling the storms' effects.

Jordan Austin, a freshman at Wilkes, expressed sympathy for family currently being impacted.

"I have family in Florida who are being evacuated. Hopefully everything will be OK," Austin said.

Austin is not the only one with family being directly impacted. Eric Pincofski, a junior pharmacy major, also shared his family's close ties and concern.

"My family has a home in Ft. Myers, that's of obvious concern. Citizens there currently have no access to gas and water," Pincofski shared.

Anyone seeking to contribute may do so via The Greater Houston Community Foundation at ghcf.org.

In addition, in association with the

American Red Cross, Wilkes University will be hosting a blood drive on Sept. 19.



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Want to join the American Red Cross in the effort to replenish critical blood supplies in the wake of Hurricane Harvey? To donate blood, visit redcrossblood.org and enter code WILKESU to schedule an appointment. The drive will take place from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Sept. 19 in the Henry Student Center Lounge.

Wilkes chapter of Pharmaceutical Fraternity receives international honor

By Toni Pennello
Editor-in-Chief

Wilkes University's Delta Omicron chapter of Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity was named a top performing chapter for the 2016-2017 school year at the fraternity's 58 Grand Council Convention in Naples, Florida, which took place from Aug. 1 to 5.

Delta Omicron was one of 36 chapters who received the award out of 110 chapters. Awards are based on a point system factoring in things like community service, involvement, grades, philanthropy and more. The Wilkes Chapter earned 93% of the possible points.

According to Dr. Vicky Shah, an assistant professor of pharmacy as well as the adviser and grand council deputy of the chapter, it is unusual that a small school like Wilkes gets such a high rank.

"Chapters can get the top ten awards ... those are mostly the bigger Universities. For us being such a small school and getting a top performance award, it's very rare," he explained. "We got 93%, and to be nominated for a top performance award you need anything above 85%, so we were up there," he added.

Shah also said that the chapter ranked 11th or 12th in the entire fraternity. "We were right there for the top ten," he said.

Katy Campf, corresponding secretary of the chapter and P3 student, said that

chapters enter with a "Chapter of the Year" form.

"Everyone is eligible to submit, but you have to be up to date on dues and you have to be in good standing with the organization," she explained, adding that not every chapter submits.

Shah estimated that around 75% of all chapters submitted, saying that around 85 or 90 submitted in total.

Students from the chapter who attended the biannual conference were Antonia Gobo, Leslie Shumlas, Campf, Bethany Chmil, Kelly Sones and Nicole Jankowski. Shah was also in attendance.

"We're an international fraternity because we have chapters in the Bahamas and Canada, so it's a chance for us to get all together in one spot, and basically we do everything relating to Kappa Psi," Campf explained. "It's really cool, and a great opportunity to network. Over 650 brothers were there, which is huge."

Shah added that the chapter was selected for one of three presentations at the conference.

"I presented along with Katy and Beth. They had an opportunity to present at a national level," Shah said.

While it may be confusing to hear women of the chapter referred to as brothers, it is common in fraternities, the group said. Delta Omicron is composed of a large proportion of women, but that is not reflected across the board.



Courtesy of Wilkes Marketing

Students from Delta Omicron, the Wilkes chapter of Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity visited the fraternity's biannual convention in Naples from Aug. 1 to 5. From left: Antonia Gobo, Leslie Shumlas, Katy Campf, Vicky Shah, Bethany Chmil, Kelly Sones and Nicole Jankowski.

"There are still male only chapters," Campf said.

"That's changing little by little. Over the last year, three of the male only chapters started incorporating women there as well, even if it's just one or two," Shah said,

explaining that the pharmacy school at Wilkes has a higher ratio of women to men, so that is reflected in the fraternity chapter.

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Psychology students, faculty, present research to the APA

Research explores reasons for activism, feminist identification and related stress levels

By Cabrini Rudnicki
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On Aug. 3 to 6, students from Wilkes University traveled to Washington, D.C. to present research to the APA, a common abbreviation for the American Psychological Association at the association's convention.

Associate professor of psychology Jennifer Thomas and assistant professor of psychology Ellen Newell led the project. The project focused on the factors that inspire activism in things that reduce prejudice and discrimination, as well as the effects of said behavior.

Four students were involved in the project, including: Lydia Martin, a 2017 Wilkes Graduate of North Berne, Maine; Samantha Gnall of Columbia, New Jersey, a senior psychology major with neuroscience and women's and gender Studies minors; Caitlin Barat, a senior psychology and Criminology dual-major, of Hanover Township; as well as

Laura Kessler, a junior psychology major with minors in art, Spanish, and women's and gender studies, from Watertown, Pennsylvania.

The team surveyed more than 500 people, asking questions on the participant's mental and physical health, views on sexism, discrimination, if they identify as a feminist, as well as if they would take steps to confront and reduce sexism.

Two presentations stemmed from this research. The first discussed the effects of whether identifying as a feminist sparked desire to take activism.

The second presentation demonstrated that stress levels when taking actions to reduce sexism and discrimination for women are higher for feminist identifying women than non-feminist women.

The research concluded that while feminist identification helps people to take activist actions, it also makes the process more stressful.

The research will continue through the 2017-

2018 school year. The group plans on studying whether, and if so, how, feminist identification helps to provide coping mechanism for women faced with sexism.

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16 years later: Remembering and reflecting on 9/11

By Amanda Bialek
Life, Arts, Entertainment Editor

Almost two decades ago, tragedy struck America. Four U.S. commercial airplanes bound for West Coast destinations were hijacked by 19 men affiliated with Al Qaeda on Sept. 11, 2001. The terrorist attacks that unfolded that day killed 2,977 people in New York, Washington D.C. and outside of Shanksville, Pa.

Monday, Sept. 11, 2017 marked the 16th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks and offered a time for reflection and remembrance. Jody Folk of Berks County, Pa. reflected on the devastating day in history that changed the lives of many people forever.

At the time of 9/11, Jody Folk worked as a trader for Lehman Brothers, a global financial services firm with headquarters in New York City, NY. He worked on the seventh floor of the American Express Tower on 52nd and Park Avenue, directly across from the World Trade Center.

Jody and his wife, Ri Folk lived locally in an apartment on 59th Street and Second Avenue of Manhattan. He remembers enjoying his peaceful 10 minute stroll from their apartment to work that day.

"It was a beautiful Tuesday morning. It was bright, sunny and all blue skies," Folk said. "To this day, I still remember looking at Second Avenue when everything was normal."

What seemed to be a usual busy day at the trading desk, turned out to be a day that Folk would never forget. Folk described his workspace as an open, football sized room with employees at different computers and large television screens all over.

"My assistant and I were sitting there and saw that CNBC news was on, and they showed that a plane went through the World Trade Center," Folk said.

At 8:46 a.m. on Sept. 11, 2001, the hijacked American Airlines Flight 11 struck the north tower of World Trade Center setting it afire and leaving a hole in the building.

Just moments after viewing this unsettling coverage on television, Folk made a phone call to his wife who just got off of the subway.

"I called Ri right away because she worked two blocks south of the World Trade Center at the New York Hospital. Already with just the one plane in there, I just had a feeling something wasn't right," Folk said.

At 9:03 a.m. on Sept. 11, 2001, another hijacked airliner, United Airlines Flight 175 crashed into the south tower of the World Trade Center causing an explosion.

"As I was watching the news, they showed the second plane go flying in, and then of course we knew that something was really going on," Folk said.

He remembers how everyone on the trading floor was concerned and upset, as many of them had family or friends who worked in the World Trade Center.

"There was chaos on the trading floor because for lot of people their husbands worked at one place and their wives might have worked at another firm," Folk said.

By 9:43 a.m. on Sept. 11, 2001, the American Airlines Flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon, sending smoke billowing into the air.

"At that point, people started to really break down on the trading floor. They were screaming and people were crying," Folk said. "I half expected buildings nearby to start collapsing. We thought we were under some kind of attack and that people were going to continue dropping bombs on the city," Folk said.

Around 10 a.m. on Sept. 11, 2001, everyone at Lehman Brothers was told to leave work and go home.

"I went out into the street and I was right on Park Avenue, and it was just waves of people at that point just walking down the avenue in silence. I don't remember hardly any cars being on the streets. There were just masses of people walking up the avenues, and every once in awhile you would hear somebody break down and



cry or scream. People just started to jump out the windows. That part of it was just horrible," Folk said.

The south tower collapsed at 10:05 a.m. on Sept. 11, 2001. By 10:28 a.m., the north tower had collapsed from the top down flooding the streets with more smoke and debris.

"When those two towers collapsed, I felt like part of the city was lost. I felt like part of our country was lost," Folk said.

Years before 9/11, Folk worked on the 101st floor of the World Trade Center. The individuals who worked in the World Trade Center and the towers themselves meant a lot to Folk.

"The year prior to 9/11, I almost took another job at Cantor Fitzgerald's in the World Trade Center, which was a firm that really lost almost all of their employees," Folk said.

He lost quite a few friends who worked at that firm. However, he was able to connect

Design by Todd Espenshade with one severely injured survivor who worked at Cantor Fitzgerald. Folk met Lauren Manning through a mutual doctor in New York. Folk was battling skin cancer at the time while Manning was receiving treatment for the catastrophic burns on her body from the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Over 82 percent of her body was burned, leaving her battling for her life.

"I'll never forget what a great attitude she had," Folk said.

To this day, 9/11 is a very emotional day for Folk like many others. It is a day of remembrance and a time for honoring the lives of loved ones lost.

"We have a duty to devote at least a small portion of our daily lives to ensuring that neither America nor the world ever forgets September 11," Senator Bill Frist said.



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RECIPE OF THE WEEK:

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 bananas
- 1/2 cup chocolate chips
- 1 tsp coconut oil
- 2 graham crackers
- 3 large marshmallows

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Slice bananas into 10 slices.
2. Crush the graham crackers in a sealed plastic bag.
3. Melt the chocolate chips with the coconut oil in the microwave for 1 minute, in 30 second intervals.
4. Coat the bananas with chocolate, and lay them on wax paper on a baking sheet.
5. Sprinkle with graham crumbs.
6. Freeze for 20 minutes. Then sandwich 2 banana slices together with melted marshmallows. Enjoy!!

S'mores Banana Bites



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'Colonels Don't Stand By' program aims to empower students

By Shannon O'Connor
Staff Writer

Sexual misconduct on college campuses is widely considered an issue plaguing the nation. Wilkes University aims to take a stand against this injustice, and is working to empower students with the Colonels Don't Stand By program.

The program was started in 2014 by Associate Dean Philip J. Ruthkosky and a member of the Prevention Education Specialists at the Victim's Resource Center. It was originally an initiative to promote bystander awareness, but has grown into an important program.

One of the main components of the program is the Bystander Intervention Program. Title IX coordinator Samantha Hart said, "[This is] a program that is geared toward empowering students, faculty and staff to take accountability in being part of the educational prevention, and the response, of sexual assaults that are occurring, not only on our campus, but nationwide."

During Welcome Weekend, incoming freshmen listened to a presentation by a

member of the Victim's Resource Center. Students were informed how to safely help a person they may or may not know, and avoid a possible case of sexual violence and assault.

Freshmen viewed a video created by Wilkes students called Colonels Don't Stand By. This short film explains a story of two people, a man and a woman, at a party and the process of how sexual violence occurs. The video concludes by showing how bystanders can step in and save someone from a negative outcome.

Students who want to become involved in this prevention first hand program have the opportunity to go through a training process that will instruct them how to safely intervene in a situation that could potentially involve sexual misconduct.

"I think it is important that everyone recognizes that we have a problem with sexual assault and consent in general, and that everyone is responsible for fixing the issue," Kaitlin Yurko, a member of the bystander program said.

Students complete this training while accompanied by a faculty member and then begin the First Year Foundation courses. It

is important for students to be able to talk to another peer that they can relate to more than an administrator.

"[Peer lead discussions is] one of the goals of our program and one of my philosophies, ... it could be a more profound message to have it said directly from a peer," Ruthkosky said.

The peer led discussions allow students to become more vulnerable and engage in conversations they are not necessarily used to having.

"It shows students that their peers care about everyone's well being on campus, and that students are willing to take the time to promote Bystander Intervention," Maverick Reed, a member of the bystander program said.

Since most cases involving sexual violence are often personal and not openly discussed, "many of the successes of this program will go unseen," Ruthkosky said.

Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf launched a campaign known as "It's On Us," back in 2016. This is a movement that encourages everyone to take a pledge in ending sexual violence on college campuses. Wilkes University followed this pledge and

created another short film called "It's On Us" featuring students explaining that no matter who commits the acts, where they are committed, when they are committed, it's on us as a community to stop this violence. The message follows that it doesn't matter who the victim was, or whether we know them or not - students have to make a change, because they are colonels.

Ruthkosky said it is an ongoing issue and Wilkes University is making a huge effort to combat sexual violence. These programs will continue to help empower individuals in the Wilkes University community to take a stand against a pressing issue.

For students, faculty or staff interested in the Colonels Don't Stand By program, or in becoming peer trainers for the Bystander Intervention program please contact Associate Dean Philip J. Ruthkosky, Ph.D. at Philip.Ruthkosky@wilkes.edu or Samantha Hart at Samantha.Hart@wilkes.edu for more information and applications.



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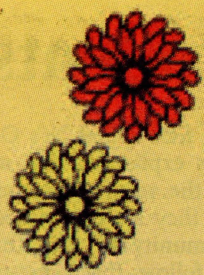
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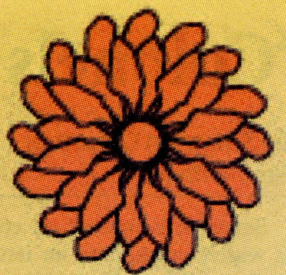
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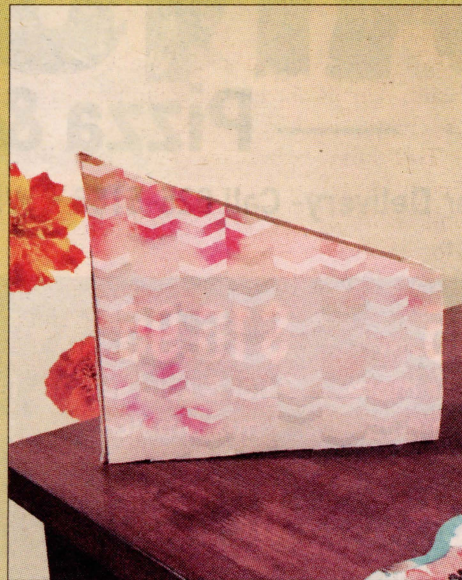


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- Scissors
- Glue
- Patterned Paper
- Colored Tape



Lash out, be bold and go gold this fall season



By Allyson Sebolka
Staff Writer

As the weather gets colder and leaves begin to change color, the shades of fall makeup trends are upon us. There is something for all to try.

Consider going bold this fall with metallic eyeshadows. They brighten up the face and make the eyes pop. To achieve this look, use a metallic shadow on the eyelid and apply eyeliner generously making sure to use enough product to keep the shadow from being too glittery. Physician's Formula gold highlighter bronze booster trio was used in this look.

As seen on the model, the darker liner is well blended down into the upper lashline. Use a flat brush. Make sure the brush is wet and apply the shadow at an angle pointing down towards the lashes. This is an important step to remember to tie the look together.

Another trend is the glowing eye trend, using very reflective colors on the eyes. One way to get the glowing eye without turning into a fairy is to use a highlighter as the shadow.

Shadow generally has a tight pigmentation. Makeup companies make the color more vibrant by adding a lot of metallics and glitter. Highlighter is a very loose pigmentation, making it easier to brush on more color. Take a thick eyelid brush and dampen it with a little water. Swirl the brush in the highlighter until it sticks and test the color on your hand. Continue these steps until you reach the desired color.

Another trend that never goes out of style is the dark lip. The vampire lip or a dark sultry lip pairs perfectly with the colors of the season.

"If it's the only thing peeking out from beneath a hat, you want it to make a statement," according to Glamour

Magazine.

To achieve the dark lip, use a matte lipstick in a dark burgundy or brown. For added volume, pair the lipstick with lip liner. Draw a very thin outline on the outside of the lips and be sure to blend well. An easy way to blend is to take the ring finger and just dab the liner. Make sure you are using a matte color because too much shine will break the illusion of a volumized lip. Apply a little bit of translucent powder on the lips to hold your look in place.

If you're looking for a little bit more lip volume, you can try out a home remedy to make the perfect plump pout. Take an old gloss bottle and add in petroleum jelly to fill about half the bottle. Petroleum jelly will make sure your lips stay soft. The next ingredient to add is peppermint extract. Rub the mixture over your lips. If done correctly, you will feel a tingling sensation on your lips.

Fall is also the perfect time for wispy lashes. The awake look is definitely a plus as school is back in session.

"Full false lashes on your lash line invariably make your eyes look larger and more awake," according to Good Housekeeping.

False lashes may seem daunting, but there are easy ways to apply them. Look for lashes that already have glue applied. You won't have to worry about putting on too much glue, or getting your eyelid stuck to your waterline. However be warned, these lashes tend to fall off easily, so avoid them on sweaty or rainy days.

There are also new lashes that use magnets to attach. These are more for the makeup buff as you generally have to touch your eye quite a bit to place correctly. The sets come with two lashes per eye. Take the designated lashes and hold them to your eye. One false lash will go under your

lashes and the other will go on top. Line up both sets and release. These lashes require no glue or mess, however you do need a steady hand.

Next, dark liner around the eyes is in the Balmain fall makeup collection. It has made quite the splash. This trend is perfect to get that doe-eyed cute style with a little edge.

Pulling off this trend is easy with a cute cat eye or a dark smokey eye. It is a great look for the pumpkin patch or a fun Halloween party.


To achieve this look, use a dark pencil to outline your lower lashline. Then take a liquid liner and create a cat eye. When finished make sure the two connect as this will make your eyes appear more shapely.

Another way you can get the dark liner look is to take an angled brush and use black eyeshadow on the bottom lashline. Take a smudging brush and work dark shadow into the outside crease and then use the angular brush to work the black shadow along the upper lash line.

This will give you a really deep, dark look. Perfect for those who like a little intensity to their makeup.

Gold is also huge this fall. From nails, to eyes, to highlighter, gold is glistening everywhere. Harper's Bazaar shows a basic example of this golden makeup. No mascara, a little color to the face and the bright golden eyes. Gold makes your eyes stand out and looks great with every skin tone.

For more information on fall makeup trends or if you are interested in any beauty or style topics being covered, contact Allyson Sebolka at allyson.sebolka@wilkes.edu.

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- Loreal Paris highlighter
- True Match illuminator: Ice the Lips
- NYX Matte liquid lipstick
- Christina Brand Wisp Lashes
- Physician's Formula Super BB Bronzer



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Samantha Lanunziata models some of the makeup trends for the fall season.

Wilkes University Club Day 2017

By Amanda Bialek
Life, Arts, Entertainment Editor

On Thursday, Sept. 7, more than 500 students gathered in the University Center on Main for the annual Wilkes University Club Day hosted by student government and student development. There were more than 90 clubs and organizations represented.

While exploring the various clubs offered, students also enjoyed a lunch of pasta alfredo, pulled pork sandwiches and a walking taco station.

"Club day is a showcase of all the things that Wilkes University has to offer for student life whether it's ROTC or student government, choral club, badminton club, everything is there for them to see and understand that we're not just a small liberal arts university. There are so many opportunities for them outside of the classroom," Cody Morcom, student body president said.

With so many clubs and organizations to choose from, there is something for every Colonel to participate in whether they live on campus or commute.

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Christian Fellowship Club



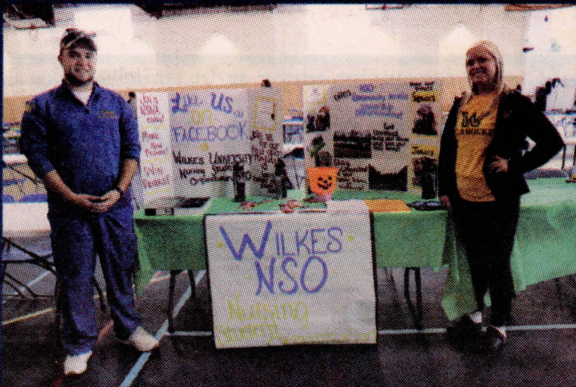
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Standing, from left: Alisha Black and Nicholas Fitzpatrick

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Standing, from left: Aaron Baratta and Jenna Skrinak

Phi Beta Lambda



Standing, from left: Amanda Willis, Shelby Trumbo, Eric Geiger, Brian Schumacher, Emily Sutton and Aislinn Speranza

We are all different, but together
as a team of Colonels we
fit together. 

 Find your missing piece
and join a club at Wilkes! 

Geo-Explore Club



Seated, from left: Ellen Weber, Mike O'Brien and Pat Lindmeier
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Music in a post-Chester Bennington world

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Linkin Park's main vocalist, Chester Bennington, committed suicide on July 20, 2017. Also on this date was Soundgarden's vocalist Chris Cornell's 53rd birthday, who was close friends with Bennington and who also committed suicide the same way about two months prior to Bennington.

There are no definitive reasons why he took his life, but his anger and sadness has consumed his music from the beginning. Albums like Hybrid Theory, Meteora, Minutes to Midnight and A Thousand Suns were full of these emotions. However, I listened to these albums religiously about a decade ago and was too young to understand the intensity of his lyrics.

In a post-Chester Bennington world, Linkin Park's new album One More Light finds new meaning.

The album was released on May 19, 2017, and was mostly unpopular. One of the only popular songs was "Heavy" featuring Kiiara, which played on popular radio stations. People criticized the album for being too mainstream, but I believe that this is their best album to date.

I will go through all 10 songs off of the album, discuss my favorite lyrics and explain why I like each song.



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Bennington

Nobody Can Save Me

"I'm chasing out the darkness, inside. And I don't want to let you down, but only I can save me. I've been searching somewhere out there for what's been missing right here." Personally this is my favorite song on the album because of how clear the message is. These lyrics best describe how he was feeling at this point in his life. This song has mostly a rock song resemblance, but still includes some intricate beats.

Halfway Right

"All you said to do was slow down, but I was already gone. I scream at myself when

there's nobody else to fight." This is an interesting song, and these are the lyrics to the chorus. His verses are slow and it tells a short story that ends with, "then I woke up driving my car." This song is difficult to understand, but there is a lot of meaning to it. The contrast in the powerful chorus followed by a choir gives the song a nostalgic feeling.

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Sharp Edges

"Should've played it safer from the start. I loved you like a house of cards, then let it fall apart. All of the things I couldn't understand, never could have planned, they made who I am." Here's another song that when taken literally is about death and despair. It has a light beat to it, and a very catchy chorus. Towards the end of the song, he begins to sing, "We all fall down, we live somehow, we learn what doesn't kill us makes us stronger." This is another favorite.

Sorry For Now

"Best things come to those who wait, and it's bound to get rough on any road you take. But don't you ever have a doubt and make no mistake, I can't wait to come back when I'm going away." This song is different than most Linkin Park's music. Linkin Park's other vocalist, Mike Shinoda, sings on this song instead of his usual rapping, and these quotes come from last verse from Bennington. Shinoda's voice on the chorus and the computerized beat drops are worth listening to.

Battle Symphony

"If I fall, get knocked down, I'll pick myself up off the ground." This song is very catchy and Bennington sings the chorus beautifully. These lyrics are repeated as a verse at the end of the song, and relates to his life again. Most people can relate to it. Also, there is this computerized turn-table like sound on the intro and outro that is just awesome.

Invisible

"I was not mad at you. I was not trying to tear you down. The words that I could've used, I was too scared to say out loud. If I cannot break your fall, I'll pick you up right off the ground. If you felt invisible, I won't let you feel that now." The message is direct. This was sung by Shinoda, and is very relatable. It is a lot like Sorry For Now, and has more of rock-type beat drops rather than a computerized beat drop. Overall, this song has great meaning and musical appeal.

Talking To Myself

"And the truth is: you turned into someone else. You keep running like the sky is falling. I could whisper, I can yell but I know that I'm just talking to myself." This song is the closest to Linkin Park's old music. It is definitely a rock song, and captures the old anger that Bennington used to express in his old hard rock songs. Talking To Myself is a bit of an

earworm.

One More Light

"Who cares if one more light goes out in the sky of million stars? It flickers, flickers. Who cares if someone's time runs out, if a moment is all we are. We're quicker, quicker. Who cares if one more light goes out? Well, I do." Bennington dedicated a performance of this song to Chris Cornell, which is a sign that his death really affected him. This song is slow with a lot of depth in the lyrics. A light guitar solo at the end completes the mood of the song, and that compliments Bennington's voice.

Heavy

"I'm holding on, why is everything so heavy? Holding on, to so much more than I can carry. I keep dragging around what's bringing me down, if I just let go I'd be set free." This is clearly the most popular song on the album. There is a slight pop and rock feel to the song, and a Kiiara high voice in contrast to Bennington's makes for a great duet. I enjoy the energy from both artists who both have powerful voices.

Good Goodbye


"Say goodbye and hit the road. Pack it up and disappear. You better have some place to go, because you can't come back around here. Good goodbye." This song seems like

it doesn't belong on this album. Bennington sings these lyrics for the chorus in his normal way but then Shinoda, Pusha T and Stormzy each have a verse that they rap. It is interesting to listen to them delve into different genres.

The problem with Linkin Park's new album is that people were unaware of its existence. Bennington's death made national news and suddenly people started to listen to their music again. Linkin Park and Bennington meant so much to me that his death inspired me to enjoy his music again in a way that I could not before.

I would recommend anyone who has ever enjoyed a Linkin Park song to listen to this album. Kory Grow who wrote, Chester Bennington's Last Days: Linkin Park Singer's Mix of Hope, Heaviness in the Rolling Stone put into context:

"Bennington's death is still resonating among his fans, who experienced a shock wave when the news reached the public. The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline says it received a 14 percent spike in calls on the day after the news broke."

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Suicide Prevention

Some Warning Signs:

- Verbal suicide threats such as, "You'd be better off without me." or "Maybe I won't be around"
- Expressions of hopelessness and helplessness
- Personality changes
- Depression
- Lack of interest in future plans

Statistics:

- Suicide is the tenth leading cause of death in the US, accounting for more than 1% of all deaths. It is the second leading cause of death among people ages 15-24.
- More years of life are lost to suicide than to any other single cause except heart disease and cancer.
- 44,000 Americans die by suicide each year.
- Suicide rates are highest among adults between 45 and 64 at 19.6 percent. The second highest rate is 19.4 among those 85 years or older.
- The rate of completed suicide among men with alcohol/drug abuse problems is 2-3 times higher than among those without a problem.
- Women who abuse substances are at 6-9 times higher risk of suicide compared to women who do not.

A suicide attempt is a clear indication that something is gravely wrong in a person's life. No matter the race or age of the person; how rich or poor they are, it is true that most people who die by suicide have a mental or emotional disorder. The most common underlying disorder is depression. 30% to 70% of suicide victims suffer from major depression or bipolar (manic-depressive) disorder.

If you or someone that you know is contemplating suicide, please reach out the National Suicide Prevention Hotline that is available 24 hours a day at **1-800-273-8255**

Source: Mental Health America, <http://www.mentalhealthamerica.net/suicide>

PPL Electric Utilities: Six ways to save energy and money

By Alana Roberts
Guest Writer

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Welcome back to school! This is always a time of year when college students and campuses are full of excitement and energy.

Speaking of energy, you'll probably use plenty of it in the year to come, in between computers, table lamps, cell phones, TVs, hair dryers, and other daily must-haves.

We've compiled six energy-saving tips aimed specifically at college students. Whether you're living off-campus or in a dorm, there's something here that can help you save.

Those of you who are on the hook for a monthly energy bill can put the money saved to good use. And even if you're not directly paying an electric bill, it's still good for the planet to reduce the amount of

energy you use. So check out these tips and see how they can help you:

1. **Don't waste your cool.**

Electric fans cool people, not rooms. So if you're leaving a room for a while, turn off your fan. There's no benefit to running a fan unless someone's there to sit nearby.

2. **Keep vents clear.**

Do you have one of those rooms with clothes, books and papers everywhere? It's OK, we won't judge. But you'll want to make sure your stuff isn't blocking the heating and cooling vents, because then the system has to work harder and use more energy to heat or cool your room.

3. **Use smart power strips.**

Some appliances continue to draw power when plugged in, even if they're not being actively used. Examples include some printers, DVD players and computers. This stealthy demand is called "phantom power" or "vampire power," and it can account for up to 10 percent of power use in some homes.

Smart power strips will automatically shut down power to devices that go into standby

mode, then restore electricity when the devices are switched on. Smart power strips save energy, and are much more convenient than unplugging the appliances by hand.

4. **Go slow and save.**

Slow cookers are probably a no-no in dorm rooms. But if you have an off-campus house or apartment, they're worth looking into, since they use less energy than the stove and oven.

Slow cookers are convenient: You can fill them with ingredients in the morning, go out and about during the day, and come home to a cooked meal at night. Plus, the larger ones can hold enough food to let you entertain a couple of friends. And they're relatively cheap, running anywhere between \$25 and \$50 online.

(No slow cooker? Make friends with your microwave, which also uses less energy than the stove and oven.)

5. **Consider LED bulbs.**

It's true that LED light bulbs are more expensive than traditional incandescent bulbs, and on a tight college budget, they might not be an option.

If you're in a position to use LEDs, though, you'll benefit in energy and money savings. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, residential LEDs use at least 75 percent less energy than incandescents and can last up to 25 times longer. So it's worth looking into LEDs, even if you can't replace every bulb. (Also, PPL offers instant discounts on LEDs at some retailers. You can find the nearest retailer at www.pplelectric.com/retailers.)

6. **Don't leave stuff on.**

It's the oldest, simplest energy-saving tip in the book – but it's still something most of us don't follow as closely as we could.

Turn off lights, computers or appliances if they're not really serving a purpose by being on. Also, turn things off when you leave your apartment, house or dorm room, just in case life takes you in a different direction and you don't return as quickly as you expected.

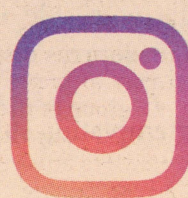
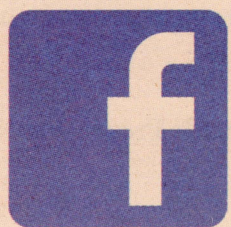
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'We all float down here': Stephen King's 'It' movie reimaged



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By Nick Filipek
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Though many would agree that summer ends when the wave of "pumpkin spice" infused beverages and snacks hit the market, this summer seems to have squeezed out one last blockbuster gem with the reimaging of Stephen King's "IT".

In a world full of reboots and reimaged visions, many projects in Hollywood are deemed unnecessary or unwanted. Films like this however show that a "facelift," if done properly, can not only satisfy the original cult lovers of a franchise but reel in an entirely new audience for years to come.

With high ticket sales across the country for the entire opening weekend, sold days before the projectors even started rolling, the "buzz" on this flick has skyrocketed. After viewing it myself in a sold out theater,

on a Thursday no less, I can see why this terrifying triumph of a film has everyone uneasy around clowns again.

For those unfamiliar with the property in any respect, it's always best to start at the source material. Stephen King released his 18th novel "IT" in September of 1986, where it eventually took the top spot on Publishers Weekly bestselling book list in America that same year. Just under four years later a four hour, two episode miniseries aired to mixed reactions from fans.

The miniseries desperately tried to switch from past to present smoothly to tell the tale of a group of friends who must destroy "IT" and 30 years later must return to their hometown to finish the job.

Like its feature film counterpart, the original had one element that made the story somewhat relatable, and that's the young talent. The main cast of seven

children sold their fear and motivations far better than their adult counterparts do. It seems like there was no director on set for the "adult days" seeing as all the actors throw themselves so far into horrible melodrama that you can't believe someone was watching and got paid for this.

To make things worse, as these actors overacted, there was cheesy 90's background music the whole time making it a task to sit and watch. The only adult seeming to not to phone in his performance is Tim Curry who played the spooky dancing clown Pennywise. His look and feel of the character would go on to frighten children and adults alike for years to come.

Most likely it was his performance that inspired the start of many cases of coulrophobia, fear of clowns. As a child I wouldn't even look at the box let alone be brave enough to actually try to rent it from Blockbuster. If only I had known then that the movie would end so anticlimactically with the use of horrible effects - yes even for the 90's - and a bike ride.

A copy of the book can be found on the second floor of the Farley Library, as well as the 1990 TV Movie on the first floor.

This new iteration, directed by Andy Muschietti, known for directing the 2014 Film "Mama," takes a new approach to telling the story. Instead of trying to fumble between the past and present, this new version strictly focuses on the seven kids in their attempt to destroy the evil that plagues their town of Derry, Maine.

These seven child actors do such an incredible job bringing their characters to life and keeping viewers interested throughout the whole movie. Not once do any of them come across as naive or whiny like most roles tend to portray children in the horror genre. They all deserve recognition and should be watched out for in future films or as future titans of the industry.

Jaeden Lieberher ("St. Vincent"), Jeremy Ray Taylor, Sophia Lillis ("37"), Chosen Jacobs, Jack Dylan Grazer, Wyatt Oleff ("Guardians of the Galaxy") and Finn Wolfhard ("Stranger Things") are the reason this movie works, and works so well.

Bravo to all of them.


It was especially gratifying to see Finn Wolfhard, who you might recognize from the Netflix original series "Stranger Things," get to play a complete one-eighty from the role that made him famous.

Last but certainly not least is Mr. Bill Skarsgard ("Atomic Blonde") who picks up the mantle of Pennywise. It was already a massive undertaking to redesign the clown that launched a million sleepless nights, but to actually embody evil incarnate is next to impossible.

Skarsgard is absolutely terrifying and crushes the role in every sense. From his first moment on screen to his last, there is not a light moment as long as he is on screen, something Tim Curry couldn't always avoid. Skarsgard's performance gives the whole movie the weight it needs to work and is another performer who should be watched carefully for greatness.

The best part about this movie was the ending, and that's not what it sounds like. At the end they confirm that the story of the adult versions of the seven characters will return to face down the clown in part two. This seems like a much smarter plan than trying to go back and forth, and not to mention, Hollywood loves a good sequel. It's also safe to say that if all the players stay in place for the sequel it actually could be a better than the original.

I give this movie four out of five red balloons and encourage everyone to go out and see it.

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Nick's Rating: 4/5 Red Balloons



Is summer break really a break for college students?

By Andre Spruell
Opinion Editor

No matter what grade level a student is, we all have one thing in common: looking forward to the summer.

Students love the summer for the sole fact that there is no school, and it is essentially a three month vacation. It also helps that while not going to school in the summertime, the weather is nice enough to do things like go to the beach or hop in a friend's pool.

Despite all the fun activities people can do in the summer that they cannot do in any other season, for many college students, summer break is not really much of a break.

Here are some reasons why:

1. Summer Job

Working during the summer is common for most students. The biggest reason is because college is too expensive. Most students work to help pay for school necessities like books, tuition, and even rent for students living off campus.

Despite working countless hours during the summer, most jobs do not pay enough for students to cover all their college expenses in most cases.

Even though most students do not make enough money to cover all of their expenses, the saying "something is better than nothing" defines why most college students have summer jobs. Being able to cover some expenses is better than not being able to cover any.

In most cases, this is the activity that takes up most of college students' time during the summer, which is the biggest factor as to why summer break is not really much of a break.

2. Internships

I could have included this under the job category, but it needed its own section.

The point of going to college is to have the opportunity to study for four or more years to obtain a degree in order to work in the profession that students have put countless hours of studying and thousands of dollars into to preparing for.

Although school prepares students for what to expect in their respective fields, it is stressed for students to take internships. This is the case because internships provide the real world experience that professors simply cannot teach in college.

I am also of the mindset that internships are extremely important because by interning, a student can see first hand whether they want to pursue that profession after graduating or switch majors because they realize that they are not cut out for the profession.

Also in some cases, there are students that have a regular paying job as well as having an internship because most internships do not pay but instead offer experience.

3. Summer School

Recently, this has become common among many college students.

The most common reason why students take summer classes is to catch up on credits they did not gain through classes. Students also take summer classes to graduate ahead of schedule or on schedule to those who fell behind with classes or those who joined college at a later age. Another reason is for college students to get credit during summer internships.

This ties in with a summer job because taking summer classes are an added expense for college students, on top of all of their other school expenses. Just like everything else in college, summer classes also tend to be expensive for most students.

As a result, if students have to take summer classes, the cheaper alternative is to take classes at their local community college because they might save hundreds of dollars at a less expensive institution.

4. Athletics

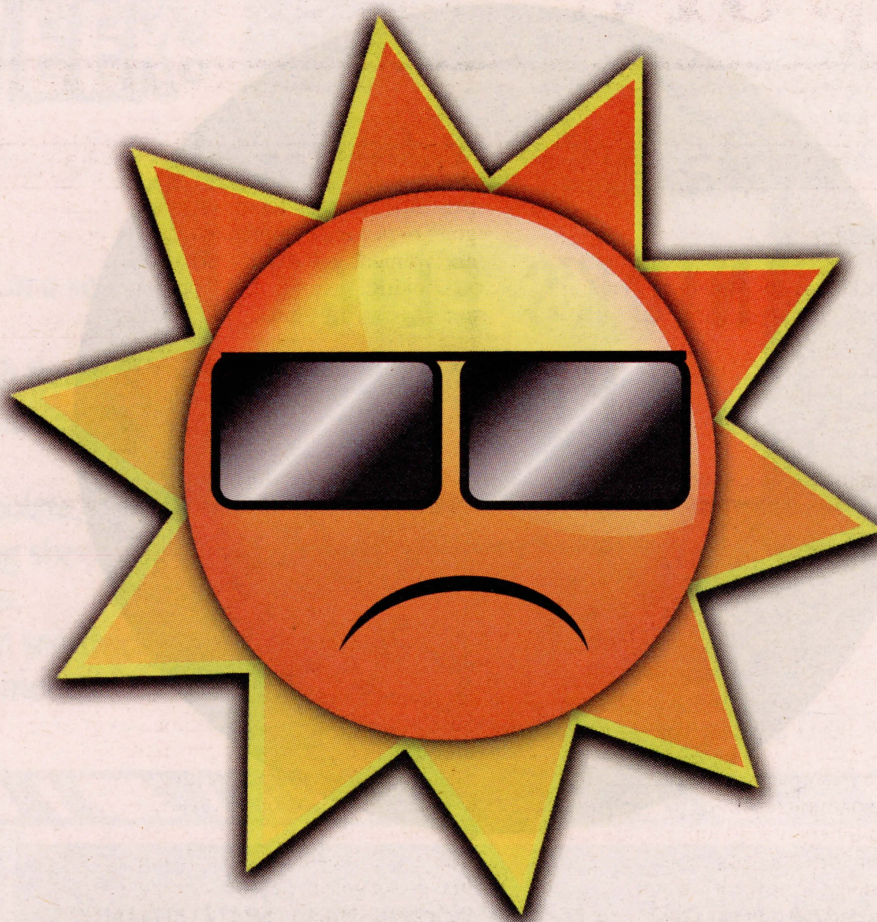
For collegiate student-athletes summer break is not a time to just sit around and soak up the sun for three months.

Summertime is a critical time for student-athletes because is a time for them to hone their skills and get better. No matter whether their respective sport is in the fall, winter or spring, being in shape during the summer makes them better prepared for their season.

Coaches will send out texts during the summer to check on their teams to remind them to not forget about their sport. I know this to be true because my coach, Izzi Metz, constantly remains in contact with the team throughout the summer to remind us to continue to work hard in order to achieve our team goals.

Although most college students truly do not have a real "summer break," we must not forget to enjoy our break as well because at the end of day, it is summertime. In order for college students to truly enjoy their summer break, they must find the balance between taking care of their responsibilities and having fun with family and friends.

Despite having summer jobs, internships, summer school and/or athletic responsibilities, find that balance and next summer will truly feel how it is supposed to be.



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Wilkes recruiting efforts bring 84 student athletes to fall teams

By Luke Modrovsky
Sports Editor

Wilkes University Athletics kicked off their fall sports season on Sept. 1. They also welcomed a class of 84 freshman recruits to campus for the 2017 fall semester (as of a 9/9 roster update).

Crunching the numbers, football naturally leads the total number of freshmen on their roster at 42. What might come as a surprise is the percentage of freshmen on their entire roster. Forty six percent of their entire roster consists of first year student-athletes. Comparing to the rest of the fall athletic programs, they only trail behind men's tennis (52 percent). Women's golf is the only fall athletic team without a freshman listed on its roster.

The remaining freshmen percentage of total roster numbers are as follows: men's soccer (33 percent), men's cross country (33 percent), field hockey (32 percent), women's volleyball (29 percent), women's cross country (22

percent), women's tennis (20 percent), men's golf (14 percent), women's soccer (13 percent) and women's golf (0 percent).

Looking across the programs, some

freshmen will find it easier to find a starting job on their particular team. According to data and recent history, the toughest starting job to land is in the women's soccer program. After their run ended in the Middle Atlantic

Conference Freedom tournament last season, Coach Sumoski and his Lady Colonels are destined for a hungry return with a talented roster of 31 players this season.

Some freshmen have already begun their contributions. Lady Colonel soccer player Catherine Gregoire wasted no time netting her first career goal in her first career game against Penn State Berks on Sept. 1. On the men's side,

Lucas Snedeker tallied an assist with Danny McGinley and Jeffrey Eager-Heffner finding the back of the net in their first few games as Colonels, McGinley once and Eager-Heffner

twice. Field hockey turf monsters Zoe Stepanski and Ali Dunn have also made notable contributions on the score sheet. Stepanski has one goal and one assist and Dunn has one goal and two assists.

These freshmen have hit the ground running in an attempt to gain or keep a starting position. Although team camp can give a head coach an idea of what an athlete is capable of, there is no substitute for game conditions during the course of a season. Anyone can make a wide open shot during practice.

Men's soccer, field hockey, women's volleyball and women's soccer will look to

utilize the incoming class's skills to qualify for a MAC Freedom tournament bid while Colonel Football will compete with the Class of 2021 in a combined MAC schedule.

Men's and women's tennis will look to hone their recruits' skills prior to beginning their traditional MAC Freedom schedule in the spring. Men's and women's cross country will utilize their young student-athletes in a series on invitational before competing in the MAC Championships in October. Lastly, men's golf will play six matches and one invitational before testing their team at the MAC Freedom Championships in April.

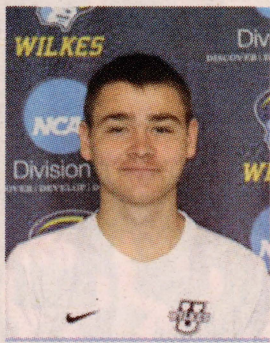
Here's to the next four years for these up-and-comers and as the saying from *The Hunger Games* goes, "Let the games begins" and "May the odds be ever in your favor."



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Gregoire



Eager-Heffner
Photos Courtesy of Wilkes Athletics



Dunn



Wilkes Fall Sports Schedules

Field Hockey

x-9/2 vs. Susquehanna, L 3-4/OT
x-9/3 vs. Ithaca, L 1-2
9/6 vs. Marywood, W 4-3/OT
9/9 @ Arcadia, L 2-5
9/13 vs. Keystone, 4:00 P.M.
9/18 vs. Alvernia, 12:00 P.M.
9/19 vs. Moravian, 7:00 P.M.
*9/23 @ Eastern, 12:00 P.M.
9/26 @ U. of Scranton, 7:00 P.M.
*9/30 @ FDU-Florham, 11:00 A.M.
10/4 vs. Elizabethtown, 7:00 P.M.
*10/7 vs. Desales, 5:00 P.M.
10/11 @ Widener, 7:00 P.M.
*10/14 vs. Manhattanville, 12:00 P.M.
*10/18 @ King's, 7:00 P.M.
*10/21 vs. Del. Valley, 11:30 A.M.
*10/26 vs. Misericordia, 7:00 P.M.
*MAC Freedom
x-Connie Harnum Classic (4th place)
Record: 1-3 (MAC-F 0-0)
Home games @ Schmidt Stadium

Football

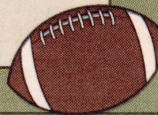
9/2 @ Muhlenberg, L 19-62
*9/9 vs. Lebanon Valley, L 0-36
*9/15 vs. Delaware Valley, 7:00 P.M.
*9/23 @ Misericordia, 1:00 P.M.
*9/30 @ Lycoming, 1:00 P.M.
*x-10/7 vs. Widener, 1:00 P.M.
*10/21 @ FDU-Florham, 1:00 P.M.
*10/28 @ Albright, 1:00 P.M.
*11/4 vs. Stevenson, 12:00 P.M.
*y-11/11 @ King's, 12:00 P.M.
*MAC
x-Homecoming
y-Mayor's Cup
Record: 0-2 (MAC 0-1)
Home games @ Schmidt Stadium

Men's Soccer

9/1 vs. PSU-Berks, W 3-2
9/3 vs. Marywood, L 0-1
9/5 @ Valley Forge, W 5-0
9/9 @ Moravian, L 0-1
9/14 @ Summit, 4:00 P.M.
9/16 @ Lebanon Valley, 4:00 P.M.
9/20 vs. Susquehanna, 7:00 P.M.
9/23 vs. Stevenson, 3:30 P.M.
9/27 @ U. of Scranton, 7:00 P.M.
*9/30 @ Delaware Valley, 2:30 P.M.
10/4 vs. Lancaster Bible, 4:00 P.M.
*10/7 vs. FDU-Florham, 7:00 P.M.
*10/17 @ Misericordia, 7:00 P.M.
*10/21 vs. Eastern, 2:00 P.M.
10/25 vs. Penn College, 7:00 P.M.
*10/28 @ Manhattanville, 3:30 P.M.
*MAC Freedom
Record: 2-2 (MAC-F 0-0)
Home matches @ Schmidt Stadium

Women's Soccer

9/1 vs. PSU-Berks, T 1-1/2OT
9/4 vs. Muhlenberg, W 2-1
9/9 @ Marywood, W 5-3
9/13 vs. William Patterson, 7:00 P.M.
9/16 vs. Penn College, 2:30 P.M.
9/20 @ Susquehanna, 7:00 P.M.
9/23 vs. Arcadia, 1:00 P.M.
9/26 @ U. of Scranton, 4:30 P.M.
*9/29 @ Delaware Valley, 7:00 P.M.
10/3 @ Stockton, 5:00 P.M.
*10/6 vs. FDU-Florham, 7:00 P.M.
*10/10 vs. King's, 4:30 P.M.
*10/14 @ Desales, 1:00 P.M.
*10/18 @ Misericordia, 6:30 P.M.
*10/21 vs. Eastern, 4:30 P.M.
10/24 @ SUNY-Cortland, 7:00 P.M.
*10/28 @ Manhattanville, 1:00 P.M.
*MAC Freedom
Record: 2-0-1 (MAC-F 0-0)
Home matches @ Schmidt Stadium



Women's volleyball competes in San Juan

By Ashton Gyenizs
Asst. Sports Editor

The Wilkes women's volleyball team travelled to San Juan, Puerto Rico this past week in search of new competition. The trip also served as a way to strengthen the bonds between the members of the team as well as experience a new culture.

On day one of the competition in Puerto Rico, the Lady Colonels took on Widener University. Wilkes took the loss after three close sets that went in the favor of Widener. Game two of day one, was more of the same as Wilkes took another straight set loss from the Eagles of Bridgewater College.

On day two, the team first faced off against Wesley College. Wilkes dropped the first set, but won the second in a close score of 25 - 23. The last two sets went in favor of Wesley to result in a loss for the Lady Colonels.

Wilkes' fourth match in Puerto Rico was against Simpson College. That match was all Simpson, as they defeated the Lady Colonels three sets to none.

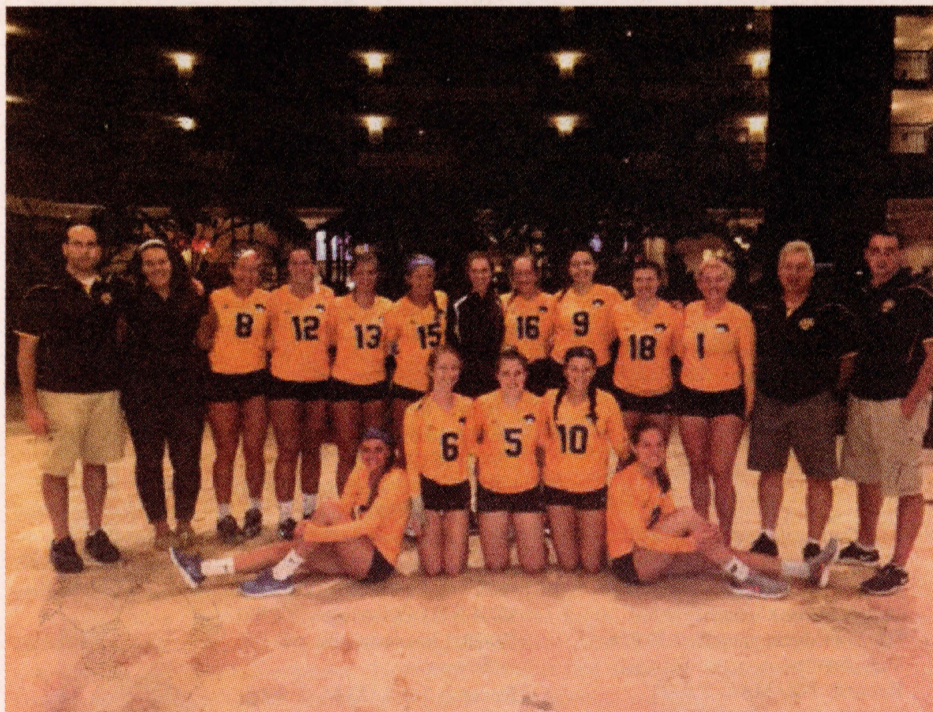
While Wilkes women's volleyball returned home winless, they returned as a closer and stronger unit than when they left.

"I think this trip was definitely a great bonding experience for our team and a good way to start off our season," said senior captain Madison Scarfaro.



Courtesy of Head Coach Joe Czopek

The volleyball team visited the Old San Juan's capitol building and the beach in their off time from games to experience the culture of San Juan, Puerto Rico.



Courtesy of Head Coach Joe Czopek

The Wilkes Women's Volleyball team gathered in uniform for a picture in Puerto Rico.

Outside of competition, the team got a chance to explore and learn about the culture of San Juan, Puerto Rico. As a group, they enjoyed touring the city visiting sights such as Old San Juan's capitol building. They also enjoyed relaxing trips to the beach in their off time.

To the members of the team, going to Puerto Rico was about more than just the sport of volleyball.


"Not only did we play volleyball in an entirely new setting against some good teams," said Scarfaro, "but we were also able to experience the Puerto Rican culture."

While the main focus of this trip was to see some good competition and play volleyball in a unique location, the team got more out of their trip to Puerto Rico than that.

Alongside playing some challenging teams, the Lady Colonel volleyball team gained knowledge and understanding of a different culture.

On top of that, they grew closer as a team which will help in the long run as their season progresses.

On Wednesday, Sept. 13, the volleyball team will face off with Eastern at their first home and conference match.

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Field Hockey defeats Marywood in OT with goal from Megan Kane

By Danny Van Brunt
Managing Editor

The Wilkes field hockey team defeated Marywood University at Schmidt stadium in an overtime 4-3 victory for their first win of the season and Head Coach Sara Myers' 100th career win.

Wilkes University's Ali Dunn scored a goal at 4:18, assisted by Zoe Stepanski to take an early 1-0 lead. Marissa Surdy followed with a goal just before the first half ended on an assist from Megan Kane at 33:28.

Marywood finally turned the corner in the second half. Jenna Dickey was assisted by Gwyneth Gleason for an early second half goal. Shortly after, Marywood's Karly Kaminsky tied the game at 49:53.

The Lady Colonels briefly took the lead with another goal by Surdy assisted by Haley Gayoski, but only five minutes later, Lindsey Gladden from Marywood scored a goal at 61:20 from Meredith Yozwiak to send the game into overtime.

To end the game, Kane scored the game-ending goal from Dunn at 79:18.

"We have the mentality that we want to score on every single corner. Haley Gayoski shot the ball, I lifted it to Marissa Surdy and she found the back of the net," said junior Kane. "It was so exiting to score the game winning goal. It was a great pass from

freshman Ali Dunn, and it was so exciting when the whole team came out to celebrate our first win on our home field."

The Wilkes field hockey team lost their first two games at the Connie Harnum Classic against Susquehanna University and Ithaca College. Wilkes defeated Marywood for their first win and then dropped the game against Arcadia University, which leaves Wilkes University (1-3).

Wilkes University will play their next three games at home. On Sept. 13, Wilkes will face Keystone College. On Sept. 16, Wilkes will face Alvernia University and on Sept. 19, they will face Moravian College.

Wilkes 4, Marywood 3

Marywood University '0'3'0 — '3
Wilkes University '2'1'1 — '4

First half — 1. WIL, Ali Dunn (Zoe Stepanski), 4:18; 2. WIL, Marissa Surdy (Megan Kane). Second half — 3. MAR, Jenna Dickey (Gwyneth Gleason), 35:49; 4. MAR, Karly Kaminsky, 49:53; 5. WIL, Surdy (Haley Gayoski), 55:33; 6. MAR, Lindsey Gladden (Meredith Yozwiak), 61:20; 7. WIL, Kane (Dunn), 79:18.

Shots — MAR 14; WIL 16. Saves — MAR 9 (Kerri Mountz); WIL 7 (Dallas Kendra). Penalty Corners — MAR 9; WIL 4.

Colonel athletics in brief

Sept. 1

MSOC: Junior Camry Huff's hat trick earns Head Coach Mike Piranian his first win as head coach in victory over PSU-Berks, 3-2.

WSOC: Freshman Catherine Gregoire scores in her first career game as the Lady Colonels draw 1-1 against PSU-Berks in the season opener and home opener at Schmidt Stadium.

WXC: Team takes 7th at Misericordia Invitational. Freshman Autumn Pedron leads Lady Colonels with time of 18:45.1.

MXC: Team takes 8th at Misericordia Invitational. Sophomore Franco Balbuena leads team with time of 17:19.5.

Sept. 2

FB: Colonels fall 62-19 to Muhlenberg in non-conference action. Sophomore QB Jose Tabora finishes 23-for-35 for 195 yards and three touchdowns.

FH: Lady Colonels drop opener in the Connie Harnum Classic against Susquehanna 4-3. Freshman Zoe Stepanski, senior Keighlyn Oliver, and junior Megan Kane land shots in the back of the cage in the loss.

WVB: Women's volleyball drops two matches in Puerto Rico Classic, in San Juan. They lost their opening day matches to Widener and Bridgewater, each in straight sets.

Sept. 3

FH: Lady Colonels fall in consolation game to Ithaca, 2-1. Sophomore Amber Grohowski scores first career goal.

MSOC: Men's soccer shutout in 1-0 loss to Marywood. Senior Tim Gallagher made nine saves as the netminder.

WVB: Lady Colonels drop two on second day of PR Classic. Wilkes took a set against Wesley to lose 3-1, while dropping straight sets to Simpson.

Sept. 4

WSOC: Lady Colonels earn first win against Muhlenberg, 2-1. Seniors Dianna Connor and Elena Denger each scored once.

Sept. 5

MSOC: Jeffrey Eager-Heffner (2), Col Hefner (1), Camry Huff (1) and Danny McGinley (1) all score in a 5-0 rout of Valley Forge.

Sept. 6

FH: Sophomore Megan Kane scores OT winner to help give Head Coach Sara Myers her 100th career victory. Senior Marissa Surdy scores twice and freshman Ali Dunn nets one.

Sept. 7

WVB: Junior Shayna Fehrle's 17 digs help down Clarks Summit, 3-1. Senior Alexis Morgan tallied season high 34 assists.

Sept. 9

FH: Senior Marissa Surdy scores twice in a 5-2 loss to Arcadia, one assisted by junior Kayla Gronkowski, the other was unassisted.

WVB: Lady Colonels fall in straight sets to Haverford and PSU-Berks in tri-match action.

MXC: Sophomore Franco Balbuena leads Colonel runners at Dutchmen Invitational, finishes 13th overall in 27:46.27.

WXC: Freshman Autumn Pedron paces Lady Colonels at Dutchmen with time of 22:17.13.

FB: Colonels stumble in home opener against Lebanon Valley. Freshman backup QB Wade Rippeon finishes 12-23 passing for 89 yards.

WSOC: Senior Dianna Connor's hat trick leads Lady Colonels to 5-3 win over Marywood. Freshman Ema Sabovic and junior Nicole Harmer also score.

MSOC: Colonels were shut out by Moravian. Senior Tim Gallagher saves five shots in the 1-0 loss.

Wilkes Fall Sports Schedules

Men's Tennis

9/16 & 9/17 @ Bloom. Tourney
9/29-10/2 @ ITA Regionals
(@ Mary Washington)
9/30 vs. Albright, 11:00 A.M.
vs. Penn College, 4:00 P.M.
10/21 & 10/22 @ MAC
Individual Tournament
(@ Ralston Athletic Complex)

Women's Tennis

9/22-9/25 @ ITA Regionals
(@ Mary Washington)
9/23 & 9/24 @ Bloom. Tourney
9/30 vs. Albright, 11:00 A.M.
vs. Penn College, 4:00 P.M.
10/3 @ U. of Scranton, 4:00 P.M.
10/21 & 10/22 @ MAC
Individual Tournament
(@ Ralston Athletic Complex)
Home matches @ Ralston Athletic Complex

Cross Country

(Men and Women)

9/1 @ Misericordia Invite (7th place)
9/9 @ Dutch. Invite (8th place)
9/23 @ Aggie Open
9/30 @ Dickinson Short-Long Invite
10/7 @ Desales Invite
10/14 @ Gettysburg Invite
10/28 @ MAC Championships
(Delaware Valley)
11/11 @ NCAA Mid-east Regional,
(Newville, PA)

Results as of 9/9

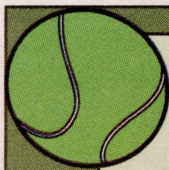
Women's Volleyball

x-9/2 vs. Widener, L 0-3
vs. Bridgewater, L 0-3
x-9/3 vs. Wesley, L 1-3
vs. Simpson, L 0-3
9/7 vs. Summit, W 3-1
9/9 vs. Haverford, L 0-3
vs. PSU-Berks, W 3-0
*9/13 vs. Eastern, 7:00 P.M.
9/16 vs. Immaculata, 12:00 P.M.
vs. PSU-Harrisburg, 2:00 P.M.
*9/19 @ Manhattanville, 7:00 P.M.
9/21 @ Moravian, 7:00 P.M.
9/23 vs. Wesley, 1:00 P.M.
@ Rutgers-Camden, 3:00 P.M.
*9/27 vs. FDU-Florham, 7:00 P.M.
9/30 vs. PSU-Brandywine, 3:00 P.M.
@ PSU-Altoona, 5:00 P.M.
*10/3 @ King's, 7:00 P.M.
10/5 vs. Lancaster Bible, 7:00 P.M.

Women's Volleyball

(cont'd)

10/7 vs. Lebanon Valley, 10:00 A.M.
vs. Centenary, 2:00 P.M.
10/9 vs. Marywood, 7:00 P.M.
*10/11 vs. Desales, 7:00 P.M.
*10/17 @ Delaware Valley, 7:00 P.M.
y-10/20 vs. Morrisville State, 4:00 P.M.
y-vs. Catholic Uni. of America, 6:00 P.M.
y-10/21 vs. Kean, 10:00 A.M.
y-vs. Moravian, 2:00 P.M.
*10/25 vs. Misericordia, 7:00 P.M.
10/28 vs. Rutgers-Camden 11:00 A.M.
vs. Utica, 3:00 P.M.
*MAC Freedom
x- Puerto Rico Clasico
y-Colonel Clash Tournament
Home matches @ Marts Center
Record: 2-5 (MAC-F 0-0)



Getting to know...

Camry Huff

Junior Soccer Player

Editor's note: This year's Athlete of the Week will be merit-based. Don't agree with our selection? Let us know on Twitter: @WilkesBeacon
At the end of the academic year, we will post a reader poll to crown an "Athlete of the Year".
Full qualification criteria and more information can be found on our website: www.thewilkesbeacon.com

The Beacon: Male Athlete of the Week 9/1-9/4

Why Camry Huff was selected: Huff posted a hat trick (three goals) in a 3-2 decision over Penn State Berks on Sept. 1. Oh, did we mention that third goal was an overtime game winner? Congratulations, Camry.

Name: Camry Huff
Year: Junior
Major: Electrical Engineering
Hometown: Waynesboro, PA
High School: Waynesboro Area HS
Position: Right Wing/Right Midfield

Driving force for your decision to come to Wilkes?

Soccer, the engineering program, size of the school and the overall atmosphere. I just felt that Wilkes was the school for me when I first visited.

Post graduation plans in terms of a Career?

Not exactly sure yet but I'd like to work in Defense Contracting for a company like Lockheed Martin.

Favorite building on campus?

Have to say Stark because I spend almost all of my time there. Hopefully the refurbishing makes it 10 times better.

How many jolly ranchers do you think you can lift at one time?

At least 7

Hopes for this season as a Colonel?

Win a lot more games than in the past two years.

When/Why did you first begin playing?

I started playing when I was 5. My parents weren't going to let me sit around so they made me choose a sport and I chose soccer because my brother played. Never looked back since.

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

New locker rooms.

Other interests or hobbies off of the field?

Snowboarding, music, Game of Thrones, Rick and Morty, video games.

What came first? The chicken or the egg?

Definitely the chicken. Scientifically proven.

Most influential person in your life?

My soccer coach growing up. He always pushed us to do and be our best on and off the field. He taught me many lessons that are valuable in all aspects of life.

A quote you live your life by?

"You miss 100 percent of the shots you don't take. - Wayne Gretzky" - Michael Scott

What does "Be Colonel" mean to you?

To represent my school in the best way I can in the community and on the soccer field.

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

Probably Nikola Tesla. One of the smartest men to ever live. I'm sure he could teach me a thing or 20.

Coke or Pepsi?

I'd say Coke but Pepsi has Mountain Dew so I gotta go Pepsi.

Favorite meal to eat on campus?

Just about any of the \$5 meals the SUB offers on Wednesday nights.

Favorite professor?

I'd have to say Dr. Gilmer. He's one of the nicest guys I have ever met and has done so much for me as a student. Gets along well with students and does everything he can to make sure you understand the content.

Anyone to give a shout-out to?

Shout out to my parents for traveling to every game, home and away and for the love and support no matter what. I wouldn't be where I am today without them. Shout out to my dudes on the team. Let's create some havoc in the conference this year boys! Last but not certainly not least, shout out to my ladies ESutton and Aislinn Speranza for being the best Starbucks-lovin' friends an athlete of the week can ask for.

The Beacon/Nicole Gaetani

Getting to know...

Courtney Stanley

Junior Soccer Player

The Beacon: Female Athlete of the Week 9/1-9/4

Why Courtney Stanley was selected: Courtney saved ten shots over two games. She helped her team to a 1-1 tie against Penn State Berks on Sept. 1 and a 2-1 victory over Muhlenberg on Sept. 4. Congratulations, Courtney.

Name: Courtney Stanley

Year: Junior

Majors: Early Childhood/Special Education

Minor: Reading and Psychology

Hometown: Hamilton, NJ

High School: Steinert HS

Position: Goalie

Driving force for your decision to come to Wilkes?

Wilkes gave me a smaller community where I felt I wouldn't get lost in the crowd. I could know my professors and classmates personally whether it was in the classroom or around campus. Knowing I was able to continue my soccer career made the decision easier.

Post graduation plans in terms of a career?

Following graduation, I hope to become a teacher with my focus in Special Education. In the education field, I hope to make a difference and give each child an opportunity for equal success. Their success is the best reward.

What came first? The chicken or the egg?

The egg.

Hopes for this season as a Colonel?

I have high hopes the we make it to the MAC championship and finally win after being so close the past few years. I feel the hard work we have put in will finally pay off.

When/Why did you first begin playing?

I started playing rec soccer at the age of three with my dad as my first coach and by the age of seven I was playing competitively. I watched my brother play soccer for as long as I can remember (I went to my first soccer game at 4 weeks old) and I have always wanted to be just like him. Once I was old enough to understand the importance of the game, it became a lifestyle.

Favorite building on campus?

My favorite building would be the SUB. When I'm there, I am mostly likely getting lunch with my friends who I don't see throughout the day and there is good chance we are causing a scene.

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

I would improve the number of fans that come out to the games. This past week the wrestling team created a mini fan section and I truly believe it boosted our playing to beat Muhlenberg. I think it's important for all the teams to support each other along with the campus community.

Other interests or hobbies off of the field?

In my free time, there is a 99% chance I am watching Netflix with my roommates or playing with my rabbit DJ.

Most influential person in your life?

The most influential person in my life is my dad who just survived a heart attack this past week. He beat the odds and is now a part of the 24% who survive. Five days after the heart attack, he was on the sidelines watching me play and cheering me on with my mom right beside him. They are both my biggest fans.

A quote you live your life by?

"I was not built to break"

What does "Be Colonel" mean to you?

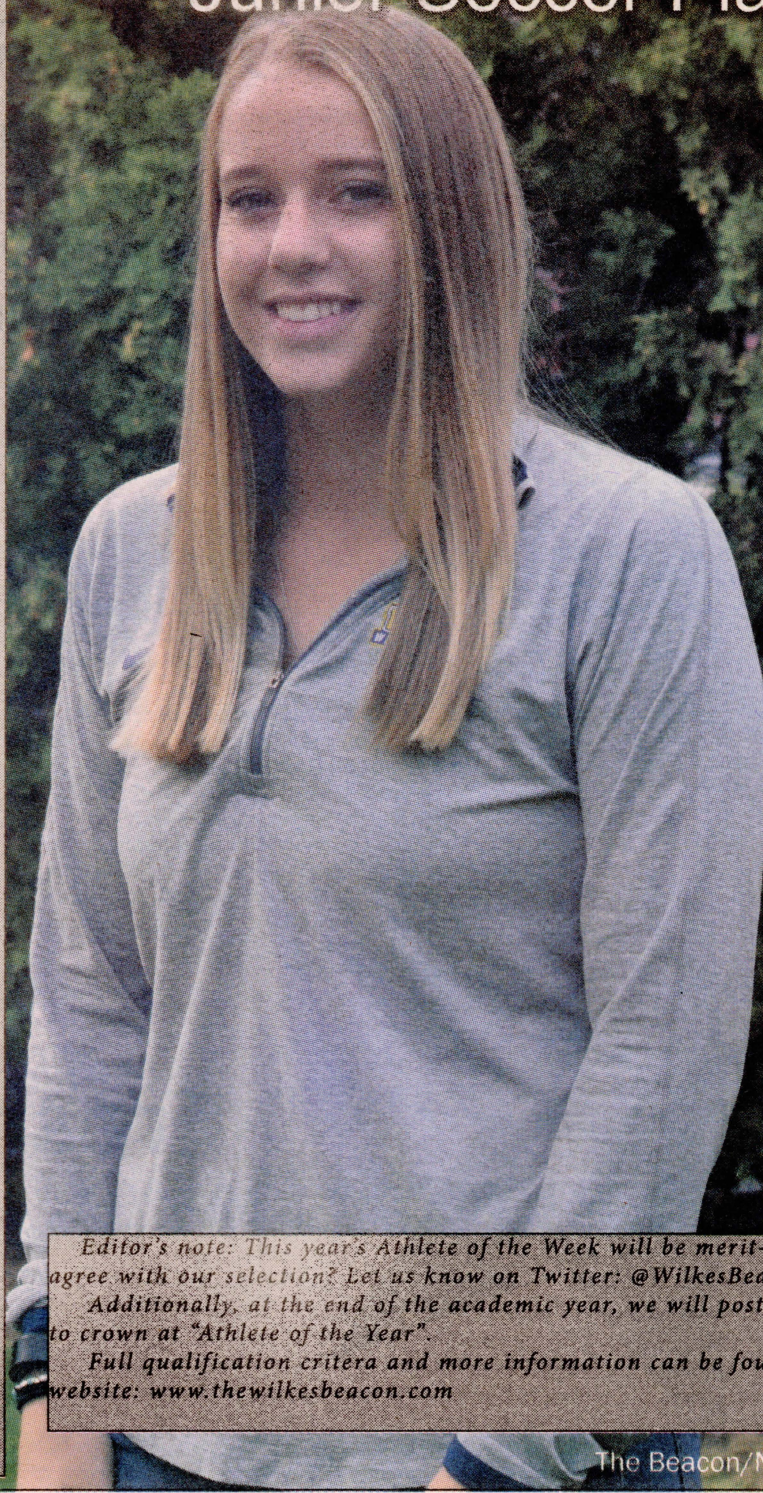
"Be Colonel" means representing the university positively on and off campus. The university creates a community where everyone can come together as one under the Colonel symbol.

Coke or Pepsi?

Pepsi

Anyone to give a shout-out too?

The 31 girls I spend at least an hour with each day along with Coach Sumoski and Elliot.



Editor's note: This year's Athlete of the Week will be merit-based. Don't agree with our selection? Let us know on Twitter: @WilkesBeacon. Additionally, at the end of the academic year, we will post a reader poll to crown at "Athlete of the Year". Full qualification criteria and more information can be found on our website: www.thewilkesbeacon.com

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If you have a passion for writing, design, or photography, join us!

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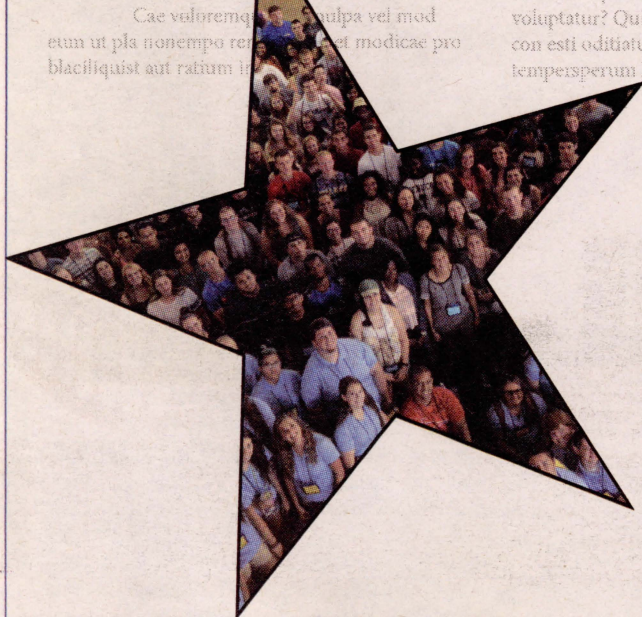
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