

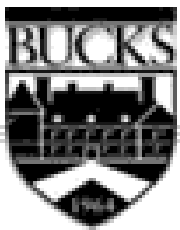
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Tuesday: A chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 75.

Wednesday: A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 71.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 68.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 66.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 45.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 67.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 47.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 69.

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Mass-communication in HD

It started with the Bucks website and our phones. Now the next step in mass-communication is underway, in high-def.

BY DAVID NONINI
Centurion Staff

Communication on the Bucks campus is about to take a leap forward with the implementation of a digital signage project in the coming weeks.

Maureen McCreadie, dean of learning resources, and Marilyn Puchalski, professor of teaching and learning technologies, described the project as a multi-faceted initiative designed to give directions and keep students informed about what's happening on campus.

The project began with the installation of three flat-screen, high-definition monitors; two are located in Gateway, near the receptionist's desk and outside the library auditorium, while the third is located at the top of the stairs near the cafeteria in Rollins. However, they are not in operation, awaiting a server. McCreadie estimated an operational system would be in place within a few weeks, but before



THE MONITORS WILL BE USED FOR CAMPUS ALERTS AND INFORMATION
PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON

the end of fall semester.

Described as a cross between the bulletin boards and the Bucks website, a digital alert will be a more organized and streamlined

method of up-to-date mass communication. McCreadie said the system may be able to be tied to

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Upper Bucks to expand campus

BY CHRIS GRAHAM
Centurion Staff

For students at the Upper Bucks campus, the sound of construction equipment has become as much a part of everyday life as classes and homework. The Perkasio campus recently began construction on a 28,000 square foot addition to the campus.

Upper Bucks opened its doors in 1999 in the former corporate offices of the now defunct Bucks County Bank on Hillendale Drive in Perkasio. The building in its current configuration features a small library, and a handful of computer labs.

Adam Schwartz, 19, from Quakertown, said, "At least now it is going to look like a real college campus. I think that the new building will get more students to stay close to home with the additional classes."

According to Dr. Rodney Altemose, executive director of the campus, "It will be amazing! It will [allow] Bucks to diversify its offerings to Upper Bucks students."

With the construction taking place in the area of the former student parking area, some issues have developed.

When asked about the parking situation, Altemose sighed, "...students have been pretty good...I think we all recognized that there are some growing pains."

Jen Fischer, 19, from East Rockhill, said "There is enough

parking across the street or in front of the Giant, so it really doesn't bother me."

In its current configuration, Upper Bucks features 15 lecture and seminar classrooms, a drawing/painting studio, an interactive video conferencing facility, two computer labs, a business and community meeting room, student meeting and activity areas, exhibit area, faculty and advising offices and a state-of-the-art electronic library.

The \$13 million project is a design by the Schrader Group, and ER Stubner is handling the general contractor duties.

The project is slated for completion in January 2010, and according to Altemose, "We are ahead of schedule... so far so good with [the] budget."

Currently, only land-grading equipment is on site, with a formal ground-breaking to be held in the coming weeks. The plans for construction depict a modern structure with a large atrium leading into cafe and library areas.

The drawings also show the addition as a separate structure, with a large green area in between the two buildings.

Some students acknowledged that they will be transferred before the building opens.

Mark Green, an 18-year-old from Perkasio, said "I know that I won't be a student here when they open the doors, but it will benefit the college community for a long time."

Running on empty



STUDENTS USING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AVOID HIGH GAS PRICES
PHOTO BY KISHA LOWENTHAL

The rising cost of gas is a drain on student's wallets.

BY JEN GOLDING
Centurion Staff

The rising cost of gas is enraging drivers across the country and hitting students at Bucks, a commuter school, in the wallet.

According to gasbuddy.com, the national average for gas a year ago was around \$2.80. Today, the average is \$3.64.

Students have to deal with financial burdens that come along with college. Tuition, books and food can have a devastating effect on students, in addition to gas-price inflation. In response, many Bucks students are thinking of ways they can cut back at the pump.

Some students are turning to more fuel-efficient vehicles.

"I'm thinking about getting a hybrid car because it uses less gas," said 19-year-old Lauren Benton. "With my car now I have to fill up twice a week." Benton commutes from Buckingham.

According to hybridcar.com, national sales have increased about 4 percent since this time last year.

Anthony Mazzatenta, 19, of Feasterville, rides his motorcycle to campus whenever he can. "I use my motorcycle to help cope with gas prices—because of its smaller tank and better gas mileage. Between my car and my bike I can go an entire month without having to buy gas," he said.

Planning your classes for three or four days a week is a tip from 20-year-old Andrew Mann, economics major from Philadelphia. "I can see how gas money might be a problem if you schedule

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Inexpensive trips for students, priceless

For 16 years, Bucks has taken students out of the classroom to learn.

BY JEN GOLDING
Centurion Staff

The Social Science club has been chartering trips to diverse destinations and this semester 44 day trips are being offered.

According to Professor Tony Wolf, the tour director and adviser of the social science department, the objective of the club is "to provide educational excursions to destinations not easily visited by our students in a manner that is inexpensive, secure, educational and enjoyable."

All of the trips, which include destinations like New York, Washington D.C. and

points of interest in and around Philadelphia, are extremely affordable. Ticket prices vary, but Bucks students receive a \$10 discount on all tickets and non-Bucks students, who are welcome and encouraged to attend, are charged an additional \$10. The club charters private buses from David Tours of Philadelphia, all of which are new, air-conditioned, and lavatory-equipped. For Bucks students, almost all of the trips are under \$40.

The trips are conducted by Bucks staff, and often feature special guides, such as Ben Franklin, better known as Professor Ward Vinson, who

leads the Ben Franklin Candlelight Walk on Oct. 22, which explores Philadelphia's Black Horse Alley, Trotter's Lane, Christ Church, Carpenter's Hall and Old City.

Arianna Horn, social science club president, said, "If it weren't for the club, few of our students, most of whom have lived their entire lives in the suburbs, would venture to less familiar places."

The trip brochure for this semester's trips boasts that in the past, the club has taken 24,600 travelers on 985 trips over the past 16 years. Despite the increasing popularity of the trips, Bucks Professor Mitch Bunkin, who leads the tour through Jewish Philadelphia/South Street on Oct. 21, would love to see

even more student involvement. He forgives his students one assignment if they take two half-day trips.

Bunkin isn't the only professor who views the trips as essential out-of-classroom learning. According to Wolf, Bucks students in more than 30 courses, including sociology, psychology, American government and integration of knowledge, have received credit for participation in trips.

"The point of the trips is not to visit every single attraction of a certain destination, it is only to get people interested so that they'll want to go back," said Bunkin.

Wolf said these trips have been so enlightening that many students have reported that their majors, career goals

and transfer plans have been affected by their experiences.

Professor Michael Altimore of Temple University proclaimed that these trips are "the finest social history tour program of any college or university in the Philadelphia area."

For many Bucks students, Temple University will be the next step in their college careers. This semester, Temple started a new core curriculum which requires students to visit significant places around the city, such as museums, churches and bridges in an effort to expand upon what is being taught in the classroom.

Tickets for all of the trips can be purchased from Trip Coordinator Eileen Derby in Penn Hall, room 305.

Ride share eases gas woes

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your classes for every day, but I'm only on campus 3 days a week, so it's not really a problem."

Despite gas prices becoming such a big issue, many Bucks students seem unaware of the Ride Share program that is organized by Student Life. This program is designed to allow students who live in the same area to exchange information about carpooling to and from campus.

Through the ride share program, students can offer or request rides.

All that is required is to fill out the online form with your name, contact information, starting location, destination and the dates and times needed.

"This program is definitely underutilized, but it's an option that could help students save gas," said Student Life Director Matt Cipriano.

Even staff and faculty can partake in the program through the Bucks intranet.

With prices flirting with \$4 per gallon, the Ride Share could be a



STUDENTS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SELF-PROPELLED TRANSPORTATION.
PHOTO BY KISHA LOWENTHAL

priceless option for Bucks.

The Bucks ride board can be accessed exclusively online

through the student life homepage, bucks.edu/student_life/rideboard.php.

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Monitors installed, but awaiting activation

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the website calendar to optimize the update abilities. Debbie Noble, chief information technology officer, said that the aim is to improve multiple components of communication at Bucks. Visitors and new students, unfamiliar to campus, can be directed while other viewers can check out when and where campus events and activities are going on. The signs will be catered to the area that they are located. While the reception area sign will have general announcements and

directions, the library auditorium sign would have information about cultural events on campus. The cafeteria screen would include information from Student Life and have announcements concerning the clubs and organizations on campus. The Rollins screen can also be divided into four separate sections, so that more information can be displayed at one time. General announcements would be in one section, while other notices will be in another part of the screen. Content will start off simple, gradually building to more

involved technology, such as a news crawl, once any technical issue the system may face is resolved. In the event of an emergency on campus, the monitors will be used to communicate instructions to students. A shelter-in-place notice or an evacuation order would be among the information announced. This is the latest in the ongoing expansion of the campus alert system, which includes a service that sends text messages to students' cell phones in the event of an emergency. Dave Snellman, director of

information network services, said that this is an improvement over the visual information system, television monitors as alert displays, which was implemented in 1972. However, that system required much work to implement, and only one message could be displayed on a monitor. The digital signage project uses a web-based system called "tightrope." This works in two steps—messages are submitted to the server and placed on a queue to await approval before they are posted. Then, information is sent to the monitor and

stored directly. By saving the information to the monitor itself, network traffic is minimized. Noble explained that if the budget allows, administration intends on installing at least five more monitors in the next year. The goal is to have at least one monitor, possibly more, in every building on campus. The project is to be implemented at the Bristol and Perkasio campuses. The installation of the server is the final step in order to make the system functional. However, training must first take place before the system goes online.

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Bailout debated

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON— Barack Obama and John McCain on Sunday gingerly embraced a newly negotiated congressional deal for a \$700 billion bailout of the hobbled financial industry. McCain said the latest version of the plan meets his insistence of an oversight body to monitor the treasury secretary and limits the compensation of executives of financial institutions applying for loans. The measure would allow the government to buy defaulted mortgages and other distressed housing-related assets, many of them held by Wall Street banks, in an effort to keep the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression from spreading throughout the entire economy. Obama predicted quick passage of the measure, which he said contained important consumer-friendly provisions he had supported. "Today, thanks to the hard work of Democrats and Republicans, it looks like we have a rescue plan that includes these taxpayer protections," Obama said in remarks prepared for a Detroit rally. "And it looks like we will pass that plan very soon." McCain made a show on Wednesday of "suspending" his campaign to return to Washington to help negotiate terms of a bailout agreement. He initially suggested that Friday's presidential debate be postponed if no deal was struck. But his campaign ads continued to air and McCain attended the debate even though there was no deal.

Republicans generally have said his participation helped prod the agreement. Democrats countered that his presence had little effect on the outcome and may have even delayed a deal. McCain said he planned to return to full-time campaigning Monday. The \$634 billion measure passed the Senate on Saturday. It also includes \$25 billion in taxpayer-subsidized loans for automakers. Like McCain, Obama spent parts of several days in Washington because of the bailout talks. But he has returned to the trail and on Sunday he and running mate Joe Biden planned to attend a rally in Detroit, the home of the nation's auto industry. Michigan is a key battleground in the November. Obama said in his television interview that he was inclined to support the bailout because it includes increased oversight, relief for homeowners facing foreclosure and limits on executive compensation for chief executives of firms that receive government help. The safeguards were supported by many in Congress, including Democrats and Republicans. The Republican vice presidential candidate, Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, credited McCain with helping to ensure that the bailout plan protected taxpayers. Reporters were kept at a distance when she made a campaign stop in Philadelphia, although Palin took one question about the \$700 bailout agreement.

JOE BIDEN

BY JOHN SKUDRIS
Managing Editor

If Sen. Barack Obama is the story of a young, up-and-coming star, then Sen. Joe Biden is the steady political veteran who is finally getting his chance to shine.

The U.S. Senator from Delaware was tabbed by Obama in August to be his running mate mostly because of his legislative and foreign policy experience.

What most people don't know, however, is the story of how he got to be where he is today. Biden was born in 1942 in Scranton, Pa., to a middle-class family. As a child and into his 20s, Biden had a severe stuttering impediment that he eventually overcame by reciting poetry in front of a mirror for hours on end.

Upon graduating from high school, Biden attended the University of Delaware and graduated with a bachelor's degree in history and political science. He would earn his Juris Doctor from Syracuse University College of Law in 1968.

In 1966, after a two-year courtship, Biden married Neilia Hunter. They would go on to have three children, but their family would be struck by tragedy six years later. Just over a month after winning his first term as senator from Delaware, Biden's wife and year-old daughter were killed in a car-accident. His two sons, Beau and Hunter, were critically injured in the accident, but both eventually recovered.

After being talked out of resigning by Democratic leadership, Biden was sworn into office at their bedsides in the hospital.

It was then that Biden began a practice of commuting an hour and a half each day on the train from his home in the Wilmington suburbs to Washington D.C. and he continues to do it today.

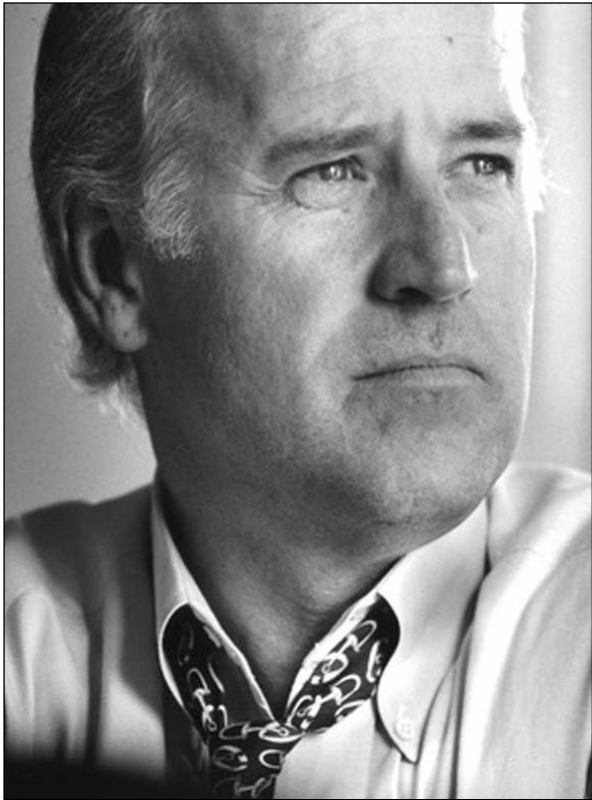
In 1975, Biden met Jill Jacobs of Willow Grove. The two met on a blind date and would eventually marry on June 17, 1977. The two have a daughter and remain together today.

Biden has won reelection to the senate five times and has the sixth longest current tenure in the senate. In 1988, Biden would run for president. He ran as a Washington outsider much like Obama.

However, Biden's candidacy would come to a close when it was discovered that he had plagiarized a speech from British Labor Party leader Neil Kinnock.

The presidential election in 2008 would be the second time that Biden would run for president. Despite showing some strong performances at the debates, Biden was unable to crack more than 1 percent in the Iowa caucus and withdrew his candidacy shortly thereafter.

Biden is the Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, probably the most renowned foreign policy Committee in the US Government. It was for reasons such as this that Obama tabbed him as his running mate.



SARAH PALIN

BY JOHN SKUDRIS
Managing Editor

The most surprising aspect of this election cycle was the selection of Alaskan Gov. Sarah Palin as the Republican vice presidential nominee.

With Sen. John McCain's age and health being called into question, it seemed strange that he would nominate a 44-year-old governor from the fourth smallest state by population in the country. Of course, he had his reasons. She fired up the conservative base that had yet to latch onto McCain's campaign. He had hoped that she would bring in disenfranchised Clinton supporters, but it doesn't appear to be working. Palin was born on Feb.11, 1964. She attended



Wasilla High School, where she starred on the basketball team, earning the nickname "Sarah Barracuda." She hit the game-winning free throw in the 1982 Alaska small-school basketball championship despite playing with an ankle stress fracture. After high school, Palin enrolled at Hawaii Pacific College. However, she dropped out after one semester. After attending a community college for two semesters, Palin transferred to the University of Idaho. However, that experience didn't last long and she left after one year.

Upon returning to Alaska, Palin decided to enter the Miss Alaska pageant. She ended up coming in third place. She did, however, win the "Miss Congeniality" award and a scholarship. She utilized that prize by attending Matanuska-Susitna College for one semester. Upon realizing that she wasn't too enthralled with her college choice, Palin headed back to the University of Idaho where she received her bachelor's degree in journalism. In 1992, Palin won election to the city council of Wasilla. After two terms there, she was elected mayor of the city. Wasilla had a population of 5,469 according to the 2000 census. By comparison, the city of Doylestown has 8,227 citizens.

In her two terms as mayor, Palin gained popularity by connecting with voters on a personal basis. She would keep a jar on her desk filled with the names of every citizen in Wasilla. Every day, she would call one of the names and ask, "How's the city doing?"

After running unsuccessfully for Lieutenant Governor in 2002, Palin was elected Governor of Alaska in November 2006. Upon taking office in December, Palin worked to push for a bipartisan ethics reform bill. She was known as a reformer who was determined to clean up Alaskan politics.

Palin is extreme on her positions of pro-life and pro-abstinence education. She has been a longtime supporter of drilling for oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. In 2007, she travelled outside of North America for the first time when she made a trip to Kuwait.

One thing is for sure, Palin's candidacy will be a historic one. Will it be a monumental moment when she is elected the first female vice president? Or will it prove to be a devastating VP choice for McCain?

EDITORIAL

It's the home stretch and SGA President John Skudris says go out and vote

BY JOHN SKUDRIS
Managing Editor

Some 232 years ago, a group of courageous patriots stood up against oppression and a dictatorial leader. "We hold these truths to be self evident," they said, "that all men are created equal."

Oddly enough, that was the first time in history that anyone had bothered to write that down.

Millions of men and women have died since that day fighting for the future of democracy, a future that we as Americans have a chance to impact on Nov. 4.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 64 percent of voting age Americans went to the polls in 2004.

That was the highest turnout in a presidential election since 1992.

However, just 47 percent of 18 to 24-year-olds turned out to vote.

Ever since the voting age was lowered to 18, it appears that youth apathy has remained a drag on the American political process.

But why is there such indifference among the youth when it comes to voting?

You'd think that something that so directly impacts their

lives in the future would instigate excitement, not lethargy.

Sen. Barack Obama and Gov. Sarah Palin have, of course, been huge in rallying the youth from both ends of the political spectrum.

However, there are still many 18 to 25-year-olds that aren't interested in politics. They say that this election does not impact them.

They say that nothing will change. Well, to those doubters, here are a few questions that you have to answer.

Have the rising gas prices impacted your life at all? Has

a loved one that you know ever been denied health care by an insurance company because they couldn't afford it? Are you nervous about how you will pay for the rising education costs? Does the threat of Roe v. Wade being overturned scare you? Do you pay taxes? If you answered yes to any of these queries, than you are indeed being impacted by the result of this election.

Some students may have different reasons for why the youth of the nation doesn't come out to vote.

Whether they can't relate to the candidates, they are con-

fused by politics or they are indifferent to the important and life-altering decisions government makes for us.

Some students are ready to cast their ballot.

They may also have different horses in this upcoming presidential race, but these students have the same views when it comes to the importance of going to the polls in November.

It's the civil duty of every American, be they man or woman, young or old, white, black, or any other race to vote on Tuesday, Nov. 4.

The sake of our future relies on it.

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

Bucks events and listings In the county, in the city

“That Only You and I can Know” 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Golf vs Harrisburg 10 a.m.
All About Me Mondays 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Lower Bucks Pre-Fair Session 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Newtown Day Transfer Fair - Gallagher Room 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Men’s Soccer vs Lehigh-Carbon (away) 3 p.m.

General Job Fair - LBC 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.
Women's Volleyball vs Northampton (home) 7 p.m.

08/FA October Modular Online: Registration ends
“The Only Thing You and I can Know” 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

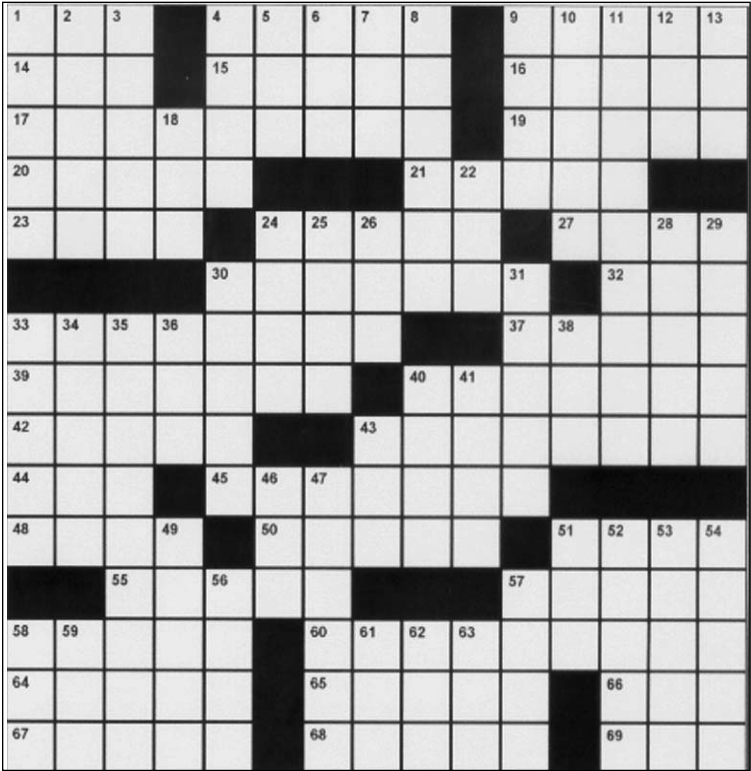
08/FA October Modular Online: Orientations
Women's Volleyball vs Luzerne (away) 12 p.m.
Men's Soccer vs MCCC (home) 1 p.m.

Study for classes or do that project you’ve been putting off

Golf EPCC Tournament 11 a.m.
The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe 7 p.m.
Women's Volleyball vs Lehigh-Carbon/Harrisburg (away) 7 p.m.

Men's Soccer vs Northampton (away) 3 p.m.
Lower Bucks Evening Transfer Fair 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

- 29Apocalyptica plays the Rotunda at 8 p.m.
- 30Hellfire Poker Club at 7p.m. at Independents Hall
Seether plays the Crocodile Rock at 7:30p.m.
- 1Flyers vs Capitals at the Spectrum 7 p.m.
Adam Ferrara at the Helium Comedy Club
- 2N.E.R.D. and Common at the Electric Factory 8:30 p.m.
- 3Oktoberfest Oct. 3 to 5 in Central Park Doylestown open sunrise to sunset
- 4Karaoke Gong Show and Guitar Hero Shred-A-Thon at The Trocadero Theater 9 p.m.
- 5Scarecrow Walk at the University of Philadelphia open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- 6The Comic Vs. Audience Comedy Show Oct. 6 at 8 p.m. the Shubin Theatre
- 7Phantoms vs Flyers at the Spectrum 7:30 p.m.



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- 19- Sports area
- 20- Incident
- 21- Oscar de la ____
- 23- Fix up
- 24- Lens setting
- 27- Take ____ from me
- 30- Third day of the week
- 32- Genetic messenger
- 33- Colleague
- 37- Expected
- 39- Cherrylike fruit
- 40- Lord's estate
- 42- Weaned pig
- 43- Tailor
- 44- Gumshoe
- 45- Integrity
- 48- Psyche's love
- 50- Supports
- 51- Among
- 55- Redbreast
- 57- Best of the best

- 58- Name
- 60- Occurring in late sum mer
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- 9- Word of comparison
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- 11- Disease of wheat
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Planet-saving isn't just for women

BY ELLE CREEDON
Centurion Staff

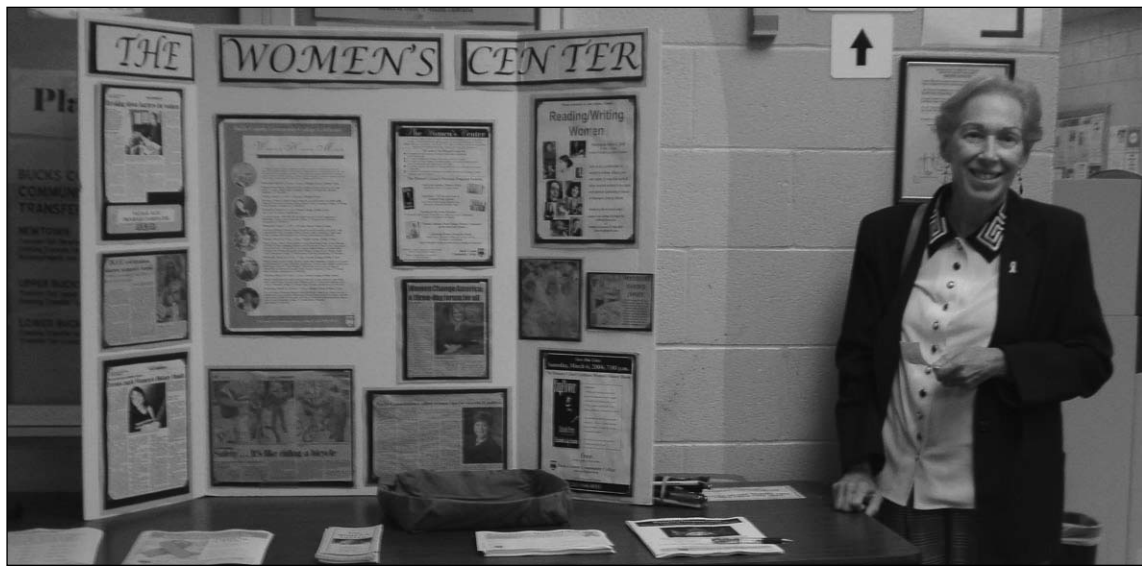
Programs and contests sponsored by the Women's Center this fall are aimed at involving students and women to "Take the Lead to Save the Planet."

Natalie Kaye, women's center programming coordinator, begins the school year celebrating the center's sixth year of operation.

Bucks has initiated another student contest sponsored by both the Women's Center, department of Language and Literature and Department of the Arts.

"We have many new and exciting events this year, as well as the contest we are sponsoring," said Kaye.

The purpose of the Women's Center is to address issues concerning women as well as support women's achievement. The center pro-



NATALIE KAYE, WOMEN'S CENTER COORDINATOR HANDS OUT BREAST CANCER AWARENESS STICKERS OUTSIDE THE CAF
PHOTO BY KISHA LOWENTHAL

vides information about women making a difference in various fields, but is also open to men.

Kaye explained the importance of the Women's Center. "I feel it is important for young women to understand their history, because you

need to understand how you got to where you are today."

The contest's theme is entitled "Women: Taking the Lead to Save the Planet," which is part of 2009's National Women's History Project. The contest is open to all students and a first-

prize winner will be picked from three categories; written, art and performance.

The first prize winner from each category will be awarded a \$150 grand prize, along with their work being displayed in the library.

All contestants will have

their work displayed on the Bucks website along with the winners.

The judges will be picked from various departments of the college. Anyone interested in participating is asked to visit the Women's Center located in the Student Life Information Center, as well as speaking with Kaye.

All interested students are required to schedule a time to drop off their work.

Kaye plans events on things she sees while she is out and uses her mind to creatively relate them to the college and its students. "I love what I do. If I can touch, move and inspire somebody than I feel like I have done my job," said Kaye.

Kaye is available in the Women's Center on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Or, call (215) 968-8015 or email her at kayen@Bucks.edu.

Wright speaks out critically on Iraq

BY VINNY LOMBARDO
Centurion Staff

Kicking off Bucks' Wordsmiths Reading Series, Retired U.S. Army Col. Ann Wright spoke at Bucks Thursday, Sept. 25 to a crowd of nearly 200 students, teachers and members of local peace groups in the Fireside Lounge.

The book, "Dissent: Voices of Conscience," profiles 25 government insiders and active-duty military personnel who spoke out against the Iraq war, refused to fight or resigned in protest.

Wright, a 29-year Army veteran, spent 16 years in the U.S. Foreign Service and served as U.S. Deputy Ambassador in Sierra Leone, Micronesia, Afghanistan and

Mongolia. She is among the few who stepped down from her military position in the days before the invasion of Iraq.

"During the lead-up to the war, the average person didn't really hear anybody saying, 'Let's slow down. Let's think about this. Have you considered what the long-term ramifications will be of America's image in the world?' But there were people speaking out behind the scenes," Wright said.

Bucks English Professor Chris Bursk is co-coordinator of the Wordsmith Reading Series.

"She's got something to tell us that we don't hear. What we need to hear. So it seemed perfect to begin the series like this," he said.

Bursk said he is opposed to the war in Iraq. "It's a stupid war, it's an ill-thought out war, it's a war founded on lies."

Of all the claims U.S. intelligence officials made about Iraq's arsenal in the fall and winter of 2002, it was a handful of charges that seemed the most significant: secret purchases of yellow-cake uranium from Africa, biological weapons being made in mobile laboratories and pilotless planes that could disperse anthrax or sarin nerve gas into the air above U.S. cities.

These issues, which have all been proven false, were some of the ideas which led to Wright's resignation.

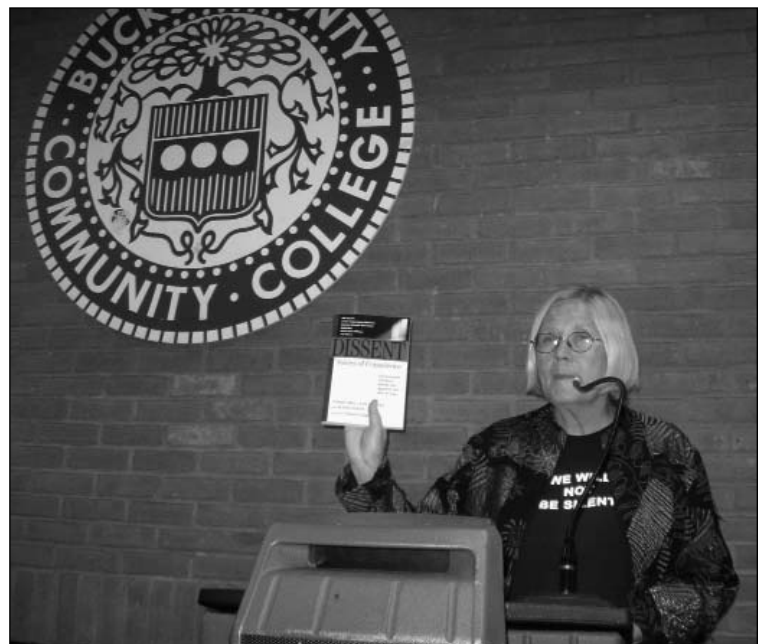
"The goodwill that the world had offered us after the events of 9/11, has really been thrown away by this decision to invade Iraq," she said.

Since resigning, Wright said her life has turned in a whole new direction. "Now that I am a private citizen, I am protesting a lot of government policies and taking some pretty dramatic steps on them."

In the past three years, Wright has been arrested 15 times for non-violent civil disobedience in opposition to the Bush administration's foreign and domestic policies.

Last October, Wright was barred from entering Canada, after her name showed up on the FBI's National Crime Information Center database.

History major Stacy Morong, 20, who purchased a copy of "Dissent: Voices of Conscience" for her dad, said



COL. ANN WRIGHT LIFTS UP A COPY OF HER BOOK "DISSENT: VOICES OF CONSCIENCE"
PHOTO BY VINNY LOMBARDO

she learned a lot by listening to Wright, but isn't interested in politics. "I just don't want to hear about [the Iraq war] anymore," she quipped.

For many students at the talk, like Morong, attendance was required for class. But, for Crystal A. Moon, 27, a video production major, it was a little more personal.

In December 2006, a relative died from wounds after an improvised explosive device detonated in his vehicle while on patrol in Baghdad.

"We all want to make peace with one another, and we all want this war to be over," Moon said.

Annually, the U.S. Armed Forces spends nearly \$2 billion on recruitment, which is aimed at high school and college age students.

"One must be very careful as a citizen, of how you evaluate what you're being asked to do on behalf of your coun-

try," said Wright. She encourages young people to speak with war veterans before enlisting, and cautions that recruiters often make big promises, such as signing bonuses or officer training.

Wright thinks withdrawing from Iraq should be immediate and said "that does not mean that everybody will be beamed up from Iraq."

At present, there are 140,000 military troops, and more than 180,000 private contractors on 14 permanent bases in Iraq.

Bursk was pleased with the opening. "This is a very conservative campus, in terms of what people know and what people are taught to believe.

Whether they agreed or not, doesn't matter, [the students] listened and they thought about it."

The next event in the series is Oct. 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Orangery.



MORE THAN 200 PEOPLE FILLED THE FIRESIDE LOUNGE
PHOTO BY VINNY LOMBARDO

Learn green practices through seminars

BY ERIC NOCITO
Centurion Staff

In an attempt to widen the awareness of go-green practices, Bucks will be offering several non-credit "green" seminars.

This October, and lasting until April 2009, Bucks will be hosting a program entitled "Expand Your Green Palette." Offering six different seminars, approximately one per month, students may take all of the various seminars, or just one, as the seminars are designed to be taken either individually or together.

This program has been offered at Bucks for the past three years. "This program is a spinoff of Sustainable Building Advisor," said Joan Christianson, director of continuing education. "It allows the everyday small business or homeowner to learn about 'green' methods."

The seminars are specifically designed for building professionals, who want to learn how to conserve energy and materials. SBA also teaches low-impact development, a way to build and minimize negative environmental impacts.

A broad range of industry professionals can take SBA, no matter what their background may be; the "Expand Your Green Palette" seminars are very interactive in nature, but not very technical. The courses are offered to people from the community as well as students.

SBA and the courses are described as showing how to reduce energy costs and minimize your carbon footprint using simple, easy-to-execute green methods.

Examples of successfully applied methods will be given by instructors at the

seminars. Each guest will share experiences in using such methods, and watching the effectiveness of conserving energy and materials in the workplace or at home.

"It deals with the fundamentals of residential and commercial environments," said David Hartke, lead instructor of the program. "It teaches how to incorporate building environments with natural environments."

"Anyone can add knowledge about green practices to their information base," said Hartke.

The first of the six seminars

of "Expand Your Green Palette" is called "What is Green?" This will introduce the "green world" into our everyday world and show exactly what being "green" is.

From then on, a new subject will be taught, including energy and water conservation, alternative energy and community development.

"What is Green?" will take place at the Newtown campus on Oct. 15 from 7- 8:30 p.m. and the cost is \$29 per seminar.

Register online or call Continuing Education at (215) 968-8409.

Student Services aids undecided students

BY KRISTEN WALSH
Centurion Staff

Deciding on a major can be a stressful process for students unsure of their career direction.

To help students select a major that best suits them, Bucks Student Services has started a series called "All About Me Mondays."

The program is designed to help students figure out what type of career suits their personalities and interests through, what is described as "an exploration of interests and career options through

self-assessment activities."

Amy Armstrong, director of career and job services, started "All About Me Mondays" after being inspired by her mentor from graduate school who developed a similar program.

"This hasn't been offered before but in recent years there has been a need for it because it helps you discover your ideal job," said Armstrong.

Students choose from six different activities that appeal to their interests. For example, magnetic poetry expres-

sion or tinker toy construction.

Then the participants discuss theories behind their personality types. For instance, a student who enjoys helping people could consider a career in nursing.

"All About Me Mondays" also helps the participants identify areas they must work on for development in their field. The program's popularity is picking up.

The program runs each Monday until Nov. 17 from 3-5 p.m. and is in Student Services, located on the first floor of the Rollins.



STUDENT SERVICES ASSIST STUDENTS FROM TRANSFERS TO ADVISING
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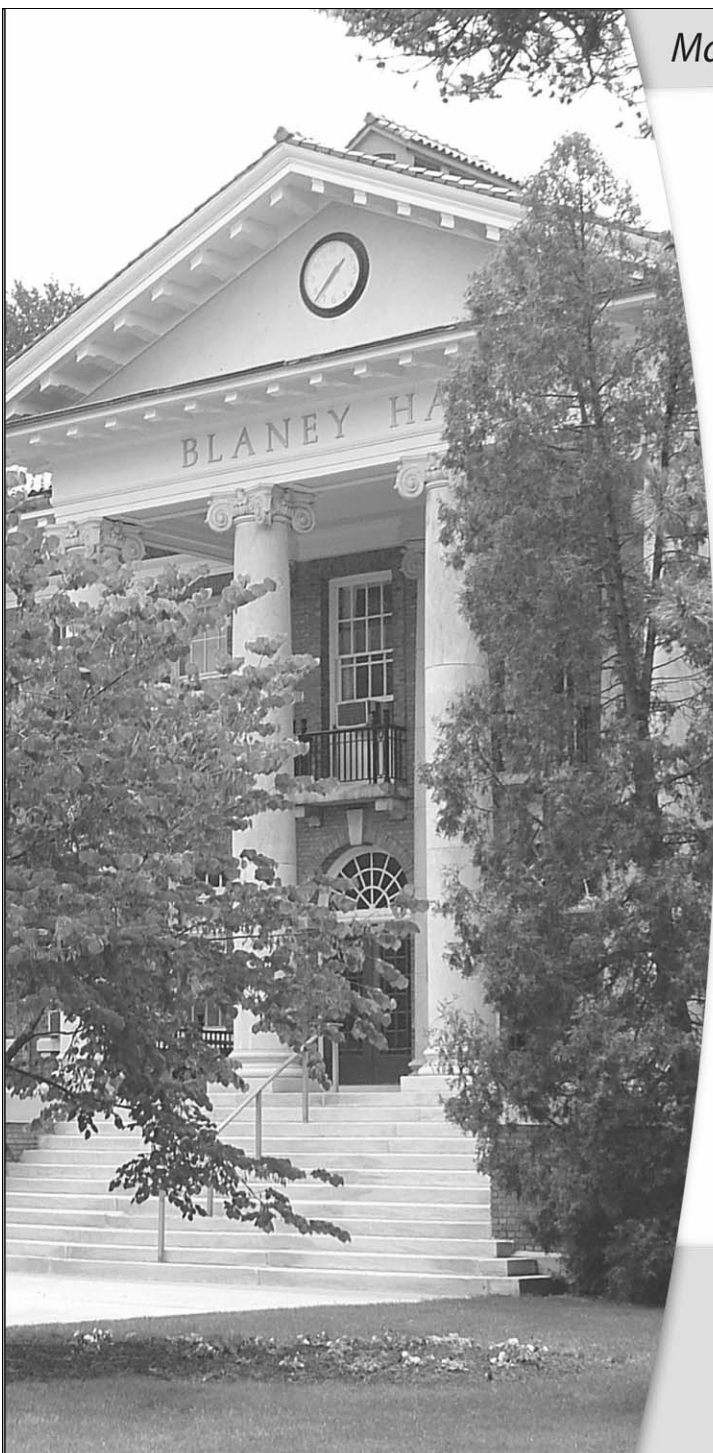
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You said it: New Facebook sucks

BY CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON
Interactive Media Editor

Social networking sites have been the biggest craze for the last 5 years from Friendster to MySpace and now the new social networking giant, Facebook. Facebook is the most common place to find people you know or to find new friends at your school. “I like Facebook,” said Julia Valdetaro, 19, a psychology major “It helps you keep in touch with old friends but I really don’t like the new layout though.” However, Facebook recently prompted a major change to its layout which has a lot of people upset.

The biggest complaint people have with the new layout

is the application boxes. Where once you could move them to where ever you like, and now they simply are glued to one spot.

“It’s scattered, it’s not simply go to someone’s page anymore,” stated film and cinema major Dave Pollinger, “you have to navigate 3 different pages instead of going directly where you want.”

Certain applications that should be under the boxes bar are instead under a separate bar. Many people proclaim that it’s much more difficult to find things on the new layout.

“The user interface layout seems like a step back from the old Facebook,” said Nicholas Camaioni, 23, a recent Bucks graduate, “It’s easier to post comments but

harder to access the applications.”

Most people would prefer an option that is made available by Facebook’s rival, MySpace. MySpace also added a new layout to its network however under the layouts category MySpace gives you the option to go back to classic view; an option that many who use Facebook would prefer was available.

Mardilyn McClellan, 19, a Bucks Psychology major said, “I don’t think it’s an improvement, there was nothing wrong with the old layout.”

There have been several people who have stated that they don’t mind the new layout for the pages but also amended that they don’t spend nearly that much time on the site. “I like the new

layout,” stated Rachel Smith, 21, a Bucks liberal arts major, “It does take some getting used, for example I don’t like how the wall is blended together but there’s an option to separate them.”

It seems that there have been differing opinions about the networking giants change but it seems that more people would just prefer to go back to the old layout. There are some people who actually prefer to use the new interface. Overall the message seems to be that “if it isn’t broke, don’t fix it”. The fact that it is required for people to change over without any choice seems to be the biggest irritant in this debacle.

If people were just given an option about this perhaps there wouldn’t be groups on

the site being formed like “Please Keep Old Facebook an Option”. It seems all of this could be avoided if the administrators hadn’t just jumped to the conclusion that they needed to change the layout.

However it all comes back to preference. Just because something was comfortable doesn’t mean that change is necessarily bad. Yes it can take some time to get used to something new, but perhaps there is a better reason for this new layout. Who knows, maybe after several months everyone will stop complaining about it and get used to it? However given the way that everyone is so gung ho about the old layout it’s doubtful that this controversy will die down anytime soon.

The Force may be with you

BY CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON
Interactive Media Editor

“Star Wars: The Force Unleashed” could be one of the most hyped Star Wars games to ever hit consoles and PC. But, while it is really great at what it offers, it could have been better.

The story behind the Force Unleashed is that you’re Darth Vader’s secret apprentice, sent out in to the Star Wars universe following the Clone Wars to destroy the remaining Jedi.

This is possibly the best story to hit the Star Wars pantheon. The voice acting and character models create some fantastic emotional elements that were missing from the movies.

The character’s moral dilemmas make for great drama even though as an apprentice to the Dark Side he shouldn’t care about other people. It’s elements like those that create such wonderful stories.

You begin the game as Darth Vader who travels to the Wookiee planet Kashyyyk searching for a surviving Jedi. However, he instead discovers a Force-enriched child whom he rescues from Imperial stormtroopers. Vader then raises the child as his secret apprentice who is dubbed “Starkiller.”

From this point on, you control Starkiller and follow his adventures as the secret apprentice of Darth Vader.

The game’s story is top-notch, one of the best that’s ever been written for Star Wars. The twists and turns in the game make you wonder what really happened between Episode III and IV. The way that the story is intertwined with the characters makes it all seem like it is a part of the movie franchise. Some of the characters you meet along the way are new and some are familiar from the Star Wars movies, at one point you even save Princess Leia.

This mix of old Star Wars lore and new characters create a story that keeps you hooked until the end.

The other impressive thing about the game is the graphics and the art inside the game itself. The planets and locations that the player travels to are beautiful, comparing to something out of an art book. The backgrounds and the characters in the game itself are well designed.

Everything makes an appearance from Rancors to Jedi, all beautifully designed. This is shown in the new planets created for the game like Raxus Prime and Felucia.

The physics engine that allows you to throw just about anything is a great feature. The game uses no less than three physics engines working simul-



taneously to give you the chance to release the Force on those around you.

For example, you can pick up a stormtrooper with Force Grip and throw him into a squad of back-up troopers and use Force Lightning on all of them. Even better, you can use the Force to crush an entire TIE Fighter.

However, with great design comes a lot of flaws.

The extreme use of the Force powers is great for a TIE Fighter hangar, but if you get into close quarters and decide to unleash on the advancing soldiers you may encounter some glitchiness with the way the game functions.

It can be very frustrating because this is where the game should excel and take the gameplay to the next level— but it doesn’t.

Another annoying part is the camera.

The camera is so loose that when you try to use Force powers to pick up something, six times out of 10 it’ll be the wrong item.

This is frustrating in later levels that seem to lose some of the design flair you notice at the beginning.

As somewhat of a mixed blessing, the game is only about eight hours long. While this is relatively short for Star Wars games, it’s productive because the later levels can get bland.

This makes it easy to sit down for a weekend and play it all the way through, but since there are so many things to destroy with the Force, you may want to pick it up and play again on a harder difficulty.

Overall, the storyline for the game itself is one of the best written for Star Wars along with beautiful graphics and satisfying game play.

But the physical aspects get too extreme in close quarters and the camera looseness degrades from gameplay.

Here’s a list of major DVDs and Blu-ray Discs coming out in October...

Films:

- “The Happening”
- “You Don’t Mess With The Zohan”
- “Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull”
- “War, Inc.”
- “The Incredible Hulk”
- “The Strangers”
- “The Visitor”
- “Hell Ride”

TV on DVD:

- “That 70’s Show: The Complete Series”
- “Lil’ Bush: Resident of the United States”
- “C.S.I.: Season 8”
- “The Incredible Hulk” The Complete Series”
- “Family Guy: Freaking Sweet Party Pack”
- “The 4400: The Complete Series”

Here’s a list of some cool websites to visit...

- **scrapblog.com**
Do you feel the need to share you pictures, writings, videos and audio with the world? Well try this site, which allows you to post all of that with scrapbooking elements. Hey, it is the most popular hobby.
- **pointlessites.com**
Bored at work and can’t focus at school? Try browsing through the site. Like a domain, it lines you up with dozens of web oddities, games and otherwise useless time-killers.
- **dharmawantsyou.com**
For Lost-ophiles, this is the must-visit site during the hit TV-shows breaks. Like other Lost-based games between seasons, the game advances with the show. This time, you’re recruited by Dharma, and you need to pass the tests to be accepted. Namaste.
- **scotusblog.com**
Smart people like the web too. Get up-to-date with Supreme Court cases. Hey poli-sci majors, this one’s a must.

New 90210 hopes to meet expectations

BY BRITTANY KENVIN
Centurion Staff

The first season of "Beverly Hills 90210," launched in 1990, began a cult sensation that lasted until the show's finale in 2000.

Its combination of teenage angst and drama, mixed with great-looking stars as rich kids, encapsulated the rebellious spirit of GenX.

Since then, a countless number of shows have repeated the show's winning formula, such as "The OC" and the CW's must-see show of the season, "Gossip Girl."

This year, the CW took on

the challenge of producing a re-creation of the landmark show—the kids of West Beverly High are back with more drama and juicy cliffhanger storylines, but will this reincarnation of Aaron Spelling's cultural phenomenon live up to the epic name?

The highly anticipated first season of the new "90210" commenced on Sept. 2 on the CW with an ambitious two-hour-long special. The show's start was slow and drawn out, however it has potential to meet the expectations set for it. The name of

the show itself and the return of some old characters means there is the potential for a large following right out of the gate.

Some of these old favorites are back with juicy storylines. Kelly Taylor (Jennie Garth) is the school's guidance counselor, sister to main character Silver Taylor (Jessica Stroup), and mother of Dylan McKay's (Luke Perry) child, which was just revealed in the most recent episode on Sept. 23. Also, Brenda Walsh (Shannon Doherty) returns as the school's new play director and professional actress.

Along with the old favorites, some new faces are roaming the halls. Annie Wilson (Shenae Grimes), the Brenda Walsh-like character who makes the big move with her adopted brother Dixon Wilson (Tristan Wilds) from Kansas to Beverly Hills. Their father, Harry Wilson (Rob Estes), moves his family to California to take care of his alcoholic mother and become the new principal of West Beverly. His wife, Debbie Wilson, is played by "Full House's" Lori Loughlin. Naomi Clark (AnnaLynne McCord) snags the role as the

"popular bad girl," and Dustin Milligan plays her long-time boyfriend Ethan Ward.

With a few different storylines in effect, the show seems to be building up momentum for what seems to be a promising season. We will have to see what happens within the next few weeks, but one thing is for sure: "90210" has some serious expectations to live up to.

Is the show destined to crush under the pressure or will it pull through and surprise in the end? Only time and the ratings will tell.

Oscar-winner Paul Newman remembered

At age 83, the legendary Oscar winner succumbs to a long battle with cancer.

By The Associated Press

WESTPORT, Conn. — Paul Newman never much cared for what he once called the "rubbish" of Hollywood, choosing to live in a quiet community on the opposite corner of the U.S. map, staying with his wife of many years and — long after he became bored with acting — pursuing his dual passions of philanthropy and race cars.

And yet despite enormous success in both endeavors and a vile distaste for celebrity, the Oscar-winning actor never lost the aura of a towering Hollywood movie star, turning in roles later in life that carried all the blue-eyed, heartthrob cool of his anti-hero performances in "Hud,"

"Cool Hand Luke" and "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid."

The 10-time Academy Award nominee died Friday at age 83, surrounded by family and close friends at his Westport farmhouse following a long battle with cancer, publicist Jeff Sanderson said Saturday.

But true to his fiercely private nature, Newman remained cagey about his condition, reacting to reports that he had lung cancer with a statement saying only that he was "doing nicely."

As an actor, Newman got his start in theater and on television during the 1950s, and went on to become a legend held in awe by his peers. He won one Oscar and took

home two honorary ones, and had major roles in more than 50 motion pictures, including "Exodus," "Butch Cassidy," "The Verdict," "The Sting" and "Absence of Malice."

Newman worked with some of the greatest directors of the past half century, from Alfred Hitchcock and John Huston to Robert Altman, Martin Scorsese and the Coen brothers. His co-stars included Elizabeth Taylor, Lauren Bacall, Tom Cruise, Tom Hanks and, most famously, Robert Redford, his sidekick in "Butch Cassidy" and "The Sting."

"There is a point where feelings go beyond words," Redford said Saturday. "I have lost a real friend. My life — and this country — is better for his being in it."

Newman sometimes teamed with his wife and fellow Oscar winner, Joanne Woodward, with whom he had one of Hollywood's rare long-term marriages. "I have

steak at home, why go out for hamburger?" Newman told Playboy magazine when asked if he was tempted to stray. They wed in 1958, around the same time they both appeared in "The Long Hot Summer." Newman also directed her in several films, including "Rachel, Rachel" and "The Glass Menagerie."

"Our father was a rare symbol of selfless humility, the last to acknowledge what he was doing was special," his daughters said in a written statement. "Intensely private, he quietly succeeded beyond measure in impacting the lives of so many with his generosity."

With his strong, classically handsome face and piercing blue eyes, Newman was just as likely to play against his looks, becoming a favorite with critics for his convincing portrayals of rebels, tough guys and losers. New York Times critic Caryn James wrote after his turn as the town curmudgeon in 1995's "Nobody's Fool" that "you never stop to wonder how a guy as good-looking as Paul Newman ended up this way."

But neither his heartthrob looks nor his talent could convince Newman to embrace the Hollywood lifestyle. He was reluctant to give interviews and usually refused to sign autographs because he found the majesty of the act offensive.

"Sometimes God makes perfect people," fellow "Absence of Malice" star Sally Field said, "and Paul Newman was one of them."

Newman had a soft spot for underdogs in real life, giving tens of millions to charities through his food company and setting up camps for severely ill children. Passionately opposed to the Vietnam War, and in favor of civil rights, he was so famously liberal that he ended up on President Nixon's "enemies list," one of the actor's proudest achievements, he liked to say.

A screen legend by his mid-40s, he waited a long time for his first competitive Oscar, winning in 1987 for "The Color of Money," a reprise of the role of pool shark "Fast Eddie" Felson, whom Newman portrayed in the 1961 film "The Hustler."

He won an honorary Oscar in 1986 "in recognition of his many and memorable compelling screen performances and for his personal integrity and dedication to his craft." In 1994, he won a third Oscar, the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award, for his charitable work.

As he passed his 80th birthday, he remained in demand, winning an Emmy and a Golden Globe for the 2005 HBO drama "Empire Falls" and providing the voice of a crusty 1951 Hudson Hornet in the 2006 Disney-Pixar hit, "Cars."

Newman had two daughters, Susan and Stephanie, and a son, Scott, from a previous marriage to Jacqueline Witte. Scott died in 1978 of an accidental overdose of alcohol and Valium. After his only son's death, Newman established the Scott Newman Foundation to finance the production of anti-drug films for children.

Newman was born in Cleveland, the second of two boys of Arthur S. Newman, a partner in a sporting goods store, and Theresa Fetzner Newman.

Following World War II service in the Navy, he enrolled at Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio, where he got a degree in English and was active in student productions.

He later studied at Yale University's School of Drama, then headed to work in theater and television in New York, where his classmates at the famed Actor's Studio included Brando, James Dean and Karl Malden.

Newman is survived by his wife, five children, two grandsons and his older brother Arthur.



Featured photo: 'Macro Berry'

By Laura Irwin, editor-in-chief

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Good and bad

Op/Ed Editor Sara Crouse gives her approval or criticism

Good.

“All about me Mondays,” providing activities to help students declare a major and consider career prospects.

The new, more energy efficient lay-out of lighting in exterior parking lots on campus, illuminating only those sections which are in use at night.

When the Sun appears to cross the celestial equator from north to south marking the beginning of autumn in the Northern Hemisphere. (Thanks Professor Bacher for a lovely Astronomy course full of silly analogies.

The beautiful, graceful horses and ponies I drive by everyday at the Sundown Boarding Stables.

Bad.

Another cop shot in Philly, thus proving the excess evil that permeates the city.

The re-emergence of the Uggs on campus from many girls’ closets. I mean,

Students who raise their hand in class and make a comment that is completely off-topic and useless.

Parking Violations that are issued to those who park on the shoulder of Lot A, past the signs designating areas where you may park on the side of the lot closest to Swamp Road. Sometimes you just have to get to class on time to take a test, and arriving back to your car with \$30 worth of tickets is frustrating and expensive.

Dear John, Dear Jane

An open letter to those people that bother Editor-in-Chief Laura Irwin somehow

Dear guy seated in front of me at the Springsteen concert,

Ever hear that there’s a time and a place for everything? I have.

Sometimes things like, oh let’s say getting three sheets to the wind or stoned, could be a big deal depending on your location.

Maybe if you were with your Frat buddies and nailing cup after cup in beer pong or sitting down blazed to videogames or watching “The Wizard of Oz” to Pink Floyd’s “The Wall.”

It’s so crazy, right?

Well, you get the idea.

They would be more acceptable places to smoke your brains out and get hammered.

I’m not going to pretend to be a saint. I’ve gone through my late teens and early twenties like everyone else.

What strikes me, however, as inappropriate, is you choosing to gulp down four or five \$8 beers in a half hour and finishing up the binge with a cig and joint as you are sandwiched between a 50-year-old couple, four soccer

moms out on a girls night out and in front of two families: Mine, consisting of my mom, dad and 13-year-old brother and a nice looking family of a mother, father and two girls ages 7 and 10.

Do you have no shame?

Again, I’m not offended, but, light your doobie in front of my youngest brother and I will pound your face into the bleachers.

What was also alarming was that you drove away three females from your vicinity because you were hitting on them.

Calling reject hotline.

Two chicks did not appreciate your hand on the smalls of their respective backs to the point of them informing your less-intoxicated buddy before leaving. “Get your drunk friend some help.”

Then, the woman with the decent body in front of you was your next target. You uttered to your friend you thought she was 23. I believed this until she turned her face toward me and I realized this woman, as good as she looked, was in no way, shape or form under 35.

Good call homie. Beer goggles much?

And finally, I told you I was not interested in returning your high five and no, I’m not thirsty.

Instead I just commented that you “Party harder than my dad over here.”

Let’s rock and roll!

My dad got tickets and my family and I took an excursion.

Let’s not maul one of my father’s most glorious of days with the memory of that jack-ass who wobbled in front of him the whole time and gave his son an asthma attack.

So, this is what is going to happen here. You are one day going to do this again. Idiots like you can’t help it. And at some point in time, your ass will be handed to you by someone who thinks your behavior justifies a can of whoop-ass being cracked open.

So I offer you no advice. I hope they break your nose. Then, maybe, you’ll learn yourself a lesson.

Thanks,
Laura

A Modern Hypocrisy

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



Evolution and its correlation to Rascal Flatts

I started thinking about evolution and self-expression when, within a few days, a few people told me of their love for country music.

Let’s start with how one brain-based activity, whether internal (a thought) or external (hearing someone else,) creates a chain reaction in the mind.

Basically, how does country music lead me to the mechanics of brain function and Darwin?

First, I really needed something to write about so that was on the backburner. Then, I wondered what is mentally wrong with people who like country music? This, finally leading me to the question: what makes us driven to express ourselves?

Inside a tangled, mushy mass of nerves and synapses and other technical jargon I’ve picked up from a DVD-marathon of “House,” and other medical terms I couldn’t possibly spell, lays the chemical translation of secrets, hopes and tendencies.

We can be genetically-prone to the love of sports or mathematics. People can be nurtured into liking some foods over others, and personality traits go both ways.

Inside us exists a fundamental drive to set ourselves apart from another; more specifically, self-expression. The way we dress and those stupid decals and magnets on our cars; we use our interests all to show how different we are, to set ourselves apart.

How about, it comes from an evolutionary pursuit to mate. I watched “Planet Earth” a few weeks ago and I loved these rainforest birds. I’ve never seen a bird like these before. One cleaned a display area and fluffed himself up so all you could see was a shiny black body and two beads of clear sky-blue eyes and matching bowtie-like mark at the top of the chest. Another slapped his plumage on a branch so hard it sounded like a ballplayer cracking one out of the park.

We do this all the time, and with more than our clothes and car-ornaments. We want to show everyone what we like. Could this be because we are trying to attract someone with the similar interest?

Once we stop thinking the other sex doesn’t have cooties we are looking to reproduce just like any other animal on the planet. Sure, we make it much more complicated because a 2,000-year-old book delineated ever-so-eloquently that we are to mate for life. I don’t disagree. I just think social-issues stem from a novel I disagree with and I would preferably have the world bound by an internal morality rather than “because I said so.”

So, here we are, showing off. We flaunt our attributes and disguise our faults. We hide who we are and ease into the truth and work out and groom in order to get a wife or husband. We want to multiply. It’s not our fault.

I find it so interesting what we are willing to put ourselves through in order to impress others. I’m pretty sure most, if not all of us, would date or get into a relationship whether we were self-actualized, happy with what kind of person we are, happy with the life we have, or mentally stable for that matter. We are willing to sacrifice our well-being, and possibly hurt others, in order to have sex.

All this, and the quest for individuality does not explain music tastes to me. It’s not something we are genetically prone to. We don’t listen to it to please others. My love of Circa Survive has nothing to do with my dad. Maybe there is a part of us that no one can touch, something that’s all ours, something that’s real and not propelled by the desire to do it. I guess now I am in the pursuit of something that reminds me of music, something that makes me feel the way it does rather than someone I can bang for life.

For a hypothetical example, let’s use a person that’s generally manic and a control-freak. Someone too smart for their own good and incapable of filtering their thoughts when speaking. She...or he...would want someone that calms her...or him... and makes the world move a little slower the way Anthony Green, or some other singer, does. Maybe they need the humor of the Dead Milkmen and the intellect of The Used.

Looking for one truly real state of body, mind and soul could lead us to what we’re really after. Being what we really are, untainted, could give us insight to our future. Knowing the truth behind our genetic and natural drives can tell us why exactly, we think country music sucks.

**Got an opinion?
Agree or disagree?**

Tell us in a letter to the editor.

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Student conquers Japan’s tallest mtn.

BY ANNAS MIRZA
Foreign Correspondent

TOKYO—My name is Annas Mirza, and I was a Bucks journalism major who graduated in 2005. I’m currently in my senior year at Temple University Tokyo as a business major.

My latest adventure in Japan was climbing Mt. Fuji.

On the day before my birthday, I decided to climb the highest mountain in Japan, Mt. Fuji. It took two trains to get to the base of Fuji, which took about two hours. Then I had to take a bus to the middle of Mt. Fuji, which took another hour.

The middle of the mountain was a circus. Littered with tents, buildings and people, I set off on the trail that would go to the top of the mountain.

Mt. Fuji is broken down into eight stations, the first being the base, the fifth being the middle and the eighth lies just below the summit. As a novice, I began my trip from the fifth station in the middle and hiked to the summit.

From the fifth station, I saw the towns below and the clouds above. It felt grand, and I was full of energy. I felt I could climb the mountain in a few hours, but little did I know I would be taking back my cocky attitude in just a few hours.

I ascended higher and higher, making it to the sixth station, after an hour or two of “normal” trail walking, meaning relatively flat. I picked up a map describing the rest of the trek ahead.

Then, between the sixth and seventh station, the trail undergoes a dramatic change. The new trail is a very steep staircase made by big, thick rocks, and you are walking through the clouds that were above you at station five.

I finally reached the seventh station. From here, I had a bite to eat and said a short prayer, and tried my hardest to control my breathing.

I think the most challenging thing about Mt. Fuji isn’t the climb, but adjusting to the change of air pressure.



(TOP) THE STEEP, INCLINED VIEW ASCENDING MT. FUJI (BOTTOM) THE TOP OF MT. FUJI IS ABOVE THE CLOUD LINE.
PHOTOS BY ANNAS MIRZA

Despite this, I pushed on from the seventh station and held my walking stick close to my body. I had to wear

gloves due to the dropping temperature at the high altitude and my body was aching.

In one sense, Fuji is more of a mental trial than a physical one. People of all ages were climbing it, and all of them had the same look of determination in their eyes.

I finally reached the eighth station and sensed that the end was finally near. After five hours of climbing I was tired, I wanted to quit and cry out in pain and go home...but I’d come this far.

I was turning 21 on a mountain far away from my home in Tokyo, and even farther away from the people I loved back in the states.

So I did what any video game nerd would do. I cried.

It took me a few minutes to calm my nerves and pull out that handy paper from the

sixth station. According to the paper, I was just 45 minutes away from the summit, and from there it would only be a two-hour hike back down to the base.

I kept clutching my walking stick and quickly debated in my head. Less than an hour of hiking to the summit, I climbed the last stretch to the top.

It was worth every inch of painstaking exertion.

At the summit I walked around the rim, I looked down at the clouds below and I smiled. The view was amazing.

It took me about three hours to get down, as the downward trail is different from the upward climb and I felt very tired, so I made my way home and fell quickly asleep.

Jah-ne!



PROFILED PROFESSOR

Dr. Kathi Knight: Department of Math, Science and Technology

BY DANIELLE EMERY
Centurion Staff

The teacher who started Bucks’ environmental science program has an exciting life in and out of the classroom.

Many of you may have spent a semester in biology or conservation ecology with Dr. Kathi Knight.

But did you really get to find out what a unique and interesting person she was? Prior to her career at Bucks, Knight attended Rutgers University for her undergraduate and Master’s Degree. After this she pursued her PhD in ecology at the University of Greenwich. Having her doctorate opened up many career opportunities.

Although Knight has been teaching for many years, she did not always envision it as her career. She spent several years in agricultural research and loved every second of it. Not once during this time did she ever contemplate teaching.

After spending time in agricultural research, Knight was offered a teaching position at Rutgers University.

She loved teaching, but found the students there to be “so similar” compared to those of Bucks.

In 1990, she completed her teaching career at Rutgers and began here at Bucks.

Here she teaches biology, conservation ecology, integration of knowledge and several other classes. As she

began at Bucks, she saw the need for an environmental science program. She, along with others, founded the occupational program and is now gearing it toward transfer students.

As far as teaching methods go, Knight has many.

Being a hands-on-person herself, she likes to get her students involved. She uses the applied approach to teaching, which means less time in the class room and more time out in the real world.

For example, her conservation ecology class goes on numerous different field trips. This year they are scheduled for eight, which is about a month out of the classroom.

Knight has been at Bucks for about 18 years and has no regrets. Her favorite thing about the Bucks campus is the diversity of the student population. She said she could not find this at Rutgers.

Although it may seem unnatural to students, Knight does have a life outside her classroom and office. While she is not teaching students about their environment, she is teaching her two boys, 16-year-old Tyler and 14-year-old Lucas.

Aside from her children and teaching, Knight finds time to pursue her hobbies as well. So when she is not grading papers or cleaning up after her kids, she is climbing her way to the top, literally.

Knight says there is nothing

like climbing and mountaineering. She has gone many times, but stopped briefly when her children were young. She understands the dangers, but said that, “It keeps things in perspective” and reminds her that “the natural world still rules.”Of course this is not a surprising hobby for a biology and ecology teacher.

It seems to fit in perfectly with her personality. It shows her love for nature and what she teaches on a daily basis.

Knight has done nothing but improve the environmental science department since she has stepped foot at Bucks.

And she will continue to help the department as well as its students grow, for many years to come.



Bucks volleyball falls to Union

BY CHRIS MATTICOLA
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On Monday, Sept. 22, the Bucks Women's Volleyball team lost to Union Community College in three games.

The Centurions carried an Eastern Pennsylvania Collegiate Conference record of 2-3 and an overall record of 3-3 into the match.

Each game had a similar flavor to it.

In the first game it was even in the early going until Union got into a rhythm and gained a large lead.

Bucks called a timeout when they were down 11-20.

Bucks rallied and made it close, but stalled and lost the first game 19-25.

In the second game it looked like the momentum was changing as Bucks took an early lead.

This was short-lived as Union put it together and Bucks called a timeout at 8-16.

It seemed that things just weren't clicking and the game was lost 17-25.

The third game looked like it was going to be more of the same, but the result was no different.

The ladies took the court with high hopes and a lot of energy. Bucks called a timeout when things looked to be going south at 4-7.

Union then called at timeout while they led 12-6.

That's when things really got interesting. The rest of the game

was a clash of titans as the Centurions roared back into the game.

Union called a timeout leading 21-20.

The next few points were like a chess match, as each point brought cheers and groans on both sides of the net.

Yet, the comeback was cut short and Union squeaked by, winning 26-24.

In defeat, the squad seemed stoic. Hopes are high for the future.

"The outcome of the game does not reflect the talent of the team," said Meagan Bradshaw, liberal arts major.

Despite the disappointing start to the season the team seemed ready for the challenge.

The slow start could be attributed to a lack of preparation as the team had few practices before season began.

Coach Mark Bohling is impressed by the talent of the girls on the team.

"Anything short of the playoffs will be a disappointment," he said before the game.

He plans to offset the lack of practice time by adding in a few extra games against conference opponents.

Despite the entertaining and energetic team there seemed to be a lack of students in attendance.

The schedule for the upcoming season is available on the Bucks website's calendar or at bucks.edu/athletics/volley.html

Centurion soccer kicks off with winning start

BY SARA MCBRIDE
Centurion Staff

Already boasting a 4-1 record, the Bucks men's soccer team is well into a victorious season.

Head Coach Justin Burroughs feels the team is playing well so far this season.

"Two of our main strengths are depth at every position and the ability to score goals," he said.

Newcomer Frebole Kamara is one of the team's leading scorers so far this season. Some other newcomers, Sam Fahnbot, Patrick Diliegro, Ernesto Martines and Sean Monagle, have all been performing well

since the season opener Sept. 4.

Kenneth Wilson, a returning key player and team captain "is a leader on and off the field," said Burroughs.

Burroughs looks toward this season to be very exciting, with several non-conference games against top community colleges in the area.

He said, "Everyone will know about the team at Bucks."

Many NCAA programs are already beginning to express interest in players once the team members finish their time at Bucks.

They are expected to be hosting several recruiters during

games this season.

This is Burroughs' fifth year at Bucks and fourth as the head coach.

He has also started a women's team this year, having had their first game last week at Montgomery County Community College.

Before Bucks, Burroughs coached premiere youth teams in New Jersey for six years.

Come out and support the soccer teams as they continue a great season.

The schedule can be found at bucks.edu/athletics/soccer.html. The next home game is Wednesday, Oct. 1 at 3 p.m.

BUCKS SCORE BOARD

MEN'S SOCCER

Bucks vs CC Philadelphia
9/17/08
2-0

Bucks vs Reading
9/20/08
3-0

WOMAN'S

VOLLEYBALL

Bucks vs Bergen
9/20/08
Best 3 out of 5: 25-21, 25-23,
15-7

WOMEN'S

SOCCER

Bucks vs Reading
9/20/08
11-3

Eagles eaten by Bears

By The Associated Press

CHICAGO— This wasn't the first big defensive stand Lance Briggs saw and he expects more to come from the Chicago Bears. It tops the list for now.

With another game about to slip away, Alex Brown stopped Correll Buckhalter at the goal line late in the fourth quarter to help preserve a 24-20 victory over the Philadelphia Eagles on Sunday night following two head-scratching losses.

This time, the Bears hung on after blowing late leads against Carolina and Tampa Bay, and hearing questions about their killer instincts.

"It was one of the best fourth-down finishes I've ever been a part of," said Briggs, the Pro Bowl linebacker. "Finishing is the key."

And the Bears did just that. Barely.

They had second down at the 1 when Tony Hunt got tackled for no gain by Kevin Payne and Mike Brown.

A leaping Buckhalter, filling in for injured Pro Bowl running back

Brian Westbrook, then got stopped a few inches short by Adewale Ogunleye on third down. Alex Brown wouldn't let him go over the top on the next play, dragging him down before he went to the air.

Eagles coach Andy Reid considered having Donovan McNabb run a sneak, but decided against it because his quarterback was still a bit sore from the chest contusion he sustained in last week's win over Pittsburgh.

In the first half, Chicago's Kyle Orton picked apart a defense that sacked Ben Roethlisberger eight times while beating Pittsburgh last week, but he was shaky in the second.

Chicago blew a big opportunity after Payne returned an interception 49 yards to the Eagles 11 in the third, only to have Orton get intercepted in the end zone by Quintin Mikell.

But the Bears got that big stand near the end and let out a big sigh of relief.

McNabb passed for 262 yards and a touchdown and interception, but the Eagles got little from the running game with Westbrook nursing an ankle injury.

"There were opportunities there," McNabb said. "We just didn't capitalize on it."

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October 1, 2008

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Visit www.bucks.edu/cleanair to read the Board of Trustees statement on a Smoking Policy.

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- 1 **Newtown:** smoking permitted only in parking lots A, B, C, D, E, F, and H which are beyond Linden Lane and Employee Road and/or in private vehicles.
- 2 **LBC:** smoking permitted only in parking lots and/or in private vehicles.
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As the Board of Trustees stated, " By creating clearly marked areas where smoking is permitted and areas that are designated as smoke free / clean air zones, the College will be acting proactively to create an environment that does not endanger others but will allow individual freedom to make decisions that have health consequences. This is consistent with recently enacted Pennsylvania legislation that prohibits smoking in public places including schools, hospitals and sports facilities."