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## STEM Discovery Day draws over 300 students

By Maddie Davis  
Co-News Editor

On Saturday, Nov. 3, Wilkes University welcomed more than 300 elementary and junior high school students for 'Stem Discovery Day.'

Formerly called 'Passport to Science,' the event involves the campus science departments hosting Boy and Girl Scout troops and many of the schools in the surrounding area to participate in 13 different science labs headed by Wilkes professors and alumni.

There were also more than 70 Wilkes student volunteers that helped families register for the day and aided professors in the different labs.

One of the student volunteers, Emily Cholin, a sophomore hospitality and leadership major got involved and volunteered at the event through her job at Wilkes Admissions.

"[Volunteering] helps students who are looking into the science programs and helps kids grow in themselves," said Cholin.

"I think its a great event," added Cholin. "Personally I didn't have any opportunities when I was younger to do this and I think its awesome because they get to experience things in a college ... and that they get to interact with other students and professors."

The 13 different labs were spread between the newly renovated Stark



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Dr. William Terzaghi demonstrated how to feed a bug-eating plant to Connor Zuccarelli and Annaleia Rose.

Learning Center and all four floors of the Cohen Science Center.

Dr. Maureen Troy, an environmental engineer professor, headed one of the labs the students could participate in, "addressing future energy challenges."

Troy and many of her college students

set up a lab about energy efficiency and the future of energy. She exposed students to various field equipment that her field uses to do energy assessments.

Overall wanted to teach these younger

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## Art in Context Lecture: Inspired to Act: Why Young Women Combat Sexism

By Sean Schmoyer  
News Writer

On Tuesday, Oct. 30, Dr. Jennifer Thomas, associate professor and coordinator of psychology and director of women's and gender studies, presented her lecture titled "Inspired to Act: Why Young Women Combat Sexism."

Thomas' lecture was based off of her and Dr. Ellen Newell's research into sexism, and how identity and other factors play a role in the actions of women who stand against sexism.

"Sexism is pervasive in our society and in the world, it is a huge problem. Sexism is everywhere: poverty, violence, family obligations overwhelmingly affect women and they limit women's freedom and autonomy," said Thomas.

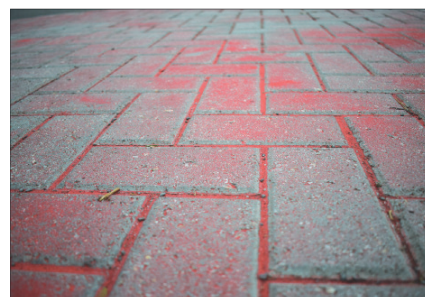
Thomas introduced this idea through a comic strip, depicting the available costumes for male and female children.

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# News

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## Student Government notes: Oct. 24 weekly meeting

By Sean Schmoyer  
News Writer

This week's Student Government meeting continued the fund request for the Sports Management Club.

Student Government also conducted votes for Club of the Month and SG Member of the Month.

The Sports Management Club's fund request from last week for \$600 was approved with 35 Student Government members for it and three against it.

The money is being used for the club's planned trip to Madison Square Garden and the MetLife Stadium.

The trip will be available for all Wilkes students and will be open to the first 30

students who sign up.

Student Government voted on Club of the Month with a unanimous vote for GSA, Gender and Sexuality Alliance.

They were named club of the month because all of the events and activities the club has been hosting this past month, such as the drag show that was hosted on Oct. 23 and their event paint twister hosted earlier in the month.

Then Student Government voted on their Member of the Month.

They reached a decision that the recipient of this award would be the class of 2020 Vice President Logan Biechy.

She was awarded this because of her continual and consistent help and support with numerous Student Government events

over the past month.

Student Government then moved onto the committee reports.

It was addressed that some on campus felt that there was a lack of community on campus.

Hunter Hughes, student body president, addressed this issue later addressing the rest of Student Government.

"When it comes to community on campus, that is our responsibility as Student Government to be leaders on campus," said Hughes.

"We need to make sure we are keeping an open community for people on campus not shutting doors on them."


Also addressed in the committee reports was that the parking garage will go under

construction in the winter.

The top floor of the parking garage near Towers will be closed off for parking throughout the winter. The exact start date for construction will be later announced to the Wilkes student, faculty and staff.

Also, the YMCA will be getting new air-conditioning units, and it was announced that there will be continual upgrades to elevators on campus.

Any misbehavior that causes damage to the elevators will result in a fine to students who cause that damage.

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## Beacon Briefs: The happenings on campus -- Oct. 30 to Nov. 5

Compiled by Maddie Davis

### Skirmish Paintball Trip

On Saturday, Nov. 10 Wilkes Adventure Education will hold a Skirmish Paintball trip. The trip costs \$25 and will include all that is needed for paintball except lunch. Anyone interested in signing up should visit Jill Price's office on the first floor of the Henry Student Center lounge. For any questions please contact Maverick Reed at [Maverick.Reed@wilkes.edu](mailto:Maverick.Reed@wilkes.edu).

### Help Provide a Thanksgiving meal The Colonels Helping Community

Thanksgiving Drive is seeking donations of different traditional Thanksgiving food items. Items include boxed mashed potatoes, stuffing, different canned vegetables and gravy. All items can be dropped off in boxes marked with "Colonels Helping Community" which can be found in the Interfaith Office on the second floor of the Henry Student Center.

### Alan P. Kirby lecture: Jake Wood

On Thursday, Nov. 15 at 7 p.m at The Kirby Center for Creative Arts at Wyoming Seminary. The lecture is titled

"The One and the Nine: Building Teams and Organizations that Win." Those who are interested in attending may register at [wilkes.edu/jakewood](http://wilkes.edu/jakewood). The Kirby Center for Creative Arts is located on 201 North Sprague Avenue, Kingston, PA 18704.


### Colonel's Closet freshly stocked

The Colonel's Closet is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. There is also a Colonel's Closet online order form that can be filled out and found on Wilkes Today. Orders are typically filled within 24 hours of the order being placed and can be picked up

at the Info Desk on the first floor of the SUB. For any questions please contact Kristin Osipower at [Kristin.Osipower@wilkes.edu](mailto:Kristin.Osipower@wilkes.edu).

### Volunteer at the Sordoni Art Gallery

All are welcome to share their appreciation of art and volunteer at the Sordoni Art Gallery. Please follow the link on Wilkes Today for the application. Please contact Nicole Lewis at [Nicole.Lewis1@wilkes.edu](mailto:Nicole.Lewis1@wilkes.edu) for further details.

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## Upcoming Events: 2018 Fall Semester

### November

6 - Casino Week: Texas Hold 'Em (SG)  
7 - Casino Week: Bingo (SG)  
8 - UN Lecture: Mr. Niall McCann  
9 - Casino Night (SG)  
10 - Skirmish Paintball Trip  
12 - World War I Reflection by Dr. Kuiken  
15 - Bingo (WUPB)  
19 - Late Night Lift

20 - LKS Annual Turkey Tea Dinner

21 to 25 - Thanksgiving Recess

29 - Wing Wars (WUPB)

30 - SM Club trip to NYC (MetLife

Stadium and Madison Square Garden

### December

6 - Holiday Party: PJs and Pancakes (WUPB)

10 - Final Exams Begin

### Spring - January 2019

14 - Classes Commence

21- NYC Trip to MOMA and MET

WUPB denotes Wilkes University  
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SG denotes Student Government

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## STEM, from front page

students to learn about energy efficiency and the part they can take in their own homes to save on energy.

"You don't need expensive equipment to make sure the windows are sealed properly, that you have newer types of light bulbs, that you have your TV and phone on a power strip that you can shut off," said Troy on why it is important to expose young students to the concepts of energy efficiency.

Troy and her student volunteers set up mock houses to further the students' hands-on experiences with the idea of how to obtain energy efficiency in their own homes.

With the change in the name of the event, two new Wilkes faculty took charge of the event.

Connie Dombroski and Julie McMonagle both took charge of the event for the first time this year.

They both were hopeful for not only the turnout of the event but for the lasting effects of this unique opportunity for the younger students.

"They don't get a lot of hands-on activities in elementary and middle school

because sometimes schools have limited resources," said McMonagle.

"This is an opportunity for them to get some experiences in these fields and hopefully develop a passion for STEM."

McMonagle wanted to further the students' knowledge through these 13 diverse labs to help them in their future selection of what to study and their future careers.

"We are trying to give them different opportunities to learn about lots of different things. [These experiences] can maybe help them as they age and figure out what they want to do with their lives.

"It's a great mentoring opportunity for our students as well."

Dombroski hoped that Wilkes students and professors would further expose them to ideas that they wouldn't normally see in their schools or at home.

"Hopefully we expose them to something they like here at Wilkes," added Dombroski.

Eleven-year-old and sixth grader Emily Pugh was one of the students attended the event with her father.

Pugh recalled that her first lab of the day was Dr. William Terzaghi's lab "Fun with plants that move and eat bugs," where she



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Boy Scout Troop 366 participated in Dr. Don Mercer's "Fun with Kitchen Chemistry" where they learned how to do different household chemistry experiments.

was able to interact with different plants like a venus fly trap.

"It was really cool," said Pugh about Terzaghi's lab.

Pugh, whose favorite subject is chemistry, was most looking forward to "Fun with Kitchen Chemistry" with Dr. Don Mencer where students were able to make slime among other chemistry experiments that can be done with products mostly found in

household kitchens.

Other sessions the students looked forward to during the event were alumnus Dr. Felicia Snyder's "Science Jeopardy," Dr. Del Lucent's session "Wizards of Physics" and many other lab sessions.



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# Faculty, students react to vigil held at JCC for Pitt. shooting

By Cabrini Rudnicki  
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The community reacted to the recent Pittsburgh synagogue shooting with sadness.

The mass shooting occurred at Tree of Life in the Squirrel Hill neighborhood of Pittsburgh. Eleven people were killed, while seven were injured.

The shooting took place during Shabbat morning services. Shabbat is Judaism's day of rest and the seventh day of the week. Religious Jews celebrate the day by refraining from work.

The sole suspect, Robert Gregory Bowers, was arrested and charged with 29 federal crimes and 36 state crime. Bowers' motive is believed to be anti-semitism.

At the local Jewish Community Center in Wilkes-Barre, the community mourned the loss of victims through a service.

A vigil was held Monday, Oct. 29 at 6:30 p.m. The vigil was open to the community.

The number of participants at the vigil overflowed the synagogue. The organizers believe over 400 people attended the event.

In a press release from the Jewish Community Center released on Oct. 28, the center discussed enhancing the building's

security.

"At the JCC, we take security of our members and guests very seriously, and their safety is always forefront in our minds," they explained. "Entry is by key card only and we have cameras at all entrances. We will remain alert and ask you not to allow anyone to enter with you with whom you are not familiar."

"Our Jewish community is strong," they continued. "We will continue to maintain a protective eye on our community, and will not be intimidated or deterred. We will mourn this terrible loss, but we will continue to attend services, we will continue to celebrate Shabbat and we will continue to proud of who we are."

Students on campus reacted to the news of the shooting with disbelief.

"I just feel it is awful that acts such as this continue to occur in our country," said Tim Brown, a junior psychology major.

Eric Kong, a junior finance major, feels like the incident could happen to anyone.

"I know that there was another shooting a couple of days ago," he said, referring to the Tallahassee yoga studio shooting which left two dead and five injured.

Adam Seiwel, a psychology senior, said the shooting was absolutely terrible, but



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The line to attend the vigil was wrapped around the inside of the JCC as people filled the outer hallway.

something that is unfortunately becoming more commonplace.

"It begs the question: How many more people have to die before we revisit gun laws and provide better and easier access to mental healthcare for those that need it?"

The Jewish Community Alliance, which operates the Jewish Community Center, is collecting donations for the victims. Checks

can be made out to "JCA" with "Pittsburgh" in the memo section. The checks can be mailed to: JCA, 60 S. River Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702. Donations made by credit card can be made by calling 570-824-4646 and asking for Tracey.



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# Students, staff react to reoccurring graffiti in campus buildings

By Maddie Davis  
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Students and faculty have noticed a reoccurring drawing across campus for the past few weeks across the different campus buildings.

The drawing depicts a small cartoonish head with a seemingly blank expression. There have been different variations of the character with crosses for eyes.

This small graffiti piece has been spotted on the stairwells of the Henry Student Center, Stark Learning Center, UCOM and Breiseth Hall. Breiseth Hall has been heavily tagged the most with six of these drawings alone.

As of Sunday, a total of 10 have been found across these buildings on campus, *The Beacon* found.

The Director of Wilkes' Public Safety, Chief Christopher J. Jagoe, commented on the graffiti on campus.

"We are certainly monitoring it," said Jagoe. "It certainly is criminal in damaging property."

Jagoe also added that the Public Safety isn't sure if these faces are a one-time thing or a continuing vandalism issue.

"We don't want to encourage people to engage in this kind of activity," added Jagoe. "[The person(s) drawing these] could face criminal charges & disciplinary action."

He also warned that Public Safety will be reviewing campus surveillance footage.

According to the 2017 Annual Security and Fire Safety Report, there were 13 vandalism offenses reported on the campus in 2016. This number has decreased since 2014 and 2015 which each year recorded over 50 cases of vandalism.

Joshua Bradley, a junior political science major, felt strongly about these pieces of graffiti on campus.

"I think this graffiti is getting out of hand," said Bradley. "We all pay so much to attend this university, not to deface and destroy it."

"Many people work hard to keep this place clean, and they have better things to do than clean up after childish drawings."

Sophomore biology major, Bridget Regan also had a strong opinion against the drawings.

"It would be wise to remember though



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One of the graffiti pieces located near the stairs on the basement of Breiseth Hall.

Wilkes is our home, we do not own the walls to compromise it," said Regan. "It's in poor taste, it's not funny, it's not pretty and it's a poor reflection of Wilkes to outside visitors."

More recently, the faces have been appearing to be more permanent.

The drawings started off in pencil but the artist is now moving to more permanent measures by using red and

blue paint and different colored sharpies.

The artist seems to be hitting easily accessible academic buildings on campus.

Suspicious activity can be reported to Public Safety either in their office on 148 South Main St., or over the phone at (570) 408-4999.



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## English Department holds Frankenstein lecture and movie screening

By Breanna Ebisch  
Staff Writer

In 1818, Mary Shelley wrote a novel, "Frankenstein," that would outlive generations and change modern literature.

The Wilkes University English Department celebrated the 200th anniversary of the novel on Tuesday, Oct. 30, with two lectures and a screening of Nick Dear's 2011 adaption of the book for the National Theatre Live in London.

The evening opened with a lecture from Dr. Helen Davis, of the English Department, who spoke about the life of Mary Shelley and how she wrote Frankenstein during a time period where women never published any of their work.

Davis went into detail about important moments in Shelley's life and how the book has affected modern literature, art and generations.

Dr. Chad Stanley, an English associate professor, also gave a lecture about this newest sculpture which was heavily inspired by Frankenstein.

The sculpture was on display at the

event and represented Frankenstein's wife looking through a window.

Stanley spoke about how the novel has also been adapted through art pieces, continuing Frankenstein's legacy as a timeless novel.

Nick Dear's adaption for the production of Frankenstein for the National Theatre Live in London starred Benedict Cumberbatch and Jonny Lee Mille.

In her lecture, Davis revealed that the two actors switched characters for each performance but for the screening Cumberbatch was playing the Creature and Mille was playing Victor Frankenstein.

"I thought it was a really interesting adaptation of (Frankenstein) because I haven't had the privilege of reading the text yet but I could definitely tell (the director) really tried to encapsulate those themes about humanity, the question of God, creation, playing with science and all those really great science fiction themes that are evident in the text," said Brianna Schunk, a junior dance and English major, who was in attendance at the event.



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Davis and Stanley talked about the context surrounding the novel "Frankenstein."

The audience was a mix of community members and Wilkes students of various years and majors.

Professor Davis took on the challenge of hosting the event for the Wilkes community and certainly reached her goal.

"I knew it was the 200th year [of Frankenstein] and I wanted to do something to mark it," said Davis.

"I had seen this production in 2011 when it was first airing and I drove students to Allentown to the theater to watch it so I thought this would be a fun way to [celebrate the anniversary]," Davis revealed about how the idea for the event came to be.



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# College Democrats hold open discussion on celebrities in politics

By Sean Schmoyer  
News Writer

On Monday, Oct. 29 the College Democrats Club hosted their first open discussion, Snacks 'n' Politics where they discussed the impact of celebrities on political culture.

The rules made sure that all participants were able to talk, no one person controlled the conversation and no one judged another participant for any of their beliefs.

The discussion opened with opinions about how participants felt towards celebrities getting involved in politics.

The conversation got more in-depth when the discussion went into both Taylor Swift and Kanye West, to celebrities who both have gotten more involved in politics as of the meeting.

This discussion moved towards the dangers of representation and how who represents you is important on the political stage. There was also a long discussion about the motives celebrities might have when they start to get political.

The group then focused on the topic of fake news and how it contributes to

a growing political confusion and the increasing difficulty to know what you should believe.

Garrett Gagliardi, a junior accounting major and President of the Young Americans for Liberty, said "More people should come out to these discussions so that they are not dominated by one viewpoint. Nobody is helped when everyone just repeats talking points and agrees with each other."

Gagliardi made it clear to the group that he was a Libertarian.

"I think it is very important to have a diverse turnout at political events," Sophomore pharmacy student Gregory Chang said. "Most of the people that showed up this time around admitted they were registered Democrats, but we still had a variety of opinions on the various topics we discussed."

The College Democrats plan to host more events and hope to draw in both bigger and more diverse crowds to make the discussions even better. The students discussed topics for the next meeting, including Brett Kavanaugh.

"Too many people think that politics are not important or that people's opinions do not matter," Morgan



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The open discussion focused on celebrity intervention in politics and fake news.

Johnson, freshman psychology student. "It seems like a great place to open up the conversation."

"I think that goes to show that parties and other groups of people cannot be classified as having one mindset or thinking one way (even though we might want to vilify our ideological opponents), and I would like to see more variety in political opinions and background at this event in order to

foster a much more comprehensive discussion," Chang said.

The open discussions are available to the whole student body and the College Democrats hope that more students with varying political views will come out from all sides to join in the discussion.



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# Young women may prove influential over Nov. midterm elections

By Madi Hummer  
Design Editor

Midterm elections have traditionally been dominated by older voters, but one promising sign suggests that this year might be different: energized young women.

In previous midterm elections, voter turnout among adults in the 18-to-29 year-old cohort has wavered around 30 to 35%, according to Dr. Thomas Baldino, professor of political science at Wilkes University.

Baldino said he predicts an increase in voter turnout among young women, citing the Trump administration and the confirmation of Justice Brett Kavanaugh as motivating factors.

Gabby Richards, political communications consultant at Persist Strategies, sees November's election as a chance for young women to get their voices heard and earn a seat at the table.

"When women turnout to vote, they elect leaders that support their views, and young women are seeing what happens when they don't. If you don't show up,

you can't count on people representing you," Richards said.

Out of eleven students on Wilkes University's campus, six out of the six women spoken to have not only registered, but plan to vote in the midterm election. On the other hand, only one of the five men spoken to has registered and planned to vote.

These findings support both Baldino and Richard's prediction that women are likely to participate in the upcoming election.

November's midterm election will be the first time many of the female students will cast their ballots including Lindsey Becker, and Madeline Plumhoff.

Becker said voting should be viewed as a civic duty and cited the women's suffrage movement as her inspiration for hitting the polls.

"We are the future of the county," said Becker. "Women fought the right to vote, so it's important that we continue what they started."

Plumhoff also recognized the importance of young voters like herself and her fellow classmates.

"This is all riding on our future," said Plumhoff. "If we don't start voting now, most people won't ever start."

Returning voter, Kailey Orzechowski said that women across the country should educate themselves on their candidates, especially those that decide on issues that affect women such as reproductive rights and the gender pay gap.

A wave of youth activism captivated mainstream media as young protesters took to the streets at the Women's March and the March for Our Lives.

Wilkes' campus has also experienced a surge of student-driven activism on campus: The red sand project among other student initiatives.

There have also been two recent student organizations that focus on educating the greater student body about politics Wilkes College Democrats and Young Americans for Liberty.

According to a joint survey by Vanity Fair's the Hive, theSkimm and SurveyMonkey, 36 percent of millennial women said they were more involved in politics or causes in their community than they were last year, with 52 percent lining

up behind Black Lives Matter, 50 percent behind LGBTQ issues and 48 percent behind feminism.

While enthusiasm among young women voters may seem high, young adults statistically vote in lower numbers than any other age cohort, according to Baldino.

"The older one gets, the more likely they are to vote and vote regularly," said Baldino.

Baldino and Richards both agreed that if 18-29 year-old demographic shows up on Election Day, they could flip both House of Representatives and Senate to a Democratic majority.

One thing is clear: Young women not only have the potential to influence America this midterm election, but also redefine it.

"What's important for young women to realize is that one day, they're not going to be the people voting - they are going to be the people running for office," Richards said.



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## Beacon Vault: Political Campaign Stifs Students' Interest

*Editor's note: This article appeared in the Nov. 9, 1962 issue of The Beacon (Vol. 27, Issue 8).*

*Each week, we'll take a peek in the archives, looking back at historic points.*

*The Beacon has quite the storied past. The Beacon has enjoyed many years of success, publishing continuously since 1936. The newspaper began as The Bison Stamped from 1934 until 1936 before changing names to The Beacon. Each week, we'll dust off a piece to dig through the archives.*

*Be sure to check out next week's Beacon Vault as we look back through Wilkes football history. Curious to see more online? Check out [www.beaconarchives.wilkes.edu](http://www.beaconarchives.wilkes.edu) to dig through a Wilkes University treasure. -Complied by Luke Modrovsky, Editor-in-Chief*

We picked a winner! The student body of Wilkes College reflected the sentiments of the state as they chose William Scranton for governor of Pennsylvania in a straw vote last Tuesday. The bogus vote also correctly picked Daniel Flood, seven-time winner and perennial local favorite, as Congressman although it differed from the actual vote in selection of Senator Joseph Clark.

### STRAW VOTE RESULTS

Governor

Democrat DILWORTH 115

Republican SCRANTON 280

Senator

Democrat CLARK 172

Republican VAN ZANDT 223

Congressman

Democrat FLOOD 295

Republican AYERS 100


### ACTUAL ELECTION RESULTS

GOVERNOR SCRANTON

SENATOR CLARK

CONGRESSMAN FLOOD

The straw vote, sponsored by the campus Intercollegiate Council on Government, was the climax of a flood of political activity which has swept over the campus in the past few weeks manifesting itself in vigorous campaigns for favorites, impromptu student rallies, and heated private debates.

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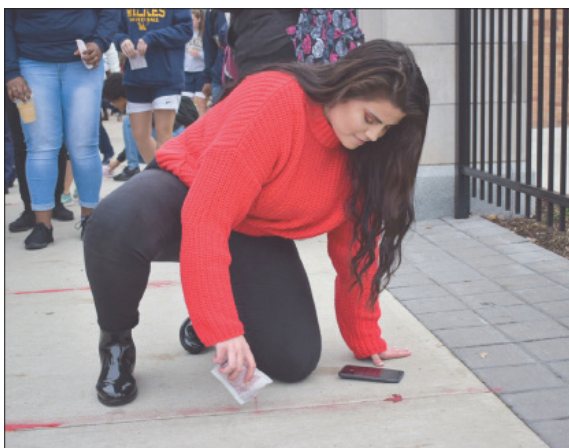
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## Women's and Gender Students Psi Chi Honor Society, Feminist Alliance & UNICEF Club hosts "The Red Sand Project"

By Catie Lally  
Staff Writer

The Red Sand Project was held outside the Karambelas Media and Communication Center on Thursday, Nov. 1.

According to Dr. Jennifer Thomas, a professor of psychology at Wilkes who helped set up this event, the Red Sand



Photos: The Beacon/Madi Hummer

Neishmy Rodriguez pouring a pack of red sand into the sidewalk cracks outside of the Karambelas Media and Communications Center.

Project is a public art project to raise awareness about sex trafficking. It is the third most profitable industry in the entire world.

Each participant was given a bag filled with red sand to pour into cracks on the sidewalk. The cracks are meant to symbolize that the victims of human trafficking often fall through the cracks and are overlooked.

"By pouring sand into the cracks we are hoping to draw awareness to this," said Thomas.

She hoped people walking past the sidewalk would see what we were doing and ask what their cause was, to bring

encourage conversations on the topic.

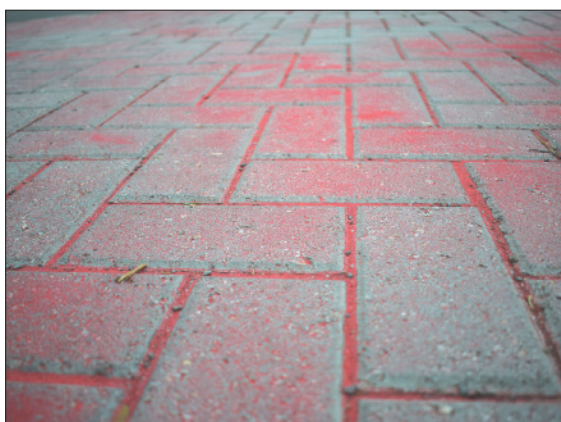
"It was something so small, just filling in cracks on a sidewalk but it gave a feeling of empowerment," said Donald Ballou, a first year student at Wilkes University. "I didn't really think something like that would make me feel like I made a difference, but when I

took a picture of the sidewalk and posted it on social media, I had two friends ask me what the Red Sand Project was about. Once I told them, they were super excited and told me they were going to see if they could get something like that going at their college,"

Dr. Andreea Maiorean, a political science professor mentioned that in the United States, 1.7 million children run away or are forced to leave home every year.

"It's not only happening in remote, poor countries far away... It happens in the U.S. and it happen much more often than we think," said Maiorean.

The highest rates of trafficking in the U.S. occurs in California, Florida, New



Cracks in the sidewalk filled with red sand.

York, Ohio and Texas. More than 1.5 million people from 70 countries have joined together to raise awareness to the human trafficking problem throughout the world.

"It made me think more about what is happening in the world," said Stefanie Kramer, a first year student at Wilkes university who attended with the women's basketball team. "I knew that trafficking was happening in the United States but didn't realize how bad it really was. It was a simple way to bring awareness and I was happy to be a part of it."

According to a sheet handed out at the event: On average, between 14,500-17,500 people are trafficked into the

1. Follow the Red Sand Project on Twitter, Facebook, Pinterest or Youtube in order to get immediate updates about events.

2. Go to [www.vrcnepa.org](http://www.vrcnepa.org) to find out how you can volunteer at the Victims Resource Center.

3. If you are interested in speaking out against trafficking become an ambassador of hope. To find out more visit [www.sharedhope.org](http://www.sharedhope.org).

4. Register to vote and insure important issues do not continue to be ignored.

5. Contact government officials about issues that matter to you.

United States every year. In addition, 40.3 million people are victims of trafficking globally and, it is a \$150 billion-dollar industry.

Participants in the Red Sand Project are working to make the stories of human trafficking victims heard. On the sheet that was given out at the event, the were five things listed that you can do in the next ten minutes to help stop trafficking:

"It doesn't take training to be an activist" said Heather Sincavage, director of the Sordoni Art Gallery at Wilkes University.



The "Take Action" flyer handed out at the Red Sand project event.



Heather Sincavage, director of the Sordoni Art Galler, speaking at the Red Sand Project event.



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# Bohemian Rhapsody: A masterpiece to be seen



By Nicholas Filipek

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People everywhere fell in a crazy little thing called love (#sorrynotsorry) with the Queen biopic, “Bohemian Rhapsody,” over the weekend and the box office reports show it.

The highly entertaining, and perfectly cast, story of legendary rock and roll revisionists, Queen, had a record breaking \$50 million opening, making an extra \$5 million over its projected figures.

This opening for a music biopic is now only second to the 2015 N.W.A story, “Straight Outta Compton,” which opened at 60.2 million.

The general public has spoken with their wallets, but not everyone seems thrilled with the movie, notably, critics seem to be really picking this apart as if every one of them is all of a sudden a Queen historian or excellent screenwriter.

None of that hate will be found here, though, with reactions being nothing but positive and the need to sit back in the theatre and watch it again.

Bohemian Rhapsody- Directed by Bryan Singer, screenplay by Anthony McCarten, story by Anthony McCarten and Peter Morgan. Starring Rami Malek, Gwilym Lee, Ben Hardy, Joseph Mazzello, Aiden Gilen, Lucy Boynton, Tom Hollander and Mike Myers.

The story of the British rock band who formed in 1970 is brought to life in stunning fashion and style that even non-fans can enjoy.

On the other hand, any fans of Queen’s music will be entertained and will enjoy this movie for the soundtrack of hit after hit alone.

Both sets of audiences, however, will

have the same joy of being disillusioned to the fact that this is not a straight up documentary.

This is all due to the tremendous casting and the amazing performances given by each actor that make you forget you are watching a movie, rather than someone who just happened to be handy with a camera as the band progressed through time.

The greatest fault that this movie has is that it is not long enough in some respects. There are only so many minutes in a movie, and with a band with such a rich history and long career, many details would have to be summarized if not altogether left out. This logical answer as to why certain events may have been looked over does not seem to make sense to the critics who claim the writers did a poor job.

These are probably the same people who would have slammed the writers if they did too much forcing it to be longer than the already lengthy 134 minute runtime.

The movie, almost like the band itself, is fully rested on Freddie Mercury, and, by extension, Rami Malek’s portrayal of the famous rockstar. Quite honestly, it is

a performance of a lifetime, truly just a incredible envelopment of a person into a character that sends goosebumps crawling from head to toe.

The biggest question surrounding the performance is whether or not those are Malek’s vocals that we hear in movie, and in an interview with Metro, Malik gave them a definitive answer.

“It is an amalgamation of a few voices. But predominantly it is my hope and the hope of everyone that we will hear as much Freddie as possible. I think that is the goal for all of us.”

In the same interview, Malek described how he enjoyed working on the film and the recognition of what a chance he was given in bringing such a beloved pop culture icon to life.

“I am very happy with what we did out there. It was

truly the experience of a lifetime. One that I will never have again. I can say that without question. I will never get to do that again. And it will be something that I will treasure for as long as I walk this

Earth.”

It is not surprising that the amalgamation includes many of Freddie Mercury’s original vocal tracks over his entire singing career.

It is surprising, however, that there is a Canadian singer who has an uncanny similarity to the late star that also helped the audio team bring Mr. Mercury’s voice to the big screen.

For those curious to hear this mysterious Canadian vocalist, you can YouTube search “Marc Martel does Bohemian Rhapsody” to see just how similar he sounds to Queen’s former frontman.

Also on YouTube right now are a number of documentaries available to watch for free, but two in specific currently stand out as must-sees for Queen fans.

The first is called, “Inside The Rhapsody”, which focuses primarily on the story of the song most associated with the supergroup and the namesake for the current biopic.

The other is titled, “The Story of Queen: Mercury Rising,” which focuses more so on the band as a whole, while still shining the spotlight on frontman Freddie Mercury.

If you do watch these documentaries, you will find that this biopic did a fair job of representing the events portrayed and, even more so, that the movie’s casting director deserves a raise.

The brilliance in this casting and attention to detail is overly abundant in the film’s finale, with it being by far the best cinematic achievement in recent memory, with the cast and crew almost perfectly recreating the band’s legendary performance at Live AID in 1985. It is more than an homage, it is a true masterpiece of showing respect from one artist to another.

Whoever directed that sequence, as Singer was known to leave set for long periods of time, truly understood the magnitude in which that performance meant to the world and to the Live AID cause.

For those who are curious, the band’s legendary full performance at Live AID in 1985 is also available on YouTube.

Bohemian Rhapsody now in theaters, and it will, it will, rock you.

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## Two-week study abroad trip to Malaysia offered this spring

By Isabella Sobejano  
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At Wilkes, the study abroad office's goal is to encourage and support study abroad experiences that are safe, immersive and academically appropriate. With this goal in mind, the study abroad office is offering a trip to Malaysia this spring.

The Malaysia study abroad trip is a two week experience and the cost is \$2,875 per person. The cost includes the round trip airfare, all tour guide fees, transportation, breakfast every day and

all entrance fees to activities. This trip is also one of least expensive study abroad experiences offered at Wilkes and the furthest away for all faculty led trips.

Dr. Gina Morrison, professor of Global Cultures, leads the trip to Malaysia and this is her fourth consecutive year being involved. Dr. Morrison's daughter, Victoria Morrison also went on the trip last year and highly recommended it to other students.

"I gained a new sense of respect for Malaysia as a country, group of people, and history because they've come so far despite gaining their independence recently. The best part was seeing everyone's faces when we got there because it's the place I'm most proud of," said Victoria Morrison.

Through this study abroad experience, students will have the chance to travel to jungles, see temples, see Malaysia's modernity, etc. Since Malaysia is a multicultural country, it has several religions, languages and ethnic groups. While it is a diverse country, English is still spoken there.

Being exposed to all of the different aspects of one country means there is something for everyone to see and do.

"Going to the rainforest was one of the most exciting parts of the trip

because you're taken out of the city, so it's very serene and you can only hear the trees and animals. It's a great feeling to be connected to nature," said Victoria Morrison.

Dr. Morrison also brings students to Kuala Lumpur, an elephant reserve, Batu Caves, Penang and Taman Negara, the oldest primary rainforest in the world which is 130 million years old. Students who attend will experience Malaysia's modern city life as well.



Submitted by Dr. Gina Morrison  
Students on the trip to Malaysia in Spring, 2018.

"The purpose was to reflect on our own modernity by looking at another formula for modernity since their modern world is different from ours," said Dr. Morrison.


There are several sites to attend on this trip, so students are provided with a train pass to be able to navigate to each of the sites. However, train is not the only form of transportation. Students will also be traveling by double decker bus, river boats and airplanes while in Malaysia.

There is also flexibility with the trip. It is a three credit course that involves projects and readings. However, one can take the course without going on the trip or go to Malaysia without taking the actual course.

Dr. Morrison has taken 22 students to Malaysia so far and four students even went back to work as teachers there. One student who went on the trip even ended up marrying a Malay.

"My favorite part of being involved is watching how much the students love it. They thrived when they went over there... there are very few places where you can get that much diversity in only two weeks," said Dr. Morrison.

For more information on the study abroad experience to Malaysia, contact Dr. Gina Morrison at [gina.morrison@wilkes.edu](mailto:gina.morrison@wilkes.edu).

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## Wellness at Wilkes: Men's health awareness

By Natalie Stephens  
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No-shave November and Movember have officially begun and will continue until the end of November. Men throughout the world grow their facial hair throughout the month, whether it be a full beard or a mustache to support various men's health issues.

Any person can be involved with spreading awareness of men's health issues this month by supporting and encouraging the men in their life that are participating as well as donating to the various causes. The Movember Foundation refers to these women that get involved in this movement are called, 'Mo sistas' and the men are called 'Mo Bros'.

The change of appearance brings attention to various cancers that affect men, such as prostate cancer and testicular cancer. This awareness month also spotlights mental health and suicide prevention in men.

There is one major organization dedicated to raising awareness for these issues called Movember Foundation. This foundation encourages men to grow out their beards or mustaches this month, regardless of what they look like.

Simply growing facial hair out during the month of November may encourage others to look into why everybody is growing a moustache or beard, leading to increased curiosity about the campaign.

The Movember Foundation stresses the importance of men taking time to open up and have conversations about their physical and mental health.

Although there are many people that do support the growing of facial hair for the month of November to raise awareness for men's mental health, there are some that think there may be other ways to raise awareness.

For one, some people may feel pressure to grow facial hair and then marginalizes those men that either cannot or will not participate. Even if they talk about

men's health issues or donate some men may still feel excluded because they are unable to show their support through facial hair.

There are also men that grow a beard or mustache throughout the year, not just the month of November that

may not support the Movember event entirely.

Through the Movember Foundation any person can donate directly or people may create their own donation boards for friends and family. The foundation also has the Make Your Move challenge where people can commit to running or walking 60 miles in the month of November.

This challenge was created because according to the Movember Foundation website, one man commits suicide every minute.

In 2017 \$67.5 million dollars was raised to help support various mens health issues and awareness. Many men don't feel like they can talk to someone about their health issues because they may not want to burden them but that

may be the reason why 75 percent of all suicides in 2017 were male. This alarming statistic is why more attention needs to be brought to men's health issues.


The simplicity of growing a mustache or beard to raise awareness makes it easy for many men to participate. Even if a person cannot donate to the cause just having a conversation about the issues can be very impactful and significant.



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## ART IN CONTEXT, from front page

The male costumes were all empowering cops and superheroes. The female costumes, however, all shared one common trend, they were all described as “sexy.”

When talking about the comic strip Thomas said, “What are we teaching her, what are we teaching him about her, her value does not come from what she thinks about, who she is as a person. She is being taught that her value comes from whether or not men find her sexually attracted, and that is a problem.”

Thomas then focused on the lack of representation for women in government and the growing amount of sexual assault and sexism in our nation. She then explained that sexism has both mental and physical consequences for women. Thomas’ solution is to empower young women to have strategies to protect themselves and fight against young women. She reminded the audience that since the 2016 Presidential Election the amount of activism on behalf of women’s rights has grown. She highlighted events like the March on Washington and the #MeToo movement.

In her research Thomas looked into what inspires women, and in particular the students here on campus, to rise up and

become more politically active. Thomas identified that she researched the material of Paulo Freire, a Brazilian educator and philosopher, who focused on oppression. She agreed that the first steps that Freire states are needed to become politically active are realizing that your social conditions are unjust. How someone does that is by having



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Dr Jennifer Thomas delivers her lecture.

a critical conscious and being able to have reflection and recognizing problems at hand, Thomas said.

This critical consciousness, Thomas states is needed before someone can take critical action. Another needed quality Thomas states is needed is feminism.

“There is a lot of misconception about what feminism is, and my favorite definition

of feminism is a movement to end sexism, sexist exploitation, and oppression,” Thomas said. “A feminist is someone who says ‘I incorporate that into my identity, that is who I am.’”

This idea that being a feminist is an essential component in the women who combat against sexism resonated and stood out to the audience.

Keira D’Agostino, a junior at Wilkes majoring in criminal psychology, said, “The most important thing I took from the lecture was how important it is to identify as a feminist even if you are male or female. Just to identify with the cause and realize how important it is and how much impact your actions have.”


Thomas stated that in her research she found that there was a process that women had to take to become active in taking a stance against sexism. First they have to have critical reflection and understand that they are being oppressed and marginalized. Then they have to identify as a feminist through internal efficacy, the belief that they can make a difference and do something themselves. Thomas found, from her research looking at 420 college women, that women at the college level who engaged in activism had critical reflection, identified as a feminist, and believed they could make a difference.

As she closed out her lecture, Thomas gave a call to action for college students to stand up and recognize the problem of sexism and take action in the form of activism. Thomas model was a guideline to show how women most often get to the position of being active against sexism, but can apply to men to, a point she addressed when the audience asked her questions afterwards.

Thomas credited both Newell and her students in the women’s and gender studies minor for their help. D’Agostino, Jess Snyder, a senior criminology major, Janelle Sherman, junior psychology and nursing major, and Makayla Sarnosky, a senior psychology major, are all taking Thomas’ class and contributed to her research.

“I am a criminology major so we talk a lot about feminism. Snyder said. “This is something I am passionate about. It is important to be a feminist and take action and it is also important to have critical reflection and be aware of what is going on.”

Anyone interested in learning more about the topic can look into the women’s and gender studies minor on campus at Wilkes. The next art lecture will be Nov. 7 at 4:30 p.m. and will focus on the art of Elizabeth Catlett.

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# DIY PUMPKIN TURKEY

## Supplies Needed:

Scissors

Hot glue

Decorative pumpkin

Leaves

Brown, red and yellow construction paper

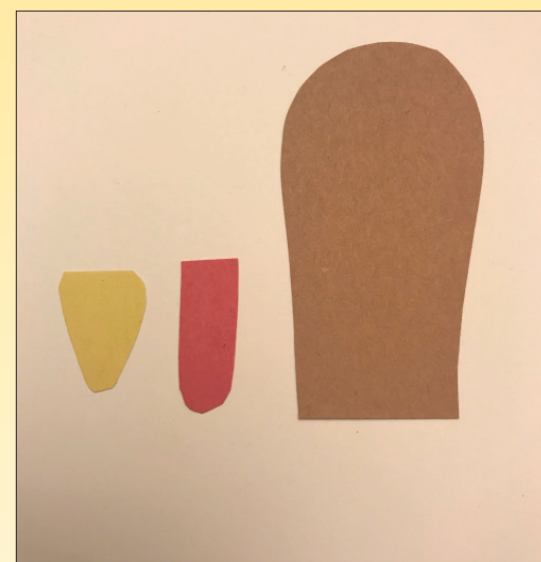
Googly eyes



## Instructions:

1. Cut a turkey head and feet out of the brown construction paper.
2. Cut a beak out of the yellow construction paper.
3. Cut a gizzard out of the red construction paper.
4. Glue the googly eyes, gizzard, and beak to the head.
5. Glue the head to the stem of the pumpkin.
6. Glue the feet to the front of the pumpkin.
7. Glue the leaves to the back of the pumpkin.

**Jordan Fritz**, Staff Writer





# SELF DISCOVERY

## How to find yourself: who are you really?

By Savannah Pinnock  
*Opinion Editor*

Within modern day society, the idea of finding one's self and self discovery as a whole is something that is idealized and highly encouraged. In the past there have been a plethora of social injustices that sought to prevent an individual from discovering who they really are. These social injustices consist of sexist sentiments, racism, colorism and inequality as a whole. Although these social injustices are by no means dissolved from societies list of social issues, they have dimmed in comparison to their former intensity. Upon perusing this list of injustices one may wonder what bearing these have on self-discovery? How can this prevent a person from understanding who they really are?

The answer is simple, any form of

discrimination forces the victim to identify with the characteristics that subject them to such discrimination. As a result, the subject of discrimination is not given an opportunity to see his or herself as more than just a person who happens to be a woman, a person of color, a particular complexion, a certain age, a certain class and the list continues.

This person's attention is always gravitating toward one aspect of their personality to the extent that they cannot see who they are as a whole; it is often subconscious or conscious depending on the situation. This is potentially deleterious for this individual as they cannot grow and develop other aspects of their being effectively as they are forced to focus on one aspect of their identity.

Fortunately, it is a lot easier for a person with the previously

mentioned characteristics to find their true self due to their lessened focus on the characteristics that may cause them to be subject to discrimination.

With this being said, how can one truly gain an understanding of who they are under the assumption of course that everyone is equal enough to ponder such a question? First it is important to reflect on your past and your former experiences.

In fact, according to a study conducted by the Society for Research in Child Development, "early maternal sensitivity predicts social skills and academic achievement through mid-adolescence". The results of this study also demonstrate that "the type of emotional support that a child receives during the first three and a half years has an effect on education, social life and romantic relationships even 20 or

30 years later. It is then clear to see that one's past or formative experiences can have serious effects on the well-being of the individual. Therefore it is important to seek counseling and resolve any underlying issue before embarking on your journey to self-discovery.

After undergoing this emotional cleanse of sorts Meg Selig writing from Psychologytoday.com offers exceptional advice on how to truly find yourself. She suggests that the key to finding one's self can be described by the acronym VITALS. The acronym Selig defines as the key apparatus needed on one's journey to discovery has an interesting denotation.

On a face value level, the acronym means something that is imperative or essential for one's well-being. This does not appear to be accidental, Selig seems to be suggesting that one's



journey to self-discovery is extremely necessary. She seems to use this tactic in an effort to convince skeptics of self-help initiatives of the importance of understanding who you truly are.

According to Selig, having an understanding of who you are is beneficial in the sense that it can have a beneficial impact on one's happiness. Happiness is by no means a trivial concept. In fact, Aristotle who has been deemed the "Father of Western Philosophy" suggests that happiness is the chief good. It is one of the initial effects of gaining an understanding of who you are.

Selig also suggests that understanding who you really are will allow you to have "less inner conflict", "better decision making", "self control", "resistance to social pressure" and many more benefits. This list of benefits is something that many wish to attain in an effort to be a more refined and self-actualized individual. With that being said, what does VITAL stand for?

Selig's acronymic device for self-discovery stands for values, interests, temperament, around-the-clock-activities, life mission and meaningful goals and strengths. For a relatively short acronym, virtually all of the components of one's personality are addressed. In terms of V, Selig states that values "such as "helping others," "being creative," "health," "financial security," and so on—are guides to decision-making and motivators for goals".

In other words, by understanding your values and your intrinsic sense of morality one is capable of having a personalized way to effectively make decisions and feel motivated towards certain goals. She advocates for going with the grain in terms of your personality and accepting who you naturally are in an effort to make decisions that are best suited for you.

In reference to I, Selig is referencing one's interests, she stresses the importance of understanding your interests, she defines it as "passions, hobbies, and anything that draws your

attention over a sustained period of time". Understanding your interests are imperative to understanding who you are as it is often something that many choose to build a career around.

If you are not entirely sure of what you are drawn to, you may be more likely to be involved in a career that is not suited for you. There are a great deal of negative repercussions that may ensue as a result of not knowing what you are truly inclined to get involved in. Choosing a career on the sheer basis of it's status or profit instead of it's appeal to you has been the source of regret for many individuals. In this sense, knowing yourself is crucial.

In terms of T, Selig is referring to one's innate characteristics such as introversion or extroversion, and if you're a more organized or "go-with-the-flow-person". Understanding who you are on this level has a great impact on whether your experiences are enjoyable. Doing the opposite of what you are naturally inclined to do can prove to be emotionally exhausting.

Selig's idea of around the clock activities is similar to the former concept as it has to do with "when you like to do things—your biorhythms". These biorhythms have to do with whether you're an early bird or someone who prefers to sleep in a bit. She discusses how this may have implications on one's romantic life in the future. If you're spouse is an early bird and you prefer to sleep in or the contrary, this could be a serious compatibility issue.

She also addresses one's life mission and meaningful goals. She states that in asking yourself "what have been the most meaningful events of your life?" you may discover clues to your hidden identity, to your career, and to life satisfaction".

And lastly, it is crucial to understand what your strengths are. Everyone possesses a wide host of strengths and weaknesses, in understanding your strengths and weaknesses you have the ability to understand what areas of life you would be successful in. It is a great way to plan where you'd like to go in life.

With an understanding of Meg Selig's acronymic device VITALS, one can effectively ascertain what kind of person they are and subsequently gain and understanding of who they are. Each letter or facet of this acronym provides an individual with an understanding to see who they are under a microscope. This device

gives a person the ability to dissect the complexities of their being in an effort to understand who they are as a whole. Self-discovery is a fascinating journey to undergo and by utilizing this device one can unearth who they are in different areas of their lives and eventually answer on of life's biggest questions, "who am I really?"

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### Registered to vote? Then why not actually vote?

We are calling you out.

The “you” in this case would apply to folks who are registered to vote, but fail to follow through on actually voting, particularly those between the ages of 18-29.

“Those who are youngest are less likely to actually vote. Dr. Thomas Baldino, a Wilkes political science professor, said. “Of all of the age cohorts, the 18-24, or 18-29 demographic depending on polling. That age cohort is the least likely to vote.”

Registered to vote? That’s great, but what about actually voting?

The 26th Amendment of the United States Constitution states: “The right of citizens of the United States, who are eighteen years of age or older, to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of age.”

Wow. 1992, when the amendment was passed, cannot be that long ago can it?

It’s really not.

Everyone has seen the constant advertisements and PSAs to go out and vote. Facebook and Twitter both have voter registration campaigns on their platforms. Commercials on television urge viewers to get out and run to the polls. MTV’s classic ‘Rock the Vote’ campaign was in full-swing this election season. So why aren’t people voting?

According to statistics from the Pennsylvania Department of State, 6,115,402 people voted in the 2016 election, but 8,722,977 people were registered to vote.

That’s 2.6 million people who didn’t vote.

2.6 million votes which would have counted, and could have made a huge difference in the turnout.

Baldino said that he expects a drop in today’s midterm elections, predicting it to drop “precipitously.”

“I do not anticipate a very high turnout,” Baldino said. “Despite all of the talk, all of the increased in registration and requests for absentee ballots, there’s generally a decline between those who say they are going to vote and then those that actually do.”

Some people believe that voting doesn’t make a difference. That one vote doesn’t make a difference in the long-run. That simply isn’t true.

To look at an extreme example, the 2000 election of George W. Bush vs. Al Gore was such a close call, the votes needed to be counted by hand. Even if such extreme cases didn’t exist, a vote is still a vote. Votes eventually add up to a winner.

“I can’t emphasize it enough,” Baldino said. “Turnout is important in almost every election but it just seems that this

particular year, given what happened in 2016, where the president won the electoral college vote, but didn’t win the popular vote, it’s focused on more.”

Another reason people don’t vote is because they feel they don’t care about politics. Barack Obama said in an ATTN video on Oct. 17 in response to this reason: “Look, I don’t care about Pokemon, but that doesn’t mean it won’t keep coming back.”


Other people think they don’t know enough about politics to vote. A voter does not have to be an expert in politics to make a decision.

In fact, the political party system is set up so people have a general idea what a candidate believes in without even needing a little research.

While it is always a good idea to know who or what you are voting for, a voter does not need to know every fact about a candidate to make a choice.

We aren’t asking you to vote for a specific party or candidate. We aren’t even asking you to help campaign or be politically vocal (although you should), we just want you to get out there and vote.

The next time you take to social media to complain about something, think about the last time you voted.

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# Malaysia's Peaceful Revolution: A Lesson for the U.S.A.

By Dr. Gina Morrison

Guest Writer

Today, when we are all looking a crucial midterm election square in the eye, we can learn an important lesson from a small developing nation in Southeast Asia called Malaysia.

This beautiful country had an incredible, peaceful revolution when the need for change required great courage to put love of country before individual desire. And I was there to see it.

If you've been in any of my classes, you know about my love affair with Malaysia. You've heard me talk about their uniquely multicultural society, their comfort with diversity, the kind and laid-back nature of the people and the wonderful opportunities that exist in that nation.

I've been going there for two dozen years, watching it develop. I love the people and I appreciate the great strides that the government has taken to transform the country into a hub for Southeast Asia. But over the past few years, I've heard rumblings from people in stores, restaurants and coffee shops, and from trusted colleagues and friends on Facebook, Messenger and WhatsApp.

From what I was hearing, corruption at the topmost levels of government had tainted that beautiful nation and a grassroots opposition movement was taking hold.

As a researcher who has been welcomed by a foreign country, I know better than to question the government of my hosts. Still, I couldn't help wondering if these rumors were true because, in recent years, I had seen the Malaysian ringgit weakening. I knew that many middle class working people had not been given raises for several years. Some were fighting to make ends meet.

In fact, there seemed to be a growing divide between those people who were really struggling and those at the top of the economic pyramid who seemed to have amassed unbelievable amounts of wealth.

I went on sabbatical earlier this year to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, to complete a Fulbright Specialist project and conduct research on aspects of Southeast Asian modernity. While there, my husband and I noticed that people had become more open about discussing the details of the corruption.

Lecturers in universities called upon their students to question what they saw on government-controlled TV channels. Colleagues in Malaysian Borneo expressed absolute certainty that an "opposition tsunami" would take place during the May 9 election, bringing on the first change of government in

the history of Malaysia.

People spoke of ousting Prime Minister Najib Razak for being the central figure in a worldwide money laundering scandal involving 1MDB—One Malaysia Development Berhad Inc.—a pool of taxpayer's money that the government had created in 2009 to grow funds, through wise investments, for the developing Malaysian economy.

Instead, according to an ongoing FBI investigation, the funds became play money for the prime minister and his innermost circle of family and friends. These funds disappeared through a money laundering scheme that reached all the way around the world to Hollywood, through the prime minister's step-son's investments in "The Wolf of Wall Street" and a friendship with Leonardo DiCaprio that was enhanced with the donation of a Picasso to DiCaprio's charity. When DiCaprio realized the source, he returned the painting. You really need to understand more about 1MDB than I can accurately present here, and I encourage you to start with the websites below to help you explore the details of the world's largest financial scandal.

U.S. Department of Justice lawsuits claim that at least \$3.5 billion USD has been stolen from 1MDB, with over \$600 million being funneled into Najib's personal account.

People were disgruntled and frustrated. Many voiced the possibility that if the government were to change, some of the affirmative action privileges now offered to Muslims and indigenous peoples, such as reduced loan interest rates and preference for government hires, might be lost.

On this last trip, however, I began to hear Malays themselves call for major changes that would allow their country to grow: an unraveling of the corruption, restoration of the stolen 1MDB funds to the people, equitable treatment of all cultural groups, a free press and, most of all, wise and ethical leadership.

But as election day approached, the only thing I saw on TV was excessive coverage of the prime minister's visits to the rural areas distributing food to smiling villagers. I saw no reflection of the real talk of the people and there was a conspicuous absence of the equal air time given to both parties in the U.S.A., which guarantees freedom of expression and a free press committed to reporting the news from both points of view.

In Malaysia, the ruling party Barisan Nasional (BN) was rarely criticized in public. Over the years, the power held by BN had become dangerously unquestioned due to censorship, to the point where the press was not what we would call a free press.

In fact, the only TV channels that my husband and I were able to watch in our apartment were the government-controlled public channels on which any sort of criticism of the government was notably absent.

Try to imagine forming an opposition



Submitted: Dr. Gina Morrison

## Election Night in Malaysia

coalition in that environment. Now try to imagine what it takes for the opposition to actually win that election.

Election day was scheduled for a Wednesday – the middle of the week in a country that requires voters to return to their hometowns to vote.

Some faced five or more hours' drive one way, only to wait in queue at a polling station for another five hours and drive back on congested roads for work the next day. This placement of election day in the middle of the week—completely at the discretion of the prime minister—was seen by some as an attempt at voter suppression.

But it didn't stop people from voting. All day, I saw many FaceBook photos of long lines of voters throughout the country. After the 5 p.m. closing of the polls, I watched initial election results on TV showing positive results for BN.

Then, at about 9 p.m., the election results stopped. Regular programming resumed. Frustrated and eager to hear the results, we learned of a large outdoor gathering with a huge TV screen that had been erected in a nearby soccer field.

An hour later we saw a fantastic sight: Malaysians of all ages and ethnicities in the field, sitting together with friends or family

on blankets or on the grass in the steamy tropical night; children being carried on the shoulders of their parents or held on the laps of grandparents; all heads turned to the screen with the election results.

Slowly, everyone began to stand and cheer, turning on their phone lights in approval as one district after another appeared on the screen as having voted for the opposition, the Pakatan Harapan (Coalition of Hope). Several people waved huge Harapan and Malaysian flags.

Cheers erupted: "Long live hope!" ("Hidup Harapan!") and "Pakatan Harapan!" Common people took turns on the stage addressing the crowd, growing larger and more restless by the minute, as they realized that the prime minister was refusing to concede.

Finally, after midnight, a Malay man took the microphone and spoke to the crowd in English and Malay: "Have patience; be calm. Do not act in any way that will allow us to be viewed as unlawful. Our good news will come. Look around you. See the child sleeping on his grandfather's knee?"

Someday you will tell him, "You were there when it happened, when this great country was returned to the people. You are part of history."

I too felt part of history that night. I wrote on FaceBook: "This is what democracy looks like." The next day, there was a new Malaysia. I saw on public TV—which was immediately changed—the King of Malaysia endorsing the new Prime Minister Dr. Mahatir Mohammed, a former prime minister who had led the country's drive to become a developed nation, a man respected for his wisdom at having learned from his own mistakes and an elder who had accepted the challenge of shepherding the country through the transition.

I feel privileged to have been a witness to history in the making on May 9, when an incredible, peaceful revolution occurred, and when the Malaysian people quietly, carefully and respectfully ousted the only form of government that the nation had ever known since its inception 61 years ago.

These tolerant and patient people had simply reached the limit and, as a nation, had decided that the country was moving in the wrong direction. Similarly, the U.S. midterm elections are also about the need to put our own country back on track, because I know that few of us feel good about the great split in our nation. We've gone off course, but we also can have a peaceful revolution. Let's take a lesson from the Malaysians and get out and vote.

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# Gender essentialism and its adverse effects on society

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Although it has been embedded in how society thinks about gender and relating ideas, gender essentialism is the problem you have probably never explicitly heard of.

Its impact can be found across multiple areas of study, including English, Philosophy, Psychology, Biology, History and Anthropology. Each major provides a different view of this concept, but in general, gender essentialism is the notion that men and women are categorized by their differences and are restricted to the options provided to them within this binarized group.

The most simplified example is the common practice of limiting blue coloring to boys and pink coloring to girls. This example may seem insignificant, but gender essentialism has been used to justify gender-bias and reinforce traditional stereotypes that are harmful to society's progress.

These biases and stereotypes include the

personality characteristics that are seen as feminine, which include but are not limited to gentleness, empathy, sweetness, nurturance, submission, dependence, sensitivity and hysteria.

On the flipside, it includes the characteristics that society deems as masculine, such as logic, impassivity, strength, independence, courage, aggression and assertiveness. This inflates other issues that can lead to sexism, violence, lack of consent and homophobia.

Let's take a look at how different Wilkes University majors might discuss this issue. The study of Biology is often used as evidence for maintaining gender essentialism as this scientific perspective discusses the differences between the two sexes, which most people equate to gender.

It is important to note that we acknowledge there are genetic and biological differences in the makeup of different sexes. However, a student can learn in Anthropology 101, at the beginning of human civilization the development of culture brought the development of gender because gender is understood as a culture based structure,

while sex is a separate concept.

The confusion over this distinction leads to many of the problems gender essentialism creates and adheres to. Anthropology also helps us see that different cultures have different distinctions in addition to the concept of gender binary, or a two gender system.

An amazing resource for discovering these different cultural views is a map published by the Public Broadcasting Company PBS in 2015, titled "Map of Gender-Diverse Cultures."

Furthermore, in both the study of English and the study of History, a major theme is gender. In literature, it is easy to see the persistence of gender roles and stereotypes.

In Wilkes University's English 233 Survey of English Literature I, students read early English writings, including Beowulf, the Canterbury Tales, and Sir Gawain and the Green Knight.

All these stories portray traditional gender roles and stereotypes, which are sometimes the topic of reflection in class.


When looking at women's significant role in history, a student can also see distinct

time periods' views of female leadership and livelihood. Psychology also addresses gender essentialism when discussing the patterns of characteristics between the genders as well as other theories on parenting and interpersonal relationships.

Lastly, Philosophy helped develop the concept in the first place. The concept of essentialism was written about by Plato to explain how everything has an essence or specific nature. Today many philosophers prefer to view the world as what our different cultural mindsets discern rather than an inherent essence.

All in all, one can see that gender essentialism is everywhere and poses a great deal of negative implication on a wide range of communities.

Gender essentialism restricts people into a category, limiting self-expression and invalidating some individuals. This holds society back from progress, because the world would be a better place if people were no longer essentialized but seen for who they are.

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# What is more essential: intelligence or education?

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Intelligence and education are two concepts that are often used interchangeably. They are often referenced and alluded to in the same areas and are held as highly esteemed characteristics.

Although the two concepts have a great amount of overlap in their classification, it is important to note that they are very distinct skills.

Intelligence has to do with an individual's ability to adapt to a certain environment or to adapt to change. It is defined as "the ability to acquire and apply knowledge and skills."

In terms of education, the vast majority of people maintain that education has to do with pedagogy or teaching. When people think of education, they often think of a scholastic setting in which a teacher is providing instruction to a student.

In a more general sense, education is also defined as "the knowledge and development resulting from a process of education". In this definition, there is often a tendency to use education and intelligence interchangeably.

Depending on the way in which the terms are used, this interchangeability

may seem accurate yet, it is not. The truth is that these concepts are independent of one another; they are not synonymous.

A person can be intelligent but lacking in intelligence. And likewise a person can be educated but lacking in intelligence. It must also be understood that a person can be intelligent and educated at the same time. With this understanding in mind, what is the association between these two skill sets?

According to a Developmental Psychology journal written by Paul Baltes and Guenther Reinherth, an enclosed study conducted on German children illustrates a telling connection between intelligence and education.

In using eight to 10-year-olds as a sample group, the study demonstrated that "Eight year olds who had received an extra year in school were closer in intelligence to the 10 year olds who were a year behind, than the eight year olds who were a year behind".

This conclusion reveals that education can have beneficial effects on one's intelligence. It then begs the question, does the contrary also hold true? Can intelligence have a beneficial impact on education?

As a student at Wilkes, I can attest

to the fact that intelligence can have an advantageous effect on one's education. In many fields of study I have noticed that a great deal of subjects are cumulative in nature. For this reason, they have the capacity to build on one another.

If you take English 101 for example, you would take English 120 after and the level would increase. You would also notice that as the levels increase, concepts that you have learned before are frequently referenced or alluded to.

A person can demonstrate intelligence by showcasing their ability acquire the knowledge given to them at every level of a subject that they can then apply to higher levels.

In this sense, intelligence can facilitate and benefit one's educational experience. In an effort to illustrate the interdependence of intelligence and education, one can compare intelligence to a glass vase and education as the water or material that is placed in the vase. They can exist independently but they are also highly interdependent.

With the distinction and interdependent nature of education and intelligence established, which of these are essential? Or in other words, which is more important? Personally I believe that


intelligence is more essential. Intelligence allows a person who may live in adverse conditions to survive.

Education is primarily focused on survival and success in an academic and often career based sense. Education allows a person to be able to understand the intricacies of the phenomena that occur around them.

Intelligence allows you to acquire knowledge or intel gathered from daily experiences whether academic or practical which can then be applied and utilized to thrive academically or in a general sense.

For those who do not have access to education, intelligence is necessary for one's survival. Often when access to education is limited, danger is in abundance and thus it is imperative that a person is intelligent enough to survive given such conditions.

This does not undermine the importance of education, both are extremely important. However in my opinion, if you had the option of only possessing on of these skills, intelligence would prove to be advantageous to a you in many situations.

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# Meet the Majors

## This week's major: Intergrated Media

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



Seth Turnage  
Junior

I picked digital design and media arts because I have a bit of a history in drawing. I have been drawing since I was three and I really want to expand into more digital realms and expand skills.



Rahmiere Jones  
Freshman

I like digital design because I like to design things and create things that will help people in their marketing endeavours.



McKaylah Dekay  
Junior

I came in being very artistic, so I wanted to find something to help me find a career in that. I thought graphic design would be a good path for me.



Lamont Brown  
Junior

I picked IM because I was a very creative kid growing up. Once I got to show my creativity to the world I choose IM because it was the best way for me to put my foot forward.

# The eradication of the rights of transgender individuals

By Tonya Creasy  
Staff Writer

In the 21st century, self-identification has become a huge part of our culture. Everyone identifies as something. Imagine having someone tell you that you can't identify as yourself and how that would impact you.

The LBGTQ community has always been a minority. Being a minority group, members are potentially subject to ridicule. A blaring form of ridicule toward people who identify as transgender comes from the government.

The Trump Administration wants to eradicate the term transgender. According to a recent memo from the Department of Health, a person's gender should be defined by the genitalia they were born with. During former President Obama's term, the definition of gender was loosened to an individual's choice.

On March 29, 2017, a bill relating to the act of Human Rights stated, "A

person's sex is either male or female as biologically defined."

By trying to eliminate transgender people, it affects society as a whole. Our rights as human beings are being threatened by the possibility of a part of society being erased.

Understanding that concept, the possibility of being erased isn't limited to transgender people. Any minority can be targeted.

Being born into a body that you don't feel comfortable in is difficult. Knowing that you can go through the process of changing your gender acts as a comfort or solution. The possibility of the administration going through with the eradication removes that comfort or solution. At that point, the people in that situation are basically left feeling trapped.

"This has been the best thing that I've ever done for myself," Nick Girard, a female to male transgender individual, said.

Going back to the beginning of history, it has been said that all men

were created to be equal. All men being created equal means that we should all share equal rights. There has always been and probably always will be discrimination of some sort though. Just because someone doesn't feel comfortable in the body that they were born into, doesn't make them any less of a human being.

Discrimination has often been addressed toward people of different skin tone. Back then, people were treated unfairly to the point of being considered less than a human being. However, they continued to fight to earn their rights to be treated as equals.


In today's society, discrimination is still a recurring issue. The only difference is, a different group of society is being targeted based on self-identification. No matter what color your skin is, what your sexual orientation is, or what gender you want to define yourself as, that shouldn't cause yourself to be considered inhuman.

Growing up, people would always

preach that you should just be yourself and be happy with who you are. If that is the case, then why do people get shamed for being different? The government has no right to rip away the rights of any individual who is trying to make the best out of their situation.

The Declaration of Independence even declares that humans are entitled to the right of the pursuit of happiness. When someone has to go about their everyday life trying to pretend that they're someone that they're not, it seems a lot harder to pursue. No one wants to live a life where they can't be who they are. With freedom of expression, people should be allowed to express themselves how they want to.

"You feel like God made a mistake or that you must've done something to deserve to be living pretty much on a different spectrum than anyone else," Girard said.

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## Album review: Bad Wolves release a solid, exciting debut

**RHYTHM**   
with Parker Dorsey

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Bad Wolves could make a case for being the fastest rising rock band within the last five years. The name might ring a bell if you have heard their cover of The Cranberries' "Zombie," which currently has more than 131 million views on YouTube.

It would have had Cranberries lead singer Dolores O'Riordan contributing guest vocals had she not passed away on the day she was due to record.

The 1994 hit already contained significant meaning as it was written as a protest song about the Irish battle for independence.

The rerecording gives it modernized meaning, with the lyrics indicating that the current state of affairs in the world is 'the same old theme in two thousand eighteen.'

The band is consisted of singer Johnny Vext, lead guitarist Doc Coyle, rhythm guitarist Chris Cain, drummer John Boecklin and bassist Kyle Konkiel.

Even with a group of veteran musicians from bands such as DevilDriver, In This Moment and God Forbid, it is surprising Bad Wolves have gotten successful. Supergroups, more often than not, have a tendency to not live up to the hype of their individual members' billing (e.g. Audiotopsy or Chickenfoot).

Over the summer they released their debut record *Disobey*, a title that should come as no surprise. The lyrical content ranges from topics such as police violence in "Officer Down," substance abuse in "Remember When" and governmental power in "The Conversation."

Musically, the instrumentation sounds like a cross between Periphery and Chimaira. The guitar tone is almost djent-like, with absurdly downtuned riffage that tries its hardest to punch through your stereo system.

Boecklin's drumming, as expected, is one of the album's highlights. His drumming is varied and powerful, and he throws in various death metal-inspired blast beats and off-beat polyrhythmic fills throughout the album. Konkiel's bass is prominent in the mix and he provides a solid backbone for the rest of

the instrumentation.

Vext has one of the best voices in the modern rock and metal scene, and provides countless powerful choruses throughout the album. He has an impressive range that goes from vicious growls to booming and intense cleans.

In fact, he was pegged to fill in for singer Ivan Moody during Five Finger Death Punch's 2017 European tour, when Moody stepped away from the band to attend rehab.

While there is a lot to like from this record and it has a lot of fun songs, overall it just feels generic, both from the album art and from looking at the record as a whole.

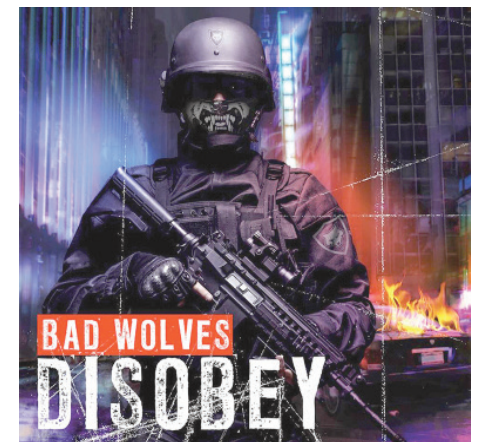
After repeated listens a lot of the songs blend together, no matter the individual highlights of certain tracks. Aside from the single "Toast to the Ghost," there are no tracks on this album that really stand out from each other.


Therein lies the principal problem with *Disobey*. While Bad Wolves is so much more than their Cranberries' cover, it cannot be denied that on Spotify, "Zombie" has more listens than the rest of the album combined (65 million to 26 million).

No matter the medium, that is a wild disparity. There is a realistic chance that years from now Bad Wolves will simply only be known as that band that covered "Zombie."

Does that mean it's not worth a listen? Absolutely not. There is a lot of raw energy and intensity on this record. Keep an eye out for their next one.

Parker's Picks: "Toast to the Ghost," "Jesus Slaves," "No Masters," "Run For Your Life"



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# Sports

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## WSOC: Colonels advance

By Tyler Aldinger  
Staff Writer

EDWARDSVILLE -- The number two-seeded Wilkes University women's soccer team faced off against the third-seeded DeSales University soccer team last Wednesday at Schmidt Stadium in the MAC Freedom semifinal. Early goals by senior Nicolette Towlen and junior Delfina Bracchi led the Colonels to their 2-1 victory.

At the beginning of the game, DeSales controlled the ball for almost the entire start, displaying their dominance for the first seven minutes.

However, the Colonels were quickly able to gain control of the game after getting possession of the ball and getting the first goal of the night.

Junior Haley Evans began the rush for the Colonels by streaking down the sideline, attempting to center the ball. The ball was redirected by freshman Emily Bidelspach, eventually making its way to Towlen who buried the ball in the back of the net.

"We knew what we had to do to get it done and we were all really goal hungry," Towlen said. "So, we got in the box and just got it done."

The first goal of the night by Towlen sparked a momentum for the Colonels, as they dominated several aspects of the game.

Shortly after the first goal from Towlen, Bidelspach had another opportunity, as she found herself with a clear shot to score. However, she was unable to extend the Colonels lead by two, sending the ball over the crossbar after a pass from Towlen.

Ten minutes after the first goal, the Colonels were knocking on the door again. This time, the Colonel corner proved costly to DeSales.

Junior Jessica Egan perfectly delivered the corner to the middle of the field and Bracchi headed the ball beyond Haley Jacobs, the goalkeeper for DeSales.

"The corner came from the left side of the keeper," Bracchi said. "I just wanted to get to the ball and score for our team to get the next game."

The Colonels remained persistent and did not take their foot off the gas for the next twenty minutes of play.

After substituting several starters out of the game late in the first half, DeSales seized the opportunity and cut their two-goal deficit to one.

The corner kick proved to be an important aspect of the game for both teams, as DeSales capitalized on a corner kick of their own with five minutes left in the first half, putting DeSales on the board and tightening the contest between the two teams.

For DeSales, Natalie Dorsheimer kicked the corner right to Gabby Torchia, who was able to head the ball past Wilkes's junior goalkeeper Samantha Cecere. Although DeSales scored, Cecere made a diving attempt to keep the game scoreless.

The Colonels would not allow any more goals in the remaining minutes of the first half of play, leading DeSales 2-1 going into halftime.

The physicality of both teams showed in the second half of the game, as both teams embraced playoff soccer.

Bidelspach looked to extend the lead for the Colonels when she found herself streaking down the side, but the Bulldogs' Jacobs covered the ball before Bidelspach was able to get a shot away.

The Colonels struggled in the second half to keep DeSales out of their zone, but they did not allow the Bulldogs to score.

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## WSOC: Colonels fall short

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DALLAS -- The Wilkes University women's soccer team fell short of the MAC Freedom championship for the second year in a row, as the Misericordia University Cougars broke their hearts once again, beating Wilkes 2-1.

It was the Colonels third appearance in the MAC Freedom title game in the last four years, losing to DeSales and Misericordia twice in that stretch.

The Cougars won their sixth conference title in the last seven years. Misericordia also came into this match ranked ninth in the country for Division III soccer.

The game began with the Colonels on their heels. Misericordia threw the kitchen

the storm to keep it at a one-goal game.

"Our game plan all night was to limit their opportunities on corners and to generate as many as we could," said Wilkes head coach John McNichol. "Being down, we needed a goal moving forward in the game, so we needed to move our numbers up and take a chance."

The second half ended the way that the first half started, with Misericordia controlling the game.

About five minutes into the second half, the ball found its way to the Cougars' side of the field, where the Colonels generated a chance for a corner kick. Junior Jessica Egan sent the ball right into the heart of the box, and the ball was redirected towards the Misericordia goal. The Colonels' fans in the stands started to celebrate as the ball looked like it was marked for the back of the net until the Cougars' goalkeeper Alexis Benedetto sprawled to her right to make a save that left the entire crowd speechless.

Misericordia didn't stop to admire their goalkeeper's work, as they sprinted up the field with the ball. Misericordia's Evelyn Logie sent a set-piece up for Jeanna Orfanos to head home and give the Cougars a 2-0 lead.

"I thought our best thirty minutes of the game were our first thirty," said Misericordia head coach Mark Stauffer. "I thought we should've had three or four goals. I told them that we needed another goal to be comfortable in this one."

The Colonels sense of urgency kicked into another gear once they went down two goals with just over thirty-five minutes to get those goals back.

The field still seemed to be tilted toward the Colonels goal, as the ball remained on that side. There wasn't much space for the Colonels to work, as the Cougar defense closed in on the ball fast and used their speed to get the ball back.

The next chance for the Colonels came with just over ten minutes left when senior Nicolette Towlen sent a pass over to a cutting Egan, who was tackled in the box. The referee immediately signaled for a penalty kick. Egan faked to her left then

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Senior Nicolette Towlen races down the sideline with the ball during the MAC Freedom semifinal game.

sink at Wilkes to start the game, but Colonel goalkeeper Samantha Cecere stood on her head to keep the game scoreless for as long as possible.

After Cecere made an incredible diving save, the Cougars took advantage of a corner kick. Misericordia's Kaylee Sturans capitalized on her opportunity to break the scoreless tie by tucking a shot underneath the crossbar with 12:01 left in the first half.

The Colonels were under siege the rest of the first half, but they were able to weather

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In the final fifteen minutes of the game, the Colonels took charge and were able to limit the chances for DeSales and finish out the game with the win.

The Colonels controlled the game with several minutes left and kept possession until the clock hit zero.

This win propels the Colonels to the MAC Freedom final against Misericordia.

Even more importantly, first-year head coach John McNichol has taken the Colonels back to the MAC Freedom final against Misericordia.

"It's really exciting," said McNichol. "It's really all about the energy and effort the girls put in. It's been a tough year with injuries and adversity, and we've just battled."

"Tonight was no different," elaborated McNichol. "We got up early and played really well early. They had a great goal off that corner, momentum swung and the girls did a great job. It's very special, being my first year, I mean what the girls have been through and what they've done, I couldn't be more proud of them and the energy they've had all year."

For the second straight year, the Colonels will move on to the MAC Freedom final and face Misericordia, a powerhouse in the MAC Freedom.

**MAC Freedom Semifinal  
Wilkes 2, DeSales 1****Desales' 1' 0- 1****Wilkes' 2' 0-2**

**First half-** 1. WIL, Nicolette Towlen (Emil Bidelspach, Hale Evans), 34:03; 2. WIL, Delfina Bracchi (Jessica Egan), 23:43; 3. DES, Gabby Torchia (Natalie Dorsheimer), 5:33.

**Shots-** DES 12; WIL 16. **Saves-** DES 5; WIL 2. **Corner kicks-** DES 6; WIL 4.



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The Colonels look to strike on a corner kick during the MAC Freedom semifinal game against DeSales on Wednesday before advancing.

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sent a shot to the bottom right corner to cut the lead in half.

Trailing 2-1 with 10:24 remaining, McNichol and the Colonels knew it was time to throw everything they had onto the field.

Wilkes moved the ball down the field, and Towlen sent a ball towards the middle of the field where it was once again sent toward the Cougars' net.

With the lead on the line, Benedetto made another save that kept the Colonels down.

**"We battled. We've been down before and I can't think of one time where we thought we were out of a game."**

- John McNichol

After coming within inches of a 2-2 game, the Colonels could smell overtime. The fight continued all the way to the final buzzer, with the Colonels coming up short.

"We battled. We've been down before and I can't think of one time where we thought we were out of a game," McNichol said. "The last part of the game, we really brought it to them and we came really close to finishing, but we played a very good team in Misericordia."

The Colonels now wait to see if they will be playing in the ECAC tournament. If they do not get in, their season is most likely over, marking the end of McNichol's first season. Although they fell short of a MAC Freedom title, it was still successful in that Wilkes played well and fought hard, showing pride and faith in their new head coach.

**MAC Freedom Championship  
Misericordia 2, Wilkes 1****Wilkes' 0' 1- 1****Misericordia' 1' 1- 2**

**First half-** 1. MIS, Kaylee Sturans (Alexa Alchevsky), 12:01. **Second half-** 2. MIS, Jeanna Orfanos (Evelyn Logie), 37:25; 3. WIL, Jessica Egan, 10:24.

**Shots-** WIL 8; MIS 15. **Saves-** WIL 3 (Samantha Cecere); MIS 3 (Alexis Benedetto). **Corner kicks-** WIL 2; MIS 1.



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**Cross Country  
(Men's and Women's)**

8/31 @ Misericordia Invitational  
Men's 5th, Women's 4th  
9/8 @ Stevenson Invitational  
Men's 5th, Women's 8th  
9/15 @ Cougar Classic  
Men's 4th, Women's 4th  
9/29 @ Mount Saint Mary  
Men's 4th, Women's 5th  
10/6 @ Desales Invitational  
Men's 15th, Women's 13th  
10/13 @ Inter-Regional Border Battle  
Men's 41st, Women's 38th  
10/19 @ LVC Last Chance Run Fast  
Men's 7th  
10/27 MAC Championships  
Men's 9th, Women's 11th  
11/10 NCAA Mideast Regional  
(DeSales)

**Fall Sports Schedules****Women's Volleyball**

8/31 @ PSU-Hazleton, W 3-0  
9/1 @ Clarks Summit, W 3-0  
9/1 @ Lycoming, L 3-0  
9/1 @ Penn College, W 3-0  
9/4 @ PSU-Brandywine, W 3-0  
9/6 vs. Lancaster Bible, L 3-1  
9/8 @ PSU-Harrisburg, W 3-1  
9/8 @ Shenandoah, W 3-2  
\*9/12 vs. Manhattanville, L 3-2  
9/15 vs. Cairn, W 3-0  
9/15 vs. Wesley, W 3-1  
\*9/18 @ FDU-Florham, L 3-1  
9/20 vs. Clarks Summit, W 3-0  
9/22 @ Brooklyn College, W 3-0  
9/22 @ Rutgers-Camden, W 3-1  
\*9/26 vs. Delaware Valley, W 3-0

9/28 @ RIT, L 3-1  
9/29 @ Morrisville State, L 3-1  
9/29 @ SUNY Cortland, L 3-0  
\*10/2 @ Eastern, L 3-0  
10/4 @ PSU-Berks, W 3-2  
10/6 vs. New Jersey City, W 3-1  
10/6 vs. PSU-Altoona, W 3-0  
10/8 @ Keystone, W 3-1  
\*10/10 vs. King's, L 3-1  
\*10/16 @ DeSales, L 3-0  
10/18 vs. Bryn Athyn, W 3-0  
\*10/24 @ Misericordia, L 3-0  
10/27 vs. Maryland, L 3-0  
10/27 vs. Rutgers-Camden, W 3-1  
\*MAC Freedom  
Home matches @ Marts Center

**Field Hockey**

x-8/31 @ Susquehanna, L 3-1  
x-9/1 vs. Kean, W 1-0  
9/5 @ Keystone, W 3-0  
9/8 vs. Widener, L 5-4 (SO)  
9/13 vs. Cedar Crest, W 3-1  
9/15 @ Alvernia, L 2-0  
9/19 @ Moravian, W 3-2  
\*9/22 vs. Eastern, W 6-3  
9/25 vs. U. of Scranton, L 3-1  
\*9/29 @ Manhattanville, W 3-2  
10/3 @ Elizabethtown, L 2-1  
\*10/5 @ FDU-Florham, L 1-0 (OT)  
10/8 vs. Arcadia, L 5-3  
\*10/12 @ Delaware Valley, W 4-1  
\*10/18 vs. King's, W 5-3  
\*10/20 @ DeSales, L 3-1  
\*10/24 @ Misericordia L 4-1  
\*\*10/31 @ DeSales, L 3-2  
\*MAC Freedom  
\*\* MAC Freedom Playoffs  
x-Connie Harnum Classic



# MLB: Mets make controversial general manager hire

By Ben Mandell  
Co-Sports Editor

On Saturday, Oct. 27, the Major League Baseball's Players Association (MLBPA) spoke out against the New York Mets and their desire to hire popular agent Brodie Van Wagenen to fill their vacant general manager position. The next day, the Mets came out and made a statement that they were going to hire Van Wagenen.

Whether the timing was intentional or not, the Mets made it clear that they do not see the issue that the MLBPA does.

The MLBPA, and their chief Tony Clark, are essentially baseball players union representatives. Clark is here to make sure that the players still have their rights and fair working conditions. All professional sports have players associations, so baseball is no exception, but why is there an issue with the Mets hiring Brodie Van Wagenen?

Van Wagenen is now the former co-head of the Creative Artists Agency (CAA) since he accepted the Mets offer, but it also means he represented a lot of MLB players, including Jacob deGrom, Noah Syndergaard, Todd Frazier, Yoanis Cespedes and Robinson Cano. It is Van Wagenen's knowledge of these players' personal information that teams typically do not know about that causes controversy.

Super-agent Scott Boras explained that the concerns are justified in an interview

with ESPN radio.

"When you're fluid and you're going from agency to management, the fact of the matter is, how does a player know that you won't make that change any time?" Boras said. "Why would he tell you the most intimate things in the world, knowing that you're going to be negotiating against him?"

Tony Clark elaborated on this idea and expressed similar concerns in his statement written by the New York Daily News on Saturday. He noted that players were calling nonstop with their concerns of the potential repercussions that the hiring of Van Wagenen could have.

"They understand the opportunities that exist for representatives to make the decisions that they are going to make," Clark said. "To the extent that possibility exists, I would be confident in suggesting that the understanding and appreciation for confidential information remains so."

The big concern, in terms of a player's information being used against himself, is for deGrom, Van Wagenen's former client and current member of the New York Mets and a player who will be in need of a new contract soon. To show an example of how this can negatively affect deGrom, let's say the two parties are negotiating a new contract. If Van Wagenen knows personal information, he can use it against deGrom, violating player/agent trust.

Boras may not be well received by the

public or teams, but he has been highly praised by his clients for his loyalty and the trust they feel with him. Van Wagenen has a majority of high profile clients, and during his press conference at Citi Field, the new general manager said that he discussed the move with deGrom and his other clients before taking the Mets GM job. He also said there was tremendous support and enthusiasm.

If what Van Wagenen says is true, and there has not been any public response from his clients to say otherwise, then there should not be any issue with his decision. The players safety is the biggest concern, but if the players affected by it directly are not concerned, then the major concerns should be taken care of. The only concerns could be for this to open the door for future agents to flip roles, which was mentioned by Tony Clark. The hope is that even if it does occur, the private information remains private.

Also, according to CBS Sports, Jeff Wilpon, Mets chief operating officer (COO) said, "There are provisions in Van Wagenen's contract to deal with conflicts of interest. That could result in Van Wagenen recusing himself from certain negotiations, such as Jacob deGrom. But Van Wagenen would help provide direction."

Van Wagenen has also come out via press conference to say he has divested from CAA and future contract

commissions.

All this means is that he no longer will be benefitting from the players' contracts and that he no longer is with the CAA. According to Forbes, Van Wagenen made \$25 million in commission last year.

The specific numbers of Brodie Van Wagenen's contract are not completely public, but it can be expected to be less than his commission made last season as an agent.

The Mets hiring Brodie Van Wagenen marks New York as just the second franchise to hire an agent as their general manager.

*Join the conversation!*

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*questions about the Brodie*

*Van Wagenen hire or the MLB*

*postseason?*

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*share your point of view.*



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## Fall Sports Schedules

### Women's Soccer

8/31 @ PSU-Berks, PPD  
9/5 @ Ithaca, L 1-0  
9/8 vs. Marywood, W 3-2  
9/12 @ William Paterson, W 1-0  
9/15 @ Bard, L 3-1  
9/19 vs. Susquehanna, L 2-1  
9/22 @ #14 Arcadia T 2-2  
9/25 @ U. of Scranton, L 2-0  
\*9/29 vs. Delaware Valley, W 1-0  
10/3 vs. Kean, W 1-0  
\*10/6 vs. DeSales, W 2-1  
\*10/10 @ King's, W 2-0  
\*10/13 @ Eastern, W 5-0  
\*10/16 vs. #12 Misericordia, L 3-0  
\*10/20 vs. Manhattanville, W 6-0  
10/23 vs. Oneonta, T 1-1  
\*10/26 @ FDU-Florham, L 2-1  
\*\* 10/31 vs. DeSales, W 2-1  
\*\* 11/3 @ #9 Misericordia, L 2-1  
\*MAC Freedom  
\*\* MAC Freedom Playoffs  
Home games @ Schmidt Stadium

### Football

9/1 vs. Hartwick, L 28-24  
9/8 @ Lebanon Valley, W 30-27  
\*9/15 @ Delaware Valley, L 21-10  
\*9/22 vs. Misericordia, L 47-45  
\*9/29 @ Alvernia, W 34-14  
\*x-10/6 vs. Albright, W 47-43  
\*10/12 @ FDU-Florham, W 31-16  
\*10/20 @ Stevenson, L 33-21  
\*10/27 vs. Lycoming, W 14-7  
\*y-11/10 vs. King's, noon  
\*MAC  
x-Homecoming  
y-Mayor's Cup  
Home games @ Schmidt Stadium

### Men's Soccer

8/31 @ PSU-Berks, T 1-1  
9/3 @ Marywood, W 2-0  
9/8 vs. Moravian, L 4-1  
9/12 vs. Clarks Summit, W 4-0  
9/15 @ Keystone, L 2-1 (OT)  
9/19 @ Susquehanna, W 1-0  
9/22 @ Stevenson, L 2-1  
9/26 vs. U. of Scranton, W 3-1  
\*9/29 vs. Delaware Valley, W 3-1  
10/3 @ Lancaster Bible, W 1-0 (OT)  
\*10/6 vs. DeSales, L 3-1  
\*10/9 @ King's, W 2-1  
\*10/13 @ Eastern, L 5-1  
\*10/17 vs. Misericordia, L 3-1  
\*10/20 vs. Manhattanville, L 3-1  
10/24 @ Penn College, L 1-0  
\*10/27 @ FDU-Florham, W 4-3  
\*MAC Freedom  
Home games @ Schmidt Stadium



# Getting to know...

# Donald Flynn

## Freshman Ice Hockey Player



### ***The Beacon:* Male Athlete of the Week Oct. 26 - Nov. 1**

**Why Donald Flynn was selected:** Flynn earned two honors after the inaugural weekend of men's ice hockey, being named the MAC Offensive Player of the Week and the UCHC Rookie of the Week. Flynn totaled five points on two goals and three assists and had a +2 rating in Wilkes's 1-1 opening weekend against SUNY Canton, scoring the historic first-ever goal for Wilkes men's ice hockey.

**Name:** Donny Flynn  
**Year:** Freshman  
**Major:** Computer Science  
**Hometown:** Randolph, NJ  
**High School:** Pope John HS  
**Position:** Forward

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

I wanted to come to Wilkes because of the opportunity to earn an education while playing the sport that I love again.

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

Unfortunately, I still have no idea what I plan to do after graduating.

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

The chicken.

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

My favorite building would have to be Stark ... only because of the POD.

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

I've never had soda before, so no preference.

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

This season, I hope to help establish a winning and respectable tradition.

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

I'd say I learned to skate when I was four and started playing hockey when I was five.

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

My favorite thing to do during practice is to score goals.

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

Nothing. I think we have an amazing set-up.

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

Off the field, I like to watch stand-up comedy, hangout with my friends and listen to music.

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

I like to eat a southwest wrap from the POD.

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

The most influential person in my life is my dad.

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

Gordie Howe.

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

A quote I live my life by is, "Someone's gotta do it."

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

To me, "Be Colonel" means believing in yourself and your own ability to lead yourself and others.

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

Just the boys on the team.

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The Beacon/Nicole Gaetani

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

Getting to know...

# Kendall Castro

## Freshman Ice Hockey Player

**The Beacon: Female Athlete of the Week Oct. 26 - Nov. 1**

**Why Kendall Castro was selected:** Although the Colonels lost 3-1, Castro pulled the Colonels within one goal at the 9:16 mark of the third period when she scored Wilkes's historic first-ever goal in their inaugural game against King's College on Oct. 26.

**Name:** Kendall Castro

**Year:** Freshman

**Major:** Undeclared Sciences

**Hometown:** Killingworth, Ct.

**High School:** Mercy HS

**Position:** Forward (Right Wing)

**Favorite thing to do during practice?**

My favorite thing to do during practice is work on our powerplay.

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

Absolutely nothing. We are a first year program and are just excited for the opportunities that we will have this season.

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

Off the field, I like taking naps and watching netflix.

**Favorite meal to eat on campus?**

The POD.

**Most influential person in your life?**

My dad.

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

Wayne Gretzky.

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

"A champion is defined not by their wins but by how they can recover when they fall." - Serena Williams

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

To me, "Be Colonel" means being compassionate to others and always being the best person you can be.

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

Both of the Wilkes ice hockey teams.

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

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

I wanted to come to Wilkes to begin the first-ever women's ice hockey team at this univeristy.

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

After graduating from Wilkes, I hope to go to graduate school and get a degree in Occupational Therapy.

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

The egg.

**Favorite building on campus?**

My favorite building is the Cohen Science Center.

**Coke or Pepsi?**

Coke.

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

This season, I hope to win the first women's ice hockey game in history.

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

I was four years old when I first began playing. My family members were involved with ice hocey, so my dad was set on having his daughters play the game as well.

**Favorite professor?**

My favorite professor would have to be Dr. Mary Beth Mullen.



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