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Beacon Briefs

Attention Students Graduating in May 2015

For bachelor's and doctor of pharmacy degree students:
Diploma Order and Cap & Gown Order forms for processing for May Commencement are available at the Student Services Center, or on-line under the Registrar Forms area. Completed forms, signed by advisor, are due back in the student services center by Dec. 15.

Wilkes U Cheer "Mustache" You To Help Them Get to Nationals - No Shave November King Competition

Donate \$5 to be a part of the competition. During the competition, competitors are not to shave. At the end of Nov. the cheerleaders will gather pictures of the competitors to let students vote on Nov. 27 during club hours. The person with the most votes will be dubbed the Wilkes University No Shave November King. During the week of Oct. 27 through Oct. 31 (from 11am to 1pm), the cheerleaders will have a mustache photo booth set up, where anyone can take a picture for \$1. There will also be paper mustaches that you sign and we can hang to show your support for Wilkes University Cheerleading for sale for \$1.

Northeast Highway Safety Program Hosts Educational Table on October 28

The Northeast Highway Safety Program will be hosting an educational table on Oct. 28 in the HSC lobby. They will be handing out literature on driving under the influence and will also have available the fatal vision goggles that simulate different blood alcohol levels.

SPRING SEMESTER REGISTRATION

Online registration for the Spring 2015 semester will begin shortly according to the following schedule:

ALL Seniors - Class of 2015 October 27th Begins 12:01 a.m. (86 or more earned credits)
ALL Juniors - Class of 2016 October 29th Begins 12:01 a.m. (56 or more earned credits)
ALL Sophomores - Class of 2017 November 3rd Begins 12:01 a.m. (26 or more earned credits)
ALL Freshmen - Class of 2018 November 5th Begins 12:01 a.m. (less than 26 earned credits)

The Spring 2015 Master Schedule is now available on-line and in printed format. The Intersession 2015 Schedule is also available at this time.

Buy a Tie-Dye Cupcake - Help a girl be the first in her family to graduate!

On Oct. 28 from 11am-1pm the Women's and Gender Studies Department and Psi Chi, the international psychology honor society, will be hosting a tie-dye cupcake sale on the first floor of the Henry Student Center. For only \$1 you can help a girl in a developing country be the first in her family to graduate from high school! 100% of the proceeds will support She's the First, a nonprofit organization that sponsors girls' education in developing countries. Please help empower girls through education. Purchase a delicious and unique tie-dye cupcake for only \$1!

Wilkes University Family Day 2014

Family Day is on Saturday, Nov. 1. Visit www.wilkes.edu/familyday for more details and to register.

SG notes: Casino week budget

By Nicholas Durdan
Staff Writer

This week, on a relaxed schedule, Wilkes University Student Government tackled Casino Week budget.

Treasurer Anthony Fanucci took the multiple prize suggestions into account from the previous meeting and was able to get multiple deals on many of the prizes, including cheaper sound speakers in order to lighten the proposed budget.

The new prizes for Casino Week this year include many different bundles, sound speakers, Chromecast TV, a personal printer and more.

A surprise revealed that a prize of eight day passes to Montage Mountain ski resort,


and two season passes are included at no extra charge. The price would have been worth \$1,500.

Student Government is considering these as potential door prizes.

The new budget is set at \$11,989, which passed with a vote of 35-0-8.

The budget for Student Government is as follows: all college: \$13,245.36, conference: \$2,500, spirit: \$505.39, general: \$6,017.32, giving Student Government a total of: \$22,268.07.

Student Government meets 6 p.m. Every Wednesday in the Miller Room inside the Henry Student Center.

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November election; students question worth of their vote



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Many young adults do not find themselves registering to vote out of want, but because of outside influence such as parents and course requirements.

By Rachel Leandri

Contributing Writer

Many young adults consider themselves passionate and motivated. However, after interviewing Wilkes University students about voting, these two adjectives may not be suitable pertaining to the upcoming November election.

In conversations with roughly one dozen students, two-thirds admitted that they registered to vote because of parents or educators. For instance, similar to three other registered students, junior Allison Davis was required to register in her First-Year Foundation class.

"Our teacher made us as part of our grade," she noted. "If we did not vote, we simply did not pass the class."

Marcia Balester, professor and coordinator of FYF courses at Wilkes University, said she requires her students to vote because it is their responsibility as Americans to do so.

"The transmission of democracy is in the hands of college students," she stated. "If they don't register, they will hand the opportunity off to those who are less capable and uneducated."

Other registered interviewees said their parents had the same idea as Balester. The students did not have any other choice in their households but to register to vote.

Freshman Ocean Campbell was the only interviewee whose decision to register was not influenced by authoritative figures, but rather done because it

was convenient. The nursing major explained that since she was already at the Department of Motor Vehicles, she figured she would complete the voter registration form.

Some students view registration not only as a painstaking process, but also a waste of time. Half of the four unregistered students claimed their votes would not count. Freshman Steven Huntz refuses to vote any time soon.

"I am not registered because all elections are rigged and corrupt," he said.

Huntz explained there is plenty of evidence that suggest unfairness in recent years and in the past.

"It's my belief that the government has had its own agenda since the founding of this country, and giving people the option to vote lets us ignorantly live in bliss by giving us a sense that we actually have an input," Huntz continued. "With that said, silly rivalries like republicans vs. democrats keep people distracted from what's going on behind the scenes."

The outcome of the November election will have a massive impact on every US citizen- especially college students. When they vote, students are not only defining a younger demographic, but taking a stand on political issues that will heavily influence their future.

College students and their ability to access and complete college are directly linked to who is elected. Broader budget issues including taxes, entitlements, Medicare, Medicaid and tax will surface in terms of governmental funding decisions.

The majority of college students interviewed, registered or not, agreed that it is important for young adults to vote for these specific reasons. However, voting and registering may not be the top priorities on any interviewee's list as an American.

"Many don't realize that being a citizen of this country is equivalent to winning the lottery," Balester said. "For something that takes five minutes to do, voting not only makes an impact, but is a remarkable opportunity to fulfill."



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Wilkes club hosts "Walk towards Awareness"



The Wilkes University BACCHUS club and Campus Health Services held a Walk Towards Awareness on Oct. 21 to raise awareness surrounding the dangers of underage and excessive drinking. Between five hundred and six hundred people, consisting of students, faculty and staff participated in this one mile walk spanning from the Wilkes University campus to the Market Street Bridge in a show of solidarity against the dangers of excessive and underage drinking.



From left, Tiffany Spencer, Grace Valenzano, Gabrielle Gardner and Courtney Moyer show some spirit at the "Walk Towards Awareness" walk.

The Beacon/Gabby Glinks

Wilkes students cleanup Centralia, restore history

By Gabby Glinski
Staff Writer

On Saturday, 12 Wilkes students traveled to Centralia for a day of cleanup volunteer work. Approximately 45 volunteers gathered at the Centralia Municipal Building to help with the elimination of trash and debris from the Centralia coal mine area.

Robert Hughes, coordinator of the project and Executive Director of the Eastern Pennsylvania Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation (EPCAMR), welcomed Wilkes University with enthusiasm. He stated that the mission of the project was to clean trash and debris out of Centralia's wooded areas to restore its rich history. EPCAMR's mission is to stop dumping in abandoned mines and to establish a base for other groups to take charge in their communities.

Wilkes University students donned orange vests and headed out into the abandoned town of Centralia to collect trash and debris. With the help of EPCAMR, the Wilkes students collected an approximate 250 tires from the dumps.

"I want to let people know what the town used to look like, not what it looks like now," said sophomore Lara McQue.

The materials, supplies, and refreshments needed for the project were fundraised and donated by outside sources.

Bridgestone Tires 4ward helped represent the project. Bridgestone Tires 4ward's mission is to eliminate the amount of tires in dumps by recycling old tires.

The approximate 250 tires are going to be processed through Bridgestone's program.

Recent film graduate Joe Sapienza II's short documentary, "Centralia, America's Lost Town" helped fuel the cleanup of Centralia.

"We are trying to make a big dent in cleanup of this historical area," Hughes said. "This area is so rich in history; we could make 10 documentaries here."

Centralia is a former coal mining town in Columbia County, Pennsylvania. In 1962, a fire started underground in the coal mines from a suspected accidental trash burning.

The fire caused the town's population to slowly dwindle down from 2,700 in 1980 to 7 in 2013. As of this year, the fire is suspected to burn for another 250 years.



The Beacon/Gabrielle Glinski

Two Wilkes University students carry tires out of the forest as part of the clean up effort in Centralia. Approximately 45 volunteers worked at the cite. For more photos, visit thewilkesbeacon.com

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Screening of "Girl Rising" to be held at Wilkes

By Sara Pisak
Staff Writer

On Nov. 3, the Wilkes University Women's and Gender Studies Department will be hosting a screening of the film, Girl Rising. The film, directed by Academy Award nominee Richard Robbins and narrated by Hollywood elite, will be viewed at 4 p.m. in the Henry Student Ballroom.

The film features nine girls from under developed countries, living in oppressive situations as they follow their dreams for a better life through education.

The "Girl Rising" website displays the slogan: "Educating girls can break cycles of poverty in just one generation, yet millions of girls aren't in school. "Girl Rising" uses storytelling to inspire action that gets girls into classrooms worldwide."

Wilkes came to host this screening through the actions of the Women's and Gender Studies (WGS) department director, Dr. Jennifer Thomas. Thomas selected this movie based on input from faculty and students as well as meeting the criteria of two personal goals, which she has set for herself and the WGS program.

Her first goal is "to inform the Wilkes community about what women's and gender studies is."

Thomas' second goal is "to inspire the Wilkes community to become more aware of issues pertaining to social justice."

"Ultimately, I would like to incite students to be agents of change and to work together to create a more just and equitable world," Thomas said.

This just and equitable world can be envisioned through equal opportunity to education. Through the American Public School System, citizens are granted the right to free education. However, this is not always the case with developing nations. Thomas reveals some startling facts when describing educational statistics in underdeveloped countries. She states, "Research shows that 104 million children between the ages of six to eleven that are not in school, about 58 percent are

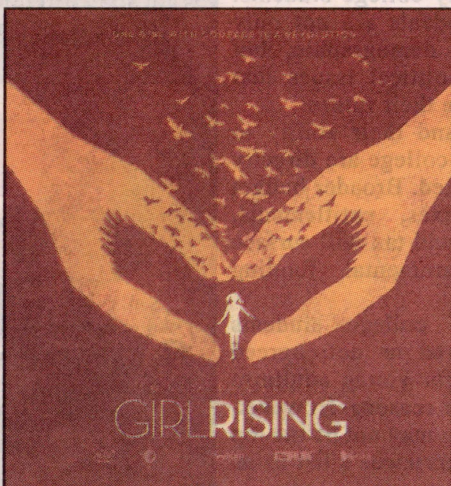


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"Girl Rising" will be screened at 4 p.m. in the Henry Student Center Ballroom on Nov. 3.

serves as a stepping stone to a worldwide movement for educational rights for young women everywhere.

In a recent press release on the "Girl Rising" website, director Richard Robbins

girls."

The startling facts do not stop here. "In Yemen, for, example, the illiteracy rate among girls, 54 percent, is triple that of boys, 17 percent," Thomas said.

"Girl Rising" serves as a platform for girls to overcome illiteracy and the lack of schooling in addition to conquering their own particular obstacles such as slavery, poverty and arranged marriages in their quest for education.

This platform

describes his thoughts on his recent directorial project.

"We laid out three goals at the start," Robbins said. "That's pretty unusual to begin with for a film project, but we felt it was important."

"We began to talk about them in three simple phrases: Change minds. Change lives. Change policy."

"Girl Rising" serves to do just this by raising awareness on the educational obstacles girls face around the world.

This is not the only girls' right to education event the Women's and Gender Studies Department is hosting at Wilkes. This week, the group will also host a She's the First, Tie-Dye Cupcake bake-off.

"One hundred percent of the proceeds we raise from our \$1 dollar cupcakes will go towards funding the education of girls in a developing country so that they can be the first in their family to graduate from high school," Thomas said.

"Investing in girls' education means investing in the health and wellness of future generations of girls and boys."

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Pope Francis, Vatican officials discuss homosexuality, divorce

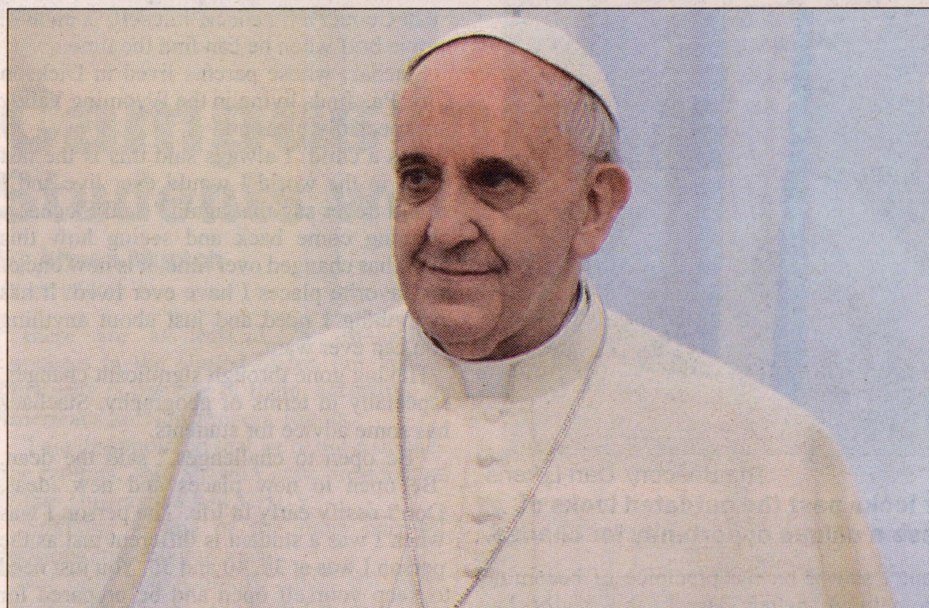


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Pope Francis has proved to be much different than his predecessors. On Oct. 20, a synod at the Vatican pressed issues such as gay marriage and divorce. While the paragraphs acknowledging these topics did not pass with the final document, some individuals are glad to see the church taking a step in that direction.

By Jennifer Baron
Staff Writer

In the time from Feb. 11, 2013 to Mar. 13, 2013, members of the Roman Catholic Church all around the world waited for white smoke to rise out of the Vatican in Rome, which would mean that a new pope had been elected.

After a month long process, Jorge Mario Bergoglio was elected as the 266th pope, becoming Pope Francis, and formally taking the place of Pope Benedict XVI.

In his short time as the pope, Pope Francis has proved that he is very different from his predecessors. For example, he believes that the priority of the Church is to serve the poor, he reaches out to atheists, he speaks out against clericalism and he does not live the lavish lifestyle that is at his disposal, just to name a few. He is even referred to as "the peoples pope" because of his efforts to connect with everyone, not just his congregation.

Perhaps one of the most widely publicized issues Pope Francis has addressed is gay rights, gay marriage and divorce in the Catholic Church.

On Oct. 20, a synod concluded at the Vatican. The synod, which is a formal

meeting of church leaders who are in charge of making decisions and laws related to the church, may have marked the first step in a very long process.

The purpose of the synod was to have the participants speak their minds on issues dealing with family. The topic of gay-marriage was never intended to be discussed; that is, until a conservative Cardinal read the mid-Synod report that suggested welcoming members of the gay community. Three days later, the Vatican added the heading "Providing for homosexual persons" to their report.

There were three paragraphs by the end of the synod that did not pass into the final document. The paragraph that conveyed welcome toward gays came up four votes short of what was needed for it to pass. Two paragraphs about divorced and remarried Catholics also did not make it into the document because it failed to pass by an even larger margin. This means that the Catholic Church is more readily accepting of gay people than they are of divorced people.

Many Catholics are up in arms about what the pope is trying to do, while others think it's about time something like this happens. Pastor Dan Nichols at the Restored Church in Wilkes-Barre gave his input on the religion versus homosexuality debate throughout his

sermon series, which dealt with inviting and welcoming the area's LGBT community.

In one of his sermons, titled Disagreement ≠ Hatred, Nichols said "the leadership of Restored Church does believe that the Bible teaches God's original design for human sexuality is between a man and a woman in the covenant relationship of marriage," but his goal is for everyone to love one another and be able to form relationships and friendships despite the varying viewpoints.

While Nichols disagrees with gay marriage, he does not believe it should lead to the hatred that he sees some Christians projecting onto the LGBT community. For example, he expressed, "The Bible teaches that pride, arrogance and bigotry are the most heinous, horrible sins known to man. Pride, arrogance, and bigotry come from our enemy Satan, and they are the fullest extent of rebellion against God. Sadly, many who call themselves followers of Jesus are some of the most proud, arrogant, and bigoted people in America today... It breaks my heart to see people who claim to be Christians make a name for themselves through hatred and homophobia."

Nichols also acknowledged that both sides of this argument are at fault here. Those who believe in God's original design of marriage between a man and a woman have no right to be bigoted and homophobic, but on the other side, those who believe in a homosexuality have no right to be bigoted either.

On Wilkes' campus, Dr. Helen Davis did have some input on the topic. Davis is an associate professor of English and the faculty advisor for the Gay/Straight Alliance (GSA). Davis said she is "excited about the conversation, but upset about the backtrack." Although Davis is not a Catholic, she appreciates a "Pope who cares about moving forward."

Even though the future of how gay marriage is perceived in the church is uncertain, what is certain is that Pope Francis is creating an entirely new church and will continue to move forward and try to make a difference.

Nichols said it best in his sermon by asking the question "Gay and straight, liberal and conservative, activist and evangelist—we could stand together in our difference and in our respect. How much better would our world be if more could do the same?"

Family Day to be hosted Nov. 1

By Sarah Bedford
News Editor

Wilkes University's annual Family Day is scheduled for Nov. 1 and aims to show the families of current students the different elements of campus as well as introduce them to faculty, staff and administrators.

Family day is a collaborative event hosted by the Division of Student Affairs.

Activities are to begin with registration and a bagel brunch in the Henry Student Center at 10 a.m.

The first session is an "Academic Success Session" which is set to start at 11 a.m.

Festivities will continue with a football tailgate picnic at the Ralston Athletic Complex at 12:30 p.m. and the football game against Albright College begins at 1 p.m.

There is also Open Climb from 3:30 to 6 p.m.

The day will conclude with a movie screening in the Henry Student Center, first floor lounge.

Melissa Howells, Student Development Coordinator explained changes within the agenda for this years event.

"There is a very robust schedule this year! This is the first year that we will be opening the climbing wall for families; there will be great novelties at the tailgate picnic during the football game; there is an academic component added: families will be able to tour a biology lab and hear from University College on tips for the upcoming semesters; there will be a movie showing in the lounge in the evening!" Howells said.

There will be a faculty exhibition in the Sordoni Art Gallery from 12- 4:30 p.m. available.

Those involved with the event are eager for this years Family Day and as an annual event are hopeful that it will continue to gain popularity.

"I can tell you that it will continue and grow for years to come!" said Howells.

Those interested in attending Family Day are encouraged to register online. An updated schedule of events is available at www.wilkes.edu/FamilyDay

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Anatomy of an Administrator: John Stachacz on the past, future library

By Justin Topa

Assistant News Editor

John Stachacz, dean for the Farley Library and Information Technology department, shares his insight into the future of the library and offers advice to current Wilkes University students.

Stachacz, who has served as the dean of the Farley Library since 2008, has also assumed the role of overseeing the Department of Information Technology within the past two years. Stachacz said that there is not a typical day at work involved with overseeing the two, but summed up his daily tasks as "managing."

Stachacz came to Wilkes after spending time working for Indiana University. He was a tenured member of Indiana University when recruiters for Wilkes University approached him. He cites room for revitalization as a key component in his decision to join the Wilkes administration.

"I'm a builder," Stachacz said. "I like to take buildings, staffs and collections and refurbish them to bring them back up to where they should be. Wilkes was willing to give me that opportunity."

While Stachacz said he enjoys working with his current staff of nearly 40, he did see a need to work on the institution that housed them.

"The building reeks of the seventies," the

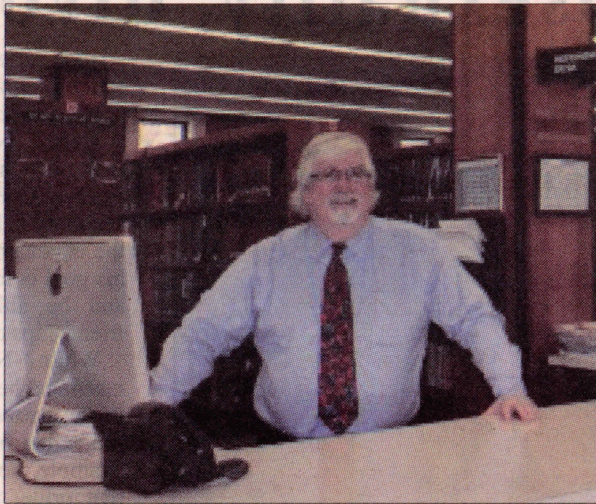
dean said. "I looked past that and saw what could be done to this unique building."

Since joining the administration of Wilkes University, Stachacz oversaw the renovation of the library's basement and entranceway. The dean said that more renovations could be expected within the next two years, including renovations to the remaining floors of the library after a heating, ventilation and air conditioning revamp expected to be in place by next summer.

"I know one of the main problems students have is with our air conditioning system," Stachacz said. "It is either too hot or too cold, which is because it is the original system from when the library was built, and we're going to take care of that hopefully by the summer."

Stachacz said much of the revitalization he has seen in his six years at Wilkes University is inspired by Wilkes University President, Patrick Leahy.

"There is a whole energetic spirit that this president brings," said the dean. "I thought this institution was great when I came,



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John Stachacz looks past the outdated looks of the library to see a unique opportunity for change.

but I saw it on the precipice of becoming something better. Dr. Leahy really has pushed the university into that direction."

When Stachacz is able to get away from work, he travels to visit his daughter, son-in-law and two-year-old grandson, Owen who live in Manhattan. The former president of the Wilkes-Barre Rotary Club, he now serves on the board of directors for Eckley Miners' Village which is an anthracite coal museum located in Freeland, Pa. The museum has

ties to Hollywood, as it was the site for the 1970's film "The Molly Maguires" starring Sean Connery. Stachacz, himself, is an avid movie buff when he can find the time.

Stachacz, whose parents lived in Dickson City, Pa., finds living in the Wyoming Valley unexpectedly pleasant.

"As a child, I always said this is the last place in the world I would ever live and I would never say that again," said Stachacz. "Having come back and seeing how this place has changed over time, it is now one of my favorite places I have ever lived. It has everything I need and just about anything you can ever want."

Having gone through significant changes, especially in terms of geography, Stachacz has some advice for students.

"Be open to challenges," said the dean. "Be open to new places and new ideas. Don't ossify early in life. The person I was when I was a student is different just as the person I was at 30, 40 and 50. You just need to keep yourself open and be prepared for opportunities all the time."

The Dean of the Farley Library and Information Technology quotes Louis Pasteur to support his advice: "Chance favors the prepared mind".

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Campus in a haze over smoking debate Students weigh in on if Wilkes should be smoke-free

By Alyssa Mursch
Staff Writer

There are at least 1,478 smoke-free campuses in the United States, but Wilkes University is not one of them, according to Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights.

"I am disappointed that we're not a smoke-free campus," said Shawn Carey, president of Wilkes University's BACCHUS.

"Smoking is one of the most harmful decisions students can make."

Not only does smoking affect the users directly, but also those around them, Carey said.

BACCHUS is a campus club that promotes good decision making in college students and informs them of the potential dangers of harmful choices.

Nationally, the BACCHUS Network emphasizes the health of everyone, and highlights the dangers of second hand smoke.

The network encourages smoke-free campuses.

Wilkes University's Dean Mark Allen explained it is difficult to make an urban campus smoke-free.

Allen also said there has been mention in the past of rules regarding how far a student must be from entrances and ventilation areas when smoking, but thus far they have not been executed.

A new committee led by Paul Adams, vice president of student affairs, is in the making to discuss possible alternatives.

Recently, 13 Wilkes students were surveyed about their opinions on this issue. While the majority was largely apathetic, several students did have notable arguments to promote change.

Senior Mike Skumanick and sophomore Ryan Rompolski agree that smoking should not be allowed in the doorways, as those are areas that all students pass through and are likely to be disrupted by clouds of smoke.

Another student, sophomore John Morio, brought up another aspect of smoking on campus. Some students could have health conditions, like asthma, that might be worsened by smoke.

Morio said that although he is generally OK with not having a smoke-free campus, it can sometimes raise concern regarding his asthma.



The Beacon/ Gabby Glinski

As of the current academic year, the Wilkes campus is not a smoke-free.

The majority of the U.S. population does not smoke, according to the Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights, which is part of the reason that a growing number of college campuses are choosing to become smoke-free and create a healthier environment.

Sophomore Shelby Petro says that although she is a smoker herself, she would still appreciate designated areas for smokers. She explained this would allow her to feel like she can do what she pleases without bothering others.

There are other students who recognize the importance of having this luxury, including those who are not smokers themselves.

"It's nice that if people want to do that, they're able to," said freshman Rachel Hodgins.

"It allows people to make their own choice."

The opinions about a smoke-free campus varied among Wilkes students, but one aspect that many agreed upon was the idea of designated areas.

Freshman Keegan Thomas said it would be preferable if it "wasn't in his face," which was a common answer from many of his peers. Designated areas would be a simple solution to this problem, as many students concluded.

For more information about the benefits of a smoke free campus, visit www.tobaccofreeU.org.

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Smoking Facts

-Cigarette smoke contains over 7,000 chemicals.

-About 8.6 million people in the U.S. have at least one serious illness caused by smoking.

-Workplaces nationwide are going smoke-free to provide clean indoor air and protect employees from the life-threatening effects of secondhand smoke.

-There are two main types of smokeless tobacco used in the U.S., chewing tobacco and snuff.

All Facts are from the American Lung Association. For more information go to <http://www.lung.org/stop-smoking/about-smoking/facts-figures/>

Campus gets spooky for WUPB's 'Freak Week'

By Austin Ely
Staff Writer

Halloween is just around the corner. Children are ravaging through their parents pockets or their own to buy the scariest or most original costume for trick or treating.

Others might be grabbing rolls of toilet paper for a night of mischief.

It is not hard to find a taste of the spirit here at Wilkes, especially since Programming Board has created an array of activities for its annual "Freak Week."

A returning idea from last year will surely make the campus feel spooky and fun, and maybe even award a prize or two.

"We have a load of ideas planned and many themes that are certain to be quite the scare," said Dominic Rinaldi, who is the programming board's small events chairperson.

Students have already had a taste of "Freak week," with the haunted house on Monday.

Laser Tag on the Greenway follows, taking place today.

However, "Freak Week" is not over, especially with the rest of week at disposal.

On Wednesday, Programming Board is hosting a movie night in the ballroom from 4 p.m. to midnight.

Snacks and refreshments will be served. "The Purge 2: Anarchy" was chosen as the night's feature. Timing of the movie is subject to change.

Thursday is dedicated to the traditional pumpkin decorating in the SUB lounge from 7 to 9 p.m.

There will be decorating contests for different themes. Prizes, will be awarded.

Programming Board is expecting a large turn-out, while making sure not to frighten the campus too much.

To learn more, students can contact the Programming Board with any questions.

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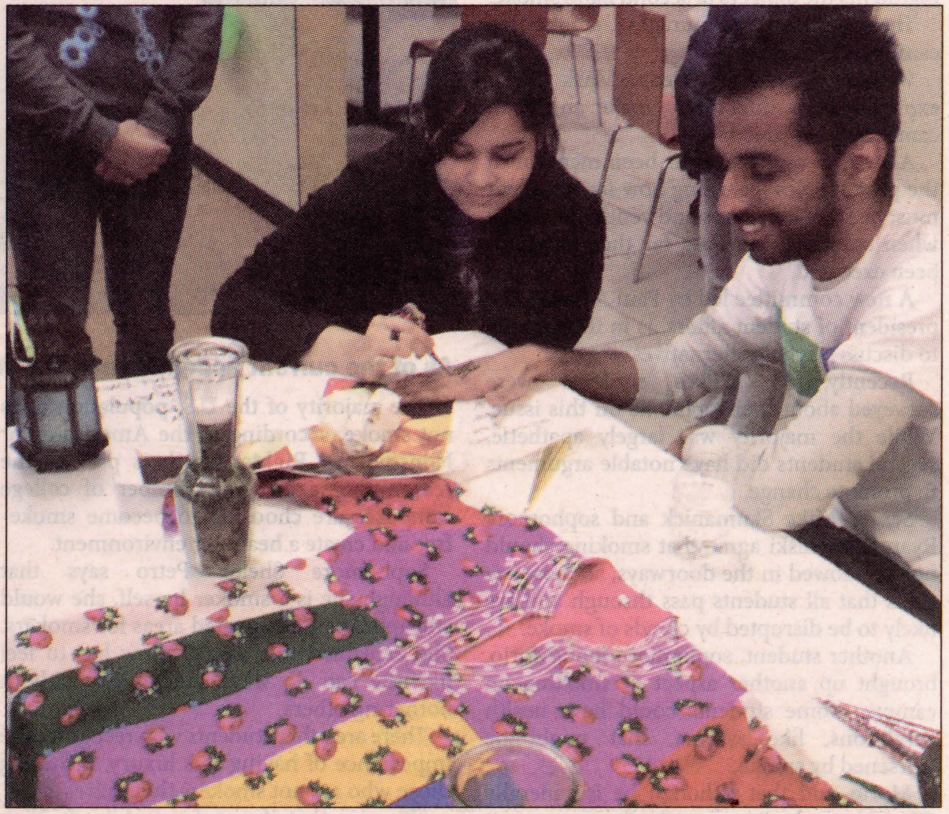
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WUPB is holding a full week of fun and interactive Halloween events for students. As a part of "Freak Week", spooky events are held every night.

Diversity thrives at Wilkes with Saudi Arabian event



The Beacon/ Nicole Zukowski
Saudi Arabian culture could be learned at an event of awareness Thursday. Topics ranged from religion, food, customs, art and music.



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Abdullah Aldhahri, a sophomore finance major, receives henna at the Saudi Arabian culture fest in the lounge of the SUB last week.

Working towards a healthy being

Students educate about the struggle with mental health

By Nicole Zukowski
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Watching television at night could make the hairs on your arm rise, along with your heartbeat. Shows that air such as CBS's "Criminal Minds," "The Following" on Fox and the newest show on ABC "Stalker" could all leave one shaking in fear.

There are people in the world who have mental illnesses that, if caught and treated, would have never committed such heinous crimes as depicted in those shows.

Mental illnesses come in all shapes and sizes, however, and can be found nearly anywhere.

Wilkes, for example, takes the matter of student health seriously. Many clubs and organizations organized have missions around bettering the health of the campus.

One organization in particular is Psi Chi Psychology Honors Society.

Last Thursday, Psi Chi members teamed up with the Women's and Gender Studies Department to host a table in the Henry Student Center to inform students about mental health issues and ask for a pledge to "love your body every day."

"Love your body every day, and treat yourself with the respect you deserve," senior psychology major and Psi Chi president Mandy Seccia said.

College is a stressful time in one's life where the overlapping focuses are in fight for attention. It is a balancing act between staying in school, keeping good grades,

having money, staying in touch with your family, having a social life along with much more that stresses college students out.

"Our main purpose today is to inform people about the struggle of mental illness at college," senior psychology major Brooke Bishop, Psi Chi vice president said. "It is an issue everyone should pay attention to."

On one of the tables set up were many different information fact sheets for students to take. Knowledge is power when dealing with mental health issues. One hand-out dealt with depression, which according to the American Psychological Association (APA) "depression and anxiety consistently rank as the most common mental disorders treated at college counseling centers."

APA also reports that "an often overlooked but equally serious problem (on college campuses) is the rising number of students struggling with eating disorders, substance abuse and self-injury."

That is where the presence of the Women's Gender Studies Department came into play on Thursday

There was a banner displayed on a table where students passing could pledge to love their body.

Often time issues with one's body image parallels mental illness.

"I think mental health is invaluable, especially for those who believe in mind over matter," junior psychology major Allison Davis, member of Psi Chi said. "Mental health isn't something we pay much attention to as college students. Anxiety and stress are



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Spreading mental health awareness was the mission last Thursday in the SUB.

serious problems, but we encounter them so often, the notion doesn't even phase us anymore, it's just a part of daily life."

Awareness of the cause is important in the aid of recovery.

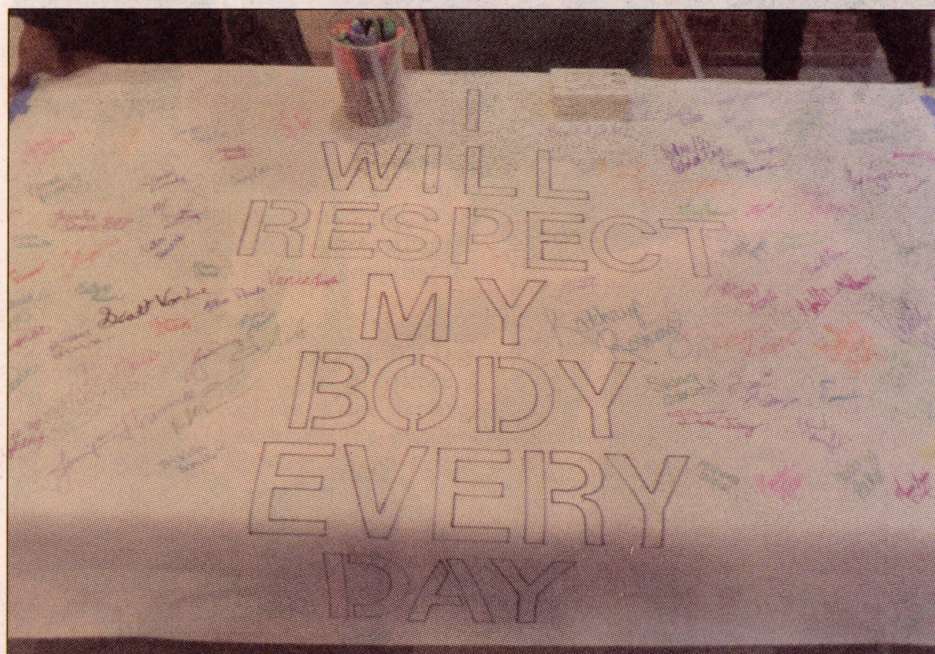
Davis gives encouragement to those who struggle with health issues by saying, "Nothing lasts forever. I've always found getting a new perspective helps as well. Don't

be afraid to ask for help, everyone needs it at one point or another."

To learn more about mental health contact Mandy Seccia at mandy.seccia@wilkes.edu.

To get a online mental health screening go to <http://www.mentalheathscreening.org/screening/WILKES>.

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Loving, respecting and accepting your body help form a healthy outlook.

More Events By Psi Chi and WGS

-On Oct. 28, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the SUB there will be She's-the-First Cupcake sale to help fund a young Nepalese girl's education.

-On Nov. 3, at 4 p.m. Women's Gender Studies will be screening "Girl Rising" in the Ballroom; 2nd floor of the SUB.

The changing of the leaves brings Autumn Fest



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Wilkes University Programming Board gave free shirts to show student pride during Autumn Fest last Saturday in the Greenway.



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Temporary tattoos were available at Autumn Fest. The tattoos lasted about one day and could be removed with rubbing alcohol.




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An air balloon designed to host a horse race was on the Greenway for students to battle to the finish line for glory rights.




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Due to the beautiful weather Saturday, an ice cream bar was set up for students. Above Andrew Love, sophomore makes a bowl of ice cream.

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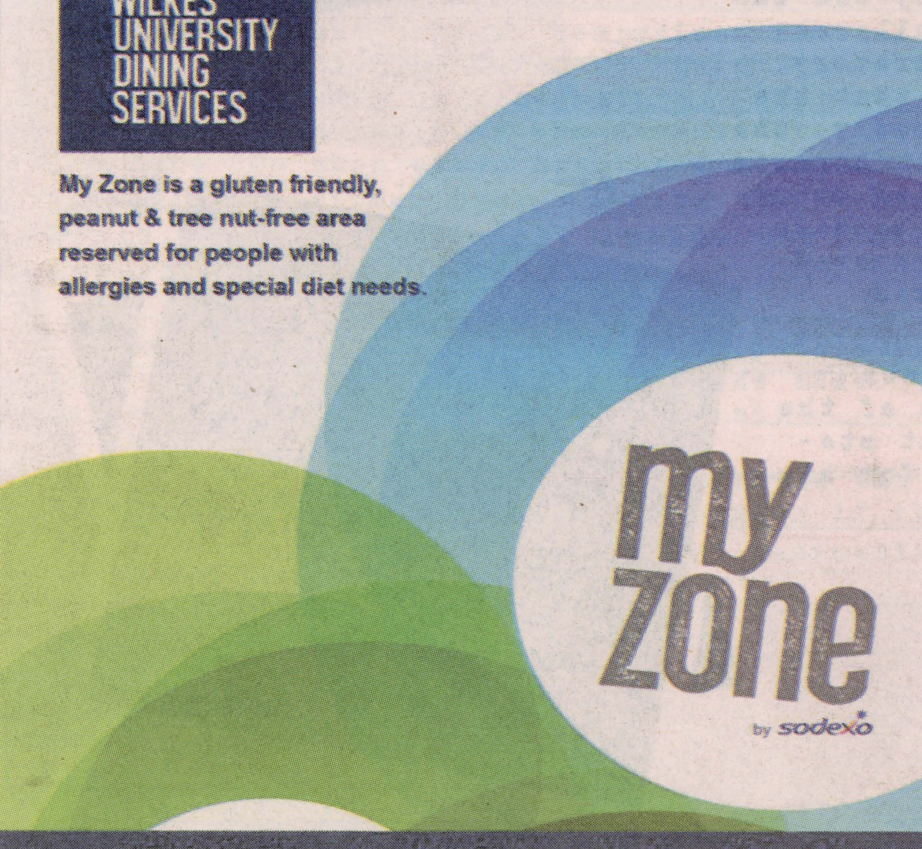


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Merrill-Lynch is not where one would expect to be swapping ghost stories. Perhaps a campfire or a dimly-lit room would be more appropriate. But as Bill Lewis, a wealth management advisor, leans back in his chair and starts recounting Wilkes' mythology and urban legends, the scene and mood are set instantaneously.

A 1980 graduate of what was then Wilkes College, Lewis had no trouble rattling off the many ghost stories of his alma mater. The fact that he has also been a board member of the Luzerne County Historical Society since 1999 only adds credibility to his wealth of knowledge of the supernatural. As it is rumored, the campus of Wilkes University is one of the most haunted in Pennsylvania. A myriad of stock market graphs ebbed and flowed in the background as he began telling the story of Kirby Hall. Kirby Hall was once lot number one in all of Wilkes Barre and marked the western boundary of the oldest section of the city.

The mansion, purchased by Fred Morgan Kirby in 1905, has a dubious and storied past. Supposedly, a murder occurred over a gambling dispute in a former billiards room on the second floor. Now alumni and current students report being touched or pushed while going down the stairs. Another legend that persists is the stained glass window, located in the rear of the building, that fogs inexplicably, regardless of temperature. Weckesser Hall is currently home to administrative offices, and more than one alleged spirit. The most famous story to come from this building is "the lady in red." Legend says that a mysterious woman in red clothing once walked into the lobby, startling the secretary. When asked why she was there or with whom she was meeting, she casually replied "I'm here to meet some people." The secretary went back to work and looked up only to find that the woman had disappeared without a trace. Supposedly, the receptionist was so spooked that she handed in her resignation papers the same day. Another recurring story from Weckesser tells of a ball of light that bounced down the stairs late at night. This ball is rumored to be the spirit of the former president of Wilkes.

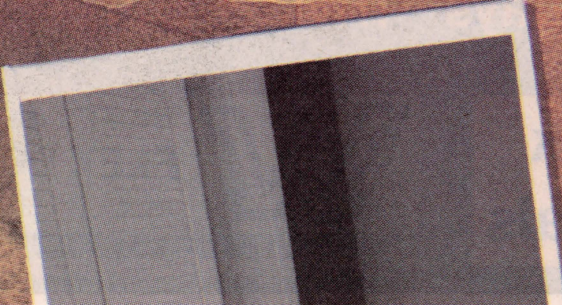
Conyngham Hall, the location of career services, the tutoring program, and the offices of the Beacon, is not exempt from its share of ghost stories. William Conyngham built the residence for him and his first wife.



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Conyngham Hall, the location of career services, the tutoring program, and the offices of the Beacon, is not exempt from its share of ghost stories. William Conyngham built the residence for him and his first wife, who later died during childbirth and never saw the house completed. Legends tell of guards, after doing a final sweep to be certain the building was empty, hearing the hysterical laughter of a woman. Students also report the feeling of being watched and seeing shadows darting around the hallways of the upper floors. Another common tale is the odd, disorienting sensation that overcomes those who venture upstairs at night.

Student dormitories are the site of unexplained phenomena as well. Weiss Hall was once the site of the town whipping post and stocks where wrongdoers were humiliated for everyone to see. Over the years, people have reported seeing shadows go up and down the stairs at all hours of the day. Those living in the house often speak about how lights will go on and off, seemingly on their own accord. Roth Hall has reports of residents waking up to the sounds of disembodied singing early on Sunday mornings. When researched, it was revealed that the two buildings composing the dorm were some of the first apartment complexes built in the Wyoming Valley. Dig even deeper into the historical record and it is revealed to also be the former site of the first baptist church erected in Wilkes Barre; a possible explanation for the Sunday morning singing.

These happenings pale in comparison to those which reportedly occur in Sturdevant Hall. The infamous "Cold Room," located on the second floor, fluctuates wildly in temperature, dropping from seventy to thirty degrees and back, even in the summer. Another tale tells of a student in the late 60s whom after hearing a knock at the door went to answer the unexpected visitor. Upon opening the door, nobody was there. Suddenly, every locked door inside the hall started creaking open. Security was summoned to investigate and found nobody else there.

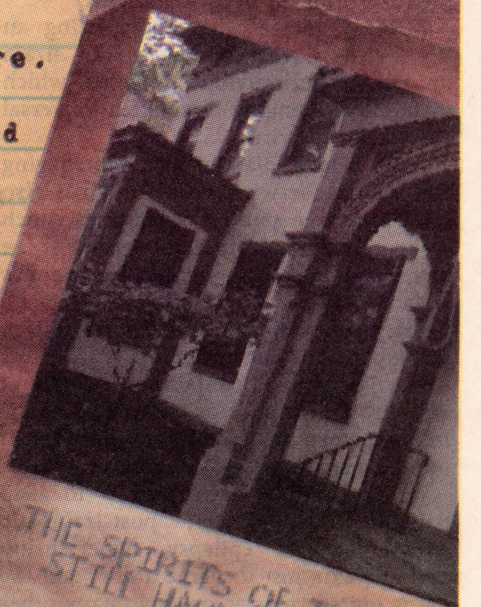
"I don't believe in ghosts," Bill Lewis says, after sharing his second hand stories of the supernatural. He adds, "With any given college, legends like these will always exist."

Belief aside, the legends that surround the historic campus of Wilkes University are sure to make one wonder if there's something strange going on, just beyond the realm of rationality.

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THE SPIRITS OF THE DEAD
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Can Ebola be prevented by using marijuana?

By Mandy Stickles
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Ebola has recently become a hot topic in the news with the disease now making its presence known in the states and has instilled fear in many people.

There is no cure for this deadly disease; however, what if a cure has been here all along and easily accessible?

What if cannabis, or marijuana, could possibly help cure Ebola?

Cannabinoids are found in marijuana and are gaining a well-known reputation for being able to control and aid one's immune system. Cannabinoids also help the control of diseases that target the body's natural defense against viruses, such as HIV.

Both Dr. David B. Allen, medical director of Cannabis Sativa, Inc. and Brad Morehouse, founder of NewCyre.org believe cannabis can help Ebola in the same way.

Ebola targets the Ribonucleic Acid (RNA) which creates protein in cells. It then begins to take over and replicate itself. The virus is then able to hide itself from virus killing cells by creating proteins that have a cloak-like surface making it almost impossible for the body to fight off.

A disadvantage with Ebola being an RNA virus is that it makes each strain unique to the individual infected, which makes it challenging to create a universal vaccine for the virus.

Apart from Ebola causing hemorrhaging and leaking between cells the virus also releases a large amount of enzymes which is known as a "cytokine storm," at an extreme and fatal amount the immune cells are activated.

Marijuana can then play a huge role in helping the body at this point.

Marijuana contains natural antiretrovirals and is also an anti-inflammatory that is able to reduce harm to the body caused by the cytokine storm.

It has already been proven to help patients with cancer; post-traumatic stress disorder, epilepsy, hypertension and anorexia just to name a few; and the list is quite extensive on how many other diseases marijuana has helped.

So, why not apply it to Ebola? Science



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has shown that it does indeed help patients in pain.

What could it hurt to explore new options to help a disease with no current cure? The chances are that marijuana could either fail as a cure or become an answer an inevitable deadly disease.

Pennsylvania has recently joined 23 other states in America and passed the "Good Samaritan" bill legalizing medical marijuana.

Patients requiring medical marijuana must first get it approved by their doctor then, once approved, patients can access the medical marijuana.

If patients are in pain and marijuana is a guaranteed relief, why is this not allowed

everywhere? By needing an approval from the patient's doctor it lowers the risk of the drug being abused.

States that have made marijuana legal have experienced an economic boom and violence has gone down significantly. Why not explore the options of medical marijuana and see what advantages come out of it?


Dr. Andrew Wilczak, a criminology professor at Wilkes, expressed his views on the issue.

"Whether it is legal or not in Pa. people are still going to smoke it [marijuana] and law enforcement has been unsuccessful with stopping it. Pa. needs the money, so why not legalize it?" Wilczak said.

Trying something experimental and out of the ordinary is always going to bring hesitation.

Especially with something like marijuana that has had such a negative view in society for so long.

It is hard to transition public thought into thinking that the drug is now something that can help people with disease and illness and that marijuana could even have an ingredient that could cure an illness as deadly as Ebola.

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Not all skulls are created equal; Day of the Dead & Halloween

By Elyse Guzewicz
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It's that time. Costume stores start popping up like weeds, everything becomes pumpkin flavored and the seasonal aisles are suddenly full of eerie decorations. Everyone's favorite commercial candy holiday is coming, and that means one thing: Sugar Skull costumes.

Yes, I know that's probably not the first thing that popped into your head. However, year after year people can be seen donning the traditional Dia de los Muertos makeup as their disguise for the night. There's just one problem: the Day of the Dead isn't Halloween.

Let's start with some cultural background. Celebrated Oct. 31, Halloween is rooted in ancient Celtic rituals for preparing and storing supplies for winter – its Gaelic name literally means "summer's end."

It takes its English name from the term All Hallows Eve, the precursor to the Christian holiday All Saints Day on November 1st.

Historically, celebrants dressed up to frighten evil spirits from entering their homes or bodies. Halloween conjures images of ghouls, decay, the occult and magic – fun in modern times, but very serious and frightening at its inception. Today, Halloween is an excuse to dress up and get scared. As a highly commercial holiday, it has very little cultural significance anymore.

It's simply become an enjoyable celebration that offers a rare opportunity for adults to let their inner child shine.

Dia de los Muertos, or the Day of the Dead, has very different roots. Celebrated November 1st and 2nd, it's a festival remembering and celebrating the lives of loved ones lost and honoring the cycle of death and life.

It isn't just another, "Mexican" Halloween – unlike Halloween, the Day of the Dead remains steeped in culture.

It originates from an Aztec festival worshiping Mictecacihuatl, the goddess of death. As the Spanish spread across

Central America, the month-long festival began to simply coincide with the Catholic All Saints Day (Nov. 1st) and All Souls Day (Nov. 2nd).

Today, it's a way for families to feel connected to their friends and family members who have passed on, as the souls of the dead are said to visit during this time. This holiday remains a respectful and traditional holiday and conjures images of cheerfully decorated gravestones, including the sugar skull motif.

Now in general, wearing sugar skull motifs and makeup respectfully during the actual Dia de los Muertos festival isn't frowned upon. If you're celebrating, feel free to participate in the common rituals.

The problem comes when some people conflate Dia de los Muertos with Halloween. When a person wears sugar skull makeup and traditional Central American dress as a Halloween custom, they're basically saying "I don't care that this holds cultural significance – your culture is my costume."

(A quick aside – this problem is made even worse when it's a "sexy" costume, which propagates negative and dangerous stereotypes of Latina women.)

There are plenty of costumes to pick from and plenty of ways to celebrate Halloween. It's a great holiday that provides the excuse to dress up, eat candy, and get scared in a way no other event does.

On Halloween, dead things are spooky; during the Day of the Dead festivities, death is neither scary nor ugly.

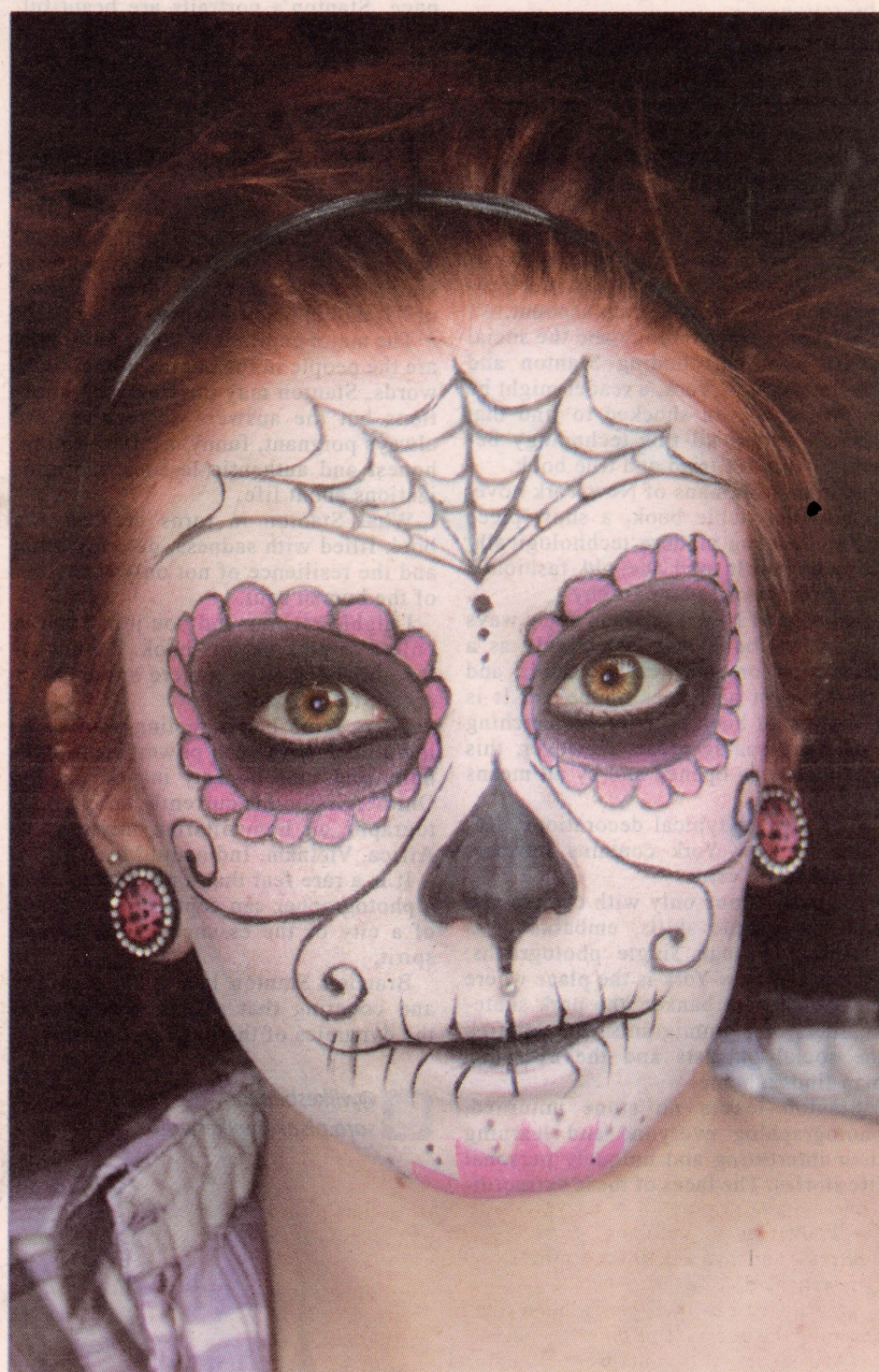
Neither holiday is "better" than the other – they're just not the same. They have very different cultural purposes, and serve different roles in the human experience.

You can celebrate one or both, you can dress up as Supergirl for Halloween and wear a sugar skull the next day, just think before you paint your face on All Hallows Eve.



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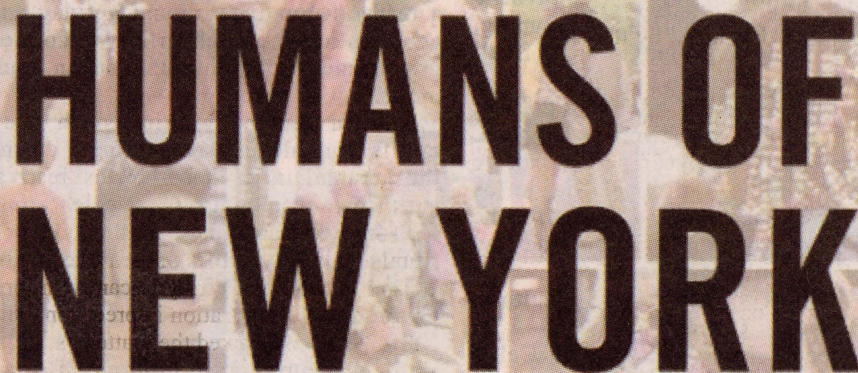


By Sara Pisak
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Stanton leaves no stone unturned, photographing everyone and learning their interesting and uniquely personal life stories. The faces of these extraordi-

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New "Borderlands: The Pre-Sequel" video game review

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Borderlands is a series filled to the brim with raunchy humor, eccentric characters, interesting gun designs and fantastic multiplayer gameplay.

The latest installment, Borderlands the Pre-Sequel, does well to keep up with its exceptional predecessor, Borderlands 2 despite being developed by the new studio: 2K Australia.

The game is set on Elpis, the moon of Pandora, where Borderlands 1 and 2 take place. The playable characters are all ones shown previously in the series, from Claptrap, the annoyingly lovable robot who has a terrible sense of humor, to Nisha, a bandit turned bandit killer with a dark past and cowgirl motif.

The game's premise is the cast was hired by a lone programmer named Jack to find a vault full of loot and watch his rise to power.

Fans will find this interesting because Jack is the main villain of Borderlands 2. This game is a bridge showing how the bad guy really became the villain.

The story of the Pre-Sequel is meant to do just that, show off how bad an originally friendly guy can become when he's given too much power. The story gets a little

too pretentious near the end, but serves as another fine installment in the series. The humor is still golden with this game's new cast of primarily Australian characters even poking jabs at American stereotypes.

The main characters also burst out little jokes of their own and interesting reactions now and then to make them feel more deep and fun.

Oxygen now plays a new part in the gameplay, giving the players access to double jumps, quick reviving and "butt-slams" or a ground pound maneuver. Oxygen deems whether a target can be set aflame or not, making the player decide which weapons are most valuable.

These small changes make the already hectic and fun shootouts even more enjoyable.

There was a bad game mechanic that when aiming down the sights of their weapon, the players aiming speed significantly dropped causing much frustration in precision firing. 2K Australia has fixed the matter.

New elements have been added to the game's guns system, expanding the existing "bazillion" kinds of weapons. The Pre-Sequel adds 2 new weapon mechanics.

Cryo is a new element allowing players to freeze enemies and potentially shatter their bodies. The game also introduces laser weapons, adding to the existing weapon types such as pistols, shotguns and snipers.

Borderlands is a series that excels with friendship being a great way to connect with your buddies while beating up bad guys.

There are also content incentives to play with buddies. Characters share dialog and speak to each other on occasions as you're blasting through enemies, reviving one another, and even commenting on others' action skills. There is also the return of raid bosses that are designed to only be taken down when teamed with friends (unless you play as Athena and expose quarks to make you invincible).

While the Pre-Sequel is more of a game for fans of the series, new players will be able to have fun burning hot lead into their foes throughout their cosmic journey with friends making it more the merrier.

We give this game a solid 7.5 out of 10. See you in space cowpeople.

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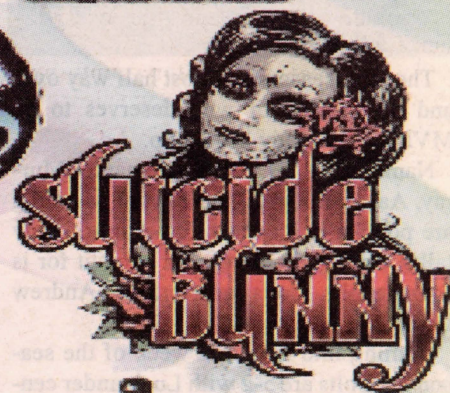
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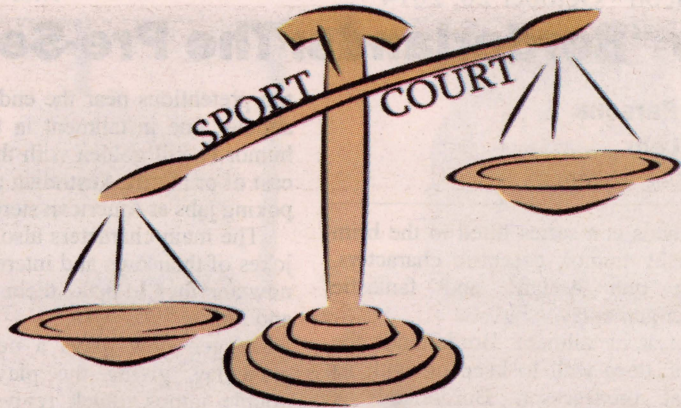
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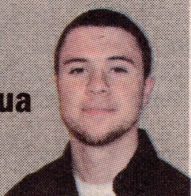
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Return of the "Sport Court:" Which NFL player deserves to be MVP?



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Throughout the first half of the season, there are a few standouts that will most likely be in the final running.

First off is DeMarco Murray, the running back for the Dallas Cowboys.

Through the first seven games of the year, Murray leads the league in every aspect of the running game. Murray has 913 rushing yards (which is 298 more than Arian Foster at no. 2), seven touchdowns, 48 first downs, and is averaging 140.4 yards per game.

Murray has been putting on a season for the history books. He is the only rusher in NFL history to rush for 100+ yards in each

of the season's first seven games. To put that into perspective, last year's rushing title went to LeSean McCoy who had seven 100+ rushing yard games total last year.

The story of his season is now being compared to the one record that has yet to be broken. In 1984, Eric Dickerson rushed for 2,105 yards. Murray is now headed to reach 2,086 yards at his current pace.

Can he break the record?

I say no, but if he comes even close and eclipses a 2,000-yard season, I say he wins MVP hands down.

The issue here is his current workload and his injury-prone past. Murray has carried the ball 187 times, which is 61 more times than the second leading rusher. 187 carries in seven games is nuts, and it is only a matter of time before he wears down. Again, to put his current workload into perspective, the lead-

ing rusher a year ago ran the ball 314 times, and Murray is already about 70% there in just seven games.

I also mentioned he is injury prone. This is Murray's biggest down fall, and will ultimately be the collapse of the Dallas Cowboys' season. In his first three years in the league, Murray has not played a full 16-game season due to injuries cutting him short.

If Murray does go down and falls out of the MVP discussion, then I think Aaron Rodgers will be the next candidate.

Rodgers is leading the 5-2 Packers with phenomenal numbers. With 1,674 yards, Rodgers is throwing a stellar 66.8 completion percentage with a rating of 117.3, which is second only to Peyton Manning.

What I find most impressive is his touchdown to interception ratio. Rodgers has thrown 18 touchdowns (second in the NFL)

to only one interception all year.

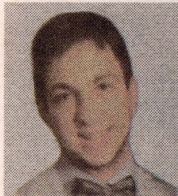
His numbers are oddly close to the pace he was at this point in 2011, where he finished the season with 45 touchdowns and only six interceptions. Oh yeah, he won the MVP that year.

Quarterback is the most popular position to win the MVP award, with running backs accounting for second most.

As I mentioned earlier, if Murray can stay healthy and pass 2,000 yards on the season, I think he takes it. However, if I were a betting man, I'd say Murray goes down around week 10, pointing fingers to Aaron Rodgers claiming the award for the second time in his career.

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The NFL season is almost half way over and discussions of who deserves to be MVP have already heated up.

Names like J.J. Watt, Demarco Murray, Aaron Rodgers and Peyton Manning are popular names that come up in many talks. One name to keep an eye out for is Indianapolis Colts quarterback Andrew Luck.

Coming into the eight week of the season the Colts are 5-2 with Luck under center. Luck leads the league in yards (2331), completions (199), yards per game (333) and is tied for the lead league in touchdowns with 19.

These are elite numbers for a quarterback, especially one who is entering his third season in the NFL.

He is already on pace for over 5000

passing yards and should come close to breaking Peyton Manning's NFL record of 5477 yards in a season which was broken in 2013 (a year where Manning was awarded MVP).

Luck has played a key role in the Colts division leading 5-2 record. According to ESPN, the Colts are ranked fourth overall in the NFL and have yet to score under 20 points in a game so far this season. The Colts should have no problem winning the division as they have a rather easy schedule to end the season.

If they were to take make a run toward the super bowl, it would be thanks to Luck who is responsible for making the Colts the best passing team in the game. Keep in mind, Luck is not working with all star wide receivers as quarterbacks such as Peyton Manning and Aaron Rodgers.

His best receivers are T.Y. Hilton and Reggie Wayne. T.Y. Hilton like Andrew Luck is just entering his third season and was a third round draft pick.

He is an emerging speedy receiver who has the potential to be an all star quarter-

back, especially with Andrew Luck throwing him the ball.

Reggie Wayne is entering his 14th season as an NFL wide receiver and has seen his better days as a receiver.

Although he is only 35 years old, his body has taken a beating over the years and his days are limited as a player in the league. If Luck keeps up his numbers he should have no problem throwing for over 5000 yards and 40 touchdowns this season.

With those numbers and a division title Luck should cruise toward winning his first MVP award and would tie Tom Brady as the youngest person to win a NFL MVP award at 25 years old.

He should be an exciting player to watch this season and for the rest of his career as he still has time till he hits his peak as a NFL player.

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New coach Izzi Metz has high hopes for the season



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Head coach Izzi Metz yelling at players during drills at practice.

By Danny Van Brunt
Sports Writer

Izzi Metz, the new basketball head coach, is more than able to coach the team due to his extensive experience in coaching.

Coach Metz has coached for 14 years all throughout the country. In his career, he has coached at high school, AAU (club), Hobart College, and Boston College. Hobart College has a division three program, and Boston College has a division one program.

When asked how he feels about changing from a division one to a division three program, he had an interesting approach to it. He coaches his players in the same way. The only real difference he believes is the size of

the players, and the talent they have. His players will come prepared to play no matter what division they are.

Basketball practices have started recently, and Coach Metz's believes they are going great. It is noted that he will begin to build chemistry with his team since he is new to every player on the team.

Coach Metz will implement new practice drills and give his player lots of new information. He genuinely cares about his players, and hopes for them to give their best effort. He hopes for team spirit and comraderie between the players. With all of these qualities, he is sure the team will play hard and have fun this season.

Three out of four coaches on the basketball staff are new to Wilkes.



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Players participating in one on one drills at a recent practice.

Coach Boyland has been coaching at Wilkes for three years. Coach Thompson is new and played for Metz at Hobart College. Coach Wignot is also new and he has played at Sienna College.

Metz has high hopes for the season. His mentality is to win, but not to dwell on that win. The team should not dwell on a loss either. The players need to have a short memory and continue to compete in the next game.

They also have to believe and trust in the process that they must go through in order to become successful. Lots of practice and conditioning are needed in order for the team to succeed.

Coach Metz's biggest goals are to place top four in the conference and to make it to the playoffs. He compares the team to the University of Connecticut's

basketball team in 2011. They were not chosen to win the National NCAA Tournament. They were ranked quite low, but continued to the national finals and beat Butler University for the national title.

Coach Izzi Metz stated, "I am very excited for the upcoming season. Our players are working hard, and will be a fun team to watch with up-tempo style of basketball. We look forward to and appreciate having good student support this season at the Marts Center."



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Wrestlers look to carry on the tradition this season

By Andre Spurell
Sports Writer

For many people, wrestling is one of the top sports associated with Wilkes University. Wilkes alumus Jon Laudenslager is at the helm of the team, entering his 12th season as the head coach.

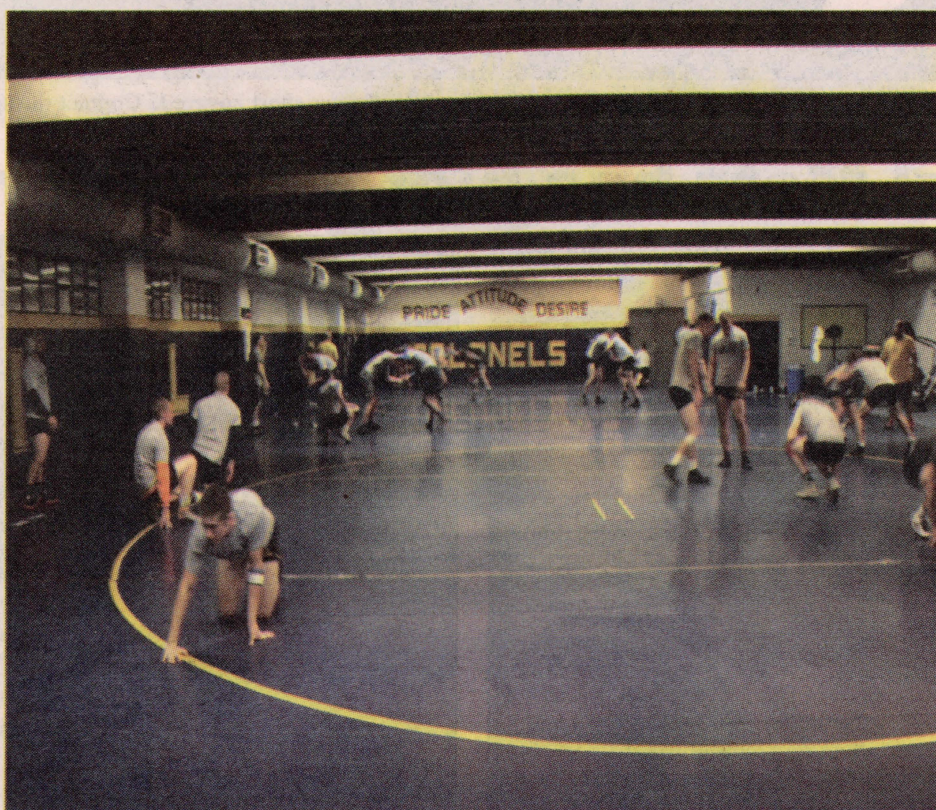
Laudenslager looks to continue the wrestling legacy at Wilkes this season, coming off a big year last year winning the NCAA East Region. As far as this season, there is no particular set of goals he has for the team.

However, he said, "We've gotten better every year that I've been coaching."

"We have been ranked as high as 5th. I like the nucleus of kids we have coming back. Our goal is to obviously get better, win the NCAA region again, and get as many guys as we can to Nationals."

Last season, the Colonels sent six team members to nationals, which was the most wrestlers the university had sent since 2009 and the most Laudenslager has sent since becoming the head coach.

Among the wrestlers that were sent to nationals are current senior Erich Bach (197 pounds), as well as current junior Kyle Diesel (174 pounds), who will look to make an even bigger impact this season. Both placed third in the East Regional last season.



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Pictured above are members of the wrestling team participating in drills as they prepare for their first match of the season Nov. 1 at Kings.

Another wrestler to keep an eye on this season is junior 125 pounder Gueseppe Rea, who went 28-7 last season and placed 5th in the East Regional.

Anything less than a championships this year will seem to be a disappointment to the program this season, and for many more years to come.

Coach Laudenslager seems to have cemented his position as the leader of this program.

"This is my first and probably only job that I want," Laudenslager said. "I don't know if there is any other job I would want out there."

Come out and support the Wilkes University wrestling team as members compete in the Monarch Invitational at Kings College. The invitational begins at 10 a.m. on Nov. 1.

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Field hockey clinches win

By Cara Basile
Sports Writer

The Lady Colonel's recently defeated Eastern University 2-1 with the game-winning goal scored by senior Aliya Frankel. This puts the team 2-2 in the conference with an overall record of 6-8. Senior Stephanie Hahn shared how winning this game was a great feeling.

"We just came together as a team and had a blast playing together," said Hahn. "When we are having fun on the field you can see it because everything starts to come together and connect."

Head Coach Sara Myers also viewed the win as motivation for the rest of the season.

"In our game against Eastern our defense was amazing," said Myers. "We have had a great deal of unlucky circumstances with our defensive unit this season as we have many out with season ending injuries. We have made adjustments and every game we have been improving as a team, as a coach that is all I could ask for."

The women still have two core conference

games left to clutch a playoff spot for post-season. They take on Misericordia University on Oct. 28, Delaware Valley College on Oct. 30. Myers is motivated for the final games and says they will take it one game at a time.

"Every conference opponent we face is just as important as the next, we approach every game with the same attitude," Myers said.

For the seniors on the team the end of the season could mean the end of their field hockey careers. Hahn, who has played field hockey for three years at Wilkes, while being out for one year due to a knee injury is planning to finish strong.

"I'm going to miss the sport in general, I have been playing my whole life and it is going to be really weird not playing with my team anymore," said Hahn. "Best advice I can give to any freshman is enjoy it because the time flies by."

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Getting to know...

Eric McAnena

Senior Soccer player

By J.T. Keer
Sports Writer

Q: What brought you to Wilkes?

A: (Is was) one of the colleges that recruited both myself, as well as long time friend and co-captain Ryan Joyce. Also offered computer science, which is not widely offered at private universities.

Q: What is your favorite part about Wilkes?

A: My favorite part of Wilkes is the close friendships I have made as well as being on the soccer team.

Q: What is your major?

A: Computer Science

Q: What are you planning on doing with your degree?

A: I am planning on being a software developer.

Q: What inspired you to do that?

A: Writing code is rewarding as it gives something back to the developer after they have written it. Although it's not something tangible, it's cool to be able to code something and it be something helpful, useful, or productive to someone else.

Q: When did you start playing soccer?

A: I started playing basically as soon as I could. At around 5 or 6 is when I joined my first intramural team.

Q: What was your favorite soccer moment you had growing up?

A: My favorite soccer moment would be traveling to Germany and playing soccer there with my club team.

Q: Do you remember your first goal?

A: I don't remember my first ever goal, but being that I was so young it couldn't have been that great.

Q: How has your experience gone with soccer at Wilkes?

A: Soccer at Wilkes has been a fun, but challenging experience. I've gained a lot of new friends and met some great people whose friendships I will hold on to for a very long time.

Q: What was your favorite moment in soccer here?

A: I wouldn't target one specific experience, but my overall time here has been great.

Q: Where are you from?

A: I am from Glenside, Pa., just outside of Philadelphia

Q: What is there to do there?

A: Being that my hometown is so close to the city as well as being far enough out to not have the cons of a major city I kind of get the best of both worlds. When I'm home I usually just end up spending time with my high school friends and people I haven't seen for a while.

Q: Who's your favorite soccer team?

A: Manchester United.

Q: Favorite player?

A: Tie between George Best and Paul Scholes.

Q: Play any other sports in high school?

A: I ran track throughout middle school and up until my first year of high school but ended up quitting because I didn't really enjoy it.



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Getting to know...

Madison Scarfaro

Freshman volleyball player

By J.T. Keer
Sports Writer

Q: What brought you to Wilkes?

A: I heard about Wilkes from a few of my friends who were looking at it and I also knew some people that went here before and said they liked it, so I looked into it. I visited here and fell in love with it right away. I also got the chance to come up for a recruiting visit and meet the volleyball team which also was a huge part of what brought me here.

Q: What is your favorite part about Wilkes?

A: My favorite part about Wilkes is that it is a smaller school, so it was easy to meet people and find a group of friends. I'm also happy that I get the chance to spend my college years still playing the sport I love.

Q: How has your freshman year gone?

A: So far, my freshman year is going really well. I love playing on the volleyball team and my classes are going pretty well too.

Q: What is your major?

A: I am double majoring in political science and criminology.

Q: Do you know what you want to do?

A: I have a few ideas of what I would like to do after college. I have been thinking about possibly attending law school or

going into criminal investigation.

Q: When did you start playing volleyball?

A: I started playing volleyball in 7th grade.

Q: How has your experience gone with volleyball at Wilkes?

A: My experience with volleyball at Wilkes has been a good one. I love being able to have the opportunity to play the sport and getting the chance to meet and become close with the girls on my team.

Q: Where are you from?

A: Whitehall, Pa.

Q: What is there to do there?

A: Where I'm from, sporting events are a huge part of our community, so I would always go to the games, especially football games which were my favorite.

Q: What's your favorite sports team?

A: My favorite football team is the Eagles, my favorite baseball team is the Phillies, and my favorite basketball team is the Miami Heat.

Q: Favorite player?

A: Myles Webb, Wilkes football player.

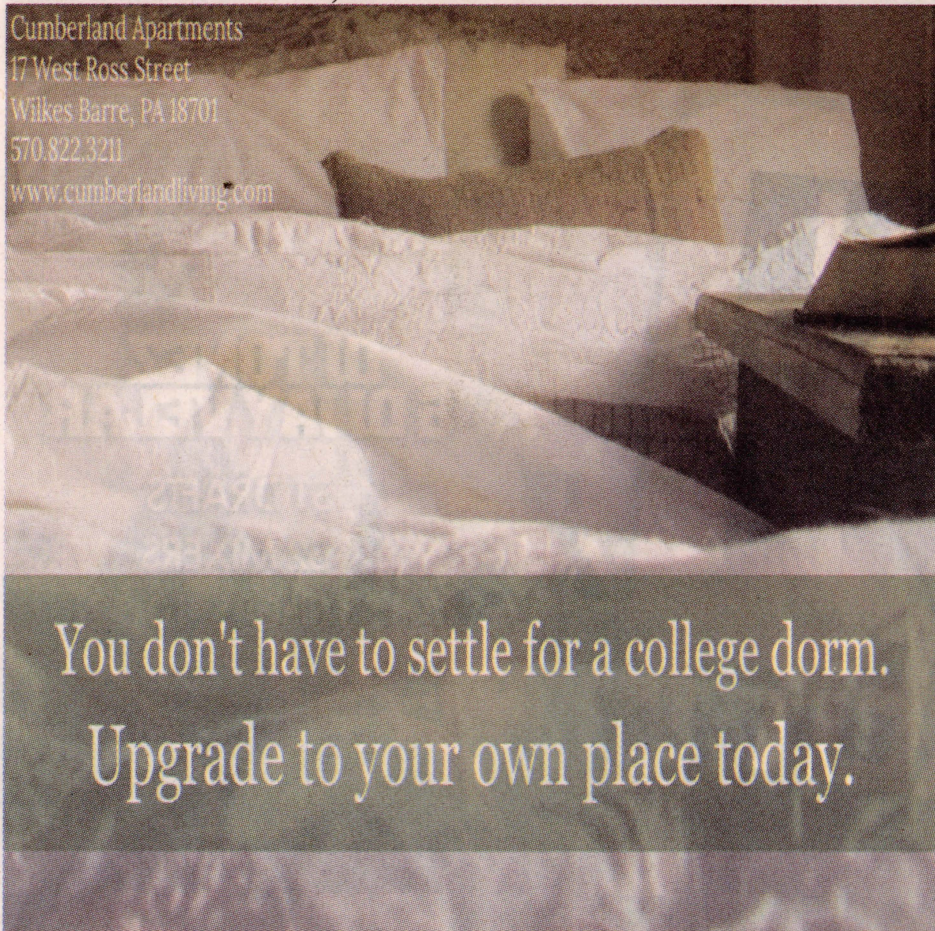
Q: Did you play any other sports in high school?

A: In high school I also played basketball and did track and field and threw shot, javelin, and disc.



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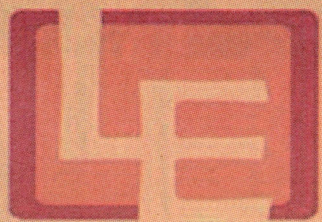
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