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Centurion Staff

SEPTA increased its rates 15 cents Monday, Oct. 1, causing concern for commuting Bucks students.

This increase comes after SEPTA hiked prices an average of 11 percent in July to accommodate budget deficits that stem from a lack of state funding. It was the first increase in six years.

Science major Jill Srokin wasn’t aware of the fare increase. “Even though it’s only 15 cents, it will all add up,” Srokin said.

Srokin, reliant on SEPTA for transportation, said despite the hike, taking the bus was still cheaper than maintaining a car.

Nursing major Simon Gachai from Bensalem uses a SEPTA pass and also believes it is less expensive than owning a car. “Riding the bus takes more time out of my schedule, but it’s the cheapest way for me to get around,” said Gachai.

John Diletto, a business major from Langhorne, was also unaware of rising prices. “The bus fare increase isn’t too bad,” he said. “I’m just glad I don’t have to take the bus all the time.”

“It’s not fair because public transportation is supposed to offer a cheap way to get around,” said education major EJ Lennox. “Since gas prices have increased, public transportation fares should stay the same rate to help people save money.”

Lennox commutes from his home in Bensalem and relies on SEPTA as his sole means of transportation. He said that the additional cost will affect him and fellow commuters.
Bucks students said they were shocked by the racially charged events that recently triggered a wave of protests in Jena, La., and were surprised such things are still happening in American society. Racial tensions resurfaced in Jena on Sept. 1, 2006, when hangman’s nooses were discovered in an oak tree on the campus of Jena High School.

This occurred after an African-American student had asked the vice principal if he and some friends could sit under the tree, where white students had usually congregated. The high school principal was only going to suspend the students responsible for the nooses, but the La Salle Parish School Board overruled the school and expelled them.

On Dec. 4, a fight broke out on campus in which six African-American students attacked a white student. The African-American students, later dubbed the “Jena 6,” were arrested and charged with attempted second degree murder, even though the student who was attacked attended school the next day. The African-American students said the fight occurred after a week of intimidation by white students, including the student who was attacked.

Many black leaders, including Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton, felt the charges were excessive. They staged a series of high-profile demonstrations last month to protest the charges, which were later reduced.

Bucks students said the violence and the response it triggered made no sense. “I feel that fighting is not the answer to anything. There is no police force in public school to rectify these types of situations. In the multicultural country that we live in, there needs to be more lessons taught at earlier ages on how to deal with these types of situations,” said Greg Robertson, 27, a hospitality management major from Doylestown.

Chris Rizer, 18, a social and behavioral sciences major from Levittown, said the events brought including race still plays a large part in our society.

“The nooses hanging at the Jena High School obviously provoked the fight, so the Jena Six naturally served a sense of poetic justice,” said Rizer.

Kathleen Boback, 28, a liberal arts major from Philadelphia, said, “I don’t understand why a black student had to request permission to sit under a tree where white students sat. Isn’t that like going back to the days of civil rights movement? If they could sit anywhere they wanted without permission, then there probably wouldn’t have been a fight and the outcome thereafter.”

Jena has gained international attention for its racial tensions. Bucks students said they don’t feel such tensions here. Blacks, whites and other minorities seem to get along well.

“On campus, I have friends who are other minorities. I do have African-American friends with whom I have classes with and interact after class as well,” said Ushma Rushi, 21, a pharmacy major from Philadelphia.

Bucks is located in a predominantly white, middle-class area. The few blacks that attend Bucks come mostly from Bensalem, northeast Philadelphia, Bristol and other working- or middle class areas.

But students both black and white say they get along. On any given day black and white students can be seen on campus sitting at tables in the cafeteria discussing current events, or together in the library studying for an upcoming exam.

“We have black friends, they are the most compassionate and caring people I know,” said Allison Moore, 24, a liberal arts major from Newtown. “Why can’t we stand as one?”

Kaitlin Walker, 20, an elementary education major from Benton, who is African-American, added, “I don’t have a problem with white people, some of them are my closest friends.”

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Student Life

Foreign Film Series Kicks Off

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The department of Language and Literature began a Foreign Film Series in the library auditorium last week. The series highlights cultural differences in award-winning films by accomplished directors. If you’re not fluent in several languages, all films are subtitled in English.

“La Finestra di Fronte” or “Facing Windows,” directed by Ferzan Ozpetec, winner of five David di Donatello awards, including best film, was shown Thursday, Oct. 11. The movie tells the tale of a young working-class wife and mother who has little time for the senile and elderly man her husband rescued from the streets.

On Nov. 7, the thriller “Das Leben der Anderen” or “The Lives of Others,” by Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck will be shown. Winner of an Academy Award for Best Foreign Film, the movie portrays an East Germany secret police wire tapper whose political beliefs change through his overheard conversations.

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Library Goes Wireless

KYLE CRAWFORD
Centurion Staff

Bucks students now have access to wireless internet at the Newtown campus.

The library at Bucks is now home to a set of laptop computers compatible with the school’s wireless internet program. These laptops can be borrowed while inside the library.

Professor Marilyn Puchalski of teaching and learning technologies said, “The Bucks staff is in the midst of trying to get approval for the borrowing of college-owned laptops outside of the library,” she said. “The reason for using these laptops is because they are guaranteed to connect.”

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Finally, there is one more student log-in that uses the same username and password as a normal log-in.

Michael Russo, 21, a business administration major from Bensalem said, “It just want to know where I can garbage.”

The best locations at Bucks to access the wireless network with a PC are the library, Gateway, Founders, Rollsini, and the Music Multimedia lobby. These are locations where students most frequently congregate.

At the new Lower Bucks Campus, the wireless internet was seamlessly built into the whole school and is accessible at all corners of the campus. Puchalski said, “They went from a technology wasteland to nirvana.”

The main goal of the administration is to achieve similar wireless access on all current campuses. However, the Upper Bucks Campus does not have wireless internet because that location lacks a fiber connection.

The planned renovations of the campus will include the installation of new internet systems allowing for a wireless connection.

Once the renovations are complete, the borrowing of college-owned computers will be available.

Bookstore:
New Look, Same Lines

BRITTANY GORDON
Centurion Staff

The swanky design of Bucks’ new bookstore is taking in business. Located in Gateway in between the library and the cafeteria, the new location is more convenient for students.

Margie Matarazzo works at the bookstore and is happy with the new and improved store.

“Because of the new location between the library and cafeteria, students are consistently walking by the store,” Matarazzo explained.

Kyle Schugarett also works at the bookstore and agrees with what his co-worker Matarazzo had to say about the new store.

“The store is very bright and the floors are shiny. I like that they have a computer set up for students to use to look up what books they need for their classes,” said King.

“Software that’s a big help and really convenient.”

However, student Graham Sayles said he preferred the old bookstore.

“The old store made more sense. It was faster to buy books because they seemed to have more registries then they do now. The lines never seemed too long as they do now,” Sayles said.

But he agrees that the new bookstore is in a more convenient location.

“The new bookstore is like a convenience store. They have everything from books to lip gloss.”

The long lines my not change. The demand for books from the bookstore has its obvious peaks at the beginning of each semester.

However, the store’s updated atmosphere and greater convenience have Bucks students in agreement—it’s a welcome improvement.
Class Takes Aim at Cybercrime

Professor Urges Students to Study Constitution
**Student Life**

**Campus Construction**

Several Campus Offices are Playing Musical Chairs

Lior Shulman  
Centurion Staff

Banging, hammering, sawing; the heavy construction at Bucks echoes across campus.

Students and staff who use parking lot A have dodged and weaved around a construction zone. "Exterior site lighting," said Mark Grisi, executive director physical plant.

When that construction is completed, it will give a separate control over lighting the campus’ 3 parking lots which currently work simultaneously.

As fingers jackhammer on keyboards in the library, the sound is muffled by the jackhammer used to install an elevator canal on the third and fourth floors of Gateway.

The Americans with Disabilities Act has prompted the school to allow people to get from auditorium level down to the main campus level and upstairs," said Grisi. The elevator is expected to open in the spring semester.

The bookstore opening left a void in Pemberton hall, under the gym. Financial aid, bookkeeping and admissions will move their offices into the now vacant pocket of Pemberton, creating a "one stop shop" for students.

According to Grisi, the one stop shop should organize services for students, who previously had to travel from building to building in order to get all their ducks in a row.

Now what about where those services were located?

Career and transfer services, currently on the second floor of Rollins, will be moved downstairs.

Student life, which organizes clubs and organizations, then moves upstairs in Rollins.

The Women’s Center will move down the hall with student life. The Testing Center moves to where the Women’s Center is currently located.

And finally, student club space will reemerge and be provided after the Testing Center’s relocation. The pool table will also move to the other side of the current Transfer Center.

"The biggest part of the project is relocating people," said Grisi. Matt Cipriano, director of student life added, "When one person moves, another has to move." Cipriano’s student life office will be the last to move in the chain of events. What will fill that void is yet to be determined.

The domino effect in renovating and relocating is scheduled to begin late in the fall semester and a completion date is too far off to estimate with the project involving so many offices essential to campus functionality.

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**Clubs, Organizations Looking for a New Home**

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Student clubs and organizations may have a home once again.

More than two years ago, the area which is now the Testing Center was the designated meeting spot for student club and organization members to assemble. And then, the Testing Center opened up, boosting clubs and organizations from the second floor Rollins location.

Students come and go frequently at Bucks, since it’s a two year school, and the sacred area is nearly forgotten. The Student Life office reported that in 2004, the clubs and organizations area was moved temporarily to the fireside lounge, while renovations take place. Being a quiet study area, students have tables to meet and lockers to store supplies.

Dana Weldon, a 22-year-old journalism major and member of the Black Student Union said that her organization meets wherever there is free space. On occasion the BSU even pushed tables together in the cafeteria to congregate. Club members seem to have become accustomed to improvising in order to meet.

Student Life Director Matt Cipriano expects clubs and organizations to have a new home next year. The completion deadline is ever-changing however, due to other first-priority renovations. The clubs, he said, would be the last project to be finished.

He did not know if there was a deadline set by Bucks' Request for Proposals of the project. In the meantime, current clubs and organizations continue to increase in number.

The Chess Club and the Environmental Club were recently approved by the Student Government Association on Oct. 2 said Cipriano, who’s advisor to many clubs, including SGA. Cipriano prides himself on increasing the number of clubs despite the lack of official meeting areas. When he began at Bucks about six years ago, there were 25 clubs. Now, there are 40.

The hardest part about starting a club is finding an advisor, said Cipriano. The biggest problem that clubs face is that students graduate, and if a club doesn’t replace its members, that club fades away. When a club becomes extinct due to member graduation, that club and its documentation assume an “inactive status.” Keeping the paperwork on file makes resurrection possible, should the club seek reinstate.

Until renovations are finished, many clubs and organizations need to gather on their own terms.
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Parking is Always a Walk

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Whether it is early morning or mid-day, fall semester or spring semester, parking at Bucks is always an issue with students seeking that perfect spot.

“Usually at the beginning of a semester, the lots closest to the school are full, but there are many spaces further up on the hill toward the main highway,” said Joe McDonagan, 20, a liberal arts major. “I just leave home a little earlier to make sure I’m not late for class.”

McDonagan’s strategy of “early to rise, early to park” is a popular method among students to snag a great parking spot.

“When I arrive to my early class, the parking places close to the school are full,” said 19-year-old Ashley Neuman, a health major. “I must park further away from [my classroom].”

Timing, according to most students, is the key to finding a good space.

“I park much farther away from [my classroom],” said John Jones, a 20-year-old photography major, agrees that parking proximity depends on a student’s arrival time. He said he now leaves home 15 minutes early.

Bucks employee Marie Smith said newer students often exacerbate parking problems, as they frequently use the employee lots. “The students probably do not know they are not allowed to park in those spots,” she said.

Winter weather often complicates the issue. Piles of ice and snow sometime eliminate a number of parking spaces.

Although there are a limited number of spaces close to campus, that does not mean there is nowhere to park. Mark Grisi, executive director physical plant, said students overlook lot C at the southeast side of the campus.

“There’s still lots of parking,” he said. “In fact, [lot C] is completely empty and is always empty.”

Admissions Coordinator Linda Weber said that increased enrollment shouldn’t affect parking.

Enrollment rose from 9,951 students in 2006 to 9,704 students, a 1.8 percent increase, she said.

“There are plenty of parking places, but some are not close to classes,” Weber said.

Get that Lovin’ Feeling at Love Illuminati

JAMIE MELGOZA
Centurion Staff

She looked perfectly messy; from her tousled strawberry-blonde hair, right down to her dark, high-waisted and wide-leg denim pants.

Nov. 2 is the one-year anniversary of boutique Love Illuminati, a bite-sized house of fashion nestled between the colonial townhomes of Newtown borough, whose stylish mannequins bring heavy foot-traffic.

Indie rock blared as store owner Katra Michener Longsdorf said, “I was born to do this.”

Love Illuminati’s clothing designs are inspired by 30’s to 80’s fashion; an eclectic taste of Longsdorf’s designs or something vintage and different from other designers. “We have everything from prep-chic to hipster-scumbag. There is literally something in here for everyone and you just have to look.”

The store’s location was first targeted for New York City or Philadelphia, but Longsdorf realized it would be too expensive and too difficult to spend quality time with her family.

“Before I decided to open this shop, I had the opportunity of selling my designs at the Young Designers Market in Manhattan. I got to meet and network with other designers. We have an understanding and support of boutique Love Illuminati; a small company with a big heart. I have always enjoyed running certain errands, like going to the supermarket. During hot summers I can walk into the cool produce section by the front door and by the time I reach the frozen food section at the opposite end, I am no longer worried about the sweat that will soon run down my face. I am in the zone. I feel like I am flying.”

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A Modern Hypocrisy

A weekly column written by Laura Irwin, Centurion senior editor

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Kids Health Care Funding Increase Gets Vetoes

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President Bush vetoed the State Children’s Health Insurance Program bill that would have provided $35 billion to expand uninsured children’s medical coverage over the next five years. The bill was designed to expand on the medical coverage of children from low-income households earning less than $80,000 a year. More than 6 million supported this program which was enacted in 1997. The funding would have further provided financial to low-income families unable to afford health insurance.

Opponents of the bill, including the president, defended their position by saying the bill would socialize federal medical insurance. Bush is most concerned of having so many individuals under the wing of the government instead of a private plan. According to Bush, additional funding of $5 billion would still be a 20 percent increase, a program Bush would support without raising taxes.

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The 2008 presidential election nears, health care in America will continue to be debated. The bill, which passed the House with a vote of 265-159 and the Senate with a vote of 67-29, is currently the target of discussion in both places on ways to override the president’s veto.

To do so, however, both the House and Senate would need a two-thirds majority, something the Senate does not. “I remember learning how truly hard getting that majority is in this country,” junior Patty Miller recalled. “It’s already hard enough to get different bills passed with such a divided country, but to find such a big majority like that… I feel like it hardly ever happens.”

Al Gore Wins the Nobel Peace Prize

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Associated Press

OSLO, Norway (AP) _ Former Vice President Al Gore and the U.N.’s climate change panel won the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize on Friday for spreading awareness of man-made climate change and laying the foundations for countering it.

Gore, whose film on global warming, “An Inconvenient Truth,” won an Academy Award earlier this year, had been widely tipped to win Friday’s prize, which expanded the Norwegian committee’s interpretation of peacemaking and disarmament efforts that have traditionally been the award’s focus.

“Face a true planetary emergency,” Gore said. “The climate crisis is not a political issue, it is a moral and spiritual challenge to all of humanity.”

The Nobel committee chairman, Ole Danbolt Mjøs, asserted that the prize was not aimed at the Bush administration, which rejected Kyoto and was widely criticized outside the U.S. for not taking global warming seriously enough.

“We would encourage all countries, including the big countries, to challenge, all of them, to think again and to say what can they do to conquer global warming,” Mjøs said. “The bigger the powers, the better that they come forward.”

Two Gore advisors, speaking on condition of anonymity because they are not authorized to share his thinking, said the award will not make it any more likely that he will seek the presidency in 2008.

“If anything, the Peace Prize makes the rough-and-tumble of a presidential race less appealing to Gore, they said, because now he has a huge, international platform to fight global warming and may not want to do anything to diminish that.”

One of the advisors said that while Gore is unlikely to torque out a bid in the coming days, the prospects of the former vice president entering the fray in 2008 are “extremely remote.”

“Perhaps winning the Nobel and being viewed as a prophet in his own time will be sufficient,” said Kenneth Sherrill, a political analyst at Hunter College in New York.

Gore, who was an advocate of stemming climate change and global warming well before his eight years as vice president, called the award meaningful because of his co-winner, calling the U.N.’s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change the “world’s pre-eminent scientific body devoted to improving our understanding of the climate crisis.”

Gore plans to donate his half of the $1.5 million prize money to the Alliance for Climate Protection, a bipartisan nonprofit organization that is devoted to changing public opinion worldwide about the urgency of solving the climate crisis.

In its citation, the committee lauded Gore’s “strong commitment, reflected in political activity, lectures, films and books, has strengthened the struggle against climate change. He is probably the single individual who has done most to create greater worldwide understanding of the measures that need to be adopted.”

The last American to win the prize, or share it, was former President Jimmy Carter, who won in 2002.

At the time, then committee chairman Gunnar Berge called the prize “a kick in the leg” to the Bush administration for its threats of war against Iraq.

In response, some members of the secretive committee criticized Berge for expressing personal views in the panel’s name.

Mjøs, elected to succeed Berge a few months later, referred to that dispute on Friday, saying the committee “has never given a kick in the leg to anyone.”

The White House said the prize was not seen as increasing pressure on the administration or showing that President Bush’s approach missed the mark.

“Of course he’s happy for Vice President Gore,” White House spokesman Tony Fratto said. “I’ve been thinking about the international panel on climate change scientists who also shared the peace prize. Obviously it’s an important recognition.”

Fratto said Bush has no plans to call Gore.

Eighty-four percent of the U.S. believe world temperatures are rising, according to a poll last month by The Associated Press and Stanford University. Yet while about seven in 10 said they want strong public and private action to help the environment, fewer than one in 10 said they had seen such steps in the past year.

In its citation, the committee said that Gore “has for a long time been one of the world’s leading environmental politicians” and cited his awareness at an early stage “of the climatic challenges the world is facing.”

The committee cited the IPCC for its two decades of scientific reports that have “created an ever-broader informed consensus about the connection between human activities and global warming. Thousands of scientists and officials from over 100 countries have collaborated to achieve greater certainty as to the scale of the warming.”

It went on to say that because of the panel’s efforts, global warming has increasingly been recognized.

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Monday, October 15, 2007
Students at Ohio School Say Warnings Were Ignored

LITITZ, Pa. (AP) — For years, a clique of high school students in this prosperous and overwhelm-
ingly white borough have worn clothes adorned with Confederate flags and parked their pickups in a section of the school parking lot known as "redneck row."

The display, some parents of minority students say, was just one symptom of a larger racism that school officials ignored until an-
imiseries boiled over last week.

That's when three white
16-year-old students allegedly yelled racial slurs and threw paper wads at minority students outside the 1,600-student Warwick High School.

School officials vowed to discipline the three students, tighten school rules and adorn with Confederate flags on school property. On Wednesday, police charged the three with disorderly conduct.

"The disturbing and repulsive Oct. 3 confrontation was a "wake-
up call" for Warwick High School, said Superintendent John George.

"Perhaps we were lulled into a false sense that our school district was immune to racism and big-

Some students suspect the per-

The superintendent said the incident was revealed only after a teacher overheard other students discussing it and alerted adminis-

school officials were previously aware of "red-

rock row" they couldn't disci-

were influenced by the Jena case.

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"I thought that's their motivation."

"I'm not going to put up with it,"

he said on Monday morning.

Two classmates said Thursday that despite their warnings, principal Johnetta Durst told them she was too busy.

"I told my friends in the class that he had a gun and a stuff," said Smith, 15. "He was talking about it last week. I don't know why they didn't say nothing."

"We talked to the principal. She would try to get us all in the office, but it would always too busy for us to happen," Smith said.

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In Case You Missed It: An Update on ABC’s Hottest Shows

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With every fall television season comes a new year of both tried and true programs and the hottest new shoes vying for America’s attention.

ABC’s newest hit, “Private Practice,” a “Grey’s Anatomy” spinoff, joins “Grey’s Anatomy” and “Ugly Betty” for their fourth and second seasons, respectively.

In the season premiere of “Private Practice,” viewers join former Seattle Grace neonatal surgeon Dr. Addison Forbes Montgomery, played by Kate Walsh, as she leaves her Anatomy roots behind to join a private practice in Santa Monica, California.

The new spinoff takes a different view of the medical practice than its sister show, and its staying power has yet to be determined.

“Private Practice” play host to several notable actors such as Taye Diggs of “Rent” and Amy Brenneman from former CBS show “Judging Amy.”

These actors play part of the practice that Walsh’s character joins in the midst of a soul-searching part of her life.

The realization of Montgomery’s absence at Seattle Grace Hospital makes very few waves as the fourth season begins on “Grey’s Anatomy,” in which her move was only briefly acknowledged by one character on the show.

Anatomy, unlike Practice, comes back from a summer hiatus of rumors and drama that surrounded the homophbic comments of fired Anatomy star Isiah Washington. On the screen however, Washington’s disappearance from the show is hailed as a much larger issue, as Sandra Oh’s character Cristina Yang recovers from a failed public marriage. The love triangles that run deep in Anatomy’s plot are still in full swing.

With storylines addressing infidelity, the plague of the union of resident George O’Malley and recently promoted Chief Resident Callie Torres since Dr. Izyz Stevens declared her love for O’Malley.

The show’s namesake, Dr. Meredith Grey, finds herself working out relationship issues with on-again off-again boyfriend Dr. Derek Shepherd, while also finding time to narrate the entire show.

And finally we have “Ugly Betty,” ABC’s fashion industry-oriented dramedy, returning for its sophomore season.

America Ferrera, who recently won a Best Actress Emmy for her work on Betty, returns to play ugly Betty Suarez, the show’s central character.

Viewers join characters and employees of Mode magazine as if no time had passed in the show. Betty’s father Ignacio is still stuck in Mexico awaiting his Green Card, her sister Hilda continues to mourn the loss of her husband, and nephew Justin has recently been accepted as an intern at the magazine.

Editors In Chief and siblings Daniel and Alexis Meade are still recovering in the hospital, father Bradford is continuing with a wedding to fashion editor Wilhelmina Slater, and receptionist Amanda is still struggling to accept that she is adopted, and the biological daughter of former Mode Editor in Chief Fery Sommers.

ABC’s primetime lineup is back, with both new shows and new episodes. Only time will tell whether the new Anatomy spin-off Private Practice will be a lasting success, and good publicity will continue to surround Anatomy and Betty through their latest television season.

Global Warming Work earns Gore Nobel Peace Prize

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In the 1980s it “seemed to be merely an interesting hypothesis, the 1990s produced firmer evidence in its support. In the last few years, the connections have become even clearer and the consequences still more apparent.”

Rajendra Pachauri, the IPCC chairman, said he and Gore really had 2,000 co-laureates — each of the scientists in the U.N. panel’s research network.

This award also thrusts a new responsibility on our shoulders,” Pachauri said. “We have to do more, and we have many more miles to go.”

But some questioned the prize decision.

“Awarding it to Al Gore cannot be seen as anything other than a political statement. Awarding it to the IPCC is well-founded,” said Bjorn Lomborg, author of “The Skeptical Environmentalist.”

He criticized Gore’s film as having “some very obvious mistakes, like the argument that we’re going to see six meters of sea level rise,” he said.

“They (Nobel committee) have a unique platform in getting people’s attention on this issue, and regret they’ve failed to make a political statement.”

In his 1895 will creating the prize, the Swedish industrialist Alfred Nobel said it would be awarded for efforts toward peacemaking and disarmament, and the award now often also recognizes human rights, democracy, elimination of poverty, sharing resources and the environment.

Last year, for example, it went to the Bangladesh economist Muhammad Yunus and his Grameen Bank for pioneering the use of microcredit to spur creation of small businesses in poor nations.

Jan Egeland, a Norwegian peace mediator and former senator for U.N. official for humanitarian affairs of the UN, called climate change “more than an environmental issue.”

“It is a question of war and peace,” said Egeland, now director of the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs in Oslo. “We’re already seeing the first climate wars, in the Sahel belt of Africa.” He said nomads and herders are in conflict with farmers because the changing climate has brought drought and a shortage of fertile lands.

Associated Press writer Ron Fournier contributed to this report from Washington.
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VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — The Philadelphia Flyers are full of confidence, now that they’ve gotten over their offense going.

Mike Richards had four points to help the Flyers rout the Vancouver Canucks 8-2 on Wednesday night. Jeff Carter and R.J. Umberger scored 13 seconds apart midway through the first, and Daniel Briere scored and set up Simon Gagne before the period ended as Philadelphia built a 4-1 lead.

“It’s going to be the good for the confidence of a lot of guys,” Briere said. “You start the season and you want to chip in offensively, you want to help out. Some guys aren’t going to be able to squeeze the stick as much now. It’s really good for everybody to get on board like that.”

Jeffrey Lupul, Mike Knuble and Richards added second period goals to blow the game open.

Briere, the free agent center-piece in a rebuilding project that wasn’t with the team to start last season, added two assists. The speedy center has four goals and three assists after signing an eight-year, $52-million deal.

Richards added his second goal late in the third to go with his two assists, and Martin Biron, who like Briere started last season in Buffa-

lo, made 25 saves.

“I’m happy starting on the road like we did, building some chem-

istry,” Briere said. “We have a lot of new faces and it was a big plus.”

The only negative for the Flyers was Jeremy Roenick’s cross-check to the face of Vancouver’s Ryan Kesler with 5:41 left and Philadelphia up 7-2. After some pushing and shoving back and forth earlier in the shift, Boulesire caught an unsuspecting Kesler across the face with his stick, leaving the Canucks forward lying motion-

less on the ice. He eventually got up and skated to the bench on his own.

“I’m just lucky my jaw isn’t bro-

ken, hopefully it’s not fractured,” Kesler said.

Boulesire received a match penalty for intent to injure, which comes with an automatic review by the league.

“Treacted in a bad way the wrong way,” he said.

Roberto Luongo came up with four goals on 13 shots before being pulled.

“It was just a very bad team effort, all 20 guys,” Luongo said. “It’s not somebody leaving some-

body else out to dry, it was just a bad breakdown. I think we can bounce back to win one game.”

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Briere walked in alone on Luongo on the power play before sliding a pass through the crease to a wide-open Gagne for a power-play tap-in at 13:11 and the two combined on a 2-on-1 goal just over three minutes later. Briere’s pass attempt bounced back to him in the slot and Luongo made a good save on the first shot, but Briere was left unchecked to knock his own rebound over the sprawled goal-

tender.

“This is as bad as I’ve seen this team play,” Canucks captain Markus Naslund said. “We have to wake up. It’s embarrassing to lose at home 8-2. It’s embarrassing to lose to a team we should beat if we pad the lead before the period ended.

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Curtis Sanford took over in net for Luongo, made 25 saves.

Philadelphia hasn’t lost here since 1989, a streak extended to 9-0-4 with a win that got even more one-

sided in the second period.

Notes: Umberger was playing his first game after breaking his pinky finger in the preseason. The two teams hadn’t played each other since Dec. 15, 2005. ... The Flyers signed D Roly Fitzpatrick, who spent last season with the Canucks, to a contract Tuesday but the veteran didn’t play because of a rib injury. Vancouver sent D Alexander Edler to Manitoba of the AHL earlier in the day.

The Flyers gave thousands of fans false hope that the Philadelphia sports slump could finally come to an end.

In typical Philadelphia fashion, however, they blew a lead in the ninth inning of game six against the Toronto Blue Jays. Fans felt betrayed and empty.

The Flyers gave fans another big let-down when they made it to the Stanley Cup Playoffs in 1997, but were sadly swept by the dominat-

ing Detroit Red Wings. Although this season rumors the possibility of another run, recent injuries have leave fans with memories of last year’s horrendous record.

The Sixers, following in Philadel-

phia sports tradition, made it to the NBA Finals, but were no match for the Lakers’ dynasty of Kobe and Shaq, losing 4 games to 1.

Then there’s the “One Hope for One City,” the Eagles, who made it to the Super Bowl in 2004, but in the fourth quarter, sadly forgot that a football game does, in fact, have a clock that you may need to con-

sider.

It should be noted that the Eagles didn’t win the NFL Championships in 1949 and 1960, but this was before the Super Bowl existed.

Most sports fans agree that the Super Bowl marks the beginning of the modern era of sports. The trend—disappointment is always present in the world of Philadelphia sports.

In the past 24 years, not one of these teams has won a champi-

onship.斯坦利, whose teams have taken a toll on the fans, but they keep coming back year after year, faithfully fill-

ing the seats of the Linc, the Bank and the Center.

Danny Brown, 21-year-old liberal arts major said, “They rip out our hearts every year. You can call them heart surgeons. The only dif-

ferent is the teams don’t supply the second artificial heart or the transplant needed to sustain life.”

As long as there is a fleeting hope that a Philadelphia team will someday soon win a champi-

onship, the fans will continue to subject themselves to the torture and agony that comes with the ter-

tory.
Eagles’ Season is Still Young

The beginning of the Eagles season was marred by injuries, unspirited play and questionable coaching decisions. The season opener at Green Bay was an extremely tough pill to swallow. The birds wanted a fine defensive effort by fumbling away two punt returns that led to 10 points for the Packers, giving them the win. The Eagles bye-week couldn’t have come at a better time. But don’t despair Eagles fans, all is not lost. There was the offensive explosion they displayed against the Lions in week three, which pro- vided hope. There is also the fact that Philadelphia is 8-0 following the win over San Diego. Brian Westbrook, Sheppard, and Smith should be healthy and ready to play, with Thomas and Dawkins soon to follow.

Eagles would get back to the Super Bowl on what wins championships; strength in numbers. The Eagles are also looking to improve at the third base position both offensively and defensively.

Eagles’ Season is Still Young

The Phillies to Rebuild in Offseason

A healthy Donovan McNabb returned as quarterback and a revamped line-backing corps, including pro-bowler Takeo Spikes, was to be the driving factor in getting that elusive Super Bowl victory.

The emergence of last year’s no. 1 pick Broderick Bunkley, not to mention the ascension of one of the most explosive playmakers in the NFL, Brian Westbrook, were to all victory.

In getting that elusive Super Bowl 2008.

The club needs to add both a bat and a glove to the position to solidify what could be the best infield in all of baseball.

Boston Red Sox free agent Mike Lowell seems the best fit. Lowell hit .324 with 21 home runs and 120 runs batted in for 2007 and currently holds the MLB record for the least amount of errors in a season.

The Phillies’ centerfielder Aaron Rowand will most likely be playing baseball elsewhere next season, due to the money he will be demanding in the free agent market.

Arizona Diamondbacks left fielder Eric Byrnes received a three-year, $30 million extension with the D-backs through 2010. Rowand put up better numbers than Byrnes and has significantly better defense, so Rowand will command $10-$12 million a year.

The Phillies ownership must step up this winter to provide Manuel with more pitching and a Giants defensive end.