Smoking Ban Draws Fire

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News that a campus smoking ban may be in the works for fall 2008 has drawn a swift response from many who say such a rule would be drastic and hard to enforce.

The Centurion reported last week that the Student Government Association and PA Students Working Against Tobacco were developing proposed changes in the campus smoking policy. In that article, Student Life Director Matt Cipriano said he expected the new policy to be either a total ban on smoking or that smoking would be restricted to the parking lots.

Staff and students interviewed seemed to share the opinion that the most fair and feasible policy for the coexistence of smokers and non-smokers at Bucks would be designated smoking areas, an idea posed in the Centurion in December 2005. “I am a vehement anti-smoker, but even I think that is going too far,” said Bucks tutor Wendy Skokowski. “You gotta respect people as being adults.”

Deborah Dougherty, Bucks alumni and administrative assistant in the disability office said, “I would love it (a ban), but I do believe smokers should have a place where they could go to smoke. It’s a hardship for me, with a respiratory disease, walking through the smoke. I don’t think it’s right that the people who want to smoke do not have a place to smoke, but they do need a smoking lounge.”

“I think it’s an infringement on [the smoker’s] rights,” said Jennifer Koch, ’27, a multi-media major from Hatboro who is also a fitness instructor and smoker. “If you are by law, the appropriate age to buy cigarettes, you should be able to exercise that right in designated areas.”

The majority of smokers and non-smokers interviewed seemed to be in favor of designated smoking areas.

“It’s like you can only smoke at home with the lights out under the sheets when no one is there,” said sociology major Brian Good, ’25, from Doylestown.

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Bucks Clocks Make a Comeback

BY LAURA IRWIN
Senior Editor

A new sound can be heard echoing across campus that wasn’t there last year: clocks are ticking in sync, and they are keeping proper time.

The removal of the clocks last fall caused such a stir that Bucks administrators quickly changed their plans from eradicating clocks to replacing them. The problem with the clocks began with the old system. The old clocks ran on batteries that required manual maintenance. Once one clock was set to the proper time, another would stop working. Eventually, many clocks were just plain wrong.

Also, the clocks on the bottom-right corner of all student-used computers were rarely updated for things like Daylight Savings Time.

Information Networking Services sent out technicians to computer by computer, update the time with the start or end of Daylight Savings Time and to correct any clocks that were wrong.

But this year, the problem has been fixed.

Franklin Instrument Company provided Bucks with a new GPS clock system. According to Jere-my Fischer, a former Bucks student and current vice president of sales for Franklin Instruments, this new system is a wireless synchronized clock system that receives a satellite signal broadcast to a transmitter atop Penn Hall. Once a day, an update is sent to the clocks, preventing any discrepancy in time that could occur. “A drift correction would be rectified automatically as well as any updates for Daylight Saving Time,” he said.

A drift is a lag or acceleration that occurs when a clock hand moves improperly due to mechanical issues. According to Mark Grisi, physical plant executive director, 90 percent of the clocks are in working order. A mechanical problem is the only thing holding up the last 10 percent.

“[Hold ups] are a clock [mechanical] problem, not the system,” said Grisi. “For all intents and purposes, the clocks work.”

The new system updates the clocks regularly and if there is an electrical problem, the clocks still run off a continuously charged battery located within each clock. For Daylight Saving Time, coming to an end in early November, the Bucks’ INS department has changed the format for student computers to make sure last year’s problems don’t happen again.

Doug Burak, director of IT security, said that the student computers are running in conjunction with a primary server that automatically updates the clocks daily. “[The system] should be clocked in by the students should’t be a problem, for example Daylight Saving Time, because of the problem.”

Students used to be able to log-on to computers without entering their student number and password. After switching to one domain, and requiring a log-in ID, the issue of inaccurate clocks should be a thing of the past.

According to Burak, with only one server controlling updates, as opposed to the old two-server system, there is less chance of failure than before.

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Myspace Might be Preventing Your Employment

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Students who post graphic or explicit content on their Myspace or Facebook pages may find that such postings can hurt their chances of getting a job.

Myspace, which has been around for several years, is a popular social network that allows people to connect with friends and users from around the world. However, it might not just be friends who are viewing the site.

According to Christine Hagedorn, the director of advising and counseling services, many potential employers use Myspace and Facebook to check out a person’s electronic professionalism.

“You would be surprised at how many people display inappropriate content on their MySpace profiles,” said Hagedorn. “Employers are pretty curious about the type of individual they have applying for jobs, therefore you can’t blame them.”

Websites like monster.com and careerbuilder.com let people submit their electronic resumes; but in such situations the employers are at a disadvantage, because they can’t actually see those applicants in person.

So in an attempt to screen applicants, employers are using social networking websites to determine whether or not a person has the credentials necessary to take on the job.

For example, if someone has a profile that contains offensive content, then there’s a good chance that they won’t get hired.

Kia Hayden, 21, from Levittown, isn’t surprised by this fact. “I’m already careful about the content I post on my MySpace, and it’s mainly for personal reasons. You don’t want to only appear professional to employers, but you also want to attract the right people,” said Hayden.

Hayden is a computer science major, and therefore familiar with the public nature of the internet.

“I’ve always been fascinated by computers,” she added, “but I also know when to draw the line when it comes to the internet.”

Josh Keaton, 23, an arts major from Philadelphia had a liberal approach towards MySpace.

According to Keaton, MySpace and Facebook are a place for him to express himself, and he’s not willing to compromise, even for a job.

“I go on MySpace and Facebook as a creative outlet for me to express myself. So, if someone doesn’t want to hire me because they don’t like what I say, then they’re not worth my time anyway,” he said.

On the other hand, Jessica Flora, 23, a paralegal student from Bensalem, was unaware of this practice.

“I know MySpace is public and everything, but I can’t believe companies actually search for us,” said Flora. Fortunately though, “MySpace is private.”

Facebook is another popular social website, however it’s a little more censored then MySpace. Here, you have to be part of a particular network in order to view someone’s profile.

According to Hayden, “Facebook is a little bit more legitimate.”

Availability isn’t the only factor for many companies when it comes to filtering out applications.

“Many companies have people looking for these red flags,” said Hagedorn.

The Fireside Lounge Hosts it All

How the lounge has come to earn this reputation is no mystery; it is the regular meeting place of various school groups such as the anime club, and on any given day can be found brimming with activity.

The lounge itself is modestly decorated with four large paintings, a wall of trophies and a fireplace. A dining area’s most unusual visual aspect is the floor-to-ceiling window that devour an entire wall.

This wall of glass affords the occupants of the room a clear view of the campus quad, where various small groups of students can be seen smoking cigarettes and carrying on between classes.

Back inside the room 30 or so students have spread themselves out into smaller groups and are sitting on the chairs and couches that are littered across the room.

There are two televisions in the lounge, and unlike those in the cafeteria, these do not endlessly play obscure music videos that no one seems to be watching. Each is used for a different purpose.

One is a computer games video game system. On one recent day six students were clustered around a game of Mario Party.

Some played, some merely watched.

The other TV displayed a generic sitcom, with its corny jokes and boring plot going unnoticed by the nine students who were talking and joking amongst themselves.

Despite the “NO FOOD or BEVERAGES” sign, most students have some kind of lunch tray or drink by their side. This infraction had no noticeable effect on the state of the lounge itself, as it is in remarkably clean condition.

A picture of the lounge’s only unconventional use, it is not uncommon to find one or two students, feet up, shoes off, passed out on one of the room’s many couches. Whether to pass the time between classes or to make up for a late night, the lounge is a prime place to get some rest uninterrupted.

“I like it here because I’m not reading on anyone, and I can just relax without feeling uncomfortable. There’s also always a game to play or watch on one of the TV’s. It’s just a friendly environment, with friendly accepting people,” said a computer science major and lounge regular who wished to remain anonymous.

One thing is certain about this now infamous room at Bucks; all of its occupants seem to be completely at ease, comfortable, and enjoying themselves. They do so almost to the point where it becomes hard to believe they are at school.

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Smokers Speak Out Against Potential Ban

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Helen Oresik, 47, from Morrisville is a non-smoker who admitted, “It does make me gag. All my friends smoke though. I just don’t like walking from building to building and having to walk through all that smoke. I don’t want to take their right to smoke away; I just don’t want to have to breathe it in.”

Cipriano said the SGA has not completed the smoke-free campus proposal. He is hopeful that it will be done in time for the Great American Smoke-Out on Nov. 15. Either way, it will be done by the end of November, when the Dean’s Council will review it.

The council could accept the proposal as-is or make changes. If accepted, then it would be time for the Department of Safety and Security to get on board. Either Safety & Security or the Dean’s council will determine what, if any, the fines will be.

If the proposal passed some students would abide, some would hide, and some would do as they always do, even if facing a fine.

“I probably sneak back into the trees, hide in some bushes,” said Michael Adamczyck, 21, from Morrisville.

“I’d go on a nature walk. I’d go smoke in my car. It would just be frustrating; I wouldn’t be angry,” said Amy Dial, 24, a graphic design student from Levittown.

Travis McMullen, 19, a liberal arts major from Bensalem, said he would just have to hide and smoke. “If I am here long enough, I have to smoke somewhere.”

“I think it is horrible. I am here from 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., and I smoke,” said Patty Miller, 20, a Levittown communications/performance major. “I understand that not everyone wants to walk by from building to building having their lungs filled with smoke if they’re not a smoker.”

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Nate Probasco, a 20-year-old engineering major, was there that Tuesday night. Probasco remembers Reith trying to do a popper — wheelee on his bike.

Probasco told him he should put a helmet on, but Reith insisted that he was only going to go around the parking lot and that it would be OK. Reith went down the parking garage ramp, turned around and came back up the ramp heading toward Main Street.

Reith then lost control of the bike. He slammed into the curb and was thrown off the bike into a flower bed.

“It was the worst sounding and mentally damaging accident I’ve ever seen,” Probasco recalled, still in shock over what had happened.

Reith was knocked out cold and was bleeding from his mouth and ears. He was rushed to Ahington Hospital, then transferred to Jefferson Hospital in Philadelphia.

He had a fractured skull, a broken right shoulder, two broken ribs, a collapsed lung and bruises to both lungs. His L1 vertebrae was shattered.

He underwent back surgery and is now at Moss Rehabilitation center getting physical therapy.

Probasco said, “I just wish he had his helmet on, I really do.”

Pennsylvania’s helmet law says the rider does not have to wear a helmet if he is 21 years old or older and has been licensed to operate a motorcycle for no less than two years, or is 21 and has completed a motorcycle safety course approved by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation.

Ben Roethlisberger, a Pittsburg Steelers quarterback, was in serious condition after his motorcycle accident in June 2006. Roethlisberger was also not wearing a helmet when the accident occurred.

He was riding his 2005 Suzuki Hayabusa in Pittsburgh when a Chrysler sedan crashed into him. Roethlisberger suffered multiple facial injuries, a 9-inch laceration to the back of his head, a broken jaw and damage to several of his teeth.

If Roethlisberger was wearing his helmet his injuries would not have been as severe.

Reith doesn’t ‘recall the accident, but friends say he is going to wait a while to ride again.

Probasco said, “I hope Devon will always ride with his helmet on, even when he’s just riding around a parking lot. Seeing my friend like that is going to scare me for life. I don’t want to ever go through that again.”
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Wildfires Claim Six

SAN DIEGO (AP) — On a day when fire-fighters methodically beat back several of the wildfires menacing Southern California and thousands of evacuees were allowed home, authorities said Thursday, Oct. 25 they had found six bodies burned by the flames.

Border Patrol agents on routine patrol found four bodies in a wooded area near Barrett Junction, just east of San Diego and along the Mexican border, agency spokeswoman Gloria Chavez said. The area is near a major corridor for illegal immigrants who often walk hours or even days to cross into the United States from Mexico.

Authorities said they discovered the bodies Thursday afternoon but didn’t know how long ago the victims died or whether the flames were responsible for their deaths.

“They could have been out there a while,” said Paul Parker, a spokesman for the San Diego County medical examiner’s office. They were tentatively identified as three men and one woman.

Two bodies were discovered in the rubble of a burned home in San Diego County. Like a 52-year-old Tecate man killed Sunday in a fire along the Mexican border, the pair had been urged to evacuate.

Slippery Criminal Captured

MINOT, N.D. (AP) — Every time convicted killer Richard Lee McNair landed behind bars, he dreamed up a new way to escape. He once used lip balm to squeeze out of handcuffs. Another time, he crawled through a prison air vent.

This latest escape attempt didn’t come easy. McNair found himself on the lam this week, and authorities said Thursday, Oct. 25, when he was captured in Canada.

His latest stint on the run ended Thursday, Oct 25, when he was captured in Canada.

Shelter in Place

In 2003 the college implemented a new safety protocol designed to give students, faculty and staff another option when responding to emergency situations. This protocol, Shelter-in-Place or S.I.P., is primarily designed to give campus personnel the ability to seek safe shelter; in the event the county or local area experiences a significant Chemical, Biological, Radiological or Nuclear disaster or emergency.

The College has designated a number of areas on campus as S.I.P. locations. These locations include: Tyler Hall 1st floor hallway outside Rm. 133A; the Library Auditorium and Library 3rd floor; Rollins Quiet Study and cafe vending area; Gymnasium; Hicks Art Gallery and Photo Lab; Founders Hall rooms 140, 141, and 239; Penn Hall rooms 232, 253, 255, 257, and 259; Physical Plant Barn 2nd floor break room; LBC/Bristol rooms 104/105 and 204/205; and UCC/Perkasie computer classrooms.

Each location is demarcated by a “Shelter-in-Place Location” sign, and each location will be staffed by 1-2 trained S.I.P. team leaders with a S.I.P. kit. S.I.P. leaders will signal a S.I.P. event via the use of air horns, whistles and/or loud speakers in and around campus buildings. Leaders will then begin directing students, faculty and staff to the nearest S.I.P. location. Once on location, leaders will provide occupants with directions, information and updates as available. S.I.P. is voluntary, and campus members cannot be forced to shelter in place; however, should you choose not to shelter in place, the only other option available to you is to evacuate campus. No other options are available to you.

The S.I.P. kits include various items which may be needed by the leader(s), to include: first aid kit, water, papertowels, absorbent “socks”, duct tape, plastic bags, radios (two-way and AM/FM), glucose, pencils/paper, etc. The kits are designed to provide elementary supplies to S.I.P. leader(s), until the emergency event is cleared. All community members are required to follow the directions of the S.I.P. leader(s); remembering that a quick, calm response will provide maximum safety for all.

Should you have any questions regarding Shelter-in-Place, you can call the Director of Security and Safety, Mr. Chris Lloyd at (215)968-8394, or Ext. 8394.

The Women’s Center and Bucks Counseling Services present a Suicide Awareness Forum on Nov. 20 from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The film "Eternal High" and a performance called "Living on the See-Saw" will be shown. There will also be a discussion facilitated by the counselors. Call 215-968-8015 for more information.

Campus Events

Oct. 30:
9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Union League/Behind Closed Doors, Social Science Club
12:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. Philadelphia Architecture Grand Tour, Social Science Club
Halloween Dance, Lower Bucks Campus

Nov. 1
12:15 p.m. Dos Lunas Flamenco Guitar, Lower Bucks Campus

Nov. 3
9 a.m. - 5 p.m. A Day For All Women Conference
1 p.m. Soccer, PCAA State Championship
1 p.m. Men’s Basketball vs Valley Forge Christian - Scrimmage (away)
7 p.m. Dos Lunas Flamenco Recital, Lower Bucks Campus
Advice from a Friend... 

My name is Mary Kate Galloway. I am a journalism major at Bucks. Away from Bucks though, I am a good friend who always listens and talks. When any of my friends need advice, they come to me.

I decided to do an advice column for the Centurion. It combines my two passions, writing and helping people.

If you do decide to ask me for advice, and it shows up in the Centurion, your name will stay confidential (unless you specify that you don’t mind).

Just send an email to mkg0520@comcast.net with a short paragraph explaining your specific problem, and look for the answer in the new advice column of the Centurion!

Forget about him. It’s hard to hear the truth but think about it. If this guy is really as sorry as he’s saying he is, why isn’t he apologizing to YOU? He came up to your friend saying he’s sorry. It sounds to me like he’s trying to take the easy way out of a bad situation that he put himself in. I hope he’s man enough to accept the fact that he was wrong and he’s sorry. He would tell you himself.

By the way, forgetting about him doesn’t mean giving him attitude or ignoring him if you pass him and he says hi. You can be friendly, just because he did wrong to you does not mean you should do wrong to him. But do not treat him like you used to treat him before he “walked all over you.” If he is sorry to you, he will eventually apologize. If he does come up and apologize to your face, accept it.

Until then, forget about it.

*Editor’s Note: Look for Mary Kate Galloway’s column in the Op/Ed section weekly.

A Letter to the Editor

To the death of freedoms and our Constitutional Rights! At Bucks there is a plan that is under way to kill the rights of smokers. With more than 10,000 students, don’t you think that the special interest group that is trying this plan into effect should ask the students what they think?

As a smoker, I am downright upset that our school is making this major change without any input from the students.

The current plan would entail that smoking would be banned from all areas of the campus. There are so many things wrong with that.

One of the problems that I see in that most classes only have a 10-minute window between them. Therefore, it would be almost impossible to walk to your car, then drive off campus, have your smoke, drive back on campus, and do this again within a short time.

Now is it really fair or just to deny the rights of the funding people of school revenue during times when the school budget seems to be in a state of unrest?

But to take the higher road, I am asking that the students input but hear in an open forum meeting. Will they do it? Do they even care about the students, or are they just out for themselves?

One time will tell what is true. Banning smoking on campus could drop the student enrollment. I wonder where the revenue will come from if Bucks loses students.

A concerned Bucks student

Danal Weldon

Bucks students are open to the idea of having an African-American president, so what do they think about presidential hopeful Barack Obama?

Obama could use a change in his presidency by considering Obama. He is the junior senator from Illinois and a member of the Democratic Party. He is the fifth black senator in U.S. history and the only African-American currently serving in the U.S. Senate. He is a graduate of Columbia University and Harvard Law School. “I think Obama has what it takes to be a president. He doesn’t look like a person who is afraid of hard work,” said Tim Morris, 21, a criminal justice major from Philadelphia.

Courtney Williams, 23-year-old nursing major from Bristol, “It doesn’t matter if the person is black or white. I just want an honest and hard-working person to win.”

Bucks students interviewed said they were confident that an African-American can be a constructive and positive element in the White House. “I think we need to change it up anyway,” said Kyle Gargan, 19, a journalism major from Bensalem.

The history of America is a continuous line of white presidents. But blacks have been a positive driving force in American society for years.

Dr. Daniel Hale Williams is known for performing the first open heart surgery in 1893, and he was a black man. In 1950, Dr. Ralph J. Bunche was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for his work in 1949 as a mediator for a truce in the Arab-Israeli conflict. The first black woman elected to congress was Shirley Chisholm, who took her oath in 1969. The list goes on.

Maybe a black president isn’t a bad idea.

In the past the ideal presidential candidate has been white. Some Bucks students are looking to change this pattern.

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30 putting pucks in the net.

The game should have been over. After enduring 58 minutes of slow torture, the Philadelphia Eagles looked as if they would even their record at 3-3. The Chicago Bears had the ball on their own three-yard-line with less than two minutes remaining and no timeouts. Just as Eagles fans began to feel good about the rest of this season, Brian Griese and Muhammed Sanad snatched victory from the Eagles' grasp, and the birds lost once again, in spectacular fashion.

This was not the first time the Eagles had embarrassed their fans with a hard punch to the gut this season. In the season opener, the Eagles literally fumbled the game away, with two punt-return fumbles. The first fumble resulted in a touch-
down, the second gave the Green Bay Packers the ball in Eagles ter-
ritory where they ate up the rest of the clock, and kicked a game-win-
ing field goal.

This was not just a recent trend. Revenge back to week seven of
last year, the Eagles vs. the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. In this game, Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb’s “daddy,” Ronde Bar-
ber, intercepted two of his passes and returned both for touchdowns. The Eagles displayed horrid clock management to close the first half when McNabb threw a pass to tight-end L.J. Smith at Tampa’s two-yard-line as the clock expired, wasting a chance for three points. That would have turned out to be the game-winning field goal.

Fast-forward to the fourth-quar-
ter with the Eagles trailing 20-14 in a game they should have dominat-
ed. Eagles’ playmaker Brian West-
brook took a short pass and made the Bucks’ defense look like high-
schoolers as he juked his way to a 52-yard touchdown with 48 sec-
onds left. After a good kickoff return to the 36, the Bucks moved the ball to The Eagles’ 45-yard line. Buck’s kicker Matt Bryant came on to attempt a 62 yard-game winning field-goal, and made it. It was the longest kick of the season, and the only kick he has ever made on record over 55 yards.

It gets worse, birds fans. Think back to the beginning of last season, when the Eagles played the hated New York Giants in week two in Philadelphia. The Eagles soared to a 24-7 lead in the third quarter when Eagles wide receiver Reggie Brown hauled in a 10-yard touchdown pass. Eagles fans could have changed the chan-
el right then, good thing they did not.

The Eagles had every chance available to put the game away, but couldn’t. Giants receiver Plaxico Burress couldn’t corral his fam-
ble and wide-out Tim Carter recov-
ered the ball in the end-zone for a Giants touchdown. The usually sure-handed Brian Westbrook dropped the ball while trying to run out the clock. In overtime, Giants quarterback Eli Manning hit Bur-
ress for a 29 yard touchdown. Everything makes matters worse, the Eagles’ high-priced defensive end Jevon Kearse tore his ACL when he

should have been on the sideline resting.

Eagles fans are not alone in hav-
ing their hearts ripped out every season. The Cleveland Browns franchise, restored in 1999, has made just one playoff appearance since the old Cleveland Browns, now the Baltimore Ravens, and left town some years ago. Browns fans had to endure the Ravens—their old team—winning the Super Bowl in 2001. The Houston Texans have never made the playoffs. The St. Louis/Arizona Cardinals have never been to a Super Bowl. The Detroit Lions continuously lower the bar for their franchise year after year.

So it could be worse, Eagles fans, but not by much.

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