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Sordoni Art Gallery hosts bonsai lecture

By Cabrini Rudnicki
Co-News Editor

The Sordoni Art Gallery had its first art in context lecture for its new exhibit “Ukiyo-e to Shin Hanga: Japanese Woodcuts from the Syracuse University Art Collection.”

The lecture featured Carl Achhammer Jr. of Zenchaser Bonsai.

Bonsai is the art of dwarfing trees, according to Achhammer.

“Bonsai is the perfect combination of art and horticulture,” said Achhammer. “I also see bonsai as self-expression through nature. You have an unsculpted tree, whatever you are feeling as you sculpt it, those feelings will go into the tree.”

Achhammer started by going into the common misconceptions he’s heard throughout the years.

“Bonsai is the art, not the tree,” he explained. “We use many species for the art.”

Other misconceptions he spoke about include the presumption that bonsai are hard to maintain.

“The initial requirement is keeping the tree alive,” he said. “Water and food are kind of the initial requirement to keep you alive. If you can remember to feed yourself, you can remember to keep your plant alive.”

Bonsai trees require water at least once every other day, not once a week like



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Carl Achhammer Jr. spoke to the audience about the ancient art of bonsai.

many people believe.

Another misconception is that bonsai trees are indoor plants. According to Achhammer, the plants are typically kept outdoors, and if needed in a temperature climate, are brought inside and surrounded with growth lights.

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SB: Colonels fall twice in Senior Day games against Manhattanville

By Tyler Aldinger
Staff Writer

EDWARDSVILLE, Pa. -- The Wilkes softball team celebrated senior day on Saturday, but were unable to win against Manhattanville, losing 5-1 and 3-0.

Seniors Haley Welker, Gab Giordano and Caitlin Brown were recognized for their achievements before the games.

Starting on the mound, Gracen Staunton set the game on track, only allowing one batter to get on base.

Wilkes took the early momentum into the bottom of the first with a hit from Sarah Gibson and a sacrifice bunt from Britny Jumalon. The starting pitcher for Manhattanville Alycia Keeney was able to shut down the rest of the Wilkes batters and keep the game scoreless.

The second inning saw the same scoreless game, as both pitchers kept a tight lock on the opposing batters. The Valiants broke the scoreless tie with a five-run inning in the top of the third. Giovanni Liggett started the scoring barrage with a solo home run.

The Colonels had some runners in the bottom of the fourth inning, but were unable to capitalize and execute. Similarly, in the bottom of the sixth inning, the Colonels left runners in scoring position when the inning ended, keeping the score 5-0.

“Right now were not executing,” said head

coach Sarah Leavenworth (Maulorico). “We can’t leave double-digit runners on base. We won’t win with that.”

The Colonels showed signs of life in the top of the seventh inning. Jordyn Kondras singled to first and Giordano walked, putting Kondras into scoring position. Gibson’s RBI-single brought home Kondras, cutting the Valiants’ lead to 5-1. With two outs though, the Colonels ran out of time and the Valiants finished off the game, 5-1 for the first of the doubleheader.

Celine Podlesney took the mound for the Colonels in game two. Podlesney retired the side in one-two-three fashion in the top of the first inning.

However, Manhattanville got to work in the top of the third inning. Podlesney walked Chapelone. The next batter for the Valiants, Alexis Ventarola, hit a home run, giving Manhattanville the 2-0 lead.

Podlesney had similar pitching difficulties to that of Staunton in the first game.

“They have great hitters all around, which makes it difficult to pitch against them,” said Podlesney. “I just tried to hit my spots and get my pitches where they needed to be.”

Wilkes went into the bottom of the fourth inning and was able to play their style of softball with more sacrifice bunts, allowing Jumalon to get into scoring position. But, pitching for

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Student Government notes: April 3 weekly meeting

By Sara Ross
Staff Writer

On April 3, President Hunter Hughes attended his last Student Government meeting as the ballots for a new president were released last week. Hughes led the discussion for club reports and award nominations.

First, President Jacob Baranski of the Tabletop Gaming Club came in with their club report and discussed their most current volunteer event at Blue Chip Animal Shelter. They plan on attending not only Blue Chip in the future, but also the CEO Food Bank, the Big Event, and a crossover event with the Videogame Club. If interested in joining, the Tabletop Gaming Club meets every other Tuesday at 12 p.m.

The Biology Club appeared to present their club report, and their President is also Baranski.

He explained how they volunteered at the CEO Food Bank and made donations to the Heifer Project and Wilkes Alumna in Central Africa. They have also done Relay for Heart and Science and Art Day.

Upcoming events for Biology Club include Adventures in Science and future elementary school visits. They also do the Snackin' In the USA fundraiser every year and give out dissection kits to biology students. If interested in joining, the Biology Club meets on Tuesdays at 11 a.m.

President Erica Mabry and Treasurer Alexa Flood of the Wilkes University Dance Team came in for a club report too. The dance team performs choreographed dances at school events, including the homecoming pep rally, men's basketball games, and Marts Madness. They also have a Spirit Clothing Sale and

volunteer at the Big Event.

For any student who would like to join the dance team next year, the team will be holding tryouts at the beginning of the fall semester. They meet on Sundays from 7 to 9 p.m. and on Wednesday from 9:15 to 10:15 p.m.


Following the club reports, there were nominations for Member and Club of the Month. Junior Class Vice President Logan Biechy won Member of the Month, while Women Empowered by Science (WEBS) won Club of the Month.

There were then faculty and staff award nominations. Faculty nominations include Dean Stolte, Dr. Schicavano, Dr. Roke Thomas, Dr. Steele and Dr. Schmidt. Staff member nominations are Erica Acosta, Connie Dombroski, Jill Price and Andrew Rizzo. More information on the nominations and the

selections for the awards will be provided at the next meeting.

Some last announcements include the Commuter Council's cookout on April 9 and will be having a giveaway this week during club hours. In addition, Block Party is planned for April 13 and the Big Event will be April 27. Programming Board will also be getting a cupcake food truck on April 16 and having bingo on April 25.

Finally, on April 25 comedians are coming to Wilkes, including Chico Bean and Carlton Weller. These comedians will be performing acts together and also individually, so be sure to mark your calendars, as the event is open to all Wilkes students.

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Beacon Briefs: The upcoming happenings on campus

Compiled by Sean Schmoyer

The Red Cross Needs You to Donate Blood

Wilkes University and the Red Cross are hosting a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16, in the Henry Student Center lounge.

Right now blood products are being distributed to hospitals faster than donations are coming in, and the Red Cross has less than a three-day supply of most blood types.

Walk-in donors are welcome, or you

can make an appointments by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS or going to their website.

Support Suicide Prevention: Glow Run

Wilkes University's sixth annual Glow Run will be sponsored by Residence life from 7 to 11 p.m. on Saturday, April 27.

Students can register at the Glow Run table in the Henry Student Center between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. today, Thursday, April 15-17, and April 22-26.

The cost is \$10 for Wilkes students and \$15 for non-Wilkes students. Students who sign up will also receive a T-shirt for the run.

Get Ready for the Big Event


Student Government will host their annual Big Event on Saturday, April 27. The Big Event is a campus-wide day of community service where over 400 students go to sites around the Wilkes-Barre area to help in many different ways.

The Big Event is being held on Saturday, April 27. Registration will start at 7:30 a.m. in the Henry Student Center. After the event there will be a BBQ held in the greenway for those who participated. If interested, please register online by Friday, April 19.

Zebra Communications Seeks Egg Hunt Volunteers

Zebra Communications is seeking volunteers for a Easter Egg Hunt from noon to 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 14, in the Wilkes University Marts Center. This fundraiser benefits the Children's Miracle Network.

Want to volunteer or have any questions? Contact Parker Dorsey by email at parker.dorsey@wilkes.edu.

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Upcoming Events: 2019 Spring Semester

April

- 9 - Presidential Ballot Closes (SG)
- 9 - GSA Drag Show
- 10 - Executive Board Nominations Wk. 1 (SG)
- 10 - Victims Resource Center Rally and Walk
- 11 - Giveaway (WUPB)
- 11 - The Art of Japanese Woodcut Lecture (Sordoni)
- 11 - Wilkes Wears Red Day
- 13 - Block Party (SG)
- 17 - Executive Board Nominations Wk. 2 (SG)

- 24 - Wear Denim Day
- 25 - Motivational Sticky Notes (WUPB)
- 25 - Get Ready for Summer Bingo (WUPB)
- 25 - Clothesline Project Display
- 27 - Big Event (SG)
- 27 - Glow Run (Residence Life)
- 28 - Mall Shopping Shuttle
- 30 - The Peace Crane Project (Sordoni)

WUPB denotes Wilkes University Programming Board

CC denotes Commuter Council

SG denotes Student Government

SD denotes Student Development

MSC denotes Multicultural Student Coalition

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Students, faculty showcase research at 3rd Annual Scholarship Symposium

By Sean Schmoyer
Asst. News Editor

Wilkes University hosted its 3rd Annual Scholarship Symposium in the University Center on Main from April 1 to the 4. This year saw the highest level of student participation with over 100 students being involved in the event.

The symposium featured 36 faculty led projects, 24 oral presentations and 22 poster presentations. The Scholarship Symposium's purpose is to celebrate the faculty research and scholarship that takes place throughout Wilkes' institution's spectrum of disciplines.

Scholarship is such a highly regarded value at Wilkes that President Leahy committed \$1 million to create the Research and Scholarship Fund in 2016. Also, 18 faculty members have received over \$8,000 in external funding as well.

Provost Anne Skleder presented the President's Award for Excellence to Dr. Z. J. Witzczak, professor and chair of Pharmaceutical Sciences, though he could not be present due to presenting with students at the American Chemical Science meeting in Florida.

The symposium was brought to an official start with a presentation about robotics by Yong Zhu, professor in mechanical engineering. Zhu's presentation was titled "The Future of Robotics: Fantasy, Reality and Ethics" and focused on how robotics works, the important contributions robotics has in other fields as well as the ethics of robotics.

To begin, Zhu first shared a story of a visit he took to a kindergarten class where he explained how robotics works.

"How the robot works is that there is a sensor, that when you wave it detects it and it will turn around and move the opposite direction, so it is like a puppy," said Zhu. "So I explained to the kids that a robot works like us. Everything we do is because of three basic functionalities of our eyes, our brain and our body. Those three things work in a constant loop, and a robot is the same, functioning with a sensor, a controller and an actuator. So that concept can be understood by six and seven year olds, so there is no excuse for those of you here."

After explaining how robots work Zhu went into detail about how robotics is expensive and relies on commercial success as well as research. He went into detail about how robotics have improved productivity, quality of life, and has removed and reduced risks that humans otherwise have to face.

Zhu talked about the medical field and the use of robotics for both physical support and emotional support interaction. He mentioned that robotics has been used in manufacturing to do repetitive tasks, and that it has been used in the service industry as well as a major component to space research.

Finally Zhu talked about the importance of ethics in robotics, about how robots do not have moral compasses or recognize harm. As such Zhu stressed that technology combined with A.I must be kept in check, though he assured that in our life time there is no way for the code of the A.I. to get so complicated that it is out of human hands.

Also throughout the four days other faculty presented their research findings in sessions and with students through poster projects set up, so that students and other faculty could look, learn, and inquire about the research.

One of many presentations was from Dr. Linda Gutierrez, professor of biology here at Wilkes, who worked alongside Jacob Baranski, senior biology major, and five other students in researching the effects of intestinal tumor growth on adipose tissue in a model of intestinal carcinogenesis.

Baranski said, "It was very empowering and nice to work with someone so knowledgeable who let me take charge on many occasions. It was exciting to see what everyone else has been working on and to learn about other fields while at the symposium."

Many other faculty and students from different fields came together to present posters throughout the event covering a variety of topics from preventing ACL tears to looking at what motivates young women to fight sexism.

Finally the symposium concluded with the Paul A. O'Hop Final Word Lecture presented by Professor Dana Manning from the pharmacy department on the perception of health and wellness and how it is more of a holistic concept.

Manning's lecture, titled "Beyond Medication: Health and Wellness as a Holistic Concept" focused on a central question that Manning has been research since her time as a student, what is healthy?

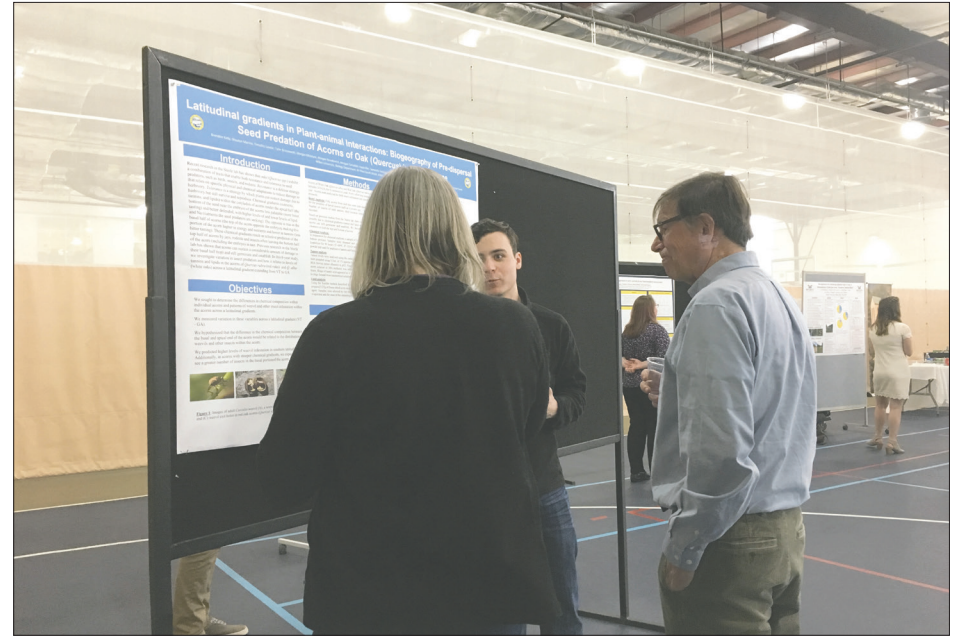
Manning addressed this question by sharing her experiences throughout her life and by analyzing how we view health.

"At first I wanted to stick to what I was taught even as those things crumbled beneath me. It turns out that the version of the dietary guidelines I was taught during my early years were more influenced by politics and subsidies than by science," said Manning.

She addressed how articles and studies are produced telling people what is and is not healthy. Manning found through her research, including her time in Uganda, that all foods serve functions and that there is no one way to treat all patients.

Instead she found that there is an importance in community when it comes to the medical field, and that often nutrition and health are viewed as black and white when that is not the actual case.

Manning wrapped her lecture and the



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Senior biology major Brendon Kelly presents his research titled "Latitudinal gradients in plant-animal interactions: biogeography of pre-dispersal seed predation of acorns of oak by insect larvae."

symposium as a whole by making a list of promises to help support and guide the community here at Wilkes. This included bringing other cultures to Wilkes, taking students to other cultures and creating a nutrition course available for all

majors to present a course that is beneficial for even non-medical students.



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Title IX office holds second annual Red Flag Campaign

By Maddie Davis
Co-News Editor

April 1 marked the start of Wilkes University's Red Flag Campaign as well as sexual assault awareness month.

The Title IX office marked the start of the campaign by hanging posters in all of the campus' buildings and by displaying red flags on the Fenner Quad.

This year's Red Flag Campaign will be the second annual campaign held on campus. The Red Flag Campaign focuses on bystander intervention and encourages students, faculty and staff to say speak up when they see a red flag in a friend's relationship.

This year, Title IX Coordinator Samantha Hart, decided to hold the campaign in the same month as sexual assault awareness month because of the similarities between both causes.

"The campaign encourages friends to provide a healthy response to abusive statements by giving students examples of what to say," explained Hart.

"Speaking about our campus, in particular, one of our core values is to

foster a community that values respect, being welcomed and safe.

"I want to empower students to be able to stand up against these issues and encourage them to not only learn more about these issues but to talk to their peers about them," she added.

Hart thanked all of the support she has received both on campus and throughout the Wilkes-Barre community.

Debbie Scheibler, the director of residence life, is one of the supporters and contributors to the campaign in both of her years working on campus.

"The point is we want to promote the idea that students on this campus should be really aware of their surroundings and really taking care of each other and recognizing unhealthy behaviors in their own lives and those of other students," said Scheibler.

Caitlin Brown, a senior nursing student, and Lindsay Becker, a sophomore criminology and sociology major, are student volunteers for the campaign who are passionate about the matter.

"I think we have a good atmosphere here at Wilkes, but I think it can be better.



The Beacon/Maddie Davis

The Title IX office, with the help of some of their student and staff volunteers, placed flags throughout the Fenner Quad to bring attention to red flags that might arise in relationships.

I think having active students who are passionate about certain things and who voice their opinions and want a change is also important," said Brown.

"Through my work as a criminology major, I have been doing research in sexual assault and I have noticed there is a lot of issues on college campuses," said Becker. "I don't want Wilkes to be another statistic.

"I think it brings awareness in a lot of different ways. It kind of brings the taboo-ness of sexual assault down because it makes people talk about it and okay to talk about," she added.

For any further questions about the Red Flag Campaign or the resources they provide for students, please contact Samantha Hart or the Title IX office in Suite A of University Towers.

Panamanian exchange MEDUCA 10 students visit area schools

By Cabrini Rudnicki
Co-News Editor

International Engagement's MEDUCA 10 students recently visited local schools for teaching training.

The students have had in total eight school visits, including Kistler, Heights Murray, GAR, and Graham Academy. At these visits, the students have done observations and teaching exercises.

The students have visited the Graham Academy, a special education school in Luzerne, three times so far. This time, the students were split up so one group went to the elementary/middle school and the other went to the high school. For their next visit, the students will switch.

Dr. Meghan Feliciani, MEDUCA instructor, spoke about the purpose of these trips.

"For the MEDUCA students, I hope that they see the range of the schools in the Wilkes-Barre area," she explained. "We go to our typical public school, to the Graham Academy, which is so specialized. We want them to know that all schools look different, and so

they can see different strategies and methodologies that the teachers use."

According to Feliciani, the MEDUCA students are taught things like lesson plans and teaching strategies before visiting schools.

The Graham Academy had a specialized lesson of the traditional Panamanian dance called tamborito.

"Seeing our Panamanians realize that they can do it and gain the confidence to teach a student with autism a Panamanian dance with their limited English," said Feliciani. "Language doesn't matter when you have dance."

MEDUCA is a program with the International Engagement Office of Wilkes University that brings public school teachers from Panama.

Gabriel Rivera, MEDUCA student, spoke about his experience teaching at the school.

"It was an incredible experience since we taught students with different behaviors a typical dance from Panama," he said. "Another of the things that I personally love was seeing the emotion and smiles transmitted by the children during the activity."




Courtesy of Lindsay Dragon

From left to right: Marisel Franco Gonzalez, Sathya Casasola Arcia, Cathur Salomon, and Luricel Garcia Castellon taught students traditional Panamanian dances.

Dayanna Sandoval, another MEDUCA student, felt that the experience was "amazing."

"When we saw all the guys dancing and having fun at the same time, I felt proud of my roots," said Sandoval. "It shows that nothing is impossible. If you can dream it, you can do it."

Editor's Note: Co-News Editor Maddie Davis works for the International Engagement Office as a student aide.

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BONSAI, from front page

"Bonsai is a discipline, much like karate, music, art," he said. "Whatever level you get into it at, just try to do it at the best of your ability."

After discussing the misconceptions, Achhammer drew on a white board to explain the various ways a bonsai artist would clip a tree.

Acchammer then demonstrated his process on a tree for the audience. With the tree, Acchammer clipped the first half of the tree, then bent the tree using special wire to make it appear like it was blown with the wind.

At the lecture, the Sordoni Art Gallery held a raffle for students to attend a bonsai workshop on April 28. The tickets are regularly \$85.

Miranda Zink, junior Neuroscience and Psychology major, spoke about her excitement on winning the raffle.

"I'm pretty excited. I think it's pretty exciting to design my own bonsai," she said. "I am really bad at art and I don't have any talents, but I do like to be able to be creative. It's like being able to be creative, but no talent required."

The other winner of the raffle was Olivia

Carabello.

At the lecture, many of the audience members asked questions on different specifics of bonsai art.

Alyson Kole asked Acchammer about taking in wild saplings for usage in bonsai.

"I hike a lot, and (Acchammer) mentioned how the trees grow on mountains. I see saplings often. Can I pick them?" she asked.

Acchammer said that the saplings, if they are on your own private property, can be taken.

The gallery's curator lecture is on Thursday at 5 p.m featuring Andrew Saluti, the program coordinator of the gallery.

Other events include an art in context lecture with Wilkes professor Dr. Akira Shimizu, a bonsai workshop on April 28, and a crane origami activity on April 30.

The Sordoni Art gallery runs until May 18. The gallery is open noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, and open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. The gallery is also open Thursday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.



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Generation Rx holds second annual opioid awareness walk

By Sammi Verespy
Staff Writer

Generation Rx put on the second annual opioid awareness walk this past Thursday.

This walk is one that many Wilkes students attended, and many donated to support the Wilkes-Barre area fire department and their naloxone treatment program, this includes both the doses and rehabilitation.

According to Dylan Fox, 2020 PharmD candidate, 55 people participated in this walk.

“Generation Rx started out as a way to educate the community, mainly about med disposal and safe ways to use medicines. Then there was a realization of the use of opioids in the community,” said Dr. Thomas Franko, the academic advisor of Generation Rx. “There is a lot of misuse of prescriptions and other opioids in the community. This is something that is constituted as a disease. Not to mean this as a wag of a finger, but more to bring awareness to this disease that is taking over so many lives.”

The opioid crisis is currently an issue locally throughout northeastern Pennsylvania and the rest of the United States.

“This past year alone we administered 316 naloxone doses in the field as a fire department,” said Wilkes-Barre fire Chief Jay Delaney. “This walk is one that shows that the future pharmacists and citizens care about what is going on in the community, they are working to help the community with the need for these medications, but also remove the stigma against these opioids.”

“This event also shows that the pharmacy students are very aware of the crisis occurring in the community,” said Chief Jay Delaney. “Their actions are speaking louder than words. By doing what they are doing, they are helping the community in so many more ways than they can even tell.”

These impacts help to ensure that there is a place for people to have knowledge of where to go. To also realize that what they are going through is something that is valid. That many people are willing to help and listen.

“The goal of the walk is to normalize opioid-related issues in our society,” said Fox. “We do not like using the term overdose, simply because that is such a dirty word now. So, we want to ensure that there is knowledge about these issues that occur around campus, that affect students and the community.”

The organizers of the walks shared their thoughts on the word “overdose” and how they believe this has been reduced to a stigmatized word. Since they believed this is a stigmatized word, they want a focus on overdoses as a disease.

“Opioid-related breathing emergencies are one that heavily impacts our community,” said Dr. Thomas S. Franko, assistant professor in pharmacy practice. “There have been 116 deaths, and 316 lives saved due to naloxone. These are students’ sisters, mothers, fathers, grandfathers. We need to normalize this as a disease, not a choice. This addiction is taking people away from their families, then from everything they love, and then taking them away from us. This walk allows us to talk about this sticky situation that is hurting so many of us.”

This is a disease that affects not only the person that it is directly affected but also those who are around them. This is why Wilkes University’s campus came together for this awareness walk.

Fox elaborated more on why this walk, in particular, is necessary for the Wilkes campus.

“This is super important on Wilkes’ campus for the pharmacists and future pharmacists to be able to talk to the general

public about the issues in the community,” said Fox. “This helps people know what is available to them. For instance, anyone can walk into their community pharmacy and get naloxone. As long as there is a standing order people can get it. A lot of people who need it don’t know that.”


This walk, through Wilkes-Barre’s Fire Department, accepted donations for naloxone.

There are also resources available on campus to students and community members struggling first or second hand from opioid issues.

This includes counseling available in Passan hall, local Narcotics Anonymous meetings, and Al-Anon meetings.

Scheduling for counseling at Passan Hall can be done by calling 570-408-4730 and scheduling an appointment or visiting Passan in person. Passan also offers a support line which can be reached by students in the event that the health and wellness services are not open at 570-408-2428.

Local Al-Anon and NA meeting times can be found through a google search with your zip code.

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Student coordinators Cody Morcom, Dylan Fox, and Harrison Ferro stand with the table of t-shirts for participants. The walk accepted \$5 donations for naloxone for the Wilkes-Barre Fire Department.



Photos: The Beacon/Cabrini

Dylan Fox led the participants in a moment of silence for opioid-related deaths. 55 students walked from the Fenner Quad. to Kirby Park.

Life, Arts & Entertainment

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Annual Color Wars held in new location due to campus renovations

By Sarah Matarella
Life, Arts & Entertainment Editor

On Saturday, April 6, the Wilkes University Hindu Spirituality Club (HSC) hosted their annual Color Wars event. In previous years, the event has been held on the newly renamed "Fenner Quad," previously known as the greenway, on the Wilkes University campus.

This year, however, the event was held on the grassy area between Evans and Roth residence halls due to the new renovations that were made. The event is a celebration of a popular ancient Hindu festival, Holi, also known as the festival of colors.

"The celebration takes place for two days. The first day represents the victory of good versus evil and the second day is the beginning of spring. On the second day, we play with the colors because the colors portray the different spring colors," said Vidhi Thakar, vice president of HSC and junior pharmacy major.

Thus, the event is centered around Holi colored powder packets. The participants opened them up and threw them at each other, allowing everyone to become covered from head to toe. The colored packets also naturally cover the grass and the sidewalks in the area they are being thrown which is why the event could no longer be held on the new grass in the Fenner Quad.

"My friends who are helping are a little annoyed. Hopefully the location



Photos: The Beacon/Sarah Matarella
Jasleen Kaur and Amrit Chandhok hitting each other in the face with Holi colored powder.

does not affect the event, however, it is in the back of campus so people may not see it as vividly, but I'm sure it will be fine and the turn out will be great," said Nisha Patel, junior pre-dental biology major, prior to the event.

Due to the anticipated lack of natural attraction to the event due to the location being moved, members of HSC resorted to other means of advertisement.

They put up several flyers

around campus and held a table during club hours this past Thursday where they gave out henna tattoos and white t-shirts to wear to the event for \$5.

Despite the concern, over 60 students attended the event and the location proved to be everything but an issue.

From 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., the people who attended were flinging the colored powder in the air, dumping it onto each other's heads, throwing it into each others faces, and sneaking up behind one another to throw the colors at each other. If someone had too much of one color on them, someone else would make sure to dump another color onto them until they were essentially a walking rainbow.



A group throwing Holi colored powder in the air.

celebrate it as well, but HSC wanted to give it a twist.

"Color wars is a different approach to celebrating it because many people think of color runs or color walks, but it is actually part of the Holi culture... and you don't have to run," said Jasleen Kaur, president of HSC and junior nursing major.

HSC's goal with the event was to allow people to experience something outside of their culture while having a good time and according to the turn out and the student response, they succeeded.

"It's great to be able to take part in a cultural experience at your school. I've never been a part of the Holi culture, so that's really exciting," said Emily Kaminieki, junior medical lab science major.

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Friends Jacob Buda, Niharika Gupta and Emily Kaminieki smiling at the event and embracing the powder in their teeth.

"I expected a nice, gentle introduction, but they just whip the color at you," said Niharika Gupta, junior pre med major.

HSC took the liberity in calling the event color wars to possibly attract more people to the event that may not be a part of Hindu culture. Different schools

Having an event? Know of anything going on in the community that we should cover?

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Celebrate and donate at Carnival Fever with CSA

By Natalie Stephens
Asst. Life, Arts & Entertainment Editor

The first ever Carnival Fever event will be held in the SUB ballroom at Wilkes University on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. It will be a celebration of Caribbean culture through traditional food, activities and performances by the Caribbean Student Association (CSA).

“The message behind Caribbean culture is very free spirited and everyone from every part of the Caribbean come together and have a good time,” said Shaelyn Briggs, Caribbean Student Association founder and president.

The Caribbean Student Association was created last semester by Briggs and Cindy Peralta Nin. This semester is the first time the club will ever hold an event like this. They want to bring the celebration of carnival to Wilkes and also present an opportunity to give back.

Carnival is a festival that takes place throughout the Caribbean from December to May. During this time, many places that celebrate the carnival throw parties filled with food, music and entertainment. The event was also planned to reflect exactly

that.

There will be feathers, bright decorations, food and performances to watch. Organizers of the event have a goal to make it exciting and fun for everyone that attends.

Along with the party, there will be a book donation that will benefit Miketown Early Childhood Institute in Jamaica. For every book someone donates, they will receive a ticket upon entry and extra chances to win a door prize.

“The main thing about Carnival Fever is the love and appreciation,” said Mmachi Dimoriaku, President of the Wilkes African



Members of CSA after the fashion show.

Cultural Association and junior theater arts your friends or make new friends,” said Peralta Nin.

And Briggs kept that idea in mind when planning this event. She said she did not expect to hold a book fundraiser until she traveled to Jamaica for spring break and visited the institute. Upon returning, she said she implemented the book donation into the event without hesitation to show the club’s love and appreciation for club’s fashion show. Caribbean culture.

Other diversity clubs throughout campus also help out during this event, whether it be planning, setting up or performing. Members of the Wilkes African Cultural Association, also known as WACA, will be performing dances pieces that they have learned through dance classes at the event.

“You can come as dressed up as you like, in a ballroom gown or sweatpants, just come, have fun and enjoy good music. See



Photo: Mmachi Dimoriaku

Members of CSA on stage for the fashion show.

There will be a variety of traditional Caribbean food available as well such as; jerk chicken, brown rice, beef patties and plantains just to name a few. The food is being catered by Caribbean Paradise of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. The five dollar ticket cost helps the club to cover the food prices.

“We all love the SUB food but sometimes we’ve got to change

it up and get some nice variety,” said Dimoriaku.

This event is \$5, and open to all Wilkes students, staff and faculty and the Caribbean Student Association is excited for the Wilkes community to experience Carnival Fever.

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Multicultural Student Coalition holds first talent show

By Anna Culver
Staff Writer

Last Friday, Wilkes University's Multicultural Student Coalition (MSC) held its annual talent show. Students from all over campus came out to enjoy their fellow peers' talents.

The talent show showcased the large amount of talent in the student body here at Wilkes University. Students from all different majors came out to perform and showcase their special talents like singing and dancing.

MSC provided refreshments during breaks between the performances by

the Wilkes Student community.

When asked how students can get involved Conroy Yearde, the president of Multicultural Student Coalition and Senior Business management major, said, "Students can get involved by being aware of what is going on. Being proactive in actually going out to events. Finding out what is available to them on campus there is a lot of great resources and opportunities available to them here."

The Multicultural Student Coalition is a student government mega council. The purpose of the MSC is to educate the campus about the different cultures here at Wilkes while

creating an inclusive environment for students. MSC offers a number of new experiences for students and the club welcomes everyone from every different background. Student Cecelia Fiorentino, a junior nursing major, performed Billie Eilish's "idontwannabeyouanymore" for the audience. Fiorentino, ended up winning the talent show with her performance.

"I've tried to do the talent show since I was a freshman, and this year I could do it," said Fiorentino

Next year students are welcome to come and participate in the event. The talent show is open to everyone on campus. Even if you do not want to perform you can still attend and support your peers.

First year English and Education double major, Rashonda Montgomery commented,

"I want to perform next year. And I think more people should perform. It would be so much fun."

Students can get involved with the Multicultural Student Coalition by following them on social media



Cecelia Fiorentino, MSC Talent show winner singing on stage.

on Snap chat: @msc_wilkes and Instagram: @wilkes_msc. Or by coming to different events here on campus or by getting in contact with MSC at msc@wilkes.edu.

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The Beacon's Featured Photos of the Week

BEHIND THE SCENES



Freshman Breanna Ebisch reads through her lines as senior Jerome Hannon preps his microphone.



"Wilkes Now" director Luke Modrovsky and camera operator Kylie Dillon set up for "The Beacon Briefs."



Tyler Aldinger, junior communication studies major, rehearses for his segment, "Weather Now."




Before filming "Wilkes Now," two studio cameras are positioned in front of the anchor desk.



Housing all of the audio, video and graphic equipment, the control room is the heart of the production. "Wilkes Now" airs Tuesdays at noon on Channel 97.

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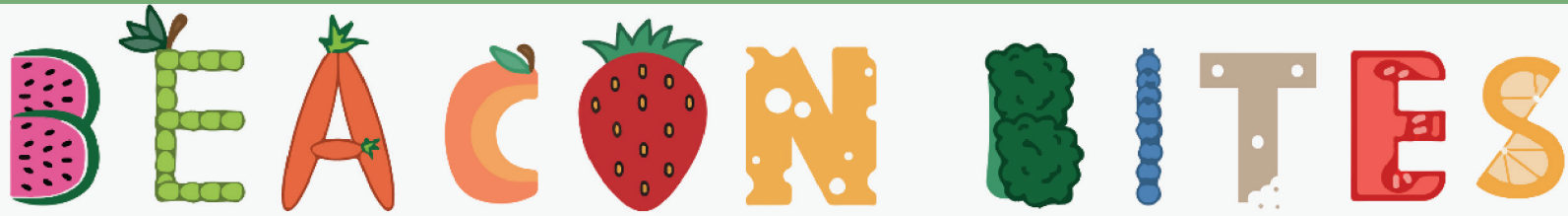
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6. Scatter the apple slices onto your baking sheet.
7. Optional- Sprinkle ground cinnamon it on top of the slices.
8. Bake for 2 hours.



Enjoy!

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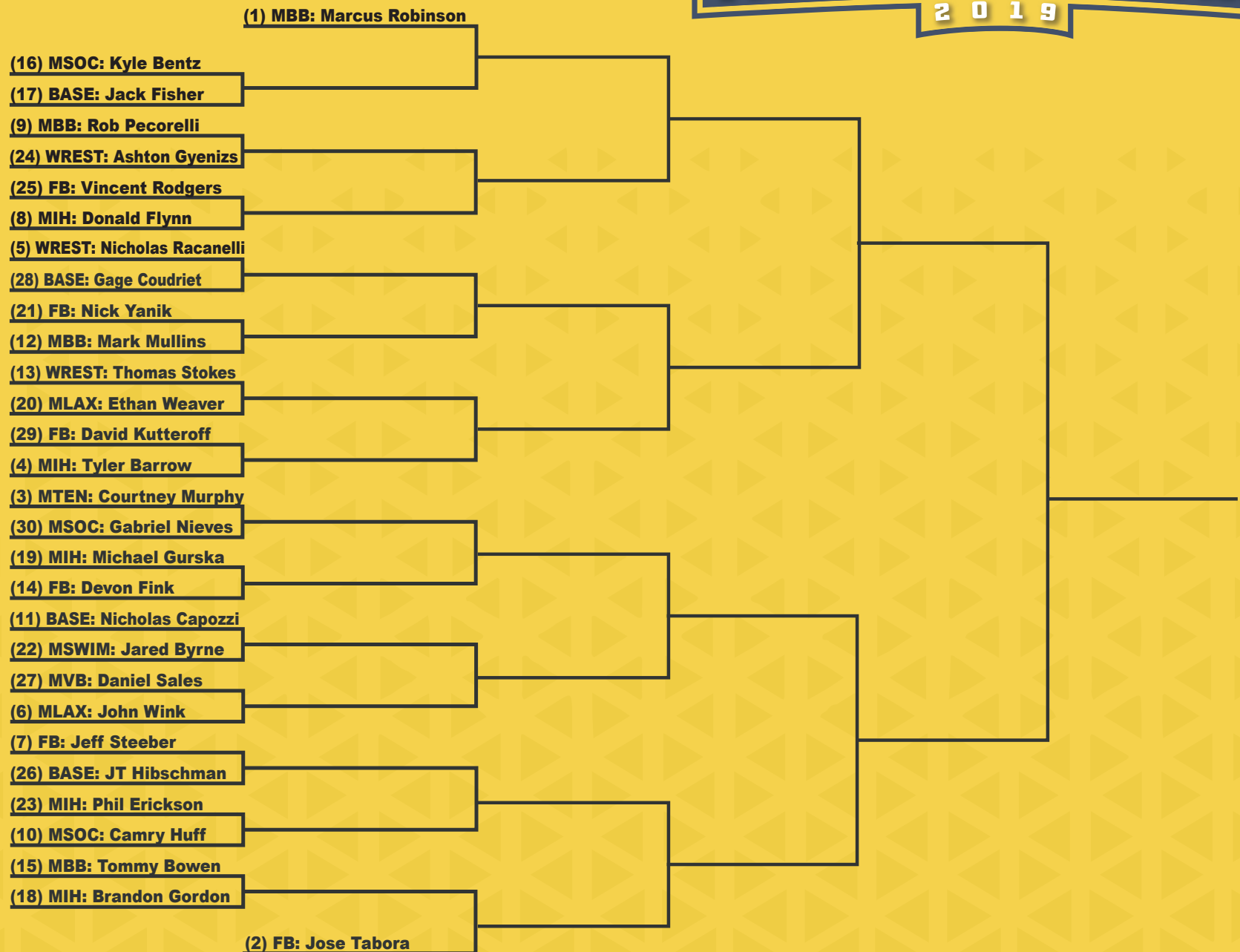
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Each week, The Beacon's editorial board will take a stance on a current issue.

Should elected officials stick to original campaign promises?

It is a well known truth that in all levels of politics someone who is campaigning to get as many votes as they can from the largest amount of people, will say anything they have to to convince voters to give them their support.

With the 2020 presidential election right around the corner, the current President of the United States, Donald Trump, is hoping to spark incentives for the American public to reelect him for a second term as the 45th President.

The only problem is, that most of the promises President Trump is offering up to 2020 voters, are the same promises that got him elected in the first place.

For instance, during Trump's 2016 presidential campaign, the Donald continuously bashed the Affordable Care Act, aka Obamacare. Stating days before finding out he would be the President, "If we don't repeal and replace Obamacare, we will destroy American healthcare forever."

That is a very serious claim, a feeling that he believed in so much, he told a crowd of more than 700 people at a rally that, "It's one of the single most important reasons why we must win on Nov. 8. We must win."

At a separate rally, in Sanford, FL, Trump had promised the crowds that they are, "going to have such great

healthcare at a tiny fraction of the cost, and it is going to be so easy."

What we learned during that 2016 campaign is that the Affordable care act is dangerous, Trump would fix it, and it would be easy.

Yet, here we are in 2019 and this same exact person is guaranteeing that health care will now be a huge issue in the 2020 election.

Should we trust Trump, though?

This was one of the biggest issues that the once GOP nominee, now President, ran on. Seemingly nothing was done from inauguration day until now, other than talking about and planning it.

Those actions do not line up with an issue that he called the single most important issue, and one that would be easy to change.

It is also not the only time he has promised something during campaign season that have seemingly gone nowhere.

"The Wall" between Mexico and The United States, a clearly promised outcome that Trump offered the people who voted for him, is still nowhere in sight. This is just another promise that some must hold out for in the coming years, if they once again cast their vote.

It cannot even be said that this is something that Trump came up with


himself. It seems to be a common practice among politicians to promise everything to their hopeful voters, without any real intent to deliver.

It is reminiscent of a elementary school class presidency election where the hopeful constituents would each guarantee to make recess every period, abolish homework, and offer chicken nuggets and French fries for lunch every day, not realizing the difficulties (or impossibilities) of fulfilling all of these promises.

They don't see it as the outright lie we know it to be. Why do we keep letting the adults lie to us?

It would be great if we could all one day just take a stand and make it stop. Cast away all the rich liars and elect the country's most intelligent forward thinker who is actually suited for the job. But, the US government is a well-oiled machine that has been running in the exact opposite direction since its inception over 200 years ago.

Let us all take time to try to sift through most of the fluff that will be pushed our way in the coming months, and try to find the person who can actually make good on their promises.

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Introspection and the art of being self-reflective

By Savannah Pinnock
Opinion Editor

Introspection is a term that is often used in affiliation with the idea of reflection. This term is one that is very closely associated with one's psychological state and the idea of looking inward.

On a definitive level, it is defined as "a reflective looking inward" as well as "an examination of one's own thoughts and feelings."

This concept is one that is a part of the social sciences and humanities. It is also heavily integrated into spiritual practices and schools of thought as it allows one to experience a great deal of spiritual benefits.

Due to the often fast-paced and hastened nature of Western society, it is common to find oneself primarily concerned with external affairs. These affairs consist of those surrounding the workplace, one's academic life and one's familial or social life.

In our daily endeavors, it is easy to find oneself fixed on such external affairs to an extent in which one neglects to look within.

In neglecting to look inward, one can come to find that they are not truly living their lives to the fullest.

For instance, an individual who works a normal 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. shift may come to find that they are not

living a very meaningful life. This may come as a result of primarily focusing on performing well and completing necessary tasks throughout the day.

While there is nothing wrong with a 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. job, neglecting to allot oneself a window of time to reflect on one's self can result in an adequate but not fulfilling life.

With this being said, is being self-reflective the panacea to an average experience?

Well, the answer to this question is not very simple. In short, self-reflection can significantly improve and add to one's experience. It is beneficial to one's mental health and well-being like exercise is beneficial to one's physical well-being.

However, it must not be seen as the cure all for one's mental or spiritual health. Self-reflection is simply one of many things a person can do to generally improve their quality of life.

With this in mind, what does introspection entail? And are the concepts of introspection and self-reflection synonymous or interchangeable?

To answer the first question, introspection has to do with examining your "thoughts and feelings."

It requires an individual to look within and reflect on their inner psychological state and inner processes. It is a very simple concept but to truly

practice it is in my opinion, an art.

According to Dr. Chris Zarpentine, assistant professor and chair of Global Cultures, introspection and self-reflection are by no means synonymous although they are related. In Zarpentine's opinion, self-reflection has to do with an evaluation of one's status and place in life.

As a consequence of this, he finds that self-reflection is more external while introspection is definitively internal.

However, practically speaking, what does this mean?

Well, as it pertains to introspection, Zarpentine reflects on the Eastern spiritual practice of meditation. In meditating, one attempts to primarily focus on breathing.

In doing so, a person is less inclined to focus on external matters such as their later commute or an upcoming exam. When a person is in this state, they're more likely "to focus on the internal."

As it pertains to self-reflection, this kind of thought encourages one to focus on their desired goals and aspirations in life and where they are at in relation to these goals.

Paying attention to the discrepancy in where one is and where one would like to be is the crux of self-reflection. If practiced, it can inspire a person to create positive changes in their life.

Bearing the different but similar natures of self-reflection and

introspection in mind, one can see that these practices can inspire a great deal of changes within the life of a person.

These practices are not necessarily a panacea to an adequate experience but they can definitely give an unreflective life a boost. Zarpentine also reflects on a eloquently said and relevant adage that was once stated by Socrates.


In a scene mentioned in Plato's Apology in which Socrates was on trial near the end of his life, the philosopher states that, "the unexamined life is not worth living."

Zarpentine elaborates on this point stating that as humans, our ability to reflect on our lives is something that distinguishes us from animals. Animals have their own daily experiences and goals.

For humans, we have the additional ability to be self-reflective. Therefore, this is an activity that we should take advantage of, it is what makes us human.

So on your daily commute and endeavors, be sure to give yourself a nice window of time in the day or at certain points in the week to introspect or be self-reflective.

It is by no means a panacea to an average experience but it can definitely have a positive impact on your life.

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Is it essential in one's life?

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Taboo literature and why it's essential to read banned books

By Zarqua Ansari
Staff Writer

Sometimes, the world is a bad place. People cope with hardships in different ways. Some work on self improvement. Others make art. Many people write and read books.

Books are a great escape because they have a dual nature. The reader and the writer are provided with a coping mechanism. That being said, many books cover earnest topics as means of education and awareness.

Take for example Laurie Halse Anderson's 1999 book *Speak*. It's a story about a girl in freshman year of high school that gets raped at a party over the summer and called the cops. She ended up losing all her friends along with her ability to speak about anything she felt passionate about.

This book is a great example of one that helps both author and reader. Anderson was provided with a coping mechanism for her own sexual assault.

Her book provides solace to others who may have suffered the same. In fact, 20 years after the release of *Speak*, Laurie Halse Anderson released an autobiography called *Shout*.

Why then, if books are so good at

providing help with sobering topics that people don't discuss normally, are books banned?

According to Butler University, books are banned on the premises of sexual activity, negative language, political bias, religious mention, witchcraft, blasphemy, racism etc.

Quite frankly, it sounds ridiculous. If we banned any other media off of these standards, media wouldn't exist. Explicit content in books isn't any more or less graphic than those watched in theaters or in the comfort of our homes.

The reality is that these things exist in real life. Blocking others from learning about them, simply deprives awareness. Historically, the objective of banning books was to prevent ideas from spreading.

Books are the subtle way of righting some wrongs. People are uncomfortable when talking about weighted topics, and as a result they sit in denial of reality.

For example Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*. This book is one of the most famously banned books. The book is challenged for offensive language, racism, and being unsuited to the age group schools tend to offer it to.

While, yes, these things are true of the book, it is also true that events like those

have actually happened. It talks about a topic people like to politely pretend never happened because they know it was wrong. However, the book is a classic and should not be brushed under the rug. People deserve to know how African Americans were mistreated in history.

Everyone's favorite sad childhood book, *Bridge to Terabithia* has been banned for language, violence and Satanism. The ban completely derails the true message.

The story deals with issues of death, grief and friendship in a way that isn't patronizing. Reality is that people die. People, especially children, may need to know how to cope with that in a healthy way.

The list of banned books goes on. My personal favorite book that is banned is a book about banning books; Ray Bradbury's *Fahrenheit 451*. Also, Anne Frank: *The Diary of a Young Girl* was banned for racism and being depressing.

Roald Dahl, author of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and *Matilda*, has almost all of his books banned for promoting disobedience, satanic references and mention of domestic abuse. Yet, all of these topics are things people are faced in their day to day lives. So why then are books


banned?

Books are banned on for a series of ridiculous reasons. Most of these topics simply make people uncomfortable. If learning about banned books has either frustrated you or inspired you, I've done my job well. Books shouldn't be banned.

Go out, pick up a banned book and educate yourself. After all, if there wasn't something worth hiding, the book wouldn't be banned.



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Do politics really matter and does our vote really count?

By Breanna Ebisch
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More than ever before, the political climate in America is extremely tense and with an important upcoming election that will determine the next President of the United States, the two big questions return.

Do politics matter? Does my vote really count?

This has been a large debate for many years but the answer is simple. Yes, your vote really does count and politics matter like never before.

In the last few years, voter registration and voter turnout has risen significantly. Due in part to organizations such as March For Our Lives, who registered thousands of young adults across the country in 2018, and big household musicians such as Taylor Swift, who encouraged her fans to vote in the midterm elections and Ariana Grande, who has a voter registration booth set up at each of her U.S. tour dates.

More citizens are educated and

prepared to cast their vote at the polls in all upcoming elections however, there is still a majority of the population that does not vote.

"We live in a democracy. Democracies are based on the will of the people and if the people do not express that will, how is the government to function? We elect people who act in our interest. Those people who we elect need to know what we want," Dr. Thomas Baldino, a Wilkes University professor of political science, states about the importance of voting.

Many argue and believe that even in big elections, their vote doesn't count and their voice will still be left unheard. With the system in place today, it does seem impossible that individual votes have an impact on the final outcome but in fact, they do.

Everyone's voice deserves to be heard and by voting, you are helping the country become a better place. In the 2016 Presidential election, some states were won with a difference of under 100,000 votes proving just how important every vote is.

Besides voting and using your voice to create change in the country, politics are crucial to everyday life. Without realizing it, government policies and decisions affect every citizen whether it be directly or indirectly.

It is simply impossible to ignore what is happening in the government and being educated on the topics being discussed is critical.

"People who do not intend to have children argue that they should not worry about education issues. Yet, children who are educated are more likely to get jobs, those people with jobs then become taxpayers. They buy homes; they stimulate the economy. Even though I can say education doesn't affect me, it does." Dr. Baldino expressed in an example.

The reality is that even if politics don't affect you personally, the policies in place and laws being passed will always be connected to your life.

It is extremely important to be knowledgeable about what is happening in the government. Policies and laws

that go into effect, change the way the country is run and have an impact on everyone in the country.


With the upcoming 2020 Presidential election and a long list of candidates, it can be hard figuring out how to educate yourself on the current politics and how each candidate will benefit the United States.

Simply find a reputable source, either a radio station, newspaper or TV station and learn about all aspects of the elections and the candidates running for the position.

A well educated voter will make the best decision for themselves and their country but it does require some effort.

The answer to two of the biggest questions in America have a simple answer. Your vote does matter and politics are extremely important.

Every citizen is given a voice to use in order to create the best possible country based on the people's needs.

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Meet the Majors

This week's field: Accounting

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



Jack Fischer
Senior

"I am an accounting and management major because I have always been interested in numbers. You get to work with people and numbers which I love because things always even out. I just landed my dream job which is to work in New York City for a public accounting firm."



Sam Eyler
Senior

"I chose to be an accounting major because accounting is more technical than any other business major. It samples a little bit of everything which allows you to explore any avenue. I would love to go into consulting."



Taylor Akmal
Junior

"I chose accounting because I took an accounting course in high school which I loved and was good at it. I came into college undeclared and once I switched to accounting, I knew that's where I belonged. I hope to be a CPA in New York City."



Kara Dooner
Sophomore

"I am an accounting major because I really enjoy working with numbers and spreadsheets. Many of my family members are accounting majors, so that encouraged me to pursue this. I would love to be a CPA for a large accounting firm."

Who the heck is Stan anyways, and why are we hailing him?

By Parker Dorsey
Asst. Opinion Editor

RHYTHM REWIND with Parker Dorsey

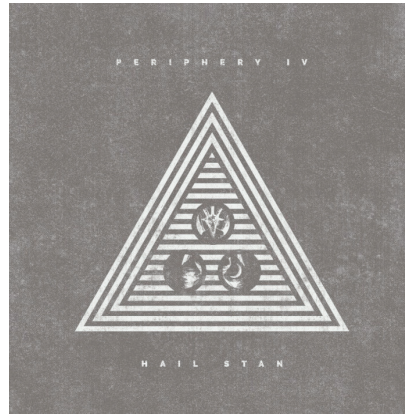
Periphery just dropped their sixth studio album *Periphery IV: Hail Stan* (no, not Hail Satan) last Friday. They have been the pioneers of djent for the past decade and are quickly becoming standard-bearers of the modern prog metal music scene. They are one of a handful of bands that straddles the line between commercial success and musical technicality.

Hail Stan is the group's first release since their 2017 Grammy Award nomination in the "Best Metal Performance" category, for *Periphery III: Select Difficulty* album opener "The Price Is Wrong." Additionally, it is the band's first album released on their own label 3DOT Recordings. It is the first time in the band's history since their demo tapes where they had the freedom to write whatever they wanted.

This can be evidenced in the album's opening track "Reptile," an exceedingly ambitious 17-minute colossus of a song that sends a clear message: "this is an

album that we wrote on our own terms." Writing such a song can be a calculated risk, especially as an album-opener. As if that wasn't enough, the closing track of the album, "Satellites," is a nine minute epic. However, bands such as Rush, Pink Floyd and Tool have proven in the past that this can be done to great success.

"We definitely don't set any rules for ourselves when it comes to writing. The only rule is to not have rules, and to write whatever style, sound, genre feels right for us. If it ends up being a 17-minute song, so be it. We definitely didn't plan it — it just happened, and it came together almost by accident. I think those are the best kinds of accidents — the happy ones that end up being something really special," said drummer Matt Halpern in an interview with *Blabbermouth.net*.



On first glance much of the material is your standard fare reminiscent of the band's previous output. Have no fear, because whereas *Select Difficulty* teetered on the edge of unremarkable, Hail Stan is a very polished and diverse offering of multiple exciting tracks. That being said, it can still feel a bit repetitive when absorbed in one sitting.

The album's bruising first single, "Blood Eagle," was released the day the album was announced on Feb 6. A second single, the melodic "Garden in the Bones," was released last month on Mar 1. "CHVRCH BVRNER" is a no-holds-barred, unrelenting hellish track. "Sentient Glow" is a rerecording of a Haunted Shores song, a side project of guitarists Misha Mansoor and Mark Holcomb. "Crush" is a crushing experimental industrial/synthwave track.


Periphery pulls from its wide variety of sounds and the album itself sounds very cohesive. Periphery has two tried and true techniques that work well here: ultra-heavy

guitars and beautifully harmonious clean segments. There are technical fireworks, incredible vocals and even orchestration on the album.

Although he left the band in 2017, longtime bassist Adam "Nolly" Getgood assisted in producing and mixing the record, as well as recording the bass tracks. It sounds fantastic. The album title is a play on words and vocalist Specer Soto told Loud TV that it's "like a typo, like a stupid internet-style meme thing," and noted how "you shouldn't take yourself too seriously."

Periphery IV: Hail Stan is a tremendous album even by Periphery's high standards. Having spent a year off from touring, and having spent that time focused on writing songs, it resulted in sounding like a full collaboration between all the members of the band. Despite the dumb jokes and all, this album is a fantastic listen. Welcome to full prog.

Parker's Picks: "CHVRCH BVRNER," "Reptile," "Sentient Glow," "Follow Your Ghost"

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GOLF: Woods, Johnson, McIlroy aim for green jacket

By Tyler Aldinger
Staff Writer

With the craziness of March and all the major sporting events that happen this time of year, the golf world is no exception. One can simply not help but bring to mind the Granddaddy of them all in the golf world, The Masters.

On the first full week of April, Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Georgia becomes full of spectators as the top golfers in the world come to compete for the most prominent and storied award in the golf world, the green jacket.

The rich history of The Masters makes this the most prestige and well known major on the PGA tour. Dating back to 1934, the first year of the Masters tournament, The Masters quickly became one of the most popular and competitive tournaments.

The well known green jacket however, was not awarded to the winner of The Masters until 1949. Sam Snead won the Masters that year and was awarded the green jacket. Every year following, the green jacket is presented and put on the next victor of the tournament. Every professional golfers dream is to one day put on the green jacket in front of the winners of the Masters from decades before.

Thus far in 2019, an array of talent has emerged on the PGA tour, there are several golfers that have surprised many and suddenly find themselves contending in this years Masters.

Dustin Johnson, currently the number one golfer in the world has yet to win at Augusta National. Currently, he has the second best odds to win this years Masters. Johnson is long due to be awarded the green jacket.

This PGA tour season, Johnson has one victory from the World Golf Championship: The Mexico Championship.

According to CBS Sports, in his last three starts in the Masters, he has finished in the top ten, and his best finish was fourth place in 2016. He has played in the Masters eight total times and made the cut seven times.

This year, Johnson looks to be the favorite to win and it deals mostly with

his style of play fitting well with Augusta National.

Johnson's exceptional driving will allow him to do well on the par fives here. Statistically speaking he's played the four par 5s at Augusta 48 times in his last three appearances at this tournament, and his combined score there is 30 under.

Putting has been on and off this year, lately he has been focusing to improve upon that.

The main reason for concern for Johnson is his rise to the occasion at the Masters. Every year he seems to get off to a slow start and once he gains his rhythm, it is too late and coming from behind poses a difficult challenge, which he has yet to overcome.

Every year Johnson seems to get closer and closer to winning, and this year is no different. Johnson quoted from an article in golf digest, "I'm getting closer, for sure," Johnson said during the Valspar Championship. "I feel like the swing's starting to feel a lot better. The shot patterns are starting to get more consistent. So now it's the closest I've been to that."

On the opposite side of the spectrum, Rory McIlroy who has the highest odds of winning the Masters has been in high

contention for the green jacket for years. But, the prior two years he has found himself falling short in the final round.

McIlroy has had five consecutive top ten finishes at the Masters, but yet to claim the green jacket.

Coming off an impressive at the Players

Championship just several weeks prior, McIlroy has turned on the jets this tour season.

It also helps he has been one of the most consistent golfers on the PGA tour. Also worth mentioning his familiarity with Augusta National Golf Club helps his quest for claiming his first Masters victory.

Tiger Woods has worked his way back in the golf world. With his resurgence last year coming close to winning several tournaments as well as winning the tour championship; he has suddenly put himself at the top of the list for contenders in this years Masters.

A slight concern for Tiger deals with some minor injuries which have crept into this year. Another issue for Woods is the fact he has not teed it up for the past three Masters tournament.

However, on the flip side of this, it is worth noting he came back in the World Golf Championship a few weeks ago and defeated Rory McIlroy in match play to advance into the next round.

Also worth mentioning Woods is a four time Masters champion so his familiarity with Augusta National Golf Club will help getting over the three year absence.

Also, Augusta National Golf Club has holes and aspects that play in favor to Tigers golf game.

"Another aspect working in Tiger's favor is his ability to shape his iron shots from uneven lies. Augusta famously has a bunch of holes that turn from right to left, meaning a right-handed player will often have the ball above his feet for a second shot," from Sports Illustrated.

With Woods, it is a mix of good and bad so what to expect entering this years Masters will be unraveled as the tournament ensues. But, despite the inconsistencies, his golfing legacy keeps him a high contender for this years Masters.

Another contender for this years Masters is Rickie Fowler. It is safe to say Fowler has been long overdue to win the Masters, or win a major PGA tournament for that matter.

Coming off last years valiant effort which involved Fowler rallying on the back nine holes to the victor Patrick Reed shows he has learned the course and plans to play a mistake free four rounds of golf.

Fowler has four top 12 finishes in the last five years at the Masters. Simply put, the time has come for Fowler to put away the critics saying he will not win the Masters.

The main concern for Fowler going into the Masters is his ability to finish on Sunday. Fowler is a contender early but seems to struggle when it comes down to the final round.

The list of top contenders can go on and on, Justin Rose, Justin Thomas, Jon Rahm, Brooks Koepka, Jordan Spieth, and Tommy Fleetwood are all additional golfers who should not go unnoticed coming into this year's Masters.

Wilkes Picks


G O L F

Tyler Aldinger
Dustin Johnson

Isaiah McGahee
Tiger Woods

Tyler Martz
Jordan Spieth

Nick Schepis
Rory McIlroy

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MLAX: Daly's hat trick powers Wilkes past King's

By Ben Mandell
Co-Sports Editor

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. -- Connor Daly scored three goals in the third quarter to help Wilkes rally past their crosstown rival King's.

"The Wilkes versus King's rivalry means a lot to me personally and to the team," Daly said. "It is also a chance to play my mom's alma mater, so it adds to the already intense environment."

Daly's night didn't get off to the best start. About halfway through the first quarter, he took a shot to the back.

"I initially thought that my playing time was over for the game," Daly said. "With help from our trainers and encouragement from my teammates, I was able to get back into the game."

Without Daly, the Colonels played their best defensive half of the season, holding the Monarchs to just one goal.

Ethan Weaver helped give the Colonels the lead going into halftime, scoring their only two goals.

Weaver started the scoring with a goal in the first quarter, to the right of the Monarch's netminder. He ripped his shot to give the Colonels the 1-0 lead.

After King's tied the game, Weaver answered with his second goal of the game, from the same spot of the field, in the final two minutes of the first half.

"It was one of the lowest scoring games I've witnessed," Daly said. "The final score of the game was lower than a usual halftime score. We struggled on offense,

but we did play our best defensive game of the year. (Whittemore) definitely deserves a lot of credit."

The scoring picked up in the second half. The Colonels leading scorer John Wink found the back of the net, followed by three straight goals by Daly with the

man up.

"My role on the man up is the same as everyone else's role - play the system and find the best look," Daly said. "I was fortunate to find myself in open space and my teammates were able to make great passes."



The Beacon/Nicole Gaetani

Freshman Owen Grigas gives chase to a loose ball during Wednesday night's game against crosstown rival King's.

Eric Ormsby and Alex Myers also scored for Wilkes en-route to an 8-5 win.

Carter Whittemore played a key role in net during the Colonels valiant defensive effort. The Wilkes goalkeeper made 13 saves to secure the victory.

"It's always really easy to get excited for the King's game," Whittemore said. "Everyone was excited and ready to play and that helped us play well and get the win."

Wilkes also had a tremendous performance, Andrew Moynihan who won 100 percent of the faceoffs he took by going 16 for 16, virtually guaranteed the Colonels possession on each one.

"The fans that came out were awesome," Moynihan said. It felt like a home game and definitely had an impact on my confidence for each faceoff."

The Colonels came into the season with a high expectation and defeating King's is their first step towards the playoffs.

"I think the outcome of this game is going to have a huge impact on our season," Moynihan said. "We now have momentum going into conference play."

Wilkes is going to have to finish in the top four of their conference to make the playoffs. After missing last season, the team is determined to take the next step.

The Colonels fell late in a tough loss to Manhattanville on Saturday.

Wilkes will play next Wednesday at home against Eastern.



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Men's Tennis

3/16 @ Muhlenburg W 7-2
3/17 @ Yeshiva W 5-4
3/23 vs Franklin & Marshall PPD
3/24 @ No. 8 Wesleyan L 9-0
*3/30 @ FDU-Florham W 9-0
*4/6 vs Manhattanville W 8-1
*4/10 vs Misericordia 3:30 p.m.
*4/13 @ DeSales 9 a.m.
4/13 @ Villanova 3 p.m.
4/14 vs Drew 9 a.m.
4/14 vs Keystone 3 p.m.
*4/17 vs Eastern 3:30 p.m.
*4/24 @ King's 3:30 p.m.
4/25 @ Bloomsburg 4:30 p.m.
4/27 vs Delaware Valley 11 a.m.
*Denotes MAC Freedom match

Women's Tennis

3/16 @ Muhlenburg W 9-0
3/23 vs Franklin & Marshall PPD
3/24 @ No. 7 Wesleyan L 9-0
*3/30 @ FDU-Florham W 9-0
*4/6 vs Manhattanville PPD
*4/10 vs Misericordia 3:30 p.m.
*4/13 @ DeSales 9 a.m.
4/14 vs Drew 9 a.m.
4/14 vs Keystone 3 p.m.
*4/17 vs Eastern 3:30 p.m.
*4/24 @ King's 3:30 p.m.
4/25 @ Bloomsburg 4:30 p.m.
4/27 vs Delaware Valley 11 a.m.
4/27 vs Rutgers-Camden 3 p.m.
4/28 @ Stevens 12 p.m.
*Denotes MAC Freedom match

Men's Volleyball

1/16 vs Immaculata W 3-0
1/23 @ Mount St. Vincent W 3-0
1/26 vs Elizabethtown L 3-2
1/26 vs Keuka L 3-1
1/30 @ CCNY W 3-1
2/2 @ Purchase W 3-0
2/2 @ Baruch L 3-0
2/6 vs PSU Altoona L 3-0
*2/13 @ Widener W 3-0
*2/16 @ No. 4 Stevenson L 3-0
*2/16 vs Arcadia L 3-0
*2/23 vs Messiah College L 3-1
*2/23 vs Alvernia W 3-1
2/26 @ York (N.Y.) W 3-0
*2/28 vs Eastern W 3-1
*3/12 @ Misericordia L 3-0
*3/15 @ Messiah L 3-0
3/16 vs St. Joe's-Brooklyn W 3-0
3/16 vs Medaille L 3-0
*3/20 vs Misericordia L 3-1
*3/23 vs Stevenson L 3-0
3/23 vs PSU-Behrend L 3-0
*3/27 vs Arcadia L 3-0
3/30 vs Sarah Lawrence CLD
3/30 vs New Jersey City CLD
*4/3 @ Eastern L 3-0
*4/6 vs Alvernia L 3-0
*4/6 @ Widner W 3-1
*Denotes MAC match

Women's Lacrosse

2/23 @ Gwynedd Mercy L 18-8
3/2 vs Notre Dame Md. W 16-15
3/5 vs Purchase W 19-9
3/16 @ Old Westbury L 20-17
3/20 @ Keystone W 11-10
3/23 @ Maritime L 15-9
3/24 vs Medaille W 14-12
3/28 vs Mount St. Vincent W 10-6
*4/3 vs King's L 14-7
*4/6 vs Manhattanville L 20-9
*4/10 @ Eastern 4 p.m.
*4/13 vs Delaware Valley 1 p.m.
*4/17 @ Misericordia 4 p.m.
4/22 @ Cazenovia 4 p.m.
*4/24 vs DeSales 4 p.m.
*4/27 @ FDU-Florham 1 p.m.
*Denotes MAC Freedom game

WLAX: King's doubles Wilkes' score in 14-7 defeat

By Kendyl Kalish
Staff Writer

EDWARDSVILLE, Pa. -- Wilkes women's lacrosse took on the King's College Monarchs in a MAC Freedom matchup on Wednesday night at Schmidt Stadium. King's College won the game 14-7, which improved their record.

The Colonels record going into the game was 6-2 while the Monarchs record was 3-8

Prior to Wednesday's game, junior Sarah Carlini was named the Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) Freedom offensive player of the week. This was her first time winning a conference weekly award and she's the first Colonel to get the award since the 2015 season.

"It really meant a lot to me honestly," remarked Carlini. "To be able to help my team any way I can, it just meant a lot."

The Colonels had Carlini as the goalkeeper for Wednesday's game. King's College sent sophomore Orla Cottell to defend their net.

The game started out relatively fast paced and both teams had a lot of momentum early on. King's took the lead when Jen O'Connor scored at 28:06 though.

Less than a minute later, O'Connor got her second goal of the game with an assist from freshman Brianna Raucci increasing the lead to two.

Freshman Emily Sims increased the lead for the Monarchs when she scored about five minutes later making it 3-0.

Wilkes got on the board at 21:28 with a goal from freshman Camryn Devitt. This made the

game 3-1. Sophomore Ashley Burkhardt then scored making it 3-2.

Sophomore Emma Lehman answered back with another goal for King's at 16:38 making it 4-2 giving the Monarchs a two-point lead once again.

With 9:47 to go in the first half, O'Connor scored her third goal of the game for King's making the game 5-2.

Sophomore Kylie McCarthy increased the Monarchs lead minutes later with another goal giving them a four-point lead.

Lehman got her second goal of the game making it 7-2 and the first half ended with the

Colonels trailing by five points.

The score and shots on goal both favored King's at the end of the first half. King's had 17 shots on goal while Wilkes had 5.

They changed the things they needed to and in the second half came out with a lot of momentum with Burkhardt scoring her second goal of the game just three minutes in making it 7-3.

"The changes we made as a team were to keep the game at a fast pace," Burkhardt said.

King's added to their lead once again with a goal from sophomore Mary Kate Klodarska assisted by Sims.

Burkhardt scored her third and fourth goals of the game just minutes later making it 8-5.

"It felt great scoring four goals for the team with the help of my teammates," Burkhardt said. "I have them to thank for my goals during the game."

The Colonels seemed to be making a comeback, but King's increased the lead with goals from McCarthy and Klodarska making it 10-5.

Duman and Devitt for the Colonels both scored a goal for the team minutes later so Wilkes was only trailing by three points.

King's increased the lead once more though with goals from O'Connor and Lehman less than a minute apart giving them a five-point lead.

O'Connor and Sims also scored for the Monarchs during the second half and the game ended with the Colonels trailing by seven points.

"We need to work together as a team more," said head coach Sarah Burkhardt looking ahead to Saturday's contest against Manhattanville.

"The main focus for the team going into Saturday's game is working together and communicating on both offense and defense," said Burkhardt on the MAC Freedom matchup against Manhattanville.

"It's important for us to stay faster than the other team and be one step ahead in order for us to win this conference game."

Manhattanville won Saturday's contest at Schmidt Stadium, 20-9.



The Beacon/Kyle Kramer

Freshman Domenica Lerch dances past a pair of Monarchs on her way towards King's net.



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SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULES



Men's Lacrosse

2/21 @ Marywood L 8-7 (2OT)
2/23 vs Wesley W 19-7
2/27 vs Utica W 12-9
3/5 @ Bridgewater L 12-8
3/9 vs Mount St. Vincent W 17-6
3/13 New England L 14-12
3/20 @ Alvernia W 17-11
3/23 vs Wells W 22-7
3/30 @ Mount St. Mary W 21-7
*4/3 @ King's W 8-5
*4/6 @ Mahattanville L 10-9
*4/10 vs Eastern 4 p.m.
*4/13 @ Delaware Valley 1 p.m.
*4/17 vs Misericordia 7 p.m.
*4/24 @ DeSales 7 p.m.
*4/27 vs FDU Florham 1 p.m.
*Denotes MAC Freedom game

Baseball

**3/2 vs Ma. Maritime W 9-7
**3/3 vs PSU-Behrend L 8-4
**3/3 vs Kenyon W 6-5
**3/4 vs Eastern Nazarene L 11-9
**3/5 vs Muskingum L 7-3
**3/7 vs Dominican L 5-3
**3/8 vs Northwestern (MN) L 4-3, L 7-4
**3/9 vs Houghton L 12-11
*3/16 @ Misericordia L 5-1, L 5-3
*3/17 vs Misericordia W 11-3
3/20 vs Muhlenberg W 15-9
*3/24 vs Eastern W 6-0, L 10-11 (8 inn.)
*3/26 @ Eastern W 8-2
*3/29 vs DeSales L 11-4
*3/30 @ DeSales (DH) W 4-3 (8 inn.), L 2-1 (8 inn.)
W 4-3 (8 inn.), L 2-1 (8 inn.)

4/2 vs Marywood W 13-5
4/3 v Cabrini W 17-8
*4/6 @ Manhattanville (DH) W 6-1, L 12-1
*4/7 vs Manhattanville L 33-8
4/9 vs Immaculata 3:30 p.m.
4/10 @ Scranton 5 p.m.
*4/12 @ King's 3:30 p.m.
*4/13 vs King's (DH) 1 p.m.
4/14 vs PSU Schuylkill 12 p.m.
*4/18 vs Delaware Valley 3:30 p.m.
*4/19 @ Delaware Valley (DH) 12 p.m.
4/23 @ Leb. Valley 3:30 p.m.
*4/26 @ FDU-Flor. 3:30 p.m.
*4/27 vs FDU-Flor. (DH) 1 p.m.
*Denotes MAC Freedom game
**At Fort Pierce

Softball

3/3 @ Pfeiffer (DH) L7-0, L 1-0
**3/6 vs Wesley W 7-6
**3/6 vs Rivier W 10-1 (6 inn.)
**3/6 vs Mary Washington W 7-2
**3/7 vs Chatham W 7-6
**3/7 vs Guilford W 9-6 (10 inn.)
3/9 @ Randolph M. L 5-0, L 10-0 (5 inn.)
3/10 @ Eastern M. W 4-2, L 5-0
*3/17 vs Misericordia L 2-0, L 5-3
3/20 vs Keystone W 14-7, W 4-3
*3/24 @ Eastern W 5-2, W 4-1
3/27 vs Lycoming (DH) W 8-1, W 8-7
*3/30 vs DeSales (DH) W 5-1, W 2-0

3/31 vs Stockton (DH) W 8-2, L 4-2
4/3 @ Scranton (DH) L 5-1, L 4-3
*4/6 vs Manhattanville L 5-1, L 3-0
4/10 vs Clarks Summit (DH) 6 p.m.
*4/13 @ King's (DH) 1 p.m.
4/17 vs Marywood (DH) 4 p.m.
*4/18 vs Delaware Valley (DH) 1 p.m.
4/24 vs Susquehanna (DH) 5 p.m.
*4/27 @ FDU-Florham (DH) 1 p.m.
*Denotes MAC Freedom game
**Fastpitch Dreams Spring Classic

Getting to know...

John Hibsichman

Freshman Baseball Player

The Beacon: Male Athlete of the Week Mar. 26 - Apr. 1
Why John Hibsichman was selected: Hibsichman pitched 7.2 innings in the Colonels victory against DeSales, only allowing four hits and three runs. The freshman earned his second conference-game collegiate win.

Name: John Hibsichman

Year: Freshman

Major: Environmental Engineering

Hometown: Millville, N.J.

High School: Millville Senior HS

Position: Pitcher

Other interests or hobbies off of the field?

Other hobbies I have besides baseball are golf and fishing.

Favorite professor?

Bernie Kovacs, the English professor.

Favorite building on campus?

Sturdavent Hall because that is where I live and spend most of my time.

Favorite meal to eat on campus?

Probably breakfast, omelets are a solid choice.

Coke or Pepsi?

Coke.

What came first? The chicken or the egg?

The egg.

Most influential person in your life?

The most influential people in my life are most definitely my parents. They push me to excel at everything I do.

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

I definitely would eat dinner with Lyndon B. Johnson.

A quote you live your life by?

"I'm not superstitious, but I am a little-stitious."

What does "Be Colonel" mean to you?

"Be Colonel" means to be a good teammate and represent the school as best you can when playing or just in class.

Driving force for your decision to come to Wilkes?

The engineering program and the fantastic reputation that surrounded it, all while also having the opportunity to play collegiate baseball drove me to come to Wilkes University.

When/Why did you first begin playing?

Being a freshman, my career plans are somewhat vague, but I'd like to have the opportunity to work in the field and not so much behind a desk.

When/Why did you first begin playing?

I first started playing baseball in third grade, mostly because my friends also played. But in the end, I loved it so I continued playing.

Favorite thing to do during practice?

My favorite thing to do at practice is to take batting practice. Pitchers batting practice has to be earned, so it's very fun to have happen every once in a while.

Hopes for this season as a Colonel?

This season, I just hope to keep helping the team the best I can and make a playoff run for the second year in a row.

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

In my opinion, the program has been great and I can't think of anything I'd change.

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The Beacon/Kirsten Peters

-Compiled by Kirsten Peters, Co-Sports Editor

Getting to know...

Sarah Carlini

Junior Lacrosse Player

The Beacon: Female Athlete of the Week Mar. 26 - Apr. 1

Why Sarah Carlini was selected: Carlini earned the Defensive Player of the Week honor after stopping 12-of-18 shots for a .667 save percentage in a 10-6 win over Mount Saint Mary for her sixth win of the season.

Name: Sarah Carlini

Year: Junior

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Hometown: Collegeville, Pa.

High School: Pope John Paul II HS

Position: Goalie

Driving force for your decision to come to Wilkes?

I wanted to play lacrosse at a competitive level while pursuing a mechanical engineering degree from a strong engineering program. Wilkes was one of the few schools that allowed me to both.

Post graduation plans in terms of a career?

I want to work in the mechanical engineering field, or possibly pursue graduate studies in engineering.

When/Why did you first begin playing?

I started lacrosse in fifth grade because I heard it was similar to field hockey and my school was trying to start a team. So, I went to the first few practices and I loved it right away. I didn't start as a goalie until a year or so later when my coach, Tom Brennan, asked me to try it out.

Favorite thing to do during practice?

I really enjoy practicing with Coach Burkarth and Coach Jessy in warmup, as well as having the opportunity to work with Coach Connor, the men's goalie coach.

Hopes for this season as a Colonel?

Our team is very talented this year and we work well together, so I'm hoping we can make it to the MAC championship.

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

To improve our program, I simply want there to be greater awareness of the talent

that our program possesses.

Other interests or hobbies off of the field?

I've always enjoyed art and drawing, and I like watching movies.

Favorite professor?

Dr. Nazzal because he helped me to better understand physics and I've been able to go to him for advice as a student-athlete.

Favorite building on campus?

Stark. I'm in the new engineering wing all the time, especially in the collaboration rooms.

Favorite meal to eat on campus?

I love the wraps from the POD.

Coke or Pepsi?

Coke, especially vanilla Coke.

Most influential person in your life?

My family is really important to me, and my dad has always been there for me. He's watched every game and brought me to every practice as a kid. I can always look to him for advice and help every day, no matter what.

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

Abraham Lincoln. He's my favorite president and I think his life was really interesting.

A quote you live your life by?

"Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do."

What does "Be Colonel" mean to you?

To me, "Be Colonel" means leading by example and serving others before yourself.

Anyone to give a shout-out to?

My teammates, my friends in the engineering program and my sister!

-Compiled by Kirsten Peters, Co-Sports Editor



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BASE: Emotions run high in steep loss against Manhattanville

By Kirsten Peters
Co-Sports Editor

Things were bleak from the start of the Colonels series finale with Manhattanville on Sunday when head coach Kevin Gryboski was ejected from the game during the ground-rules meeting at home plate before the contest even began.

Without their head coach and tensions running high, the Colonels faced a steep competition against the Valiants, whom they split a doubleheader with the day before.

On Saturday, Wilkes excelled in the first game of the three-game series, defeating the Valiants 6-1 with senior pitcher Noah Durnin leading the charge on the mound for 5.2 innings, allowing only one run.

Although the Colonels proved to struggle with their bats for the rest of the series, there was no issue in the first game of the doubleheader.

Senior Nicholas Capozzi went 3-for-3 with a double to left-center and two singles, as well as a sacrifice-fly. Junior Matthew Reinert went 3-for-4, with almost the same stat line as Capozzi, earning himself a double and two singles. Senior Jack Fischer complemented the two with a double of his own in the two-hole, going 2-for-5 on the game.

"Our bats really came alive throughout the week, as well as some solid pitching performances," said Reinert, who went .444 overall on nine at bats for the series. "We didn't finish off the Manhattanville series how we wanted, but there's a lot to learn from and we still control our own destiny."

Despite Wilkes' positive start with the game-one victory, the Colonels fell in their remaining two matchups with Manhattanville.

In the second contest, the Colonels scored their lone run in the top of the first, leaving the flood-gates open for Manhattanville throughout the course of six innings.

Sophomore Michael Patrizio doubled down the rightfield line in the first at bat of the game and scored off of a sac-fly by Capozzi. However, Patrizio's hit proved to be the only one that counted out of their measly four-hit game, as Manhattanville beat the Colonels 12-1 to split the doubleheader.

After a double-digit loss the day prior and a meeting at the plate that cost the Colonels their coach, a win for Wilkes

wasn't in the cards for game three.

However, the 33-8 loss was not what Colonel fans expected on their home field.

Although the game started out in typical fashion with Manhattanville only scoring three runs in the top of the first, the Valiants ultimately had a 21-5 lead after the fourth inning.

Even though the game appeared to be going in the Valiants favor, an ejection by the umpire added insult to injury in the Colonels defeating defeat.

With sophomore third baseman Charles Giacometti being tossed from the game for allegedly uttering unsportsmanlike words, the Colonels were forced to put in back-up third baseman sophomore Robert Iacono.

However, with the ejection came a slew of substitutions for the Colonels that allowed their second-string men to get some playing time in the Valiants dominating 33-8 victory.

"Our team showed a lot of grit and toughness. There were a lot of little victories and great takeaways from today's game," said Giacometti. "We matured as a group and we are looking forward to getting back out on the diamond."

Despite the fact that the Valiants out-batted the Colonels with 32 hits in their third game alone compared to Wilkes' 34 hits for the whole series, Capozzi proved to be a force at the plate.

For the weekend, Capozzi led the offense with a .555 batting average, going 5-for-9 with two sac-flies. After repeatedly being at the top of the leaderborad, Capozzi's presence at the plate is indisputable for the Colonels season thus far.

"We've played a lot of good baseball this year and some bad baseball this year," said Capozzi, honestly. "The best thing about it is that there's another day and another series."

Earlier in the week, the Colonels tacked on two non-conference victories to their record, a 13-5 win over Marywood and a 17-8 win over Cabrini.

Junior DH Brandon Reno proved to be the man in both games, going 4-for-4 in in the contest against Marywood and 2-for-4 with a sac-fly and a hit-by-pitch against Cabrini, recording seven RBIs combined.

Patrizio's offensive presence was notable as well, going 5-for-9 in the leadoff spot in the contests.

On the mound, sophomore Tony Molitoris snagged his first win of the season against Marywood and sophomore Nolan Ott did the same against Cabrini.

Although these double-digit victories should have been momentum

builders heading into the series against Manhattanville, Wilkes struggled in the latter two games to close out the week.

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Manhattanville prevailed and kept the Colonels off the scoreboard.

"We are a small-ball playing team," said Brown, the Colonels' reliant third baseman. "We like to bunt, move runners over and execute, but today we weren't executing."

Wilkes found themselves in trouble with the potential to let up more runs in the fifth inning, but Jamie Martin made a clutch catch in right field to keep the lead 2-0 in favor of Manhattanville. However, the Valiants did score an insurance run in the top of the seventh. Ali Orduna singled home Ventarola, extending the Manhattanville

lead 3-0.

For the Colonels, the three batters grounded in their last chance to make a comeback in game two, making the final score 3-0.

"We're working a lot on our mechanics and fundamentals - a lot of it is just mental," said Brown. "We just have to mentally figure out what we need to do personally and as a team to prevail over other teams."

The Wilkes softball team gets back to work with doubleheaders against Clarks Summit and King's on Wednesday and Saturday,



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