

# News

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## **Beacon Briefs**

#### Flu shots available

Flu shots will be available Tuesday, Oct. 11 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Health Services, which is located on the first floor of Passan Hall, 267 S. Franklin St.

Students wishing to attend can print and fill out the vaccine form located on the Wilkes Today email, and Harrold's Pharmacy will bill their insurance so there is no out of pocket expense.

#### Corrections

The Beacon would like to note the following corrections to stories in previous issues:

In the Oct. 4 issue, Rep. Eddie Day Pashinski's name was spelled incorrectly.

Also, Shawn Ebert's name was spelled incorrectly. Ebert is the general manager of HEAT nightclub in Wilkes-Barre.

In the Sept. 27 issue, Justin Kraynack was incorrectly identified. Kraynack is Wilkes University's chief risk/ compliance officer.

## Parking message for offcampus students

Wilkes University wants to make off-campus students aware that if they park on the following streets, they will be towed as the city is doing milling and paving work through this week. The affected streets include:

> Stanley Street Mallory Place Terrace Street Riverside Drive

#### Resume workshops

There will be resume workshops held on Tuesday, Oct. 11 for any students interested. One workshop will take place at 12 p.m. in Marts 214, with the other being at 2:30 p.m. in the Miller Room of the SUB.

Updating information can be especially beneficial to students hoping to the Intern and Career Fair, which will be held Oct. 20.

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# Wilkes University Student Government notes

By Alyssa Mursch News Editor

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

The Education Club presented its report, informing the group that the club currently has 35 active members and recently attended the PSEA state conference where they redid an elementary school and saw guest

The ski and snowboard club fund request was presented for week one of two. The request was for \$5,000 to cover \$100 of each student's cost. The total cost per student is \$579, which includes a five-day lift ticket, lodging, round-trip Coach Bus and shuttle service to the mountain. Fundraising by the club includes T-shirt sales, homemade hat sales, chocolate sales and restaurant funding

The Aviation Interest Club then presented for week one of two. The club wants to encourage members' passions for aviation at Wilkes. In the past, Wilkes used to host 700 aviation cadets when it was still Bucknell University Junior College, and they're trying to close the loop on that history.

Wyoming Valley Airport has three

different Airport Day events and the organization would like to use some of these as community service events for the club. Fundraising ideas include sponsorships, a fly-in breakfast, golf tournament and T-shirt sales. The \$300 that they are requesting from SG would go toward the NIFA registration costs every year.

Inactive clubs were then addressed for week one of two. These clubs include the power lifting club, Pub. SG, the student health advisory board, SAVE club and the medieval renaissance club. These clubs have had no activity in the past three years and the group must go through a two week process to inactivate the clubs. SG is hoping to close out these clubs' accounts to free up some fund

The group then discussed The Casino Week fund request for week two of two. The increase in cost this semester comes from slot machines- which cost \$83 a pieceand advertising costs. The club debated on whether or not to include the slot machines. A motion was put forth to allocate \$12,965.37 for the Casino Week items, not including the slot machines. The motion passed 31-1-1.

There was then a motion to allocate \$1,000 to Casino Night slot machines. The motion passed 19-13-1, and President Allie Grudeski vetoed the motion, saying she didn't believe enough people would be able to man the slot machines and that spending \$1,000 on them is not a good use of student money.

The group decided to table the issue of slot machines and revisit it at the next meeting, which is to be held in two weeks.

Operations committee's Nicole Hughes then discussed the new gateway project and explained that they will be working on fixing and cleaning the elevators during fall break. They also said the media center construction will begin soon as well as a rail on Conyngham.

Sarah Kennedy then presented on behalf of Academic Standards Committee. She said that there was discussions as to whether or the group needed to raise the GPA requirement for Dean's list or not.

The Academic Planning Committee said they have discussed trying to get more information about a PhD nursing program at the university.

The Treasurer's Report stands as follows: All College: \$15,632.83; General Funds: \$11,715; Conference: \$5,000; Spirit: \$2,000 for a SG total of \$34,347.83.

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# Coming Out Day, Oct. 11: When is the right time?

By Toni Pennello Asst. News Editor

As college age individuals in an increasingly progressive society, it is common practice to encourage LGBT peers to be openly true to themselves. But there might be a specific right time to do it.

Oct. 11 marks the 28th anniversary of National Coming Out Day, according to the Human Rights Campaign's website.

"Coming out - whether it is as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or allied - STILL MATTERS. When people know someone who is LGBTQ, they are far more likely to support equality under the law. Beyond that, our stories can be powerful to each other," the website states.

Some coming out stories may end tragically, with family members or friends ultimately disowning the individual as a result of their gender or sexuality.

Such a situation was not the case for Dominic Butchko, a sophomore political science major who identifies as gay.

"All in high school I was in the closet. I knew since, like, fifth grade, but I just was very ashamed of myself," Butchko shared.

After Butchko graduated high school, his mother sent him to Europe for the summer, which opened him up to the world. After this experience, he decided that he would be true to himself, putting effort into losing weight and, as he put it, "being the change he wanted to see."

Part of this, he said, was making the decision to come out to his mother, which he was very afraid to do.

"Her response was perfect... she turned

to me and said: 'Welcome to the party. We didn't know if you were here or not," he said, laughing.

After coming out and coming to Wilkes, Butchko explained that he was a new person.

"In a lot of ways, Wilkes has been "We need people to liberating and very freeing. develop their sense of self If people in high school knew me and identity enough to now and knew me back then, come out... We also need am literally completely to...understand that this is different person," he said, comparing a growth period." himself to "The Doctor" from popular of psychology the British television

show "Dr. Who," in which the character periodically "regenerates" and is replaced by a new actor.

"I also think though Wilkes has been, in a lot of ways, really disappointing," he went on. "I was expecting there to be more of a community. It's very open and inclusive, I'm not saying it's not, but the numbers and the type of people is what I was a little disappointed about. So that's been an interesting thing to navigate."

The community aspect of being an LGBT individual might be the most important thing when it comes to coming out, according to Dr. Ellen Newell, an assistant professor of psychology who also identifies as gay. Much of Newell's research deals with

"I think as a psychologist, as a researcher in this area, coming out days are really important because they are designed to express or shed on light on our community, and are designed to allow people to

> understand who we are and why coming out is important and accepting all diversities," Newell "Multiculturalism is really really important."

Multiculturalism is an ideology that looks at diversity as a positive thing, and sees each type of person individually rather than as a

"melting pot."

~Dr. Ellen Newell, assistant professor

Social support though, according to Newell, is essential to a good experience with coming out.

"So if I come out, or if a student comes out, they might know that coming out to mom and dad is going to be super stressful, or at least they're worried that it is. If they have some friends in their dorm that they've already come out to that they can go to if coming out to mom and dad is super stressful, that support is going to make the experience that much better."

Newell shared a story about Coming Out Day at a previous school she was employed at, where the poster campaign was "come out, come out, wherever you are."

"Which sounds sort of OK, but when you get into it, it says, 'we're gonna pull you out if you don't come out... that is not OK," she

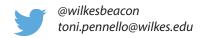
Newell added that she has interesting, albeit unpublished, data that suggests that coming out can actually be harmful if an individual does not have the social support needed.

"We need people to develop their sense of self and identity enough to come out," she said, explaining that forcing people to come out when they aren't ready does far more harm than good.

Newell also added that understanding fluidity of sexuality is exceedingly important for the health of coming out.

"We also need to, as a community... allies, queer people... need to understand that this is a growth period.... it's OK if someone comes out and identifies as bisexual and then says 'no, I'm gay.' It's also OK if someone says 'I'm gay, now I'm bisexual.' It's okay if they reject labels and say they are just going to say they are queer. That's OK.

"A lot of times, they think the discomfort people have is because they don't know what category to put people into. It's easy for us as members of the queer community to say 'Whatever! Don't put them in a category!' but we have a natural desire to put people in categories so there needs to be a learning curve here, both for the people coming out and for the people interacting with the people coming out."



Gender and sexuality information hotline: 415-989-7374

Information about the NEPA Rainbow Alliance: gaynepa.com

GLBT National Help Center hotline: 1-888-843-4564

# Wilkes alumna receives prestigious Presidential award

By Toni Pennello Asst. News Editor

On Sept. 8, President Obama awarded 213 math and science teachers with the prestigious Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, which represents all U.S. states and territories.

Among the recipients was Dr. Melanie Wiscount, a Wilkes alumna who received her educational leadership Ed.D in 2015.

"The recipients of this award are integral to ensuring our students are equipped with critical thinking and problem-solving skills that are vital to our nation's success," Obama said in a press release. "As the United States continues to lead the way in the innovation that is shaping our future, these excellent teachers are preparing students from all corners of the country with the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics skills that help keep us on the cutting-edge."

According to whitehouse.gov, recipients are chosen based on outstanding performance in teach K-12 science and math, and are selected by a panel of "distinguished scientists, mathematicians and educators following an initial selection process at the state level."

Recipients also receive a \$10,000 award from the National Science Foundation and are invited to Washington, D.C., for an awards ceremony.

Wiscount credited her doctor of education degree as integral to her success.

"Thank you to Wilkes University, the Ed.D. program, and all my professors and dissertation chair and committee for preparing me to be who I am for my students," Wiscount said.

Wiscount's dissertation explored the learning impact of Kinect, a responsive, gesture-based companion to microsoft

gaming consoles, on the middle-level mathematics classroom.

Dean of Wilkes School of Education, Dr. Rhonda Rabbit is more than proud of the award recipient.

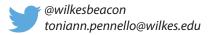
"We are delighted for the deserved recognition of Melanie by President Obama. Melanie is a quality teacher, an authentic teacher, and a teacher leader," Rabbitt said. "Her research involving a mathematics software program developed by a student in conjunction with Microsoft Kinnect highlights the value of authentic learning experiences which capitalize on technology and students' conceptual understanding of mathematics," she added.

"Her work also demonstrates the program value of collaboration and the Wilkes University commitment to innovation and scholarship. Melanie is a strong example of the high quality of students in our doctoral programs. What makes me especially proud is the fact that our doctoral students are drawn to our program because of the focus on impact by integrating theory with practice. Our graduates make a direct impact in their community and globally as a result of their doctoral study and influence in education."

Rabbitt also cited the contribution of Dr. Karim Letwinsky, the chair of Doctorate of Education at Wilkes.

"I am grateful to Dr. Karim Letwinsky for modeling and facilitating this mission."

Wiscount currently works at Ron Brown College Preparatory High School, a new all males-of-color public high school in Washington, D.C. as the educational technology specialist.





From Wilkes.edu

Dr. Melanie Wiscount, who earned her Doctorate of Education from Wilkes in 2015, received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching at a ceremony on Sept. 8.

Pictured, left to right: John P. Holdren, assistant to the president for science and technology and White House Office science and technology policy director; Wiscount; and Joan Derrini-Mundy, assistant director for education and human resources for the National Science Foundation.

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#### News

# Student stands up for religion when questioned by others

By Sarah Bedford Editor-in-Chief

It was 5 p.m. on a typical Saturday night when Alyson Kapun stopped by the campus Starbucks to quickly grab coffee before heading back to her apartment.

"It started out with two. With what they were saying I didn't agree with and I felt like they were attacking me in a way so I felt I had to defend myself so I obviously defended myself then they called other people in to help their argument. So it ended up as four against one."

The strangers, who appeared to be in their mid-to-late 20s, were members of the World Mission Society Church of God (WMSCOG) seeking to share their message with locals and invite them to an event they were holding at a hotel in Wilkes-Barre.

The members told Kapun that they were non-denominational and belonged to a church located in New York.

A common occurrence, but one that often leads to a hostile conversation, Kapun held her ground. As a devout Roman Catholic, Kapun used her 13 years of Catholic schooling to share her thoughts with the group.

What Kapun did not know was the church's questionable background.

"They don't seem to be Christians from

their past, but they claim to be Christians," Kapun said. "They didn't inform me of their background at all or where it originated from."

The WMSCOG has roots from the late 1990s with more than 2,500 churches in 175 countries. Their mission is of the Holy Spirit Movement which claims to follow the original depiction of the Bible with ties two early religious practices, according to their website.

Expanding from South Korea to North America, the church has faced lawsuits and has been questioned for practices.

Former missionary Ron Ramos, a 12-year member of the WMSCOG, completed an online interview in January of 2013 with cult expert Steve Hassan on his reasoning for leaving the church.

"It has a lot of characteristics that resemble a cult. I'm not saying it is a cult but it has a lot of characteristics. When I researched freedom of mind, BITE model, it kind of mirrors a lot of that," Ramos explained. The BITE model stands for the cult's control of an individual's behavior, intellect, thoughts, and emotions according to Hassan.

Ramos explained that the church would not explain things to new members, not answer questions about the faith and leave out details.

"Sometimes it wasn't what they said... it

was what they didn't say," Ramos said.

"It kind of scares you in the fact that people aren't familiar with religion arguing the fact that if you don't follow the Bible literally you're in trouble," Kapun said.

The members spoke to Kapun about their belief in God the Mother and God the Father, only worshipping on the Sabbath and the Pope. To every comment she made, the members would counter argue with a Bible verse, though could not provide Kapun with their own thoughts.

"Whenever I would ask questions they would just say, "come and see what it's all about."

While Kapun did not feel threatened or fearful during her encounter with the church members, after learning more about the church's background, she said she may have been more defensive to her faith.

"I might be more defensive on how I got my points across but I don't think I would have avoided them either only because I feel comfortable enough in what I believe that I wouldn't change it."

At Wilkes University, various religions are practiced. In the basement of the Farley Library is the campus Prayer Room. Upon pushing through the heavy doors, the space is no larger than the size of an expanded storage closet. Inside are ornate green and red prayer mats with intricate gold and

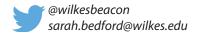
black details that are often associated with Islam. The room creates a juxtaposition of serenity with such an event as the one Kapun experienced.

For students looking to expand their spiritual journey, the Interfaith Office and the Center of Global Education and Diversity offer services.

"The Interfaith Office connects students with their preferred houses of worship and can provide students community resources when needed," Megan Boone Valkenburg, Civic Engagement Coordinator explained. "The Center is also a good resource should a student feel persecuted or discriminated upon because of his or her practices."

Kapun concluded that while her encounter with the World Mission Society Church of God was not a terrible one, for someone not grounded in their faith, a different outcome could have occurred.

"I think if another person were to encounter something like this they may be closed minded about it but it in a way I view that it's good to see other views.. It illustrates what I believe and how much and reveals who I am and what I stand for by seeing other people's views."



# "An Overview of U.S. Immigration" at Wilkes University

By Alyssa Mursch News Editor

On Oct. 4, Wilkes University students had the opportunity to attend the lecture "An Overview of U.S. Immigration," hosted by Dr. Steven Camarota.

Camarota is the director of research at the Center for Immigration Studies in Washington, D.C. He does analysis involving both legal and illegal immigration data, and thus came to present fully equipped with many statistics, charts and the like.

As one of the key issues in the presidential election, Camarota tried to shed some light on immigration by providing statistics regarding different areas that have been the topic of conversation.

One such topic is where illegal immigrants are coming from. One of the most infamous policy stances by presidential candidate Donald Trump is his plan to build a wall between U.S. and

Mexico, with the hope of decreasing the flow of illegal immigrants into the country.

However, the statistics provided by Camarota show that Mexican immigrants are not the majority. In fact, they are one of the smallest groups of immigrants, being largely overshadowed by those from both East and South Asia, as well as Latin America, according to 2014-2015 statistics. Moreover, the majority of the immigrants entering the country are doing so legally.

Camarota also highlighted that the highest levels of immigration occurred in 1890 and 1910. However, he said that projections predict a record-breaking high will occur in eight years if there is no policy change.

Almost one out of every five people in the U.S. is an immigrant or the child of an immigrant, Camarota pointed out, and one of the biggest sources for controversy is the effect it has on the economy.

Moreover, the overall percentage of the United States population is expected to shrink as Baby Boomers retire and immigrants can help make up a small portion of that gap.

This is a two-part problem, as over half of immigrant households get some form of welfare, while they usually pay slightly less in taxes than U.S. citizens, thus causing an imbalance that has the potential to cause a deficit.

Camarota emphasized that, although 51 percent of immigrant households get some form of welfare, these programs go to people that work but still fall under the poverty line. In other words, they are not simply getting handouts or cheating the system. The only way that someone who doesn't work can obtain welfare is if it is on behalf of their U.S. born children.

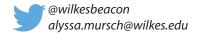
Again addressing the controversy of an overload of illegal immigrants, Camarota provided a statistic that said only one-fourth of immigrants are illegal. Immigrants that come into the country legally are in much higher numbers and thus have a bigger

impact on the country. He also pointed out that if the government wanted to go after illegal immigrants, their best bet would be to do so internally, by looking at U.S. employers turning a blind eye to hire them.

This may be the case for employers because there is currently a shortage of workers, according to the statistics, and immigrants are needed to fill that gap.

Camarota concluded by pointing out that although many people favor the Republican candidate's policy on immigration in this election, both parties are known to avoid the issue and slack when enforcing the laws.

However, projections do show that if the country stays on the track it is now, there will be a record number of immigrants in 2008 and there is a high likelihood that the imbalance of the welfare they obtain and the taxes they pay can create a deficit.



# Wilkes community provides 'safe space' for student veterans

By Alyssa Mursch News Editor

Brick walls and wide archways pave the way to an isolated part of campus, one that is only available to an exclusive group of the Wilkes community. Specifically, to those who have served our country.

To many students, the basement of Conyngham Hall is a place they may never step foot in their four years of college. But for veterans, the underground space is vital to their everyday routine.

"It's our safe space," JD Reeves said of the Veteran's Center. Reeves served for 13 years, and explained that it's beneficial to have a place to be around those who have shared his experiences and are more mature, as most of the veterans on campus are older and have lived a much different life than the civilians that surround them.

Veterans aren't the only ones who have access to the center, however. AmeriCorps VISTA and Veteran's Council co-adviser Justin Davis said that the center is open to anyone in the veteran's council as well as students that are children of veterans.

Co-adviser of the Veteran's Council Col. Mark Kaster said that bringing students and veterans together helps "facilitate communication and a mutual respect and understanding."

"Vets can have a calming influence on students and help them to mature, while non-vet students that care are also, in a way, therapeutic (to vets)," Kaster said.

The center has multiple rooms, one of which is to be used for relaxation and is fully-equipped with a flat-screen TV, two couches, foosball pool tables. There is also a kitchen with bright yellow walls and a workspace with computers. In the conference room, where the veteran's council holds their meetings, hangs a sign that reads "Thank you veterans."

With virtually no windows and a private atmosphere, there is a secluded, secure feeling upon entering the space, which is exactly what it was intended for.

"It's important to provide veteran students with a space that they feel safe, secure and relaxed," said Davis as he sat in his office, which is part of the center. "It gives them the opportunity to talk about their stories and not have the critique of a traditional student who may not have had the same experiences."

The center, which opened six months ago, is open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday.

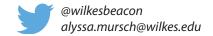
Davis also added that it is exclusive to Wilkes University, which is the only school in Luzerne County that has a veteran's center. This is just one of the many services that the university offers to veterans. Wilkes also participates in the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' Yellow Ribbon GI Education Enhancement Program, which allows it to cover post-Sept. 11 veteran's tuition expenses that exceed the highest public-instate undergraduate tuition rate. Wilkes can contribute up to 50 percent of those expenses, and VA will match the same amount.

G.I. Jobs Magazine also named Wilkes

University to its list of Military Friendly Schools the past six years. This list honors the top 20 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools that are doing the most to embrace America's service members and veterans as students, according to their website.

In addition, Wilkes has an Inter-Organizational Veteran Education Support Team (INVEST) which is designed to help military veterans, their families' and dependents with their transition into civilian life by providing support and services to meet their specific needs in post-secondary education. One such support system on campus is veteran's counselor Kaster.

"Before we had the center, vets didn't know there were others... it brought them together," Kaster said. "Wilkes is a special landing zone for those coming off active duty."



## More than 45 Wilkes University students will complete fall internships



Courtesy of Wilkes University

From left, row 1: Turki Alotaibi, Yarisa Polanco, Chelsea Workman, Rachel Brozusky, Taylor Lukasavage and Sarah Jarnot

Row 2: Kayla Gradwohl, Rachel Leandri, Sydney Calkins, Nichole Duden, Johnny Jan and Kasaundra Barclay

Row 3: Taylor Schermerhorn, Alexandria Bitzer, Tannersville, Pa.; Nick Brady, Ema Sabovic, Kevin Klatt, Matthew Reese and Christina Gambino.



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From left, row 1: Jennifer Baron, Jenna Graziano, Loreal Lyback, Emily Maculloch, Rachel Egan, Jessica Grable, Natalee Quinones, Taylor Higgins, Gareth Kyriacopoulos and John Scalese

Row 2: Sharon Castano, Wilkes internship and cooperative education director; Matt Endres, Zyaire Crowder, Lauren Brunner, Meghan Burns, Kendle Peters, Lacey Bixler and Shariece Brittingham

Row 3: Kevin Schiel, Shane Otto, Daravann B. Lok, Kelly Pullen, Justin Schoennagle, Steve Segel, Todd Espenshade, Turki Bin Rubayan, and Matt Wheeland.

# Life, Arts & Entertainment

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# "All in Time" makes its debut in Downtown Wilkes-Barre

By Catherine Rose Staff Writer

Just as a damsel in distress needs rescuing, Charlie sets out to save his beloved "Damnsels".

The award-winning film, "All in Time", will premiere at the F.M. Kirby Center for the Performing Arts on Oct. 16.

Wilkes students and local residents alike will recognize many locations in the film, as it was shot almost entirely in Wilkes-Barre.

Chuck Yarmey, a carpenter at Wilkes who served as production designer for the movie, said that the cameramen got a lot of great footage of Wilkes-Barre. Although the film was low-budget, it looks professionally done. Both Yarmey and director Chris Fetchko credit Dave Dunlap for this aspect.

Fetchko remarked that Dunlap "shot in such a way that Wilkes-Barre is essentially a character in the movie."

Dave Dunlap, director of photography, is well-known for his cinematic success in Goodfellas, Forrest Gump, and the series House of Cards, which earned him a primetime Emmy nomination.

"All in Time" has accumulated awards as well. So far it boasts a total of 12 film festival awards, including one each in Amsterdam and Milan. Yarmey says the international film festivals have helped in advertising Wilkes to a greater community and presenting the campus and city in a very positive light.

Set in the 90s, the film chronicles Charlie (Sean Modica), a man who quits his New York job to manage his favorite rock band in Pennsylvania.

Tired of the monotony of office work which he feels has no meaning, Charlie decides to pursue his passion and help The Damnsels in their time of need: the band's popularity is at an all-time low and their lead guitarist is about to quit. With so much love for the band, Charlie just can't let that happen.

Perhaps too optimistic and a little daring, Charlie promises to bring The Damnsels success. Willing to give it a shot, the band members wish to grant their admirer that chance--all except one, the lead guitarist, Glen (Josh Burrow).

The question of what concert he would relive if he could go back in time sparks an interesting concept in Charlie's brain-a concert for time travelers.

Glen's pessimistic attitude wrecks havoc on Charlie's attempts to save the band's career,

and ultimately Charlie loses everything he loves.

Now broke, single, and emotionallyunstable, Charlie is ready to give up. That is, until his elderly neighbor Mrs. Joshman (Lynn Cohen) yells at him to pull himself together. Charlie tries to win back his exgirlfriend and works endlessly to book shows with the help of his young intern.

Amidst all this, Charlie finds a demo CD in his car. He listens to it and looks for its singer, Laura, whose character is a student at Wilkes University. She is hesitant and shy, but eventually agrees to record some songs in the studio. Soon an accompanying band is formed and Laura performs in concert for time-travelers. The venue fills up quickly with fans of the future packing the Chameleon Club.

Although time travel is not possible in real life, it is however very easy to travel just minutes away to the Kirby Center on Sunday to find out all the twists and turns in All in Time. The film will be shown at 2:00 PM, followed by musical performances by The Badlees and Laura Shay.

Both have Pennsylvanian roots. The Badlees performed regularly in Wilkes-Barre and Central/Northeastern PA, and Laura Shay is an independent artist from Philadelphia. Fetchko wrote the script with the two acts in mind, and as Yarmey noted, "their music helps carry the story."

"All in Time" is touring the country in big cities, such as Boston, Denver, and Chicago, and will have theatrical runs in both New York City and Los Angeles. Yarmey thinks it would be neat if Wilkes alumni who live near these cities would see the film.

The concert after the screening will only be in select cities; Wilkes-Barre is one of them. Fetchko hopes for a good turnout here where the movie was set and filmed. He pointed out that the Kirby has shown many films and hosted many rock concerts but that "the two together is few and far between."

Yarmey spoke of NEPA locals "snickering when you tell them you made a film in Wilkes-Barre." But All in Time is not like other movies. "People will really enjoy it. If [skeptical locals] go see it, they will be pleasantly surprised."

Fetchko proclaims it as "a script that people could respond to." And that they will.

Tickets are \$20 in advance/\$25 days of the show. Visit allintimefilm.com andkirbycenter.org for details.



Photo Courtesy: All in Time's press kit



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# RECIPE OF THE WEEK:

Vegan Fettucine with side salad

## INGREDIENTS:

- 1 butternut squash, cubed
- ½ onion, chopped
- •1/2 pound fettuccine
- •Crushed red pepper flakes to taste
- •salt/pepper to taste
- •1 cup vegetable broth
- •Olive oil

Side Salad:

Spinach, Kale, Cucumber, Strawberries and Vegan Poppyseed Dressing

## INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Sautee onion in olive oil, in a saucepan, on medium heat, until transparent.
- 2. Add squash, salt, pepper and red pepper flakes. Sautee for about 5 minutes.
- 3. Boil salted water. Add fettuccine when boiling.
- 4. Add vegetable broth to squash pan. Let cook for 15-20 minutes or until squash is soft.
- 5. Puree squash mixture in food processor until creamy.
- 6. Strain fettuccine, mix in puree.



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Do you have a favorite dorm room recipe that's convenient for college students always on the go?

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# Crafts with MaryKate: DIY garage sale wooden stool

## Things you will need:

- -Sand Paper
- -Garbage Bag
- -Staple Gun
- -Bating or Foam
- -Stool
- -Fabric of your choosing
- -Spray paint

Photos courtesy of MaryKate Hubbard



Before

#### Steps:

- 1. Get supplies ready. Lay down garbage bag, remove stool seat if possible (cover is needed), place stool on garbage bag. Make sure you are outdoors.
- 2. Use the sand paper to sand off any previous paint on the wood as well as make a clean smooth surface for paint to adhere.
- 3. Coat the entire stool with spray paint. Apply multiple coats as necessary.
- 4. While the stool is drying, use batting or foam cut to the size of the stool seat to add more cushion.
- 5. Cover stool seat with a fabric of your choice.
- 6. Staple fabric to the bottom of the seat so it remains in place.
- 7. Feel free to use stencils or even free hand paint on the legs of the stool.
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# Kirby Scholar Program recognizes Wilkes "Best and Brightest"

By Amanda Bialek Life. Arts & Entertainment Asst. Editor Michelle Lehman, Co-Writer

Students have the opportunity to work directly with clients and build business relationships while receiving valuable experience in their field of study. This is because of the Kirby Scholar Program.

The program is run through the Allan P. Kirby Center for Free Enterprise and Entrepreneurship (APKCFEE) at Wilkes University.

Top-Performing students in accounting, business development, communication studies, digital design & media art, education, engineering and legal are chosen for the Kirby Scholar Program.

According to the APKCFEE, Kirby Scholars are selected because they are the "best and brightest" in their chosen discipline.

"In my opinion, being chosen as a Kirby Scholar means that you are considered an expert kind and comprehensive and to continue expanding the are considered an expert in your field of study," experiential learning work of Annelise Pryzwara, senior communication studies major said.

There are a total of eight Kirby Scholar positions at the APKCFEE that offer an array of opportunities for students.

Dr. Mark Stine, associate professor and chairman of communication studies and Dr. Jane Elmes-Crahall, professor of communication studies recommended Pryzwara for the Kirby Scholar position.

"This program has provided me with the opportunity to employ the knowledge and skills I have gained as a Communication Studies major outside of the department," Pryzwara said. "The position also enables me to take on more of a consulting role, as well as a chance to work with students from many other majors."

She is responsible for writing feature stories and content for the center's newsletter and promoting the Kirby Lecture Series.

"In the future, I will help promote clients' products/initiatives, write feature stories and possibly work on some videos for the center and their clients," Pryzwara said.

The Kirby Scholar Program provides Kirby Scholars with hands-on experiential learning in their chosen discipline. Scholars receive valuable experience in their field of study and formal recognition of their work. They also work closely with business mentors, who are typically local and national leaders in the fields.

"I am able to work on different projects that are unique and can be a positive addition to my resume," Cassidy Clement, Kirby Junior Business Scholar said.

Clement works with clients to develop different marketing elements and strategies. She helps APKCFEE coordinate marketing materials and events too.

"It is truly a one-of-a-kind and comprehensive experiential learning opportunity for a select group of exceptional students. Not only is it beneficial for the students, it also benefits our APKCFEE clients, our APKCFEE mentors and the student's academic departments," said Dr. Rodney S. Ridley, director of the Center.

Ridley had a vision to move the Kirby

Center forward, maintain the center's "It is truly a one-of-a- founding goals his opportunity for a select group of exceptional students." outstanding predecessors.

Originally, the APKCFEE out to mentor Wilkes University students, faculty and staff members. The center wanted

to create a program that would work 'handson' with their businesses all the way through their entrepreneurial experience.

~Dr. Rodney S. Ridley

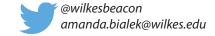
There was a significant demand from the NEPA community for these types of 'handson' services which caused the APKCFEE to expand its program beyond the University. The APKCFEE client base is continuing to

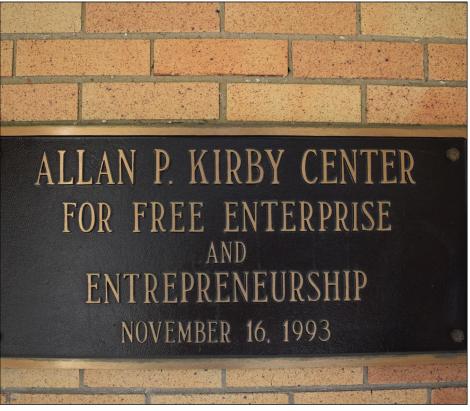
Ridley and his team had to answer a new question, "How do we mentor 50 businesses on a limited budget?"

The answer was the Kirby Scholar Program.

The next iteration of the program is to incorporate international students. APKCFEE hopes to expand the Kirby Scholar Program regionally, nationally and globally in the future.

Visit the Allan P. Kirby Center for Free Enterprise and Entrepreneuriship located at 65 West South St., Wilkes Barre, PA 18701.





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The Allan P. Kirby Center for Free Enterprise and Entrepreneurship is where students involved in the Kirby Scholar Program meet.



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## Poet of the week: Edgar Allan Poe

This week's poet is considered the father of the modern detective story. Edgar Allan Poe was born in 1809 and died in 1849. He is acknowledged today as one of them most brilliant and original writers in American Literature.

## Annabel Lee

It was many and many a year ago, In a kingdom by the sea, That a maiden there lived whom you may know By the name of Annabel Lee; And this maiden she lived with no other thought Than to love and be loved by me. I was a child and she was a child, In this kingdom by the sea, But we loved with a love that was more than love— I and my Annabel Lee— With a love that the winged seraphs of Heaven Coveted her and me. And this was the reason that, long ago, In this kingdom by the sea, A wind blew out of a cloud, chilling My beautiful Annabel Lee; So that her highborn kinsmen came And bore her away from me, To shut her up in a sepulchre In this kingdom by the sea. The angels, not half so happy in Heaven, Went envying her and me— Yes!—that was the reason (as all men know, In this kingdom by the sea) That the wind came out of the cloud by night, Chilling and killing my Annabel Lee. But our love it was stronger by far than the love Of those who were older than we— Of many far wiser than we— And neither the angels in Heaven above Nor the demons down under the sea Can ever dissever my soul from the soul Of the beautiful Annabel Lee; For the moon never beams, without bringing me dreams Of the beautiful Annabel Lee; And the stars never rise, but I feel the bright eyes Of the beautiful Annabel Lee; And so, all the night-tide, I lie down by the side Of my darling—my darling—my life and my bride, In her sepulchre there by the sea—

In her tomb by the sounding sea.

# HUMANS OF WILKES UNIVERSITY



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"Most people think of me as a goofy guy, but one day they'll see. I'll be a household name."

# -John Platt

Senior Mechanical Engineering major

# PM GONNA POP SOME TAGS

Students explore local consignment and thrift stores for inexpensive fashion

by Kim Hein, Life, Arts and Entertainment Editor and Amanda Bialek, Asst. Life, Arts and Entertainment Editor

College students are always trying to cut down their expenses. One of the best ways to save money on fashionable clothing is by visiting local consignment and thrift stores in Wilkes-Barre.

Rumor Has it, My Sister's Closet and Salvation Army have a variety of designer brand clothing, shoes, jewelry and furniture for sale; including The North Face, Nike, American Eagle, Lucky, Hollister, Victoria's Secret, Kate Spade, Coach, True Religion, Polo, Aldo

They all offer options suitable for both men, women and children.
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# THE SALVATION ARMY



The Salvation Army color coordinates all of their clothing so the customers can find exactly what they are looking for. The Salvation Army, located at 520 Kidder St. in Wilkes-Barre.

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Photos by Kim Hein, Design by Gabby Glinski

# RUMOR HAS IT

"You do get really good discounts. Every Thursday we have a 20 percent off," Alivia Harrison, Rumor Has It worker and LCCC college student said.



An elegant look that Rumor Has It offers for an affordable price.



An overview of the seasonal clothing and decor of the first room in Rumor Has It.



Accessories on display at Rumor Has It that includes brands such as Vera Bradley, Tori Burch, Coach and many more.

How does the consignment process work at Rumor Has It and My Sister's Closet?

You must make an appointment with the shop.

They accept name brand clothing that are less than four years old.

When consigning, you will receive 50% of the profit.

# MY SISTER'S CLOSET

"You'll get name brands at rock bottom prices," Karen Brown, owner of My Sister's Closet said.



of shoes. These include: Nike, Uggs, Coach, Michael Kors, Tori Burch and many more.

Right: The second floor of My Sister's Closet has a wide

Right: The second floor of My Sister's Closet has a wide variety of furniture including: dresser sets, vanities, chairs, dining room tables, and even beach themed décor.



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# "Like a ghost, I'll be gone": 21st century dating

By: Kimberly Hein
Life, Arts & Entertainment Editor



I remember when there was a time when you'd break up with someone and actually sit them down or at least call them to do so. Now, it seems as though people prefer a new way to end things: ghosting.

It's a complete disappearing act, instead of a proper goodbye to someone you were talking to. With this new term, people prefer to just cut off all ties with someone and ignore the other person's attempts to reach out instead of just ending everything.

People will just fade away instead of having an honest, up-front conversation as to why he or she no longer wants to talk or even date.

If you've been on the receiving end, you know that it is a very frustrating and confusing experience that most likely left you wondering why anyone would ever ghost in the first place.

This seems to be very prevalent in the college student age demographic as well as online. Some people may meet others on Tinder, Instagram, Twitter, or other applications and hangout but then realize they no longer want to text or talk to this person in general.

Even though there are many reasons as to why someone may ghost, it sill leaves the other person confused, hurt and sad.

Some reasons may include, the guy or

girl in question simply is trying to avoid conflict or the awkward conversation about why it didn't work out, something weird might have happened, they may fear commitment, are not ready for a relationship, or maybe, they just do not like the person anymore.

I am just wondering how it got to this.

Relationships used to mean something. People used to love each others company and focus on one person at a time.

In my parent's and grandparent's dayand-age, relationships were worth a lot more than they are today.

I feel like today there are so many distractions, applications, and ways for people to meet others. It is hard to stay focused on one individual.

Some people may talk to another person for as long as they feel necessary and then ghost them as soon as they either find someone better, or just lose interest.

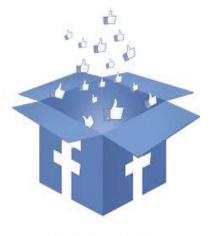
I think a perfect quote for this is from Beyonce's hit Single Ladies, "like a ghost, I'll be gone."



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# Apple: Back at it again, with new products and updates

By: Peyton Neishman Opinion Writer

Is it that time of the year again? Apple is back new and improved.

It feels like an annual holiday when Apple releases its latest inventions.

Most college students are iPhone and Mac users. The newest software update is iOS 10 and newest product is the iPhone 7.

Was this the right move for Apple? Today's society is a technology-based world. We rely on our handheld devices.

People should be excited for this new update. This is the best update to date. Apple is fixing the bugs more often than ever before. Talking to a few students around campus that this update has changed smartphones technology forever.

And students are updating their phones. They don't want to miss out. I recommend this because of these awesome new improved features.

Freshman student Hannah Miller stated, "(I)t is easier to unlock my phone, I just have to press the home button and I also enjoy using the new emojis."

Apple has eliminated the gun emoji and replaced it with a water gun. This happened because of gun violence in our country.

I support this change.

Now, send your messages with emotions through the animations, drawings, balloons, confetti, and don't forget the fireworks.

According to sophomore Carlie Coolbaugh, "I enjoyed the new iMessage, because you can send handwritten message

handwritten messages and fireworks."

People hate when their music stops when they try to take a picture. With this update the music will never stop.

Take those music videos you have always wanted to take singing to your favorite song.

Talking to sophomore, Brianna Wentzel,

she responded "I love to listen to the new iMusic when I am at the gym. With the update it so much easier to navigate now."

> All people have to do to get to the camera is a swipe to the right.

The camera albums feature is more organized now, too. It is divided into all different categories included the "selfie" category.

The map app is great for the commuter students and the people who travel a lot. It will take you the fastest route to avoid

construction and traffic.

The new home app can be linked up to smart appliances. This will help remind you turn them off. I enjoyed the deletion of the useless apps. This helps out a lot if your phone storage is full.

A popular new app is the Raise and Wake feature which includes the brand new clock.

The iMusic app is the best it has ever been.

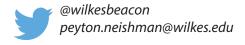
The iPhone 7, is the latest product and it is selling like hot cakes.

The day the new phone came out, people were camped out in front of the Apple stores to buy their new device, which includes 3D apps and new air pod Bluetooth headphones.

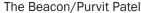
The legacy of Apple creator still lives on today. Apple is one the greatest innovations in technology that our society has ever seen. This new update is a milestone in computer software. It's useful and efficient.

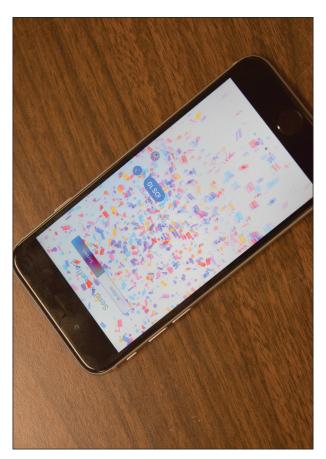
I am a personally fan of these updates.

There are so many new features to explore. I recommend you try it out for yourself and join the Apple world of technology.











# Letter to the editor Student's good deed does not go unnoticed

By: Debbie Taylor Guest Writer

I feel compelled to share this story, because often times college students are often seen as boisterous and unruly.

However, on an average day of work last week, I received an email from a student, Tyler Stolzfus, stating he found my debit card (which I was not even aware I had lost it).

You see, I had stopped at Walgreens prior to my shift and must have slid it in my pocket. Well throughout the day, I was in multiple buildings, and numerous dorms and to be honest, I forgot that I even had it my card with me at all and it must have fallen out.

My carelessness could have been so damaging and time consuming. Obviously I work here full time at Wilkes University, but am also a full time student, so finding the time to cancel my card and stopping my auto payments would have taken time not to mention the inconvenience, and stress.

His email asked where I could meet him after his class to return it to me. I had to re-

read my email several times as well as search my pockets to confirm that this was meant for me.

When I realized that I did in fact lose my card and this fine young gentleman took the initiative to find me was so heart warming.

I texted him back, with many thank you's and we met after his class at the Student Union Building.

With the hustle of school, sports, work etc. it is so easy for us to not have the time to go out of your way for someone, but this young man proved what being Colonel is all about.

Well done Tyler! God bless

Debbie Taylor



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# Colonels Talk Back

# We asked a clown question: "What's up with the clowns?"

*Interviews by* Luke Modrovsky luke.modrovsky@wilkes.edu

Photos by Jesse Chalnick jesse.chalnick@wilkes.edu

We are not clowning around here. Across the United States, numerous clown sightings have been reported as we inch closer to Halloween. Contrary to the typical friendly clown, some of the clowns spotted possessed weapons and have allegedly acted as threatening.

The Beacon asked members of the Wilkes Community to give a reaction to this "clown question". Want to be in the next Colonels Talk Back? Email luke.modrovsky@wilkes.edu

#### Michael Vanchieri **Sophomore Electrical Engineering**

"It could be totally nonsense but it also could be threatening. These people dressed as clowns are causing a world of chaos. People are doing it to get a laugh, but overall, it's inappropriate. There's really no reason to do it."













#### Glenn Weist **Junior** Criminology

"I really don't like clowns. Having them pop up all over the woods in pretty scary. People are definitely taking this clown thing too far. College kids aren't going to play a practical joke on each other. I think it would be people from the outside, like bigger cities.'

#### **Jeff Steber Junior Environmental Science & Geology**

"I think it's ridiculous. If I see any clowns out, they better not have any weapons or I'm going to have a problem. People are a little soft but more people are getting freaked out now. I think the people of Wilkes-Barre will handle everything just fine."

#### **Grace Sanzalone Junior** Criminology

"I think that people are crazy. I heard someone actually got killed in Reading. I think people are doing this because it's October and they are trying to be funny. Like everything else, they took it too far like they take everything else."

#### **Austin Krauss** Freshman Nursing

"I think it's kind of ridiculous, but if I saw one in the street, I'd freak out too. People seem to be doing this to get attention to get on the news but now they are creating an uproar."



#### John Morio Junior Entrepreneurship

"My opinion on clowns? I think we have both of them running for President to be honest. I'm done with this world."

# ~Election 2016~

# To vote, or not to vote? That is the question

By Dionna DeFazio Opinion Writer

As fall begins and Nov. 8 looms on the horizon, the world is buzzing with news of the presidential election. For many of my peers, this is the first election where we have a say in who becomes the new leader of the free world.

And yet, this the first election in my lifetime where I am not excited for the outcome, and I am not alone in this feeling. A recent USA Today poll shows that more than 50 percent of voters are voting out of fear for the opposing candidate, rather than out of loyalty for the one they support.

But how did we reach a point where we are given a false dichotomy, where we must choose between the lesser of two evils, where we must settle?

This is supposed to be a democracy.

We are supposed to have a choice, but lately it feels as if there is no good option.

According to Patch.com, only 69

percent of people are even planning on voting during this election, in comparison with 76 and 80 percent in the previous two elections.

Considering this election is between the first woman to ever lead a major political party and a businessman with no political experience, it is surprising that voter turnout is so low.

This lack of interest in the election is dangerous, simply because it undermines the basis of democracy. If we do not vote, we fail to protect our right to be involved in the process of choosing a candidate.

And we should vote regardless of party affiliation. If you agree with the ideals of a libertarian or Green Party candidate, you should vote for them, whether you register for their party or not.

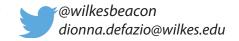
If everyone voted for a candidate after researching them and agreeing with their morals and policies, we could keep the democracy of America alive.

Of course it feels pointless to vote if

you don't agree with either of the two main candidates. Third party candidates are unlikely to win in our corrupt bipartisan system, and even the current president frowns upon voting for a third party candidate.

But voting is important because it gives us a voice, a way to change politics. Voting for Green Party candidate Jill Stein may not result in her victory, but if she garners support, her ideals will be adopted by Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump in order to gain the support of Stein's voters. It has happened in the past and it will continue to happen in the future.

So the next time you feel like voting is a waste of your time, remember that every vote really does count, regardless of who it's for.



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# Vice presidential debate: Politics or child's play

By Shannon O'Connor Opinion Writer

Oct. 4 marked the one and only vice presidential debate between Virginia Sen. Tim Kaine and Indiana Gov. Mike Pence at Longwood University in Virginia. Over the course of 90 minutes, the two candidates had two minutes each to answer nine different questions based on their personal beliefs and policies.

In light of the presidential debate, one would hope the vice presidential candidates would act more appropriate than their counterparts.

However, that was not the case. Kaine and Pence did manage to discuss their policies but only in between the name calling and finger pointing.

Throughout the debate, Kaine was dead set on targeting Pence for Trump not releasing his tax returns. Pence seemed to be at a loss for words at how rapidly the backlash was flying.

Once he was able to pick up the last

remaining pieces of his campaign's dignity, he was quick to fire back. Pence defended Trump by stating how successful his business strategies have been as well as how he brought up such a well-known company.

Unfortunately, this childish bickering continued for the next ninety minutes.

However, the tables turned when the candidates were asked one of their final questions: "Can you discuss in detail a time when you struggled to balance your personal faith and a public policy position?"

With Kaine being raised Catholic and Pence being Christian, the two men actually shared something in common.

This was the first moment in the whole debate that the name-calling was put away and a true discuss came about.

Both agreed to having a great deal of respect for the other in terms of their dedication to their faith, and ironically enough both had a policy issue that involved their faith and the matter of life and death.

Kaine went on to describe his issue with

the death penalty and how he is strongly against it. Even though he believes it is against his faith, he feels it is his duty to with uphold the law.

He explained, "I told Virginia voters I would uphold the law, and I did."

In regards to Pence, he strongly opposes abortion and is an advocate for adoption. He believes in expanding alternative forms of counseling for women, in which abortion is not the first option on their minds.

Pence states, "But it all for me begins with cherishing the dignity, the worth, the value of every human life."

In these few minutes that Pence and Kaine discussed this question, it was refreshing to finally have some aspect of the election not be a theatrical show.

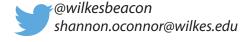
Now, the million dollar question.

Who won the debate? Well, it's up to each voter to decide which type of childish debating they prefer over the other.

Sen. Kaine and Gov. Pence were tamer than Trump and Clinton; however, how you

deal with an argument on the playground and how you run a country should not be the same type of behavior.

The vice presidential debate is not as important as the presidential one; however, it still should be something to consider when voting comes.



Tune into the final
Presidential
Debate on
Wednesday,
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# Sports

Want your sport covered? Contact the sports editor: taylor.ryan@wilkes.edu or daniel.vanbrunt@wilkes.edu

## Brook and Armstrong: Teammates on the gridiron since the age of 5

By Pankil Chander Staff Writer



Photos Courtesy Cheryl Armstrong and Diana Seville Brook, Armstrong heading to the field for another game side by side.

Bonds between teammates in the collegiate athletic space cannot be compared to any ordinary friendship. Authentic bonds among teammates are ones which respect one another enough to support, challenge and inspire each other.

Who we spend time our time with, shapes who we are, the friendships we forge are often a reflection of our character.

Senior Tailback Jake Brook and Junior Tight End Garrett Armstrong, both graduates of Kittatinny Regional High School, share the same combative attitude as their competitiveness bred their improvement as ball players.

"Never wanting to let each other win in anything has been a part of our friendship since the day we met and to this day we are still very competitive in everything we do," Armstrong said.

Although some may argue this dog-eat-dog approach is unhealthy, the two New Jersey natives wouldn't have it any other way. Brook and Armstrong's aggressive nature on the field allows them to enter their training as though they were competing against a lifelong rival.

"I will do whatever it takes to not let him

beat me in anything and he will the same to me," Brook said.

This philosophy has proven tried and true as it has helped them reach new heights in their athletic careers. Both are currently two of the top three in scoring touchdowns for the Colonels.

Developing their competitive spirits at a young age, Brook and Armstrong first stepped foot on the gridiron together when they were both just 5 years old, competing for Kittatinny's Midget Football League. They carried their desire to compete onto the wrestling mats to assist in fulfilling the winning tradition of John Gill's powerhouse program.

Brook and Armstrong's families have been building camaraderie amongst one another ever since the two Wilkes football players were born. Their older sisters' cultivated a close relationship as they grew older as well. Through their upbringing, their parents purposefully served their boys with the love and values needed to instill the confidence in them to play their hearts out at the next level.

Now, Brook and Armstrong's families look forward to football season to jointly

tailgate and take joy in witnessing their sons perform in their prime.

With nearly a lifetime of being teammates, it is safe to say the two weapons of the Colonels' offense share the same vision. The two attribute their success to one another as their objective views allows them to critique each other's game constructively.

"We know each other very well maybe a little too well, we both know how to get under each other's skin very easily. We have learned how to play with each other over the years and how to get the most out of each other," Armstrong said.

True friendship lies in understanding one another. Brook and Armstrong's strong sense of solidarity has helped them flourish on the field.

"One of the things that I enjoy about playing ball with Garrett is that we understand each other. We aren't afraid to criticize each other," Brook said.

The exhaustion resulting from schoolwork and athletics can be a strenuous process to endure. Brook and Armstrong draw strength from each other knowing that they were together when they went through their toughest workouts, practices, games and matches.

Few choices are more important than

deciding who you will be around. Given their close relationship, Brook, an academic year ahead of Armstrong, seems as if he may have had an effect on Armstrong's college decision.

"I would say Jake did have an influence on my decision coming to Wilkes. It was interesting for me to get the chance to play with someone that I have played with my whole life. We are doing something we love and it makes it that much better to do it with my best friend," Armstrong said.

They've leaned on each other when facing hardships and were present during each other's growth as athletes, brothers and sons. Brook and Armstrong will continue to execute their competitive personas to thrive off each other and enjoy the process along the way.

"It's a pretty cool thing to think about because when it's all over we can both look back and share some of the same memories. It will be a total of about 18 years of playing football together. I've had a lot of fun playing together and we still have one more year," Brook said.



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The dynamic duo taking on Friday Night Lights, at Kittatinny Regional High School

# King's travels to Wilkes for breast cancer awareness match

By Taylor Ryan Sports Co-Editor

As the Lady Colonels get well into their season and into conference play, each game becomes more vital than the last.

This past Tuesday, the Lady Colonels took on local rival King's College at home for a hard fought full five set match. This game was also Wilkes University's annual Breast Cancer game, to honor and support Breast Cancer in the month of October.

The team came out fighting, keeping the Lady Monarch's on their toes, starting the game with two strong first sets that led to the Colonels taking the lead early on. Wilkes did not give them a chance in the first two sets, in an overwhelming point win first, 25-12 then continued the streak with 25-17.

As the third set came around, King's College came back winning the third set 25-15 over the Colonels, then the forth 25-17. The Lady Colonels fought until the fifth set after King's tied the game, leading to the fifth and final set for the rivals. King's College, started out the last set, leading 4-1 early on in the set. The Lady Colonels were not going to give it to them that easy though. The team came back to tie it up 12-12 to spark enough

chance for the ultimate comeback.

Senior Alexandra Paskas has been a leader for the team on and off the court, and

spoke on the team's known rivalry between King's College. Paskas noted, "It is the biggest game of the year. It doesn't matter what our records are, both teams show up with a chip on their shoulder prove to the other who is better."



After the tyingSenior Ally Paskas soars against Kings on Tuesday and take those they will a the final set.

up the final set, night
the Colonels just
could not get
ahead, allowing the Lady Monarchs to finish
the game with a 3-2 conference win against
the Lady Colonels.

Although this season has not been the most successful for the Colonels up to this

conference and make it to their ultimate goal, conference playoffs.

After this loss, The Lady Colonels' record becomes 8-12 overall, and 1-3 in the MAC Conference. having Only played four conference matches leaves three them regular season conference matches. the Colonels pull through

pull through and take those matches they will be able to qualify for post-season

match ups.

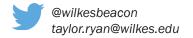
Although the conference matches seem to weigh more than non-conference match ups, the Lady Colonels have over 13 matches,

point, there is still time to overcome the conference and make it to their ultimate the team's overall record for this season.

Head Coach, Joseph Czopeck, gave us some insight on how he sees the rest of the season playing out, "We have a young team. We have been going through some growing pains but that seems to be a by-product of our young team. Our team is growing at each and every practice. Our continuous growth will lead us to a positive finish to our season."

The team began this season with only two seniors, Alexandra Paskas and Abby Sanders. The two have taken on the roles of leadership that was expected from them coming into this season. They have a passion and love for the team, and representing their university for one last time.

Outside Hitter, Alexandra Paskas reflects on the season to this point, and the hopes she has from here on out, saying, "I am torn on wanting to win, and understanding that this is team is young and not as experienced as teams in the past."



# New club opens door to sports management majors

By Sean Grundy Staff Writer

What is sports management?

What does a sports management major do?

What is the Sports Management Club about?

These are all questions that Morgan Galluzzo the President of the Wilkes Sports Management Club is asked quite often.

"The Sports Management Club is the equivalent of clinical to a nursing major. It will help sports management majors get the experience they need in their field of work, so that they can succeed in the business world," Galluzzo said.

The Sports Management Club is a new club this semester and is looking to expand and help all sports management and business majors perfect their craft and hopefully open new doors to students at Wilkes.

With the help of Business Professor WooJun Lee the Sports Management Club was born and is now growing in size and it looking to make great leaps forward as a whole. Lee was the one who noticed that all of the other majors on campus had some sort of club to help students get hands on with their majors and Sports Management didn't. So with some great ideas from Galluzo, the

Sports Management Club was established. Professor Lee's first course of action as the clubs advisor was then elected Morgan to be the president of the club due to all the ideas and plans that she had for the club going forward.

"It is very hard for Sports Management majors to understand what they want to do without the experience. We will get the experience that we need through the sports management club. This will help the students find the field or area of sports management that they will want to work in," Galluzo said.

The Sports Management Club is looking to take trips to some professional sports teams around the area so the students can get hands on and a first hand look on how the business world and sports work. Lee has already taken some of the sports management classes to the Wilkes-Barre Rail Riders front office and to tour their facilities.

This is the type of experience that was missing that the Sports Management Club will now be giving students so they have an opportunity to get their feet wet before going out into the business world.

"We have a lot of amazing things going on and this will hopefully carry over into next years, we have very high hopes for this club to succeed and open doors for many people



Morgan Galluzo is now the President of the Sports Managment club

including myself. We have a lot of great people in the club and are led by a brilliant professor who is leading us into the right direction.

"The sky's the limit and we can only go up from here." Morgan Galluzzo.



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# Bubble soccer, bullrides and sports 'smash' the Greenway



The Beacon/Purvit Patel John Scalese participates in a game of Bubble Soccer at Sports Smash.



Nick Ruggerio throws one hand in the air for the mechanical football.



## Getting to know...

# Garret Armstrong Junior Football Player

By Purvit Patel Sports Writer

Name: Garrett Armstrong

Year: Junior

Major: Criminology Hometown: Hampton, NJ

Position: Tight End

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

The opportunity to get an education and also to be able to play a sport was the ultimate driving force for me to come to Wilkes.

Post graduation plans in terms of a career?

I hope to find a job that I enjoy.

What are your hopes for your junior season as a Colonel?

My hopes for this current season is to come together as a team and be able to win games. We have been in a lot of close games and unfortunately we have been on the done for me. I wouldn't be in the losing end of those games but I hope to turn that around and start being the ones who come out of the game with a win.

A quote you live your life by?

"In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years."

If you had to choose one thing about Wilkes' Football Program that you could improve, what would it be? If I could improve one thing about Wilkes sports, it would be

to have more sports related events and bring all sports teams closer together.

When/Why did you first begin playing football?

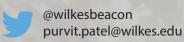
I first started playing football when I was 5 years old playing flag football. It's hard to believe it has been 16 years since I started playing.

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

I enjoy hanging out with friends.

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

The most influential person in my life would have to be my parents because of everything they have position I am today without them.





Getting to know...

# Nicolette Towlen

Sophomore Soccer Player

By Purvit Patel Sports Writer

Name: Nicolette Towlen

**Year:** Sophomore **Major:** Psychology

Hometown: Ewing, NJ High School: Ewing High School

**Position:** Forward

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

I really wanted to played college soccer and I loved the girls on the team here at Wilkes along with Coach Sumoski.

Post graduation plans in terms of a career?

I hope to get my bachelor's in sports psychology and work with a team or young athletes to help them deal with the stresses of playing a sport at a high level and the mental challenges that come along with that.

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

I don't think there is anything to improve. I love my teammates and the program. Coach Sumoski devotes everything he has into making the program the best it could be.

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

I would have to say Mia Hamm. She is an inspiration to all female soccer players and an amazing

player herself.

What does "Be Colonel" mean to you?

Represent yourself, your team and the school in a positive light.

When/Why did you first begin playing soccer?

When I was four, I played soccer and t-ball. Throughout elementary school and middle school, I was very active but soccer was the only sport that stuck. I love it.

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

My mom, she works as hard as she can every day to provide me with the things that I need. It is really hard to be a single parent, let alone have two kids in competitive sports, but she did it. Without her, I probably wouldn't even have the opportunity to play college soccer and I definitely wouldn't be here at Wilkes.



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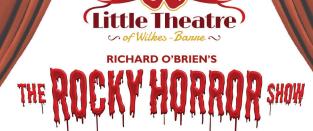
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