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Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 53. North wind between 3 and 10 mph.

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Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 47.

Friday: A chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 51. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

Saturday: A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 54. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

Sunday: Partly sunny, with a high near 53.

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SGA to hold elections

This year the SGA hopes more students run for offices, or at the very least vote for candidates.

BY PHIL COLES
Sports Editor

It's election time all over the country, the PA primaries are just around the corner and the presidential election next November is in sight. At Bucks, it's also election time as the Student Government Association is set to pick its new officers for the upcoming year.

As of now, there are no candidates in the running for the many positions up for grabs including: President, Vice President of Executive Orders, Vice President of Activities and seven other elected posts. That means you could be one of them.

"We're looking for anyone who wants to get involved," said Matt Cipriano, director of student life. "It's a great opportunity for a resume builder."

Being a part of the SGA can help students become more involved at Bucks. "It's definitely a great tool to add to your resume," said Vice President of Activities Amy Towell. "Faculty begins to know you and it's easier to network and get connec-

tions."

The SGA is a representative body for the students. They can act as a liaison between students and administration. This past year, representatives from the SGA came up with a new smoking policy for the campus, and the administration listened. "It's a very powerful group," said Cipriano. "We're looking for people who want to make a difference."

This year, one of the topics under discussion will continue to be the new smoking policy; some students want this to be a smoke-free campus. Another issue is the possibility of changing the Bucks mascot from the Centurions, to something sounding a little less ancient. Students will have the ability to vote for possible mascots.

If you are interested in joining the SGA and want to run for one of the positions, simply stop by their office in Rollins 112. Students can pick up a packet that gives you all the information needed, including requirements and how to become a candidate.

Former Bucks student in Japan

Annas Mirza left Bucks last year to study in 'the land of the rising sun,' part of Temple University's study abroad program.

BY ANNAS MIRZA
Centurion Correspondent

TOKYO-I left Bucks more than half a year ago and set out on an adventure into the land of the rising sun. I'm a student at Temple University abroad, and I've gained an insight into a fascinating culture which has its ups and downs.

I first landed in Tokyo just a day before my birthday and I was given a host family to stay with, the Yamanakas, a husband and wife who lived in a small, but beautiful apartment in Takaido.

I have had many difficulties, highlights and random experiences while staying here.

As a guy who had very poor Japanese skills, I got by fairly easily in Japan. The Yamanakas helped me and even made me

study Kanji, the Chinese writing which Japanese use to make writing a lot easier, when it came time for midterms and finals.

Japanese is the hardest part about Japan, at least in my eyes. It takes a lot of drive to learn two alphabets and then a few thousand Chinese characters. I have to sadly report that I just know the alphabets, and as much Kanji as a 3-year-old child.

With that out of the way, let's get to the stuff people always talk about but never really see.

I'm talking about the trains, the crowds, the women in short skirts and the massive video game fan-base.

Some of these things are unique to Japan.

I live in a very "suburban" area of Tokyo. There is a high school across from me, a preschool next to me, a middle school on the

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Student Government Association

Welcome To BCCC Student Government Association!

On behalf of the Bucks County Community College Student Government Association (SGA), we would like to thank you for choosing Bucks! Take a few moments to get familiar with our website, we have a lot of great information about our organization and how you can get involved.

Welcome!

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Here is your new SGA for 2007-2008!

Student Government Election Results

EXECUTIVE BOARD

The elections will run from April 7 through April 14 and voting will be done on-line. You can vote by going to the Bucks web site, www.bucks.edu, and clicking on the SGA voting link.

If you want to become a candidate, the deadline to apply is April 1, although Cipriano said he could be flexible with that date. He added that if you are interested, you can stop by his office, in the new Student Life

Center in Rollins next to the Transfer office, and he or someone in the SGA will discuss what getting involved will mean to you.

In the last four years voter turnout has been low. "We've actually had write-in candidates beat some of our candidates who applied," said Cipriano. "[The candidates who applied] became relaxed and didn't try too hard and were beaten."

opposite side of my house, and everything else are homes. As you can expect, it's a fairly tight community and it shows during the morning commute. I awake to the sound of "Ohaiyo Gozaimasu" everyday at 7 a.m. I then walk out into the tight streets among a small sea of people moving toward the train station.

The women all wear very tight skirts with high heels and look polished from their hair to their legs. Their fingernails reflect the sun as the train moves along the rails and they smell of the most beautiful roses.

The downside is being next to men all the time. I often end up holding my bag over my head to protect my most prized object, my laptop. During my train commute, I whip out my "keitai," cell phone, or PSP and surf the internet or just play a game as the train passes by building after building after building.

What I will forever miss from Tokyo are the trains.

I've also noticed a lot of portable gaming systems. At

least 40 percent of the people on the trains are playing on a portable system.

I was very pleased by the game-centric culture and I, a gamer at heart, felt at home. Gaming is just a more mainstream thing in Japan and it's obvious the second you step off the plane.

One thing is for sure, whatever your interest, you'll fit into the Japanese culture fairly easily.

My only regret so far is not learning that much Kanji. I currently know about 100 words and that's nothing compared to the more fluent students. I can't even read a basic book yet.

Again, you just have to have the drive to learn and you'll be okay. Respect others and stay true to your heart and you'll be fine in Tokyo.

I know it sounds like a self-help book but I'm being honest about it.

I'd love to write to you guys again. Any questions about Japan and life there, feel free to e-mail The Centurion at centurion@bucks.edu.

Until next time, "Jamata."

Bucks speaker sees flaws in advertising

BY SARA CROUSE
Centurion Staff

In honor of Women's History Month, Bucks held a showing of Dr. Jean Kilbourne's, "Killing Us Softly 3: Advertising's Image of Women," in the faculty center on March 19.

Kilbourne has lectured at about half of all the colleges and universities in the United States and all of the major universities in Canada; she uses her voice to unite and enlighten young people of their importance and real beauty in our society.

In her video, Kilbourne exploits the relationship of media images to problems in society, such as violence, the sexual abuse of children, rape and sexual harassment, pornography and censorship, teenage pregnancy, addiction and eating disorders.

The film takes a conscious, critical look at the media to see and hear the very powerful, and sometimes subliminal, messages that women are given about looks and cultural standards.

She noted that advertisement photos depict a body type naturally presented to only 5 percent of American women. The bodies of these stripped-down women are flawless, with the waists of a Barbie doll, perfect breasts, of which many are implants, and thighs. To achieve this figure, many already thin models have to diet constantly. The message they are sending is that we should go to any lengths to lose weight in order to look great and be nothing but sex objects.

And the message is getting through to young women throughout the country. Girls who are still merely children

are dieting, wearing makeup, and craving designer wear in order to live up to an unrealistic image of beauty and perfection.

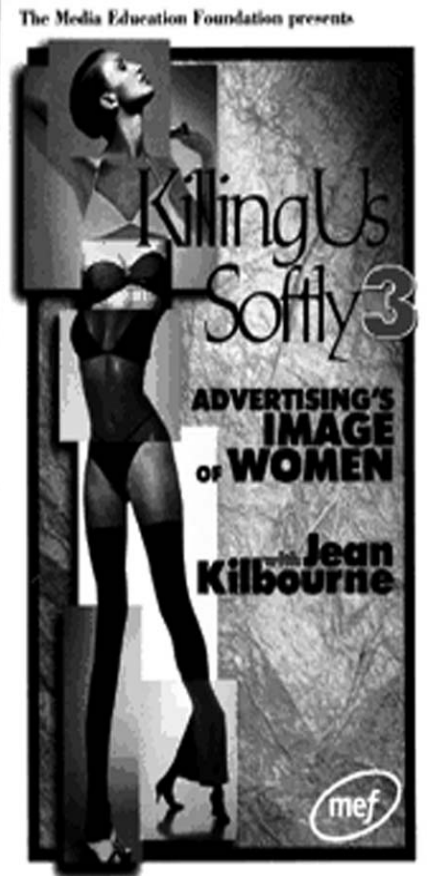
One advertisement shown by Kilbourne is selling a watch by displaying an anorexic-looking model. She wears a watch on her upper arm because she is too thin for it to fit on her wrist. The copy reads, "Put Some Weight On."

Kilbourne also showed photos of Jon Benet Ramsey and Britney Spears, who she claimed were affected by media idealism at a young age.

Advertisements directed at young women that are frequently computer enhanced and airbrushed are, as Kilbourne said, designed to bring down the self-esteem of the girls who view them. This type of "sexualization"

can lead to a lack of confidence with their bodies and minds, resulting in cases of depression and eating disorders.

Kilbourne said the average American sees 3,000 advertisements per day and added that most people will tell you that they don't pay attention to ads or that they don't affect them in personal or consumer-based ways. But marketing research proves that subconsciously, the messages seep in and what is really being sold is much more than ads, magazines or products -- but concepts about who you should be and what you should look like to fit in and be accepted in American culture.



PLEASE NOTE:

Student Services have moved their offices to new locations on campus, some permanent, some temporary.

Dean Dawkins and Maureen Siebert are temporarily in Rollins 122.

Advising and Counseling Services are in Rollins 17 through 28, where Financial Aid used to be. Their offices can be accessed through the

double doors by the new HUB area.

Matt Cipriano and Student Life have moved to the upper level of Rollins to the right of the steps. The Women's Center will move there on Tuesday, March 25.

Marge Zipin will temporarily be in Rollins 14.

Marie Cooper and Penny Gray will temporarily be in Rollins 12 and 12A.

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	5/5

In memory: Warren Cummings

Bucks maintenance worker left his mark on the college.

BY LISA DAVIDSON
Courier Times

Warren "Butch" Harrison Cummings' claim to fame was that he saved the resident ducks at Bucks County Community College in Newtown Township.

He retired last year after seven years at the institution as its custodian.

"My dad didn't do things for recognition — he did things because he cared," said his son, Warren H., Jr. of Bradenton, Fla. "It started when Dad found some ducklings that were separated from the body of water that they were trying to get to and he helped them find their way back."

Ever since then, the ducks followed him around the campus and it became the ritual "duck walk" at the college.

"I didn't realize how much

of an impact Dad had on people

and things," he said. "The college adjusted its ecosystem better because of that duck walk."

Cummings, 66, a Bensalem resident, died March 4 of complications from diabetes. He and his companion, Anita "Mae" Wallace were together for 21 years.

"Dad loved sports and he'd attend all my sporting events when I was young," his son said. "I never had to say that my dad couldn't make it, because he always did."

Born in Neptune City, N.J., and raised in Bristol, he was a resident of Bensalem for 35 years. He attended Delhaas High School in Bristol Township and served in the U.S. Army Reserves.

"He never complained, especially when it was doing things for the people that he loved," he said. "I remember walking over aunts and

uncles that were sleeping in the living room that needed a place to stay."

Cummings also was employed as a machine operator for W.R. Grace in Fallsington and Vulcanized Rubber and Plastics in Morrisville. He also was a volunteer fireman for the Newportville Fire Co.

"Dad must have had 24-hour workdays," his son said. "He worked in factories all his life and didn't really like it, but he did it to provide for his family so that we had all the things we needed."

His son said that Cummings would come to Florida to visit him and would pick up things for everyone back home in Bucks County from the flea markets.

"I said to my girlfriend, 'I dare someone to try and bring something up bad about Dad,' and she said, 'If they did, they'd only be lying.'"

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Obama ready to rally PA voters

BY SEAN MCGOVERN
Centurion Staff

In an exciting race for the Democratic nomination for president, Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton are still neck-and-neck in the primaries.

Obama, senator from the state of Illinois, announced his intention to run for the Democratic nomination on Feb. 10, 2007.

He supports a merit-based pay structure for teachers, planning to divert funds from NASA to allow for pay increases in public schools. Opposite to education he sees domestic nuclear power as an option, stating as much to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Obama also voted against drilling for oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Reserve, which from a U.S. Geological Survey could yield over 10.5-billion gallons of oil.

In June 2006, Obama delivered a speech supporting internet network neutrality via pod-cast. He has declared his intention to end the temporary estate tax cuts, saying they only affected the wealthiest citizen while ignoring lower and middle class tax brackets.

Obama is also a supporter of upholding of *Roe v. Wade*,

the legal right for women to have abortions.

On Project Vote Smart's Political Awareness Test, Obama stated that he supports additional funding military "boot camp" style penalties for juveniles and rehabilitation and education for inmates during incarceration.

The same test also showed that Obama believed in the inclusion of sexual orientation in anti-discrimination laws for the state of Illinois.

During the CNN/YouTube debate, Obama stated that "...we've got to make everybody equal under the law" in regards to homosexuality. He supports the rights of civil unions being equal to those of marriage regardless of sexual orientation.

His stance on global warming has been firmly on the side of the scientific community, seeing climate change as a result of human activity. One of his campaign platforms is to cut greenhouse gas levels and an emphasis on alternative source of fuel, thus limiting the need for foreign oil.

Obama supported the 2006 Patriot Act, but voted against the suspension of habeas corpus found in the Military Commissions Act of 2006,

and was also one of those in the Senate to vote for the Secure Fence Act, which created a 700-mile barrier between the United States and Mexico.

The Senator also introduced the Iraq War De-Escalation Act of 2007, which called for a capping of troop deployments and followed the Iraq Study Group's plan of phased re-deployment. On the Senate's roll call website, Obama is listed as voting against the continued funding of the war without deadlines for troop withdrawal.

In 2004, the Chicago Tribune published an interview with Obama where he said force against Iran would be a last resort. In 2006, Obama said, "...we have not explored all of our options...We have not explored any kind of dialogue with either Iran or North Korea, and I think that has been a mistake. As a consequence, we have almost no leverage over them."

On the issue of Pakistan, Reuter's reported Obama as saying, "If we have actionable intelligence about high value terrorist targets and President Musharraf won't act, we will." He later claimed that quote was taken out of context, and that any military



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movement in a sovereign nation would be a last resort.

Obama supporters in the celebrity world have reached out to younger voters. Various musicians have used samples of his speeches in, or as the basis for their songs, notably "Yes. We. Can." which features Will.i.am.,

Scarlett Johansson, John Legend and Kelly Hu, among others.

Obama has used MySpace, Facebook and other social networking sites to gain the attention of voters as well.

Pennsylvania's primary will be held on April 22.

Obama in Philly Record PA registration

BY ANDREW HESS
Centurion Staff

Democratic Sen. Barack Obama spoke in Philadelphia on Tuesday, March 18, focusing on the still-lingering issue of race in our country.

Obama gave his speech after Rev. Jeremiah Wright, pastor of the United Church of Christ, Barack Obama's place of worship, was reported to have used a number of racial statements in recent sermons.

In his speech Obama brought to light the issue of resentment and anger African-Americans still harbor as a result of slavery. He added that the constitution and American history was "stained" because of what took place more than 200 years ago and noted that it has had a profound effect on the black culture's outlook on life in America.

Obama said the reverends "comments were wrong" but also took time to list some good things Wright has accomplished. He spoke of his meeting with the pastor more than 20

years ago and his part in introducing him to his Christian faith. He said he could "no more disown him than I can disown the black community," adding, "These people are a part of me. And they are part of America, this country that I love."

"Some will see this as an attempt to justify or excuse comments that are simply inexcusable. I can assure you it is not," he added.

Obama pointed out that racism must be dealt with now, in this election, and that it is a very relevant and real problem that we need to face in this country.

Obama mentioned that at one point he has been called "too black or not black enough." He noted his own upbringing, in which he attended some of the country's best schools, and the fact that he was raised by his white grandparents.

Obama said "race is an issue that I believe this nation cannot afford to ignore right now," but added that the country must also get past race in order to deal with war, terrorism, the economy and healthcare.

By The Associated Press

WAYNE, Pa. (AP) - Residents of Pennsylvania are rushing in record numbers to sign up as Democrats so they can vote in the April 22 presidential primary between Barack Obama and Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Many are lured by the historic drama of two U.S. senators vying to be the first black or female president.

Obama's effort has generated the most fanfare as his campaign has laid down a steady drumbeat of radio ads and e-mails leading up to the deadline for switching or joining parties.

Obama is hoping the recruits will help him overcome Clinton's solid lead - 12 points in one poll taken last weekend.

Since last fall's election, statewide Democratic enrollment has swelled by more than 111,000 - an increase of about 3 percent in less than six months that state elections Commissioner Harry VanSickle said is apparently unprecedented. With days to go, Democratic registration is barely 5,000 votes shy of a record 4 million.

"The volume is very large, very steady," said Jim Forsythe, director of voter services in Chester County, a Philadelphia suburb where Democratic enrollment grew by nearly 7 percent - the second-largest gain among the 67 counties.

In earlier Democratic primaries where independents could vote, Obama has out-pollled Clinton, 54 percent to 40 percent, according to exit polls.

The Clinton campaign has also mounted a major registration effort in Pennsylvania, the first time in the primary season it has done so. While the former first lady has drawn most of her support in other states from traditional Democratic "base" voters, her aides believe she is positioned strongly enough in Pennsylvania to draw a significant number of independents, especially independent women.

The Clinton campaign is using extensive phone banks to identify likely switchers, targeting voters "who fit the profile" of the New York senator's supporters and sending them registration applications upon request, said campaign spokesman Mark Nevins.

In the Philadelphia area, Obama's ad specifically talks to Republicans and independents unhappy with the country's direction and then recounts Obama's role in passing ethical reforms.

An Obama supporter, Russell Simmons, co-founder of Def Jam Records, announced a "Hip-Hop Team Vote: Turn up the Vote" campaign at the University of Pennsylvania on Wednesday that he hopes will register 15,000 to 20,000 voters before Monday.



Random photo of the month

PHOTO BY JAY JONES

Penland Prize

STUDENT LITERARY CONTEST



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- Short Story: 5000 word limit
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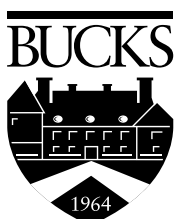
\$50 Prize in each category

- Entry deadline: Friday, April 11, 2008, 4:00 p.m.
- Entry form must accompany all entries
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- Reception to honor winners

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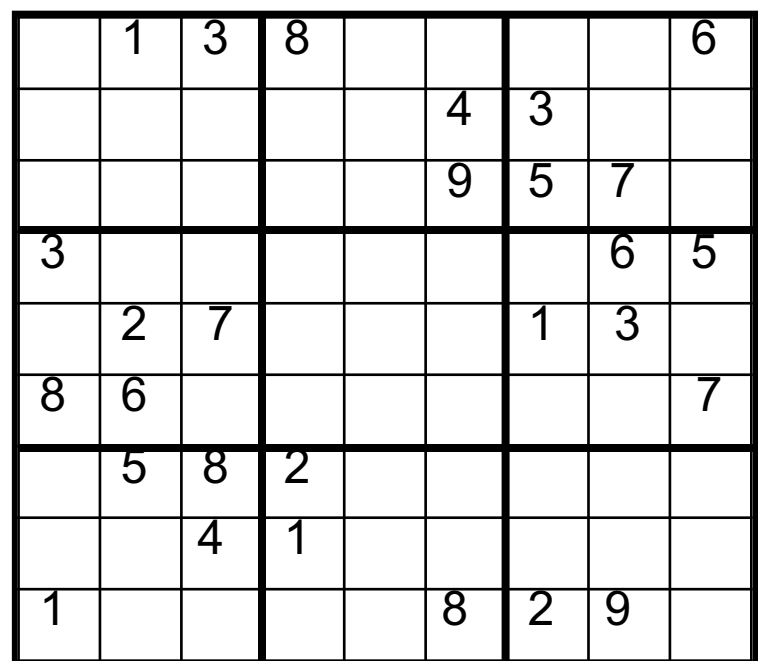
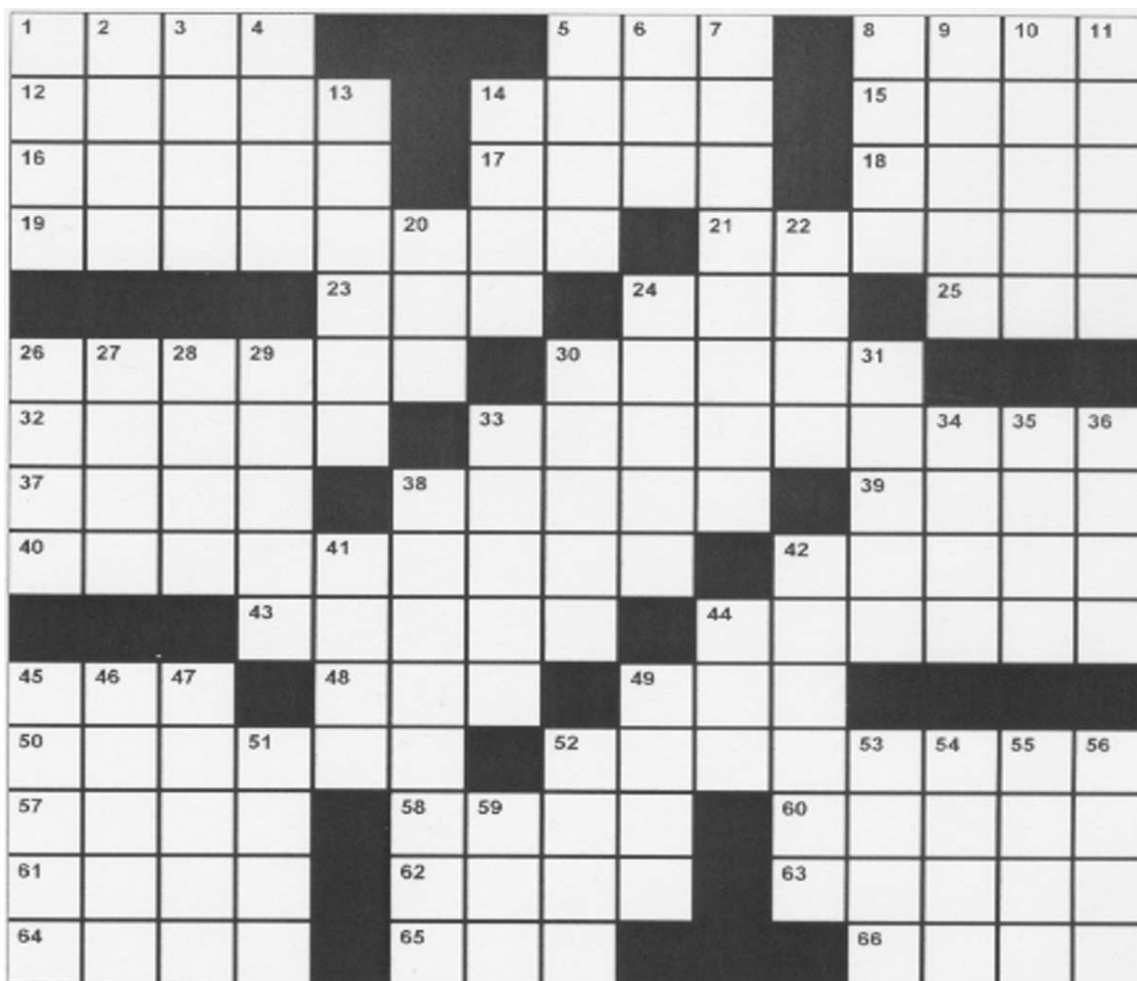
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March Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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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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1- Horse of mixed color; 5- Faucet; 8- Male deer; 12- Collection of maps, Titan of Greek mythology; 14- Prevaricator; 15- Soccer legend; 16- Be a guest; 17- Mimic; 18- The most heavily populated continent on Earth; 19- Zealous environmentalist; 21- Short cannon; 23- Possess; 24- Fish appendage; 25- Horse-like animal, term of insult; 26- Slat; 30- Lawsuits; 32- As a companion; 33- Whitish; 37- Repast; 38- Reprimand; 39- Nabisco cookie; 40- Italian yeast bread; 42- Traditional portion of Muslim law; 43- Twice, a comforting comment; 44- Thoroughfare; 45- Name of a feudal Japanese clan; 48- Hotel offering overnight accommodation; 49- It breaks daily; 50- Japanese robe; 52- Free; 57- River which flows through Stratford in England; 58- Trigonometric function; 60- Made a mistake; 61- Constituent; 62- Yellow cheese coated with red wax; 63- Burn with water; 64- Excited about; 65- Man's best friend; 66- Associate;

Down

1- Talk irrationally; 2- Auricular; 3- " _____ sprach Zarathustra"; 4- Unaware one; 5- Bloodsucking parasitic arachnid; 6- Exclamation of relief; 7- Pledged; 8- Practice pugilism; 9- Outer coat of a seed; 10- Assumed name; 11- Toothed wheels; 13- Powerful; 14- Incline; 20- She's a she; 22- Change for a five; 24- Legend; 26- Coarsely ground corn; 27- This can be guilty or not guilty; 28- Shark's offering; 29- Bay; 30- Doppelganger; 31- Purge; 33- Squirrel stash; 34- Sea eagle; 35- Hawaiian goose; 36- Exactly; 38- Abnormally narrowed; 41- Lean; 42- Fashions; 44- Posed; 45- Giraffe's cousin; 46- Sofa; 47- Less than lively; 49- Consider; 51- Not fooled by; 52- Obstacle; 53- Killer whale; 54- Spoken; 55- Offer; 56- Whirlpool; 59- Promising words;

PA Primary takes center stage for Dems

BY JOHN SKUDRIS
Centurion Staff

For young voters, it's always been a futile effort.

Young people don't vote because they feel that their views aren't represented by their leaders, and our leaders don't represent the youth's views because young people usually don't vote. Well that can all change next month.

April 22 marks the date of the Pennsylvania presidential primary election.

This is potentially Sen. Hillary Clinton's last chance to close the gap between herself and Sen. Barack Obama. According to CNN, Obama leads Clinton by 142 delegates (1,621 to 1,479). With

188 delegates at stake in the PA primary, Clinton could significantly narrow Obama's lead with a decisive victory heading into the also pivotal Indiana and North Carolina primaries on May 6.

The most recent poll by Public Policy Polling dated March 17 has Clinton leading Obama 56 percent to 30 percent.

If Clinton can defeat Obama by that kind of a margin in such a key and pivotal state like PA, it could raise some questions about Obama's electability issues.

If you don't think that this primary is a big deal just based on the numbers, then just wait until Election Day comes closer.

We are already seeing an exorbitant amount of support for both candidates and it's surely only going to grow larger.

Obama has already spent a lot of time in Philadelphia, and he is certain to make even more trips due to how important the city is to his chances of winning.

Meanwhile, Clinton was in Pittsburgh for St. Patrick's Day participating in the annual parade to celebrate the holiday, and was also in Philadelphia just a week ago.

Who knows? Maybe one of the candidates will even make a stop right here at Bucks with hopes of reeling in the very fundamental youth vote. One thing is for

sure, PA is about to become a feeding frenzy for activists, operatives and plain old political nuts.

Bucks Social Sciences Professor Ray O'Brien said that PA is critical to the Democratic nomination.

"This is the big one. The suburbs like Bucks County are going to be crucial for both candidates because they could go either way. The fact that it's a closed primary that only Democrats can vote in helps Clinton since she usually does better among Democrats." O'Brien also believes that the youth vote will be a crucial part of this election. "Obama has gotten the young vote so far in this

election, whilst Hillary has gotten the elderly.

If there is any sort of swing in those numbers, you could see a drastic change in the outcome of the election."

Now is a time for the young voters of America to stand up and let their voices be heard.

This is not just a choice between male or female, black or white, young or old. From the War in Iraq, to Universal Health Care, to Social Security reform, everything that happens now will affect you for the rest of your life.

Vote on April 22. The stakes are too high for you to stay home.

BIG Transfer Fair

Wednesday March 26,

9:30 am - 1:00 pm

**Gallagher Room Check out your transfer options!
Representatives from these schools will be available
to answer your transfer questions**

Albright College
Alvernia College
Arcadia University
Baltimore International College
Bloomfield College
Bloomsburg University
Cedar Crest College
Centenary College
Central Pennsylvania College
Chestnut Hill College
Concordia College
Delaware Valley College
Drexel University
Drexel University-Saturday Scholars
East Stroudsburg University
Eastern University
Gwynedd-Mercy College
Harrisburg U of Science & Technology
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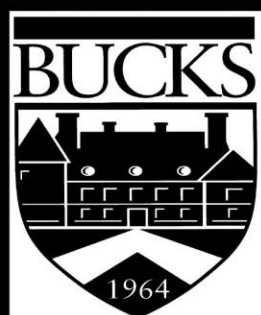
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6. "Honor Thyself" by Danielle Steel
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A Piece of my Mind

A weekly column by Centurion Editor Mark Bennett

For my spring break, I decided to drive out to Minnesota to visit one of my best friends that moved out there two years ago.

First and foremost, if you ever have a chance to drive out to Minnesota or anyplace farther, fly.

If you value your sanity, just fly there.

So after getting out of work on Friday, I packed my bags and was on the road by 8:30 p.m., by my calculations I should have been at my buddies' house in 15 hours or so. One thing I didn't count on was the weather. If you remember, Saturday there was a very nasty storm that hit PA, there was a ton of rain and power was out in a lot of places. That rain storm was a blizzard in Ohio, and I had to drive straight through it.

There is nothing better than driving on the turnpike for five hours at 35 mph.

Overall, Ohio got roughly 20 inches of snow, there was at least two to three inches of snow on the roads and my breaks were close to shot, so I just took my time and made as much headway as I could.

Roughly an hour later I hit a traffic jam and was in gridlock for a half an hour. When I finally started moving again I saw what the problem was, two semi-trucks collided under a bridge and flipped.

I pulled over at a rest stop and slept for a few hours to give them a chance to clear the roads. It was still snowing but the roads weren't that bad, so I hit the road again.



After driving for an hour a traffic pattern formed around me, two cars to my right, a semi-truck to my left and several cars behind and in front of me. Then the wind kicked up and a white out covered the road. None of the vehicles around me were visible. It was kind of scary, but I didn't even take my foot off the gas; maybe I didn't care if I was in an accident, or maybe I was just frustrated that I'd been driving for 10 hours and still wasn't out of Ohio. But nobody crashed and soon I was out of Ohio.

Indiana and Illinois were pretty uneventful, there was some beautiful scenery and a few car accidents but other than that, it was standard driving. I drove through Wisconsin and it was pretty boring, I was 23 hours into my trip and only 60 miles away from my destination, so naturally my foot was getting pretty heavy.

I'm doing 90 mph and pass a snow bank in the middle of the highway; I didn't see the nose of the cruiser until it was way too late. I get pulled over

for doing 90 in a 65, and the Wisconsin state trooper gave me a \$270 speeding ticket, I should have just flown.

And I didn't know this at the time, but if you get a moving violation in a state that doesn't share a border with the state you live in, you have to pay the ticket right then and there, otherwise they hold you at the police station until someone comes and pays the fine for you. So my travel tip for this story is if you're driving far, make sure you either have a lot of cash on you or a blank check.

So I had to follow him 20 miles back to the police station to pay the ticket, the extra slap in the face, but honestly, this state trooper was so polite and respectful that I couldn't even get mad at him.

And I'm not used to the police being respectful to me, partly because I'm only 20 and partly because I look like a little hoodlum. But this guy was unbelievable, he opened the door for me at the station, apologized for giving me the ticket, gave me directions back to the highway before I even asked for them, what a stand up guy.

So I get back on the highway, doing the speed limit of course, and after another hour I finally made it to my destination.

Twenty-four hours of driving, \$550 in gas and tickets, sleet, rain, fog and a blizzard— I finally arrived in Minnesota and started my much deserved vacation.

A Modern Hypocrisy



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

Fictional characters I want to marry

My first obsession with a fictional character was at the wee age of 6, when my mother and father took me to the Met in New York to see 'The Phantom of the opera.'

Immediately, I was in love.

Right in front of my eyes, and singing to me in a beautiful tenor, was a misunderstood, suave and half-handsome devil of a man in a mask and a long black cape.

I know all the songs, it's on my ipod. I can't help that the phantom is musically talented.

Even now, my legs are weak.

I ignore the killing and his half-marred face. Other than that, if I ever get lost in the catacombs of Paris, do not come looking for me.

Later on in life I watched 'The Silence of the Lambs.'

Aside from it being an awesome movie, I found Hannibal Lecter to be debonair, never mind the eating people thing. He's smart, sexy and charming. If Dr. Lecter wasn't imprisoned for cannibalism and murder, I'm sure he'd have a fine-dining dinner date every night, a woman who appreciated good wine.

Do you see a trend? This is most typical, but only in my fictional fantasy. Sorry to disappoint you, but I am in no way attracted to the real life 'bad boy' image.

'V from Vendetta' also inspired a love interest. The character 'V' was determined, sophisticated and stacked. I feel for his dark past. He is all-consumed from being tortured by the English government after terrorism threats made the country more like a communistic state.

I want to give him a hug and be his reason for compassion. I want to date someone with an accent.

I recently watched the program 'Dexter.'

Dexter is one of my favorites. He is a sociopathic serial killer, who also works as a blood splatter analyst for the Miami police department.

What I love about Dexter is his lack of understanding for human emotion. I love his muscles edging out from underneath his well-fitted clothes. I love his handsome face. I love that he only kills and chops up bad people.

Dexter's father was a police officer who knew his adopted son was a sociopath and just couldn't help but kill. So he taught him how to do it well; how to cover his tracks, how to only kill those that hurt others.

I need to buy the DVDs.

Whenever my roommate and I have little to do we flip on 'Law and Order: Criminal Intent.' And not all my obsessions are evil killers. Detective Robert Goren, played by Vincent D'Onofrio, is my TV boyfriend.

Although he has an inherent predisposition to schizophrenia, Goren is extremely intelligent, clever and troubled. All the while he's solving crimes and losing his temper and standing a not-too-shabby 6 feet and some inches.

My most recent addition to my fictional longing is Edward Cullen from Stephanie Meyer's popular book series. You meet him in 'Twilight' as Bella's vampire boyfriend.

I am not alone here.

Vampires are sexy.

Vampires are meant to be sexy.

This vampire is written as a young Adonis and a very loving and caring boyfriend to boot.

I'm pretty sure I am ruined on all things actual relationships after reading this book.

There is going to be a movie. I hope they cast well.

I don't want to think about what all this says about me. I just know that certain characters— bad, misunderstood and hot— have me longing for their reality and not my own.

I never wanted Prince Charming to sweep me up and take me away, and I believe that I am a well-adjusted person.

Growing up I never wanted to be a ballerina and dance sweetly and angelically to lure my handsome knight into the depths of my heart.

I kinda wanted to be a vampire and have my undead boyfriend ravage their castle at night.

Oh Baby! *A weekly column by Centurion Managing Editor Janine Logue*

When you reach a certain point in your pregnancy, around six months, you start the process known as "nesting."

Nesting is the stage in a woman's pregnancy when she tries to prepare her home and her life for the arrival of her new baby.

When you live with a nesting woman, your house is usually the cleanest it will ever be.

This can be a difficult time for any pregnant woman, but it is especially difficult if you have just moved.

I have reached my sixth month of pregnancy, and I am starting to nest. Unfortunately, I also just moved two weeks ago.

There are boxes and bags of random junk all around my new apartment, and it looks to me like squatters live in my house instead of soon-to-be parents.

Everywhere I look I see piles of junk. It is maddening!

Every day when I leave for work I leave my husband a

list of "honey-do.s"

The things that make the list are the things I expect him to get done before I get home. I also give him verbal instructions, just in case he runs out of things to do.

For the most part he is doing very well with my lists, but it is still not enough to quell the raging nester inside of me. Every time I walk in the door from work I wish I had left more on his list.

It has been hard on him since I entered this nesting stage. Between school and work, there is not a whole lot of time for me to help him out with unpacking and cleaning, but I still want it done.

I just want everything in its place before the baby gets here. The quicker we get everything sorted and put away the easier it will be to see what we need to baby proof.

We will also need to make sure that we have a place for all of our new baby stuff, which we don't even have yet.

I am not sure if all women feel this way when they are about to have their first child, but I feel like I need an extra few months to prepare.

Our son's nursery is still full of boxes that don't belong there and his crib is in a pile on the floor. Our dining room table is in a garage in Reading and our shower curtain is held up by string.

I have gone from "relax, we have plenty of time" to "holy crap, we are running out of time."

I have about three months to right up my home before my son arrives, and about five months after that to make sure that the whole house is baby proofed.

Oh yeah, and in those eight months I have to hold down my full-time job, complete my school work, graduate from college, give birth and then try to recover while adjusting to my new role as mommy the food maker.

It just doesn't seem like nearly enough time to make it all happen.



Mets-Phils, natural enemies

BY TOM ROWAN
Centurion Staff

After 45 years of playing professional baseball 90 miles apart, in the same league and in the same division, a rivalry between the New York Mets, Philadelphia Phillies and their fans has finally begun.

Since the Mets were officially adopted by the National League in 1962, they have captured two world championships, four National League pennants and five N.L. Division titles.

From 1962-2007, the Phillies have won one world championship, three National League pennants and eight N.L. Division titles.

What's the common element? Neither team attained their respective success at the same time. How can you hate something that warrants no threat?

Then both teams used both their minor league systems and wallets to build real contenders on the east coast. The Mets traded for American League Cy Young Award winner Johan Santana in the off season and prior to that signed another Cy Young winner, pitcher Pedro Martinez, in 2005. Shortstop Jose Reyes was brought up from the farm in 2003 and third baseman David Wright was called up in 2004.

The Phils, on the other hand, brought up shortstop Jimmy

Rollins in 2001, second baseman Chase Utley in 2003, first baseman Ryan Howard in 2004, and left-handed sensation Cole Hamels in 2006. The Phillies traded for closer Brad Lidge in November, freeing Brett Myers from the bullpen and adding him back into the starting rotation.

With both teams adding key players, an all-out war has erupted for N.L. East supremacy.

"I think we are the team to beat in the NL East," said Rollins in his correct foreshadowing of the 2007 season, causing a ripple effect across the baseball universe.

With 17 games left in the 2007 season, the Mets squandered a seven-game lead, costing them

the division crown. The Phils won 13 of their last 17 and wound up 89-73 to gain only their second playoff appearance since 1993.

With hopes of replicating the Phillies' performance last year and shedding the undesirable 5 o'clock shadow that is one of the worst collapses in M.L. baseball history, the Mets' Carlos Beltran said in the beginning of spring training, "With him [Johan Santana] now, I have no doubt that we're going to win in our division. So this year, to Jimmy Rollins, we are the team to beat."

This newly found competition is not just built on big bats and cocky quotes. Everyone knows the keystone of any good rivalry

begins and ends with the fans.

Seriously, where else would this factor be most prevalent? "I think it's worse to wear a Mets shirt at a Phillies game than to wear a Phillies shirt at Mets game," said Bucks student Caitlin Raub, an avid Mets fan from Northeast Philly. And Raub is not alone. According to deadspin.com, last year's Mets-Phillies series from April 28-30 had more physical activity in the stands than on the field. Security had an exhausting day separating the sometimes crazed fans.

"Ah Mets-Phillies games ..." said Joe Bree, 19, Bucks student and physical education major. "If you want a fight, that's where you go."

A warm welcome to summer sports

BY KEVIN YORKE
Student Life Editor

It happens every summer. Some welcome its arrival. Others scoff at its dominance during the summer months, and complain that it's too boring.

Well, are you one of these people?

Are you sick of only seeing baseball highlights being replayed on Sports Center around the clock?

It's not going to happen this time around. This summer, the sports world will have the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics to save sports fans from the monumental amount of baseball.

This year's Olympics have more to offer to the common fan.

One of the greatest collections

of basketball players ever assembled will be on display, and it will be wearing the colors red, white, and of course, blue.

The United States Basketball team has been embarrassed of late, losing to teams it has never lost to before and just playing overall terrible basketball.

Although some would argue that the world has caught up to the American dominance, maybe it is instead the Americans' arrogance that has caught up with the squad.

Recall the "Dream Team."

That was the first professional team that the U.S. put on the floor in the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona, Spain; collectively putting on all of the best players it could muster and generally showcasing our talent through-

out the world.

Charles Barkley, John Stockton, Larry Bird and the greatest player of all time, Michael Jordan, showcased their talent – and beat virtually every team they faced by 40 points.

To say that the opposition was intimidated when they played the Dream Team was an understatement.

They knew it was over before the tip. Before the game even started, the jaded opposing players would often ask for pictures with the superstars on the Dream Team. How can you defeat legends?

That grace period, the time when the world was in awe of American basketball dominance, has faded, and now international players are on an even playing

field with Americans.

So the higher ups in management went back to the drawing board.

First, they hired legendary coach of the Duke Blue Devils, Mike Krzyzewski. Then, they made sure to sign only players willing to make a 3-year commitment to the team – playing in the World Championships in 2006 and Olympics in 2008.

The precursor to the Olympics didn't go over all too well and we took home the bronze medal. But remember that the squad was depleted and lacking in several key areas. What's in the future to guarantee basketball success and glory?

Well, they secured the most jaw-dropping and dominating performers in basketball for the

2008 Beijing Olympics – Kobe Bryant, LeBron James, Carmelo Anthony, Dwayne Wade, Dwight Howard and Amare Stoudemire to name a few.

A unique addition to this team are Mike Miller and Micheal Redd, who do nothing but bomb three pointers.

The problem for other teams will be which player to double team. Picture it now. Bryant has scored 30 points in the first quarter by just dunking alone, the team he's playing against, say Greece, try to double him, he just throws it to LeBron who jumps even higher and scores even more in the second quarter.

What can you do, then, if you're the opposition? Outscore them.

Free Jazz Concert at Bucks!

Philadelphia-based and internationally renowned jazz guitarist Jimmy Bruno comes to Bucks at 8 p.m. on Friday, April 11, for a much-anticipated concert at the Newtown campus.

Tickets are \$10, but admission is free for Bucks students.

Bruno, who has a host of critically acclaimed CDs to his name, will be leading a group including Sid Simmons on piano; Craig

Thomas, bass; and Webb Thomas on drums.

Born in 1953 in Philadelphia, Bruno has performed in orchestras for the likes of Frank Sinatra, Wayne Newton, Lena Horne and Buddy Rich. He came into his own as a solo artist in the 90's, after a successful 20-year career as a sought-after commercial guitarist and session musician.

In 1992 Bruno landed a multi-CD recording deal with legendary jazz label Concord Records. Since then he has recorded over 13 critically acclaimed CDs, including "Sleight of Hand," "Like That," and "Polarity." His most recent CD "Maplewood Avenue" (Affiliated Artists Records) was described as

having "...a 'classic' feel to it...like a famous album we somehow hadn't discovered yet." All Music.com calls Bruno "a passionate hard bopper who loves to swing aggressively but can be a very sensitive ballad player."

Bruno performs constantly in jazz venues and jazz festivals around the world, including the Iridium in New York and Blues Alley in Washington DC. He is often described as one of the greatest jazz guitarists of all time. Bruno recently entered a third phase of his career when, in May of 2007, he opened the Jimmy Bruno Guitar Institute.

For more information call 215-968-8087 or e-mail jazz@bucks.edu.

