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## Wilkes Mental Health Society holds Poetry Slam

By Samantha Verespy  
Staff Writer

Emotions can be difficult to deal with, expressing them can prove to be even harder. The Wilkes Mental Health Society (WMHS) held a poetry slam on Feb. 13, to serve as an outlet for people to express theirs.

“The goal behind this event is to give students a voice. Often our voices as students are muddled by what we are supposed to be doing rather than how we feel,” said Olivia Perez, one of the founders of the group. “We just want the students to know that their voice, their feelings, their emotions matter.”

This platform brought out many student performers, covering their tribulations with acclimation to adulthood, breakups, inequality, and even had a bit of singing.

Samantha Trobe, another one of the group’s founders, said that she heard another person perform a piece of poetry over the summer which ultimately inspired WMHS to hold this event.

“It was extremely moving, and even a bit therapeutic. This is a great way for the students to express themselves, particularly in an artistic manner.

“This is not limited to just poetry, the students can sing, dance, or do whatever it is to validate their experiences, and to help them share what they are going



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Brianna Schunk plays the guitar during her performance on stage in the SUB Ballroom at the first ever Wilkes Mental Health Society poetry slam.

through or what they have gone through,” said Trobe.

The speakers seemed to echo this idea.

“I was able to express what emotions I was feeling” said Anna Culver, a freshman communication studies student.

However, she also said it was a bit nerve-racking for her. The poetry slam

was the first time that she had ever performed and shared her own work in front of others.

There were many students at this event. Some performed others were there to just cheer everyone else along.

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## Emergency blood drive held on campus

By Maddie Davis  
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On Feb. 14, the Red Cross held yet another blood drive on campus. This one, however, held a more serious meaning and need.

The Red Cross and its volunteers were asking the greater Wilkes community to be especially generous because of the nation’s emergency need for blood within the past month.

The Red Cross was also seeking for platelet donations, as well as ‘power red’ donations. ‘Power red’ allows a donor to donate two units of blood while it returns the donor’s platelets and plasma back to the donor.

The emergency for blood stemmed from the recent winter weather which was stopping volunteers and their operations to collect blood. With upcoming snow in the forecast, and the unpredictability of winter weather, the Red Cross is trying to encourage people to donate so it can

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# News

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## Student Government notes: Feb. 13 weekly meeting

By Sara Ross  
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This week's Student Government meeting on Feb. 13 started out with a second presentation from Adventures in Science.

This event is being held on Apr. 26 at Wilkes University where they will be inviting 255 fifth-grade students from local schools. This year's theme is, "Science is SnOW Cool!" Adventures in Science requested \$2,500 for t-shirts, drawstring bags, and safety glasses. They received the full amount with a passing motion of 27 approving, one opposing and zero abstaining.

After Adventures in Science, the Vagina Monologues presented their fund request for their upcoming event. The event will

be held on Feb. 22 and 23. They asked for \$500, which will allow 100 Wilkes students to attend the performances for free, as the general admission cost to the show is \$5.

The Vagina Monologues raises awareness about women's issues around the world. This year it will discuss women who have been incarcerated. All of the proceeds from the performances will be given to the Victims Resource Center, Domestic Violence Service Center, and Caring Communities.

Late Night Lift, an event held for the first time last fall, hosted by the students of the Nursing Student Organization (NSO), the Passan School of Nursing and the Nesbitt School of Pharmacy will make a reappearance this spring. Maverick Reed, a Wilkes Pharmacy student, revealed how

much of a success the Late Night Lift was last semester.

Late Night Lift is held at the YMCA, and all Wilkes students are welcome to workout from 9 to 11 p.m on Apr. 3. Free t-shirts, shaker bottles, and even custom towels will be given away during the event.

Reed requested a total of \$2,000, which will cover all of the giveaways for the event, as he is anticipating another great turnout for Late Night Lift.


Funds for both the Vagina Monologues and Late Night Lift will be voted on next week.

RHC announced its new interim President, Alanah Guerrero, who will be holding a meeting on Feb. 19 at 11 a.m. on the second floor of the Henry Student Center.

Currently, they are asking Resident Assistants to nominate students they feel would be able to step up and fulfill the roles of student ambassadors.

Commuter Council also will have its giveaway next week for anyone who would like to participate. In addition, on Feb. 28 the Programming Board will have its Rodeo Night.

Finally, Student Government revealed that they are working on a big spring project. The plans for Casino Week were brought up as well, which will take place from Mar. 12 through the 15th. More information for both events will be discussed at a later meeting.

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## Beacon Briefs: The upcoming happenings on campus

Compiled by Sean Schmoyer

### Pain and Addiction Summit accepting student abstracts

The Pennsylvania Pain and Addiction Summit is now accepting student research abstracts for their Summit on Friday, Apr. 12 at Mohegan Sun: Poconos.

The Summit is looking for all majors who are completing or have completed research revolving around the idea of substance use, harm reduction, stigma reduction and other related topics. Please submit abstracts online through the Google form linked on

Today @ Wilkes by Friday, Mar. 29. Please email Dylan Fox at [Dylan.Fox@wilkes.edu](mailto:Dylan.Fox@wilkes.edu)

### Adventure Ed to host open ropes course sessions

Wilkes Adventure Education will be hosting Open Ropes Course sessions on Saturday, Feb. 23: the first from 2 to 4 pm. for youth and families and the second from 6 to 8 p.m. for adults only.

The sessions will cost \$10 per person. Waivers will be available before the session.

For any questions please contact Jill Price at [Jill.Price@wilkes.edu](mailto:Jill.Price@wilkes.edu).

### Do you need a work study job for the spring semester? Phonathon is hiring!

You must have federal work study, be comfortable talking over the phone, and be able to commit to two shifts per week. Shift times are Monday through Thursday from 5:30 to 8 p.m. and Sundays from 3 to 5 p.m.

Email Mary Simmons ([mary.simmons@wilkes.edu](mailto:mary.simmons@wilkes.edu)) to apply this week.


### Join Wilkes Food Advisory Board

Wilkes Business Operations is looking for students to participate in the Food Advisory Board. The next meeting will be held at

3 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 21 in the Miller Room in the Henry Student Center. Receive dining dollars for attendance.

### Shop 'til You Drop shuttle service

Starting on Sunday, Jan. 27, Student Development will offer a shuttle to Walmart, Target and the Wyoming Valley Mall. The shuttle will run from noon to 4 p.m. the last Sunday of every month.

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## Upcoming Events: 2019 Spring Semester

### February

19 - Boost Your Social Presence Lecture (FBA)  
19 - Free Emergency Car Kits (CC)  
19 - Bowling Night (CC)  
19 - The Non-Verbal's of Hair  
21 - Minute-To-Win-It (WUPB)  
21-23 - 'Carbaret'  
22-23 - Vagina Monologues  
23 - Open Ropes Course  
24 - Mall Shopping Shuttle  
28 - Rodeo Night (WUPB)

### March

14 - Themed Bingo (WUPB)  
16 - Glow Night at Skyzone (SD)  
19 - Free Tire Gauges (CC)  
19 - Movie Night  
22 - Medieval Times (SD)  
24 - Ice Skating & Pizza (SD)  
28 - Fondue Night  
31 - Mall Shopping Shuttle

WUPB denotes Wilkes University Programming Board

CC denotes Commuter Council

SG denotes Student Government

SD denotes Student Development

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# Psychology Dept. hosts clinical social worker for addiction talk

By Sean Schmoyer  
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On Feb. 13, licensed clinical social worker Beth Ann Delaney spoke to students in a sit-down lecture about drug addiction, titled "Telling the World About Addiction: What You Need to Know".

"I love the title," said Delaney. "There is so much to talk about.

"What is really important to talk about is why does addiction happen, how does it get there, what is the GPS of addiction? Addiction is the end point so how does that happen, because it can happen to you and I, it can happen to all generations, and to a person with any level of education."

Throughout the lecture, Delaney used the expression, GPS of addiction.

Delaney explained the analogy by saying that addiction is the endpoint and that there is a process that gets a person from where they start in their life to being an addict. She described the "path" that people take to addiction are different for each individual and that no matter what those differences are they can be spotted before they get to the destination, addiction.

The lecture was a relaxed dialogue between Delaney and the students, as Delaney shared stories and knowledge about drug addiction and addicts.

Students responded with different inquiries about the topic. Delaney also connected the topic to the fields of interest the students in the room were studying as well as asked what brought the students to the event.

This back and forth dialogue and question and answer style presentation worked to both get the information across while keeping the student engaged. It also showcased the style Delaney takes in working with addicts attempting to fight against their addiction.

Delaney talked about how to identify signs of addiction early and how treatment needed to be varied to be effective for each individual.

"There are so many reasons why treatment will work for some but not for others," Delaney said. "We cannot look at everyone the same, there is not one person in this room that is the same. So why would we treat you the same, why would we treat someone struggling with different issues by using one model? There is not one model, I have to sit down with someone and figure out how did they get there, find out what they need, how to rework their brain."

Delaney then went into how the brain plays a role in addiction. By using the analogy of a computer getting a virus, Delaney expressed that addiction and other mental illness

that cause neurological problems create complications in the brain and results in a loss.

"Loss is a huge word. What do they lose, family, relationships of all kinds, they lose the good friends, there is no money in their pocket, loss. That loss drives them to continue because the drugs are the stuff that makes them feel better. That depth of their problem because of continuous use changes their entire way of thinking, their social life, and their value system," she added.

The event was attended by numerous students as well as Dr. Edward Schicatano and Dr. Robert Bohlander, both professors in Wilkes' psychology department.

"I think we need to be more educated about addiction. I think understanding it takes away the fear and builds compassion. When there is compassion there is more help. Most of the students who attended are already thinking about the importance of valuing addicts as people. There is hope, I think they could be more open-minded to these kinds of changes, we just have to nurture this way of thinking and compassion," said Schicatano.

Numerous students present were majors from psychology, neuroscience, pharmacy, nursing and more. Students should interest in Delaney's work and how addiction affects the body as well as how to properly treat patients.

"Remember that we cannot forget that behind the title addict is a good person. Our job in treatment is to bring out that good person, and to rewire their brain to make sure they know that under that there is a really good, smart person," said Delaney.

Delaney then shared a story of a young woman she worked with over the summer who at the beginning refused to work with Delaney towards helping her get over her addiction. Delaney continued to come back to visit the patient to show her that she wanted to help her.

One thing Delaney said to the women was that she cared about her and wanted to help. Delaney then later sat down with the young woman and asked her to tell her about herself and pushed her to embrace the things in her life that others saw as worthless or weird.

"I was not going to yell or scream or put her down more, that was the way we used to do it, instead I told her I thought she was pretty cool, and no one had ever said that to her clean and sober," said Delaney.

Delaney received her degrees from Misericordia and Marywood, her Human Resource Management certificate from Scranton. She also teaches at Misericordia and Lackawanna college. In the fall Delaney will also be teaching a course titled "Psychology

of Addiction" and will be taught online as an elective for students to take.

One thing expressed by students was that the psychology department in comparison to other majors on campus is lacking in resources to provide a proper workplace for students to learn more about addiction and help improve the greater Wilkes-Barre community.

They hope that the addition of Delaney's course will improve the knowledge about addiction available for students and spark programs and activities to assist members of the community who may be facing mental health and addiction problems.

Nalleyn Nunez, a senior psychology major, also attended the event and commented on what she took from Delaney's talk.

"We need education with action, we need to not just talk about the problems but go out into the community and carry out long term programs like going into the communities and help individuals out who are facing problems with mental health and addiction," said Nunez.

"Addiction is something so taboo I feel, and it should not be. If you walk outside of Wilkes-Barre you can see that mental health is something that a lot of people have been affected by," she added.

"It was wonderful that Beth Ann Delaney

was able to come in and speak about it, I wish there was more students so that they could have taken in what she taught us," she added.

Miranda Zink, a junior psychology and neuroscience major, enjoyed the personal touch to Delaney's talk.


"(Delaney) was very nice, really casual and nonchalant and talked to students as more of a discussion than as a presentation," said Zink.

She particularly enjoyed the parts where Delaney shared her own experiences as a social worker and shared her favorite part.

"(It) was really interesting but also could be helpful for someone who has a family member and does not know how to break that boundary."

"When she said that when you have a client that doesn't really think anyone cares about them, that you can really break through to them not by constantly bothering them but by just saying 'hey, how are you doing? I care about you.' and just saying it until they believe it."

For more information about upcoming psychology lectures or events, please contact Dr. Edward Schicatano at Edward.Schicatano@wilkes.edu.

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Students and faculty who attended the addiction lecture sat together with clinical social worker Beth Ann Delaney as she facilitated discussion.

# Public Safety discusses recent shooting near campus

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A recent shooting near campus prompted public safety to send out emergency alerts.

The shooting, which took place on South Main Street near Pizza Fellas and the PSC gas station, occurred on Feb. 12 at 6:30 p.m., according to the Times Leader.

Wilkes University sent out an emergency alert at 6:46 p.m, stating: "Report of shots fired in the area of Pizza Fellas 395 S Main St. Avoid area and use caution. Police already on scene. More info to come."

More alerts were sent out as police released more information on the situation. Public Safety sent out a notice email on Feb. 14 on the situation.

"This was a dynamic event and little information was available to share in regards to suspect or vehicle information," stated the email. As of sending the email, no suspects were identified.

Chief Christopher J. Jagoe, the

director of Public Safety, explained the process of alerting campus of emergencies.

"First, we have to follow the guidelines of the Clery Act," explained Jagoe. The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, which was signed in 1990, outlines the procedures on how to notify college campuses of crime, including timely notifications.

"The law is pretty specific about [the crime] being on campus, or imminent to campus, or a threat to the campus," he explained. "Outside of that, they do not give much guidance. We try to live to the spirit of the law, and give information out as quickly as possible."

Public Safety tries to ensure the veracity of reports on the police scanner before alerting campus. Reports may be called in as more extreme events than there actually is.

From there, Public Safety determines identifiable information before sending an alert out to the community.

"We didn't provide a lot of information because there wasn't a

lot (for the shooting), but we first want to let people know there is something major going on out there," he explained. "In this particular instance, it went out as shots fired, and very quickly it was reported that individuals were down. There was no information about suspects."

This particular situation did not lead Public Safety to send out a final alert specifying the safety of the area due to circumstances.

"I like to hear that an arrest was made, or even that we know where the suspect is," he said. "In some cases, the person has gone completely away from campus."

In the alerts, Public Safety urged students to use caution and to utilize public safety escorts as needed.


"I get worried when I see things where people are videotaping. They hear shots and immediately their phones come out," he said. "We are telling folks, 'avoid, deny, defend.' When you hear stuff like that, put space and time between you and that activity."

Jagoe stressed utilizing Public Safety services, such as Colonel Connector.

Lieutenant Kenneth Lukasavage of public safety, discussed the constant surveillance of local crimes that could potentially affect campus.

"We can hear everything Wilkes-Barre city is doing," he explained. "For example, if there is a shooting in Sherman Hills and the suspect flees to the mall, we know that is no threat to Wilkes University. There is no need to send out a message for that because we don't want to terrify people every time an incident happens in Wilkes-Barre. On the other hand, if there is an incident near King's and we have information that they are fleeing towards campus, then we want to let the students know to avoid the area."

Students who need escorts around campus can contact Public Safety via the Wilkes Shield app, available on the Google Play and Apple App Store.

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## Accelerated nursing program receives 100 percent pass rate

By Maddie Davis  
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The Passan School of Nursing announced that the last cohort from their accelerated baccalaureate in nursing program all received a 100 percent pass rate on the national examination they take to become registered nurses. This 28-student cohort completed the program in 2018.

The National Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) is a standardized test that is taken nationwide to measure entry-level nursing competence. The test consists of a minimum of 75 questions and a maximum of 265 questions all testing critical thinking skills to make different judgment calls as a nurse.

The test takes place on a computer program that assesses the student as the answer each question. With each question being answered either correctly or incorrectly, the computer determines if they are ready to work in a clinical setting. If at the point the student reaches question 75, the test will either be completed because they are believed to be ready or it will

continue up to question 265. It will also determine if the student is not ready for the exam and will fail the student.

For those accelerated students, for the most part, all finished their exam at question 75 and passed.

Dr. Maria Grandinetti, the coordinator of the accelerated program, talked about the NCLEX and how the program has adapted to better prepare their students for the exam.

Grandinetti said that because the NCLEX is a computerized exam that does not allow the student taking the exam to go back to previous questions, nursing now has computerized exams that mimic that test to better prepare them. They only allow students a small calculator that is apart of the program, a highlighting tool, and an option to get rid of wrong answers.

Since implementing this tactic with the last cohort, their overall score has increased.

The accelerated program is a 12-month long program for students that already have their bachelor's degrees to become registered nurses. The program is rigorous and teaches

all the necessary information and skills to help them pass the NCLEX and to go on and be nurses, further their education and many more options.

Grandinetti, who was also an accelerated student herself years ago, understands these students and the program has overall become an interest and a passion for her.

"This is where I gravitate towards," said Grandinetti. "This is really my passion...There is nothing better than seeing a student be successful in the program and being successful on the NCLEX."

The Dean of the Passan School of Nursing Dr. Deborah A. Zbegner also commented on the high pass rate of the accelerated students.

"For our students to have 100 percent of first-time pass rate is an incredible accomplishment for the school," said Zbegner. "The students work very hard."

Zbegner accredited the high passing rates to a joint effort between faculty and students. She said that faculty tries to come up with innovative ways to help better teach the students and that

the students put in the hard work.

"I think both faculty and students have really risen over the past five years," she added. "Nursing is an incredible profession that offers you change, it offers you the flexibility and it provides growth in education."


One of the current accelerated, Katrina Organ, also commented on the program and her experiences with practicing for the NCLEX.

"I was not super familiar with computer testing," said Organ, "So having the ability to have all of our exams and get used to it a year before you actually take the NCLEX, I feel that it is definitely an advantage."

Organ also commented on the past cohorts 100 percent pass rate.

"It's really exciting," said Organ. "I hope we can keep it up and I do think that is a good indicator that the faculty really try to prepare us."

The bachelor nursing students who took the test between Oct. 2017 and Sep. 2018 had 95.12 percent pass rate.

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# Upcoming lecture discusses hair, culture, nonverbals

By Sammi Verespy  
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Funky hats, ponytails, headbands, everyone knows the struggle of a bad hair day.

This is part of what Dr. Evene Estwick, an associate communication studies professor, and Dr. Gina Zanolini Morrison, associate professor of global cultures, will cover in the talk, "I Hear What Your Hair is Saying; The Non-Verbals of Your Hair."

The event is set to occur in the ballroom in the SUB today starting at 5 p.m. This event will be an hour long.

"Dr. Morrison has a daughter who is African-American, so we started talking about hair," Estwick said. "My communications standpoint made me realize the non-verbal communication of hair, as in what your hair says about you and who you are. (Dr. Morrison) looks more at the cultural signals that hair can show."

This event is not the first time that

the two have tackled the concept. They gave this talk about five years ago at the Pennsylvania Chapter of National Association for Multicultural Educators (PA-NAME).

The two have also given this talk at Juniata College as well as Messiah College and felt this was the perfect time to bring this talk to Wilkes University for the first time.

Severa students addressed what their hair means to them.

Mmachi Dimoriaku, a junior theatre major, spoke about the importance of her own hair.

"My hair means everything to me," said Dimoriaku. "Once when I was a child, my mother cut off all of my hair as a punishment. When my hair finally grew back, I took it as a new meaning of loving yourself. I became very proud of my hair. When I am wearing different styles, it feels like I am wearing the strength and determination of my ancestors."

Kayle Acker-Carter, a sophomore environmental engineering major,

commented on her hairstyle, and how being away from her own hairdresser has changed her hair routine.

"My hair has been relaxed and straight for most of my life. This was mostly to make it more manageable for my mom to do my hair," said Acker-Carter. "Now in college I cannot get home to get my hair relaxed all of the time, so I have gone with a more natural hairstyle with my crochet hair."

Going over just how expensive and time-consuming hairstyles certain are, and the great lengths some people go to have certain hairstyles is a large proponent of the event.

Acker-Carter also emphasized how people treat her now that she has this new hairstyle.

"More people seem to feel the need to touch my hair. Many women of color face this issue. People just want to touch black girl's hair. I am not a dog, I do not want you to touch me. There is no need for anyone to pet my hair. I am just a person with curly hair. I am no different

from you. Please do not pet me."

These feelings, as well as other kinds of emotions that different types of hair evoke, will be a key part of the presentation.

"We will be placing different images on the screen, which we will follow up with question and answers from the audience. This sort of activity is something that they can get involved in at the talk," said Estwick.

This talk is one that all of the students at Wilkes can learn from, according to Estwick. From how people different from you have to treat their hair, to what someone's hair truly means about them. The event will be a safe space to ask honest questions and further understand different cultures.

If there are any further questions or concerns about this event, contact the Associate Director of Diversity, Erica Acosta through her email, Erica.acosta@wilkes.edu.

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prepare for an even further decline in blood supply.

Jacqueline Dercole, blood service manager with the Red Cross, further explained how the weather affected the Red Cross' blood supply, specifically from the snowstorm on, Feb. 12.

"The other day we lost all of our operations because of the ban on travel so the emergency really has been (ongoing). All blood types are needed," said Dercole.

The 2018-2019 government shutdown, which lasted 35 days, also has played a part in the lack of recent blood donations.

"A core percent of our donations were coming from government employed facilities which were closed during the shutdown," explained Dercole.

She also added that the impending flu season is also affecting the already low supply.

At the time of the blood drive, the Red Cross has less than a three-days supply for most of the different blood types. This is extremely low for their standards and usual supply which overall caused the emergency need for blood donors.

Dercole said that the Red Cross usually holds about four to five blood drives at Wilkes University a year. She further

explained why Red Cross chooses Wilkes University to hold a large series of blood drives every year.

"(Wilkes University) is one of our largest collectors in Luzerne County as far as colleges and universities," she said.

According to the Red Cross, Wilkes University helped collect 136 units of blood in 2017 alone. A unit is roughly one pint of blood.

Volunteers from the Northeastern chapter of the Red Cross, located in Wilkes-Barre checked people in, helped people settle in and recover after the event. Shirts and snacks welcomed the donors after they got done having blood drawn.

There was a steady stream of Wilkes University students, faculty, staff and community members who lined up to donate blood. Donors could have either made an appointment on line or could have done a walk-in donation.

Sociology professor, Dr. Robert Tuttle, also donated at the most recent blood drive and talked about why he chooses to donate when he can.

"I do try to donate every time there is a drive at Wilkes," said Tuttle. "There is often an urgent need for blood, and donating is an easy way to contribute something to the community."

Morgan Burton, junior neuroscience

and psychology major, decided to donate blood this past blood drive on Valentine's Day.

"It's important for people to donate because there are people in the world who either have a condition that need blood or something happened in their life, that was no fault of their own and they need our help," said Burton.

"I would want someone to do the same for me."

The drive collected 38 units of blood, which in turn will help up to 114 patients in Northeastern PA and beyond, Alana Mauger, Red Cross external communications manager said.

"The Wilkes University drive was especially important because snow, ice and freezing temperatures have led to 20 blood drives being canceled over the past month, and close to 600 blood donations went



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The blood drive took place on Valentine's Day, just two days after a snowfall. The weather has caused problems for the Red Cross.

uncollected as a result," Mauger said.

The Red Cross and their local volunteers will hold their next blood drive on Tuesday, Apr. 23 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the lounge on the first floor of the Henry Student Center.

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# Diversity Office, SHINE to host African-American read-in

By Cabrini Rudnicki  
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Campus Diversity Initiatives is presenting an African American read-in for Black History Month.

The event will take place from 4:15 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 21.

The annual event will be in collaboration with the SHINE after-school program. The program, which launched in 2015, offers four days of week of after-school curriculum for students.

The National African American Read-in is the nation's oldest event dedicated to diversity in literature, according to Wilkes. The event was established in 1990 by the Black Caucus of the National Council of Teachers of English.

The Wilkes students will read the book "We Could Be Brothers" by Derrick Barnes. The novel tells a story of two African-American boys becoming friends during after school suspension.

The event has been taking place at Wilkes University for the past three years, with different sets of students. This is the first year collaborating with

the SHINE after-school program.

Erica Acosta, the associate director of the diversity at Wilkes, spoke about the creation of the program, as well as how the department alters it based on audience.

"Depending on what community I'm collaborating with, I tailor the books to it," she explained. "For example, I did a youth group program out in Sherman Hills for their after school program and we gave little toddler books."

The office is still looking for volunteers for the event, according to Acosta.

"You do not to be black or African American to help us read the book," she explained. "It is in celebration of the authors and whatever book we decide to read to the students."

Acosta feels the event helps to highlight a history that is not usually taught in the classroom.

"Since we do not get to highlight a lot of the narratives from black, latino, asian and native american authors that are out there, I think this gives us the focus to hone in on that and celebrate authors and their stories."

Deanna Drako, assistant director of

the middle school programs at SHINE, discussed the importance of children reading books by African-American authors.

"I think it's important for students to learn about all different cultures and we definitely try to do that at SHINE," she said. "We learn about African culture, Egyptian culture, Mexican culture, so I think this ties in nicely."

"Also it is important to celebrate Black History month and let them know that someone is similar to them can become an author because that's what this is about," she continued. "I think it is important to let them know you can be anything you want to be."

Dannah Lassiter decided to participate because of the lack of events surrounding Black History Month in Wilkes-Barre.

"I think it is a great opportunity to get the word out there and build on African American heritage," she said. "It is good to know your roots. I feel like African-American history has been overlooked in certain regards."

Lassiter is in the Creative Writing graduate program at Wilkes, and is



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currently writing a story based on her grandmother, who is African-American, and her life.

"There is so much research I had to do in terms of black history and civil rights, I felt like I was cheated growing up because I didn't learn everything I did within my own research now. I feel like it's important to let people know their history, help them celebrate it, and let them know they made it."

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# Dining Services expands weekend hours for select locations

By Maddie Davis  
Co-News Editor

It was announced that beginning on Saturday, Feb. 16, Wilkes Dining Services will be expanding the weekend hours of some of the dining locations on campus.

Both Rifkin Cafe, with Grilleworks and Which Wich, and the Stark POD will be open longer and more frequently on the weekend.

Rifkin will be open on Saturdays from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Stark POD will be open on Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. However Greens to Go in Stark Learning Center will remain closed during the weekend.

The notice to students read that Dining Services heard the feedback of students using the 'Your Dining Voice' survey platform..

'Your Dining Voice' is a platform where students are given various questions and asked their overall opinion of dining on campus. Beginning in early December of the past year, Dining Services did open up the POD

Market, Greens To Go and Rifkin on the weekends, however, Rifkin's hours were much shorter compared to the recent change.

Richard Coburn, the General Manager of Dining Services, commented on the sudden change to the weekend hours.

"We received some feedback that students like the option of Greens to Go and the POD open, but they also wanted to have the variety that comes at Which Wich and Grille Works," said Coburn.

"Since last spring, we have been evaluating what's being offered across campus at different times and how that fits the student experience and lifestyle. We gather feedback through our Your Voice Counts, guest satisfaction survey as well as our Food Advisory Board," added Coburn. "We are always evaluating the program and seeking guest feedback to offer increased availability and options as we move forward. The feedback we receive gives us the ability to do so in an effective manner."

Although Greens to Go, a popular salad and sandwich/ wrap option on campus will be closed, the POD will

have different premade Greens to Go sandwiches and salads for sale.

Coburn also commented on the ability for a medium to record student feedback and how it helps them.

"The ability for students to give us details on their experience has allowed us to recognize employees for providing outstanding customer service as well as the opportunity to add to the program in the areas that matter the most to the Wilkes Campus Community," he added. "From changing hours as well as adding more items made without gluten, the surveys really help us connect with the university. We just launched a new platform through 'Your Dining Voice,' which makes the survey more streamlined to really focus on the things that will make an immediate impact."

Students and staff members commented on the new changes.

Nicole Nyce, a senior psychology student, commented on how the hours will be beneficial to students on campus.

"I think it'll help a lot of students, especially those who live on campus, by having access to more dining options to fit their busy schedules," said Nyce.



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The Stark POD Market is an on-campus convenience store for students.

Imani Claudine, a student worker for Dining Services, shared her feelings about the specifically the POD being open on the weekends.

"I think it is a good idea because so far since I have started working on the weekends a lot of people really come in," said Claudine.

If interested, feedback about Wilkes Dining Services can be recorded on YourDiningVoice.com.



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# Life, Arts & Entertainment

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## Wilkes Theatre set to perform Tony Award-winning musical Cabaret

By Isabella Sobejano  
Staff Writer

This upcoming week at the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center for the Performing Arts, the production "Cabaret" will be taking place on Feb. 21, 22, and 23 at 8 p.m. with matinee performances on Feb. 23 and 24 at 2 p.m.

This Tony award-winning musical is based on the book by Joe Masteroff with music by John Kander and lyrics by Fred Ebb. "Cabaret" takes audiences into the period of Hitler's rise to power in Weimar, Germany by following the interlocking stories of Sally Bowles, who is a self-destructive cabaret singer, Cliff Bradshaw, a young American journalist, and the citizens of Berlin as they are caught up in the turmoil of a changing society.

The student cast includes: Justin Gaskill as Emcee, Michaela Catapano as Sally Bowles, Kris Tjornhom as Clifford Bradshaw, Melissa Beradelli as Fraulein Kost and Alex Booth as Herr Schultz. This production suits a large audience because of its many subplots. and

according to Maddison Black, a junior at Wilkes University who will be portraying Fraulein Schneider, a German woman who runs a boarding house, says, "There are a couple different plots going on. Overall, it's a really interesting story and it leaves you with so many open ended questions that you want answered."

Cast member, Justin Gaskill, a Wilkes senior also commented on the show.

"I would say this is a very different type of musical because it's not happy go lucky. It's very dark, yet there are several big musical numbers. However, there is still a dark undertone to it."

The production also

at times one may lose sight of the big picture; therefore, it's important to keep your eyes open rather than focusing on the miniscule distractions which can lead to disaster.

Thus, the play addresses several different topics and themes. "Cabaret is a great production to be involved in because of the nature of the show. I think a performer or anyone involved in the show leaves feeling as if they have changed in some way or may have a different point of view because it opens your eyes," said Gaskill.

Students at Wilkes are encouraged to become involved in whether it's auditioning

for a role or working backstage with tech equipment, as Black has previously done.

Students are encouraged to attend and Wilkes students may attend for free.


John Liebetrau is directing the play. He has been helping students perfect their German accents for the production.

"Learning the German accent and perfecting it has been one of my favorite parts. It's really interesting to learn," said Black.

While Wilkes students are encouraged to join, one should note that it does have a darker theme and there are some sexual themes as well as innuendos in the production.

General admission is \$10, \$5 for students, and free for all Wilkes students, faculty and staff with ID. Center.

The Dorothy Dickson Darte Center is located at 239 South River Street and parking is available at the Henry Student Center. For more information, call the box office at (570) 408-4540.

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From left to right: Sally Bowles (Michaela Catapano), Clifford Bradshaw (Justin Gaskill) and Fraulein Kost (Melissa Berardelli).

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**POETRY SLAM, from front page**

“This was a nice event for Wilkes to have. A slam is something that typically only at big colleges” said Kayla Acker-Carter, a sophomore environmental engineering student. “Though, I do wish that there was more emotion available in this. Slam poetry is meant to pull at your heartstrings, the performers had so much potential but did not seem to tug at my heartstrings.”

Shannon O’Connor, another founder of WMHS was pleased by the outcome of the event. O’Connor also expressed that she was pleased with the number of speakers who were interested in performin.

“There are 10 or 11 speakers tonight, and we only expected like five or six. Though we obviously hope for this event to grow, and for more people to be able to express themselves,” O’Connor said.

The people speaking were a diverse crowd: men, women and all different



Jay Guziewics presenting her poem at the poetry slam.

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majors.

“Students should come to these events to see all of the talents at Wilkes. Here (at Wilkes), we often stay in our own little bubbles of our major” said Acker-Carter.

Acker-Carter continued to say that you can see the diverse talent at the

university rather than from one or two departments or majors.


With the the turnout they had, the WMHS plans to hold another poetry slam in the future and even make it a once per semester event. The student performers were also excited at the

prospect of being able to get up and express their emotions again.

“I absolutely would do this again. I think that it is so important to hold events like this often,” said Natalie Carleo, a senior communication studies student. “I think that having this environment where it is making people comfortable to speak. To give the environment for growth and for people to be able to share their creativity.”

Students were excited about this event, and look forward to future events from the WMHS, and to see what the club holds in the future.

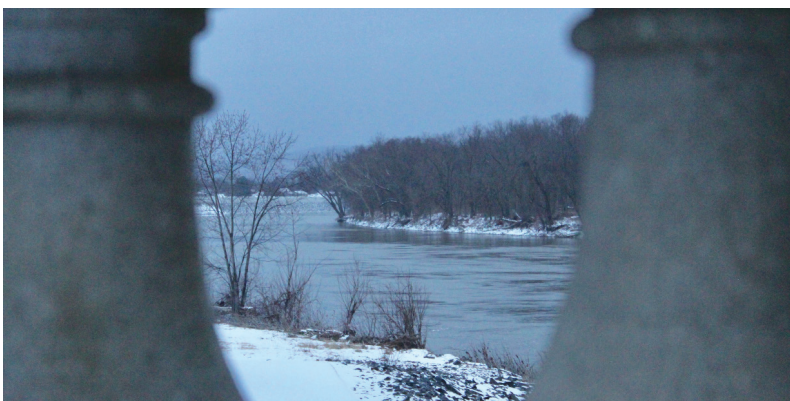
“I think that this event was amazing. I cannot wait for the next one,” said Acker-Carter, “but I did not even know that the Wilkes Mental Health Society even existed. The more that they do, the better for the school. The more that they have the capacity to help the student body.”

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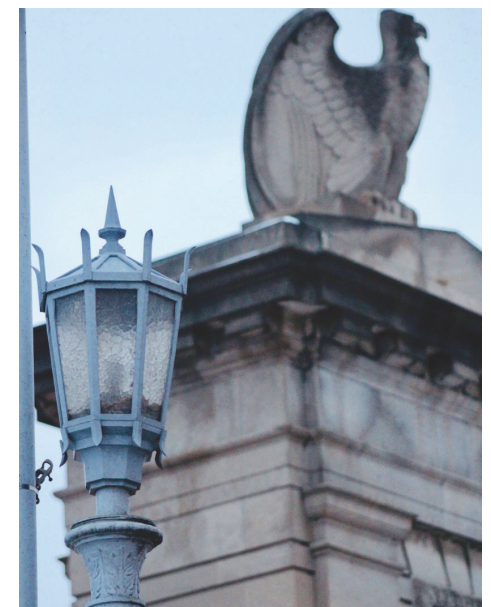
A bridge, under the bridge, over the water.



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A look across the linkage between Wilkes-Barre and Kingston.



Sometimes, we must blur what we always are drawn to in order to see what else is out there.

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## 1967: Wilkes students cast paper ballots in Honor Code vote

*Editor's note: This article originally appeared in the Feb. 24, 1967 (Vol. 26, Issue 15) issue of The Beacon. The Beacon has quite the storied past through Bucknell Junior College, to Wilkes College, and now Wilkes University. The Beacon has enjoyed many years of success, publishing continuously since 1936. The newspaper began as The Bison Stampede from 1934 until 1936 before changing names to The Beacon. Curious to see more online? Check out [www.beaconarchives.wilkes.edu](http://www.beaconarchives.wilkes.edu) to dig through a Wilkes University treasure.*

*This week, we revisit the issue of plagiarism*

*-Complied by Luke Modrovsky, Editor-in-Chief*

By Carol Okrasinski  
Editorial Staff

Members of the student body will cast their ballots Tuesday and Wednesday, February 28 and March 1, at the two cafeterias and the snack bar on the referendum of the Honor Code. Their decisions will determine whether or not the policy of academic integrity will go into effect. The members of the committee hope that this policy will help to bring about the long-hoped-for student-faculty-Administration cooperation. In order to be established as a policy of the College, the code must be accepted by a quota of students exceeding the simple majority.

Gerald Weber, a member of the

committee, states that there must be an honorable environment at the College if it is to remain a mature educational institution. 'Since we will have to face responsibility of this nature during our professional lives, there is no reason to assume that we can't or shouldn't accept it now. It is time for all of us to re-evaluate ourselves and the environment we live in. Anyone who lies, steals, or cheats, in my estimation, has no place among us here at the College. If you accept this statement, you have accepted academic integrity.'

Letters have been sent to all students by the committee to remind them of the importance of this referendum; copies of the Honor Code have been made available at the Bookstore and at

various locations on campus.


The Honor Code will only deal with infractions such as cheating, plagiarism, etc. It will definitely not be a social code.

The initiation of this policy will bring about the Creation of a student Senate and a student Honor Court. The Senate will pass sentence in those cases where a violation of the Honor Code has been verified by the court. This is a student-initiated and student-run system; the only participation of the Administration is in the case that a student's expulsion may be reviewed by the President of the College.

The Committee on Academic Integrity was formed October, 1965. The committee is composed of

five representatives each from the administration, the faculty and the student body. The purpose of the committee is to study the responsibility of the three groups toward each other and toward the College itself. Dr. Cox is chairman of the committee, Matt Fuss is chairman of Subcommittee A, the student phase, whose major program is the Honor Code.

Students are strongly urged by the committee to accept their responsibility to vote. It realizes that success of the Honor Code depends on students' approval and their promise to abide by the policy of academic integrity.

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3. Pour the oil and dip mixture over the pretzels.
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Note: Do not shake the bag too hard, you do not want to break the pretzels.
5. Pour the pretzels onto a large cookie sheet and let them dry for several hours.
6. Once they are dry, store them in a sealable bag or container.
7. Enjoy!

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# STEM vs. Humanities

By Savannah Pinnock &  
Isabella Sobejano  
*Opinion Editor, Staff Writer*

What are you going to do with that major? What are your plans after college? Wow, are you planning to go into the medical field?

If you or anyone you know have been asked these questions, it is likely that you've come into contact with one of the most subtle tensions present in the collegiate world. This tension has to do with the STEM VS. Humanities debate.

In fact, even the terms hard science and soft science seem to have strong denotations. Quickly reflecting on one's early K-12 education and a lesson on opposites, it is clear that the opposite of a hard science is an easy science. Is this suggesting that the humanities are easy fields?

Conversely, are STEM fields more challenging and superior to the Humanities? The answer may surprise you.

In an effort to answer the question of whether the STEM or humanities fields are better, this topic will be addressed from a wide range of perspectives. But first, what does STEM mean or stand for? And what are the humanities?

Well, the term STEM stands for science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The stem majors are one of the two major interdisciplinary fields one can pursue at a liberal arts institution. The second of the two major interdisciplinary fields are the humanities.

The humanities can be defined as literature, philosophy, art, etc., as distinguished from the natural sciences. Taking a look at this description of the humanities, it is clear to see that it is egalitarian.

In contrast to the previously aforementioned descriptions of the humanities, it appears as though the problem or tension seen between these fields has to do with the negative connotations placed on the Humanities.

One may suggest that both disciplines

have a negative stigma in one way or another. However, the truth is that the humanities receive a great deal of negativity in academic circles. For instance, when pondering the idea of pursuing the humanities, have your parents ever greeted you with a questioning glance stating, "but what are you going to do with that? Is that practical?"

These attitudes may fuel our negative perception of the humanities. As a consequence of this, it is clear that the humanities receive the most negative sentiments.

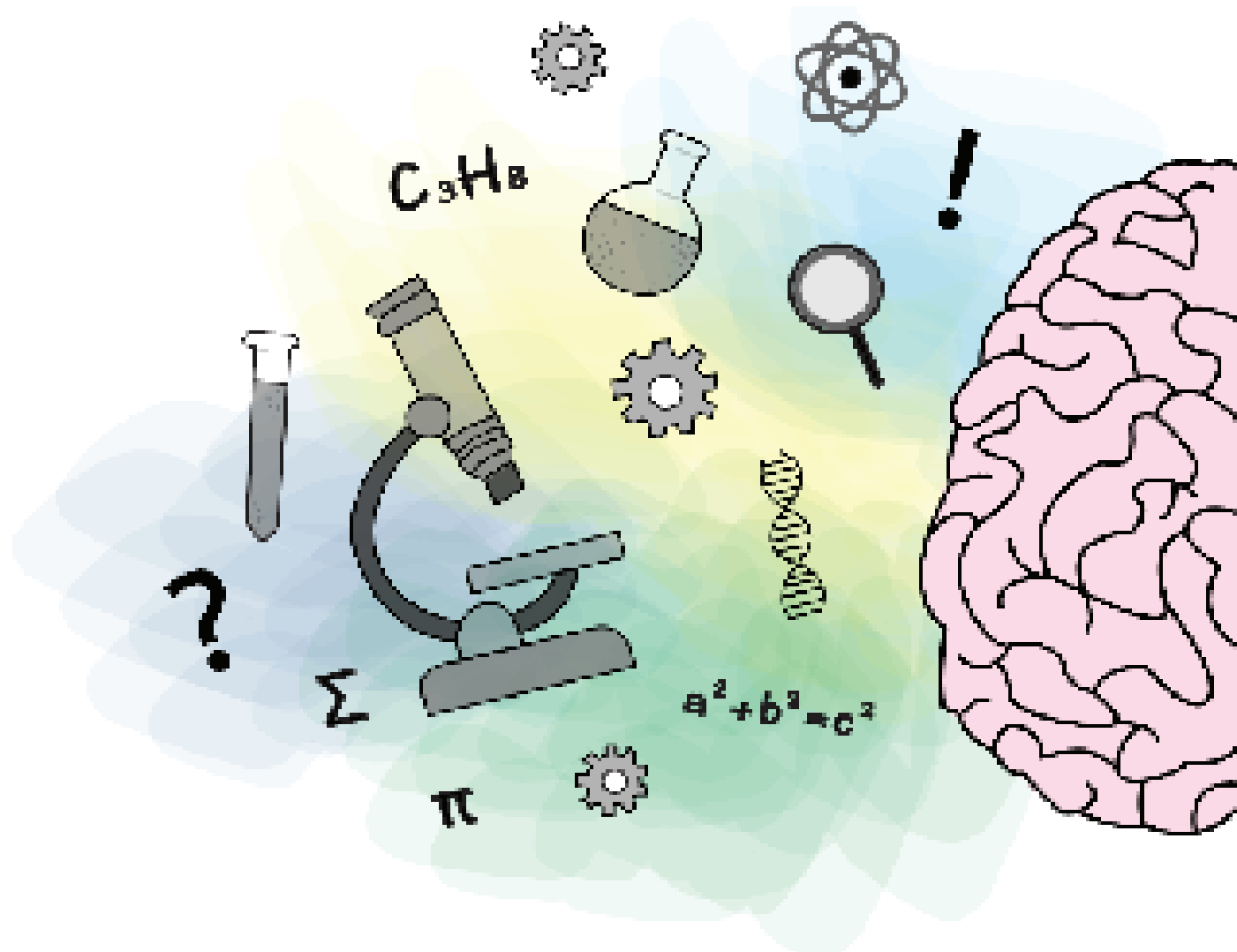
Professor Michelle Anthony, the chair of Wilkes University's English department contributes to this debate as a member of the humanities. However, she makes it clear that her perspectives are her own. They are not meant to represent the views of others who are involved in the humanities. The term humanities is one that has a singular meaning but is defined in a plethora of ways.

According to Anthony, "The humanities are a set of disciplines that are the study of what makes us human." They teach us how we can be the best to each other

through "examples of history, written texts, performing arts, visual arts, music, philosophy and languages."

She states that her first academic interest was the psychological field but she transitioned to English because it felt more tailored to her interests, i.e. her passion for reading and sharing literary knowledge.

In her transition, she realized that while the change was still in the realm of the humanities, she was given the ability to "study what makes us human." She could instruct/inform others of that through



the written text as opposed to explicitly psychological methods.

Anthony also makes it clear that she feels as though the “dichotomy of Stem and humanities is a false dichotomy that has been created recently.” Anthony believes that these fields have always paired well. As a consequence of this, Anthony states that “I don’t think either one is better-- I think that they both compliment each other and you can’t separate them.”

According to Isabella Sobejano, one of the authors of this piece, notices a difference of opinions between the two.

From genetic engineering to artificial intelligence, STEM-related fields are flourishing because of their potential in world-transforming breakthroughs. However, what about the humanities? What can you do with a degree in English literature besides teach?

While we typically do hear that the humanities are not as prevalent or lucrative professions as STEM-related fields, the humanities are still an integral part of STEM-based fields. When it comes

down to it, one field is not better than the other because both disciplines build off one another and interrelate.

While the humanities encourage creative thought, interpretation and freethinking, STEM encourages critical, analytical and precise answers. However, while these two disciplines may seem as polar opposites, humanity as a whole is in need of both.

Both in college and in high school it is a requirement to take your basic biology course and an English course because both disciplines are critical to producing citizens that are well-rounded and can participate effectively in society. STEM encourages problem solving skills, logical thinking and the tools to create new innovations.

However, humanities and social sciences encourage appreciation for world art, literature and music, as well as a broader understanding of many subjects such as the exploration of our personal beliefs and a greater understanding of others. What both do is give us a greater

understanding of our world and its inhabitants.

STEM and humanities complement one another by giving students different skills to function in our society and give us a greater understanding of the world.

For example, if a surgeon needed to break some bad news to the family of patient, they must have empathy and understanding of others. This does not necessarily require a scientific approach, but rather a more humane touch.

This is where the humanities and STEM fields interrelate.

Dr Kenneth Klemow, professor and chair of the Wilkes Biology Department, said, “I teach an energy course, and I personally find that people react better to an arts type presentation that converts science than showing raw data, such as graphs and figure. So, as a scientist, you show several tables or charts, but another way to get a point or concept across is by writing a story or making a play.”

In essence, we use our skills from both disciplines on a day-to-day basis, and

without either one we wouldn’t thrive in either respective discipline.

Essentially, both fields come together to form a well-rounded student because each discipline has skills that are necessary to develop in the future.

According to Dr. Paola Bianco, romance language professor from the Global Cultures Department, “Humanities and sciences interrelate in the sense that in both disciplines you need to exercise critical, analytical and creative thinking.”

It’s true, both fields feed off one another and encourage different approaches to the way we view problems. For example, in my calculus II class we needed to integrate a problem on the board through substitution. At first glance, one may not be able to see how it is possible to integrate such a messy problem that is filled with natural logs or inverse trigonometric functions.

Sometimes you can’t just pick a substitution and find the antiderivative, but rather you need to think outside of the box. You may need to algebraically manipulate the problem in order to find your substitution. In this respect, I find that creative thinking is highly encouraged in fields dealing with the liberal arts, but it’s also necessary in mathematics as well.

Klemow also said, “Scientists are good at asking questions, but humans are good storytellers too. We can put this into a framework that students can understand. On that basis, the humanities and the sciences occupy an equally high place in our work and in human endeavor.”

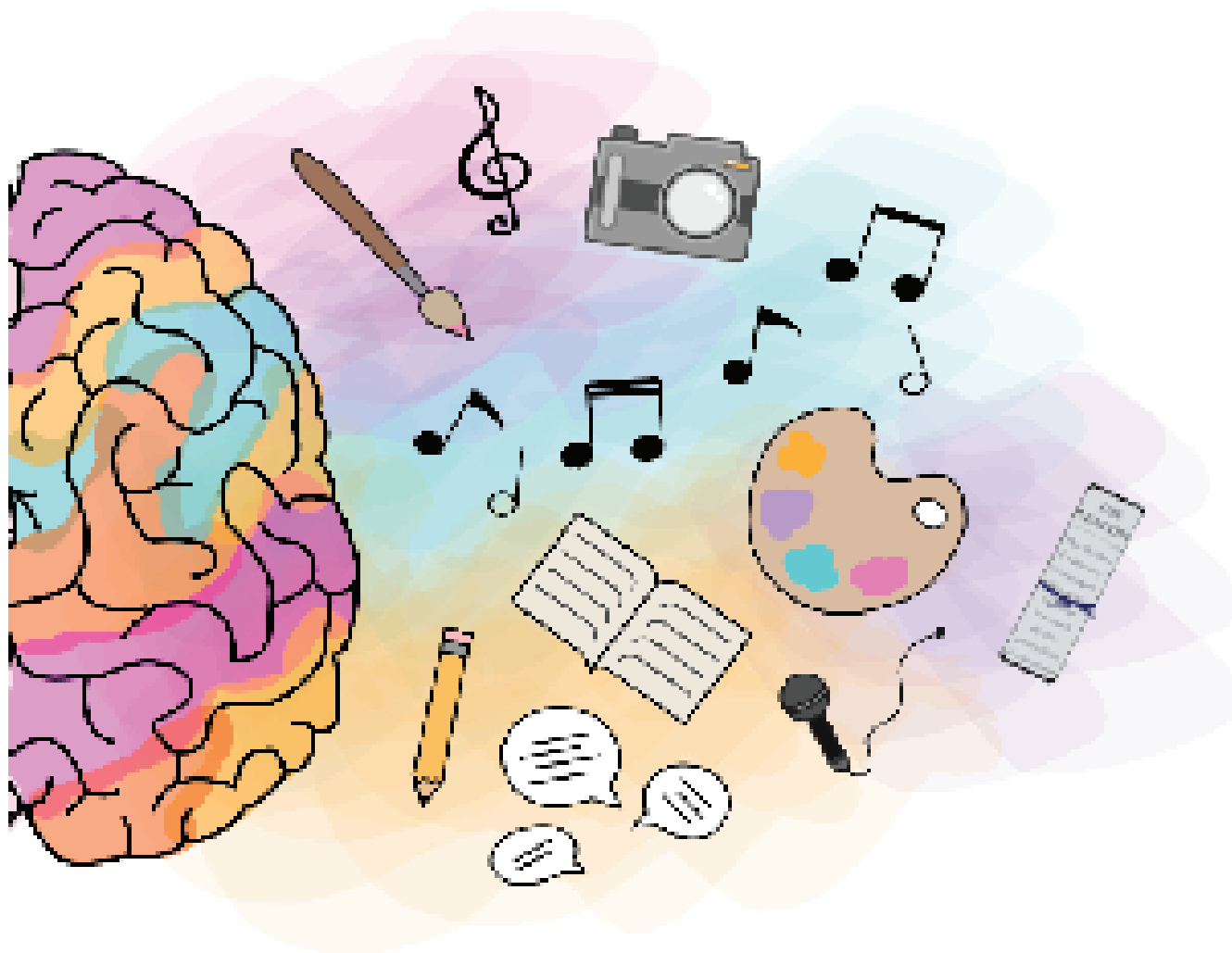
This is where both fields can complement one another, so we can thrive in whatever field we wish to pursue whether that may be musical theater or rocket science.

However, all in all, both fields encourage not only a greater understanding, but also a greater appreciation for humanity as a whole.

“Both disciplines are geared toward solving and understanding problems that deal with humanity,” said Bianco.

Bianco does not believe that one field is superior to the other, rather they feed off one another. We can certainly use skills from the humanities and apply them to STEM based fields and vice versa.

Therefore, we can’t answer which is better, because one is not better than the other. Rather we truly need both in today’s world. After all, both are geared toward understanding the world in which we live in just with different approaches.



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### Why Americans love their football and the AAF

The Alliance of American Football (AAF) debuted the week after the conclusion of the NFL season and it proved one thing, that Americans love and want more football.

The debut broadcast of the AAF on CBS went head-to-head with the NBA on ABC, who had superstars James Harden and Chris Paul go up against Paul George and Russell Westbrook in the thick of a playoff race.

According to SBNation the AAF drew 2.9 million viewers while the NBA on ABC had 2.5 million viewers.

We believe that football will remain king in America and the AAF will succeed. The American people have made it clear that they love football and the creation of another league.

The AAF's approach has also been to grow itself, not to compete with the other major sports in the world. Their season runs from February to April, during the conclusion of the anti-climatic NBA regular season. The AAF season ends around the time the NBA and NHL playoffs get started, meaning they are not competing with them and drawing viewers for a majority of their post-season play.

Still, football has always drawn high ratings, whether it is people watching college football, the NFL Scouting Combine, the Senior Bowl, and college football spring football games. People

are hungry for football, not just the NFL, and the AAF is turning into another way for American fans to get their fix.

Colin Cowherd, host of an afternoon Fox Sports talk show called "The Herd" said "I think the AAF and even the XFL next spring are going to make it. If I could invest in both of these leagues I would."

Cowherd also brought up a great point that sports gambling being legal now also changes the game. We agree, due to the fact that anyone can bet on sports now. People who want to bet on football will be drawn to the AAF and become locked in on their seasons.

There are currently eight teams in the AAF and all but two of them (Arizona and Atlanta) are located in media markets without an NFL team.

The league contains a decent amount of football big-names with the ability to bring in fans based on their name recognition alone, both on the field and in the executive suite. Troy Polamalu, Hines Ward and Justin Tuck highlight the former NFL stars currently in an executive role with the league.

College football fan favorite Steve Spurrier, former Rams offensive mastermind Mike Martz and Hall of Fame player Mike Singletary are the prominent head coaches in the AAF. Former prominent NFL players


include Trent Richardson, Christian Hackenberg, Gavin Escobar, Nick Folk and Zach Mettenberger.

This familiarity brought in a lot of new fans than they would have otherwise, and it has the potential for several interesting storylines to occur in the league. For example, will Trent Richardson play well enough to get another NFL shot? Will Christian Hackenberg ever look like he belongs on a football field?

A major change that has been received well is that officiating crews have a ninth member called a sky judge who reviews every play using booth review technology. The sky judge can both call or take away penalties that can override decisions made by the in-game officials.

Also, the sky judge is mic'd up, which means fans can listen to what the official is saying while they go through what they're seeing during a specific play. This allows fans to see the decision-making involved in whether they let a call stand or get it overturned.

The fans love the AAF and if its debut is a sign, it shows that it is here to stay and that people love having an outlet for football outside of both the NFL and CFB seasons.

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# The 61st Annual Grammy Awards: A Monumental Night In Music

By Breanna Ebisch  
Staff Writer

The biggest night in music returned to Los Angeles on Feb. 11 to honor the best artists in the music industry. The highly anticipated 61st Annual Grammy Awards were hosted by 15-time Grammy winner, Alicia Keys, and certainly did not disappoint.

With a star studded lineup of performances, heartfelt tributes and surprise wins, the night was filled with amazing moments from start to finish, wowing the audience several times over.

For the first time ever, the categories were dominated by mostly females and numerous artists received their very first nominations such as Canadian singer/songwriter Shawn Mendes, pop singer Camila Cabello, country duo Dan + Shay and chart-topping artist Ariana Grande, among many others.

Kacey Musgraves came away as one of the night's biggest winners, taking home a total of four Grammys; Best Country Song for "Space Cowboy", Best Country Performance for "Butterflies", Best Country Album and Album Of The Year for "Golden Hour".

The same award hasn't been won by the same artist since Taylor Swift in 2010. Childish Gambino, another big winner, also took home four awards for "This Is America" which won Song Of The Year, Record Of The Year, Best Music Video and Best Rap/Sung Performance.

Opening the show with a performance inspired by her grandmother's childhood, Camila Cabello took the stage to perform her hit single "Havana", as the first Latina to open the Grammys, with other well known stars Ricky Martin, Young Thug and J. Balvin.

Colorful, lively, and packed with amazing vocals, it was the perfect start to the night. Alicia Keys followed with a monologue that preached about the inspiring connection of music and empowerment of women, bringing her soul sisters Lady Gaga, Former First Lady Michelle Obama, Jennifer Lopez and Jada Pinkett Smith on stage.

Speaking of positivity, the power of music and spreading love, Keys was the perfect host for the show and filled the stage with many other stars throughout the night, including John Mayer to tell the heart warming story of friendship about the 2004 Song Of The Year win.

The Grammys were very performance heavy this year with a total of 18 performances and only nine awards being presented during the three and a half hour air time. With a wide range of diverse performances lined up for the night, there were multiple moments that were incredible and others that were not as impressive.

Making his Grammy performance debut, Shawn Mendes performed his vulnerable single "In My Blood" with a beautiful arrangement of strings and was joined by Miley Cyrus, arguably making it one of the most stunning performances of the night.

Kacey Musgraves did a gorgeous rendition of her song "Rainbow" that captivated the audience with her fantastic vocals, lyrics and stage presence. Alicia Keys performed a medley of songs she wished she wrote from Kings Of Leon's "Use Somebody" to Drake's "In My Feelings" and her own "Empire State Of Mind" while playing not one, but two pianos simultaneously which amazed the world.

Janelle Monáe added even more feminine power to the night with her leading single "Make Me Feel" which channeled aspects from Janet Jackson and Prince all while creating an eye catching performance.

Some of the performances that drew a lot of questions included the confusing pairing of Post Malone and the Red Hot Chili Peppers which showcased a mix of various hit songs between the two well known artists but the combination certainly did not work very well.

A Motown tribute was led by Jennifer Lopez and disappointed many. What was meant to be a heartfelt appreciation for the soulful music was simply ineffective and missed what could have potentially been a great performance.

Cardi B also took the stage and performed her new single "Money" which was interesting but almost incomparable to the other performances of the night.

The night also contained multiple tributes to honor specific artists and genres of music. Dolly Parton was the 2019 Muscared Person of the Year and appeared in her own tribute on stage which featured powerful vocals from Miley Cyrus, Little Big Town, Maren Morris, Katy Perry, and Kacey Musgraves.

Diana Ross made an appearance for her upcoming 75th birthday and held the audience's attention with her performance. A peaceful but powerful tribute was dedicated to the incredible Aretha Franklin who changed music as we know it today and passed away last year.

Recapping the year in music is always a classic touch to the award show and the Grammys did a generally good job with the various tributes that were sprinkled throughout the night.

Despite the general success of the Grammys this year, there was still quite an abundance of backlash and criticism throughout the night. For the first time, Best Rap Album was won by a female artist as Cardi B took home the award but as soon as the announcement was made, the

Internet exploded in disbelief.

Mac Miller, who unexpectedly passed away last year, earned his very first Grammy nomination for that award with his album "Swimming". The Academy had made it seem that the rapper was guaranteed the win, even flying his parents out to the show just to have the award go to another artist.


Katy Perry received backlash for her performance with Dolly Parton as most people noticed she was trying to upstage the country star and elbowing Kacey Musgraves out with her try hard attempt to own the moment.

Two of the most inspiring and truthful acceptance speeches were given by Drake and Dua Lipa who both got cut off mid speech as the show was sent to commercial which caught the eye of many. Every award show comes with criticisms and it was certainly evident through various parts of the Grammys this year.

Overall, between the perfect host, stunning performances, surprising wins and historic moments in the music industry, the 61st Annual Grammy Awards were definitely a show to watch and one to remember in years to come.



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# Dreams: Are they of the past or a reflection of the present?

By Savannah Pinnock  
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Since the dawn of time, wars have been fought as a sheer consequence of an us versus them mentality. The Crusades, The Holocaust and The World Wars have all occurred as a result of acknowledging the differences of others and finding them offensive.

On Aug. 28, 1963 a man by the name of Martin Luther King noticed this destructive pattern and delivered his well-known "I Have a Dream" speech to a quarter of a million people at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.

His dream advocated for racial equality, peace and harmony among people of all walks of life. King, along with many other civil rights activists, led a peaceful resistance against an opposition of hatred, division and disharmony.

In light of Black History Month, has King's speech been realized in modern day America? And has society begun to embrace the notion of peace and equality?

After a brief analysis of the latest news and the events that are occurring nationally and internationally, it is clear that the answer is quite relative. In many ways society has progressed and changed for the better.

As a person of color, one is no longer subjected to having to utilize separate facilities or attend a separate educational institution as a consequence of racial

segregation.

However, on the other side of the coin, prejudice of any kind and relics of a darker time are still present. For instance, not very long ago the Italian Fashion House by the name of Gucci released a clothing item that had an uncanny resemblance to Blackface.

According to USA Today, as a result of this, "Gucci announced a major push Friday to step up diversity hiring as part of a long-term plan to build cultural awareness." They have also pulled the sweater from the market.

The question is, was this clothing item an accidental creation? Or was it a purposeful attempt to bring back a demeaning relic of America's racist past?

The truth is that one cannot be entirely sure but the clothing item bears too many similarities to the racial caricatures that were used to make fun of African-Americans and Black people as a whole just a few decades ago.

These caricatures exaggerated the features of African-American and Black people in an effort to humiliate them. It suggested that this race was inferior to the Caucasian race.

It must also be said that these racial caricatures were not limited to Black people, they were also used against Asians, Native Americans and other racial groups in an effort to support the claim that other races were inferior to the Caucasian race.

With this in mind, it is clear that one of the primary reasons why these implicit and explicit acts of racism still exist comes as a result of ignorance.

Ignorance is the reason why King's dream has not been fully realized and fulfilled. Since the dawn of time, the wars that have ensued as a result of this us vs them mentality are due to simply not knowing and fear.

As humans, we often fear what we do not know, it's just a part of our psychology. However, in 2019 there is little to no reason why ignorance still persists in society.

It is clear to see that this ignorance often comes as a result of intentionally harmless statements such as "I do not see color or race."

In fact, last year it was reported that two black men were arrested as a consequence of racial profiling at a Starbucks in Philadelphia, Pa.

According to Washington Post writer Eugene Scott, former Starbucks chief executive Howard Schultz responded to the event by stating "As somebody who grew up in a very diverse background as a young boy, in the projects, I didn't see color as a young boy," he said. "And I honestly don't see color now."

On a superficial level, it is clear to see that his intentions are to suggest that Starbucks is not a racist company.

However, this response does not address the racial issues that led to the

previously aforementioned incarceration.

According to Scott, the Washington Post writer, "to adequately address racial issues, you have to see race." The response given by Schultz suggests that in order to alleviate racism, one should just avoid addressing the elephant in the room.


The truth is that in order to allow for peace and harmony it is essential that classrooms, academic circles and society as a whole encourage conversations about colorism, sexism, racism, ageism, homophobia and many more forms of discrimination.

So to answer the question of whether the dreams of the past are a reflection of the present, it is clear that they are not.

However, one day this may be a reality if we make a societal attempt to eliminate all forms of ignorance.



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# Meet the Majors

## This week's major: Sports Management

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



**James Dotter**  
Senior

James chose sports management because he always liked and enjoyed sports. He played sports throughout his life and wanted to carry that on through his education. His dream job would include something in sports media or sports marketing. James is a communications minor, so having a job in catered towards that field would be great, as well.



**Caitlin Klinger**  
Junior

Caitlin switched her major from education because she believes it is important to find something you are passionate for. She has heard that sports management is becoming irrelevant and she wants to prove contrary. Her dream job would be to work in community relations, specifically in the NHL with the Philadelphia Flyers.



**Shawn Shaw**  
Sophomore

Shawn chose the path of sports management because his cousin is in the field and sees how much he enjoys it. His dream job would be some type of marketing. He would also be interested in doing the sales of equipment, or recruiting and scouting players like you see in Netflix specials.



**Caitlin Brossman**  
Senior

Caitlin chose sports management as her major from within the Jay S. Sidhu School of Business due to her interest in the sports industry. After leaving school, is she revealed her dream job, it would be to work as a special events coordinator for either an arena or sports team.

# Harkening back to the sound of old school rock n' roll

By Parker Dorsey  
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## RHYTHM REWIND with Parker Dorsey

Feral Roots, released almost a month ago, is the brand new album from the blues rock n' roll band Rival Sons. The band is celebrating a decade of heavy touring and high octane riffs, and their sixth album is no exception to the norm they established for themselves.

"We spent more time writing, passing things back and forth. We spent a week in this place called Hohenwald, Tennessee, we had this little writing cabin. It was real far out, really quiet and beautiful," said guitarist Scott Holiday in an interview with Guitar.com.

"We would just wake up and start writing together, then go out into nature, swim in the creek and then meet back up later, make a fire and talk about the things we'd seen that day.

It really set the tone for what we wanted to do, writing-wise, and gave us the energy. Then we went home and began to work on those songs, passing it around until things

were beaten into shape."

Rivals Sons signed with Nashville-based Low Country Sound last year after releasing four albums through Earache Records.

LCS is a Warner Music Group imprint run by the band's longtime producer Dave Cobb, and its primary focus is releasing music from Southern country and Americana acts. This Southern atmosphere rears its head multiple times on Feral Roots.

From the album cover and title to the aforementioned inspired sound, Feral Roots sounds like it was written in the bayou. The album is a juggernaut and its production evokes the feeling of 1970s rock n' roll. The buzzy guitars are in the front of the mix, with the vocals and bass flowing along to the sharp drums.

There aren't any low-lights to be found here. The album spans 11 tracks and has a great mixture of hard rockers and ballads. The album has a spectrum of influences ranging from CCR, Led Zeppelin, Bad Company and even a little bit of the Rolling Stones.

The album opener "Do Your Worst" sets the tone for the album quickly with Holiday's roaring guitars. "Back in the Woods" is an absolute adrenaline rush

with Mike Miley's frenzied drum attack throughout the whole song.

"Shooting Stars" has singer Jay Buchanan doing gospel-infused soul complemented by a powerful background chorus courtesy of the Nashville Urban Choir. The title track is almost a B-side off of Led Zeppelin III with the folky acoustic guitar. "Stood By Me" has guitar licks straight out of Motown and fantastic preacher vocals from Buchanan.

Holiday finds himself emulating equal parts Paul Rodgers and Jimmy Page all over this album, be it acoustic or electric. Buchanan has a powerful range and his raw shouted blues vocals match the energy coming from the guitars and drums. David Beste's humming bass provides a solid, noticeable groove.

The only knock about the album is that it isn't something that most people haven't heard before. It's so revivalistic that it's almost exactly what you would expect. However, even though Feral Roots is fairly predictable, Rival Sons execute this perfectly.

Compared to other classic rock revival acts, namely Greta Van Fleet, Rival Sons manages to mimic the classic 1970s

blues rock sound without sounding disingenuous. While some of this can be attributed to their ten years of experience and perpetually heavy touring schedule, there's just something authentic about Feral Roots that not only makes it stand above the band's peers, but also their own discography.

Parker's Picks: "Back in the Woods," "Look Away," "Stood By Me," "End of Forever"



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# Will the anti-vaxxer movement stand the test of time?

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Facts and opinions are two things that help guide society in plenty of ways. Facts help us, not only as a society but as individuals grow, educate and advance. Opinions lead to perspectives on a variety of issues whether they are political, social, etc. These two things are crucial to us, but there are some that truly distort worldviews.

How can someone distort a fact? The definition of what a fact is is something that has actual existence. But if you couldn't distort facts, we would not have the Flat Earth Society, Alex Jones Supplement Buyers, and even worse, Anti-Vaccination Advocates.

If you're unfamiliar with the Anti-Vax movement then let me inform you. These individuals have been around for about 200 years. As their name states, they are against vaccinations for themselves and others, including children.

They have been in the news recently, making huge appearances on Facebook by spreading conspiracy theories about the supposed "real nature of vaccines."

This is incredibly dangerous rhetoric that

is being thrown out in left field. Look at Washington state, where measles, the fatal disease that struck the United States that got eradicated in 1980, made a comeback. The governor of Washington declared a state of emergency because of this.

Now how can a disease that was eradicated come back? To put it simply, not vaccinating. According to an article published in The Guardian, statistics from the World Health Organization said that measles cases have jumped up to 50%. It should be noted that this is really scary and should not be happening. Why are people who aren't vaccinating not seeing the correlation here?

To figure this out, one must look at their arguments. According to the National Center for Biotechnology Information, they have a variety of arguments.

But there is one word that explains everything about their entire situation: claim. Evidence is something they lack when it comes to their cases.

A claim is crucial to having a logical and sound argument. They are the foundation of the grounds of research. However, when that is all you truly have, can you actually consider this to be reasonable? Why do people actually believe this?

One of the biggest problems pertaining to the adoption to false mantras is the susceptibility of deception due to the confusion about facts.

According to Pew Research, of all the adults surveyed, 64% of them believe false news causes confusion. Of the 64%, 23% of them actually shared false stories.

Some people are believed to be susceptible to false information. This could be shown through cognition tests. If an individual scores low then they may be more likely to fall for false information.

As stated above, education could help fix issues of fake news. Using empirically validated research or using credible sources are just different ways of exposing manipulated news for what it really is: fake.

Now that we know how fake news spreads and how to fix it, can we actually stop the spread of fake news? Can we stop anti-vaccinators from harming anybody, whether it be themselves or others? I truly believe we can stop this epidemic... eventually.

The Anti-Vax Movement does not appear that they are not leaving any time soon. Think about it in the following way. They brought back measles and are marching and protesting vaccines in Washington. If the

WHO mentioned that measles cases went up 50%, who's to say that it won't jump up to 75% by December?

However, Facebook is being pressured to act against the raging conspiracy theories online. As such, the public outcry against these individuals is growing. This goes to show that people are calling for action.

If we keep retaliating against the anti-vaccinators and fake news, we can end this movement. We can save countless lives by stopping the manipulation of facts. The Anti-Vax movement will die off, as measles did in the past, with our combined efforts.



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# MIH: Wilkes goes 0-1-1 in upstate N.Y

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ROCHESTER & UTICA, N.Y. -- The

Wilkes University men's ice hockey team headed up to New York this past weekend for two all important United Collegiate

Hockey Conference (UCHC) games.

In the Colonels first contest of the weekend on Friday, Feb. 15, Wilkes

headed up to the Bill Gray's Icedex, coming away with a 1-1 draw.

The Colonels faced an early deficit in the game, as Nazareth's Brad Pizzey put the lone goal on the scoreboard just over

a minute into the game.

The rest of the first and second period would remain a defensive battle, as both Wilkes' goalie Brandon Gordon

and Nazareth's Sean Kuhn stood strong between the pipes.

The first ten minutes of the third period went in favor of Nazareth, but the

Colonels did not go away.

With less than six minutes left in the game, Brendan Logan tallied his sixth

goal of the year for the Colonels, leveling the score to 1-1.

Neither Nazareth nor the Colonels could secure the win in regular time,

pushing the game into a three-on-three overtime. Since neither team could get

the job done in overtime, the game went into a shootout.

This marked the Colonels first-ever shootout, and it was a sudden death

shootout at that.

Tyler Barrow scored the first penalty shot for the Colonels, and Gordon made

the save on Nazareth.

"We just try to take every game one at a time," Barrow said. "Eventually, the focus

will be on the Utica game when the time comes."

Both teams earned a point, but the Colonels gained one extra point being

the winner of the OT shootout. This put Wilkes' overall record at 16-6-2 and 11-

4-2 in the UCHC entering Saturday.

The second game for the Colonels took place on Saturday night at the Adirondack

Bank Center in Utica, N.Y.

Heading into the game, the Utica

Pioneers were in first place in the UCHC

with 41 points, Elmira was in second

place with 38 points and the Colonels

and Manhattanville both had 37 points in celebrating the Colonels goal, which proved to be a costly penalty for the

Colonels as this led to a barrage of goals for Utica.

Less than a minute later, Utica capitalized on the shorthanded Colonels.

Josh Haskins was able to find the back of the net and get the puck past Brandon Gordon, putting Utica in the lead 2-1.

Only 45 seconds later, Utica would capitalize on another Colonel penalty.

This time, it would be a penalty on Danny Reidel for hooking.

Connor Landrigan buried the puck in the back of the net as he stood on the left side of Gordon, which was exposed after receiving a quick pass from Daniel Fritz.

Shortly after the halfway point in the second period, Utica exposed Gordon again and knocked the lead up to 4-1.

Coach Brett Riley called a timeout after this goal to regroup the team.

Finally, the Colonels were able to shift the momentum onto their side, as Taylor Bommarito was able to sneak the puck past Baggettta, cutting the Colonels' deficit to two goals and making the score

4-2.

Going into the third period, Riley would not have been surprised to see the Colonels ramp things up and give an

effort to come back.

"We've come back all year, so we just wanted to play a five minute game and get the better end each five minutes," said Riley going into the third period.

"I thought we did that, the pucks didn't really go our way, but we're really proud with the way the guys battled back against a good team in a hostile environment."

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## MSWIM/WSWIM: Colonels pick up MAC Champs podium finishes in

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Editor-in-Chief

YORK, Pa. -- Broken program records,

podium finishes and new personal bests are the results of a grueling four-day Middle Atlantic Conference championship meet at the Graham Aquatic Center from Thursday

through Sunday evening.

On the first night, the men wasted no time, both figuratively and literally, with a sixth place finish in the 200 Medley Relay

from sophomore Jared Byrne, freshman Trey Harloff and sophomores Justin Burda and Nick Martino, finishing in 1:38.91.

In the 800 Freestyle Relay, the Colonels picked up another sixth place finish from Harloff, junior Tyler Weatherby, freshman Joseph Antolick and Byrne. They touched the wall in 7:20.03.

On day two, Martino, Burda, Antolick and Byrne finished the 200 Freestyle in seventh in 1:28.14.

On day three, Burda notched a fifth place 52.35 in the 100 Fly. The relay team of freshman Timothy Sechler-Stone, Harloff, Burda and Antolick picked up another sixth place finish

with a 3:39.89 mark in the 400 Medley Relay.

On the final day, Byrne qualified for the A final in the 100 Free and earned a seventh place finish after a 48.09 race.

The women earned their first relay podium finish in the four years since the re-start of the program. Sophomore Abby Keating, seniors Morgan Williams and Allie Aspey and freshman Jessica Turniza bested the previous team record

in the 800 Freestyle Relay by 12 seconds. Their time of 8:27.20 was good for an eighth place finish. On the evening of day three, Keating placed fourth in the 400 IM after finishing in 4:49.20.

Keating would pick up her, and team's third podium finish of the weekend after touching the wall in 2:16.29 in the 200 Fly.

In the team category, the men earned a seventh of 12 teams and the women placed 10th of 12 teams.

# MLB: Where will FA Harper, Machado end up?

By Kevin Singhel  
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Spring is rapidly approaching, and with its onset, comes baseball's Spring Training. Pitchers and catchers have begun reporting to their respective camps as the long baseball season gets underway. However, this spring training is particularly interesting, as many of the pressing questions of the offseason still remain unanswered.

This year's free agent class was supposed to be one of the most memorable in recent times since it contained superstar outfielder Bryce Harper and superstar third baseman/shortstop Manny Machado. Experts expected both stars to sign massive deals well over \$200 million, but as the calendar rolls past February, neither star has been inked to a deal yet.

Harper has long been considered a generational talent, since he made his debut at 19 years old in 2012. If anyone had said that Harper would have difficulty signing a contract last year, they likely would have called that person crazy. However, a lackluster 2018 campaign coupled with his team, the Washington Nationals, being unable to make the postseason made Harper's value drop considerably. Although Harper has won an MVP award in the past, he has yet to make it past the first round of the playoffs, leading to some questions about his ability to lead a team.

Machado, on the other hand, just came off a successful season, in which his Los Angeles Dodgers won the National League pennant. Although highly coveted for his individual talent, Machado's work ethic and attitude

has been called into question on multiple occasions.

There have been several occasions where Machado hasn't finished out plays or has failed to hustle. In addition, Machado gained infamy for stepping on the foot of Brewers' first baseman Jesus Aguilar during game four of the National League Championship Series. Although some may consider it unfair, Machado has earned the label as a slacker and a dirty player, which has clearly hurt his negotiating power.

The Philadelphia Phillies are one of the only teams that have been linked to both stars throughout virtually the entire process. The Phillies are coming off of a 2018 campaign that started off promising. They were in first place of the National League East for much of the first half of the season and were buyers at the trade deadline; however, the Phillies entered a freefall during the second half and missed the postseason entirely.

The Phillies need the extra help that a superstar like Machado or Harper would bring, and they certainly have the money to make a deal happen. The Phillies have long been linked to both of these stars, making it likely that Philadelphia will land at least one of this year's prized free agents.

The New York Yankees have had a long history of spending money and acquiring top free agents, which would seem to make them the perfect buyers for Harper and Machado's services. The Yankees were a wild card team in last year's postseason, reaching the American League Division series before eventually losing to their archrival Boston in four games. The

Yankees could use one more major piece to push them over the top and become World Series contenders.

However, the Yankees recently signed Troy Tulowitzki, who plays the same position as Machado. In addition, the Yankees outfield is already stacked with mega-stars such as Giancarlo Stanton and Aaron Judge, meaning there would likely be no place for Harper.

The Yankees are also trying to cut spending and avoid the luxury tax, a tax that comes into effect when a team has spent too much money on their roster. This tax was designed to level the playing field for small market teams, and a large deal with Harper or Machado will likely push the Yankees into the luxury tax threshold. As tantalizing as it sounds, the Bronx Bombers likely will not be adding any more firepower to their offense this offseason.

Another big spender, the Los Angeles Dodgers, could be in contention for the two stars' services as well. The Dodgers traded for Machado at last year's trade deadline and used his skills to catapult their team into the World Series.

The Dodgers have the largest payroll in baseball and seem to show no fear of going into the luxury tax, as long as there is a winning product on the field. The Dodgers also made a peculiar trade in the offseason where they sent star outfielders Yasiel Puig and Matt Kemp to the Cincinnati Reds, seemingly a move to clear outfield roster spots for a potential Harper signing.

The Dodgers certainly have the money to make a deal with one of the stars happen, so if the back-to-back National League champions

don't land Harper, or at least retain Machado, it will be a major disappointment.

Despite not being signed yet, many teams would still love to have Harper or Machado on their team. It will be interesting to see where each star will sign, what kind of money they will receive and what kind of impact they will have on their new ball clubs.

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### Men's Swimming

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10/20 @ Mount Saint Mary W 153-46  
10/27 vs Immaculata W 158-25  
\*11/3 Lebanon Valley W 171-19  
11/3 Dickson L 107-92  
11/17 Diamond Invitational 2nd  
\*12/1 vs Lycoming W 109-96  
\*12/8 vs Arcadia L 183-79  
\*1/13 @ Misericordia W 145-112  
1/26 @ Marywood L 153-73  
\*2/2 @ King's L 133-72  
2/14-2/17 MAC Championships  
\* MAC

### Men's Ice Hockey

10/26 @ SUNY Canton L 6-4  
10/27 @ SUNY Canton W 7-5  
\*11/3 @ Elmira L 5-2  
\*11/9 vs Stevenson W 4-2  
\*11/10 vs Chatham W 8-4  
\*11/16 @ King's W 3-0  
11/20 @ Hamilton L 3-2 OT  
\*11/30 @ Manhattanville W 5-3  
\*12/1 @ Neumann W 5-4 OT  
\*12/7 vs Utica L 2-1  
\*12/8 vs Nazareth W 3-2  
12/19 vs Bryn Athyn W 4-2  
1/5 @ Post W 3-1  
1/12 vs Anna Maria W 5-2

\*1/16 @ Lebanon Valley W 6-5  
\*1/18 vs Lebanon Valley W 6-3  
\*1/21 vs Elmira TIE 4-4  
\*1/25 @ Chatham W 1-0  
\*1/26 @ Stevenson L 3-2 OT  
\*1/31 vs King's W 4-0  
2/2 @ Bryn Athyn W 5-1  
\*2/8 vs Neumann W 5-4  
\*2/9 vs Manhattanville L 5-2  
\*2/15 @ Nazareth TIE 1-1  
\*2/16 @ Utica L 4-2  
\*\*2/19 vs Nazareth 7 p.m.  
\*UCHC  
\*\*UCHC Tournament

### Women's Ice Hockey

10/26 @ King's L3-1  
10/28 vs Oswego L 5-0  
11/2 vs Nazareth L 10-0  
11/3 vs Nazareth L 0-7  
11/10 @ Neumann L 7-3  
11/17 @ Chatham L 5-0  
11/30 vs SUNY Canton L 7-1  
12/1 vs SUNY Canton L 6-2  
12/7 @ Morrisville L 6-0  
1/5 @ Stevenson L 5-1  
1/11 @ Post L 3-1  
1/12 @ Post L 4-2  
1/18 @ Lebanon Valley L 4-1  
2/6 vs Lebanon Valley TIE 1-1  
2/15 vs Utica L 8-0  
2/16 @ Utica L 3-0



# WIH: Jolly has season-high 66 saves in Friday loss to Utica

By Kendyl Kalish  
Staff Writer

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. -- The Wilkes University women's ice hockey team took on the Utica College Pioneers Friday night at the Toyota Sportsplex. This was the last home game of the season for the Colonels, and they suffered an 8-0 loss.

A few big things happened for the Colonels in the last week. They recorded their first point in a 1-1 tie against Lebanon Valley on Feb. 6.

"We were really proud to get that first point. We worked really hard for that," said senior defender Laura Brezinski in regard to the point recorded during Wilkes' prior home game.

After that game, freshman Ally Jolly was named the United Collegiate Hockey Conference (UHC) Goaltender of the Week, after stopping 44 out of 45 shots in the Feb. 6 game and registering a .978 save percentage.

"It felt like a team award rather than just an individual award," remarked Jolly.

Prior to the start of this Friday's game, Wilkes honored Brezinski, their lone senior. Brezinski appeared in all of the Colonels games this season, registering a team-high 34 blocked shots and two assists.

Friday's game was the first matchup between the Colonels and Pioneers this season. Going into the game, Utica's record was 14-8-1 whereas Wilkes' record was 0-13-1.

The Colonels came out with a lot of momentum in the first period. Jolly made a few big saves early on, but the score remained 0-0 for the first 15 minutes of play.

With 4:37 left in the period, Utica's Olivia Hirschy and Wilkes' freshman forward Shauna Tubbs received two minutes each for roughing. This gave the Colonels and Pioneers two minutes of four-on-four hockey.

Ultimately, this helped the Pioneers, giving them their first goal of the game when Elizabeth Dohner scored, with assists by Lexi Stanisewski and Noelle Capriglione. The period ended with the Colonels trailing 1-0.

At the start of the second period, there was a strong effort shown by both teams. However, Dohner scored her second goal of the game, increasing the Pioneer's lead to 2-0.

With 11:52 remaining, Brezinski received a two-minute slashing penalty.

This gave Utica another opportunity to score - and they did. With 11:38 left, Dohner got her third goal of the game with an assist by Georgia Santullo, securing a hat trick for Dohner.

With a little over 10 minutes left, another goal was recorded by Dohner, who proved to be able to poke a hole in the Colonels' defense, to bring the score to 4-0.

With about nine minutes to play, Utica's Santullo recorded her first goal of the game with an assist by Stanisewski, giving them the

5-0 lead.

With 1:35 remaining in the second period, Utica's Nicole Johnson got a goal with an assist by Kyra Borsoi, making it 6-0. The period ended with the Colonels trailing by six points.

Before the start of the third period, Wilkes' head coach Earl Utter urged his players to "try to take away time and space" from Utica. He believes that these were two of their downfalls in the first two periods of the game.

The score remained 6-0 for about the first half of the third period. Then, at 10:27 into period, Brezinski received a two-minute penalty for roughing, giving Utica a power play.

Utica capitalized on this, with Katrina Cornick scoring to bring the Pioneers lead up to 7-0 off of an assist from Kayla Dion.

With 3:45 remaining in the game, Utica's Olivia Hirschy scored with an assist from Ricki Haab, giving them an eight-point lead. The game ended with an 8-0 win for Utica, which improved their record to 15-8-1.

After facing Utica on Feb. 15, the Colonels travelled to Utica for their last contest of the season the following day.

Noting their previous contest, Utter asked his team to do a "better job of taking away time and space, as well as managing the puck."

The Colonels proved to do just that, as they were able to hold the Pioneers to a 3-0 victory during Wilkes' final game of their inaugural ice hockey season on Saturday.



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Freshman Ally Jolly made a record 66 saves on Friday and followed it up with 63 saves on Saturday in back-to-back contests against Utica.



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## Winter Sports Schedules

### Women's Basketball

11/8 @ Neumann L 85-75  
11/10 vs PSU Hazleton W 93-73  
11/13 vs Susquehanna L 79-66  
y-11/16 @ Marywood L 82-76  
y-11/17 vs #8 Scranton 69-47  
11/20 vs PSU Wilkes-Barre W 89-61  
11/26 @ Juniata L 89-63  
12/1 @ PSU Harrisburg W 67-64  
\*12/5 vs Misericordia L 78-54  
\*12/8 @ Manhattanville L 83-50  
1/3 vs Centenary W 63-51  
\*1/9 @ #22 DeSales L 86-46  
\*1/12 vs Eastern W 82-75  
1/14 vs Rutgers-Camden L 90-82  
\*1/16 @ King's L 73-59  
\*1/18 vs FDU-Florham W 83-78

\*1/23 vs Del. Valley W 56-45  
\*1/26 @ Eastern L 82-68  
1/28 @ Valley Forge L 75-70  
\*1/30 vs Manhattanville L 81-72  
\*2/2 vs DeSales L 85-52  
\*2/6 @ Misericordia L 60-36  
\*2/9 vs King's W 58-55  
\*2/12 @ Delaware Valley L 83-71  
\*2/16 @ FDU-Florham L 84-80

\*-MAC Freedom  
y-Cross County Challenge

### Wrestling

11/3 @ Ned McGinley Invite 5th  
11/10 @ Gettysburg Invite 2nd  
11/17 @ Otterbein W 30-21  
11/17 @ Averett W 27-12  
11/17 @ Greensboro W 33-10  
11/17 @ Bluefield W 49-0  
12/1 @ Ferrum L 20-15  
12/1 @ S. Virginia W 35-16  
12/1 @ McDaniel W 34-8  
12/8 @ Elizabethtown W 24-10  
12/22 Wilkes Open  
1/5 @ S. Maine W 18-17  
1/5 @ #19 Stevens W 27-24  
1/5 @ #25 Messiah L 26-16  
1/5 @ Camden CC W 54-0  
1/11 @ Springfield L 20-17

1/11 @ Ohio Northern W 31-16  
1/11 @ #21 Wash. & Lee W 24-12  
1/12 @ Wis.-EAU Claire W 22-20  
1/12 @ Oswego W 34-6  
1/27 vs Lackawanna W 36-12  
1/27 vs PSU-Behrend W 37-9  
1/27 vs Oneota W 22-19  
2/1 vs Penn College W 36-12  
2/8 @ #6 Ithaca L 35-11  
2/10 @ King's W 43-9  
2/15 @ Scranton W 28-10  
2/16 vs Keystone 12:30 p.m.  
2/17 @ Futures Mid East 9 a.m.  
2/22-2/23 @ SE Regionals 9 a.m.

### Men's Basketball

11/13 @ PSU Hazleton W 80-60  
x-11/16 vs Bethany W 88-68  
x-11/17 vs Leb. Valley W 83-81  
11/20 vs PSU W-B W 87-81  
11/28 vs Drew L 67-65  
12/1 @ Clarks Summit W 106-55  
\*12/5 vs Misericordia W 81-78  
\*12/8 @ Manhattanville W 91-87  
12/18 vs Albright W 85-77  
y-12/29 vs #25 Scranton L 74-64  
y-12/30 vs Marywood W 74-70  
1/2 @ Susquehanna L 88-64  
1/5 @ Messiah W 80-73  
\*1/9 @ DeSales L 97-85  
\*1/12 vs Eastern W 94-74  
\*1/16 @ King's L 81-53

\*1/18 vs FDU-Flor. W 96-53  
\*1/23 vs Del. Valley L 99-90  
\*1/26 @ Eastern L 79-69  
\*1/30 vs Manhattanville W 76-62  
\*2/2 vs DeSales W 78-77  
\*2/6 @ Misericordia W 69-54  
\*2/9 vs King's W 76-51  
\*2/12 @ Del. Valley W 85-70  
\*2/16 @ FDU-Flor. L 80-77  
\*\*2/20 vs Eastern 7 p.m.  
\*-MAC Freedom  
\*\*MAC Freedom playoffs  
x-Lebanon Valley tournament  
y-Cross County Challenge



Getting to know...

# Marcus Robinson

## Senior Basketball Player

### ***The Beacon: Male Athlete of the Week Feb. 5 - Feb. 11***

**Why Marcus Robinson was selected:** Robinson shutdown reigning Conference Player of the Year Jason Kenny in Wednesday night's game against Misericordia, securing 15 points and helping to clinch a playoff berth in Saturday's win against King's with eight points and four steals.

**Name:** Marcus Robinson

**Year:** Graduate Student

**Major:** MBA

(Graduated with a degree in Management)

**Hometown:** Swedesboro, N.J.

**High School:** Kingsway HS

**Position:** Shooting Guard

**Favorite building on campus?**  
UCOM.

**Favorite professor?**  
Dr. Edmonds.

**What came first? The chicken or the egg?**  
The chicken.

**Favorite meal to eat on campus?**  
Wraps from the POD.

**Coke or Pepsi?**  
Coke.

**Most influential person in your life?**  
My grandfather. He made me the person I am today.

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

**A quote you live your life by?**  
"Today I will do what others won't, so that tomorrow I can accomplish what others can't."

**What does "Be Colonel" mean to you?**  
To me, "Be Colonel" means that you are respectful with everything that you do, and that you help others around you when needed.

**Anyone to give a shout-out to?**  
Fab 5 and Camille.

-Compiled by Kirsten Peters, Co-Sports Editor

### **Driving force for your decision to come to Wilkes?**

I decided to come to Wilkes because the coaching staff that recruited me was different than the other school's coaches where I was looking. Wilkes actually cares about their players.

### **Post-graduation plans in terms of a career?**

I would like to be a contract specialist for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and possibly coach.

### **When/Why did you first begin playing?**

I started playing at the age of four because my dad put a basketball in my hands. He also played basketball, so that pushed me to be just like him.

### **Favorite thing to do during practice?**

Take water breaks.

### **Hopes for this season as a Colonel?**

This season, I hope to win the MAC Championship and make the NCAA tournament.

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

Not a single thing.

### **Other interests or hobbies off of the field?**

Golfing and lounging.

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Getting to know...

# Ashley Caster

## Senior Basketball Player

**The Beacon: Female Athlete of the Week Feb. 5 - Feb. 11**

**Why Ashley Caster was selected:** Caster led Wilkes with 13 points and six rebounds in their loss against Misericordia on Wednesday night and helped her team win for the first time since the 2013-2014 season against King's on Senior Day.

**Name:** Ashley Caster

**Year:** Senior

**Major:** Sports Management & Entrepreneurship

**Minor:** Management

**Hometown:** York, Pa.

**High School:** Spring Grove HS

**Position:** Forward

**Other interests or hobbies off of the field?**

Off the court, I enjoy traveling, eating, sleeping and working.

**Favorite professor?**

Dr. Schmidt and Dr. Lee.

**Favorite building on campus?**

Marts.

**Favorite meal to eat on campus?**

A Philly cheesesteak from Grille Works.

**Coke or Pepsi?**

Propel.

**What came first? The chicken or the egg?**

Chegg.

**Most influential person in your life?**

My mom and my sisters.

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

Gandhi.

**A quote you live your life by?**

"She is clothed with strength and dignity and she laughs without the fear of the future." - Proverbs 31:25

**What does "Be Colonel" mean to you?**

To me, "Be Colonel" means to be strong and keep working to be the best person you can be.

**Anyone to give a shout-out to?**

Nubbies and obviously my DAWGS.

-Compiled by Kirsten Peters, Co-Sports Editor

**Driving force for your decision to come to Wilkes?**

The campus and great atmosphere from the professors and students acted as a driving force in my decision to come to Wilkes.

**Post graduation plans in terms of a career?**

After graduation, I want to become a collegiate athletic director or a head coach.

**When/Why did you first begin playing?**

I started playing when I was six. My dad taught me how to play, and I loved the sport ever since.

**Favorite thing to do during practice?**

During practice, my favorite thing to do is scrimmage and trick shots.

**Hopes for this season as a Colonel?**

I hope that we can change the program and come together as a team and play to our potential.

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

I wouldn't change anything, honestly. As a team, we are always improving and making each other better.



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**MAC Freedom Semi-Final**  
**No. 2 Wilkes vs. No. 3 Eastern**  
**MBB: Wednesday @ 7 p.m.**  
**Marts Center**

**UCHC Quarterfinal**  
**No. 4 Wilkes vs. No. 5 Nazareth**  
**MIH: Tuesday @ 7 p.m.**  
**Toyota SportsPlex**

Photos: The Beacon/Kirsten Peters

By Ben Mandell  
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Another season, another trip to the MAC Freedom tournament for Wilkes men's basketball where they will take on Eastern. For the second straight year, the Colonels will host a playoff game, this time in the two seed.

Despite losing to FDU-Florham Saturday, Wilkes comes into the tournament on a hot streak. They had won their previous five games, including wins against DeSales and Delaware Valley who are playoff teams.

Wilkes has improved their defense since they lost 79-69 to Eastern. Wilkes has only allowed more than 79 points once in their last six games, which was in the loss to FDU-Florham.

On the season, the key to the Colonels success has been defense and keeping opponents under 79 points. Their record in conference play is 1-5 when opponents score 79 or more points. It is a perfect 8-0 when they hold opponents under 79 points.

Marcus Robinson has led the Colonels defense for the last four years, being tasked with taking away opponents top scorers. He will likely draw the assignment of locking down Darius Washington. He averages 15.8 points for the Eagles and is their leading scorer.

Michael Bowlers and William Blet could also cause problems for the Colonels down low as they give Eastern a big size advantage in the paint. Wilkes countered their size the first time they played with Tommy Bowen and Mark Mullins providing help down low. They may do the same or get the 6'6" Freshman Jake Robel involved as well as he has picked up more minutes as the season has gone on. Robel could help neutralize the length of Bowlers.

On the offensive side, Wilkes will also rely on Rob Pecorelli and Robinson, but Mullins and Bowen have also been consistent scorers for the Colonels. The four are all averaging double-digits in points and have helped lead Wilkes to one of the top scoring offenses in the MAC Freedom. Wilkes finished the season behind Manhattanville.

Wilkes will have their hands full with the size of Eastern, but they have beaten them at home once this season, and will look to do it again. If Wilkes wins, they will play the winner of the DeSales and Delaware Valley game. If DeSales wins, the Colonels will be on the road. If the Aggies win, they will host the MAC Freedom Championship.



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The Wilkes men's ice hockey team heads into the United Collegiate Hockey Conference (UCHC) playoffs Tuesday night against Nazareth College.

The Colonels will be at home Tuesday night in front of their home crowd at the Toyota Sportsplex.

Wilkes tied with Manhattanville going into the playoffs at 37 points. However the tiebreaker goes in favor of Manhattanville, so this pushes the Colonels back into the fourth seed.

The Colonels will host the fifth seeded Nazareth.

The first time these two teams met this season was back in December when the Colonels and Golden Flyers faced off at the Mohegan Sun Arena.

Wilkes came away with a late shorthanded goal from Devon Schell which ultimately gave the Colonels the lead 3-2 late in the third period, before holding off Nazareth and getting the victory.

The two teams met again this past Friday night at the Bill Gray's Iceplex, where Nazareth and Wilkes tied, but Tyler Barrow earned

Wilkes extra point in a sudden death shootout.

The Colonels have not been able to breakthrough tough goaltenders the past few games they have faced difficult goalies.

One of coach Riley's points of emphasis going into this game against Nazareth is take shots from all over if given the opportunity.

"It's going to be a game of getting pucks to the net... And forcing a really good goalie to really work hard," said coach Riley.

Sean Kuhn for Nazareth held his own during the prior meeting between the Colonels and Nazareth College.

Kuhn made 41 total saves including nine in the regular overtime period before the sudden death shootout.

Kuhn usually averages around the mid thirties as far as saves he has to make per game.

Kuhn will definitely be a big impact and the Colonels lead goal scorers Donald Flynn, Brendan Logan, and Tyler Barrow are going to have to keep offensive pressure and crack open Kuhn.

On the Colonels side they are going to look to Brandon Gordon who has emerged as the Colonels' top goalie.



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