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Graduating staff reflects on their time at Wilkes

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Student critically injured after being hit by car

By Christine Lee
Senior News Editor

An accident on a busy street that left a student in critical condition has caused the Wilkes community to come together in support for her, as well as question the safety of that street.

According to Wilkes-Barre police, around 5:30p.m. on Sunday, April 6 sophomore communication studies major Rebecca Filipski sustained severe injuries when she was struck by a car in the right lane on the Market Street bridge.

Filipski was crossing Market Street near Kirby Park when she was hit and transported to Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, where she remains in critical condition. The investigation into the accident is still ongoing.

In week following the accident, the campus community has shown a strong amount of support for Filipski. Many students wrote messages of support on the wall of her Facebook page last Monday and have raised money to buy her get well-gifts. Some have even gotten together to create a get well video for her. Members of Student Government, along with Filipski's roommates on campus, created two large cards that members of the campus community signed on Monday.

In an email to the campus community on Monday, Student Affairs stated that Filipski's family has been appreciative of the outpouring of support by the university community and asked that "you keep her in your thoughts and prayers during this challenging time."

Those who know Filipski describe her as a fun person to be around. Senior communications major Jenn Villa got to know her through their involvement with "Wilkes Now." "Rebecca has always been one of the most energetic, bubbly, just naturally always very happy people I've met," Villa said. "Anytime you are with her, you can't help but smile."

Filipski's academic adviser, professor of Communications Jane Elmes-Crahall said her energetic demeanor will help her bounce back.

"I'm trying to think what we can get her to keep her mind occupied if her body isn't able



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Flipinski, a second year communication studies major, is considered by many to be a beloved member of the Wilkes community.

to run around because she doesn't sit still," Elmes-Crahall said. "That's our challenge as friends and faculty is try to find something to keep her mind and hands occupied because somehow seeing Rebecca in bed for longer than a couple of hours seems a little unlikely."

Filipski has been active on campus through her involvement with WCLH and the University Chorus. Director of Choral Activities Steven Thomas described her as a wonderful member of the chorus whose presence is very much missed. Junior communications major Kayla Bucci and freshman communications major Zach Benedict said they both miss her in their classes.

"I always sit next to her in sociology and

it was weird not having anybody to talk to," Benedict said. "It brought a tear to my eye because I looked over and saw an empty seat and know exactly where she was."

Bucci describes Filipski as someone who is engaged and whom classes aren't the same without.

"I just hope that she gets better and hopefully I'll see her bright, shining face in science because I miss her," Bucci said.

Filipski's accident has raised questions about the safety of crossing Market Street. Villa said the accident has resonated for her as she had also crossed Market Street to get to Rita's a few days before Filipski's accident.

"It kind of hit home a little bit knowing that it could have been me, it could have been any Wilkes student that that happened to," Villa said.

Villa added that she feels there should be a crossway added on Market Street in order to prevent further accidents.

"It's not shocking to me that this occurred on such a busy street," Villa said.

Steven Thomas, who drives down the street

as part of his daily commute to campus, said the accident has made him more vigilant as a driver.

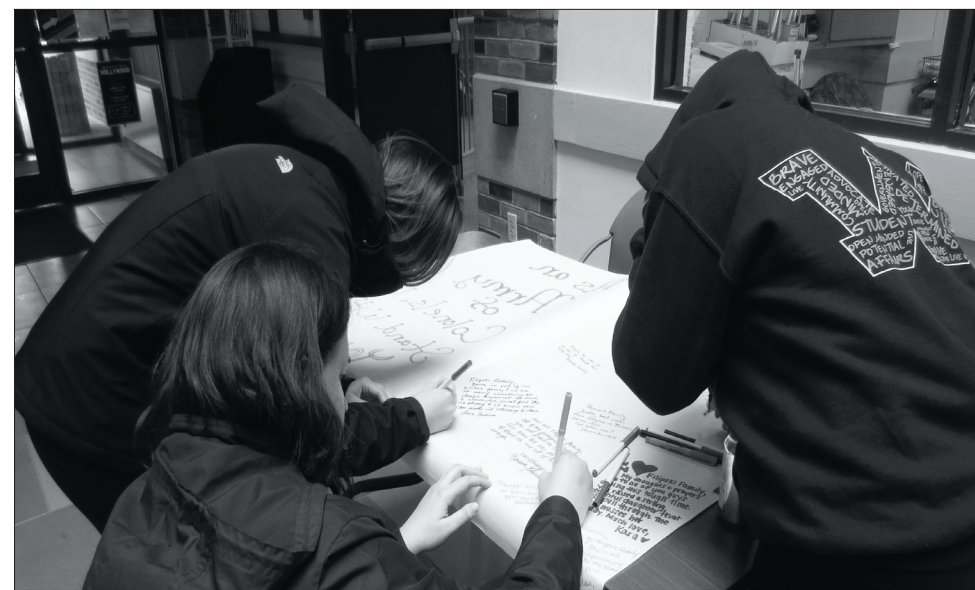
"Every time I drive by there now I'm keeping my eyes open more than normal," Thomas said.

He added that the accident is a wake-up call to the risks associated with trying to cross such busy streets.

"It certainly is a reminder of how dangerous not just there but anywhere is," he said. "Cars are very dangerous and so it's a reminder of how careful those of us who drive have to be when we're driving anywhere there might be a pedestrian."

Editor's Note: Because Filipski is a communications major, she has had an involvement with The Beacon in the past and is an acquaintance to many on staff.

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Many members of the Wilkes community try and make small tokens to make Filipinski feel better and remind her to stay strong in this difficult time.

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Farewell to Foley; SG president election under way

By Sarah Bedford
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As the spring semester comes to an end, changes are in the works for Student Government as the presidential election draws near.

Nominated for president in week one of two at the SG meeting were Taylor Moyer and Christian Victoria; Peter Tuzzo was nominated in week two of two.

All three are in the process of following SG election protocol, which includes nomination, petition forms which require 250 signatures, and a leadership forum at noon April 15 in the SUB lounge.

The actual voting process will begin April 15 and continue until April 22. At the April 23 Student Government meeting, the new president along with the new presidents from each Mega-council club will be announced.

Each nominee poses qualities that set them apart from their opponents and make for fine presidential nominees.

Meet the nominees:

Christian Victoria

As a member of Student Government as junior class treasurer, as well as being a resident assistant for two years, member of the Programming Board, an E-mentor and president of the Investment Club, Christian Victoria, an accounting and finance major, has shown numerous outlets of leadership and involvement on campus.

He first became involved with SG when a peer encouraged him to do so.

"(It was) a great way to get involved on campus," Victoria said.

When asked what changes he would like to see brought about to SG and why he felt he should be the next SG president he said, "I want to make a change and this position is

the place."

Victoria described the possibilities for growth and opportunity with a change in SG because as it stands, he doesn't, "like where it is heading."

"It needs a change ... I'm going to mix it up a bit," Victoria said.

Among his university involvements, Victoria also has an internship with an highly regarded company completing work within his field; he described this opportunity as one that will set him apart from others.

Throughout the entire process, Victoria said he has remained "cool, calm, and collected," just as he does in every other facet of life.

Asked to describe himself in one word, Victoria said, "determined. I'm determined to get the position and leave a legacy."

Victoria ended on the final note, "I have many experiences in terms of leadership. ... I know what makes a team work well and what doesn't."

He added, "(I'm) grateful -- without students there is no Student Government."

Taylor Moyer

"I've been working toward it (president) since my freshman year," Taylor Moyer, who has been a longtime member of SG, said.

Moyer, a pharmacy major, is SG vice president, an active member in APhA, PPA, and Pharmacy Senate, and as well an RA. She said she knows the amount of time and dedication it takes for serving as SG president.

This past year, Moyer organized Fall Fest and Winter Weekend, as well as coordinating SG mentors to incoming members.

Moyer emphasized the importance of taking an active role in the student body and listening to student opinions.

"I want a positive change for the student body," Moyer said.

Although there is more to be done, Moyer commented that, "We've made a lot of prog-

ress since my freshman year ... more consistent with allocation of funds ... (and) expanded on openness."

Moyer remarked that making SG weekly meetings more student-friendly is crucial.

As far as plans if she does become SG president, Moyer mentioned trying to influence a decision to bring back student favorites to "Late Night." She said, however, that this is not a direct SG responsibility but a topic among peers.

Regardless, Moyer said, "change is definitely the big thing."

When asked why she is fit to be president she said, "I love SG ... it's a great organization on campus."

She mentioned knowing the ins and outs of SG after working closely with the current president, Ian Foley.

When describing herself in one word, Moyer said, "leader. ... I think most people see me as that."

"It's the same thing over and over again," Moyer concluded. "Wilkes needs change, SG is a big support system for that."

Peter Tuzzo

Peter Tuzzo, a political science major, has been an active member in numerous Wilkes outlets.

An RA, E-mentor, promotion director at WCLH, a two-time Alternative Spring Break participant, member of the Relay for Life Committee, coordinator for E-mentoring and SG junior class secretary, Tuzzo has witnessed different aspects of the university in action.

Tuzzo described he desire to become the new SG president by describing his overall love for Wilkes.

"I love being a Colonel ... (I'm) dedicated to Wilkes' 'Be Colonel' attitude."

Tuzzo described that one of the first things he would like to see is changes within SG is the constitution.

"One of the biggest things is revamping our Constitution." He described the document as 15 pages that are far too complicated. He said he thinks that if the group works to simplify and broaden its meanings, involvement from student body will be better.

Tuzzo described his dedication to SG and how he is the "type of guy who write theories on how to go about SG."

Being involved with IRHC his freshman year, he said he knew he wanted to continue being involved on campus, and SG was an obvious choice in doing so.

When describing himself in one word, Tuzzo said, "passionate" while relating it all back to his overall love of the university and how he wants to be part of its progress in the future.

"Every meeting is a unique experience ... it's the timeline of SG that makes me passionate," he said.

Foley reflects on past year

Although it is an exciting time for SG, it also marks the end of current SG President Ian Foley's reign.

"It's been rewarding ... you get to see events accomplished ... (and) taking people and getting them to work well together," Foley said.

Foley discussed the importance of gathering diverse groups of people with differing goals and creating an experience for themselves as well as the student body.

Among the many accomplishments in his position, Foley joked saying, "I'm proud the place is still standing."

On a serious note, Foley mentioned that there are certain characteristics that make for a good president.

"To become president ... first, have the will and initiative to do good," Foley said.

He described the importance of not just connecting with the other SG members but also the rest of the student body.

"Second, don't be afraid to take on responsibility."

Foley discussed that the most important aspect when taking on duties is to keep the "Wilkes way, Wilkes pride" in mind.

Finally, Foley discussed the importance of making compromises.

"Everyone has their priorities ... channel that in a way that best represents the students."

The overall message Foley said he wanted to give to the presidential nominees and undergrads is the idea of remaining humble and cherishing the time they have while at Wilkes.

"They have four years here. You only have a finite amount of time ... and a finite amount of time to make an impression on someone ... plan to build relationships and keep relationships because, before you know it, it will all be over and all you'll have are memories."

The Leadership Forum will be at noon in the Henry Student Center Lounge, April 15. At this session, the student body will be able to hear from the respective nominees not only of SG but of the rest of Mega-Council as well.

Voting begins that afternoon and continues until the following Tuesday with the SG president announcement April 23 at the SG Meeting.

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Courtesy of Christian Victoria

Victoria said he has a vision to change how SG conducts business.



Courtesy of Taylor Moyer

Moyer encourages peers to take active roles in the Wilkes community.



Courtesy of Peter Tuzzo

Tuzzo says that his overall love for Wilkes drives him in his election.

Current Scranton masters students visit, give advice to undergrads

By Amanda Stickles
Staff Writer

Current masters students from the University of Scranton came to Wilkes University to talk with current Wilkes students interested in counseling.

A panel of Scranton graduate students took the time to come to Wilkes to discuss the graduate programs they are involved regarding a career in counseling.

The different careers available in the field include school counseling, clinical mental counseling and rehabilitation counseling.

Each career in counseling is very different.

School counseling deals with students in the school they are working in, helping them with classes, and getting them ready for the future or day to day life issues they might be facing.

Clinical mental health counseling deals with a different client base and with issues that are more severe such as depression or anxiety. Rehabilitation counseling works with disabilities and health services.

"What I like about working in rehabilitation counseling is you can work with people

who come back from war who lost limbs; or people with mental disabilities," Kelly Roughgarden from the University of Scranton graduate program said.

Internships are a key element in getting the experience needed for future careers in counseling.

Scranton requires students in the graduate program do 600 hours of internship work before graduation.

"You're able to be with real clients with real issues and try to help them," David Hovey from the University of Scranton graduate program said.

The panel discussed how important it is to have self-care and that counselors need to know how to handle their own problems as well as how to deal with their own day-to-day issues.

If they do not learn this skill then they should not be a counselor, because if a counselor does not know how to handle their own issues how do they expect to handle someone else's?

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Keynote speakers announced for two graduation ceremonies

By Nicole Zukowski
News Editor

As the academic year is coming to a close again so is the undergraduate career for Wilkes graduating seniors, along with the current graduating students in the master programs.

Wilkes will host the 67th annual Spring Commencement exercises on May 17.

Both undergraduate and graduate ceremonies are scheduled for the same day.

At every commencement ceremony one or more keynote speakers are asked to give a speech. There is a lengthy process of choosing who will be speaking at the ceremonies.

"The process goes on all year long. The members of the Honorary Degree Committee are always on the lookout for individuals who can bring an inspiring message to our graduates and who would be worthy of receiving an honorary degree from Wilkes," Vice President of Student Affairs Paul Adams said.

This year the keynote speakers will be Christopher N. Breiseth and Stelios Patsiokas '75.

At the graduate ceremony at 10 a.m. will be Christopher N. Breiseth, the fourth President of Wilkes. Breiseth will receive the Doctor of

Humane Letters degree, honoris causa, during the ceremony.

The commencement speaker for the undergraduate ceremony at 3 p.m. is Stelios Patsiokas '75, Chief Innovation Officer and corporate vice president at Sirius XM.

Patsiokas will receive the Doctor of Science degree, honoris causa, during this ceremony.

The honoris causa is a degree where the university has waived the usual requirements, such as matriculation, study and the passing of examinations.

"Both our speakers have lived inspiring lives and had great achievements," Adams said. "Both have close ties to Wilkes and will be able to draw on their Wilkes experiences to enhance their messages to the graduates."

The Office of Student Affairs manages commencement and its related activities and events.

Questions regarding Commencement should be directed to the Office of Student Affairs at Passan Hall (570) 408-4100 (570) 408-4100.

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Beacon Briefs

Big Event registration under way

Wilkes University Student Government will hold its third annual community-wide Big Event Saturday, April 26.

Wilkes student volunteers will descend upon the surrounding neighborhoods, dedicating a day to community service.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. with the conclusion expected at 3 p.m. For questions or concerns, contact Kassie Bugg at kassandra.bugg@wilkes.edu.

Lenten series ends April 16

The Office of Campus Interfaith and the City of Wilkes-Barre's Downtown Minsterium will host a Lenten Luncheon Series. This year, the theme is "Finding Your Way Home."

It will continue each Wednesday through April 16, and is held at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, across from Boscov's.

The service begins at 11:30 a.m. with an organ recital. The ecumenical/Interfaith Service begins at noon.

Following the service is a soup and sandwich lunch, sponsored by one of the local churches.

The suggested donation is \$4 with proceeds this year benefiting the Wilkes-Barre Free Clinic.

Contact Caitlin Czeh in the Interfaith Office at ext. 5904 or caitlin.czeh@wilkes.edu for more information.

Programming Board sets concert

Wilkes Programming Board will be holding the second annual riverfront concert. This year is featuring "He is We" and two great opening acts.

Three food vendors selling at the concert. The concert is free and open to the public and Wilkes University students. This event will be at 5 p.m. April 25.

Pharmacy to hold golf tournament

The 15th annual School of Pharmacy Dean's Golf Tournament will be held on May 15 at Mount Laurel Golf Club, White Haven, Pa.

Registration is from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Shot-gun tournament starts at 1 p.m. Cost for current Wilkes students is \$85. Without an ID will be \$110.

The cost includes lunch, dinner and prizes. Reservations are required. Email theresa.rule@wilkes.edu or call 570-408-4270. More information could be found at <http://www.mountainlaurelgolfclub.com>

Urban Garden plots available

Wilkes Neighborhood Garden now has plots available for the 2014 summer. The garden is located at the corner of West Ross and South River Streets in Wilkes-Barre.

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Beacon prints final spring issue

The April 15 issue marks the end of spring publications for The Beacon. The Beacon will resume publication in the fall. Check www.thewilkesbeacon.com for updates.

Mensch visits students



Courtesy of Marketing and Communications
Some of Wilkes' upper-level pharmacy students had the chance to meet and discuss topics with U.S. Sen. Bob Mensch.

Silencing cell phones in more than the classroom

By Alyssa Stencavage
L&A&E Editor

First a buzz, then a ring. Then the phone appears. That's how it all starts.

It was exam day, and the days before were rough for one student. The 10-minute cram of study time before class was enough to refresh the student's memory about some of the material, but certainly not enough to ace the test. Class time comes, and the professor walks down each aisle, handing out exams one-by-one, and then heads back to his seat at the front of the room, looking up every once in a while from the stack of papers he was grading to check the clock and have a look around the room. He notices the student scanning the phone out on his desk, pen in the other hand, writing away. The professor gets up, walks to the middle of the room, grabs the exam and rips it to shreds. The student had been caught in the act.

Campuses have a variety of reasons for eliminating cell phones and other electronic devices from the classroom, but other places are also revising cell phone policies for other reasons.

The Wilkes-Barre City Council is trying to minimize distraction by asking for cooperation from attendees to silence cell phones during board meetings.

City Council Chairman Bill Barrett said there hadn't been anything in place governing meetings, and although not a constant occurrence, it's something the council felt needed to be addressed once and for all.

"We didn't want to be the phone police, we just wanted people to be courteous and help us run a productive meeting," he said.

Barrett said the proposed ordinance is an effort to restore order to meetings, even if it means tweaking the rules a bit to achieve that.

A cell phone could also be a bother for the speaker who stands at the front of the room.

This 2014 ordinance follows the 2010 ordinance in the city of Wilkes-Barre that prohibits the use of handheld devices while driving, which Barrett said was mostly for awareness and getting the state to step up to the plate.

Although no relationship exists between the two, the citywide ordinance remains in place, perhaps reminding drivers that they're safer for it if they can remove the distraction.

When cell phones are applied to a classroom setting, the same idea rings true, as stat-

ed in the Wilkes handbook, which says, "in order to provide an optimum environment for learning, all cellular phones and other electronic devices must be kept on silent alert while in the classroom, laboratory, or studio. All calls must be answered outside the classroom, and most importantly, no recordings of lectures or labs are allowed without written permission of the instructor."

Even in a classroom setting, legitimate concerns may arise. However, that's not to say that cell phones should be out and ready in case of an emergency. When phones are frequented, distractions still abound.

Deborah Tindell, psychology professor at Wilkes and the lead author of a study, "The Use and Abuse of Cell Phones and Text Messaging in the Classroom: A Survey of College Students," agrees that cell phones today have the ability to do much more than make phone calls, and she said we only have so much attention at any given time, which then needs to be divided among all of the tasks we engage in.

"In general, students think they are much better at divided attention than they really are," Tindell said. "Studies show that memory for lectures is reduced for which cell phones are being used to text."

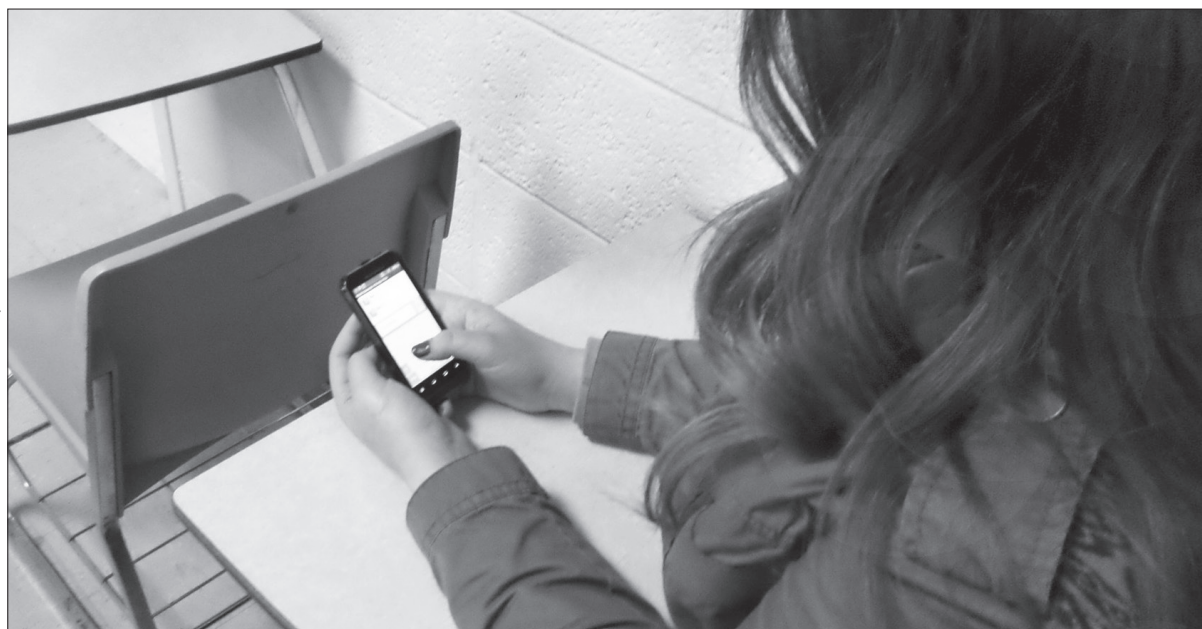
There's also a domino-like effect when students decide to pull out cell phones during class. Their use distracts others sitting nearby, who have a right to learn without that distraction. But it also affects the professor.

"When students choose to disengage, it makes it more difficult for the instructor to be a dynamic and effective teacher" she said.

Dean of Student Affairs Mark Allen said faculty are much more prone to dealing with other issues than a serious case of a cell phone resister gone wild.

"As we've grown so dependent on this 24/7 communication, people can get really anxious about not having that connectivity," he said.

He also admits that because many faculty



Cell phones have been called a distraction in the work place along with in the classroom. New ordinances are in the drawing stages for bans on cell phones in certain environments.

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own cell phones themselves, they are aware of the connection and the expectations that follow – rightly or wrongly – and they typically don't face resistance from students. But if students were to act out, they would be reported.

Allen said at the end of the day, faculty own responsibility and would have to make the exception to the policy.

Beyond the context of the city or the classroom, research also indicates the cell phone's role in learning, with feedback across the board.

According to an article by Audrey Waters in 2011, a study by the Pew Internet and American Life Project found that 83 percent of American adults own a cell phone, more than half of whom had used their phones at least once to get information they needed right away, and the situation likely remains the same for students.

A high school teacher Jamie Williams asks his students to use photos they've taken on their phones to create paintings. He also allows students to use both handwritten and phone-stored notes during tests.

Williams feels that the smartphones many students are equipped with these days are not used to their full potential. With features like

calculators, cameras, video capability and more, schools might find that students are better equipped with a device like this, something he calls a powerful computing device in their pockets.

He also notes the difficult transition for students to go from one class of using a cell phone to another where it's prohibited at the door. Essentially, he sees the biggest challenge to be educators and administrators who continue to view cell phones in a negative light, and suggests that schools come up with an acceptable policy to allow them in the classroom.

Yet, some schools take a more extreme approach.

In the end, cell phones might be an important mode of communication or tool for safety, but they can also be a nuisance to an otherwise productive situation. Therefore, even in the classroom, their role must be considered. As for the city council ordinance, Barrett said it should be in place by April, and reminder signs should help do the trick.



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Dorm connection is first priority for IT Department

By Amanda Fulk
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Wilkes University recently held their open forum on April 8, to discuss current and upcoming changes to the technology throughout campus.

The forum is held often to keep the Wilkes community informed about the IT Department's latest renovations.

"We are trying to get everyone caught up," John Stachacz, dean of the library and director of information technology.

Recently, the campus had announced that Wilkes had purchased the old Bartikowsky's Jewelers building on South Main St., which would be housing administrative offices in that building temporarily.

With that move, students from the Sidhu School of Business would relocate their classrooms into the UCOM building.

UCOM would feature more wireless devices as well as a trading room for the business students.

Along with the move of administrative buildings, there will also be new additions

for student living that necessarily will not be placed on campus.

Dorms are the first priority, and administrative will come second, which was not a favorable decision for some.

Along with these major renovations some faculty and staff expressed concern for the Dorothy Dickson Dart Center along with Stark Learning Center.

The IT Department would be looking to replace and update software campuswide before next fall.

Stachacz mentioned that IT would be "ready

to walk" on its own into the next phase of technology on campus.

One of the primary topics of future technology on campus did point in a wireless direction. All buildings that are currently or will be under renovation will include newer and better technology including a wireless connection.

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Lessons learned: Undergrads, listen to your elders

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With graduation just weeks away, most seniors are on the relentless search for jobs. But, before they dive into the workforce, they've reflected on their years at Wilkes and have come up with some of the most valuable lessons that time has taught them to share with underclassmen.

Time Management

Of course, keeping an eye on the clock and using time wisely will forever remain an important lesson. But students might also find that if they plan efficiently, an overlap in classes might emerge.

Political science major Nour Elbattah, who also has minors in Spanish and environmental policy, said it's easy to double major when requirements for one's major coincide with requirements for electives, if the mapping process is done right.

Connecting with those in your discipline

Students shouldn't pass up the opportunity to get to know professors in their particular department, especially one that is facilitated by a small, private institution like Wilkes.

"I think sometimes that's overlooked," Elbattah said. "I think students really need to create a professional relationship with their advisers and professors. If you're going to see those professors more than once, you should probably create a communication with them."

Internships & Networking

The word might seem redundant, but don't underestimate the power of the concept.

Elbattah, who's had several internships, said these two things are essential, and networking might just mean making people remember you.

"You never know how one person might lead you to the next thing or person," she said. "It's nice knowing that you might have made a good impression on somebody and you can take advantage of it. I think it's OK to show your personality to people because you never know who might relate to or appreciate what you're standing for."

Apply yourself

Good grades and test-taking skills are important, but putting what one has learned into practice counts just as much, if not more.

"Those individuals who use what they learn inside the classroom, outside the classroom, whether it's in a part-time job, club or internship, are those who will become successful," business major Anthony Peterson said.

With that said, he urges students to find the drive and passion that they may have for something and go with it, because it, "will create an overall better outcome for yourself along with others" and "by applying the passion and drive, will ultimately make your life that much easier and enjoyable."



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As they climb up the academic ladder in college, students may find themselves smothered by boatloads of work and stacks of books. While it is important to keep up with the work, remember, as Richelle Smith puts it, "You can't sleep-walk through school."

When Peterson leaves Wilkes, he will take with him the idea to be open minded and explore all options available.

"You may really never know what you want to do unless you try everything," he said.

Start early and go far

As her years at Wilkes come to a close, entrepreneurship major Tory Price advises students to, "go the extra mile from day one to build your resume."

She said you shouldn't involve yourself with activities that won't have any impact on your future. Rather, put yourself in a situation you're fearful of, because it's situations like these that will develop your leadership skills, as well as yourself, both personally and professionally.

Sometimes having someone by your side is beneficial, as well. Price said find an upper-classman, advisor or professor to help you get over the blocks in the road.

Price's time at Wilkes has helped give her the confidence she needs to succeed in the world, and the same can go for everyone else.

"You can do anything when you apply yourself and never doubt it," she said.

Get involved and keep pushing

Senior history major Richelle Smith advises underclassmen to "do what's asked of you and put your whole heart into it."

She believes that students should get more involved in their classes because it is more in-

fluent and beneficial than just listening to a lecture.

"If you become more involved in the conversation, you're more likely to remember the information better," she said.

Smith encourages students to "stay dedicated, don't give up. Keep pushing. That's really what it comes down to -- you just have to have the drive. You can't slack off and just expect to get through -- you have to keep pushing."

Don't underestimate the amount of work

Smith said that one thing people don't tell students enough about college is to expect that "there is a lot of work, a lot of work. It is not high school and you cannot get away with not doing the homework. You can't sleepwalk through school."

Form a support system

The friendships that Smith formed in college were a surprise to her.

"When I got to school I made a whole new realm of friends, and I'm actually closer to those friends now than the friends I had before school. It's a different friendship, but it's a stronger friendship. Before I came to school, my friends were very surface level. I felt like when I talked to them, it wasn't anything intellectual."

She feels like now that she has found herself - her ideas and political beliefs - she has more insightful conversations with her friends now.

"I have more in common with my friends

now. It's more than just stupid stuff, we have the same ideas, we have the same motives, we have the same drive. It's good to talk to intellectual people about intellectual topics," she said.

Make time for other things

Senior marketing major and international student from Nepal, Evana Manandhar, said "Don't just crunch your time studying, there's life after studying, too. Once you reach that senior level, you don't have that time."

She urges students to get involved in school activities and events. As a founding member of the Asian Culture Society, she likes to get involved in the Global Diversity Office.

"I think American and international students should get along together, to get different perspectives. That's something I would tell all students to get involved in."

Manandhar encouraged students to take the initiative and make an impact.

"Do something in your major that will leave your legacy behind."

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Cuts for Cancer was held from 2 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 9 in the SUB. Inches of hair were donated to Wilkes University's annual Relay for Life event, which was held on Saturday April 12.

●○○ Check out *'The Beauty Beat'* @

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Sunscreen 101

By Ashley Evert

Assistant Managing Editor

Finals week is looming ahead and all that most of us want to do is lay outside and absorb those sunny days that have finally reached us after this rough winter.

I am an advocate for compromise. Why not go out and study at one of the benches on the Greenway and enjoy the day? But finals aren't the only thing to worry about while you're enjoying the sun's warmth.

One of the most important beauty lessons to learn is the importance of good skin care, namely, the avoidance of sun damage.

Too many girls are seen outside slath-

ering on the tanning oil or posting Instagram photos of them looking crispy in the tanning beds in the dead of winter.

If the goal is to look beautiful by means of getting tan, I feel terrible giving this reality check: your skin is going to look less than beautiful when it is leathery, wrinkled and spotted in 20 years in comparison to those ladies who avoided UV radiation.

The best defense against sun damage is sunscreen. Daily use of sunscreen will help slow the development of wrinkles and premature aging skin, reduces the appearance of blotchiness, prevents facial brown spots and skin discoloration. And of course...

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Philharmonic symphony to be held April 25 at Scranton Cultural Center

By Amanda Kornak

Correspondent

Wilkes University's Choral director, Steven Thomas, has been working with his students and other choral directors from local universities to prepare for a performance at the Scranton Cultural Center with a professional orchestra.

The students will be singing Beethoven's 9th Symphony April 25 at the Scranton Cultural Center with the Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic. Thomas will be chorus master and Lawrence Loh, music director of the Philharmonic, will be conducting the concert.

"It's a really exciting project," Thomas said. "We're combining with choirs from Bloomsburg University, from Marywood University and the Choral Society of Northeastern Pennsylvania, so all the singers are going to come together and sing the piece."

Saturday, April 5, was the first rehearsal that included all 150 singers from the different groups, as well as Lou.

"It was a lot of fun," Kelly Pleva, a member of the Wilkes University Chorus, said. "We worked really hard, it was a three and some odd hour rehearsal, and then we only have one more group rehearsal left together before the whole show."

"It's a little bit of a tricky thing to assemble because we're all doing our own thing," Thomas said. "Each group is used to singing with that group but not with the other groups, so we have to figure all that out."

This is the fifth time Wilkes University has collaborated with the Northeastern Pennsylvania Philharmonic in the past 11 years.

"It's roughly a pace of one every other year so it's exciting, and for the students that are junior and seniors this is their second shot at it," Thomas said.



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The graduating staff reflects on their time at Wilkes University by sharing a few Beacon related stories



Jake Cochran

During my time at Wilkes University, I was involved in tons of clubs and organizations. I took up new hobbies, expanded upon old ones, made new friends and did a lot of things I never thought I would have.

The person I was entering college would not recognize the person I am today. While that isn't a bad thing, it is something to consider. At the end of my college career, I've accomplished almost everything I set out to do and can sit back in my rocking chair at the end of the day with a satisfied grin

I remember my first club day, I saw the table for "The Wilkes Beacon" and I knew, that sure as hell was NOT something I wanted to do, and I knew that the Rowing Club was DEFININITELY for me.

Now, a few years later I am writing my reflection as my time as the Beacon Editor-in-Chief and am wondering why the rowing club never emailed me back after I missed the mandatory 5 a.m. workouts.

Five years ago Wilkes came on my radar at a college fair I was made to attend my junior year of high school in Edison, N.J. I had heard of the city Wilkes-Barre, Pa. before and figured it wasn't too far away from home that I could get the whole on-campus college experience.

When I first visited Wilkes during an open house I was immediately struck by how much the students legitimately loved being there. This was great to hear because where I went to high school, there was a lot of complaining from students about how they did not want to be where I was for high school.

I even distinctly remember my tour guide, a guy by the name of Erin Sweet, telling my mom and I, "I'm not just saying this as a marketing gimmick but I genuinely love being here."

After coming to VIP Day that year I officially made my decision to come to Wilkes and four years later I haven't looked back since nor have I had any regrets on my decision.

Seeing where I am now, it is hard for anyone who has gotten to know me at Wilkes over the years to believe that when I first came to campus during the summer orientation session and to start in the fall, I was not excited to begin my college career. I have never been a fan of change and the notion of going to college in a city I wasn't completely familiar with and not knowing anyone on campus terrified me. However, I remember telling myself if I could accomplished so much in high school, which I had, I could be just as successful in college. Four years later, I have definitely lived up to those words.

During my time at Wilkes, I have learned so much and been exposed to a variety of different experiences that I will never forget.

For starters, I had known since about my junior year of high school that I wanted to be a news reporter, specifically one on television. During Welcome Weekend, my E-mentor, Anthony Dorunda, introduced me to this paper and the Shelbourne Telecommunications Center. The moment he did, I knew I wanted to be a part of both of them and let me just say they have both been played a big part in my professional career.

Over the course of my four years on staff with The Beacon, I have learned the ins and outs of writing a basic news article and how to write both soft-core feature and hard news articles. Serving as Life and later News editor has allowed me the opportunity to be a part of this campus's

history and culture.

During my time on staff I have covered such big events as the Wyoming Valley flood of 2011, the installation of President Leahy and the selection of a new provost and such issues such as stray cats, a fire and use of space on campus. My experiences reporting at this paper has led me in part to a freelance reporting gig for my hometown newspaper and an internship with the Wilkes Marketing and Communication Office.

Being a part of "Wilkes World," later renamed "Wilkes Now," has taught me the basic components of the television industry that have helped prepare me for an internship at WBRE/WYOU. Not only have I learned what it takes to be in front of the camera reporting, I have also learned the different components done behind the camera, even being able to shoot, edit and produce my own story packages.

I will always be grateful for my involvement with The Beacon and "Wilkes Now" as they have truly taught me the skills needed for reporting and writing in the professional world.

All of my life I have loved singing. Although it wasn't until college that I realized how much I did. I had sung in my middle school choir and off and on in high school. But then I headed to college and followed a few signs in the Dart Center that said "Chorus rehearsal this way" and have gained a new appreciation for singing. Dr. Thomas, you have shown me that one does not need to be a great singer in order to perform some of the greatest choral works out there.

One of the best things to have come out of my college career has been my involvement in church. I am grateful to have taken advantage of attending nearby First Presbyterian Church. They have not only given me a chance to sing and know the local community but also the chance to know and love God more.

And then there is the E-mentoring program. From the moment I met my E-mentor as an incoming freshman, I knew I wanted to be involved in the program that pairs incoming first-year students with upperclassmen in their major. I saw the program as a terrific opportunity to get incoming freshmen excited about the amazing road ahead that is college and to introduce them to the exciting programs and activities Wilkes has to offer. Three years later, I am proud to have been a part of this amazing program!

I will never forget my time here at Wilkes University. This place has given me so many amazing opportunities, changed the way I look at the world around me and taught me so many different things that I won't forget. I have truly enjoyed my time at Wilkes and won't forget it any time soon.

The last four years that I have shared at Wilkes University have had a significant impact on both a personal and educational level. Through the people I have met and also the curriculum, I have learned much about myself and discovered a career path that I have a great passion for. The experiences and relationships I have developed as a member of The Beacon staff are irreplaceable and helped me become the person I am today. I am truly grateful of all my experiences I have endured as a Wilkes student, both good and bad. I have gained a better insight of who I am as a person and also my career aspirations. I thank everyone who has contributed and influenced my time here. It truly was an honor.



Carly Yamrus

I never understood why seniors are asked for advice right before they graduate. We are all currently bearing the burden of cluelessness following commencement. I personally have no idea what I'm doing. Most of us are preparing for a drunken senior week and buying things we can't afford. A few of us are still bringing home our laundry home to mom. Bad news everyone, we don't know the meaning of life.

Truth is, I don't know what's good for you. I am not going to sit here and spew lines about not taking anything for granted, or how you shouldn't be afraid to grow and change, and how you need surround yourself with good people and all those other vague offerings. I still sleep with stuffed animals; do you really want advice from me?

I would love to take this small space to instead thank the Beacon readers and my fellow staff. They say journalism is dead, but as long as there are readers to our writing, the medium will never truly die.

To the Beacon staff: I hope you have the confidence in your abilities as journalists to publish news as it comes, while upholding all ethical obligations you have to the public's right to know. Don't be afraid to push the envelope. Nobody ever made it anywhere by playing it safe.

To our advisor, Dr. Lewis: While I am terrible at taking advice and attending meetings, I cannot thank you enough for letting me grow as a writer. The best teaching is always subtle over time. It has been a pleasure writing for you all.

When my friends look at my Wilkes ID picture I say, "Best day of my life." Of course it wasn't really the best day of my life, but it was a pretty great day. I remember it so well it might as well have been yesterday.

Everything was so new. I dipped out on transfer orientation because I was so excited to see and do everything. I actually used to think the chicken patties in the caf were really good. Who would have thought these four years would go by so quickly?

I've learned an abundance of knew skills and knowledge academically of course and am highly grateful for the education I have received at Wilkes. But I also learned things that can't be taught; things learned strictly through observation.

I guess I just want to give small, probably obvious but important advice.

It is imperative to stop talking and just listen every now and then because there's so much to learn from other people. No one needs to hear about you and your personal life all of the time. If you watch and listen you might actually pick up qualities that are advantageous to yourself.

"Be the type of person you want to meet."

Every day is a new day. If you mess up you with your goals you can always forgive yourself and start again. We're all super ridiculously harsh on ourselves anyway.

Look up when you're walking and look people in the eyes. If it's between overdressing or underdressing, overdress. Look good and have a good attitude and people will take you more seriously. Be nice. Nasty people don't get far in life, I promise.

Do things for yourself and not for other people. The day I realized that and stopped was the real best day of my life. Don't wait for people to change because they won't. Move on.

And then do things for others and not yourself. Participate. Sign up for things!

Joining The Beacon was definitely worthwhile for me, even though I'm a science major, it doesn't matter.

I want to thank everyone for reading what I have to say every week for the past three years. I want to thank Dr. Lewis and each editor for working with me and making my ideas a reality.

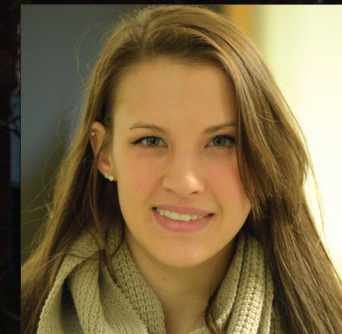
It's been a pleasure. Thank you for letting me write.

As I look back on my time at Wilkes, it's hard to believe that it has already been four years.

The summer before my freshman year, I was still deciding on a school. It took one visit to Wilkes for me to commit. There was something about it that felt academic, yet homey. My first semester I immediately started getting involved with different groups and clubs. It wasn't difficult, as events like Club Day showed off some of Wilkes' best opportunities. The further along I went in school the more professors I encountered that truly helped me learn and grow, academically and personally.

I presented work at several conferences here and in other parts of the state, attended workshops in New York City, went to London three times, got the chance to help people in lower level English courses improve their writing, completed two internships, and two degrees. I have certain professors to thank for that, and I honestly think I will keep in touch with them for the rest of my life.

The other great reason to join things in school is that meeting like-minded people makes life so much more fun. I have met some people here that I know I will maintain friendships with, no matter where we all end up. Looking at how much we have all changed over the past four years makes me realize what was really great about this experience: support. Friends support you, professors support you, family supports you...at Wilkes I learned just how important that is, and just how much I will miss these people.



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Are tattoos still taboo in 2014?

Electric City Tattoo Convention represents paradigm shift in workplace values, norms

By James Jaskolka

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"It's a neo-traditional tattoo, so it's a little different from American traditional," Roxana Mary explained, stretching her leg to reveal her newest tattoo, a rabbit surrounded by pussy-willows in front of a glowing red sphere. "It's a bit more cartoonish with the colors."

Mary, a sophomore psychology major, got the new ink on April 4th at the Electric City Tattoo Convention. Held at the Hilton in downtown Scranton, this year marks the fifth year that the convention has taken place.

The Electric City Tattoo Convention is essentially a giant tattoo shop, with artists from as far as Nashville displaying their work to the city as well as tattooing attendees. The event also included contests (from best back piece to a belching competition), food and live entertainment, including belly dancers and an acoustic set from Jon Simmons (Balance & Composure).

As excited as Mary is about her new tattoo, she does recognize a serious issue with her fondness for body art.

"It's gonna be a little bit difficult finding jobs," she said. "I'm definitely going to get scolded a lot for it."

Tradition can indeed dictate that tattoos are unprofessional, but is that always the case? In a society increasingly tolerant of more progressive viewpoints and expressions of individuality, does this stigma against tattoos in the workplace still exist?

Some don't think so.

"Tattooing has become a part of everyday culture. You see it on everyone, from your soccer mom to my dentist; he's fully tattooed," Eddie Focht of Heart and Soul Tattoo said. "It's not that negative connotation of 'only bikers or sailors have tattoos.'"

Focht, who has appeared at the convention four years in a row, said that society's view against tattooing is starting to change, and that

more and more people are recognizing that appearance does not dictate someone's ability to perform his or her job.

"It doesn't make them a better or lesser worker, it's just someone expressing themselves," he said. "You won't get a better surgery if your surgeon has zero tattoos or if he has a couple of sleeves."

Lisa Mulvey, Wilkes University's Career Development Coordinator, even noticed a change in the norm.

"It's definitely more acceptable today, even more so than when I started," Mulvey said.

"As the younger generation starts moving up into organizations and becoming directors and vice presidents and recruiting managers...that's helping the acceptance levels as well."

While Focht and Mulvey said that the taboo against body art in the workplace is changing, they both stressed the fact that they aren't completely acceptable yet.

Because of that, they both said it's important

to put a lot of consideration into getting a tattoo.

"Just think smart," Focht said. "Research your artist and always think about your future. Think about less visible stuff first."

"Placement is important," Mulvey echoed.

"If you're still unsure of your career path, not sure what direction you wanna go in, or even just for the job search, you'll probably want to have them in places that can be covered up."

"You're still going to come across older and more conservative recruiters," she continued. "You don't know who's going to be across that table from you. If it's still someone who still views tattoos as taboo, you're just going to create more hurdles for yourself in the workplace."



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Courtesy of Eddie Focht

Eddie Focht has been tattooing for six years. This year marks Focht's fourth year working at the Electric City Tattoo Convention, which he described as an all-around good time with a very hospitable staff. The convention, as well as a shifting societal view, seem to suggest that tattoos are becoming more acceptable in the workplace than they have been in previous years. Disagree? Have a comment? Let us know at www.thewilkesbeacon.com.

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Online marketplace 'ETSY' sell-ebrates artist's effort

By Carly Yamrus
Senior Opinion Editor

If you thought craft sales died with the dinosaurs, you may be wrong.

They relocated.

Like most operations these days, craft sales have gone digital. One website in particular has come out ahead in both sales and opportunities.

Etsy, the e-commerce website specializing in handmade, homemade, and vintage items, has given "crafting" and antiquing a modern spin. On Etsy, you'll find much more than clothespin dolls, Christmas ornaments, knitted hats and wind chimes.

The online marketplace offers originals in almost any category you can think of: artwork and prints, home and garden décor, women's and men's fashions, collectables, bath and beauty, craft supplies and jewelry to name just a few. It's a one-stop-shop.

Etsy helps the average crafter or antique collector sustain their own small business online, by allowing them to register their businesses for free. It costs only twenty cents to list an item for 40 days or until the product sells. Etsy keeps 3.5% of the sale price.

While most online sellers won't realistically make enough money to fully support themselves on their crafts alone, every little bit helps. Supplemental cash can enhance the lives of those who may not be making enough on just their paychecks, or for those who are having trouble getting a job.

According to fastcompany.com, only eighteen percent of sellers said that their Etsy shops were a full-time job. However, thirty six percent said the profits made in their stores went towards paying bills, and twenty percent put their profits towards saving.

But not everyone can be an entrepreneur, you say. Not everyone has the necessary business background to run a successful shop.

That's why Etsy is hosting their own craft entrepreneurship program classes in several large cities order to educate people on how to sell their products online efficiently, without having to fund an actual building or staff. The education focuses on marketing, photography and promotional strategies. It's not enough to just make the product; you need to know how to sell it too.

Many crafters do not think about how much time or effort is put into their work, they only think about the price that people will buy at. But consumers are becoming more aware of product worth. Crafters learn how to calculate a price that is fair for the amount of time, skill and materials it took to make it.

On Etsy, it seems somewhat understood that the items are well put together and constructed with care. They are made by real people- not factory machines. Consumers are sometimes willing to pay more for items that are unique; for example if they are engraved, one-of-a-

kind, rare or custom made.

If you are struggling to find a Mother's Day gift or an Easter present this year, look no further than Etsy. Handcrafted gifts are much more thoughtful than your typical store-boughts. Why not purchase a hand drawn card, a spring wreath, or a vintage floral scarf for mom? Don't even have to move from the couch.

You will feel good knowing that you are helping to support real people, who in turn, are realizing their own skills and potential for growth. Check out Etsy.com to support small business owners and crafters, or go open your own online store!

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Colonel Critiques

Chelsea Handler completes third book

By Anne Yoskoski
Managing Editor

Chelsea Handler's new book, "*Uganda be Kidding Me*," is certainly a display of how far she's moved up in the world. Those who have read the comedian's earlier books like "*My Horizontal Life*" and "*Are You There, Vodka? It's me, Chelsea*" will remember what Handler described her life as before she became Chelsea Latley.

This new book features Handler dropping money on excursions around the world, and bringing her friends along for the ride.

As with most comedians, people will either be enthralled or disgusted with Handler. Her sense of humor isn't for everyone. In this latest memoir, Handler makes fun of her friends more than ever. Sue is introduced as "Sue the Lesbian" and she basically calls her cousin Molly an idiot within the first three pages. Some of this frankness may be chalked up to the multiple drinks and Xanax's Handler mentions downing every day during all of these trips.

From an African safari to Switzerland Handler tracks her merry troop across the globe, keeping the focus on their debauch-

ery for 99 percent of the book. There are a few sentences thrown in there about how some of these sites are actually very beautiful, but then the dialogue continues to throw out references to the fact that these women are most likely functioning alcoholics with almost no shame.

That being said, it still made me laugh. Handler doesn't mince words, and points out her own incompetence along with the incompetence of people around her. When she makes fun of this ragtag group of women she includes herself.

While self-deprecating humor isn't for everyone, Handler makes it work by combining her behavior with having no shame about the behavior. Picture a David Sedaris novel where all the crazy things that happen are summed up to him being himself. There are no apologies, just encouragement to get over it and not care about how others act.

While loyal readers will miss chapters thrown in written by Handler's hilarious family, the stories still bring out the crude, base sense of humor that comes with a Handler book.

The impression a reader leaves with, however, is one of an addict who has the mentality of a five year old. Handler can barely do anything herself, and 90 percent of the activities she partakes involve alcohol and drugs. No role model material here, folks. If you don't have the tolerance to read about Handler complaining about a lack of margaritas in Johannesburg, out down the Bacardi soaked pages and walk away.

'Empire' does not rise to original '300'

By Kevin Herberling
Contributing Writer

This movie was neither a sequel, nor a prequel. In fact, the storyline starts before King Leonidas and his fearless 300 engage with the Persian army at the legendary battle of Thermopylae and ends well after their demise, which is why the movie is titled "300: Rise of an Empire."

Because it is this battle, this awesome tale of bravery, that ends up uniting all of the Greek city-states against the massive Persian horde.



This movie, while it has a few exciting action scenes, openly spits in the face of its predecessor. It brings far too much grandiosity and mysticism to a story, which historically had neither.

In fact, without giving too much away, the creators even went so far as to classify the Persian King Xerxes as an actual god king.

Luckily, the blow of the bad acting and horrendous writing is softened by some very bloody action sequences. That being said, I think if the director of the original "300" (Zack Snyder) would have also directed this movie, the entire film would have been much better.

Unfortunately, instead of having this distinguished director finish what he started, it was up to a director who has one feature under his belt to follow an action-packed masterpiece.

Honestly, I do not know what is worse, the fact that the writing was so terrible, or the fact that they chose a laughably inexperienced director for this feature film.

What's more, the director (Noam Murro) insisted on the fact that the lead role of Themistocles, be portrayed by Australian actor Sullivan Stapleton.

While he did what he could with the script he was given, he did not even come close to the performance carried out by Gerard Butler in the original film.

The majority of the scenes in the movie, aside from the gore filled parts, were extremely boring and left you wondering "When will the action start again?"

It is sad to say that the only truly memorable scene that I can think of in this entire movie is a sex scene. And before you label me as a pervert, let me explain.

Without giving too much away, the sex took place between two enemies and was filled with lust, anger, and just enough violence to make it interesting without giving it that rape vibe.

All in all, the movie was pretty terrible. If you want to go and enjoy some bloody action with zero cinematic worth, then be my guest. However, if you want to see an actual quality film, then I beg you to not see this movie.

It will only make you angry when you inevitably compare it to the first one.

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Women's lacrosse suffers first loss of season

Lax team drops a 16-13 defeat to Farleigh Dickinson University at Florham after slow start

By J.T. Keer
Sports Writer

A slow start for the Wilkes University Lady Colonels women's lacrosse team came back to bite them in their first loss of the season to FDU-Florham, 16-13.

FDU-Florham got on the board quickly by scoring three goals in the first five minutes of the off to create a 3-0 margin. Wilkes responded quickly by adding two quick goals in less than a minute from sophomore Madeleine Brownsey and senior Gabby Ford.

FDU-Florham answered quickly, extending the margin back to three with two more goals by Joelle Manganella.

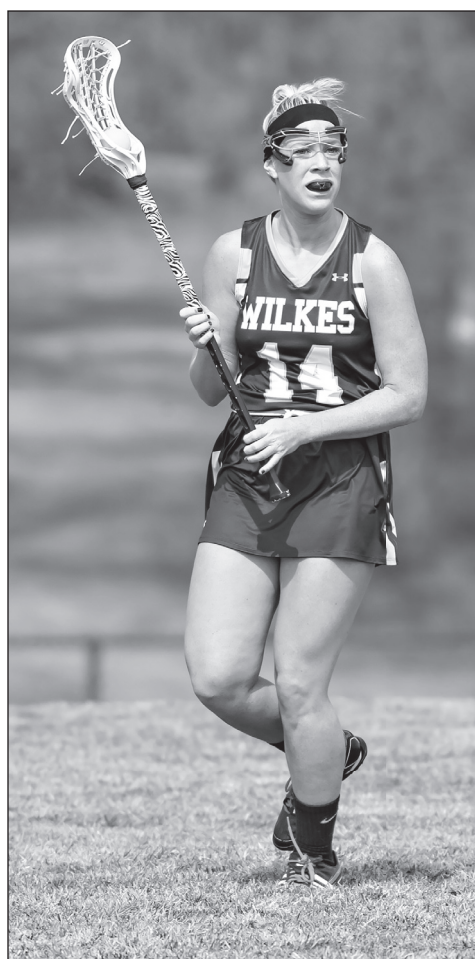
The Lady Colonels points leader, Carley Smith, took matters into her own hands and continued her great season by adding a goal to pull the Lady Colonels to within two.

However, FDU-Florham responded with two more goals to boost the lead to 7-3. Never quitting, Gabby Ford hit Sara Gilbert with a pass to make the score 7-4.

Once again, FDU-Florham continued to keep the bleeding going by adding two more goals to extend the lead to their largest of the game by a score of 9-4 before Ford added her second goal of the game right before the buzzer with 5 seconds left in the first half.

Down 9-5 to start the second half, the Lady Colonels took the second half by storm, scoring five consecutive goals to take the lead 10-9. Two of them came from sophomore Tori Kerr, and the three others came from Ford, Gilbert and Brownsey.

Unfortunately for the Lady Colonels, FDU-Florham never gave in. They responded to this



Photos courtesy of Steve Finkernagel

Pictured far left is Sophomore Tori Kerr, On the right is Senior Gabby Ford looking to pass the ball to a teammate.

run by answering with four goals, regaining a three-goal lead 13-10.

Smith and the Lady Colonels wouldn't give in. She pushed right back with two more goals to bring the margin back down to one. FDU-Florham once again closed the door on the Lady Colonels tossing in three more goals responding to Smith's flurry to give them a four-goal lead with just four minutes remaining.


"I don't think we took the game serious enough until we were down in the first half," the junior stand out said. "We got outplayed and made a lot of mistakes that allowed them to score. We can't have any more slow starts and we need to play the full 60 minutes."

With three minutes left, Brownsey scored yet again on an assist coming from Smith. However, it was too little too late for the Lady Colonels as they fell to FDU-Florham by a score of 16-13.

For Wilkes, Smith scored three goals and had three assists. Ford tossed in three goals and had two assists. Brownsey had three goals, Kerr had two and Gilbert also scored the first two goals of her career to help the Lady Colonels.

Joelle Manganella had five goals and Brianna Capobianco had four goals to lead FDU Florham.

The Lady Colonels take the field again against conference rival Arcadia University at 1 p.m. in Gledside, Pa.

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Baseball tries to turn it around, make playoffs

By Grant Rogers
Sports Writer

The Wilkes University baseball team is looking to improve off of last season's record of 21-15.

The team has been in a bit of a slump lately winning only one out of the last five games. Halfway through the season the Colonels have a record of 9-11 and 4-6 in Freedom Conference play.

With 13 games left to be played, the Colonels can finish the season strong.

"Our team has struggled hitting lately, we aren't making hits in key situations, and we wait till late in games to rally and begin to get into the game as a team, we are cur-

rently not where we want to be" sophomore pitcher and outfielder Marcus Leaf said.

The Colonels have been led offensively by Alex Kramer who has a .500 batting average, Matthew Reese with a .379 batting average and Dan Pisanchyn with a .342.

Rounding out the top hitters on the team are Johnny Jan Jr. with a .333 batting average Ryan Herbst with a .304 batting average.

Currently Alex Kramer and Kevin Klatt are tied for first with an on-base percentage of .500. Next is James Brown with a .460 percentage followed by Matthew Reese (.455) and Dan Pisanchyn (.444).

With 13 games left, the Colonels are hoping to turn things around and get into the playoffs. To turn the season around, they will need to keep working hard.

"We need our hitting to come around in order to be successful," Leaf said. "Our pitching and defense keep us in games, if we can get our offense rolling, we can dominate teams in the MAC as well as teams we play out of conference."

Out of the last 13 games, Wilkes has seven in conference games and six non-conference games.

Freedom Conference games include double-headers against Manhattanville College, another double-header against Fairleigh Dickinson and finally and the last double header of the year against Misericordia University.

Non-conference games include Pennsylvania College of Technology, Penn State Berks, University of Scranton, Penn State


Harrisburg and Baptist Bible College.

Even though the Colonels have lost four out of their last five games, the team is looking to turn it around and still have goals in plan for the rest of the season.

"As a team, we are looking to make it into the MAC playoffs and potentially win the whole thing that is one of our team goals," Leaf added.

"I need to become more consistent at the plate, also I want to be making plays that the average outfielder can't."

The Colonels play at the Pennsylvania College of Technology April 15 and then host FDU-Florham April 18.

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Getting to know...

Kendra Croker

Freshman Tennis Player

Meet Kendra Croker, a freshman tennis player majoring in biology pre-med at Wilkes. Kendra is from Old Forge and attended Scranton Prep High School. In the fall season, she went 6-1 and claimed the MAC individual title at the No. 2 position.

By Brandon Gubitosa
Interim Sports Editor

How long have you been playing tennis?

I have been playing tennis since I was in kindergarten. My parents got me into tennis as they played collegiately at the University of Scranton.

Who has been your biggest influence so far on your tennis career?

One of my biggest influences has been my Uncle Kenny. My junior year, I had surgery to repair my torn ACL, MCL and Meniscus and he helped me get back in three months. He is a doctor, so we did intensive training and therapy to help me recover and get back quicker.

How did you tear your ACL, MCL and Meniscus?

I got injured up in a ski accident up at Montage Mountain, which is not far from here.

What's your most memorable moment playing tennis?

I would have to say that it was probably when I got fourth at states for doubles my senior year with my partner, Grace.

What have been some of your accomplishments as a tennis player?

I won a couple of district titles in singles and doubles in high school. My team won districts all four years, and we appeared in states all four years. I was named player of the year my junior year by the Times Tribune. I was also named athlete of the week for my school.

Why did you choose to come to Wilkes?

There are a few reasons why I chose to come to Wilkes. One of them was for my major as I chose to come here because of academics. It comes before athletics so I wanted a school that had good academics and a good biology program. This school also has a really successful tennis program, and coach Leicht is a great coach and is a huge reason

why I decided to come here. Wilkes was also a school that was close to home and it was another reason why I chose to come here.

Who is your favorite Tennis player?

My favorite tennis player would have to be Rafael Nadal. I like watching him play, and I especially like the intensity he plays with. The intensity he plays with is the same one I try to play with when I am out there on the courts.

What are you looking forward to most at Wilkes?

I am looking forward to going to nationals this year, and our team usually goes there every year. I am hoping I get to go there this year with the team. I am also looking forward to bonding as a team and getting to know all my teammates better.

What do you want to do with your major?

I aspire to be a doctor one day, but I am not sure what kind of doctor yet.

How has your time at Wilkes been so far?


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Colonel Scoreboard

Baseball

April 9

Wilkes 8, Susquehanna 11

April 11

Wilkes 4, Manhattanville 8

April 12 - Game 1

Wilkes 2, Manhattanville 5

April 12 - Game 2

Wilkes 1, Manhattanville 16

April 15

Pennsylvania College of Technology

April 18

Farleigh Dickinson College

April 19

Farleigh Dickinson College(DH)

Men's Tennis

April 8

Wilkes 9, Kings 0

April 12 - Game 1

Wilkes 9, Pennsylvania College of Technology 0

April 12 - Game 2

Wilkes 9, Stevenson University 0

April 30

Freedom Conference Tournament

Women's Lacrosse

April 9

Wilkes 13, FDU-Florham 16

April 12

Wilkes 3, Arcadia 19

April 23

Misericordia University

Schmidt Stadium

April 26

Eastern University

Schmidt Stadium

Softball

April 10 - Game 1

Wilkes 0, Susquehanna 7

April 10 - Game 2

Wilkes 5, Susquehanna 6

April 12 - Game 1

Wilkes 2, Manhattanville 13

April 12 - Game 2

April 17

Keystone College

La Plume, PA

Women's Tennis

April 9

Wilkes 8, Misericordia 1

April 12

Wilkes 9, Stevenson 0

April 29

Freedom Conference Tournament

Men's Golf

April 7

Wilkes 395, Scranton 291

April 22

Kings College

Tennis raises momentum in conference

By Bill Conway

Sports Writer

The tennis program at Wilkes University is no stranger to success and this year has been no different with both the men's and women's team keeping up momentum.

Conference play began March 31 for the men and women, which both took home a victory against Arcadia at Weiss Courts.

Next up both squads got to host FDU-Florham. The women's team went on to win 9-0 and moved to 10-1 overall and 2-0 in the Freedom Conference.

All six singles matches were met with wins from Ally Kristofco, Kendra Croker, Taylor Hoffman, Anastasia English, Madison Salmon, and Cayleah Markulics.

In doubles competition Croker and Hoffman captured an 8-2 win taking the No. 1 spot with Rossi and Hewison at No. 2, and Podrasky and West at No. 3.

The men's team defeated FDU-Florham 9-0 and improved their season record to 9-0.

Like the ladies, the men swept all six singles matches with wins from Steven Wilson, Dominic Parfianowicz, Michael Kranz, Adam Lefkandinos, Troy Haas and Brian Murray.

In doubles competition, the Parfianowicz brothers captured an 8-2 victory at the No. 1 spot with Steven Wilson and Alex Makos at No. 2, and Michael Kranz and Brendon Blachowski at No. 3.

On April 5, the men and women hosted Eastern and had favorable results.

The women's team defeated Eastern 8-1. Their one defeat came from one of the three doubles matches before recording a clean sweep in the six singles matches.

The men's team had a great day as well, defeating Eastern 9-0 and keeping their perfect streak alive.

All three of the men's doubles teams won their respective matches and allowed only three games to transpire throughout the three matches. This allowed the Parfianowicz brothers to improve to 13-2 on the year after an 8-1 win at the No. 1 position in doubles.

Steven Wilson and Alex Makos rose to 14-2 after an 8-0 sweep, and Michael Kranz and Brendon Blachowski stayed on a roll improving to 15-1 in the No. 3 spot.

The men's and women's teams went separate ways for their next opponents with the women's team taking at Misericordia University on Wednesday, April 9.

This was a big match due to it being a rematch of last year's Freedom Conference title match. This year the Lady Colonels defeated Misericordia 8-1.

The match opened with the Lady Colonels sweeping doubles play. They then won five out of the six matches in singles play to walk away with the win.

The men's team took on King's College on Tuesday, April 8. This was a match between the two top teams in the conference and it ended in Wilkes shutting them out, keeping the men's team unbeaten on the year.



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Lady Colonels softball looks to finish strong this year

By Alex Fahnestock

Sports Writer

The Wilkes University softball team split its series of games last week, winning both matches against John Jay College before falling twice to Susquehanna last Thursday.

The team got back on the winning track sweeping a pair of non-conference games from John Jay College on Sunday, April 6.

Wilkes easily clinched game one 10-2 in six innings. Junior infielder Alex Hoops led the team with three RBIs in the first game. Ally Paskas, Alysha Bixler, Jordan Borger and Hanna DiFresco also contributed runs.

Meghan Kisela served five innings in the circle, allowing only six hits while striking out a season-high six batters.

Game two saw the Colonels down three runs in the sixth inning.

John Jay used a two-run single in the top of the fourth after loading the bases earlier in the inning to tie the game at 3-3. A two-run double followed to give the Bloodhounds a 6-3 advantage.

Wilkes responded in the bottom of the sixth scoring four runs on four hits. Bixler connected on a two-run double and Borger added a sacrifice fly for the eventual game-winner.

Bixler and Borger combined to go 4-for-6 with six of the seven RBIs for Wilkes in the game two victory. Bixler also recorded the win on the mound, allowing just one run in three innings, while striking out five.

The team's play did not hold out against Susquehanna last Thursday afternoon.

Susquehanna jumped out to a 6-0 lead after two innings in game one and never looked back as Crusader pitcher Morgan Lewis went all seven innings allowing only four hits.

The Crusaders started game two in a similar fashion, taking a 5-0 lead after three innings including a four-run third. In the fourth inning, freshman catcher/outfielder Lacey Bixler singled to center field, batting in Hoops and putting Wilkes on the board.

The seventh inning scoring four un-answered runs to tie the game at 5.

Susquehanna pulled together to squeak out a victory when Amanda Neveroski sent the ball flying down the right field line and out of the park

for a walk-off homer, making the final score 6-5 Crusaders.

The Lady Colonel's next match will be on Thursday, April 17, in a double header at Keystone College.



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