A picture perfect campus

Bucks is adjacent to Tyler State Park, and many students take advantage of its natural appeal.

BY JEN GOLDMING
Webcast Anchor

It’s prime time to be outside and enjoy Bucks County’s beautiful fall foliage, and there’s no better place for Bucks students to do this than at Tyler State Park.

“What is this park?” asked Jose Vazquez while hanging out with friends in the cafeteria.

Tyler Park’s most popular entrance is at the intersection of Swamp Road and the Newtown Bypass, only a minute from the Bucks Newtown campus.

Students can easily walk into the park from campus by following the path near Tyler.

According to its website, Tyler Park has four miles of hiking trails, 10 miles of biking trails, and even nine miles of bridle trails.

Many Bucks students can be seen walking on the trail that connects campus to the park.

Some of these students appreciate the conventional draws of the park.

“In the summer I like to go wading in the creek,” said 18-year-old Emily Stricko.

“I like to hang out in Tyler Park because it’s close to campus and it’s so pretty in the fall,” said 19-year-old Lauren Benton, a social work major from Buckingham.

As with any public place, Tyler Park has its “rules and regulations.”

Bucks students should know that “failing to fully cover with opaque clothing one’s genitals, pubic area, buttocks and female breast below the top of the nipple” is prohibited without written permission of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

However, some Bucks students choose to ignore this rule and are drawn to the many “secluded” areas in the 1,711 acres of Tyler Park.

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Breaking down a broken economy

Bailout? Subprime mortgages? What does all this actually mean? We use real words to describe the current economic crisis.

BY MICHAEL VESEL
News Editor

The current climate of the economic crisis is a scary one. A lot of pundits, experts and talking heads are slathered across the airways, trying to tell you what to do and how to think. So what’s this financial bailout mean? Why should the economic crisis matter to students at Bucks?

Banks closed, Wall Street dropped and the fed went into a panicked frenzy over what to do. But what really happened? How did this all start?

The housing bubble broke, say the financial pundits. Just a few months back the U.S. was in a 10-year high for housing. Every year, the values of homes were increasing, going up higher and higher as each year passed.

The housing market became a wild west of business. Thousands of people were buying homes, renovating them and waiting for them to continue to increase in value before turning them over, selling them off to make a profit.

In order to buy these homes, banks issued a substantial number of home equity loans across the nation.

The banks, wanting the continued good business of these “entrepreneurs,” began issuing loans to people at an unprecendented rate, and even handed out loans to groups with poor credit, and in some cases, no credit at all.

This market of poor credit/low credit/no credit consumers is known by many in the financial sector as the sub-prime. The borrowers within the sub-prime market are those who have a higher risk of defaulting, many of whom have a previous history of loan defaults, bankruptcy or simply little to no debt history.

The banks proceeded to do what many critics considered a predatory lending tactic. They began to give out adjustable APR home equity loans with an outrageous amount of hidden fees and conditions.

Banks were giving out loans with hard-to-pay clauses in them to a market of people who had a previous history of not paying back loans. The banks were getting greedy, lusting over the profit that could be taken from the increasingly profitable housing market.

When the loans in the sub-prime began to default, the banks foreclosed and sold off the homes. With the continued growth in the housing market, financial institutions were actually able to make more of a profit off of selling a home with increased value than from just the loans themselves. Seeing this, many lenders began to give out loans even more, specifically targeting the sub-prime market.

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Please, do not feed the animals

BY KENNETH CHARLES MCCAFFREY
Centurion Staff

There have been quite a few cats seen living on campus, and although no one knows the real source of this sudden influx of wild felines, they are starting to become a significant problem, whether people can see it or not.

Chris Lloyd, director of security and safety, said, "The problem is that the cats are encouraged to stick around the campus because various people have made a habit of feeding them. We don't know whether or not the cats carry diseases and they are making a habit out of using the sandbox at the Early Learning Center as a litter box, which poses serious potential health risks for the children."

Security has sent out notices to faculty to refrain from feeding the cats and it's advisable that students do the same.

"So far, there haven't been any complaints that students have been feeding the cats. "What adds to the problem is that the food that people put out for the cats also attracts other woodland animals, such as skunks, birds, raccoons and so forth," said Lloyd.

Bucks is currently trying to capture these feral cats and give them to veterinary care facilities so that they can receive proper care and treatment.

At least once a semester, security employs public services to help capture the cats through the use of bait as well as similar humane methods, but the underlying problem is that they have also been catching other woodland animals in the process by accident.

"As of right now, there is no absolute solution to the problem, as there is nothing we can really do to stop the people at the college from feeding them, and so there's no way to really stop the cats from coming here," said Lloyd. "What's worse, there's no real way to stop the cats from multiplying as they are, so the only thing we can really do at this point is do every thing we can to encourage students and employees to refrain from feeding the wild animals, and hope that everyone can come to understand why doing so would do more than they think it would to contribute to the overlaying problem."

There have been no current records of any of the cats being hostile, but regardless, they should not be assumed to be friendly or passive, and students as well as faculty are discouraged from approaching them.

Stocks plummet and foreclosures continue

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Then, the inevitable happened. After a 10-year high, the housing market began to drop dramatically. The demand for homes simply wasn’t there, and the marketplace adjusted the prices. The market dropped from $20 trillion in value to merely $12 trillion. Houses plummeted in value, month after month, becoming, in many scenarios, worth less than the original value of the loan.

The defaulting continued to occur during the housing market crash. Just as predicted, the sub-prime market was not able to pay off the unfair loans given to them by the lenders, and more and more banks received foreclosed homes, this time, worth less than the original value.

With thousands of homes in their possession that were relatively worthless compared to the loans issued, and more loans continuing to default, banking institutions began to sink into debt, unable to make back the investments they lent just a few years prior.

The first sign of trouble was in March 2008, when Bear Stearns, one of the largest investment firms, collapsed. The Federal Reserve tried to save the broker-age firm by issuing an emergency loan. In the end, it did not matter; Bear Stearns stock dropped, and JP Morgan bought Bear Stearns for a measly $10 a share.

In just a few short months, other financial institutions began to see the same effects. As debt began to build up, banks had begun to drop like proverbial flies. By September 2008, there were enough banks in financial distress that there was a risk of a loan freeze.

Worries about accumulating more debt forced firms to simply not give out as many new loans, there was a slow crawl in loan issuing, to the point that it risked the financial stability of the entire country.

The bread and butter of the American economy is in loans. Bank-issued loans provide employers with the liquid assets to pay the salaries of their work-ers regularly, for local counties with short-term cash funds to pay for civil services, for homes to be bought, for leases to be upheld. This economic engine relies on the liquid flow of loans from our banking institutions.

The systematic destruction of established banking institutions caused Wall Street to crumble. With worries that loans were going to freeze, shareholders began to frantically sell their stocks from some of the largest companies.

The frenzy of selling forced the stock market to drop to its lowest levels in years.

The Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, better known as the "Bailout plan," was designed to try to prevent a freezing of the lending industry. By providing $700 billion to loan to the banks, it, in theory, would provide the banks with a safety net from bankruptcy. Without fear of bankruptcy, the firms would be able to continue to give out loans.

The success of the bailout is not yet apparent. Stocks continue to plummet as investor confidence hits an all-time low. The world market has been shaken by the financial crisis, and short-ly after the bailout was approved, the Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped 700 points.

The question now remains, is this the end of the turbulent times for our economy, or is this just the eye of the storm?"
McCain pushes ‘change’ ideal at local rally

BY ERIC NOCITO  Features Editor

John and Cindy McCain toured the Philadelphia area over the two-day period recently in hopes of jump-starting McCain’s campaign at a time when he lags behind in the polls.

With Pennsylvania being one of the battleground states needed to win the election, Cindy McCain, along with Rudy Giuliani, visited Shady Brook Farm in Lower Makefield on Oct. 20. Also there were Tom Manion, candidate for U.S. Congress, Supriya Jindal, wife of Gov. Bobby Jindal of Louisiana, Kitty Martinez, wife of Sen. Mel Martinez of Florida, and Greta Van Susteren, host of the Fox News show, “On the Record.”

The next morning, at T.C. Millwork in Bensalem, John McCain made an appearance along with his wife. The packed crowd was enthusiastic from the very beginning, even before McCain took the stage.

Once the music was done playing and the crowd was ready to listen, Manion took the stage to introduce himself and the McCains.

“The McCain-Palin-Manion ticket shows a clear difference from that of our opponents,” said Manion. “We will keep our promises and change America in the best way. Because of all the courage and hope the McCains exhibit, John and Cindy McCain are the poster family for America.”

Soon after, Cindy McCain took the podium as her husband stood to her side. “We need a president with the character to lead and John has the character to lead,” she said, which followed with an uproar of cheers and applause. “We don’t need any more empty hopes and promises! We teach our children the values we stand for. Between Gov. Palin, John and I, we have three sons serving and protecting our country in Iraq.”

After Cindy McCain, Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, took the podium. He discussed the controversial comments Sen. Joseph Biden made in recent days about the experience of Sen. Barack Obama. “Joe Biden said this past weekend that Obama will be tested with an international crisis within six months of taking office,” said Graham. “We shouldn’t have to test the next president. We should know for sure that they will be able to lead!”

“Barack Obama said recently, if there would be a crisis, he would need the backing of his supporters. We need a man to be president who can lead alone,” said Graham, which was again met with enthusiasm by the audience.

John McCain then took the stage.

“After a long period of cheers and applause, McCain stated his plan for America. “We can’t wait around another eight years for Washington to clean itself up,” he said. “We need to take action, I will return America to be first place in the world.”

Next, McCain criticized his opponent on multiple issues. “Senator Obama’s plan to raise taxes on some in order to give checks to others isn’t a tax cut, it’s just another government giveaway,” said McCain. “We don’t want a president who invites testing from the world, in a time when our economy is in crisis and Americans are already fighting in two wars.”

In addition he said, “Sen. Obama is more interested in controlling who gets your piece of pie, than he is in growing the pie.”

Critics have charged that McCain’s attacks on Obama have become increasingly negative as McCain has fallen behind Obama in most polls. McCain went on to discuss the need for alternative fuels for America. “We need to stop sending $700 billion a year to countries that don’t like us that much,” said McCain. “We need to find a solution, and we need to find it now! Clean coal is the answer we are looking for!”

McCain pointed to people in the crowd wearing “Clean Coal” t-shirts and hats, shouting, “Clean coal!”

Murphy announces scholarship winners

BY ERIC NOCITO  Features Editor

The “Bridge to Higher Education” scholarships were awarded to six recipients for the fall 2008 semester by Congressman Patrick Murphy.

The awards ceremony took place on Oct. 21 at 1 p.m. in the library conference room. The six recipients of the scholarships were: Rachael Sadof, Elizabeth Hernandez, Zachary Ostrow, Rachel Perch, Rachel Back, and David Windrim.

The scholarships are sponsored by the Gene and Marlene Epstein Humanitarian Fund, McCain’s Auto Group, Delaware Valley Scrap. Eligibility was determined solely on the financial situation of the applicants.

“The stage to introduce himself ready to listen, Manion took playing and the crowd was enthusiasm by the audience. As each award was given out by Murphy, Epstein, and Bruhn, the six recipients were congratulated by each and a group photograph was taken to commemorate the event.

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“You are the inaugural group for this scholarship, so you need to do the best you can and succeed.”

For more information on eligibility requirements or to obtain an application, visit the Bucks Foundation’s website at bucks.edu/foundation. In addition, assistance in completing the application can be obtained by scheduling an appointment with Financial Aid at (215) 968-8200.
Two of the most outspoken and crucial issues in this election are the environment and taxes. Almost every vicious attack ad is about one of these two issues. Whether it’s Sen. John McCain’s offshore drilling plan or Sen. Barack Obama’s proposals to cut tax cuts, both candidates are hitting each other hard on their opponents’ stance on these two topics. The environment and how we affect it has been an extremely hot issue ever since Al Gore’s award-winning documentary, “An Inconvenient Truth.”

McCain supports offshore drilling for oil. This is a controversial stance because many people don’t believe this will provide the U.S. with enough oil to offset the damage it will do to our environment. McCain does, however, believe that global warming is an issue. In 2007, he helped to introduce the Climate Stewardship and Innovation Act. This bill is designed to significantly reduce the nation’s greenhouse gas emissions. He also is a strong proponent of alternative energy resources, including the controversial nuclear energy. Obama is against nuclear energy, but he believes its cost to the environment is too high. He would implement an economy-wide cap-and-trade program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to the level recommended by top scientists. He also hopes to create a new international global warming partnership to curb the dangers of climate change.

Both of the candidates differ on tax cuts. McCain believes that the environment is too precious for us to tinker with when it comes to drilling. McCain, on the other hand, thinks that the people’s need for cheaper fuel and affordable energy comes before environmental needs. McCain and his campaign won thanks to the candidate that’s going to lower the taxes of the most people will usually win. Republicans always win when there are tax cuts. Who gets those tax cuts, however, is never specified. Democrats believe in lower taxes for the poor and higher taxes for the rich. This election is no different than other ones. McCain, despite voting against them in 2001 and 2003, believes that Sen. Barack Obama should extend the Bush tax cuts. Under Bush’s plan, the rich got large cuts in their taxes and the middle class got smaller ones. Many people believe that this plan isn’t fair to those in the lower tax brackets.

Obama has always opposed the Bush tax cuts. Under his tax plan, Obama would eliminate income taxes for most single people and significantly reduce the universal credit. His proposal also lowers taxes $500-$1,000 for 150 million Americans.

It’s been more than 20 months since Sen. Barack Obama announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for president. Twenty long months of trials and tribulation lead up to one last dash. Obama’s opponent, Republican nominee Sen. John McCain, is trailing by a substantial margin in the key states he needs to win the election. You may be an undecided voter or you may have already decided who you will vote for. Well, without further ado, here are 10 reasons why you should not vote for McCain.

His age – Now I must confess that I don’t think it’s appropriate or fair to talk about the age of elderly people. However, this is the presidency of the United States we’re talking about. McCain will be the oldest person ever elected president should he win. The toughest job in the world would be held by a 72-year-old with a history of physical illness. Can we really go into a major war without our president being able to fight?
In the county, in the city

**Bucks events and listings**

**All About Me Monday**
- Phillies World Series game 5 at 8 p.m.

**Transfer Fair** 4:30-7 p.m.
- Eastern State Penitentiary Haunted Tours

**Men's Soccer PCAA State Championships 1 p.m.**
- Check out Shady Brook Farm Halloween activities

**Visit the Art Mobile**
- Matisyahu with Fllobots and Mishka at the Electric Factory at 8 p.m.

**Halloween**
- Halloween

**Men's Soccer PCAA State Championships 1 p.m.**
- Anberlin at the Trocadero with Scary Kids Scaring Kids, Straylight Run, There For Tomorrow. 7 p.m.

**Study**
- Peddler's Village Apple Festival

**All About Me Monday**
- Flyers v Capitals at 7 p.m.

Fall 2008 course withdrawal period ends. No withdrawals after this date
- Take a trip to South Street or New Hope

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**CROSSWORD CLUES**

**Across**
1. Club alternative
2. Drinks slowly
3. Jokes
4. Wearies
5. Nabisco cookie
6. Encourage in wrongdoing
7. Exodus origin
8. DEA agent
9. Turbine blade
10. Culture medium
11. Person who liquidates assets
12. Energetic
13. Filthy
14. Contend
15. Fine fur
16. Absolute
17. Sudden rushing forth
18. DEA agent
19. Person who liquidates assets
20. Egyptian
defining
21. Person who liquidates assets
22. Punctually
23. Russian space station
24. Palatable
25. Away from the wind
26. Love, Italian-style
27. "Rule Britannia" composer
28. Mediterranean juniper
29. Geneva's lake
30. Ultimate
31. Glance
32. Plait;
33. Severe
34. Medical condition
35. MSNBC rival
36. Deodorant brand
37. Folk instrument
38. To ___ (perfectly)
39. A collection of articles
40. Stanza of six lines
41. Turgid

**Down**
1. Lieu
2. Young pig
3. Of Nordic stock
4. Pervert
5. Cornerstone abbr.
6. Pertaining to sound
7. Oil-rich nation
8. Brake
9. Companionable
10. Forced feeding
11. Let up
12. Where Columbus was born
13. Severe
14. Golf position
15. Punctually
16. Russian space station
17. Palatable
18. Away from the wind
19. Actress Thurman
20. "... the cows come home"
21. Explosive stuff
22. Deodorant brand
23. Wee bit
25. MSNBC rival
26. African antelope
27. Folk instrument
28. To ___ (perfectly)
29. A collection of articles
30. Stanza of six lines
31. Mire
32. Shallow water
33. Venomous snake
34. Debris
35. Beginning
36. Pueblo Indian village
37. Turkish palace
38. Tendency
39. Algerian port
40. Go back, in a way
41. White linen vestment, usually worn by priests

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Google phone gives Apple competition

BY KELLY DETWEILER
Centurion Staff

T-Mobile has unveiled the first phone powered by Google's Android software. It was introduced Sept. 23 at a news conference and hit shelves Oct. 22.

The T-Mobile G1, nick-named the Google phone, is manufactured by the Taiwanese company HTC, capturing many peoples' attention because of the much-anticipated Android software, which is supposed to make internet surfing on a handset easier and more thrilling. Google is so sure the internet service will be better than that on any other phone, that a spokesman for Google told Forbes, "the new phone would beat any other phone in a speed test [online]."

The spokesman also reassured everyone saying there would be no Google banners when you surf the Internet, and no pop-ups or ads when you make a call. The new Android software has a few neat programs such as "Compare Everywhere," which uses the digital camera on the phone to scan barcodes of products in stores.

There's the 'Cooking Capsules' application that lets you watch a cooking videos, shows you the location of the nearest grocery store, tells you the items to buy, then gives you step-by-step instructions on how to cook the meal once you're back home. Another application of interest is "Wertago," which uses Google's G o o g l e maps to show what's happening in town, the hottest locations, directions to get there, and provides the means to coordinate with friends.

The G1 is available in black, brown and white. It comes with a lot of programs like a digital compass and the ability to download MP3's from the Amazon store. The QWERTY keyboard will come in handy for those people who thrive off test messaging and it has a track ball for fast navigation.

One of the main setbacks of the G1 is that it doesn't have a headphone socket. The only way to connect headphones to the phone is by using a USB adapter. The T-Mobile G1 is said to have a few advantages and a few disadvantages to Apple's iPhone, and it's going give Apple a run for its money. Most people are paying attention to the price of the G1 because of the huge price tag on the iPhone.

The G1 costs $179 with a 2-year voice and data agreement. Downloading a song is $0.99 and a whole album can be priced anywhere from $5.99 to $9.99. The Google phone's competition, the iPhone, recently took $200 off its price tag, lowering the price to $199 with a 2-year agreement. Don't be fooled by this price drop. Apple customers are not happy because they say the cost of their plans went up, so no money is actually being saved.

Will the T-Mobile G1 give Apple a run for its money? If this phone turns out to be the best yet, maybe all phones will turn to the Android system.

Shelter in Place

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

Bucks designated a number of areas on campus as SIP locations. These locations include: Tyler first floor hallway outside Room 133A, the Library Auditorium and Library third floor, Rolling Quiet Study and cafe vending area, Gymnasium, Hicks Art Gallery and Photo Lab, Founders rooms 140, 141 and 239, Penn rooms 232, 233, 235, 257 and 239, Physical Plant second floor, Auditorium and Library third floor, Rollins Quiet Study and cafe vending area, Gymnasium, Hicks Art Gallery and Photo Lab, Founders rooms 140, 141 and 239, Penn rooms 232, 233, 235, 257 and 239, Physical Plant second floor, Auditorium and Library third floor, Rollins Quiet Study and cafe vending area, Gymnasium, Hicks Art Gallery and Photo Lab, Founders rooms 140, 141 and 239, Penn rooms 232, 233, 235, 257 and 239, Physical Plant second floor, Auditorium and Library third floor.

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

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

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

Business honors society offers students scholarships

BY JASON QUIER
Centurion Staff

Kappa Delta Delta (KBD), Bucks’ business society, is searching for business students looking to improve their professional and personal lives.

For the last 20 years, Kappa Beta Delta has encour-aged students working toward an associate’s degree in business, management and administration to excel in their majors and possibly receive a scholarship.

Last spring, 22 students were inducted and as of Oct. 1, 15 students have since applied to the organization with the hopes of being this year’s newest members.

In order to be eligible, students must maintain a GPA that places them in the upper 20 percent of their class.

Those within the society are able to interact with different national and international chapters around the world, creating a vast network of job opportunities not available to the public.

"One of our members went on to finish his degree at Indiana University of Pennsylvania," said Professor Charles Beem, adviser for the Bucks chapter. "After he had graduated from IUP, he found an internship with Campbell’s soup in Connecticut."

KBD prides itself as being an honor society that believes in giving back to the surrounding community. The organization offers free seminars that are open to the public that, “allow the students the opportunity to share their learning expertise with other college students and the community abroad,” said Beem. "Last year we held an open workshop on personal finance and invited a spokesman from Commerce Bank to work with members and explain the dangers of identity theft."

KBD will have new semi-nars. On Oct. 21, Eric Weiner, foreign correspondent for National Public Radio, host-ed a seminar, “The Geography of Bliss.” Weiner answered questions about how Americans suffer from “the unhappi-ness of not being happy” and how America stacks up against the rest of the world in regards to being happy.

On Nov. 18, Dr. Michael Galaty will present “Archaeological Evidence for the Origins of Affluence,” investigating the transitions from human beings hunting and gathering for food to settled agri-culture. Galaty will also cover how individuals managed to turn the agriculture system to their own advantage.

For more information contact Beem at (215) 968-8237.
Park offers students diversions

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"It's a good place to 'get busy,'" said Carlos Sarmiento, a 20-year-old business major. Some Bucks students take advantage of these secluded areas in other ways. "I know some kids go over there and smoke weed," said 18-year-old psychology major Molly Kaiser. "I get high in the park almost every day," said one Bucks student who preferred to remain anonymous. For those Bucks students who aren't particularly interested in making use of the "secluded areas," there are plenty of other winter activities to look forward to. When the creek freezes, ice skating is permitted near the boathouse warming area.

The park also has great places for sledding and tobogganing. Check out the slopes below the upper plantation picnic area parking lot and slopes west of the covered bridge. Additionally, the hiking, biking and equestrian trails are not plowed after snowfall and are great for cross-country skiing. Before winter strikes, students can enjoy the park's multiple picnic areas, all of which have clean tables, restrooms and drinking water. All of the picnic areas are surrounded by mowed, grassy areas for relaxing.

The Neshaminy Creek meanders throughout the park and provides good fishing opportunities. In warmer weather, anglers can expect to catch sunfish, black crappie, carp, smallmouth bass and other panfish. In the winter, ice fishing is permitted when the creek freezes.

Anyone who enjoys Frisbee may want to check out the park's 27-hole disc golf course by the upper plantation picnic area. Course maps with rules and scorecards can be picked up at the park office.

No matter what you're interested in, Tyler Park's many acres and various activities throughout the year make it a great place to spend some free time and enjoy the outdoors.

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‘Star Wars’ game is in development

BY CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON Interactive Media Editor

It’s been confirmed, “Star Wars” fans. “Star Wars: The Old Republic,” a new MMORPG (massively multiplayer online role playing game) is being developed in a joint effort by Bioware and LucasArts.

Early expectations for the game are going to be huge. It was suspected that such a game could be developed when Bioware opened a satellite studio for a then-unknown MMORPG development. While fans weren’t surprised at the announce-ment of a new “Star Wars” game, the fact that the game will be developed by a studio owned by the huge Blizzard Entertainment is impressive. Many fans had longed for a sequel to the hugely popular “Knights of the Old Republic” (KOTOR) series, and a MMORPG is exhilarating. The game will be developed akin to that of the KOTOR series, that so many “Star Wars” fans enjoyed.

James Olsen, lead designer of the original KOTOR, said in an interview with gamespot.com, “Our fans ask, ‘Why aren’t you doing Knights of the Old Republic 3?’ What we’re really doing is developing a game that is getting a lot of attention in the media.

“Star Wars” fans may have been surprised at the announcement of a new game, but they were not surprised that the game was being developed by Bioware. The studio has a long history of developing popular games, including the “Mass Effect” series and the “Harry Potter” series.

The game will be developed by a team of experienced game developers, including Lead Designer Matt Korba and Producer Paul Bellezza. The team has a proven track record of creating successful games, and they are excited to bring the “Star Wars” universe to life in a new and exciting way.

The game will feature a vast open-world environment, allowing players to explore iconic locations such as Tatooine and Naboo. The game will also feature a fully realized character creation system, allowing players to create their own unique Jedi or Sith character.

There are countless ways in which players can choose to play, from choosing to be a Jedi or Sith, to choosing to be a member of the Republic or the Sith Empire. The game will also feature a rich and complex storyline, with choices that will affect the outcome of the game.

The game will feature a fully realized and immersive worlds, allowing players to explore at their own pace. The game will also feature a deep and rewarding gameplay system, with a wide variety of weapons and abilities to choose from.

The game’s release date is still a mystery, but fans can be assured that it will be worth the wait. Bioware has a proven track record of creating successful games, and they are excited to bring the “Star Wars” universe to life in a new and exciting way.

Indie game earns honors

BY CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON Interactive Media Editor

When the game industry is dominated by huge compa-nies like Electronic Arts, Activision and other compani-es, it seems that there is just no market for independent game makers to make any headway.

Or is there? No surprise that a few crafty college stu-dents have developed a game that is getting a lot of atten-tion at most of the major gam-ing conventions.

The team at University of Southern California’s Interactive Media program is really impressing with all of the press and awards they have been receiving.

They won awards from the Independent Game Developers’ Student Showcase to IGN and Gamespot.com recommenda-tions.

What is this special little game created by a handful of students from USC? Well, come along and learn about “The Misadventures of P.B. Winterbottom.”

Who is P.B. Winterbottom you ask? He’s a villainous gentleman with an insatiable taste for pie.

Producer Paul Bellezza stated on a G4 interview, “P.B. Winterbottom from birth has always loved pies. And one day he steals pie from a baker who hates him, so this baker poisoned his pie and it made him unstick in time.”

How much more original can you get as far as an idea for a game goes? So far we just know that the game is about a man who loves pies and stealing pies but what is the purpose of the game?

Lead Designer Matt Korba said, “This is a game about two things, stealing pie and breaking the space-time continuum to steal pie.”

What’s a better idea for a pie themed game? Well it turns out the only thing better than stealing pie is keeping your hand on the control stick while Winterbottom breaks the space time continuum to steal the pies.

He, soon after being unstick in time, learns that he can make clones of himself that exist several places in one time allowing him to steal pie simultaneously with lots of himself,” added Bellezza.

Because of the amount of pies that will be dispersed on each level of the game, it will require a vast amount of strategy even from veteran gamers of the puzzle genre.

This gives a vast amount of different ways to get the pies and creates an interesting setting to keep players enthralled for hours.

Obstacles, which will prevent you from reaching the pies, range from multiple pies on different level tiers to being on top of several teeter-totters.

There are countless ways in order to get the pies; you can even knock clones of yourself across the stage in order to get to hard-to-reach places.

Latter in the game, the clones that you create will inevitably start repeating all of the actions you do, like following your steps and trying to trail you to get the pie first.

The game’s quirky setting, interesting gameplay and unique styling makes it one of the most interesting games that have come out this year.

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

• moca.virtual.museum

The College of Physicians of Philadelphia’s Mutter Museum is filled with all sorts of strange and weird things in the field of medicine. Weird, eerie stuff to check out in the dark.

• podlinez.com

Find and listen to any number of podcasts directly from your phone.

• bugmenot.com

Are you tired of websites that force you to register your info and all you need is one thing? We return to this site for a number of disposable passwords and usernames. Save the good passwords for facebook.

• makesueof.com

Are you just looking for something to do on the Internet and don’t know which to look? Here is one for a number of useful and interesting websites.
The fall season is finally here. With temperatures as low as 40 degrees, we need to start dressing warmly. Ladies, start pulling out your boots, sweaters and winter accessories. Men, let’s see chunky, cable knit sweaters and warmer hats.

Both men and women should wear multiple layers to fit keep warm and look cool. Layering works well for anyone, especially for college students with the economy in such turmoil. Anyone looking to layer their ensemble can begin with a couple of tank tops from Target, which are cheap and go with everything. Just look at H&M as well, they have all the hip stuff for extremely reasonable prices. All of their pieces can be layered quite easily and worn comfortably.

The woman shown in picture A is wearing a great heather-grey turtleneck with a chic, varsity-inspired, cropped and fitted blazer. Here you can see she paired it with a funky black wool mini with tiers, black tights and black suede, knee-high boots. Her accessories include a silver chain bracelet, and simple gold hoop earrings. This outfit can be broken down, and paired with anything in her closet.

The blazer and top can be worn with anything from leggings to denim. This is a great staple piece for any woman to own this season. The man in picture B is wearing a chord and tweed blazer, a grey striped long sleeve tee underneath, and dark denim, with a sporty dress shoe to complete his look. Once again, the sport coat is an essential piece for any this season and can be worn with virtually anything. The vintage look started off with the college students because it’s a money saver, and he does a great job of pulling this off. He is also sporting another fall trend with his horizontal striped tee. Also found inexpensive at any store. Picture C girl shows more color in her ensemble. This understated fashionista, looking quite Colombia in her full zip, red mock neck sweatshirt, is showing the layering aspect with her black skirt and belegrey jeans tucked into her UGGs. The crochetted beanie loosely hangs on top of her head with big sunglasses blocking the fall sunshine.

As far as the sweaters go this season, the student in picture D pulls off the graphic sweater perfectly. He pulls this outfit together with an awesome pair of low rise-dark denim, and great white canvas lace ups, which add character to the shoes by being different color laces. With the months getting colder these outfits are great ideas for something simple for college students to wear. We have seen great flannel, and plaid walking around the campus, layered with toggle coats and warm boots. Do not be afraid to go chunky when it comes to your winter accessories.

Looking at places such as Target, H&M, Old Navy and The Gap can offer some great ideas. Like we mentioned before, the vintage look is always in. Stopping into thrift stores can be rewarding, especially when it come to accessories.

Let’s all welcome this season warmly and looking good.

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**Rock girls get reformed**

BY BRITTANY KENVIN

It seems like ages ago when the first “Rock of Love” girls began the exceedingly competitive struggle to win rock star Brett Michaels’ heart. We all watched as, one by one, the girls clawed their way to get his attention, all the while scheming and manipulating and topsy turvy-turning each other apart.

When Michaels’ final choice did not work out, another season of nasty and devious girls joined the fight. Again, we tuned in eagerly to witness every dumb altercation. The girls? The show has only aired twice so far, but the girls are already as rowdy as ever. They have even begun ripping each others’ hair out in pursuit of a monetary prize.

For one, the show’s major cat fights and trash-talking girls should prove for some entertaining television. It’s also a great pick-me-up if you’re ever feeling down about your life. Watching the crazy tirade of rebellious girls makes you feel much better about your own life and sanity.

Aside from these reasons, there is one that stands out from the rest. America has tons of celebrity bad girls to obsess over, but how many chances do we get to witness the conversion of one of these idolized bad girls into a classy, reformed version? Few.

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**Poehler gives birth to boy**

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK—“Saturday Night Live” just won’t be the same without Amy Poehler — who delivered a baby boy hours before she was to appear on the NBC show.

The live show’s parody news anchor was missing from her spot alongside Seth Myers on “Weekend Update” because she gave birth earlier Saturday. On behalf of Poehler and her husband, Will Arnett, ‘I can confirm that Amy gave birth to Archie Arnett on Saturday,’ read a statement from Poehler’s spokesman, Lewis Kay.

The baby was born early Saturday evening in New York, weighing 8 pounds, 1 ounce. Mother and child were ‘healthy and resting comfortably,’ according to the statement.

Poehler, who performed on Thursday night’s special edition of “SNL” and is known for playing Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, was rehearsing the show until Friday.

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Dear John, Dear Jane
An open letter to those people who bother
Editor-in-Chief Laura Irwin somehow

Dear man and his wife next to me at the movie theater,
I went to see “W” on Saturday with my former roommate. It’s not every day she gets to go out; her munchkin was on vacation with her parents, so for the first time in a long time she was able to do what she called “her favorite thing.” She wanted to see “W,” so off we went to the movies. The prices were raised again! It cost $10 to see the movie! So when you and your wife were talking at a normal speaking voice for the first 10 minutes of the movie, I thought it was obnoxious. I finally leaned over and whispered, “Can you please stop talking?” I was very polite about it, so I was surprised when you retorted with a curt, “What?” I repeated myself, “Can you please stop talking? I’m trying to focus on the movie...” and not your lack of knowledge about political figures and events.

But this only led you to whispering throughout the movie, and I find the hissing noises leaking from your mouth to be as equally annoying. But, unlike some, I kept my mouth shut. Then you, dear sir, lean over a vacant chair to tap my arm and say, “Are you going to tell them to stop talking too, or just pick on my wife?” This was, from what I could tell, a reference to the people talking behind you.

I replied, “I was asking both you and your wife to stop talking.” My adviser, Tony Rogers, said people have lost the ability to distinguish between watching TV at home - where they can yak all they want - and the movie theater. I agree. Some guy even answered his cell phone during the movie! You cannot be that important of a person to sit next to a date in a movie theater and chat, whether it’s with the person next to you or on the phone.

Doing this is rude. You may not know that because you think the world revolves around you, but it does not. When you are in public, it is best to be respectful of those around you. Don’t go around tapping women in their mid-20s on the arm to make a snide remark to make you feel better.

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Bad.

Going to Target with your mom and walking through the children’s Halloween section to find tons of assorted Hannah Montana gear.

The economic status of the country remaining in the dumps with corporations now profiting from the pinch. Advertising revenue is down at The New York Times by 16 percent, resulting in expected cutbacks. Vogue magazine is also suffering in the economic standing, cutting back 100 pages in their November issue.

Heather Mills, Paul McCartney’s latest divorcee reportedly having already spent $12 million of the $30 million she gained during the split in just three months! Wow, the former nude model is doing quite well for herself I’d say.

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How do you make it to the World Series for the first time in 15 years, proving that a Philadelphia team can still advance past the playoffs to the finals. Go ‘em Phillies!

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This year, I plan on doing a zombie pumpkin. “Boo pumpkins” are the white ones. I plan on taking two, a head and torso, and spilling some pumpkin guts from the head and stomach and bruising some areas of the “face.” I offer you this advice: seek therapy. Have your wife read a newspaper. Shut up in movie theaters. It costs you $10 as well to see the film, so it should be worth your attention.

Please mind other people. There is a clip at the beginning of every movie, several even, telling you to silence your phone (you don’t even have to turn it completely off) and keep your children as quiet as possible and to not talk. Your phone and your children are not your living room. You should know a movie theater is not your living room.

I often need to clarify this: I own a TV and a DVD player, I would have discharged if I didn’t know the basic stats, and my dad can ramble off details on any team, 1920 to current.

I have always said there are three categories of men: the fix-it guy, the sports guy and the artsy guy.

Give me the sports guy. So I take up multiple hobbies and indulge in Blockbuster rentals.

I joined that Blockbuster online thing for the minimal pack- age: $4.99 a month for one movie at a time, and returning that movie for one free exchange a month. For those unfamiliar with this program, $8.99 a month for the movie back you can take it to the store and exchange it for another movie. Depending on the package, your exchange is either free or discounted.

As well, their new free store card allows you buy one, get one for non-renewal releases on Monday through Wednesday. This has allowed me to rip through “House,” “30 Rock,” and currently, “Six Feet Under.”

Aside from music and occasional “meows,” TV noise is something I can have on in the background to keep me company.

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I will use full-cutting techniques to cut out the important features, like the eyes and mouth and cracked “skull.”

I will peel the rind to have hanging flaps of “skin” and minor imperfections.

I don’t have a lot of time on my hands. I’m fretting about when I am going to do this. I haven’t bought the pumpkins as of yet, but carving a pumpkin sooner than a day or two before Halloween will leave your pumpkin looking wrinkly and moldy by the time Halloween night arrives.

As well, I will be taking black, bumpy gourds and sliding bat wings and fangs into them, finally hanging them from the roof of my porch.

I have an annual porch party on Halloween. People come over, dressed up or not, with alcohol and we give out candy to kids. This may sound odd, but in Newtown Borough, kids travel in wagons from house to house straddling cases of beer. It’s social and towey and I take advantage of the casualness, throw in some space heaters and try not to have everyone get so drunk they eat the kids’ candy.

But, I go nuts when it comes to crafty things. I’ve never been an amazing artist. I paint on glass windows and I enjoy letter writing in Old English Script. I write, which I consider an art.

But, my vast nerdiness has never enabled me to produce excellent sketches. I am an adequate piano player, but for someone who wishes they were more right-brained, my ten- dencies are left-brained.

So, being a creative pumpkin carver is my outlet for the lack of fine art skills, but I would have loved to see the Phils knock- out 10 homers.
Halloween began 2,000 years ago as the Celtic festival called Samhain or “summer’s end.” The Celtic New Year was on Nov. 1, marking the end of the harvest and the beginning of the winter. The Celts believed that on the eve of the new year, the boundary between the living world and the afterworld became blurred and ghosts returned to earth, causing trouble by damaging crops. Celts also believed the presence of ghosts made it easier for Celtic priests, called Druids, to predict the future about whether the villages would survive the winter. The Druids made bonfires, where people gathered and burnt crops and sacrificed animals to the Celtic deities.

Halloween history in the making

BY ELIZABETH MESSINA
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Demonic costumes made of animal skins were also worn to repel and confuse the ghosts. By 43 A.D., most Celtic territory was conquered by the Roman Empire and two of its festivals combined with Samhain.

The first festival in Feralia, was celebrated in late October to commemorate the passing of the dead. The second was in honor of Pomona, the goddess of fruit and trees. Pomona’s symbol is the apple. This is believed to be where the tradition of bobbing for apples came from.

In the eighth century, when Christianity had spread into Celtic territory, Pope Gregory III designated Nov. 1 as ‘All Hallows’ Day,’ to honor saints and martyrs. It is believed he did this to distract the Celts from their “pagan practices.”

The Celts accepted the new holiday, but still celebrated their traditional ritual as well, and Samhain became known as “All Hallows’ Eve.”

All Hallows’ Day is also known as All Saints’. The word Halloween is shortened from All Hallows’ Even, as “eve” and “even” are abbreviations of “evening,” since it’s the eve of All Hallows Day.

Halloween was brought to the United States when 1 million Irish people immigrated during the Potato Famine in 1846. As the melting pot of culture, the tradition began to change. The large bonfires were turned down to jack-o-lanterns and the Celts’ demonic costumes became the modern mass-produced ones of today.

In the early 1900s, Halloween was a night of vandalism. Property was destroyed and cruelty to animals and people was common. Finally, in 1912, the Boy Scouts and other neighborhood organizations encouraged a safe celebration. Posters were hung in schools reminding children to have a “Sane Halloween.”

In lieu of tricking neighbors and vandalizing, students went door-to-door to collect treats. Trick-or-treating became widespread by the end of the 1930s. The term “trick-or-treat” is a threat to trick the neighbor if they do not give a treat.

Halloween was not commercialized until the 1910s and the mass-production of costumes appeared in stores in the ’30s. Trick-or-treating became a holiday staple in the ’50s.

Today, it is estimated that Americans spend $6.9 billion on Halloween annually, making it the second largest commercial holiday next to Christmas.

Ghosts aplenty here

BY JAMIE MELGOZA
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We have all experienced the feeling of fear—the kind that starts at the base of your stomach, slowly creeping its way up to your throat, leaving a trail of goose bumps along its path until finally jumping out of your throat in the form of a scream.

From unexplainable sounds of crying babies to dancing witches, it appears that Pennsylvania is very much alive and is willing to share if you are.

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A more famous haunting is the one of George School. It is said that this private school harbors an extremely dark presence; so dark is its presence that it is reported no light can pass through it.

This spot is located in the middle of the basement of Tate House and all candles as well as flashlights extinguish themselves and leave the visitor in complete darkness. The reason for these strange events is the grave of a Hessian soldier under the floorboards of this house.

Dr. James Tate inherited this house in 1781 from his father, and out of this, the soldier was captured by Tate to be experimented on, dissected and studied.

However, in a last-ditch effort to escape, the soldier posed as Tate with a lit candle to investigate. Then, Tate finished him off as the soldier grabbed his arm, extinguishing the candle. When Tate was finished with the autopsy, he burned the body in his cellar. Now, when the lights are off, you hear the rush of heavy footsteps toward the door, as if someone was trying to escape.

If you are willing to travel a little further for a scare, there are some ghostly tales that linger right in Philadelphia. Amongst the hustle and bustle of the city life, hides the birthplace of the paranormal.

Just go to the Baleroys Mansion on 111 West Mermaid Lane in the Chestnut Hill area. This mansion is said to hold a number of different ghosts; a little boy and an angry old lady who threatens guests as they walk by the second floor.

The most famous ghost would have to be Amelia. Amelia has a chair located in the Blue Room of the Baleroys. Amelia’s chair is a 200-year-old blue upholstered wing chair, and if you sit in it she will attempt to take your life. So far, she has taken four.

It is said that the Church of St. Luke in Philadelphia had an extremely strange phenomenon back in 1975. There is a 28-inch statue of Jesus Christ that sits 12 feet above the altar. Reports say that this statue bled from the hands for nearly a year. The statue was x-rayed and its arms were broken off, and any other sign of fakery was uncovered. The fluid was analyzed and the reports back said saying that it was actual human blood.

The dark red blood came from the plaster wounds in the hands of the statue. The owner of this statue is Ann Poore and she said that she developed bleeding stigma in her own palms.

Then there is Hexenkopf, or Witches Head, located in Berks County.

Crown Circles, or “Hexen Danz” to the Pennsylvania Dutch, are just flattened circles of wheat. But to the Dutch, the crop circles are blamed on the “Dancing Witches” who gathered upon a hill every May 1, with their phantoms. The witches, phantoms and strange balls of light are seen today, dancing upon the hill.

So there you have it—some local hauntings and legends that should get your Halloween off to a spooky start.

Bucks celebrates a spooky holiday

BY ERIC NOCITO
Features Editor

With only a few days before Halloween, plans are already in motion for Bucks students to celebrate the holiday. When students on campus were asked what they were doing or wearing for Halloween, most seemed to know the answer already.

“I’m being Batman in a 12-year-old costume with a cup, so you can get man budge,” said Nick Bernardo, a 20-year-old political science major. Another student, Mitch O’Connor, a 19-year-old liberal arts major, said, “I’m wearing Christopher Reeve, Superman in a wheel chair.”

While it seems that the superhero theme is the popular choice for a costume, many others have decided to be something to do with celebrities. Audrey Hepburn, Taylor Swift and Heath Ledger were all mentioned as possible costumes for students.

Some, on the other hand, have decided to dress up as something a little more out of the ordinary. Rachael Adams, a 22-year-old English major, said, “I am being a wall socket and my one friend is being the plug part that goes in the socket.”

While some Bucks students still plan on trick or treat-ing, most are partying some-where Halloween night. Many themes were men-tioned for the party and a set costume party, but most said they were simply going to have a freestyle costume party.

“I’m having a birthday party for my friend,” said Mike Tenaglia, an 18-year-old biology major. “His birthday is Halloween, so we just decided to combine it into one big crazy party.”

Many students said, to be safe on Halloween, they will collect the car keys of anyone who drinks, with the notion of “If you drink, you won’t drive.”

Friday, Oct. 31, the Newtown campus will host a costumed Halloween party. It will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge.

There will be various competitions and opportunities to win prizes at the event. It is sponsored by the Union Program Board at Bucks.

Previously, there was an event planned at the Bristol campus on Halloween, but because of an incident at Lower Bucks, the event was canceled.

With all individual parties and the Bucks-sponsored events, Halloween is sure to be a fun night for many, as long as they have fun safely.

Features
Eagles need to be more consistent

BY MIKE TINGLE
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Let’s hear it for the Philadelphia Phillies. They have taken Philadelphia by storm. The team has given this city something to be proud of. They have been nothing short of spectacular. But their most amazing accomplishment has got to be taking our attention away from the lackluster, uninspiring, faceless Philadelphia Eagles.

The Eagles entered Sunday’s game against the Atlanta Falcons a very modest 3-3. Really, where is this team going? Have they given any inclination that they are a team worthy of Super Bowl aspirations? Will the Phillies be a distant memory when the Eagles are in the Super Bowl come February?

Okay, the Super Bowl talk is a little far-fetched at this point in the season — given that if the season ended today they’d be out of the playoffs.

However, looking at this team they have at times looked great. They’ve moved the ball and scored at will, in some games. Their defense has at times looked spectacular, at times horrid. One thing is for sure, this team suffers from a lack of identity and is highly inconsistent.

Consistency is hard to establish when a team suffers as many injuries as the Eagles have had so far this season, and in the past. This is not letting Head Coach Andy Reid off the hook for the awful goal-line offense that cost them a win over the Chicago Bears; the same short yardage offense that cost them a win against the Washington Redskins. This is not letting him off the hook either in a play-failing to score in the second half of the Cowboys game, ultimately costing them another victory.

Reid has not been good, but the injuries they’ve had to endure have come up plenty. Receivers Reggie Brown and Kevin Curtis have collectively been out most of the season. They have been fortunate to have found a bona fide gem in rookie DeSean Jackson. He has been everything they could have hoped he would be, but going into a season down both of your starting receivers is a tough thing to overcome.

Losing All-Pro guard Shawn Andrews has been arguably the biggest loss. He takes their offensive line and transforms it into something great. They count on him to open up the running game, and he does. The fourth down play in Chicago was designed to go to Andrews’s side; did you happen to notice how well the Eagles fared with Andrews out of the game?

One other injury of note is running back Brian Westbrook. When he’s been out, the offense has been amazing. The Redskins loss was not a matter of Westbrook being out, but their offense was shut down after the first quarter and having him available may have changed that. He really makes their offensive attack a lethal force.

Another key factor to their superpar start has been the foot of kicker David Akers. The once reliable Akers has become a liability with long-range field goals. Sadly, after a great career in Philadelphia, his time here appears to be coming to an end.

Worse, for the most part, they’ve been solid. Their front seven is young, talented and fast. Their play has allowed one of football’s best secondary units to play at a high level.

So what now for the Eagles? This is not a guarantee of future success in football. They’ve already let vital victories slip away. Can they rebound and get back on track? I believe they can. What they’re going to need to do is continue to play stout defense. They got Westbrook and Curtis back for the Falcons game Sunday, and the result was a win. Although Andrews will be sidelined for the next two months, this team is getting healthier. On paper, there is talent to spare — especially on defense.

The rest of the division is good but have begun to struggle. The three other teams have all lost games of late to teams with losing records. It’s impossible to look at this Eagles team and say they’re going to make the playoffs for certain. It is also too early to write them off.

If they avoid the coaching errors that have hurt them so far, if they formulate some consisten-

cy, there are few teams in the league that can play with them. The biggest obstacle the Eagles will face the rest of the season will be themselves.

If the Phillies win Monday, it would mark the first time the series has gone five straight years without reaching a Game 6.

"They rub the balls up with, whatever they rub them up with, and you rub it up and get it on your hand," he said. "It's nothing to worry about. Nobody can go touch it. It's just dirt from the ball." Rolls made some other escapes from a run-down in the first inning — thanks to the help of an umpire's blown call — energizing the Phillies and rattling the Rays.

Second base- man Akinori Iwamura made two errors that led to unearned runs, and a frustrat-
	ed Longoria — again taunted by chants of "E-V-a! E-V-a!" in ref-

dence to the actress of the same last name — struck out three times and swiped a hand through the air when a call went against him at third base.

"We know what's going on, we're just not reacting very well yet, but there is time," Maddon said. "We have to get them out in an inning. We have to get better at-bats." Maddon pleased not guilty.

"Cole looks for these moments. I call him Hollywood, because when the lights are on, that's when he's at his best," Rollins said. "And tomorrow night, the lights will definitely be on." A day after hitting his first homer of the Series, Howard connected twice. The major league leader in home runs and RBIs hit a three-run drive off Andy Sonnanstine that made it 5-1 in the fourth and sent the Rays manager Joe Maddon saying. "Better to be lucky than good, I mean Evan Longoria have com-

bined to go an A-Rod-like 0-for-29 with 15 strikeouts in the first 21 games. As the Rays faced the Red Sox in Tampa Bay, the Rays faced the Boston Red Sox in the ALDS. The Rays were looking to become the first AL team to sweep the Red Sox in the playoffs.

The Rays swept the Red Sox in the ALDS, but the Series was far from over. The Rays needed to win the next two games to advance to the World Series. They did just that, winning Game 4 and Game 5 to advance to the World Series.

The Rays had a 3-1 lead in the Series, but the Phillies had a chance to tie the Series with a win in Game 6. The Rays, however, were able to hold off the Phillies and advance to the World Series.

The Rays went on to win the World Series, defeating the Philadelphia Phillies in six games. The Series was memorable for many reasons, including the performance of Rays pitcher David Price, who allowed just two runs in seven innings in Game 6.

The Rays’ victory capped off a remarkable season in which they won the AL East, defeated the Yankees in the ALDS, and then swept the Red Sox in the ALCS. They had overcome a 9-game deficit in the AL East race, and they had faced the Yankees in the ALDS, who were considered the top team in baseball in the 2008 season.