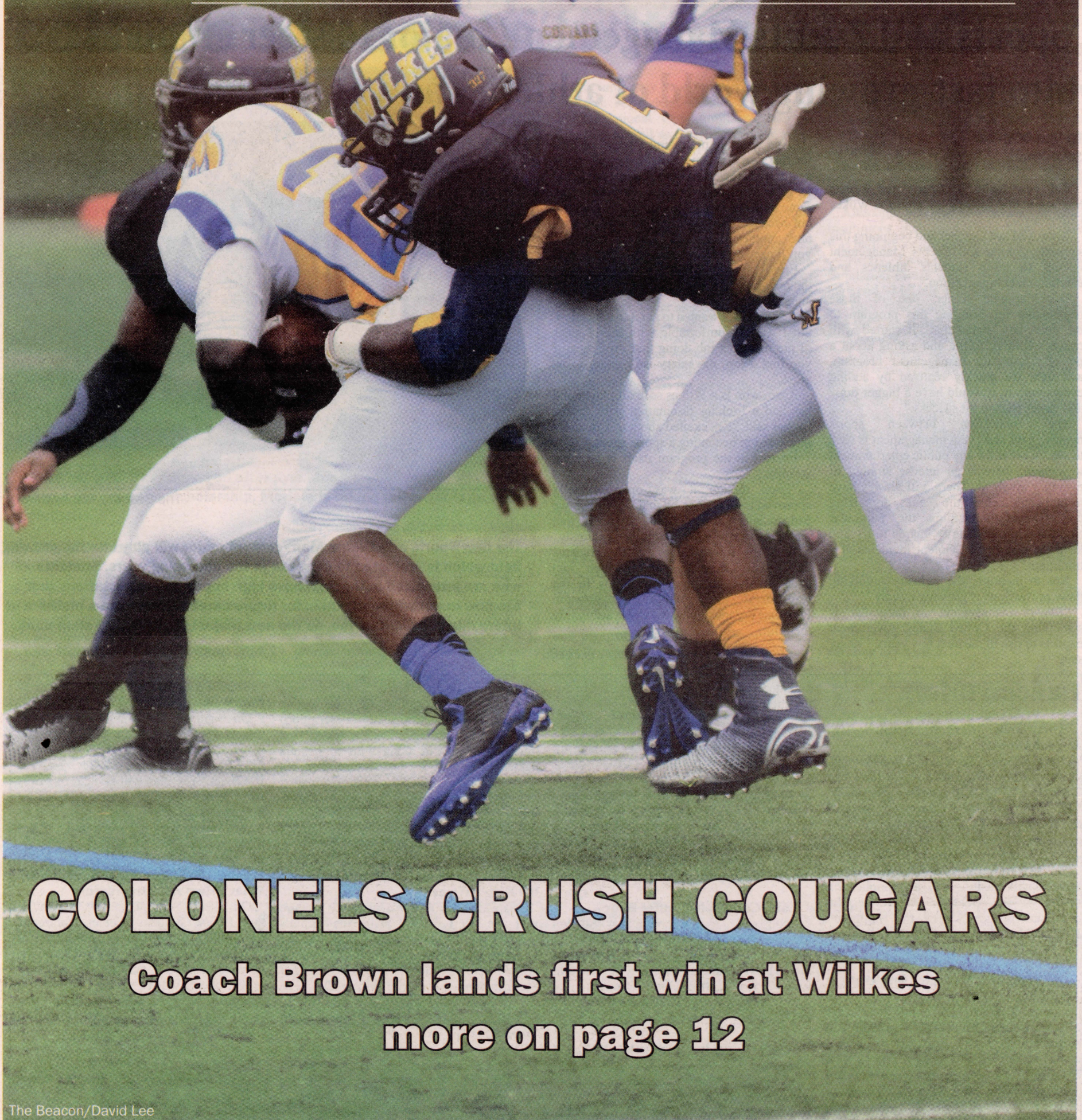


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'Sports and Events Management' major to steer students into fast-growing world of athletics and entertainment

By Pat Walther
Staff Writer

The new major of Sports and Events Management is making an impact at Wilkes University.

Approved last October and beginning this semester, Sports and Events Management intends to teach students athletics and entertainment organization.

Dr. Marianne Rexer, one of those responsible for bringing this program to the university, stated that "It started with coaches coming to me and asking about a potential athletics management program, and then we quickly realized by adding events onto it, it would have a bigger draw and larger chance for success."

The connection between sports management and event management is easy to see. In order for any public entertainment to happen, there is an intense amount of planning involved. There will always have to be people behind the scenes, organizing concessions, maintaining the particular arena and hiring security guards to try and keep the chances of violent incidents at a minimum.

Not to mention, the industry involving these professions is growing rapidly.

"Events management in particular is something the United States government expects to rise in the next few years," Rexer said.

"And with the promising forecast of jobs for that, we also have the number of sports agents and arena managers that are predicted to grow. Not only because they have the same understandings of a lot of the material but because they work in conjunction with one another. For every sports manager, you'll need an events manager."

Erin Ryan, a freshman who is majoring in the new program, shares a similar optimism about it.

"Originally, I wanted to get into education, but I wasn't comfortable with the chances of me finding a job doing that. And even if you find a job, the salary isn't going to be great."

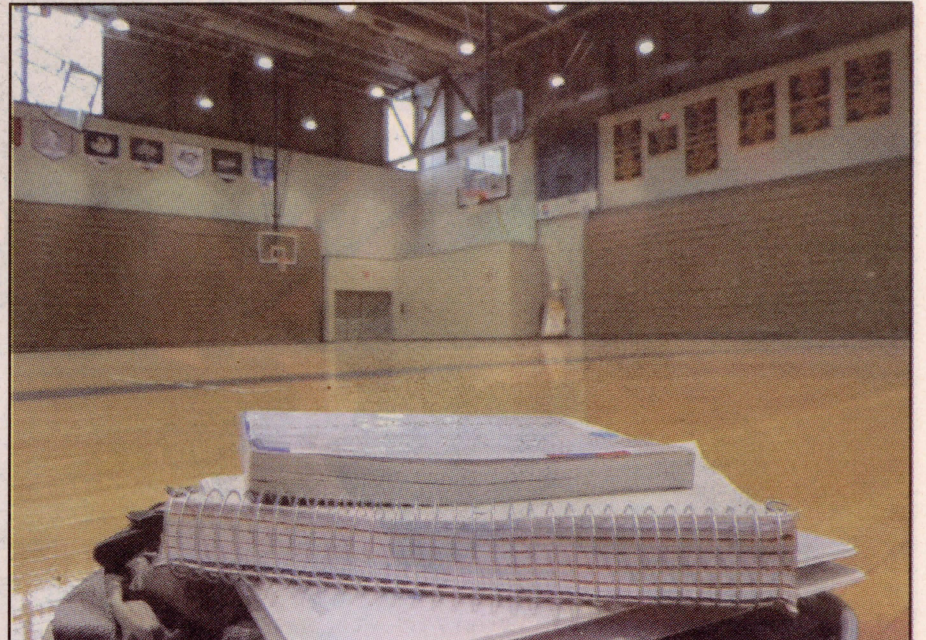
Ryan, who is a Wilkes softball player and has had a lifelong fascination with sports, further said, "I'm excited about it! I'm really interested in becoming a sports agent."

Interest in the program itself is growing steadily.

"Even though it was only officially approved last October, by that December, we had students putting deposits down with that major declared," Rexer explained excitedly.

With the future bright for the students in Wilkes' newest major, which can even involve potential internships in the RailRiders and Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins organizations, the sky is seemingly the limit.

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The new Sports and Events Management major will play into the growing field which is projected to increase in the upcoming years. Students who are interested in the field have high hopes and expectations that the new major will ready them for future careers. There are a plethora of internship possibilities too, so the new major is sure to be a slam-dunk.

Beacon Briefs

Alternative Spring Break Trip Announcement

The offices of Civic Engagement, Campus Interfaith, Global Education and Diversity along with faculty partner Dr. Miller in Political Science are pleased to announce that applications are now available electronically for the upcoming 2015 Alternative Spring Break trips. Interested students should e-mail megan.boone@wilkes.edu for an application or go to the website www.wilkes.edu/communityservice under the important forms folder. Applications are due by Sept. 19, 2014.

\$5 Unlimited Pancake Breakfast at Applebee's

Contact a Wilkes University Cheerleader to purchase your \$5 tickets to an unlimited pancake and sausage breakfast to be held at Applebee's in Wilkes-Barre on Sunday, Nov. 16th. Those interested can also email Jessica.short@wilkes.edu or call extension 3331. (Coffee, tea, and soft drinks are

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Latin Cafe Global Coffee Hour

Sponsored by International Student Service, Spanish Club and ODI, on Sept. 17 from 2-4 p.m. in the Savitz Lounge of the Henry Student Center, will be Latin Cafe Global Coffee Hour. Contact Erica Acosta, erica.acosta@wilkes.edu for more information.

Scholarships For Students Of Polish Descent

The Polish Room Committee Scholarship and The Judianne Stanitski Scholarship welcome applications from Luzerne County

residents. To be considered, applicants must write a brief description of their Polish heritage (family immigration description) and what that heritage means to them. This must be submitted, along with applicant's name, WIN and contact information, to Evelyn Topfer. Applications can be e-mailed to Evelyn.Topfer@wilkes.edu. Please include "Polish Heritage Scholarships" in the subject line of your e-mail. Deadline for consideration is October 3, 2014.

Wilkes University Theatre Presents: All the King's Women

Sept. 25 - 28, Wilkes University Theatre will be performing "All the King's Women" on the Main Stage of the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center. General Admission is \$10, Seniors/Students is \$5 and Faculty/Staff/Students is free with Wilkes ID.

Wilkes University Homecoming Weekend 2014

Homecoming weekend begins Wilkes University Homecoming 2014 September 26 - 28. Come for a great weekend full of old friends, fun events and great memories!

Second Annual Colonels vs. Cancer 5k Run/Walk

On Sept. 28, the annual Colonels vs. Cancer Homecoming 5k will occur. Pre-registration is across from Evans Hall. is from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. The race starts at 10:00 a.m. The race will be held on Kirby Park Walkways, just across the Market Street Bridge from downtown Wilkes-Barre. Proceeds will be benefiting Relay for Life.

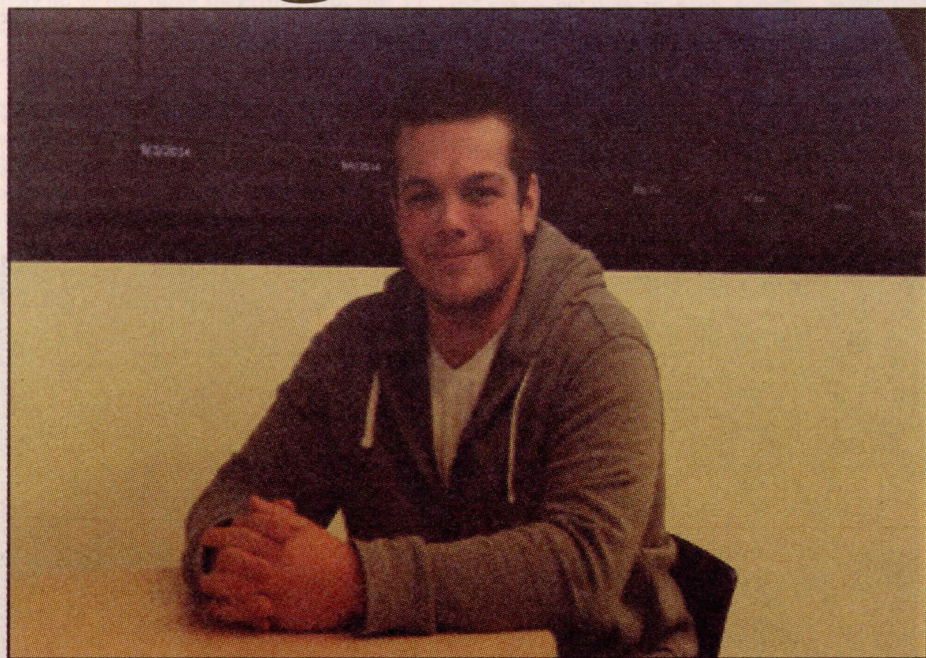
Fame, Fortune, Fun & Freedom: What Drives an Entrepreneur

On Wed., Sept. 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Henry Student Center Ballroom, Ken Carbone of Carbone Smolan, an internationally recognized branding, creative, marketing person with very high profile clients will be giving a free lecture with book signing to follow.

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Founders Gala Scholarship offers opportunity to first generation college students 'with a story'



The Beacon/ Gabby Glinski

Life long dreams were achieved after Kyle McHale of Wilkes-Barre, PA received the Founders Scholarship. McHale is taking full advantage of the opportunity.

By Sarah Bedford
News Editor

A Wilkes University freshman received a phone call months ago which changed his life and shaped his future.

Kyle McHale, a Myers high school 2014 graduate, was one of 12 first year students to be awarded the Founders Gala Scholarship.

Michael McCree, Associate Director of Undergraduate Admissions, was McHale's Admissions Counselor and delivered the news.

"He just called me one day, and said 'You're going to get a call from the president that you received the Founders Scholarship,' and I said, 'okay' and I received it," McHale said.

Created by the Alumni and Development offices, The Founders Scholarship is awarded to first generation college students

with a primary focus on those in the northeast Pennsylvania region. However, location is not a limiting factor.

This is the first year the scholarship had been in existence.

"I always had dreams of coming to college. From the financial situation I'm in, I wasn't supposed to go, especially to a private institution. It was one of those feelings where, 'I can't believe this actually happened'," McHale said.

It is instances like this, Director Alex Sperrazza said, that the scholarship is all about.

"The Founders Scholarship had provided our office and university an opportunity to reach in and affect change on those stories," Sperrazza commented.

According to McCree and Sperrazza, McHale had been on the university's radar.

"I mention someone to Mike and he's like, 'I got three phone calls on the same kid'," said Sperrazza.

The university works with high school guidance counselors, alumni, coaches and the Educational Opportunities Center in Kingston as well as other individuals, when looking for students with exceptional stories who also fit the scholarship criteria.

McCree, while at a Myers baseball game sporting Wilkes attire, was approached by numerous parents that said "You're getting a great kid," regarding McHale.

Within a week, McCree and Sperrazza had received multiple phone calls regarding McHale, who, along with being a member of the Myers baseball team and ski club, was also a student leader and an active volunteer.

Sperrazza said, "We couldn't have dreamed that we would be able to do it. It was something that we wanted but... it never happened before," regarding the scholarship.

As for the process for giving the Founders Scholarship, the university will begin looking now at potential students but really, "it's conversations, it's getting to know kids," which finds potential recipients, said Sperrazza.

Even Wilkes President Patrick Leahy has taken an active role in the process as he wishes to be the "Recruiter-in-Chief".

Sperrazza said that "our president calls academic performers" much like an athlete would be recruited. Essentially, the university "wants to identify these students and encourage them to be here."

McHale has taken full advantage of this opportunity and has joined numerous clubs and organizations such as Climbing Club, Snowboarding Club, and WCLH Radio.

"I like that they had a lot of stuff here to do," McHale said.

McHale has also declared his major as nursing, but for a special reason.

"I choose nursing because of my cousins; they are autistic. I've done a lot of volunteer help with them. I've learned a lot of different things as in taking care of somebody with disadvantages, not in the sense of mental or physical just in the sense of a disadvantage... those experiences really touch home, which is what brought nursing to me."

McHale has already begun taking courses which sparked his curiosity. He particularly

enjoys his Anatomy and Physiology course and has felt prepared for college life.

"I was more prepared than most students coming to college because of what I had to do before I got here."

As for a future career, McHale hopes to become a nurse practitioner and work with children in pediatric oncology.

Although McHale had looked at other institutions such as Arizona State, Wilkes was hard to compete with.

"Really focusing on the brand new simulation center which is state of the art, high end," McHale was sold.

"They talked about the smaller classes, and the Cohen Science center. They really branded that," McHale commented.

"I was pretty set on Wilkes for a long time. It wasn't hard for them to do their job," McHale explained.

Part of the reason McHale was set on Wilkes was because of his past involvement with the campus, especially with one of his high school teachers who happened to be Wilkes Alumni.


"I think that was the biggest thing that made me pick Wilkes... Even before I came here I was always here...like, I would come here for math competitions or a field trip or community service, or just anything. I was really involved with Wilkes even before I came here."

McHale is a resident at Wilkes, living in Evans Hall. "You're getting a different experience. You're learning responsibility... It provides a lot of diversity," he said on the dorming experience.

The first Founders Gala event was held this past summer; McHale will be invited to attend the Summer 2015 event.

Funds for the scholarship are raised through the event.

The 2015 Gala is scheduled for May 30, 2015. For more information, readers can visit <http://www.wilkes.edu/foundersgala>.

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Wilkes professor to deliver lecture at Susan B. Anthony House

By James Jaskolka
Editor-in-Chief

Wilkes University Professor of Communication Studies Jane Elmes-Crahall will be a featured speaker at the Susan B. Anthony House on September 29 as part of the museum's Monday Lecture series.

Dr. Elmes-Crahall will present a lecture entitled "Creating a Civil Space: Revolutionary Suffragists Take to the Platform at Chautauqua."

The lecture, based on research the professor conducted more than a decade ago, focuses on women's suffragist speakers in a time when a "civil space" was unheard of.

According to Elmes-Crahall, movement leaders like Susan B. Anthony would often

have eggs or stones thrown at them while speaking.

Chautauqua, then, was a rarity – a safer place for these speakers to get their then radical ideas to a large audience.

"This is an institution that would take pride in inviting some of the most reformed speakers in the world," Elmes-Crahall said. "They had a tough audience, but they didn't mind hearing different ideas."

This lecture is particularly noteworthy because it features never-before-seen artifacts from Susan B. Anthony herself, such as speeches and personal correspondence, which Elmes-Crahall will donate to the museum after her lecture.

Elmes-Crahall discovered the artifacts in 1996 after speaking at Chautauqua herself. She returned with several other colleagues,

including former Wilkes professor Dr. Bradford Kinney, with a grant from Wilkes.

The group of five spent a week in the basement of Chautauqua's library, digging through old boxes and files.

These artifacts have since been put together in a book by Wilkes, making them available in print for the first time.

Elmes-Crahall said she feels honored to be presenting at the museum, particularly because of the gap between her original presentation of the research and now.

"Fourteen years after I presented at Chautauqua, the Susan B. Anthony House is saying 'let's talk about this some more, from her point of view' and that's such an honor," she said.

"I did the research a decade and a half ago, and yes, people heard the speech and

knew about it then, but it's still something I'm very proud of. When someone else sees the historical significance, then that's gratifying."

Elmes-Crahall, whose classes often have a strong focus on gender and equal rights, said that it is particularly exciting to be presenting on Susan B. Anthony.

She said Anthony, who believed firmly that education for all was essential to equality, would be thrilled to see that most college graduates are indeed female.

"It's a reminder of how far we've come."

The lecture is currently sold out.

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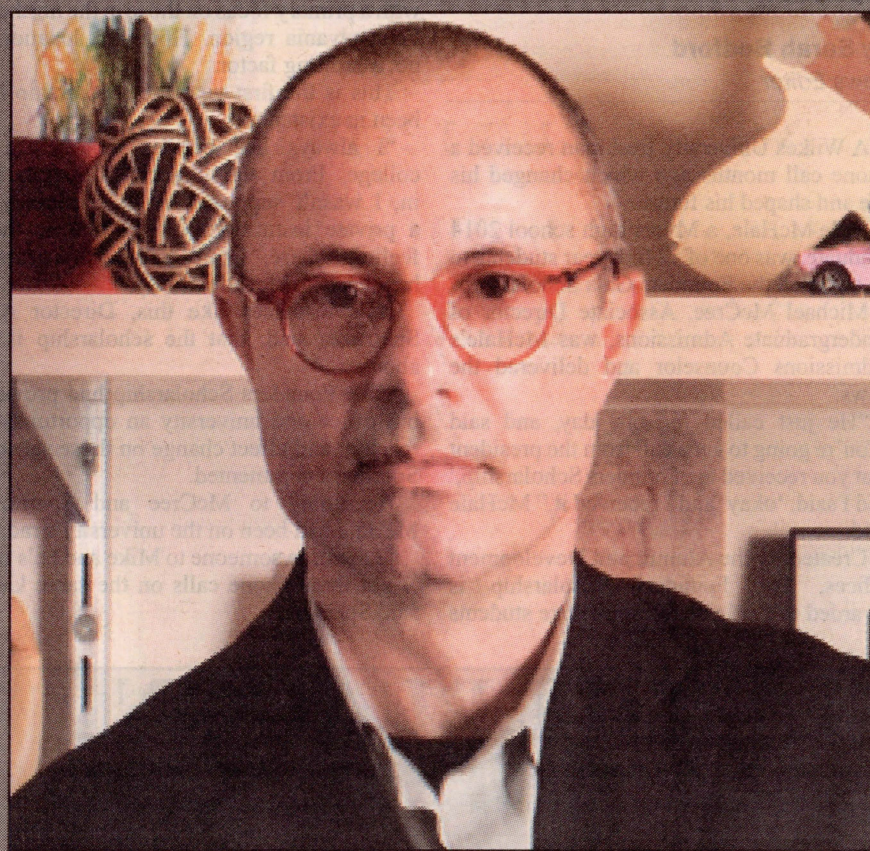
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Anatomy of an Administrator: Dr. Jeffrey Alves on Sidhu School of Business, World Travel

By Justin Topa

Assistant News Editor

Dr. Jeffrey Alves, dean of the Sidhu School of Business, loves to travel the globe and spend time on his small farm when he is not busy meeting with the 17 faculty members and nearly 600 students he administers.

As the Dean of the Jay S. Sidhu School of Business and Leadership, Alves is responsible for overseeing related courses on the campuses in Wilkes-Barre, in the Poconos and in Mesa, Arizona. In this role, Alves spends much of his working day meeting with people in varying roles to ensure the faculty and the students of his department have everything they need.

"One of my primary roles is making sure that our faculty has the tools and resources that will help them be the best educators they can be," said Alves.

The current dean was asked to consider taking his current administrative position after years of experience within the classroom. While he said his real passion lies within teaching, Alves stepped up to fill the position during a time of need within the department.

"We needed a steady hand," said Alves. "We needed somebody who knew the university rather than bringing in someone new from the outside. The faculty decided that was me."

Despite the addition of added responsibilities, moving into an administrative role has not kept Alves from spending

time in the classroom. The dean is still proctoring classes including the entrepreneur capstone this semester.

Alves' passion in the classroom has been a part of his personality since he was in high school. The current dean began teaching younger children in his congregation when he was 16 years old.

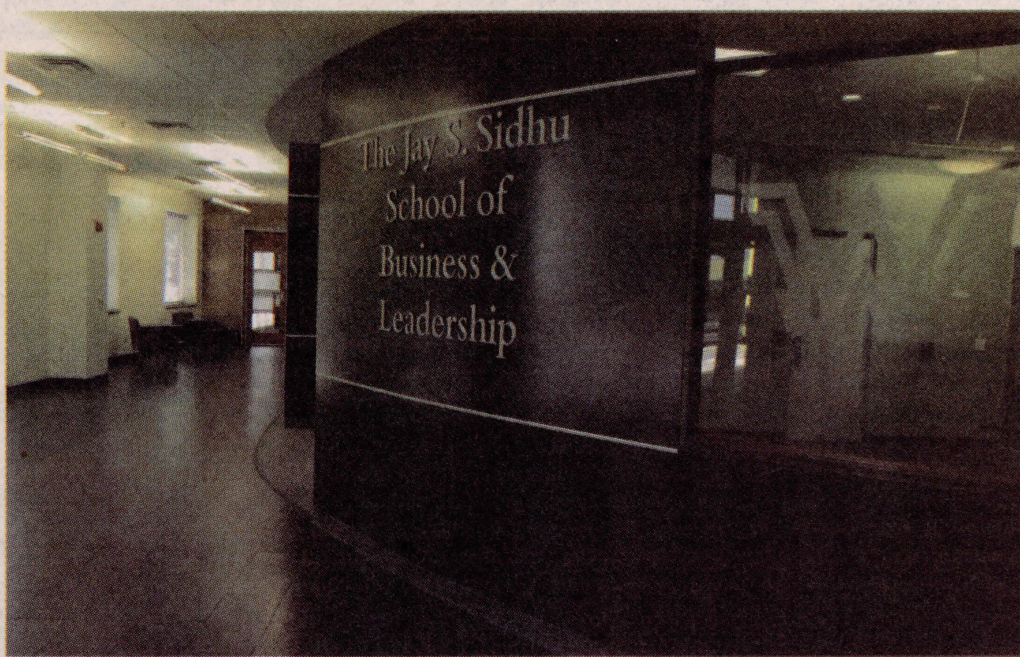
"I was a sophomore in high school when I began teaching Sunday school," said Alves. "It was then that I realized I had a talent for it and a real passion for teaching."

While higher education is a large part of the dean's life, he does find time to enjoy himself. He has visited 38 countries currently, but aspires to reach at least 50 before his travelling days are behind him. When he is not globe-trotting, Alves also appreciates spending time on the small farm property he owns.

"My version of therapy is getting on a big John Deere and just driving in circles," said the administrator. "I very much enjoy being outside and that's where you're likely to find me on the weekends."

The Dean of the Business School has said he is a man with both a serious side and a more relaxed side, and both can be seen within his professional role.

"The serious side of me wants to challenge and push, not just students, but ev-



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"We needed a steady hand," said Alves. "We needed somebody who knew the university rather than bringing in someone new from the outside. The faculty decided that was me," said Alves on being appointed as the dean of the Sidhu School of Business.

erybody to be the best that they can be," said Alves. "The less serious side of me says that you need to have fun along the way."

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SG Notes: club recognition; Bridegroom budget request; President Leahy's new plans

By Nicholas Durdan

Staff Writer

Wilkes University Student Government discussed interesting topics including information on new capital projects.

President Leahy addressed Student Government on new and upcoming projects at Wilkes including a campus gateway and information on a new swim team curricular.

The new proposed gateway is in the works and expected to be dedicated by next fall.

To keep up with the newly installed Sports and Event Managing major, club recognition for the new Sports and Event Managing Club was sought.

Student Government agreed Sports and Event Managing Club recognition was a good idea since most majors have at least one club. A final vote will occur at the next meeting.

Senior Communication Studies major Anthony Bartoli proposed a screening of a documentary called Bridegroom, as well

as a question and answer event to come to Wilkes.

The movie is proposed to screen in Stark Learning Center room 101, though other options are being considered.

The proposed budget for the screening and the event is estimated at \$6,000. Bartoli asked Student Government for \$2,000.

There are a lot of things to consider with such an event, and the consensus from Student Government was a matter of venue choice. A final vote occurs at the next meeting.

The budget for Student Government is as follows: All College: \$16,245.36, Conference: \$5,000, Spirit: \$505.35, General: \$12,000, giving Student Government a total of: \$33,750.35.

Student Government meets every Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Miller Room second floor of the Henry Student Center.

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Patch Adams inspires clowning around on campus

By Bill Amos

Assisant L&A&E Editor

You're walking across campus, perhaps trying to make it to your next class. Are you running late? Has class started without you? Suddenly, you see a small red ball in the grass on the greenway. When you pick it up you discover that it's a...

...A clown's nose?

Then, you see them. A mass of nursing students all wearing similar bright red clown noses and funny scrubs with caricatures of clowns drawn all over them.

Students and faculty lined up for a chance to meet Patch Adams, who came all the way from the Gesundheit Institute in Hillsboro, West Virginia to speak to the medical members of Wilkes University about the power of healing through humor on his Humor and Humanity Tour.

As students filed in and took their seats in the Darte center, red noses still dotting their faces and smiles stretching from ear to ear, they were greeted with a goofy graphic that began to dance on the giant screen overhanging the stage.

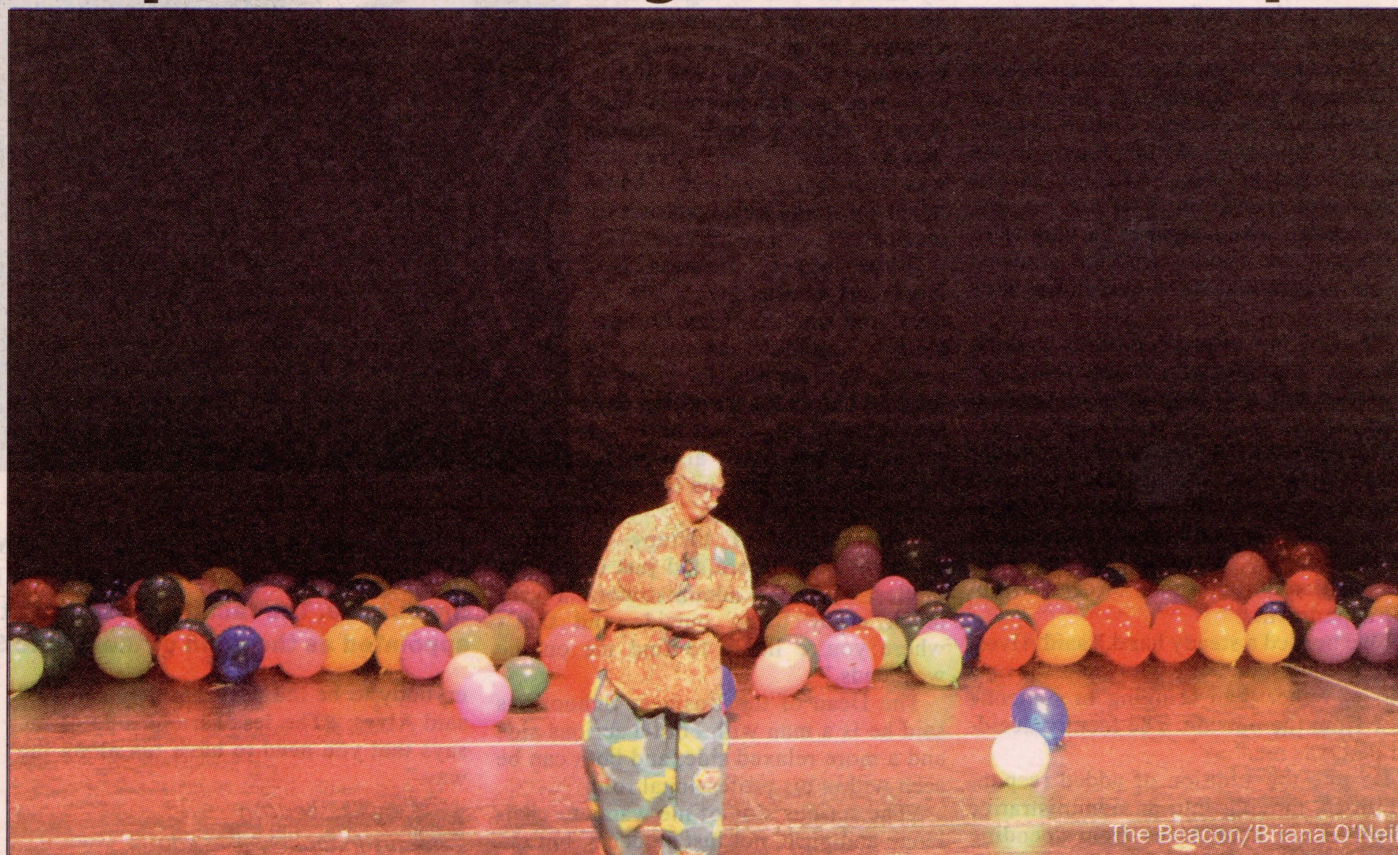
A short inspirational video gave the audience an instant impression of the man who was about to speak to the future doctors and nurses, as it revealed a compassionate man who traveled around the world to over 70 different countries, spreading happiness joy wherever he went.

As the chipper music ended and the video concluded, the screen rose and balloons came pouring out to reveal the man himself, staged brilliantly in vibrant colored clothing, blue hair, and a handlebar mustache. He stepped out to greet the sea of energetically applauding masses.

"I could have worn a gray suit and cut my hair short," Adams remarked, "But then I'd just be another boring face who came to talk about medicine."

Adams explained that the reason for the wild attire was the unending desire to be noticed, and not for the sake of attention or ego. Rather, he found that more people are more likely to start a conversation with you if you wear something outlandish or bizarre.

He acquainted himself with the audience by opening up about his childhood and early life as a boy who lost his father at a young age, overcoming the awkward alienation of coming back to home he had



The Beacon/Briana O'Neil

Patch Adams visited Wilkes campus last Tuesday to give a lecture about life and his career to aspiring doctors and nurses. Adams' unorthodox practice of medicine made him into the public image we recognize today.

not been familiar with, and combatting in a most unique way the problem of bullying at school.

"I was a strange boy. I was a nerd, not very good looking, and awkward with people. I was the perfect target for the bully," Adams said. "But I found that if you're funny they won't bother you. They're not going to punch you if you can make them laugh."

So that is what he did and has been doing ever since.

Patch also commented on the topic of suicide. He revealed that in his teenage life, he had contemplated suicide on a few occasions and was institutionalized as a result. It was then he had an epiphany that this was not the right path for him. This was not what he wanted.

It was time for a change.

Time for a rebirthing.

It was time for Patch Adams to do what he was meant to do. He wanted to help people, and so began his journey into the world of medicine.

"I don't consider myself a doctor who happens to be a clown," Patch said. "I'm a clown who is a doctor. You can decide

who you will be. It's only a decision. I dove into the ocean of gratitude and never found the shore. I'm grateful for the billions of things I have. Ocean is the perfect metaphor too, because if you're not swimming, you're sinking."

The distinction is crystal clear as Adams discussed the importance of compassion among doctors and patients. He asked the crowd to raise their hands if they could think of anything more important than love.

As one member of the audience did raise their hand, she announced, "Peace!"

"They sound like the same word to me," Adams replied.

Adams adamantly emphasized that the most important thing not being taught in any school in the world, graded K through 12, was love.

When Adams opened the presentation for questions and comments from the crowd he was asked, "How do you keep smiling when you have to tell someone that they are going to die of a terminal illness?"

How indeed? How do you shake the cold stoicism that a doctor wears on their face,

lest they risk the chance of transference – that is the transferring of one's emotions to another, better known as 'empathy'?

Adams asked the student what his focus was and the student replied, "I'm focusing in neurosciences."

Immediately the clown-prince of medicine spun a response that made this young man an example for his classmates to follow.

"Are you a caring physician?" he asked. "A lot of doctors say they try to be. That's a wimpy answer. Your patients want to hear that you are a caring physician."

Adams cited the Buddhist concept of mindfulness, where you are present, present, present, present.

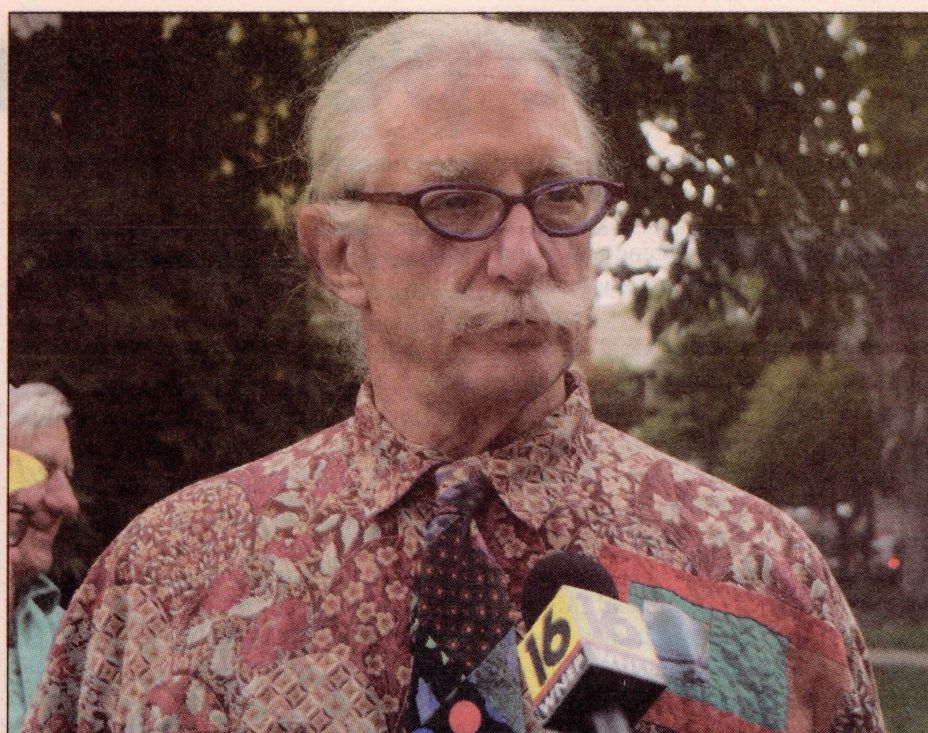
"That you dare as a neurosurgeon, does a week ever go by that you're not deep into life and death?"

Adams acknowledged the student with a roaring round of applause from the audience that his daily efforts in the medical profession are not easy, but worth the pursuit to save a life while knowing that though not all can be saved, some can

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comforted compassionately. We need only remember that we are human beings.

"I've said that it's the job of both clown and surgeon to walk toward suffering. That you dare to be at the worst of illness all the time, and you chose to walk toward it. You chose no weeks off from all the nightmares that a neurosurgeon is with every day."

Patch Adams' words resonated especially with one student who had completely reimagined his college career and his future as a medical professional by coming to Wilkes University to speak.

"When I came to Wilkes I wanted to join the pharmacy program because it meant security. It meant I'd be secure for the rest

of my life," Alex Miner said.

Miner is currently undeclared, but hopes to pursue a major in the pharmacy program at Wilkes University.

"But, after hearing Patch speak today," Miner continues. "It makes you think about the humanity and compassion that a doctor needs to have. It makes me want to make a difference in people's lives and be there for them."

The presentation concluded on the greenway, at the center of the campus where the John Wilkes statue was decorated in clown attire.

Here, Patch Adams had everyone gather in close while he mixed conversation about modern medicine with a poetry smash, where he and others stood before

all out in the open and quoted from their favorite verses of poems by some of their favorite authors.

President Patrick Leahy of Wilkes University spoke highly of Adams' presence on campus.

"I think that having Patch Adams here with us today is another example of offering students varying viewpoints on a whole range of issues," Leahy said. "Patch Adams brings a very unique approach, in particular to healthcare, and it's a revolutionary approach."

President Leahy continued to explain that Adams' messages take individuals back to the fundamentals of caring for one another.

Adams' message is one that turns the

medical profession on its head and asks doctors to do the one thing they do not do enough: get to know the patient.

Adams said doctors should know the patients not simply for their symptoms, but as a fellow human being. Make them smile. Hold their hand. Offer comfort in place of false hope. Instill confidence in the person. Don't let them mourn their own death. Allow them to celebrate life.

"If you only have a week to live, I'm your man. I'm fun to die with," Adams said. "If you don't want a fun death, what do you want?"

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Patch Adams came from the Gesundheit Institute to speak to the medical members of Wilkes University about the power of healing through humor in his Humor and Humanity Tour. Adam hopes to spread the message of improving interpersonal skills in communication between doctors and their patients.

Flutist performs for Wilkes

By Nicole Zukowski
L&A&E Editor

Part of learning is watching and being able to see what your professor is teaching you.

Faculty member Alica "Lish" Lindsey held a faculty recital performing a flute ensemble on Sept. 14 at the Dorothy Dickson Darte Center in the Upper Lobby.

"I think it's important the students know that there's so much flute repertoire out there to explore," Lindsey said. "Most flutists learn to perform standard pieces first, like Handel, Bach, and Mozart, but regardless if they are taking lessons with me at Wilkes or with a private teacher in the area, there's always time to collaborate with new composers or to explore different genres."

Lindsey is an adjunct flute professor and flute ensemble director at Wilkes. She also teaches for Wilkes' Conservatory program.

"I'm really excited to have a chance to perform in the intimate setting of the theatre lobby," Lindsey said. "Most of my Wilkes University, Wilkes Conservatory

and Wilkes Flute Ensemble students have not seen me perform since most of my engagements are in NYC or NJ, so having a recital at Wilkes is a great opportunity to share music I love."

This is not the first time Lindsey is showcasing her talents at Wilkes. In 2012, Lindsey soloed Bulla's "Rhapsody for Flute and Band" with the Wilkes

"I'm always surprised that I've been able to make a living performing and teaching flute, but my philosophy is to never say no to projects that come along."

University Civic Band under the direction of Phil Simon, Wilkes director of instrumental studies.

Lindsey performed a variety of classical and contemporary works, including pieces by Mozart, Haydn, Rutter, Kennan and Piazzolla.

"I have a chance to collaborate with the amazing pianist and Wilkes graduate, Ron Stabinsky, as well as two of my favorite colleagues, flutist I-Yun Amy Tu and cellist Mark Bassett," Lindsey said.

Lindsey actually teaches flute in the tri-state area. She is a flute and piano faculty member of the Bronx House School of Performing Arts and the Musical Associates located in New York, along with Paramus Community Music School and the Conservatory of Musical Arts in New Jersey.

Lindsey has been playing the flute for more than 25 years. She is the acting principal flutist of the Pottstown Symphony Orchestra.

Her performance history includes performing with many different orchestras and symphonies such as, but not limited to, the Harrisburg, Lancaster and Ambler Symphonies, Video Games Live Orchestra, Philadelphia Virtuosi Chamber Orchestra, Strauss Symphony of America, Orchestra Society of Philadelphia, and Masterworks Orchestra.

"I'm always surprised that I've been

able to make a living performing and teaching flute, but my philosophy is to never say no to projects that come along," Lindsey said. "The flute has introduced me to amazing musicians, unbelievable musical experiences, and has given me an opportunity to perform in amazing performance spaces."

Lindsey is also a member of the 5 for Dinner Wind Quintet and piccoloist with the Eastern Wind Symphony. She has been on international tours that she was able to perform in China and England.

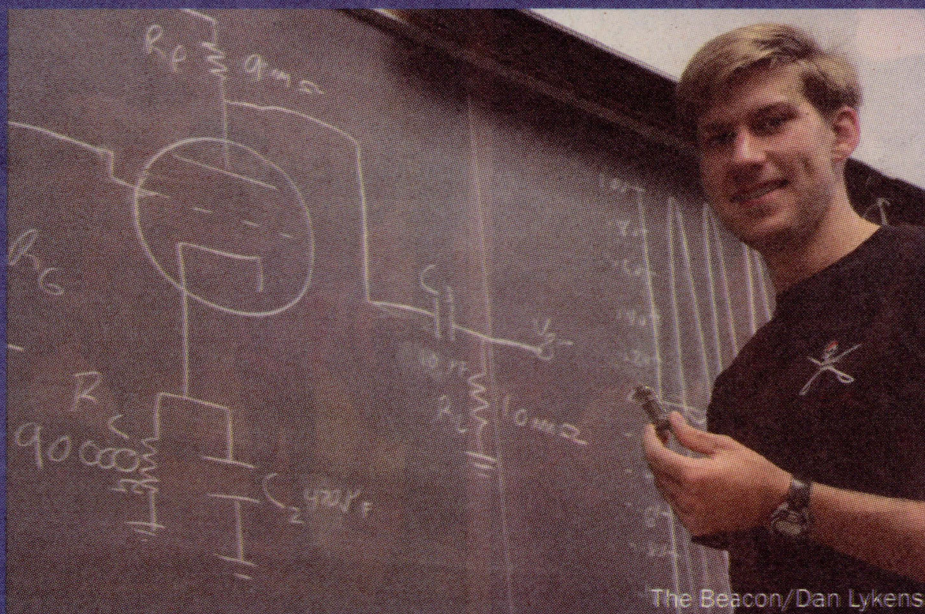
Her United States venues include Avery Fisher Hall at Lincoln Center, Kennedy Center, Kimmel Center's Verizon Hall, Perelman Theater and Commonwealth Plaza, New Jersey State Theatre, New Jersey Performing Arts Center to name a few.

For more information on Lindsey's work, readers can go to lishlindsey.com or contact the Wilkes University Division of Performing Arts, dpa@wilkes.edu

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"I like playing with vacuum tubes because they're harder to create a biased gain network circuit compared to that of a mosfet."

-Ben Payne

Gaining global experience without leaving Wilkes

By Nicole Zukowski
L&A&E Editor

Imagine walking across campus and not being able to fully understand the language nearly everyone is speaking. For most international students, that is what life is like on a day to day basis.

The Wilkes Intensive English Program is introducing a Conversation Partner Program to help international students practice speaking and understanding English.

"[The program] allows the international students a chance to practice what they're learning in the classroom in a real world situation, and to share their culture with American students. It also gives American students the chance to learn about other cultures and countries," said Kimberly Niezgoda, founder and coordinator of the Intensive English Program at Wilkes.

There are two objectives to the program: To pair international students with native English speakers to help improve their English skills, and to increase cultural exposure for native English speakers.

The program is designed for Wilkes University students to volunteer one hour per week in the late afternoon or evening, or on the weekend.



Courtesy of Kimberly Niezgoda
Kimberly Niezgoda, founder and coordinator of the Intensive English Program

The program is more than just sitting around and talking; fun activities are encouraged.

"The program is talking, but in whatever social situation the students wish. For example, today I'm having a pizza party for [those participating in the program] at noon in the Max Roth Center, and that's how they're introduced," Niezgoda said.

"From there they can go for coffee, play

pool, or do whatever they find interesting. Students should plan at least one hour a week to spend with their conversation partner."

Another quality that Niezgoda hopes will draw the attention of this new program is that it is a fantastic resume builder.

Adding cultural and language experience, some of today's global society's most important qualities to your resume, helps employers view applicants in a more positive light.

"With prospective employers continually globalizing, they're looking for individuals who can successfully function in the global environment, those who have an understanding of a different culture or even with non-native speakers of English, and a more worldly perspective as a result, and who therefore are likely to be more employable," Niezgoda added.

The Intensive English Program has around 40 international students in need of conversation partners.

If you are interested in gaining more global perspectives, the Center for Global Education and Diversity holds a "Global Coffee Hour" every Wed. from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Savitz Lounge located on the second floor of the Henry Student Center.

The Multicultural Student Coalition here

at Wilkes welcomes new students to join and get involved with the numerous global events featured on campus.

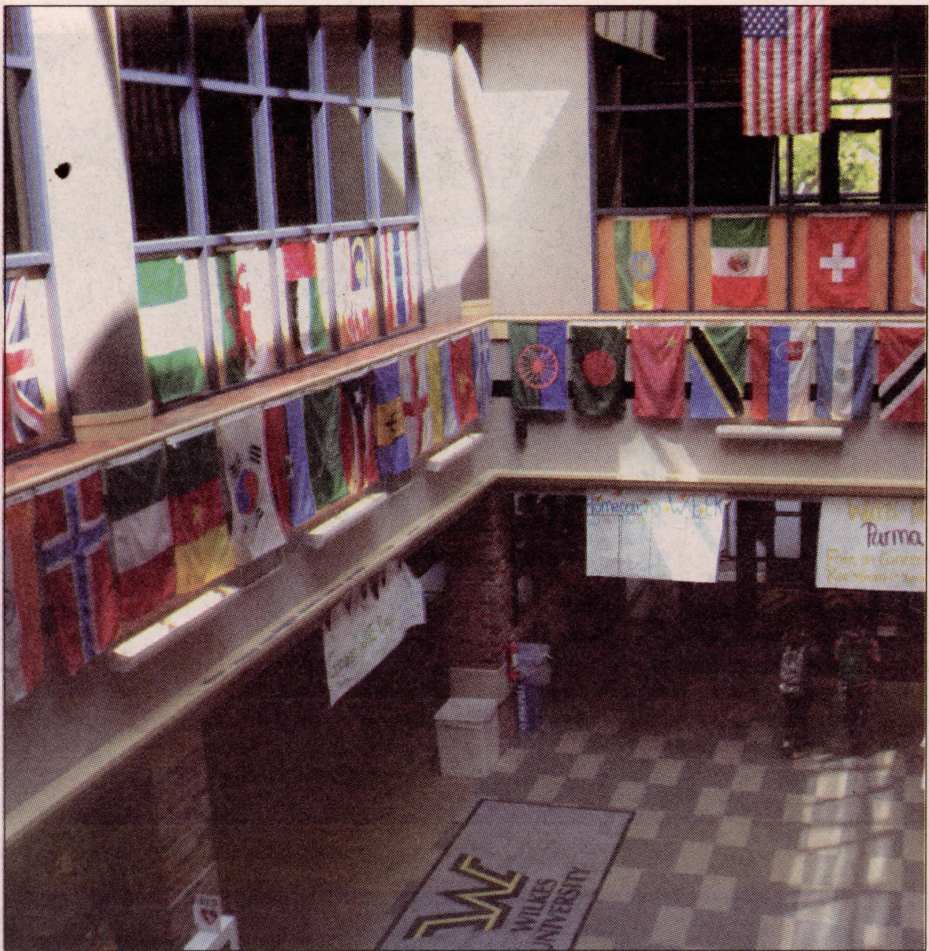
The goal of this group is to teach native English speaking participants how to relate to people with unfamiliar customs, cultures, beliefs and ideals.

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The Center for Global Education and Diversity and its staff are trained to:

- offer useful cross-cultural information
- provide support and advocacy for under-represented and international students
- help students connect with multicultural community groups
- provide information on Study Abroad experiences, and assist in everyone's cultural development



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Wilkes offers an array of different programs to help expose students to global perspectives. The most recently developed program pairs Wilkes students with international students to talk and share experiences. All over campus diversity is promoted, such as inside the SUB with the different countries flags or at the Max Roth Center, home of the Center for Global Education and Diversity.



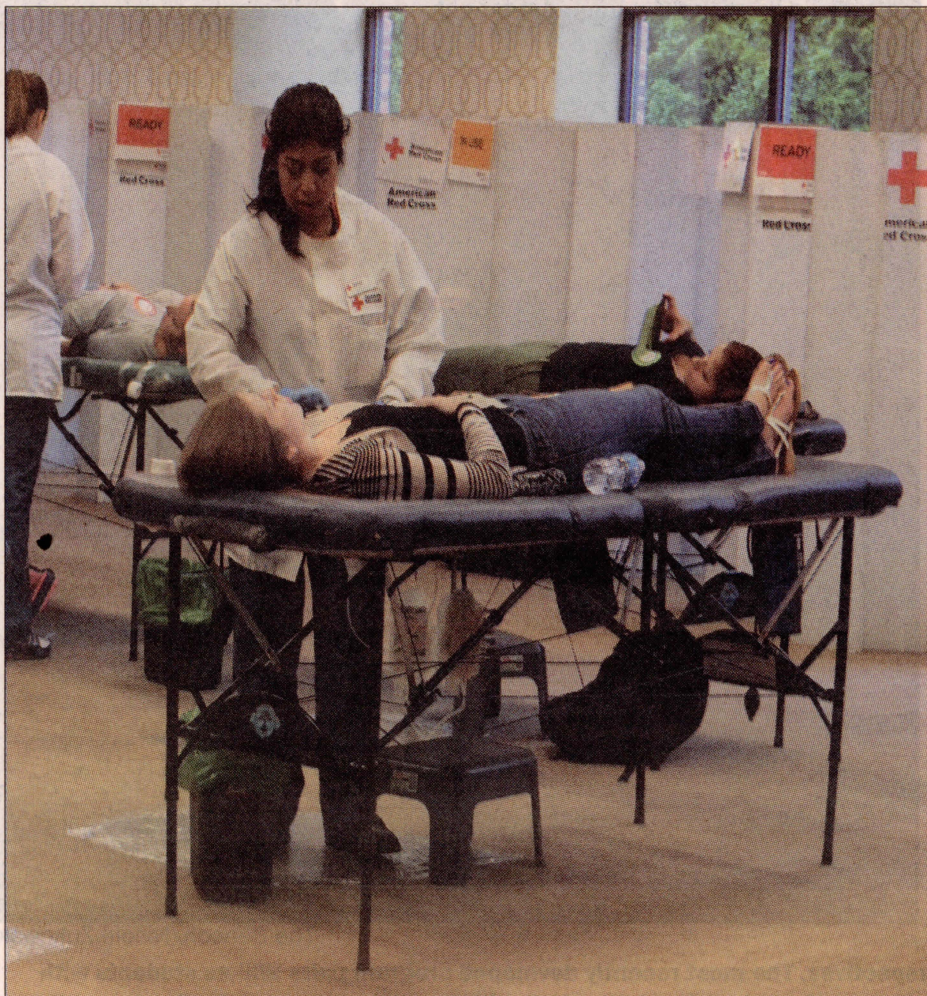
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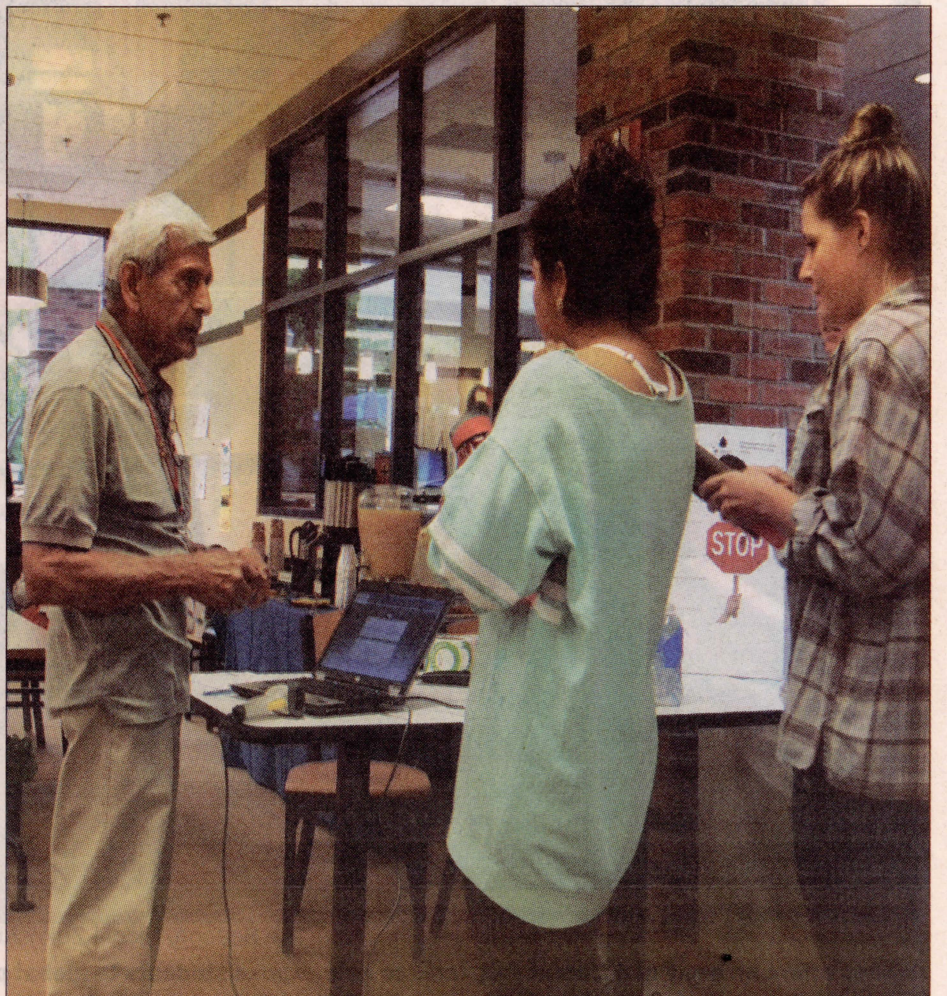
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Students donate blood with chance to win prizes

The American Red Cross held a blood drive Sept. 11 at Wilkes University in the Henry Student Center lounge. The blood drive was held from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. All participants in the blood drive were eligible for a chance to win a Fantasy Package donated by the American Red Cross. The prizes include Terrance Club seats and a meet and greet with all of the NASCAR drivers at the opening ceremony of the 2015 POCONO 400. Participants were also eligible to win a Sunoco Gas Card and other prizes.



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Weekend of stars, screams and silver screens

By Bill Amos
Assitiant L&A&E Editor

There was no shortage of good times had over the weekend of Fear as it was anything but fearful, but an all around great time and unforgettable experience with horror icons from the slasher films of the late twentieth century.

If you didn't get the chance to come to the Woodlands on state route 315 in Wilkes-Barre, PA on September 5 through the 7 to join the wackiness that was Mr. Hush's Weekend of fear, then you have surely missed out.

With over thirty celebrities in attendance, Mr. Hush brought fun and entertainment like the natives of the Wyoming Valley may have never seen before.

In attendance was Brian O'Halloran of "Clerks" fame who explained the advantages to coming to a smaller or regional show.

"You get a convention experience without the cost of going to the bigger cities like New York or Philadelphia," O'Halloran said. "And, you get the chance to talk to horror icons like Stephen Geof-fereys and Kane Hodder. It's not every day you get to speak these screen legends. I'm a fan of these folks as well."

As legendary as they are on that big scary screen where they're best known stalking their prey from around dark corners and beyond, the shadows were the life of the party as they mingled not only

with each other but also with their fans.

The celebrities themselves were excited and glad to come to Wilkes-Barre, according to David Madison, of Lords Valley, PA, who headed the promotion of Mr. Hush.

"As a filmmaker it's amazing to see fans come out and talk about a film you made and to know that you've touched so many people with your film," Madison said. "It's amazing to know that so many people have seen your film. It's absolutely mind-boggling."

Madison wrote and directed the film "Mr. Hush" which opened the gates for the first of Mr. Hush's Weekend of Horror as a way to promote his film.

Madison explains that as amazing as it was to see how positively fans have responded to the Weekend of Fear, the celebrities have also responded overwhelmingly positive with kindness and generosity toward the fans.

Kane Hodder, who appeared in the "Hatchet" film series as well as the "Friday the 13th" franchise as one of the many to play the unforgettable Jason Voorhees, couldn't sit still long enough as he took every opportunity with his fans to chat and laugh and even throw jokes back and forth with other "Friday" icon Steve Dash, the original Jason Voorhees.

"If you do not enjoy meeting people and having fun with people, you should not be doing it," Kane Hodder said.

"I have always enjoyed interacting with the fans and making them have a good

time. The money is secondary for me. I know it sounds like bull, but it's true. Anyone who has come to visit me has had a really good time."

In the high spirit of the night, it was nothing to see Brad Loree, probably best known for his portrayal as Michael Myers in "Halloween Resurrection," stalking his fans in quiet and bare feet as he laughed and exchanged humorous quips with fellow brethren of the slasher genre.

"Put your shoes on, ya bum!" Hodder shouted across the room through a chuckle as Loree posed, flexed and grinned right back on his way to shake things up with visitors around the room.

"Every time I come to these conventions I make new friends," Loree said.

"For me, it's the connection with my fellow species and at the end of the day, the guy with the most friends is the guy who wins."

Loree emphasized that he was glad to come together with his costars of "Mr. Hush" after four years and how wonderful it was to make three new friends from the "Clerks" film.

"When I get home, I'm going to rent it and watch it all over again," Loree stated energetically.

Not all the fun was had in the celebrities' signing room, however. Celebrity Karaoke, hosted by Brian O'Halloran Saturday evening after the convention, brought tons of fans flocking to the ballroom to share the stage with their favorite horror film

stars.

"The Karaoke night was crazy busy," O'Halloran said. "Steve Dash sang 'My Way' by Frank Sinatra. We had wrestler Gene Snitsky sing 'Xanadu.' I mean you're never going to see that on Monday Night Raw."

It was not just fun and games, however. Conventions of this nature offer a sense of community for fans to mingle with celebrities and other people who are simply out to meet others who share the same love of the genre that they carry with them.

It's a place to network, according to Madison, promoter of Mr. Hush's Weekend of Fear. It is an opportunity to put yourself out there.

Edward X. Young, from "Sea of Dust" and the titular character in "Mr. Hush" explains that if you want to see more of the movies you love you have to come and support the genre.

"Where else can you come to see original stuff?" Young asks.

"The convention is where you come to see something new and if it isn't new there's a different spin on the idea."

He explains that the convention is intended to allow young and new filmmakers to grow and express their ideas while getting to meet their icon. It is a place where you can show your new movie or network yourself with celebrities and members of the industry.

"I do these conventions all around the coast and they're like big high school reunions," Young said, grinning.

"I not only get to reunite with my friends like Brad Loree, who was the protagonist in 'Mr. Hush,' but I get to meet my heroes like Tom Savini. And I get to meet the fans, too."

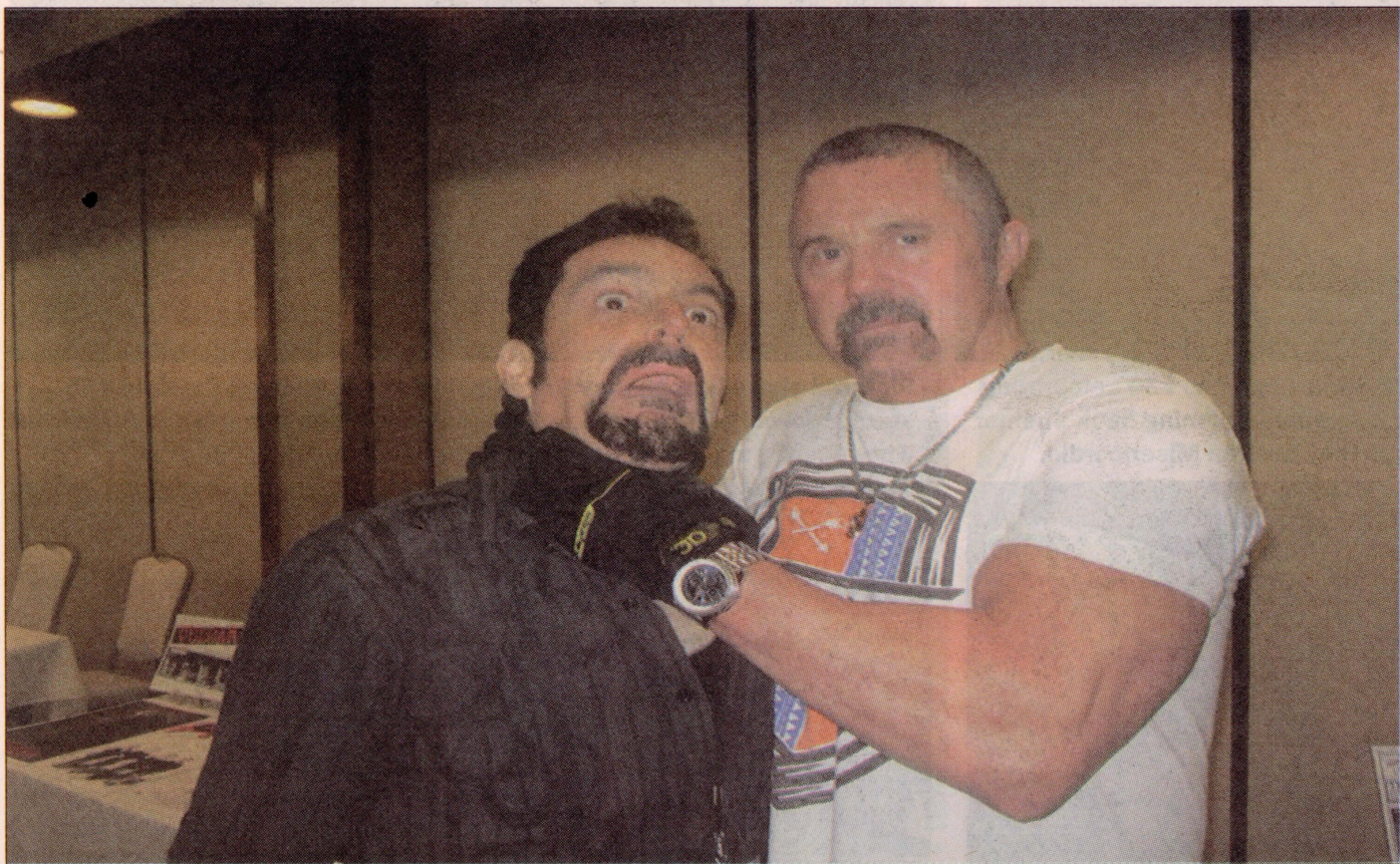
Young expressed his thanks to two fans that changed the course of his career just as he was about to retire, downtrodden and thinking he would never make it.

"I almost quit acting until I was recognized in public by Randy and Linda Bartha, who had seen me in a rest stop at one in the morning and knew me from one of my films."

They recognized him as the zombie priest in a film called "Late Fee" and at that moment changed the course of his future.

"It just goes to show what it could really mean to an actor to know his work means something to his fan base," Young expressed.

"That's why it is so important that you come and support us at the conventions."



Courtesy of mrrush.net

Kane Warren Hodder, who is best known for his portrayal of Jason Voorhees in four films from the Friday the 13th series, chokes Scott Schiaffo, known best as the "Chewlies Gum Guy" from the movie "Clerks."

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Brown scores first win as head coach

By Daniel Van Brunt
Sports writer

The Colonels' football team opened its season with a disappointing loss to the Muhlenberg Mules. However Saturday's game brought Coach Trey Brown his first win and high hopes for the remainder of the season.

Marcus Leaf (#4) plays safety for the Colonels. He is proud to say that "the team's energy so far is positive, and they are a family."

Leaf gets amped during the pregame speeches, but his adrenaline rush kicks in when he is coming down the stairs approaching the field.

Last week against the Mules he felt that played well covering receivers, but thinks that he can improve on communicating with the rest of his defense on the field.

"Do your one job of 11, and be the best athlete on the field," said Leaf when describing his view of the game.

He was confident the team would bounce back and overcome the Misericordia Cougars with a win.

He was right.

Coach Brown was impressed with the attitude of the team during the game.

He was also pleased that the team played with excitement, but wishes for more cheer from his sideline.

Brown thinks a huge part of the loss was due to 'self-inflicting wounds.' He describes these wounds as penalties, turnovers, and

mental mistakes. He thinks that if the team limited these they would have made it a closer game.

Coach Brown and the rest of the team were ready for the Cougars because they were able to watch film on them unlike they were able to do with Muhlenberg, since they had not played yet.

Like Wilkes, Misericordia also came off a tough loss. Last week Misericordia was defeated 55-0 to Utica College at home.

Last year, the game against Misericordia went well as Wilkes was able to score 33 points on its way to a 33-14 win.

This, however, does not describe how the game went, as the Colonels were only up by a field goal heading into the fourth quarter. The team was able to rally and score 16 points in the fourth quarter.

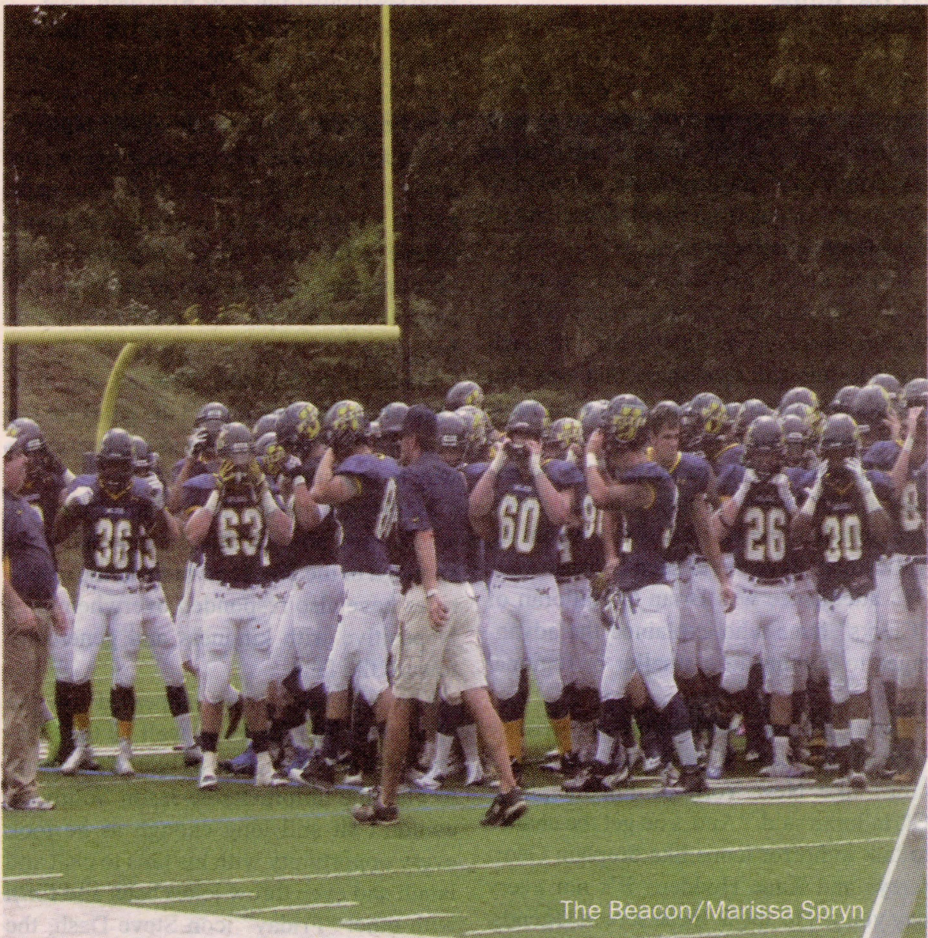
The Colonels responded with a big time win against the Cougars, winning 41-7 in a game that was not played under the best conditions.

The rain did not impact quarterback Ryan Dailey as he went on to complete eight passes for 212 yards and three touchdowns. With one of those being to senior Tim Bousson, who leaped up to catch one from Dailey for the first score of the game.

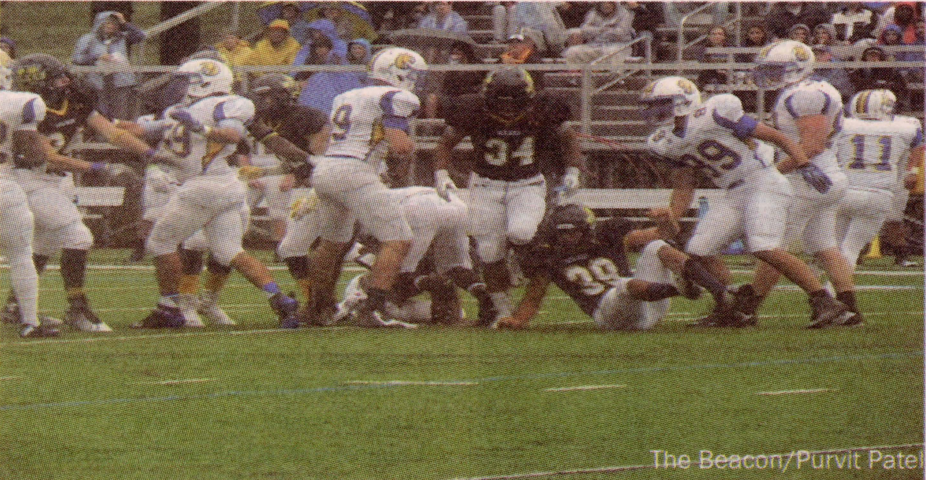
Receiver William Deemer was the colonels leading receiver with two catches for 85 yards including a 67 yard reception.

Tight ends Jeremy Hartman and Drew Devitt each caught a touchdown while they went on combine for 110 yards receiving.

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The Colonels look to forget about their 35-0 loss to Muhlenberg by taking their first win of the season. Improve to 1-1 on the season.



Pictured above is Wilkes defensive back Steven Padillas #34 celebrating after making a tackles. Pictured below is freshman running back Shemar Godson #36 staring on his teammates as they take on Misericordia.



Pictured above is sophomore middle linebacker Michael Condrad #55 staring down the quarterback. Pictured below is junior safety Marcus Leaf who recently made a switch from cornerback to safety this year.



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Running back P.J Incremona rushed for 43 yards and two touchdowns while teammate Ryan Behrmann rushed for 49 yards and a touchdown. As a team Wilkes went on to rush for 155 yards.

The Colonels defense did well in limiting Misericordia to scoring seven points as running back Jeff Puckett would go on to rush for 167 yards and a touchdown. Leading the way for Wilkes on defense was middle linebacker Michael Conrad who would have 11 tackles during the game. Linebacker Nick Gray would have the teams lone sack while finishing the game with seven tackles.

Junior Bryan Mellon averaged 34.5 yards per punt including a 41 yard punt that helped pin the Cougars deep in their own territory.

Up next for the Colonels is a matchup with Lycoming College at 1 p.m. on Saturday. Immediately before kickoff, lettermen and letterwomen will be recognized on the field.



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Pictured above is senior tight end Drew Devitt #82 breaking away from defenders as Wilkes got their first win.

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Pictured above is tight end Jeremy Hartman #9 who got some help from a teammate with a block behind him as he would go on to score. Pictured below is wide receiver Tim Bousson #1 catching a pass from Ryan Dailey. Bousson would go on to score a touchdown during the game.



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Pictured above is tight end Jeremy Hartman #9 pointing to his family in attendance for the game.



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Protecting yourself on the streets of Wilkes-Barre

Tips and tricks for staying safe on campus, self-defense is crucial to know

By Mandy Stickles

Assistant Opinion Editor

Within the last year Public Safety has gone one step further in protecting our students and has improved their department tremendously.

Wilkes stresses the fact that Public Safety can come to your rescue at any time, and five Public Safety officers are now certified and properly trained to carry a firearm. However, what if you do not have enough time to call Public Safety or you are incapable of even making a call depending the situation you are in?

What happens then?

It's a scary thought and needs to be addressed. Knowledge of basic self-defense such as getting out of a choke hold, or defending oneself against an armed assailant can always be useful.

Rather than panic, students can act on impulse and learn how to defend themselves properly. The world can be a scary place, tragic events happen; there's no reason to be naïve.

Knowing self-defense is a way to deprive the fear that's within.

Edward Schicatanio, a psychology professor at Wilkes and also a self-defense teach-

er; discussed three main aspects everyone must know when it comes to self-defense. First, you must always try to avoid dangerous situations, such as walking home alone at 1 a.m.

Second, be aware of your surroundings: you don't want to make yourself an easy target. Walking while staring at your phone instead of knowing what is going on around you makes you a prime victim.

Lastly, look strong and confident -- good posture is key.

Schicatanio has been a martial artist for the past ten years and has been teaching self-defense classes every now and again for the past seven.

He has done workshops in the past for the Wilkes psychology club and is more than willing to teach the classes again.

"As real self-defense goes, you don't have

to go learn martial arts, go to karate school, or learn to kick high to be able to hit someone in the face.

"What you need to learn is how to protect yourself and where to hit," Schicatanio said. "It is important to know where to target the vulnerable areas on the body, such as the eyes, temples, or knees."



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While Public Safety may be armed to help on-campus crime, it's important to know how to defend yourself.

According to him, using a closed fist is not always the best course of action: you could end up breaking your hand or wrist and do more damage to yourself than to your attacker.

Utilizing the elbow or knee is a more efficient defense. Learning self-defense is not something to be taken lightly. These skills should only be put to use if you are in serious danger, not just because someone is upsetting you or making you angry.

Students have expressed in the past, myself included, that having self-defense classes one or two times a month could be beneficial, helping students to feel safe and secure on campus.

"I've gone to student affairs in the past and said I'm willing to do this, I can teach the self-defense classes," said Schicatanio.

Since then nothing has really been done about getting a few classes started for the students.

It's time to get the word out and be proactive before something happens. We have a teacher more than willing to do it, so what are we waiting for?

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Fandom vs Fanbase: knowing the difference

By Elyse Guzewicz
Opinion Writer

In the past, there has been no question: a group of fans is called a fanbase. However, in recent years, the term "fandom" has risen to popularity.

Do not stop reading now! I have looked into it, and there really is a difference. The terms might refer to the same idea -- a group of likeminded fans -- but they describe different attitudes, age ranges, and levels of involvement.

I have gathered together some information to give you the basics on this evolving term, and why it matters for fans of every stripe.

There's a fanbase out there for everything imaginable.

Pick something, and I can bet that out there somewhere there are at least a few people who like that thing and would call themselves fans. A fanbase is just a group of people that like the same thing, and are willing to say they like that thing.

The members can have various amounts of involvement in the fan community, from attending fan conferences that can be as big as San Diego Comic Con (a broad convention for all kinds of geeky stuff) and Otakon (a popular anime convention), or as specific as BotCon (Hasbro's Transformers franchise) or SteamCon (general steampunk) and producing fanart or fanfiction to just watching, reading, or consuming whatever they're a fan of.



Courtesy of Bruce Greene

It's an easygoing kind of fan group, with the big discussions being Kirk v. Picard or Wars v. Trek. In general, no one fights much, and fanbases keep pretty self-contained -- no crossing over with other groups.

At the opposite end of the spectrum we have the fandom.

Not everything with a fanbase has a fandom, because a fandom is a group of com-

mitted fans who are always vocally interested in their "thing," usually expressing that on a social website such as Tumblr. Just because you're a fan doesn't mean the fandom will accept you. You have to be opinionated; which character is your favorite? Which is the best incarnation/series/season? Most importantly, who do you want to be in a relationship?

Because a huge part of fandom is deciding which two characters should be dating. In fact, if you don't ship (short for relationship) what the main group does, you might even be ostracized by the group.

Fandom can be alienating; their undying love for the source material is enticing at first but can be frightening after a bit of time. Participation is mandatory. If you can't create, you have to involve yourself in some other way, like blogging about the source or buying fan materials.

Fandoms love crossovers, one of the most popular and dominant being "SuperWhoLock," a mashup of the CW's *Supernatural* and BBC's two popular shows *Doctor Who* and *Sherlock*. This group is so popular and so powerful in its sphere of influence that it has driven others to delete their blogs and claims to rule Tumblr. Fandom provides a sense of belonging through their obsessive love for whatever they focus themselves on.

There's no reason to try to decide which one is "better," as they each have benefits and disadvantages.

Fanbases are very inclusive, but they don't offer many opportunities for involvement in a community; fandoms can form rewarding relationships but can become poisonous when someone deviates. It's up to every fan how far they want to go when it comes to involvement in a fan community.

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Looking for Alaska- continuing the coming of age tradition

By Sara Pisak
Opinion Writer

With all the buzz surrounding John Green's novel, "The Fault in Our Stars," I decided to examine some of his other published works of fiction.

I borrowed a friend's copy of Green's novel, *Looking for Alaska* and quickly became engrossed in the novel. From the start of the text one thing becomes clear; this book can be easily compared to some of our favorite novels.

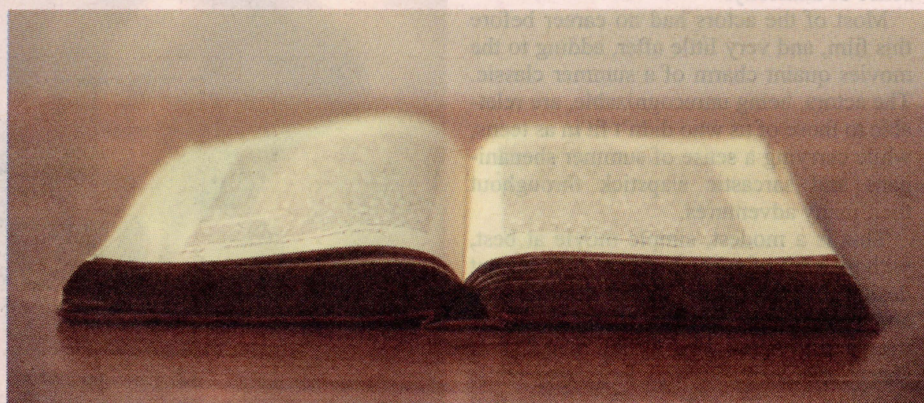
First, allow me to state that this book's intended audience is geared towards high school students, for which marketing this audience is not without controversy.

Considering the reading public's love of young adult fiction, the world of high school students is not an awful place to be for a writer. In fact, John Green's characters make reliving your young adult years more enlightening than one would believe.

"Looking for Alaska" follows Miles "Pudge," a young man who is obsessed with memorizing famous last words, in his search for a "Great Perhaps."

This search leads him to a mysterious girl named Alaska. The chronological set-up of the novel allows Green to fully develop his characters in each given situation.

There is no denying Green's ability



Courtesy of Alejandro Escamilla

to have a character jump off the page. In fact, character development is John Green's greatest quality as a writer. In this case, even the secondary characters are dynamic, having dual motivation, while using their vast emotion to play a vital role in Miles' life. Character development is an author's bread and butter. A beloved character that spans generations is the Holy Grail to an author. John Green creates characters that have this potential.

By the end of the novel, these characters assist the reader in discovering that by "looking" for Alaska, the reader finds more of themselves than they realize.

This is the very reason the reading public gravitated to Green's other

work, "The Fault in Our Stars." In both of his works, Green creates characters we can see, feel, touch and ultimately relate to. His characters jump off the page at the reader and in the case of "The Fault in Our Stars," Green's larger than life characters jump off the forever immortalizing big screen.

Green's characters allow the reader to laugh and cry with Gus and Hazel and the same can be said for Miles and Alaska.

As a reading public, we can trace our love for wonderful characters in Bildungsroman, or coming of age stories, further back than just recent New York Times best sellers. A similar story lies in J.D. Salinger's "The Catcher in the Rye." A more recent comparison can

be Stephen Chbosky's 1999s novel, "The Perks of Being a Wallflower."

If imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, then both J.D. Salinger and Stephen Chbosky should be pleased with Green's continuation of the coming of age novel. The comparison between these four novels does not end here. All three books share two universal story-telling must haves: characters coming of age and intrinsic, unresolved mystery/emotion.

With Green's popularity on the rise, only time will tell if "Looking for Alaska" and his character Miles will be forever embraced by teenage readers just as "The Catcher in the Rye" and the character Holden Caulfield were. However, there are a few simple reasons these types of novels keep reappearing.

Reason One: You just might find the truth about the harsh realities of life.

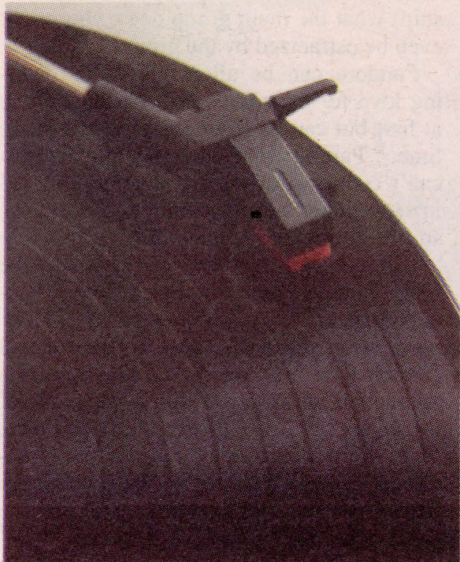
Reason Two: Growing up is hard enough; it helps to have someone/something to relate to just ask Holden Caulfield, Charlie and now Miles Halter. Reason Three: We all make mistakes in life.

These mistakes do not define us; it is how we handle these mistakes that shape our lives.

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Bleacher's "Strange Desire" album review

By Eric Casey
Staff Writer



Bleachers have been quite the mystery here in the states ever since their hit alternative song "I Wanna Get Better" was released in February.

It's like they're the equivalent to British modern soul band Jungle who have been releasing singles since last year, and hid their faces during shows until

Glastonbury this past July.

Anyway, Bleachers seem to be more of a Jack Antonoff experiment than a whole new group.

If you don't know anything about Jack Antonoff I won't call you out...I swear! He's the lead guitarist from the band Fun.

Bleachers released a video for the aforementioned single in March which features comedian Rheta from Parks & Recreation and was directed by his girlfriend, actress Lena Dunham.

Since then Bleachers have been appearing on all the late night shows and even festivals like Firefly and Glastonbury. The promotion for the album "Strange Desire" has been unorthodox and hilarious.

At one point a few months ago, there was a hotline number you can call and a recording of Jack would be on the other line giving some options. One was for a bizarre story of him and a clown, and another was a preview for a new song called "Shadow."

So far "I Wanna Get Better" has reached #1 on the Billboard Alternative songs chart, and #101 on the Hot 100 chart, just barely missing it.

"Strange Desire" debuted at #1 on the Billboard 200 albums chart.

Once he chose the album cover, he had it on a birthday cake and presented it to a bunch of fans at a show. On July 15th they released a near half hour long mock telethon that gave off an '80s flashback.

Speaking of which, the debut album comes off as something you might have listened to by yourself in the bedroom while you questioned a terrible life choice you made at a drunken escapade during a high school party of the year. Something so bad happened that your girlfriend/boyfriend is now getting it on with someone you despise from the hockey team. Keep in mind if it was 1985 that's what you would have done... right? [editor's note: the Beacon does NOT encourage nor endorse underage drinking].

This album is filled with so many '80s vibes that you can put out St. Elmo's fire with it.

It's kind of like Robyn meets Tears For Fears and Depeche Mode at the club and suddenly they start dancing to Grimes...oh wait, she's actually featured in the album's track titled "Take Me Away."

Surprisingly, it's actually not the most random collaboration on the record. Yoko Ono has a part in "I'm Ready To

Move On," which is actually not too shabby, albeit the weakest song on here.

30 year old Jack Antonoff's inspiration came from unfortunate events such as his sister dying from brain cancer when he was 18, panic attacks after 9/11, and his cousin dying in the Iraq war.

He wrote these songs just recently though. Mostly, he wrote during the last tour with Fun. as they went to various countries.

Jack isn't a bad song writer as he has written tunes for Sara Bareilles and Tegan and Sara. The indie-pop album is catchy with over the top anthems including highlights such as "Wild Heart," "Shadow," "I Wanna Get Better," and "Like A River Runs."

I usually decode some of the songs on reviews, but I was more interested in the sound and concepts of these songs and not necessarily the lyrics.

Bleacher's "Strange Desire" is guaranteed to be one of your fall soundtracks this year.

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"Meatballs" retro-movie review, one for the ages

By Jill Reifsnnyder
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As summer comes to a close and the school year starts settling in, I'm already reminiscent of my summer shenanigans and favorite summertime movies. In this week's retro-review I take a look at Bill Murray's breakthrough film, "Meatballs", filmed in 1979. A truly hidden treasure for you to discover.

This movie was one of many firsts. It sparked the beautiful relationship between Murray and director Ivan Reitman, who continued on to direct Ghostbusters I and II, as well as Stripes, all of which Murray starred in. Harold Ramis was one of the writers of this film, marking the first collaboration between Murray and Ramis, who continued to work together many years after this movie.

With a very basic plot, the story takes place at Camp North Star, a summer camp populated by teens that don't fit into the normal social clicks outside of camp, but when together find friendship in each other. However, they can't fully escape as they find rivalry in the "jock" camp across the way, with whom they compete with at the end of the summer.

Tripper, played by Murray, is an unpredictable counselor with an eccentric sense of humor and lack of care for camp policies. His character reminds me of that one adult that always treats teenagers with respect and equality, and has the reputation as the cool teacher or in this case, counselor,

that breaks all the rules while maintaining a sense of authority.

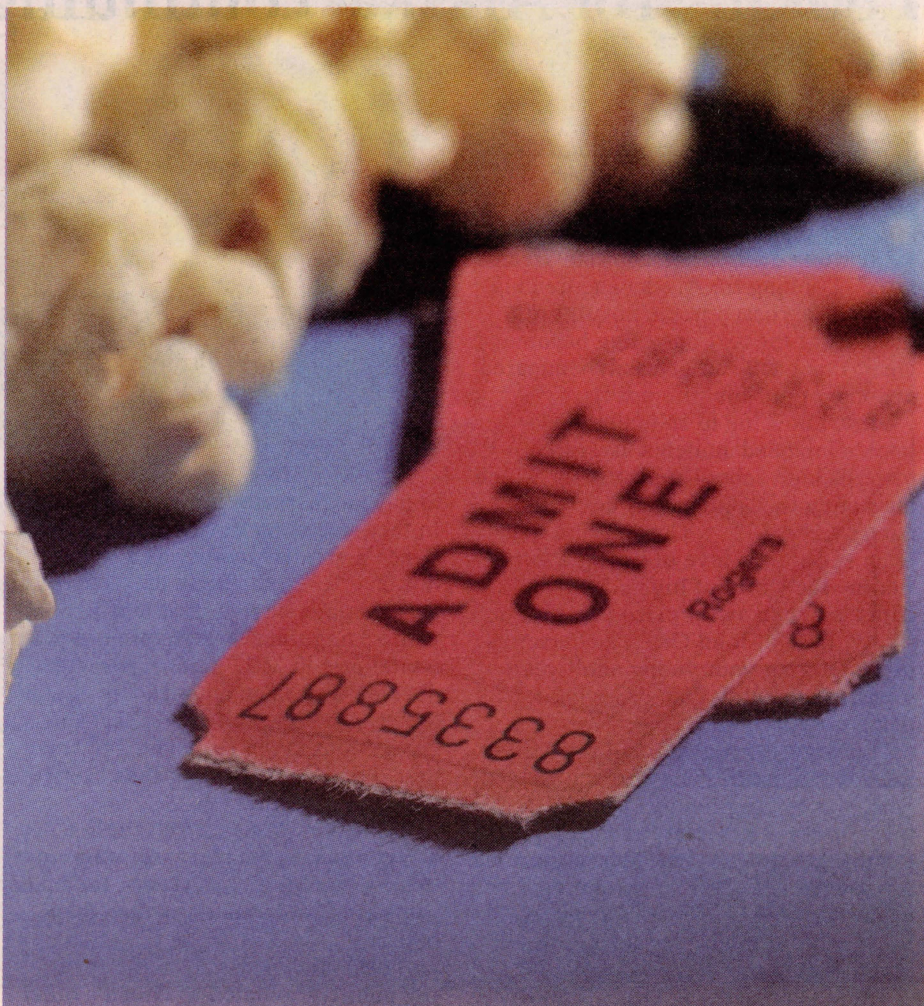
Most of the actors had no career before this film, and very little after, adding to the movies quaint charm of a summer classic. The actors, being unrecognizable, are relatable to those of us who didn't fit in as teens, while carrying a sense of summer shenanigans and sarcastic slapstick throughout their many adventures.

This is a modest, simple movie at best, without a lot of special effects or fancy set design, but the genius lies in the dialogue and direction of the film. The age of the time period is reflected by the men's short shorts, disco music, and language, while showing the struggles of adolescents that are still faced today. The plots been seen dozens of times, but the one-liners, unique adventures, and Murray's nonchalance make this a memorable movie.

This movie reflects the great times of summer, including friendship, competition, panty raids, summer romance, and memorable late nights, that make a summer worth having.

Although this movie didn't get the cult following that Murray's other movies seemed to amass, I feel this is a gross underestimation of its true beauty and genius. It's the perfect combination of feeling good, wit, comedy, and teen angst that any summer camp movie requires.

I highly suggest any Murray fan give his breakthrough film a chance before his fame and glory, he's completely fantastic.



Fantasy Football 2014: Winners & Losers

Week 3 starters and how to dominate your fantasy league

By Frank Passalacqua

Opinion Editor

Fantasy football has become increasingly popular each and every season.

For those who do not follow sports, or do not know what a "fantasy team" is, it is exactly as it sounds. The owner is in a "fantasy league," with the league usually containing about ten other friends. Instead of the typical NFL teams and rosters, you, the fantasy owner, get to draft an entire team to yourself and manage that team week to week.

It may sound confusing, but to any experienced fantasy owner, it is addicting and contains all the bragging rights in the world.

Bragging rights.

Want those? Want to know the best players to start and who to bench?

In this article, I will list some of the best starts and sleepers for the rest of the upcoming week 3.

Granted, most of what happens in fantasy games each week is pure luck and really requires zero skill, some tips and hints never hurt anybody.

For week 3, there are some glaring matchups that will earn players serious points. First off, starting with quarterback:

Expect Drew Brees to have a field day against the Minnesota Vikings.

He is projected with throw for 4 touchdowns, earning him over 37 points. This is accurate because by for this matchup, the Saints are home, and Brees is always spot on at his home turf. Expect Jimmy Graham and rookie Brandin Cooks to have a big game as well.

Next is Matthew Stafford of the Lions. Facing the Green Bay Packers, I think the Stafford-Megatron connection will be extra strong that night.

The Packers have one of the worst defensive units in the league, and if week 1 was any indication of how Calvin Johnson will be playing this season, I think Stafford will light up the Packer's D and throw 3 touchdowns for 32 points.

What quarterback in week 3 should you sit? Peyton Manning.

After seeing Peyton's performance against the Seattle Seahawks in the Super Bowl, I do not expect this to be any different.

As Manning goes into Seattle for this game, I cannot see that feared Seattle defense not have a repeat performance on that side of the ball. Manning is usually a no-brainer on a weekly basis to start, but against the Seahawks, I struggle to believe that we will break 20 points.

Next are the running backs.

Adrian Peterson is usually a monster on

the turf, tearing up defenses week to week. Against New Orleans, a team who always has struggled against the running game, I think we will see AP in his true form.

Projections have Peterson going for 20 points, with 122 yards on the ground and a touchdown. Start him up.

To go along with AP, keep an eye on LeSean McCoy of the Philadelphia Eagles.

McCoy, now paired with Darren Sproles, had a slow start to his season, but against a team like Washington, I think it will be Shady's coming out party. For both running yards and in the screen game, McCoy should break 20 points for his fantasy owners and be back on track to lead the league in rushing as he did last season.

Who should be benched?

Matt Forte for the Chicago Bears. Despite the New York Jets' questionable offense and secondary, they actually have a scary defensive-line that should be acknowledged. In week 1 when fantasy owners got left down as Maurice Jones-Drew only racked up 11 yards on the ground the entire game...yeah.

Forte wants to be considered an elite running back in this league, and has shown flashes of why he should be in the past, but disregard him in any discussion when he is up against the Jets. If he even gets 10 points, it will be a miracle.

Now are the wide receivers.

It was mentioned earlier, and the answer to everyone's prayers is Calvin Johnson. Against the Packers, Megatron is projected to earn 21 points for his owners, and I say

that is the bare minimum.

In week 1 against the Giants, Johnson scored 29 points, with the majority of that coming in the first half. Again, against the Packers, I would not be shocked if he broke 30 points.

Second up, Brandon Marshall.

Just a few paragraphs ago, I mentioned how Matt Forte will have a tough day on the ground, and that will likely be true. So in order for the Bears have a fighting chance, they must obviously attack through the air. And that they will.

Having receivers like Marshall and Alshon Jeffery is a scary thought for any defensive unit, let alone like the Jets' secondary where nothing is certain. Expect Marshall to have a huge game, outplaying his projected score of 17 points.

Now for the opposition, sit DeSean Jackson this week.

This matchup of the Redskins against the Eagles brings the first time DeSean returns to his former home, Philadelphia. Usually, I would expect DeSean to have a lights-out game every week, but against his former team, I think he will be a bust.

The pressure, the Philly defense knowing how DeSean works, and the downfall of RGIII are all factors going into the game that I predict will deep DJax under 10 points.

Since we are talking about receivers, I might as well throw in the tight end talks as well.

I will keep it short, but I like Jimmy Graham against the Vikings. Graham is al-

ready one of the best receivers in the game, and as I mentioned earlier, Brees will have a field day that week, putting Graham on the top of his target list. Graham is projected to score 22 points.

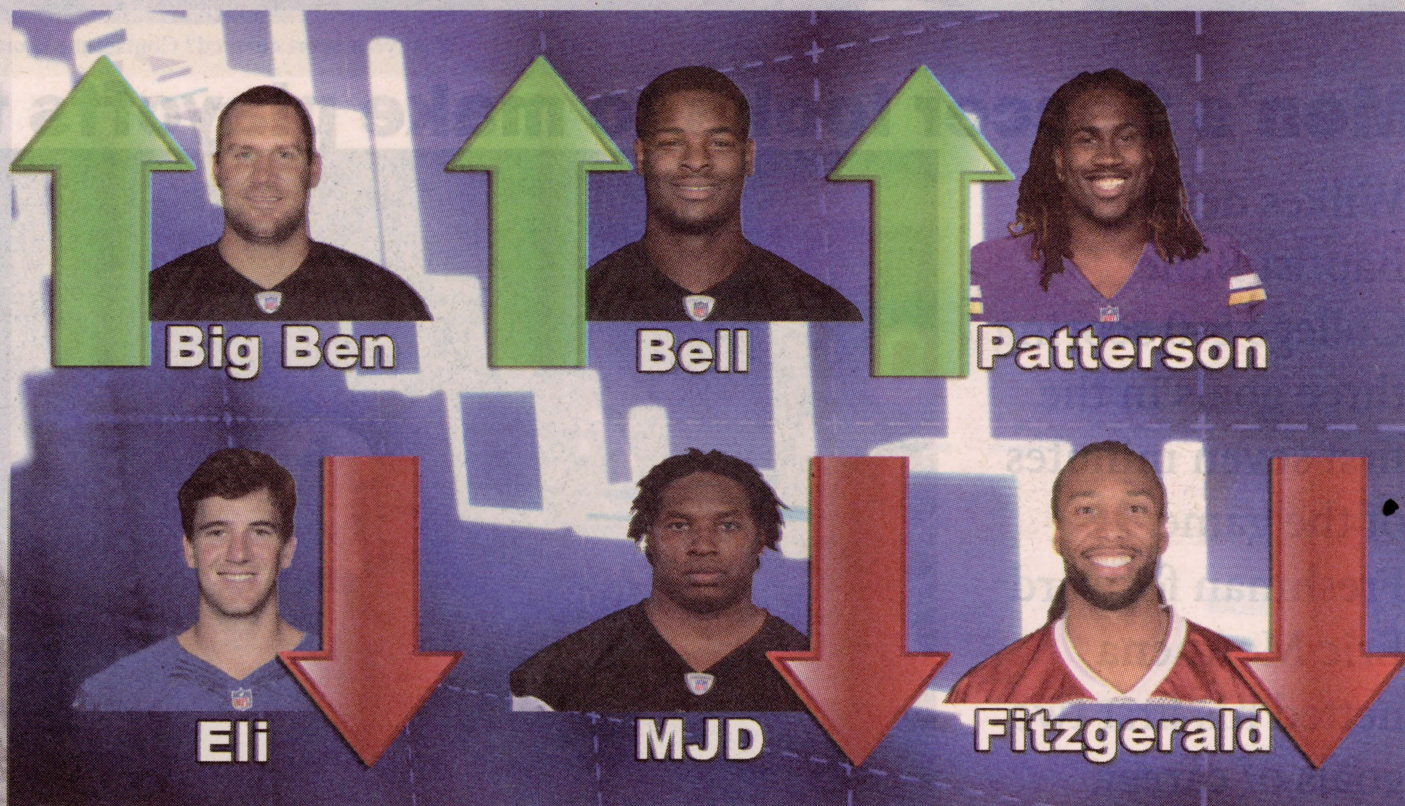
To the contrary, I do not like the matchup of Jason Witten against the St. Louis Rams. Week 1 was a beautiful nightmare for Tony Romo (Go Eagles), and with a defensive line like the Rams have, I see Tony Romo under a lot of pressure, not giving Witten the time of day in this matchup.

Rounding this out are the defensive teams.

Start the Texans. Eli Manning is a turn-over machine who lost his way in the NFL, and the Houston Texans can make him collapse easily. When Eli is rushed, he turns the ball over- hello J.J. Watt. The Texans are projected to score 12 points, but I cannot see the Giants offense scoring too frequently, so I would say around 15-20 points for the Texans D.

Ending this list of fantasy predictions, I am not too big on the Dallas defense this week. Ironically, they are projected to be the highest scoring defensive in week 3 with 17 points, but scratch that.

The Cowboys defense is nothing short of a mess, and I cannot wait to watch Zac Stacy, Kenny Britt and Tavon Austin carve up the field.



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Men's Soccer looks to make playoffs this season

Wilkes defeated Baptist Bible College 5-0 scoring three goals in the first seven minutes of the game. Freshman forward Eric McAnena netted his first two goals of career.

By Andre Spruell
Sports writer

Wilkes University's men's head soccer coach, Phil Wingert, has been at the helm for the Colonels the last 33 seasons. After finishing 9-6-1 the previous season, Wingert hopes to have an improved season this year and for the team to achieve the goal it has set this season, which is to reach the Freedom Conference playoffs.

He hopes so because the current seniors have not been able to reach this goal. Despite starting off the season 1-4, the Colonels added a big win last Wednesday night over Baptist Bible College, with a resounding 5-0 victory.

Three goals came in the first seven minutes of the game, one from senior forward Eric McAnena, and two from freshman forward Adam Snyder. The freshman's two goals were the first of his collegiate career.

In the second half, McAnena went on to score once again in the 69th minute. Another freshman, midfielder Matt Lindo from Hazlet, New Jersey, was able to join the scoring party and net in another goal in the 89th minute.

The next game for the Colonels is Wednesday when the team travels to Elizabethtown to face-off against the Blue Jays at 7 p.m.s The Colonels hope to notch another victory on their belts so they can achieve their goal of making the Freedom Conference playoffs for this senior group led by forward captain Eric McAnena, defender captain Ryan Joyce, midfielder captain Tyler Young, defender captain Geoffrey Arentz, goalkeeper



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John Lesko #6 & Ian Moyer #22 and the rest of the team look to make the playoffs for the first time since 2009

Patrick Loube, and the back-up keeper Kyle Romm.

When asked about how his team is, Coach Wingert replied saying, "It's a very close knit group, it's a good mixture of experience players with good senior leadership. So it's a good group of seniors, but there's also a mixture of juniors and sophomores, and a pretty talented freshmen class as well."

Some players that contribute to this mixture are junior captain Eddie Metzger, sophomore defender John Stoner, who was expected to have a big year but

unfortunately suffered a serious injury five minutes into the first game, junior midfielders Hunter Murray and Justin Weaver.

Two members of the freshman class that have earned starting positions and have made an immediate impact are midfielder Austin Kubin and defender Casey Ritsick.

What is unique about this team is that even though they do not have any pre game rituals or anything of that nature, Coach Wingert defers pre-game speeches to his seniors so they can fire up the squad and rally them to victory. According to

Wingert, he does this because according to him he is not a real "rah-rah, bite the head of the snake off in the locker room before the game kind of coach."

This method has been working for Coach Wingert the last 33 seasons, and he hopes that they can finish the season strong to achieve the goal of bringing the senior class to the Freedom Conference playoffs.

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Field Hockey looks to get back to NCAA playoffs

By Grant Rogers
Sports Writer

Sara Myers returns to helm to lead the Wilkes University women's field hockey team. She last held the Wilkes head-coaching job from 2005-2010. The Lady Colonels are currently 1-3, getting their win against Union College 3-0 and losses came from No. 2 Salisbury University, Juniata College and Arcadia University.

"We just have minor things we need to work on, I know when we fix these little issues we will be back on track," said senior Stephanie Hahn.

Still very early in the season, the Lady Colonels look to get back to the NCAA playoffs like last season. With returning players and some of the new talent brought into the team, the Lady Colonels feel very confident about having a strong season.

"All our returners are very important to our team. We are just really going to work hard we really have any amazing team and a lot of talent I know when we all come together we can make playoffs again," said Stephanie Hahn.

Lady Colonels recently took on Arcadia University at Schmidt Stadium. Arcadia took a 1-0 lead 19:42 into the game and added the second goal 42:49 to end the scoring for the game. Wilkes six shots in the first half. Arcadia had three shots in the first half. In the second half Wilkes had



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Junior back Cristina Harrison #26 looks to pass the ball to a teammate in a game against Arcadia University

three shots compared to Arcadia's six shots. Wilkes finished the day with nine shots, 4 of which were on target. Arcadia also had nine shots, seven of which were on target. Lauren Burrows made her first start in goal for the Lady Colonels and finished the day with 5 saves. Mia De Plato had 4 saves for

the Knights.

The lady Colonels still have many games left in the season.

"We are focusing on coming together as a team as well as working on our minor mistakes. If we do that we can win the game this week," said Hahn.

The lady Colonels will be back in action on Saturday September 20th at 1:00 P.M. in Reading, Pa, followed by Albright College and Manhattanville College.

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Lady Colonels fall to Lancaster Bible College

By J.T. Keer
Sports Writer

Lancaster Bible College captured the final two sets, following a 1-1 tie, to defeat the Lady Colonels 3-1.

With the loss Wilkes fell to 3-2, while Lancaster Bible College improved to 3-5.

Lancaster Bible College got out the gate cooking and took the first set 25-19. However, the Lady Colonels answered back right away with a down to the wire 26-24 victory.

The last two matches, the Lady Colonels sluggish play came back to bite them and they lost both 25-15 and 25-21 respectively.

Lancaster Baptist College was led by junior setter Hannah Derr, with 31 assists, senior right side hitter Katie Comber, with 14 kills, and junior outside hitter Joanna Butala, with 25 digs.

Junior setter Megan Powers, who finished the game with 30 assists, wants to take it as a teaching moment for future matches.

"Tuesday night really brought out all of the small things that we need to work on as a team," Powers said. "Our communication was lacking and we were very slow on defense. I give a lot of credit to Lancaster Bible though, they didn't let anything touch the floor on their side. We're hoping to make up for the loss with 2 big wins this weekend."

The lady Colonels had some nice performances from Senior libero, Erin Nothstein, freshman middle hitter, Ellen Mook, freshman middle hitter, Madison



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Sophomore outsider hitter Ally Paskas (#6) and the rest of the Lady Colonels look to bounce back as they begin conference play September 17th when they face off with the Misericordia Cougars.

Scarfarro and sophomore outside hitter, Ally Paskas.

Nothstein led all players with a game high 30 digs. Mook, added 11 kills and four digs, while fellow freshman, Scarfarro, had eight kills and five digs. Paskas, provided seven kills and six digs.

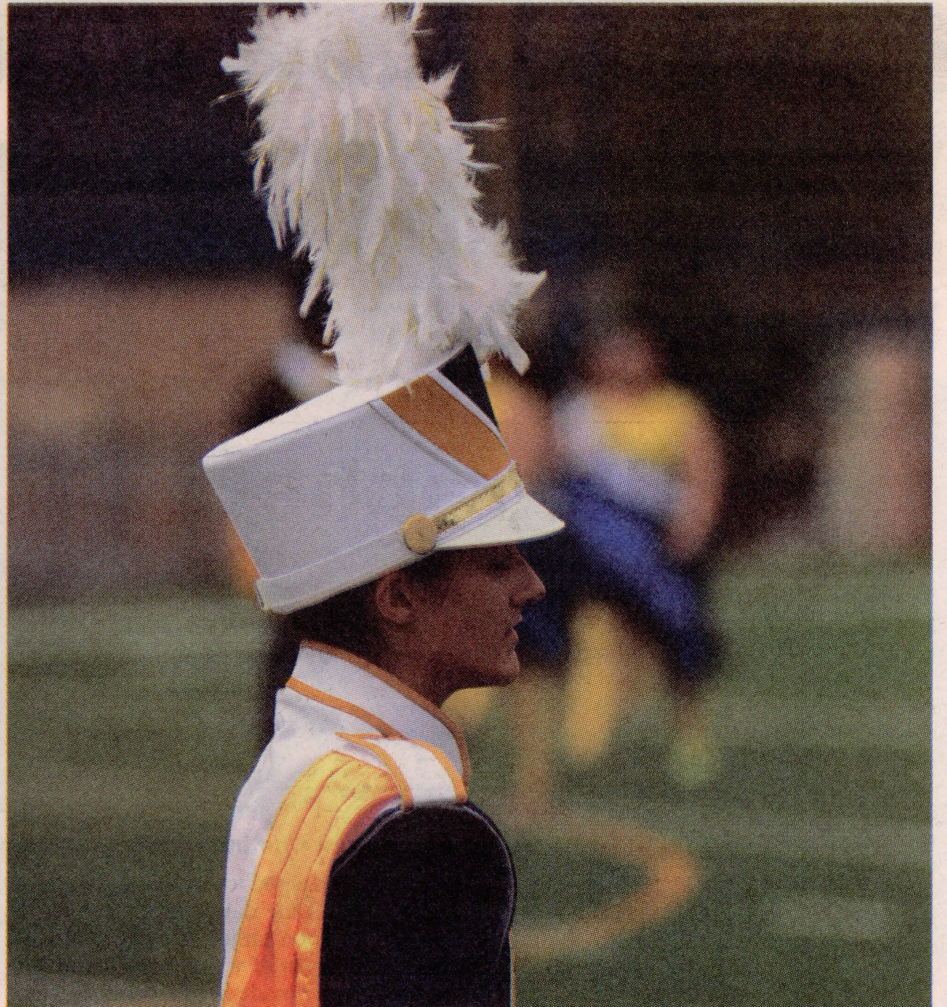
After a tough loss on the road, the Lady Colonels will return to action this weekend looking to redeem themselves, with 2 important matches against Swarthmore College and Cabrini College in the Swarthmore tournament in Swarthmore, PA before starting Freedom Conference

play versus Misericordia University on September 17.

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"The first game went far better than expected and we all had fun. We're looking forward to another show," said Drum Major Sofia Soares, shown above.



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"The marching band's progress has been staggering, even in its infancy...I could tell this program is off to an incredible start," said sophomore Derek Jolley, shown above.

"[Because of marching band] I do feel like I socially fit in here at school. I know some more upperclassmen than most freshmen would," said freshman Rebecca Voorhees.

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Women's soccer team looks to bounce back

By J.T. Keer
Sports writer

The Wilkes University Lady Colonels are off to a slow start with a record of 2-3. With that being said there are many positives to take out of the start they are having. The team took a trip out to Schenectady, NY for a mini tournament against the host Union College, and UMass Boston. They split the trip with a win over UMass, but a heartbreaking 0-2 loss to Union. The Colonels have high aspirations for themselves. As of now, Senior Katie Hughes is the Colonels leading scorer with two goals, followed by Brittany Gurreri and Micaela Oliverio each posting one.

Junior Sara Wasley starting Midfielder for Wilkes, who has an assist on the season, has this to say "We really are working on keeping possession of the ball for a majority of the game, winning 50/50 balls, and scoring early in the game."

Wasley is from Whitehall, Pennsylvania and has made an instant impact on the team from the moment she stepped onto campus. Playing in the majority of the games her freshman and sophomore years, as she even started in fourteen of them as a sophomore. She has scored three goals, and assisted another three through her first two years. As a junior now on the team, she is expected to be a



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leader on the field. She has started in every game so far for Wilkes. When asked about her personal goals for the season she replied, "I am also working on keeping possession within the team, and being a leader for my teammates since we have a lot of young players with twelve new freshman that came this year."

This quote in particular shows her passion, and how important being a leader on the team is too her. She is expecting nothing less than a successful season from her teammates

The Colonels are still awaiting their home opener, and even their conference opener. With all of their games so far being away they have had a hard time adjusting. Although they are off to a slow start, if they begin to play well in their conference games it will allow them to make it to playoffs, and hopefully win the conference. Wilkes first home game is on Saturday, September 13, at 5:30 pm against Gwynedd Mercy. Conference play does not begin until October 4th when they will face off against Desales University who they have not lost against since 2008.

The Colonels plan to turn around their rough start, "I think we have to work hard in practice and then apply what we've been working on into our games" said Wasley when asked about the teams rough start this season.

Wilkes Women's Soccer team is not used to losing by any means, with records over .500 in the last few seasons; they are expect nothing less this season.

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Cross country program is focused on improving

By Brandon Gubitosa
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Men's and women's cross country coach Nicholas Wadas is currently entering his seventh season as head coach. The men's and women's cross country program has been around since 1979 but was stopped in 1993.

After a 15 year absence, the program was finally put back together in 2008 and they hired Nicholas Wadas, a graduate of Misericordia University.

While at Misericordia, Wadas was a member of the cross country team. He earned second team All-Pennsylvania Athletic Conference honors in 2000, 2001 and 2002. He was also a five-time member of the PAC All-Academic Team and was chosen as a Division III Academic All-American in 2002.

The cross country teams opened up their seasons Aug. 29, competing in the Misericordia Invitational. The women's team was able to finish third while the men's

team finished fourth. Freshman Cassandra Papp led the women's squad with a time of 17:24.61 for 16th place.

On the men's side, freshman Adam Davis finished 14th overall with a time of 17:45.35, while freshman Jordan Lindley finished right behind with a time of 17:47.95 that was good for 16th place.

Coach Wadas is not concerned about the team's finish in their first race of the season as he considers it a "warm-up meet."

"It is early in the season and I'm not that focused on how fast we are running so far," said Wadas in an interview.

In the Colonel's next race, the heat and humidity were rough according to coach Wadas as it affected runners for every team at the 42nd annual Dutchmen Invitational hosted by Lebanon Valley College. The men's team was able to finish seventh, while the women's team finished eighth.

Leading the women's squad again was freshman Cassandra Papp with a time of 22:25 for 35th place. Following her were teammates Christine Klingel and Regan

Murphy who finished right behind her with times of 22:39 and 22:43 which were good enough for 37th and 38th place.

For the men's team, Tyler Sutton led the way with a time of 30:30 for 33rd place. While teammates Dan Lykens and Tim Jurkowski finished second and third for the Colonel's finishing with times of 30:32 and 30:34.

Up next for the Colonels is a meet Sept. 20, where they will compete at the Dickinson Short/Long Invitational in Carlisle, Pa.

Wadas said his goal for the year is to improve.

"At this point for the girls our best finish is 10th place in the MAC, and 8th place for guys since they started the program back up in 2008," said Wadas.

When asked about the development of the program here at Wilkes, Wadas said that "just having a cross country program doesn't allow us to build as fast as we probably could of if we had a track and field program here. But regardless of that, even if we still had a program here it would still

take time."

Lately Wadas has been getting more aggressive with his recruiting tactics. He calls it "expanding his horizons," as he is looking to recruit kids from Ohio, New Hampshire, and Virginia.

He is not only recruiting by their performances in high school, but is mainly looking at what they want to major in.

"I don't want to cheat a kid and have him leave here with a degree he did not want," said Wadas.

Like all of the coaches here at Wilkes, Wadas always remembers that his runners are students first and makes sure that cross country does not become a big time consumption for them.

According to Wadas, "you can still do well as runner in Division III, there are many Division III teams we run against that have beat Division I teams in races."

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Next week: Sports editor Brandon Gubitosa interviews Wilkes alumnus and current Wisconsin Men's Basketball coach Bo Ryan

Getting to know...

Matthew Lindo

Junior Soccer Player

Meet Matthew Lindo, a junior accounting major from Hazlet, New Jersey. Although he is a junior, he is making his soccer debut as a midfielder for the Wilkes' Men's Soccer Team. Lindo is new to the soccer team as he originally came to Wilkes for wrestling and was a member of the team his freshman and sophomore year, until he realized that soccer was his true passion. Matt has been playing soccer since he was two years old and looks forward to playing the game he truly loves.

By Evan Wiley
Sports writer

Beacon: What is your favorite memory at Wilkes?

Matthew: My favorite memory at Wilkes was joining the soccer team and getting back on a sports team.

Beacon: How is the transition from the wrestling team to the soccer team?

Matthew: The transition to soccer has been hard because I had to meet new people and get used to the field size but I am adjusting pretty well.

Beacon: How do you balance school, soccer, and having a social life?

Matthew: Balancing school, soccer, and a social life is quite difficult, but during the season I have a set routine every day so it's easy to keep my focus on everything.

Beacon: What is your favorite pump up song before a game?

Matthew: My favorite pump up song before a game is My Time by Fabolous.

Beacon: What is your favorite quote?

Matthew: My favorite quote is, "The man on top of the mountain didn't just fall there."

Beacon: If you could choose anyone, who would you pick as your mentor?

Matthew: I would choose Lionel Messi as my mentor.

Beacon: If you won the lottery what is the first thing you would do?

Matthew: If I won the lottery the first thing I would do is pay off my college debt.

Beacon: Do you like playing outdoors more than being inside in a gym on a mat?

Matthew: I like playing outdoors better than being on a mat because I love being in the sun and running around.

Beacon: What do you want to be when you grow up?

Matthew: I want to be a successful accountant and stockbroker when I grow up.

Beacon: Are there any special foods you eat before a game?

Matthew: Before a game I always have to eat a peanut butter and jelly sandwich for lunch.

Beacon: What do you miss most about home when you're here at Wilkes?

Matthew: When I am at Wilkes I miss my friends and family back home the most.

Beacon: What's the best gift you ever received?

Matthew: The best gift I ever received was my beats headphones because I am always listening to music.

Beacon: What is your favorite class you have taken at Wilkes?

Matthew: My favorite class at Wilkes was my Psych 101 class with Dr. Charnetski.



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