



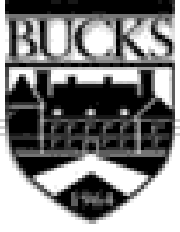
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-Centurion Staff

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Security Goes Hi-Tech

Bucks implents a mass communication system to instantly alert students, staff and faculty of an on-campus emergency.



Photo of Director of Safety and Security, Christopher Lloyd.
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BY TALIA OLMO
ADDITIONAL REPORTING BY LAURA IRWIN
Centurion Staff

The recent mass shooting at Virginia Tech inspired Bucks to institute measures for emergency mass communications.

If an emergency occurs at Bucks, a plan will be implemented by three air horn blasts and an autonomous siren through the new clock system, to alert students and faculty.

"We bought an addition to our clock system and it's being installed this fall," said Bucks President James Links.

Director of Safety and Security Christopher Lloyd said that "the new clock system is about 90 percent installed, but we don't know when that will be up and running." Until then, Bucks will rely on the air horn blasts.

These signals only notify students and faculty that there is an emergency. In order to receive more information about the problem, other measures must be taken by students and employees.

Text messages and emails are applications that operate to alert students to emergency situations.

"It is the fastest way to notify students and faculty of emergencies," said Links.

Students can register two cell phones and two

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Bristol Campus Grand Opening

MARY KATE GALLOWAY
Centurion Staff

After months of planning and despite continued construction, the new Lower Bucks campus opened this fall.

"We've got the great students, the great faculty, and now we have the great facility! We have it all," said executive director of the Lower Bucks campus, James Sell.

The new campus was greatly needed, according to some students who have taken classes at the old Lower Bucks campus.

Tom Dilliplane, a 20-year-old communications major said the old campus "was less high-tech compared to Newtown, very primitive."

Dilliplane took classes at Lower Bucks in fall 2005, and said it was very small and closed in.

Only 14 classrooms, the Bristol Business Center was the campus. But the new facility offers a student commons room, more classrooms, faculty rooms, and modern technology.

This opening is phase one of the project. Phase two, which is still in construction, will include an advising office, a club organization office, a bookstore, two group instruction rooms, two additional

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Photos of the Lower Bucks Campus
Photo by: Janine Logue



Officials Plan for Mass Communication

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email addresses through a new notification alert system, e2campus. When there is an emergency, text messages and emails are automatically sent to those who registered online.

In order to register for this free notification system, students and faculty are urged to visit <http://www.e2campus.com/my/bucks/signup.htm> and to have their cell phone on and available.

Vice president for administrative affairs, Dennis Matthews, distributed a letter that detailed step by step how to register with e2campus.

Other services in warning of emergencies is WEB Crawl, a

scrolling marquee that runs across the Bucks homepage and an automatic voice message that is sent to the campus phone system.

"I think it is a great way to let students know what is going on," said Joseph Kelly, a 21-year-old criminal justice major from Langhorne. "I know I'd like to know if someone was running around with a gun on campus!"

Lloyd also said that there are two mobile electronic signs that, along with flashing general information about Bucks events, will aid in alerting people of an emergency.

"We've put together smart solutions for circumstances we may come to face," said Links. "I can't

promise that everyone will be safe, but as the college's president I can put in place mechanisms that will alert staff and students."

Information is not yet available online about the new mass communications system and Lloyd offered no comment about the missing description of the system. "It's an administrative thing," he said.

Until then, students and faculty have the new hi-tech system, aside from the clocks, and are referred to the Office of Security and Safety via phone at (215) 968-8395 for further questions.

Read more about college campus emergency communications on page 7



Lower Bucks Campus Opens Doors in Bristol



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computer labs, and seven more classrooms.

The expansion allows for more programs and courses.

Donna Galloway, a 20-year-old nursing major, is enrolled in at the new Lower Bucks campus. "It's different than the Newtown campus. It's newer, more comfortable, and open." Galloway mentioned the seating in classrooms is one of her favorite things. "They're like lounge chairs, with a little desk for writing attached."

Lauren Wertz, a Newtown campus student said, "I heard there

were smart boards in every classroom." She heard right. Each classroom offers top modern technology to help students learn more efficiently.

"As an administrator and teacher, it's a lot of fun," said Sell who visited schools around the country to research the different atmospheres that worked the best for students.

Sell is now hoping for a new center for the arts, that will also be open to the general community.

The new Lower Bucks campus is located at 1304 Veterans Highway in Bristol and more information can be found at www.bucks.edu/lbc.

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A Mass Influx at Bucks

KYLE GARGAN
Centurion Staff

Students hunt for a parking spot, only to find one in the deep bowels of the lot. Then students stand in a seemingly endless line to spend money on books for the class of 20-plus students stuffed in a room that may be an oversized broom closet.

With all of these circumstances becoming routine, the question of overcrowding has been raised. But while students think enrollment is at an all-time high, school officials consider this to be a quieter, less populated campus than previous years.

The biggest annoyance for students is the parking situation. With so many cars and few convenient spaces, the long walk through all kinds of weather wears on students.

"Parking is the worst. I am totally disgusted by it," said Bob Wodmeier, a liberal arts major at Bucks.

While students are often left wondering if one day there won't be any spots available, the safety and security department assures us that is not a concern. "While lots A, B, D, and E fill up at the height of the day, lot C is usually still open, and there are some students that find it better than parking in the back of one of the other lots," said Chris Lloyd, director of the safety and security. "Students wouldn't agree, but we have [parking space], it just might not be convenient."

Lot C is located behind the cottages, and while there may be a decent parking spot for the music and arts students, it is a walk for those going to Penn or Founders.

"You just have to walk," said Lloyd.

Though it only happens at the beginning and end of the semester, the lines to buy and sell books at the bookstore have gotten on many students' nerves. The construction of a new bookstore helped alleviate some of the waiting problem, but students still feel more can be done to fix this problem.

"I can't stand the book lines," Wodmeier said. "I didn't even get my books during the entire first week. It's almost as bad as the parking problem."

On average, a student trying to get their books at the beginning of the year usually spends about an hour in a line that blocks the library doors and makes walking through Gateway a daunting task.

Small classrooms with large class sizes are another

problem for students at Bucks. Many are victim to being jammed into classes where it is hard to move your own book bag on the floor.

"[The classroom sizes] are awful," said Joy McBride, a 22-year-old student at Bucks. "You can't move; it's hard to even go to the bathroom."

Bucks' student to faculty ratio of 19:1 is right on target with many of the colleges around the area such as Temple, Bloomsburg, and Millersville.

The difference lies within room size. With all the classrooms in Penn and Founder's Hall being the relatively identical, the inconvenience of overcrowding is likely to remain for the foreseeable future.

Karen Dawkins, dean of student affairs, assures students that this plight is just a figment of the imagination and that most colleges have the same predicaments.

"Do people actually think we are overcrowded," asked Dawkins. She said the Newtown campus has 7,546 students while the Perkasio and Bristol campuses have between 800 and 900 students. This makes the grand total of students around 10,000 and she insisted that this is a down year for the college.

"We have had close to 11,000 students, and that was without two buildings that we have now. We would have to go well over 12,000, probably even 13,000 before we start to worry."

When asked about the probability of Bucks hitting such population limits, Dawkins responded, "We are expecting enrollments to level off and don't anticipate many fluctuations over the next five years."

Even though it might seem that there isn't much that can alleviate crowding, there are a few things that are done to try and help the cause.

"We go through every year and move classes around. We put the bigger classes in the biggest rooms and the smaller ones are left with the smaller rooms," Dawkins said. "Just give it a few weeks to shake out."

Dawkins, who has been through these sorts of problems before, insists patience is the key to making it through the continuous angst of overcrowding. And while it may not be possible to get everyone on the same page, there is one thing that everyone should be able to agree with: It could be worse.

A Modern Hypocrisy

A weekly column written by Laura Irwin, Centurion senior editor



You know how scary them Republicans can be...

I always see the buttons or bumper stickers that joke about the scariness of Republicans.

"Mommy the evil Republican is scaring me."

Well, I happen to be a Republican and I don't think I'm all that scary. In fact, at 5'6" with shoulder-length blonde hair, I think I am anything but. Is it my desire for fiscal responsibility that scares you?

What makes Republicans so "evil" anyway?

This week's Centurion highlights Bucks students' opinions on our present administration, and it's all negative rambling from Bush-hating to outsourcing. I don't see the connection of outsourcing to the Bush administration let alone party-affiliation, and it's because there isn't one.

My definition for what a political party is: groups of citizens and politicians divided by the belief of how to spend government money.

"I can't hear you, I don't speak Republican."

Just because someone votes for candidates who support tax cuts and minimal social benefits, doesn't mean they love everything the President does and it certainly doesn't mean that putting a Republican back in the White House will send our country into further international turmoil.

I plan on voting for former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, the first Republican in a generation to be elected in that city, in the upcoming Republican primary and hopefully, for president.

All I know is, I will move to another country if Hillary Clinton or Barack Obama are elected.

But, back to the point. Giuliani is a more liberal Republican. For example, he believes in a woman's right to choose.

More importantly, it's his views on military actions in Iraq that I find most attractive. His website says, "...he believes setting an artificial timetable for withdrawal from Iraq now would be a terrible mistake, because it would only embolden our enemies."

My main concern with Democratic candidates is that they think our country needs immediate saving. I do feel that there is a mess on our hands that could have been avoided, but to abandon what we started is not only irresponsible but reprehensible. I am expecting a future president to withdraw from Iraq when the situation becomes static.

"Republican's are for war. Vote Democrat in '08."

Any politician now saying that they will withdraw troops quickly is lying. It's an impossible task, and if somehow negated, the nightmare will only resurface later.

Sending troops into another country to overthrow their form of government, initiating a new one and leaving before it's off the ground is like having Penn State change all Bucks procedures to its own, and then leaving before the start of term.

"Vote NO on Republicans."

What annoys me the most is the assumption that anyone who votes to the right must think like all reactionaries. I just want the government to engage in fewer socialistic practices.

I am not a hypocrite for being a community college student who is against social programs; I don't want the more-than-necessary social programs that drain the dollars from my paychecks.

Read up on the issues that affect you instead of riding the hype, and you may take that bumper sticker off your car.



The cafeteria in the Gallagher Room is full of students, leaving almost no empty seats for additional diners.

Photo by Kate McDermott

Negative Vibes for Bush at Bucks

BY THOMAS FENNING
Centurian Staff

Many Bucks students say they're fed up with the Bush administration.

Many of those interviewed on campus said the country is headed in the wrong direction, a view echoed in national polls showing Bush's popularity at a low ebb.

A widespread complaint was how the administration is handling the war in Iraq. Bobby Rowland, 19, from Jamison, is a computer information science major. Rowland said, "Foreign relations were going down hill because of the war in Iraq. Our national policies are hurting because faith has been lost in the present administration."

But, the war was not the only issue driving dissatisfaction.

Business major Urszula Zak, 25, from Newtown, said the administration was on the wrong track. By outsourcing, "...they have allowed many companies to move to third world countries, so that they could hire cheaper labor," she said, adding that cheap labor can be dangerous. "What happens when a company wants cheap labor is they get products that are harmful. China uses lead paint on toys and other products that the manufacturers here in the states do not use."

The administration's use of taxpayer money was also a hot topic. Marie Banford, a Bucks administrative assistant, believes America is in need of leaders who are more in touch with Americans. "Our leaders are self-serving and live in an ivory tower. They are out of touch with the common folk."

When asked what made leaders out of touch Banford replied, "All the money being spent in Iraq is needed here at home. Our leaders lack compassion for those they were elected to serve."

Mainly, criticism fell on the shoulders of President Bush. Bill McLaughlin teaches improvisational performance and had some interesting insights on the matter.

McLaughlin said, "President Bush did not win the 2000 election, he was appointed. Hitler and Mussolini were also appointees, Mr. Bush represents an aberration in our system, and he needs to be removed." McLaughlin feels that Bush is only a figure head, and not the man who is running this country.

The Bush debate will end in 2008 when our nation elects a new president; whether or not a newly elected president will solve our country's problems is unclear.



President George W. Bush holds a press conference Thursday, Aug. 9, 2007, in the James S. Brady Press Briefing Room.
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Rescue workers help clear away the rubble at ground zero.
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Memories of a National Tragedy

BY BRITTANY GORDON
Centurian Staff

It's been six years since Sept. 11, but the drama remains vivid to students at Bucks who can recall where they were when the first plane hit.

Bucks student Jackie Brassell remembers being in gym class when her teacher told her class the devastating news. She said it's a faded memory because she tries not to think about it, because it is too depressing.

Sam Lipinski, a cinema film major, was having her 8th grade picture taken when she was informed about the news. To this

day she can even remember what she was wearing that day.

Networking technology major, Adam Gieseke, was driving on I-95 with his boss headed for Maryland when he heard the news on the radio. A usual commuter, Gieseke went to New York and rode on the New Jersey path train. After the attacks, "It was empty and creepy," he said.

After such a horrible national tragedy, do students worry about it happening again?

Brassell said she doesn't worry about terrorist attacks, but knows it could happen. "We're not cautious enough and not looking at the right people," she said.

Gieseke's opinion was that, "The media flashes too much on terrorist attacks so people will believe the president. No matter what the people want, the government has the final say in what is going to happen."

Mark Hughes, a paralegal major, believes 9/11 could have been prevented; it was all because of miscommunication.

These students couldn't believe that Sept. 11 occurred six years ago. To most, it felt like it happened yesterday. However, Bucks will keep remembering Sept. 11 and all who lost their lives.

Students Know Little About 9/11

BY LIOR SHULMAN
Centurian Staff

Six years after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, many Bucks students seem to know little about what actually happened that fateful day.

In a random, unscientific survey, more than 100 Bucks students were asked basic factual questions about what happened on 9/11.

Students were asked, "Who attacked the U.S. on 9/11?" Only 26 percent surveyed knew al-Qaeda claimed responsibility for the attacks. Al-Qaeda is the international terrorist organization headed by Osama Bin Laden.

The survey also asked, "What is the Taliban?" Only 16 percent knew that the Taliban were the Islamic regime in Afghanistan that gave safe haven to al-Qaeda training camps.

Asked this question, one student responded, "People who wear towels on their heads."

Students were also asked what country the U.S. invaded in the immediate aftermath of the 9/11 attacks. The correct answer was Afghanistan, but 70 percent of students surveyed said Iraq. Iraq was invaded two years later.

However, nearly 50 percent of students surveyed knew that about 3,000 people were killed during the attacks.

And 68 percent knew that in addition to the hijacked jets that crashed into the world trade towers, a third hijacked jet crashed in Pennsylvania.

United Flight 93 crashed in an empty field just outside Shanksville, Pennsylvania. The 9/11 Commission determined that crew and passengers, alerted through phone calls to loved ones, had attempted to overpower the hijackers.

Jeremy Balkam, an 18-year-old communications major, was in school when the towers went down. Recalling being scared and shocked, Balkam said, "Where's the military when you need them?"

Students were also asked roughly how many U.S. troops had been killed in Iraq. Only 34 percent of those surveyed had the correct answer - about 3,500.

History Professor Dirk Dunlap was not surprised Bucks students lack knowledge in current affairs.

"[Students] need to read more, watch less television, and most of what they do on the computer is crap," he said.

Women's Fall Fashion Guide

BY JAY JONES

Centurion Staff

Soon enough, it will start to get cold out - time to do away with the bikinis that made all the lifeguards swoon at the beach; and unfortunately, those matching flip flops are out the window too.

Long sleeves to replace short, shorts becoming pants and sneakers cover those toes, fall has come and it's the season of covering up while the leaves come down.

But, what to wear? When it's too cool to wear a tank top, but too warm to pull the snow boots on, you have to look good.

Style.com notes it is "the season of extremes," and they are not lying! BIG is Back.

The hottest selling item thus far is the reviving style of trench coats. Big buttons with a low hanging look are what you'll want in a trench coat for those crisp early mornings that are right around the corner.

These coats can be worn open to show off a layered outfit or clipped tight to keep you warm. Nonetheless, this item is a comfortable fashion statement for those that own it.

Proportions are at their biggest right now and though we all hate to stare at those toothpick thin models on the runway, a victory has come for the everyday woman: curves are in.

The "it" thing that is sure to raise eyebrows of jealousy are the must-haves for the working woman, high waist pants with wide belts.

Design is specifically catered to make notice of the body's natural shape; these pants create the once coveted hour glass figure, giving



Katie Michalak in high waist pants

Photo by Jay Jones

the illusion you are taller than you appear.

Even though it is fall, the night can still be warm enough to party out instead of in. Light, comfortable and leaving just enough to the imagination to make them wanting

more, the wrap around dress is becoming a favorite of many and the number one purchase in most stores this season.

Yet, most customers mistake it for a robe when undone, the moment you tie it, its satin belt around your

waist, you'll know it's not for lounging about on a Sunday morning but for the Saturday night before.

As most girls sport dresses made of a heavier material, which weighs you down and can make you stifling hot when in a restaurant or on the dance floor, wrap around dresses are made from ultra high cotton. You'll be sure to stay cool as you heat up the club.

While the cocktail dress may be considered out for this season, low hemlines are what designers want, according to womensfashion.com. Dresses and skirts, pioneered and left behind by women in the roaring 20's, are going low as many adopt the catholic school girl's dress code of below the knee.

The pop stars were once famous for sporting this look, notably Kelly Clarkson on many fashionable occasions, but the average Jane Doe on the street is bringing this dwindling style back to life with a new flare.

Chauffeur caps are gone, beanies are bad, but a top hat of any kind is now what they sport. Match it with a cropped high jacket with some faux fur and you have a sultry outfit keeping you warm on a cold night out in the city. Or, even don it with a suit and prepare to go for the Chicago gangster-type outfit that has jumped out of the black and white movies and into your closet.

What do Bucks students say about the clothes that are all the rage right now? Paula Cho, a business major from Newtown, said when fall comes "fashion changes from less dressy to more comfortable." While she notices no set fashion overtak-

ing our campus, she admitted that some of the styles she saw cropping up were "cute."

Cho also said something that will become quite obvious in only a few short weeks' time, boots, sweaters and hoodies will be the number one things bought and worn by students this season.

Victoria Barnes, a nursing student from Hulmville, expressed her distaste for some of the former trends that had been sported by girls on campus and around town. "Tight jeans, the ones that most of the younger girls are wearing, hate them!"

Everyone knows all too well what Barnes is describing and she will be more than glad to hear the trend of flashy and tight jeans are starting to go down. Some styles may persist but overall designers are going back to what works and fits the best, the traditional blue jean. Boot cut, flare and straight leg will still be around but right now, a plain pair of denim is best.

"Dark colors are what you'll see," said Kaitlin Vanderbas, a communication/performance major from Fairless Hills. "Some girls even dye their hair to match the change of seasons. Bright for spring, dark for fall."

As fall begins to settle into place and the steamy months of summer start to dwindle, we'll be seeing a lot of changes among the wardrobes of almost all our female students. It won't be until the sun peaks out and the mercury rises again that you'll be able to slip on that bikini. Until then you'll have many choices opening that get the guys looking

Equal Rights for Men's Fall Fashion

BY JAMIE MELGOZA

Centurion Staff

The fall brings many changes; leaves turn, the weather gets colder, and the fall fashions are brought to us by the most respected designers.

For many years now the fashion industry has geared their eyes towards the women, but now the light of fashion is expanding its eyes on the men.

Looking through GQ and DETAILS magazine, the men's section has been shining with the women. Some of the must haves for men this fall include; pea coats, dark slim fitting denim, dark cords, and old vintage T's. To make it all the more interesting for college students—everything can be affordable!

Need some help staying warm while still being in style? Try the classic pea coat, but choose a different color to liven it up. Chocolate brown, olive green, and even heather grey is a perfect transition into winter.

Still not warm enough? University scarves are making a point to become a staple of the men's wardrobe. Things to avoid, the Harry Potter fashion is a definite don't! Leave the navy blazer at home, and be careful on which eye wear you chose.

If the pea coat doesn't fit your style, try a wax coat. A wax coat is a tougher, more tailored look at the classic weather-proof slicker.

A great layering piece is the button up cardigan. A simple white v-neck can clean up any

outfit.

Most of these pieces can get pricy, depending where you shop. In Newtown, I stumbled upon a stylish boutique located on State Street called Love Illuminati. The owner of the boutique supports up and coming designers, old vintage pieces and her own designs with prices ranging anywhere from \$5 to \$400.

A surprising spot for cool clothes is the Salvation Army, notorious for gently used clothes like original vintage t-shirts that designers charge hundreds of dollars, for just \$1.50!

Skyler Little Axe; a 19-year-old advertising major and model, who works at H&M said,

"I really am enjoying how men are exploring more options with clothing and how designers are responding to this new curiosity. I mean just a few years ago a guy like me would have to search high and low for cardigans but now they are available everywhere. And as far as colors go I like the pallet a lot of the designers are using, especially all the grays. Also Neo-Grunge is becoming a big thing. I've always been a fan



Skyler sports a casual look while combing the fashions magazines for the latest trends.

Photo by Jamie Melgoza

of grunge and enjoy the new twist people are putting on the now classic look."

Kyle Crawford, 19, shops at Urban Outfitters, H&M, and Pac Sun. "I really don't stay up on the top designers, and what they think looks good," he said. "I know what looks good on me. I can dress myself." When describing the style he wears Crawford said, "I am a jeans and t-shirt kind of guy. The one

thing I do keep my eyes on are shoes. I love my shoes man, mostly Fallans."

Style is nothing more than self-expression, if you dress head to toe in a designer or copy a look straight out of a magazine, it will never translate. It's all about you and who you are. Being well-dressed means you have the ability collaborate the ideas of today's designers with your own ideas.

Bush Signs Student-aid Bill

BY BEN FELLER

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush on Thursday signed legislation designed to make college more affordable for students from poor and middle-class families, swallowing objections to a bill that enjoyed veto-proof majorities in Congress.

The new law achieves a goal Bush shares with lawmakers: boosting aid for needy students. The action allows both the Bush administration and Congress to say they have done something to ease the burden of paying for college, a popular political priority.

"I have the honor of signing a bill that will help millions of low-income Americans earn a college-degree," Bush said in a ceremony, with lawmakers and students by his side.

The legislation boosts the maximum Pell grant, which goes to the poorest college students, from \$4,310 a year to \$5,400 a year by 2012.

It also cuts in half the interest rates on federally backed student loans — from 6.8 percent to 3.4 percent — over the next four years.

The increase in financial aid is designed to come from cuts in subsidies that the government makes to

banks, totaling roughly \$20 billion.

Boosting college aid was one of a half-dozen domestic priorities Democrats set when they took control of Congress this year.

Bush at one point threatened to veto the bill on grounds that it included hidden costs and was an expensive expansion of federal programs.

Yet he went along, despite what his administration still calls budget "gimmicks" in the legislation, mainly because of the increased aid for poor students, one of his long-time priorities.

"Pell grants send an important message to students in need," Bush said. "If you work hard, and you stay in school, and you make the right choices, the federal government is going to stand with you."

Congress overwhelmingly backed a compromise version of the student-aid bill earlier this month. The House approved it 292-97; the Senate vote was 79-12. All the lawmakers who voted against the bill were Republicans.

Bush wanted Congress to direct even more money into Pell Grants, and the president tersely noted his objections.

"This bill makes some spending commitments that aren't paid for yet," he said. "I look forward to

working with the Congress to ensure Pell Grant increases that are not fully funded in this bill are paid for with offsets in other areas."

The president drew attention to a provision he likes, new flexibility on college-loan payments for military personnel on active duty.

And he praised the Democratic chairman of the House education committee, Rep. George Miller of California, for working with him. In doing so, Bush prodded Miller to stick with him on No Child Left Behind — the president's education law, which faces a tough renewal fight in Congress.

The action by Bush amounted to a rare compromise with Democrats.

Miller called it a momentous day for students and families struggling to afford college. "This legislation shows how the Congress and the president can work together to accomplish important things on behalf of American families," he said.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, too, said she was pleased that Bush signed the bill.

"We have delivered on our promise to make college more affordable," Pelosi said of the Democrat-led Congress.

Former Bucks Student Dies After Brutal Pre-dawn Beating at Kutztown

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Police in Kutztown say a former Bucks student beaten to death on a downtown sidewalk was apparently attacked at random.

Three Allentown men are charged in the Sept. 8 predawn attack on 19-year-old Kyle Quinn,

who later died at a hospital. They are 22-year-old Terry D. Kline Junior; his 21-year-old brother, Kenneth R. Kline; and 23-year-old Timothy R. Gearhart. The suspects didn't respond to reporters' questions as they were led into court for their arraignments. They're being held on \$10 million

bail.

Quinn was a sophomore history major from Warminster. The university says he had transferred to Kutztown after taking classes at Penn State and a summer course at Bucks. He had been on campus less than two weeks.

Emergency Texting

Colleges across the country are turning to text messaging as a fast way to send emergency alerts to students and faculty.

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NEW YORK (AP) — When a masked freshman came to campus at St. John's University with what police said was a loaded rifle sticking out of a bag, the school alerted students via cell-phone text messages within 18 minutes.

And when a suicidal gunman was reported to be on the loose at the University of Wisconsin, the school sent out mass e-mails and took out an ad on Facebook to warn students.

As the school year starts, colleges around the country are applying the lessons of Virginia Tech and using high technology to get the word out fast in a crisis.

"This was certainly a surprise. No one thought that we would be testing this latest technology this quickly for an emergency," said James Pellow, executive vice president of St. John's.

The 20,000-student Roman Catholic school in Queens activated its new text messaging system just three weeks ago. The scare came on the same day that the student paper ran a front-page story on the system, under the blaring headline: "In case of emergency."

This week's incidents at St. John's and UW-Madison — both of which ended without bloodshed — underscore how campus security has changed since Seung-Hui Cho killed 32 people on the Virginia Tech campus in April.

Cho shot his first two victims just after 7 a.m. More than two hours later, he massacred 30 people in a classroom building across campus. It was not until 9:26 a.m. that the school sent the first e-mail to students and faculty. An investigative panel concluded that lives could have been saved if alerts had been sent out earlier and classes canceled after the first burst of gunfire.

Since then, hundreds of schools administrations have installed text-messaging systems to communicate with students.

Omnilert, a company based in Leesburg, Va., saw its business surge after the Virginia Tech rampage. It is now supplying more than 250 colleges and universities around the country with instant messaging capability — a system called e2Campus.

St. John's purchased its inCampuAlert text-messaging system from a California company called MIR3 Inc. over the summer, also in response to the Virginia Tech slayings.

The system sends a message not only to cell phones, but also to digital signs in public places like student unions or dorms, as well as to computers, PDAs and beepers.

"Nearly every major college and university in the country is either in the process of implementing a text message warning system or seriously considering do it," said S. Daniel Carter, senior vice president of Security on Campus, a nonprofit organization based in King of Prussia, Pa., that pushes for safer college campuses.

School officials have not completely given up more traditional ways of communicating with students.

Last week, after two students were shot and wounded at Delaware State University, campus police and residence hall advisers knocked on doors and told students to stay in their rooms, and warnings were posted on the school's Web site and at dorms.

But it is clear that schools are taking advantage of every innovation they can.

In Wisconsin, officials paid the popular social networking site Facebook \$100 to post a flier on the UW-Madison social network. The ad asked users to click on a link for an update on the campus emergency. That took them to the university's home page, which carried the latest information on the search for a suicidal gunman. Authorities still had not located the man as of Thursday.

In the St. John's incident, text messages were sent so quickly that a student who helped subdue the suspect felt his cellphone vibrate with the information while he was restraining the gunman.

The message to student read: "From Public Safety. Male was found on campus with rifle. Please stay in your buildings until further notice. He is in custody, but please wait until the all clear."

The text messaging "worked like a charm," New York City Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said a day later at a ceremony to honor the student, a police cadet, who helped restrain the suspect. "Young people today are incredibly wired, and administrators have the technology at their fingertips — once they put it in place," said Amanda Lenhart, a researcher for the Pew Internet and American Life Project, a Washington-based nonprofit organization.

More than 70 percent of 18- to 29-year-olds own a cell phone, and 92 percent of them text message, according to a 2006 Pew survey.

"What better way is there to get in contact with people who always carry technology, or are within shouting distance of it?" Lenhart said. "This is a huge development in terms of school security."

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Soccer is Still Kicking at Bucks



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In sports there is an old cliché, defense beats a good offense. What is meant by this cliché is while the amount of scoring can fluctuate depending on many factors, there is always that ability to make the opposing team work hard for every opportunity. That saying holds true for Bucks men's soccer.

The Centurions men's soccer team looks to complete another successful season this year, and while the outlook is promising, Coach Justin Burroughs knows the team can play better than they have during the beginning of the season.

"Finishing is our biggest problem," Burroughs said.

"Right now we're in the middle of the pack as far as the standings go. We're in every game and our defense is the strength of our team, but when we have a chance to put away teams, we just can't find the net. Sometimes, the frustration of

the team is apparent," Burroughs added.

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Coach John Burroughs on the Bucks men's soccer team

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opposition in many games this season but has just not been able

to score the go-ahead goal. Trouble with scoring aside, Coach Burroughs knows the team is still one of the best in the area.

"The way we're playing right now I know will help us down the road. The team's determination has really shown through this trying period," he said.

An example of this frustration can be identified with a Sept. 15 loss to Manor Junior College, when the Centurions lost 1-0 in a hard-fought match.

The team will deploy an offensive scheme that will hopefully combat this lack of scoring. With two strikers on the offensive side, Coach Burroughs seeks to take as many shots as possible from wherever possible.

"We want to overwhelm the other team," said Burroughs.

To take as much pressure off the players as possible, no spot on the offensive side of the field is off limits. The players have been instructed to shoot early, and often.

Fresh Start: Flyers can Only Improve

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New players, new jerseys, and new coaches are just three reasons to check out the new-look Flyers who begin their season this week against the Calgary Flames. Flyers fans have to be optimistic about this season after posting the worst record in the NHL and in team history last year.

With late acquisitions such as Martin Biron, Scottie Upshall, and Braydon Coburn, the Flyers gained young talent that would have an impact on the team in the

upcoming years. Following that trend the Flyers were one of the busiest teams this summer, making some big moves to get highly touted NHL stars.

First they signed veteran Daniel Briere, aka The Cookie Monster, a center and former captain for the Buffalo Sabres. The Flyers gave him the longest contract in team history, eight years with an average \$6.5 million a season. Along with Briere came Jason Smyth, Kimmo Timonen, and Scott Hartnell, two of whom were also captains for their former teams, Timonen with the Nashville Predators

and Smyth with Edmonton Oilers.

Although going out and picking up these players will in no way ensure a victory parade on Broad Street in Philadelphia, many fans seem very optimistic about the team this year, and why not - it would be tough for them to play much worse.

In addition to the new players the Flyers have gotten new jerseys, which were released just two weeks ago. In fact every team has new jerseys this year, making the NHL the first league to mandate new uniforms for the entire league in one season. Though many of the

uniforms look different, the Flyers are one of about a dozen teams who went along with the classic style.

The jerseys, which are made by Reebok, are made to help the players perform better and have been engineered to create less sweat, and make a player more wind resistant.

Injuries, which have plagued the Flyers in years past, have already become a problem this season. Upshall, a second year Flyer, is already out up to six weeks with a broken wrist, and first year Flyer Joffrey Lupul is battling a sprained

wrist, which could leave him out of the lineup two weeks. This could leave a hole in the lineup, which could be a blessing in disguise, considering the young players the Flyers have who are chomping at the bit to play on the team.

Barring injuries the Flyers should have a successful season and could make a run if they make the playoffs. However, only time will be able to tell. The Flyers' first home game is Oct. 13 against division rivals, the New York Islanders.



The Bucks "Random Picture of the Week" returns with a three picture series taken at the recent clubs and organizations fair. In the above pictures you can see members of the up-start Cheerleading Club as they execute a synchronized back flip.

Photos by Kate McDermott