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**\$3.5 million South Greenway renovation  
announced**

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Wilkes University President Patrick Leahy discusses the South Greenway renovation during a recent press conference. At left, is Wilkes University Board of Trustees Chairman Daniel Cardell.

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# News

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## Beacon Briefs

### The Bystander Intervention Trainer Program

The mission of the Bystander Intervention Program is to empower students, faculty, and staff to take on active leadership roles in addressing sexual violence within our campus community. If you are interested as a student member, the training session is Oct. 9, 2016 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. For more information or to RSVP please contact Elizabeth Swantek at (570) 408-4353 or [elizabeth.swantek@wilkes.edu](mailto:elizabeth.swantek@wilkes.edu)

### NeuroTraining and Research Center

For students feeling that their stress is affecting their performance in classes, the center - located in Breiseth 214 - is available to provide stress-reducing techniques. For more information, email [NTRC@wilkes.edu](mailto:NTRC@wilkes.edu) or call 570-408-3814.

### Scholarship Opportunity for Students of Polish Descent

The Polish Room Committee Scholarship is offering a \$3,000 scholarship to Wilkes students of Polish descent. To be considered, applicants must write a brief description of their Polish heritage, including their family's immigration description, and what that heritage means to them. Preference will be given to applicants demonstrating financial need. This letter must be submitted, along with applicant's name, WIN and contact information, to Susan Jolley, Director of Development. Applications can be e-mailed to [susan.jolley@wilkes.edu](mailto:susan.jolley@wilkes.edu). Please include "Polish Heritage Scholarships" in the subject line of your e-mail. Deadline for consideration is Oct. 7.

### Colonels Don't Stand By

On Oct. 9 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., there will be a Bystander Intervention Training session. There is an online training to accompany this session as well. For more information or to RSVP contact Elizabeth Swantek at (570) 408-4353 or [elizabeth.swantek@wilkes.edu](mailto:elizabeth.swantek@wilkes.edu)

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## Wilkes University Student Government notes

By Meghan Burns  
Staff Writer

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

SAE Baja came in to present their club report and a fund request for week two of two. The club reported they are currently building a car to use at a national competition. For their community service projects they plan to participate in Habitat for Humanity and The Big Event.

Their fund request was for \$1,250. This money will be used for the registration fee for a national competition in which the team will build a car and race it. The club presented updates that they are on track with the plans for the car. The SAE club reported that if they do not make the list for competition, they do not have to pay.

The Student Government put a motion forward that the request be approved with the stipulation that all unused funds be returned to Student Government. The board voted and the motion was approved.

The Casino Week fund request was

presented for week one of two. All of the tentative prizes were presented and priced. These include the latest apple products, a printer, a fitbit, concert tickets, cameras, various different brand name products, a PS4, a smart TV, and Apple TV, a bike, clothes, Xbox 1x, ski/snowboard set, a New York trip and various different gift cards.

The request was for \$14,714.84. Casino week includes Texas hold'em, bingo, a programming board program and casino night. The student government discussed various prize options and the possibility of slot machines.

Updates will be presented next week.

The Student Government then voted on their Club of the Month and Member of the Month. Motions were put forth to nominate the History Club and SAE Baja. The board voted and SAE Baja won Club of the Month. The club will be featured by the Club Hub in the Henry Student Center.

Motions were put forth to nominate various different student government member for Member of the Month. These members include Hunter Hughes, Shyann Barret, Joseph Birden, Kyle Thomas and Caitlin Brossman. The board voted and

Hunter Hughes was elected Member of the Month.

Operations reported that there is a brand new shuttle so the University currently has two. There will now be benches with charging stations in the Stark Learning Center.


The Senior Class reported the Downtown Establishment Tour will be Oct. 22. It will visit four bars. Tickets will be on sale next week.

MSC reminded everyone about the fall bus trip and the cultural dinner that will be held Tuesday, Oct. 4.

Commuter Council reported they will be holding a pumpkin painting event. The New York City bus trip tickets will be on sale soon.

The IRHC reminded everyone of the paint event coming up. They will also be holding the cake challenge on Oct. 28.

The Treasurer's Report stands as follows: All College: \$15,632.83; General Funds: \$22,965; Conference: \$5,000; and Spirit: \$2,000 for a SG total of \$45,597.83.

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# President Leahy announces construction of “South Campus Gateway”

By Toni Pennello  
Asst. News Editor

President Patrick F. Leahy announced on Friday a new, \$3.5 million dollar project that is scheduled to begin in May 2017 and to be completed by fall of 2018.

The project, Leahy announced, would be the creation of a South Campus Gateway. The gateway, he said, would not be dissimilar to the East Campus Gateway which connects South Main Street to the heart of Wilkes campus.

The South Campus Gateway will connect The Henry Student Center to Stark Learning Center, and then turn a corner all the way to S Franklin St.

Leahy called the existing East Campus gateway “already an iconic part of campus.”

In addition, the area around the Student Center will be redesigned, including a change to the flow of traffic, to create a more “pedestrian friendly” space surrounding campus.

Why another gateway?

Leahy said that it is for safety, to alleviate traffic congestion, improve aesthetics and the benefit Downtown Wilkes-Barre community at-large.

Leahy stated that the project would not be possible if not for the funds from the state, which the university will be matching “at least” one to one.

“These are funds that may not otherwise

come to downtown Wilkes-Barre, if not for a private institution’s match,” Leahy conjectured. “I think this demonstrates, quite effectively, the continuing power of public/ private partnerships in the effort to continue to develop our fine city.”

Leahy explained the importance of a safe gateway in this area of campus.

“This is one of the most trafficked arteries of our campus, and we want to make sure all of our students, faculty and staff and members of the community who cross here regularly to cross in perfect safety,” Leahy said.

Leahy’s announcement was followed by a few words from Dan Cordell, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, State Representative Eddie “Day” Paschinski, Sen. John Yudichak, Mayor Tony George and Student Body President Allie Grudeski. Each speaker was introduced by Michael J. Wood, special assistant to the president. Each speaker had nothing but positivity about the news.

“We are so blessed here at Wilkes University to have the kind of support that we have from these three fine public officials,” Leahy said, speaking of Paschinski, Yudichak and George.

This is just one of many renovations which have taken place since 2014, alongside the renovations of the Stark Learning Center and Passan School of Nursing, the East Campus Gateway which was opened

during homecoming last year, and the addition of the campus Starbucks.

Some future endeavors, according to Leahy, include the creation of the Karambelas Media Center and new Sordoni Art Gallery within the old Bartikowsky Jewelers building. He also mentioned further renovation of the Stark Learning Center which will be taking place over the next few years.

Mayor George spoke in depth about the ways in which the City of Wilkes-Barre and Wilkes University are codependent, and asserted that the campus renovations would make the city even better.

“We have an enduring goal to become one of the great small universities in the country, and this announcement today of our South Campus Gateway project is just the latest in the series of efforts we think will help us get there,” Leahy said.



The Beacon/ Gabby Glinski

President Patrick F. Leahy announces the South Campus Gateway project, a \$3.5 million endeavor.

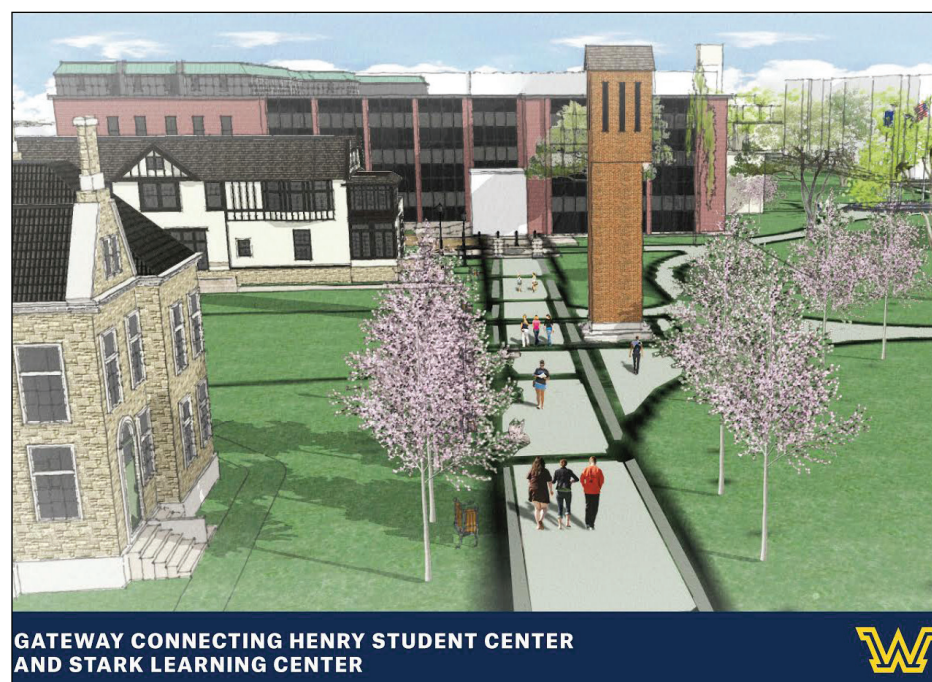
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HENRY STUDENT CENTER SOUTH ENTRANCE PLAZA



A tentative illustration of the front of the Henry Student Center after the gateway is built; the Henry Student Center Plaza.



GATEWAY CONNECTING HENRY STUDENT CENTER AND STARK LEARNING CENTER



An illustration of the possible design of the pathway connecting the Student Center to Stark Learning Center.



# Former congressmen visit campus; advocate civic engagement

By Alyssa Mursch  
News Editor

On Sept. 26, two former congressmen visited campus to present "The Great Divide: People, Congress and the Presidential Election," as part of the Congress to Campus initiative.

Former congressmen Sam Coppersmith, a Democrat from Arizona who served from 1993 to 1995, and Dan Miller, a Republican from Florida who served from 1993 to 2003, came to speak with students as part of the Congress to Campus program, which sends retired congressmen to universities.

The goal, they said, is to encourage young people to get involved in public service, which they call "a noble career," adding that many students haven't had the opportunity to personally meet someone in public office, and that this initiative helps give them a better idea of who they really are.

"It humanizes us," they agreed.

Coppersmith noted that, as a country, "we love democracy but hate politics." However, the best way to change what voters don't like is for them to get involved. For America to work, those in public service careers depend greatly on people volunteering in the community, he said.

One specific way they encourage students to get involved is by taking the Foreign Service Officer Exam.

Coppersmith is an attorney with three decades of experience in business and real estate transactional issues work, with emphasis on guiding nonprofit organizations in strategic initiatives, operations, transactions and public affairs, including international relations and elections issues.

A former college professor and businessman, Miller had never held public office before his election to Congress. During his 10 years in the House, he served on the House Appropriations Committee and the Budget Committee. He also served as chairman of the census subcommittee with oversight of the U.S. Census Bureau during the controversial and successful 2000 census. As a staunch fiscal conservative, he was committed to both reducing the size and scope of the federal government and fighting corporate welfare.

When asked to respond to the common rebuttal that Donald Trump may be unprepared to serve as president due to his lack of political experience, Miller said he didn't think that disqualified him, adding with a laugh that "that's not the problem" with Trump.

Coppersmith added that politics is unique in that it is a field where inexperience is often seen as ennobling, a sentiment that many supporters of Trump have also expressed, saying that they are sick of politicians and commend Trump's uncensored, honest attitude.

As far as their own political views, both men said they have historically voted for their party's candidates. Coppersmith said that he supported Hillary Clinton in the primary and will be "proud to vote for her" in November. Miller, however, said he did not support Trump in the primary and that he is still undecided as to for whom he will be voting.

The former congressmen also touched

divided election ever," the congressmen weighed in on the partisanship seen both among voters and within the government.

"Every age thinks it was better in the past," Coppersmith said. "In many ways, I think politics is more transparent and more honest. The system is much more responsive to popular will."

Miller had a different view, however, saying that there are many more "free agents" with strong viewpoints today who are unwilling to adjust to the majority, which is why nothing is getting passed.

"They have no loyalty and no feeling of responsibility," Miller said.

Miller added that this election is a unique situation in that the majority of people



The Beacon/Jesse Chalnack

From left: Former congressman Dan Miller, Dr. Thomas Baldino and former congressman Sam Coppersmith speak to students on Sept. 26 in the Student Union Building Ballroom.

on a few of the primary issues facing the candidates today. As a congressman who served on the budget committee, Miller said he didn't think either of the candidates' economic plans were feasible, as he said the focus needed to be on the ever-growing deficit.


Coppersmith disagreed, saying that markets currently do not see inflation as a risk and that low interest rates should be taken advantage of, saying that solely focusing on the deficit was "short-sighted" and "counterproductive." Fixing highways and creating bridges are two ways that the government can help create jobs and build the economy, he added.

As this is what some call the "most

don't like or trust either candidate, adding that this is "symbolic of Washington being dysfunctional."

But one takeaway that both men emphasized is that not all members from their respective parties are as divided as they seem. Congress to Campus requires that a Republican and Democrat are paired together so that students can see for themselves that, even on issues they disagree on, they can be civil.

In this way, they seek to portray a positive image of those that hold public service careers, thereby hoping to encourage students to consider that path themselves.

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## 2016 Presidential Debate Schedule

### Tuesday - October 4

*Vice presidential debate*

Moderator: Elaine Quijano,  
Anchor, CBSN and  
Correspondent, CBS News  
Location: Longwood  
University, Farmville, VA

### Sunday - October 9

*Second presidential debate*

Moderator: Martha Raddatz,  
Chief Global Affairs  
Correspondent and Co-  
Anchor of "This Week,"  
ABC

Moderator: Anderson  
Cooper, Anchor, CNN  
Location: Washington  
University in St. Louis, St.  
Louis, MO

### Wednesday - October 19

*Third presidential debate*

Moderator: Chris Wallace,  
Anchor, Fox News Sunday  
Location: University of  
Nevada, Las Vegas, Las  
Vegas, NV



# Retrospect: “For me it was Sunday...”

## Local LGBT club manager reflects on Florida club shooting nearly four months later

By Zachary Smith  
Staff Writer

It's Friday night at HEAT bar and night club, a LGBT establishment in Wilkes-Barre.

The music plays softly in the background, while a smattering of people sit around the bar.

The club has only been open for an hour and it seems like a slow night so far. The club lights flicker in the distance as the DJ sets up, getting ready for the night. The bartender idly chats with a patron while a member of security sits talking with one of the regulars.

The bar back darts around making sure the bartenders are stocked for the night.

It has been several months after the tragic events at Pulse Night Club in Tampa Florida, which was the site of the worst mass shooting by a single shooter the United States has seen to date.

But looking around this bar, it seems as if people feel secure in their surroundings.

The general manager of HEAT, Sean Ebert, moves from the club to the bar making sure everything is ready, meeting with the other performers who will be there tonight, greeting guests and making sure everyone is comfortable. For Ebert, the last thing he wants is for anyone to think that something bad could happen.

He motions to come to the back to talk while he begins transforming into his drag persona. Ebert contemplates his choice of wig as he recalls the week following the tragedy.

“We actually had more people come out in a display of solidarity” he says as he grabs a crimson red clown wig off a shelf. “It felt like business as usual, it had to be.

“I was woken up (the morning of the shooting) by news outlets asking for quotes about the attack,” he recalled as he began putting the wig on.

“For me it was Sunday, and I had a job to do. I am not going to put my patrons at risk

just so people can sell news.”

Clubs like HEAT are historically a refuge for members of the gay community, a place they can go to feel safe and welcome and of course to meet new people. Even if there is only so much that an establishment can do to keep its patrons safe, it is important to give off the feeling of confidence and security.

“If it's going to happen, it's going to happen” Ebert said regarding potential threats like Pulse as he applied his makeup in the mirror. “Worrying about it and hiding out of fear is just wasting your life”.

Chris Emanski, assistant manager at HEAT, encourages people to come out in spite of potential attacks like these.

“Don't be afraid to be who you are,” he said. “There will always be someone out there who does not agree with your choices/ lifestyle/ religion”.

While events like the Pulse shooting might encourage people to go out in a show of support, numbers are still down across the board over

the years. According to the National Club Industry Association of America (NCIAA), club attendance has gone down by 46 percent since 2014.


There is no clear reason for the decline, though some say it is because non-LGBT clubs have become more accepting and inclusive.

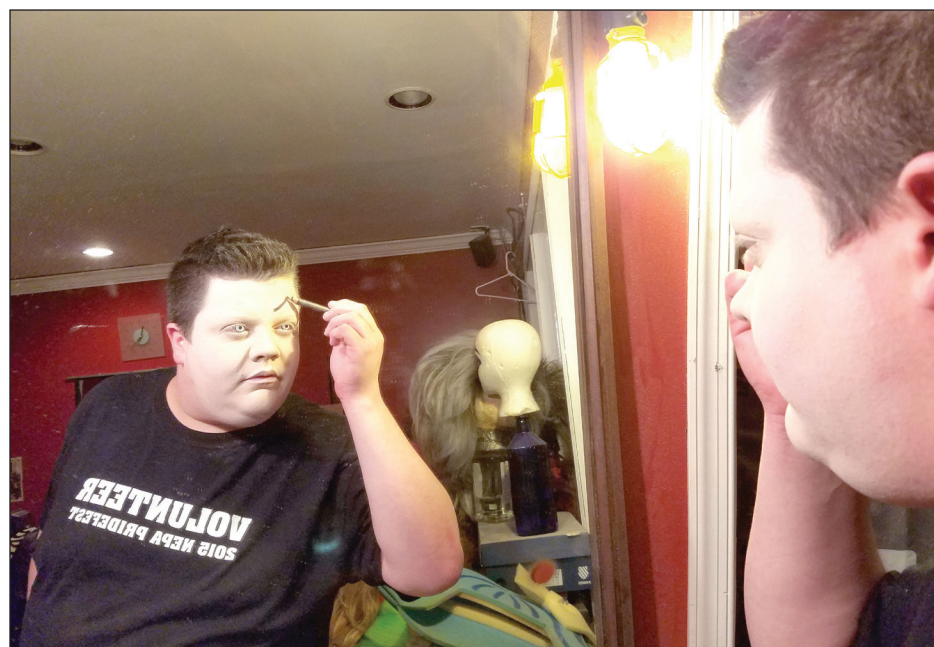
Sean Ebert is no longer in the room; instead, in full blown creepy clown makeup, Estella Sweet smiles.

“Want a balloon?” she asked, holding up a creepy doll prop.

The establishment has become more crowded, at least a dozen more people have shown up. There is a short line at the service bar -- people wait for drinks and wait to lower their inhibitions after a long week at the office.

These people will not let fear get the better of them, and Estella Sweet will always welcome them with a song and a dance.

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Sean Ebert, general manager of HEAT, transforming into Estella Sweet for a Friday night performance.



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## HEAT hours:

Monday-Wednesday: Closed  
Thursday-Sunday: 8 p.m. - 2 a.m.



# Kirby lecture speaker to highlight veteran entrepreneurship

By Zachary Smith  
Staff Writer

Lt. Col. Allen B. West will visit Wilkes University as part of the Allan P. Kirby Lectures in Free Enterprise and Entrepreneurship series on Oct. 5.

Lt. Col. West will speak about the importance of small businesses as cornerstones of the American economy. West also served as a member of congress and fought against recent laws such as the Affordable Care Act, as he deemed it detrimental to small businesses and the economy as a whole.

In addition to speaking about the importance of small business, West will also discuss the need to get more veterans involved with entrepreneurship. West will discuss opportunities for businesses to not only help reintegrate our soldiers into the economy, but make them an invaluable part of any organization.

Lt. Col. West's visit is also part of a coming initiative by the Allan P. Kirby Center, to help veteran's participation in entrepreneurship. Executive Director of Allan P. Kirby Center for Free Enterprise and Entrepreneurship Dr. Rodney Ridley is optimistic of the initiative, saying,


"Veterans have such a diverse skill set, they are such highly trained individuals, and yet are underutilized in the workforce today"

The lecture is free and open to the public and starts at 7 p.m. in the Dorothy Dickson Dart Center.

Previous speakers in the lecture series has included Michael Reagan (son of President Ronald Reagan), author Mary Fisher, and ABC reporter John Stossel, among others. While he could not comment on future speakers for next semester's lecture, Ridley has stated that, "We have some really interesting speakers lined up".

One of the goals of these lectures, according to Ridley, is to demonstrate how entrepreneurship and free enterprise can be a jumping off point to accomplish other great feats. Previous speakers have used entrepreneurship and free enterprise to combat human trafficking, fund AIDS research, and with the addition of Lt. Col. West, bring attention to and assist with veteran's affairs.

To learn more about this or any upcoming lecture, students can visit the Allan P. Kirby Center, located next to the Farley Library, during normal university hours.

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Lt. Col Allen B. West

Courtesy of Wilkes University

## The Mask You Live In - Combatting toxic social structures through education

By Toni Pennello  
Asst. News Editor

Men are 3.5 times more likely to die by suicide than women. Less than 50 percent of men with mental illness seek help.

According to thejournal.ie, men were responsible for 90 percent of the murders committed between 1980 and 2008.

Between Sept. 11, 2001 and 2012, the number of women who were victims of male violence exceeded that of terrorist victims from The World Trade Center and all American soldiers killed in The War on Terror, combined.

Why does it have to be this way?

The answer might be a concept called hypermasculinity. Many consider it toxic, and maybe even deadly, evident by statistics.

The Women's and Gender Studies Program will host a special screening of the documentary "The Mask You Live In" made by the Representation Project, which discusses and explores hypermasculinity.

Hypermasculinity is defined as exaggeration of stereotypic male behavior,

including things like strength, sexuality and aggression. It also includes the rejection of any stereotypic feminine behavior, like being emotional and showing empathy.

"[Men and boys] really buy into a culture that doesn't value what we've feminized," said Psychologist and Educator Dr. Niobe Way in the documentary trailer. This, she elaborated, includes empathy, relationships and caring.

The documentary also discusses the ways in which this has an effect on the normalization of male violence toward women, sexual assault, hate crimes against the LGBT community and more.

Dr. Jennifer Thomas, the director of the Women's and Gender Studies Program and an associate professor of psychology, encourages students who "have ever wondered or been concerned by the fact that violent acts are overwhelmingly committed by men, and that the best way to shame a man is to call him a 'girl'" to attend the screening.

"We live in a society that pressures boys to conform to rigid, hypermasculine roles in

which strength, aggression, stoicism, sexual prowess and the rejection of characteristics considered to be feminine encompass what it means to be a man," she explained. "...Men become more accepting of violence against women, they learn to hide their emotions and their relationships suffer."

She also said that men are more likely to become addicted to drugs or alcohol, do more binge drinking and drop out or fail school than women.

"The Mask You Live In' will give you a better understanding of the socialization pressures boys and men face, why those expectations are so dangerous, and how we, as a society, can combat them," she went on.

If you are concerned with the ways in which societal expectations lead to things like suicide, homicide, domestic violence and drug addiction, join the women's and gender studies department in the Henry Student Center Ballroom on Oct. 4 at 3 p.m.

For more information, contact Dr. Jennifer Thomas at [jennifer.thomas@wilkes.edu](mailto:jennifer.thomas@wilkes.edu)

## The Mask You Live In

Where: SUB Ballroom  
When: Tuesday, October 4  
at 3 p.m.



# Life, Arts & Entertainment

Have a story or want your event to be featured? Contact the Life, A&E Editor: [kimberly.hein@wilkes.edu](mailto:kimberly.hein@wilkes.edu)

## Share a cappuccino with your Conversation Partner

**Wilkes Intensive English Program invites students, faculty and staff to join in conversation with international students**

By Amanda Bialek

Asst. Life, Arts and Entertainment Editor

Whether you're stopping by Starbucks for coffee, eating lunch on campus or going to a Wilkes sporting event, you have the opportunity to expand your cultural awareness by including an international student in your daily activities.

If you are interested in learning about a new culture and helping an international student learn about the American culture, the Conversation Partner Program is something to consider. Students, faculty and staff have the chance to meet someone from another country and be their conversational friend.

"I'm involved with the program because I need to practice my speaking skills to improve them. The best way to practice is with a native speaker," said Mona Alkanhal, and information technology major.

This is the 10th year the Wilkes Intensive English Program (IEP) is holding the Conversation Partner Program. It runs for 13.5 weeks during the spring, summer and fall semesters.

International students have the chance to practice their English and share their cultural experiences with Americans.

"The neat thing is this semester we have 20 educators on campus from Panama," Dr. Kimberly Niezgoda, director of IEP and program coordinator said.

There are currently 17 Panamanians who are looking for a conversation partner.

"They all want the chance to meet Americans and practice their English and learn about American culture cause a lot of them are here for the very first time in the United States," Niezgoda said.

Students who are paired together make plans based on what accommodates their schedules best. Partners are required to meet for at least one hour each week. They should meet in public places such as on campus or in downtown Wilkes-Barre.

"This fall I'm really looking for a bunch more people to come and hang out with them for once a week," Niezgoda said.

In the past, conversation partners have



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Student involved in the Conversation Partner Program include, from left : Row 1: Hasan Husain Row 2: Abdulrahman Alanazi, Erica Martzen Row 3: Brenda Velasquez, Mona Alkanhal, Thanh Truc Vo, Shannon Lord, Esperabza Torres, Enass Alhawsawi and Leticia Flores.

learned how to cook ethnic foods and have established friendships that continued after graduation.

"It really does make a difference getting

with their partners and started planning their activities for upcoming weeks.

Niezgoda believes it is important in this global environment to be able to show

*"They all want the chance to meet Americans and practice their English and learn about American culture cause a lot of them are here for the very first time in the United States."*

~Dr. Kimberly Niezgoda

to know people from other countries," Dr. Niezgoda said. "It changes your whole world."

To kick off the semester, the conversation partners met each other for the first time at a pizza party in Max Roth. Students chatted

employers what ethnic experiences you have and how it has helped improve your own abilities and your cultural understanding.

"Global awareness and international collaboration during the formative years results in more rounded individuals,

encouraging our pupils to see things from different perspectives and helping them to make informed decisions, acquiring transferable skills that will be useful to them and will remain with them for life," Jose Picardo, head of modern foreign languages at Nottingham High School, told The Guardian.

The Conversation Partner Program is a huge advantage in this area because there is not much exposure to internationalism and globalism, according to Niezgoda.

If you are interested in getting involved with this program, contact Dr. Kimberly Niezgoda at [kimberly.niezgoda@wilkes.edu](mailto:kimberly.niezgoda@wilkes.edu).

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# RECIPE OF THE WEEK:

## Strawberry Banana Chia Seed Smoothie

### INGREDIENTS:

- 1/2 cup of frozen strawberries
- 2 bananas sliced
- 1/4 cup of chia seeds
- a splash of orange juice
- ice
- fresh mint

### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Place the frozen strawberries, bananas, chia seeds, and orange juice in blender.
2. Blend and then add ice cubes.
3. Puree until smooth.
4. Garnish with fresh mint.

Design by Nicole Kutos



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# Wilkes names 2016 Homecoming King and Queen



Kara Serfass and Anthony Fanucci, Homecoming Queen and King of 2015, pose during the football game half-time after crowing Bryan Bilbao and Allie Grudeski the 2016 Homecoming King and Queen.



Homecoming Court members Kayla Hiryak, Scott Vandine and Nia Williams walk across the field during the football game half-time to join the other nominees.



Homecoming Court 2016; right to left; Woodly Augustin, Jenna Graziano, Bryan Bilbao, Allie Grudeski, John Scalese, Kim Hein, Kayla Hiryak, Scott Vandine and Nia Williams. Not pictured are nominees Ally Paskas and Michael Condrad.



Anthony Fanucci, Homecoming King 2015, dubs Bryan Bilbao Homecoming King 2015.



Kara Serfass, Homecoming Queen 2015 and Allie Grudeski, Homecoming Queen 2016 embrace after the crowning.



# HUMANS OF WILKES UNIVERSITY



The Beacon/Purvit Patel

A month into my senior year at Wilkes, it's wild to think about how much I've changed and grown over the past three years. It's even more crazy to think about how much different life will be at this time next year.

- Valerie Woods

## Dino's Pizza Express slices out hunger one cut at a time

By Kimberly Hein  
Life, Arts & Entertainment Editor

Over the past nine months, Dino's Pizza Express in Wilkes-Barre has donated more than 4,000 slices of pizza to local shelters.

This is made doable through their "Slice Out Hunger" campaign, which allows customers to buy a plain slice of pizza for 99 cents and donate 99 cents to buy a slice for a homeless shelter.

Dominic Buonsante, owner of Dino's Pizza Express said that they deliver freshly baked pizza pies to a local shelter each week.

These shelters include: Keystone Rescue Mission, Catherine McAuley House, Ruth's Place, Mother Teresa's Haven, the Kirby House and the Domestic Violence Service Center.

"I got the idea from a pizza shop in Philadelphia called Rosa's. It blew up on the internet and I figured why not try it here. It was a great idea and everyone seems to love it," Buonsante explained.

Another crowd pleaser is the grandma

pizza, as well as the chicken, bacon and chipotle ranch slices.

Brian Surdovel, a senior said, "I started going to Dino's because I heard they had really good pizza at a great price.

"Every time I go in I get a 99 cent slice for myself and I donate one. I figure that if I'm lucky enough to buy myself one slice of pizza, why not try to help someone who can't buy it themselves," he continued.

Buonsante said that students should keep their eyes out for the chance to order delivery within the next couple of months.

Dino's is also open until 3 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, weather permitting.

Dino's also offers wraps, salads, Stromboli's and calzones.

If you want pizza and or are interested in participating in the "Slice Out Hunger" campaign, Dino's Pizza Express is located at 41 S. Main St. Wilkes-Barre, next to Tai Tai.



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Dino's Pizza Express, pictured above, is located at 41 S. Main St. Wilkes-Barre, next to Tai Tai.



# New board game cafe hits Wilkes-Barre; Wilkes students can play for free

By Gabby Glinski  
Co-Managing Editor

The Game Chateau, a new venue to Wilkes-Barre, is the area's first board game cafe.

The Game Chateau houses more than 200 board games, including everything from Monopoly to Chinese Checkers, Battleship to Risk, and to many niche games and Role Playing Games (RPGs), providing something for everyone to enjoy.

"We have games you played when you were a kid to games you've never heard of," said Chris Moore, who along with Elle Hammond, owns The Game Chateau.

The venue also hosts a menu complete with sandwiches, burgers, salads and snacks with specialty gourmet coffee from local roaster Electric City Roasting Company and baked goods from Sanitary Bakery Company.

Students are able to pick up free passes to The Game Chateau at the Student Info Desk in the SUB. Each pass is valued at 3 hours of gameplay.

"We wanted to give an option for kids under 21," stated Moore on partnering with Wilkes to give out the free passes.

Besides regular eat and play, The Game Chateau also hosts a variety of events and workshops ranging from painting and knitting workshops, to "Meet Gamers" nights

to holiday events. The free student passes are also eligible for workshops.

On Oct. 8 from 8-10 p.m., the chateau is holding a night of comedy titled "Funny Ha Ha Evening". The line up hosts comedians from near and far including Bill Russum, Jeffery Kunkel, Kevin Brosius and Zachary Hammond. The event is \$5 at the door. Game play is included in the charge and is a BYOB friendly event.

The Game Chateau will be hosting Halloween events all October including "Zombie Week" and "Werewolf Week". On Oct. 22, the chateau will be hosting a Halloween day with other businesses in the 315 Plaza with Gravestone Manor ticket giveaways. A full list of events can be found on The Game Chateau's Facebook page under events.

The Game Chateau is located at 1112 Highway 315, Wilkes-Barre in the 315 Plaza behind State Farm, between The Woodlands and Mohegan Sun Pocono casino. The Chateau is open Tuesday-Thursday 4 to 11 p.m., Friday 4 p.m. to midnight, Saturday noon to midnight and Sunday noon to 8 p.m.



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There is no shortage of games at The Game Chateau. The Beacon/Gabby Glinski

For more information, check out The Game Chateau's Facebook and Instagram.

## Poet of the week: Trapped

This week's poet is a freshman English major here at Wilkes University. The poem called "Trapped" gives the details of a woman being abused by a significant other.

### Trapped

Her cuts and her bruises she's his work of art  
The emotional damage lays still in her heart  
While she sits and she thinks about all the pain  
He sneaks up behind her to pop the next vein  
As she weeps and she weeps he swears he has power  
And he laughs at the woman, I. The corner who cowers

-Melissa Irizarry

Domestic violence is very dangerous. If you know of anyone who is being abused let them know they are not alone. The domestic violence hotline number is 1-800-799-7233 and you can call 24-hour helpline that Wilkes started, 570-408-HELP.

## Artists you should know... Round2crew

By Kylie Dillon  
Staff writer

**Name:** Round2crew

**Bio:** Round2crew is a duo of two males. Chase Martin, 22, and Justin Brown, or "Pape," 21. The two decided to link up and pursue their passion for music during their freshman year of high school. They released their hit single "Booty Had Me Like" in 2014, and it caught the attention of Atlantic Recording Corporation with whom they later signed with.

**Where are they from?** Cincinnati Ohio

**What type of music do they make?** hip-hop/pop

**Popular songs:** "Booty Had Me Like", "Be Loved", and "California Girl"

**Where can you find them?** youtube.com/round2crew

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# A Survivor's Courageous Battle to Conquer Breast Cancer

Story by Andre Spruell

It is October, which means some people start wearing pink more than usual. The reason: to raise awareness for breast cancer.

The beginning of the month signifies the start of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, which has become popular in the country, most notably with professional sports as members sport pink gear during their games.

The point of this month is to raise awareness for those who are battling, have overcome, or have died from this form of cancer. Whenever there is a special month to raise awareness about a certain health issue, there is a color associated with it. For this month it is pink because although men can get this form of cancer, it is more common in women, for the simple fact that women have more tissue surrounding their chest.

This form of cancer has affected

millions of people in the United States and if someone were asked if they knew someone with breast cancer, chances are high they would say, "Yes."

I myself had an aunt lose her life to breast cancer, but recently, I was able to sit down and talk with a survivor, which made me want to start being more proactive in creating awareness for this form of cancer.

Someone who embodies the meaning of this month is Gretchen Yeninas, the associate dean of student affairs here at Wilkes. When she is walking around campus, she is just like anyone else, but at the beginning of last year, the Wilkes community gathered around her in support with her fight against breast cancer.

Right around Christmas, Dec. 22, 2014 to be exact, Yeninas went to get her mammogram and after leaving, she knew something was wrong because she was

experiencing pain she never had before.

She soon discovered she had a tumor in her left breast.

"My initial reaction was what's the next step?" Yeninas explained. "I just wanted to know what I needed to do to get rid of this."

As a result, 2015 was a year that changed her life forever. In her battle with breast cancer, Yeninas had a mastectomy done on her breast that contained the cancer. She also endured six treatments of chemotherapy, and took a drug called Herceptin for a whole year to treat the specific tumor she had. She took the drug until February of this year.

Yeninas mentioned how the most difficult aspect of going through the treatments and medications on a daily basis was the exhaustion. It got to the point where she had no energy to do anything. Walking from River Street to her office in

Passan Hall was difficult, and eating food in general was too difficult.

She lost her taste for everything except waffles.

Yeninas said, "I felt they were somewhat filling and they weren't exactly nutritious, but I like waffles so it worked for me!"

Today Yeninas has an even greater appreciation for life then she probably has ever had before. Now she does not miss out on anything. If there is an opportunity to do something adventurous, she will be down to do it, one of those things being doing outdoor yoga with Jill Price and the outdoor education activities.

Even being able to go on vacation with her husband and son this summer meant so much her, and having the energy to walk through a creek and go swimming with her family did so much for her.

Last summer her family was by her side as she was undergoing treatments.

From talking to Yeninas, the trait that stuck out was her positivity today and the positivity she maintained in her battle against breast cancer. Last year while she was getting treatment, the nurses would mention how if every patient came in with the same positive attitude she did, a lot of the other patients would go through their treatment much better.

Gretchen Yeninas's bravery is something that embodies what the meaning of this month truly is.

When asked about how she was able to maintain so much positivity, she simply said, "I don't know if I could have done it any other way because that's just me."



# FACTS ABOUT BREAST CANCER

1. Though breast cancer does occur in men, the disease is 100 times more common in women than in men.
2. Most breast cancer – about 85 percent – occurs in women who have no family history of breast cancer.
3. Men can also get breast cancer. About 2,150 are diagnosed annually – or about 1 in 1,000 men.
4. A woman born today has about a one in eight chance of being diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime, according to the National Cancer Institute.
5. The American Cancer Society estimates about 2.8 million women with a history of breast cancer live in the United States
6. Breast cancer remains the second-leading cause of cancer death after lung cancer.
7. According to the American Cancer Society, breast cancer accounts for 29 percent of newly diagnosed cancers.
8. In the 1970s, breast cancer lifetime risk was one in 11 – compared to today's one in eight. The good news is part of the reason is due to longer life expectancy and more detection through screening.
9. While non-Hispanic white women have higher rates of breast cancer incidence, African-American women have a higher incidence rate before age 40 and are more likely to die from breast cancer at every age.
10. Women who are diagnosed with cancer before age 40 have a nearly 4.5-fold increased risk of developing another breast cancer.
11. Women of Ashkenazi Jewish heritage are at higher risk of having BRCA mutation.
12. Research suggests breastfeeding for a year or more slightly reduces overall risk of breast cancer.
13. The risk of overweight women developing breast cancer after menopause is 1.5 times higher than in lean women.
14. Exercise reduces breast cancer risk for women of all body types.
15. Only about 42 percent of women who undergo mastectomy choose to have reconstructive surgery.
16. Eight out of 10 breast lumps are discovered by women themselves.
17. If you've been diagnosed with breast cancer, you're up to four times more likely to develop a new cancer in the same breast or in the other breast.
18. Quit smoking to control risk of many diseases, including breast cancer.

Source: <http://www.cityofhope.org/blog/31-facts-about-breast-cancer>



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## Our Voice

## The Odyssey: A journey that ends at The Beacon doorstep

By: Gabby Glinski  
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The Odyssey is a nationwide campus online social organization that encourages students to write stories centered around their lives on campus. The organization is dedicated to “democratizing content creation while personalizing discovery”.

More than 1,000 campus communities have The Odyssey installed with about 14,000 writers total. Wilkes University is one of those campuses.

Wilkes University is also a campus with an abundance of campus media: The Beacon, WCLH Radio and Wilkes Now.

Campus media provide an outlet for students to have a free voice on issues and news that directly impacts the campus community, especially at The Beacon, where the staff covers controversial topics from drug use to acts of discrimination to opinions on presidential debates, each week.

But our hard work is being overshadowed by online socialized media- The Odyssey.

The Odyssey allows students to join their staff to write about anything the writers desire each week. It sounds like a writer's paradise; but a few former Odyssey writers, and current Beacon editors, disagree.

Sarah Bedford, senior and editor-in-chief of The Beacon, joined Odyssey in March of last year, but her excitement of joining a new publication did not last long.

Bedford instantly noticed the lack of organization in the Wilkes Odyssey chapter. She became frustrated with the lack of “quality content” The Odyssey churned out.

Bedford wrote a personal piece for The Odyssey on a health condition she has had since age five. She had her piece edited by many professors because she wanted it to be perfect.

“As soon as a story gets serious, people don't want to touch it,” Bedford said. “It was kind of discouraging if you're a real writer.”

Kim Hein, senior, Life Arts & Entertainment Editor and former The Odyssey writer felt the same way. Writing for the site became more of a job than something she enjoyed with too many unnecessary steps.

With The Odyssey Online, writers have to promote their own stories through sharing on social media; Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest



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etc. The writer with the most shares by the next week wins a \$20 gift card.

“Your worth on this website is measured by if you get the top article,” stated Bedford who had to post her Odyssey articles to Pinterest, Facebook and Twitter. It pitted writers against each other.

Hein found herself not agreeing with The Odyssey's methods of promoting participation and writing generalized easy articles so she could get shares.

Is winning the prize more important than the message being produced? Are overshadowed listicles and “Dear Future Boyfriend” articles overtaking Facebook feeds and pushing traditional campus media outlets out of the way?

“It kind of took the fun out of writing. That being said, I enjoy writing for the Beacon because I have people helping me in the office and it's a team effort to have all of the stories be on the same level when published,” stated Hein.

Elyse Guziewicz, the new editor this semester of The Odyssey Online for Wilkes believes in providing a voice to everyone on campus, not just to those who fit into a certain personality or method of communication.

“Campus media is incredibly important to our culture and I would never speak badly about it, but it's inherently limited in not only scope but in form and function,” stated

I realize, as a Co-Manager of The Beacon, I have a bias to my position and newspaper. But I can see that The Odyssey has a place on this campus; perhaps just a reform would be in need to get The Odyssey on par with other campuses.

I am not a fan of the content that the writers of The Odyssey write. The race for attention the writers strive to win just fuels to the overshadowing of campus news. This is not anyone's fault.

I believe that with reform in the organization methods, content requirements and sharing of articles, The Odyssey can be a great social platform for students to share experiences. Unfortunately, it started off on the wrong foot.

Perhaps in the future, The Odyssey can make the internet great again.

**Each week a Beacon editor will take a stance on a current topic.**  
**Note: The views expressed are those of the writer.**



# Jose Fernandez (1992-2016): A star gone too soon

By: Mark Makowski  
Opinion Co-Editor

On Sept. 20, Miami Marlins Ace Pitcher Jose Fernandez took the mound against the Washington Nationals at Marlins Park. Fernandez went eight innings and struckout 12 batters to achieve his 16th win of the season.

This was the final game of Fernandez's career as he would die in a boating accident just off the Miami shore in the early hours of Sept. 25. Fernandez lost his life at the young age of 24.

Fernandez was a man that was never fazed when a challenge was placed in front of him. As a child growing up in Cuba, he was somewhat pushed into baseball by his family and friends. Once his parents started to see the skills he had, they knew that they would have to defect to the United States where their son would be able to prosper playing the game he loved and live the American dream.

The problem was getting out of Cuba. The first time Fernandez tried to leave the country he was caught and thrown into jail. He later tried again and achieved the same result. The third time, however, was the charm for Jose, as he was able to leave the country successfully.

After going to high school in Florida, the Miami Marlins picked Fernandez in the first round of the 2011 MLB Draft. For two seasons in the minor leagues, he ripped up the opposing batters and showed that he was the real deal. Fernandez made his major league debut in the 2013 season against my favorite team, the New York Mets.

After watching him on the mound, I was impressed with not only his performance, but the cool and calm way that he handled situations. As his rookie campaign went on, he continued to break rookie strikeout records. Fernandez was honored as the 2013 National League Rookie of the Year, and finished third in the CY Young Award, as a rookie.

The 2014 season was supposed to be the year of even higher goals compared to his rookie campaign, but like many pitchers these days, Fernandez needed Tommy John surgery and missed the entire 2014 season.

The 2015 season was a wash like the 2014 season. Fernandez spent most of the season recovering from his Tommy John surgery, but he returned to the mound in September and finished out the last month



Miami Marlins Pitcher Jose Fernandez on the mound against the New York Mets. Fernandez would pass away in a boating accident on the morning of September 26.

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of the season looking to get ready for his 2016 campaign.

Once the 2016 started, Fernandez stepped on the mound and he returned to his 2014 form. The Marlins ace took on a historic season and start to make records his. Prior to his death, Fernandez broke the Miami Marlins single season strikeout record and would have had weeks to add onto it. Fernandez was even breaking pitching records that were made in the early 1900s.

The one thing I loved about Jose Fernandez was his demeanor. In today's "me" generation of sports where you see athletes only care about what is good for themselves and their platform, Jose Fernandez would go out there and not fight for himself, but for his whole team.

He was the man that would put the entire squad on his back and carry them if he had to. I do believe without a doubt that Jose Fernandez would have taken the record book and rewritten almost every pitching

record by the time his career had ended, which would have been years from now if this tragic accident had not occurred.

Jose Fernandez was something that I, as a baseball fan, would want my future children to be if they had ever wanted to play the sport.


Not even baseball -- any sport.

Jose Fernandez was a man that loved everything about the game. He was a future hall of famer and now he is lost.

But the most important part of this is the fact that his girlfriend is pregnant with their first child.

Now a little girl will never have the opportunity to meet their father.

She will never see the man that was not only an amazing baseball player, but an amazing human being as well.

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## Jose Fernandez Career Stats:

**Record: 38-17**

**ERA: 2.58**

**Strikeouts: 589**

### Honors:

**2013 National League  
Rookie of the Year**

**2013, 2016  
All Star  
Game Participant**



# College experience as a student and athlete: DI vs DIII

By: Olivia Macdonald  
Opinion Writer

If I had five dollars for every time someone asked me “Why are you here?” when I tell them that I transferred to Wilkes from Towson University, I could most likely pay tuition in five dollar bills.

But at the time, Towson dropped my major from their curriculum, and the love of my life attended Wilkes, so there was a lot to look forward to.

There are several things that I miss about Towson, along with plenty of things that I like about being a student at Wilkes.

However, some of the differences are still hard to get used to. The largest difference would have to be the size of the campus, and the number of students walking the pathways.

On Towson’s campus there were about 20,000 undergrad and graduate students compared to roughly Wilkes’ 2,300 undergrads. A larger amount of students meant bigger classroom settings and teachers that had no idea who you were.

The moment that I knew I wanted something different than Towson

was when I went to my sociology 101 professor’s office hours and she was convinced I was in the wrong place, even though I sat in the front row of her class and participated regularly. That night I went home and found Dr. Andy Wilczak’s e-mail and contacted him about transferring to Wilkes, to which he welcomed me with open arms.

The larger student population also made the Division I tailgating and sporting events the thing to do on a Saturday afternoon, with everyone repping their favorite Greek letters across their chests while cheering on the athletes.

I was lucky to have met and become very close with the Towson University football team who would complain about their schedules, just as often as our Wilkes Colonels. My best friend Zeus Barrio, an offensive lineman for the Tigers, was recruited from McKinney, Texas, and is on a full ride to Towson.

Barrio, who is now a junior, says. “I sometimes wish I went to a smaller school or a lower division that did not have such a demanding practice schedule, but I have found a family on this campus and I don’t

think I would be able to give that up.”


Even though Dominick Ammirato is 300 miles away from the players at Towson, he seems to be on the same wave length.

“Of course I wish I could have competed at a higher level but I understood my limits and decided to play at a school where I knew I would get playing time,” he explains. “I like playing here because of the coaches and the friends I’ve made along the way with the small school, know everybody environment.”

Leaving people like Zeus was the hardest part of transferring from being a Tiger to becoming a Colonel, but meeting people like Dominick makes it worth the move.

Just like at Wilkes, everyone finds their cliques which develop into your family.

I left friends and memories down in Baltimore, but I am lucky enough to have met girls that will be standing next to me at my wedding and who knows, maybe the guy that will be standing on the other side.

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# Colonels Talk Back

## Thoughts about the death of Jose Fernandez

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Major League Baseball up and coming star Jose Fernandez recently died in a tragic boating accident in the early morning hours on Sept. 25. The late Miami Marlins pitcher had a bright path ahead of him. Instead of playing a regularly scheduled game later that day, both the Atlanta Braves and Miami Marlins agreed to cancel the contest in respect to Fernandez's death earlier that morning.

The Beacon asked members of the Wilkes Community to give a reaction to Fernandez's sudden death. Want to be in the next Colonels Talk Back? Email luke.modrovsky@wilkes.edu

**Amanda Thompson**  
Junior  
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"I feel bad thinking about his pregnant wife. The visibility is bad at that point, but he really wasn't doing anything wrong. I thought it was really cool how the team played in his memory."



**Adam Lounsbery**  
Freshman  
Engineering

"I'm shocked. He was really young and had a bright career ahead of him. He definitely brought life back into the MLB. I haven't seen the likes of a player like him in a long time. I have a lot of respect for the teams getting together to cancel a game. It was a very good choice, in my opinion."

**Ashley Caster**  
Sophomore  
Sports Mgmt. & Entrepreneurship

"It's crazy. He was such a big influence on so many people. A lot of baseball fans were in distress. It makes me sad to think that he has a kid on the way. [The wearing of Fernandez name jerseys] shows teamwork throughout their whole team."

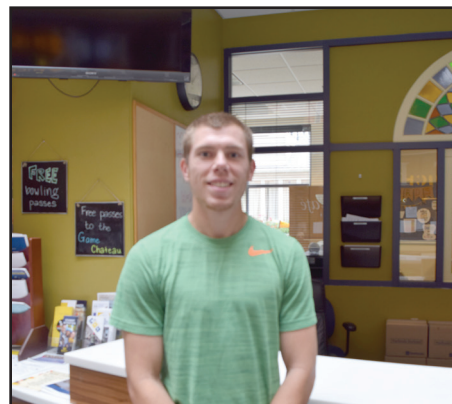


**Erik Skrincoski**  
Freshman  
Mechanical Engineering

"It was really surprising that someone only his age would have this happen to them. I know he had a pregnant wife. The fact that you can just disappear off the face of the Earth is crazy. I remember watching him play in the All-Star game."

**Dallas Kendra**  
Sophomore  
Neuroscience

"It was very sad. I understand that he wanted to clear his head, but there are better ways to go about it instead of speeding on a boat in the middle of the night. It was very emotional, especially for everyone on that team. They seemed to handle everything very well."



**Matt Kaster**  
Senior  
Biology- Pre-Med

"I was devastated. I was a big fan of him. I watched him come off his injury and that was really cool. He was 29-0 at home. I couldn't believe that he passed away. I loved watching the Marlins' tributes. The way they went about it was awesome."



## ~Election 2016~

# The first presidential debate: What did we really see?

By Austin Ely  
Opinion Writer

On Sept. 26, presidential candidates Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton faced off in their first out of three debates.

This debate which was hosted at Hofstra University in New York, was the most watched debate in history with more than 84 million people watching, according to ABC news.

With so many watching, one would think the candidates would have tried their best to appeal to the voters, especially the large population of young voters who are still on the fence about who to vote for.

However, like this entire election cycle, there was little said about how they would change the United States for the better and more of "he-said she-said, he-did, she-did."

Where in many instances both candidates would highlight something positive about themselves and the other would refute with something negative they did or said.

It was interesting enough to see two of the most unpopular candidates in history debate with each other but it seemed more like a Jerry Springer episode than a debate. Where Lester Holt was Springer, while Clinton and Trump made a dysfunctional couple.

Donald Trump maintained a bravado attitude throughout, even when he was denying that he had said demeaning things about women during his primary run. However, it was surprising that Trump was able to maintain this bravado style throughout the debate because he did come under fire for a number of things, besides his comments about women, such as; his taxes, the birther issue, his business experience and his lack of political experience.

How did he combat these attacks?

Denial and pointing fingers at his opponent, Clinton.

Hillary Clinton seemed to handle Trump's finger pointing by throwing it back at

him while attempting to fact check and contradict his statements. Clinton could be seen smiling and at times laughing, either at Trump himself or what he had said. This happened while Trump was questioning Clinton about her deleted emails to which she laughed and responded with what seemed like a prepared statement.

Aside from having been asked controversial questions, it was rare to see either candidate talk about the issues that face the United States such as; the economic issues, the social justice issues, the foreign policy issues and even global warming.

Some things they did touch upon included job creation, fighting terrorism, national debt and taxes. Even so, Trump and Clinton did not reveal anything new as to how they would change these things.

Whether it was the media's way of making Trump look unpresidential or it was a debate over controversy there could


have been a better questioning protocol.

Where instead of focusing on controversial issues the focus could have centered around the issues that face the nation, or at the very least, ensure that both candidate's controversial actions are highlighted equally. Clinton should have been pressed more about her emails and the backing of the disastrous Iraq war, for example.

However, with so much controversy that inevitably surrounds both candidates, it is easy to tell that this first debate didn't do much for voters.

With the controversy that surrounds them, it's hard for a person to determine who should be their next president.

The answer as to who won or lost this debate does not stem from the candidates at all but rather the people of the United States. Have we won or have we lost?

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# Political correctness toward this year's election

By Shannon O'Connor  
Opinion Writer

The 21st. century has become a time of change, however is all that change the right change?

Lately, we the people, have to bite our tongues in fear of being ridiculed for what we say. Everyone has the right to be treated with respect, but has political correctness gotten out of hand.

Political correctness is the avoidance of saying certain things to ward off insulting others.

Often when someone says something going against this statement, they are shamed for being racist or sexist.

Granted sometimes that assumption is correct, but more often than not they were just speaking their minds.

Human relations expert, B.J. Gallagher, of the Huffington Post states, "Jerk, perhaps... but racist or sexist? Perhaps... perhaps not. Do we really understand the seriousness of those labels? Or, are we

simply indulging in destructive name-calling based on political correctness?"

Gallagher argues that the political correctness movement has lost touch with its original goal of making others aware of people's feelings and sensitivities by replacing it with a new problem, when does sensitive become too sensitive?

Personally, I believe when you understand others around you have beliefs and views, you may not agree with them, but to acknowledge the fact that what they feel is their own opinion. On top of that when you add your own opinion, respectfully, that is what it truly means to be politically correct.

Whether it be during a conversation, speech or debate, both sides should always be considerate regardless.

In the past few months, The American Prospect published an article, "Meanwhile, Back on Most Campuses," by Eyal Press explaining how being politically correct is causing students to be disconnected from

the real world.


Students at Princeton and Yale have pushed for the names of Woodrow Wilson, a racist, and John C. Calhoun, a slave-owner, to be removed from their buildings. These men are seriously flawed, however they were the men that helped shape America.

Also, can you blame someone for what was culturally acceptable during their time?

Political correctness is a heavily debated topic in the country. When is it time for the people to speak their minds again?

If a conversation or debate is being held, where both parties are being respectful of the other's beliefs, a true understanding can evolve.

When this happens, change can occur and that is where we start moving forward as a country.

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## Late touchdown devastates alumni at homecoming game vs. FDU

By Danny Van Brunt  
Sports Co-Editor

Wilkes football faced a devastating loss at its homecoming game versus FDU-Florham. The game ended shortly after a touchdown by FDU, which put the team in front of Wilkes 32-28.

"We started pretty slow, which kind of set us back. However, it was still a hard fought battle until the last few seconds of the game," said junior defensive lineman Richmond Owusua.

The stands were filled with alumni passing around photos from their years at Wilkes. "Colonel" Bob, the most enthusiastic alum, took the initiative and became the center of attention in the stands. He ran from end to end of the bleachers with his arm out-stretched, urging fans to do the wave, as well as start various chants.

It was a cloudy day, but rain held off for the entire game. The weather was predicted to rain and be very cold.

The Colonels started out very shaky. The FDU Devils took the first kick-off and pulled a surprise onside kick. It caught the Colonels off-guard and gave the possession to the Devils to start.

Only a minute later, the Devils threw a 15-yard pass for a touchdown. After the touchdown, the Devils went for a two-point conversion on the ground and failed. The score was 6-0.

Halfway through the first quarter, the Colonel's offense was stuck in the mud. A muffed punt from the back of the end-zone set up the Devils for a 1 yard run followed by a field goal to bring the game to 13-0.

The second quarter started and the Devils quickly found the end zone again after a four-yard pass. The Devils went for another extra point but the rush failed. This brought the score to looming 19-0.

The first sign of life from the Colonels came halfway through the second quarter. Quarterback Ryan Daily put together an eight-play drive for 80-yards and found tight end Garret Armstrong for a 24-yard pass to the end zone. The score was 19-7.

The Colonels side of the field rallied late in the second quarter. With only a few



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Senior defensive back (#7) Marcellus Hayes denies FDU with an interception.



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The Colonels offensive line faced many troublesome penalties during the game.

minutes left in the second half, the Colonels put together another drive of 80-yards after seven plays. Daily connected with Jeff Steeber for a six-yard touchdown followed by the extra point bringing the game to a close 19-14 just before halftime.

The Devils started with the ball in the second half and opened up with a 64-yard drive after seven plays. They scored after a 37-yard pass, which put the pressure on Wilkes at 26-14.

Wilkes answered the call and put a 56-yard drive together after 12 plays. Armstrong was open once again and he plowed through the defense to score a 14-yard touchdown. The game was only a touchdown away and the score was 26-21.

The Devils set up a punt with about three minutes remaining. Their punter mishandled the snap, began to run with the ball but the Colonels were there to tackle him. The ball was stripped and recovered in the end zone by Kyle Gattuso. The stands exploded with excitement and the touchdown lifted Wilkes to 28-26.

In the final minutes of the game, Wilkes drove across the field but was stopped in the red zone. They turned over the ball to the Devils.

"Colonel" Bob ran rampant through the bleachers and the stands were exploding in chants. As the crowd chanted, the Devils tore the Colonels defense apart and scored a touchdown after seven-plays for 90-yards. Only three seconds remained on the clock.

"We need to become a better team in all facets of the game," said senior defensive back Ondre Roberts. "All of our losses, we start up slow and end up behind. This conference is too good to play catch up every week. It's a long season left and we will bounce back. That's a promise."

The football team will travel to Doylestown, PA, to face Delaware Valley University next week. Next, the Colonels will face Albright College at Schmidt Stadium.



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# Wilkes athletes: Social media contract or sense of fulfillment

By Rachel Leandri  
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“It is a privilege for a student athlete to compete and represent Wilkes University,” states the Wilkes Student Athlete Social Media Policy. “As such, you have the responsibility to portray yourself, your team, and your University in the utmost positive manner.”

The Division III college athletes of Wilkes are governed under the Middle Atlantic Conference, commonly referred to as the MAC. The MAC is a voluntary association of independent colleges and universities with diverse academic programs, but similar regulations under the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

Within the MAC, all conference members must develop and implement their own version of a social media policy for athletes to sign and abide by while on a team.

“This is a mandatory requirement for all student athletes who wish to participate in athletics at any conference institution,” explained head coach of Wilkes field hockey team, Sara Myers. “Our social media policy was developed in 2014 and went into effect in 2015.”

Whether male or female, playing a fall, spring or winter sport, every team player must sign and abide by this policy the moment one steps foot into his or her first practice of the season. Some of the examples

deemed inappropriate stated in the Wilkes policy are as follows: photos, video, or comments that include alcohol, drugs or tobacco, encourages violence, hazing, sexual harassment or assault, target’s an individual’s race, gender or lifestyle, and content that is derogatory in nature to an opponent, coach, opposing team.

As social media increasingly becomes a more widely accepted form of communication, it’s no secret coaches want to keep their players on the field and out of cyber trouble. But John Sumoski, head coach of Wilkes women’s soccer, takes the safety of his players a step further.

“I take this contract seriously to protect my team and their future careers,” Sumoski shared. “Many companies and future employers can easily access their social media that can potentially reveal poor character traits hurting them in the professional world.”

Without this mandatory policy, student-athletes potentially run the risk of damaging their personal and professional reputations, in turn misrepresenting both the University and the conference. To avoid this at all costs, senior, football player Tanner Stengel has zero hesitation when signing. According to him, the contract “provides clarity to exactly what is right and wrong to post so there is no discrepancy.”

Committing oneself to such specifics and living up to the certain expectations within

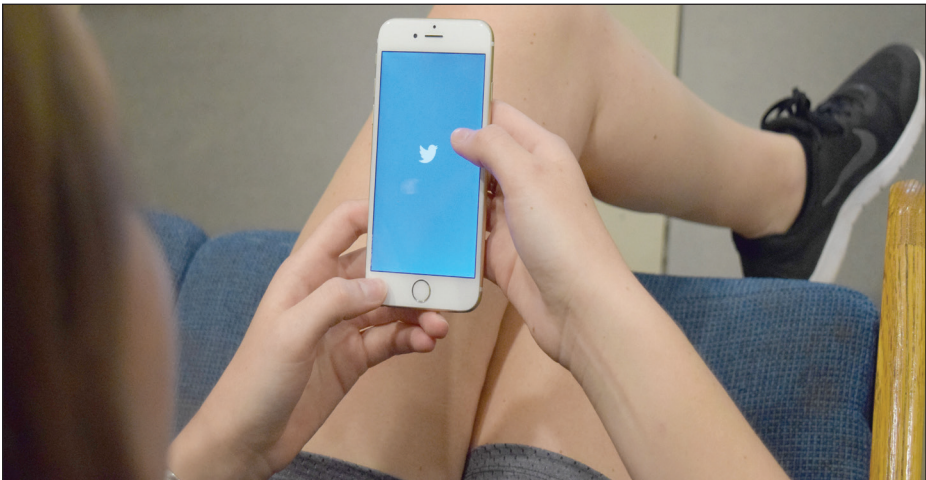


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can lead to controversy and spark curiosity as to why only collegiate athletes are required to sign the social media contract, but not the rest of the student body. Senior football player, Aaron Coyne feels that student-athletes like himself are held on a pedestal to represent the school differently than nonstudent-athletes.


The fairness factor can become a major concern among campus, but Coyne is not worried.

“I feel as if the entire University should be required to sign this contract. If we are able to set a good example as both athletes and role models in showing that it’s not difficult

to abide by these policies, we could motivate the Wilkes community to do the same,” he noted.

Coyne predicts that since this requirement was implemented just within the last year, potential success with athletes abiding by the policy may give Wilkes the idea to make it a mandatory campus-wide requirement for everyone.

“Being fair is in the eye of the beholder,” Sumoski stated. “Fair to me is joining an organization, knowing what’s expected of you, and taking it or leaving it.”

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# Judgement calls scrutinized as video technology use rises

By Luke Modrovsky  
Asst. Sports Editor

When officials Steve Grzyski and John Callahan take the field or court at any level, chances are at least one camera is recording the action. With the use of technology on the rise, sports officials undergo a deeper evaluation of the games that they work.

Grzyski started as a Little League umpire right after he graduated from high school.

Now a certified football, basketball and softball official, Grzyski finds a way to not only stay in shape, but have an additional income as well.

"I thought it was pretty neat to have the extra bucks to get a burger or some wings after the game," said Grzyski.

In his 18th year as a high school sports official, Grzyski believes the challenging craft has increased in difficulty.

"There's no doubt that it has become more difficult to officiate in today's day and age. Just about everyone has a cell phone or iPad to record games these days," Grzyski said of the tool.

Parents of players are increasingly filming

games themselves in an effort to send highlight reels to colleges.

"When I first started, there were only one or two parents recording the games," the long-time official said, "Now, there's easily half a dozen, if not more."

Grzyski reports that more coaches and administrators are also using video to question calls made during the course of a game.

Similar to Grzyski, John Callahan began officiating after he graduated college in 1990.

When Callahan began calling, games were starting to appear on tape, but were not yet

*"We are human beings that try our best, but make mistakes like everyone else."*

-John Callahan, basketball official



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Official Steve Grzyski chats with his crewmates during a break in play.

on television. That landscape has changed greatly since he first took the court.

"It does force you as an official to always be on top of your game. Anyone and everyone has a cell phone with a video camera," Callahan said, "You don't want to be recorded out

of position or making the wrong call, which does happen."

At some levels, officials are required to take a yearly test and/or attend a certain number of meetings. Although they continue to expand on their education, they still make

mistakes.

"We are human beings that try our best but make mistakes like everyone else."

Both gentlemen point to the friendly atmosphere of the officiating fraternity for why they continue working games today.

"The friendships I have formed with fellow officials have become some of my closest friends. They are the main reason I've continued to officiate for 25 years and counting. I would be lost without them, said official John Callahan, on the rewards of staying involved in the game.

Grzyski speaks on all that he has gained from years of being on the field.

"I continue today because I enjoy the challenge of the game, the camaraderie of my fellow officials, the motivation it provides to hit the gym to stay in shape to keep up with the high school kids and the extra income."

*Editor's Note: This is the second part of a two part article. Part one of this article appeared in last week's edition.*



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Getting to know...

# Chris DeFrancesco

Freshman Football player

By Purvit Patel  
Sports Writer

Chris DeFrancesco  
Freshman  
Criminology  
Hometown/ High School:  
Pottstown, PA/ Pottsgrove  
Position- Linebacker

Q: What was the driving force for your decision to come to Wilkes?

A: What drove me to come to Wilkes was the coaches and how they made me feel welcomed. Also one of my friends is playing here.

Q: What are your hopes for this season?

A: My hope for this season is to get into playoffs and hopefully farther.

Q: How have you overcome any obstacles in your athletic career?

A: The thing that made me overcome my obstacles through out my athletic career was having the will to never give up.

Q: When/ Why did you first begin playing football?

A: I began playing football ever since the first day of flag football. My dad has always liked football so he had me try it out. Ever since then I've loved football and have played it every year.

Q: Do you have other sports/ interest/hobbies off of the field?

A: I also wrestled and played lacrosse in high school. I am actually wrestling here at Wilkes as well.

Q: Who would you say is the most influential person in your life?

A: I'd say the most influential person in my life is my high school football coach. He has taught me a lot about becoming a good man and playing the sport of football.

Q: What is a quote you live your life by?

A: "It ain't about how hard ya hit. It's about how hard you can get hit and keep moving forward." -balboa

Q: What does "Be Colonel" mean to you?

A: "Be Colonel" to me means to be proud of who you are and to always fight and never give in.

Q: If you could have dinner with a famous person, who would it be?

A: Johnny Bravo



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Getting to know...

# Marissa Surdy

Junior Field Hockey Player

By Purvit Patel  
Sports Writer

Name: Marissa Surdy

Year: Junior

Major: Nursing

Hometown/High School:

Mountain Top, PA/ Crestwood

Position: Forward

Q: What was the driving force for your decision to come to Wilkes?

A: I came to Wilkes because they had a really good nursing program that would offer me the chance to have a hard major while still being able to play field hockey. I also chose Wilkes because I wanted the college experience but I still wanted to be close to home.

Q: What are your plans after graduation?

A: I want to become a labor and delivery nurse.

Q: What are your hopes for your Junior season as a Colonel?

A: I want to win the MAC Championship.

Q: When/Why did you first begin playing field hockey?

A: I started playing in 3rd grade because my sister was playing and I wanted to be like her then just ended up falling in love with the sport.

Q: If you had to choose one thing about Wilkes' Field Hockey Program that you could improve, what would it be?

A: I don't really think anything. I love my team and program and this year we get along really well on and off the field.

Q: Do you have other sports/interest/hobbies off of the field?

A: I enjoy photography and baking and hanging out with my friends.

Q: Who would you say, is the most influential person in your life?

A: My parents because they've always supported me in every aspect of my life. My parents continually build me and have helped mold me into the person I am today.

Q: What is a quote you live your life by?

A: "Doubt kills more dreams than failure ever will"

Q: What does "Be Colonel" mean to you?

A: To be the best version of yourself everyday and work hard for the people around you.

Q: If you could have dinner with a famous person, who would it be?

A: Miley Cyrus



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