

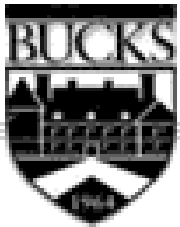
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**Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 47.**

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## Bucks says campus is secure

*Students nationwide are concerned about campus security after yet another shooting.*

BY SARA CROUSE  
Centurion Staff

After yet another school shooting, this time on Valentine's Day, students across the nation wonder what their colleges were doing to ensure that emergency alerts and responses were up to par.

Northern Illinois University is the latest school in mourning after a graduate student opened fire in a lecture hall. Stephen P. Kazmierczak killed seven students and injured 15 others, finally ending the slaughter by taking his own life. Just two days prior, on Feb. 12, a 14-year-old boy shot a student at E.O. Green Junior High School in Oxnard, Ca., leaving the 15-year-old victim in a comatose state.

Although preventing these devastating acts is unlikely, there are measures that schools can take.

At the beginning of 2007's fall semester, Bucks issued a statement to all students encouraging them to sign up for emergency alerts through text messages and emails. "I signed up for text alerts right away," said Kevin Ruddell, a networking technolo-

gy major from Langhorne. With the new emergency warning system, alerts are automatically sent to those who registered online. In addition to the e2campus service, students can access the Bucks website and a web crawl banner will alert students of any urgent notifications.

There has also been some talk about installing security cameras this year at Bucks. "Security cameras are currently limited to the bookstore, library and lower library hall which are all frequent causeways, and the campus is working towards installing an underground conduit to add cameras in the parking lots and areas such as the financial aid office where money is transferred," said Chris Lloyd, director of security and safety. The campus would benefit from added security cameras as they are a cost-effective way to reduce deviant behavior on campus. With the addition of surveillance cameras throughout the campus, emergency response time would be much faster.

Most students at Bucks feel that the campus is a safe and welcoming environment. "I feel safe at Bucks. We have security

phones in the parking lots and on campus. Yet, anyone can come on campus, and unlike some schools you don't need an ID to enter buildings. Maybe more security guards would be helpful," said Hilary Flanagan, an occupational therapy major from Ivyland.

"I feel safe at Bucks and I intend for my children to attend school here as well," said Lloyd. "In the event of an emergency, schools are still safer than being out in the general municipality."

Although the most frequent crime at the Newtown Campus may be petty theft, Bucks security officers monitor the campus 24

hours a day. Security and safety officers are extensively trained in police and ambulance emergencies and are available for assistance, call (215) 968-8395.

Students and staff alike are encouraged to register for e2campus emergency alerts online at: [www.e2campus.com/my/bucks/signup.htm](http://www.e2campus.com/my/bucks/signup.htm)



SECURITY CALL BOX  
PHOTO BY KRISTIN CALCIANO

## The Centurion webcast is on the air

BY ASHLEY WUNDER  
Centurion Staff

In search of an innovative way to present the news, The Centurion, Bucks' student newspaper, now offers webcasts summarizing the current edition of the paper.

Available on the Centurion website at [www.bucks-news.com](http://www.bucks-news.com), and the journalism homepage, [www.bucks.edu/journalism](http://www.bucks.edu/journalism), Student Life Editor Kevin Yorke and Entertainment Editor Kristin Calciano deliver the week's news with charisma and a unique style.

Yorke, who is witty, adlibs his report while Calciano takes a more serious approach and is a natural in front of the camera.

They offer a roughly seven-minute report summarizing key points and highlights from each issue. The video includes news, politics, student life, entertainment and sports stories.

This video broadcast is a great way for Bucks students, staff and faculty to learn about the latest news at Bucks and in the world, and clubs and organization

activities.

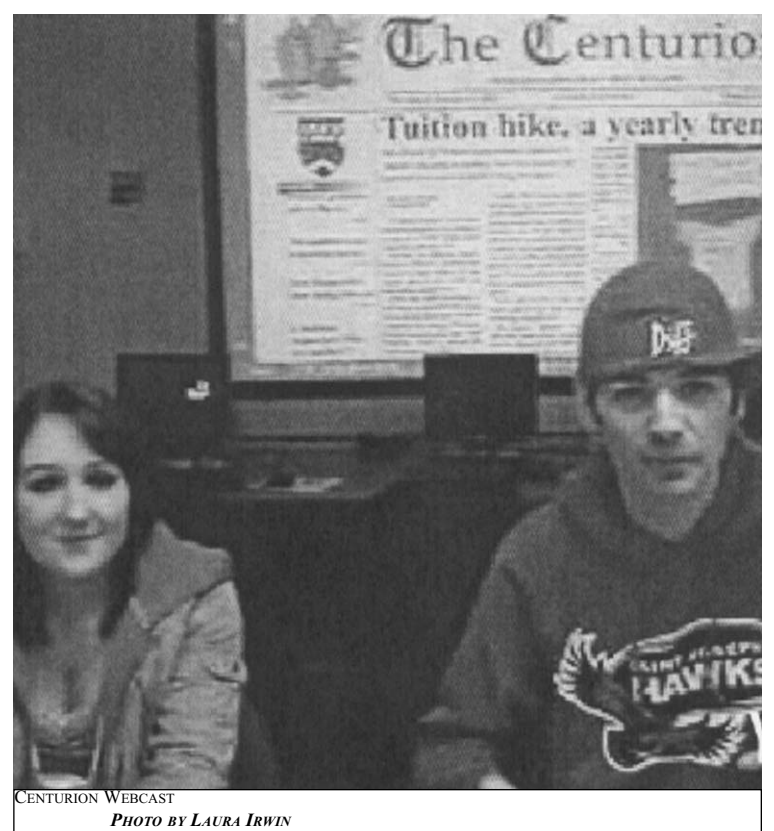
Being active in student affairs and events complements the overall college experience. The student life news keeps students up-to-date on past and upcoming events and includes contact information for offices and clubs mentioned in the webcast.

The political portion of the brief highlights the presidential hopefuls on the campaign trail, while the sports briefs cover Bucks and local sports action.

Centurion Editor-in-Chief Laura Irwin said, "There is a lot of potential to filming news briefs. We hope to learn as we go and incorporate interviews and clips with some clever editing work. It's part funny, part serious and entirely informative. We are very excited to present the news in more ways than the paper."

Irwin added that any Bucks department, club or organization that is interested in promoting their organization through a brief video interview should contact The Centurion via e-mail at [centurion@bucks.edu](mailto:centurion@bucks.edu).

Also available on the Centurion website are .pdf ver-



CENTURION WEBCAST  
PHOTO BY LAURA IRWIN

sions of the paper, where those interested can read the paper without ever picking up a copy.

"But you will miss the addition of a puzzle page," said Irwin. "We have made a lot of changes to The Centurion this semester, and I hope staff and students

will pick it up and see what we have to offer."

The Centurion hits stands weekly and the video news briefs are filmed in the newsroom, Rollins 127, and posted on Tuesdays.

# Kosovo claims independence

BY KRISTIN CALCIANO  
Entertainment Editor

NEW YORK - People were cheering and proudly waving the newly-revealed flag of Kosovo. Some people were sitting on top of driven cars, honking and cheering at the crowds.

On Sunday, Feb. 17, an estimated 10,000 Albanian-Americans gathered in Times Square to celebrate the declaration of Kosovo's independence from Serbia.

A decade after a separatist war between Kosovo and Serbia that claimed 10,000 lives, lawmakers pronounced the territory the Republic of Kosovo and pledged to make it a "democratic and multi-ethnic state."

Even though Serbia called the declaration illegal and its ally Russia denounced it, claiming it threatened to start a new conflict in the Balkans, that didn't stop people from celebrating for more than five hours in the freezing cold along Manhattan streets. There were people waving the flag and wearing t-shirts, which said "Thank you U.S.A." on one side, with the Kosovo flag posted on the back.

Police promptly put up bar-

riers on both sides of the street, although they were not needed because the celebration was very peaceful. All over Times Square, people sported red and black t-shirts, jackets, hats and other apparel in favor of Kosovo.

There was no shortage of happiness and pride that emanated from every single person who lined the streets. Ramiz Hopi, a 42-year-old restaurant owner who lives in Manhattan said, "After 3,000 years for this miracle to happen for us is like a child being born."

Kosovo had formally remained a part of Serbia even though it has been administered by the U.N. and NATO since 1999 when NATO airstrikes ended Slobodan Milosevic's, a former Yugoslav leader, crack-down on ethnic Albanian separatists.

Sunday's declaration was carefully orchestrated with the U.S. and key European powers. Ninety percent of Kosovo's 2-million people are ethnic Albanian, and most of them are Muslim. They see no reason to stay joined to the rest of Christian Orthodox Serbia.

Hopi said, "It's very emotional. We lost the lives of

women, kids and soldiers, so I want to be here for the celebration. [Kosovo] will be the newest country in the Balkans thanks to America, and we have to kiss this ground."

Private Second Class Adrian Ariffi of the U.S. Army was also there for the celebration, representing America and Kosovo. Ariffi said, "We are extremely happy, everyone's emotional, this is a miracle brought down from God and I'm happy and I love everyone here."

When asked if he thought that this day would ever come, Ariffi said, "I knew that this day would come. All we had to do was stick together and unite as Albanians and fight for our independence and we finally got it."

Ariffi hopes that Kosovo will soon become a part of the European Union, and that Kosovo's newly declared independence will help the economy rise in Kosovo.

"We already use European currency in Kosovo, so it's just a matter of time until Kosovo becomes a part of the European Union," said Ariffi with a beaming smile on his face.



CELEBRATIONS ERUPT ALONG THE STREETS OF MANHATTAN  
PHOTOS BY KRISTIN CALCIANO

## Centurion Publication Schedule

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## Serbs riot over Kosovo move

By The Associated Press

(AP)\_Police fired tear gas at Bosnian Serb rioters to prevent them from storming the building of the U.S. consulate after protests against Kosovo's independence.

A group split away from the almost 10,000 peaceful protesters in Banja Luka and headed toward the consulate, breaking shop windows and throwing stones at police who blocked the streets leading to the building with armored vehicles.

A rain of stones poured down on police before offi-

cers fired tear gas to disperse the crowd.

Hundreds of hooligans attacked the U.S. embassy in downtown Belgrade, setting part of it on fire and smashing windows. One person died and hundreds were injured and arrested.

Some bystanders returning from the peaceful part of the protest yelled "shame on you!" at the rioters and one man, apparently a former Bosnian Serb soldier, shouted, "This is not what I fought for!"

The incident occurred despite repeated calls by

organizers to hold a peaceful protest against Kosovo's independence. Police secured diplomatic missions in the city and warned it would use all legal means to prevent violence.

Bosnia consists of two mini-states, one run by Bosnian Serbs, the other by Bosnians and Croats. The Bosnian Serb parliament has condemned Kosovo's declaration of independence and said it will consider a referendum to secede from Bosnia if more countries recognize an independent Kosovo.

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# McCain locks up GOP nomination

BY SEAN MCGOVERN  
*Centurion Staff*

Arizona Sen. John McCain appears to have the Republican nomination for president in his grasp.

McCain is leading in the total number of delegates obtained throughout the primaries. According to a Feb. 25 Gallop Poll, 59 percent view McCain as a uniting figure.

Often referred to as a “maverick” for some of his views and willingness to work with Democrats, McCain has recently been reaching out to more conservative voters.

At the Conservative Political Action Conference in 2007, McCain said, “I believe today, as I believed twenty-five years ago, in small government; fiscal discipline, low taxes, a strong defense, judges who enforce, and not make, our laws, the social values that are the true source of our strength, and, generally, the steadfast defense of our rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, which I have defended my entire career as God-given to

the born and unborn.”

McCain, a Vietnam veteran who endured six years as a prisoner of war, supported the war in Iraq and the overthrow of Saddam Hussein. On Fox News Sunday in 2004, McCain remained critical of the low-level of troops involved in the war, and supported the troop surge in 2007.

McCain supported the end of the U.S. trade embargo on Vietnam in 1994, a bill he cosponsored with Senator John Kerry, a fellow Vietnam veteran.

With Democratic Senator Russ Feingold, McCain has long been a supporter of campaign finance reform. Seeking to limit funds politicians could accept from business, unions and other entities, the McCain-Feingold Act never came to a vote in the Senate.

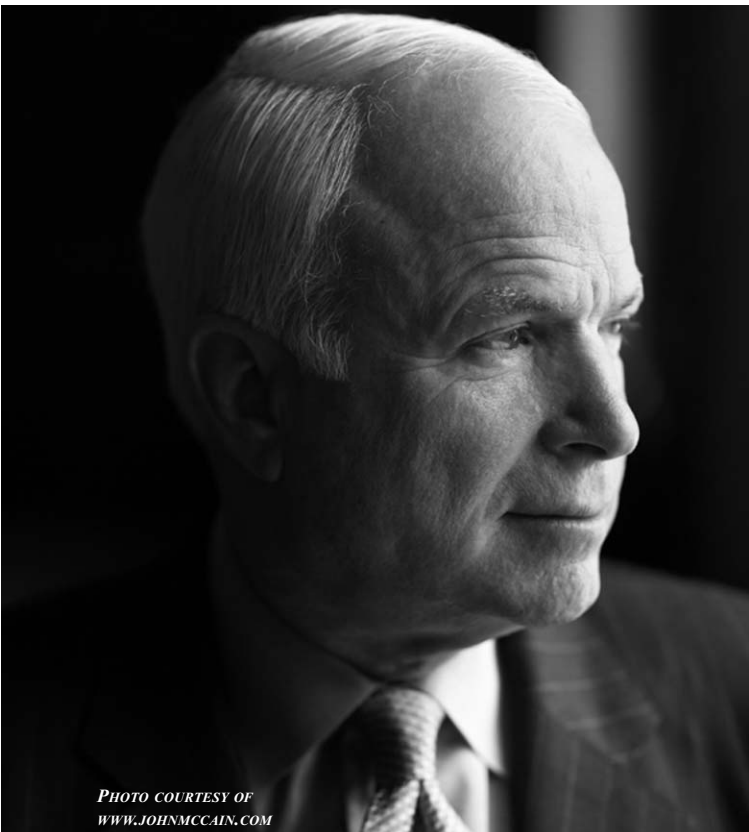
On matters pertaining to Iran and their attempts to become a nuclear power, McCain said on Nation Public Radio’s Morning Edition that a military solution “cannot be taken off the table.”

McCain voted to suspend habeas corpus in 2006 with the Military Commissions Act. The Act was signed into law, preventing those deemed enemy combatants from challenging their imprisonment.

McCain argued against the Federal Marriage Amendment, citing it as the states’ right to individually chose to recognize same-sex marriages. Further, he supports the Military’s policy of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell.”

In 2004, McCain voiced a disapproval of continuing President Bush’s tax cuts, seeing them as fiscally unnecessary in removing the national deficit. But in December 2007, the Washington Times reported that McCain now wishes to make the tax cuts permanent.

McCain stated in 1999 that he would not move to repeal Roe vs. Wade but was against abortion. However, he supports embryonic stem cell research, seeing potential cures for illnesses such as Parkinson’s disease.



McCain cosponsored the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act of 2007, which would grant illegal immigrants already in the U.S. a path towards legal citizenship. McCain is a strong voice for the Republican party, but

still maintains a liberal approach to some issues, which could placate moderates and independents who do not wish the country to be run in an entirely right-wing, conservative way.

# Dems: Obama over Clinton

BY JOHN SKUDRIS  
*Centurion Staff*

With the 2008 election upon us, Republicans are hoping to keep the White House while Democrats look to regain it.

It appears as though Arizona Sen. John McCain has all but secured the Republican presidential nomination. Mitt Romney has thrown in the towel and Mike Huckabee looks to be too far behind to have a chance.

With McCain basically etched in as the Republican candidate, we can begin to analyze which of the Democratic candidates would do better against the moderate Vietnam War veteran.

With popular candidates like Illinois Sen. Barack Obama and New York Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, the Democrats seem to feel like they have a good chance of reclaiming the White House.

In the most recent Time Magazine poll, which took place from Feb. 1-4 and pitted each Democratic candidate against McCain, Clinton and McCain tied at around 46 percent of the vote.

In the same poll Obama has a resounding lead over McCain, capturing 48 percent of the vote to McCain’s 41 percent.

According to this poll, it looks as though Obama has a preliminary lead over McCain.

But at this stage, it might just be too early to make the call.

Do you recall when Obama

was trailing Clinton by 20 percent not long ago?

Or do you remember how McCain was in single digits in November?

Polls can change like the weather. Not to mention that polls, such as the one Time reported, can have high margins of error and only represent a fraction of the population.

A better way to seek out information, instead of polls, could be to talk to political analysts about their take on the situation.

Dr. Ray O’Brien, a social sciences professor at Bucks, had his own insight on the race.

When asked which of the two Democratic candidates have the best chance of winning the professor responded, “Obama. There’s something about Hillary that turns Independents off. If she is running against McCain in the fall, I believe McCain will win. With Obama, the Democrats have an inspirational leader that can reach out to Independents, conservatives, and young voters.”

O’Brien’s comments ring true with what most of the pundits are saying: Obama will have a better chance of winning in the general election over Clinton.

Bucks student Stacy Armstrong agrees with the professor. “I think that having Clinton as the nominee would set the party back to where it was in 2000; it will be back with a polarizing candidate who will try to win sole-

ly on the Democratic voters in the north and west. With Obama, the Democrats have a chance of winning in states they could never dream of winning.”

While this is a popular theory, it is not reflected in most polls, which show both Clinton and Obama losing most of the usual Republican stronghold states.

Ravi Patel believes that despite his support for Obama, Clinton is the person to beat in November.

“She may be struggling now, but I never count out a Clinton. Everyone counted Bill out in 1992, and he won two terms. Everyone counted her out after Iowa, and she won New Hampshire and Nevada. She can still pull it off,” said Patel. “The Republicans are going to throw the book at whoever the Democratic candidate is. They are going to be crushed by negative ads and bad publicity. Hillary and Bill Clinton have overcome these things to come out smelling like a rose before. I think they can again.”

With the Pennsylvania primary election on April 22, it is truly too close to call on which Democratic candidate stand the best chance against McCain.

Whichever candidate comes out on top, come Jan. 20, 2009, one of them will stand in front of thousands of spectators and accept the oath of office as the next president.

## Bucks Slates Workshop on Body Image, Women, and Advertising

NEWTOWN – The Department of Language and Literature at Bucks invites the campus community to a brown-bag lunch and workshop addressing body images and women.

Participants will view and discuss the Jean Kilbourne video, “Killing Us Softly 3: Advertising’s Image of Women.”

The event is scheduled for 12 – 1:30 p.m., Wednesday March 19, in the Faculty Center.

Light refreshments will be served, and students are particularly encouraged to attend.

This workshop is being offered in conjunction with Women’s History Month at Bucks.

For further information, contact Dr. Celia Shiffer at shifferc@bucks.edu.



# Tough road ahead for Clinton

BY JOHN SKUDRIS  
Centurion Staff

From feast to famine, Sen. Hillary Clinton has gone from the presumptive next president to the underdog with one foot in the grave over the course of a month.

A once proud and surging campaign has struggled and faltered, and with few primaries left, Americans may soon see the end of the senator's bid for the presidency. But what exactly went wrong?

How does a candidate go from the star of the Democratic party to an afterthought beneath the shadow of Sen. Barack Obama?

Victorious in nine states on "Super Tuesday," Clinton's campaign has had to endure 11 consecutive losses to Obama over the past month.

She currently sits about 100 delegates behind Obama with just 14 states left in the primary season. In order to get enough delegates to take a lead heading into the convention, Clinton would need to win Texas, Ohio, and Pennsylvania, all by large margins.

With such a daunting task ahead of her, it appears that the end is near for Clinton's quest to become the first female presidential candidate for a major party.

Was it her husband's statements about Obama's lack of experience prior to the South

Carolina primary that ruined her chances? Or was it merely the fact that she was caught in the path of a new political star?

Bucks Professor Ray O'Brien believes that Clinton just got beat by the more appealing candidate. "Obama has charisma and a personality that appeals to those who are not usually interested in politics. The media certainly has helped by painting him as the up and coming star. But I still wouldn't count Hillary out. You can never underestimate a Clinton."

This is certainly something that seems to come up often in the minds of those all around the country.

Clinton's campaign may appear dead now, but no one seems to be counting her out. It all dates back to 1992, when everyone considered Bill Clinton's campaign dead after a scandal erupted over alleged extra-marital relations. He rebounded to win the nomination, and of course, the presidency.

Could Clinton conceivably rebound to big wins in Texas, Ohio and Pennsylvania?

Sure, but it's not going to be easy. Recent polls show Obama tied with her in Texas and creeping up in Ohio.

Chris Bursk, an often outspoken professor at Bucks, has an interesting perspective on the question.

He points out Andre Agassi's quote "image is

everything" and relates it to the Obama frenzy currently surging across America. "Image is everything...Obama is portrayed as this tremendously clean candidate who can 'fix' politics in America. The media has eaten it all up and when the media eats something up, so do the people. He's not like other black candidates in the past."

Bursk also believes that the Clinton floundering is due to America's own insecurities about a woman president. "America is sexist. They don't want a strong and assertive woman like Sen. Clinton to be the president. They'd be fine with Laura Bush," Bursk added, even though she was involved in a fatal car accident when she was in high school.

In 1963 the 17-year-old Laura Welch ran a stop sign with her Chevrolet Impala and crashed into a Corvair sedan driven by 17-year-old Michael Douglass, according to police reports. Douglas

died in the crash.

Bucks student Mike Beck agrees with Bursk. "She gets harassed for going on the offensive and attacking Obama on the issues. People say she's crazy or off the hinges. But if a man was doing the same thing, no one would say anything like that."

Is that the answer? Is America sexist?

Does the fact that Clinton portrays herself as a powerful woman hurt her? It's unclear whether or not that is indeed the case. But, as Bursk pointed out, it's a question that raises some eyebrows. If Clinton's campaign is faltering because Americans are scared to vote for a strong woman for president, then we have a bigger problem than we once believed.



HILARY CLINTON AT A DEMOCRATIC RALLY IN WISCONSIN  
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# Obama captivates young voters

BY JAY JONES, ANDREW BROWN AND KYLE CRAWFORD  
Centurion Staff

There have been many firsts for African-Americans.

In 1827, there was the first black newspaper, the Freedom's Journal.

In 1967, the first black associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, Thurgood Marshall, was inaugurated.

In 2000, Gen. Colin Powell was made the first black Secretary of State.

And now, in 2008, we could elect the first black president, Barack Obama.

Born on Aug. 4, 1961 to Barack Obama Sr., a native of Kenya, and Ann Dunham of Kansas, Obama grew up in Hawaii and several territories inside and outside the U.S.

He earned a law degree from Harvard in 1991 and became an Illinois State Senator in 2004.

"[Our family's story is] of farmers and soldiers; city workers and single moms. It takes place in small towns and good schools; in Kansas and Kenya; on the shores of

Hawaii and the streets of Chicago. It's a varied and unlikely journey," Obama told a group at a community college in Kansas.

But are Bucks students more interested in the presidential election because a black candidate is running?

Brittany Ylimaz, 20, a social services major from Huntington Valley said, "Yes, I plan to vote in the election. I think our country needs to change, and to stop sticking our noses in other people's business. We need to realize that we have problems too. We have violence and 9-year-olds selling drugs, we should focus on that. I was already interested in politics, but Obama has caught my attention as he brings a new voice. But at the end of the day, I still think all politicians are two-faced and basically the same."

Sean Weymer, 20, an engineering major from Levittown agreed. "Yes, I plan to vote in the election, because I don't agree with everything that's going on in our country right now."

Yet other students were not so enthused by the approaching election.

Asked if she was going to vote, Allyssa Moretti, 19, a liberal arts major from Doylestown said, "No. because my vote doesn't matter and I hate politics."

Holly Grogan, 21, an elementary education major out of Churchville said, "No because I'm not registered and I don't want to be. I'm just not interested in politics."

Michael Patton, 18, of Perkasio had the most to say about Obama running for president.

"No, I'm not registered to vote yet. I will when I get around to it, but that probably won't be before the election," he said. "He hasn't changed my opinion because I just haven't really been paying attention. I've been busy doing other things, so I haven't been able to watch the news or anything."

In 2004, just 47 percent of 18-24 year old citizens voted, while 66 percent of citizens 25 and older voted.



BARACK OBAMA AT A RALLY  
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# March Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 See “Disasters of War” at the Hicks Art Center 9a.m.-12p.m.
2 See the Philly Flower Show	3 “The Good Wife” 11a.m.-12:30p.m.	4 The Leane performs at the khyber at 9 p.m.	5 “I Question America” 11a.m.-12:30p.m. or 7p.m.-8:30p.m.	6 Philly Flower Show	7 2008 Fall initial course submissions due	8 Horsham Township Easter egg hunt at 2 p.m.
9 Daylight Savings Begins	10 Spring Break-begins no classes	11 Open Mic Night at John and Peters in New Hope	12 Upper County Campus Career Seeker Event	13 Watch “LOST”	14 Study	15 Acoustic open Mic at Skippack Village Coffeehaus
16 Palm Sunday	17 St. Patrick’s Day Spring break ends	18 Relax	19 Upper Bucks Campus Transfer Fair 3:30p.m.-6:30p.m.	20 First day of Spring Rita’s Water Ice opens	21 Good Friday	22 Butterfly Weekend at the Museum of Natural Sciences
23 Easter	24 Meditation at Yardley Friends Meetinghouse	25 Team Tennis vs. Delaware (away) 3p.m.	26 Newtown Day Transfer Fair 9:30a.m.-1p.m.	27 Team Tennis vs. Philadelphia (home) 3p.m.	28 Peddlers Village features Death by Disco	29 Team Tennis vs. Northampton (away) 1p.m.
30 Thunderbird Lanes Charity for Children Bowling	31 Foreign Film “Volver” in the library auditorium 7p.m.					

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# Cellar pub, a part of Tyler Hall history

BY KRISTIN CALCIANO  
Entertainment Editor

Every student on campus has seen Tyler Hall, but what most students don't know is that the basement of Tyler Hall is a former pub.

Descending down the spiral staircase into the basement is like walking back in time. The Pine Room, which is the name of the pub while the Tyler family lived there, was built between 1932 and 1934 and was used as a recreation area where the men could relax and enjoy cigars, and perhaps a pint or two.

The original purpose of Tyler Hall was as a hunting lodge for the Tyler family. Lyle Rosenberger, a history professor and director of the historical preservation program at Bucks said, "Before the fox hunts, which started

in the courtyard, Mrs. Tyler would come out of the front door and the men would ask her, very formally, 'May we hunt on your property?' And of course she would say yes and they would go and hunt."

After the hunt the men would come back to relax, drink and enjoy each others' company. Rosenberger said, "It was a nice hideaway, that's what it really was."

Matt Cipriano, director of student life said, "Students like to go down there; it has a really neat feel for learning. There's nothing else like it."

The decorator of the room, Henry Sleeper, had an almost identical room in his own house, Beautort, which is located in Gloucester, Mass. Rosenberger said, "He would frequently give [the Tyler family] some of his antiques

and say, 'I think you should have some of these.'"

After Mrs. Tyler died in 1963, the property was bought by Bucks County. Now it is part of the Newtown campus at Bucks and holds offices pertinent to the college.

Rosenberger said, "What we call the pub was used as a classroom, then used by the music department, and now it's used primarily for the Historic Preservation Program."

The pub is a nice little piece of history for any interested student or history buff.

Tyler Hall itself is a beautiful representation of Bucks. So if your campus travels ever take you into Tyler Hall, be sure to take a walk down that spiral staircase, and take a step back in time.



THE PUB IS NOW A CLASSROOM IN TYLER HALL  
PHOTO BY KRISTIN CALCIANO

## Financial aid facts are offered

BY ALISSA ROTH  
Centurion Staff

Tuition, books, supplies, room, board and transportation costs can really add up, and even community college students feel the pain of rising college costs.

Bucks held its annual financial aid night on Wednesday, Feb. 13, which took students and their parents step-by-step through the financial aid process.

Let's face it, everyone needs money for college. What many students don't know is that there is help. The financial aid process from start of finish can be a confusing, long road of paperwork and federal forms.

Seventeen-year-old Truman High School Senior William Slye said that a major concern of his was the rising costs of college. He and his father were shocked to learn what an average student paid for books each semester.

Donna Wilkoski, director of financial aid, gave an informative presentation to the crowded room, discussing work-study, scholarships, grants and loans. Most students who are just starting college do not realize that they can get help paying for the cost. There is more than need-based aid, but also merit-based. There are scholarships awarded each year, but many go uncollected because of the lack of applications.

This school year, there are millions of scholarships and billions of dollars in funding available for a students taking. Students assume that they must be brilliant, gifted or skilled to receive scholarships, but this is not true. There are a multitude of scholarships available, ranging from race to eye color. Yes, if you have two different color eyes you can receive money for school. There is even a scholarship handed

out by Chick-Fil-A restaurants. Workers of this restaurant can apply for a \$1,000 scholarship.

Families and students can expect costs to rise even higher. According to college-board.com, students planning on higher education can expect to pay an extra \$95-\$1,404 in the upcoming year. Despite this spike in tuition the site also mentions that there are \$130 billion in funding available to students to help ease the heavy financial burden of higher education.

Students can search for available scholarships at many different websites, such as [www.fastweb.monster.com](http://www.fastweb.monster.com). Students may also refer to [www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov) or call 1-800-433-3243 for more information. For help on campus, students can contact Donna Wilkoski in the financial aid office located in place of the old bookstore. You can also call (215) 968-8200.

## Bucks honors Black, Women's History

BY LAUREN TOPLEY  
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Throughout February and March, Bucks is hosting a series of events honoring both Black History and Women's History months.

On Feb. 20 there was a screening of "Standing on My Sisters' Shoulders," a film about the hardships African-American women had to endure during the period of the Civil Rights movement, a time when terror, in the form of lynching and bombings, was everywhere.

These women remained strong and helped each other, and now many are now considered great figures of history.

Their names - Annie Devine, Unita Blackwell, Mae Bertha Carter and Victoria Gray Adams - are unfamiliar to many.

But, as the film's website said, "Without the efforts of these women, the Civil Rights movement in Mississippi would not have been possible."

On Monday, March 3, the college's Library Auditorium hosted a show on Benjamin Franklin's wife. Entitled "The Good Wife," this one-woman show starring Jo Ann Tufo chronicled the life of Deborah Read Franklin.

On Wednesday, March 5, E.P. McKnight performs "I Question America: the Legacy of Mrs. Fanny Lou Hamer."

The one-woman show chronicles the life of Hamer, a Mississippi sharecropper who became a leader in the Civil Rights movement.

Her efforts helped get the

Voting Rights Act, Equal Employment and Federal Housing laws passed.

On Wednesday, March 19, a workshop on body image will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning, the stone farmhouse in the center of campus.

Participants will view and discuss the Jean Kilbourne film "Killing Us Softly 3: Advertising's Image of Women."

Also on March 19, "I Am Woman: Celebrating Women in Art, Women of Vision" will be staged at 7 p.m. in the Library Auditorium.

Students from the college's dance, drama and music clubs will perform, reflecting the national theme of Women's History Month.

And on Wednesday, March 26, the college will host "Reading and Writing Women," an open-microphone event to share poetry, prose and music from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Gateway Center Atrium.

The month-long celebrations wrap up Friday, March 28, with a 7 p.m. poetry reading in the Orangery featuring Leslie Haywood and Maria Mazziotti Gillan

All events are open to students and the public.

To learn more about the programs being offered, contact Women's Center Coordinator Natalie Kaye at (215) 968-8015 or stop by the center in room 118A.

The Women's Center goal is to help increase students' knowledge of gender issues through programs, seminars and performances.

## Random photo of the month



PHOTO BY LIOR SHULMAN



# Eating disorders addressed at Bucks

**BY SARA CROUSE**  
*Centurion Staff*

Shannon Cutts struggled to beat a 15-year battle with anorexia, bulimia, depression and anxiety.

After developing an eating disorder at age 11, she didn't seek treatment until the age of 23.

In support of National Eating Disorder Awareness week, Bucks hosted a seminar called "Beauty Undressed" on Feb. 27. The program featured Cutts, now a singer, motivational speaker and eating disorder survivor.

Like many, a young Cutts struggled with her self-image beginning in junior high school.

After her best friend told her that she wanted to be popular and Cutts could no longer be a part of her clique because she was "too fat," Cutts started to question herself and her appearance. She said that the worst period of her eating disorder was her sixth grade year.

"Between sixth and seventh grade," recounted Cutts, "I lost 30 pounds and experi-

enced depression and anxiety."

Cutts tried to reach out to her family, but they told her there was nothing wrong with her.

She shared memories with a friend several sizes larger than her who would delight that she loved shopping with Cutts because, "she was like her little dress up Barbie doll" who could wear all the outfits that she could not fit into.

All the while, Cutts was peering over the racks at women whose bodies she would die for, not at all acknowledging that she was quite thin.

Over time, women's self-image and ideal weight have been consistently tweaked by cultural norms and the media.

For instance, in the 50s women like Marilyn Monroe, size 12, were on the runway and photographed in lingerie looking gorgeous.

At this time the women on the catwalk took the attention away from the clothing and wooed spectators with their curvaceous bodies and gor-

geous faces.

Jump ahead a decade to the 60s and models like Lesley "Twiggy" Hornby replaced the womanly figure of the 50s.

The "clothes hanger" body that she once used to describe her unusually thin body became the new standard in the modeling industry and comments now gravitated to the detail and design of the clothing, rather than the women sporting them.

The introduction of Barbie in 1959 also took the nation by storm as girls began to dress and brush the hair of the mini supermodel.

But Barbie is in a class of her own.

In life-like dimensions she would top the charts at 7-feet 2-inches tall, 101 pounds, with 39-18-33 measurements.

The average American woman in 1959 was 5-feet 4-inches, 164 pounds, and sported 35-28-38 measurements.

If Barbie were a real person there is no way her dimensions would allow her to function, let alone stand up

straight.

After 49 years on the shelf, sales of Barbie dolls are \$1.9 billion annually, and three are sold every second in the U.S.

A recent poll showed that 80 percent of fourth graders report fears of being fat and 40 percent of that same age group reported dieting very often or sometimes.

Some girls, ages 11 to 17, would rather be "stupid, quadriplegic, or run over by a truck," than be fat.

Boys of the same group prefer a physique that can only be

achieved through the use of steroids.

In the U.S. 8 to 10 million people suffer from an eating disorder, be it anorexia, bulimia or binge eating and 70 million people worldwide have anorexia.

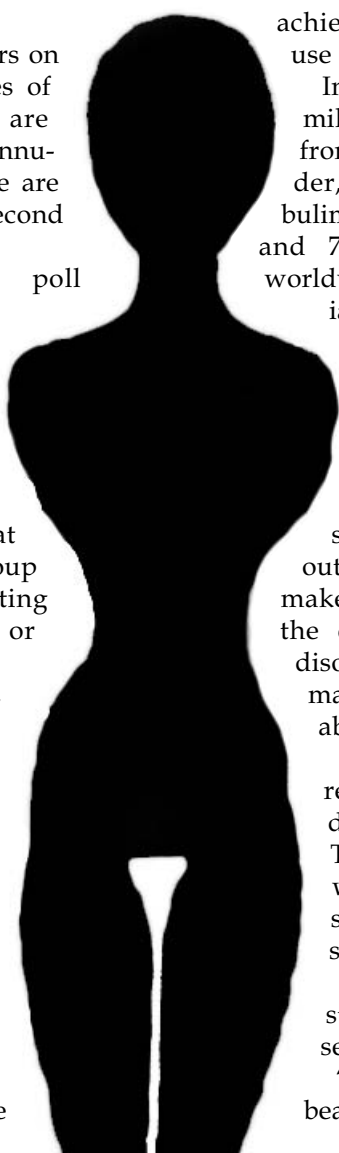
Of these, 10-25 percent are men.

To honor NEDA week, Feb. 24 through March 1, Cutts suggested reaching out to young people to make others aware of the dangers of eating disorders and to try to make them feel good about themselves.

"Relationships replace eating disorders," said Cutts. Through music and words, Cutts is a survivor of this life-shattering illness.

In light of NEDA, stop and ask yourself,

"Do I think I am beautiful?"



# New exhibit depicts same-sex couples

**BY ASHLEY WUNDER**  
*Centurion Staff*

There are 212 photos on display in the café of the Upper Bucks Campus depicting same sex couples who have high hopes for Pennsylvania's legal recognition of same-sex marriage.

"The PA Diversity Network Photo Project-200 Same Sex Couples: Facing Inequality," launched two years ago, is being displayed at Bucks for the first time.

Students are given the chance to see members of their community being out and vocal about Pennsylvania laws against same-sex marriage and civil unions.

Creator Liz Bradbury started this project to "put a real face on discrimination."

Bradbury said, "We are talking about real people and real families."

The project, which started with 212 couples, has grown to 220, with a goal of 300 couples by the end of the year.

So far, the exhibition has received positive feedback.

Bucks is the fourth college to host the photo exhibit and it has been aired on television twice.

The last show was hosted at the Congregation Keneseth Israel during a Martin Luther King service and Diversity Celebration, with more than 500 people in attendance. It has been held in 15 venues with few objections.

Bradbury believes there is



AROUND 500 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE MLK PHOTO PROJECT EVENT AT KENESETH ISRAEL.  
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so little negative feedback because those against the project are faced with real people when they see the photos.

"These are committed, long-term couples," said Bradbury.

"It's hard to be negative about people that stand up in a public way, saying we are in a relationship."

Pennsylvania still prohibits gay marriage and civil unions.

On Feb. 14, Pennsylvania's Marriage Protection Amendment SB1250 was introduced stating, "No union other than marriage between one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as marriage or the

functional equivalent of marriage by the Commonwealth."

Bucks student Diana Costa, a 20-year-old nursing major from Bensalem, agrees to an extent. "I was raised Christian so I believe marriage is for man and woman, but I don't see any harm in civil unions."

Civil unions are similar to marriage because they legally recognize a couple's union, providing them with some of the rights, benefits and responsibilities of a typical marriage.

Civil unions are legal in 11 states including New Jersey.

There are 1,400 federal and state rights granted for marriage that are not granted for

civil union.

Bradbury believes achieving marriage rights would be more beneficial than just gaining civil union rights.

"Civil unions are good. They are better, but they are still inferior [to marriage by] creating a separate but equal notion," said Bradbury. "Marriage is portable from state to state, but civil unions are not."

Student opinions on gay marriage are divided, with some, like Racheal Haines, 20, an education major from Bensalem, supporting the issue. "Everyone deserves the right to marry the person they love," said Haines. "They deserve the right to be miserable like everyone else.

But in all seriousness, all people should be granted equal rights."

Bradbury plans to bring awareness not only to community members, but those in elected offices.

The ultimate goal of the photo show is to "continue touring until every policy maker in Pennsylvania understands that trying to bring legislature to discriminate against same-sex couples is discriminating against real people."

She hopes to get elected officials, people running for offices and institutions to acknowledge the large number of same-sex partners who want equal benefits in Pennsylvania.

The photo project will be displayed from Feb. 22 through March 6.

There are framed black and white photos in the gallery and more projected from a screen.

Each picture has a label displaying the name of each member of the same-sex relationship, their job titles, the number of years they have been together and how many children they have, if any.

More information on the photo show and statistics on civil rights and discrimination can be found on Pennsylvania's Diversity Network's website, [www.padiversity.org](http://www.padiversity.org).

# Spring fashions hit the racks

BY ALEXANDRA NEU  
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Fall fashions are walking off the runways, and models are flaunting the new lines of spring clothing.

Donna Karen, Christian Dior and Ralph Lauren are just a few of the designers who have been eager to show off their new collections from this year's fashion industry show and tell, "Fashion Week."

And the highlights from the week's styles are influencing what many will wear now.

It's time to put away the Uggs, girls.

Although they are comfortable when walking to classes, they're out.

Open-toed pumps and flats are making a comeback.

Patent and quilted leather shoes are appearing in metallic colors, such as gold and silver.

These have been a big hit for the last two years, and this year is no different.

Dress them up by wearing a dress, or still look classy wearing them with your favorite pair of jeans.

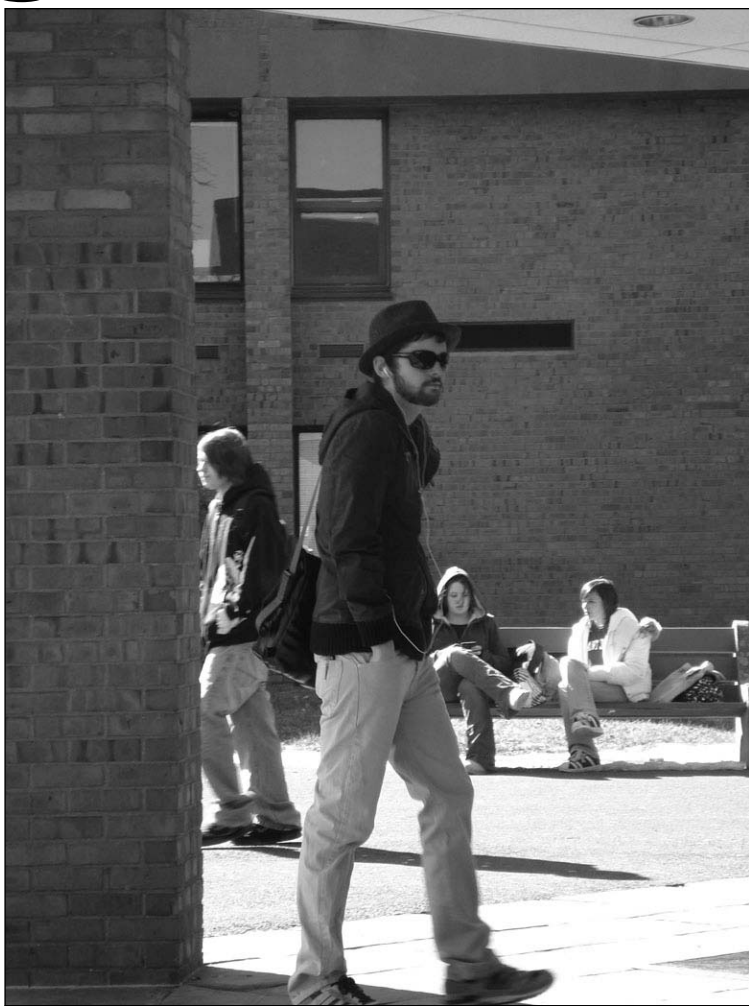
Ralph Lauren and Valentino have unveiled their collections, and they are bringing floral prints back into style.

The models rocked the runways, showing off their vibrant shades of yellow, pink and green.

Tribal patterns, which have been referred to as "Safari Chic," are a big hit for spring 2008.

These patterns are accented with beaded, tribal jewelry.

Tiffany Luszczak, 19, an



STUDENTS IN THEIR DAILY WEAR AT BUCKS.  
PHOTOS BY KRISTIN CALCIANO



early education major from Bensalem, said, "Big sunglasses are still in style for 2008 and bohemian dresses."

Rimless, over-sized sunglasses are still in for this year's fashion—looks like they will be hanging around a little longer.

Fuller skirts are appearing in many shades of blue, as well as bold colors.

Wearing these, you can't go wrong.

Christine Zabierowski, 20, a communication major said, "This spring everyone is buy-

ing bathing suits in advance to get the latest styles. Fifties-style bathing suits and long necklaces are in for this year, in my opinion."

Cortney Pitcher, 23, an education major of Levittown said, "Big colored bags are definitely in for this spring. Patterns on clothing, and I think even polka dots are making their way into this year. As for the summer, one piece bathing suits with cut outs."

It looks like Pitcher is right, Victoria's Secret has been

showing full piece bathing suits with cut outs.

There is material missing from the sides and middle, mimicking a two-piece.

However, Victoria's Secret can be pricy, with suits ranging from \$90-\$100.

You can find these styles for less at stores such as Pacific Sunwear, H&M, Target and various department stores.

Target has had their bathing suit selections out on the racks for the past few months.

You can get an inexpensive

suit and still be in style.

Apryl Szyszko, 19, education major, said, "Every year I get my bathing suits from Target and they're all so cute and cheap. That being said, I can buy more than one at a time for the price of just one from Victoria's Secret."

Skinny jeans are still in, but also wide-legged pants are making a transition and becoming popular.

Puffed-sleeved shirts and jackets were also popular in the fall and are carrying over into spring.

## 'Out of Reach' puts it all together

BY KRISTIN CALCIANO  
Entertainment Editor

On Jan. 30, two Bucks students, with their band "Out of Reach," had the opportunity of a lifetime, opening for three major bands at the Crocodile Rock Café in Allentown.

Bucks students Ben Edwards and Alex Appleton, members of "Out of Reach," played with "Saosin," "The Bled" and "Armor for Sleep," along with several others.

When asked what the most exciting thing about playing a show like this was, Edwards, 20, a music major from Churchville and the band's drummer said, "Getting the chance to play in front of many new faces that have never heard us before."

Appleton, 18, a cinema major from Trenton and the band's guitarist said, "The

experience, and the people you meet that are involved with the business from playing a high-profile show like this."

"Out of Reach" have been together as a band since the summer of 2006.

They have had various singers, and Edwards did not join the band as a drummer until Jan. 30, 2007, exactly one year before their show at Crocodile Rock.

Edwards and Appleton agreed that the biggest challenge for the band to date was getting a singer to bring them together as a group.

"Out of Reach's" newest, and hopefully permanent singer Anthony Masington was just the push the band needed to really get on track.

"We started out as a band with our old singer Drew Sroka, but later he quit to handle personal problems," said Appleton.

"After that is when, in my

opinion, we became an actual band. Anthony was the energy that we were missing. We didn't really have a front man until he joined up. We were musically tight; we just lacked the vocal drive until Anthony joined up."

Edwards said, "When we first started, we wanted to have fun doing something we love, which we are still doing today."

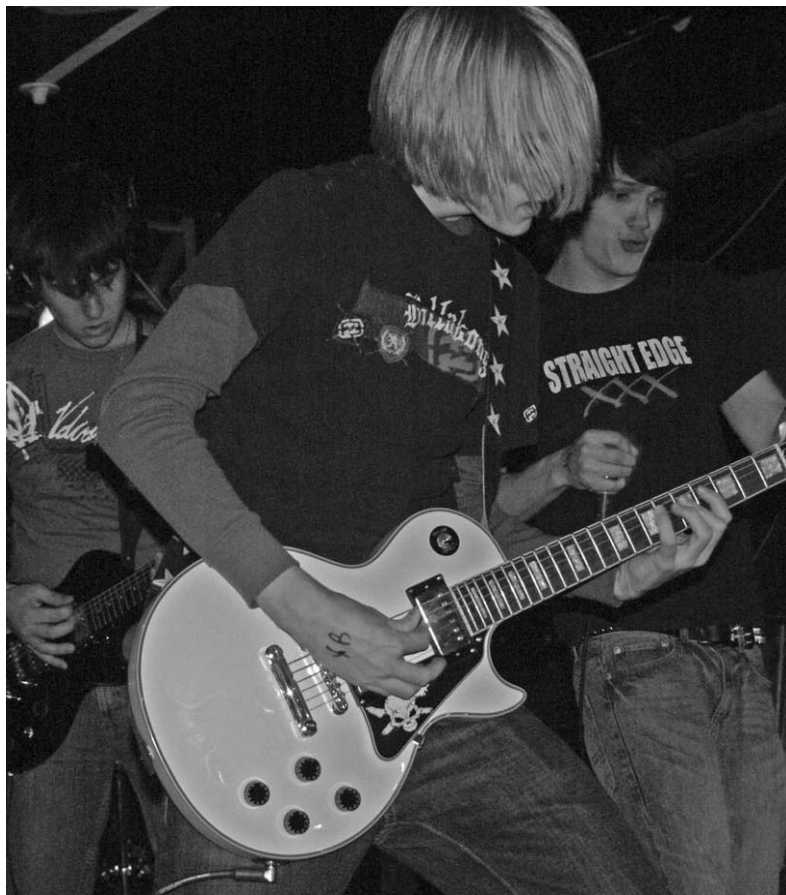
In the future, "Out of Reach" aims to grow and mature as performers, as well as getting their name out.

Will "Out of Reach" make it big? Only time will tell.

To find out more about "Out of Reach," visit their website at :

[www.myspace.com/outofreachpa](http://www.myspace.com/outofreachpa).

If you like what you hear, see "Out of Reach" at their upcoming show at the Trocadero Balcony on March 9 beginning at 6 p.m.



OUT OF REACH AT CROCODILE ROCK  
PHOTO BY KRISTIN CALCIANO



# Radiohead offers 'Rainbows'

BY ANDREW HESS  
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Radiohead has released seven albums and has sold more than 23 million records over the course of their career. Their latest album, "In Rainbows," was released in October 2007 as a digital download; customers were only able to purchase the album over the internet.

According to Thom Yorke, 39, the band's lead vocalist and songwriter, profits from "Rainbows" digital downloads were greater than the combined profits from all of their other studio album's digital download profits. More than 1.2 million copies sold online on the first day.

The album was not physically released in the U.K. until late December. It then made its debut in the U.S. in January of this year. In its first week it rose to the No. 1 spot on both the Top Billboard 200 and the U.K. Album Chart.

When the listener clicks on the first track, titled "15 Step," and proceeds to let the computer do the rest, the song kicks off with an upbeat drum pattern. Vocals and the rest of the band join shortly

after and it follows the typical pattern and feel of a Radiohead song. It's simple and yet chaotic at the same time, perhaps a foreshadowing of more to come.

"Bodysnatchers," begins with a distorted guitar riff that seems to barely hang on, until the other instruments kick in. The band rocks out the whole time and doesn't slow down until the last chord is hit.

Listeners will find the next track, "Weird Fishes/Arpeggios" to be more mellow and trancelike in parts. It's not a song you can dance to, but pleasant to the ear.

The band uses synthesizers and digitally altered sounds to create this powerful anthem.

The listener begins to get a feel for the record at this point. One will find it to be a lot like their other albums in the sense that it is new, interesting and original. Fans will be pleased to know this band has not lost its niche for writing great rock songs, and are still pushing boundaries.

"Reckoner" fit right in with this album. It was slow at first but picked up to become yet another quality song.

"House of Cards" started off with a hand-clapping drumbeat by Phil Selway and haunting guitar riffs of Johnny and Colin Greenwood, and Ed O'Brien.

With phrases such as "I don't wanna be your friend. I just wanna be your lover," and "Forget about your house of cards, fall under the table and get swept under," it seems Yorke hasn't forgotten about the trials and tribulations of love and life. The lyrical content on this album is absorbing, but more accessible to a wider range of audience.

The 10th and final track, "Videotape," is simple but effective, not unlike the rest of the album, consisting of a few piano chords and addictive vocal

melody. When the percussion finally comes, Yorke sings, "You are my center when a spin away." He repeats "the videotape" over and over as gradually and delicately the song begins to fade out. The percussion is off beat and Yorke's signature "chanting"

accompanies the piano still chiming throughout the song, chaotic and beautiful at the same time.

Overall the album was impressive. This release is just another accomplishment for a band that has been producing music since 1991.



## Prince Harry out of danger

By The Associated Press

(AP)\_Britain's defense chief decided Friday to immediately pull Prince Harry out of Afghanistan after news of his deployment was leaked, citing concerns that media coverage could put him and his comrades at increased risk.

Air Chief Marshal Jock Stirrup, chief of the Defense Staff, said he decided to withdraw the prince after senior commanders assessed the risks, the Defense Ministry said in a statement.

Harry, third in line to the British throne, has been serving on the front line with an army unit in Afghanistan's southern Helmand province since mid-December. He was originally due to return to Britain within weeks, but "the

situation has now clearly changed," the statement said.

The ministry asked the media not to speculate on Harry's location until he was back in Britain.

Tours to Afghanistan usually last six months; Harry has served 10 weeks.

Harry conceded in an interview filmed last week that when he returns to Britain he could be a "top target" for Islamic terrorists.

"Once this ... comes out, every single person that supports them will be trying to slot me," he said.

He said his deployment was a welcome chance to escape from paparazzi and hostile headlines. He said it was probably the best chance he'll ever get at being a normal person.

## Jolie speaks out on Iraq

By The Associated Press

(AP)\_Actress and humanitarian activist Angelina Jolie said Thursday that the reinforcement of U.S. troops in Iraq has created an opportunity for humanitarian programs to boost assistance for Iraqi refugees.

In an op-ed piece published by the Washington Post, titled "A Reason to Stay in Iraq," Jolie details the plight of refugees and says their conditions have not improved since she visited the country last August to urge governments to provide more support.

Jolie, who has been a U.N. goodwill ambassador since 2001, talked with Gen. David Petraeus, the American military commander in Iraq, and Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, the

U.S. Embassy said.

Petraeus "told me he would support new efforts to address the humanitarian crisis" as much as possible, "which leaves me hopeful that more progress can be made," the actress wrote.

She said she stressed to Iraqi officials there must be a coherent plan for helping some 2 million Iraqis who are taking advantage of the downturn in violence to begin trickling back to abandoned homes from havens elsewhere in the country. A similar number fled Iraq to escape the bloodshed.

"It will be quite a while before Iraq is ready to absorb more than 4 million refugees and displaced people," Jolie wrote. "But it is not too early to start working on solutions."



## Are you thinking about transferring?

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# A Piece of my Mind

*A weekly column by Centurion Editor Mark Bennett*

In my Art of Science and Nature class, we have to do this big group project where we do something environmentally positive for the college or community.

So the professor calls on each group, and the group leader tells them what our project is. He gets to the group two rows behind mine and asks them what their project is. "We're going to try and make Bucks a smoke-free campus," she said.

Why? Why is everyone so against smoking? What have we ever done to you?

I don't understand how anyone could think that making the campus smoke-free is a good idea, or that it would actually work. Do they really think that smokers are going to walk all the way back to their cars to smoke, then walk all the way back to their class?

Explain to me how you're supposed to walk to and from the parking lot, stopping to smoke a cigarette, with smokers' lungs none the less, in the 10-minute break given to students who have three plus hour classes. It's completely illogical.

So, what grounds do these anti-smoking advocates have for trying to make the campus smoke-free?

"Smoking is bad for you." Know what, you're right, it is



bad for me. And that sounds an awful lot like my problem, not yours. "Well, smoking causes cancer."

In this day and age what doesn't cause cancer?

"Well I hate walking through the smokers around the doorways." Well I hate people in my classes that have no idea what they are talking about, yet they babble on week after week, so why don't we make the campus moron-free? Because I tolerate it, just like you should.

"Well the second-hand smoke I inhale could kill me." You're right, in 20 years or so it could kill you, but there is a bunch of stuff that could kill you anywhere between now and then, so go attack one of those things. And unless you inhale a ton of second-hand smoke, I doubt it will do anything to you. And if you do inhale a ton of second-hand smoke, why exactly are you

following around the smokers so much?

"People throw their butts all over the place, it makes the campus look dirty." So does the garbage and graffiti, so why don't we try and get security to enforce a littering law, or put more of those ashtrays around. "Oh well smoking makes your breath smell bad and your teeth turn yellow." Again, that sounds like my problem, not yours.

All this anti-smoking talk is just a few people trying to protect their own interests, that's all. They may say that they're looking out for everyone else but they're not. If they were looking out for other people, why are they making smokers stand out in the freezing cold and rain to smoke? Most of the overhangs are well within that anti-smoking yellow tape. And why are they trying to make us late to class by making the only place we're allowed to smoke the parking lot, a half a mile away from the closest building? I think they are selfish, and I doubt they will change their ways, just like I won't change mine.

As odd as it sounds, smokers need to band together to meet this threat to our way of life head-on, otherwise these people are going to get things their way, regardless of who it affects.

# A Modern Hypocrisy



*A weekly column by Centurion Editor-in-Chief Laura Irwin*

## Time Management 101

You are witnessing the workmanship of the multi-tasking pro, time-management junkie and productivity master of all time.

I am always busy, I never sit still and I have the caffeine addiction to prove it.

I am a fan of part-time everything. I go to school part-time and work part-time jobs. I have a part-time social life and in my spare part-time I enjoy part-time hobbies.

The key to time management 101 is to start with the big things and fit in the small things.

I make my own monthly calendars and tape it to the back of my door so that upon exiting my apartment I can see exactly what the major items of my agenda are for each day.

I only write down what must be accomplished for each day. Whether a shift I am working, a class I am attending or an appointment that needs going; I know that those are my key focuses of accomplishment. The time in between the "must do's" is left to crossing things off my daily list.

Each day has a list of errands that need to be run, friends I should really call back or things I just feel like doing. But the list is a "should do" list and items may get carried over from one day to the next. For example, if I didn't have time to run to the bank, it would be carried over to the next day's list. It generally takes me about two weeks to get to the bank.

But, It all comes down to simple prioritizing.

I know what has to be done, because I know what's important to me.

I adore getting an education, therefore class and its respective work is a priority. I know I need to pay my bills each month, so work is a priority. And finally, I know a little R&R is a priority so scheduling something that allows me to see the light of day, is a priority. That's why these tasks are the big calendar fillers.

Maybe it's something that came with age; I wasn't always so anal with getting things done. Maybe I learned from my mistakes in the past. But being a time-management pro is the reason I excel at school, accomplish life's daunting tasks and occasionally come up for air and have fun.

I've always been a little creature of habit.

I have a career that allows me to be in a different place and learn something new every day, but, my Mondays are like other Mondays and my Saturdays are alike my other Saturdays.

If your grades are slipping because you're out partying on a Tuesday night, you might want to reevaluate your life.

On Tuesdays, I'm in class.

If you haven't talked to your best friend lately, pick a random day of the week and schedule in a chat.

On Wednesdays my best friend and I go out to dinner.

If you complain that you're a poor college student and can't do anything, find some time to work.

Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday I coach swimming. Tuesday through Friday I work at The Centurion. Sunday's I work at Barnes and Noble. Friday's I work for ourburbs.com. And some random days or nights I write for a celebrity freelance writer or the Courier Times.

You don't have to wear yourself out, but if you just maintain a decent schedule you'd be surprised how much one person can do.

I sleep at least 9 hours every night and don't think I don't date, attend concerts or go out with friends. But the saying "all good things in moderation" is slightly misleading.

I offer this advice: find something you love and throw yourself into it. I love my life of work, school and bar-hopping. So I make my life all about doing as much of it as I can.

I only moderate what deters me from accomplishing the above.

And don't be like me. I am recalling the ideals of Tyler Durden in "Fight Club." Be your own person, have a passion and don't let anything stand in the way of what you want. It takes sacrifice only if you don't have your head in the right place.

# Oh Baby!

*A weekly column by Centurion Managing Editor Janine Logue*

When you first find out that you are pregnant it's natural to be a little nervous about the whole process. If you are like me, you head straight to the internet to find out everything you can about the dos and the don'ts of living for two.

While doing this research, what you really find out is that being pregnant is nothing like your mother, your friends and your favorite TV stars have made it out to be.

Words like spider veins, constipation and pregnancy mask start to creep in to your vocabulary.

Now, not everyone is affected by these more taboo symptoms, but many are.

It wasn't until I started to tell my friends and family about my pregnancy, that they opened up to me about their own horror stories.

They told me things now that they had never mentioned to me before.

Their collective reason for not sharing, simple really, was because I was very sure I was never having kids.

I have my own theory as to why the people in my life never clued me in to the true depths of misery that can

come with pregnancy...they really wanted me to have a baby someday and they knew that I would never do it if they told me the real truth.

And guess what, they were right.

Had I known then what I know now, I think I would have paid a back alley surgeon to "fix" me rather than risk getting pregnant.

As a matter of fact, I think that health teachers should incorporate these lessons in to sex education for young girls.

I had to sit through five or six health classes throughout my youth, I even had to watch that giving birth video, but never did anyone tell me that I might poop on the delivery table in front of my husband and a crowd of strangers.

Go ahead; tell a teenage girl that, see if she ever wants to risk pregnancy. I know I wouldn't have.

I used to think that stretch marks were the worst thing about a pregnancy, but that was before I was educated. Now I know better.

One nice little treat is chronic leg cramps coupled with frequent dizziness.

This little terrible twosome can be real fun. It is just peachy when you stand up to do something and must promptly sit back down because of sharp pains in your calves and blurred vision.

I, for one, was sure that I was having some sort of weird stroke. But, as it turns out, by the time you are four or five months along, your heart has to work 40 to 50 percent harder to provide blood to your growing uterus. So, if you stand up quickly, you are likely to get dizzy.

The leg cramps, well, they are usually a compound problem. They can be caused by dehydration, but also by decreased blood flow to your legs or from vitamin and mineral deficiencies.

All this happens before you get to the real hard part, labor, which I won't get in to in this column. It is just too scary to talk about yet.

However bad it is, or how-ever bad it gets, I have been assured by the many mothers that I have spoken to that, once I hold my baby in my arms, all will be forgotten.

I guess that is nature's way of insuring the survival of our species.

# Drunk students wreck Phillies event

BY TOM ROWAN  
Centurion Staff

Beer: \$6.50, Hot Dog: \$1, Throwing them on the Citizen's Bank Park playing field: Priceless.

On Wednesday, April 04, 2007, more than 35,000 college students turned the

Philadelphia Phillies home field into a warzone. The Philadelphia Inquirer reported more than 150 arrests for underage drinking, not to mention the number of fights, injuries and emotional distressed season-ticket holders who feared the rambunctious youth.

"The Phillies didn't have the muscle to break up the fights or deal with the drunkenness," said senior columnist for the Philadelphia Daily News Bill Conlin. "It was worse in some sections than an Eagles-Cowboys game with a 4 p.m. start."

With mounting concern for the safety of all attendants of the now renamed "dollar dog nights," the Phillies decided it was in their best interest to cancel the ever-popular gathering of college students from around the Delaware valley.

In the past, the oldest sports franchise in modern professional sports history has done anything but cater to their unbelievably devout fan base. In their entire 125-year history, the Phillies have won one world championship. The Phillies are the first franchise in all of professional sports to record 10,000 losses and since introducing the Philly Phanatic in 1978, the youth of Philadelphia aren't exactly embracing the red-pinstripes.

With all these negatives, the Phillies had one idea that sparked some interest. Two years ago, the Phillies brain trust decided to give special discounts to area college students looking for a good time during the sometimes monotonous summer months. With the combined marketing

power of the infamous dollar hot dog specials the franchise's public relations tagged this idea as a can't miss.

That was until they came to realize they were dealing with the next generation of the worst fans in America.

Phil Sheridan, senior columnist for the Philadelphia Inquirer said, "I guess I would say the college nights were a well-meaning idea that completely backfired on the Phillies."

Unfortunate isn't it?

The Phillies finally make a diligent effort to make baseball marketable to young people and they go and blow it. This wasn't some little confrontation that went wrong. This was a massacre. The students transformed "The Bank's" 200 levels into a recreation of Veterans stadiums violent 700 level. At times, it seemed as though a thick hot dog rain cloud had fixed itself upon the ball park and wouldn't move on.

Beer was being thrown in others faces. Rival schools of LaSalle University and St. Josephs University students squared off, and no matter how many times Phillies announcer Dan Baker asked them to stop, they didn't.

"I don't like [the decision] at all because we as college students don't have enough

money to afford the normal prices," said Brian Dolan from Philadelphia, a nursing major at Cabrini University. "And not everyone is that rowdy, I don't like the fact that a few bad eggs can spoil it for everyone."

But they do.

The Phillies must keep in mind the season-ticket holders, the need to offer a "family-friendly atmosphere," and safety. Having 30,000 drunken people in their 20's fighting each other and acting obnoxiously does not promote an overall good experience.

With the anticipated serious effort toward claiming a pennant, the interest in the Phillies will no doubt sky rocket. The reality is the city will embrace this team. No matter if the Phillies tell the students the ticket prices aren't slashed or microwaved hot dogs are no longer a dollar. Philadelphia is a sports town that loves to win, and they will find their battles no matter where they are.

Todd Zolecki, senior sports writer for the Philadelphia Inquirer said, "College kids drink. That's the reality. They have fake IDs. So if I were you and wanted to attend a Phillies game on college night, I wouldn't sit in the upper deck."



PAT BURRELL ROUNDS THE BASES AT CITIZENS BANK PARK  
PHOTO BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Phillies Media Day a hit

BY TOM ROWAN  
Centurion Staff

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to actually meet Batman? How about Wonder Woman?

ESPN Analyst Jayson Stark, accompanied by other members of the Philadelphia-area media, may not have super powers, but they are no doubt heroes.

On the same rain-soaked morning as the annual Wing Bowl, 200 communications majors interested in careers professional sports media, filled Citizens Bank Park's Diamond Club.

Hosted by the Philadelphia Phillies, the red carpet was laid out for these students, as well as members of the press, television, radio, public relations and photography.

This event was an introduction to those future graduates who feel the jobs they want are simply unavailable and unattainable.

While the chance to have a casual Q&A with a respected national sports writer is not exactly rubbing elbows with greatness, it gave students a taste of professional success.

To make the event more personal, students were directed in groups to various parts of the stadium's skeleton to view the everyday actions

of the Phillies employees. Intrigued patrons could wander into booths housing such celebrities as Scott Franzke, who is joining the Phillies radio broadcast team this year, or others chose to speak with the public relations or fan development departments.

"It's cool to learn about the jobs that are actually available," said fellow Bucks student and communications major Pat Furness, "and to learn what it takes to get there."

Hosts like Tom McCarthy, in his second stint as the Phillies play-by-play broadcaster, spoke energetically about the industry of communications and the dedication and hard work that goes into it. When asked if this industry has a tendency to be a "cut-throat" business, McCarthy said "If you let it be."

The day was strategically planned and meticulously orchestrated, allowing 18-to-22-year-old students get exclusives some reporters would dream about.

Panel after panel of well-respected men and women, encouraged these students to understand the difficulties of breaking into a very popular industry. Their words offered a valuable introduction into

the lifestyles, characteristics and mindset of their favorite personalities. "You should always follow your passion when it comes to finding a career," said the host for the afternoon Scott Palmer, director of public affairs.

Sports Radio 950 on-air personality Jody Mac was also on hand to offer his story and encouragement to the awed crowd. Mac spoke from experience as he started his career not at the very top with ESPN, but in the bowels of the building's mail room. Making his way from stamping envelopes to the anchors chair took responsibility and perseverance. Even though his father has very good connections within sports, Mac was very stringent in making sure the masses were aware that "the in' can get you the job, but you have to keep it."

From watching iconic figures of everyday life subject themselves to questions and comments from lowly college students, put perspective into the personal make-up of these local celebrities. Success does require a kind of aggression that can take over ones personality. But it's the humility and rare kindness that makes these figures elite heroes to many college students.

## ALS comes to Philly

BY KEVIN YORKE  
Student Life Editor

Have you ever wished to see the likes of the handsome David Beckham visit the gritty city streets of Philadelphia, and maybe pick up a cheese steak on South Street?

Well, your wish may have just been granted.

Major League Soccer has announced that the city of Philadelphia will get a soccer team.

The team will start play in 2010 and will be the 16th team in the league, according to an MLS press release, after the team builds a stadium as a part of a town renewal project in Chester County. The new stadium is currently listed at seating a maximum of 20,000 people.

You can bet that the term "soccer hooligan" will get a new Philadelphia twist from the town's passionate fans.

Or will it?

Many might be asking if this team will be up there with the four major Philly sports teams like the Eagles, Flyers, Sixers and Phillies. Philadelphia is a rough, blue-collar town.

Our sports heroes are guys like Chuck Bednarik, Reggie White, and Brian Dawkins. Could the next on that list be someone like Beckham?

Well, that might take some

time, but you have to be excited about the move because it finally brings the world's most popular sport home to the world's greatest fans. Finally, other countries that have a love of "football" might see a passion in America for soccer that, generally, isn't here.

As of yet, the squad has not announced any team names or colors.

How about the Philadelphia Pighters?

That would probably be equally corny as it is relevant to the spirit of the city, and who isn't for a name that promotes fighting?

Could it be possible that this team is what ends the 25-year drought?

To most sports fans in this town, a soccer team wouldn't be amongst the four here that have let us down for so long. However, it wouldn't hurt to see a good soccer team representing the area.

If you want to check out more about the upcoming move, go to [www.MLSPhillly2010.com](http://www.MLSPhillly2010.com).







## Steroids taint star athletes

**BY TOM ROWAN**  
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Coinciding with the growth of television, tobacco companies used advertising to sell sex, style and attitude in every home in America. Advertising became reality; the tobacco industry took 30 seconds to convince the viewing audience that a cigarette can be as healthy as an apple.

And now, larger-than-life superstars are accomplishing feats that once were the stuff of dreams. The sight of these extraordinary athletes obtaining fame artificially, through steroid use, sends the wrong message to the youth of America.

"Immature athletes get too big, too fast," said Bucks student and former quarterback for King's College Bob Speer. "No one ever looks at the negatives."

Barry Bonds, the former outfielder for the Pittsburgh Pirates and San Francisco Giants, has been the center of the steroid controversy over the past several years.

Since the publishing of the book "Game of Shadows" in 2006 by the San Francisco Chronicle's Mark Fainaru-Wada and Lance Williams, baseball fans around the world have come to suspect that Bonds may have knowingly used performance-enhancing drugs to attain

baseball immortality. Bonds has denied using steroids.

While allegedly using anabolic steroids, which are synthetic hormones injected into the body to promote the storage of proteins and the growth of tissue, Bonds saw an increase in weight and strength, as well as success.

After allegedly starting the hormones in 2000, Bonds would

go on to win the National League MVP twice, the Silver Slugger award twice, and made the All-Star team three times. He was a part of the National League Champions, the Giants, in 2002, achieved the single-season homerun record with 73 in 2001 and became the all-time homerun leader in 2007 with 762 balls over the fence.



A BUCKS STUDENT WORKS OUT IN THE WELLNESS CENTER  
PHOTO BY KRISTIN CALCIANO

Riding Barry's big bat, ESPN dedicated around-the-clock coverage to Bonds chasing both the single-season and all-time homerun records, showing every at-bat the slugger had, interrupting everything from tennis matches to the fifth re-run of Sports Center until the records were broken.

Stadiums all across America sold out with patrons hoping to catch the record-setting long ball and sell it on eBay. He was the hottest topic on every sports show and news channel. To the more mature audience, he was the poster boy for performance-enhancing drugs; to the younger audience he became an icon for glory.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, steroid use among high school students more than doubled from 1991 to 2003.

The young adults see this goliath hit every ball and they want to be just like him. He's big, he's strong, and he's good at baseball.

Steroid-using players can influence young minds with the idea that achieving your wildest dreams can be done through synthetic hormones and not hard work and dedication.

The problem with steroids is the side effects. Men who take

steroids can over time develop breasts, have their testicles shrink, decrease their sperm count, become infertile or impotent, get severe acne, become bald, have an enlarged heart and suffer heart attacks and delusions.

When these young minds are supposed to be reading about these drugs in their biology text book, they watch these players advertise their big muscles and huge paychecks. From 2000 to 2007, Bonds is estimated to have made more than \$115 million, his reward for unparalleled dominance.

The false logic of "seeing is believing" may have corrupted the future of America's pastime.

Distrust, deceit and arrogance have stained the game. This era in baseball has lead to unfair criticism and false accusations. Every athlete who has excelled no longer receives praise, but scrutiny. The only justice may come when the participants in the steroid experiment feel the long-term side effects of these substances.

Maybe 30 years from now the offspring of Generation X-Box will ask why steroids were so popular. And just like the baby boomers told us about smoking, ignorance is bliss.

## Eagles sign Samuels Hoops coach talks

**BY PHIL COLES**  
*Sports Editor*

The Philadelphia Eagles finally got the better of the New England Patriots. The Eagles signed former Patriot cornerback Asante Samuel to a deal worth \$57 million over six years. The deal makes him the second highest paid cornerback in the league, behind San Francisco's Nate Clements.

The signing should help an Eagles defense that finished last in the NFL a year ago at forcing turnovers.

Samuel was the most coveted of this year's depleted free agents. Arguably the league's best cornerback, Samuel was looking for a big payday. That he got it from the sometimes-shrewd Eagles came as a surprise to many. "They say your first visit [to an interested team] they don't let you leave," said Samuel. "I came in here with an open mind. Everybody treated me like I belong here, like I'm wanted. It's a great situation."

With the addition of Samuel, the attention is now being focused on current Eagle cornerback Lito Sheppard. Sheppard is apparently unhappy with his current contract, which would pay him a base salary of \$2 million this season, and may want a trade.

So what should the Eagles do?

Keep him.

By keeping Sheppard you would have three very capable cornerbacks in what would be the NFL's strongest secondary.

There is also some speculation that the Eagles could move cornerback Sheldon Brown to safety, alongside Brian Dawkins. Brown has showed a strong ability to stop the run throughout his career and could give the Eagles a dominant defense if he agreed to the switch.

The Eagles also upgraded at defensive end during the first weekend of NFL free agency by signing former Oakland Raiders defensive end Chris Clemons to a seven-year deal. The Eagles are attempting to do what the Raiders did to them a few years ago when Oakland signed a young defensive end named Derrick Burgess. Burgess has blossomed into one of the best defensive ends in the league. By snatching Clemons, who has been mentored by Burgess, the Eagles hope they found a player who has just scratched the surface of his potential.

Clearly the Eagles have gotten off to a terrific start in upgrading their team this off-season. However, work still needs to be done. They could use another wide receiver; one rumor is Sheppard going to Arizona for receiver Larry Fitzgerald, and depth at the offensive and defensive tackle positions. Whether they address these needs in free agency or the draft remains to be seen.

For Eagles fans, the signing of Samuel has jump-started the frenzy for the up-coming season in this football-crazed town.

Only six more months to go!

**BY STEVEN LAWSON**  
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Men's Basketball Head Coach Gaeton Curione is proud of his players, although the team just completed a disappointing season.

The team had one goal going into the 2007-08 season; to improve on the prior year, and make a run at a championship. This goal was not achieved as the Centurions finished a disappointing 5-15.

Although their record wasn't a success, Curione believed that the season wasn't a total loss. "Even though our record does not indicate a successful season, I believe that there were some successful aspects... The players grew as a team at the end of the season and played better than the record shows on the floor."

Curione preached to his players that each loss was a way to learn and grow. The Centurions lost six games by a margin of six points or less. Curione showed his players a way to learn from a heart-breaking defeat by asking them, "What could each of you guys have done to save six points?" Players began to catch on to what their coach had been preaching and began to improve gradually throughout the season.

Many people will just look at the record of this team but Curione said, "The team's success this year did not

come from wins and losses, it came from [the] growth of student athletes."

Curione, known to stress the importance of education and growth as a person over success on the hardwood, could not say enough about how hard his student athletes worked.

"From my perspective, a successful season is also measured in different ways. Learning teamwork and personal growth for a young man who is trying real hard to juggle his schedule is what's important here." Curione understands the pressures that come along with being a student athlete, even if the program is not Division I caliber. He said the men on the team learned many life values that will transfer into everyday assets.

"Taking 12 credits or more, working part- or full-time, home issues, transportation issues, ability to make practice, games and a personal life in between [basketball] is very difficult," said Curione.

Curione believes that his team's past season was a growing process where every single one of the players benefited from their experiences. The season was hard to go through for the coaches and players, but Curione doesn't want to forget how his players grew to become a team.

However, when asked about next year Curione said, "Yes, a few more basketball game victories would be nice too."