**A Change of Plans for Swamp Road**

If you have ever driven to Bucks Newtown campus, you know that Swamp Road is an accident-prone roller coaster of hills, dips and turns swarming with hasty student drivers and industrial sized dump trucks. What you may not have known is that a $10 million reconstruction plan is in the works which aims to integrate improved safety features while expanding the road for the anticipated needs of tomorrow. In a collaborated effort of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and the Newtown and Wrightstown townships, a redesign and reconstruction plan of a five-mile stretch of the road have been proposed, based on a traffic and engineering study that was carried out in 2002.

Due to the high number of accidents and the increasingly high level of congestion on the road, especially near and around the Bucks Newtown campus, plans have been made to widen the road. With its new 12-foot-wide lanes and 8-foot shoulders, the road should better accommodate the lines of student cars and local quarry dump trucks, while also allowing cyclists to travel safely along side them.

According to the official Swamp Road Improvement Project website, which provides information and descriptions of the proposed plans, “Though the topography of Swamp Road poses a challenge, preliminary design features include softer curves and a flatter horizontal and vertical alignment to increase sight distances and thereby create a safer road.”

Other highlights of the redesign plan are improvements in road-side drainage, longer turning lanes around the park and school area and the addition of several pedestrian walkways to allow easier access to Tyler State Park from local neighborhoods.

While these proposed improvements and reconstruction plans may seem beneficial to everyone regularly using the road, the existence of local wetlands in association with the tributaries of Neshaminy and Mill Creeks, which may be threatened by the plans, have provoked many townships residents to oppose the changes.

In response to local concerns that their initial plan would destroy several-hundred square feet of significant wetland, Penn DOT has stated that, “This would be totally unnecessary because a slight shift in the alignment and some adjustments to the proposed cut into the hillside at the northeastern corner of the 90-degree bend in the existing roadway would eliminate the wetland impact altogether.”

While revisions are currently being made to avoid damage to the local wetlands and historic buildings near the road, Penn DOT believes that its estimated year of 2012 for completion date may still be achievable, while satisfying all interested parties.
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grams.

How many titles are carried by the bookstore? “We are looking at roughly 500 titles,” said Coleman. Some college libraries are
building their book reserve, rather than only accepting books reserved by professors, which is the process Bucks uses. Miami University undertook such a project. Its website says the following: “Our campus stu-
dents who may not be able to afford the textbooks or who may be delayed in purchasing them, to give all students in the courses an opportunity to make use of their required texts while on campus. Given the rising costs of text-
books, this pilot project is aimed at making these materials for learning as widely available as possible, for certain students in a part of the Library’s mission.”
Ohio State University developed a similar program. They put a select number of textbooks for 17 types of courses on open reserve.
The University of Illinois is “in the second phase of an innovative pilot project that gives students access to required textbooks for core courses. The Textbook Reserve Project places a broad panel of four distinguished judges selected 56 of the most eye-catching, creative pieces to be exhibited at The F.U.E.L. col-
lection on Oct. 20–Nov. 2.

The winners were revealed on the eve of the exhibition on Oct 19, in a private gala reception in honor of the artists, their families and guests. First place was presented to Alexandra Faith Money for “Fueling the Rat Race:” An art cage complete with Red Bull refresh-
ments for two aluminum rodents. Finalists showcased for nearly two weeks, yet neither entry from Bucks County was voted a winner. But, the common denominator between the two submissions was the fun behind the creation. Kuchuk said, “I am very happy to be taking part in such a fun and unique project. I just wanted to see if I could do it!”

Participants proved capable of bringing an idea to life; creativity is the seed of creation. Red Bull has created a pedestal for artists to display their talents and enjoy themselves in the process. For more information and pic-
tures visit www.redbullartof-
can.com.

Financial Aid Students Want Equal Options for Textbook Buying
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Linda McCann, director of
library services, said, “We develop a collection to support the curricu-

Shelving space and budget limi-
tations were the main reasons the
library said they won’t carry text-
books. However, any patron of the library has seen plenty of unused shelves throughout the library. “I am not totally opposed to talk-
ing to the bookstore about options [for shelving textbooks] but the current policy says no textbooks,” McCann said.

Although most college libraries don’t carry textbooks, it is not unheard of. Some colleges are offering innovative pilot programs and other solutions to ease the financial burden of textbooks for students.

For example, Madison University in Gulfport, MS, developed a “Free Textbook Program.” This program supplies all required text-
books and course materials free of charge for students. On its website, MU writes: “Many of our students have expressed concerns regarding the increasing cost of textbooks and materials. In fact, some students were forced to place their enroll-
ment on hold in order to save
money to pay for textbooks.” Hofstra University on Long Island shelves textbooks that cost more than $100 in its library. Closer to home, Delaware County Community College said, “Textbooks are available for approximately 90 percent of the core required courses offered on main campus.”

If Bucks isn’t interested in look-
ing into such textbook programs, there are a few other solutions. During textbook buyback, high-
lighted or minimally damaged books, which are rejected by the publisher, could be purchased for an even more discounted price to be stocked in the library. Or, they could accept donated textbooks. But Ostrowski responded, “I don’t see the purpose. Why would we pay money for sad books?”

McCann noted that “Some pro-

fessors reserve books for their stu-
dents.” And it’s true: there is one cart behind the library desk that holds about 30 textbooks or other course-required reading on reserve.

Undergraduate Library, allowing students to share resources and reduce expenses,” according to their website.

There are certain limitations to these programs. In order to accom-
modate students, reserved books are lent on a short-term basis, from a few hours to a day. Also, some lending programs charge students for damages incurred to borrowed books.

The Bucks library does not accept donated textbooks from stu-
dents just looking to get rid of them. “My textbook wasn’t accepted [by the bookstore during buyback] and I thought about donating it to the library and they turned me down,” said Mark Bennett, 20, journalism major from Levittown.

Library officials said budgetary considerations are the main obsta-
cles to implementing such pro-
grams. “We don’t have the money. We have limited budgeting resources,” said Ostrowski. “We have to electronically catalog the books and have library faculty shelve the books. That costs money.”

For now, financial aid students at Bucks have few options when it comes to buying textbooks.

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The CDC doesn’t recommend fluoride be added to water at the EPA-recommended level. The CDC doesn’t recommend that infants be given fluoridated water.

"Legitimate epidemiological studies have not detected health risks to water fluoridation at 1 ppm. The benefits of water fluoridation are great and easy to detect," said The Fluoride Information Network (FIN), a pro-fluoridation group, on their website.

The Sierra Club’s Pennsylvania Chapter published a resolution opposing fluoridation in January 1997.

The National Research Council released its comprehensive review of fluoride in March 2006, calling EPA standards unsafe.

The statement was in agreement, with a group of EPA professionals who said the EPA in 1986 because they believed the same.

"Many are shocked, including many dentists, to find that 91 percent of the fluoridation schemes use raw untreated hazardous waste from the poultry slaughter systems of the phosphate mining industry to increase the fluoride levels in drinking water," said David Kennedy, DDS, in an e-mail to a Centurion staff member on Oct. 17.

Kennedy is a fluoride information officer and past president of the International Academy of Oral Medicine and Toxicology.

Some bottled waters also come from fluoridated sources, and bottled water does not assure the absence of fluoride. Only distillation and reverse osmosis filters can remove fluoride from water; carbon filters don’t cut it.

"I just don’t even know how dangerous it is," said Bucks student David Schuman, 18, of Newtown. He doesn’t want it added to his water supply.

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**Bucks Prof. Releases New Novel**

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Centurion Staff

Bucks professor and former Bucks County Poet Laureate Allen Hoey recently released his newest novel entitled “Voices Beyond the Dead.”

“Voices” is Hoey’s second book published in two years, following “Chasing the Dragon: A Novel About Jazz.”

Hoey began novel writing as an undergraduate but abandoned it for poetry before returning to novels in the late 90’s. He enjoyed the rhythm of writing novels and said he found it congenial. “Chasing the Dragon” was published in May 2006. His inspiration came from burning some of his favorite jazz songs onto CDs.

While choosing songs for the playlist, Hoey noticed that many of the best jazz songs came from 1957. Wondering what happened in 1957 to cause such a spike in great jazz music, he began to write. The result was his first novel.

After finishing his first draft, Hoey began work on an amateur detective novel, but progress came to a halt when he suffered a heart attack. The novel was put aside. “I couldn’t bring myself to go back to it,” he said.

Amidst his heart attack, with the support of his wife, he began work on his latest novel. “Voices Beyond the Dead” has a largely political feel. It centers around the September 11 attacks and opens with the main character, Earl Mackey, arriving at his office building just in time to see the second plane crash into the World Trade Center.

The novel follows the long timeline relationship between Mackey, his wife and former mentor Thomas Del Gigude from their earliest meeting during the antirwar movement in 1973, to their reunion in present-day suburban Philadelphia.

Hoey got a lot of his inspiration from his own experiences during the antirwar movement. The story is based in a town similar to his hometown at a university similar to one which he attended, The State University of New York at Potsdam.

Some of his characters in “Voices” are based on professors he had while in college. According to Hoey, “There are real people lingering anywhere in a story’s characters.”

In addition to his two novels, Hoey has released several collections of poems over the years, including his most recent collections “The Precipice of Paradise” and “Provencal Light & Other Poems.” These days, Hoey said he is halfway through a second detective novel.

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**Bucks Clubs Have Message Board**

Jen Klimowicz  
Centurion Staff

Bucks’ website has added a clubs and organizations message board to increase membership and allow students easy access to meeting times and events.

Information that was posted on hundreds of flyers around campus, and largely ignored by students, is now organized in one online location. “The website serves a few purposes,” said Matt Cipriano, director of student life.

“Students at both the Upper Bucks and Lower Bucks Campuses are now able to know what’s going on in a particular organization, even if it’s at another location.”

Cipriano also said he has noticed some increase in club membership, but as more and more students start to realize the board exists, these numbers are expected to increase.

“Clubs and organizations are open to everyone, and if you haven’t seen the website yet, you’re missing out,” he said. Because students are unable to attend every meeting, the new message board serves as a resource to those members who need information on what may have been covered on a particular day.

Before the board existed, many students felt discouraged about joining a group they would not be able to attend every week.

Tony Rogers, Bucks’ journalism professor, said the message board benefits journalism students who need information on clubs and events.

“The Centurion staff now has an easier time interviewing club members because they know when and where to find them,” said Cipriano. “The staff also gets story ideas from the board.”

The message board also allows different organizations to work together on a particular event. “The blood drive may be sponsored by one group, but another club may want to get involved and co-sponsor the event,” said Cipriano.

“Groups now have an easy way to contact each other and work together on something.”

To access the board go to www.bucks.edu and click the student life tab. Select the clubs and organizations option, then click the message board link. The board’s web address is http://bucksco.proboards105.com/index.x.cgi

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**Transferring to a Four-Year School**

John Jones  
NICK TAMBRUNI  
Centurion Staff

When you ask most college students where they see themselves in the future, you hear about their plans to have a job, a place of their own or striking out to follow their dreams. When you ask most Bucks students you hear something different. A group of girls yell out their future colleges while standing in the Transfer Office in Rollins.

“Here is where you come when Bucks is the launch pad to the rest of your life!”

It’s just an example of how Bucks is working to help prospective transfer students have an easier time moving on to the next stage of education. “Bucks has numerous agreements with over 36 schools, to ensure that transferring your credits from our records to theirs goes perfectly smoothly,” explained Mandy O’Reilly, counselor in the Student Advising Office.

It is up to the university a student transfers to whether or not they accept Bucks credits. Most Bucks courses are equivalent to courses offered at four-year colleges. This means that student hours and money at Bucks won’t be wasted.

Transfer Fairs allow students to browse multiple colleges and speak to representatives.

Transfer Office employee Barbara Ford said, “The purpose of transfer fairs is to give the opportunity to talk directly with representatives, and get information from a large number of schools in a relatively short-period of time.”

Dedicated personnel in the Transfer Office are providing as much information as possible, to tell students how to transfer from Bucks.

But they strongly encourage students to visit the school of their choice.

On their website, they said, “Don’t just settle for a picturesque view book, web site, etc. Visit the school. Make sure it’s a right fit for you, and that you’re a right fit for it. Talk with administrators, faculty, students and alumni if you have the opportunity.”

The next Transfer Fair is Nov. 14, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Upper Campus.

Bucks will also hold a fair for nurses on Nov. 19 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the cafeteria. If you are interested in transferring, contact the transfer office at (215) 968-8182.

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**Random Photo of the Week**

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A Club with Some Drama to Share
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Bucks’ Drama Club offers an excellent opportunity for any and all students interested in the art of acting, or behind-the-scenes work such as set and stage production.

The club, which meets every Thursday afternoon in the library auditorium from 12:30 – 1:15 p.m., plays host to all of the student shows on campus, including the upcoming production of “A Christmas Carol.”

The upcoming production, which plays on Nov. 30, Dec. 1 and Dec. 2, held auditions last month, but interested students can still play a major role in the show’s set and stage design as well as production.

“Along with putting on student productions here at Bucks, the club also aims to bring back two classes that have been absent here on campus: Play Production and Theater Production,” said Drama Club President Justin Derry. “The Drama Club is not only just about acting on the stage, but also everything that goes on behind the scenes.”

Unfortunately for the club and its members, their most recent show was not as well attended as some may have wanted.

Aside from looking to recruit members, the club also seeks to raise awareness of their stage productions.

Club Adviser Pat Eingle was disappointed by the audience turnout for the club’s most recent production of a murder-mystery, but is not discouraged.

“I heard several audience members express surprise that a cast so good was not drawing bigger crowds,” she said. “It will take time for us to build our reputation, but we can do it.”

Students interested in finding more information on the Drama Club are encouraged to inquire in the Student Life Office. The club motto is “Life has enough drama: We’re just in the club.”

Suicide Forum Reaches Out
CHASE GRIER
Centurion Staff

Suicide among teens and young adults is a taboo subject for many, but at Bucks the opportunity to openly discuss the terrible frequency of suicide may be the hope some are looking for.

On Tuesday Nov. 20, The Woman’s Center and Bucks counseling services will host a suicide awareness forum for students who want to become more knowledgeable about suicide statistics and causes as well as learning about preventative measures.

Natalie Kaye, Woman’s Center coordinator, hopes to bring awareness to a problem that plagues many high schools and colleges, and has become a cultural issue.

“Suicide is such a large problem in today’s youth,” Kaye said, “but it’s a problem that needs to be both talked about and addressed on a serious level.”

During the forum, a 30-minute video will be shown entitled “Eternal High,” billed as “a teenager’s experience… that will change your life,” which depicts teenage depression and suicide. Along with the video, performance artist and professional mime Janet Berkowitz will present a piece called “Living on the See-Saw.”

Following the video and performance piece, attendees will have the option to join small-group discussions with Bucks counselors on the forum and its topics.

Berkowitz, who both dealt with and attempted suicide in her life, will also be available for questions and comments.

“For some people, talking in front of others may be difficult, let alone when it’s on such a difficult subject,” Kaye said of the group discussions.

The free forum will be held 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and again at 6 – 7:30 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge.

The ‘Balloon Freak’
KYLE GARGAN
Centurion Staff

For John Cassidy, it’s going to take a lot more than the average person to suck the air out of his dreams.

The magician, and self-proclaimed “balloon freak” will be traveling to Bucks to attempt to break a Guinness World Record that will be sure to take the breath out of you.

Cassidy will attempt to sculpt 700 balloon animals in an hour to demonstrate “The Power of Lungs” and to help kick-off the Great American Smokeout, taking place the following day.

Cassidy, who already holds multiple records, including making 654 sculptures in an hour and 13 in one minute, is focused on breaking his own record on Nov. 14 in the Gallagher Room at 2 p.m.

Official judges from the Guinness Book of World Records will be present with cameras to verify if the record is broken.

“The Power of Lungs” is an event sponsored by the Bucks Chapter of Pennsylvania Students Working Against Tobacco (PaSWAT).

The annual Great American Smokeout, organized by the American Cancer Society, encourages Americans to stop smoking for the day with hopes that it leads to quitting for good.

Cassidy has performed all over the country as a comedy magician or Guinness World Record celebrity. For more information on the Great American Smokeout or Cassidy’s attempt to break the world record contact Jean Dolan, the assistant director of public relations at 215-968-8094.

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We look forward to hearing from you!

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When Snow Falls, Hope Your Car Runs Well

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With the upcoming winter season, will your car perform the same as it did under the bright blue skies of summer? If you’re in the market for a new car, look to models that boast a more versatile vehicle for all seasons. A sturdy ride means a sedan. They not only get good gas mileage, but they have enough room for people and packages. The recent growth in powerful four-door cars has increased the popularity of sedans. Especially for the factories of Mitsubishi and Subaru, with their production of four-door powerhouses, the Lancer Evolution and the Impreza WRX, respectively. They are not only some of the fastest on the market in their price range, but they have all-wheel drive. All-wheel drive is great in winter weather, because the power is distributed to all wheels instead of just the front two or back two. This means no more slipping on the snow and no more getting stuck in ice.

As for the summer season, it has great handling on rainy roads and has the torque to pull you out of the mud. Shannan Ladder, a 19-year-old junior major from Richboro said, “I have a Saturn, and I like it because I can put a lot of stuff in it, but it doesn’t drive well when it’s wet. I have to slow down more to turn, otherwise I go into the lane.”

The all-wheel drive has power coming from a turbocharged four-cylinder engine. Although smaller, it puts out more power from the turbo, which also has the ability to produce better gas mileage when driven conservatively. The cars Subaru produce have been equipped with all-wheel drive for at least the last decade, thus leading the market with experience but followed closely by the company of Mitsubishi. The Subaru Impreza and the Mitsubishi Evolution are a great buy for any student who is in the market for a cure to weather-conscious drivers. This winter is bound to be crossed with snow, when traction is key. These cars will shine.

And come summer, there’s no need to worry if you’re cars power is obsolete. These versatile rides will keep you safe on through year-round.

Not Just Another Overrated Book Review

WILL HEDUS
Centurion Staff

Overrated. This is a word thrown out in sports all the time. Fans love to argue about how this player and that player are praised way too much. If fans want to argue, “The Paolantonio Report: The Most Overrated and Underrated Players, Teams, Coaches, and Moments in NFL History” by Sal Paolantonio is the book for them.

Paolantonio, an award-winning sports writer who now works for ESPN, has thrown down the gauntlet on some revered players. Once you read the first chapter, which is “The Most Overrated Moment in NFL History,” arguments must break out.

Adam Vinatieri’s field goal in the infamous “Tuck Rule” game is the most overrated moment under the sun.

Seriously. A kicker gets the nod for this moment? It was an extremely difficult kick in blizzard-like conditions but come on, kickers aren’t real football players, just oversized soccer players.

This moment was underrated so it really isn’t worth too much rage, but the next one probably has people in New York fuming.

The most overrated quarterback of all time is none other than Hall of Famer Joe Namath.

Blanda played for 26 years, and Favre hasn’t.

This is significant because Blanda played for 26 years, and Favre hasn’t.

Also, Favre is one of the few players to ever be applauded for being clumsy with the football; usually someone who throws that many interceptions won’t get the opportunity to throw more.

Favre has won many games for the Packers, but he has lost many too, by throwing up some wound-ed ducks. Opposing defensive coordinators routinely tell their players, when game-planning for Favre, that he will throw at least two to three dumb passes a game.

Now for the Eagles. The former Eagles’ beat writer has gone after a beloved coach and a legendary play in this city. First, the one and only Buddy Ryan.

Philly fans love Ryan because he was ornery and had a defense with such stars as Reggie White, Clyde Simmons, Seth Joyner and Andre Waters.

Paolantonio, though, has a good point. Ryan never won a playoff game as the Eagles’ coach.

Well, most fans would say it was because of the offense that was Randall Cunningham and a bunch of misfits, but who built that terri-bile offense? Buddy Ryan.

This man could’ve drafted a decent offensive line and some good skill players, but instead he neglected that side of the ball.

Oh, and his great defense never was great while he was here, never ranking higher than 10th.

They only became great in 1991, leading the league in most categories, after he was fired.

Now the great moment that was undisputed was Chuck Bednarik knocking out Frank Gifford.

The image of “Concrete Charlie” standing over a lifeless Gifford is burned into the minds of all Eagles’ fans.

Paolantonio says that since the hit took place in New York and was on the cover of Sports Illustrated, it is Bednarik’s legacy.

He says Bednarik should be remembered as the great player he was and if he is remembered for any single moment it should be “his last significant play in an Eagles uniform.”

That moment is Bednarik tackling Packers running back Jim Taylor on the 9-yard line as time expired to win the 1960 NFL Championship. Paolantonio’s views and opinions may draw the ire of foot-ball fans but that’s the point. He backs up his opinions fairly well, and he makes you think.

Digital Photogs Dig the Hi-Tech Pics

KYLE CRAWFORD
Centurion Staff

Through the years, photography has been a hobby of mine, a career to some and a passion for many. The world of digital photography is now upon us, and it is only getting better.

Digital photography has become more popular over the past couple years. With technol- ogy increasing constantly, the production of different cameras is on the rise.

There are numerous choices now for any-one interested in the art of photography. There are cameras for everything now, no matter what the interest is, there’s a camera to suit the need.

Along with the rise of digital photography in general, the rise of Digital SLR cameras has become more popular as well. SLR stands for single-lens-reflex. These are large cameras, usually only offered in black color, have interchangeable lenses, and cost more.

The digital era we live in is slowly eradicat- ing film. Companies who produce both film and digital cameras like Nikon, Canon and Fuji have pushed for new cameras with the most recent digital technology.

Perhaps the future holds nowhere for film to be developed.

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Paula Ladd, a 19-year-old senior major from Richboro said, “I have a Saturn, and I like it because I can put a lot of stuff in it, but it doesn’t drive well when it’s wet. I have to slow down more to turn, otherwise I go into the lane.”

The all-wheel drive has power coming from a turbocharged four-cylinder engine. Although smaller, it puts out more power from the turbo, which also has the ability to produce better gas mileage when driven conservatively.

The cars Subaru produce have been equipped with all-wheel drive for at least the last decade, thus leading the market with experience but followed closely by the company of Mitsubishi. The Subaru Impreza and the Mitsubishi Evolution are a great buy for any student who is in the market for a cure to weather-conscious drivers.

This winter is bound to be crossed with snow, when traction is key. These cars will shine.

And come summer, there’s no need to worry if you’re cars power is obsolete. These versatile rides will keep you safe on through year-round.

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Bucks is ‘Among Criminals’

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Among Criminals, a local band with a part Reggae, part Latin-Rock sound, brought their politically charged music to Bucks students in a cafeteria concert on Thursday, Nov. 1.

Lead singer, writer and guitarist Ryan Gaughan, 23, said the band’s name came from his appreciation of how lucky we all are to be in America.

Gaughan talked about the country’s history of violent conquest, such as the Pilgrims over the Native Americans. He said that, because of this history, living with Americans is living amongst criminals.

Criminals spreads the message of taking responsibility for your actions and coming together as a people through their music.

Gaughan grew up with Bean, 21, the band’s bass player, in Washington Crossing. Gaughan later met drummer Jarrod Pedone, 23, at Berkley.

The band’s promoter, Dan Schwartz, said Among Criminals is currently without a label. Being unsigned has not kept the band from promoting. The band uses both MySpace.com and their own website, AmongCriminal.com, to promote their music and their cause.

How hard is it to get a record contract?
“We’ll tell you when we get there,” Jarrod said, feeling the strain of self-promotion in the music industry.

Gaughan said the band has been “jamming” on and off for the past three years.

The band has been more serious about pushing their album since Pedone returned from Las Vegas 13 months ago.

In just over a year, the band has played over 250 shows, Pedone said. They have also written over 30 songs.

Cold Soldier, a song off their current album, Kill the Myth, tells the story of a military soldier not supportive of the war, and imprisoned for refusing to participate.

As for their performance at Bucks, a crowd of students clapped their hands and bobbed their heads to the band’s beat, seemingly enjoying the show. Several of the students could be heard proclaiming that the performance was good.

“They had good bass riff,” said Mike Nussbaum, 22 of Wrightstown.

“I’ll definitely be coming back” said Kevin Grotz, 18, from Fairness Hills.

Eric Mintel Quartet

Library Auditorium
7:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 23, 2007

A "Jazz Holiday" family concert featuring the "Charlie Brown Christmas" music of Vince Guaraldi, traditional holiday favorites and original compositions from Eric’s CD "Silent Night."

Council Rock High School’s South Vocal Ensemble will join the group on several numbers.

Drinking without Driving

PHIL COLES
Centurion Staff

It’s Friday night and you’re bored. What to do?

If you’re over 21, there’s always the bar.

Whether it’s going out with friends to have a few drinks, or trying to pick up some single people, the bar-scene is the place to be for young adults.

The problem, however, is how to make it safely home from the bar?

There are the obvious choices: designate a driver, call a cab, walk, or pick the least inebriated one among your party to chance a ride home.

More often than not, the latter is the preferred choice.

Some people are more responsible than others when it comes to finding safe transportation home from a night out.

Asa Carr, 23, from Bensalem said, “When I go out with my friends, we always designate a driver.”

What happens when the person you selected to be the designated-driver decides to forgo his responsibilities as your safety-provider for the evening?

Finding public-transportation is not exactly easy in rural Bucks County.

Some people want the county to provide a safe alternative for getting home.

Carr would like to see something get done. “I definitely think a public-transportation system would help, even if you had to pay for it. The county won’t do it though, because DUIs are too big of a money-maker. Instead of coming up with legislation to promote safer driving, they keep making laws so it’s easier to get DUIs.”

Many Bucks students drink because they claim there is nothing else to do in Bucks County.

Laura Irwin, 25, from Newtown said, “I drink for the social aspect of it. There’s not much else to do around here.”

And she’s right.

Other than malls and movie theaters, what else is there besides gatherings at homes and bars?

“I just know if I want to do something at night, I am going to a bar,” Irwin said.

That seems to be the sentiment of most Bucks students.

The fact remains there are few alternatives for young adults to socialize.

Coffee shops, book stores and restaurants offer some different choices for students, but they all close around 10 or 11 p.m.

Not to mention they do not offer the social lubricant that is alcohol.

Campus Events

Nov. 13:
9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.- Trip to the PA Academy of Fine Arts/Thomas Eakins
11 a.m.-3:30 p.m.-Trip to Italian South Philadelphia
1:30-5:30 p.m.- Trip to Philadelphia Society hill/ Powell house

Nov. 14:
8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.- Trip to Brooklyn Museum/Ancient Treasures

Nov. 28:
7:30 p.m.- Swing Singers

Nov. 30:
8 p.m.- The Drama Club presents "A Christmas Carol" in the Library Auditorium
Afghans Bury Those Killed in Suicide Attack

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Hundreds of weeping relatives rushed toward the grave of Afghanistan’s leading opposition politician, who was buried Nov. 8 along with four other legislators killed in a suicide bombing in the southern province of Zabul.

Kabul parliament speaker Sayed Mustafa Kazimi, the other survivor of the suicide attack, Monday in a statement. “It is time for this nation to heal.”

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NEW YORK (AP) — Stephen Colbert has dropped his bid for the White House. It’s not the first time the talk-show host on the Comedy Central show “The Colbert Report” off the state’s primary ballot. The vote was 13-3.

Colbert poses as a conservative talk-show host on the Comedy Central show. “Although I lost by the slimmest margin in presidential election history — only 10 votes — I have chosen not to put the country through another agonizing Supreme Court battle,” Colbert said in a statement. “It is time for this nation to heal.”

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NEW YORK (AP) — Circulation fell 2.6 percent at major U.S. daily newspapers in the six months ending in September, according to figures released Monday, the latest decline as readers continue to migrate to the Internet for news, information and entertainment.

Newspaper circulation has been eroding steadily over the past 20 years, as readership habits change and people turn to other media such as cable TV for news. In recent years the declines have been accelerating, especially at large metro papers, where there tends to be greater competition from Internet usage.

There were some exceptions to the rule, including Tribune Co.’s Los Angeles Times, which saw circulation edge up 0.5 percent in the latest period to 778,682. In New York, The New York Daily News circulation fell 0.6 percent, and the New York Post, which was acquired by the Daily News on the last day of the previous period, saw a 3 percent gain.

Among larger papers, the only other major daily reporting gains was The Philadelphia Inquirer, which clocked a 2.3 percent gain to 338,260, making it the 16th largest paper by circulation. The Inquirer and the Philadelphia Daily News were bought last year by a group of local business people led by Brian Tierney, a former advertising executive.

According to an analysis of the 538 daily U.S. newspapers that reported average weekday paid circulation to the Audit Bureau, Monday-through-Friday circulation fell 2.6 percent in the six month period. For the 609 newspapers reporting Sunday figures, Sunday circulation fell 3.5 percent.

With print circulation on the decline and more of their readers going online, many newspaper publishers have been seeking to emphasize their online reach. Revenues from online advertising have also been growing at many publishers, but not enough to make up for the declines in print advertising.

In the data released from the Audit Bureau Monday, 112 major newspapers began reporting for the first time sets of print and online audience measurements based on surveys done by Scarborough Research. Another 94 smaller papers participated partially in the supplemental reporting method.

Online readership in the market was 1 million, and combined print and online readership was 2.3 million, which takes into account the overlap of the people who read both print and online versions of the newspapers.

Newspaper publishers argue that they should be measured by the size of their audience, as other media such as television are, rather than by the number of units they sell. "We're trying to supply another look at the newspaper audience, and not focus on one single element," said John Kimball, chief marketing officer of the Newspaper Association of America.
As I’m making my morning commute to the Newtown campus, I find myself wondering how half these idiots on the road get their licenses in the first place.

Maybe it’s me, but I swear that they give a license to anyone that walks through the doors of the DMV. And that tends to be a problem, because it seems that two or three times every morning everyone in the tri-state area gets together to plan ways to try and kill me while I’m on the road.

Now, I’m far from being a perfect driver, believe me when I say that I’ve driven the wrong way down a one-way road more times than I care to mention; but come on folks, some of the crap I see people doing is downright mind boggling.

Let’s take into account a week or so ago, when I was driving behind a certain bright blue S-10 that was all tricked-out, the driver flipped his headlights on, and pulled over to the right shoulder. I slowed down, and then went to pass him, which is when he decided to pull off the road. To turn and park on the left side of the shoulder. I believe the exact words out of my mouth were “Are you F#$%#*% kidding me?”

So everyone, please, drive safe-ly. It’s a headache weather it’s your fault or not. If you happen to be one of those attending the bi-monthly meetings to figure out ways to put me into the median, for the love of God stop being such idiots on the road. I’m going to think it’s too funny when everyone on the road is just too get you.

So everyone, please, drive safe-ly, I dont for my own safety, than for everyone else’s safety.

A Piece of My Mind
A Centurion editor vents his frustrations.

Promote with the Newspaper, Not Flyers

ASA JAMES CARR
Centurion Staff

Bucks’ recent failure to convince students to sign up for Gmail is just another indication that the college’s means of communicating with students is in dire need of a change.

Although college officials would say that it is the students who lack interest, the reality is when it comes to informing students about campus activities, Bucks does a pitiful job.

The result is a dramatic decline in student and community support for both clubs and events at Bucks.

This can clearly be attributed to the relaxed approach the college takes toward its promotional efforts.

Not to knock the traditional flyer technique, but students are more likely to find them in a pad-dle on a bathroom floor, rather than on a wall where they are supposed to be. “Nobody reads the flyers,” said Mark Leman, 21, liberal arts major from Levittown. “In fact I just walked over a pile of them that fell on the floor in the Gateway cor-dor.”

Along with the flyers, Bucks’ other ineffective approach is its heavy reliance on the college’s website.

Unfortunately, for a first-time user, surfing the site is enough to make the most patient person develop a case of ADD.

So then, what is the solution? Simple: if clubs truly want to drum up support, they should wake up and realize that the best way is to utilize Bucks’ student newspaper, The Centurion.

Whatever means of change Bucks chooses to counter the lack of interest, one thing is clear: if nothing is done you can be assured that the boring dynamic that has come to define campus life at Bucks will continue.

Any clubs or organizations that wish to promote meetings or events can e-mail The Centurion at centurion@bucks.edu, or visit the newsroom in Rollins 127.
## Eagles Need Improvement at Defense & Offense

**PHIL COLES**
Centurion Staff

Watching the Philadelphia Eagles this season, it’s easy to see that this is not the same team that has won the NFC East five of the last six years. Although some of the blame should belong to Andy Reid and the rest of his coaches, as well as quarterback Donovan McNabb, football battles are won and lost at the line of scrimmage, and in the turnover battle. The Eagles’ offensive line has played well at times this year, but injuries and a lack of pressure on the quarterback from the defensive ends have cost the Eagles on numerous occasions.

Center Jamal Jackson has been a disappointment this season, following last season’s solid effort. He has been routinely beaten by opposing defensive tackles this season, and does not possess the quickness to get to the second gapper on scrambles in order to block linebackers.

The offensive tackles this season have struggled. Jon Runyan, the Eagles’ stalwart right tackle, has been playing through an injured towel, and has shown that at times in recent contests. He should be praised for getting it out; Runyan has not missed a game in the past 11 seasons. However, he is getting beat this season by quicker defensive ends.

William Thomas, the Eagles’ left tackle, has also been hampered by injury this season, and his replacement, second-year tackle Winston Justice, is not ready to be an every-week starter, as evidenced by how he gave up a sack against the New York Giants in week four.

On the other side of the ball, the Eagles have actually performed worse. Aside from defensive end Trent Cole, who leads the NFL with nine sacks, they have not been able to get consistent pressure on the quarterback. Defensive ends Jevon Kearse and Darren Howard, both of whom the Eagles paid enormous salaries, have greatly underperformed. Howard has just one solo tackle, and one assisted tackle on the season, with no sacks. Even the once vaunted Eagles’ blitz package has been reduced to just a handful of blitzes per game. That could be because of the youth and inexperience in the Eagles secondary. Injuries to starters Brian Dawkins and Lito Sheppard have forced players such as Quintin Mikell and William James into starting roles for the team.

Another area of disappointment for the Eagles has been its newly formed linebacker corps. While they have played solidly against the run, they are not making the game-changing plays that were expected of them. The unit has just one sack between them, and has forced zero turnovers, not what they expected halfway through the season after signing play-making linebacker Takeo Spikes, and moving Chris Gocong to the middle linebacker position, who recorded 22 sacks in his senior year of college. The Eagles’ defense has forced just nine turnovers this season. Compare that to the 6-2 Detroit Lions who have forced 30, and it’s easy to see why the Eagles have not played up to expectations. This was always a bend-but-don’t-break Eagle defense that relied on making big plays to win ball games. This year they have just not gotten it done.

## The Top Ten Reasons Billy King Should Be Fired

1. The Webber trade: three years $65 million + bad knees = enough said.
2. 2007 Draft: Armed with three first-round draft picks acquired in the Iverson trade, King failed to improve the squad or land a big name collegiate player in a very deep draft.
3. Hefty contracts for underperforming players: King invested close to $90 million in the trio of Willis Green, Kyle Korver and Samuel Dalembert – and none so far have lived up to their paychecks.
4. Failure to extend Andre Iguodala’s contract: Thus, letting the Sixers’ only legitimate franchise player escape into free agency.
5. Letting Raja Bell get away: And five years later, Bell is a double-digit scorer and one of the top two.
6. Trading for stars past their primes: Tonki Kukoc, Glenn Robinson, Dikembe Mutombo, Chris Webber. The list goes on and on.
7. Coaching carousel: Four coaches in seven years. Apparently, this is King’s way of putting the blame on someone else. After Brown was canned, then Ford, then Boren, and finally Cheeks. Who’s next?
8. Matt Geiger’s contract: $52 million? Really?
9. Not properly utilizing Iverson: In his second year as GM, King found a formula that worked around Iverson. So why did he only do that during one season?
10. Alienating the fan base: OK maybe not intentionally, but fans expect a winner and so far, King has failed to produce one.

## Sixers Need a New Manager

**ASA JAMES CARR**
Centurion Staff

You can call me paranoid, maybe even delusional, but I often feel like a lone soul in this die-hard fan bastion, rage at the poor management.

For all the shortcomings that have come to plague the reputation of Philadelphia sports teams, the one I have continually argued against was that many Philadelphia faithful were incapable of thinking logically and intelligently when it came to their teams.

But I couldn’t make this argument any longer when I realized that for the eighth straight season the Philadelphia 76ers would foolishly allow Billy King to remain as general manager, and the fans were not upset.

Now call me crazy, but how many blown drafts, trades for aging veterans with blood transects, or huge deals for poorly evaluated young talent does it take for the Sixers ownership to man up and cut ties with King?

Granted, King’s first two years as GM started out on a positive note, as he improved the win total by 10 games, then assembled all the proper pieces in year two around Allen Iverson. For the first time since 1984, the Sixers were a relevant team in Philly.

Unfortunately, since that magical run of 2000-01, King’s inability to duplicate the success of his first two years has SIXers looking up at other teams from the bottom of the Eastern Conference.

Now eight years later, and with the Sixers in disarray, the time has come to make a switch and regain the winning culture that once defined this historic franchise.

So why then, am I the only one who sees realizing what the only logical choice is?

**Billy King has to go!**

**Keep Off Winter Weight With Yoga Class**

**MARK BENNETT**
Student Life and Web Editor

As the winter months approach and it starts to get colder, most people become less active and sleep and eat more, which can be a bit of a problem for anyone wanting to maintain their figure.

There are several options available for someone who wants to stay in shape. Working out in your free time is a good option, but most college students don’t have enough time to get a good night’s sleep alone in the gym.

Diets are another good option. However, natural instinct drives us to eat more in winter in order to store up food because food becomes scarce in the colder months. The human body also goes into a less active state and doesn’t burn as many calories in the winter.

So what is someone supposed to do to stay in shape when the air gets cold and crisp? Well, they could try taking a yoga class at Bucks.

Stay in shape and earn credits at the same time, no bad deal.

In particular, the yoga classes offered at Bucks are a great way to stay in shape, remain flexible and learn a lot about nutrition all at the same time.

“Not only will it help you learn about yourself,” said Brad Transue, 20, environmental studies major. “My students develop skills they can use throughout the course of their life and Yoga helps to keep them centered and balanced,” said Lisa Manheim, professor of health and fitness who teaches several yoga classes at the Newtown campus.

Bucks Yoga classes teach the basics of the more than 3,000-year-old practice and students feel it is a great way to stay in shape and relax a little.

Some students don’t find it as tough as others. “I’m an athlete so it’s not that challenging,” said Jill Schirn, 21, liberal arts major from Schier, 21, liberal arts major.

“But it’s mentally challenging.”

When some people think of yoga, they picture a monk sitting on a towel and meditating, not really moving or doing anything. That is far from the case.

Spiritual and Zen stuff aside, yoga is basically a series of positions that make the body hold its body in a position that isolates certain muscles and gives them a nice, long stretch.

“It actually relates to real-life situations and is very physically demanding,” said Brad Transue, 20, environmental studies major.

Yoga is a great way to make sure all the muscles in the body stay loose. Making sure that all the muscles in the body are well-stretched is a great way to prevent injury and is very important to anyone who is physically active.

Bucks has a variety of gym classes, which offer fun and challenging activities that will help keep your interest. Some of the classes are not just physically demanding as others, such as bowling and golf, fencing and archery.

But others will definitely help make the average student realize what the only logical choice is.

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