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Students, faculty join 'March for our Lives' in Philadelphia

By Maddie Davis
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On Saturday, March 24, students and faculty from Wilkes University traveled to Philadelphia to attend the March For Our Lives protest for gun safety against the current administration and the NRA.

The march was one of almost 900 around the globe to protest gun violence and propose gun safety in the wake of the Feb. 14, 2018, school shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland Florida, where 17 faculty, staff and students were gunned down at the hands of Nicholas Cruz and his AR-15.

The students of Parkland started a widespread movement "enough is enough," regarding gun violence, and inspired many Wilkes University students and staff to attend the event. The young students particularly inspired junior secondary education and history major Ian Valles.

"I think a debt of gratitude is owed to them, especially Millennials and Gen Z who are doing so much and are apart of the resistance to make sure something like this never happens to our country again," said Valles. "Truthfully it is our future and we have to actually be alive on this planet to make a future for ourselves."

Valles was joined by 15 faculty and staff from Wilkes University to march from Independence Hall to Penn's Landing to rally and listen to guest speakers and music about gun violence and change.

As thousands marched the streets of

Philadelphia, Wilkes students made their voices heard, particularly Geraldine Ojukwu, junior political science major, whose chants were repeated by those who marched.

"What do we want," screamed Ojukwu. "Gun control," replied the mass of protesters. "When do we want it," asked Ojukwu, "Now," replied the crowd.

Other chants filled the crowd to externally show what they stood for in the wake of the Parkland tragedy.

"We're gonna put one foot in front of the other and lead with love," sang one group of protestors.

Wilkes students had also made signs showing their outward support for gun control for the march.

"We are students, we are victims, we are change," read Ashley Baker's sign, a freshman criminology and sociology major.

"Promises without action are lies that cost lives," read nursing major, Lauren Coleman's sign.

Gregory Chang, first year pre-pharmacy student, alongside Keira Kuhar, first year student, held a sign with the Wilkes University Logo that read "never again." The sign depicted many of Wilkes University's students stance on gun violence in schools, never wanting it to happen again.

Chang organized the trip to Philadelphia for those who wanted to voice their opinion and join the march as a Wilkes community.

"I wanted to voice my opinion and I wanted to let other Wilkes students voice their opinions because I know this is a very important topic in the country right now,"



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Gregory Chang and Keira Kuhar lead Wilkes University students and faculty down Market Street in Philadelphia during the March for Our Lives Protest on Mar. 24.

said Chang.

"I wanted to come here because this is unacceptable with what is happening in this country. It really is just unbelievable how many shootings are occurring, just this year alone, let alone the past 20 years. Something needs to be done and nothing is," he said.

The guest speakers included a diverse group of people; from senators, to survivors of columbine, to students now, and many more,

all voiced their difference in experiences of gun violence and control.

The message throughout each speaker was clear: there is an imminent problem in this country with guns. Innocent children and adults are dying not only in schools, but on the streets because of these guns. That we as

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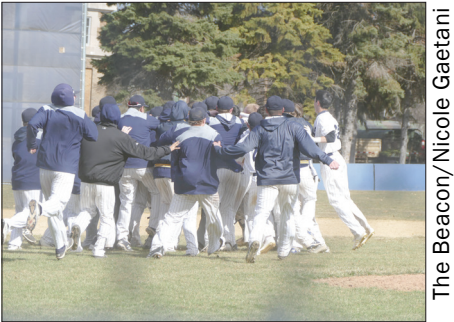
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Volunteers wanted Adventures in Science

This year's Adventures in Science, themed "Science from a Submarine" is seeking volunteers. The event will take place April 27, with set up starting at 7:30 p.m. The event will run until 3 p.m. Around 250 fifth-grade students are expected to attend. Volunteers are needed for positions such as lab assistants, group leaders, set-up and clean-up assistants. Volunteers will receive a T-shirt and refreshments. Please contact ashley.wojciechowski@wilkes.edu or erica.mabry@wilkes.edu for the online signup sheet or any questions.

Blood drive to be held

The Passan School of Nursing will be holding a blood drive on April 23. The event will take place from 7:30 a.m to 1:30 p.m in the ballroom. A table will in the SUB for donors to sign-up during club hours. T-shirts will be given to the first 60 people to attend the blood drive. Walk-ins are welcome. Contact Kaitlyn or Alicia at passanblooddrive2018@gmail.com for any questions or to schedule a time.

Health & Wellness Fair to be held

Sponsored by Health and Wellness Services and BACCHUS with contributions from Human Resources, a Health & Wellness Fair will be held. The fair will be held April 3 from 11 a.m to 1 p.m in the Henry Student Center Ballroom. The fair will feature topics such as certified elder attorneys of law, school of pharmacy, and fitness/sports medicine. Special features such as a bone density screening, blood pressure screenings, and stroke prevention and thyroid screening (which will cost \$30 to be paid at the fair) will be held. For more information, please contact Health and Wellness Services at 570-408-4730.

Sign up for the annual Glow Run

The fifth annual Glow Through the Darkness 5k Glow Run/Walk to be held April 13. Registration opens at 7 p.m at UCOM. The run begins at 8:30 p.m from the UCOM and ends on the greenway. Participants are asked to join in the Celebration of Life after the run/walk. Proceeds from the event will go to suicide prevention awareness through the local chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Please visit community.wilkes.edu/glowrun to register online. Registration is \$5 for Wilkes undergraduate students, \$10 for non-students. To pay in cash, please email glowrun@wilkes.edu or visit the Glow Run table during club hours in the Student Union Building.

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country need gun control, fast.

"Congress, we don't want your prayers, we want gun reform," said Rachel Steinig, a freshman student leader of the event.

Steinig also called out the racial and classist bias in the media coverage of school shootings and advocated for the Black Lives Matter movement.

"If Stoneman Douglas had been a poor school in a black neighborhood, the shooting and subsequent movement would definitely not have received as much coverage and popular support," she said.

Another speaker, Mark Timpon is the father of Dominick, a freshman at Marjory Stoneman Douglas, who survived the shooting on Feb. 14.

"Feb. 14 changed my life in many different ways," said Timpon.

Dominick himself passed the shooter in a staircase as he was reloading his gun.

"If there was one more round in that 30 round magazine my son might have died that day," said Timpon.

"It took this horrible massacre to change my views and change the way I think now," said Timpon.

"It was 100 percent legal, what I did, and that is one of the problems," he said about

the gun show loophole, where Timpon purchased his AR-15 under the government's radar.

"The AR-15 is not made for hunting, it is made for killing," he said.

Senator Bob Casey, an alumni for Parkland, and state representative Brian Sims also voiced their opinions on stage.

The Wilkes University students reacted to their experience and explained why they joined the Philadelphia March for Our Lives protest.

"I marched because I feel like it's our time to make a change," said sophomore political science and criminology major Samantha Trobe.

"Just arriving at the march today I became overwhelmed with joy seeing all the people from different ethnicities, races, and genders, old people, young people, marching for a united cause," said Trobe.

Robbie Petrovich, a sophomore history, secondary education and political science major also reflected on his experience.

"I've always kind of been a silent partaker in politics and I just feel like it was finally time for me to stand up for something I really believe in especially me being an aspiring teacher," said Petrovich.

"It was a great experience," said Megan Graham, freshman history major, "I thought it was great and it was a great turnout."

Dr. Andreea Maieran, political science



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Junior secondary education and history major Ian Valles holds up his sign at the march.


professor, was one of the two professors who joined Wilkes students in the march, the other being Dr. Ellen Newell, a professor in the Psychology Department.

"Today we have seen democracy and student activism at its best. It felt great to be part of a movement that fights for change in a passionate, articulate and peaceful manner," said Maieran.

"In the end, if we manage to leave aside the ideological barriers, it becomes obvious that this student-led movement is all about

saving innocent lives through responsible public policy. It is about putting an end to the outbreak of mass shootings that lead 187,000 American students to become exposed to gun violence since Columbine," said Maieran.

"It is about exterminating the contagion of school shootings that does not happen anywhere else in the world except the United States," she said.

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Director of non-profit MAVUNO speaks on African sustainability

By Cabrini Rudnicki
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From March 11 to March 25, Wilkes University hosted the director of a grass-roots African sustainability nonprofit organization.

Charles Bahati Bitakwate is the director of MAVUNO, a non-profit in Eastern Africa with focus on ending poverty and health concerns in the area.

Bitakwate has spent the past two weeks on campus holding lectures for different academic schools, including anthropology, business, and environmental science. Bitakwate also held a talk for the Rotary Club of Wilkes-Barre.

Bitakwate held a lecture open to the public on March 19 in Dr. Winkler's Global Health class titled 'Talk on Sustainable Vision for Rural East Africa: Projects in Karagwe Water, Development and Community Health.'

In the lecture, Bitakwate discussed the different initiatives and projects his organization are currently employing in eastern Africa. Some of his initiatives include food security, sanitation and health, social welfare, and education. Much of his work is focused on women's education and the creation of safe water.

"Most of our area of concentration has been water," said Bitakwate. "We've also been working on creating toilets, and the

distribution of sanitary pads."

"Water is contaminated, continued Bitakwate, "So when the children go to the natural resources, and when they get the water it is very difficult to control. When they are thirsty, sometimes you can't control that they need to get water. In the end, when they drink the water they get sick." Much of the health issues in the area have been attributed to diarrhea caused by contaminated water.

"We have tried different methods of cleaning the water but now it seems that we have found one that seems to be efficient," said Bitakwate. "We are now working on using a UV filter."

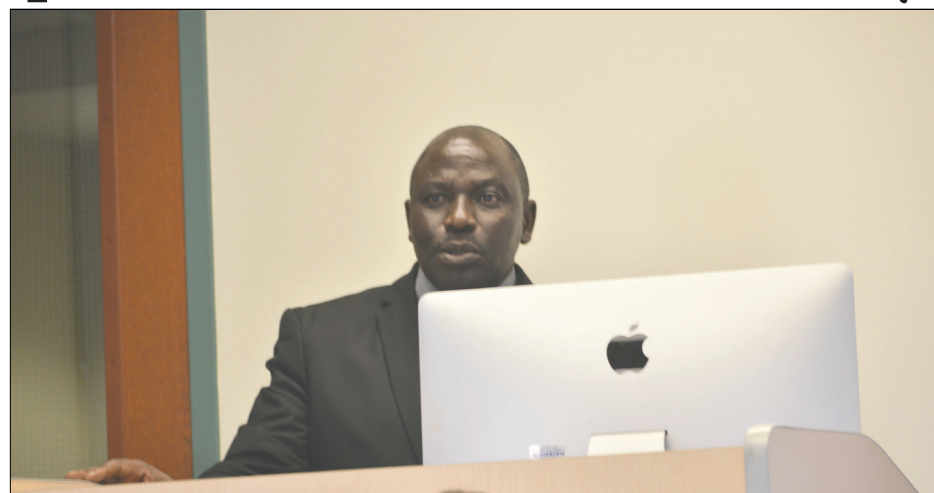
The UV filter uses solar-radiation to sterilize water when it passes through a filter.

"The UV filter helps not only the students in the schools but the community at large," continued Bitakwate.

Winkler, a professor of anthropology, has known Bitakwate, for more than 8 years. Bitakwate's work is focused in Tanzania, where Dr. Winkler has her long-term health project.

Wilkes brought Bitakwate via a J-1 visa, a sponsor visa for individuals to have cross-cultural experiences as scholars. He was sponsored by a donor due to his involvement in Winkler's Tanzanian project.

"When we hear about international development we often hear about policy. We



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Charles Bahati spoke to a variety of classes during his time here, including Dr. Winkler's Global Health course and Dr. Adekola's International Business course.


often hear about United Nations and people who are working from the top, but we often don't focus on people who are driving it from the bottom," Winkler said.

"What Charles is an example of is somebody who keeps up with policy and international economics, but he then interprets it in a broad local community to help improve the lives of everyone there."

"The lecture was really good and informing," said Ashley Baker, a freshman

criminology major.

MAVUNO, Bitakwate's organization, has a vision statement of "Strong communities with ability to control resources for their sustainable development." More information about the organization can be found on mavuno.org.

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Annual Health, Wellness Fair will emphasize student well-being

By Jackie Kurovsky
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The Wilkes campus will have the chance to learn about all things health inside and out at the annual Health and Wellness Fair on April 3.

Sponsored by BACCHUS, a student-run club dedicated to campus wellbeing, the event offers a wide variety of educational talks, screenings and services about all aspects of health for the mind and body.

BACCHUS Vice President Ashley Weber said the goal of the event is the promotion of a healthy lifestyle and awareness of medical issues.

"I think that this event is important to students and staff because it provides education and resources that many people may not seek out," Weber said. "Last year alone there were several findings that warranted further evaluation."

Screenings offered include those for bone density, thyroid issues, blood pressure and blood sugar.

Dr. Julie Olenak of the Nesbitt School of Pharmacy will oversee the blood sugar screenings, working with the Nesbitt school's chapter of Operation Diabetes. Olenak said the screenings will provide immediate results after participants fill out a risk assessment from the American Diabetes Association.

"We then provide individualized counseling to the participant and notify their primary care provider, when necessary," she said.

Other services offered include sun damage tests for the skin, chiropractic adjustments, massages and STI screenings.

Along with services for the body come those for the mind. Yoga classes and stress management information will also be available.

Information on holistic medicine will be offered as well.

BACCHUS club member Romeo Rosario said the Health and Wellness Fair is a very important event to have on campus.

"This event gives both students and staff the

opportunity to not only become educated on health benefits but also to become educated on ways to increase their overall wellness and well-being," he said.

Also featured at the fair will be informational talks on all things related to health and well-being. 65 tables will be set up, each for a different representative of a health organization or service.

The Liquor Control Board, Aids Council, sports medicine professionals and a registered dietician are just a few of those offering information to attendees. The Victims Resource Center which aids victims of crime will also be present.

"I think all the attendees could benefit from all the screenings and demonstrations," said Gail Holby, coordinator of Health and Wellness Services. "Everyone has different concerns."

Some features of the fair will deal with lifestyle choices for college students. The Pennsylvania Treasury Department will be present to discuss savings programs for

college students. The Alcohol and Drug Council will also be available to provide information.

"We want to do this in a setting that is comfortable for everyone. We also want people to feel better about their health," Rosario said.

Campus clubs will also take part in the event, including BACCHUS which not only helps to organize the event but will have its own educational table.

"We encourage our student body to become more understanding of their bodies and [...] to educate themselves of some of the health concerns that we sometimes tend to forget about," said Rosario.

The Health and Wellness Fair will be held in the ballroom of the Henry Student Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, contact Health and Wellness Services at (570) 408-4730.

Nursing student organization hosts speaker with ALS

By Freddy Del Rosario
Staff Writer

Wilkes University's Nursing Student Organization hosted a guest speaker on March 19.

Paul Miller, a man living with ALS, spoke about his diagnosis and how it has since impacted his life.

Miller attributes his diagnosis to the trauma following his son's death caused by a car accident.

Paul J. Miller, his son, died on July 5, 2010, when his vehicle was hit by a tractor-trailer. The truck driver was distracted at the moment of the crash.

The symptoms began a year after his son had died. The stress, trauma, and anxiety, that resulted from this tragedy, attested Miller, triggered ALS.

According to the ALS Association, the disease can be genetic, and those who carry it have a 50 percent chance to have the disease.

ALS, also known as amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, is a progressive, fatal, neuromuscular disorder that affects the brain and spinal cord. Simple voluntary muscle movements, such as breathing and walking, eventually become impossible. Patients with at a progressive stage of the disease, are totally paralyzed. However, their minds generally remain unaffected.

"I started to lose balance, and dragging my left foot," Miller said, as he described how his first symptoms manifested. And

after many tests were conducted, and the possibility of having other diseases were ruled out, Miller was diagnosed with ALS, which were crushing news to his wife and daughter.

As time passed, he started to lose his ability to do everyday tasks, but it wasn't until he could no longer drive that he truly realized the complexity of his situation.

"Once my doctor found out I drove my way to the medical appointments, she made me promise I will not drive again, which made me feel bad because at that moment I thought of the death of my son."

"It has gotten into my breathing, and I also now slur," said Miller, as he described his current condition.

"For years, until last year, I golfed with my friends," he said, "and it wasn't about how good I was, it was about me being out there moving, but I had to give that up because doing that was a continuous struggle."

"I have now a tendency to choke, and the easiest thing for me to choke on is water," Miller said.

Research by the ALS Association has also found that patients with the disease have 2-5 years to live, Miller's ALS is in slow progress, although he says his quality of life is decreasing.

"It was eye-opening to see what living with ALS is really like," said Nalleyn Nunez, a psychology major who was present for the presentation given by



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Paul Miller was diagnosed with ALS in 2011. He, and his wife Eileen Miller, have since made it their duty to educate people across the country about the condition.

Paul.

"I have read many studies and heard people talking about the disease, but I feel like it's difficult to get the full scoop of what ALS does to you until you hear that from someone that is suffering from it."


"We started a few years ago," Eileen Miller, Paul's wife of 32 years, said. "We began the outreach to local colleges, and Paul has now shared his story with hundreds of young people."

The Millers have now traveled hundreds of miles to spread a positive message, and on the side, Eileen is an avid advocator against distracted driving, has given talks to thousands of

high schoolers, and continues to do so.

Paul mentioned how grateful he was to his wife for his caregiving and expressed the content he feels when he has the chance to give talks.

"I am sure I will not be able to speak for long, but with the time I have left, I want to speak for those who no longer can."

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Family Business Alliance hosts workshop on selling family businesses

By Megan Stanley

Staff Writer

Last week Wilkes University hosted a workshop organised by The Family Business Alliance.

Titled “The Unexpected Opportunity to Sell the Family Business” the workshop covered the thoughts and processes that go into selling a family business.

Despite the snow, the event still took place even though 20 registered attendees were unable to attend. Earlier in the day, the same workshop was held at Penn State in Scranton and reportedly was a success.

Moderating the panel was Daniel Haggerty, a lawyer with PMJ Business Brokers in Carks Summit.

Sharing their story was wife and husband, Maureen Mangan Mills and Bob Mills who sold their company Craft Oil Corporation in 2012.

Maureen Mangan Mills joined Craft Oil in 1996 when her father still owned the business. At the time, it which was strictly dealing motor oil, and was making five million in revenue.

The business began to grow when they began to invest in industrial supplies to enter an industrial market.

Bob Mangan decided to join the business when the couple were expecting their first

child and Maureen Mangan Mill’s father went into partial retirement.

The couple then discussed their growing success over the decade. From growing their employee count and making 15 acquisitions over the years. The company grew from making five million in to 150 million in revenue.

The business was also recognised by Fortune magazine and other publications, Bob Mills told the audience.

“People can’t achieve things if they don’t know what they’re achieving,” Maureen Mangan Mills said, explaining how herself and her husband began communicating and interacting with their employees more than when her father owned the business.

The business faced issues when the union in Philadelphia sent two people as undercover employees.

“It affected us in a negative way [...] overnight our world turned upside down,” Maureen Mangan Mills told the audience that the union had bribed their employees for petition signatures and barred the entrances to the buildings of their business.

The couple spent \$150,000 in legal fees fighting the union over the course of three months.

“It’s not about paying people more money



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From left to right; Bob Mills, Maureen Mangan Mills and Daniel Haggerty.

- it’s about work roles and it’s about being able to do what we could to grow the business [...] I can’t be hindered by dealing with this stuff,” Bob Mangan said referring to the court battle.


After this, the couple decided to sell the business after considering their own future and the future of their children who might be involved in the business.

“We knew the timing was right, we knew we couldn’t recreate the deal,” Maureen Mangan Mills continued, “We realised that sometimes you think you are invincible [...] that it can’t be your best year that you can beat it, realistically it might be your best year and you might want

to sell.”

“You have to know your industry and where it is and you need to know your family situation,” Bob Mills said.

“It’s not easy selling a family business,” Maureen Mangan Mills admitted, explaining that the sell stills comes up in family conversations, especially with relatives who thought their children might be involved someday.

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Students, faculty react to recent firings of the White House

By Cabrini Rudnicki

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In recent months, the American people have been inundated with news of White House staff leaving their position. With recent news of the national security advisor H.R McMaster parting ways with the White House, faculty and students have begun to question why so many have left the Trump Administration.

Since the beginning of March, five major staff members have parted ways with the White House. On March 6, Gary Cohn, an economic advisor of Trump resigned over disagreements about steel tariffs. Following that, John McEntee, Trump’s personal assistant was escorted out of the White House on March 12 for unspecified reasons. On March 13, Rex Tillerson, secretary of state, was replaced by a new staff member. Three days later, Andrew McCabe, FBI deputy director, was ousted from his position hours before his formal retirement. The newest exit from the White House comes from H.R McMaster, the national security advisor, left and was replaced by John Bolton, a former UN Ambassador.

Dr. Thomas Baldino, a political science professor at Wilkes, has been following the departures since the beginning.

“Donald Trump is currently leading in terms of departures from the administration,” said Baldino.

“Typically, presidents come into office and they staff their administration with people who they know personally, people who they know somewhat, and people who they don’t know but finds them highly recommended,” continued Baldino. “There is an expectation that people who accept the position will stay for a period of time.”

“Some of the positions like Chief of Staff are intense, and it’s typical for their to be a lot of turn-over for the position. Typically they stay for a year or two then move on,” explained Baldino. For comparison, Donald Trump has had two Chief of Staffs in the last year and a half.

Staff of the White House are expected to agree with the President in terms of policy.

“Trump did not start that way,” said Baldino. “He brought people in who he maybe didn’t know well enough, who didn’t have much in the expertise of the given area that they were assigned, and, perhaps he was unaware of or perhaps he was but he thought he could reconcile, he brought people in who didn’t agree with him.”

Catherine Kelly, pharmacy major, remarked on the situation.

“I think [the White House] is being mismanaged,” she said. “I think they need a stable environment in our nation’s capital.”

Kelly continued on why she thought there was such a large turnover of staff members



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compared to past administrations.

“I think the system is a little bit flawed,” she said, “but I think it is Trump’s leadership. If the system was really that flawed there would have been a lot of problems with past presidents, and there’s never been this much conflict.”

Rai-Shawn Rinaldi, a sophomore secondary education major, explained his feelings on the

White House.

“I stopped paying attention to all things White House related because it causes me unnecessary stress,” he said.

Although many agree with Rinaldi, the media is all ears to hear the next staff member to depart from the White House.

Profile of a new professor: Dr. Joshua M. Blechle, Chemistry

By Maddie Davis
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Dr. Joshua M. Blechle, an assistant professor in the Chemistry Department, is one of the newest professors to join Wilkes University this academic year.

Blechle is originally from just outside of St. Louis, Missouri. He stuck close to home and earned his bachelor's degree in chemistry at Truman State University in Missouri.

He continued his academic career as he attended Colorado State University for his Ph. D in physical and analytical chemistry.

Dr. Blechle then became an adjunct professor at the University of Northern Colorado while still in the final years of graduate school and, from there, traveled to Jamaica, New York, to become a visiting professor at St. John's University.

Blechle reflected on his decision to pursue academia rather than industry.

"I had always been interested in teaching," said Blechle.

Blechle had the opportunity, both in his undergraduate and graduate years, to work for the tutoring center, to become a Teacher's Assistant, and the unusual opportunity to lecture a classroom of almost three hundred students.

"I really enjoyed those interactions," said Blechle. "I really enjoyed helping people

understand information."

Blechle's first opportunity as a graduate student was to lecture a General Chemistry I class, which helped guide him in the direction of pursuing a career in academia.

"Teaching that class was amazing," said Blechle. "I loved doing it."

Blechle was most influenced to study and pursue a chemistry degree because of the positive experience he had in Mrs. Brown's high school chemistry class.

Throughout high school, he was at first convinced he wanted to attend veterinary school, but it was Mrs. Brown's chemistry class where he decided to pursue a chemistry degree. While obtaining his bachelor's degree, chemistry was predominantly his favorite among the other sciences and led Blechle to take part in undergraduate research that further guided him to graduate school.

When looking for a career in academia after teaching at St. Johns University, Blechle wanted to find a school that was similar to his undergraduate experience; somewhere that had smaller class sizes and the opportunity to do research with undergraduate students.

"Wilkes, specifically, offered a lot of that," said Blechle.

During his first year, Blechle's classes have focused on physical chemistry, general chemistry, as well as chemistry for engineers.



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Blechle

"I've really enjoyed my classes so far," he said.

Blechle specifically enjoys teaching general chemistry since it allows him to channel what he loves, physical chemistry, because of the similarities between the two classes.

Just as he enjoyed research during his undergraduate years, Blechle is starting his own undergraduate research lab, which he is waiting on the lab space for. His lab is going to focus on his specialty: plasma chemistry.

"Plasma is this really complex state of matter. We don't normally study them [as

chemists]," he explained.

"What I am looking to do here is to get a plasma reactor set up and to help guide students into how do these things work, how do we build them, how do we study them, and then ultimately look at essentially the fundamental chemistry of what drives these systems," said Blechle.

"[Plasma and the work around it] is pretty cool," said Blechle.

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WCLH program gives all Colonels a chance to DJ

By Jackie Kurovsky
Staff Writer

Each day in the Karambelas Center, DJs on 90.7 WCLH play their favorite tracks for the Wilkes campus and community. Now, a new program is giving anyone on campus that same opportunity with the chance to be DJ for a day.

The newest WCLH program, "The Third Chair," allows any student, staff or faculty member at Wilkes to play his or her favorite tracks for WCLH listeners.

No experience is needed to sit in the third chair, said WCLH Production Director John Michael "JM" Rey.

"The show is very informal and conversationally based," he said. "There is very little pressure for the 'DJ for a day' because experienced e-staff members will worry about operating the control board and automation system."

Rey said he encourages students and staff to join the program as it "gives them the joy of being on air without the pressure of hosting a weekly show."

The idea for "The Third Chair" came when Wilkes President Patrick Leahy paid a visit to the WCLH studio in November 2017. While on their air, he shared his own playlist of favorites with the station's listeners.

Rey was one of the DJs sitting in with President Leahy as he explained the reasons behind his favorite songs. He called his appearance a "raging success."

Parker Dorsey was alongside Rey during President Leahy's appearance and immediately saw potential in the concept of a guest DJ.

"We talked to Kristen (Rock) and said how we wanted to do that again, but have a show dedicated for it, and for it to be open to all Wilkes faculty," he said.

He named the show "The Third Chair" as someone new will be sitting in with the two DJs each time.

The show's inaugural airing took place on March 16 hosted by Dorsey and Nick Filipek. Filipek who is also WCLH's Marketing Director called it "literally the best test run that could have happened."

Dr. Scott Stolte, Dean of the Nesbitt School of Pharmacy was the first to fill the third chair. Stolte's playlist was one that Filipek called "very eclectic" and ranged from Harry Styles to Disturbed.

"He was also a very interesting man

to listen to," Filipek said. "Incredibly smart with some real deep thoughts on his selected playlist."

Stolte called his WCLH debut a really fun time.

"The hour passed very quickly," Stolte said. "The conversation was easy and I got to expose people to my very diverse musical tastes. [Dorsey and Filipek] were very patient with my inexperience."

While its airtime is currently based on availability, the program will have a set airtime during club hours next semester.

"I encourage other administrators, faculty and staff members to take a turn in the third chair," Stolte said. "It was an experience I won't soon forget."

Those interested in being a featured guest on "The Third Chair" should contact station manager Kristen Rock at kristen.rock@wilkes.edu.

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1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- 2.. Line muffin tin with cupcake wrappers.
3. Combine cake mix, water, oil and eggs in a bowl and whisk together.
4. Pour cake batter into muffin tin and bake for 12-17 minutes.
5. Cut the tops of the strawberries off.
6. Place Cool Whip in a gallon plastic bag and cut the tip off.
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'WEBS' Club aims to help girls pursue scientific interests

By Sarah Matarella
Staffwriter

The Women Empowered by Science (WEBS) Club at Wilkes University stands to get students motivated to become mentors for girls in the younger generation who are interested in science.

The WEBS club is designed to motivate young women who have a sincere interest in the sciences and wish to develop the skills and knowledge necessary to reach their full potential in that field. However, in order for these young women to pursue their interests, they need mentors to show them the ropes.

Every month there is a program curated by WEBS where girls from local schools come to Wilkes University after school to participate in a variety of laboratory activities. Several different coordinator positions are available to help with set-up, hands-on activity, clean up, organization, and fundraising.

"It's an awesome opportunity that we don't want people to miss out on," said

junior WEBS member and Adventures in Science Coordinator, Erica Mabry.

WEBS meets during club hours on every other Thursday. During these hours the students involved discuss upcoming programs and fundraising ideas. The club even works with the busy schedules of their volunteers. Volunteer signs ups for WEBS will be sent out via Wilkes Today and placed around campus near the end of March and early April.

"We want to grow our numbers to be a bigger club and have a bigger impact," said Brianna Galvin, Vice President of WEBS.

This club also works hand in hand with Adventures in Science, which falls on April 27 this year. This full day of science caters to approximately 250 fifth-graders. Volunteers, again, are needed to assist with labs, guiding the students, set-up, clean up and more.

"To see the kids' reactions to it, it's just, it's priceless. And this is why we do what we do. Not only to encourage kids to be interested in science, but to have that courage and confidence to keep going with it and also have fun with it,"

said Mabry.

From this year forward, WEBS' main focus will be fundraising. Many girls who are intrigued by WEBS and want to become involved come from less fortunate families who cannot afford to send their children to the program. Thus, the goal is ultimately to be able to sponsor as many girls as possible to attend the programs and summer camps.

"Anytime I have seen students get involved with this problem, they are so happy they did. The mentoring is awesome; our students are just incredible mentors ... Be that mentor. Be that person that a young lady can look up to," said Debra Chapman, instructor of biology and adviser of WEBS and Adventures in Science.

For more information about joining WEBS or volunteering for Adventures in Science, contact Debra Chapman at debra.chapman@wilkes.edu or Erica Mabry at erica.mabry@wilkes.edu.



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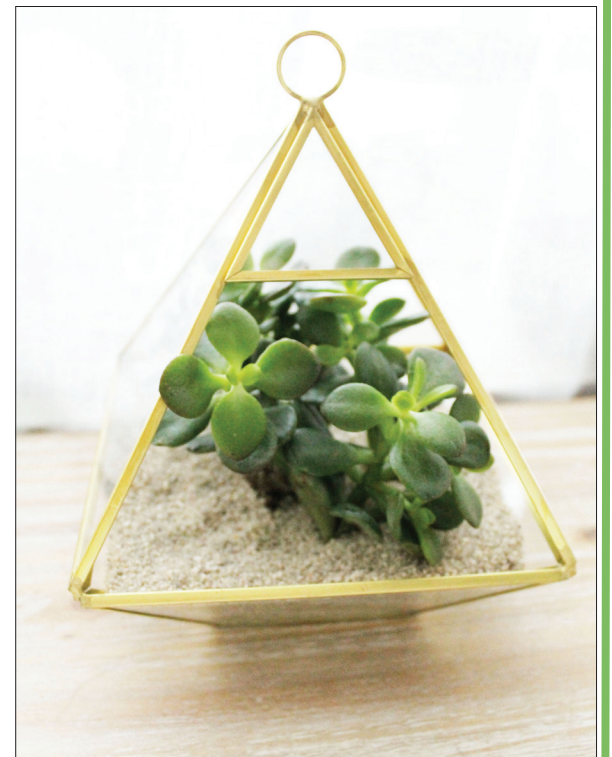
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Spring Fling Dance 2018



The Wilkes University Student Government hosted their annual Spring Fling on Friday, March 23, at Genetti's in Wilkes-Barre.



The ballroom glistened with beautiful lights from the chandelier.



Wilkes students enjoyed a fun night of dancing with fellow Colonels.

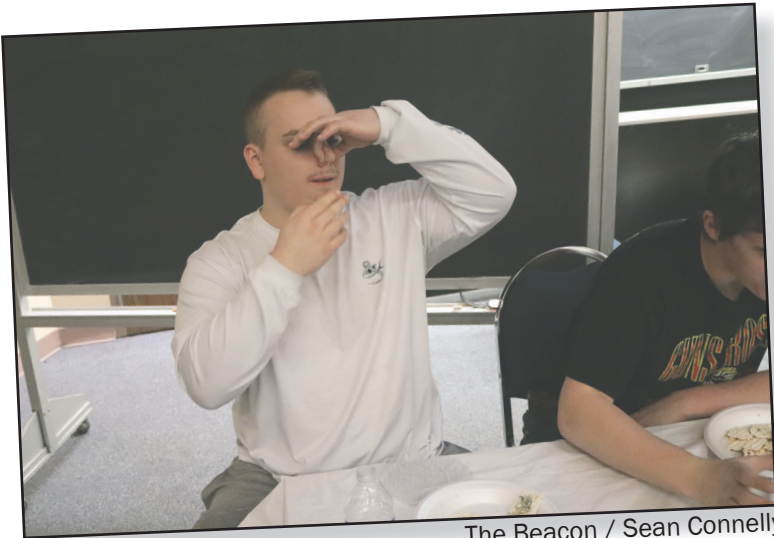


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Despite the cold winter weather, the tables decorated with flower arrangements brought a taste of spring.

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Biology Club's Fear Factor

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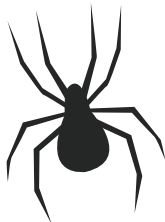
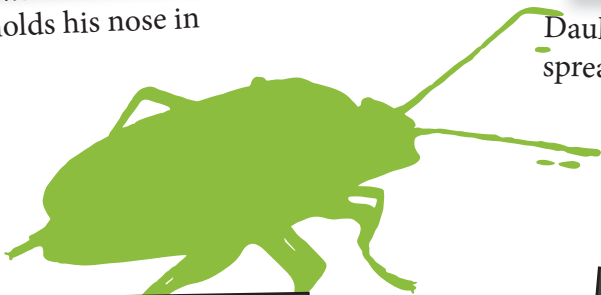


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Tyler Lack, a sophomore student, holds his nose in preparation for the food.



Daulton Moyer observes the vegemite and marmite spreads on his cracker suspiciously.



The students were forced to eat a variety of smelly cheeses, such as Limburger, Roquefort, and an intense Brie and Stilton, all pictured on the plate above.



Students prepare to participate in the canned vegetable challenge, which included things like canned peas and canned spinach.



Various canned seafoods, including squid and sardines, were among the dishes the students needed to eat.



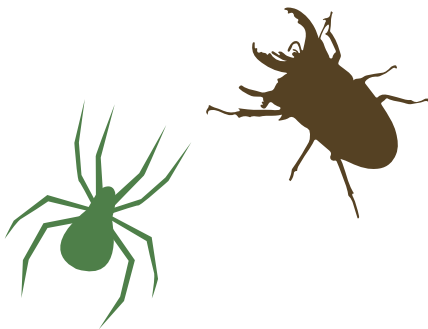
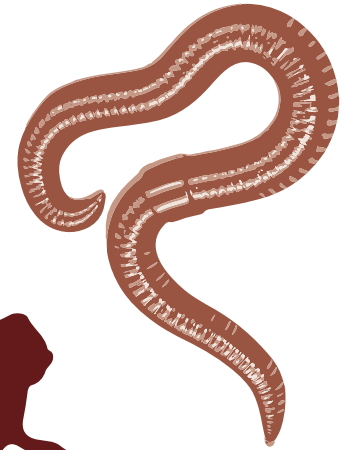
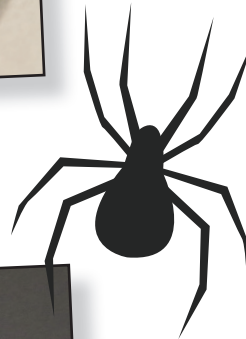
Cassidy Heid was shocked by the taste of the food at the event.



Maura Clarke participates in the Zombie Run, an activity where a student must spin around then outrun zombies who are trying to remove their sticky notes.



Alexander Miner drank water to aid in getting rid of the taste of the food.



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A Plea Against 'Walk Up Not Out'

The Beacon reflects on high school students walking out of class

On March 14, one month after the horrific Parkland shooting that shocked the nation, students across the country walked out of schools for 17 minutes - one minute for each student killed in the incident. Millennials have been brought up in a world plagued by mass shootings and are frankly sick of it. Many people, including political leaders and influential celebrities, commended the students for being a generation of change.

The day was a sign of the unification of America's youth, as was it a reminder to politicians that these students will be voting age soon, however, just like any issue in the United States, the event has been met with a separation of groups.

A "them versus us" kind of ideology was once again created. More conservative posters on the internet have called the event useless, have tried to suggest that the youth are too naive to have opinions, or like most "pro-gun" posters, say that the issue is not guns but something else entirely.

This leads to the newest popular campaign, "Walk Up Not Out." Posted mainly on social media with the same repeatedly screenshotted post, the paragraph calls out for students to walk up to students who are usually alone. The implication being, that by connecting with someone who you usually don't connect to, bullying and isolation will decrease, thus leading to less mass shootings.

The logic behind it makes sense for a moment, but deeper inspection leads to

obvious flaws.

Yes, we should be nice to each other. No one is arguing against that basic concept, but to pretend that just being nice will end school shootings is at best an oversimplification, and at worst, extremely problematic.

One of the major issues with the initiative is that people will not treat others as the post intends. Bullied and ostracized students will not feel better with pity friends. Most would rather be alone than have people pretend to like them, especially having someone pretend to like them because they are scared of them.

One of the Beacon members was bullied in middle school, and remembers being distinctively hurt and confused when a teacher assigned another student to befriend them, only to have the student tell them they were only befriend them "because the teacher told them to."

This singling out of students who are just a little quiet, weird, and leading them to believe that their peers are actually scared of them can be detrimental to future mental health.

Even further, if the students enacting "Walk Up" did it with poise and grace, kindness is not a magic cure of mental illness. You can not solve life long issues with depression, or other mental disorders, just with a hug.

It's a pretty concept, and one that surely does lend itself to memes shared by our

grandparents on Facebook, but it's not the truth and it never will be the truth.

One of the biggest issues, the issue that brought the most attention to the initiative, is that "Walk Up" victim blames the victims of the shootings. It's basically saying, "if only the victims were nice to the shooter, then they wouldn't be dead."

It is not the students' responsibility to maintain the mental health of their peers. It's yet another way for people in power - school administrations, governments - to put the blame on the students for not doing enough to prevent murder. Students should not be expected to go up to students they deem to be a threat, in order to save themselves from being potentially murdered.

The initiative goes from being misguided to straight out dangerous when asking students to be responsible for the violence of their peers. It turns a school shooting incident into everyone's fault, potentially increasing the already present survivor's guilt into much, much more.

Walk Up is not a solution to gun violence. Walking up is simply silencing a political movement, and finding yet another way to move the discourse of school shootings away from gun laws.

Be nice to others, but don't do it because you are afraid of them or you pity them. Be nice to others, but don't let anyone tell you it's your responsibility to save someone. Be nice to others, but don't feel responsible for anyone's actions other than your own.

Indiana Jones returns to theaters in 2020



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

By Nicholas Filipek
Asst. Opinion Editor

It has been just about a week since director Steven Spielberg ("The Post", "Ready Player One") has announced that he will be shooting a new Indiana Jones film and already the internet has lost its mind.

In an article written by Dave McNary appearing in Variety, it says that Spielberg made the announcement at the Rakuten TV Empire Awards, which was held at the Roundhouse in London. McNary's article also included a direct quote from the director himself talking about the upcoming project.

"It's always worth the trip when I get to work with this deep bench of talent coming out of the UK. The actors, and

the crew, the chippies, the sparks, the drivers — everybody who has helped me make my movies here, and will continue helping me make my movies here when I come back in April 2019 to make the fifth Indiana Jones movie right here."

Really quick note here, "chippies" is a British slang word for carpenters. Who knew?

Disney had announced back in 2016 that Spielberg was slated to return for the fifth installment of the franchise, with David Koepp ("Jurassic Park," "Spider-Man") writing. Koepp has experience with the character having written the fourth installment, "Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull"

The only other piece of information that we are sure about at this point is that Harrison Ford ("Star Wars," "Blade Runner") will return as Dr. Henry Walton "Indiana" Jones Jr., professor of archeology and severe sufferer of ophidiophobia.

The first film in the Indiana Jones franchise, "Raiders of the Lost Ark" came out in 1981 to critical acclaim. That year at the Academy Awards the film took home, Best Art Direction, Best Sound, Best Film Editing, Best Visual Effects and was awarded the Special Achievement Award for Sound Effects Editing. The film was also nominated in four other categories that year, one of them being Best Original Score.

I can not imagine how any of the original three films in the franchise did not win for the best original score, despite being nominated. Composer John Williams ("Jaws," "Superman") has written some of the most recognizable tunes in the movie game. In addition to the fore mentioned movies, Williams has also written and composed music for the original Star Wars trilogy, the first three Harry Potter movies and the first two Jurassic Parks. If you want to listen to the classic theme it is called "Raiders March" and is available on iTunes.

The second movie to come in the "Indy" franchise is "Temple of Doom" Though the movie premiered later chronologically, the story takes place before the original movie. This is now called a "prequel" but in 1984 this wasn't as a fashionable move as it is now. In fact I would place a bet that the idea for doing a prequels was born from this franchise after the film's success. Though not as big

as the first movie, "Temple of Doom" did alright at the box office and warranted a third film.

"The Last Crusade" was released on May 24, 1989 and returned Indy to the glory it had seen eight years ago/ "Temple of Doom" was seen as a little too dark and violent compared to the first film. "The Last Crusade" toned down both elements and returned to the more fun loving action/adventure film tone the first one pulled off so perfectly. This film also added the amazing Sean Connery ("Hunt for Red October," "The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen") to play Dr. Henry Jones Sr. Ford and Connery play a great duo, and this is my personal favorite in the series, and I really wished they would have just left it there.

Nineteen years after what some would call the perfect trilogy, the studio got the ever so original idea of rebooting a franchise. "Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull" hit theaters in 2008 to some pretty mixed feeling. Critically, the movie did well, and in terms of box office results, the movie performed well, but die hard Indy fans were pretty upset.

The whole tone had kind of changed and it seemed they wanted to turn the classic character into a new modern kind of bad---. Indiana Jones, to me, has always been more brain than brawn, but could throw some fists if the occasion called for it.

Currently the fifth installment for the franchise is slated to hit theaters on July 10th, 2020. Currently the internet movie database (IMDb) has no plot synopsis but that hasn't stopped us, the collective nerd of the world, from thinking about what it is going to be about. Once again we are sure we will see Indiana Jones getting into another swashbuckling adventure while stopping Nazi's from doing something evil to the Earth.

After "Kingdom of the Crystal Skull" I am a bit hesitant for the release of this film. I loved what is not called "the originals" and crystal skull was just weak sauce. It was transparent in its act to try to bring Indy into the modern movie making experience, but that's not what we need from this character. In my opinion they should keep with the old school heroics and action packed adventure the first film delivered so well.



Can you be good without believing in God?

By Savannah Pinnock
Staff Writer

Over the course of a person's lifetime, it is common and completely normal to possess heavily theological curiosities.

In fact, the human race is well known for its desire to understand itself in relation to its living and non-living counterparts.

Dating back to the dawn of civilization, the human race has possessed a natural curiosity which has led to humanity's desire to know its place in the cosmos, as well as the origins of life and the universe as a whole.

As a species, the human race has pondered a myriad of largely philosophical questions ranging from the existence of God to intelligent design.

One of the most well known and commonly debated questions appears to be whether one can be good without God?

This question is fascinating although it has an assumptive connotation. The question assumes that morality and the existence of a God are dependent on one another.

In other words, God is the source of morality and following this stream of thought, it suggests that without morality there is no God and without God there is no morality.

Christian apologist William Lane Craig holds onto a similar view in which he states that "there can be no objective moral truths without God, and since there are objective

moral truths, God must exist."

In an effort to clarify the ambiguity and circular reasoning surrounding this question, it must be said that morality is its own concept and God or a higher power is equally its own concept.

In the case of whether one can be good without God, does this mean a personal relationship with God or the existential nature of God?

If the former is the case, it is clear that this question relates to two groups of individuals, a theist and an atheist. Individuals who subscribe to a religion and believe in a higher power, otherwise known as God, are theists. On the contrary, individuals who do not believe in a higher power or God are atheists.

With that being said, if morality is its own concept, the theist receives moral instruction from God, and many practitioners believe in maxims and principles such as "loving your neighbor as yourself", giving back to one's community, and not harming the life of another individual.

The atheist's morality however is not derived from a relationship with God which may lead one to ask where a non-believer's morality stems from. According to Frank Zindler, board member and former President of the American Atheist, "The behavior of Atheists is subject to the same rules of sociology, psychology, and neurophysiology

that govern the behavior of all members of our species, religionists included."

In other words, the ethics and/or moral standards of an atheist are derived from known principles understood within society, and studied within the previously aforementioned interdisciplinary fields.

Therefore, a theist and an atheist are both capable of possessing morals or being "good." As it pertains to the second interpretation of whether one can be good without God which has to do the existential nature of God, the same is also true.

If God exists or does not exist, it is clear that an atheist and a theist are both capable of possessing morals.

However, the subjectively perceived "good works" one does would be highly dependent on if God receives that action as a good deed. In other words, if God exists, a perfect moral code would be solely dependent on if God approves of this code.

This is only true if this God is "good" and benevolent.

If God happens to be a malevolent God, his views on morality would be flawed and morality would once again be subjective.

In short, yes, one can be good without God in virtually every situation depending on a wide range of philosophical factors.



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Artist: TECH N9NE new album “Planet” Review

By Parker Dorsey
Staff Writer

The legendary Kansas City-based rapper Tech N9ne has returned with his brand new album, “Planet.” Approaching 47 years old and being 20 albums in, he is still hard at work at his craft and still has a few tricks up his sleeves. Planet stands among his discography as being one of his angriest yet.

The album “Planet” refers to a metaphorical place he named Planet Pyune, an acronym for Peaceful Youth Unit Neutralizing Earth. In an interview with Billboard, he said, “No girl deserves to be ran over by somebody who thinks they shouldn’t be marching in the street. No unarmed man should be gunned down...”

The lead singles are “Drink Up,” “Don’t Nobody Want None,” “Bad JuJu,” and “No Reason (The Mosh Pit Song).” The industrial intro to “Drink Up” sounds like Death Grips, and with “Don’t Nobody Want None,” while catchy and dedicated to the b-boy traditions of the 1980s, does not really stand out to me.

“Bad JuJu,” which features King Iso, on the other hand, is confrontational and aggressive, and is rife with Tech’s chopper-style, lightning-fast flow. “No Reason (The

Mosh Pit Song),” featuring Machine Gun Kelly and Y2, is similarly acidic. It has an auto-tuned chorus by Y2, which seems like a shot at the record label Strange Entertainment - the label Tech is suing for copyright infringement.

The strongest track on the album is also its most experimental. “Brightfall” details Tech reminiscing on the evils he has done in his life and despite his religious practices and doing the right thing, evil always comes crawling back. Throughout the song there is a discordant orchestra that sounds like a choir of angels and is reminiscent of his struggles in spite of his spirituality.

In “Red Byers (Say Som’n Do Som’n),” which features Krizz Kaliko, Tech addresses the problems that arise in the hood due to growing up in radically different perspectives. Cops, with their urban prejudices, should not patrol in bad neighborhoods. On the flip side, the youth who have grown up in these neighborhoods are conversely prejudiced and are violent and reticent. However, due to hoods being a place of inequality, violence typically occurs when these two groups meet.

As for the other songs on the album, the opener “Habanero,” featuring Mackenzie

Nicole, is solid and is reminiscent of “Sriracha” off of his previous album The Storm, albeit slightly lesser. “Fresh Out!,” featuring Swisher Sleep, is a scalding track with Tech’s classic attitude. In fact, later on in the album there is a track “Not a D--- Thing” that is very reminiscent of this same attitude, albeit not nearly as well done.

“Kick it With Myself,” while an ode to loneliness, is a track that is just okay. “Comfortable” is a strong track with an alluring, spacey trap beat and is lyrically about who Tech likes and dislikes, who he feels comfortable talking to, and the places where he feels he is respected. “Never Stray,” which features Navé Monjo, has a heavy bass beat and is about him never straying from his path that he has been on the past 20 years.

The next two songs also feature Navé Monjo. “My Fault” is about his presumed gripes with Insane Clown Posse, and while not bad, it is not particularly good either. “Leviathan” is another song with a mellow spacey beat. The album closes with “We Won’t Go Quietly,” which features Jordan Omley. It is an uplifting song with a powerful pen game.

The album, which contains 15 songs

(excluding the deluxe edition which contain three bonus tracks), is not for everyone and is exhausting to listen to in one go despite the 53 minute runtime. The most successful independent rapper in the world has released yet another superb and refreshingly experimental hip-hop album.

Parker’s Picks: “Brightfall,” “Red Byers (Say Som’n Do Som’n),” “Bad JuJu,” “No Reason (The Mosh Pit Song)”



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Videogame Review: Ty The Tasmanian Tiger

By JM Rey
Guest Writer

In the early 2000s every video game company had a mascot.

Nintendo and Sega had their video game legends Super Mario and Sonic The Hedgehog. Insomniac and Naughty Dog had Ratchet and Jak. Even Bungie had an iconic mascot for their Halo franchise with Master Chief.

This trend took the videogame industry by storm and even smaller companies began creating recognizable mascots of their own. Today, we are going to look at one of these smaller companies known as Krome Studios, the beloved creators of Ty The Tasmanian Tiger, and we are going to see how his game stacks up today.

Ty the Tasmanian Tiger is a 3D collectathon platform that immerses the player into the role of the title character, Ty the Tasmanian Tiger. The plot is fairly simple, but one need to keep in mind that this game was designed with kids in mind as the primary audience.

In short, Ty is playing with some bilbies one day when he discovers an abandoned

cave where he learns what truly happened to his parents. Many years ago, Boss Cass, an evil cassowary, was rampaging through the outback to gather the five talismans to rule over Australia. He was challenged by a brave band of boomerang wielding Tasmanian tigers.

The battle was fierce, but the Tasmanian tigers were ultimately defeated when Boss Cass used his talisman to tear open a portal and banish the Tasmanian tigers. However, as Ty’s father was being sucked into another dimension he threw one last boomerang to scatter the five remaining talismans around the outback and foil Boss Cass’ plan.

Ty feeling an immediate sense of purpose sets off on a quest to recover the talisman’s, save his parents, and defeat Boss Cass.

I can already hear you asking how he plans to do this, and the answer is simple, with boomerangs of course!

The main gameplay of Ty the Tasmanian tiger revolves around using your boomerangs to complete various tasks in each level to collect enough thunder eggs to power a machine that can locate the talisman.

This might sound like a simplistic game formula at first but trust me it’s not. Each

level is full of six missions to accomplish like finding a koala’s missing children, winning a race with a platypus, or evicting a group of bats from a cave.

Successful completion of these activities will reward the player with a thunder egg. Likewise, each level also has 300 opals to collect and five bilbies to find, two activities that also reward the player with thunder eggs. Throughout my time with Ty, I can honestly say none of these activities felt boring or forced, because I was always rewarded for the effort I put in for each task with a thunder egg. This reward system in Ty truly makes every mission worth undertaking and brings the player closer to their goals.

Another aspect of Ty that makes every mission worth it is his moveset. There is something simply satisfying about throwing a boomerang at your enemies and watching them disappear into a puff of smoke. Ty doesn’t just use regular boomerangs though, and this is where some of the more creative aspects of Ty begin to shine.

After collecting enough thunder eggs and defeating each zone’s boss, Ty is rewarded with special environmental boomerangs. The flamearang is great for burning spiderwebs,

the frostyrang is great for melting fire, and the zappyrang is used to open the door to the final level.

Also, another great example of Ty rewarding its players is found in the special boomerangs like the multirang and the zoomerang that can be unlocked by collecting the 10 golden cogs in each level. These boomerangs aren’t required to beat the game, but I definitely recommend them for making your experience much more fun.

These boomerangs along with Ty’s ability to glide and bite golden cogs to travel short distances make the gameplay of Ty one of the best aspects of this 3d collectathon platformer.

In conclusion I fully recommend Ty to gamers young and old. The story is a little silly, but you are a Tasmanian Tiger throwing boomerangs at all your problems, so some suspension of disbelief is required when picking up this game.

Once you look past that, Ty opens up to you with its ingenious levels and stellar gameplay. If you are a fan of 3D platformers and some truly fun gameplay head on down to the outback and play Ty The Tasmanian Tiger.

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second on a wild pitch, put him in scoring position for Capozzi's one-run single to centerfield.

In the top of the third, the Cougars surpassed the Colonels one-run lead with two runs of their own. In the fourth, the Cougars tacked on another run when junior Parker Abate, who got on with a hit-by-pitch, scored off of junior Kenny Jarema's sac-fly to centerfield, putting the Cougars ahead 3-1.

However, in the bottom of the fourth, the Colonels answered back with two runs, tying the game 3-3.

With Clymer leading off the inning, the Colonels dominating part of their lineup was up to bat. A double to left field by Clymer, who went 5-for-10 with two walks on the weekend, and a walk by Capozzi put two men on for Walther's one-out single to right field, scoring Clymer. A walk by freshman Nick Pronti loaded the bases for the sac-fly by junior Brady Wing, who scored Capozzi and tied the game.

In the top of the fifth, the Cougars were able to tack on two runs after the Colonels'

pitching change from junior Jeremy Worlinsky to junior Noah Durnin.

With the 5-3 lead, the Cougars added to their advantage with a solo homerun by sophomore pinch-hitter Sean Lyons. Durnin hit the next batter, Jarema, and both teams were given pitching warnings by the umpire. An error by Capozzi allowed Jarema to score and advanced their lead to 7-3.



The Beacon/Nicole Gaetani

Wilkes Baseball celebrates their walk-off victory against Misericordia.

In the bottom of the sixth, a walk by Walther, a hit-by-pitch for Wing, and a walk by Fischer, loaded the bases for a hit-by-pitch for Champi, bringing in Walther. A fielder's choice to third base for Uzzi scored Wing and helped the Colonels close the gap on the Cougars 7-5.

A scoreless top of the seventh by freshman pitcher Colin Smith, who got his first conference win, left the Colonels down an attainable two runs. A lead-off

double down the left field line by Reinert, followed by walks for both Walther and Wing, left the bases loaded with two outs for Champi. Freshman Michael Patrizio went in to pinch-run for Walther, putting three of the Colonels fastest men on the bases. A full-count single to left-field scored Reinert and Patrizio cleanly, but an error by the left fielder allowed Wing to score from

first, giving Champi the walk-off, three-run single to win the game 8-7.

"Although we didn't end up winning the series against a very good, defending champion, Mis team, we played hard and competed until the last pitch in every game, proving that we're a special group who can compete for a MAC championship," said Champi. "As for the walk-off hit, it's definitely a top moment in my Wilkes career and one that I'll think about years down the road."

In the third game of the series, the Colonels' lone run was scored in the bottom of the third with a single by Patrizio, who crossed the plate on a wild pitch during a Champi at bat.

But their lead didn't last for long, as the Cougars tied the game 1-1 in the top of the fourth with Lyons, who singled to left, scoring off of a bloop single in shallow centerfield by freshman Adam Concadoro.

The Cougars were able to tack on one run in both the sixth and the seventh innings, not allowing the Colonels to score, winning both the game and the series.

The Colonels will travel to Marywood University on Mar. 27 for a game at 3:00 p.m.

Game One: Misericordia 8, Wilkes 5

Wilkes 000 202 001 -- 5 10 2

Misericordia 000 005 30X -- 8 8 2

E -- Jack Fischer, Jarret Clymer, Chad Bell, Billy Kerwien. SH -- Shane Hughes. SF -- Conor Smith, Sean Lyons. SB -- Kenny Jarema, Steve Weisensee, Parker Abate. 2B -- Jarret Clymer, Conor Smith.

Pitching: WIL -- Kyle Pokirinchak 5 IP, 4 H, 4 R, 4 ER, 3 BB, 0 SO; Matthew Konikow

(L 1-1), 3 IP, 4 H, 4 R, 4 ER, 3 BB, 2 SO. (Pokirinchak faced four batters in 6th.) MIS -- Elliot Forde 5.1 IP, 8 H, 4 R, 3 ER, 1 BB, 5 SO; Taylor Price (W 1-0), 0.2 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 2 SO; Kyle Melahn 2 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 2 BB, 2 SO; Drake Koch 1 IP, 2 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 1 BB, 1 SO.

Game Two: Wilkes 8, Misericordia 7

Misericordia 002 122 0 -- 7 6 2

Wilkes 010 202 3 -- 8 7 2

E -- Shane Hughes, Jake Kurtz, Nick Capozzi (2). SH -- Conor Smith, Cole Bixler, Parker Abate. SF -- Kenny Jarema, Santo Guinta, Brady Wing. SB -- Jarema, Guinta, Boylan. 2B -- Jarret Clymer, Matt Reinert. HR -- Sean Lyons.

Pitching: MIS -- Jake Kurtz 5 IP, 5 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 4 BB, 5 SO; James Magaldi 0.2 IP, 0 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 2 BB, 1 SO; Kyle Melahn 0.1 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 0 SO; Kenny Jarema (L 0-1), 0.2 IP, 2 H, 3 R, 2 ER, 2 BB, 2 SO. WIL -- Jeremy Worlinsky 4.1 IP, 2 H, 4 R, 3 ER, 2 BB, 2 SO; Noah Durnin 1.1 IP, 4 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 0 BB, 2 SO; Colin Smith 1.1 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 0 SO.

Game Three: Misericordia 3, Wilkes 1

Misericordia 000 101 1 -- 3 7 0

Wilkes 001 000 0 -- 1 4 2

E -- Michael Patrizio (2). SH -- Conor Smith, Steve Weisensee, Billy Kerwien. CS -- Adam Concadoro. SB -- Michael Patrizio. 2B -- Jarret Clymer 3B -- Concadoro.

Pitching: MIS -- Ian McCole (W 4-0), 7 IP, 4 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 1 BB, 6 SO. WIL -- Matt Amaral (L 2-2), 5.2 IP, 7 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 4 BB, 2 SO; Andrew Indzonka 1.1 IP, 0 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 0 BB, 0 SO.



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SB: Gibson's home run powers Lady Colonels in game one

By Luke Modrovsky
Sports Editor

EDWARDSVILLE, Pa. -- Sophomore Sarah Gibson came into Saturday's matchup against "visiting" Misericordia with an impressive above-.400 batting average. But with the impressive hitting percentage, there was still something missing from her statline.

A home run.

Gibson left game one of the doubleheader with exactly one home run, but not just any home run, an extra-inning home run. It was also the team's first of the season.

That round tripper proved to be the difference as the Lady Colonels defeated

Misericordia 3-2 in game one.

"She's been hitting the ball well," Wilkes head coach Sarah Leavenworth (Maulorico) said. "That's who you wanted up in that situation. She was relaxed. She was smiling. She was happy. That's what happens when you're relaxed like that. She's been hitting the ball really well. And it's just been an extension of that, but that was extra huge."

The twin bill was originally scheduled to be played at Misericordia, but was moved to the Ralston Athletic Complex, due to poor field conditions in Dallas.

The Cougars jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead after three complete frames, posting a pair of solo home runs in the bottom of the first and third.

Wilkes would light the offensive fire in the top of the fifth when freshman Nicolette Kessler reached on an error to lead off the top half of the inning. Gibson's single advanced Kessler to third before Celine Podlesney would bring her home on an RBI single.

The offensive action would not cease there as the Lady Colonels would tie the score in the next frame thanks to a freshman Sydney Cogswell RBI double, who brought home senior Christina Gambino. Gambino doubled to lead off the inning while senior Sarah Birchmeier moved Gambino to third on a sacrifice bunt.

The Lady Colonels have seen several come-from-behind victories on the young season.

"I prefer to stay ahead, but this team, if you look at all of our games, they have been playing from behind," Leavenworth said. "It shows the grit that they have. It shows how hard they work, and they don't give up."

"But I'd like to stop that," Leavenworth said with a laugh.

The teams would trade zeros in the seventh and eighth innings.

In the top of the ninth, Gibson would break the 2-2 tie when she connected for a solo home run over the left field wall into the City of Wilkes-Barre.

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WLAX: Lady Colonels take non-conference game

By Amber Grohowski
Staff Writer

The Lady Colonels struck back against Cazenovia College this past Tuesday at our own Ralston Athletic Complex located in Edwardsville, giving Cazenovia their first "L" in the loss column. Head coach Kammie Towey credits the accomplishment to great field vision and seeing the open man.

"We played cohesively and really meshed well on the field," Towey said.

With this triumph, Wilkes Women's lacrosse dined a four game losing streak and are on their way, diving further into their season, continuing to work hard everyday.

Laying out everything the team had, women's lacrosse was able to take three more shots and have fewer turnovers, overall, to hike up the score 19-11 when the final horn of the game sounded throughout the stands and the field.

Wilkes outscored Cazenovia in both halves of the competition. Creating a visual that motivation and determination was consistent throughout the game. Coach Towey added, "They had some incredible shots on goal, found the back of the net, and assisted each other."

After Cazenovia scored early in the first half, Wilkes stayed relentless, not allowing the Cazenovia Wildcats to dig them into a hole too deep to come out of; the Colonels tied the score back up not too long after that.

Keeping their momentum, Wilkes was able to take the lead when Kyra Boccio scored for the second time in the first few minutes.

Sierra Duman attacked with no mercy, also scoring twice, making the score 4-1 at that point in time. She soon was able to score another goal, accomplishing a hat trick, along with Burkhardt, who was also able to get three goals added to the Wilkes side of the

scoreboard at Schmidt Stadium.

Displaying great teamwork and selflessness, many of the players were

followed her direction on the field," leading the team to success, said Towey.

In goal, Sarah Carlini had 13 saves, helping out tremendously on defense, keeping it a low scoring game for Cazenovia College.

Coach Towey mentioned, Kylie Bedwell, as being an amazing leader and directing the defense, getting the ball back to the offense when it was needed.

Delaney Lukowski was also able to help out offensively, scoring her first career goal.

"We're building upon each game figuring out what

we need to do to be more consistent and working well together as a unit for the full 60 minutes," said Coach Towey.

Working hard and working together is setting the tone for the Wilkes Women's Lacrosse team this season, setting high hopes for conference play.



The Beacon/Nicole Gaetani

Kirsten Jackson (#23) takes the faceoff.



The Beacon/Nicole Gaetani

Freshman Sierra Duman (#2) looks across the field.

given the opportunity to do their part and contribute to the win.

The Wildcats were able to get a goal here and there, but nothing to compare to the amount that the Lady Colonels were able to slam past the opposing goalie. They topped off with a scoring streak of five goals without interruption by Jessyca Held, who had multiple assists, pitching in with the phenomenal win.

"I think Jessy's senior leadership really showed on offense and the freshman

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Wilkes Spring Sports Schedules

Men's Tennis

Mar. 4 Nebraska Wesleyan W 9-0
Mar. 4 St. John Fisher W 9-0
Mar. 6 Methodist L 3-6
Mar. 8 Bridgewater W 6-3
Mar. 8 William Woods L 2-7
Mar. 8 Catholic University W 7-2
Mar. 11 Yeshiva W 8-1
Mar. 29 @ TCNJ 12:00 p.m.
*s-Apr. 4 @ DelVal 3:30 p.m.
*s-Apr. 4 @ Misericordia 4:00 p.m.
Apr. 8 @ Franklin & Marshall 1:00 p.m.
Apr. 13 vs. Oneonta 3:30 p.m.
*Apr. 14 vs. DeSales 11:00 a.m.
Apr. 16 vs. Ursinus 3:30 p.m.
*s-Apr. 19 vs. King's 3:30 p.m.
s-Apr. 19 vs. Lycoming 3:30 p.m.
s-Apr. 21 vs. Cabrini 11:00 a.m.
*s-Apr. 21 @ Eastern 1:30 p.m.
s-Apr. 21 vs. Muhlenberg 2:00 p.m.
Apr. 22 @ Stevens Inst. of Tech. 12:00 p.m.
Apr. 25 @ Bloomsburg 5:00 p.m.
*Apr. 28 vs. FDU-Florham 10:30 a.m.
Apr. 28 vs. Goucher 3:00 p.m.
*MAC Freedom
Home matches @ Ralston Athletic Complex
s-split squad
Record: 8-2 (MAC Freedom 0-0)

Women's Tennis

Mar. 4 Nebraska Wesleyan W 9-0
Mar. 4 St. John Fisher W 9-0
Mar. 6 Methodist L 0-9
Mar. 8 Bridgewater W 7-2
Mar. 18 vs. Moravian PPD
Mar. 29 @ TCNJ 12:30 p.m.
*Apr. 4 @ Delaware Valley 3:30 p.m.
*Apr. 5 @ Misericordia 4:00 p.m.
Apr. 8 @ Franklin & Marshall 1:00 p.m.
*Apr. 14 vs. DeSales 11:00 a.m.
Apr. 14 vs. Cabrini 3:30 p.m.
*Apr. 18 @ King's 3:30 p.m.
Apr. 19 vs. Lycoming 3:30 p.m.
*Apr. 21 @ Eastern 1:30 p.m.
Apr. 22 @ Stevens Inst. of Tech. 12:00 p.m.
Apr. 25 @ Bloomsburg 5:00 p.m.
*Apr. 28 vs. FDU-Florham 10:30 a.m.
*MAC Freedom
Home matches @ Ralston Athletic Complex
Record: 6-1 (MAC Freedom 0-0)

Men's Lacrosse

Feb. 14 Scranton L 5-14
Feb. 21 Marywood L 7-12
Feb. 24 Keystone W 14-3
Feb. 28 Rosemont W 18-5
Mar. 3 Alvernia W 13-4
Mar. 10 Neumann W 18-12
Mar. 14 vs. Moravian L 10-11
Mar. 24 @ Wells W 23-8
Mar. 27 vs. Mount St. Mary 7:00 p.m.
*Apr. 7 @ FDU-Florham 1:00 p.m.
*Apr. 11 vs. King's 7:00 p.m.
*Apr. 14 vs. Manhattanville 1:00 p.m.
*Apr. 18 @ Misericordia 7:00 p.m.
*Apr. 21 @ Eastern 1:00 p.m.
*Apr. 25 vs. Delaware Valley 4:00 p.m.
*Apr. 28 vs. Desales 1:00 p.m.
*MAC Freedom
Home matches @ Schmidt Stadium
Record: 5-3 (MAC Freedom 0-0)
Results through Mar. 25

Women's Lacrosse

Mar. 1 vs. Immaculata L 9-21
Mar. 3 vs. Maritime W 13-4
Mar. 10 @ Purchase L 7-14
Mar. 13 vs. Keystone L 6-9
Mar. 15 vs. Old Westbury L 5-13
Mar. 17 @ Mount St. Mary L 12-17
Mar. 20 vs. Cazenovia W 19-11
Mar. 24 @ Mount St. Vincent L 11-15
Mar. 27 @ Lancaster Bible 4:00 p.m.
*Apr. 7 vs. FDU-Florham 1:00 p.m.
*Apr. 11 @ King's 4:00 p.m.
*Apr. 14 @ Manhattanville 12:00 p.m.
*Apr. 18 vs. Misericordia 4:00 p.m.
*Apr. 21 vs. Eastern 1:00 p.m.
*Apr. 24 @ Delaware Valley 4:00 p.m.
*Apr. 28 @ Desales 1:00 p.m.
Apr. 29 @ Centenary 2:00 p.m.
*MAC Freedom
Home matches @ Schmidt Stadium
Record: 2-6 (MAC Freedom 0-0)

Colonel Athletics in brief

By Alex Kielar
Asst. Sports Editor

Mar. 19

BASE: Wilkes played a sloppy game, committing six errors, leading to 8 unearned runs for Muhlenberg, as the Colonels fell 10-4. Freshmen Anthony FAVOR and Vincent Uzzi, senior Dan Eicher, and junior Nick Capozzi each had 1 RBI each for Wilkes.

Mar. 20

WLAX: The Lady Colonels outlasted Cazenovia College, 19-11, led by senior Jessyca Held's five goals and two assists, and freshman Sierra Duman's five goals. Two other Lady Colonels also scored or assisted on at least four goals (junior Kyra Boccio: two goals and three assists, freshman Ashley Burkhardt: four goals).

Mar. 23

BASE: See page 19.
SOFT: The Lady Colonels would use late rallies to propel them to a doubleheader sweep of SUNY Potsdam. In the first game, Wilkes would rally for three runs in the fifth to take the lead. In round two of the double-

header, they would use a sixth inning rally, exploding for four runs to take a 7-4 lead. Senior Christina Gambino pitched a complete game in the first game with five strikeouts, also going 2-for-3 at the plate.

Mar. 24

WLAX: Senior Jessyca Held (five goals) and freshman Ashley Burkhardt (four goals) combined for nine goals, but this wasn't enough for the Lady Colonels to outlast Mount Saint Vincent, as they fell 15-11.

MLAX: With eleven different players scoring at least one goal, the Colonel's cruised to a 23-8 victory over Wells College. Senior Nicholas Ruggiero and sophomore John Luna led Wilkes with four goals each.

BASE: See page 19.

SOFT: See back cover.

MVB: Junior Jones Mensah tied a career-high in kills (13) and blocks (4), but this wasn't enough to push Wilkes past Stevenson, as they fell 3-0.



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The left field wall acts as the boundary line from Edwardsville to Wilkes-Barre City.

The split series puts Wilkes at 9-5 overall on the season and 1-1 in MAC Freedom play.

Gibson's home run backed up a strong pitching performance from sophomore Gracen Staunton. Staunton went the distance in the circle, surrendering two runs on three hits. She also threw a season-high eight strikeouts and did not allow a hit in her last inning of work.

"She lives to compete," Leavenworth said of Staunton. "She absolutely loves it. You watch it in the way she swings, watch it in the way she pitches. She goes full bore everything. She's strong. As pressure builds she gets better."

Staunton, who has become known for her love for sweet tea, has taken issue in the difference of sweet teas offered between Northeast Pennsylvania and her home state, North Carolina.

"It's not sweet enough up here," Leavenworth said. "So we have to go down south to get the good sweet tea. Up north, it's not just sweet enough."

In game two, Wilkes jumped out to a quick 1-0 lead in the first inning.

The second end of the doubleheader included a scoreless bottom of the fourth for the Cougars when Jumalon chased down a double at the fence in left center after Jumalon fired to Staunton, who completed a perfect relay thrown to Gibson for the final out.

Misericordia found the scoreboard in the

bottom of the fifth with an RBI single to center. The Cougars would tie the contest in the bottom of the sixth with a sacrifice fly to right field. A diving Nicolette Kessler came up with the catch, but the throw would not be in time.

Leavenworth did appeal the runner leaving early at third base, but the appeal would be denied. The plate umpire ruled that Misericordia did not leave early on the tag up.

Misericordia would walk off in the bottom of the seventh with three consecutive hits with two outs to secure the 4-3 victory in game two.

Game One: Wilkes 3, Misericordia 2

Wilkes 000 011 001 -- 3 12 0

Misericordia 101 000 000 -- 2 3 2

E -- Marzzacco, Delong. SH -- Britny Jumalon, Gracen Staunton, Sarah Birchmeier, Butera. SB -- Jordyn Kondras, Alexis Kessler, Holub. 2B -- Britny Jumalon, Christina Gambino (3), Sydney Cogswell HR -- Sarah Gibson, Butera, DeLong.

Pitching: WIL -- Grace Staunton (W 4-1), 9 IP, 3 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 3 BB, 8 SO. **MIS** -- Schmidt 5 IP, 6 H, 2 R, 1 ER, 3 BB, 2 SO; Hoffman (L 1-4), 4 IP, 6 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 0 BB, 1 SO.

Game Two: Misericordia 4, Wilkes 3

Wilkes 100 010 1 -- 3 5 1

Misericordia 000 012 1 -- 4 11 1

E -- Jumalon, Stephani. SH -- Britny Jumalon (2), Birchmeier, Stephani. SF -- DeLong. CS -- Butera. SB -- Holub. 2B -- Jumalon, Holub, Butera, Stephani.

Pitching: WIL -- Celine Podlesney (L 2-4), 6.2 IP, 11 H, 4 R, 4 ER, 4 BB, 0 SO. **MIS** -- Moyle (W 2-3), 7 IP, 5 H, 3 R, 2 ER, 3 BB, 6 SO.



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3-on-3 basketball tournament coming to Wilkes, set for April 8

By Andre Spruell
Opinion Editor

What better way is their to showcase skills on the court while also raising money for a good cause?

This is something that can be accomplished by participating in a 3v3 basketball tournament fundraiser being held at the Arnaud C. Marts Center here at Wilkes. The tournament will be held on Sunday, April 8th from 9am to 3pm.

All the proceeds from this event will go to the organization known as SAFE, which stands for Supporting Autism and Families Everywhere. The organization hopes get money so it can be given to aid the local Autism community through things like art classes, swimming lessons, and many other activities.

The event is being run by Lindsay Dragon, a mother of two who has a close tie to Autism as her oldest son, 4-year-old Jackson, is diagnosed with a severe form of the disease.

"I have a degree but it feels like I'm back at school," said Dragon when discussing what it is like having to take care of her oldest son, "he changes the way we see life."

With Jackson being Lindsay's motivation for having this event, how it all came into fruition was unique as well.

Dragon notes that when it comes to having events to help out families whose children have autism, it is often difficult to get the whole family involved.

And to further that point, she mentions that more often than not, mothers are more active at these kind of events more than fathers because most of the activities that take place cater more towards mothers than dads. To get dads just as active as mothers, the idea of basketball came about.

When talking to one father in particular at a previous event held during Christmas time, Dragon proposed the idea of having a "dad dunk competition," with lowered hoops of course since the average cannot jump high enough to dunk on the regulation sized ten foot hoop.

The father instead proposed to Dragon to have a 3v3 tournament instead, that way

even more people can participate. Dragon liked the idea so much that she took it and ran with it because basketball is a sport that almost everyone can take part in.

"Basketball is a great way to get the younger generation involved," said Dragon.

The younger generation will certainly be involved as members of basketball and football teams at Wilkes will be volunteering for the event by doing things like participating in the actual tournament, working concession stands, and many other ways.

Courtesy of SAFE

Though having younger people help out for a good cause is great, Dragon feels this event will help fathers connect with their children more.

Dragon said, "This will be a great way to get dads involved because it is difficult to do things involving the whole family."

Being able to do activities to get the whole family involved is what is strived for whenever events like this take place to raise awareness for Autism.

It is unique because all the families participating all share the common denominator of having a child that has Autism. Having that familiarity goes a long way in allowing parents to meet other parents going through the same thing and allows for children diagnosed with the disease to make friends.

Having Wilkes as the location for the event is something Dragon is extremely thankful for.

"We would not be able to have it if it weren't for Wilkes" said Dragon, "getting the okay from Wilkes really got me excited because it made me realize that this is really happening."

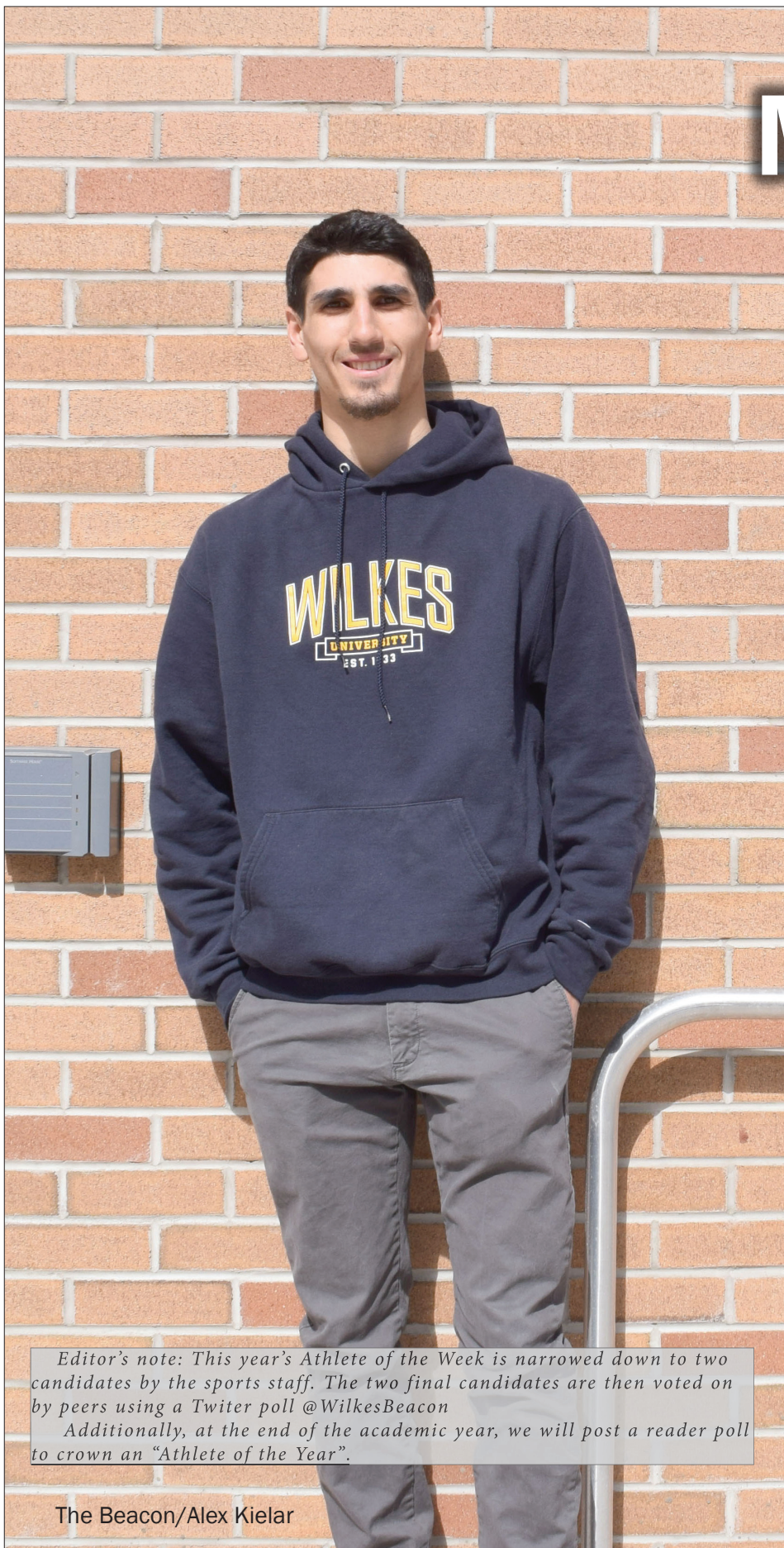
This is really happening indeed and is something all those involved are certainly looking forward to.

If you would like to participate in this event, whether to play, donate, volunteer or simply for more information, contact Lindsay Dragon via email at lindsaymdragon@gmail.com, or via telephone at 570-822-7259.



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Getting to know...

Michael Patrizio

Freshman Baseball Player

The Beacon: Male Athlete of the Week 3/12 - 3/18

Why Michael Patrizio was selected: Michael Patrizio went 3-for-4 with 2 RBIs in an 8-5 victory against Eastern.

Name: Michael Patrizio

Year: Freshman

Major: History/Education

Minor: Secondary Education

Hometown: Belle Mead, NJ

High School: Montgomery HS

Position: Shortstop

like catching pop-ups because I don't get very many in games, so it's cool when one comes at you. Personally, I just find them fun. Base running and steal breaks are fun because I love stealing. If we win the game as a team and I contribute with a steal, I personally find it to be a great day.

Driving force for your decision to come to Wilkes?

My decision to come to Wilkes was driven by the opportunities that this school provides, whether it be athletically or academically. Academically, I always want to be kept interested, which this school allows through class offerings and combinations of majors and minors. Also, the opportunity to come into a baseball program and have an impact right away was a huge deciding factor.

Other interests or hobbies off of the field?

I love following professional and collegiate football. Football is a big interest of mine. Also, I love just hanging around with my friends, making jokes, and doing something different all the time.

Most influential person in your life?

My family would have to be the most influential people in my life. My family always supports me in every way they can. My mom and dad are just constantly there for me and shaped who I am.

A quote you live your life by?

"Mom knows best."

Post graduation plans in terms of a career?

After graduating from Wilkes, I plan on becoming a high school history teacher and hopefully that will lead me to some opportunities to become a coach.

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

As a history major, I would definitely have to say President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. FDR led the U.S. through some crazy events and I would love to hear the first hand accounts of them.

Favorite building on campus?

My favorite building on campus would probably be Breiseth. Breiseth is where all the social sciences are. It's where the cool stuff is taught.

Hopes for this season as a Colonel?

My hopes for the Colonels this year is to have an opportunity to compete in the MAC playoffs and MAC championship. We are an exciting group of players, with each one of us bringing a special talent to the field. It's going to be exciting to watch.

Favorite professor?

All the professors here at Wilkes are great. As a freshman, I haven't had a chance to work with all of them, but Dr. Debbie French in the Education Department is awesome. She is very passionate about her work and knowledge in the education field and she rubs off on all her students in the same way.

When/Why did you first begin playing?

I have been playing for as long as I can remember. The reason why I started was because of my parents and brother. I came from a very sporty family, so it was just something I have always been a part of and wanted to do.

Anyone to give a shout-out to?

Shoutout to all my teammates, our team intern, and our coaches for all the hard work they put in everyday. Also, I would like to shoutout to all of my friends and extended family back home who helped me get to where I am today. The season is underway, time to show people who the Colonels are.

Favorite thing to do during practice?

My favorite thing to do at practice would probably be catching pop-ups or working on steal breaks and base running. As an infielder, I

-Compiled by Alex Kielar, Asst. Sports Editor

Editor's note: This year's Athlete of the Week is narrowed down to two candidates by the sports staff. The two final candidates are then voted on by peers using a Twitter poll @WilkesBeacon

Additionally, at the end of the academic year, we will post a reader poll to crown an "Athlete of the Year".

The Beacon/Alex Kielar

Getting to know...

Kyra Boccio

Junior Lacrosse Player

Name: Kyra Boccio
Year: Junior
Majors: Accounting and Management
Hometown: Dingmans Ferry, Pa.
High School: Delaware Valley HS
Position: Midfield

Driving force for your decision to come to Wilkes?

I really liked the small campus and variety of majors since I wasn't 100% sure of my major going into college.

Post graduation plans in terms of a career?

I'd like to work in the accounting department for a medium sized company then maybe run my own business.

Favorite building on campus?
UCOM

What came first? The chicken or the egg?

The egg.

Hopes for this season as a Colonel?

Hopefully we can use this season to rebuild, earn some wins and work towards an even stronger team for next year.

When/Why did you first begin playing?

I started when I was in my early teens because a friend taught me how to play.

Most influential person in your life?

It's a tie between my mom and dad. My mom always knows the right thing to say, and my dad reminds to give it my best no matter what I'm doing.

Favorite thing to do during practice?
Power and finesse.

Coke or Pepsi?
Pepsi.

A quote you live your life by?
"Life does not have to be perfect to be wonderful."

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

I would improve the fundraising so we could raise more money for not only our own trips but for different causes and programs.

Other interests or hobbies off of the field?
Working with horses and snowboarding.

What does "Be Colonel" mean to you?
It means that we're all a team and need to work hard to represent Wilkes.

Favorite meal to eat on campus?
Tortellini.

Anyone to give a shout-out to?
My family for always supporting me in everything I do and going out of your way to be there for me, and my teammates. Thank you for always picking me back up and helping me reach 100 points, I couldn't have done it without you guys.

-Compiled by Alex Kielar, Asst. Sports Editor



Editor's note: This year's Athlete of the Week is narrowed down to two candidates by the sports staff. The two final candidates are then voted on by peers using a Twitter poll @WilkesBeacon. Additionally, at the end of the academic year, we will post a reader poll to crown an "Athlete of the Year".

The Beacon/Alex Kielar

Champi walks off in seventh



The Beacon/Kirsten Peters

Senior Joe Champi delivered a walk-off three RBI single to defeat Misericordia in game two of their MAC Freedom series. The Colonels won game two, 8-7.

BASE: Colonels take game from defending conference champions

By Kirsten Peters
Staff Writer

This weekend, the Colonels lost the three-game series against the Misericordia University Cougars 2-1, putting them at 6-9 overall and 3-3 in the conference.

On a bitter cold Friday afternoon, the Cougars kicked off their conference play with an 8-5 win over the Colonels in the first game of the series.

Both teams took some time to adjust to the frigid conditions, having three scoreless innings. But in the top of the fourth, the Colonels' offense broke-out, scoring two runs and taking the lead.

With one out, a single to left field by freshman Vincent Uzzi got the ball rolling for the Colonels. Senior Jay Clymer followed Uzzi's lead with a double down the left field line, putting men on second and third. A walk by senior Nicholas Capozzi loaded the bases for sophomore Matt Reinert, who singled up the middle, scoring Uzzi and Clymer to put the Colonels ahead 2-0.

In the top of the sixth, the Colonels tacked on two more runs. A lead-off single up the middle by Clymer followed by a Capozzi single to right field put two men on. After a fly-out by Reinert, sophomore Tyler Walther came in clutch with a two-run shot up the middle, putting the Colonels ahead 4-0.

Freshman pitcher Kyle Pokrinchak was lights-out on the mound until the bottom of the sixth when the Cougars' offense broke open with a lead-off walk by junior Santo Guinta. After giving up a run, freshman Matthew Konikow was brought in to pitch, but the Cougars' offense was able to tack on four more runs, taking the lead 5-4.

In the bottom of the seventh, another lead-off walk by Guinta set the tone for the inning, allowing the Cougars to expand their lead to 8-4.

In the top of the ninth, the Colonels attempted a late-game comeback, with a one-out single to left field by junior captain Jack Fischer. A walk by senior Joe Champi put men on first and second for Uzzi in the cleanup hole, who singled to left field and scored Fischer. However, the Colonels comeback attempt came too late in the game, as they fell 8-5.

On Saturday, the Colonels hosted a doubleheader in much nicer weather than the day before with a solid outing of Colonel fans for support, winning game two of the series 8-7 and falling in game three 3-1.

In game two of the series, the Colonels took the 1-0 lead in the bottom of the second. A lead-off walk by Clymer, who advanced to

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Wilkes Spring Sports Schedules

Baseball

Mar. 4 Lehman W 18-5
Mar. 5 Mount Aloysius W 11-0
Mar. 6 Eastern Mennonite W 10-6
Mar. 7 PSU Harrisburg L 1-11
Mar. 8 Penn College L 4-7
Mar. 9 New England L 2-5 L 1-9
Mar. 10 Catholic Uni L 5-15
*Mar. 17 @ Eastern (DH) L 4-8, W 9-5
*Mar. 18 @ Eastern W 8-5
Mar. 19 @ Muhlenberg L 4-10
*Mar. 23 @ Misericordia L 5-8
*Mar. 24 vs. Miseri. W 8-7, L 1-3
Mar. 27 @ Marywood 3:00 p.m.
*Mar. 29 @ Del.Val. 3:30 p.m.
*Mar. 30 vs. Del. Val. (DH) 1:00 p.m.
Apr. 5 @ Scranton 5:00 p.m.
*Apr. 6 vs. King's 3:30 p.m.
*Apr. 7 @ King's (DH) 1:00 p.m.
Apr. 8 vs. PSU Brandywine 3:30 p.m.

Apr. 9 vs. PSU Hazleton 3:00 p.m.
Apr. 10 vs. PSU Wilkes-Barre 3:00 p.m.
*Apr. 13 @ Manhattanville 3:30 p.m.
*Apr. 14 vs. Man'ville (DH) 1:00 p.m.
*Apr. 18 @ PSU Schuylkill 3:00 p.m.
*Apr. 20 vs. FDU-Florham 3:30 p.m.
*Apr. 21 @ FDU-Flor. (DH) 1:00 p.m.
*Apr. 27 @ Desales 3:30 p.m.
*Apr. 28 vs. Desales (DH) 1:00 p.m.

*MAC Freedom
Home games @ Artillery Park
Record: 6-9
(MAC-Freedom: 3-3)

Results through Mar. 25

Softball

Mar. 4 Shenandoah L 2-9, W 10-9
Mar. 5 SUNY Poly W 9-3
Mar. 5 Eastern Mennonite L 0-2
Mar. 6 PSU Harrisburg W 3-2
Mar. 6 Regis W 8-1
Mar. 8 Mary Washington L 2-10
Mar. 8 Mount Aloysius W 6-4
Mar. 9 Gwynedd Mercy L 0-2
Mar. 9 LA Roche W 5-0
Mar. 23 vs. SUNY Potsdam W 4-3, W 7-4
*Mar. 24 @ Miseri. W 3-2 (9 inn.), L 3-4
*Mar. 25 vs. Eastern (DH) PPD
*Mar. 29 @ Del. Valley (DH) 3:00 p.m.
Apr. 5 @ Marywood (DH) 3:00 p.m.
*Apr. 7 vs. King's (DH) 1:00 p.m.
Apr. 10 @ Keystone (DH) 3:00 p.m.
Apr. 12 @ Lycoming (DH) 3:00 p.m.

*Apr. 14 @ Manh'ville (DH) 1:00 p.m.
Apr. 17 vs. Summit (DH) 6:00 p.m.
Apr. 19 vs. Penn Tech (DH) 5:00 p.m.
*Apr. 21 vs. FDU-Flor. (DH) 1:00 p.m.
Apr. 24 vs. Scranton (DH) 5:00 p.m.
*Apr. 28 @ DeSales (DH) 1:00 p.m.

*-MAC Freedom
Home games @ Ralston Athletic Complex
Record: 9-5
(MAC-Freedom: 1-1)

Results through Mar. 25