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Henry's Dining Hall fitted with new renovations

By Maddie Davis
Asst. News Editor

Henry's Dining Hall hasn't been renovated for more than 40 years, but over winter break, the upstairs cafeteria in the Student Union Building received a new, more mainstream look.

The cafeteria was remodeled with fresh coats of paint, new soda dispensers and various new outlets with USB charging ports. New plumbing was installed around the cafeteria as well. Aside from these improvements Henry's seating plan received a new look featuring a new wooden booth area, high tables and an overall new spacious floor plan.

The dining hall's reconstruction has been in the planning stages since the middle of last year. The remodeling was done successfully bringing a more relaxed and modern touch to Wilkes' campus. After the planning stages the construction took three to four weeks to complete, just in time for the new semester.

Jerry Bogdan, the General Manager of Henry's Dining Hall, had expressed his interest in the newest renovations of the cafeteria in his third year.

"It's something we've wanted to do since Aramark came on campus," stated General Manager Jerry Bogdan about the reconstruction.

The plan for the architect, constructed by Bogdan and others, was to make more seating options to cater to all students.

"It was like military feeding" joked



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Joshua Shepard, a junior musical theater major, sits with friends in the newly rennovated cafeteria. In the image is the new wooden booth area, fitted with charging ports.

Bogdan while criticizing the old lay out. "It was like a high school cafeteria."

Bogdan explained that Alicia Bond, director of business operations, and Theresa Cochran, Space Mg/Financial Supervisor in Facilities, both helped design the color scheme for the cafeteria's new look. Phillip Marino, project supervisor, also spearheaded the reconstruction of the dining hall to serve a fresh new look to returning spring semester students.

"My hope is that it makes a better dining experience for the students and a more

comfortable experience for the students and staff," added Bogdan.

"It's a fresh look at something as we progress and we keep doing new things to keep the program moving forward and to make it a better experience for Wilkes University."

"It was kinda like we wanted to surprise you" joked Bogdan on the almost sudden change of the dining hall's layout.

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Student Government debuts club websites

By Jackie Kurovsky
Staff Writer

Wilkes University Student Government is looking to improve the campus experience for everyone with a new website that keeps users up to date with all things Colonel.

The site wilkes.presence.io is the computer platform for the Student Government app "The Colonel Guide" which became available in 2017. Like the app, the site contains information on all clubs and events on campus from Bingo Night to Zebra Communications.

Student Body President Cody Morcom explained how the website and its corresponding app help improve student engagement.

"We are the sounding board for student concerns," said Morcom. "These two tools help us to both hear and see concerns as well as get information to every Colonel in a quick, easy, and less-invasive way than ever before."

Campus events appear on the site's main screen. Students can click the Organizations tab to see a listing of all clubs and organizations on campus. By selecting a club, they can view meeting times and locations and send a request to join. In addition, any questions the user has can be immediately sent to the inbox of the club's president.

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Compiled by Maddie Davis

Wilkes University’s Annual Sexual Jeopardy

On Tuesday, Feb. 6 from 9 to 10 p.m. the BACCHUS Club is holding the Sexual Jeopardy program in the Henry Student Center Ballroom. The club is currently looking for participants for four teams of four to take part in the game show like event to educate those who come about different sexual conceptions. The winning team will also take home a prize. If you are interested in participating please contact Health Services at ext. 4730.

Spring Semester Opening of the Colonel Closet

Wilkes University’s Colonel Closet is open and restocked for the Spring Semester. The Colonel Closet is open for students in the Interfaith Office on the second from of the Student Union Building Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Contact Kristin Osipower at kristin.osipower@wilkes.edu or at the ext. 5904 for questions or alternate arrangements.

Scholarships Available through the Alumni Association

If a parent or grandparent of yours graduated from Wilkes University you may qualify for Wilkes University Alumni Scholarship that is now accepting applicants. Apply through the Wilkes Alumni Website to see if you qualify before the Feb. 23 deadline.

Last Call to Attend Winter Creative Writing Workshops

Winter creative writing workshops will be offered to all of those interested next semester on campus. Reality and Imagery in Fiction, Social Media for Beginners, and Nonfiction Places and Spaces, among others, are the workshops that are being offered. Registration for these workshops is now open at www.wilkes.edu/cw. For any further questions call (570) 408-4547.

Wanted: Interns for Wilkes Alumni Political Campaign

Anthony Bartoli ’15 is looking for those who are interested in a political internship to help with his campaign running for State Representative of the 118th District. If you are interested please email jon@votebartoli.com and attach resumes and plans to set up an interview.

Wilkes University Student Government notes

By Megan Stanley

Staff Writer

The Wilkes University Student Government held their first meeting of the semester on Wednesday.

The Spanish Club and Women Empowered by Science (WEBS club) delivered their club reports this week. The Spanish Club told student government that they currently have 10 active members who meet once a month. They held a table at the Wilkes Halloween Party in October, and participated in the MSC party. The club held a Krispy Kreme fundraiser last semester. In terms of the future, the club hopes to host more fundraisers and activities which all will be discussed.

WEBS currently have 58 active members. They meet with WEBS participants from the local area to deliver labs, and the next session will be at the end of the month. Last semester, the group held a Yankee Candle fundraiser and made a \$492.40 profit for the club. They are currently planning an event called Adventures in Science that will be held in April. In the future, the club wants to reach out more to the Wilkes community and start social media channels.

The first item of business was the recognition of the Table Top Gaming Club. The group hopes to facilitate social gatherings for people interested in role playing, deck building and other board games. The hope for the club is to help other students find and

forge new friendships through the events. The club also hopes to help students who might be experiencing anxiety or depression from college work. The club will be advised by Dr. Andrew Miller, and currently has 15 members. The group will return to student government to find out if they have been awarded Student Government recognition.

The next item of business was a fund request from APhA-ASP for their annual conference. The 2018 Annual Meeting and Exposition will provide students the opportunity to network, advocate pharmacy, and learn about issues facing the profession. Attending the trip are 31 pharmacy students, but only the five P2 students are eligible for Student Government funding. The total request for the trip is \$3,535, which will cover registration, hotel and flights. APhA-ASP will return to Student Government next week to see if they have been allocated the funding.

Geo-Explore club funding request was the next item of business. The group intend to take a trip to the Big Island of Hawaii during Spring Break. The 15 students attending will receive tours from professional geologists, visit state parks, and experience the history and culture of Hawaii. The trip is associated with a one-credit Hawaiian geology course, and the trip will help promote the new geology major. The entire trip will cost \$23,846.07, but due to fundraising and personal funds the group are requesting \$6,618 from Student Government to help

with the trip. Geo-explore club will return next week to find out if they have received the funding.

A Pennsylvanian Pharmacist Association funding request was next on the agenda. The group are attending the Midyear conference Jan. 26 to 28 where more than 10 Wilkes students will present posters. The group is requesting \$1,200 to cover the registration and hotel of students attending the conference.

Next on the business was the name change for IRHC (Inter-Residence Hall Council). After attending a conference, the group hopes to rebrand by creating a new logo with a new name change. The motion was passed for the group to be renamed to Residence Hall Council (RHC).

The final item of business was the Capital Fund Request. In the request was a new three-year contract for Presence, the system that “Colonel Guide” was created on, which helps clubs and events register attendance. There was also a request for a new Club Hub computer and an electronic voting system, which will cut down voting time in Student Government meetings. The fund request totalled \$25,069.00 and was passed.

Finally, the operations committee met during the week and reported the following: Stark building construction is ahead of schedule and will be completed by the summer, and in the communal lounge of University Towers there will be computers added.

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and send a request to join. In addition, any questions the user has can be immediately sent to the inbox of the club's president. Morcom said the app is also a way for Student Government to receive helpful feedback. In the Campus Forms tab, students can fill out surveys about campus events. This allows Student Government to have the likes and dislikes of Wilkes students right at their fingertips.

The site also allows for demographic analysis to ensure campus events are reaching out to all Colonels.

"Students may notice how we use their swipes at every SG event," said Morcom. "This swipe checks them in and allows us to see [...] their class year, major, if they're a resident or commuter, ethnicity, and so much more."

Student Government Vice President Katelyn Jimison explained the importance of this feature.

"Presence helps us to identify groups of students who we are having trouble getting to attend our events, which allows us to make changes in the future to cater to what everyone wants to see."

Morcom said the website and app

combined will absolutely enhance the experience of Wilkes students.

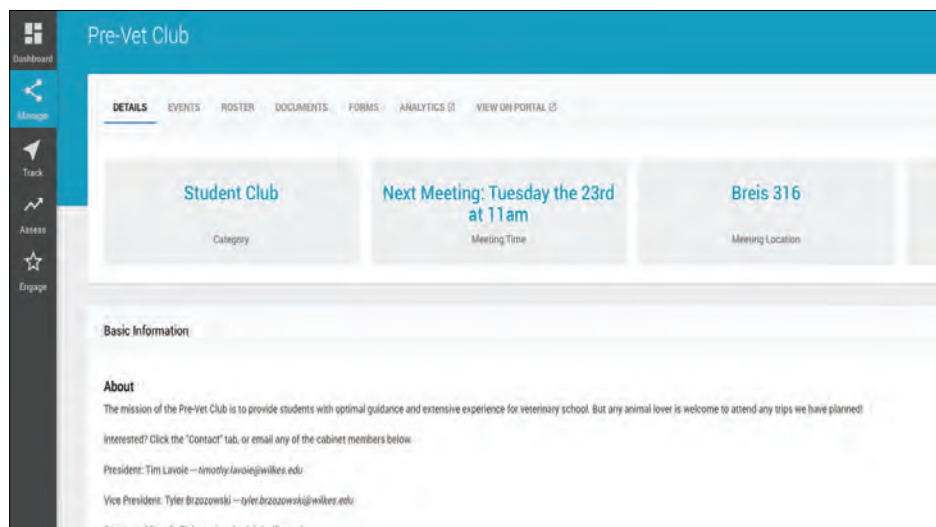
"In the past Student Government has played a big role in event planning on campus," Morcom said. "Over the course of the past semester and into the future, it has been my mission to ensure we maintain that while also advocating for change and improvements that students want and need."

Any student, faculty, staff member or alumni can easily access the website. Their information is pre-loaded onto the site using a sync system with help from the Wilkes IT department.

"[It's] super complex, but it works amazingly," said Morcom.

"I am confident that my successor, the SG President next year will take it further and help to enhance student life even more," Morcom said. "There are many new updates that the platform's company is going to be releasing over the next year, ones that I feel will be extremely beneficial to all students interested in enjoying the awesome social events [our] campus offers."

"The Presence tools allow us to update the club leaders to allow current leaders to have access to all of the old budgets [...] from past events," she said. "This would also be a great way to track spending when multiple people may be working to plan an event, and easily



Courtesy of Tim Lavoie

The dashboard of the Pre-Vet Club. Club leaders can edit things like meeting time, meeting location, and basic information from this area for other club members to view.

see where your spending is at versus the budget."

Morcom hopes for more clubs and organizations to be added to the site. While the platform is in its early stages, Student Government foresees a successful future.

"I think Presence is a great resource for all

clubs and students to use, and I'm excited to keep spreading the word about it throughout campus," Jimison said.

Editor's note: Maddie Davis, the assistant news editor, is the treasurer of the Pre-Vet Club.

Rosenthal Herbarium internationally recognized, added to registry

By Megan Stanley

Staff Writer

The Rosenthal Herbarium at Wilkes University has recently been added to the database of Index Herbariorum, an international directory of herbaria.

Established in 1982, the Herbarium has a collection of over 3,400 specimens of pressed and preserved plants. The majority of the samples are from Pennsylvania, but some plants are acquired from places such as Florida, California, Texas and Canada.

The director and curator of the Herbarium, Dr. Kenneth Klemow, has been interested in plant collection since his undergraduate studies at the University of Miami and contributed to the herbarium at Syracuse's College of Environmental Science and Forestry.

Klemow established the Herbarium at Wilkes more than 30 years ago using both his own personal collection of plants and those that students collected during his classes.

"If you go into the herbarium, you'll see a lot of plants that were collected in the 1980s, when we were trying to rapidly build up the collection. From there, in the 1990s and 2000s and the past eight years we would add around 100 specimens per year."

"I have around 3,400 specimens in the collection. Many of these specimens are collected by students and many of these students have now graduated and gone off

to become alumni. We want alumni to know that their work lives on in our herbaria, and we take good care of it."

Klemow spoke about his reasoning behind applying for recognition from the Index Herbariorum.

"I was elected as the president of the Pennsylvania Biological Survey, which is a group of biologists who are interested simply in biodiversity within the state. Being that I'm the president of this organization my collection should be properly recognized."

He further added, "it is something that I always aspired [to], because all the best herbaria are there."

Klemow spoke about the benefits of having a herbarium within the university, such as his ability to use the specimens to teach classes.

"Some plants are of medicinal value and we have students that are pre-med orientated and so (the herbarium) can be used to show the relationship between plants and these other areas that are important to them."

He further added that herbaria serve as important "store-houses of genetic diversity and genetic information."

Laura Solomon, a senior biology major and Kirby Scholar, has been working with Klemow in the Herbarium for nearly three years, and is currently conducting a project that involves DNA barcoding of certain species.

She spoke about how the herbarium has benefitted her academic research.

"We can actually work off any of the well-



The Beacon/Megan Stanley

Laura Solomon, senior biology major, looking at the corydalis plant with Dr. Kenneth Klemow in the Herbarium.

preserved samples, some of the older ones the DNA doesn't hold up as well as we need to isolate it a certain amount to run the reactions but having the specimens gives us so much access.

"In the winter we wouldn't be able to find certain grasses and plants, but now we can just take a little piece of leaf of the pressed plant samples and isolate that."

Being registered to the Index has further benefits.

"It makes us part of a scientific community, and so if people are interested in our database

or our plants, they can make requests to borrow our plants or we can borrow other people's plants, whereas before we weren't really able to do that," Klemow said.

Klemow spoke about his future aspirations for the Herbarium at Wilkes University.

"What I want to see the collection specializing in is plants of Luzerne County. I'd like to see us have one of each species in Luzerne County. Now the question is, 'how close are we to that?' And the answer is we're maybe at 30 percent, so we still have a lot to go yet."

Rare autoimmune disorder to be highlighted at upcoming presentation

By Maddie Davis
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On Thursday at 6 p.m., Dr. Edward Schicatano, along with the Departments of Psychology and Neuroscience, will be holding a guest presentation titled "Madness" by Emily Gavigan in Breiseth Hall room 320.

"Madness" is a presentation by Emily Gavigan who hopes to spread awareness about the rare autoimmune disorder she was diagnosed with while in college. It will feature her account of the journey of finding a diagnosis, her experiences, video clips regarding her illness, and the science behind the rare autoimmune disorder that took her and her family by surprise.

Emily Gavigan's story is also described in the book "Brain on Fire" by Susannah Cahalan.

The path to finding a diagnosis was long and filled with many obstacles and doubt, but Gavigan and her family kept fighting to find the purpose of her sudden odd, uncharacteristic behavior and changes against false diagnoses and ignorance by

some doctors.

It baffled doctors at first, but now Emily Gavigan looks to share her story with Wilkes University to reach out and inform people of the rare anti-NMDAR receptor encephalitis she was diagnosed with.

Wilkes University's Political Science professor Dr. Andrew Miller had been friends and neighbors with the Gavigans for more than a decade. He and his wife kept up with the ongoing story of their friend's daughter's rare and almost mysterious illness.

"It was somebody who was a friend of ours, so we were worried of course," stated Miller discussing the first-hand account of Emily Gavigan's journey to a rightful diagnosis.

"It's a combination of being worried about our friend, combined with an incredible story of the diagnosis," Miller said.

"It was an amazing set of circumstances that led to the diagnosis," described Miller. "One of the things Emily is trying to do is build awareness. When she got diagnosed there were hardly any diagnoses in the country ... the only expert in the world on

this disease is in Philly."

Gavigan was introduced to Psychology and Schicatano by Miller, having witnessed and experienced Emily's diagnostic journey. Schicatano and Emily Gavigan's family soon being acquainted and started sharing the details and the science that appealed to his interests and Neuroscience background.

"When I first heard it in person I thought it was really interesting," said Schicatano. "I had never heard of it."

Schicatano hopes that with this presentation students will become more aware of the problem and disorder Emily was diagnosed with because it is more common than we think.

"Some of the symptoms are very common," Schicatano added. "The more people that hear of it the better it's going to be detected and diagnosed for others."

"To be aware of how something like this can happen ... it's a learning experiencing," he continued.

"I think the real lesson here is we don't know as much as we think we know," Schicatano stated. "We need to say 'I don't know and let's look and let's research it.'"

"We don't really know all that is happening in the brain," he added, "it is not as simple as it is in the textbooks."

"You're going to hear something that is fascinating, eye-opening, and informative," said Schicatano.

Psychology and Neuroscience students have already expressed an interest in hearing the rare story of Emily Gavigan's journey to a diagnosis including junior neuroscience major Thomas Krutsick.

"I find Emily's story very interesting and look forward to hearing about her experience with anti-NMDAR receptor encephalitis, because it is such a rare condition," Krutsick said.

"The thing that I hope to take away from the presentation is a better understanding of someone who suffered through such debilitating symptoms and recovered," Krutsick said.

"You have to see it to believe it," said Schicatano.

Seats will fill up fast for Emily Gavigan's "Madness" presentation. Email Dr. Schicatano for any further questions regarding the presentation.

Prof. awarded 'PA Acceleration Educator of the Year'

By Cabrini Rudnicki
News Editor

A faculty member was recently given a prestigious award. Dr. Rodney Ridley was named a Pennsylvania Acceleration Educator of the Year by the Pennsylvania Acceleration Project.

The award was presented on Jan. 18 at East Stroudsburg University. This year's ceremony was the revival of the awards, which previously existed in the past.

"The backbone of the awards is that they are trying to highlight people who they think are in some way shape or form, accelerating technology and innovation throughout the state through their sphere of influence," said Ridley.

Ridley won an award in the category dedicated to the education of technology, along with Dr. Charlene Brennan, the executive director of Colonial Intermediate Unit 20; and Dr. Marcia Welsh, the president of East Stroudsburg University.

"My initial reaction was that I didn't think it was a real award," he joked. "The email looked like spam. I was close to hitting delete, then I saw the name at the bottom and realized I knew the name: Kelly Lewis, a former Congressman from Stroudsburg."

Lewis, along with Kevin Dellicker, the former adviser to Governor Wolf in technology and innovation, are the leaders

of the Acceleration Project, which is a team meant to oversee bringing of broadband internet throughout Pennsylvania.

"The Pennsylvania Acceleration Awards are designed to recognize and honor organizations and leaders that are driving technology and innovation across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania," according to a press release released by the organization.

Ridley is the executive director and a professor at the Allan P. Kirby Center for Free Enterprise and Entrepreneurship. He is also the co-founder of the center's business mentor program, and the director of the campus' industry and community outreach office, the Kirby Scholars Program and the Allan P. Kirby Center's micro-grant fund. He also serves on a number of area committees and boards, including CAN DO and the Northeast Pennsylvania Industrial Resource Center.

"It was very interesting how they found me, of all people," he said. "I had asked who nominated me but they couldn't tell me, it was confidential."

"We do a lot here in the Kirby Center which pushes the boundaries of innovation, through entrepreneurship, energy transfer, and the bringing to life the commercialization of technology."

Wilkes' Allan P. Kirby Center is one of the only university-run programs to commercialize innovation, or to have a



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Dr. Rodney Ridley stands with his Pennsylvania Acceleration Educator of the Year award, given to him for his contributions to technology education.

technology-transfer office, in the area.

"Dr. Ridley is certainly deserving of the award he just received. He is very innovative, his vision carries the entire organization through its vision as an establishment of technology transfer," said fellow faculty member Gerald A. Ephault, the executive in charge of residence of Allan P. Kirby.

The office was initially a center to teach and practice entrepreneurship. When Ridley

became director in 2014, he switched the center's focus to the commercialization of university technology. The center takes clients of students, faculty, and for a charge, members of the Wilkes-Barre community, and helps them take their ideas and form them into a business.



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Students and faculty react to government shutdown

By Megan Stanley
Staff Writer

From Jan. 19 to 23, the U.S. government shut down over a disagreement regarding the budget for the fiscal year.

The measure that failed to pass on Friday was a temporary funding bill that would have lasted until Feb. 16. Created by the Republican leadership in the House of Representatives and the Senate, it suspended several unpopular healthcare taxes with the intention that it would be easier to vote for.

The shutdown lasted over the weekend, and on Jan. 23 Congress passed a bill ending the partial shutdown, keeping the government funded until Feb. 8.

This is the fourth temporary bill imposed since October because there has been no agreement regarding a long-term budget for the fiscal year.

Dr. Thomas Baldino, a professor in the political science department at Wilkes University, explained this further.

"This is called a continuing resolution senate, a continuing resolution continues to fund the government at the same level as it had been," he said. "By its own rules, Congress is supposed to have all of the 13 separate spending bills passed by Oct. 1 because the fiscal year runs through Oct. 1 to Sept. 30.

"It didn't meet the Oct. 1 deadline, so they passed the continuing resolution, then they passed another one, and another one, and now we're on the fourth."

Baldino further explained the negative impact this can have.

"The downside of continuing resolutions is that if a government agency intends to plan to do something more or different that requires additional funding, they aren't getting it in a continuing resolution because it is basically a flat line," he said. "The other thing about flat line spending is, depending upon what your buying from the money in the budget you're receiving from the government, if the price of the item spikes you have to buy less of that item."

The shutdown ended when the Democrats were given assurance of a debate and a vote regarding immigration from the Senate majority leader, Kentucky Republican Mitch McConnell.

Whilst an end to the shutdown has led to may, especially those who work in government, to be relieved, others have instead accused the Democrats of caving. Liberal groups and some Democrats are sceptical about the promise for a debate and a vote regarding immigration. People turned to social media, and "Democrats CAVED" trended on twitter on Monday evening.

Obama's DACA program, which allows thousands of children who were brought into the U.S. illegally to remain in the country, was cancelled and declared unconstitutional by Trump last year, has been a key point of disagreement between the Republicans and Democrats and has been named as one of the main causes for the shutdown, alongside budget disagreements.

If the promise for a debate and a vote falls to the side, the Democrats could easily force another shutdown in three weeks, according to the Anthony Zurcher, writing for the BBC.

For Wilkes students, the repeal of DACA was a strong talking point.

Sophomore political science major Letty Patino-Flores said: "Repealing DACA is taking such a step back considering our progressive views with immigration.

"With the government shutdown, it shows how inefficient a president can be. Both political parties are divided upon the subject, even the Republicans can't agree and Trump is showing how inefficient he can be."

During a government shutdown, many non-essential federal agencies close down, which leaves thousands of employees on temporary, unpaid leave.

Areas such as travel and tourism may shut down, meaning that passport and visa applications may be delayed. National parks and tourism sites, such as the Statue of Liberty, are also at risk of closing when the government experiences a shutdown.

National security, electricity generation and air traffic control are all agencies that are required to continue activities under a government shutdown.

The last government shutdown was in 2013 under the Obama administration, and lasted for 16 days. During this period, 800,000 federal employees were on unpaid leave, whilst another 1.3 million had to report to work without the necessarily knowing about

payment. The disagreement was regarding legislation for the fiscal year 2014.

All members of the Senate and the House of Representatives continue to get paid during a government shut down because their paychecks are written into the constitution.

Kayla Reese, a junior pharmacy major, expressed concern over pay regarding the shutdown, particularly for U.S. soldiers.

"I feel that it's insane that Congress ... still continues to get paid whilst military members do not, because they are meant to be the ones keeping us safe.

"From what I've heard it also affects the hospital staff on base, because civilians can't work when there's a shutdown because they aren't getting paid."

However, some Wilkes students admitted that they didn't know much about the recent shutdown.

Nancy Ramirez, a senior political science major, said: "I'm not informed enough. No one is focusing on the shutdown itself, only how the President reacted, but what exactly is the argument? You can't find that anywhere."

Kelci Piavis, a senior English major, echoed Ramirez and admitted: "I didn't know about it until after the day it happened."

Paivis did add, however, that "it just shows Donald Trump is incompetent and a hypocrite," referring to an interview with Fox News leading up to the impending 2013 shutdown, when Trump made a comment that the blame for a shutdown should always be on the president.

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change of the dining hall's layout.

The new look of Henry's Dining Hall was a shock for some, but the reconstruction has overall received positive reviews from around campus, like Nilab Mominzada.

"I really like the designing," commented junior management and marketing student Nilab Mominzada, "it looks very brand new."

"I just love it," she added, "having dinner and just hanging out with my friends."

Mominzada wasn't the only one who loved the reconstruction of Henry's Dining Hall. Michael Dennis, third year supervisor of the dining hall, expressed his own personal love for the new layout of the cafeteria.

"It's beautiful, absolutely beautiful," said Michael Dennis. "It's streamlined. Students love it, and it just brightens up the whole dining hall."

"It's a 2018 look," added Dennis. "It's more of a relaxed atmosphere than it was before."

"The way we have it set up now it's more convenient, there's more seating, and you can get it and get out," said Dennis.

"Making sure the student body is happy, that's the reason why it was done. They tried making it modern, streamlined, and comfortable for you."

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Give the gift of warm socks this season to those in need

By Amanda Bialek
Life, Arts & Entertainment Editor

In this season of chilly weather, students can warm the hearts and feet of those in need by donating socks to the Kirby Cares campaign. Socks are one of the most needed items at homeless shelters, but often are the least donated, according to Points of Light.

The Kirby Cares campaign, initiated by the Allan P. Kirby Center for Free Enterprise and Entrepreneurship, will run through Feb. 14. New socks can be dropped off inside the Allan P. Kirby Center for Free Enterprise and Entrepreneurship at 65 W. South St.

"The premise of the Kirby Center is to give back to the community," Rodney Ridley, executive director of the Allan P. Kirby Center for Free Enterprise and Entrepreneurship said.

Michelle Lehman, Kirby Scholar of Business Development at the center,

was inspired to develop this campaign after some research on the Wilkes-Barre community. She discovered that the United States 2016 Census reported that 28.9% of the population of Wilkes-Barre is living in poverty.

"I thought that number was very high and that sparked my attention that we have a lot of men, women and children that are in need of basic necessities. I knew that with this initiative at the Allan P. Kirby Center, we could make a difference even if it was something as small as socks," Lehman said.

With a desire to be creative and a need for socks, the Kirby Cares campaign was born. The goal of this sock drive is to bring together individuals of Wilkes University in a positive way that benefits members of the local community.

"She has a very big heart and I know that she is passionate about this particular subject," Ridley said.

A small act of kindness can bring great

joy to another person. By putting yourself in someone else's shoes, you realize the value a pair of socks has. For someone without a cozy home to warm up in, a pair of socks is a true treasure to them.


"I look at the Kirby Cares campaign as an active awareness that there are so many people who don't have the opportunity to feel warm during the winter months. I think it is so easy to wake up on a cold day and put on warm clothing and not really think anything of it," Lehman said.

All sock donations will be given to the St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen in downtown Wilkes-Barre. The kitchen serves 300 guests a hot, nutritious meal on a daily basis.

"For every problem, there is a solution, and as students we have the ability to make an impact whether it is big or small. Wilkes-Barre is a strong community and it is important that we continue to take of each other," Lehman said.

**New socks can be
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New socks for children, women and men can be donated until Feb. 14.



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INGREDIENTS:

- 4 Strawberries
- 1 5.3 oz. Container of Blueberry Yogurt
- Handful of Raspberries
- 1 Pineapple Spear
- Splash of Orange Juice
- Chocolate Chips
- Chocolate Syrup
- Flax and Chia Seeds
- Granola

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Cut off the tops of the strawberries.
2. Cut up all the fruit into small pieces and freeze overnight.
3. Take out fruit and put into a blender with yogurt and juice.
4. Blend together and place in bowl.
5. Top with chocolate chips, syrup, flax and chia seeds and granola.
6. ENJOY!



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20 tips for college students to stay organized in the new year

By Amanda Bialek

Life, Arts & Entertainment Editor

1. Rise and shine on time.

Do you often find yourself hitting snooze repeatedly? Put your alarm clock somewhere in your room that causes you to get out of your bed. More movement will help you wake up faster and stay awake.

2. Buy a planner.

Having a planner in college is essential for keeping track of all of your assignments and upcoming events. Find one that works well with your style. Whether you like simplicity or aim to be bold with bright colors, there is a planner for everyone. You can check out the selections at Michaels craft store or visit Barnes and Noble. Remember to download a coupon on your phone by visiting their websites. Be sure to keep your planner with you wherever you go so you can write things down before you forget.

3. Save those syllabi.

A syllabus is your guide for the rest of the semester and important to keep in a safe place. Use a folder to keep all of your syllabi in a designated area. Another option is to put each syllabus in an individual binder that corresponds with every class.

4. Take five and clean.

A great way to keep your room and/or apartment tidy is to set aside five minutes a day and clean an area. Whether it is sorting your whites from darks, organizing your desk, cleaning up the kitchen or freshening up the bathroom, you will be glad you did as the semester goes by.

5. Make to-do lists.

A great goal is to make a list of everything you need to do the next day before going to bed. Keep a notebook by your bed or use an application on your cell phone to list all of the work you need to accomplish. When you wake up the next day feeling refreshed, you will have an outline of what you need to do.

6. Create a schedule.

Consistency is key. It is a smart idea to develop a daily or weekly schedule that you stick to. Besides your academic classes, be sure to designate times for homework, eating, cleaning, socializing and sleeping. Plan your day out ahead of time. An unscheduled day may lead to less

productivity. A clear-cut schedule will help you be more efficient and arrive to your classes or other events on time.

7. Use a timer.

Take advantage of the timer on your cell phone. Setting a timer helps to accomplish tasks quicker. It keeps you engaged in the work you need to do and can prevent you from distractions like watching television.

8. Download a self-control application.

There are a variety of applications that may aid in boosting productivity. SelfControl is available for Mac users and Cold Turkey is an option for PC users. Both of these applications allow you to temporarily block yourself from social media sites and other websites or games that may be addicting. You decide on the time period that you want the websites to be blocked. After setting the time, you will be unable to access the designated websites even if you restart your computer.

9. Use a binder clip for your cords.

Keep your wires in order at your desk by using binder clips. From headphones, to the computer cord, cell phone charger and more, your desk can end up becoming a mixture of wires. You can use different sizes and colors depending on the cord.

10. Keep your backpack stocked.

Have pens, pencils, notebooks, binders, your planner and a water bottle in your backpack at all times. A first aid kit is also a must-have so you are prepared when you get a headache or need to bandage a paper cut.

11. Color code your calendar.

Adding color to your responsibilities serves as a great reminder at what lies ahead. You can use red to mark finals or assignment due dates, green for laundry and blue for appointments.

12. Get sticky-note happy.

Head on over to the Dollar Tree and grab a pack of sticky-notes. Write down important due dates for assignments and upcoming meetings or events. Stick them on the wall and remember to take them down once you have completed the task!

13. Charge your phone and laptop at night.

Make a habit of plugging in your devices to charge before you go to bed. Waking up to a dead phone or laptop is not a good way to start off the day. While you are recharging with sleep your devices should be charging with power too.

14. Learn when to say no.

There are so many opportunities in college to participate in activities. From clubs to social events like game night, there is a lot to be a part of. Learn how to politely decline from invites. You will overwhelm yourself if you participate in everything. Prioritize what activities are most important to you. Your schedule will thank you later.

15. Use a door shoe rack.

To keep all of your shoes organized, you can purchase a shoe rack. This will eliminate clutter and give you more floor space.

16. Confirm all appointments in advance.

If you have a meeting with a professor, dentist or doctor appointment, take the time to send an email or phone call to confirm the appointment. It is wise to do this a day or two prior incase there has been a change in schedule. This will save you from spending an hour waiting due to lack of communication.

17. Avoid multitasking.

Emailing, texting, writing a paper and watching television all at the same time is not going to end well. Too often we get caught up in the world of multitasking. Focus on one assignment at a time and put all of the distractions away.

18. Figure out your most productive hour.

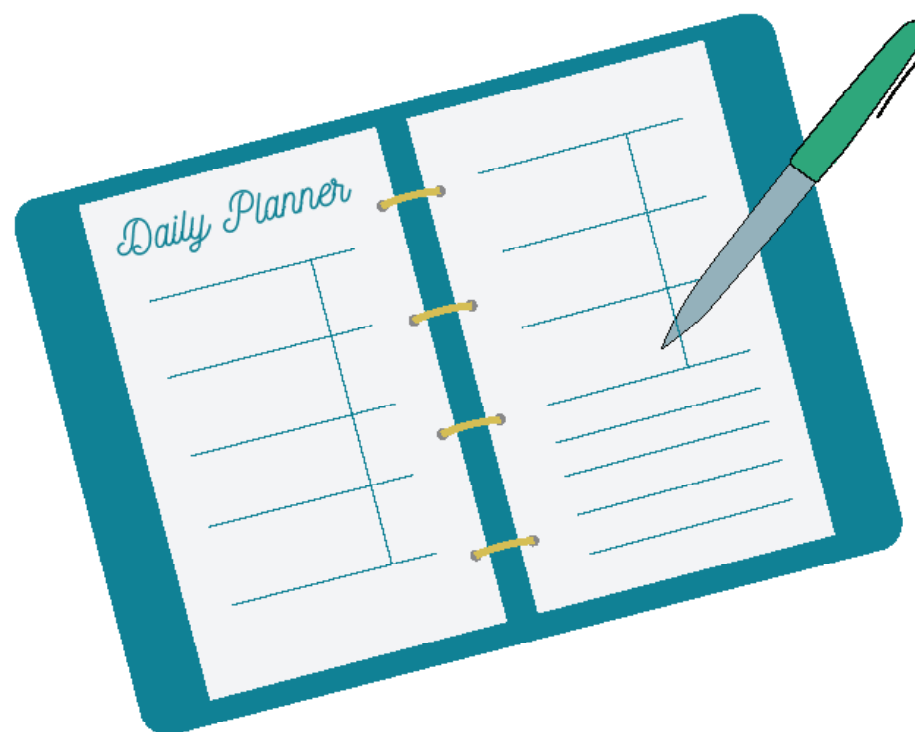
Are you an early riser or a night owl? Knowing the time frame you are most productive and take advantage of it. Dedicate those hours to working on your academic assignments.

19. Use soda tabs to save space in your closet.

Save the tabs from soda cans and hook them on your hangers. This is a nifty way to hang up multiple articles of clothing giving you additional room in your closet.

20. Stay motivated and be awesome.

Be determined. Set goals everyday. Spread the joy. Have a grateful heart. Smile and say hello. Work hard, and most importantly, be yourself.



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•A New Way to Organize Your Desk•



Supplies needed:

- Transparent drawers
- Colored/patterned scrapbook paper
- Scissors
- Tape

Instructions:

1. Arrange the paper how you would like it in the drawer.
2. Cut the paper to the height of the drawer.
3. If you needed to use multiple pieces, tape them together.
4. Tape the paper to the corners of the drawers.
5. Repeat for the rest of the drawers.
6. Enjoy your newly made over storage!

Sordoni Art Gallery opens new exhibit



The Beacon/Madison Kaminski

The Sordoni Art Gallery opened its new exhibit "The Bones of Us Hunger for Nothing." The artwork featured in the exhibit was created by Angela Fraleigh, an artist from Allentown.



Artwork such as "What care although your beauties break and fall" pictured above, display Fraleigh's feminist narratives. Her art demonstrates the role of women through her art as they have been depicted in past art, literature and the media.



Graphics by Todd Espenshade

With her use of primarily oils, acrylics and gouache, an opaque watercolor, she incorporates her knowledge of the role of women from centuries ago to further instill a sense of power into the female subjects of the paintings.



"The Bones of Us Hunger for Nothing" exhibit will be open from Jan. 16 through March 2, 2018, at 141 S. Main St., Wilkes-Barre, in the Karambelas Media and Communication Center.

ANGELA FRALEIGH - THE BONES OF



"We come spinning out of nothingness, scattering stars like dust."
Made from oil, acrylic and synthetic resin on canvas.

Co-written by Shannon O'Connor,
LA&E Asst. Editor and Sarah Matarella, *Staff Writer*

Wilkes University brings feminism to the Sordoni Art Gallery with Angela Fraleigh's exhibit "The Bones of Us Hunger for Nothing."

Angela Fraleigh, a local artist from Allentown, started drawing when she was a little girl but found her passion in high school when a teacher encouraged her to continue her art career. Fraleigh was recruited by Stuart Baron, then-director of the College of Fine Arts at Boston University after viewing her high school portfolio.

Fraleigh attended Boston University on a dean's scholarship where she completely fell in love with drawing and painting. She earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts at BU and later went on to earn her Master of Fine Arts from Yale University.

Fraleigh is currently the chair of Studio Art at Moravian College while currently living and working in New York, N.Y., and Allentown. Fraleigh has been awarded numerous grants, residencies and other recognitions, including Alice Kimball English Traveling Fellowship, CORE Artist in Residence Program at the Glassell School of Art, Eliza Randall Prize at the Glassell School of Art, along with a plethora of other accomplishments.

Angela Fraleigh is primarily a two-dimensional artist. Through her art, Fraleigh hopes

to portray both positive and negative emotions.

"My work is about how meaning gets made; how we come to believe the stories that we tell again and again and again. Art carries the potential to address, challenge, and change the power dynamics we've come to experience in our culture, on the political playing field, and in society at large," she stated in an interview with Moravian College in 2016.

Fraleigh has different creative processes depending on what art work she is working on. However, each piece of art goes through the same basic structure. Fraleigh begins by researching the piece she wants to create. This is normally the longest part of the process. In the research phase, Fraleigh reads a lot and pays attention to what she is drawing her inspiration from.

Fraleigh stated, "As part of this research phase, I'm still making paintings and drawings, but they are often awkward and unfocused. I'll start sketching, playing around on Photoshop, collaging different images together. Once I have the conceptual motivation and imagery solidified, I go straight to the really large canvases. I like being in the painting, being surrounded by the expanse of the canvas. It's my favorite part. I like getting lost in them."

Fraleigh moves between universal and personal narratives. The artwork featured at Wilkes University demonstrates the role of women through her art as they have been



The Beacon/ MadisonKaminski
"Saturn's Moons." Made from oil and 23kt gold leaf on linen.

Us HUNGER FOR NOTHING

depicted in the past in art, literature and the media. With the feminist movement becoming more prominent in society, Fraleigh has been creating these works of art over the past thirteen years.

Fraleigh stated, "My work is about how meaning gets made. I'm interested in how narratives become dominant, how power structures evolve, and what roles pop culture, literature, and art history play into this."

With her the use of primarily oils, acrylics, and gouache, an opaque watercolor, she incorporates her knowledge of the role of women from centuries ago to further instill a sense of power into the women subjects of the paintings. She also utilizes 23 karat gold, silver and metal leaves, and glitter along with substances like mica and graphite in her paintings. Fraleigh uses techniques such as dripping, pouring, splattering and pressing to create the textured art that can be viewed at the Sordoni Art Gallery.

Curator and Director of the Sordoni Art Gallery, Heather Sincavage stated "Many of the women in Fraleigh's paintings appeared on the fringes of historical paintings, ornaments for male figures. In her work, she looks to provide the women with agency through placing them center stage, in control of their surroundings."

A series of lectures about Fraleigh's artwork will be held open to the public free of charge. The first in this series, The Artist Talk and Reception with Angela Fraleigh, will be held on Wednesday, January 31 at 4:30 pm in room 135 of the Karambelas Media and Communication Center.

"The Bones of Us Hunger for Nothing" exhibit is open through March 2, at the Sordoni Art Gallery, located at 141 S. Main St., Wilkes-Barre, in the Karambelas Media and Communication Center.

For any additional information regarding "The Bones of Us Hunger for Nothing" exhibition, future exhibitions, or about the Sordoni Art Gallery itself, call 570-408-4325 or email the gallery at heather.sincavage@wilkes.edu.

Editor's Note: All information about Angela Fraleigh was found in an interview with Moravian College from Dec. 15, 2016.



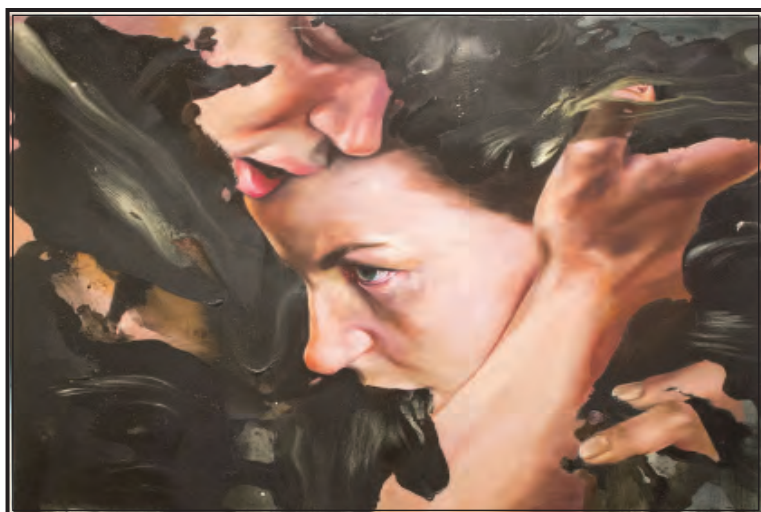
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"You weren't haunted those two days, you were flooded with light." Made from oil and gouache on canvas over panels.



"Something has started to live in you that will live longer than the sun." Made from oil, gouache and synthetic resin on canvas.



"Slight." Made from oil and galkyd resin on canvas over panel.

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Spring semester movies to watch

By Nicholas Filipek
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Nick Filipek, The Beacon's resident movie buff and assistant opinion editor, will review movies each week. Want to hear about one in particular? Email Nick at: nicholas.filipek@wilkes.edu.

Welcome back for the Spring 2018 semester, Colonels! I hope everyone had a wonderful break where they got to sit around and watch tons and tons of movies.

No? Just me?

Well if you didn't get a chance to get to a theater over break, there are plenty of good movies that will hit cinemas over the coming months of the semester.

1. Winchester

The premise of the movie has got to be one of the most original story ideas I have ever heard. If the title doesn't bring a certain image to mind, let me elaborate before I explain.

The Winchester repeating rifle was one of tools that "won the west." Before this rifle was invented, it would take up to (or more

than) a minute to reload your rifle to take a second or even third shot.

The introduction of the automatic reload completely changed the firearms game, and everyone at the time had to have one. You can only imagine the number of gunshot victims there were after the invention of this weapon, and that's where the movie seemingly draws inspiration.

Helen Mirren ("RED," "The Queen") will portray the heiress to the firearm's loving family, who believes that she is being haunted by the souls of people killed by the rifle with her name on it.

There has been a resurgence of the horror genre's popularity, but most stories seem more of the same lately. This film, however, is truly an original idea, and with such a talented actress at the helm of this project I really think this flick will be something special.

Winchester releases Feb. 2, 2018.

2. Black Panther

Easily one of the most anticipated

movies to come from the Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU), "Black Panther" will arrive in theaters on Feb. 16, 2018.

Following the events of "Captain America: Civil War," T'Challa, the new King of Wakanda, must return home to claim his right as the King from a would-be usurper.

Chadwick Boseman ("42," "Get on Up") has already done a beautiful job of bringing the King of the isolated, technologically advanced city of Wakanda to life in "Civil War," and I am really pumped to see where this character goes from there.

Many people have been calling this movie "the first 'black' superhero movie," apparently forgetting that Wesley Snipes brought "Blade" to the silver screen successfully three times, and that is rather fitting considering the character Black Panther was one of the first, if not the very first, African-American superheroes in comic book publications.

The cast is one of the strongest the MCU has ever assembled and includes Michael B.



Spring movies cont.

Jordan ("Creed," "Fruitvale Station"), Lupita Nyong'o ("12 Years a Slave," "Non-Stop"), Danai Gurira ("All Eyez on Me," "The Visitor") and Andy Serkis ("13 Going On 30," "Rise of the Planet of the Apes"), who reprises his role from "Avengers: Age of Ultron," Ulysses Klaue.

Though I have a feeling this film will follow suit with others in its universe like "Iron Man" or "Dr. Strange" in presenting a formulaic origin story, I still will be one of the first in line to see the movie.

3. *A Wrinkle in Time*

Based off the science fantasy novel written by Madeline L'Engle, "A Wrinkle in Time" will explore the story of three young children hurled into space by magical beings in order to find one of the children's fathers.

Personally I have not read the book so I do not have as much excitement as others, but let me tell you, the hype is real. The general audience seems to be clambering for this movie, and with its amazing cast and visual effects I can see why.

Oprah Winfrey (Lee Daniels' *The Butler*, *The Color Purple*), Reese Witherspoon (*Legally Blonde*, *Walk the Line*) and Mindy Kaling (*The Mindy Project*, *No Strings Attached*) will play the three magical beings that set the story into action sending Storm

Reid, Levi Miller and Rowan Blanchard on an adventure to find the main character Megs (Reid) father, Dr. Alex Murray, played by Chris Pine (*Star Trek*, *This Means War*)

A big Disney movie, with big names and lots of special effects, it would seem like the perfect equation to make lots of money right? Let us not forget this is the same studio that brought us "John Carter" and "The Lone Ranger" back to back (both HUGE financial flops for Disney). This is not me "hating," but I am going to be overly cautious before going to spend money on this movie.

See "A Wrinkle in Time" in theaters on March 9th 2018.

4. *Ready Player One*

If "A Wrinkle in Time" is not the book/movie you were looking for, maybe "Ready Player One" is.

The Internet Movie Database (IMDb.com) summarizes the plot considerably simpler than I could:

"When the creator of a virtual reality world called the OASIS dies, he releases a video in which he challenges all OASIS users to find his Easter Egg, which will give the finder his fortune. Wade Watts find the first clue and starts a race for the Egg."

Now anyone out there wondering what the Easter Bunny has to do with the story, or why the movie wouldn't come out in April, let me explain.

An "Easter egg" does not refer to the brightly dyed eggs kids search for on Easter

Sunday, but get their name in this form from the "seeking" aspect of said tradition.

Directors, game creators or animators hide these "Easter eggs" in their projects to see who's really paying attention, or to give a nod to another project they or their studio have done.

"Pixar" is notorious for doing this. Secretly slipping the cowgirl doll from *Toy Story*, Jessie, inside the little girl's room during "Monsters Inc." is one of my favorite examples.

Steven Spielberg (do I really need to explain who he is?) will be directing, and I really couldn't think of a better fit. Granted the man could direct anything but this movie seems to be right up his alley.

Ready Player One will be in theaters March 30, 2018.

5. *Rampage*

I honestly cannot say why I want to see this movie so badly. This is a pure "popcorn movie" with absolutely no real value to it, but I am still hyped to no extent.

Simply put, this movie is about three monsters, an ape, wolf and lizard (all 20 stories tall) going on a rampage throughout the city.

The "story" comes from the original 1980s arcade game of the same name, with the same premise.

I have no idea what Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson ("Journey 2: The Mysterious Island," "San Andreas") Jeffrey Dean Morgan ("Watchmen," "The Walking Dead") or Joe

Manganiello ("True Blood," "Magic Mike XXL") will have to do in this movie, but they are three of my favorite actors, so I'm just going to have to go see it.

6. *Super Troopers 2*

The tagline of this movie says it all: "The long anticipated sequel to the cult comedy hit."


Erik Stolhanske, Paul Soter, Steve Lemme, Kevin Heffernan and Jay Chandrasekhar make up "Broken Lizard," a comedy/film team responsible for writing and acting in the film, with Chandrasekhar in the director's chair as well.

The original "Super Troopers" came out in 2001, and took audiences by storm. Since then the boys have stayed busy making other movies like "The Slammin Salmon," "Club Dredd" and probably their most well known work, "Beerfest."

The sequel will center on our favorite Highway Troopers (which, if you have seen the first movie, *SPOILERS* ends with them losing said jobs, so I'm wondering how that's going to pan out) battling Canadian Mounty's for a stretch of highway each unit has laid claim to.

The Broken Lizard team has not disappointed audiences yet, and with the first film being so beloved, I doubt they will start now.

Super Troopers 2 comes out on April 20, 2018.

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The Top Four Things to do During a Snow Day

By Savannah Pinnock
Staff Writer

As the heart warming, and awe inspiring holiday season fall further and further into the abyss of pleasant memories, one is faced with the realization that the academic year is in motion once again.

For many, this is a fond realization as the holiday break can often grow monotonous and one begins to hear the beckoning of the semester calling them back into an academic routine.

For lower and upperclassmen alike, being jolted out of a relaxed delta state and into an active beta state can be invigorating and simultaneously overwhelming.

Keenly, nature seems to have a loophole for this dilemma being, the snow day.

These happenstance days are like an unspecialized cell that can be programmed to do anything a student needs or desires; but with a plethora of options, what can one truly do? Well, the choices are virtually infinite.

1) Engage in a Mental Health Day

A fresh snow day can be one of the most beautiful sights to see as it appears as if the landscape and furthest portion of the horizon is blanketed in a soft, pillowy, layer

of white. Such a sight can be aesthetically pleasing, but it can also be a source of gloom.

Winter is notorious for cloudy days marked by white to light grey skies, and a feeling of melancholy and constance.

In addition to the previously aforementioned phenomenon, according to an article from the American Psychological Association, 61 percent “of college students seeking counseling..report anxiety”, followed by depression at 49 percent, and stress at 45 percent.

With such studies reporting high rates of poor mental health, taking advantage of a mental health day is vital to every student as one’s overall well being is on an ideological equilibrium and one should aim to find balance.

As part of your day, you can turn on a soft gentle light and listen to peaceful sounds such as rain via youtube and practice breathing exercises.

Herbal teas such as chamomile and dandelion are known for their calming effects and can contribute to bringing one a sense of tranquility and peace.

Apps such as headspace are also an excellent resource for gaining a peace of mind.

2) Have a Movie Day

With the spring semester at hand, it is easy to find oneself missing out on moments to bond with friends as you and your cohort may be fairly busy.

A solution to this dilemma can be a relaxing movie day where you and your friends can socialize and unwind.

If you’re aware of an impending snow storm, it is savvy to get your assignments done early so that you are free of the looming stress of unfinished assignments.

Netflix is amazing in the department of snow days and with the help of warm blankets, hot cocoa, snacks, and good friends, you can make a snow day one of the most enjoyable days you’ve had in a while.

3) Binge, Binge, Binge

Yes, you did hear that correctly, during your snow day, binge on the things you enjoy the most.


During the semester it is gravely important that you excell and try your best in all of

your academic endeavors.

Likewise, it is also important to unwind when you can to avoid “burning out” academically. For this reason, I challenge you to take advantage of your snow days and engage in what you enjoy.

4) Go the Extra Mile

With a snow day, one has the option of completing freshly assigned assignments as well as getting assignments done early. In fact, it is clear that when you complete an assignment early you have an advantage as well as more time to focus on what you enjoy as well as extracurricular activities. It can also be said that accomplishing tasks early is the key to enjoying your college experience. If you work and study hard today, you’ll have more than enough time to do what you love tomorrow.

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Meet the Majors

This week's major: Political Science

Interviews and photos by

Abigail Tarway

Staff Writer

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

Corrine Bonnerwith Junior

"I want to use political science/international studies to make a change in communities across the United States as well as in other countries. I have an avid interest in learning about other cultures and a respect for communities outside my own."



The Beacon/ Abigail Tarway



Joshua Bradley Sophomore

"I specialized in this field because I am passionate about domestic and international issues that affect everyone, every single day. I hope to one day make an impact on those issues myself."

My degree in this field is essential to the career I wish to pursue in the Federal Government; by studying these topics now, I will be well-versed in the issues when I have to step-up in a future position."

Neishmy Rodriguez Junior

"My major has helped me so much get a background in international relations and ways that international organizations deal with specific areas. Here at Wilkes I gained a relationship with my professors and I think they have guided me into what I want to do which is become a government diplomat or work with the United Nations."



Carlie Coolbaugh Junior

"I decided to specialize in these fields because of my large interest in politics. I find it very important as a United States citizen to be actively informed and involved in American politics."

I believe this mix of areas of study will be beneficial to me at a great level in the future because of the relevance of politics in our society."

Winter break is not really a break for student-athletes

By Andre Spruell
Opinion Editor

Coming back to school after a long winter break is something students often do not look forward to. For student-athletes that participate in sports, the narrative is not the same.

For many college students, there is almost no better feeling than finishing that last final and hopping in a car packed with your belongings to head back home for a month without having to stress about any school assignments.

For student-athletes that participate in winter sports, a month-long break is more of a one-week break, if that.

For many Division I student-athletes that participate in winter sports like basketball, many do not even have the chance to go home, meaning they may even spend Christmas with their teammates as opposed to with their families.

Being a member of the Wilkes men's basketball team, a division III school, our winter break only lasted five days. Although break was shorter for us compared to our fellow peers, it is not as bad as non-student-athletes would think.

Even though campus is pretty much dead since everyone else is back at home, our only responsibility was basketball.

Being back at school during break gives collegiate athletes a small taste of what it is like to be a professional athlete. Like professional athletes, going to practice and games is what our quote on quote job was, which leaves a ton of free time.

No matter whether you are a student-athlete or a regular college student, we are so accustomed to constantly having something to do, that we generally do not know what to do with so much free time.

While you are home on a month long winter break, a student can occupy that free time by doing things like hang out with friends and family, play video games, read books, and many other activities. For student-athletes that are on campus during break, it can be even harder to decide what to do with that free time.

Whenever we did not have a practice, game, or a team activity, it was hard to decide what to do with so much free time because the cafeteria is closed, and are often alone unless the student-athlete has a roommate that is also on the team.


To combat the issue, the school loaded each player with money on their flex dollars,

which is a form of money on a student ID accepted at particular restaurants and establishments, and would periodically be given cash that we could use outside of those establishments that do not accept flex dollars.

Also, we were given meals before and after games and even practice sometimes.

Personally, being at campus instead at home on break is something that is relaxing and gives a sense of independence as you are forced to do most things on your own.

Next time you are at home for during winter break catching up on Netflix and have a friend that has to stay on campus for a sport, do not be afraid to reach out to them because like you, there is a good chance they also do not know what to do with all their free time.

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Is the NFL Pro Bowl even worth watching at all?

By Brandon Belfonti
Staff Writer

Pro bowl or Fan bowl? The NFL Pro Bowl is the most irrelevant event across the entire sports landscape. Plain and simple.

For anyone who is unaware, this an all-star game between the two conferences of the National Football League.

The National Football Conference (NFC) and the American Football Conference (AFC).

Every professional sport has its own all-star game where the most talented at their positions meet to compete at the highest level possible.

In its simplest form the concept really is amazing. The fastest, strongest, most cognitively aware humans on the earth meeting head to head for a showdown of true physical ability. If only this could be the case.

This 'prestigious' honor has become the internal laughing stock for the league. That is for those in it long enough to realize what this all, but stars game is.

To dilute the situation even more the rules have changed to allow 125 players into the game this year instead of the regular 88. There are 32 teams each allowed a 53-man

roster. That is 1,696 men across the entire NFL platform and the 'all-star' game is going to host well above 7 percent of it to represent the best?

That number is 5 percent for the NBA and 6 percent for the NHL. The point is that more and more players are being let into a game meant to be exclusive.

How are the players chosen? The vote is a third fan based and two-thirds player/coach based.

There is an extremely important catch and it is that fans are allowed to vote unlimitedly. Why should that matter?

It has disturbing significance because it put the worst punter in the league, Ryan Plackemeier of the 49's, into the number one spot solely based on a flashy campaign by their own organization.

If money is going to buy this showing then it is no better than a political campaign and that is disturbing.

Another important piece to this complex puzzle is the date of the Pro Bowl. It is scheduled a week before the Super Bowl.

Who in their right mind would risk hurting themselves a week before the greatest moment of their life for this superficial fan fair?

It has gotten to the point that an unwritten rule has arose of not going for injury causing


or excessive tackles. Obviously, players are not trying to hurt each other to the point of injury either way, but there are extra precautions when they are playing on ice in fear of losing a Super Bowl appearance.

Sean Taylor may be the one exception to this rule and if that reference is foreign then I insist you do some form of research into the name.

The worst part of the situation is what the Pro Bowl could be. Instead it has become something for the fans which is nice in its own right because that is why football is worth anything, right?

For true fans that would love to see acts of sickening athleticism, this game a week before the Super Bowl has become nothing more than a statistic to throw into arguments of who the better players are.

Pro Bowl appearances are becoming synonymous with that stack of medals from little league or those soccer tournaments you played in as a little kid. Yeah, they look really cool hanging up and, wow, there are a lot which means you must be good right? Did every other kid who played show you his though? Quality over quantity.

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Pro Bowl Facts

In 1971, the National Football Conference (NFC) beat the American Football Conference (AFC) in the first Pro Bowl.

In 1984, 1989 and 1994, the AFC scored only three points during each game, the fewest points of any Pro Bowl games.

In 2013, the NFC team scored the most points of any Pro Bowl game with 62.

Larry Fitzgerald (Arizona Cardinals) holds the record for most touchdowns with eight.

Source: CNN

Sports

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MBB: Colonels top Cougars in OT thriller for pivotal road win

By Ben Mandell
Asst. Sports Editor

DALLAS, Pa. — The Wilkes University Colonels continued their winning ways Wednesday night with a huge overtime win on the road at Misericordia. The win was the Colonels' seventh in eight games and they now have a 6-1 conference record, which puts them in sole possession of first place in MAC Freedom.

"It's great right now that we're in first place," said Wilkes Head Coach Izzi Metz. "But we have another seven games to go."

The Cougars came into this game trying to bounce back from their first conference loss of the season, falling 90-83 to DeSales. With the loss Wednesday night, the Misericordia Cougars have now lost two in a row. The skid has cost the Cougars their perfect conference record and they now sit in a three way tie for second with a 5-2 record.

The game started out very well for the Colonels as they jumped out to an early lead in the first. It did not take long for the Cougars to wake up though as they quickly surged back to eventually take the lead.

The Cougars leading scorer, Jason Kenny, was a non-factor in the first half, which forced the

Cougars supporting cast to make plays. The Cougars held the lead for most of the half once they took the lead, but a late surge in the final minutes of the half saw the Colonels jump out to a 37-29 point halftime lead.

The Colonels came out in the second half with a big three-point shot made by Connor Evans (13 points) and followed it up with a Mark Mullins (21 points) steal and dunk, which forced Misericordia to take a time out early in the half. Following the timeout

though, the Cougars were able to erase the eleven point deficit and keep the game going back and forth. With nine lead changes in the final minutes, it was fitting that this game was settled by overtime.

The Colonels came out in the overtime session and took control, capitalizing on the Cougars missed free-throws in overtime. Combining with the Cougars missed free-throws and the Colonels capitalizing on their mistakes, the Colonels cruised through overtime to win 87-82.



The Beacon/Kirsten Peters
Mark Mullins (#12) tries to finish a shot during the first half.



The Beacon/Kirsten Peters
Tommy Bowen (#4) guards a Misericordia defender.

Wilkes 87, Misericordia 82

Wilkes (87) -- Mark Mullins 9 3-5 21, Rob Pecorelli 5 2-6 14, Connor Evans 3 6-8 13, Zach Brunner 4 5-5 13, Marcus Robinson 2 5-8 10, Tommy Bowen 4 2-2 10, Landon Henry 1 0-0 3, Mason Gross 0 3-4 3, John Goffredo 0 0-0 0, Jack Bova 0 0-0 0. **Totals 28 26-38 87.**

Misericordia (82) -- Jason Kenny 8 4-7 23, Tre' Fields 5 3-5 14, Tony Harding 5 1-4 12, Tyerell Mann 2 0-0 4, Alec Rodway 0 0-2 0, Stone McCreary 9 1-4 21, Bryce Mondorff 1 0-0 3, Brendan Leonard 1 0-0 3, Patrick Douthit 1 0-0 2. **Totals 32 9-22 82.**

Wilkes -- '37 '36 '14 -- '87

Misericordia -- '29 '44 '9 -- '82

Three-point goals -- WIL (Pecorelli 2, Evans, Robinson, Henry); MIS (Kenny 3, Fields, Harding, McCreary, Mondorff, Leonard).



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MBB: Colonels escape trap game with 58-57 win over Delaware Valley

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WILKES-BARRE — The Wilkes University Colonels won the slimmest way possible Saturday afternoon, beating the Delaware Valley University Aggies 58-57. The Colonels picked up their fourth win in a row and hold on to sole possession of first place in the Middle Atlantic Conference Freedom Division.

The Aggies came into this game flying high following their huge upset win over Eastern on Wednesday night and looked to keep hopes of a birth in the conference tournament alive with a win over the Colonels.

The Colonels started the game off strong, jumping out to a quick lead and controlled the first half until the Aggies surged in the final two minutes. The Aggies used great play from Lybryant Robinson, who had a game high of 19 points, to hang around in the first half. The Colonels went into halftime trailing 28-24.

The second half started the same way the first ended with the Colonels slumping. The Aggies jumped out to an eleven point lead with about eleven minutes to go in the game. Colonels' Head Coach Izzi Metz called a timeout and the momentum in the game shifted.

"I thought our defense played really well throughout the game," Metz said. "But (the defense) got us some points and that gave us some energy."

The Colonels stormed back behind great play from Tommy Bowen (14 points) and the big man Mason Gross (11 points). Bowen and Gross helped the Colonels with multiple and-one layups that got the crowd into the game. While the Colonels clawed their way back, the Aggies, who carried a 2-5 conference record and just four wins on the season into this game, started to sputter. The Aggies turned the ball over and leading scorer Robinson was held off the board following the Colonels comeback.

"We really came out slow, and really lacked energy," senior Gross explained. "Honestly Tommy Bowen really set a tone for us coming off the bench."

Gross also brought some energy to the Colonels bench and crowd with two big and-one layups, including one that tied the game

up at 42-42. The Colonels went on to take the lead and did not trail after that.

The sputtering Aggies were able to keep the wheels from falling off and continue fight, tying the game up at 51 with time winding down in the later stages of the second half thanks to an Alex Matsinye (17 points) three pointer.

The win keeps the Colonels in first place in the MAC Freedom conference and also helps create some separation in the standings following DeSales handing Eastern their first loss. The Colonels, now 7-1 have a one game lead on DeSales (6-2) and Misericordia (6-2) and a two game lead on Eastern (5-3). These four teams currently hold the spots for a birth in the MAC Freedom tournament. The

King's College Monarchs sit in fifth place one game behind Eastern in the standings.

"We know that we need to keep playing well and we look to use the momentum from this four game winning streak for the next game," Metz said. "You can ask all of our players, our next task is a big home against Fairleigh Dickinson."

The Colonels will be back in action at home Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. when they take on Fairleigh Dickinson-Florham Devils in the Marts center. The Devils picked up their first

conference win Wednesday, but lost once again Saturday to fall to 1-7 in the conference.

Wilkes 58, Delaware Valley 57

Delaware Valley (57) -- Alex Matsinye 5 6-7 17, Damian Washington 4 0-0 8, Andre Butler 2 1-1 6, Austin Chabot 2 0-0 4, Austin Stoeckel 0 0-0 0, Lybrant Robinson 7 3-3 19, Joe Russell 1 1-3 3, Ryan Naccarato 0 0-0 0. **Totals 21 11-14 57.**

Wilkes (58) -- Rob Pecorelli 5 0-0 11, Marcus Robinson 4 0-0 9, Zach Brunner 3 1-1 7, Connor Evans 1 0-1 3, Mark Mullins 0 0-0 0, Tommy Bowen 4 6-7 14, Mason Gross 5 1-2 11, Landon Henry 1 0-0 3, Jack Bova 0 0-0 0, John Goffredo 0 0-0 0. **Totals 23 8-11 58.**

Delaware Valley '28 '29 -- '57

Wilkes '24 '34 -- '58

Three-point goals -- DV 4 (Matsinye, Butler, Robinson 2); WIL 4 (Pecorelli, Robinson, Evans, Henry).



The Beacon/Nicole Gaetani
Tommy Bowen (#4) holds his follow-through during Saturday's game.



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Third-year Robinson becomes 32nd Colonel to reach 1,000 points

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In a come-from-behind victory over cross-town rival King's on Jan. 20, junior Marcus Robinson reached the impressive 1,000 point plateau on a free-throw at the 6:46 mark of the first half. He becomes the 32nd Colonel in program history to reach this mark in his career.

Robinson, measuring six feet, one inch, out of Swedesboro, N.J., finished the game with 14 points and is averaging 14.8 points per game on the season. Being only a junior and reaching 1,000 points for his college career is a very impressive feat to accomplish.

"It felt really good, my teammates were really pushing for me to get it," Robinson said. "It was one of the accomplishments that I was looking to get in high school that I just never got, so I'm just glad I got it on the next level."

For Robinson to reach 1,000 points at the collegiate level is a very impressive feat, especially since he did not do it in high school and he has already accomplished it as a junior. For Robinson to reach this in college, but not high school, shows how much his game has improved since his years spent in high school.

"Practice is really the thing that put me ahead," Robinson said. "I've worked on my jumper, attacking the rim, and ball handling to advance my game to the next level."

Robinson has also benefited from talented players around him that have helped him

reach this milestone.

"My teammates are a huge part of my success," Robinson said. "They're the ones that find me open shots. They also have helped with my mental game. They help me get over it if I miss a shot so they're big in my career."

Robinson's teammates were very supportive of him reaching this milestone and he couldn't ask for better teammates. The Colonels are a tight-knit group that only wants to see everyone succeed, especially when one of them accomplishes something as big as a reaching 1,000 points for their career.

"They really just congratulated me and told me how big of an accomplishment it is," Robinson said. "They were really supportive, so I appreciate them a lot."

Having teammates that push him and always have his back really helped him to get to this milestone. Teams that are behind each other like the Colonels back

Marcus tend to succeed. The Colonels found themselves in a tie for first place in the MAC

Freedom Conference after their win over rival King's.

The Colonels' Head Coach Izzi Metz has also had a positive impact on the career of Robinson by trusting him to play, and helping him by putting him in positions to succeed.

"Coach Metz is probably one of the largest individuals that helped me throughout my career," Robinson said. "He's helped me grow as a player both physically and mentally."

Good coaches find ways to bring great things out of good players and Metz has been very good for the Colonels and Robinson. Robinson has put in the work to better himself as a player, but Metz deserves some recognition for how his work with Robinson has paid off.

Metz started coaching at Wilkes University in 2014, and he recruited Robinson to come play for him in 2015. He knew when he recruited him, he could be a very special player for the Colonels.

"The first time I saw him, I was just really impressed how well he competed on both ends of the floor," Metz

said. "The first time I talked to him, he said he takes pride in his defense, he sees himself as a really good defensive player. That excited me because a lot of guys don't say that. Just how hard he played and how competitive he is."

There isn't one day of practice that Metz doesn't push his players. Day in and day out, he only wants to see them improve and better their game. Robinson works very hard everyday, that Metz doesn't always have to push him, he usually is able to push himself to get better.

"Marcus never really has a bad practice at Wilkes, you can't say that about a lot of players, not just here but anywhere. Marcus is one of those guys who's gonna give his best effort everyday, whether he's injured, sick. His energy level may at times be a little low cause it's a long season, but he brings it and leads by example."

"It felt really good to be in front of the home crowd, especially with that crowd against King's," Robinson said. "It was a huge crowd and they really had it rockin' in the place."

The Colonels were able to win the game against King's, so that was also a plus for Robinson to be able to accomplish this feat in a big conference victory.

Robinson will continue to improve his game everyday the rest of this season and help the Colonels try for a MAC Freedom conference championship. This is an accomplishment that everyone on the team is looking to achieve.



The Beacon/Kirsten Peters
Junior Marcus Robinson lines up for a foul shot during a game against Misericordia on Jan. 24.

Wilkes Winter Sports Schedules

Wrestling

11/3 vs. Millersville L 24-25
11/4 @ King's, 10th place
11/11 vs. SUNY Cortland, L 20-23
vs. NYU, L 6-34
vs. Hunter College, W 38-6
11/18 vs. Heidelberg, L, 23-28
@ Mount Union, L, 9-33
vs. Alma, W, 34-8
vs. Baldwin Wallace, L, 3-43
vs. Greensboro, W, 31-13
12/2 vs. Southern Virginia, W, 35-9
vs. McDaniel College, W 25-12
12/8 vs. Elizabethtown, W, 24-19
12/10 @ Stevens Institute, L, 16-29
vs. LIU Post, L, 3-38
12/22 Wilkes Open
1/4 vs. North Central, L, 6-32
vs. Chicago, L, 17-24
vs. Ohio Northern, L, 18-24
1/11 vs. Penn Tech, W, 43-9
vs. Lackawanna College, W, 41-10
1/20 MAC Champ. @ King's, 3rd Place
1/28 John Reese Duals, 11:00 a.m.
2/2 @ College of NJ, 7:30 p.m.
2/3 Messiah Open, 10:00 a.m.
2/9 vs. Ithaca, 7:00 p.m.
2/11 vs. King's, 12:00 p.m.
2/16 vs. Scranton @ King's, 7:00 p.m.
2/17 vs. Keystone @ Scranton, 12:00 p.m.

Men's Swimming

10/7 vs. William Paterson, L 98-108
10/14 Colonel Sprint Invite, 1st place
*10/20 @ Arcadia, L, 44-142
10/21 vs. Mount Saint Mary's, W, 152-97
*10/28 vs. Stevenson, W, 117-20
*11/5 @ Lebanon Valley, W, 128-61
vs. Dickinson, L, 88-106
*11/11 vs. FDU-Florham, W, 126-72
11/18, 11/19 Diamond Invite, 5th place
*12/3 @ Lycoming, L, 84-173
12/8 vs. PSU-Altoona, W, 110-70
*1/13 @ Misericordia, L, 108-139
*1/20 @ Messiah, L, 65-125
1/27 vs. SUNY-Cobleskill, W 135-86
vs. SUNY-Delhi, W, 155-37
2/3 vs. King's, 1:00 p.m.
2/15-2/18 MAC Championships

*-MAC
Home meets @ Wilkes-Barre CYC
Record: 7-6
(MAC: 3-4)

WREST (Continued):
Home matches @ Marts Center
Record: 10-11

Results through 1/27

Women's Swimming

10/14 Colonel Sprint Invite, 3rd place
*10/20 @ Arcadia, L, 42-136
10/21 vs. Mount Saint Mary's, L, 79-151
*10/28 vs. Stevenson, L, 61-104
*11/5 @ Lebanon Valley, L, 57-136
vs. Dickinson, 57-111
*11/11 vs. FDU-Florham, L, 77-90
11/18-11/19 Diamond Invitational, 9th
*12/3 @ Lycoming, L, 74-164
12/8 vs. PSU-Altoona, L, 85-88
*1/13 @ Misericordia, L, 48-199
*1/20 @ Messiah, L, 46-114
1/27 vs. SUNY Cobleskill, W, 103-85
vs. SUNY-Delhi, W, 102-36
*2/3 vs. King's 1:00 p.m.
2/15-2/18 MAC Championships

*-MAC
Home meets @ Wilkes-Barre CYC
Record: 2-10
(MAC: 0-7)

MVB (Continued):

*-MAC
Home games @ Marts Center
Record: 2-5
(MAC: 0-0)

Men's Volleyball

1/17 @ Lancaster Bible, L, 1-3
1/19 @ St. John Fisher, L, 0-3
1/20 @ Endicott College, L, 0-3
@ Bard College, W, 3-1
1/24 vs. Loras College, L, 0-3
1/27 vs. Wilson College, L, 0-3
vs. Bard College, W, 3-1
*2/3 @ Stevenson, 2:00 p.m.
*2/7 vs. Messiah, 7:00 p.m.
*2/10 @ Arcadia, 1:00 p.m.
vs. Kean 3:00 p.m.
2/11 vs. Hunter College, 1:00 p.m.
vs. Mount Saint Vincent, 1:00 p.m.
*2/14 vs. Misericordia, 4:00 p.m.
vs. York College, 8:00 p.m.
*2/21 vs. Alvernia, 7:00 p.m.
2/23 @ York College, 8:00 p.m.
2/25 vs. New Jersey City, 11:00 a.m.
vs. Keuka College, 3:00 p.m.
*2/28 @ Widener, 7:00 p.m.
3/15 @ Lehman College, 7:00 p.m.
*3/17 @ Alvernia, 12:00 p.m.
*3/21 vs. Widener, 7:00 p.m.
*3/24 vs. Stevenson, 2:00 p.m.
*3/27 @ Misericordia, 7:00 p.m.
*3/29 vs. Arcadia, 7:00 p.m.
*4/4 @ Messiah, 7:00 p.m.
4/7 vs. City College of New York

Colonel Athletics in Brief

By Luke Modrovsky and Ben Mandell
Sports Editor / Asst. Sports Editor

1/20
WREST: Senior Jake Dimarsico claimed a Middle Atlantic Conference Wrestling Championship at the Conference tournament hosted by King's College. Freshman Kyle Trout, senior Matt Grossmann, junior Josh Evans and junior Ashton Gyenizs all claimed second place honors, Freshman Dylan O'Connor also secured third place while the team placed third overall.

WSWIM: The Lady Colonels fell in a MAC meet with Messiah College 114-46. Freshman Abby Keating placed second in two events and junior Morgan Williams was a runner-up in one of her races.

MSWIM: The Colonels dropped their meet with Messiah College on the road 125-65. The relay team consisting of freshman Nick Martino, sophomore Tyler Weatherby, freshman Justin Burda and freshman Jared Bryne took first place.

MVB: The Colonels split their matches winning 3-1 over Bard College after falling 3-0 Endicott College. Senior Brian Schumacher had a career-high seven kills and three blocks in the loss to Endicott. Senior Danny Sales tallied a career-best 19 kills in the victory over Bard.

MBB: Wilkes defeated cross-town rival King's College 76-64. Senior Zach Brunner (17 points, 11 rebounds), junior Marcus Robinson (14 points, 10 rebounds) and sophomore Mark Mullins (14 points, 10 rebounds) all had double-doubles in the victory.

WBB: Maddie Kelley notched her first career double-double in a 75-59 loss to cross-town rival King's College.

1/22
WBB: Sophomore Chelsea Erkes notched a career-high 12 points in a 65-60 non-conference loss to host Alvernia.

1/24
WBB: Maddie Kelle paced the Lady Colonels with eight points and five rebounds in an 89-33 final against Misericordia.

MBB: See page 19.
MVB: The Colonels battled hard in a straight-set loss (19-25, 15-25, 18-25) to Loras College, but could not get over the hump. Junior Kyle Price led the defense with eight digs.

1/27
MVB: The Colonels split against Wilson College and Bard College. In the team's second victory of the year against Bard (25-12, 24-26, 25-20, 25-21), senior Danny Sales landed his second triple-double of his career with 16 kills, 13 assists and 10 digs. Senior Brian Schumacher had a career-high nine kills in the loss against Wilson.

MSWIM: The Colonels won eight events in two victories against SUNY Delhi (155-37) and SUNY Cobleskill (135-86) on senior day. Four freshman, Daniel Mack, Tyler Weatherby, Cameron Aspey and Jared Bryne teamed up to take first in the 200 medley relay in 1:50.15.

WSWIM: The Lady Colonels made a splash against SUNY Delhi (102-36) and SUNY Cobleskill (103-85) for their first two victories of the season. Junior Morgan Williams placed first in both the 1000 freestyle (11:50.91) and 500 freestyle (5:51.13).

WBB: Gianna Roberts landed a double-double (17 points and career-high 16 rebounds), but it would not be enough to lift the Lady Colonels to a victory over visiting Delaware Valley.

MBB: See page 19.

2017-18 Conference Standings

Men's Basketball:

MAC Freedom	Conf.	Overall
Wilkes	7-1	14-5
DeSales	6-2	15-4
Misericordia	6-2	11-8
Eastern	5-3	10-9
King's	4-4	8-11
Delaware Valley	2-6	4-15
Manhattanville	1-7	7-12
FDU - Florham	1-7	1-18

If the playoffs started today...

Semi-final: Eastern @ Wilkes

Semi-final: Misericordia @ Desales

Women's Basketball

MAC Freedom	Conf.	Overall
FDU - Florham	6-2	13-6
King's	6-2	11-8
Manhattanville	5-2	14-3
DeSales	5-3	10-9
Misericordia	4-3	11-7
Delaware Valley	4-4	7-12
Eastern	1-7	4-15
Wilkes	0-8	4-15

If the playoffs started today...

Semi-final: Desales @ FDU-Florham

Semi-final: Manhattanville @ King's

Football coach search ongoing

The search is well underway for the replacement of former head football coach Trey Brown.

Sources tell The Beacon that a replacement will be named within two weeks.

The new hire will be responsible for the direction of the football program, beginning with spring preparations for the 2018 season.

Numerous candidates were on campus during the past week to discuss a potential position with Wilkes.

Recruit visits are still occurring under

the direction of acting head coach David Biever. Biever managed the offensive line under Brown.

Numerous recruits were on campus for this past weekend's open house taking a look at what Wilkes has to offer.

It is still unclear if Biever will continue in a role at Wilkes, but most likely depends on the new hire, sources said.

Wilkes Football is looking to rebound after a miserable 2017 campaign that left the team winless (0-10).

-Staff report

Wilkes Winter Sports Schedules

Women's Basketball

11/15 @ Rutgers-Camden, L, 54-83
11/17 vs. Marywood, W, 70-59
11/18 vs. U. of Scranton, L, 43-78
11/21 vs. PSU Wilkes-Barre, W, 72-51
11/30 @ Moravian, L, 57-80
12/4 @ Rutgers-Newark, L, 43-59
12/5 vs. Valley Forge, W, 89-76
12/7 vs. PSU-Schuylkill, L, 56-61
12/9 vs. Juniata, L, 44-77
*1/3 @ FDU-Florham, L, 59-90
*1/6 vs. Manhattanville, L, 38-93
1/8 @ PSU-Hazleton, W, 93-79
*1/10 @ Delaware Valley, L, 71-83
*1/13 @ Eastern, L, 79-93
*1/17 vs. DeSales, L, 36-101
*1/20 vs. King's, L, 59-75

1/22 @Alvernia, L, 60-65
*1/24 @ Misericordia, L, 33-89
*1/27 vs. Delaware Valley, L, 61-67
*1/31 vs. FDU-Florham, 6:00 p.m.
*2/3 @Manhattanville, 1:00 p.m.
*2/7 @ DeSales, 6:00 p.m.
*2/10 vs. Misericordia, 1:00 p.m.
*2/13 @ King's, 6:00 p.m.
*2/17 vs. Eastern, 1:00 p.m.

*-MAC Freedom
Home games @ Marts Center
Record: 4-15
(MAC-Freedom: 0-8)

Results through 1/27

Men's Basketball

11/15 vs. PSU-Hazleton, W, 83-58
11/18 @ Elizabethtown, W, 86-75
11/21 vs. PSU-WB, W, 74-65
11/25 @ Marywood, L, 64-74
11/26 @ U. of Scranton, W-52-45
11/29 @ Drew, W, 87-80
12/2 vs. Messiah, L, 64-67
12/5 vs. Clarks Summit, W, 86-64
12/19 @ Albright, L, 65-72
12/28 @ Hiram, L, 85-94
12/29 @ Norwich, W, 97-74
*1/3 @ FDU-Florham, W, 75-52
*1/6 vs. Mahattanville, W, 73-68
*1/10 @ Delaware Valley, W 78-69
*1/13 @ Eastern, L, 76-91
*1/17 vs. Desales, W, 72-66
*1/20 vs. King's, W, 76-64

*1/24 @ Misericordia, W, 87-82
*1/27 vs. Delware Valley, W, 58-57
*1/31 vs. FDU-Florham, 8:00 p.m.
*2/3 @ Manhattanville, 3:00 p.m.
*2/7 @ Desales, 8:00 p.m.
*2/10 vs. Misericordia, 3:00 p.m.
*2/13 @ King's, 8:00 p.m.
*2/17 @ Eastern, 3:00 p.m.

*-MAC Freedom
Home games @ Marts Center
Record: 14-5
(MAC-Freedom: 7-1)

Results through 1/27



Getting to know...

Jake DiMarsico

Super Senior Wrestler

The Beacon: Male Athlete of the Week 1/14-1/22

Why Jake DiMarsico was selected: Jake DiMarsico was selected because he captured the 2018 Middle Atlantic Conference Championship at 133 pounds on Jan. 20. DiMarsico won three matches on the day, including a 10-8 decision, an 11-3 major decision and a 4-3 decision in the championship bout. Congratulations, Jake!

What head coach Jonathan Laudenslager said: "Jake has done an excellent job this season on putting himself in position for the team, but more importantly putting himself in a position for the opportunity to qualify for the NCAA tournament in March. If Jake takes every opportunity from each day forward to commit to his goal, I see no reason he can't be wrestling in Cleveland with the right to represent Wilkes on a national level."

Name: Jake DiMarsico
Year: Super Senior
Major: Accounting
Minor: Marketing
Hometown: Thiells, Ny.
High School: North Rockland HS
Position: 133lbs

Driving force for your decision to come to Wilkes?

My mind was set on wrestling in college and I spoke to a few different coaches. Then one day Slager gave me a call and he got me to come take a visit, I got to see how great of a tradition the wrestling program had for the university and I wanted to be apart of it.

Post graduation plans in terms of a career?

Work in Manhattan in Finance, accounting or stock broking for a few years, then eventually move out west most likely to California so I can snow board or hit the beach whenever I want.

Favorite building on campus?

Marts Center, where all the hard work takes place!

Hopes for this season as a Colonel?

All-American.

When/Why did you first begin playing?

My career began playing baseball and soccer as a young kid. My two good friends were wrestlers and I had never even seen a match before. One day in 6th grade I went to a high school dual and wanted to try it, so I took off my cleats and strapped on some wrestling shoes and began to write my story.

Favorite thing to do during practice?

Live wrestling, time just flies when your scrapping.

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

How much my coaches hate the music I bump during practice....

Other interests or hobbies off of the field?

Snowboarding, Gaming (PUBG and Rocket League), Music, getting after it, and buying SUPREME.

Most influential person in your life?

My cousin Anthony DiMarsico and my performance coach from back home John Hoke. These men taught me from a little kid what it as like to want to become a champion.

A quote you live your life by?

"Saddest thing in life is wasted talent" – A Bronx Tale

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

Pablo Escobar

Favorite meal to eat on campus?

As rarely as I wake up for them but the egg sandwich from Grill Works.

Favorite professor?

Dr. Seeley.

Anyone to give a shout-out to?

S/O 363, 365, 367 S. River, my Cuzznt Leech, and my Family OTF.

-Compiled by Luke Modrovsky, Sports Editor

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Getting to know...

Chelsea Erkes

Sophomore Basketball Player

The Beacon: Female Athlete of the Week-1/14-1/22

Why Chelsea Erkes was selected: Chelsea Erkes came off the bench to score a career-high of 12 points in a Jan. 22 matchup against Alvernia. Erkes had a significant contribution in a matchup where the Lady Colonels came up just short.

What head coach Chris Heery said: “Chelsea Erkes has been shooting the ball well in the last few games. She has helped the team by hitting some deep three pointers which helps stretch the defense. She continues to be a great team player.”

Name: Chelsea Erkes

Year: Sophomore

Major: Psychology

Minor: Sports Management

Hometown: Wernersville, Pa.

High School: Conrad Weiser HS

Position: Shooting Guard

Driving force for your decision to come to Wilkes?

The small campus, relationship with teachers, playing basketball.

Post graduation plans in terms of a career?

I plan to do something in psychology, and possibly sports.

Hopes for this season as a Colonel?

I hope that we improve from last years season, and grow closer as a team.

Most influential person in your life?

My mom, because she has always been there for me, and supports me in everything I do.

A quote you live your life by?

“With struggle comes strength.”

When/Why did you first begin playing?

Began playing in second grade, my dad, uncle, cousin, and grandfather all played, just ran in the family.

Favorite thing to do during practice?

My favorite thing to do during practice is scrimmaging, because it allows us to play as a team and get better as a team, but also as individuals.

Coke or Pepsi?

Pepsi.

Anyone to give a shout-out to?

Alyssa Alfano, I see you.

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