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It's gonna rain!

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Ollie Williams,
Family Guy

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N Smoking

Bucks bans smoking on all campuses and some students are freaking out.

BY KRISTIN CALCIANO
Entertainment Editor

Bucks students have been hearing rumors of a smoking ban. And although some are for a ban, and others vehemently against, the Student Government Association spoke before the Board of Trustees last Wednesday and a full-campus ban has officially been enacted effective immediately.

No student or faculty member will be permitted to smoke anywhere on Bucks campus. Matt Cipriano, director of student life said, “It’s just our way of trying to promote a healthy lifestyle for every student on our campus.”

All ashtrays will be taken away and signs are already being posted telling students that smoking is prohibited. Any student caught smoking on campus will be fined \$75, and any student caught throwing cigarette butts on the ground will be fined \$25.

Since many Bucks students are smokers, there is a very negative reaction coming from a majority of students.

Mike Nussbaum, 23, a business major from Wrightstown said, “I think it’s crap. Students are the people paying the staff’s salary, we should have a say in whether smoking is banned or not.”

Another student, Justin Goldberg, 20, from Newtown said, “I don’t think it will go over that easily, I can see students definitely protesting a smoking ban on campus.”

The non-smoking students on campus had a different perspective on the ban. Alissa Roth, 20, a political science major from Yardley said, “I’m kind of relieved. I hate not being able to walk around campus when the weather is nice and having to walk through clouds of smoke.”

The smoking ban is a result of a survey that was sent out to all faculty and staff about a month

ago. They were asked to give their opinion on the reasons why or why not the smoking ban should go into effect. This is very disconcerting to the students, because they are feeling like they did not have a say at all.

Nussbaum said, “To not have a say at all when I pay to go to school here is ridiculous and it’s not fair to anyone who smokes and pays to take classes here.”

Goldberg said, “How can they just say ‘no smoking’ just like that without even giving us a fair warning or asking for students’ opinions? That’s just outrageous.”

Students are asked to be cooperative as this is just a way to promote students’ health and welfare while they go to school here at Bucks.



SMOKERS CAN NO LONGER GATHER ON CAMPUS.
PHOTO BY SOMEONE WHO WORKS HERE

Tyler Hall gets some extra protection

BY STEVEN LAWSON
Centurion Expert on Alligators

Construction started on March 26 to construct a moat around Tyler Hall to protect the building from intruders.

When you hear digging on campus remember that a large moat is being dug around the mansion that sits on the far side of the Newtown campus. The reason for the medieval-style protection is unknown, but rumors are saying a new Defense Against the Dark Arts professor ordered it.

Bucks President Dr. James Links said, “Our building needs protection and the Board of Trustees have come to the conclusion that a moat and a draw bridge is the most financially sound idea that we have come up with.”

Some believe the reason for the moat is because the recent rise in tuition costs have sent mobs of angry centurions to the Student Account Office located inside Tyler hall.

Students are in an uproar because they are wondering why their tuition, which has been

raised in recent years, is going to be used to build an inferior form of protection. Erinda Bajo, a psychology major, asked, “Why are they building a moat when there are obviously other problems on campus. Have you seen the pot-holes?”

The moat will be equipped with a draw bridge and also two large alligators to guard the moat and deter people from jumping in and swimming over to the building. The alligators were donated by the Florida Conservation of Wildlife Commission and are being flown in to occupy their new home.

There will also be a heated pen for the alligators installed so that they can survive the winter months.

During that time, there will be trained archers posted around the moat to take the place of the security the alligators offer.

Another question has been asked by the student body. Stephanie Tholey, journalism major asked, “If the administrative building needs a moat to protect them, where is our moat?”

With the recent violence at schools, the students believe that

the campus should be protected and they shouldn’t have to fend for themselves if a situation should arise. There is no reason why the students should be left out in the cold and unprotected.

Construction will not be finished until the end of the spring semester, but the board is hopeful that students will see that the construction is beneficial and won’t be upset.



Bucks gets new dark arts prof

BY LAURA IRWIN
The Boss-Lady

It's taken a long time for Bucks to recover from the unexpected tragedies that rocked the campus after it was discovered that former Defense Against the Dark Arts Professor Terry Quinn was working for he-who-must-not-be-named.

Now, only six months since Dr. James Linksz, Bucks president, shut down the program, a new professor yearns to take Quinn's place.

Dr. Adriane Foley, a former CIA operative, has been seen on campus getting a sense of the students and determining the extent of security.

"You can never be too careful," said Foley. "I have already implemented the construction of a moat around Tyler Hall. What I want is for students to gain a construc-

tive form of self-defense to the external forces that aim to harm them. We always have to be on the lookout."

Foley was involved in the capture of Quinn when he turned on students using the Imperious Curse to control their minds and bodies, mostly those in the house of Gryffindor. He is now in high-security lockup in Azkaban.

Linkz said that the reinstatement of Defense Against the Dark Arts classes have not yet been approved by the sages on the Board of Trustees, but added that it is likely the class will be offered in the fall semester.

"I don't see any issues that will prevent this class from being reinstated," he said.

The curriculum is set to include zombie awareness, werewolf defense tactics and herbal remedies to dissuade

vampires, to name a few.

Foley said he has extensive history in the field of Dark Arts prevention, but he refused to comment on specifics citing CIA regulations.

Linksz, however, said that Foley's reputation proceeds him, and that most of his accomplishments in the field are well-known among colleagues. "Although it is technically speculation, there are stories that Foley is responsible, single-handedly, for the capture of many dangerous and harmful creatures such as Bogarts, dementors and blast-ended skrewts."

Students said they simply want to avoid a repeat of recent tragedies.

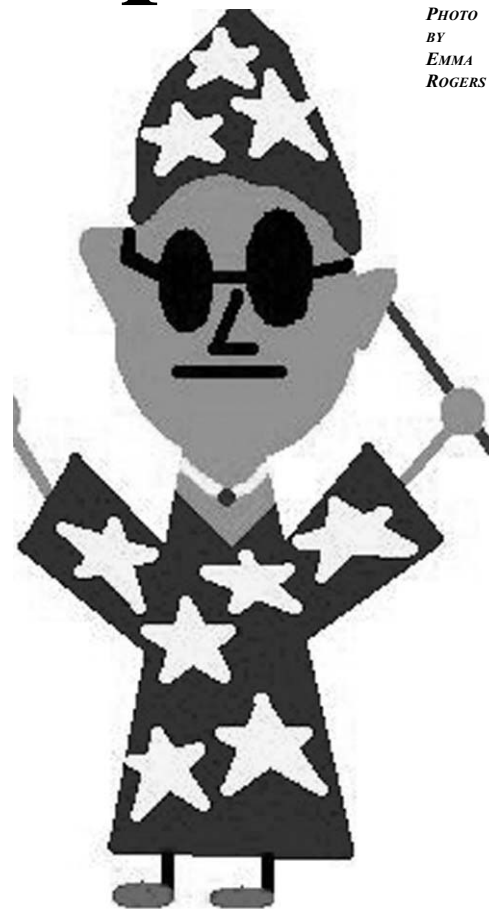
"I remember Cedric Diggory's death," said student Harriet Potter. "It was untimely and horrifying. To think a Bucks student could

walk into Tyler Park and never come out. I [go into the park] all the time and I never think that there's something lurking in the shadows, or hunting my mortal being."

Linksz denies any threats that could still exist in the woods. "It's just not going to happen again."

Foley has been seen on campus dressed as a physical plant worker casting charms and jinxes across campus. Students can only wait to see if the charms and new class will keep Bucks' predators at bay.

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Tyler Park to be stripped for coal

BY MARK BENNETT
The No. 3 Guy

Tyler State Park, an iconic view for the Newtown campus, a place where students can go to enjoy the splendid simplicity of nature, is no more.

Plans have been released

and made public that the beloved Tyler State Park has been purchased by a Pennsylvania mining company and is going to be cut down and turned into a coal mine. One year ago geologists were sent to the park to see if it had any commercial or industrial potential, and

unfortunately they found coal.

It is estimated that the coal vein that runs through the park is the largest coal deposit in PA and apparently that money was too good for the township to pass up. The destruction of the forest is scheduled to begin in the next few weeks, and already tree-hugging hippies have begun to chain themselves to the trees and chant Bob Marley's "Three Little Birds."

One of the individuals who had duct-taped himself to a tree and only identified himself as Little Foot was very upset about the forest. "We can't let them cut down the forest, man. God made the forest for the animals to live in and stuff, where are they going to live... maaaaan?"

In addition to people tying themselves to trees a number of drum circles, once thought to be extinct, have appeared throughout Tyler State Park in foggy areas that usually

aren't foggy.

The local police are also preparing to flush out the protesters scattered throughout the park. "We have riot gear on standby and my fellow officers are ready to crack some skulls," said Officer Alex Barbrady, who is in charge of handling the potential riot. In addition to tear gas, rubber bullets and police dogs Barbrady said many of the officers are looking forward to using fire-hoses on the protesters. "Those dirty hippies could use a bath," he said.

Even though the flower children have fortified themselves for a last stand, the surveyors and lumberjacks don't seemed very worried about the possible complications that may occur. "The saws cut through the trees easy enough, I'm sure they won't have much trouble going through the hippies either," said a grisly forester named Three-Fingered Pete.

Some people are outraged that the campus would not take action to prevent a coal mine from opening so close to the campus. Chainsaws, trees falling, heavy machinery, fleeing animals, outraged hippies and other loud noises would be rather distracting for any student attempting to learn. However, the coal mine has offered the college \$2.8 million a year to put up with the distractions.

Most students have not even noticed the machinery gathering in the parking lots of Tyler Park or the orange spray paint marking which trees are getting cut down first. However, very soon students will hear the distinct sounds of chainsaws, hippies screaming and the lumberjack's cries of "TIMBER!"

Continued on, oh never-mind, your not gonna read the rest anyway!

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McCain to Obama: I am your father

BY JOHN SKUDRIS
Political Afficionado

In a shocking announcement, Arizona Sen. John McCain and Illinois Sen. Barack Obama apparently have more in common than just their presidential aspirations. They're father and son!

McCain announced his relationship at a joint press conference earlier this week. "This revelation brings tears to my eyes. To find out that my own flesh and blood could actually have a personality that doesn't make people fall asleep. It's breathtaking."

Obama was just as shocked

The news first broke earlier this week in Philadelphia, where Obama was rallying supporters for the April 22 Pennsylvania primary. It was revealed that McCain met Obama's mother shortly after graduating from flight school in 1960. The two fell deeply in love, but McCain was forced to leave for the Vietnam War without saying goodbye, and without ever finding out that she was pregnant with Barack. She shortly thereafter remarried, and never told her son of her brief encounter with McCain.

When asked what Obama would do if he had to face off against McCain in the general election, the 46-year-old responded, "It would be the first time that a father and son faced off against each other in a presidential election. It really is tremendous that two men from opposite sides of the political and

ethnic spectrum can truly be united as family. It just fills me with so much hope, so much hope and so many dreams. It proves that we truly are one America with hope and dreams and some more hope."

"My friends, this is a time for celebration. A time for those who believe in hope and even those who believe that hope is a platitude to rejoice," said a smiling McCain. The two hugged and even appeared to shed tears during the press conference. However, some aren't celebrating the recent family reunion.

"This is an outrage! We all thought that John McCain was already a closet Democrat, and now he has actually fathered someone whose middle name is Hussein!" said conservative talk show host Rush Limbaugh.

"This is the last straw, ladies and gentlemen. Not only is John McCain a liberal and closet Democrat, but after hearing this I'm sure he's working with Al Qaeda. He is actually accepting that his son is Barack Obama. If I were him, I'd go on Springer and demand a DNA test."

Another person not impressed by the revelation was New York Sen. Hillary Clinton, who is battling with Obama for the Democratic nomination. "This is just more proof that we don't know where Sen. Obama stands. First he's against John McCain, and now he's hugging him and showing support for him. I don't believe we can elect a man that would jump from ship to ship like that. Shame on you, Barack Obama!"

Obama attempted to quiet the critics last night with a speech in front of a packed audience in Pittsburgh.

"Martin Luther King believed that all Gods' children were created equally. He dreamed that we could all one day live in harmony together. That dream is what my father and I are fulfilling. Only in this great country we call America could two different people unite with the love that only a father and son can share. I believe that if we can realize this dream and get past the partisan hatred, than the American people can as well."

Clinton busted for cockfighting, gambling

BY ANDREW HESS
Centurion Worshipper

Hillary Clinton has been busted for running a cock-fighting ring out of an office she has in Washington, D.C. this past weekend.

Clinton is suspected to have been running these illegal events for over the past year or so. She has been hosting cock-fights to help raise money for her campaign. She is also reported to have gambled on these fights on several occasions.

Barack Obama, her opponent for the Democratic nomination, has already been quoted as saying, "This is not acceptable nor anything we should overlook as a country during this time. It would have been much cooler if she was fighting pit bulls."

This will surely have an effect on voters and animal lovers alike. Supporters of Clinton are aware that what she has done is immoral and inhumane; yet still stand by her side during this crisis in her campaign. Animal abuse protesters have already rallied and convened to make their voice heard.

Protesters held signs and cried out that Clinton's actions were animal abuse and she

should be prosecuted for what she has done. Although allegations have been made, it is unclear whether or not she will be convicted.

"She was doing it for her campaign, not for side cash. It was completely justifiable," one Clinton supporter exclaimed.

Actor Jack Nicholson, a supporter of Clinton, said at a press conference, "It's a real shame as to what is taking place here. I lost a lot of money on those fights I will probably never get back."

In a speech yesterday, President George W. Bush touched slightly on the topic, between serious discussion of cattle and the Dallas Cowboys' upcoming 2008 season. "Now I believe Clinton is trying to tell us something here," Bush said. "She's saying, 'Barack



CHELSEA II IS A 2-YEAR-OLD RESCUED COCKFIGHTER FOR THE HILARY CAMPAIGN
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Obama, John McCain, Brad Pitt...I'm gonna peck your eyes out if you get too close to me."

Bush also extended an invitation to Clinton for some BBQ and further discussion of his interest in hunting small game and his thoughts on ani-

mal cruelty. "My ranch, lunch, tomorrow," Bush concluded. "Maybe we can hunt quail too."

It's not clear as to where Bush or the GOP stand on this issue. It is obvious that the American people are disturbed by the cruel

and selfish crime Clinton has committed. Surely the GOP will use this to their advantage to mudsling the Democrats. It is uncertain whether or not Obama will suffer from Clinton's actions.

Student dead, popular soda to blame

BY TOM ROWAN
Avid Soda Drinker

The caffeine-and-sugar dominated soft drink Mountain Dew is believed to be the cause of a procrastinating college student's heart attack late last night, police said.

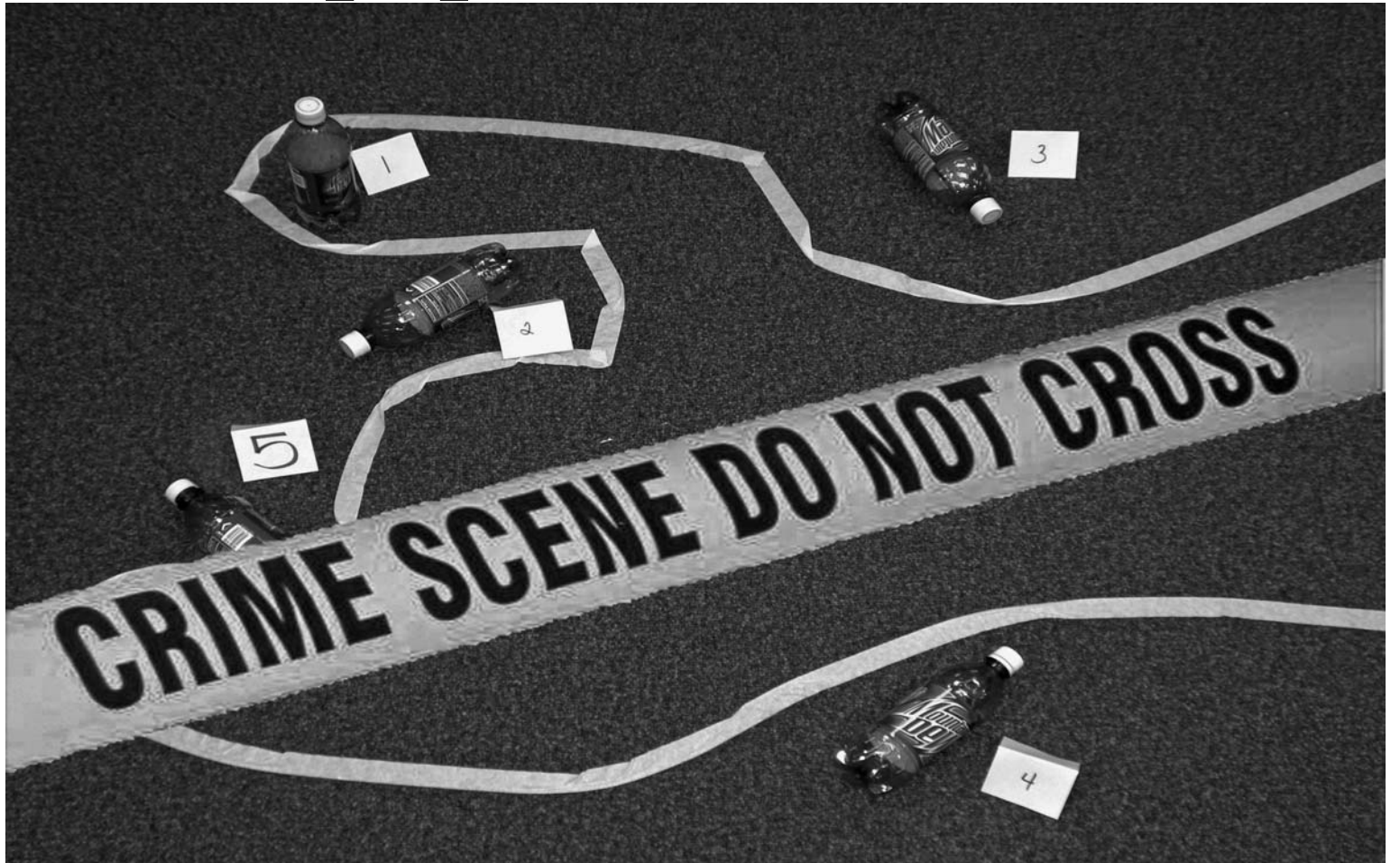
Jimmy Jillicker, 20, was found in his parent's suburban basement clutching his heart with one hand and a plastic green bottle in the other.

"He said he had two tests tomorrow," said Jillicker's mother. "He said he could handle the dew."

Jillicker was in his second semester at Bucks. He was a communications major struggling to maintain his 3.1 GPA. Today Jillicker had an Introduction to Theater and American Literature exam, as well as a research paper due for his Health and Wellness class.

"He usually just sips on coffee or tea," said Jillicker's sister Judy, "But he felt he needed that extra kick."

And that's exactly what he



got.

Jillicker went to the ACME supermarket in Newtown around 9 p.m. last night, police said, and purchased

three 2-Liter bottles of Mountain Dew. Out of the three bottles only one had the dew left and it was only a quarter full.

"The Dewski was just too much for him," said close friend Cherry Forman. "He was too young to do that much dew."

An autopsy will be performed to attempt to solve this tragic mystery.

Missing teacher covered uncovered during dig

BY MIKE FRAIOLI
Centurion Jedi

Bucks Physical Plant has been working long, hard hours during the semester to improve the campus, but last week they discovered something no one expected.

Staffers were working on the reconstruction of the Financial Aid wing in lower Rollins when they unearthed a the mummy of a teacher who went missing in 1967.

The body was identified through dental records as Bucks professor Thomas Sullen.

He was reportedly an amiable and enthusiastic Peace and Love teacher; everyone enjoyed his class and there was always great feedback from the students.

But, police suspect that a former student may be responsible for his death.

John C. Homeside was rumored to have been anticipating an A in the professor's class, but school documents show he received a C.

Many students suspected that Homeside set the professor up at a phony sit-in protesting the inhumane treatment of campus grass and weeds, citing the violence perpetrated upon them by lawnmowers.

Sullen was known for his dedication to sit-ins and would not move until something was done.

After more than four decades, Sullen's family is grateful to finally have his remains for burial.

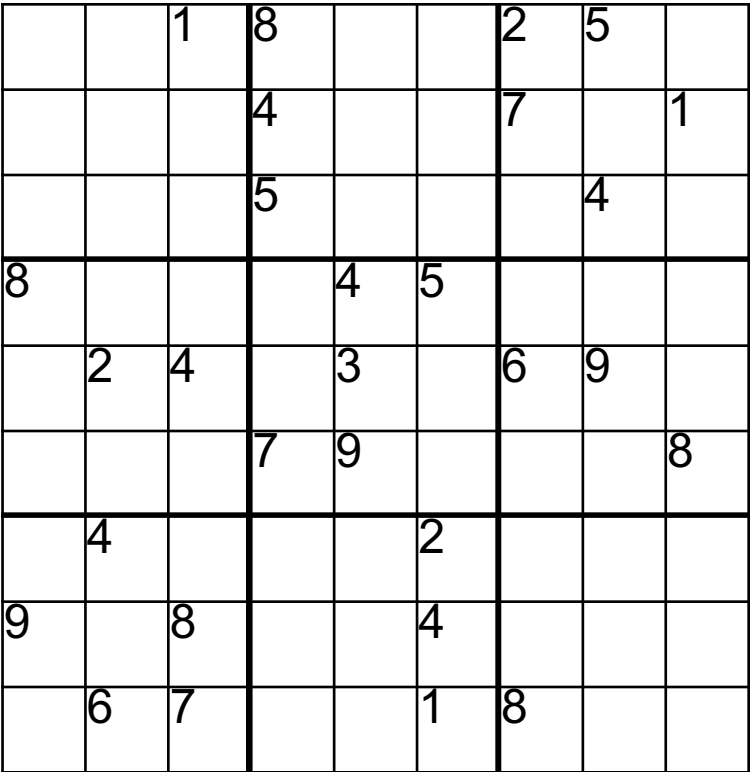
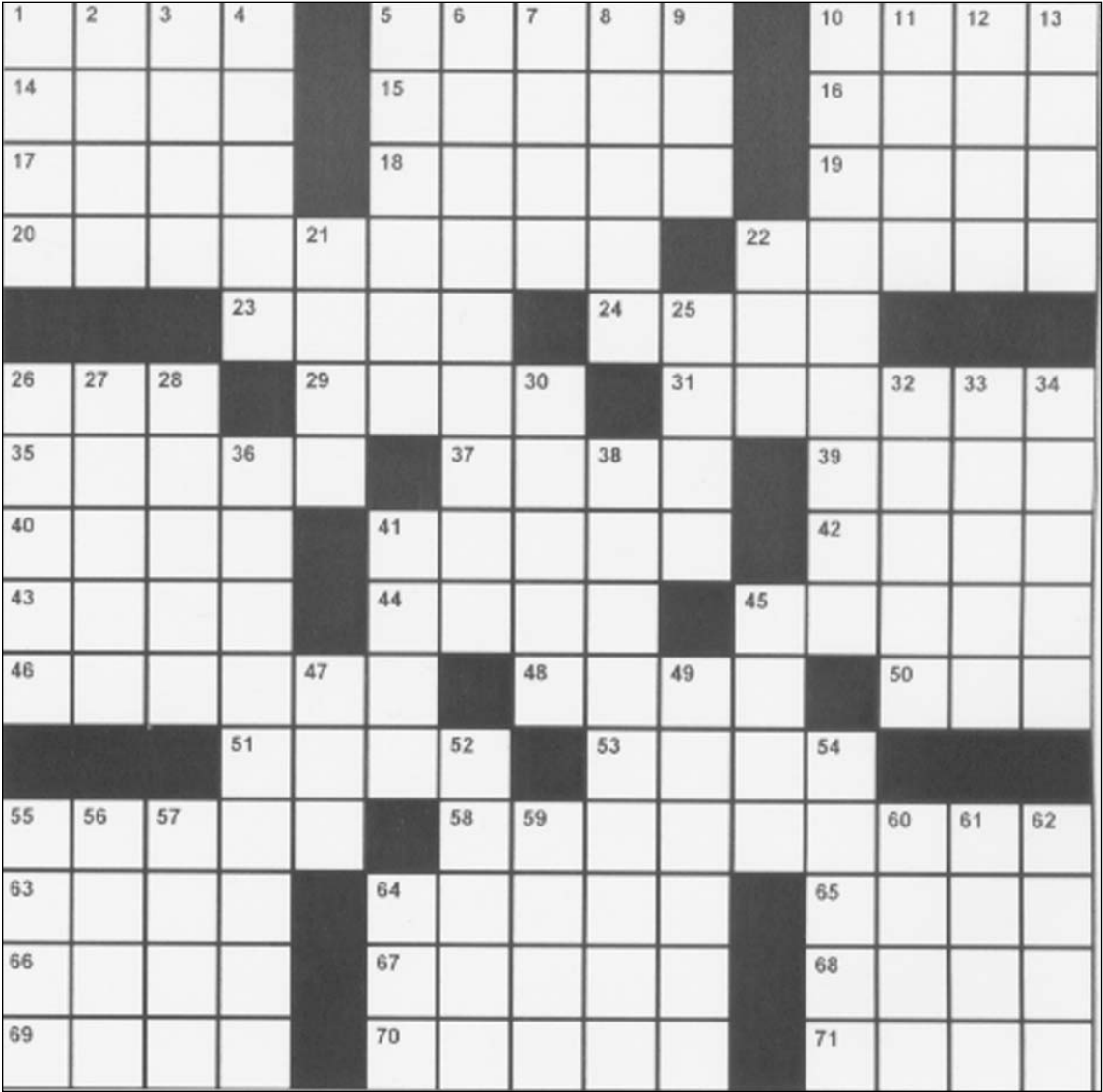
"I am glad to have him back," said son Jeremy Sullen. "Now we can bury him and he can finally end his last sit-in."

An autopsy is underway and services will be announced later in the week.



April Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Bucks Baseball Home Game vs. Delaware	2 Read the Centurion Newspaper!	3 Men's Baseball vs. Camden 3:30 p.m. (away)	4 Aquatics Fitness Instructor Classes from 5-9 p.m.	5 Bucks Tennis vs. Central Penn 1pm (home)
6 Bucks CountyHigh School Art Exhibition,thru April 12	7 Art Exhibition	8 Social Science club trip: Ben Franklin Bridge:Up and Over	9 Men's Baseball vs. Northampton 2pm (away)	10 Bucks' book group discusses Finn: A novel by John Clinch	11 Jimmy Bruno Jazz concer 8pm/Proffessor Freeman reads from latest book	12 Bucks Tennis vs. Philadelphia 1pm (away)
13 See the movie "Street Kings" starring Forrest Whitaker and Keanu Reeves	14 Jobs: Getting Your Foot in the Door Workshop 11a.m.-12p.m.	15 Social Science club trip: Isiah Zagar and the Magic Garden	16 Lower Bucks campus evening transfer fair 5-6:30 p.m.	17 Counseling Workshops: How to be successful at Bucks 11a.m.-12p.m.	18 Social Science club trip: Frida Kahlo exhibition at Phila. Art Museum	19 Men's Baseball vs. Delaware 12 noon (away)
20 Random sobriety checkpoints scheduled all over Bucks County	21 Team Tennis Bucks vs. Central Penn 3 p.m. (away)	22 Foreign Film "Cache" 7p.m. Library Auditorium	23 MLB: Phillies vs. Milwauke Brewers 8:05 p.m. (away)	24 Men's Baseball vs. Lackawanna 1:30 p.m. (home)	25 American Red Cross Lifeguard Training from 6-9 p.m.	26 The NFL holds its annual collegiate draft E-A-G-L-E-S!
27 See the movie Harold and Kumar Escape from Guantanamo Bay	28 Watch 2 hours of Family Guy on TBS 8-10 p.m.	29 Men's Baseball Bucks vs. Lehigh-Carbon 2 p.m. (home)	30 MLB Phillies vs. San Diego Padres 7:05 p.m. (home)			



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BY KRISTIN CALCIANO
The Webcast Girl

Well, Bucks students, no more sitting around studying during campus break; it's time for recess! In a recent vote taken by all faculty and staff at Bucks, there will be a new playground installed in the quad for the fall semester.

That's right, instead of installing picnic tables as a place for students to rest between classes, Student Life has decided to build a playground for students, complete with a swirly slide, rope swing, swing set, see-saws and monkey bars.

When asked why the staff

would invest in playtime instead of a practical use for the grassy area students know as the quad, Student Life Assistant John Shapley said, "We thought it would be better for the students to have a place where they can just let loose after a hard day of attending classes. What

better way than a playground!"

Apparently, the staff here at Bucks feels that students should be able to have a place where they can revisit their inner child. Instead of the term, "campus break," the staff wishes to refer to the time lapse between morning and afternoon

classes as "recess."

Shapley said, "I think that calling campus break 'recess' will make students feel more at home here at Bucks. It will help to alleviate some of the stress of difficult classes and tough teachers."

Shapley believes that putting in a playground is a fabulous way to give back to the hard-working students at Bucks, and thinks it will be greatly appreciated.

The playground is set to be installed sometime during the summer, and should be ready for use at the

start of the fall 2008 semester.

When asked if the idea of a playground was appropriate, Jeff Hower, 20, a film major said, "I think it's an awesome idea! Anyone who says they wouldn't want to have a playground on campus is a liar. Everyone would play on it at least once."

Some students are opposed to the idea. Sherry Baker, 19, a history major said, "It's stupid! What kind of college staff wastes money on a playground? Shouldn't we be getting more computers for students, or better parking?"

Even though there is some negative feedback from students over why the staff would install a playground so students can frolic about like Elementary school children, Shapley remains optimistic. "I believe that in the end, the students will appreciate what we are trying to do for them. They may act like they are too cool for a playground, but I know that most of them will use it when it's there in front of them. Who could resist?"

People will soon see what people really think about having their own personal play area on campus. Students will no longer have to sit it out and wait for afternoon classes to start, they can go to recess!



AN ARTIST'S RENDERING OF THE FUTURE PLAYGROUND ON THE QUAD
PHOTO BY NO FINGERS PETE

Godzilla attacks Tokyo, subtitles provided

BY ANNAS MIRZA
Angry Centurion Correspondant

TOKYO -- After what many thought to be an earthquake, the citizens of Tokyo were unsurprised to see their city destroyed when Godzilla attacked for the first time in the new millennium.

Buildings were reduced to rubble in the attack by the Tokyo monster. From the dance clubs of Roppongi, to the beautiful waiting dog of Shibuya, all of it appears lost. Hiro Ashi, 20, was there when all of it was going on. He said something to the effect of "it's Godzilla" but it's difficult to understand Japanese.

Hiro was not alone in his terror.

Junko Kami, 23, said that turning on the subtitles option on the DVD player would make Japanese easier to understand. "Godzilla come again," he exclaimed in dubbed English. "Godzilla!"

Junko's words seem to be true as the local police reports that the ancient beast that lingers in the depths of the Pacific Ocean entered the city through Yokohama Port, passed the Museum of Art and over Route 16. He then headed west into Tokyo.

"We can't stop Godzilla," said Ketsuke Nakamora, 45, captain of the Tokyo Police

Department. "We have to rebuild, although even our earthquake-proof buildings can't stop Godzilla."

"Geeeeee-arrghhhhh," said Godzilla. "Argg-uhhhh."

The police tried to attack Godzilla with several lasers and helicopters loaded with machine guns. But Godzilla running into power lines on his own seemed to be most effective.

"I don't know why he kept plowing into all the power lines," said Mitsuko Kojima, 23, a waitress, "if it hurt him that bad, I don't get why he didn't just step over them."

It seems that Kojima's words are true, as many Japanese citizens agreed that avoiding power lines to begin with would have been the smartest option.

"Maybe he's not just smart," said Nakamora. "So many officers are having a hard time being close to him, it's helpful that he just knocks over power lines and putters himself out." After the attack Godzilla was reported to have returned to Yokohama, but Japanese are still wary and anticipate his return.

"Godzilla!" exclaimed Sudo Goichi.

She described the monster as "a freaking dinosaur that was breaking buildings."

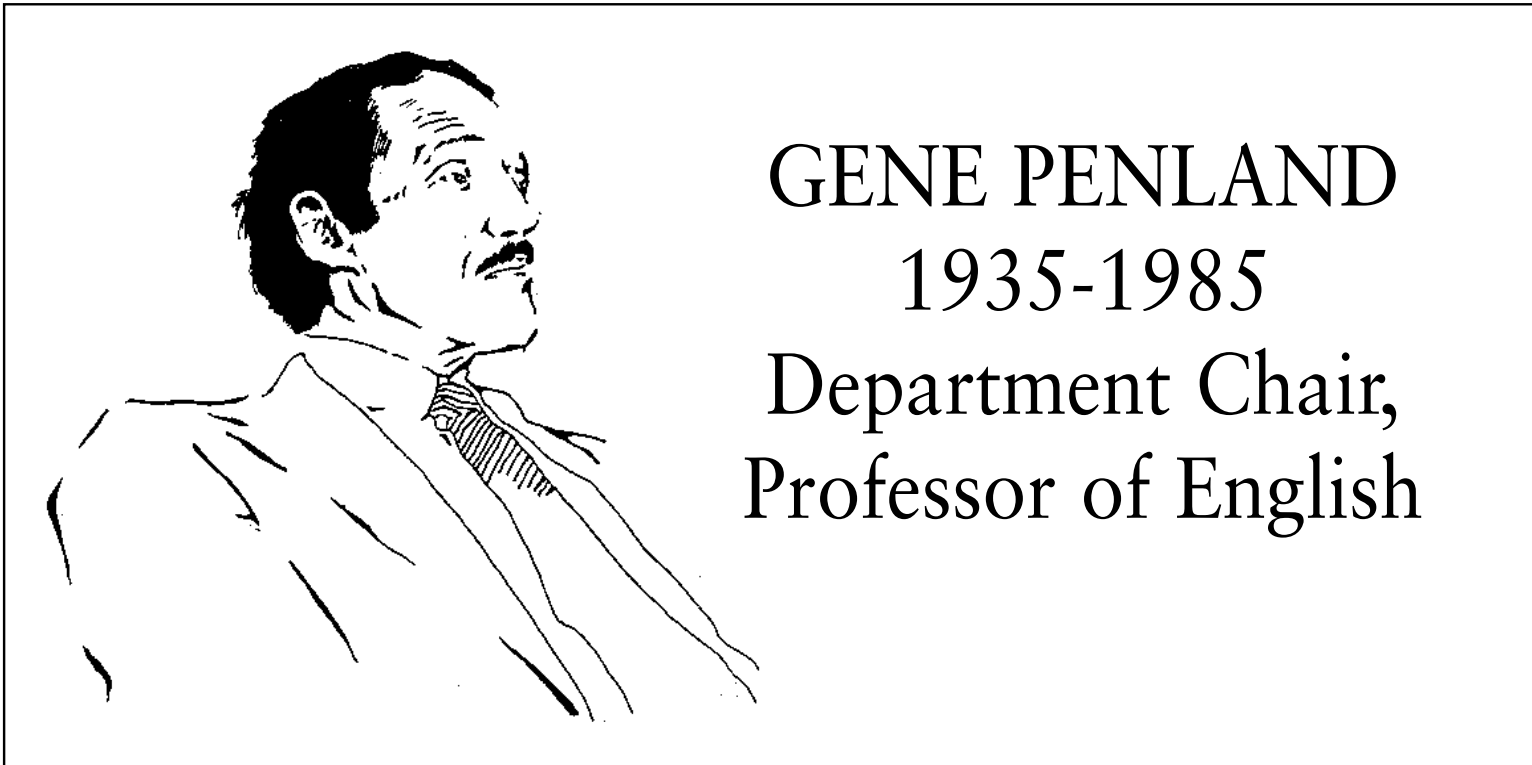


A PENTHOUSE MILLIONAIRE IN TOKYO SNAPPED THIS PHOTO OF THE DESTRUCTION
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The Language and Literature

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Trapped man survives on finger food



THAT'S SOME LUNCH MARK!

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BY DAVID CARTER
Centurion Vagabond

Problems arose over spring break when Physical Plant Executive Director Mark Grisi was trapped inside an elevator for three days.

Heading to the second floor on his way to check a door malfunction near the library, Grisi found himself stuck.

"The entire elevator lost power, so the alarm bell wouldn't work, and the emergency phone still was having problems since installation," Grisi claimed.

Spring break left the halls of Bucks empty. No one was around to hear Grisi's shouts for help.

Grisi was forced to ration what little food he had with him for three days. "I only had a bottle of water and a bag of Lays from my lunch. There wasn't much else to do but sleep, wait, and count all 99 bottles of beer on the elevator floor."

Unfortunately, what food he had was not enough to sustain him.

So, Grisi said, "I ate my finger."

After what seemed like an eternity to Grisi, he became delusional and decided that eating part of his index finger was the only way he could survive.

"I never thought I'd get out of there."

After trying to pry the

doors open Grisi resorted to climbing out onto the roof of the elevator car. "You see it all the time in movies but it's easier to watch in a movie than to physically do."

Grisi slept on top of the car because of the constant lights inside the car. The shaft was dark and cool, preventing him from overheating.

In an effort to make the campus more handicapped accessible the elevator was installed in the past few months. Though expensive, it was imperative that it be completed for mass use and ready as soon as possible. This may have resulted in shortcuts on safety precautions.

Grisi was eventually found after his family grew worried and contacted the school. Buildings and Grounds Services Director Martin Snyder found the broken elevator after hearing about Grisi's disappearance.

"It was a hunch; you know movies, news shows, and all that. There are always stories of someone being trapped in an elevator. I had watched 'Silence of the Lambs' just the day before, If Hannibal could be in an elevator why not Mark?"

And ironically, Grisi did resort to self-cannibalism.

Health & Wellness Fair 2008 "Conceive It, Believe It, Achieve It"

Tuesday, April 8
9:30 am - 1:30 pm

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Topics Covered: Nutrition, Exercise Fitness, Mental Health, Dependency & Abuse, Recreation, Physical Health, Sports & Health Programming, Chiropractic & Massage Therapy, & Yoga

Sponsored by: The Wellness Center & The Department of Health Physical Education & Nursing

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.



Orangery gets hammered, becomes a bar



BY MELISSA DOAK
Centurion Candidate

By the fall 2008 semester, Dr. James Linksz, Bucks president plans to have the Orangery turned into a bar. Linksz said, "I know this is what the students want, and

here at Bucks we aim to

interior design is set to change dramatically. The Orangery will be a new place for students to lounge and hang out with friends. Along with the bar will be tables, sofas, lounge chairs and a stage.

The bar will be run by the Student Government but they have of course already banned smoking within the Orangery and it's perimeter.

The Orangery bar is set to go under construction over the summer and be open for business by the beginning of fall semester. Be sure to check it out!

BY JAY JONES
Editor-in-training

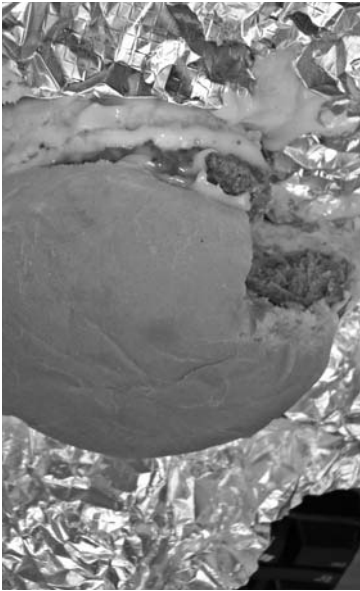
The Library Auditorium will play host to the renowned women's rights activist Paris Hilton this April, who will discuss such issues as gender inequality and female empowerment. Talking directly to young women, Hilton hopes to inspire students everywhere to take up the fight against the objective image obsession of women in today's society as eye candy and to start taking control of our future as the next generation of policy makers in this coun-

try. Using her critically acclaimed show, "The Simple Life 1, through 23," Paris has already done wonders for young girls everywhere by giving them a chance to truly see what a self-made million-aire like herself has done to improve the lives of other less fortunate people across the United States. "Having someone who is so famous for... for... for being rich is an amazing thing to happen at Bucks," said Tina Bucks student and Yardley native. Hilton will be joined by f-

few peers- buddies Jessica Simpson will discuss the "She is a great role model for girls everywhere," Arnold Shineypants exclaimed when he heard of Hilton approach- ing seminar, "I have clippings of all her great tabloid accom- plishments." And Hilton has always been at the forefront of any crowd ready to take the scene, whether it is rights of women in this nation, animal rights or taking the Guinness 2007 record of being "the Girls everywhere are it is expected that there will be a large male population attending the seminar to dis-

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Chaos in the cafeteria erupt- ed on Monday, March 24, when several students who ate hamburgers started com- ing to the health center with symptoms directly identi- fied to be those consistent with the Ebola virus. After campus break on Monday, about 34 students came to the health center complaining of severe headaches, abdominal pain, sore throat, nausea and dizzi- ness. The staff did not know



BY KRISTIN CALCIANO
Band Guru

what to think until the nurse on duty took the students' temperatures as per standard procedure. Judy Bellam, Registered Nurse, said, " [The students] temperatures were through the roof, one boy had a tem- perature of about 103 degrees and the others had tempera- tures ranging from about 100.7 degrees to 102 degrees." Upon these findings, the staff began to call hospitals to see what could possibly be causing these types of symp- toms. The students were

tals, where upon arrival they were seen by a representative from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. It was later found that a student who was unhappy with the construction going on around campus developed a mutated strain of the virus in his base- ment, and contaminated all the beef products in the cafe- teria. The student, Adam West, was discovered when he boasted loudly during a chemistry lab that he "Made sure those crackpots stop ruining the campus." He also

said phrases that included, "I hope they enjoy their ham- burgers," and, "Oops! Was that Ebola in my Whopper?" When a student alerted the professor, he immediately called campus safety, and later the police were called. There is no word yet on what will become of West, and what he will be charged with, but any students who consumed any beef products on campus this week are being asked to report imme- diately to the health center if they notice the symptoms mentioned.

Where's the beef? This is just Ebola!



A Piece of my Mind

A Modern Hypocrisy



VS.

A weekly column by Centurion Dunce Mark Bennett

A weekly column by Centurion Perfectionist Laura Irwin

Two egotistical editors battle it out over who’s column is better

Wow, she really thinks that her editorial is better than mine, ha! I’m glad she brought that to my attention, I’ve been having a bad day and I really needed a chuckle. Because Bucks students really want to listen to a self centered know-it-all perfectionist rant on about her 4.0, perfect attendance and how cool her Heely sneakers are; they are cool, if you’re still in elementary school. And I don’t know if any of you have had the pleasure of working with a perfectionist; but let me say that after listening to her constantly reminding us how great she is and how bad we suck, suicide looks pretty good. Do you know how hard it is to play Halo 3 and listen to her complain about every little thing that went wrong with the paper that week. Oh, and she does rant, on and on, about how bad some writers are. Well, maybe it’s because we don’t stay up at night studying the AP style book. I’m sorry we don’t all work two dozen jobs and study hard to get straight A’s, but you know, some of us actually have… lives.

I could never expect you to be as good as me when it comes to this sort of thing. So, don’t have any negative energy News Editor. You’ll find something you’re good at someday soon I’m sure. But until then, don’t forget that as you were writing all this, you had to ask me if you were allowed to say this or if it was grammatically correct to say that.

I run this show, and even you find it hard to forget that fact. I see you consider “having a life” to be playing Halo 3 all weekend long; I wouldn’t expect you to appreciate the value in work ethic. Besides little man, you’re under 21, and I’m not. So by age alone, I have more of a life than you!

But to correct you, I do not study, it’s seven jobs and my ranting is rather hilarious. If I were serious than I would maybe have as many issues as you have with throwing together a weekly article. But, it’s libelous! I say completely libelous! I’m sure all of Bucks campus was riveted by your epic car ride to Minnisota. Great stuff Capote.

You know, the content of her articles are always so, how should I put this, relevant to things students care about. Lets write a column about how to make people cheap Christmas cards to give to them. Because some of the readers might have forgotten how to do that when they were in kindergarten. And lets write a creepy article about all of the movie psychopaths she wants to get down and dirty with. I’m sure the 10 Goth kids on campus really enjoyed that one. At least I write about things students may have experienced themselves. And if you don’t think my articles are all that interesting or relevant, that’s because she sensors the life out of me. “No, you can’t write an article criticizing America’s drug policy. No, you can’t write about the potential health benefits of smoking pot. No, you can’t write about how you beat that kid up. No, you can’t write an article about how religion is just a way to control people.” And then she yells at me when I acuse her of censoring the press! Damn Republicans.

Censoring? It’s called editing. Would the public like to know how many explitives I need to delete from such amazing pieces of writing like “Trick-or-treating,” “Bad drivers,” and “Abortion.” Note, I get to read and edit your columns for errors, and no one looks at mine. Alpha dog. I am the Alpha dog. And if I was so hardcore than why would I let you ramble on about how bitchy I am? Newsflash, even you hang out with me. I must be cool, perfectionist and everything! The point is clear, I get more hits on the website than you and more people rant on about how nuts I must be every week when they read my column, which happens to be the point here. Yeah, so you give a little alternative style to my Op/Ed page, as you said, you’re a little hoodlum. I think it gives The Centurion a more well-rounded appeal. Anyway, we’re talking about handfuls of readers here anyway, I think this fight should expand once one of us hits syndication. The rant continues.

Oh Baby! A weekly column by Centurion Pregnancy Expert Janine Logue



I recently had a 3D ultrasound done, and as it turns out, my child has large almond-shaped eyes. I was really shocked by this, but my doctor said that he sort of saw this coming. He is pretty sure that the eyeballs, abnormally large head and extra long fingers have something to do with the weirdly shaped stretch marks that I have on either side of my belly. The doctor told my husband that he doesn’t think that they are stretch marks at all, but rather that they are alien hand prints and that we are having an alien baby. Of course my husband got very upset over this and immediately

thought that I had an affair with the hot foreign college student in the apartment upstairs. Don’t worry, Francesco, the doctor covered for us by telling my husband that he means a real alien, like from outter space. I have to say though, the baby did look a little weird. His chin didn’t look anything like mine, Francesco’s or Steven’s. Come to think of it, his chin didn’t even really look like a chin. Anyway, Steven thinks the doctor is right and that we have been visited by some UFO probe team who have selected us to be their invader baby’s hosts. I mean, come on, really. It is not like we have those black outs every day, they are only like once a month.

And besides, if we were really abducted by aliens, then where are our crop circles and vaporized cattle? I have seen the TV shows, I know what real abductees say they have experienced, and I haven’t seen any of that. I mean, I need some hard solid proof before I can even entertain a story like that. Steven thinks that I am being unreasonable and that we should see some sort of alien baby specialist, but I say that as long as our baby is healthy, who cares if he looks a little weird. We both know that he is ours and we will love him just the same as we would if he had blonde hair and blue, normal sized, eyes. We don’t need a specialist to tell us that.

And all he wants to do is dance, dance, dance

BY STEPHANIE THOLEY
Some Girl

Bucks President Dr. James Links is retiring from Bucks to pursue his dream of being on the popular television show, "Dancing with the Stars."

Dancing has always been a favorite pastime for Links. He has been taking dancing lessons for years now and he feels that it's time to get serious.

"I felt it was time to take my

passion of dancing to a whole different level," said Links. "Who knows what dances I'll end up doing but I want everyone to know I'm ready for whatever they throw at me."

Links has been dancing the Salsa, Meringue, Foxtrot and Waltz, and has a little knowledge of tap dancing and hip-hop.

"I started by taking salsa and meringue lessons with my wife about 10 years ago, and from there it just spiraled into a need to

learn every form of dance and master them all. The latest form I am beginning to learn is Modern dance," said Links.

He has competed in many competitions over the years, and has even won many of them, bringing home the trophies to prove it. Some of them have gone in his office, as well as the one from his last competition where he beat out Cheryl Burke, one of the professionals on the TV show.

He stated, "Hopefully she doesn't hold anything against me for beating her in the last competition. She did seem a little upset but I'm sure we will both be professional about it and take everything right to the dance floor."

The rumor is that he is going to be partnered with Kym Johnson, but he won't reveal the identity of his partner and assures us that it will be a show that will go down in

history.

Everyone can look forward to seeing Links in the upcoming season of "Dancing with the Stars." The season starts on April 18 and is on ABC at 8 p.m.



Library is looking comfy with hammocks

BY KYLE CRAWFORD
Who?

Announced early Friday morning, Bucks' Newtown campus library will be putting hammocks in the second story.

The hammock decision, though controversial, is seen by many as a way to help students unwind.

The library at Bucks was mainly used for research, the internet, and checking out necessary books - until now. The proposition, number 401-08, has just been approved and was conceived of by Paul Ewing, a member of the Student Government Association.

"I have only recently started sitting upstairs at the library, and thought to myself how much better hammocks

would be than chairs," Ewing said.

The new section will be setting the school's budget back approximately \$1.7 million. Dr. Andre Aftermath of the Bucks Budget Committee is pleased to announce that the money was taken from the remodeling funds.

Kelly Courageous, 27, an accounting major from Newtown said, "I think it's so terrible that they can just throw the school's money away on hammocks. This will take away money needed for other things like televisions and digital clocks."

But most students said they were relieved to hear that what once was a center used for work will now be used for relaxation.

The library was felt to be the perfect spot for the ham-

mocks, since it's so quiet there. The large amount of available space in the second story made it the best place to start the project.

Mark Grisi, executive director of the physical plant, said, "The project should only take four years to complete provided the working conditions are right."

Ironically, the library will be useless until the project is completed because of the noise caused by construction.

There have been discussions of starting Relaxation 107, 110, and 111 classes when the new hammock area is completed. Dozens of professors have already volunteered to teach such courses. Officials have also discussed turning the Tuesday-Thursday break into nap-time.



Nerd blows up classroom, Prof arrested

BY KRISTIN CALCIANO
Compulsive Writer

There was a great deal of confusion on campus Thursday, March 27, when green smoke started pouring out of the second floor windows in Founder's Hall. Apparently, when performing an experiment involving the mixing of two highly dangerous chemicals, which included a radioactive isotope, a beaker exploded.

Students were evacuated from Founder's and soon after, emergency response and HAZMAT teams showed up to clean and sterilize the building. No students were harmed, but all were taken to the nearest hospital for evaluation. So far, three students have been contaminated and are under quarantine until a further assessment can be made.

The students did not know how dangerous the chemicals they were working with really were, according to Emily Job, 21, biology major. Job said, "I'm really scared, I mean, I was right there when the beaker just exploded. We had no clue what to do. Everyone was ready to jump

out the window."

Professor Aaron Caves, who was responsible for the chemicals being brought on to Bucks' campus, was arrested for illegal activity and terroristic behavior.

When interviewed, Caves said, "I was just trying to show my students the raw side of chemistry, the side that most of them will never get to see. I want them to see just what they are up against

in the ongoing struggle the United States is having with illegal nuclear weapons systems. The Koreans are up to something I tell you!"

As police struggled to push Caves into the back of a squad car, he could be heard ranting about something involving the return of the Soviet Union. He was taken to Waverly Hills Psychiatric Hospital for further evaluation.

John Captcha, a member of the HAZMAT response team that was dispatched to control the situation said, "I don't know what this loon was thinking letting kids play around with radioactive material. He could have compromised the whole campus and everyone in it for God's sake! I heard that the CIA is now involved though so there might be more to the story than we originally thought."

Further investigation into Caves' background is under way.

Any student who was in the building any time before 2:30 p.m. on March 27 is asked to go to the nearest medical facility to be evaluated for radioactive exposure.





Tuesday, April 1, 2008

Bohling KOs Gatti in rematch

BY PHIL COLES
Self-titled Sports Genius

The Centurion reported earlier in the semester that Professor Mark Bohling appeared on Spike TV's "Pro's vs. Joe's" and fought former welterweight champ Arturo Gatti. That match did not end well for Bohling; he was knocked out in a little over a minute. However, recently the two met up again at Spike's "Pro's vs. Joe's" reunion event, in which all the competitors were invited back for another shot, albeit untelevised, at the pros.

"It's something we started to show our competitors some appreciation for participating," said Spike TV's CEO James Marshall. "These guys often get embarrassed on national television, so in order to avoid possible lawsuits; we like to sweeten their deals a little bit."

But nobody could have predicted what would happen next.

And it would change the landscape of boxing's welterweight division as we know it.

Bohling had another shot at

Gatti in the ring. "After the first fight, I went back and watched all of Gatti's previous fights," said Bohling. "I was obsessed. I found that every time he threw his right hand, he would leave his chin wide open for an over-hand left." So it happened that on March 12, 2008, Bohling knocked out Gatti with an over-hand left that came as the most surprising upset in boxing since Buster Douglas knocked out Mike Tyson.

"I still can't believe it actually happened," said a shocked Gatti. "The producers at Spike TV said to let Mark hang around for a couple of rounds, I got lazy in the ring, and he caught me." Bohling was also amazed at what transpired. "Never in a thousand years did I think I would knock out Gatti. It still hasn't sunk in."

What happened next may be even more amazing than the actual fight.

Bohling is now the ranked at no. 4 in boxing's welterweight division after his surprise knock-



out. Boxing promoters are scrambling to find out just who this man is, and if and when he will fight again. "I don't know if this was a fluke or not, but it really doesn't matter. He beat

Gatti, he will get another chance to prove himself in the ring," said promoter David King, son of the legendary Don King.

Whether Bohling wants to fight again is another question.

"I guess I have to," said Bohling. "I'm gonna see where this ride takes me."

Fields to be paved over for parking lot, geese to die

BY LIOR SHULMAN
Centurion Shepherd

Bucks' Student Government Association released a report March 25 outlining a plan to close the campus the first week of June to conduct a goose hunt before destroying the baseball fields.

Why? Because Bucks needs more parking.

The Pennsylvania Game Commission has joined with Bucks Security and Safety to organize the execution of campus geese, amid lawsuits brought by students who have allegedly stepped in goose excrement.

Rifles will be issued to members of the Phi Theta Kappa honor students and they will

"basically play duck hunt," as one student said.

The new parking lot will "add three levels of parking, be accessible from Swamp Road and serve as the foundation for a skyscraper to accommodate Bucks' expanding need for a corporate headquarters," said SGA.

"Release the Geese," a self-titled group from a Bucks Integration of Knowledge Art and Science class, has begun protesting and petitioning anyone who will listen. "Release the Geese" have asked that anyone who wants to save the birds should wear geese colors and report to the pond south of the baseball field the week of the hunt.

Security and Safety has informed protesters that being

on campus during the hunt will put them in danger from gunfire, and protesters may be arrested by Newtown police for trespassing on a closed campus, or both.

When asked how Newtown police were preparing to deal with a potential surge of protesters, Chief Justice Knightly hit me with pepper spray before I could blink. While I screamed of the fire in my eyes, Officer Aiden Amigo hit me with a night-stick.

SGA tried to appease protesters by offering to use the geese meat to make the chicken nuggets that are served in the cafeteria to avoid wasting meat.

Whether protesters will test the wrath of hunters and construction workers is to be determined. But one thing is for sure; I will not be there reporting it.



No longer an unobtainable dream, Bucks gets football

BY ALISSA ROTH
Peace Corps Affiliate

It has always been a campus joke. Sweatshirts that hang in the book store read, "Bucks County Community College football team undefeated since 1964." But now this ongoing joke is becoming a reality.

Bucks will be establishing a football team.

"We are already recruiting local players and hope to put together a solid team for this season", said Sports Coordinator and new Head Coach Steve James.

But despite the excitement, some are questioning the possi-

bility of this becoming a reality.

"This new venture is going to cost the college a lot. Stadium, buses, uniforms? It really starts to add up. This isn't a small team we're talking about. They would need two buses alone to move a team this size," said Bucks Board Member David Pierce. "So let's say we find a way to fund the team, it doesn't mean they're going to be any good."

"We've seen success with other sports and teams, so why not this one," said James. "In the past the golf, soccer and basketball team all saw winning seasons so why not a football team?"

As for practice fields, stadium and schedule, nothing has yet to be formerly announced. With the newly announced destruction of Bucks' baseball fields in order to create parking lots, proposals have been made for using Council Rock North High School's stadium.

"Were still in the early stages of development here but people are very excited about the prospect and so am I," said James.

A board meeting will be held on Thursday, April 3, in the Library auditorium to discuss further details and all are encouraged to attend.

