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WUPB hosts fiesta event to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month



On Sept. 19, Programming Board hosted a fiesta on the greenway consiting of Hispanic food, drinks, dance, crafts and games to celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month.

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Student Government notes: Sept. 18 weekly meeting

By Kayla Bicskei

Contributing Writer

Student Government convened for their fourth weekly meeting of the Fall 2024 semester on Sept. 18.

This meeting addressed funding requests, club recognitions, a club report, and Homecoming Weekend team planning. The treasurer's report showed a current budget of \$51,781.

SHPE began the meeting with their week two of two funding request. Within the past year, the club has organized professional development workshops, hosted two fundraisers, and was declared Club of the Month in October 2024.

SHPE is requesting an allocation of \$2,500 for the attendance of 13 students in the 2024 National SHPE Convention. The Student Government voted to approve a full allocation of \$2,500.

The Wilkes Health and Fitness Club was next to present their week one of two club recognition requests. To begin the presentation, the club explained the "freshman 15" and showed statistics.

The WHFC representatives stated that they would help students by encouraging them to become physically active and improve their health. To achieve this goal, the club will have three branches addressing exercise, nutrition, and self-care that create

a holistic solution for student health and fitness.

WHFC will return at next week's meeting.

The Wilkes Crochet Club also presented for their week one of two club recognition requests.

The mission of the club is to teach students how to crochet to relieve

the burden of learning by themselves, give students who already crochet a place where they can talk about their projects and interests, and create a community of 25. crochet lovers.

The Wilkes Crochet Club will return next meeting.

The club report recap was the last presentation of this week's meeting. Wilkes clubs are no longer required to

physically present their club report at meetings and their presentations will be reported by executive board members.

The Equestrian Club's report was the last to be presented at the meeting.

То end the meeting, members separated into teams according to their class. Each team worked together to

collectively plan the Fall 2024 Homecoming Weekend.

The next meeting will take place on Sept.

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Student Government editorial correction

By Stephen Youkoski

Managing Editor

In Volume 77, Issue 2 of The Beacon, an editorial piece was written on the new club funding rules that were set in place for the 2024-2025 academic year.

In the article, it is stated that the Wilkes University Student Government is the power that instated the rule, but this is incorrect. Student Government is in fact subject to this new change as well.

The University Financial Aid Department is the body that initiated this new rule, NOT the Student Government. This information was deliberated to the larger student body at the Council of the Clubs on Sept. 9,

which took place after all content was written and submitted for Volume 77, Issue 2 of the paper.

The information on why it was instated, was correct. This information was also elaborated on and explained at the Council of the Clubs. Once again, it was a decision made by the university, not its students.

We are committed to delivering correct and reliable information as students and as a newspaper.

The staff of The Beacon would like to apologize to the Student Government and the rest of the student body for this glint in reporting.

The Beacon strives to maintain accuracy and objectivity in its reporting. If you ever notice an error in an online or print article, you may reach out to one of the following sources:

Kalen Chucher, faculty adviser; Sydney Allabaugh, editor in-chief; Stephen Youkoski, managing editor; or the editor of the section where the error occured.

Once again, we apologize to the Student Government, the student body, and the community for this misunderstanding.

For more information, you may visit the Student Government's response to this error on Page 15.

You may also check out the Student Government on their Instagram page, @wilkessg, for any other information about campus activities or additional updates on this matter.

Upcoming Events: 2024 Fall Semester

September

25 - Produce Pop-Up

26 - Programming Board giveaway 28 - LVU Ultimate Frisbee

Tournament

Ongoing - Movie Ticket Sales

October

3 - Blockbuster Bingo

10-14- Fall Recess

17 - Wilkestober Fest

22 - Honors Thrift Store

24 - Sound Showdown

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Wilkes University welcomes Japanese international students

By Emma Broda

News Editor

This fall semester, Wilkes University welcomed a huge number of international students to campus, one of the university's largest groups yet. While a large contingency of students arrived from Nepal, a few came from other regions, including Japan.

The students shared their experience on campus so far, as well as the major differences between studying in the United States versus Japan.

Students Mao Takai, junior crosscultural studies major, and Towa Sasaki, sophomore applied physics major, both attend Kanagawa University in Yokohama.

"I was born and raised in Niigata prefecture," Taikai said. "Niigata is a speciality of sushi and sashimi because it is by the sea. There is a lot of snow in winter, so many people visit from all over Japan."

Yokohama is well-known for many

reasons, Sasakisaid. It is where Matthew Perry visited in Japan and where the American Naval Commander Matthew Perry signed a peace treaty with Japan in the 1850s.

Sasaki also mentioned a particular area of Yokohama she recommends to anyone visiting. "Minato Mirai in Yokohama because the night view is really beautiful."

It is a difficult decision for many students in the United States to choose to move out of state, and for many it can also take some time to get adjusted to. The decision to come to a university in a different country can be even more difficult.

"I considered going to a university in another country, and chose Wilkes University because I had wanted to study in the United States since I was a child," Sasaki said.

International students can join the University Preparatory Program to strengthen their English and to become well-adjusted to the American academic environment, which can be very different from the educational systems in other countries.

Takai said the preparatory program was incredibly helpful to her. "it had my ideal program ... to improve my English skills and learn American culture and understand diversity for my dream."

Takai continued stating, "There is the Office of Diversity Initiative that values minority students and supports their education by promoting learning across social group boundaries."

The culture and university life in the United States is also incredibly different from Japan. One of the biggest differences is talking to strangers, Sasaki said.

"In Japan, people don't talk to someone in an elevator, and they don't talk to someone sitting near you in a diner. I think it is a very nice culture."

Takai said she noticed that there is a certain respect people have for the cultures and values of different students on campus. "There are few foreigners in Japan, so this environment is really stimulating for me and there are a lot of things that I learn from them," Takai said.

"Also, most of the food here is bigger and more voluminous than in Japan."

Takai and Sasaki do miss aspects of their Japanese life, including their family, friends, boyfriends and Japanese food.

"I miss raw seafood," Takai said. "I love sushi and sashimi."

Takai noted the lack of variety in sashimi in American supermarkets.

Overall, howerver, both are excited to study and learn in the United States.

"Professors provide many opportunities to students to give presentations and have discussions," Takai said. "It makes me have confidence and I can learn diverse ideas."



That's So Honors: Student teaching in Cairo, Egypt

By Morgan Steiner Contributing Writer

Daniel Yap, an Honors P1 Pharmacy student, spent his summer outside of the pharmacy, serving as a student teaching assistant for a high school biology class in Cairo, Egypt.

Yap spent his summer in the classroom grading papers, teaching lessons and moderating discussions. For international students, high school looks different, and Yap's teaching experience reflects that.

In many other countries, the education system is modeled on the International Baccalaureate (IB), which encourages critical thinking over memorization. Though he worked a typical teacher's schedule, Yap said he had plenty of time for fun and experiencing Egypt's many

historical sites, including the Egyptian Civilization Museum, the Pyramids of Giza, the Sphynx and the Alabaster Mosque.

Yap shared that he has a deep respect for the educational discipline.

"I think that it is always valuable to have experience teaching as teaching is the highest form of understanding. If you're able to explain a concept to someone at a high school level it shows that you were able to understand it to the fullest degree."

The cultural experience was also a crucial element of Yap's internship.

Yap previously traveled to Egypt, but he came to understand the country even more through this visit.

"While I had been to Egypt before, interacting with high school kids was a great way to get to know Egyptian culture

and the diverse experiences of the students I interacted with. This allowed me to see how those experiences influenced their learning styles and how they liked to study.

"As the program was during weekdays, I had evenings and weekends to explore everything Italy had to offer," he said.

Yap, who himself attended an international school, explained that students will travel across countries for school, and it creates an opportunity for both conflict and greater understanding of new cultures.

"I have found that American school systems often have kids who have difficulty dealing with people who are different from themselves while international systems have trained students from a young age to deal with people who are different and how to bridge those differences," Yap said.

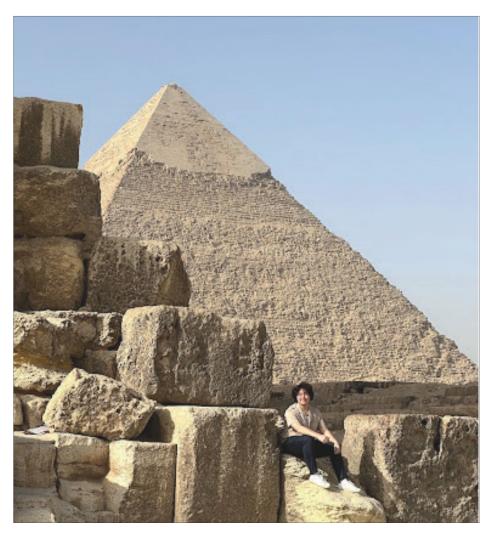
Other than recommending that students familiarize themselves with public transportation, Yap says his best piece of advice is to keep an open mind.

"I think it is super important for students to be able to experience a wide range of cultures and that means experiencing things that you would not expect to be normal and other places."

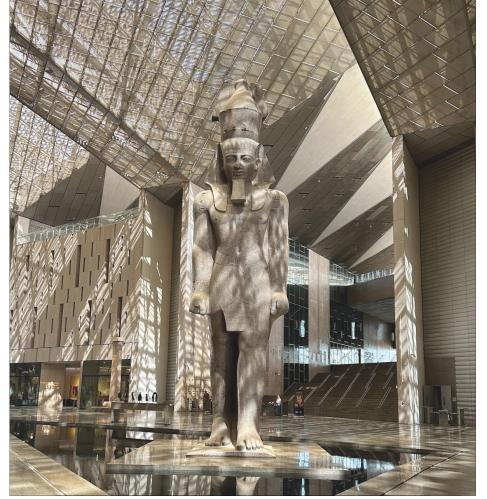
Yap believes that putting yourself outside of your comfort zone is an invaluable expereince, especially with another culture.

Students, no matter what major, have plenty of opportunities to experience new disciplines, particularly through the field of teaching.

To keep up with Daniel and the rest of the Honors Program, follow the Honors Instagram, @wilkeshonors.







Photos submitted by Daniel Yap Yap visited numerous cultural sites during his stay in Cairo, Egypt.

Wilkes University changes online library database

By Stephen Youkoski

Managing Editor

Wilkes University has recently undergone a change in the online library database system. This change brings a new host, different materials and a change to the website layout.

The former online database the university used was Summon, an online paid research program with thousands of sources, both scholarly and non scholarly, for schools to use. The change was announced in April and the transition occurred over the summer.

The new system is Find@Farley, which is named after the university library. It is run off of the FOLIO programming. FOLIO is used by other local universities such as the University of Scranton, but also by national sources, namely the Library of Congress.

According to Brian Sacolic, the director of the university's Farley Library, the change is due to three main reasons.

Sacolic stated that the new system "offers increased compatibility with our full-text sources."

In other words, sources the university owns through the host, EBSCO Discovery Service, should be more readily available.

Furthermore, Sacolic said that the new system is better for the library staff, as Find@Farley will streamline a number of in-house processes and improve overall work efficiency.

Finally, the switch away from Summon is a huge money saver for the university.

"[Find@Farley] will save the university nearly \$15K over time," Sacolic said.

With the announcement being so late in the year, many students were unaware of the change. Allison Lussi, a sophomore English major, has not had to use the new system yet, so she did not realize anything was different.

"I have used Summon before... around three times a semester or so," said Lussi.

She will be using it soon with some upcoming papers in her classes. Lussi is unsure whether she will find the new system better or worse with the new interface.

Students with questions about the new database or about the library in general should email ask.librarian@wilkes.edu, or visit wilkes.libguides.com for more information.

The new tools and resources tab on Find@Farley.

Research tools

- Q New search
- Publications
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Search

Available in library collection

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The new search interface and dashboard tab on Find@Farley

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Honors students clean up Shawnee Cemetery in nearby Plymouth

By Emma Broda

News Editor



Honors students who helped clean up the Shawnee Cemetery include, from left, Sarah Arshad, Salma Lampack-Heverly, John Devereux, Megan Novak, Megan Sandt, Colleeen Ryan, Elena Rivera, Joe Sokolowski, Luke Mauro, Erik Mauro, Ryan Collins, Chris Kopiak, Kamea Paresa and Nate Martes.



From left, Luke Mauro, Erik Mauro and Colleen Ryan, were just a few of the volunteers who helped clean the cemetery. The Mauros are pharmacy majors, while Ryan majors in history.



Students raked away brush that had grown over graves.



Students raked leaves that had been covering much of the cemetery.

Photos submitted by Megan Rozanski

Life, Arts & Entertainment

Have any events or artists to be shared? Contact Editor-in-Chief Sydney Allabaugh at sydney.allabaugh@wilkes.edu

Student begins Buddhism club on campus

By Kailey Vogel

Special to The Beacon

Dixon Rexach Toro, a first-year philosophy major has started Wilkes University's first Buddhism club.

The United Society of Buddhism is an organization dedicated to providing its members with a new outlook on life by bringing consciousness to the forefront of one's daily life.

The club will accelerate the development of minds through religious practice, letting members reflect on personal aspects of life to achieve enrichment, happiness, and bliss.

The Buddhism club intends to provide a safe space in which one can learn techniques to drive out negative thoughts such as stress and school work, in order to focus on the ideas of personal enlightenment. This club is open to any student or staff member on Wilkes University's campus and is currently looking for new members.

Rexach Toro is a transfer student from Pasaic County Community College and has been practicing Buddhism for six years at the Japanese Zen temple Eiryu-ji Zen Center in Wycoff, NJ. Dixon became part of a Sangha in May 2023 and has decided to share what he has learned with the students of Wilkes University with the formation of this club.

Dixon explained that Buddhism has been helpful in placing ideas for oneself. He explained that Buddhism allows those practicing it to understand relationships between other people and everything in the world around them. "Questioning the world" and how it works will also be a main priority of Dixon's Buddhist club.

Members will be immersed in the religion and its practices in a



From left, Dr. Mun Young Chung, assistant professor of communication and media studies; Trinity Veaudry; and Dixon Rexach Toro, club founder, pose for a photo during the recent Club Day at Wilkes.

variety of ways, from breathwork and breathing techniques to asking those worldly questions. However, his main focus is "advocating the practice and channeling people's curiosity."

"I wanted to create a safe space where people can come in, grow, and expand their capabilities as a whole," he said.

Members are not required to have previous experience with Buddhism and are encouraged to join and learn the practices that provide important skills for all aspects of life.

Rexach Toro has many ideas for

the near and distant future pertaining to the club and the education of its members. Some community service events in mind for the club include: seated and walking meditation events, Tai Chi and Qi gong events, book study, and "Dharma Talk" events.

He also hopes to get in contact with guest speakers for presentations and conduct engaging Buddhist-related field trips.

In fact, Dixon is determined to continue creating connections with other Buddhist temples around Wilkes-Barre and has officially partnered with the Flowing River Sagna, a supportive community that aids in the practice of Zen meditation and traditions of the Buddhist faith.

The United Society of Buddhism Club is looking for new members. The group meets on Thursdays during club hours.

For more information on the club, email



Sydney Allabaugh:

Ballet - The Garden

Stephen Youkoski:

English Love Affair - 5 Seconds of Summer

Emma Broda:

Set the Stage - Lunar Vacation

Sam Mullen:

Bring Em Out - T.I.

Adam Grundt:

The Painter - Cody Johnson

Leah Smith:

True Friends - Bring Me The Horizon

Zach Paraway:

Lithonia - Childish Gambino

Each week, the Wilkes Beacon staff picks their favorite song of the week. Check out this week's bops!

PROGRAMMING BOARD EVENTS

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a Fifth Grader?	9/12
Fiesta	9/19
Giveaway #1	9/26
Blockbuster Bingo	10/3
Wilkestober Fest	10/17

Sound Showdown	10/24
Freak Week	10/28-10/3
Comedian	11/7
Chillax Bingo	11/14
Giveaway #2	11/21
White Elephant	
Bingo	12/5

Career Carnival aims to help with jobs and internships

By Natalia Willians

Staff Writer

The Wilkes Center for Career Development and Internships is hosting its first annual career carnival on Sept. 26. While enjoying some Dunkin coffee, walking tacos, and hot dogs, professionals at the the Career Carnival will offer information to help students prepare for internships, jobs and future career fairs.

Students will be able to receive feedback and tips from recruiters from Enterprise, Greater Wyoming Valley YMCA, Reachum, PPL and Children's Service Center. Attendees will also be able receive feedback on their resumes from real recruiters at the Resume Review Station.

"Students should know that along with fun, there will be great opportunities as well," said internship coordinator Jenna Weiss "There will be business recruiters on-site reviewing resumes and listening to elevator pitches, to give students feedback from the recruiter prospective."

She also recommends that students craft an elevator pitch, as well as bring along a resume.

The event includes a bit of everything career- or internship-related.

Not sure what to wear to an interview?

Check out the "What Not to Wear" Colonels Clothing Closet Pop-Up. There, students will be able to find professional clothing for future career and internships fairs or interviews.

According to Weiss, students should show up to the event as they are. "It's a casual, fun event opposed to a Career Fair where they should dress professionally."

Other events include games and giveaways and handshake and hotdogs. At these events participants will be able to have a chance to win gift cards, enjoy fun games and grab a hot dog if the Handshake app is shown.

"I'm genuinely excited to see everything come together," Weiss said. "I look forward to students connecting fun with careers and internships, which can often feel intimidating."

Students are encouraged to stop by their table to see the employer list for some upcoming career fairs, learn more about the CCDI services, and additional information regarding Career Services and Internship Information.

The Center for Career Development and Internships is a place available to help and guide students find their desired career paths by assisting in building resumes, internships, interviews and job searches. Through the center, students can discuss their options by meeting one on one with Career and Internship professionals.

If interested, register on Handshake. Staff and Faculty wanting to take part are able to reach out to jenna.weiss@wilkes.edu.

Center for Career Development and Internships Calendar of Events FALL 2024

17 11-1

SAVITZ LOUNGE ADULTING 101: SOFT AND TRANSFERABLE SKILLS

Learn how interpersonal, leadership and other skills can give you an advantage in the workplace.

SEP **26** 11-1

HENRY ANNEX **CAREER CARNIVAL**

Get ready for Career Fair season with our Career Carnival! Games, food, networking and more!

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BUSINESS, ENGINEERING & TECH FAIR

Meet with dozens of employers for career, internship, and grad school opportunities!

SOCIAL & PUBLIC SERVICE AND LIBERAL ARTS FAIR

Meet with employers and organizations in Social and Public Services. Great opportunity for Liberal Arts majors!

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INTERNSHIPS 101: FUTURE INTERNS FORUM Thinking about an internship? Wondering about credit options? Stop by our forum for the answers!

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OCT **8** 11-NOON

SAVITZ LOUNGE **ADULTING 101: CREDIT & CREDIT CARDS**Come learn how to

Come learn how to build your credit and Do's and Don't about credit cards. (RSVP is required for this event.)

OCT **21** 5-7

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NETWORKING NIGHT Network with Wilkes U

alumni and learn about work after college!

NOV **5** **INTERVIEW WORKSHOP**

Enhance your interview skills, learn about the STAR method, prep for panel interviews and more!

12 11-1 TBD

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- 9. cancer
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- 10. gemini
- 3. aquarius
- 7. virgo
- 11. sagittarius
- 4. scorpio
- 8. libra
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Each week, The Beacon's editorial board will take a stance on a current issue.

Texas Roadhouse is the best restaurant chain

In a world where fast food restaurants and mainstream restaurants chains reign over our society and diets, one restaurant stands out when it comes to quality in dining experience and delectable taste: Texas Roadhouse.

Ever since its inception in 1993, Texas Roadhouse has been aiming to satisfy customers through both their Southern-inspired aesthetic and hearty meal choices that have kept customers coming back to this day. Texas Roadhouse sets itself apart from other major restaurants for msny reasons.

First and foremost, its look. The exterior of the restaurant tells you everything you need to know about what aesthetic the restaurant is going for: American Southern.

The interior is a packed yet cozy country-heavy mix-match. There is usually a small crane machine for children to play with while they wait to be seated, a glass case showing off the steaks the restaurant is offering for the night, and the walls that are covered with country music star memorabilia and art from Dolly Parton to Keith Urban. TVs are also scattered throughout the restaurant; if you and your friends want to catch a game while enjoying a delicious meal, Texas Roadhouse is just the place for that.

One of the best parts about Texas Roadhouse and most definitely what Texas Roadhouse is known for are their dinner rolls. Texas Roadhouse dinner rolls are exquisite. What makes them so popular among the masses is that they come with cinnamon butter rather than typical butter normally offered at restaurants. The cinnamon butter rolls are many consumers' favorite item at the restaurant because of its sweet taste and buttery-doughy texture that melts in your mouth the moment it hits your tongue.

The restaurant's novelty steaks are also fantastic because not only do they have a variety of cuts that customers can dig into but also the restaurant cooks them to absolute perfection. Also, the addition of mushrooms and gravy just adds even more flavor to the juicy and delectable steak.

For those who aren't steak lovers, their other menu items are just as delicious They offer burgers, ribs, pulled pork, chicken and fish. One of their best options is the smothered chicken which comes with sauteed mushrooms and onions, a choice of melted cheese or gravy and two sides.

The sides are also nothing to sleep on either since they come in a variety of unique styles. Their green beans are different from how other restaurants serve them due to Texas Roadhouse's country style; they serve their green beans with bacon as a nod to the country inspiration of their restaurant.

Their desserts, though limited, are also

sweet and tasty. The Granny's Apple Classic is notably one of their most unique desserts with the slice of apple pie coming with vanilla ice cream and honey cinnamon applesauce. It's a dessert that is not only tasty but perfectly fitting the country aesthetic.

What also makes Texas Roadhouse so great are its employees. The employees are enthusiastic and get into the spirit of the restaurant's Southern-friendly atmosphere. They always wear a smile and become very animated whenever it is someone's birthday.

Birthday celebrations at celebrations are known to be awkward, but Texas Roadhouse does it the best by not only having their own country birthday song but by accompanying that song by having the lucky birthday individual hop on a wooden horse with a cowboy hat. This could seem embarrassing to some, but they do give the patron the option whether or not they wish to hop on the horse. Though, the song and enthusiasm alone bring a lot of fun and excitement that turn heads all around the restaurant.

Texas Roadhouse is a fun and enthusiastic restaurant to go to for any occasion that sets itself apart from other major restaurant chains by having great food, energetic staff, a cozy Country atmosphere and the best dinner rolls ever to keep customers coming back over and over to enjoy all of those qualities and more.

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The Icebox: The Wilkes Colonels' Smashtastic entry

By "Freeze" Opinion Staff Writer

Wilkes University Esports officially kicks off with their first matches of the season this week. The organization has grown so much since it was first introduced one year ago by the legendary Robert Eskra, assisted by coach Val. As of now, we have a team for five games: "Rocket League," "Overwatch 2," "League of Legends," "Valorant" and my specialty "Super Smash Bros. Ultimate."

I think I speak for everyone in the Esports organization that we are very excited to start this season. Mostly every player is coming in hot with their practice and we are pumped up to defeat one college after the next in competition. Since I am a Smash player, I will give some insight on the competitive scene for collegiate, teambased Smash leagues.

The format of our competition is a special mode called crew battle.

Two teams of four players play against each other in a line-up format. Team A sends in Player 1 and Team B sends in Player 1 at the same time. The winner of the first match moves on to round two

they finished the last match.

Suppose Team B needs to send in a new player after their lead was eliminated. The entire Team B is allowed to strategize characters, players and stage bans as they send in Player 2.

The first team to be completely eliminated loses the match. Since this is a competitive scene, it is traditional to play an entire set (best of three) against the opponent.

There are a couple of additional rules to take note of, in case you would like to gather your friends and try this format for yourself. The same character cannot appear twice on a single team during the match. Once you have picked a character for the match, you must stick with that character until the next one.

The stage-pick is done through a traditional banning system, which includes: Final Destination, Battlefield, Small Battlefield, Pokemon Stadium 2, Town and City, Smashville, Kalos and Hollow Bastion. Stage bans depend on the winner of a match, though a lot of players like to "gentleman into PS2."

The conference that Wilkes Esports is signed under is called the National Esports Collegiate Conference, or

with the same amount of stocks that NECC. This organization spans the entire United States and includes hundreds of colleges and universities. The organizers of the conference have designated members for writing the rulebook for each of the games. These people are the ones who decide how competitions go and are constantly adjusting rules based on direct feedback from teams.

> It is thanks to such a considerable amount of effort that I, and lots of others like myself, am able to compete in my favorite video game while on campus. Some of those other people are my teammates whom I met through the program. They are worth cheering for.

> Last year, our star player was Mooch, aka Drew Fiedler. He mains Pac-Man, Pokemon Trainer and Kazuya, and was able to wipe out entire teams by himself. Unfortunately, he graduated, so we have some big shoes to fill. He can still be seen on stream attending local tournaments.

> Our current standing team includes Toggers (Robert Thomas), Cheese Toast (Logan Dickson) and myself, Master Freeze with the addition of a handful of substitute players who will soon make a name for themselves.

Toggers mains Ness, but I promise it's not what you think. While many Ness players spam "PK Fire" and make it hell for their opponent, Rob takes a new approach that makes the game practically unplayable if you don't know the matchup. He makes great use of aerials, throws and just a sprinkle of special moves to absolutely dominate.

Cheese Toast has experienced quite the improvement arc, originally maining Little Mac before switching to a more viable character: Samus. His movement as Samus combined with the stylish tossing of projectiles is very impressive. You should take a look at his controller, which we call the "cheese machine".

As for Master Freeze, I play Snake and Mr. Game & Watch. I will let you challenge me if you want to find out how I defeat my opponents. I am also working on improving my other favorites: Wario, Lucario and Villager. Surely, I will be unstoppable.

Finally, I want to give a special thanks to our coach, Valentino Timonte, who dedicates so much time for the organization and has been the reason for so much improvement that we have all experienced as competitors.

Letter to the Editor: A statement from Student Government

By Michael Santini

Student Government Treasurer

Dear Editor,

Thank you so much for the recent coverage on the changing club financial policy; the goal of our Council of the Clubs meeting was to give all students on campus the news and tools they need to succeed in the new environment. However, upon reading the opinion piece, I was disappointed to find a noteworthy perpetuation of misinformation that damages the image of the Student Government and our student body.

In its simplest terms, the new university financial guidelines are not something that the Student

Government, the executive treasurer, or any member of the student body has control over. This policy is based on direct instructions from our finance office, and we had hoped that our Council of the Clubs would reflect this by having representatives from the office present that section. Categorizing the policy as "Student Government's change" places undue stress on our members and advisors as we attempt to address questions and misinterpretations such as this.

Additionally, while the intricacies of why we made this change are still relatively unclear, the finance office has explained to me that the decision is necessary to align ourselves with general accounting standards, which, to my understanding, can not easily be refuted. Also, as a side note, the Student Government is not exempt from this policy, and in fact, it has absolved an entire fund that we reserve for campus improvements and capital projects.

As the executive treasurer of Student Government, a student leader on campus, and a member of other clubs, I know that this subject affects many people on campus, as it has affected my job significantly and is near to my heart. I completely understand the author's advocacy for our club accounts and their existing funds in light of the new financial guidelines. Your writer's frustration and concern are similar to mine, and express what many students and advisors have approached me with as well. I want to assure you that SG is working to address these issues.

Once again, thank you for your continued interest in our Student Government; we appreciate all feedback so that we can better serve the campus. The concerns over future funds are entirely justified, and as a member of the student body, I encourage club leaders and student organizations to continue voicing their concerns. Please contact me, the Executive Treasurer, at michael.santini@wilkes.edu if you have any questions regarding club funds in the future.

Best, Michael Santini

How DC is winning back fans and Marvel's downfall

By Leah Smith

Asst. Opinion Editor

For the past few years, DC Comics has been taking a backseat when it comes to fan and audience hype.

Marvel was and is still the top dog of the comic book industry with blockbuster hits like their most recent entry, "Deadpool and Wolverine." Also, eight of their biggest titles hit the Top 10 in comic book sales with DC only having one. Despite all of this success, it's become sort of a surprise that the hype Marvel has had for the past decade is starting to fade away.

Many have worried about what Marvel could do after having such a bombastic conclusion with "Avengers: Endgame," and with anticipation of what could come, the hype was running wild. However, that hype was taken in vain as Marvel did not deliver on their next chapter after the "Infinity Saga." Marvel's fourth phase, or the "Multiverse Saga," was a massive letdown for many fans to the point that many have dropped out of following the franchise due to the amount of unnecessary projects and lackluster storytelling.

Although there are a few exceptions to newer films that fans mostly universally enjoy, such as "Spider-Man: No Way Home" and "Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3," fans overall have not been enjoying what Disney has been contributing so far for this new saga. The premiere of "Agatha All Along" doesn't help Disney's case either since many fans were disappointed by the ending of "WandaVision" and care very little about a side character from that show getting her own spin-off.

As Marvel slowly crumbles in the eyes of fans, DC has been making promising moves for what they have in store for fans in the future for not only film and television but

for comic book fans as well.

On June 4, DC released what they call compact comics which are miniaturized versions of some of their most iconic stories such as "Batman: Hush" and "All-Star Superman," which contain the full story but in a more accessible format both financially and physically. Unlike the heavy graphic novels these stories are usually collected in, the compact comics are shaped like an average book and only cost \$9.99. This product is meant to bring in new comic readers as well as avid collectors who may want to add a certain story to their collection at a convenient size and price.

When it comes to television and movies, DC has also been winning over fans with its new universe led by fan-favorite director, James Gunn. He will be the head of all DC entertainment film and television



The first entries of this chapter will be "Creature Commandos" coming to MAX in December and "Superman" coming July 2025. On top of that, he will also be leading what is called, "the Elseworld stories," which are movies and shows that are under the DC umbrella but aren't involved with the main DC universe, such as "Joker: Folie a Deux" and "The Batman 2." This announcement and these projects gained much momentum from fans as these are all projects that fans have been looking forward to made by a lead creator that fans can get behind.

Where did Marvel go wrong?

In 2021, Marvel decided to drop a multitude of projects around the time quarantine was reaching its end. Marvel debuted "WandaVision," "The Falcon and The Winter Soldier" and "Loki" around the same time. Several fans

watched due to the craving of

content during

the pandemic.
Then, Marvel
released
"Black
Widow"
that year in
July, and this
is when fans
began to turn
on Marvel
with the belief
that Marvel was
focusing on
quantity

rather than

quality. Their assumptions were proven correct when Marvel released six films after "Black Widow," all in 2021 and 2022. Many fans were outraged by not only the poor quality these films but from how lackluster and messy the storytelling has become due to the

amount of projects that were coming out. There was too much going on for the viewers to enjoy and too little for them to care for because Marvel was introducing new characters one after another, even some that were introduced in Disney+ originals before their big screen debut.

Also, all the hype the new big bad Marvel built up since season one of "Loki" was all for nothing due to the actor getting into legal trouble. Although this was out of Marvel and Disney's control, it is still such a let down that Kang now has been scrapped after all of the buildup.

This year's San Diego Comic Con didn't really help Marvel's case either.

DC released more footage and even a teaser for the upcoming MAX show, "The Penguin" that many fans are excited about due to the positive fan reception for the show's predecessor, "The Batman." They also talked about future plans with the upcoming "Creature Commandos," which fans are also coming around to.

However, Marvel took a big swing with their announcement of the upcoming, "Avengers: Secret Wars" and "Avengers: Doomsday" with fanfavorite villain and new Marvel big bad, Doctor Doom being played by Robert Downey Jr. This casting decision has divided fans due to RDJ once being the face of Marvel.

Marvel wants what they had back in 2019 so badly, with audiences around the world lining up to see their next big blockbuster. Marvel's fall from success all comes down to one detriment and that is corporate greed. Disney is the reason why projects were rushed out and why fans have fallen out of love with the franchise.

Will the success of "Deadpool and Wolverine" bring Marvel back up? The answer is honestly no.

"Deadpool and Wolverine" was fun but it didn't bring any hope for the future of Marvel. DC is giving the fans what they want while Marvel is giving what the studio heads what they want.

Graphic by Maria Gonzalez

The culture of card collecting and its many problems

How a simple hobby turned into a business

By Shawn Carey

Opinion Staff Writer

It's basic human nature to want to collect. Coins, stamps, dolls, bottle caps, magazines. If there's multiple variations of the same object, there's someone who collects it.

I consider myself a pretty big collector. I love collecting physical media. Comics, books, video games, vinyls, figures, board games, the whole nine yards.

I also collect trading cards, which is what I would say if I could actually buy them.

Cards are probably the most common thing to collect, unsurprisingly. They've been around for forever, since 1868 to be exact.

The earliest trading cards took the form of baseball cards, later evolving into tobacco cards. They were somewhat popular, nothing crazy really. These cards were by a variety of companies to promote their business, even if the product themselves had nothing to do with baseball.

That would all change in the 80s when collectors started to realize that their collections could be worth something one day. Manufacturers started to increase their numbers due to everyone now buying multiple copies.

It was also during the 80s that trading cards started to move further and further away from their sport origins. There were cards based on everything from movies to original concepts.

The 90s brought even more change to the medium. This was mainly due to the introduction of trading card games, also known as TCGs.

Cards in a TCG are specially designed sets of playing cards. Each card represents an element of the theme and rules of the game itself. Each card represents its respective game's version of characters, locations, items, spells or events. "Magic: The Gathering" introduced all of this and more in 1993.

As important and popular "Magic:

The Gathering" is, it's definitely not the first game you think of. No, that honor probably goes to "Pokemon."

"Pokemon" rules the 90s. The game, anime and toys were absolutely everywhere. As you probably guessed, the TCG was no exception. The very first set of cards were released in 1998 and even since, they have dominated the trading card space. "Pokemon" is often referred to as the

franchise that made something cards trading it has always mainstream. made This is feel weird about entire thing. something As I see as a good and bad thing. I finally know

I think it's a cool thing that such a niche and nerdy hobby is so widespread. Collecting trading cards is an all ages activity; it can be enjoyed by pretty much anyone, especially TCG. You can either get the cards for the game or the artwork.

As with most things, there are people who like to ruin a good thing.

Remember when I said that collectors started to realize that their collection was going to be worth something one day. Well that day has arrived.

The aftermarket for trading cards is absolutely insane. If done correctly, collectors can make massive profits off of cards. There are multiple websites built around aftermarket selling. Websites that not only list the value of every single card ever made, but also the projected value of every new release.

It's honestly pretty intimidating. I have never been a fan of selling my collectibles.

I don't know what it is, but

today, I think what that something is.

A lot of people only buy cards just to sell them again for an easy profit. These people are unaffectedly known as

There are many ways for scalpers to quickly build up a large inventory. The more technical ones have bots that automatically buy the maximum amount of allowed packs.

Back in the day, i.e two years ago, scalpers used to wait outside for stores to open and buy every single pack possible. This has since changed. Stores like Walmart and Target picked up on this and now have a limit on how many cards a single customer can buy.

About a year or so ago I went to Target with my friends with the intent of buying Disney's new card game "Lorcana." When we got to the store there was a long line of people waiting in the card aisle. A poor employee had to give packs out one at a time just to make sure everyone got one.

This leads me to what inspired me to write this article in the first place.

It's no secret that I love "One Piece." I adore every aspect of the series. About two years ago, they announced that the "One Piece" card would be getting an English release. I was beyond excited for

Two years and two months later, I brought a starter deck and a few single

It is currently pretty much impossible to find "One Piece" cards in store. This is due to the rapid demand for them on the aftermarket. The "One Piece" card game is currently the second most popular TCG to resell. "Pokemon" is still the first.

It's getting to the point where you can't even buy single packs online for their original price. Everything is marked up.

This is a hugely disappointing situation. I've seen plenty of fans who want to get into the hobby but literally

What makes this worse is that there isn't really a way to fix this. We just have to wait for them to die down in popularity. The only other alternative I can think of is staying alert when new sets are coming out and buying them as soon as possible.

Next month sees the release of the brand new "Ultraman" card game. I am excited to see how the game will be received in the coming months. Will it be another "One Piece?" Or will I actually be able to collect it?

Graphic by Sydney Allabaugh

A review of Saba's sophomore album "CARE FOR ME"

By Logan Colonna

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Since no big albums were released this week, I thought it would be a perfect time to take a look at one of my favorite albums recently. This album is Saba's "CARE FOR ME."

Released in 2018, this was Saba's sophomore album. I personally found it back in 2022 and have loved it ever since. Without further ado, let's get into the review.

Before we talk about Saba's performance, it's important to get to know the background of the album. The project is dedicated to his late cousin, who was fatally stabbed in 2017. "CARE FOR ME" is an introspective piece that centers around how Saba was emotionally and mentally after his loss.

With that being said, I admire Saba's performance all across the album much, most importantly on tracks like "BUSY/SIRENS" and "PROM/KING." These two songs alone convey so much emotion that they nearly made me cry, especially "PROM/KING" as it tells the story that led to Saba's cousin passing away.

Building off of this, the content of each song ties greatly into the overall theme of Saba's mental state at the time. We have songs like "BROKEN GIRLS" that tells the listener that he always looked into the wrong girls for the wrong reasons, adding to his mental torment, "SMILE," which tells the listener that Saba wished for a life of peace ever since he was a child, and "PROM/KING," which told the story of how Saba got closer with his cousin and how he was eventually taken away from Saba by the fatal stabbing. All of these tracks wonderfully tell the listener why

Saba is how he is following his cousin's passing.

Saba's vocals, lyricism, and flow throughout the entire album is superb. From front to back, his lyrics are never lacking. If you were to look up Genius's annotations for the album, each song has quite a lot of lyrics annotated, showing that Saba crafted intricate lyrics that allow listeners to dive deep into each song's true meaning.

Without a great flow, I'd say that songs can be unlistenable. With that being said, Saba's flow throughout each song is great, even offering multiple switches of his flow in order to keep listeners engaged and on their toes. It's easy to say that Saba's performance was a key factor to the success of this record.

With only three features on the album, it's important that each one is carefully implemented into the tracklist in order to not feel out of place and so they're used to their greatest potential.

First, we have theMIND on "BUSY/ SIRENS." I'm personally not too crazy about his verse to close out the "BUSY" portion of the track, but it still does wrap up the half of the song nicely. It adds onto Saba's softness throughout his two verses and the chorus and even gets listeners ready for the softer "SIRENS" part of the song.

Next is KAINA's feature off of "FIGHTER." While her inclusion in the track is miniscule, it's still a nice addition to the song. Her vocals are layered with Saba's on the chorus and that's it. I find it more odd that she received a mention on the track credits more than anything else.

Lastly, we have the feature of "CARE FOR ME," Saba's cousin. At the end of

"PROM/KING," his cousin provides the listener with an outro. The alone fact that he's on the album at all is heartbreaking and leaves listeners emotional. At the end of the outro, the line "I just hope I make it 'til tomorrow—" is repeated numerous times. This severely adds to the emotions being created after knowing that he has passed since saying these lines.

While each feature is small compared to the rest of the album, each and every one does provide a more than positive addition to the album.

Next, we have the production that supports Saba on each track. I for one love each instrumental on each song. I apologize for heavily praising the same tracks again, but both portions of "BUSY/SIRENS" and "PROM/KING" offer wonderful beats that pair perfectly with the atmosphere of the album.

As for "BUSY/SIRENS," the first half opens up the album with a somber tone which pairs with Saba's tone well. The second half slowly transitions from the first and offers an even slower, melancholic sound. I truly cannot put words to it, but the production on this song, the "SIRENS" portion more so, is beyond amazing.

For "PROM/KING" the first half offers yet another sad tune to pair with the content matter of the track, being about Saba's life before he started making music. As the song progresses into the "KING" half, the beat gets upbeat and allows Saba to be cheerful. This is his opportunity to celebrate his cousin's life instead of being down all the time because of it. The outro track even follows suit after this shift and offers a more upbeat instrumental to yet again celebrate.

With all of this being accounted for, I

believe that the production on this album is great.

Lastly, is the album worth revisiting even after various listens? I obviously say yes.

Ever since 2022, this album has constantly found its way back into my listening rotation.

This is for a good reason, too.

Throughout the album, we find the theme of Saba finding ways to grow from his former self as he's coping from his cousin's death. This alone allows many listeners to be enticed to listen, and continue to listen over and over again, because so many people have had to deal with death. I personally have revisited this album quite a bit earlier this year when we had a death in the family, just as a way to cope.

Besides this, each track contains lyrics that many will miss the point of on their first listen. This allows true music enjoyers to relisten to each song and really get the whole message.

On top of this, while the entire album does offer a soft sound, each track does have its defining features, which lets the listener not get bored as they go through the tracklist.

To back this up even more, the album only offers 10 tracks, totaling to 44 minutes. I believe that this is the perfect length for an album. Not too long in the grand scheme of things, especially in today's world, and just the right amount of tracks so each listen doesn't end with boredom.

With this, the album is beyond replayable. Between Saba's excellent performance, the fine-picked features, to the cloudy instrumentals and even the replayability of the album, it's easy to give props to "CARE FOR ME." Saba's second studio album gets a 9 out of 10.

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WVB: Battles but falls short, 3-2 against Albright College

By Sam MullenSports Asst. Editor

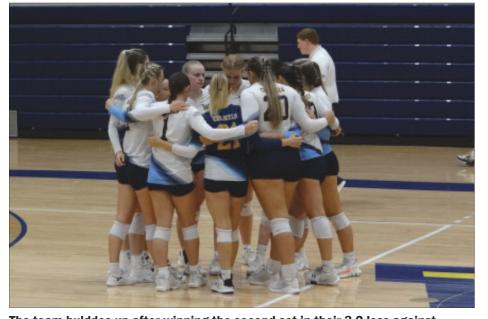
On Thursday night, the women's volleyball team hosted Albright College. In the first set, the Colonels lost 25-17 but were able to find their footing in the second set where they won 25-23.

The fight continued the rest of the night with the team winning the third set 25 to 21. By set four, the Colonel's continued to push but fell 25-21. In the final set of the game, the team fought hard but lost 15 to 10 and lost the match 3-2.

Senior Sierra Hines, junior Ally Sheridan, and senior Jenna Baron led Wilkes in points with each having 10 kills. Senior Alexa Cassel led in assists with 27 throughout the match. Sophomore Kendra Kalp had a total of 30 digs. They will host Neumann University on Wednesday September 25 at 7 p.m and travel to Penn State Altoona on Saturday September 28 at 1 p.m.



Sr. Alexis Reedy spikes the ball over the net during the 3-2 contest against Albright College on Sept. 19.



The team hulddes up after winning the second set in their 3-2 loss against Albright College on Sept. 19.

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2024-2025 National Hockey League (NHL) season preview

By Ava Turren

Sports Staff Writer

This 2024-25 NHL season is right around the corner. After last season's insane ending between the Florida Panthers and the Edmonton Oilers, this upcoming season should have an interesting start.

Many hockey fans believe that the Edmonton Oilers are going to win the Stanley Cup during the 2024-25 season since they came up short this past season in seven games. Conor McDavid, the captain of the Oilers, led his team to a near championship and many fans believe because of his records last season that they will do it again. Last season he scored 132 total points, with 64 goals and 89 assists.

The Pittsburgh Penguins have made some moves this offseason. Earlier in the summer, they acquired Cody Glass from the Nashville Predators and a 2025 3rd round draft pick

and a 2026 sixth round draft pick. They drafted Harrison Brunicke during the second round of the draft. Brunicke is an 18-year-old born in Johannesburg, South Africa and he will be the second player from there that will play in the NHL.

The Calgary Flames have been trying to rebuild their team for a couple seasons now. During the off-season they traded a forward and a goalie for Dustin Wolf who will hopefully become the number one goalie in the NHL. This will be Wolf's first season in the NHL but he has proven himself over and over again during his time in the American Hockey League (AHL) with a save percentage of .922.

The Chicago Blackhawks are another team that have been trying to rebuild their team and Connor Bedard has helped them make massive strides. He now has one full NHL season under his belt and in his last season alone he had 22 goals and 39 assists.

Unfortunately, this offseason, tragedy has struck the hockey community. Johnny Gaudreau was killed during a drunk driving accident and his team and all of the Columbus Blue Jackets fans are still grieving the loss of a beloved player. Without Gaudreau, who was the team's leading scorer last season, they are eager for the production from Adam Fantili who is going into his second season in the NHL.

The Detroit Red Wings have had seven straight seasons without making it to the playoffs. This season if they don't make it to the playoffs for the eighth season in a row they might consider rebuilding the team. The Red Wings aren't looking very promising.

Alexander Ovechkin is very likely to break the all-time score record during this season. Overall, the Washington Capitals are going to go into this season with positives and negatives. Unfortunately for the Capitals, TJ Oshie suffered a long-term injury. However, the team received some new great players going into this upcoming season. The Capitals acquired Ilya Protas, the younger brother of another player on the team, and Aliaksei Protas who will be a player to watch. With their first round selection, the team picked Terik Parascak who was named to the 2024 CHL All Rookie Team.

The Boston Bruins are hopeful for success this season. Last season a lot of the team's success was thanks to their goaltender pair; Jeremy Swayman and Linus Ullmark. This season they will no longer have Ulmark and the team is still working with Swayman on his contract which leaves this team with many unknowns.

Going into the upcoming 2024-2025 season there are a lot of unknowns, however fans remain excited for what is to come. The NHL preseason started Sept. 21 and the season will begin on Oct. 4.

Formula One World Championship Racing-Season Update

By Andrew Marshallsay

Sports Staff Writer

With the end of the season in under two months, drivers and constructors in the Formula One World Championship are gearing up for the last stretch ahead.

Leading the pack in the drivers championship is Max Verstappen. The current world champion, Verstappen is looking to win his fourth title in a row. If he wins, the Dutch driver will become the first driver since Sebastian Vettel to win four in a row. Vettel won consecutive titles in 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013. For Sergio Perez, it's been quite the opposite in terms of results compared to his teammate.

Perez has struggled for most of the season, and questions have risen about his ability. While he is signed with Red Bull until the conclusion of next season, the 34-year-old from Mexico may be in hot water come the end of the current season.

In the constructors championship, McLaren have taken the lead over Red Bull. Powered by the duo of British driver Lando Norris and Australian Oscar Piastri. Norris and Piastri continue to perform well, with each having multiple race wins this year.

Mercedes' 2023 struggles continued into the early part of the 2024 season, with British duo Lewis Hamilton and George Russell plagued early on with issues with their cars. However, Hamilton, who is set to join Ferrari in 2025, has begun to find his pace and was able to capture a race win at Silverstone Raceway in the British Grand Prix.

For Logan Sargeant, it has been a dreadful season. The United States born driver has been replaced by Williams. After multiple crashes in races, Sergeant was replaced by Argentinian rookie Franco Colapinto.

Another surprise this season has been Valteri Bottas. The former Mercedes driver has amassed zero points this season for Kick Sauber. The Finnish driver's contract ends at the conclusion of the season. While his contract expires at the end of the year, Bottas is likely to stay with his current team next season.

For the grid next year, Hamilton's move to be with Charles Leclerc at Ferrari means Russell will be with a new teammate. 18-year-old Kimi Antonelli will join Mercedes beginning next season. Also, Leclerc's current teammate, Carlos Sainz will be joining Williams as Alex Albon's new teammate.

Norris and Piastri will still be on the grid for McLaren in 2025, while Red Bull and Aston Martin keep their lineups for next year as well. Nico Hulkenberg will be with Kick Sauber next season, with the team set to change their name to Stake F1.

Drivers such as Kevin Magnusson and Guanyu Zhou are without a team as of now. Furthermore, Ferrari and Haas reserve driver Oliver Bearman will join Haas on a permanent basis for next season.

For fan favorite Daniel Ricciardo, the Australian driver is without a team for next

year, as RB Honda are unlucky to keep him after this season. That means Japanese driver Yuki Tsunoda is likely to have a new teammate in 2025.

Lastly, Alpine will welcome current F2 driver Jack Doohan to the team next year, pairing him with one of the team's current

drivers, Frenchman Pierre Gasly.

Two grands prix are coming up here at home. The United States Grand Prix from the Circuit of the Americas is on Oct. 20. Later on, the second annual Las Vegas Grand Prix kicks off a month later on Nov. 24.

Drivers Championship Standings (After Singapore Grand Prix): 1-10

Rank	Driver	Nationality	Team	Points
1	Max Verstappen	Netherlands	Red Bull	331
2	Lando Norris	Great Britain	McLaren	279
3	Charles Leclerc	Monaco	Ferrari	245
4	Oscar Piastri	Australia	McLaren	237
5	Carlos Sainz	Spain	Ferrari	190
6	Lewis Hamilton	Great Britain	Mercedes	174
7	George Russell	Great Britain	Mercedes	155
8	Sergio Perez	Mexico	Red Bull	144
9	Fernando Alonso	Spain	Aston Martin	62
10	Nico Hulkenberg	Germany	Haas	24

Drivers Championship Standings(After Singapore Grand Prix): 11-22

Rank	Driver	Nationality	Team	Points
11	Lance Stroll	Canada	Aston Martin	24
12	Yuki Tsunoda	Japan	RB Honda	22
13	Alex Albon	Thailand	Williams	12
14	Daniel Ricciardo	Australia	RB Honda	12
15	Pierre Gasly	France	Alpine	8
16	Oliver Bearman^	Great Britain	Haas	7
17	Kevin Magnusson	Denmark	Haas	6
18	Esteban Ocon	France	Alpine	5
19	Franco Colapinto	Argentina	Williams	4
20	Guanyu Zhou	China	Kick Sauber	0
21	Logan Sargeant*	United States	Williams	0
22	Valterri Bottas	Finland	Kick Sauber	0

^{*}Sargeant cut by Williams, replaced with Colapinto

Constructors Championship Standings (After Singapore Grand Prix)

Rank	Team	Points
1	McLaren	516
2	Red Bull	475
3	Ferrari	441
4	Mercedes	329
5	Aston Martin	86
6	RB Honda	34
7	Haas	31
8	Williams	16
9	Alpine	13
10	Kick Sauber	0

[^]Bearman is a reserve driver for Ferrari and Haas; has raced in place of Carlos Sainz and Kevin Magnusson

The Wilkes Berries ultimate frisbee team offers fun for all

By Zachary Paraway

Sports Editor

Walking by the greenway any given night, one could be liable to see a frisbee fly toward them followed by an invitation to join in on the fun. This would be the Wilkes Berries, Wilkes University's club ultimate frisbee team.

The team has been slinging the disk since 2017 and the team has never been bigger. Ultimate frisbee is a non-contact sport that sees one throw a frisbee like a football down the field into endzones. However, the person with the disk in hand cannot advance, making teamwork and passing is of necessity.

Junior Brennan Reiner serves as the captain of the team and it is his third year on the squad. Reiner details what makes the team fun and unique.

"Ultimate frisbee creates a strong community that allows for you to learn skills like growth, teamwork, and adaptability. What keeps making me come back is the smile on the team's face when we score a point. Whether that point was quick and painless or long and trying. The effort and work people put



The Wilkes Berries join to take a photo after a tournament outing in Spring 2024

in at practice changes how they play and makes them better players. I see a lot of growth in new and returning players and I love to see how they change their style and their approach to the game," Reiner said.

"Overall, It's fun because of the people. Whether you are playing in practice against your teammates or playing at a school two hours away, you can always learn, grow, and find a smile on your

The team has spent the start of this semester getting the returners familiar again with the game and getting a lot of newcomers up to speed with the rest of the team. After attending Club Day, they saw a big growth in the people coming to their practices and look to keep capitalizing off of that.

"I would tell you to give it a try. Whether you like it or not it is something new and you can meet and make new friends. If you wanna play that's amazing, if you wanna watch, join us too, if you have the time maybe frisbee is for you. Also we have some pretty sick jerseys so sign up and earn it."

Newcomers are finding fun with the Berries. Jr. Logan Smith really has enjoyed his time so far.

"This team is super fun. I'm still learning the game, but hanging out everyone makes it all go faster. They are super helpful in teaching and it's something I'm going to keep coming back to," Smith said.

The team practices every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday in either the McHale Athletic Center or on the greenway. The team also competes in optional tournaments once players get familiar with the game. For more information or interested to join, email brennan.reiner@wilkes.edu.

Photo courtesy of Brennan Reiner

Wilkes prepares for the third annual Kisses to Cancer 5K

Bv Lexi McHugh Sports Writer

Sept. 28 is an important day for the Wilkes community.

Wilkes University AFROTC detachment 752, which trains and prepares hundreds of young men and women for future careers as United States Air Force officers, is hosting Kisses to Cancer 5k.

Wilkes-Barre has been hosting this event for three years now in honor of Major Candice Adams Ismirle, an alumnus of Wilkes University who died from triple negative breast cancer in

Ismirle was an example of resilience and dedication. Born into a military family, she continued the tradition, excelling at Wilkes University as an

affairs officer in the Air Force.

Her achievements included awardwinning communication work and leadership during challenging times. She went on to win the ALOM Company Grade Officer of the Year Award two years in a row. Ismirle also received the General Harry Dalton Award for public affairs communication excellence in 2007.

Despite a battle with aggressive breast cancer, she remained strong, producing documentary raise awareness continuing

ROTC cadet before her career as a public her service. She and her husband Ryan welcomed twin boys in 2015 before she passed away in 2016. Her legacy of service, strength and love lives on through her family and the Kisses to

> Cancer 5K in her honor.

Τ h proceeds for this race go to a few different organizations. first organization is Relay for Life: The Fight Against Cancer, specifically the "PinkKisses fund" in Candice's name. The second organization is The Valor Clinic,

which supports homeless veterans in Northeastern Pennsylvania. The final proceeds will go to Wilkes University Gold Bar Club, where Candice started her military journey.

Registration is now open for the race. The tickets will cost adults \$35, seniors \$30, students \$25, active and veteran military \$20, and children \$20, while infants can participate for free. When registering, participants can select the category that fits them best while adding their option to their cart and checking

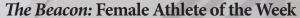
This event is an opportunity for the community to come together, support a meaningful cause, and honor the memory of a remarkable individual. Whether you're running, walking or donating, every contribution helps make a difference.

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Athlete of the Week

Ava Bailor

First-Year, Women's Cross Counrty



Bailor finished in the top ten at the Couage Classic, crossing the line ninth with a time of 26:59.9. This is the second time she's finished as the teams runner-up. Bailor's efforts helped bring the Colonels to finish second as a team.

Major: Pharmacy Hometown: Brogue, PA

What had been your favorite sports memory from your time as a Colonel?

Being a freshman, I haven't been here long, but my favorite memory so far is running in my first collegiate race at the Misericordia Invitational 4k. I have also enjoyed spending time with my teammates as they have been super welcoming and are all fun to be around!

What is your favorite professional sports team (any sport)?

I enjoy watching college basketball. My teams are Penn State and Michigan.

What is your favorite thing to do away from sports?

Away from sports, I enjoy spending time outdoors, going hiking and going camping.

What is your favorite part of being an athlete at Wilkes? Being able to find a good academic and athletic balance

What sports movie is your go-to for movie night?

One of my favorite sports movies is "Dodgeball!"

If you did not play your current sport, what sport would you have wanted to play?

If I didn't run cross country, I think swimming would be a fun sport.

What has been your favorite sports memory overall?

My favorite overall sports memory was medaling at counties my senior year and also running at the Paul Short Run Invitational at Lehigh University my senior year, as they were many collegs racing at the invite and it was a really cool experience.

What is your favorite post-game meal?

Post-game meals always vary, but some of my favorite post-race snacks are pretzels and peanut butter and any kind of nut.

How do you feel about being selected as the Athlete of the Week?

I feel honored being named Athlete of the Week, and am excited for the rest of the Wilkes cross country teams season!

Compiled by Samantha Mullen, Asst. Sports Editor



staff each week. At the end of the academic year, we will post a reader poll on

Twitter @WilkesBeacon to crown an "Athlete of the Year.

Athlete of the Week Conor Frey

Senior, 4th Singles, Men's Tennis

The Beacon: Male Athlete of the Week

Frey was the King's Invitational Champion at the number four singles slot, with a record of 6-2 and 7-6 win in his quarter final match. He earned his way to the final with a 6-2, 4-6, and 10-2. He won the title with a 2-6, 7-5, and 10-8 against FDU-Florham.

Major: Political Science Hometown: Binghamton, NY

What had been your favorite sports memory from your time as a Colonel?

Beating FDU in the MAC Semi-Finals my freshman year.

What is your favorite professional sports team (any sport)?
The Boston Bruins

What is your favorite thing to do away from sports?

I love to go to the gym and lift.

What is your favorite part of being an athlete at Wilkes?

The culture of the team, I love getting loud at matches and compeing at a high intensity

What sports movie is your go-to for movie night? "Miracle"

If you did not play your current sport, what sport would you have wanted to play?
Definitely hockey

What has been your favorite sports memory overall?
Team nighs and team dinners

What is your favorite post-game meal?

Yummy bowl

How do you feel about being selected as the Athlete of the Week? I feel great, I'm honored!

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Editor's note: Athlete of the Week selections are determined by the sports staff each week. At the end of the academic year, we will post a reader poll on Twitter @WilkesBeacon to crown an "Athlete of the Year."



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