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## A man of many stories: Remembering Dr. Harold Cox

By Genny Frederick  
News Editor

Dr. Harold Cox, professor emeritus of history and university archivist died on Sept. 8 at the age of 90.

The distinguished member of the Wilkes University community was beloved throughout campus by faculty, staff and students alike, but what so many remember Cox by is the stories he told.

Dr. Jonathan Ference, associate provost for student success, remembered Cox's stories and anecdotes from his early years at Wilkes.

"Dr. Cox served as an invaluable resource of institutional memory for those faculty, staff and students joining the Wilkes community," Ference said. "In particular, when I first joined the faculty I thoroughly enjoyed getting to know Harold and getting to know the institution better.

"He most certainly provided new community members with an accurate recollection of Wilkes historical facts, but was also able to weave into his recollections stories that typified what it meant to be a 'family of colonels.' I am sure it was this flair for storytelling and passion for Wilkes that endeared Dr. Cox to generations of Wilkes students, faculty and staff."

Cox began working at Wilkes College

in 1963 and saw the university move from its first president to its current president. Watching so many years of Wilkes history supplemented the archival work he did.

As the first and only university archivist during his time, the 40 years of work Cox put into collecting and recording archival data is what allowed the Wilkes archives to be what they are today. Cox's work earned him the distinction of having the university archives room named after him in 2013.

The room is currently on the third floor of the Farley Library.

Outside of the archival work, Cox served many positions on campus including faculty coordinator of graduate education, chair of the History Department, faculty adviser to the president, interim dean, and a member of the creative writing graduate program faculty.

Dr. Bonnie Culver, former director of the Maslow Graduate Program in Creative Writing, recalled that Cox would work out with the football and wrestling teams. She also explained that his proudest moment was serving others.

"He was most proud of his work in the 1990s on staff and faculty salaries and benefits that allowed Wilkes to pay competitive salaries and provide a significant increase in staff benefits."

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Dr. Harold Cox with former President Patrick Leahy in 2015.



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## Student Government notes: Sept. 8 weekly meeting

By Sean Schmoyer  
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Student Government conducted its first in-person meeting of the semester this past week.

The meeting started with the typical format of call to order, roll call, approval of minutes and the treasurer's report. The treasurer's report stated that there is a total of \$71,440 across the SG accounts.

The first order of business was from Paige Gallagher from the office of advancement and alumni relations who presented virtually about homecoming.

Gallagher gave an overview of how homecoming will be offered to alumni; informed the board that reunions for class years ending in 0, 5, 1 and 6 would occur this year; explained that affinity reunions for groups like the A-list; cheerleaders, Grissom Hall and the 75 year of men's lacrosse would take place; and that academic reunions will occur at the Pints with Professors event.

Gallagher talked about potential student involvement at homecoming and then asked SG for \$500 for 50 student tickets which will be valid for the academic reunions. This request is a yearly one, but will still be voted on at the next meeting after Gallagher gives her week two of two presentations.

Next on the agenda, Student Body Vice President Ben Wojciechowski went over meeting expectations for new members or members who were attending their first in-person meeting.

The Homecoming Committee presented the homecoming budget request. Morrison outlined the events and timetable for Homecoming: Thursday, Sept 30, will be the pep rally; Friday, Oct 1, will be the homecoming dance with the theme of Under the Stars; and Saturday, Oct 2, will be the

homecoming game.

The Homecoming Committee is looking to have multiple food trucks available, potentially incorporating inflatable obstacle courses, yard games, music provided by the campus radio station and snapchat filters.

Part of the budget will be used to cover 300 T-shirts to hand out at the pep rally. The tickets for the dance will be \$5, and in preparation for an outside dance on the Greenway, the committee wants a real dance floor, a DJ and a photobooth.

The committee also plans to decorate for the game and hand out prizes, both of which will be included in the budget request.

The total amount requested for homecoming is \$31,000. The committee will return next week for week two of two where the board will vote on the request.

The meeting's final budget request was for Club Day and came from Student Government President Lexi Payne.

In a week two of two Payne requested a total of \$5,750 to cover catering, the door prize, incidentals and decorations. The allocation of the full amount of funds passed with all members eligible to vote in favor and those involved in the budget request abstaining.

Parliamentarian Nathan Pitcher reminded the members of Student Government that elections for the first-year class and to fill vacant seats, are coming up soon. Currently the sophomore class has one vacant seat, the junior class has four vacant seats and the senior class has three vacant seats.



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## Beacon Briefs: Upcoming campus events

Compiled by Beacon News Staff

**COVID Assurance Testing in Marts 203**  
COVID assurance testing for asymptomatic students, staff and faculty will take place in Marts 203 beginning Sept. 13. Testing will be conducted from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

If you are symptomatic and experiencing symptoms make an appointment with the Health and Wellness Center by calling their phone number.

**Archives Feature Programs from Sordoni Art Gallery**

The Wilkes University Archives announced the Sordoni Art Gallery Exhibition Programs from 1973 to present have been digitized.

To view these past programs, the digital repository, Omeka, can be used as well as the archives blog to find links to the exhibition files.

**Bierly Fellowship Looking for Candidates**

The Bierly Fellowship is seeking applicants for this fall. The fellowship was created to fund unique undergraduate learning opportunities for students outside of the campus.

Applications are due by Oct. 1. Applications can be submitted online and documents can be sent to Sharon Castano, the Bierly Chair and Director of Internships.

**Internship Program seeks Applicants**

Sophomores and juniors interested in international internships are encouraged to apply to the Fulbright Canada-Mitacs Globalink internship program. This will take place during the 2022 summer semester.

The program is a 10- to 12-week research internship and students in science, engineering, mathematics, humanities and social sciences may work under the direction of Canadian university faculty members.

The deadline to apply for the program is Oct. 15.

For further information on eligibility see [Today@Wilkes](mailto:Today@Wilkes)

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Upcoming Events: 2021 Fall Semester	
<b>September</b>	31 - Halloween
16 - Cards Against Hypnosis (WUPB)	
16 - First-Year Student Bowling Night	
17 - ASME Movie Night	
20 - Virtual Open House	
25 - Family Day	
26 - Frances Slocum Hike (Honors)	
30 - Homecoming pep rally	
<b>October</b>	
1 - Homecoming Dance	
2 - Homecoming Game	
8 - Virtual Health Sciences Discovery Day	
9 - Open House	
14 - Fall Recess Begins	
21 - Allan P. Kirby Lecture	
<b>November</b>	
6 - STEM Discovery Day	
7 - Virtual Open House	
11 - Veterans Day	
13 - In-Person Open House	
24 - Thanksgiving Recess Begins	
<b>December</b>	
13 - Final Examinations Begin	
20 - Final Examinations End	

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**REMEMBERING, from front**

Giving to others, and to the university at large was a large part of the legacy he left behind. Cox gave a \$165,000 donation to the Maslow Family Graduate Program in Creative Writing.

This donation allowed the creative writing program to renovate its building. The building was renamed in 2015 to Dr. Harold Cox Hall, the second part of campus named in honor of him. Cox's gift

benefitted all those who walked through the building.

Cox also donated to the Wilkes Speech and Debate team to help continue the program.

Dr. Terese Wignot, associate provost for academic partnerships, reflected on all Cox did for the university.

"Dr. Harold Cox was truly a valuable member of our Wilkes community. He was a faculty voice and leader on campus for many years and was very


student-centric," Wignot said. "He made innumerable contributions to the archives at the university and to the creative writing program, all well after his retirement."

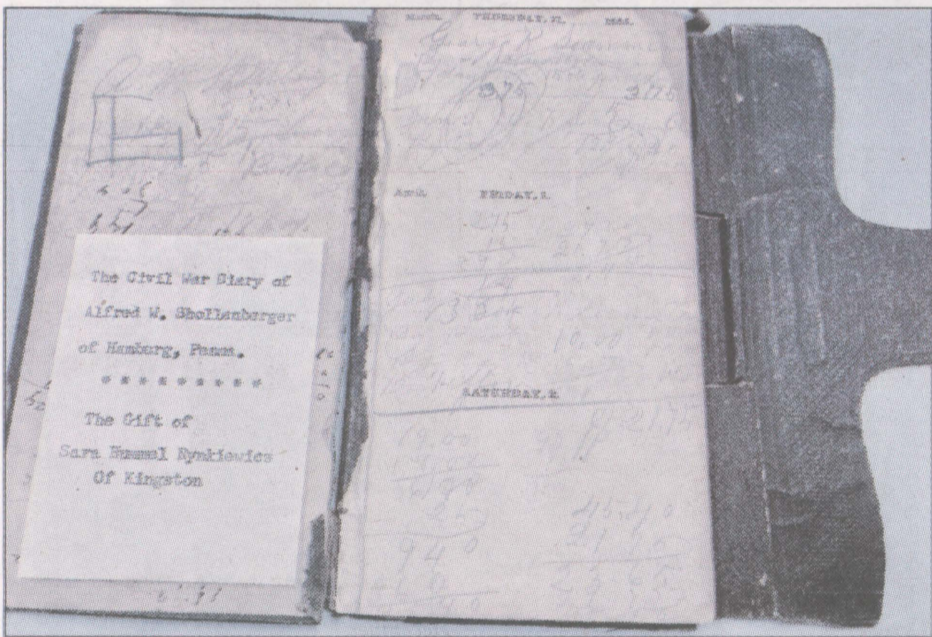
Wignot also recalled Cox's stories. "He always had a story to tell about the history of Wilkes and the area."

Outside of Wilkes, Cox received his undergraduate degree from the College of William and Mary and earned his doctorate in history from the University of Virginia.

Cox was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in active duty from 1954 to 1956. He then served in the U.S. Army Reserve for an additional 30 years, achieving the rank of command sergeant major.

According to his obituary, Cox is survived by his spouse, Robert Reite and a son, Michael. Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

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Courtesy of Dr. Bonnie Culver

**Examples of archives housed in the Harold Cox Archive Room.**

**Top photo: A scrapbook "Athletics from 1940 to 1960"**

**Below: A Civil War diary written by Alfred W. Shollenberger**

**Dr. Harold Cox standing in uniform outside of Dr. Harold Cox Hall. The building was dedicated to Cox in 2015 after a six figure donation to the Maslow Family Graduate Program in Creative Writing.**



# New campus bookstore opens to mixed student reactions

By Maddy Kinnard  
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For the first time since 2007, Wilkes University has its bookstore back on campus.

As the university's current bookstore contract came to an end in August 2021, administration chose to build a space of its own for books on campus, rather than continue the contract with Barnes and Noble.

Now located on the lounge on the first floor of the Student Union Building, the new bookstore is more than just a way to purchase textbooks. It houses Wilkes gear, as the Barnes and Nobles location did, along with school materials and plenty of snacks.

The bookstore is operating as a hybrid model, granting students the ability to order textbooks online as in the past. A kiosk will also be part of the new store but due to supply chain issues, has not been added yet. It will be added as soon as possible.

"The course and book will determine which versions will be offered; i.e. new, used, rented or digital," said Alicia Bond, director of business operations. "The store plans to continue offering different price points to allow students to select the format they prefer. If a student needs assistance, they can always stop in the store and manager Joe Stager is happy to assist."

Justin Kraynack, associate vice president

of operations and compliance has found that making this switch to an on-campus location will also provide an economic benefit for not only the university but for students as well.

"Things like rent, utilities and maintenance expenses are considerably lower on campus," Kraynack said. "Though it's too early into our agreement to quantify all the benefits of this operation, we are confident that our new campus store will realize not only an economic benefit to the campus, but increase convenience and accessibility to products and supplies needed for classroom and campus life."

However, while the change in location may allow for easier accessibility for some students, frustrations have been expressed by those who preferred the appeal of the Barnes and Nobles location and feel the loss of the lounge space as the bookstore has taken over.

"I mean I have yet to go into it, but I'm kinda sad and angry that they took the space away from students," says senior earth and environmental science major Erika Wintersteen. "I liked spending time in the lounge area; it was usually quiet during the day. I also spent a lot of time there freshman year, too. Also, how can it be a bookstore if there are no books present in it? It's a gift shop."


On whether or not students opted for purchasing their books from the bookstore

or looked elsewhere to buy them, the latter was more appealing for senior English major Nicole McNelis.

"I only purchased some of my books from the bookstore. Most of my books this semester came from Amazon," said McNelis. "It is faster, more efficient, and usually cheaper that way. Right now, the bookstore is in a weird transition period, and I understand that, but it is currently pretty difficult to receive information (let alone books) from the bookstore. Personally, I think their current methods of operations are super inefficient."

All of these grievances are being taken into consideration by the university as members are still working to cater to students and professor's needs as they arise.

"Collaboration between the bookstore and faculty is critical to not only the success of the campus store, but most importantly to supporting the success of our students," said Kraynack. "A number of transitional problems made it difficult to fulfill some course book adoptions along with shipping and supply chain challenges. Our new campus store management team is committed to correcting these problems and to establish an active faculty outreach campaign to solicit their feedback."

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The new on-campus bookstore is located in the Student Union Building where the larger lounge used to be. There are still some couches, chairs and computers outside the bookstore available for use.



A large variety of snacks are available in the bookstore if anyone needs to quickly grab something to eat. Some other items available are umbrellas and pushies.



The bookstore still sells Wilkes memorabilia as it did in the downtown Barnes and Noble store. The big difference is that books are no longer on premises and need to be ordered online.

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# Damage and destruction in the wake of Hurricane Ida

By Genny Frederick  
News Editor

Hurricane Ida, the second major hurricane of the 2021 hurricane season, ripped through the country in the beginning of September, with damage with significant damage in New Orleans and northeastern states.

Philadelphia, New York City and the state of New Jersey saw rainfall, flooding and tornadoes, which resulted in large amounts of damage.

Nick Godfry, junior marketing major, explained how this damage impacted his family.

"My grandmother lives on Long Beach Island, only a few blocks from the beach, and her entire first floor was flooded with about 2-3 feet of water," he said. "Damage hit pretty hard on a different part of LBI from a tornado that passed through, taking out a few blocks worth of houses and docks right along the bay.

"Some other parts that got hit really hard were the Philadelphia areas. My older brother lives right outside of Philly and was stuck in 3 feet of water outside of his apartment."

Hurricane Ida began developing in the Caribbean Sea on Aug. 23, and then

developed into a tropical depression on Aug. 26. Later in the day, the tropical depression became a tropical storm and then the next day intensified into a hurricane.

On Aug. 29 the storm moved to the coast of Louisiana where it is estimated that \$15 to \$20 billion of damage was done.

The storm moved through the country toward the northeast as it weakened into a tropical depression and then a tropical cyclone. Rainfall records in numerous states were broken and tornados varying from EF0 to EF3 intensity were reported across Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

In all regions impacted by the storm, infrastructure damage was overwhelming with more than 150,000 homes without power in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Connecticut. Louisiana also saw thousands of homes without power.

Although the storm was smaller in size than other hurricanes such as Katrina, the intensity and quick development of the storm are not common.

Lt. Col. Mark Kaster, meteorology instructor in the earth and environmental science department, explained the reasons for the intensity of Hurricane Ida.

"Our Earth system is trying to rebalance

inequalities," Kaster said. "The deficits in the polar regions and the surplus in the equatorial regions are rebalanced by hurricanes."

The imbalance includes both temperature and pressure imbalances. As storms move from the tropics, with high heat and low pressure, northward toward the poles, which have low heat and high pressure, these imbalances regulate. Excess heat in the equatorial regions will cause a larger imbalance resulting in larger storms.

Kaster went on to explain that the excess heat in the atmosphere also contributes to the large amounts of rain that come with hurricanes such as Ida, which was a factor in the excess flooding seen in the northern states.

"As the system warms up, the atmosphere warms up. We know from physics that warmer air holds more moisture, so there is more available moisture to produce these rainfall events," said Kaster.

Kaster also pointed out that the speed at which Hurricane Ida developed was of concern. While New Orleans may take up to three days to evacuate, the mere 36-hour development of the storm left many unable to evacuate in time, whether or not residents had the means to.

Angela Fiorentino, senior earth and environmental science major from New Jersey explained her reaction to the storm.

"One of the most intense tornadoes in New Jersey history occurred as a result of Tropical Storm Ida," Fiorentino said. "I think that this storm was a real eye-opener for a lot of people. There is no denying that more intense storms are happening more often and that's directly linked to climate change. It is very worrisome, especially for people living near the coast because flooding is occurring more frequently as a result."

Damage caused by these storms can be overwhelming, but the resiliency of those impacted allows areas to recover well. Jaycee Demaria, a junior nursing major, has hope that her area of Southern New Jersey will recover.

"Some of our favorite restaurants flooded up to the tables inside," she explained. "There were roofs from houses and restaurants in the streets and the bay. However, we are a tight-knit community. I know we will come together and help our neighbors and local restaurants with the restoration they need."



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# Special education added as a new major at Wilkes

By **Genny Frederick**  
News Editor

This semester, Wilkes University added a new major on campus: special education. The additional major in the education department serves current students who have a passion for teaching special education, as well as future students who will be looking for a more specific major within education.

The new major was readily accepted by new and current students this fall, with 12 students currently enrolled. Seven of the students were already education majors who decided to make the jump to the new program once it was announced.

Jordan Harrison was planning to work with students in special education following her college graduation, but the major allowed her to get started earlier than expected.

"After being a standard education major, I decided to go for the standalone special education degree because I feel that it will provide me with the opportunity to work with students of all ages," Harrison said. "The degree is a K-12 certification, so I feel that it will not only challenge me, but provide me with the ability to work with students and be able to watch them improve their skills and knowledge on a daily basis."

Billy Searle, a first-year student, heard of the new major at orientation and from there decided to join the program.

"At first I wanted to be a business major," he said. "I then really began to look into the education field. I wasn't sure which field I wanted, but I looked into special education and realized that's what I wanted to do in life."

"I really want to be able to make a difference in the world. I feel that working in special education could help me make that difference."

Within the major's first two weeks, student numbers are already exceeding expectations. Dr. Karen Frantz Fry, associate professor in the education department, explained the number of students who were expected to join the program.

"When we submitted the proposal through the university process, we were hoping within the first year to two years for the freshman class to have 10 students, which would be a good start for us," she said.

Faculty enthusiasm is also to credit for interest in the program.

Dr. Suzanne Murray Galella, chair of the education department, explained that while this major will serve Wilkes students, it will also serve the broader community.

"Our special education numbers are on the rise. Ten years ago our district's special



Photos courtesy of Jordan Harrison  
**The Education Club recruiting members at Club Day this semester.**

education numbers may have been 15 to 17 percent. Now many of our regional school districts' special education populations are upwards of 30 percent."

While Wilkes previously offered a certification in special education, this certification came with additional burdens. Five extra courses were needed in addition to the full course load of the education major. This added nearly one extra semester to a student's time in college, which was not a feasible option for all. The new major still covers the core set

of classes, but students now have more time to focus on topics that will benefit them in the field.

In addition to classwork, partnerships with the Graham Academy in Kingston allow Wilkes' education students to work with children who live with autism and behavioral challenges. This experience allows future teachers to have real-life experience that will help them as they move into the classroom themselves. This partnership has been

developed since 2018 by Frantz Fry, but in conjunction with the new major, will benefit students of both schools.

Although the special education major is in its early stages, many new ideas are being discussed to advance the program. One of these ideas is the addition of a class on infant risk outside of the traditional bounds of the classroom. The infant risk class would focus on an understanding of what complications during birth mean for the social, academic and emotional development of a child.

"We're currently working right now with some local neurologists and some pediatricians and our hope is once we get COVID a little bit more under control that we would actually offer this class, in a neonatal unit so that our students would be following doctors and nurses around in a neonatal unit to talk about what this development looks like," Galella said.

The development of new courses, partnerships, and programs to benefit the new major is continuous and brings the enthusiasm of the education department to life. Harris summed up the excitement and commitment to the new major.

"I am looking forward to the opportunities that this new program will give me. I am hoping to learn more about how I can advocate for students with disabilities, spend more time studying and experiencing how every student is different, and as a teacher I have the opportunity to be a role model for my students as many of my professors were role models for me."



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**Education Club officers pose for a picture together.**



**Education Club members take a picture after hosting their first Big Brothers Big Sisters event. Participants played cornhole, kickball, frisbee, and other games.**

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By **Stephanie**  
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The NFL released a list of teams in the playoffs from the Titans to the Patriots.

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The center that in Meyers left tackle Bakhtiari Dec. 31

They will be NFC runner-up Packers



# Life, Arts & Entertainment

Have any events or artists to be shared? Contact Life, Arts & Entertainment Editor: [Jordan.Daniel@wilkes.edu](mailto:Jordan.Daniel@wilkes.edu)

## First-year students settle into life on campus

By AJ Rubino and Kellie Scott  
Staff Writers

Transitioning into college can be a challenge or a breeze for some. However, with a global pandemic still on the radar, there are new challenges for incoming first-year students.

How might the new students adjust to life on campus?

"Any change is hard, especially moving into college," said first-year student and neuroscience major, Elie Kramer.

With the pandemic going on, it has made the adjustment a little harder, she explained. However, Kramer was able to ease her mind when she was able to bring her fish, Aioli, as a third roommate.

Originally from Schuylkill Haven, Pa., Kramer said that at her high school, classes would be moved online frequently because of COVID-19 outbreaks. That left Kramer feeling confined and very unhappy.

She credits macaroni and cheese to helping her through the tough times. Now, Kramer has found herself at many events in just the past few weeks, including Welcome Weekend's Drag Bingo.

"It was one of the greatest nights of my life," said Kramer.

Despite having to be restricted to her own house at times when an outbreak occurred in her school, Kramer found a sense of community as she participated in the Welcome Weekend.

"I chose Wilkes for the close knit community and the opportunities it holds," said Kramer.

Kramer said Wilkes has a great health sciences program and as she continues to adjust here on campus, she hopes to grow a sense of independence. She is also eager to explore more of what Wilkes has to offer.

On the other hand, leaving for college was easier for some.

"It was not that difficult," said first-year student and nursing major Bridget Rosenfeld.

In New York, Rosenfeld was not always able to travel outside of the state due to their restrictions. Therefore, finally leaving was a



Courtesy of Kait Falco

**Students partied with local drag performers, with joy and entertainment helping to curb first year students' Welcome Weekend nerves.**

nice change for Rosenfeld.

When talking about her high school experiences with COVID-19, she was more fortunate than Kramer. When anyone tested positive at her school, officials made sure to do contact tracing and took precautions.

She was still able to enjoy her senior year, including being able to go to prom, football games and participate in field hockey.

"I was very glad to be able to have my senior field hockey season," said Rosenfeld. "I have always looked forward to going to prom so I was very happy to hear we could have one this year."

In the two weeks she has been on campus, Rosenfeld has been adjusting to college life by hanging out with the field hockey team. She also attended Drag Bingo.

Not everything has been so easy for Rosenfeld. She has been faced with juggling a busy schedule, playing field hockey and being a nursing student.

"Wilkes has an amazing nursing program that I am looking forward to starting," said Rosenfeld.

Sydney Farmer, a first-year student and biology major with a double minor in Spanish and biochemistry, also had to make some major adjustments to life on campus.

"Because of the pandemic and tennis I am restricted on the times I'm allowed to go home," Farmer said.

This is not the first time Farmer felt restricted when it came to doing things. Her high school brought a sense of unity when it came to athletics. However, due to the pandemic and the restrictions set in New Jersey, the football players were only offered two tickets. These two tickets were mainly reserved for the players' parents, leaving Farmer upset to miss out on their games.

"Football is a really big sport in my school and brought together the school as a whole," said Farmer. "It was definitely sad to not see a game my senior year."

Now on campus, she is very excited to continue her education and sports at Wilkes. On top of being a full time student athlete, Farmer plans to pursue a pre-med concentration and wants to do a 4+1 in the

bioengineering masters program.

She has found herself trying not to procrastinate and finishing what she needed to do to be able to participate in campus events. Farmer has discovered lots of fun things to do in her first two weeks on campus.

Recently, she attended Club Day and participated in Welcome Weekend as much as she could due to tennis conflicts. Farmer is very excited to get to know the university more and has tons of goals set for herself.

She is especially looking forward to continuing her education in a research based college.

"There are so many opportunities and I cannot wait to see what the future will hold," Farmer said. "I hold myself to high standards, as my biggest goal at Wilkes is to maintain a 3.75 GPA and I will be accountable and stay on top of my work to achieve this goal."



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# Nutritious pup treats: Doggy Delicacies' frozen PB veggie bites

By Emily Cherkauskas  
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*These low-calorie, frozen peanut butter veggie bites are a healthy snack that your dog will surely enjoy. They allow your dog to eat some peanut butter with hidden veggies mixed in, all while offering beneficial nutrients.*

### Ingredients

- 1 cup of powdered peanut butter (with about 3/4 cup of water)
- 2 large carrots, sliced
- 1 cup diced cucumber
- 2 tablespoons of coconut oil (optional)
- Rice krispie cereal or oats (optional)

### Directions:

First, cut and wash your vegetables. For convenience, I used a julienne vegetable peeler to quickly cut the carrots into small pieces. Wash the vegetables and let them briefly dry as you prepare the peanut butter.

Next, mix together the peanut butter powder and water until there are no lumps. Now add the vegetables and coconut oil (the latter is optional). Once everything is mixed together, be sure that the consistency is just

slightly runny so the peanut butter can fill up the ice cube trays. If the mix is too dry, add more water, and if it is too runny, add some more powder. Once everything is prepared, fill the mixture into an empty ice cube tray.

For an optional added topping, you can sprinkle some rice krispie cereal or rolled oats on top of the cubes.

Let the cubes freeze for about 12 hours. Once completely frozen, remove them and place them into a container. You may have to use a butter knife or spoon to gently pry the cubes out.

Be sure to only feed the peanut butter cubes to your dogs about once a day so their teeth do not become sensitive to the coldness of this treat.

**Note:** I used the PB2's original peanut butter powder due to its lower calorie and fat count compared to the regular spread. If you can only access the regular premade peanut butter spread, make sure whichever brand of peanut butter you use does not contain xylitol, as it is extremely poisonous to canines.



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**This frozen peanut butter veggie cube is a great way to give your pup a tasty, yet nutritional snack, that helps cool them off.**



## BEACON BUMPS

Each week, the Wilkes Beacon staff adds a song to their 2021-2022 Beacon Bumps playlist under Chris Gowarty's account on Spotify. Look below for this week's list of songs.



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# The Met Gala returns to New York in the fall due to COVID-19

## Sordoni Art Gallery hosts event due to the excitement of the Met Gala

By Morgan Rich  
Staff Writer

On Sept. 13, the Met Gala returned to the Metropolitan Museum of Art's stairs.

Otherwise known as one of fashion's biggest events of the year, the Met Gala was held in a smaller, more intimate fashion than in past years, but that did not stop fabulous celebrity fashion from walking the red carpet.

The Met Gala is the Super Bowl of fashion, equivalent to the Oscars in the fashion world. Normally held on the first Monday in May, the Met Gala is an annual fundraising gala for the benefit of the Metropolitan Museum of Art's Costume Exhibit in New York City and marks the opening of the Costume Institute's fashion exhibit.

This year's theme is celebrating all things American fashion. According to USA Today, "In America: A Lexicon of Fashion" was meant to honor the 75th anniversary of the Metropolitan Museum of Art's Costume Institute. It explored the nation's elegant identity and dug deeper into America's creativity so there was a lot of patriotism on the red carpet.

"I was very excited to see this year's theme with all of the new costumes," said Rebecca Timko, sophomore business major. "I think this theme is very unique compared to other years."

The co-chairs of the Met Gala are in charge of putting together the guest list, curating the aesthetics of the gala,

regarding proof of vaccinations. All attendees of the Gala were required to show their own proof of vaccination and wear a mask indoors.

As of right now, "In America: A Lexicon of Fashion," featuring ensembles of fashion in the United States, is expected to open on Sept. 18. The second exhibit,

At the gallery, there were light refreshments, guided tours of "L'Esprit," a mini-exhibition of "The Battle of Versailles," a live stream of the Met Gala, red carpet contests and more.

Attendees were encouraged to dress up according to the theme. There were prizes for the best costumes so many made sure to break out their creative sides.

"I think it was an amazing opportunity that we got to do something as creative and expressive as this here at Wilkes," said Karoline Freitas, sophomore nursing student. "I personally love the Met Gala and seeing all the red carpet looks so it was interesting to see how students put their own spin on it. It was a super unique event that we were very lucky to have such amazing clubs and faculty members that allow us to do stuff like this."

To find out more information regarding the Met Gala at the Sordoni Art Gallery or see what you missed out on, follow them on Instagram @sordonigallery.

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- Karoline Freitas

creating the feel of the evening and selecting the decor. Singer Billie Eilish, actor Timothée Chalamet, inaugural poet Amanda Gorman and athlete Naomi Osaka were the co-chairs this year, which was announced this past May. The honorary chairs consisted of Adam Mosseri, the head of Instagram and sponsor of the gala, Tom Ford and Anna Wintour, the Vogue editor-in-chief.

The guest list for the Met Gala is as secretive as guest lists get. But that is all part of the fun about watching the gala: seeing all of the familiar faces and guessing who is there

According to WWD, there was some speculation as to who will show up on Monday. On Instagram, the account @metgala2021 released a simulated seating chart of the guests that were rumored to attend the gala, though the account is not verified. There was also talk that the guest list expanded to include internet personalities, athletes and influencers this year.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art requires all visitors ages 12 and older to show proof of being vaccinated against COVID-19, in accordance with New York's mandate

"In America: An Anthology of Fashion" is expected to open on May 5, 2022, after the Met Gala next year. The exhibits will close on Sept. 5, 2022.

Those who were not one of the lucky ones who got to travel to New York City this past Monday and sit next to Lady Gaga were still able to watch the fashion spectacle of the season. The Met Gala was live streamed by Vogue on Twitter. Actresses KeKe Palmer and Ilana Glazer hosted the live stream, which also included interviews and an exclusive look at the high-class attire of the guests.

Questions have already sparked about what next year's Met Gala will entail. So far the Met Gala is back on schedule to take place on the original date of the first Monday of the month, May 2, 2022. Unless otherwise stated in the next year, the protocols will be the same and the theme will be a continuation of fashion in the United States.

Even the university got in the spirit of things when it came to the Met Gala.

From 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. the Sordoni Art Gallery opened so people could experience the "L'Esprit" while walking on the red carpet the gallery rolled out for its students and other visitors.



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# Liz's Craft Column: DIY boho-chic wall hanger decoration

By **Liz Cherinka**  
Social Media Manager

Now that classes have started and everyone has moved into their dorms, you may realize the walls look more white and plain than expected. Trying to find affordable decorations is hard but making cheap DIYs is easy.

This boho-chic wall hanger is a quick craft that is sure to spice up any living space.

This craft is time-consuming, but very relaxing. It is nice to do this after a long week of studying and homework to relax.

The required supplies are four medium-sized embroidery hoops, yarn in at least two colors, hot glue and scissors. These supplies can be found at any craft store, such as Joann Fabrics, Michaels or Amazon.

To start, remove the inside part from each hoop. This is that part that will be used so the outside can be moved to the side.

Grab the first hoop and any color of yarn. Make a small spot of hot glue on the outside of the hoop on top and place the end of the yarn on it, being very careful to not touch the glue.

A tip would be to push it onto the hoop while the glue dries using the yarn around the glue, not directly on it. Pull down from both sides to secure it in place.

Then, pull the yarn strand down to the bottom of the hoop directly underneath where it is glued on top so it divides the hoop in half. Put a small spot of hot glue on that spot on the outside of the hoop and glue the yarn to it.

Make sure the yarn strands are pulled taut each time. Secure it in the same way as before being careful to not touch the glue.

Next, wrap the yarn around the back of the hoop and pull it to the top. Add more hot glue and attach it in the same way as before.

Continue wrapping the yarn around the hoop moving toward the right adding a new spot of glue on the top each time. As you progress across the circle, the yarn on the bottom will slide and make it more difficult to just glue on the top.

At that point, start adding a spot of glue on the bottom and top. This process will be very tedious but not difficult.

The end of the circle starts to get tricky. There will be a point where you cannot wrap yarn anymore onto the hoop because it will start extending onto the circle rather, than just forming around it.

In this case, finish the circle off by just wrapping from the top to the bottom on the edge of the circle, gluing the yarn down and cutting it. This will add a strand of yarn on the edge to cover the wood of the hoop.


That finishes off the first hoop of four. To continue, repeat these steps with another color yarn.

This craft can have two, three or four different colors. The example uses two but feel free to take creative liberty with the colors.

Once all four hoops have been wrapped, it is time to attach them together. Lay them out on a flat surface to determine the orientation of the hoops. This can mean turning the hoop or flipping it to change where the yarn is. The example can be used as inspiration for orientations.

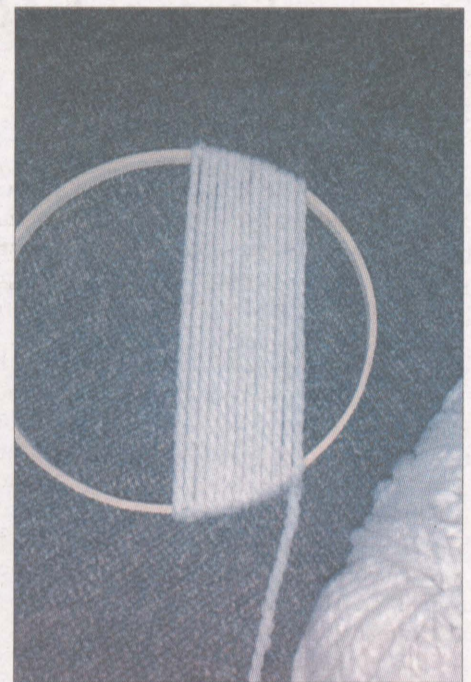
To connect the hoops once they are arranged, add a large spot of hot glue on the bottom of the hoop in the middle and connect that to the center of the top of the hoop below it. Repeat this with the rest of the hoops.

Allow this time to dry before it is hung. Once they dry, the craft is complete and ready to display to add some boho chic to your space.

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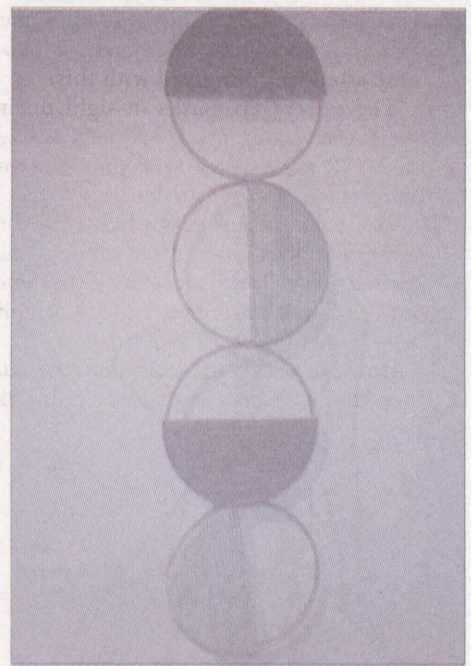
1) First, glue the yarn to the outside top of the hoop. Then pull it taut to the bottom and glue it on the hoop.



2) Continue wrapping the yarn around the hoop, gluing each strand on top. If the yarn is not holding in place on the bottom, glue there as well.



3) Repeat these steps until four hoops are completely wrapped. Feel free to choose any sets of colors. Although this example uses two, you can have any sort of color set.



4) Lay the hoops on a flat surface to determine positioning and then glue each hoop together. Glue the bottom of one hoop to the top of another in the orientation chosen.



**Liz's Craft Rating:** Two out of five yarn-balls. This DIY boho-chic wall hanger is affordable because it requires only a few supplies. It does not require any prior craft experience so anyone can try it. Just make sure not to burn your hands with the hot glue.

Photos: The Beacon/Liz Cherinka

Share your completed crafts with us! Tag us on our Instagram account @wilkesbeacon with your craft!

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# Concerts and festivals are up and running once again

## Made In America comes home to Philadelphia

By **Jordan Daniel**  
Life, Arts & Entertainment Editor

After a year of concert and festival cancellations and postponements due to COVID-19, it is now considered safe, with certain precautions, for people to watch their favorite performers live again.

The two-day music festival produced by Live Nation and owned by Jay-Z, Made In America, returned this past Labor Day weekend in Philadelphia and many celebrities came out to perform their top hits for their fans.

According to Made In America Fest, the festival implemented all CDC and local public health mandates and guidelines.

Attendees had to show proof of a negative COVID-19 test 48 hours prior to the event or printed proof of a full COVID-19 vaccination upon entry. All attendees were also required to wear masks on festival grounds.

Even though the festival's website released a statement claiming there were following CDC guidelines and protocols, some attendees disagreed with this.

"There were no masks in sight during this event," said junior nursing major Jess Fred Torres. "I understand that everyone there was supposed to be vaccinated or have a negative test result but that is not always the case. I have social anxiety and I knew it was going to affect my experience, but I did not realize how bad it was going to be."

Also, for many, this was the first time they had ever been to a large event live

a music festival, so it is understandable for those to feel worried about their safety, especially because of COVID-19. However, although there were moments of uncertainty for some there was also excitement.

"I liked getting to experience going to a big music festival," said junior nursing major Alexis Yeakel. "I had never been

anyone else that performed because she was not a 'rap' artist, she only sings. I have wanted to see her since 2014 so it was like a dream come true."

If people were hungry or thirsty there were places where they could buy food and drinks. There were also areas for people to buy merchandise and take pictures to post on social media.

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- Jess Fred Torres

to one before. I liked a lot of the artists that were going and wanted to experience something new with my friends. My favorite part was seeing Lil Baby."

Major performers on Saturday were Megan Thee Stallion, Kehlani, Young Thug, Griselda and Baby Keem, with Lil Baby being the closing act. Sunday performers included Doja Cat, Roddy Rich, Bobby Shmurda, Freddie Gibbs, Mariah the Scientist and Justin Bieber, who closed on the last day of Made In America.

"My favorite performer was Kehlani," Torres said. "She was such a sweetheart and had a beautiful voice. She was unlike

"The atmosphere is pure craziness," Yeakel said. "There are people everywhere and music coming from every direction. Besides watching people perform there were food trucks, different vendors trying to sell their products and places where you could go to take some cute pictures with friends."

The festival is full of high energy, and lasts 12 hours, which may be too long for some people to be up on their feet.

"I would honestly rather go to a regular concert because you at least have a place to sit if you need to and it also is not an event that lasts 12 hours," Yeakel said. "Made In America is very fun, but tiring."

Torres also shared her first-time experience at Made In America.

"Before even entering the festival, people were drinking and getting blacked out before they even got inside. "When I was getting through security I could already see vomit on the ground and see all the people drunk or high on something. There were a lot of people, too many people, in my opinion. Since everyone wants to see the big artists I would get pushed around by all these people trying to reach the front."

One of the aspects Torres like most was the technological benefits.

"My favorite part about it was that you could still enjoy the performances without actually having to be all that close up to the stage," said Torres. "They had big screens and loud speakers to assure of that. I also liked that you could make friends or bond with these random people just by talking about the event or the artists."

Most ticket vendors and sites began selling tickets for the festival three to fourth months in advance of the actual date of the event. There was also a limit to the number of tickets one could buy at a time, which was eight two-day passes. The lowest price range for a two-day pass was around \$150.

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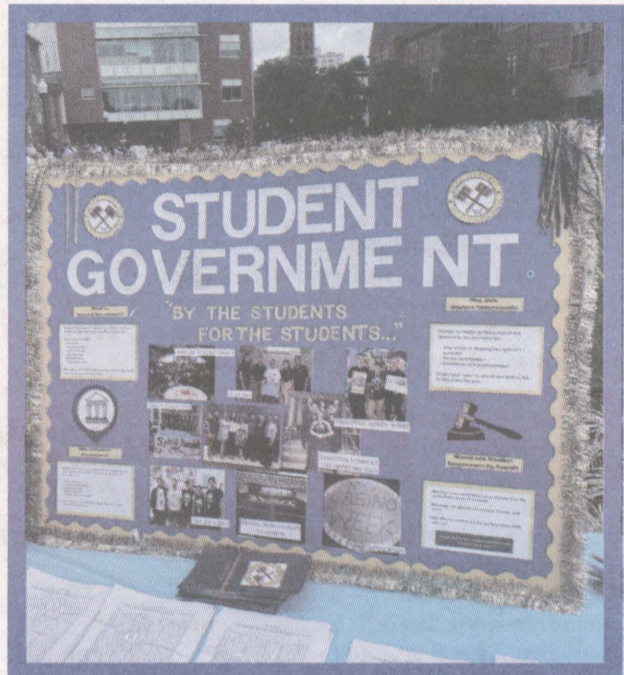


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# THE RETURN OF CLUB DAY



Programming Board

Luis Cespedes Ramirez, first-year nursing

Student Government

**By AJ Rubino**  
**Staff Writer**

Club Day, sponsored by Student Government, is once again back in person and was a huge success. On Sept. 9, many students and faculty came out to the greenway during the university's club hours to learn and engage with all the clubs and organizations there are on campus.

"Every club that comes out here gets to attract new members," said senior mechanical engineering major and executive vice president of Student Government, Ben Wojciechowski.

The main reason Club Day occurs every year is to recruit new members of any year or major. This is a great

opportunity, especially for first-year students, to meet new people and become more involved with the university community.

Many club members and advisers came out to represent their clubs and organizations. Some gained quite a bit of attention, with the Ecology Club, Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA), Career Center Internships, Commuter Council and Student Government being some of the most popular.

"Commuter Council is a great opportunity for commuters and residents to be involved in campus," said treasurer of Commuter Council and junior environmental science major, Helen Campbell.

Anyone can join Commuter

Council and it is a great way for students to interact with one another.

For students focused on a business career and who want to start an internship, the Center for Career Development and Internships is the place to be..


"The Center for Career Development and Internships helps students of any major with any sort of professional development," said career peer ambassador and junior marketing major Sarah Palvick.

The center also runs the Colonel Closet, which offers business attire for people on campus who need it for interviews and other professional needs.

The university has many clubs,

organizations and societies for students. There is such a wide variety and almost every department has some sort of club for students to join.

Although Club Day is a great way to find out about all the campus has to offer, another way to find out about the wide variety of clubs on campus is by going to [wilkes.presence.io](http://wilkes.presence.io), as it acts as a portal hub for all of Wilkes University's clubs and organizations.

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Ecology Club (from left to right) Tyler Saritski, Ecology Club president, double major in biology and physics, senior; and Alana Andreoli, earth environmental science with a biology concentration, senior - Programming Board



Top: GSA : Gender and Sexuality Alliance  
Bottom: The Center for Career Development and Internships



Top: Cheerleading Team  
Bottom: ASME with their BAJA



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# Vaccinated or not, we have a responsibility

## Health and safety of others must come first

According to the Wilkes University COVID-19 Dashboard, there have been 14 positive cases on campus during the week of Sept. 6.

Even with our 80 percent vaccination rate on campus, there are still positive cases emerging within the student and faculty population.

This should come as no surprise given that even as the country's vaccination rate increases, the number of cases is currently the highest it has been since January, something visible in data collected from the Center for Systems Science and Engineering at Johns Hopkins University.

The immediate reaction to squash here is that vaccines are ineffective; we know this to be false. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention explains so in its explanation of breakthrough cases.

"Vaccine breakthrough cases are expected. COVID-19 vaccines are effective and are a critical tool to bring the pandemic under control," according to the CDC. "However, no vaccines are 100 percent effective at preventing illness. Some fully vaccinated people will get sick, and some will even be hospitalized or die from COVID-19."

The CDC continues to explain that

evidence does show that the vaccine makes illness less severe and that the risk of infection, hospitalization and death are all much lower in vaccinated individuals than in unvaccinated individuals.

Knowing all this is important because as a vaccinated individual, you may have the misconception that you are invincible and fully protected from COVID-19. As students and faculty, we have to recognize that whether we are vaccinated or not, we still need to follow health and safety protocols and be considerate of others if we start to feel ill.

Members of campus who are not vaccinated undergo weekly assurance testing in the Marts Center. In a recent email to the student body, the COVID-19 Daily Response Team addressed students missing the weekly assurance testing.

The response team said, "The Delta variant continues to surge throughout our country. We know from experience that identifying and isolating positive cases as quickly as possible is the best way to prevent the spread of COVID-19. If you are not vaccinated, it is absolutely imperative that you participate in regular testing."

Those who are vaccinated can still go to the Marts Center to receive assurance

testing if they are sick or prefer to be tested. Though in a recent email, Health and Wellness Services clarified that those exhibiting symptoms should not go to the Marts Center and should instead make an appointment at the Health and Wellness Center at 570-408-4730 to be tested.

As a campus community we have no say over the masking policy that has returned while inside buildings. However, actions such as not following the masking policy, attending reckless, maskless events and exposing others to ourselves when we feel ill can have serious consequences.

If the goal is to not miss another year of athletics, not be all online, not be masked outdoors, and not be at limited capacity, then remember that those regulations go back in place based on our actions as a community.

If any or all the restrictions of the past year come back in place, we as a campus community would likely have no one to blame but ourselves for disregarding our responsibilities to keep ourselves and each other healthy and safe.



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# Marvel Studios nails it again: No spoiler "Shang-Chi" review

By Liam Flynn  
Staff Writer

Marvel Studios returned to theaters in epic form over Labor Day weekend with the mythic martial arts film "Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings", setting box office records while enjoying universal, critical and audience acclaim.

Directed by Destin Daniel Cretton, "Shang-Chi" fits into Marvel packaging in its own way, but it has an immense soulfulness that other MCU movies, superhero movies and action movies, in general, should take notes from.

Simu Liu stars as Shang-Chi, a key piece to a broken family that has a history of infighting.

The dysfunctional family dynamics are even more important than the 10 rings that grant such immense power to Shang-Chi's power-hungry father Wenwu, who has lived for 1,000 years and created a society called the Ten Rings which has destroyed kingdoms and swayed the events all over the world.

When Wenwu found love with Jiang Li (Fala Chen), there was peace. They married and started a family.

But after Shang-Chi's mother died, a newly monstrous Wenwu tried to mature his son by making him a killer, causing the young boy to leave behind his sister Xialing (Meng'er Zhang) and Wenwu.

The film is an epic, mega-budget aircraft that flies over an abyss of grief.

This backstory comes for Shang-Chi, known as an American adult as Shaun when he rides the bus with his friend Katy, played by the sensational Awkwafina, in their home of San Francisco.

A group of henchmen attack Shang-Chi for a necklace he wears around his neck, and in a beat that's prefaced like a power-up, Shaun's immense courage suddenly comes to light.

So do his fighting skills, which help make for an incredible melee scene of hand-to-hand combat that has the camera gazing for long shots and freely going in and out of the moving bus, just like its impromptu hero.

The power for this film, however, comes through in the eyes of his father, Wenwu.

One of the movie's most brilliant choices is casting Tony Leung so that can repeat the same magic he's had from countless romances and dramas in Hong Kong. Leung rules this movie.



With the same silent passion and stillness that made "In the Mood for Love" one of the greatest romances of all time, Leung destroys armies, raises a family, and struggles to resist destructive grief.

His presence is made all the more powerful by the 10 blue rings that help him slingshot around and destroy whatever is in his path.

When he hears the voice of what could be his wife from behind a cave of rock, Wenwu becomes a Darth Vader-like tyrant, driving a campaign to rampage through the mother's magical home known as Ta Lo, in order to get to a cave that everyone else knows (including his son and daughter) has an apocalyptic, soul-sucking dragon inside.

I believe it is one of the best performances from the Marvel Cinematic Universe because the passion and grief it expresses are perfectly displayed.

Cretton is able to take this enthralling movie from one scene to the next with this vivid sense of a brother and sister trying to stop their father from destroying everything because he can't move on.

It's a more devastating threat than the usual world domination thing.

Plus, it parallels how the script builds out the painful backstory of Shang-Chi and his similarly skilled and aggrieved sister, Xialing.

With a few strong twists along the way, this movie turns into an adventure and a homecoming to a peaceful realm from a whole different time, which brings in a sweet, moving performance from Michelle Yeoh.

These passages show audiences how Shang-Chi learned two different fighting approaches.

This parallels the two very different lives both of his parents lived.

"Shang-Chi's" thrilling's embrace of

clarity, of nudging your imagination instead of doing all the work for you, spreads the inspired special effects that enhance the magic of this story and the world of its characters.

The majority of CGI usage is saved up for the last massive sequence, which is such an over-the-top, giddy, rollercoaster ride that you can't help but root for it.

Not to mention that audiences also get to see the return of legendary incredible Hulk villain The Abomination and, MCU fan-favorite Wong, Master of the Mystic Arts.

The Avengers, the new roster at least, lurk on the periphery of "Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings," but this film benefits from establishing its deeper family and friend relationships.

Liu and Awkwafina have exceptional chemistry as they are thrown into the world of this universe's superheroes.

Awkwafina becomes a vital source of levity for the script, and a welcoming audience surrogate as the film ramps up to a large battle. She helps the humor pop even more compared to the story's darker themes, making numerous passages of the movie not only thrilling but charming and funny.

From the very start, Shang-Chi signals this is a different storytelling experience than many are used to from the MCU.

It feels less like an overtly superhero film in many regards, although it certainly doesn't hide its comic book origins.

Rather, it simply seems less obviously a costumed hero tale and could largely stand alone apart from the MCU if not for a few specific tie-in elements.

"Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings" is top-tier Marvel superhero origin storytelling, rising to the occasion to not only live up to, but exceed expectations.

Without spoiling, the movie does make great efforts to address Marvel's previously problematic presentations of Asian characters and it embraces fruitful ideas, both big and small.

This movie is not an experiment for Marvel and Disney; it is a promising origin story that could fit in perfectly to the continuation of the MCU's phase four.

I give "Shang-Chi" a 9.3 out of 10, and I place it among the best of all Marvel films.

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# My Wilkes University on-campus bookstore experience

## Wait... Where are the textbooks?

By Emily Cherkauskas  
Editor-in-Chief

### The Colonel conception

Wilkes University recently ended its 15-year relationship with the local Barnes & Noble store on Main Street, which ultimately caused the institution to be devoid of a physical place to sell textbooks and college merchandise. Or so we initially thought.

The university had a choice: renew the contract or find another store to host the collection of merchandise and textbooks.

It went with a decision that is fairly popular with other colleges nowadays: Instead of subjecting students to the headache of traversing the city to find textbooks and supplies, why not just build a bookstore on campus instead?

I feel it would be common sense to be happy in reaction to the initial news. Until we learned that the SUB lounge would be replaced by the bookstore.

As a commuter myself, I found solace in the SUB's lounging area as a first-year student and found a sense of worry for new students who did not know the more secluded lounge areas of the campus. The lounge was a truly calming area—we could peacefully relax, all while listening to the ambiance of the dining hall and Student Development area, while watching cars and students pass by outside the windows.

Despite the concerns, the university

assured us that there would still be lounging areas in the SUB for commuter students.

The project took place through the summer, and as time went on, we became more curious to see the results. The store was ready to open its doors during Welcome Weekend, the same time the campus welcomed new and returning students and faculty.

The idea was that the bookstore would be so convenient for students—it was to be a safer and more convenient option for us.

### The confrontation

After a long and busy day working in our office, my friend and I had some free time on our hands, so we decided to stop by the monolith that is the Henry Student Center. He was craving dinner; I was craving answers. Although we were united in our journey across campus, we knew it was time to bid farewell to each other as we entered through the doors of the student center. His destination was upstairs, and mine was just to the right of me.

Before the doors of Colonel Corner stood just two tables and one computer—the remnants of the destroyed SUB lounge. The gaming area was decimated, its innards ripped out—no more. These were empty husks of once glorious and colorful hang-out areas.

I hope this was worth it, I thought to myself. Through the glass panes, I saw tablets and pens lining the shelves and hoodies hanging from racks. Taking just a few steps through the graveyard, I

approached the door. With a heavy breath, my fingers wrapped around the door. I pulled. And I pushed. The door wasn't moving. What is happening?

The people who survived this obstacle started to look at me through the glass. I felt their eyes on me. With a heavy breath, I used my entire bodily force to pull at the door handle. It worked. The door managed to swing open. I was exhausted.

In hindsight, it was an omen: an inanimate object managing to expel incompetence being a sign of the times to come—despite my ignorance at the time. Nonetheless, I pressed forward.

Upon first glance, I was impressed. The store was beheld within modern but classy architecture that fit the Wilkes University aesthetic. I was greeted by stunning hoodies, shirts, socks, plushies and more. I discovered blank notebooks, virgin pens, all eagerly yet patiently waiting to be used. However, those were not what I, and many others, had visited to find.

Like how a bee dances through stalks, eager to find the sunflower with the largest bud of seeds, I wandered through the shelves, attempting to find the desired textbook section.

But I hit a dead end. The end of the store was marked with a table and chairs, most likely for customers looking to take a break as they wandered this mysterious world. That could not have been it, right? I turned back to see shelves of notebooks and pens. Where are the textbooks?

Just as my hope ran out, I saw a seemingly hidden doorway. Past that doorway showed plastic-sealed textbooks sitting upon metal shelves. After further peering into the room, I realized this was an employee-only area.

This is not right, I thought. Where are the textbooks? That isn't the textbook section. I thought this was a bookstore—where are the textbooks lying about? And then it hit me. The textbooks are not here. In fact, there is no space available to house the textbooks that are required for hundreds of courses for just this semester alone.

Maybe I'm doing something wrong. The store associates are certainly looking at me like I'm doing something wrong. Feeling embarrassment fill me, I turned to the door. As I am inches from the door, my body halts, turning to the nearby associate at one of the shelves.

My scared body croaked out the question that would be echoed by others around campus: where are our textbooks?

The answer was heart-shattering. There are no physical textbooks. I have to order them online, pay for shipping and either pick them up at the bookstore or have them shipped to my address.

With all my might, I once again force the door open as I leave. I was already beaten down enough, and this door was the nail in the coffin for my emotional state. The suppressing noise of it finally closing confirmed it. The sealed coffin lid blocked out any light and any hope for my life.

### The coroner's report

Colonel Corner, a college bookstore that does not physically sell any textbooks, is a worthless and unpunished murderer of hopes and dreams.

As I continue to recover from the traumatic audacity of the bookstore that does not sell textbooks, I have no emotions left but fury and curiosity. I may lack my sense of touch to feel the textbooks, but I do have my eyes and ears.

Through word of mouth, I found out that one particular student had been waiting about a month to pick up a textbook that they had shipped to the bookstore—with the store offering no solution to them. Another student had to pay an extraordinary amount for two basic notebooks.

You can go to Walmart or the Dollar Tree and get the same type of notebook for no more than \$1, but you would have to go out of your way for that, walking down the streets of Wilkes-Barre—in the case of the local Dollar Tree. It's just across the street from where the old bookstore used to be. Isn't this new campus bookstore supposed to be for convenience?

Many students don't feel entirely comfortable leaving their home-base that is Wilkes' campus in order to explore the city, and it's as if the university knows that. It is like they are willing to take advantage of students with overinflated prices for basic school supplies.

I say taking advantage because at least some items are lacking price tags or labels. You won't know the price of something until it's rung up.

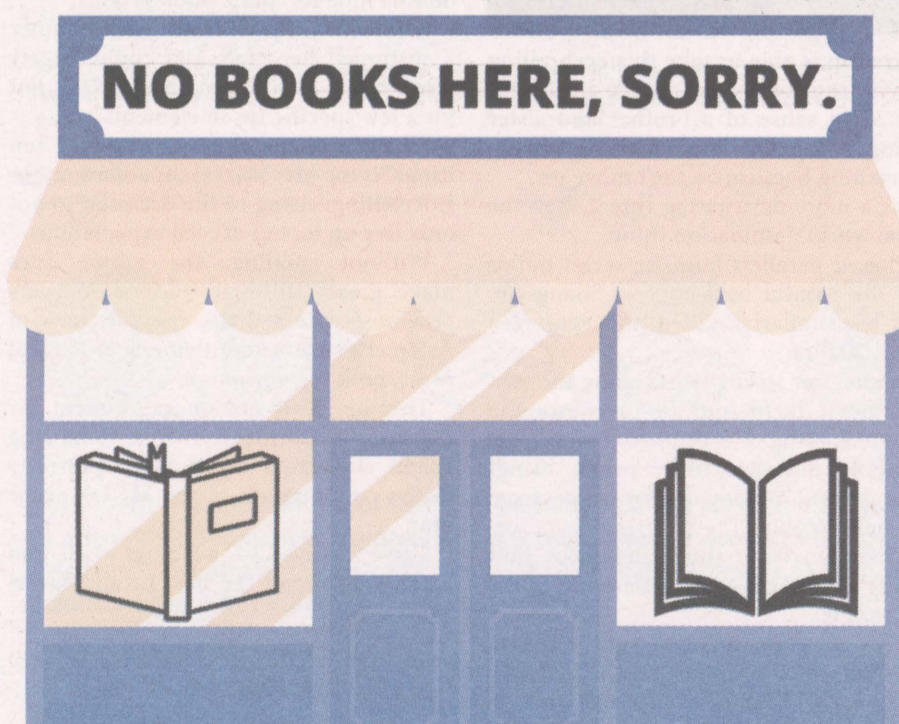
I did see one price tag; it was specifically on an avocado squishy plush and read \$40.

At least it was cute-looking.

Maybe I'm becoming too emotional about this subject. Perhaps I should purchase a \$40 avocado squishy plush to calm my nerves.



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# The long-awaited return to in-person classes is finally here

By Rudy Urenovich  
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I often find myself thinking back to the spring of 2020 when the lockdown kept getting extended, another couple days... another week... another month. I remember posting on Snapchat "See you in a month, Wilkes!" the day we left in March.

How naive.

When we ended the school year totally virtual, I wondered if we would ever have a "normal" semester again. It's weird that it's almost two years later; it's almost as if time stopped that unseasonably warm March day, when much of the country closed down, and we have been stuck in a time warp ever since.

I long for days when I had never heard the word "COVID", and the daily news was not riddled with data on infections, deaths, and vaccines. Full disclosure, I was not someone who was heartbroken when the campus closed. It definitely felt strange, but to be honest, part of me enjoyed working on my assignments at my own pace, and attending class from the comfort of my room. I am an introvert in every sense.

That being said, the next school year, 2020-2021, definitely made me realize the downsides of a predominantly online class schedule. This year, I was particularly happy when all my classes were in-person, and on-campus activities were back up and running.

Even though we have already established that I am an antisocial introvert, I was feeling isolated and in desperate need of some human interaction after the past year and a half. We have been back on campus for barely two weeks now, yet I have formed more



friendships and partaken in more campus activities than I have in my first two years of college. I really do feel like I am finally getting a true college experience, and many people I know feel the same.

Now, we are after all at college to get an education, not just for the social scene. With that being said, I definitely do feel my newfound outgoing, extrovert-in-training-persona prefers in-person classes. If you

know what you are doing in an online class, it's a breeze. You just turn in your assignments, take your tests, reply to your discussion posts, and you will probably end up with a 4.0.

However, I can personally attest that an online class in a subject you are totally new to or genuinely struggle with, is about a million times worse online than if it was in-person. There definitely is a sense of being totally helpless, getting across to your professor

exactly what you do not understand through means of a zoom call, or a series of emails is next to impossible.

In person, you can look at the tangible class material together with your professor, which is always better, in my opinion. Also, in face-to-face classes you have the opportunity to meet with and converse with classmates, and help each other on assignments. It is quite hard to make connections with classmates when you are a black screen with a name on Zoom.

I know, I know, I have to address the elephant in the room: The pandemic is not over. It is still ongoing, with new, more deadly variants emerging.

Even though the university is taking stringent precautions, the more people there are on campus, the easier the virus may spread. I recognize I am extremely fortunate to not have been directly impacted by the virus, and I suppose this fact makes me a little less afraid of it.

Don't get me wrong, I always carry a little hand sanitizer with me, and run away as fast as I can from large crowds, but I guess I feel that as long as I, and in a perfect world everyone else, follow all the guidelines, we have a shot at combating this virus. That being said, the fact that many people are vaccinated and masks are still required, and social distancing is still mandated makes me feel better.

Overall, I am glad to be back in person on campus, and quite unlike myself, I am optimistic for the rest of the year.



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## 20 years later: 9/11's impact on the current generation

By Breanna Ebisch  
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Where were you on Sept. 11, 2001?

This is a question inevitably asked every year on the fateful day that has changed our nation forever.

Millions of Americans can recall the exact details of what they were doing, where they were and how they found out about the horrible news that was unfolding in New York City, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C.

Every story is different.

But who can only say some variation of "I don't know" or "I wasn't born yet"? Who has learned about 9/11 through secondhand accounts from family members, teachers, educational videos and many other resources.

Gen Z.

A vast majority of this generation wasn't even alive when the attacks occurred.

To them, the anniversary marks a day in American history that claimed innocent lives and brought the country into international conflict, but they don't have any personal connection like older generations do.

They don't have stories to tell or emotions to recall because they were either too young to remember or not born yet.

And now, 20 years later, as the nation reflects in solitude on the horrific day that not only changed America but the rest of the world as well, it's become evident that the effects of Sept. 11 have impacted Gen Z in several ways which cannot be ignored anymore.

This generation has only known a post-9/11 world.

There was never anything before what we know as our current reality.

Terrorism, conflict, death and uncertainty has been at the forefront of everyone's mind over the last two decades because those issues are happening so often it's hard to ignore.

And while no one could have predicted the long-term effects of Sept. 11 on the youngest and unborn children at the time, it's clear that this generation is coming to terms with the reality of the world in a variety of unique ways.

Whether it be through political or social beliefs, mindset or worldview, Gen Z has been shaped by Sept. 11, 2001.

Because of the absolutely terrifying event that happened in Lower Manhattan,

but was watched by the world in 2001, the generation that is now old enough to make their own decisions and has grown up in the wake of such a major tragedy are working to make the world and their country a better place. But it isn't easy when opinions being formed belong to the two generations mainly affected by 9/11.

According to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute, "The Pew Research Center finds that Generation Z—those born after 1996—are just as likely as millennials to say that they think other countries in the world are better than the United States. It is too soon to tell where Generation Z, which has little to no memory of Sept. 11 or even the era when the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts dominated the news, will land on foreign policy issues. But early indications

*But everything changed on that fateful day in New York, and now Gen Z are the ones taking on a burden they never expected.*

suggest they will share at least some of the sensibilities of their elder peers, including their view of America's role in the world."

This should come as no surprise.

Gen Z has seen some of the most violent events unfold in their lifetime and seeing how the nation responds has drastically changed the mindset about the United States as a whole.

They've grown up seeing America fail time and time again while fearing their safety is in danger on a daily basis.

The post-9/11 world is not beautiful. These past 20 years have been some of the most devastating and have brought countless issues to the forefront that were almost never thought about prior to the terrorist attacks.

And unfortunately, this is all the individuals who belong to Gen Z have known.

Their parents and grandparents had the privilege of living in a world that wasn't constantly at war and took for granted a simplicity that no longer exists.

Headlines in the news weren't always reporting on another attack that happened

somewhere in the globe that claimed lives and the worry about danger on a daily basis practically didn't exist.

But everything changed on that fateful day in New York, and now Gen Z are the ones taking on a burden they never expected.

Beyond the fact that Sept. 11 changed the course of history, the United States as a whole and the world for good, one of the largest impacts that the youngest generation is experiencing now is the anxiety that is interwoven into their lives.

This also isn't a shock because, since 9/11, news coverage has adapted to the current state of the world which means reporting on all the devastating events that have occurred.

There has been no escaping the extreme negativity for two decades now.

The current generation has in some ways

country and around the world.

Nowhere feels completely safe anymore with the possibility of some kind of danger being right around the corner.

Even though a majority of Gen Z can't recount the events of 9/11 from their memory, every individual can certainly explain how that one day changed everything to the point where their life as it is today, is different than any other generations before them.

The young people are taking on the burden of the long-term impacts the Sept. 11 attacks created without knowing this was going to be their future.

As reported by the Observer, "Some researchers believe that even media-based exposure to collective trauma could likely have a longer-term impact on the attitudes and beliefs of those who grew up in a post-9/11 world. It is possible, for example, that exposure to 9/11 and other acts of terrorism has led to fears of perceived threats, political intolerance, prejudice and xenophobia in some American children."

We, as a nation, have changed drastically over the course of the last 20 years due to the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001.

Sept. 11 was catastrophic, claiming thousands of innocent lives and launching America into a state of terror.

Even though Gen Z does not remember what happened that day or how terrifying the immediate after effects were, they have had no other choice but to come to terms with how the events of that day changed their lives forever.


Now, as the 20th anniversary passes this year, we solemnly remember the lives lost and vow to protect our country so nothing as horrific ever happens on our soil again.

But as time continues on and stories are told over and over again to teach the youngest generation about what happened that fateful day, it becomes more obvious that the impacts of the United States' most tragic day are affecting young Americans in ways that cannot be continued to ignore.

Where were you on Sept. 11, 2001?

It's a question that Gen Z cannot answer. One that they can only supply memories and stories they have heard from others in their life.

"How has Sept. 11, 2001, changed your life?"

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# Sports

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## AFC Conference: A look at the top four teams per division

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The NFL power rankings have been released and the season started on Sept. 9. According to the power rankings, the top teams in each AFC division are the Ravens from the North, the Chiefs from the West, the Titans from the South and the Bills from the East.

Starting off in the North, after a loss to the Bills in the divisional round of the playoff season, the AFC North division could have been considered to be up for grabs prior to the start of the season, as both the Browns and the Steelers made the playoffs. The Ravens were in need of wide receivers, which was addressed in the draft as Baltimore picked up Rashod Bateman and Tylan Wallace, as well as signing former Chiefs receiver Sammy Watkins. The Ravens traded offensive lineman Orlando Brown Jr. for a number of draft picks. The running game, however, took a massive hit

after being considered in the top 10 last year with the forfeiting of running back J.K. Dobbins to an ACL tear in the preseason. Play-making quarterback Lamar Jackson, who has led Baltimore to the playoffs in every year of his career, has the opportunity to make a Super Bowl push.

Heading to the West, following a win against the Bills in the AFC Championship, but a loss in the Super Bowl against the Bucs, the Chiefs assessed their offensive line in hopes to keep their MVP quarterback Patrick Mahomes healthy. Kansas City lost Mitchell Schwartz, leading to the signing of offensive lineman Joe Thuney and Orlando Brown Jr., both of which have been a staple for their respective teams. The Chiefs

retained most of their starters and are a favorite to make another run at the Super Bowl.

In the South division, the Titans, in a blockbuster trade with the Falcons, added wide receiver Julio Jones to their core with AJ Brown. The Titans lost top five overall pick wide receiver Corey Davis to the Jets and replaced him with Josh Reynolds.

After rushing for over 2,000 yards, running back Derrick Henry looks to repeat this performance. Their defense lost starting cornerback Malcolm Butler to retirement and defensive end Jadeveon Clowney. In the draft, Tennessee picked up cornerback Caleb Farley to replace Butler and signed former Steelers defensive end Bud Bupree,

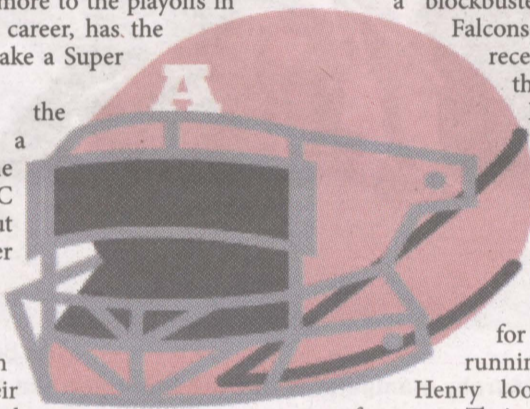
as well as Janoris Jenkins from the Saints.

Wrapping up with the East, the Bills were knocked out of the playoffs by the Chiefs in the AFC Championship game this past year, but were able to celebrate winning their first playoff game in over a decade. Their offense included rising quarterback Josh Allen and top 10 wide receiver Stefon Diggs. Defensive backs Micah Hyde and Jordan Poyer also played a major role in the win.

Buffalo retained most of their starting roster and added to their depth on both sides with former top five draft pick Mitchell Trubisky at quarterback, defensive end Gregory Rousseau, and offensive tackle Spencer Brown. After being one game away from the Super Bowl last season, the Bills look to finally take home the Lombardi.

The upcoming NFL season is bound to be an exciting season with plenty of teams making off-season trades to structure deep playoff runs.

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## NFC Conference: A look at the top four teams per division

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The NFL Power Rankings have been released, as the league started on Thursday, Sept. 9. According to the Power Rankings, the top teams in the NFC are the Packers from the North, the Rams from the West, the Buccaneers from the South, and the Washington Football Team from the East.

Starting in the North, after going 13-3 last season, there was suspicion of quarterback Aaron Rodgers leaving the Packers. However, they now are in a great position to make a Super Bowl run as he has decided to play this season with the number one ranked wide receiver Davante Adams.

The Packers forfeited a key player in center Corey Linsley, but they addressed that in the draft by gaining center Josh Meyers. Green Bay will be without their star left tackle for seven weeks, as All-Pro David Bakhtiari, who suffered a left ACL tear on Dec. 31, is ineligible to play until Oct. 24.

They have also lost running back Jamaal Williams as he decided to join the Lions, a NFC rival, in the free agency season. The Packers drafted cornerback Eric Stokes in

the first round of the 2021 NFL draft and signed linebacker De'vondre Campbell during his free agency. The Packers start their season off by playing against the New Orleans Saints.

Heading to the West, following a loss in the divisional round of the playoffs last season, the Rams traded quarterback Jared Goff to the Detroit Lions for quarterback Matthew Stafford. Along with Goff, Detroit also received 2022 and 2023 first round picks and a 2021 third round pick. The Rams lost second-year running back Cam Akers to a torn achilles ending his 2021-2022 season. This led to the Rams trading for former first-round pick running back Sony Michel from the Patriots. The Rams lost wide receiver Josh Reynolds to the Tennessee Titans and replaced him with Desean Jackson and Tutu Atwell. They

also lost tight end Gerald Everett to their NFC rival, the Seattle Seahawks. The Rams will start their season off by playing against the Chicago Bears.

In the South division, after winning the 2021 Super Bowl, the Buccaneers managed to re-sign all their free-agents. They were then able to draft defensive end Joe Tryon in the first round of the 2021 draft and added free agent running back Giovani Bernard to their already crowded running back depth chart. The Buccaneers are now in a position to make another Super Bowl push.

Tampa Bay will kick-off the 2021-2022 season by playing against the Dallas Cowboys.

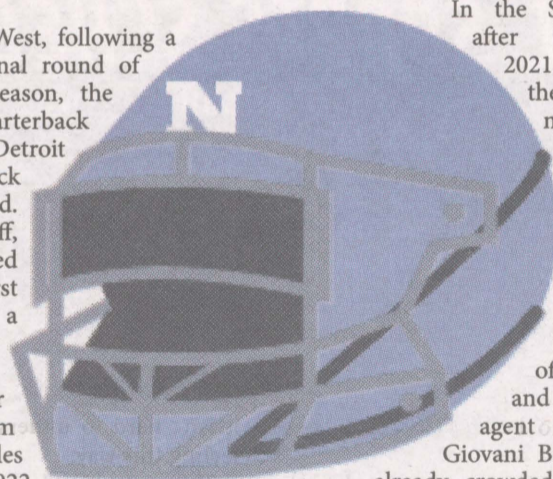
Wrapping up in the East, before going

into the 2021 season, a team with a losing record then became the nameless division title holder. The football team is in a position to win the division again. They lost quarterback Alex Smith to retirement and replaced him with journeyman quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick. They lost longtime defensive end Ryan Kerrigan to their NFC rival, the Philadelphia Eagles, and replaced him with linebacker Jamin Davis.

Washington also added wide receiver Dyami Brown by drafting him in the third round of the 2021 draft. Second-year running back Antonio Gibson is expected to have a more important role in the offense while second-year defensive end Chase Young is looking to build upon his past season. The Washington Football Team will play against the Los Angeles Chargers in week one.

The upcoming NFL season is bound to be interesting due to teams making off-season trades to structure runs for the Lombardi Trophy.

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# FH: Overtime push not enough to award first win of the season

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EDWARDSVILLE, Pa. — The field hockey team faced the Alvernia Golden Huskies at Schmidt Stadium this past Saturday. Alvernia took the Blue and Gold to the goal cage, winning the match 3-2 in overtime.

“The team was largely unknown going into this season as there has been two new coaches since their last competition in 2019,” said head coach Charlotte MacDonald. “The group works very hard and is anchored by very strong leadership from our upperclassmen.”

“We have a lot of potential and are using our early games to test that and work out the kinks. There has already been so much growth from this group so I am excited to keep working with them making adjustments in games and practices to continue their development.”

In the first period, Alvernia put up five shot attempts, two of which were saved by sophomore goalkeeper Carly Eidle. Wilkes was not able to get any shot attempts against the Golden Huskies in the first period.

Six minutes into the second period, junior midfielder Abigail Davis was able to put up the first goal of the game and of the season for Wilkes assisted by senior Ali Dunn.

“You can not beat that feeling,” said Dunn in regards to being the team that scores the first goal. “Especially when you



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**Senior Morghan Murphy manipulates the ball through a sea of defenders to get an open look at the goal in the first half of the contest.**

have been working towards that goal. It is also great to see the excitement on all your teammates’ faces.”

The Colonels put up three other shot attempts in this period, however, they were unsuccessful.

With three minutes left in the second period, Alvernia’s Makenzie Smeigh took on Eidle in the goal cage, scoring for the

Golden Huskies and tying the game at 1-1.

Senior center-forward and co-captain Morghan Murphy battled back and was able to attack Huskies’ goalkeeper Hannah Wolfe.

“As a center-forward, I knew once we were tied 1-1, and I needed to get one in the back of the net,” Murphy said.

Murphy’s first attempt at goal was

unsuccessful; with five minutes remaining in the third period, Murphy got off another shot for Wilkes, thanks to an assist from Davis, putting them ahead of Alvernia 2-1.

A few seconds remained in the third and Alvernia’s Madison Potthoff decided they were not done with the Colonels yet and tied things up again, 2-2 right at the buzzer.

Alvernia’s defense did not allow shot attempts for the Colonels in the fourth period.

Wilkes’ Eidle had a save and there was a missed shot attempt for Alvernia. Both teams came up scoreless, sending the game into overtime.

One minute into overtime, the Golden Huskies’ Brooke Spezialetti put up a shot off of a corner and dribble that put the final score at 3-2.

“Our main goal of the game was to score goals and we successfully added two goals to the scoreboard,” said Murphy. “Along with scoring, our on-the-field communication provided informative constructive criticism, along with an equal balance of positivity.”

Moving forward, the field hockey team looks to capitalize on their current losses as a learning tool for future matches

The Colonels will be on the road for a match against Albright College tonight at 7 pm. Conference play begins on Sept. 25 against Arcadia University.

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# MSOC: Overtime goal from Rangers breaks Colonel win streak

By Ariel Reed  
Sports Editor

EDWARDSVILLE, Pa. — On Patriot Day, the men's soccer team hosted Drew University in a non-conference match where Drew prevailed in overtime to defeat the Colonels 1-0.

"We just came off a really good game against Juniata," said head coach Michael Piranian. "We were knocking the ball around well and I was hoping we would have a similar level of play; our style just didn't seem to show out. We are searching for different guys and different ways to win the game."

Wilkes started the game off strong, popping off several shots on goal and controlling the pace of the first half. Four shot attempts and two corner kicks later, Drew started to get into the game and cannon off shots.

The Rangers had yet to see a victory this season and were eager to get their first win. They stepped up their intensity after the Colonels attempted a bombardment of shots on goal and two corner kicks.

As Drew increased their physicality, Wilkes also stepped up their game.

"They brought it to us, that was probably our most physical game of the season," said senior goalkeeper Zachary Tone.

Both teams battled back and forth throughout the entire 90 minute contest. First-year forward Herbert Ramirez had the opportunity to put Wilkes up by one



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**Senior goalkeeper, Zachary Tone quickly rolled the ball out to his teammate to try and get the offense going.**

around the 80th minute mark, but as fate would have it, Ramirez just barely missed the goal and the Colonels went into overtime.

"I'm a lefty, and I hit it on my right foot,"

said Ramirez. "I think it just slightly went wide. The whole game I was using my left foot, so they knew I would cut to my left. I decided to cut right instead to get more open and it was just unlucky."

With the minutes dwindling down on the clock, the Colonels were scrambling to rattle off a goal. First-year midfielder Park Scott was able to rattle off two shots within the final two minutes of the game. As luck would have it, his shots were oh-so-close to hitting the back of the net.


Within the final 10 seconds of regulation, a last second heave off the boot of junior defender Vincent Ippolito looked clean to break the plane and crown Wilkes victorious, but a heroic save by Drew's Alex Idrovo would give the Rangers a little more time to duke it out with the Colonels.

Heading into overtime, Wilkes was locked-in looking to maintain their unblemished record. The Colonels took to the ball right off the bat as they maintained control of the ball for the vast majority of the 10 minute overtime frame.

Within the final minute of overtime, Christian Tyson, a sophomore midfielder from Drew, broke past the wall of Colonel defenders and cranked the ball barely past the fingertips of Tone.

"In the end, it just seemed like they wanted it more," said Tone. "We came short at the end, but I thought we battled well and matched their physicality."

The Colonels look to bounce back from this loss as they return to the field tonight at Susquehanna University at 7 p.m.

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## FALL SPORTS SCHEDULES

<p style="text-align: center; color: #f0e68c;"><b>Cross Country</b></p> <p>09/03/2021 @ Misericordia Invitational, 6th 09/18/2021 @ Cougar Classic, 11 a.m. 09/25/2021 @ Dickinson Short-Long Invitational, 10:30 a.m. 10/09/2021 @ DeSales Invitational, 10:30 a.m. 10/16/2021 @ Inter-Regional Boarder Battle, TBA 10/22/2021 @ LVC Last Chance Run Invitational, 5:15 p.m. 10/30/2021 @ MAC Championships, 12 p.m. 11/13/2021 @ NCAA Mid-Atlantic Regional, TBA</p>	<p style="text-align: center; color: #f0e68c;"><b>Field Hockey</b></p> <p>09/04/2021 @ York College, L 7-0 09/08/2021 @ #15 Ursinus College, L 8-0 09/11/2021 v. Alvernia, L 3-2 (OT) 09/12/2021 @ Elmira, @ 12 p.m. 09/15/2021 @ Albright @ 7 p.m. 09/18/2021 v. Wilson @ 1:30 p.m. 09/19/2021 @ Bryn Mawr @ 3 p.m. 09/22/2021 @ Marywood @ 7 p.m. 09/25/2021 @ Arcadia @ 1 p.m. 09/29/2021 v. Elizabethtown @ 7:30 p.m. 10/02/2021 v. Delaware Valley @ 4 p.m. 10/06/2021 v. University of Scranton @ 7 p.m. 10/09/2021 v. Stevens @ 1 p.m. 10/16/2021 @ FDU-Florham @ 1 p.m. 10/20/2021 @ King's @ 7 p.m. 10/23/2021 v. DeSales @ 5 p.m. 10/27/2021 v. Misericordia @ 7 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center; color: #f0e68c;"><b>Women's Volleyball</b></p> <p>09/02/2021 v. Clarks Summit, W 3-0 09/04/2021 v. Marywood, W 3-0 09/04/2021 v. Mount Saint Vincent, L 0-3 09/08/2021 @ Delaware Valley, W 3-1 09/11/2021 @ Mount Saint Vincent, W 3-1 09/11/2021 @ Drew, L 0-3 09/14/2021 @ Penn State Altoona @ 7 p.m. 09/16/2021 v. Carin @ 7 p.m. 09/19/2021 @ Penn State Harrisburg @ 1 p.m. 09/19/2021 @ Rutgers-Camden @ 3 p.m. 09/22/2021 @ FDU-Florham @ 7 p.m. 09/23/2021 v. Keystone, @ 7 p.m. 09/25/2021 v. John Jay @ 11 a.m. 09/25/2021 v. Montclair State @ 3 p.m. 09/28/2021 v. Misericordia @ 7 p.m. 09/30/2021 @ Neumann @ 7 p.m. 10/02/2021 v. Albright @ 11 a.m. 10/02/2021 v. The City College of New York @ 3 p.m.</p>
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Getting to know...

# Kamaal Reed

## Junior Football Player

**The Beacon: Male Athlete of the Week Sept. 1 to Sept. 10**

**Why Kamaal Reed was selected:** Reed led the Colonels rushing attack in their 46-7 victory over Keystone College. Reed had eight carries for 148 yards and scored two touchdowns. For his second touchdown, he rushed for a game-long 65-yards. Reed's accomplishments for this week earned him the title of MAC Offensive Player of the Week.

**Name:** Kamaal Reed  
**Year:** Junior  
**Major:** Accounting  
**Hometown:** Galloway, N.J.  
**High School:** Cedar Creek H.S.  
**Position:** Running Back

**Favorite building on campus?**  
UCOM

**Favorite meal to eat on campus?**  
Sandwich from Which Wich

**What color/flavor of Gatorade is your favorite?**  
Green Apple or Blue Cherry

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

**Most influential person in your life?**  
The most influential person in my life would be my mom.

**A quote you live your life by?**  
"You miss 100% of the shots you don't take"

**What does "Be Colonel" mean to you?**  
To me "Be Colonel" means doing everything the right way even when no one is watching and being a part of a family who wants to see you succeed at all times.

**Anyone to give a shout-out to?**  
I like to give a shout-out to the Toy Maker.

*-Compiled by Julia Mazur, Staff Writer*

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

I came to Wilkes because of the successful business program along with the family-like atmosphere from the football team.

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

When I graduate I would like to become a CPA at a successful firm or a financial adviser.

**Favorite Memory as a Colonel?**

My favorite memory as a Colonel would have to be scoring my first touchdown as a freshman.

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

My hopes for this season are to go undefeated and win the MAC championship.

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

I began playing in first grade because my older brother played and it looked fun to me.

**Favorite thing to do during practice?**

My favorite thing to do during practice is competing against the defense.

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

Outside of football, I am into working out and doing haircuts.

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Getting to know...

# Hannah Landis

## Sophomore Soccer Player

### **The Beacon: Female Athlete of the Week Sept. 1 to Sept. 10**

**Why Hannah Landis was selected:** In her first two collegiate starts, Landis racked up 17 saves in the course of two games and sits on the top of the conference with a 8.50 saves per game. These accolades also earned her MAC Defensive Player of the Week.

**Name:** Hannah Landis  
**Year:** Sophomore  
**Major:** Nursing  
**Hometown:** Red Hill, Pa.  
**High School:** Upper Perkiomen H.S.  
**Position:** Goalkeeper

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

I chose Wilkes because it gave me a great opportunity to continue my soccer career while receiving a great education from an accredited nursing program.

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

After graduation, I plan to become a registered nurse and hopefully attend graduate school.

**Favorite Memory as a Colonel?**

My favorite memory is playing in my first college game.

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

I know for many of us on the team, our goal for this season is to make playoffs and to have a winning home record.

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

I began playing in first grade because my cousin played, and I wanted to be just like her.

**Favorite thing to do during practice?**

Just being around my friends and having fun.

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

I love to travel in my free time!

**Favorite building on campus?**

UCOM because of Starbucks!

**Favorite meal to eat on campus?**

Wraps from the Pod.

**What color/flavor of Gatorade is your favorite?**

Blue or red.

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

Princess Diana.

**Most influential person in your life?**

My parents.

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

Begin each day with a grateful heart.

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

"Be Colonel" means to always do the right thing for the right reason on and off of the field.

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

My roommates. Thank you for all that you do for me.

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# WSOC & WVB: Colonels travel to N.J. for weekend matchups

By Jason Eberhart  
Sports Staff Writer

A pair of Colonel teams traveled to New Jersey on Saturday to play in non-conference matchups. The women's soccer team played at Rutgers-Newark while the women's volleyball team played Drew University and Mount Saint Vincent in a tri-match.

Rutgers-Newark got off to an early lead in the game, scoring their first goal just 10 minutes in. The Colonels defense was stout for the rest of the game, rarely allowing the opposition onto their side of the field.

For the next 80 minutes, Wilkes looked for an equalizer but was unable to find one on the stifling Scarlet Raiders defense.

With three minutes remaining in the game, the Colonels were on the attack and had two shots on goal.

Despite powerful attempts on the shots, both potential goals were saved by the Rutgers-Newark goalkeeper.

"Give credit to their goalkeeper," said head coach John McNichol. "She made three unbelievable saves that kept us off the board.

The women's soccer team eventually fell to Rutgers-Newark 1-0.

"I am extremely proud of all of us

because when they scored, not one single person put their head down and gave up," said senior forward Tatiana Mancera

The Colonels had their fair share of opportunities in the afternoon, as they led the game in shots 16-5. They were just unable to get one of their shots to fall in the back of the net.

"I think in practice we can continue to work on staying connected both on the attack and when defending," said senior midfielder Emily Bidelspach. "We can also continue to work on finishing off restarts and the corner opportunities we get."

The Colonels have reached a three game losing streak, but a rotation of their veteran players have seen this situation before.

"We need to continue to trust in the plan and keep working. We have a good team; we just have not been on the right end of the score this week," said McNichol. "Games like this will help us as we progress through our season."

A half an hour down the road in the Garden State, the women's volleyball team found some success as they split a pair of matches against Mount Saint Vincent and Drew University.

In their first game of the day, Wilkes found themselves trailing 1-0 to the Dolphins of MSV.



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### Senior forward Emily Bidelspach holds strong against a King's defender.

This was now the Colonels' fourth straight set loss against the team as they had been swept just a week prior in a match in Wilkes-Barre.

"Our success this week is attributed to executing our game plan and having faced them recently," said head coach Joseph Czopek. "Although we started out slow off the bus, once warmed up it was a solid team effort."

First-year members Alexis Reedy and Alexa Cassel found their groove in their last three sets. The two rookies have shown their versatility for the Colonels. Reedy led the match in kills with 14, while Cassel had a team high 20 assists and 16 digs.

"Since day one the team has been so encouraging and welcoming, which has helped boost my confidence while playing," said Cassel. "It's really just important to trust yourself and your team in the end."

With strong play from the whole team, the Colonels were able to win the last three sets 25-21, 27-25, 25-23 to earn the victory in the match.

The team was unable to find the same success against Drew University as they lost in three straight sets to earn the loss. Having to play back-to-back matches, Drew took advantage of a worn down Colonels team.

Sophomore libero Ali Yordy had a notable performance in the tri-match as she recorded 10 digs in both games.

"I'm definitely trying to take on more of a leadership role on and off the court, and also keeping a good relationship with all the girls on the team," said Yordy. "Whenever we get down, I want to be the person to keep everyone going with high energy."

Although losing to Drew, the Colonels were very pleased to be coming home with a win after playing two very good programs.

"The strength of our early season schedule is it has the young team gaining valuable experience," said Czopek. "Facing strong competition allows them to see what they are capable of achieving by working hard in practice to prepare. Their positive attitude and willingness to play for each other will pay huge dividends as our season goes on."

Both teams play a pair of games this week as women's soccer plays a pair of games at Bruggeworth Field tonight and Saturday against Susquehanna and Messiah, respectively. Women's volleyball returns to the Marts Center on Thursday to take on Cairn University.



The Beacon/Ariel Reed

### First-year Alexis Reedy serving the ball against Marywood University in an attempt to keep the Colonel momentum going.

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