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FB: HOCO win keeps Colonels' record spotless

By Kirsten Peters
Co-Sports Editor

EDWARDSVILLE, Pa. -- Wilkes football has struggled to gain positive attention in recent years, but an undefeated season thus far is allowing the Colonels to make a name for themselves. Even last year following a 6-4 season, Wilkes was in the shadow of Misericordia, who burst onto the scene with an 8-2 record.

With this past Saturday's 45-12 victory over Alvernia, Wilkes improves to 4-0 and is the only team in the Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) with a perfect overall record and is one of three teams remaining with a perfect conference record.

This win also earned the Colonels their second-straight Homecoming victory, as the Colonels broke their 17-year homecoming losing streak with a 47-43 win against Albright last October.

Although Wilkes put 47 points on the board, the win was not easy to attain, as the Colonels needed a game-winning drive in the final minutes to break the draught.

However, that was not the case this year, as the Colonels jumped out to an early lead, dominated for the entirety of the game and left no question as to who was the better team on the field.

The Colonels' mindset? To not worry about their opponent's strategy and do what they know how to do.

"I just think we needed to take care of what we needed to take care of, really worry about what our jobs are," said head coach Jonathan Drach, citing focus as Wilkes' strategy prior



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With a minute to play in the first half, senior defensive tackle Vinne Werner recorded his first-career pick-six after grabbing the ball out of the Alvernia receiver's hands and sprinting to the endzone to make the score 25-6.

to the Homecoming matchup. "We don't really worry a whole lot about what the other team is doing, we just try to worry about what we need to do."

This mindset proved successful in the Wilkes-Alvernia contest, as the Colonels started on defense but quickly flipped the script when sophomore defensive back Nahjir Woods intercepted a pass from Golden Wolves quarterback Darrius Sample. After a 23-yard return and two unsportsmanlike penalties, senior quarterback Jose Tabora

and the Colonel offense went to work at the Alvernia 11-yard line.

Wilkes couldn't manage to get into the endzone, but junior kicker Alexander DeSpirito made a 23-yard field goal to give the Colonels an early 3-0 lead.

On the ensuing kick-off, DeSpirito attempted an onside kick and recovered the ball to put the Wilkes offense back on the field.

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George Lakey holds lecture on polarization

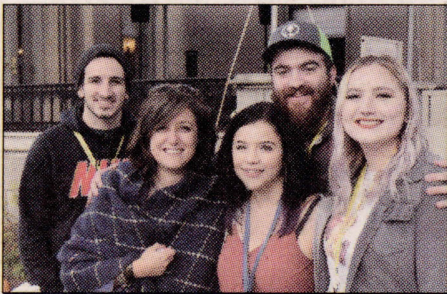
By Parker Dorsey
News Editor

Activist George Lakey visited Wilkes University on Oct. 4 from 4 to 6 p.m. in Breiseth Hall. He discussed his experience with long-term social movement campaigns and social justice.

Lakey is a sociologist and an academic who has participated in activism for over six decades. He is from Bangor, Pa. and graduated from Cheyney University in southeastern Pennsylvania. He also studied at the University of Oslo, Norway, and taught at an Oslo high school. He continued his sociology studies at the University of Pennsylvania.

"He has great information on how we can all become involved in changing our society to be more just and inclusive for everyone," said Notartomasco, co-leader of the Luzerne country chapter of Action Together NEPA. "George, with his over six decades of experience in standing up for what is right, will give us his thoughts and share

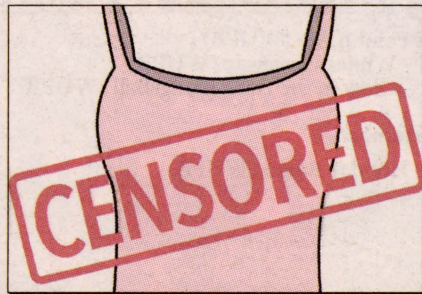
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Student Government notes: Oct. 2 weekly meeting

By Sara Ross
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On Oct. 2, Student Government's meeting consisted of first and second-week presentations, along with further Operations and class reports.

New business included a club fund request from the Society of Women Engineers (SWE). They are holding an event on Oct. 25 called The Amazing Race, which will bring in 10 girls from each high school participating to get involved with STEM activities. The president is asking for \$550 that will cover the cost of purchasing t-shirts for the girls.

Next up, was a second presentation from the It's On Us Club President, Lindsey Becker, who wanted to gain recognition to begin an

It's On Us chapter at Wilkes University. Its mission is to combat college sexual assault by engaging students and changing campus culture. In a passing motion, they were recognized with 30 in favor, zero opposing and two abstaining.

There was also a final discussion led by Executive Board Treasurer, Kevin Long, about revamping Casino Night. This year the festivities will take place from Oct. 21 through 25 with the theme of Casino Royale and new prizes. The list of events includes a showing of the Casino Royale movie on the 21, Texas Hold'em on the 22, Bingo on the 23 and Casino Night on the 25 from 7 to 10 p.m.

Long and Student Government members are excited about the revamping of


Casino Night, as there will be a live DJ, an infomercial to reveal the theme and prizes and a replacement of the activity's signs from past years. The total cost for the event came to the sum of \$11,500, and it was approved in a vote with 24 in favor, zero opposing and seven abstaining.

Long presented another operations report. The 77 West apartments have been finished, and students were able to move into them last week. In addition, the parking garage next to University Towers will continue to be under construction until November for phase one of the project. The construction at Ralston has also been completed.

The final pieces of Student Government business were the class reports. Starting

with the freshman class, the group is still narrowing down their ideas for their fundraiser and social. The juniors had their Bluetooth speaker sale over Homecoming weekend, and seniors are going to be having blanket and dog collar sales soon as well.

For the Mega Council, Programming Board will be having Fall Fest this week. MSC and Commuter Council are both planning separate trips to Washington D.C. MSC is going to the African American Museum on Oct. 11, and Commuter Council will be selling tickets for their trip beginning Nov. 2.

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Beacon Briefs: The upcoming happenings on campus

Compiled by Sean Schmoyer

Partake in the Diversity and Inclusion Conference

The third annual Diversity and Inclusion conference will take place on Saturday, Oct. 19 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The conference will take place on the second floor of the Henry Student Center in the Ballroom and the Miller room. Students who participate will receive a certificate of completion at the end of the conference.

New Books at the Farley Library

Check out the newest books being offered at the E.S. Farley Library: "Africa Through an Economic Lens" by Amadou Sy, "Aristotle's

Way" by Edith Hall, "The Next Billion Users" by Payal Arora, "Whistleblowing" by Kate Kenny and many more.

Support the Nursing Student Organization

Wilkes University's NSO is hosting a Dine to Donate fundraiser at Miller's Ale House from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 17.

By presenting the accompanying flyer for the event 20% of all total food sales will be given back to the Wilkes NSO.

Colonel's Closet Now Offers Refrigerator Donations

The Colonel's Closet was the recipient of a generous donation from the Al Beech West

Side Food Pantry, and now has a full-size refrigerator.

Students can stop by the Colonel's Closet inside the Interfaith Office on the second floor of the Henry Student Center to use the wide array of products offered.

Hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. All visits are confidential.

Residence Life to Host a Haunted Mansion Tour


Residence Life will host a haunted mansion tour of Waller Hall at 8:30 p.m. on Oct. 30, starting on the south side of Waller.

Students are welcomed to come and

participate in the eerie event that allows them to walk through a haunted mansion right on campus.

Check out the Foreign Language Offerings for Spring 2020

In addition to the normal offering of Elementary Spanish (SP 101) in the spring, the following foreign languages will also be offered: Elementary French I, Elementary French II, Elementary German, Elementary Latin, Elementary Latin/HONORS, and Elementary Russian.

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Upcoming Events: 2019 Fall Semester

October

- 15 - Washington D.C. Trip Sign-ups (CC)
- 17 - Fall Fest (WUPB)
- 17 - Washington D.C. Trip Sign-ups (CC)
- 21 to 25 - Casino Week (SG)
- 22 - Washington D.C. Trip Sign-ups (CC)
- 24 - Gen Board Bonding (WUPB)
- 24 - Washington D.C. Trip Sign-ups (CC)
- 28 - Mobile Escape Room & Laser Tag (WUPB)
- 29 - Cupcake Giveaway (WUPB)
- 30 - Ghosthunters (WUPB)
- 31 - Halloween Bingo (WUPB)

November

- 1 - Halloween Giveaway (WUPB)
- 2 - Washington D.C. Trip (CC)

- 7 - Paint n' Sip (WUPB)
- 14 - Winter Giveaway (WUPB)
- 21 - Glow in the Dark Dodgeball (WUPB)

December

- 5 - Holiday Bingo (WUPB)

WUPB denotes Wilkes University Programming Board
 CC denotes Commuter Council
 SG denotes Student Government
 MSC denotes Multicultural Student Coalition

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Local historical mining photos discussed at art lecture

By Sean Schmoyer
Asst. News Editor

On Oct. 2, Dr. Aimee Newell, the Executive Director of the Luzerne County Historical Society, spoke at the Sordani Art Gallery. Newell's lecture, titled "Mining our History: What We Can Learn from Photos of the Past," focused on mining-related photos and how they can teach researchers about our history.

Alongside that, Newell also focused on how the photos of the Luzerne County Historical Society resonate with the photos in the Rust Belt Biennial exhibit.

Newell began by talking about the history of photography and its creation. Although it began in 1824 in France, it is more commonly associated with Louis Daguerre in 1838 when he created the ability to create fixed images on a silver plate in thirty minutes. Newell continued to talk about the advancements in photography making note to highlight the importance of not just the images but also the photographers.

Newell began to explain the importance of photography in helping historians to understand history.

"None of these photos exist in a vacuum," Newell began. "Even though they capture a moment in time, they form a context with other images and other sources of information."

Newell transitioned into the history of coal mining in Pennsylvania to give context to the importance of coal mining in the Rust Belt, as well as in the city of Wilkes-Barre.

Newell explained that photography is a useful tool to gain knowledge about

mining in Luzerne County. By the 1950s, when mining began to see its decline in the Luzerne County area, photography became an established and useful tool to capture images of everyday life, thus also documenting the tail end of the mining era.

"Photographs have no text, so we learn from them in a different way. We still need to read them but we have to ask, 'Are all historic photos useful?'" Newell continued. "I would caution us that we need to analyze historic photos carefully."

Newell continued to address how some photos can be doctored or taken with specific intent, before showcasing some images from the Luzerne County Historical Society's collection.

One of the photos Newell showed was of the Glen Lyon Breaker, which showcased how the landscape of the area was altered due to the large breakers.

"We can learn a lot about how the mining process worked. The breakers had conveyor belts that took the coal to be washed and sorted," Newell continued. "In this photo, you can see the miners leaving at the end of the day and get a sense of who the miners were and the clothing they were wearing, which are things you cannot always learn from documents."

Another photo Newell focused on was of miners of Wilkes-Barre walking along railroads with their mules. This photo highlighted the gear of the miners but also the housing in the background.

"In addition to being able to learn about their gear and the gear for their mules, you can see the houses on the top of the hill which were probably patch houses, helping us learn about the living conditions of the

miners," Newell said.

Newell also showcased many other photos, some of younger workers, and other photos highlighting working conditions and the danger of coal mining.

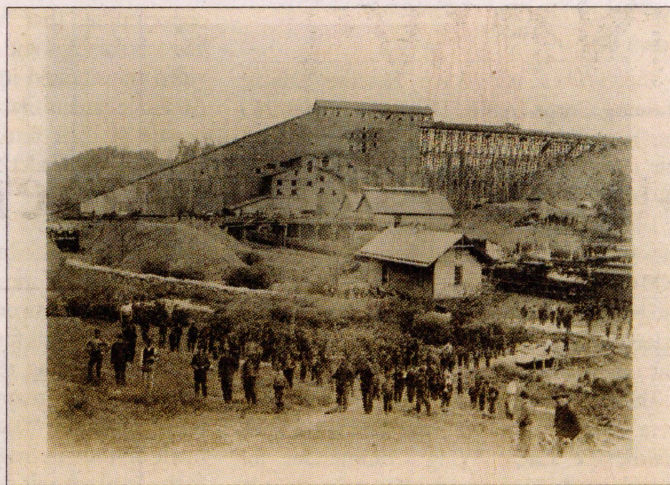
Two photos, in particular, showcased the Knox Mine flood, a flood caused by miners digging too close to the Susquehanna River. The images featured both the rescue of miners and railroad cars filled with sediments which were used in an attempt to stop the flooding.

From both these photos, historians could gain information about the incident as well as how miners attempted to deal with mining disasters.

"The lecture opened my eyes to how important photography is to studying history and how important it is for studying select time periods," said Morgan Johnson, sophomore psychology major.

As Newell closed her lecture she addressed how the Rust Belt area gained its name. The name described the people and struggles of the northeastern and northwestern United States, which were impacted by declining industry and falling population.

The photographers whose photos are featured in the Rust Belt Biennial attempt



Courtesy of The Luzerne County Historical Society

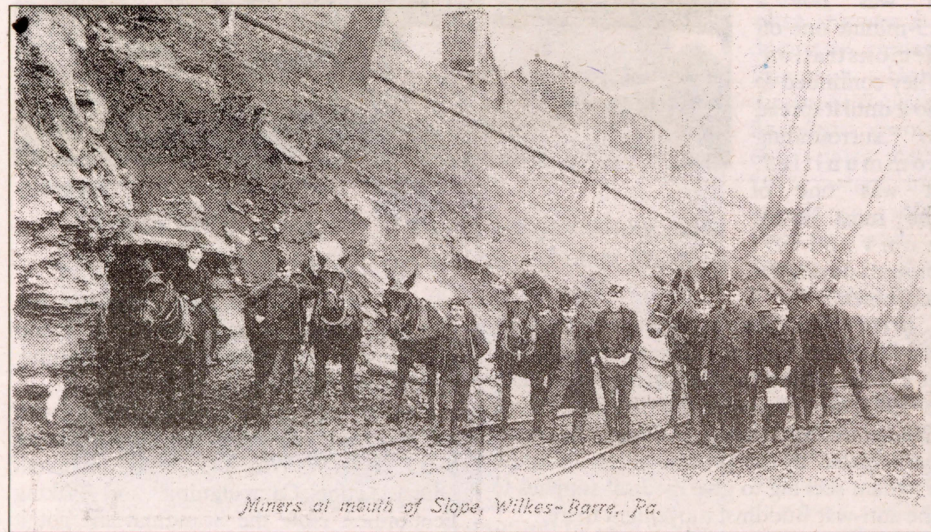
"End of Shift at Glen Lyon" captures miners as they leave the work place, giving historians more insight into the working life of miners in the rust belt.

to reclaim the term to showcase that the Rust Belt is not inherently bad or ugly.

During a Q&A after the lecture, Dr. Jonathan Kuiken, assistant professor of global cultures asked, "Is there any way to know who the photographers were? Are they working for the companies, are they private photographers? Do we have any evidence or any way of knowing that?"

Newell addressed that there is no way to completely tell who may have taken every photo, again reinforcing her earlier point that photographs need to be analyzed carefully in a historical context.

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Courtesy of The Luzerne County Historical Society

"Miners at Mouth of Slope" provides insight on mining equipment, as well as the residential areas of miners during the early 20th century.



Courtesy of The Luzerne County Historical Society

"Baltimore Memorial Service" details the aftermath of a mine explosion, highlighting just one of the dangers of mine work.

Wilkes AFROTC wins first place in recruitment video contest

By Parker Dorsey
News Editor

The Wilkes Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) Detachment 752 was recently awarded a first place award on July 15 for its video submission for the "I AM ROTC: 2019 Cadet Recruiting Contest."

The AFROTC headquarters held a nationwide recruiting video contest for any ROTC detachment to participate in. The subject of the video was to be a recruiting video that depicted and encouraged people to learn more about the AFROTC program.

The team of cadets that produced the video were senior Justin Pranga; senior Bradley Welsh, the Cadet Wing Commander for Detachment 752; junior Kameron Wenk, the Cadet Deputy Public Affairs Officer for Detachment 752; and sophomore students Alec Leese and Rummy Singh.

The judges of the contest were comprised of combat cameramen, public affairs officers and social media experts. The detachment will also receive a plaque in recognition of the effort.

"The video primarily focused on the dual life that AFROTC students have as a cadet and a student. It showcased the various

opportunities that AFROTC students have, like scholarships and base visits, and then the video transitioned into footage from various Air Force careers that AFROTC students could pursue in their future," said Cadet Gregory Navestad, the Cadet Public Affairs Officer for Detachment 752.

Detachment 752 saw a major growth spurt last fall, where enrollment grew from 50 to 110 cadets. Word of mouth from cadets to their families and networking events have been viewed as catalysts for this influx.

"Our recruiting team does a great job of reaching out to many local high schools and universities. The majority of our detachment is made of students from the valley area, so going to the local schools definitely shows an impact of Det. 752's growth. Our public affairs team does a great job of reaching out to other areas through our social media," Wenk said.

AFROTC is a professional training program for college students. It is the largest and oldest source of commissioned officers for the U.S. Air Force. According to AFOATS HQ, in 2006 AFROTC commissioned 2,083 USAF Second Lieutenants, with AFROTC enrollment ranging from 23,605 in 1985 to 10,231 in 1993,

and around 13,000 enrolled today.

AFROTC units at colleges and universities are called detachments and are headed by an active duty USAF officer of the rank of colonel or lieutenant colonel. They function as the Detachment Commander for USAF purposes and have the nominal title of professor of aerospace studies within the institution's academic community. The active-duty officer at Wilkes is Lt. Col. Robert Hartmann.

Between 1943 and 1944 more than 700 aviation cadets were educated at Wilkes as part of the Bucknell University Junior College U.S. Army Air Corps 6th College Training Detachment. Many of these cadets went on to serve as pilots and navigators during World War II.

Detachment 752 was started under former Wilkes president Dr. Francis J. Michelini in 1973 when Congressman Daniel J. Flood announced Wilkes was selected to host an AFROTC program.

For students who are considering the military, AFROTC gives them a different experience than they would expect going through the traditional enlisted model.

"The support, the opportunities, and

the personal/professional growth that each cadet can receive is unmatched in any other organization. Not only is this an opportunity for us to become a part of something bigger than ourselves, it is an opportunity that pushes us towards a career with benefits and experiences that cannot be attainable with a career in the civilian world," Welsh said.

Things to watch out for include their newly recognized Silver Wings Club; an organization that allows students to gain access to opportunities that are offered by AFROTC recognized organizations. They will be marching in the Wilkes-Barre Veteran's Day parade on Nov. 10. They will also be having an upcoming ROTC Open House next semester for interested students, where they can interact with cadets during one of their training sessions.

Anyone interested in more information or would like to come watch a training session can email them at rotcdl@wilkes.edu. They can also be contacted on Instagram at @afdet752 or on Facebook at AFROTC Detachment 752.



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LAKEY, from front

his experiences on community building and how to use the increased awareness of citizens today for lasting change."

Lakey's lecture focused on polarization. Over one hundred years ago, Scandinavia was in a poor position economically, and he wanted to understand how it managed to turn itself around. The answer was polarization.

According to Paul DiMaggio in the American Journal of Sociology, "Polarization is both a state and a process. Polarization as a state refers to the extent to which opinions on an issue are opposed in relation to some theoretical maximum. Polarization as a process refers to the increase in such opposition over time."

Lakey compared the sociological term of polarization to the mending of metal.

"Metal is stubborn. You need to heat it up to make it work. That's polarization. It makes society malleable," he said.

The period of shift in Scandinavia was in the 1920s-30s, the same period where it had its greatest amount of polarization. During this time, Germany and Italy were also in a period of polarization.

"It doesn't guarantee good change, just lots of change. It definitely means violence. We should use it for our own purposes rather than fascism or Nazism," he said.

The United States is currently in a period of polarization. According to Lakey, people need to fully expect things to get more volatile, however, this brings the biggest

opportunity for positive or negative change. After all, the greater the polarization, the greater the economic inequality.

Norway had a nonviolent revolution, as they had witnessed the Russian Civil War and did not want to have the issues that came along with the war.

Instead, they did boycotts, which in itself was impressive because the shipping industry had been in dominance for centuries. The Nordic economic elite called in the military at an unarmed protest, where they opened fire at protestors. Eventually, egalitarian policies were passed that are still in effect today.

According to Lakey, numerous people believe the US is too big or too individualistic to implement Scandinavian policies, however, he noted that Norway was pragmatic and took inspiration from countries like China. They looked at what worked somewhere else and tried to see if it worked for them, testing it at the state level and then working its way up.

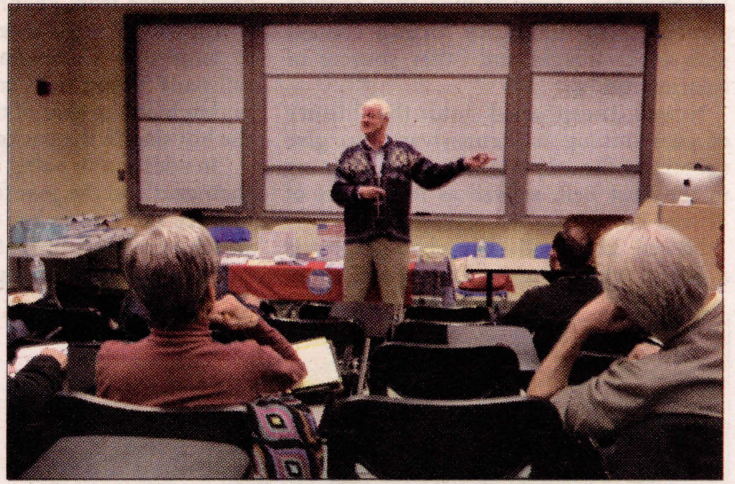
"The advantage we have over the Nordics is that we already had a civil rights movement. The Nordics didn't. They had to invent it as they went," he said.

The greatest opportunity to promote change during periods of great polarization and economic inequality is to create a campaign against something that people want to change. They need to identify the opponent and then they need to determine who will be the ones who deliver that change.

He used the example of a group of four African-Americans in Greensboro, NC during the civil rights movement. They sat at a "white's only" counter and asked for coffee. It was not a 15-minute one-off demonstration. They continued to do it until it spread to surrounding communities. It was one of the most iconic nonviolent protests during the movement.

In the 1950s, Lakey participated in the ban-the-bomb movement and was later arrested at a sit-in during the civil rights movement. In 1966, he co-founded the national body A Quaker Action Group (AQAG), where he participated in the protest action in South Vietnam seeking to give medical supplies to the anti-war Buddhist movement there.

In 2009, Lakey co-founded the Earth Quaker Action Team (EQAT), to build a just and sustainable economy through nonviolent direct action campaigns. Lakey



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Lakey explaining the nature of effective and ineffective protests, including an analysis of the Greensboro sit-ins.

was arrested during its first campaign, but they succeeded in forcing PNC Bank to stop financing mountaintop removal coal mining in the Appalachia region.

He has written numerous books, with the two most referenced during his lecture being: "How We Win: A Guide to Nonviolent Direct Action Campaigning" and "Viking Economics: How the Scandinavians got it right and how we can, too."



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Biology professor, students study the early development of fruit flies

By Jacob Roberts
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A Wilkes University research team, led by Dr. Lisa Kadlec, associate professor of biology, is studying fruit flies in order to better understand the early development of many different organisms including humans.

The team has been accomplishing this by investigating how certain genes affect the physical characteristics of fly eggs and what happens when these genes are mutated.

But it isn't just genetics that is being studied: the role of cell signaling in the early development of flies is also a core component of this research.

Cell signaling, as the name suggests, refers to the variety of methods by which cells signal each other to communicate. This is a vital process for multicellular organisms such as humans, where trillions upon trillions of cells need to be able to "hear from" one another and from their surrounding environment in order to function correctly.

Such processes are often observed as part of signaling "pathways" as large numbers of cells "talk" to each other in a specific order to coordinate for a specific

purpose.

The pathway being studied here is called the EGFR pathway, so named because it is driven by EGF (Epidermal Growth Factor) receptors responding to certain chemical signals. This signaling affects cells by influencing gene expression, meaning that certain genes that determine physical features and development are switched "on" or "off" as a result of this pathway.

"These are genes whose function during development was previously unknown," said Kadlec. "Interestingly, we have found that they appear to be important for proper egg morphogenesis (i.e. proper structure and shape of the eggshell and respiratory appendages) as opposed to proper patterning (i.e. correct location of features). This is interesting because EGFR signaling has long been known to be important for patterning."

However, the implications of this research extend far beyond fruit fly eggs.

"This signaling is important for the normal development of everything from worms to flies to human beings. This research will help us to understand the range of genes turned on by EGF receptor signaling, and the way that these genes impact normal development, and may also give us insight into the implications of abnormal signaling which is involved in a variety of diseases including cancer," added Kadlec.

Investigating the effects of EGF receptor signaling is nothing new for Kadlec, she became involved in this area of study before even coming to Wilkes, when she was a post-doctorate fellow at Princeton. However, the study focusing on fly eggs specifically only dates back to 2015, when biology majors Michael Warkala and John Nawrocki initiated the research for their senior projects.

The Wilkes biology majors that have come after them have continued their work.

One of those students is Molly Yuschock, who has been working under Kadlec since her early days at Wilkes.



Submitted by Lisa Kadlec

An image of normally developed fruit fly eggs observed under a microscope.

Describing how she first got involved in studying fly genetics, Yuschock said, "I sat in on one of Dr. Kadlec's classes the spring before I started college. Then when I met her at the Biology Meet & Greet in the fall I decided I wanted to learn more about her research so I started observing and volunteering in the lab. I was always interested in genetics and research so I thought her lab would be a good fit. I joined the lab last fall so I've been assisting on the project for about a year."

How does this research happen?

Naturally, it all begins with a group of flies. The flies are placed in a "laying block," made up of several tubes suspended over an agar plate filled with fruit juice. Flies are separated into different tubes, but they all ultimately lay their eggs on the agar plate.

The newly laid eggs are then promptly collected and inspected under a microscope. Sometimes, the shells will look perfectly normal, but other times they may appear underdeveloped or look as though they've been punched and shattered. The variations in egg quality all tie back to the genes which underlie these experiments.

The team uses several varying methods to find and analyze which genes are expressed in the developing flies, most importantly in their developing ovaries, however, one of their most standard procedures is to use a technique called in situ hybridization to label a gene of interest's RNA, which acts as a messenger and translator for genetic information, with a special probe.

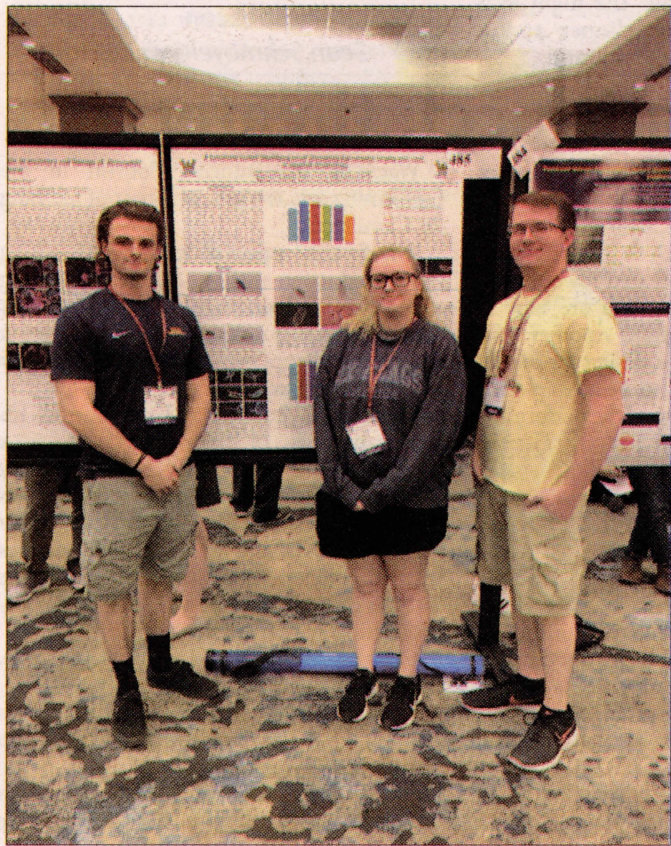
Through this method, it can be determined whether a studied gene is being expressed in the ovary. More recently, the research group has been using a gene modification tool called CRISPR cas9 to create mutations in the studied flies by cutting and altering strands of DNA. This allows the team to see what happens to the fly eggs when specific genes have been removed or deactivated.

Kadlec and a group of undergraduate research students present progress in this study every year at the annual Drosophila Research Conference (Drosophila being the scientific name for fruit flies). These presentations date back to 2009 before this current round of research even began.

Corrine Brown, a biology major who's been working on the EGF signaling project for about a year, talked briefly about her experiences at this conference.

"Presenting at conferences is terrifying, but so rewarding. The Annual Drosophila Conference is mostly post doc or people with PhDs. Almost everyone there knows more than me. But being able to show off my knowledge and what we do is a great feeling."

There is no definite end date for this study, as there are still several genes that need to be researched further. Kadlec and her team are, however, currently in the process of writing a scientific paper centered on the work begun by Warkala and Nawrocki.



Submitted by Lisa Kadlec

Nick Hudock, Corinne Brown and Zach Walter at last year's Drosophila Research Conference.

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Homecoming weekend filled with activities

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Oct. 4 through 6 marked Wilkes University's homecoming weekend. This year's homecoming was filled with events for both current students and alumni with some of the biggest events being the homecoming dance and the football game.

Students could enjoy the homecoming dance held Oct. 4. The dance's theme this year was a black and white ball. Programming Board President, DeAndre DePass, deejayed the event.

Friday was also filled with events for alumni, as environmental engineering and earth sciences alumni met with past and current students and faculty in the Cohen Science Center. Afterward, the engineering flex lab in the Mark Engineering Center was dedicated in honor of Dr. Umid Nejib's legacy at Wilkes.

To close out Friday night, alumni and faculty from other major, including business, education, political science, communication studies, and earth and environmental studies, held their reunions in the Karambelas Gateway for Pints with Professors. Alongside the reunion, Zebra Communications, the student-run public relations firm, celebrated its 20th anniversary.

Lisa Reynolds, assistant professor

of integrative media, said, "Pints with Professors is my favorite homecoming event. I love catching up with all of our alumni, and what a perfect night on the gateway."

On Saturday, student-athletes and fellow alumni celebrated the opening of the new, multi-purpose field, Bruggeworth Field. Following the dedication, men's soccer and football both played games. Both teams won their games against Farleigh Dickinson Florham and Alvernia, respectively.

This year's homecoming court included the following students:

Logan Biechy, psychology and criminology major; Sarah Matarella, communication studies major; Cassie Merrill, Spanish and secondary education major; Lety Patino, political science and secondary education major; Kaitlin Sutton, environmental engineering major for the prize of queen. For the prize of king, the students nominated included: Jason Aristizabal, business management major; Hunter Hughes, neuroscience major; Neil Murphy, psychology major; Seth Platukis, biology and secondary education major; and Dane Tarantelli, secondary education and history major.

At the game, Hunter Hughes and Sarah Matarella were crowned homecoming king and queen.

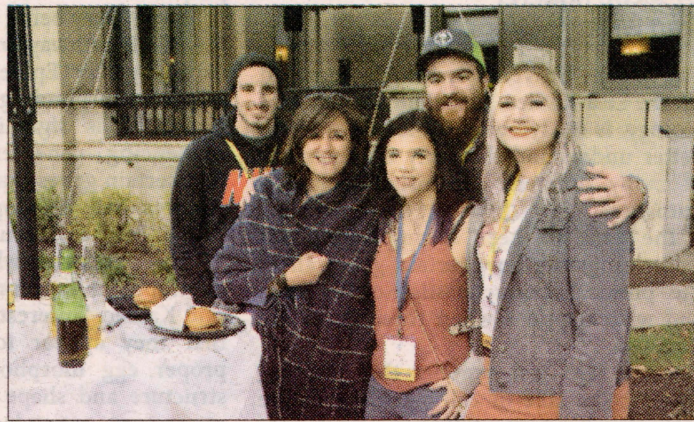
"This homecoming experience has

been absolutely surreal," Matarella continued, "I'm extremely happy that I got to share this experience with all of the amazing people on the homecoming court."

Hunter Hughes felt the event was a chance to see graduated friends back on campus.

"I was especially proud to show the older alumni how much campus has changed in the past 5 years," said Hughes. "Winning homecoming king was an awesome culmination to the weekend and I was so excited to be surrounded by friends and family at the game."

Saturday night concluded with the Class of 1969 marking their 50th anniversary of their graduation with their induction as Golden Colonels at the Golden Colonels Dinner in Weckesser Hall. The night also included both a reunion dinner and a downtown bar tour for other alumni.



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Assistant Professor Lisa Reynolds (second from left) accompanied by 2018 DDMA alumni Thurman Fogleman, Darcy Huff, Brandon Redcay and Emily Bellanco at Pints with Professors.

Sunday closed out homecoming weekend with an alumni remembrance at the Burns Bell Tower in the morning, the men's lacrosse alumni game and the women's

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Profile of a Professor: Dr. Dwight Camillucci, theater arts

By Emily Cherkauskas
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Dwight Camillucci has joined the Wilkes University faculty as an assistant professor of theater.

Camillucci was born in the Bay Area of California and spent his time growing up in Kalispell, Montana.

The art of theater has been a lifelong interest and passion for Camillucci. In his hometown of Kalispell, he studied at Flathead Valley Community College and received an associate degree in theater arts. Following that, he attended the University of Montana Western Dillon, where he completed his Bachelor of Arts degree in modern history. He attended graduate school at Utah State University and received his Master of Fine Arts in theater design with an emphasis in scenic and lighting design.

Before joining the Wilkes community, Camillucci's previous occupation was a technical director at Troolwood Performing Arts School, located in Moorhead, Minnesota.

Becoming a teacher was always an important goal for Camillucci.

"I knew from an early age that I wanted to be an educator," Camillucci explained. "I always had strong connections with my teachers and

understood the positive impact they had on my life, so teaching at any level was something I was always interested in."

Camillucci explained that he was drawn to Wilkes University due to its small size and focus on teaching, which allows him to profoundly engage with his students.

"I wanted to be able to connect with students on an individual level to really get to know them and Wilkes has great opportunities for that."

So far at his time at Wilkes, Camillucci has already been left highly impressed by the theater department.

"The theater department at Wilkes is amazing. The skill level of the instructors shows in the work the students create, and the quality of performances that we are able to achieve is relatively unprecedented for a school our size."

At Wilkes, Camillucci is responsible for creating the scenic and lighting designs for the four main stage productions. He also

designs the lighting for the spring dance show. In the summer, he works professionally as a scenic designer and technical director.

He also teaches approach to theater and an introductory class that is geared toward non-theater majors or students that are new to the performing arts program. Another class that Camillucci teaches is a design for theater class, which involves his students exploring the three major design areas of the performing arts: scenic, costumes, and lighting. He also teaches his students the skills of scenic painting, advanced lighting and scenic design, historic scenic styles, and rendering.

Camillucci explained that he enjoys working in the art of theater because of its expressive and creative environment.

"Working in theater design is fantastic because it allows me to stretch in every direction as an artist," he said. "I get to do everything from sketching and painting to digital animation and computer programming."



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Life, Arts & Entertainment

AMSA shaves heads to raise funds during 'Clips for Cancer' event

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The American Medical Student Association (AMSA) kicked off Breast Cancer Awareness Month on Oct. 1 with their "Clips for Cancer" event. This event encouraged people to shave their heads to show support in the fight against cancer.

"This event was not only for those affected by breast cancer but by any cancer," said Stephanie Ko, junior chemistry major and treasurer of AMSA. "It is important to bring awareness to cancer to help patients by providing financial aid because treatment can be expensive. It is also imperative that we support each other through emotionally difficult times by coming together for a show of support."

The president of AMSA and junior biology and neuroscience major, Jason DeBoard, was one of the volunteers to shave their head with his mother being the one behind the clippers. DeBoard noted that he was shaving his head in honor of his mother who was diagnosed with breast cancer when he was in the ninth grade. She is now six months in remission.

"Words cannot describe how humbled I am that my mother came out to this event," said DeBoard. "I am sure it made her very happy to see me put on an event like this and that is all I can ever want...She is one of the reasons I want to serve people for

the rest of my life and know when I have no money, I can still serve people by promoting hardships that they go through by simply shaving my head."

Many other student volunteers had their reasons

for wanting to share the awareness of cancer through this event. Most of them shaved their heads in honor of their loved ones who have passed on, have been diagnosed, are currently battling cancer or are recovering cancer patients.

"I have an aunt who was affected by breast cancer and it's a losing battle but our family is showing as much support as possible for her," said Jason Aristizabal, senior business management major. "I believe there is something about shaving your head that does more than people think."

Aside from being involved with AMSA,



Photos: The Beacon/Sarah Matarella
Lynn DeBoard shaves son Jason DeBoard's pink hair during the AMSA fundraiser on Tuesday, Oct. 1.

Steph Ko, junior chemistry major, was eager to help set up this event because of people in her life that have been affected by cancer. She hopes to continue this event in the following years.

"I really wanted to help plan this event for personal reasons," said Ko. "My grandmother, grandfather and dad have all been affected by cancer so it is extremely important to me to be able to show support to others who have been affected. Hopefully, we will be able to do this again next year."

Those who did not want to shave their heads were still able to participate in the event by shaving other people's heads or getting temporary pink hair color spread into their hair. Some people participated in the event by helping out their friends by being the one who shaved their hair off for them.

"I shaved my friend's head so he had a little bit more comfort since he was nervous," said Ian Scott, first-year mechanical engineering major. "I did not shave my head today but I definitely will be in the future. I am in the ROTC program and I will shave my head to show support for Breast Cancer Awareness Month."

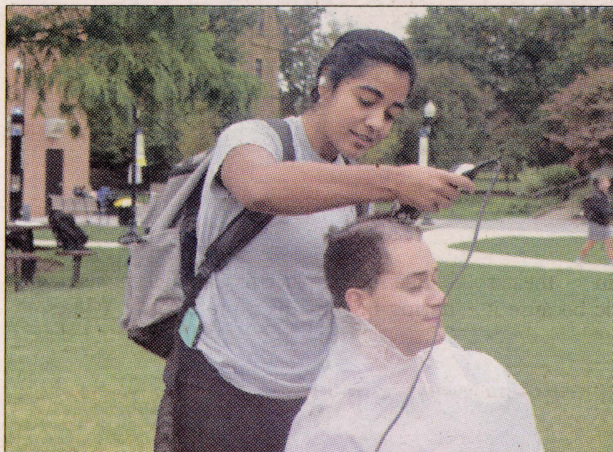
AMSA held this event on the Fenner Quad Greenway in hopes that people would see what was going on and donate to the cause. They were also selling t-shirts there to increase funds for cancer patients.

"Last year we held the first Clips for Cancer and raised \$600," said DeBoard. "This year we made it bigger by selling T-shirts leading up to the event and the day of."

The members of AMSA were very proud to host Clips for Cancer. They feel it is significant to be there for people who are struggling through hard times, whether the person is a cancer patient or a student going through a rough period in their life.

"This event is important and good representation for young students to know it is okay to be in trouble, be hurt or to be bald," said DeBoard. "Everyone is here to help those around us who need it."

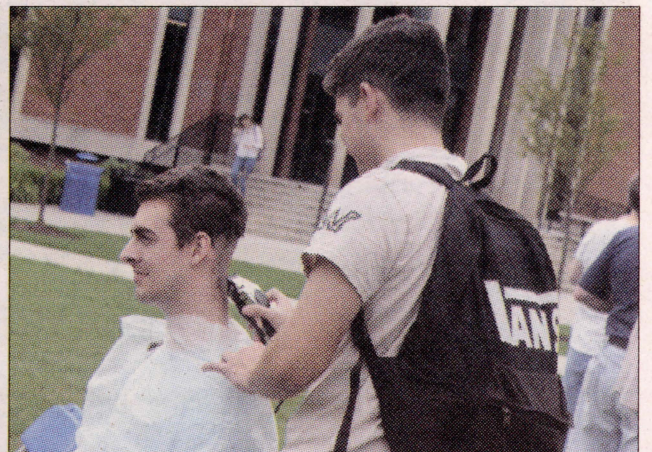
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Sam Cotto shave's her fiance, Jason Aristizabal's, head in support of his aunt who is battling cancer.



Steph Ko adds pink hair spray into junior neuroscience & biology major, Nataliya Scarantino's, hair.



Ian Scott, first-year mechanical engineering major shaves his friend, Andrew Guy's, head.

Self care with Sarah: Knowing when to reach out to others

By Sarah Matarella
Life, Arts & Entertainment Editor

Everyone goes through daily stresses along with having to face past traumas and adverse events that happen in one's life. Thus, it is important to decipher when to face something yourself, when to consult the people who are close to you or when to consult a professional about what you are dealing with.

Being there for someone when you are dealing with negative or confusing circumstances can be difficult and vice versa. Everyone can face times in their life where it is a downward spiral.

Leah Malarkey, junior early childhood education major, explained that one thing that she does when she knows she is dealing with an issue is that she asks a close friend or family member if they are in the right mindset to discuss the matter and if they can talk at that moment.

"I think it's important to make sure whoever it is you're trying to talk to, is OK themselves. If they respond with something along the lines of that they aren't able to right now. You have to respect that. You can try to talk with someone else, try to talk to yourself about what's going on, or talk with someone else you feel comfortable with," said Malarkey.

These times can stress one out and begin to affect one's daily routine and behavior, including one's ability to think rationally

in some cases. Matthew Franchetti, sophomore pharmacy major, said that he typically self reflects in these types of circumstances to gauge how he should go about dealing with a particular situation.

"I like to think of it this way, is it going to affect me a year from now? Probably not, so try not to make a big deal now," said Franchetti.

Thus, if one is able to discover what they can do themselves first to handle the situation and when the best time to focus on handling it is, then one will likely find an easier time facing their stressors.

To combat stress, one can develop different hobbies, habits and skills in order to be able to deal with the things that they are going through. This can be a wide range of things like going to the gym or practicing meditation. It can also be as simple as breathing deeply to calm down so that you are merely able to think more clearly about what is going on and how it can be handled.

"I go for a run. I have to, that's my stress. There's not much thought put into

it," said Franchetti.

On the other hand, Franchetti also brought up the point that the degree of severity surrounding the problem plays a role in whether or not one should reach out and ask for help. One cannot be expected to have to bear absolutely everything on their own either. Larger stressors, for the most part, might not be able to be solved with a workout session.

"If my friend is going through something, and I am as well. I will maybe try to confide in one of my other close friends. Or, I would talk to my friends about what they're going through, because it may be similar to what I'm going through," said Hope Williams, a sophomore business major.

People can most likely benefit from talking about their situation out loud to another person. It can aid in making sense of the situation for yourself and also provide one with another perspective on the matter that one may have no been able to see at first.

Furthermore, if one's issues become significantly stressful and aversive,

especially if they are a recurring circumstance, this may be a sign to go even further up the chain of command and possibly seek help from a family member or professional. Learn to know your limits, admit them to yourself and abide by them.

"You know yourself better than anyone else. There will come a time though, when you can't. When you can't figure out how to get out of a mood or thought cycle. When you get to that point, you should consider talking to someone. If you feel like you're always having something to get through, maybe that should be a sign that you should speak with someone else," said Malarkey.

Overall, one should learn how to effectively communicate their needs with loved ones around them and to oneself. If one is unable to let people know what they need and come up with a compromise for helping one another out in a time of need, then more problems can arise when boundaries that are not evident to the other party are crossed.

"Communication is key. I think that friends should always talk about things that may hurt them, excite them, upset them, so that their friends know how they are, and vice versa, that way, they can have a strong friendship," said Williams.



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Wilkes University Club Spotlight: LEAP-Alternative Break

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LEAP-AB stands for Leadership, Education, Advocacy and Partnerships - Alternative Breaks. It is an opportunity for students on campus to travel and engage in community service and the club is currently seeking applicants for their winter and spring break trips this academic year.

The program is designed to allow for personal and group development in a foreign setting. It focuses on students getting to play an active role in common social justice issues, such as housing disparity, English as a second language, animal welfare, public health among others.

"LEAP instills active citizenship skills in students, prioritizing community in values and life choices while engaging in community service and service experiences locally, domestically and internationally. LEAP-AB is not just service, the educational foundations of LEAP-AB are transformational leadership, active citizenship, and social change," Megan Boone Valkenburg, the LEAP-AB club advisor.

This program gives students a unique opportunity to serve in communities across the nation and globe. For over 19 years, LEAP-AB has teamed up with various organizations to provide numerous services in different parts of the world. Each trip, students get the chance to see different cultures in a new light.

"I joined LEAP because I wanted to get more involved with Wilkes University, as well as enhancing my understanding of different cultures through community service," said junior business student Dylan Womelsdorf.

● No matter the location or activity, these trips are always an adventure, according



Photos Submitted by Wilkes LEAP-AB
LEAP-Alternative Break students take a selfie with family after they help them fix a broken roof in Puerto Rico.

to students. In past years students have traveled everywhere from Poland to India. Participants have experienced new food, music, dances and politics on their journeys.

Before each trip, students start to think critically about, political, social, and economic issues that society faces.

Service trips are put together by active student leaders. These leaders have many roles from fundraising to team building to facilitating.

Some students like Morgan Burton, neuroscience and psychology major, play a direct role in the club.

"I am currently the president of the club and the site leader for two trips this year. As the president, I oversee the activity of the E-board, make the agendas for meetings, as well as help out with large projects we work on. As a site leader, I provide my team with preparatory information that will educate them on their social justice issue and the site we are going to," said Burton.

Everyone involved works together as they challenge themselves in ways they may have never challenged themselves before. Through LEAP-AB, students have reached out their helping hands, learned new skills and experienced life in new aspects.

Boone assures that students are needed to work side-by-side with community partners in a wide variety of tasks. She explained that humility, dignity, positive civic discourse, asset-based community development and diversity are all skills that can be learned and used beyond the program.

Not only do these students help others and learn life skills, but friendships can also be created from these experiences.

"This trip has absolutely allowed me to make friends. Before the trip, it's always about planning and deciding what we will do on our trip," said Womelsdorf. When you actually go, the connection you make with the other individuals in your group is strong. I can call all the students from

previous trips my friends."

These trips are usually a week-long, and participants on the trip get to spend time together on the site and in the spaces they stay in together for the week.

"The club environment is very welcoming. We try to encourage as many people as possible to participate in the program. I like making new friends so the more the merrier," Burton adds. "My favorite part of LEAP is making those new friendships and learning about the different social justice issues."

After these trips, students are left with pleasant memories and wonderful experiences.

"LEAP offers everyone a different experience. The experience is so rewarding and showed me that life is full of opportunities. The experience you receive through LEAP will be something you remember for the rest of your life," said Womelsdorf.

"I encourage students to join because it is an amazing opportunity and there is plenty of room for growth. This is a great opportunity for students to step outside of their comfort zone and learn about issues that are happening around the world and in our own communities. You also make amazing friendships with the people you attend these experiences with and the people in the communities we interact with," urged Burton.

There are many reasons as to why people are involved in LEAP-AB and as to why other students should do so.

Applications for intercession and spring are now available online. Students interested can contact club advisor, megan.boone@wilkes.edu and club president, morgan.burton@wilkes.edu.

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Wilkes students participate in the children's daily devotion in Jamaica.



In the Dominican Republic, students assisted with the construction of buildings.

Navigating allyship through an LGBTQ+ seminar

By Jack Costello
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With the world becoming more and more open to new ideas about sexuality and gender, being a good ally to the LGBTQ+ community is an important consideration to many people.

That's why on Oct. 7, an allyship to the LGBTQ+ seminar was held in the Savitz Lounge of the Henry Student Center.

The event was comprised of an explanation of what the LGBTQ+ community was, what types of people are members and a few exercises in what could be involved in handling allyship-related situations one might find themselves in.

For example, "If a classmate came out as a lesbian to you, how would you support them?"

"I think it's important because our world is changing, we're learning so much more about identity and who people are, and students coming to college are identifying



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in new ways and feeling more comfortable sharing the ways they identify, more broadly," said speaker Ray FeDora, assistant director of residence life.

"So we all need to be sensitive to other people's identities and how we can be advocates for folks who maybe don't have as much privilege as we do," he added.

The meeting's focus on allyship seemed to resonate with a lot of the attendees who were not members of the LGBTQ+ community themselves, who appeared to learn a lot from the event.

"What I liked about the seminar is learning new ways to be supportive of the LGBTQ+ community," said Cindy Peralta, junior criminology major.

What LGBTQ+ stands for was an important topic discussed, as many do not know. In short: L stands for lesbian, B stands for bisexual, G stands for gay, T stands for Transgender, and Q stands for queer. Most people know the first four, but get confused about the definition of "queer," which is a term for

anyone not heterosexual or cisgender.

The concept of the 'Iceberg of Identity' was also heavily discussed during the seminar. This concept describes what you can see about a person's identity versus what you cannot see.

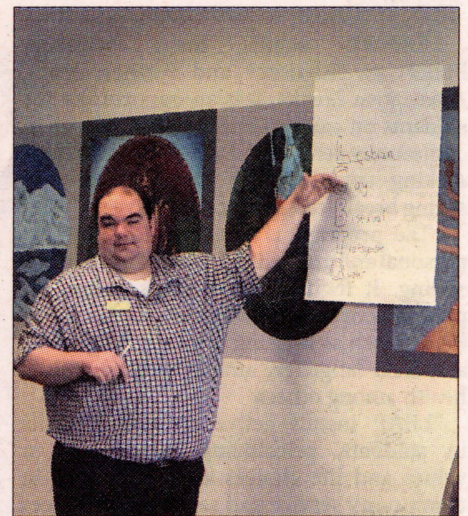
The top of an iceberg, the part above the water is described as anything like race, age, and disability, which are all visible things that a person can identify about someone else.

Then the middle of the iceberg is comprised of things like wealth, gender and religion, ways a person identifies that aren't exactly things that can be seen but have some visual indicators.

Finally, at the bottom of the iceberg lies sexuality, family, ancestry and occupation. These are identities of a person that you won't know about until you get to know that person.

The purpose of the 'Iceberg of Identity' is to illustrate that not everyone can be dismissed or understood based solely on outward looks. That everyone has depth that can be understood only by treating them as a person by getting to know them.

The seminar ended with everyone who went having a better understanding of the community and allyship. FeDora told the



The Beacon/Sarah Matarella
Assistant residence life director,
Raymond Fedora, explaining what
LGBTQ stands for.

group that he would be willing to speak at other events to continue raising awareness for the LGBTQ+ community.

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Programming board invites psychics to campus

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The first-floor lounge of the Henry Student Center illuminated with neon lights on Oct. 3. That night, programming board members invited students to their Future Night event. They welcomed students with tables full of soda, snacks and pizza.

Future Night was a night packed with a mix of futuristic technology for students to enjoy and fortune tellings. Students took a break from classes and studying to enjoy pizza, from the popular Angelos Pizza, music, and a light writing photo booth. The highlight of the event for students though was having the chance to get readings from psychics.

While waiting in line to see the psychics, students could decorate cupcakes with futuristic sprinkles and frostings. Four local psychics were in attendance and performed tarot card readings, palm readings, and aura readings.

"Future night is a spin-off of our event last year," said Miranda McKinney, programming board member, and junior biology major. "Last year we had the

psychics so we brought them back. They were really popular. And we had the light writing which was kind of future-y technology and we have an astrology machine as well that tells you your sign fortune."

The psychics gave students advice on their academics, future, relationships, mental health, and more. Some students seemed to be more open to the psychics and their readings while others were more skeptical. Many students walked away feeling different after talking with the psychics.

"I honestly did not know whether or not to believe them but some of the things they said hit awfully close to home so they get some credit in my book," said sophomore international studies major, Donald Ballou.

If students did not want a reading from one of the psychics, they could do a light writing photo booth or get an astrology printing. Light writing is when you take a special flashlight into the dark and get

your picture taken. Students used the light writing to make different designs in the dark with their friends.

On the other hand, the astrology printer was available for students to discover what their birth sign says about them as a person.

"I thought it was really fun," said junior nursing major Will Lapenta. "I thought it was great to see everybody there. There were a lot of people there. It was really interesting to see all the psychics and the astrology printer and the night letter painting."

Lapenta enjoyed his readings and reiterated that he wanted to see the psychics back on campus again.

"I think it was really fun," said Ballou. "It was interesting that they had like different aspects of the future. They had futuristic tech but also psychics."

Juana Pimentel, sophomore hospitality and leadership major, also attended the event with her friends and commented on the unique event.



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"It was a great experience with my friends and we had a good time together," said Pimentel. "The fortune-teller also did an incredible job reading my hand, I was so impressed about it."

Programming board held an event similar to future night last year for students. They decided to bring back the psychics after the success of the other event. Programming board is looking to bring future night back again for next year after the outstanding response from students.

"It was my idea to have it last year and I pushed to have it again because I like psychics, they are cool," said McKinney. "I think it is interesting to have and I do not think that anyone has had psychics on campus before. It's kind of my baby, I like that I can be the one to see it all come to life."

Next week, programming board will be hosting their Fall Fest event which will allow students the opportunity to create fall type crafts and enjoy some hot chocolate.

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creative colonels

Creative Colonel of the Week

By Kylie Dillon
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Music is a form of art that has the ability to bring people together and can be a source for people to express their creativity. For Deandre DePass, junior marketing and management major, music is the one thing that helped kick start his career as a DJ.

His career in the business of mixing music and deejaying first started to flourish on campus.

In his first year at Wilkes, DePass helped bring the community of his residence hall together in the one way he knew how to, through music. He would



Deandre DePass poses for a recent photoshoot he took part in by the Susquehanna River

set up his equipment and mix music in the common area of his residence hall at the time, Catlin Hall, for everyone to enjoy.

This was a way for him to break the ice and also his first instant that he showcased his musical talent for people on campus.

It was from there that DePass realized he wanted to continue to pursue a career as a DJ.

From there, DePass created a stage name for himself, DjFinesseKid, and began getting his name out into the community in hopes to pick up gigs around the area.

He became the go-to guy for organizations on campus who were in need of a DJ. In his time here thus far, he has offered his skills to many local events.

DePass most recently had the opportunity to DJ at Programming Board's spring comedy event featuring artists from MTV's hit show Wild 'n Out. During the event, DePass provided freestyle beats off his equipment and music for the artists to rap to.

After getting comfortable with mixing music DePass began picking up gigs back in his hometown in the greater-Philadelphia area.

"I'm kind of like the campus DJ now, people contact me for everything," said DePass. "So I'm always around on campus spreading the music love."

At first, he was advertising himself through word-of-mouth, and sometimes on his social media accounts. DePass said that after he began getting recognition for his musical talent, balancing the professional work with his personal accounts grew to be a bit overwhelming.

After repeated interest in his talents,

he decided to make his own business accounts and print business cards to give to potential customers while he was at events. This way, his professional personality could remain separate from his personal one.

Once the popularity grew enough, he even started booking events on and off campus for profit.

"I usually range anywhere from \$75-\$125 per hour for an event depending on the size of the venue and how much equipment and other people I would need to bring with me," added DePass.

He would even recruit some of his cousins to help him tackle larger events, which would range from other university events in the area to even private parties. These parties typically consist of weddings, birthday parties, etc.

DePass's popularity has continually grown in the community so much that today, he has almost every weekend up until the end of 2019 booked up for DJ gigs.

"I used to say I would only DJ to pay off my student loans, but now I could see myself doing it in the future, I might end up starting my own company," said DePass.

Not only has DePass added a new level of flair to this year's programming board events with his mixing capabilities, but he was also elected to be the programming board president for the current 2019-2020 academic year.

This year he has been working hard with his executive staff members of the mega-council to create fun and interesting events everyone from any major or class year would enjoy.


One of his big goals this year as president is to bring an artist in for the programming board's annual spring



Photos submitted by: Deandre DePass

Deandre DePass is pictured deejaying at a surprise party in Philadelphia, Pa. concert that most students would know and be able to enjoy. He hopes to get an artist that is currently popular in the music industry.

"You never know what programming board has in store, we pull stuff out of a hat," said DePass about the clubs current search for a popular artist for the spring concert.

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As of 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Bruggeworth Field is open and ready for competition.

The newly renovated turf field accommodates six athletic teams, including men's soccer, women's soccer and field hockey in the fall and men's lacrosse, women's lacrosse and baseball in the spring.

The multi-purpose turf field was made possible due to a leadership gift from Wilkes alumnus Robert Bruggeworth '83 who wanted to honor his mother with the facility.

With the new field ready for action, Colonel competition kicked off at noon when men's soccer played FDU-Florham.

Men's soccer secured the 2-1 victory and the first Homecoming win, as field hockey fell to DeSales 3-2 the night prior at Schmidt Stadium.

"It was an honor to be part of dedicating and playing the first game on the new field," said senior captain Kyle Bentz. "They did a great job with the turf. The most noticeable difference from the other field is the roll of the ball, which is much more true and predictable now."

Fellow men's soccer captain ZJ Morse noted how special the field is to soccer players in particular.

"It means a lot historically that a men's soccer alumnus donated the money for the field, and for that, we are very grateful to Mr.

Bruggeworth," reflected Morse. "I'm looking forward to remaining undefeated on the new field for as long as possible and continuing to ring the victory bell."

With that, Morse also highlights a standout feature to the field: the bronze victory bell.


In a new Wilkes tradition, a student-athlete will be chosen to ring the bell after every after Wilkes victory. The bell is meaningful to Bruggeworth whose mother would ring a bell to gather the family for dinner.

Following the men's victory, the women's soccer team got to ring the bell as well, with a 3-1 win over FDU-Florham for back-to-back victories on the freshly christened turf.

"We couldn't be more thankful for the new field," said women's soccer captain

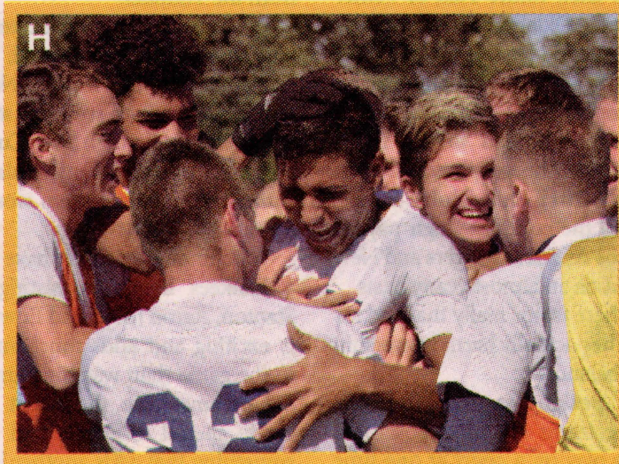
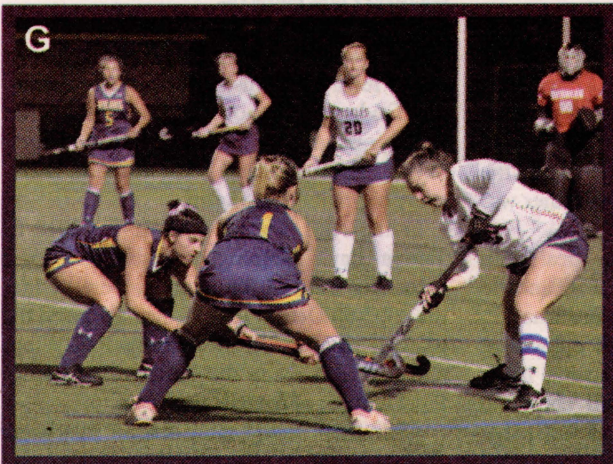
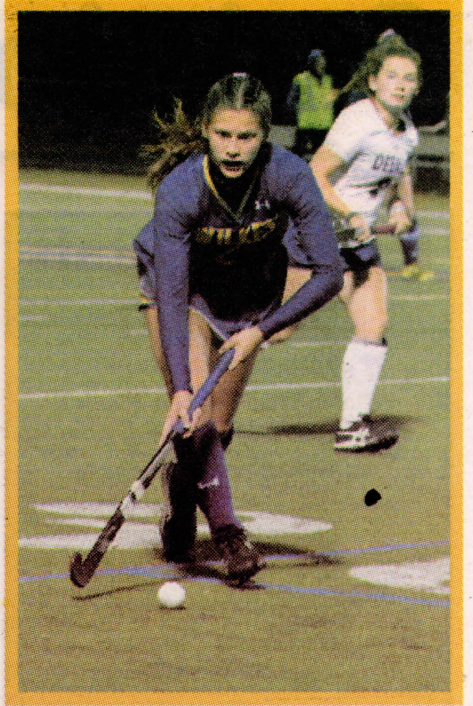
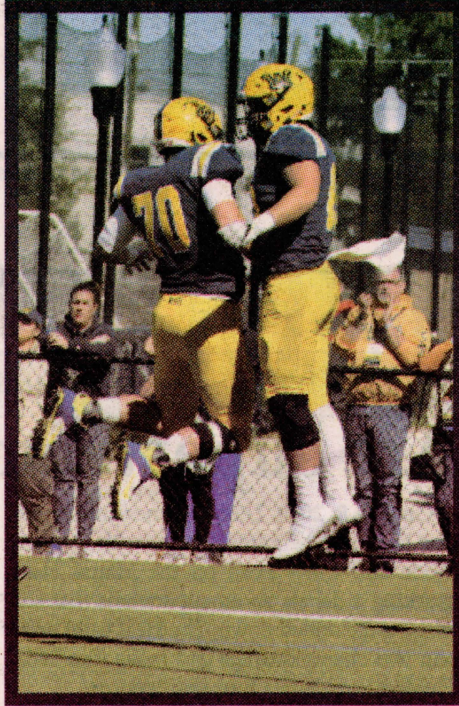
Jessica Egan. "This new addition allows our team to improve both athletically and academically with earlier practices that fit around our academic schedules. It's truly an extraordinary opportunity for the future of Wilkes University."

Colonel football capped off the homecoming festivities for Wilkes Athletics, securing the 45-12 victory over Alvernia at Schmidt Stadium, leading three of the four Colonel athletic teams to victory this past weekend.

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A Emily Egan handles the ball against FDU.
B Matthew Horwedel fends off a physical Devil defender.
C Lexi Gaetano kicks the ball upfield past a sprawled Devil player in the 3-1 win.
D Emily Bidelspach scores two goals.
E Brendan Boris and Bryce Harrison jump up in celebration.
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G Ali Dunn and Lauren Baldwin double-team FDU.
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Are superteams ruining sports parity?

On July 8, 2010, LeBron James announced that he would be joining forces with Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh on the Miami Heat, sparking a debate about superteams that still hasn't quite settled down. The Heat went on to win two championships and make four NBA Finals during James' four year tenure.

A few seasons later, future Hall of Famer Kevin Durant left the Oklahoma City Thunder to join the already league-leading Golden State Warriors, teaming up with All-Stars Steph Curry, Klay Thompson and Draymond Green.

Super teams aren't limited to the NBA. In football, there was the supposed "Dream Team" that was the 2011 Philadelphia Eagles, while baseball has the countless high payroll squads that the Los Angeles Dodgers and New York Yankees field on an almost yearly basis.

However, are these teams really that bad for their sports? Do they actually harm viewership and competitive balance?

Viewership is peaking in the NBA, the place where superteams are most common. Only five players play on a court at one time in basketball, meaning superteams are much more effective. In sports like the NFL, there are many more players on the field at a given time, as well as different units for offense and defense that dilute the role of star players.

Even though the presence of superteams can still be felt very strongly in the NBA, viewership hasn't suffered. There are several reasons as to why superteams don't harm

viewership in the NBA and other sports.

The creation of superteams creates thrilling storylines for fans of the league. For example, when James left the Cleveland Cavaliers to join the Heat, it was a major storyline that engulfed the 2010-2011 NBA season. The same can be said about Durant's departure from the Thunder.

When these players relocated, new rivalries and storylines were created, adding a new excitement to the league. Not to mention that it is exciting to see these athletes perform together at such a high level. Curry and Durant are two of the best offensive players to play the game, and watching them work together was a treat.

Watching a pitcher have to deal with a Yankees lineup consisting of Giancarlo Stanton, Aaron Judge and Edwin Encarnación is exciting and adds much more enjoyment to the game than watching any normal team. Superteams have the talent and ability to create special moments and amazing plays, something that adds another layer to viewing a game.

In the NHL we can look at the early 1990s Pittsburgh Penguins. After drafting Mario Lemieux in 1984 and Jaromir Jagr in 1990, they acquired six different future Hall of Famers between 1988 and 1991. That list included Paul Coffey, Ron Francis, Larry Murphy, Joe Mullen, Bryan Trottier and Mark Recchi. They are one of only three teams to win back-to-

back Stanley Cups in the past 30 years.


There's no guarantee that winning free agency and landing a bunch of stars will actually translate to championships. There are many factors that go into a winning team, and talent isn't everything. There's no guarantee that the team will mesh well together in both chemistry and playstyle.

For example, the "Dream Team" couldn't get through on talent alone, and instead slipped to an 8-8 record and missed the playoffs entirely. The Dodgers have not won the World Series in 31 years, despite having one of the largest payrolls in baseball and being linked to nearly every big-named free agent.

In the NHL we can look at the 2018-19 Tampa Bay Lightning, arguably the most successful team in the salary cap era besides the 2007-08 Detroit Red Wings. They tied the 62 wins record with the 1995-96 Red Wings and had also made the Eastern Conference Final in three of the past five years.

After their record-tying season they were already being pencilled in by sports writers as the Stanley Cup favorites. They then proceeded to get swept in four games in the opening round by the wild card Columbus Blue Jackets.

A collection of talent is one thing. Winning with that talent is a different thing entirely.

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Questionable poster conjures up controversy across campus

By Sammi Verespy
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College campuses are meant to be a safe space for everyone, and many people around campus work very hard to make that happen.

Though, one event's name fell through the cracks, "Trail of Treats." This poster is one that upset many people on campus, as it is eerily similar to the name of the atrocious historical event, The Trail of Tears.

Megan Pitts, activities coordinator for student development, commented on the posters.

"Trail of Treats is an event that Geisinger Wyoming Valley hosts each year for children with special needs," she said.

"These children do not have the opportunity to go trick-or-treating and this event allows them to celebrate Halloween while in the hospital. Wilkes University Programming Board wanted to take part in the event by gathering donations to be passed out to the children. It was never their intention to offend anyone," she added.

While this poster was put up with no malicious intent and has since been removed, we now are left with the question of how do we move forward and ensure that cultural sensitivity is respected?

"Cultural sensitivity is something that we can always continue to learn and educate about on campus," says Crystal Cool, assistant director of international student services. "The diversity office is always willing to do programs to ensure that there is knowledge and understanding of cultures around campus."

When asked about the cultural sensitivity seen on campus, Cool said, "It is important to keep in mind that there are so many different views and scopes of what culturally sensitive is."

What may be OK to you or me may not be the case for someone else, and that is okay. We have to make sure that there is an emphasis on making people feel safe, happy, and healthy. Just keeping an open mind is important."

This is exactly what programming board did when faced with the upset over these posters, they removed them and are looking for alternative marketing.

"Here at Wilkes, we care about our student body and student feedback is always

welcome and appreciated," said Pitts. "The concern was referred to the Student Affairs Cabinet, which consists of administration as well as the Presidents of the Mega Councils (Commuter Council, Multicultural Student Coalition, Programming Board, Residence Hall Council & Student Government).

"The cabinet felt it appropriate to change the language on the poster, as to not offend anyone," she added.

This brings forth the exact thing that this article hopes to get across, our campus will not improve without student voices.

To incite change, you must speak up.

"We want to hear from the students, we want to know what is going on. You deserve to feel safe and happy on campus, you just have to speak up," said Cool.

There are many clubs and resources on campus to help students do just that, speak up. One of those clubs being the megacouncil, Multicultural Student Coalition

(MSC).

Brianna Rowland, junior musical theatre major and MSC president, pointed out a common misconception about diversity.

"I would say just in general how people in everyday life view diversity as only

segregating or bringing together (people of color and Caucasians and it's so much more than that," she said. "I just want the student body to just support MSC so we can begin to create a bigger platform and talk about the different possibilities there are when it comes to the definition of

floored me, and that was students from all different racial backgrounds.

"I simply do not understand why diversity is such a touchy subject and why it can't be talked about freely without people have misconceptions and whatnot," she continued. "There is nothing I want more in this world but to live free of judgment, etc, but that can't happen until people are willing to have the discussion."

"I believe situations, like for example, with the poster 'Trails of Treats' wouldn't occur just by being aware of the negative and offense impact that holds...It's a lot to think about, and I can't change the world overnight but I'm trying to get Wilkes on the same level of diversity inclusion like so many other well-known colleges," she added.

This is something that we as Colonels should not take lightly, we have the burden to ensure that our campus feels safe. That all of our campus can express their cultural identity in a way such that they are protected and heard.

Students deserve to feel heard, protected and valued. This is something that our campus is fighting hard to attain. If there are any questions or concerns regarding diversity on campus, contact Erica Acosta, the associate director of diversity affairs, at erica.acosta@wilkes.edu.



W.U.P.B. Social Media Poster

diversity."

This is something she echoes with an example.

"I stopped so many students during club day and took the time to explain to them what MSC was and some of them straight up said 'no, that doesn't sound like something I'm interested in' and that

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The Visual Vault: 2019 premiere week, The Good Place

By Nicholas Whitney
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2019's television premiere week is now behind us and this week I'll be reviewing one of the shows that just started up: The Good Place.

The Good Place is a comedy on NBC that just kicked off its fourth and final season. This show is packed with witty humor, a creative plot, great acting and its fair share of puns.

The Good Place follows Eleanor Shellstrop (Kristen Bell) and her journey through life. Or more aptly, her afterlife. After dying in a grocery store parking lot, Eleanor is sent to the good place where she is greeted by Michael (Ted Danson), the architect of the neighborhood. After showing her around the neighborhood and introducing her to her soulmate Chidi Anagonye (William Jackson Harper), Eleanor comes to realize that there has been a grave mistake. She's not supposed to be there.

Eleanor enlists Chidi, who was a moral philosophy professor on Earth, to teach her ethics to help her stay in the Good Place. Despite her best efforts, Eleanor has to

confess to Michael that she isn't supposed to be there.

Following negotiations with the bad place over Eleanor's soul and several other hilarious shenanigans, Eleanor and Chidi, along with their fellow humans Tahani Al-Jamil (Jameela Jamil) and Jason Mendoza (Manny Jacinto), realize they are actually in the bad place already. Talk about a forking plot twist.

Michael is revealed to be a demon who created a fake good place to test a new form of torture for the bad place. The philosophy study crew, led by Eleanor, then embark on a long trek to better themselves and find their way to the real good place.

This is some of Kristen Bell's finest work. Typically type-cast simply as a cute blond, Bell now tackles a character who is intelligent and emotionally complex, and she does with ease.

I find it quite easy to relate to Eleanor on a human level, with her occasional punctioned cursing and the idea that most of us live medium lives and should be able to go to a medium place.

She argues that most people aren't

extraordinarily good or bad, most of us are just average and that's okay.

As her character develops (and learns more about ethics), the argument becomes infused with more scholarly theory, but the message remains the same.

My favorite character on the show, however, happens to be Jason Mendoza. Jason is utterly oblivious to almost everything going on around him, allowing him to serve as the provider of stupid humor.

Having lived his life in Jacksonville, FL, The Good Place writers went to town exploiting the popular Florida man memes to make Jason all the more ridiculous and entertaining.

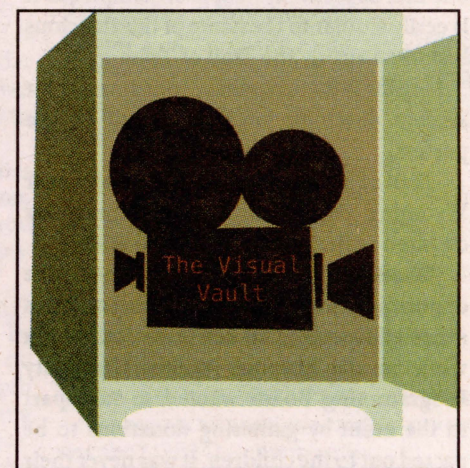
As a life-long Jacksonville Jaguars fan and hardcore supporter of Blake Bortles, Jason was truly heartbroken when he learned in this week's episode that Bortles had been cut from the Jaguars' roster.

Overall, The Good Place takes the concept of morals and the afterlife and puts an original spin on it.

The comedy employed by its distinct characters and talented core of actors helps take the show to the next level. Which

explains why it was nominated for Best Comedy Series this year at the Emmys.

With the fourth and final season underway, the main cast is back in the fake good place in an attempt to take four other recently deceased humans and help them become better people. You can catch up on the first three seasons on Netflix, and follow season 4 on Thursdays at 9 p.m. EDT on NBC.



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Sanders and Warren: Are they the similar candidates?

By Chris Smith
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Recently, Senator Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts has been rising in the polls and surpassing rivals such as Vermont Senator, Bernie Sanders in the democratic race to 2020 presidency.

According to a September 25th Quinnipiac Poll, Warren is polling at twenty-seven percent, followed by Biden at twenty-five percent, and finally followed by Sanders at sixteen percent.

Warren recently gained the endorsement of the Working Families Party, an endorsement that was previously given to Sanders in 2016. Warren fared much better than Sanders in the September Democratic debate.

Sander's recent surgery due to having a clogged artery and chest pains raises concerns among supporters of whether he is even healthy enough to be President.

All of these setbacks may make many voters think that Warren is the better choice than Sanders when comparing the two.

One might argue that they are the same, except for the fact that Warren is much more palatable for the wider American audience than Sanders.

I argue that Sanders is a much more progressive candidate than Warren and both candidates differ on many key issues.

First, Warren's and Sanders' Medicare-for-all plans are both different.

Many progressives accuse Warren of not being strong enough on her healthcare plan.

According to Kyle Kulinski, host of Secular Talk, Warren has not once mentioned "single-payer" in her Medicare-for-all plan and uses instead the words "increased access to healthcare" and called Medicare-for-all a "framework."

The value behind this difference in semantics is that Warren is willing to change the current system, but is also willing to back away from a medicare-for-all plan, such as the one outlined in Sander's proposal in the Senate.

Second, both candidates have stark

differences in regards to foreign policy. According to a May 30 article from the Medium, Warren voted in favor of a Trump military budget, which increased military spending by \$80 billion.

Warren has also gotten flak for how she answered a survey from the Council on Foreign Relations for her foreign policy positions.

She believes that Iran broke the Iran nuclear deal, which progressives argued that the U.S. broke it first by placing sanctions on Iran that the deal prohibited.

The Times of Israel says, however, that she supports reentering the deal. The article says Sanders is also in favor of reentering the deal.

Warren told the Council on Foreign Relations that she was also against conditioning aid to Israel, which is a policy that the United States would withdraw funds that go towards supporting Israel if they choose to expand their settlements.

Sanders is in favor of conditioning aid to Israel. Progressives are afraid of Warren's foreign policy because a president has more-direct control over

foreign policy than other fields in politics and could make the most change in that field.

The thing that I think is the least progressive action that Warren did was according to a Sept. 9 New York Times article, she transferred \$10.4 million from her 2018 Senate race to her 2020 presidential race.

Much of this money comes from the same donors that she said she would not be taking money from.

This is while also being in favor of taking money from big donors in the general election.

Sanders has not used big money in this election and disavowed using any big money to win the election

It is important to recognize that though they share many of the same ideas and both are great presidential candidates, Sanders and Warren are two very different candidates and the former is more progressive than the latter.

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Psychology and social sciences are by definition a science

By Neil Murphy
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If you are in the field of psychology, you probably are in the center of a huge debate, whether psychology is a science or not.

You can look at an op-ed published in the LA Times in 2012 by microbiologist Alex Berezow for a potential answer.

In the article, Berezow claims that psychology should not be considered a science like physics, biology and chemistry.

However, if you look at other sources such as Psychology Today and Scientific American, you can find that they have multiple papers defending psychology's stance in the realm of science.

Which of them is right? Well, I'd be sleeping in a mansion if I claimed to know the definitive answer. But, I do believe it is a science. Let me explain.

So in order for psychology to be viewed as a science, we should look at how it fits into the definition of science, right?

By the Oxford Dictionary definition, science is defined as "the intellectual and practical activity encompassing the systematic study of the structure and behaviour of the physical and natural world

through observation and experiment."

Does psychology encompass the systematic study of the structure and behavior of the physical and natural world through observation and experiment?

In psychology, there are both qualitative and quantitative approaches to studying human behavior.

For one, we have the qualitative approach. There are different techniques you can use in this particular form of research. For one, you can perform interviews to see how individuals think or subjectively feel about particular subjects.

Another technique that you can do is observation. Just like what the definition of science states, correct? Since the goal, if qualitative research is to understand behavior in the natural setting, it is often called naturalistic research. Another component is fulfilled.

Some may argue that qualitative research isn't really "true research". According to research by the National Institute of Health, qualitative research is valued for its relevance but not its scientific accuracy.

There are many examples of different fields of science that use qualitative research. The biggest example that I would like to mention is Charles Darwin and

Alfred Wallace's theory of evolution was made by qualitative research.

They performed many observations to gather evidence towards the theory of evolution. These observations made tremendous impacts on the world.

In psychology, there are plenty of examples of qualitative research that have impacted the world of psychology. Look at research in personality psychology, positive psychology, social psychology, and even more.

I'm not saying that these areas in psychology are purely qualitative, but they do use a lot of that type of research. It really benefits the understanding of human psychology.

The second approach we have is the qualitative approach to psychology. This is where it gets fun, psychological experimentation.

I'm not referring to shocking your brain and trying to read your mind, I am referring to pure experimentation.

In psychology, you have tons of examples of really influential experiments that help solidify psychology's stance in academics and the world.

Look at B.F. Skinner's behaviorism studies where operant conditioning was

founded.

If that's not enough, how about Philip Zimbardo's infamous Stanford Prison Experiment, and Stanley Milgram's Obedience studies where a lot of information was learned about conformity, authority and more.


Do you like learning about memory? Loftus and Palmer did a lot of interesting studies about false memories.

Psychology has a lot more interesting experiments that I would love to mention, but I simply don't have a lot of room to discuss it, but I digress.

Psychology just fell under another part of the definition of science. They have experimentation.

If you're telling me that psychology isn't a science, then you're ignoring many years of hard work and dedication to understanding human behavior and their mental processes.

It truly isn't right to state that psychological experimentation isn't scientific when it uses the scientific method, which is also used in chemistry, biology, physics and other sciences.

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Taylor Swift's "Lover" becomes another classic

By Breanna Ebisch
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For more than a decade, Taylor Swift has been a pop icon and a well-known name in the music industry.

With each chart-topping album, sold-out tour and her endlessly devoted fanbase, Swift has continuously proved again and again how music and beautifully written lyrics can connect thousands of people around the world.

In August, almost two years since her last record was released Swift released her highly anticipated seventh studio album, "Lover." This was after she took to social media to reveal that her masters had been bought which in turn removed all of her previous music from her ownership.

Instantly, the world immediately fell in love with her new sound. The leading singles "ME!" featuring Brendon Urie of Panic! at the Disco, "You Need To Calm Down" and the title track "Lover" was significantly different than Swift's previous darker, hip-hop style on "Reputation."

Full of happiness, lightheartedness and memorable upbeat melodies, "Lover"

signifies a new beginning in Swift's life and upon its release, the album soared to number one in an outstanding amount of countries and racked up sales numbers that have never been seen before.

Adding to her immense success over the years, this album is proof that Swift practically controls the pop music industry and is more influential than ever before.

The tracklist has a total of 18 songs, the longest of any of Swift's previous albums, and each song encases a unique style through her skillfully crafted lyrics.

From the inspiringly powerful "The Man" to the undeniably catchy "Paper Rings" and cheery "I Forgot That You Existed" which says goodbye to the reputation era, the entire album holds a new favorite song for everyone.

Similar to all of Swift's music, the pop star wrote and produced this entire album which is something done by very few artists in today's music industry.

Giving her a personal touch, fans took a liking to particular songs and during its release week, "Lover" was an entire topic of conversation by itself. Critics gave

it nothing but positive reviews and the world was fascinated with the magic of Taylor Swift all over again.

The singer/songwriter has already brought home multiple awards for her work on this album such as Song Of The Year, Video For Good, and Best Visual Effects at the 2019 VMA's alone, and continues to receive more nominations for upcoming award shows.

Although "Lover" is only just over a month old, this new album is still due to receive an unbelievable amount of praise and recognition for a very good reason.

To say there is no other album like Swift's newest beautiful masterpiece, would simply be an understatement. Over the years, she has shaped pop music as we know it today and this record is no exception.

Mixing pure pop elements with a touch of an 80's feel and her well-written lyrics that grace each perfectly crafted song, "Lover" is a stunning boundary-breaking studio album that will be loved for generations.


After the long-awaited return of arguably the most influential and talented artist in the music industry today, Taylor

Swift is back and better than ever with undoubtedly her best album yet.

After one listen of "Lover" you'll be skipping down 16th avenue as Swift sings in "I Think He Knows" and it will certainly put you in a happy-go-lucky mood.



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Should the United States look to lower the voting age?

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When you are 16, your responsibility increases. For instance, you can drive, work a minimum wage job and pay taxes. However, you cannot vote.

It seems strange to think that the voting age is set at 18-years-old. There isn't even a fundamental difference between a 16 year old and an 18 year old, except that, as assistant political science professor Dr. Benjamin Toll pointed out, "Historically, we have called 16-year-olds minors."

However, is voting like driving a car, paying taxes or working a minimum wage job?

"The argument when the voting age was lowered to 18 was that those people could fight for the country, so they should be able to vote," argued Toll.

"Neuroscience says we should raise the voting age to 25, when most adult brains have finished maturing," he added.

This begs the question: Should 16-year-old minors be voting? Is there enough maturity there? Do they have the mental capacity to understand how

important voting is?

Though there is another major issue at hand when deciding who should be able to vote and at what age.

Since the baby boom, there have been significantly fewer people born, as well as an increase in life expectancy. So, does this leave the younger population in a place where it would even matter if they voted?

Toll says no. "Statistically there are less people born after 1980, so even with the right to vote at a younger age, their voices will be heard less."

The government at this point is mostly controlled by the older generations in terms of voting. For example, according to census.gov, "In 2016, this was once again the case, as citizens 65 years and older reported higher turnout (70.9 percent) than 45 to 64 year olds (66.6 percent), 30 to 44 year olds (58.7 percent) and 18 to 29 year-olds (46.1 percent)."

"Younger millennials born in the mid-80s and later are much more liberal than the government. It's been found that the government is not courting to the age demographic," said Toll.

This is more so because there is a need

to catch the votes, those lying in the hands of the older, more conservative generation.

According to NPR's Asma Khalid, we cannot accurately measure the millennial votes until the next census comes out, though Toll suggests that this is inherently lower than that of the boomer votes.

"The US creates a harder situation to vote. Other countries do not require voter registration.

"States that allow registration on-site of voting polls tend to create more voter turnout," he added.

So the issue to tackle becomes this: increase voter turnout in the 18 to 30 year old age demographic.

"People tend to vote more when they have a habit of voting," said Toll. "Facebook published a study earlier this year on this issue and found that if a friend posts about voting, it makes people more likely to vote."

Politicians have caught wind of how to use social media, and are utilizing it as a game-changer.

"Politicians use social media to reach different audiences. Facebook is for the general public and the messages cater to

everyone's good nature," said Toll.

"Many politicians are on Twitter and Snapchat to target millennials. The messages they send on these media are more liberal in view," he added.

This makes it difficult to cater to everyone's views because "younger and older generations have huge divides in political views."

Take for example President Trump's campaign. His slogan "Make America Great Again" displays this mentality of a previous "golden age". His political campaign revolves around the approval of older generations. This nostalgia-voter tactic proved useful for President Trump.

"There are two possibilities for liberals in this upcoming election: they either get cranky and give up on the system, or they get loud and fight to keep 'idiots' from being elected into office. It simply remains to be seen," Toll said.

So whether or not the voting age is lowered to 16, one thing is clear, your voice and your vote matters.

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Implications of dress code policies in the workplace

By Sarah Weynand
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General workplace dress codes typically include a put-together ideal image for how their employees should present themselves on-the-job.

Such codes have benefits. Portraying the best version of oneself can help with general confidence and performance, which in turn helps the customer being served. But when does policy go so far as to give license to harassment?

Dress codes are not always conservative and restricting. A job-searching website known as "The Muse" shares an article examining the history of dress codes.

"...in the '60s, the Hawaiian fashion industry distributed shirts to the government in the hopes that they'd wear them.

"The concept became so popular that organizations lobbied for 'Aloha Fridays'. Eventually, other states picked up the idea [and turned it] into 'Casual Fridays' across the country."

Casual Fridays have become a trend in

many workplaces, though some employers have feared it'd make work less productive and perhaps "too much fun."

Most people understand that general cleanliness and organization in one's appearance is important to coworkers, clients, patients, students, etc.

The issue with dress codes is how companies and bosses can pick and choose what constitutes as appropriate based on gender, age, class, and even race, and how this mindset can extend to harassment.

This can be in the way of a promotion denial or even worse being fired. An example would be if workplace harassment were to occur, any human resources employee evaluating the situation could ask the dreaded question: "What were they wearing? Were they abiding by company dress codes?"

If they did not conform to strict policies, a bigger issue can be brought about.

Some may not believe that that's legal, but in many cases, no discrimination can be proven. They're already hired, now they must stand by the company's policy, and that might be a "business casual/

professional dress code."

An interview with a Wilkes University professor, Dr. Jap-Nanak Makkar an assistant professor in the English department confirms that even a respected and educated woman, seasoned in workplace experiences, had difficulty with this before arriving at Wilkes.

She remarks on her experience before her employment at Wilkes, "[It] started when I entered a professional environment at graduate school, where you also have to start thinking about the end of that degree.

"You slowly start to feel the pressure to look like a person in the workplace. And that means sometimes doing your graduate classes in a blazer, dress pants, or a conservative top."

She continued about past experiences, "In fact, you learn that if students (undergraduates) see a young person walk in and dressing like them - jean jacket, short top, shorts - that commands less respect.

"I think there are applications of the dress code that could lead to moments where certain bodies and people are policed more.



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Young bodies, especially," she added.

She responded regarding possible harassment in the workplace. It's not a problem with authority, but with autonomy.

If a policy is going to be put into place, it should be implemented with the intention of equality, professionalism and the message of the company that creates it, not one that alienates identity and employee safety.

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NFL: Who are the biggest fantasy disappointments of 2019?

By Kevin Singhel
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Four weeks have already passed in the NFL season, meaning that fantasy football is well underway. As we all know, fantasy never pans out exactly as intended, and this year is no different.

Perhaps you have an early-round pick that has performed horrible or a late-round steal that has won you multiple games. There have been plenty of headscratchers so far this season, but who have been the biggest surprises and disappointments in fantasy football?

One of the biggest disappointments so far has been Antonio Brown. The former Steelers star was pegged as a top wide receiver in the draft and a lock to be a WR1. This comes even after Brown was traded to the Oakland Raiders in the offseason. Unfortunately, Brown had several spats with Oakland management, causing him to be cut by the team. He had an even shorter tenure with the New England Patriots, playing only one game for the squad after sexual assault accusations came out in September.

Now, Antonio Brown has officially retired from the NFL, he will score no more fantasy points this season. This is horrible news for fantasy owners who may have used an early-round pick to snag the former Pro-Bowl wide receiver.

Saquon Barkley has been another disappointment for fantasy owners due to an injury he suffered in a week three game against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. The injury has forced the consensus number one fantasy pick to miss considerable playing time. If you have Barkley on your team, then you likely spent a top two draft pick to get him, making this injury extremely costly. If Barkley misses

a considerable amount of time with this injury, then it could cost some fantasy owners a playoff spot.

Baker Mayfield has also greatly disappointed fantasy owners this season, but it's not due to injury or early retirement. Mayfield was an amazing rookie quarterback last season, narrowly missing out on NFL Rookie of the Year. It was expected that Mayfield would only continue to grow with new head coach Freddie Kitchens and new offensive weapon Odell Beckham Jr.; however, that has not been the case.

Mayfield and the Browns have struggled to find an offensive rhythm. The team was pegged as the favorites to win the AFC North and make a deep playoff run, but have instead struggled out of the gate with a 2-2 record. Most of the blame can be placed on the offense and Kitchen's questionable play calling. Regardless, Mayfield was expected to be a top fantasy quarterback this season and has instead struggled mightily.

Cam Newton is another quarterback that has failed to live up to fantasy expectations. The Carolina Panthers signal-caller is usually a top-performing fantasy quarterback, but not this season. Newton has been plagued by injuries, leading to some poor performances and a considerable amount of missed time.

Newton was traditionally a dual-threat quarterback, someone who could earn fantasy owners through both the air and on the ground. However, with the injuries hampering him and causing him to miss a lot of time, Newton has lost most of his fantasy value.

When it comes to fantasy surprises, Lamar Jackson is among the biggest. The Baltimore Ravens' quarterback has followed up a solid rookie season with

an even more impressive start to his sophomore campaign.

Jackson has greatly improved on his throwing numbers, something that was a major concern coming into the season. In addition, Jackson is still as deadly as ever with his feet. Jackson has put up star quarterback numbers when it comes to fantasy, and most people probably snagged him in a later round.

He has a ton of fantasy value now that he is a legitimate dual-threat quarterback, especially given how late you could've picked him up in the draft.

Jackson isn't the only Raven putting up surprising fantasy numbers, as his favorite target Mark Andrews has blossomed into a top fantasy tight end.

Andrews has been the primary beneficiary of Jackson's passing improvements, having lots of receptions and yards. Jackson and Andrews appear to be very comfortable working together, meaning Andrews will continue to be a vital part in Baltimore's offense.

As a tight end who was under the radar, Andrews has provided consistent value out of a position that is usually marred by inconsistent results. So far, Andrews has put up great numbers for a tight end.

Usually, fantasy managers have to spend an early-round pick on someone like Travis Kelce or Zack Ertz to get a consistent tight end, but it looks like this year some lucky managers got to snag a consistent tight end in Andrews during later rounds.

When it comes to taking the most of opportunities, Austin Ekeler has really succeeded. The Los Angeles Chargers' running back has made the most of Melvin Gordon's holdout by having amazing performances as the Chargers' starting running back and posting a ton

of fantasy points.

Since he was originally slated to be behind Gordon on the depth chart, Ekeler likely slipped to later rounds of the fantasy draft. Gordon appears to be back and ready to take on a large workload, meaning Ekeler's fantasy value could dip in the coming weeks. However, Ekeler has already done more than enough to warrant being called a late-round steal.

Another running back who has made the most of a new opportunity is Mark Ingram. He has performed well for fantasy owners this season after spending the last two seasons splitting duties with Alvin Kamara. Now that he has the Baltimore backfield all to himself, he has become a very valuable fantasy asset.

Finally, one of the biggest fantasy surprises this year comes after one of the season's most shocking disappointments. Andrew Luck retired before the season started, ruining the drafts of many managers who drafted him prior to his announcement.

However, his replacement Jacoby Brissett has more than performed up to expectations.

Brissett hasn't been the best fantasy quarterback in the league, but he has more than held his own against his competitors. Brissett can be considered a consistent starter, something that is rare for a waiver-wire pickup. If you managed to grab Brissett while his value was low, then you got yourself a solid quarterback for little to no investment.

Football is a crazy game that is impossible to predict, making your fantasy "sleeper" picks that much more special.



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Beacon Picks FOOTBALL

Who would be on your fantasy all-star team?

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Wide Receiver
Calvin Ridley

Tight End
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Alvin Kamara

Wide Receiver
Keenan Allen

Tight End
Travis Kelce

WSOC: Bidelspach scores twice in Colonels 3-1 HOCO victory

By Ariel Reed
Staff Writer

EDWARDSVILLE, Pa. -- The Colonels used early goals in each half to propel them past FDU-Florham on one of the biggest weekends for Wilkes Athletics in 2019.

This weekend was not just homecoming for Wilkes, but it was also the opening of the new multi-sport turf facility, Bruggeworth Field.

The Colonels did not disappoint with their debut on the field, as both Wilkes and the Devils had strong attacks in the first 12 minutes of the game. Sophomore midfielder Emily Bidelspach attempted to put Wilkes on top early on, but unfortunately her shot was just off target and hit the goal post.

The Devils quickly responded as Brianna Cucinelli had a chance of her own, but her shot efforts were turned aside by senior goalkeeper Samantha Cecere.

Instantaneously, FDU-Florham's Erica Martins rattled off a second shot. Yet again, Cecere turned away the flurry of shots.

The Colonels refueled their offensive attack and Bidelspach rifled a big shot late in the 12th-minute to put Wilkes on top 1-0.

Shortly after this point, the Devils bounced back. Erika Pita broke away from the defensive efforts of junior center back Niamh Harkins, drawing Cecere out of the goal and tying the game at one apiece.

The Colonels came back after the Devils' goal with an answer of their own. They rattled off three shots, but their efforts were not strong enough to overpower the strength and unity in FDU-Florham's defense.

Wilkes, however, remained persistent with

attempts to find the back of the net. The team held offensive control for the last 20 minutes and the Colonel offensive efforts were not in vain. Late in the 30th-minute of the first half, freshman midfielder Hannah Hart chipped the ball into the goal, which gave the Colonels a 2-1 lead heading into halftime.

To start the second half, FDU-Florham's Nathalia Gallo attempted to get her team back into the game by taking two shots within four seconds of each other. Gallo's first shot was blocked by a Wilkes defender and then her second shot flew above the goal.

Three minutes later, Bidelspach broke free from the Devils' defensive line and she shot the ball into the upper left corner of the goal,

giving Wilkes a 3-1 lead.

The Devils made several attempts to get back into the game, but their efforts were stopped by the defensive strength of the Colonels.

Bidelspach lead Wilkes' scoring with two goals and Hart chipped in an extra goal to put the icing on top of their win.

Despite not being in the starting lineup, Hart still made her presence known by providing a spark off the bench.

"Honestly, I saw the ball and I saw the goal," said Hart. "I didn't think at all to be completely honest, I just shot it and it just so happened to go in."

Hart's offensive effort was not only through this shot, but she also helped set up her

teammates with great scoring opportunities.

"I kind of just tried to stay composed and find the corners where the space was and it just went in," Bidelspach said.

Bidelspach's two goals were critical for the Colonels to get their first win on Bruggeworth Field. As a whole, the team was very excited to use the new facility.

"It's an awesome facility, we couldn't be more fortunate to have this. The donation from Bob (Bruggeworth) and his family in honor of his mother is something very special," said head coach John McNichol. "Obviously, Wilkes is a super special place and to have a facility like this. It's one of the premier facilities in the conference, if not the region. We are fortunate to have something this beautiful to play on every day."

McNichol was not the only one excited and grateful for the new field.

"It's very different, it took some getting used to play on it this week," Hart said. "But it is awesome. We are happy we get to play on it."

McNichol was also extremely happy with the team's efforts on the evening.

"Anytime you can start out conference play 1-0, it's very important, FDU is a very talented school. They came in 9-1-1, and we were able to get up on them quick in the first and second half" McNichol said. "I think that was the difference. We didn't settle in as much as we wanted to in the second half, we executed and did what we wanted to. It's huge to start 1-0 in conference play."

Wilkes is back in action when they head to Stevens on Saturday.

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The Beacon/Kyle Kraemer
Freshman midfielder Hannah Hart put home a chip shot to claim the 2-1 Colonel lead in the 31st-minute of play.

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Cross Country

(Men & Women)

FALL SPORTS SCHEDULES

Women's Volleyball

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Field Hockey

<p>8/30 @ Misericordia Invite, 4th & 3rd 9/15 @ Queensborough Invite, 10 a.m., Both 3rd 9/20 @ Elizabethtown College Short Course Invite, 8th & 9th 10/5 @ Paul Short Invite (Lehigh), 31st & 29th 10/12 @ Golden Eagle Invite (St. Joseph's), 9:30 a.m. 10/19 @ Hood College Invite, 9:30 a.m. 11/2 MAC Championships (Hood), 11 a.m. 11/9 ECAC Championship (Mount Saint Mary), TBA 11/16 NCAA Mid East Regional</p>	<p>8/30 vs. PSU-Hazleton, W 3-0 8/31 @ Penn, L 3-0 8/31 @ Clarks Summit, L 3-2 8/31 @ Lycoming, L 3-2 9/3 @ Lancaster Bible, L 3-1 9/5 @ Marywood, L 3-2 9/7 vs. Albright, W 3-0 9/7 @ Wilson, W 3-1 9/10 vs. Keystone, W 3-0 9/14 vs. Cedar Crest, W 3-0 9/14 vs. PSU-Harrisburg, L 3-1 *9/18 @ Stevens, L 3-0 9/21 @ Clarks Summit, W 3-0 9/21 @ Rutgers-Camden, L 3-0 *9/24 vs. FDU-Florham, W 3-0 9/27 @ Wesley, L 3-1 9/28 @ John Jay, W 3-0</p>	<p>9/28 @ Farmingdale State, W 3-1 *10/2 @ Delaware Valley, W 3-0 10/5 @ Neumann, noon, L 0-3 10/5 @ Widener, 2 p.m., L 0-3 *10/8 vs. Eastern, 7 p.m. *10/16 @ King's, 7 p.m. 10/19 @ New Jersey City, 11 a.m. 10/19 @ Baruch, 1 p.m. *10/22 vs. DeSales, 7 p.m. 10/24 vs. PSU-Berks, 7 p.m. 10/26 vs. Rutgers-Camden, 11 a.m. 10/26 vs. Messiah, 3 p.m. *10/30 vs. Misericordia, 7 p.m. 11/2 vs. Cazenovia, 11 a.m. 11/2 vs. Hood, 3 p.m. *Denotes MAC Freedom match</p>	<p>8/30-31 @ CHC, W 2-1 (OT)/ L 4-1 9/4 vs. Keystone, W 3-1 9/7 vs. Widener, L 2-1 9/11 @ Cedar Crest, W 4-2 9/14 vs. Alvernia, L 3-2 9/18 vs. Moravian, W 1-0 9/21 @ Wilson, W 3-0 9/23 vs. Bryn Athyn, W 7-0 9/25 @ U. of Scranton, L 3-0 *9/28 @ Eastern, W 3-2 10/2 vs. Elizabethtown, 1 1-0(OT) *10/4 vs. DeSales, L 3-2 *10/11 @ FDU-Florham, 7 p.m. 10/15 @ Marywood, 4 p.m. *10/19 vs. Stevens, 5 p.m. *10/23 @ King's, 7 p.m. *10/26 vs. Delaware Valley, 1 p.m. *10/30 vs. Misericordia, 7 p.m. *Denotes iMAC Freedom match</p>
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FOOTBALL, from frontcover

This time, Tabora was able to get his team into the endzone, and in record time with only two plays. Junior wide receiver Richard Ermeus hauled in a 52-yard pass from Tabora, putting Wilkes up 10-0.

"It's how they (Alvernia) align honestly," said Drach, in regards to the onside-kick decision. "They align an extra five-yards back, for some reason, to add depth so they can get a little deeper in their kick. That opens up the onside kick opportunity for us, and we have a kid who can do it, plus we get to put it on film for everybody else, so now they've got to worry about it."

Drach's decision to call for the onside kick set the tone for the game, as the blue and gold never relinquished their lead throughout the remainder of the contest. Not to mention that Drach highlighted this strategy as a tactic Wilkes has in their back pocket that other MAC opponents should be aware of.

Following the 10-0 first quarter, Alvernia had the opportunity to score at the start of the second, with the Golden Wolves' Malcom Carey finding the endzone from two-yards out. A missed extra-point put six points on the board for Alvernia, making the score 10-6.

Building off of their momentum from the beginning and wanting to reassert their dominance after the Alvernia touchdown, Wilkes stepped up their offense.

The Colonels drove the field and scored on a fourth-and-goal play to senior tight end Bryce Harrison.

Wilkes once again took advantage of Alvernia not being prepared, this time on the ensuing point after the touchdown.

When the teams lined up to kick the extra point, senior holder/wide receiver Derek Nelson saw the Golden Wolves were misaligned, and he decided to run to the edge for a two-point play instead of the one-point kick.

Alvernia got the ball back with a minute left to play in the first half. They attempted a screen pass, but senior defensive tackle Vinne Werner was all over it. He grabbed the pass from the Alvernia receiver's hands and

Werner. "It was amazing."

After putting 15 points on the board at the end of the second quarter, the Colonels headed into halftime with a 25-6 lead.

As if their scoring reign wasn't impressive enough, Wilkes opened the second half with another quick touchdown. This time, Tabora found junior wide receiver Nick Yanik on a 50-yard pass that occurred on the second play from scrimmage of the half. "Some of the guys up front did a good job

With practice being the key to the puzzle, Tabora and the Colonel offense executed what they had been preparing for the past two weeks.

However, the Colonel scoring did not stop with Yanik, as Wilkes' defense was able to stop Alvernia once again and get the ball back at the Alvernia 48-yard line.

Freshman running back Kamaal Reed, who was recently named ECAC (Eastern College Athletic Conference) Rookie of the Month for September, helped sustain the drive. Reed ran the ball five times for 28 yards on the drive, including an eight-yard touchdown run. DeSpirito missed the following extra points, making the game 38-6.

Despite allowing 28 unanswered points, Alvernia still had some fight in them, and Sample found a seam in the Wilkes defense on an option play. He ran the ball 61 yards to the endzone, the longest run allowed by the Colonel defense this season.

Wilkes' second team came into the game for the next drive, and sophomore quarterback Heath Hoovler stepped up to the challenge. He manufactured a 10-play, 64-yard drive that chewed up 5:31 on the game clock. He also capped the drive off with a three-yard touchdown run.

The Colonels will put their perfect record to the test against Albright this coming Saturday on the road.

The Lions are 0-4 on the season, but two of their losses were at the hands of nationally-ranked No. 15 Delaware Valley and No. 1 Mary Hardin-Baylor.



sprinted to the endzone for the touchdown and his first career pick-six, adding insult to injury prior to halftime.

Although Colonel fans, players and coaches were surprised to see Werner in the endzone, this was not the defensive tackle's first touchdown. Werner recovered a fumble in the endzone against Albright during the 2017 season, making this pick-six his second career touchdown.

"It was a moment I pictured from from the start of my career at Wilkes," said

as the game went on being able to handle and run the football," reflected Drach. "Jose made some big throws and Rich Ermerus and Nick Yanik did a nice job for us as well."

Tabora attributed this success to practice, as the Colonels had a bye-week prior to their contest against Alvernia that allowed Wilkes to do some extra preparation.

"Our focus is on execution," said Tabora. "How we practice determines exactly how we play. My mindset is to stay calm and let the pieces of our hard work come together."

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FALL SPORTS SCHEDULES

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Getting to know...

Shane Henehan

Junior Soccer Player

The Beacon: Male Athlete of the Week Sept. 22 - Sept. 28

Why Shane Henehan was selected: Henehan responded to Immaculata's first goal on their Sept. 28 contest with a goal 1:01 second later, tying the game at one apiece. He also contributed an assist to Christopher Garcia at the 87:23 mark in a late comeback attempt in Wilkes' 3-2 loss.

Name: Shane Henehan
Year: Junior
Major: Nursing
Hometown: Bensalem, Pa.
High School: MaST Charter
Position: Defense

One thing that I would improve is moving the fields onto campus so more students could attend the games.

Other interests or hobbies off of the field?

Listening to Lil Uzi and playing basketball.

Driving force for your decision to come to Wilkes?

My driving force for coming to Wilkes was their excellent nursing program and wanting to play soccer in college. It was a perfect choice for me.

Most influential person(s) in your life?

The most influential people in my life would have to be my Grandmom and Pop. I truly learned a lot from them, especially growing up across the street from them. They have always supported me in everything I do.

Post-graduation plans in terms of a career?

I plan to go back home to Philadelphia and get a job as an RN in the city. Then, possibly move into Pharma later in my career.

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

I would have dinner with Warren Buffett.

Favorite building on campus?

Cohen Science Center.

Favorite Professor?

Dr. Stewart.

What came first? The chicken or the egg?

The chicken.

Coke or Pepsi?

Coke.

Hopes for this season as a Colonel?

My hopes for this season are to make MAC playoffs and to have a winning record. I think post-season is the goal for all of us on the team. We have been working hard this season.

Favorite meal to eat on campus?

Chicken Caesar wrap with chocolate milk at the POD.

When/Why did you first begin playing?

I began playing when I was about six years old. Soccer runs in the family with my other cousins playing in college as well.

A quote you live your life by?

"Pack ya lunch." - Anthony Lazzareschi

Favorite thing to do during practice?

My favorite thing to do during practice is 3 v. 2 because it incorporates the offense and defense. It is a very active drill.

What does "Be Colonel" mean to you?

"Be Colonel" means being a great student-athlete on and off the field, participating in events and helping in the community.

Anyone to give a shout-out to?

My family.

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The Beacon/Kirsten Peters

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

-Compiled by Kirsten Peters, Co-Sports Editor

Getting to know...

Lauren Baldwin

Junior Field Hockey Player

The Beacon: Female Athlete of the Week Sept. 22 - Sept. 28

Why Lauren Baldwin was selected: Baldwin recorded three goals and an assist over the course of three games. Her two goals against Bryn Athyn propelled Wilkes to a 7-0 victory. She also scored the game-winner in the 54th-minute of Wilkes' 3-2 victory over Eastern, and assisted Morghan Murphy's goal earlier in the contest.

Name: Lauren Baldwin
Year: Junior
Major: Sports Management
Hometown: Clarks Summit, Pa.
High School: Lackawanna Trail HS
Position: Midfield/Forward

I would improve our consistency and positivity.

Other interests or hobbies off of the field?
Other than watching TV and hanging out with my three dogs, I have been an equestrian for 18 years.

Driving force for your decision to come to Wilkes?

Originally, I had committed to play at Kutztown University. After the first season, I knew it was not the right fit and wanted to be closer to home and still continue to play, so Wilkes seemed like the perfect fit!

Most influential person(s) in your life?
I can't pick just one. My mom and dad are the most hardworking, supporting, loving people in my life and are two of my best friends.

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

Post graduation plans in terms of a career?

I hope to get a job with the Philadelphia Eagles in their marketing department.

Favorite professor?
Again, can't pick just one, so both Dr. Lee and Dr. Schmidt.

Favorite building on campus?
The SUB.

Coke or Pepsi?
Coke... or any soda product ever.

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

Favorite meal to eat on campus?
Grilled chicken sandwich from Grille Works.

Hopes for this season as a Colonel?
Giving 100 percent as a team and seeing all our hard work pay off in the post-season MAC tournament.

A quote you live your life by?
"There is no substitute for hard work. Never give up. Never stop believing. Never stop fighting."

When/Why did you first begin playing?
I began in fourth grade because my mom made me. I have been playing ever since.

What does "Be Colonel" mean to you?
To me, "Be Colonel" means hard work and dedication.

Favorite thing to do during practice?
1 v. 1 and shooting drills.

Anyone to give a shout-out to?
My team -- I couldn't do it without them. And my boyfriend, my #1 supporter who I I couldn't be more grateful for.

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

-Compiled by Kirsten Peters, Co-Sports Editor



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FH: Colonels fall to DeSales in Homecoming weekend opener

By Ben Mandell
Co-Sports Editor

EDWARDSVILLE, Pa. -- The Colonels didn't have an answer for Catie McGrath in a 3-2 loss on homecoming weekend.

"We prepared all week for DeSales. They are always a competitive team that leads to a good game," said junior defender/midfielder Lauren Baldwin. "We weren't able to capitalize on some opportunities and loose ends, but as a team, the mindset and drive was there. We need to take this as a learning experience and move forward to the next game."

McGrath scored first for the Bulldogs, getting DeSales on the scoreboard early, less than five minutes into the game.

Junior defender Zoe Stepanski had an answer for Wilkes when she buried a rebound four minutes later, tying the game at one.

"We did various drills in preparation for their style of play all week," Stepanski said. "We worked very well on this as a team and our forwards and midfielders put pressure on them in perfect formation, which helped us come up with the ball a majority of the time."

The Colonels played a commendable game, but McGrath was able to score two more goals, one in the second and one in the third quarter to snag all three of the Bulldogs' goals against

the Colonels.

Wilkes continued to fight hard, and Baldwin was able to score with 21 seconds left, cutting the lead to 3-2.

The late push was valiant, but it proved to be too little too late.

"We did a lot of research on DeSales. We watched film, broke it down and we found what they were really strong at," said Wilkes head coach Erin Moran. "We did a good job shutting down their speed and having our forwards recover on their in-and-out passes."

The Colonel's game plan showed success, but they just didn't have answers for McGrath.

Wilkes now falls to 1-1 in Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom play and has tough match-up with FDU-Florham. The Devils are 2-0 in MAC Freedom play, with a 4-0 win over Eastern and a 5-4 win over DeSales.

"We have all week to practice, watch film and get our minds right to capitalize on FDU's weaknesses," said junior forward Ali Dunn. "We're going to be set to play our game together."

The Colonels will have a week off before their next conference game against the Devils on Friday for their homecoming.



The Beacon/Kirsten Peters

Junior defender/midfielder Lauren Baldwin attempted a late offensive push for the Colonels, scoring with 21 seconds remaining in the contest.



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MSOC: 2-1 win rings in Bruggeworth Field, MAC Freedom play



The Beacon/Kirsten Peters

Sophomore midfielder Gabriel Nieves scores the first goal in the men's soccer contest and simultaneously records the first goal on brand-new Bruggeworth Field.

By Luke Modrovsky
Operations Manager

Thirty years from now, there will be a Wilkes Athletics trivia question asked: "When Bruggeworth Field opened in 2019, who was the first player to score?"

Thankfully, the answer to that question is Wilkes sophomore midfielder Gabriel Nieves.

"We talked about it a little bit," said Wilkes head coach Michael Piranian of the new history mark. "It was kind of motivation for the guys."

In the 21st minute of Saturday's Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) Freedom game with FDU-Florham, Nieves tucked the game's ninth shot into the upper left corner of the goal to give Wilkes a 1-0 lead. It was junior midfielder Danny McGinley who assisted Nieves.

Shortly after halftime, McGinley tallied yet another contribution when he scored in the 57th minute to extend the Colonels' lead to 2-0.

Sophomore goalkeeper Russell Rauh kept the game scoreless until the 63rd minute when FDU-Florham's Jonathan Rodriguez found the back of the net to cut Wilkes' lead in half.

Wilkes was able to lock down defensively in the remaining 27 minutes, holding the visiting Devils to two shots in that time frame.

With the victory, the Colonels were able to ring the newly minted victory bell at Bruggeworth Field for the first time.

"We heard that there might be a bell installed for wins, so it gave an extra incentive to work hard," Piranian said. "It was a beautiful day to ring the bell."

A unique scheduling wrinkle led the men's soccer game to be played at the same time as the football game. While the football was busy rolling visiting Alvernia 45-12 at Schmidt Stadium, men's soccer picked up their first conference win on Bruggeworth Field.

"I haven't had to deal with it before," Piranian said of the atmosphere. "It's new to me. The players took to it fairly well. It's nice to have the extra population and extra crowd in attendance. I think it adds a little bit of fun and entertainment for the guys. There definitely are distractions, but we didn't get caught up in any of them."

All-in-all, Piranian was able to sum up the opening game on Bruggeworth Field with one word: "Awesome."



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