



Dating at Bucks?

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With Valentine's Day less than two weeks away, the Bucks community expresses many doubts about dating on campus.

It would appear that a commuter campus presents many problems for students searching for love in and outside the classroom.

Teo Prime, 19, a business major and published poet, has a long history as a ladies man, reciting his love poems and always ready and willing to give massages. And even a man with such charm has trouble finding love here.

"Many people know each other from their former high school," Prime says. "And I think the odds are against guys to talk to girls, unless we are put into a small group in class."

Echoing that theme, Imani Nero, 19, a history and religion major, says "there is absolutely no dating scene at Bucks, period."

But some students have not ruled out the possibility of finding a love interest, and reject the notion that any academic institution could put a damper on relationships.

According to Haley, 19, a business major from Chicago, "I wouldn't know of any dat-

ing scene, I am sure there is one but I leave campus right after class."

Some students like Nathan, 18, a philosophy major from Morrisville, have been in enduring relationships that date back prior to Bucks. "I am not trying to immerse myself in any dating scene," says Nathan. He states, however, that "people are easily accessible here, and it wouldn't be hard to meet someone."

Madalyn Cook, 19, a business administration major from Langhorne, says smoking areas are a great place to meet people. But "there are more boys than girls there."

As far as classroom interactions, Cook says "Most teachers have students work alone but some put their students in small groups which is easier to meet people."

Even the students who said that it wouldn't be difficult to meet people recognize that a commuter school can create an environment of impersonal relationships between students.

When students are focused on attaining degrees or getting enough credits to transfer, love seems to come last.

People come and go, and there is little time to really get to know someone you are interested in.

Because of that, Prime and others alike are satisfied and say "my time here is tempo-



A young couple who look very much in love.

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rary, so I am not too worried about Valentines Day. I don't want to get involved with a girl and then transfer to a four year college somewhere far away."

Dr. David Brahinsky, professor of philosophy, gives some advice for people looking for love. "You have the best luck meeting people at social functions, and if anyone needs information on events they should get in touch with

the student union," he says.

One of the events set up for just this type of thing is the Bucks Most Eligible event sponsored by the student government. They will be auctioning off students, both male and female, and the highest bidder will receive a free lunch with the person they bid

on.

The bachelor or bachelorette who is auctioned off for the most throughout the night will receive a special prize.

Bidders can pay in cash or checks.

To sign up, visit the student life office before Feb 9. The event will happen Feb. 16 from 12 p.m-2 p.m in the Gallagher room. Admission is only \$1.

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What do women want for Valentine's Day?

BY: KELSEY FOREMAN
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It seems to be that every time Feb. 1 rolls around, that haunting question pops into your head: What on earth are you going to get your special someone for Valentine's Day?



A bouquet of multicolored roses

Many people wonder why it always seems to be so difficult to decide on a present for their loved one. After all, it should be easy, shouldn't it?

Unfortunately, many people find this is not always the case

Whether in a serious committed relationship or not, Valentine's Day is known as a traditional day to celebrate one another and be thankful. What women want the most on Valentine's Day is to feel loved and appreciated.

If money is not an obstacle, an idea many women fancy is taking a trip

together; perhaps staying at a Bed and Breakfast in another town for the night. You could also go up to the mountains together, rent a cabin, and go skiing or snowboarding. At night, you could sit by the fire together or go out into the

Jacuzzi surrounded by snow.

Another nice way to spend Valentine's Day is to pamper yourselves together. You could book a joint-spa visit, maybe indulging in a couple's massage. Women love to be pampered by and with their loved ones.

For many people, money is tight with the current state of the economy, and Valentine's Day will have to be celebrated on a budget. Thankfully, there are plenty of ways to enjoy Valentine's Day without giving away your college tuition.

Valentine's Day is not just about the gifts and materials to

women. It is about expressing love and gratitude for having one another in your lives.

So what do women want for Valentine's Day? The Centurion took a survey of 100 women on campus to figure out what they wanted.

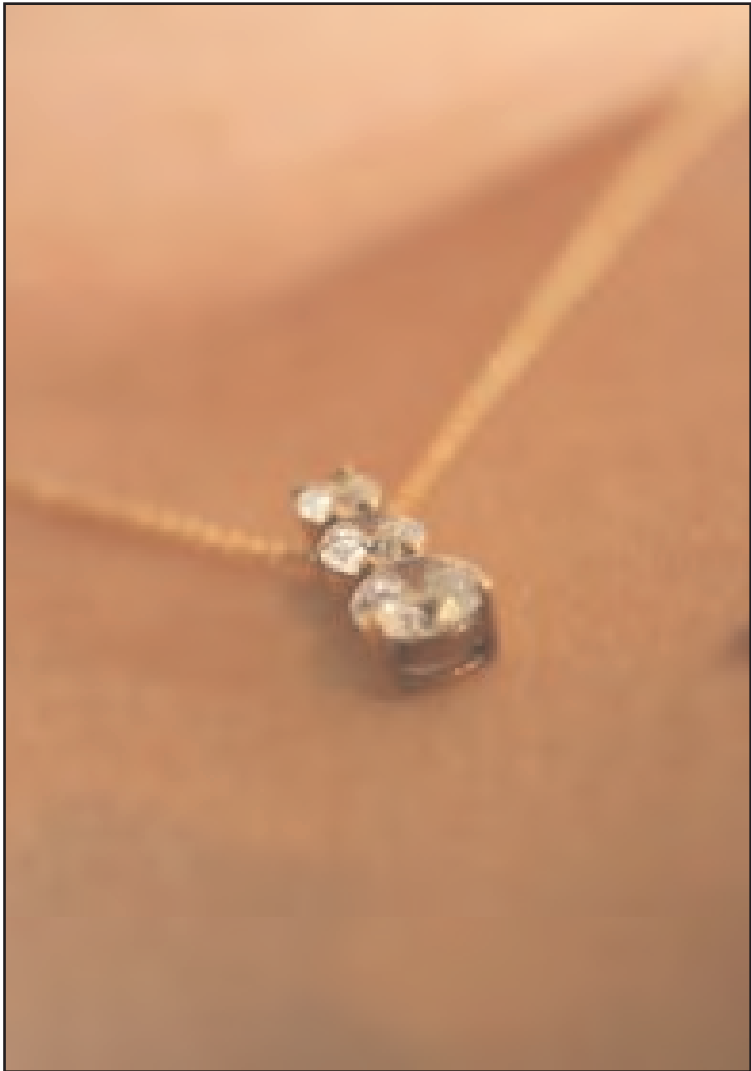
Some of the gifts included on the survey were the originals like jewelry, flowers, chocolates, sexy lingerie, and a romantic dinner.

The gift that women said that they wanted the most was the cliché of jewelry, with 21 percent of women saying they wanted it. The problem with guys getting jewelry as a gift is that it is expensive.

Tom Mitchell, 22, Health and Physical Education major from Yardley explains what he gets for his girlfriend for Valentine's Day.

"It's nice but a great way for guys to go broke. I mostly go for flowers and a couple other small things. If she's into sports, get her tickets for a game," Mitchell says. "My girlfriend and I have spent Valentine's Day down at the Wells Fargo Center to watch the Flyers on numerous occasions."

The gift that came in second place with 16 percent was flowers. This is another cliché but apparently a gift that never gets old. In third place with 15



The number one thing Bucks women want for Valentine's Day

percent was a personal letter. This is a gift that is extremely personal, easy and cheap.

So what do women not want on this day of love?

Men shouldn't go out and get their women sexy lingerie for Valentine's Day. Only three percent of women said that this would be a good gift.

So why not get this for your girlfriend or wife? This makes women feel like you are trying to tell them that they would look better in what you got them than what they get themselves. It is better to let her go

out and surprise you.

The other thing that men shouldn't get their significant other for Valentine's Day is perfume. Only four percent of women voted for this option. This goes along the same lines as the lingerie. Women don't want you to tell them how they should smell. That's a women's choice and can seriously put you in the doghouse.

So men, here are a few ideas on what to get your love for Valentine's Day, but it's up to you to get the perfect gift for her.



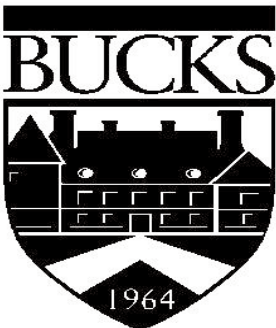
What 12 percent of women at Bucks said they wanted for Valentine's Day

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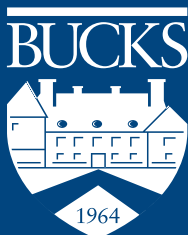
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Bucks: a good commuter school or a waste of time?

BY: CHRIS CORNWELL

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Bucks is a two-year commuter school that offers a variety of different classes and majors. The community college encompasses a diverse student body ranging from young, first-year-students to senior citizens who want to further their education.

Bucks offers convenient class options, so that students with either full or part-time jobs or other priorities can still attend.

When asked about their experience at Bucks, a group of students had some different ideas.

"I think Bucks is just like high school, but I really like it here. The only thing is that the parking sucks," Kathryn Yard, 18, a hospitality major, said.

When asked about the campus Yard said she thinks "It's very easy to navigate through the campus. Everything is nice and close so I don't have to walk very far to my classes."

The Newtown campus is small but well designed.

Everything is close and all of the buildings are clearly labeled.

Another positive opinion about Bucks came from Jon Wood. Wood, 19, a communications major, said "Bucks is awesome, and I don't really mind the parking."

Wood found an effective way to kill some time in between classes.

"If I had a break in my day or if I was waiting for a friend I would take a nap in my car," Wood said.

Some people at Bucks, however, did not speak so fondly. Louis Craley, 18, an undeclared major, said, "I hate it here. I'm only here because I'm saving money to go to another school."

Craley went on to say what he specifically didn't like about Bucks. He said "The parking sucks and I hate living at home, but it's a nice way to save money though."

The majority of students seem to have a problem with the parking here at Bucks. Being a commuter school, parking is difficult every



Two students walking on campus past Hicks Art Center.

PHOTO BY HUGH FEGELY

semester, because everyone drives and there are a limited number of spaces.

Most students come to Bucks because the tuition is relatively affordable.

Quinn Thibault, 19, liberal arts major, was asked why he chose to come to Bucks and stated, "Bucks was my first choice because it's cheap. I

didn't want to be buried in student loans, plus it's close."

When asked if he liked living at home and commuting, Quinn said, "Yeah I like living at home. It gives me a chance to work at my part-time job."

Quinn had the same idea that most students who attend Bucks have: They can work and go to school.

Bucks does a great job of scheduling classes to best meet your needs and it seems that most students are very happy with their choice to come here. Bucks checks out to be a pretty good place to learn and for many students is just as good as any four-year college.

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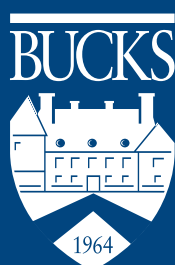
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Sleep Song

I want to remember the picture
Wander into the picture
Thread the threads of sheep in the picture
If this were allegory you would come to love me
You would see that sheep are good (though greasy)
You would not need drinking
You would not need pills for your longing
If this were a picture we would live together in the river
Turtles would welcome us in the wide and deep river
We cannot swim because it is dark and we are under water
The sheep are marvelous and have begun to take pictures
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Subject, Verb, Object

I is not ego, not the sum
of your unique experiences,
just, democratically,
whoever's talking,
a kind of motel room,
yours till the end—
that is, of the sentence.

The language, actually,
doesn't think I's important,
stressing, even in
grandiose utterances—
e.g., I came
I saw I conquered—
the other syllables.

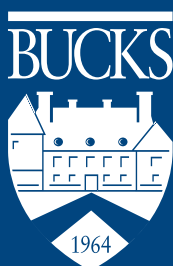
Oh, it's a technical problem,
sure, the rhyme
on so-so-open
lie, cry, I
harder to stitch tight
than the ozone
hole in the sky.

But worst is its plodding insistence –
I, I, I –
somebody huffing uphill,
face red as a stop sign,
scared by a doctor
or some He She It
surprised in the mirror.

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Bucks students on GOP primaries

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An informal survey of Bucks students finds that most aren't terribly interested in the Republican primaries being held across the country.

Given the choice between Mitt Romney, Newt Gingrich or Ron Paul, students were asked a series of questions in the style of "Jay-walking," where they initially indicated their preferred candidate and were then asked a series of questions about the candidate's platform on three major issues to see if they were aware of them.

Initially, three preliminary questions were presented before getting into the candidates. First of all, of the seven interviews conducted, three people were not registered to vote. Additionally, of the seven, four claimed to have no party affiliation.

Finally, four said they were not following the primaries at all, and another two said they would consider themselves to be "loosely" following the pri-

maries. This suggests a general lack of interest in the Republican primaries as a whole.

Doug Miller, biology major from Ottsville, was honest and indicated no interest in the primaries and was also not registered to vote. He said, "I do not plan to vote in the coming election."

Brooke Garber, a communications and performance major, did not have a favorite candidate out of the three. "I wait until a candidate is selected before I follow them," said Garber.

Brian McCollum, a nursing major from Feasterville, selected Ron Paul as his favorite. He also answered two of the three issues correctly with ease and had the most interest in the primaries out of anyone interviewed. He said simply, "Ron Paul 2012."

Dalia Amran, a biology major, claimed to be "uninterested" in the primaries at the current time. However, she was the only student interviewed who answered three

out of three questions on her candidate correctly. She chose Mitt Romney as the one she was most familiar with.

Kelsey Strosser, a nursing from Richboro, indicated she was loosely following the primaries. She also loosely follows Ron Paul. She got about one and a half of her questions correct as she did indicate that she knew Paul was against same sex marriage nationally, but was unsure of his opinion on it as a state issue.

Although she indicated a preference toward being a Democrat, Strosser did have this to say about America's current state of affairs: "I think the world is coming to an end with Obama as president."

Finally, Desmond D'Adamo, a history and education major, had this to say: "These candidates can control their own destiny in these primaries." Coming off a win in Florida, Romney has the wind in his sails for the nomination.

However, Gingrich has said he would stick it out to the end, so Romney doesn't have the



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Republican GOP hopefuls lock horns during an August debate in Iowa

nomination nailed down just yet.

For most of the upcoming month, no primaries will take place. Instead, caucuses are held. The next primary will be on Feb. 28 in Arizona and Michigan. The process wraps at the Republican National Convention, held from Aug. 27

to Aug. 30.

This indicates a potential long road ahead to the nomination, despite Romney being heavily favored. If Gingrich can hang on, momentum still has the potential to shift. Paul and Rick Santorum, however, are becoming less and less likely to win the nomination.

Bucks students divided over Obama's presidency

BY: DAN SULON
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2012 is shaping up to be one of the most important years in our nation's history, with a controversial president running for his second term in office. Many students are divided left and right on whether or not he deserves another chance.

For better or worse, President Barak Obama is one of the most talked about people in America right now. Over the course of his presidency many have wondered if he has done enough to help the country out, or even accomplished enough to be judged.

Andria Makarath, 20, a childhood development major from Bensalem, thinks so, saying "I believe that four years is enough time to judge his presidency."

Whether or not Obama has had enough time to make a significant impact on this country is disputed by students almost as much as his actions in office are.

Josh Kline, 19, a sports marketing major from Levittown, believes that Obama does deserve more time, and that he needs some support in Congress to get things done.

"I believe he should be reelected, I believe he has a good plan for this country, but we need everyone to work together," says Kline.

However not everyone is so optimistic. William Su, 20, an engineering major, was much more critical. It is his opinion that Obama has brought change, but not for the better.

"One should increase the wealth of a nation by making the poor richer, not the rich poorer. Obama has been doing the exact opposite of that for four years now. When the government starts to take away the rewards from the rich for earning GDP's for our country, the incentive for the upper class to work harder and create more jobs wane, and we become poorer as a nation," says Su.

By far though, it seems the majority of Bucks students are undecided. Harrison Unger, 20, a journalism major from Levittown, doesn't consider himself involved in politics enough to discuss the situation. "I don't really know enough to make an educated opinion, but based on who's running, I'm rather indifferent," says Harrison.

This is far from the only opinion on the topic that falls



President Obama stands with Vice President Joe Biden

more into the gray than into either political parties' ideals. Angelique Maher, 20, a communications major from Langhorne, says that "I haven't really been following the election, so I don't know enough to make an opinion."

While some students are indifferent because they don't care, others are indifferent because they are not interested in the Republican candidates.

Mark Limburg, a secondary history education major from Levittown, says that "It doesn't

have to be Obama, as long as it's not (Rick) Santorum or (Rick) Perry."

Other students are even more jaded at the prospect of who could be running our country for the next few years. Sam Celli, 18, a future psychology major at the University of Delaware from Yardley, says that "I don't like any of the candidates really, I think I should be president, vote for me!"

All jokes aside, the election this November is one of the most significant moments of our lifetime. One way or another, be it liberal, conservative, or independent, we should all be looking with interest at who our current contenders are, so we can make an opinion based on the facts.

Maybe it's true that Obama has good policies, but needs help getting them put into action, but maybe he will only hurt the economy even more. And maybe it's true that Obama has only hurt the economy since taking office, but maybe he just took charge at a difficult time for our nation and needs more time to get things straight.

Everyone has their own opinion, what's yours?

Where is Don Tollefson

BY: MELISSA FLEISHMAN
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Some memories remain strong long after others have faded. For sportscaster Don Tollefson there is one memory in particular that stands out. It was during the 1975 Special Olympics, when a foot race occurred with an unforgettable ending. Toward the conclusion of the race, one of the participants fell down because he could not run very well. Another racer saw the boy down and went back, helped him up, and walked him to the finish line. This is the ultimate sporting event memory for Tollefson. “After covering pro and college events, nothing could ever top that,” he said. For Tollefson, through many years of covering sports, this was a story that captured the true meaning of what sports should be. Tollefson, who lives in Wynnewood with his wife and

2-year old daughter, Gabriella Laura, has covered many sporting events over the years. He started working for ABC Sports in 1975 after graduating from Stanford University, where he covered college football. In 1995, Tollefson went to Fox 29. He left Fox and currently does some work for 97.5 The Fanatic/950 ESPN radio. Since the time Tollefson left Fox, he has been in front of the camera hosting various television shows including “Eagles Game Day Live” and “The Ray Rhodes Show.” “I am a very outgoing, sociable person so I would prefer to be in front of the camera than behind the scenes,” Tollefson said. In his time off between working at ABC and Fox, Tollefson wanted to give back to the Philadelphia community. “Philadelphia has, by far, the most knowledgeable and passionate sports fans in the coun-

try,” he said. Tollefson founded a charity in 1990, named One Child Saved Foundation or Winning Ways, which encourages underprivileged children in the Delaware Valley to live life in a positive way. Through the foundation, athletes and entertainers alike encourage young people to stay away from drugs and out of trouble. This is an extraordinary program that allows children to be open to opportunities that they otherwise would never get. There are trips that allow the children to go to different cities and sporting events all over the country. On Superbowl Sunday, Tollefson took kids from his program to Indianapolis for a breathtaking experience. The kids were able to sit in Lucas Oil Stadium and watch the Super Bowl live. “We have a group of won-

derful, fantastic kids that take each event for what it is worth and truly appreciate these experiences,” Tollefson said. Dante, 16, who is one of the children from this foundation, recalled some amazing memories. “I got to go to Indianapolis before and we had an entire restaurant closed so we could eat and have the place to ourselves before a game. I also met Jason Avant and the Eagles cheerleaders and other pro athletes.” Tollefson’s efforts have certainly made a huge impact on these children. Not only does he do work for younger kids, but he also helps young adults who are interested in getting into a career in sports. He allows young adults to see first-hand what it takes to be in that field. I went to Lower Merion High School to meet Tollefson while they were having a boys’ high school basketball tournament

in the Kobe Bryant Gymnasium. He pulled out of his briefcase some 50 odd pages, which he explained, were the pre-game notes for the last Eagles game of the regular season against the Washington Redskins. “They give us way more information than any of us could want or need,” he said. At the high school, there was a silent auction on amazing sports memorabilia consisting of a Pat Burrell autographed baseball, an all-expenses paid trip to the first Eagles game of the 2012-13 season, and trips to Phillies spring training games. All of the proceeds from the auction went back into Tollefson’s foundation to help these underprivileged kids. To find out more about One Child Saved/Winning Ways, visit their website at www.employyoungadults.com.



Tollefson with the children from the One Child Saved Foundation
PHOTO BY MELISSA FLEISHMAN

THE WEEK IN TV/MOVIES/MUSIC

TV

- Monday 2/6**
The Bachelor - ABC - 8:00
Alcatraz - FOX - 9:00
- Tuesday 2/7**
NCIS - CBS - 8:00
Last Man Standing - ABC - 8:30
New Girl - FOX - 9:00
Shipping Wars - A&E - 9:30
Justified - FX - 10:00
- Wednesday 2/8**
American Idol - FOX - 8:00
Are You There, Chelsea? - NBC - 8:30
Duke at North Carolina - ESPN - 9:00
Happy Endings - ABC - 9:30
1000 Ways To Die - SPIKE - 10:00
- Thursday 2/9**
The Big Bang Theory - CBS - 8:00
The Office - NBC - 9:00
Piers Morgan Tonight - CNN - 9:00
Archer - FX - 10:00
- Friday 2/10**
A Gifted Man - CBS - 8:00
Who Do You Think You Are - NBC - 8:00
Fringe - FOX - 9:00
Fired Up! - MTV - 10:00
- Sunday 2/12**
Grammy Awards - CBS - 8:00
Napoleon Dynamite - FOX - 8:30
Desperate Housewives - ABC - 9:00
My Strange Addiction - TLC - 10:00
Sportscenter - ESPN - 11:00

MOVIES

- ## Theaters
- Journey 2: The Mysterious Island**
(PG)
Sean Anderson partners with his mom's boyfriend on a mission to find his grandfather, who is thought to be missing on a mythical island.
Directed by: Brad Peyton
Starring: Josh Hutcherson, Dwayne Johnson Vanessa Hudgens
Release Date: 10 February
- ## DVD
- Anonymous**(PG-13)
A political thriller advancing the theory that it was in fact Edward De Vere, Earl of Oxford who penned Shakespeare's plays; set against the backdrop of the succession of Queen Elizabeth I, and the Essex Rebellion against her
Directed by: Roland Emmerich
Starring: Rhys Ifans, Vanessa Redgrave, David Thewlis
Release Date: 7 February

MUSIC

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- The album cover for Paul McCartney's 'Kisses On The Bottom' features a black and white photograph of McCartney holding a large bouquet of flowers. The title 'PAUL MCCARTNEY KISSES ON THE BOTTOM' is printed in red and black at the bottom of the image.
- Paul McCartney**
New album “Kisses On The Bottom”
7 February
- Van Halen**
New album “A Different Kind Of Truth”
7 February
- Silverstein**
New album “Short Songs”
7 February

Students & profs discuss Oscars

BY: GREG PROBST
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The nation is buzzing once again about the recently Academy Award nominations and Bucks faculty and students are no different.

Bucks is full of engrossed film buffs and simple movie-goers looking to escape for an hour and a half of entertainment. Everyone has their own opinions about which films deserve to win top honors and which films should be stricken from the record altogether.

When asking Danielle Gallo, 19, a liberal arts major, what her top picks were for the year, she stated that she liked “The Artist” the most. She added, “The only other one I saw was ‘Extremely Loud’ which I can’t say I hated since I love the book but it was a disappointment.”

Adding to the argument against the Stephen Daldry film adapted from a novel by Jonathan Safran Foer is Harry Hippel, 23, a communications major, who said adamantly, “‘Extremely Loud’ shouldn’t be up there for Best Picture.”

When it comes to which

movies should be recognized for the year, Hippel says that “The Artist” and “Drive” were his favorites; the latter of which was snubbed by the Academy for top nominations. Many have criticized the Academy for neglecting acclaimed films like director Nicolas Winding Refn’s violent and stylized “Drive” as well as director Steve McQueen’s sex addiction tale “Shame” starring Michael Fassbender.

“We have a very adult range of films,” comments communications Professor Douglas Rosentrater. He adds that this style of film “talks to the reality of the world.”

Selections for Best Picture this year were “The Artist,” “The Descendants,” “Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close,” “The Help,” “Hugo,” “Midnight in Paris,” “Moneyball,” “The Tree of Life,” and “War Horse.”

“The Help” was an incredible film in the sense of mutual racism,” Rosentrater states. He adds that both the upper class characters as well as the maids are both confined and restricted in their own ways. “Both

are to blame.”

But what was Rosentrater’s favorite film? “‘Hugo’ because it was so unusual.”

Martin Scorsese’s nostalgic film won him a best direction Golden Globe and was widely liked. Rosentrater speaks favorably on the Scorsese’s recent work, saying, “he’s in the last years, the golden years.”

English Professor Chris Bursk is no stranger to the movie theatre and had kind words to say about Tate Taylor’s adaption of the Kathryn Stockett novel “The Help.” “The Help” pushed incredibly deep.”

Bursk adds, “Viola Davis was amazing.” Davis is a nominee for Best Actress as well as Jessica Chastain for Best Supporting Actress.

But Bursk gave a thumbs-down to another film out this year. When asked what film was his favorite, Bursk was adamant, saying, “not ‘The Descendants.’” He said the George Clooney picture didn’t dig deep enough for his liking.

Bursk also said he disliked Kristen Wiig’s female spin on debauched comedy,

“Bridesmaids.” “It was cheap,” says Bursk.

But with all the stuffy films nominated and all the serious themes and undertones presented in this year’s selection, when asked what was his favorite film of the year, Bursk got a little smile across his face before beginning to sing, “I’m a muppet of a man!”

The lyrics borrowed directly from “Man or Muppet” by Bret McKenzie, which is one of two nominations for Best Original

Song.

From silent films to dramatic wonders, the variety of films is only rivaled by the variety of opinions on who should take top honors this year. Eight-time Oscars host Billy Crystal is slated to return for the 84th annual Academy Awards celebration set to air Sunday, Feb. 26 at 4p.m.

Be sure to tune in to see who walks away with a golden statue.

Good and bad in Oscar nominees

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In just three short weeks the 84th Annual Academy Awards will take place in California at the Kodak Theatre.

Most of the films that are nominated this year I have seen, but only a few, I feel, should’ve been nominated.

If you’re looking for a dazzling film that will leave you bewildered and in awe at the end, then the film you want to see is “My Week With Marilyn,” starring porcelain faced Michelle Williams, who takes on the role of disheveled, immature and attention-hungry Marilyn Monroe. Williams takes on the drug-crazed superstar’s world with passion, drive and intensity. Her portrayal singlehandedly makes the film a winner, which is why I was shocked that it was not nominated for best picture and “The Descendants” was.

The Descendants, starring George Clooney and newcom-

er Shailene Woodley, is a depressing film with the main concept being forgiveness.

Clooney takes on the role of Matt King, a wealthy businessman living in the paradise of Hawaii with his wife and daughters. He’s blown away when he receives the news that his newly estranged wife has been in a boating accident and is comatose. He then must take on the role of father and mother in parenting his teenage daughter and her little sister.

Clooney’s performance wasn’t bad, but it also wasn’t necessarily Oscar worthy. I thought that he was rather dull.

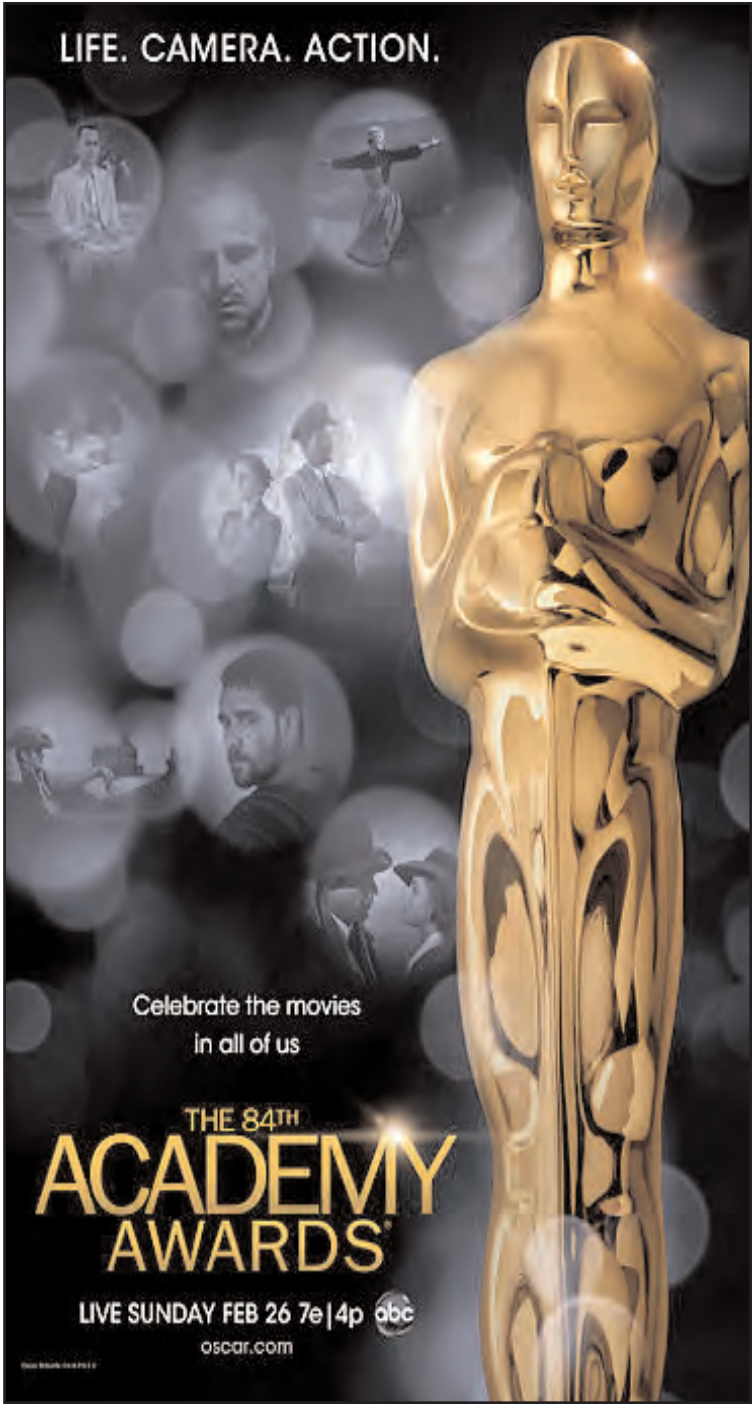
After the shock of the boating accident, Clooney’s daughter drops a bombshell. His wife has been unfaithful to him. After emotionally trying to comprehend not only his wife’s past, but also her present, Clooney sets out with his family in tow to find his wife’s lover and to get answers.

This film was too ordinary for me, too realistic, and it

seemed to drag on forever. It is basically a film about a modern-day family going through modern-day hardships. Nothing in the film bedazzled me, and quite frankly I felt myself nodding off into a deep sleep most of the time. If you’re fighting to stay awake during a film it’s not one with Academy Award potential. It’s simply just another film.

I also felt like the majority of the acting was horrible. Although this is her first film, Woodley’s acting was very scattered. At times she was too intense and it seemed as if she was trying too hard, then there would be times when she seemed a bit aloof and lifeless.

Alexandra, Woodley’s character in the film, is a teenager with a drinking problem and a discipline problem. She can’t seem to get over her mother’s affair and is spiraling out of control. I thought the concept of her character was a little too harsh, and made it seem like every teenager is troubled and



The promotional poster for the upcoming Academy Awards airing on Feb. 26 at 4 p.m.

angry.

The one actor that seemed to have the most potential was, oddly enough, newcomer Amara Miller, who portrayed Clooney’s lost and distraught younger daughter.

Miller took on the role quite well and was very good at showing emotion that came off as genuine and not fake. Her scenes didn’t seem pushed or over the top. Her acting seemed natural, and if anyone in the cast deserves an award it would be her.

For a film that is two hours long, it was not dramatic enough. It dealt with the same issues and the same sob story over and over again, boring the

audience.

Although I have more negative comments than positive, I do like the idea of a broken family coming together over tragedy and trying to find forgiveness within each other, and the idea that time spent with your family in the end is more valuable than time spent at work. The movie was good, but it was not great.

“The Descendants” has been nominated for best picture, best film editing, and best directing. Clooney is nominated for best actor.

The Academy Awards will air on ABC on Sunday, Feb. 26 at 4 p.m.

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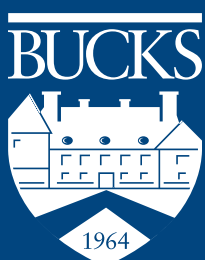
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Super Bowl traditions of Bucks students

BY: STEPHEN GODWIN JR.
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The Super Bowl has arrived on the calendar again, and unfortunately the Philadelphia Eagles are not in it. Ouch, that hurts to say, but many people around the United States still go all-out for the game regardless if there team is in it or not.

The Super Bowl is more than just a game. It includes parties, media day sessions that allow reporters to ask almost any question they want, and is an opportunity for football players to have their dreams realized.

Super Bowl parties are like an unofficial holiday in a lot of households around the world. Many people buy and make food, invite over family and friends, play games, and place friendly wagers on a lot of

irrelevant factors of the game. Even if you are not big on football, it still makes for a good social atmosphere.

Both teams had impressive roads to the Super Bowl, but both also won their conference on the luckiest of breaks. The Patriots of course have quarterback Tom Brady and a prolific offense, but their defense leaves something to be desired.

The Giants have quarterback Eli Manning, who seems to really raise his game in the playoffs and has a talented group of young receivers. The Giants also have an impressive defensive line that gave Brady fits last time, but if the Patriot offensive line can give Brady some time, it could be a long day for the Giants.

The game was a rematch of the New England Patriots and the New York Giants, who met

in the big game in 2007. The Giants won that year, but this year the Patriots were out for revenge and the Giants were looking to reassert their dominance and punch their place in history.

It puts a bad taste in your mouth to root for either team, but the overall consensus around Bucks seemed to be that students were rooting for the Patriots.

Some Bucks students were willing to give their thoughts about whether they would watch, or hold Super Bowl parties.

Sam Kott, fine wood working major out of Marleton, N.J., said, "Heck yeah, I love football. I'm probably going over my parents' house to watch it though."

Anthony McGovern, nursing major from Warminster said,



The results from Super Bowl XLVII, with the Giants defeating the Patriots and visiting former President Bush at the White House.

"Nothing special, I'm probably just going over my parents, maybe have some cousins over. My favorite part is the commercials, I like the game too, but the commercials are great."

Michal Ramirez, a Philadelphia native and business administration major said, "Yeah, I'm watching the game, but the only thing I care about is the Giants losing. Unfortunately I'm probably going to be working, because I don't have a real rooting interest in the game."

Tom Schloendorn, a business major from Philadelphia, had similar thoughts. "I am going

to be working, but hopefully it's a late game so I can catch some of it. I love Sunday night football."

Manny Antunes, an engineering major from Wrightstown said, "It's whatever man, I might watch it at my dad's, friends, or family's house, not sure yet. I like the game the best, fourth quarter crunch time is the best!"

Kim Snyder, a journalism major from Doylestown, was showing flexibility when she said, "I'm probably watching it at my boyfriends, or my mom's boyfriends. I am not that into the game, but I love the commercials."

Bucks students optimistic about Philadelphia 76ers

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With the Philadelphia 76ers enjoying their best start since their NBA finals run in 2001, Sixers fans finally have optimism about their future.

Currently first in the Atlantic Division over the second-place Boston Celtics, the Sixers .700 winning percentage makes them the surprise breakout team coming out of the lock-out. This change in play can be attributed to solid coaching and team chemistry that is rarely witnessed in the star driven league.

"I like their coaching, fast paced offense, and defense," says Bucks student Mark Kelly, 19, business major from Bensalem.

Centered on team chemistry, the current Sixers squad seems to embody what most fans like to see in their Philadelphia teams.

Rumors have circulated recently that the Sixers have inquired about New York Knicks power forward Arame

Stoudemire. A trade of this magnitude could upset the financial status of the team's salary cap and disrupt the chemistry of the team.

Bucks student Colin Rooney, 20, communications major from Morrisville, feels that bringing a player of Stoudemire's stature will only help in ruining the chemistry that this young Sixers team has begun to build. Rooney likes the abundance of supporting players and the fact that there are no prima donnas dominating the team.

Although fans seem optimistic, many have attributed the team's recent success to their early season schedule. Among their wins, only three have come against teams with a winning record.

"Their success depends on their schedule," says Mark Nicholson, 20, a health and physical education major from Morrisville. "Unless they play the Miami Heat the Sixers can advance in the playoffs."

Their biggest test will come with a string of games against

six straight legitimate title contenders, with five of six at home. The Sixers will go up against the Chicago Bulls, Miami Heat, Atlanta Hawks, Los Angeles Lakers, San Antonio Spurs, and Los Angeles Clippers in succession.

"I wouldn't mind seeing them lose to the Lakers, but they need to beat the Clippers," says Mark Kelly, a Sixers fan who is showing his full support for the first time since the Allen Iverson era.

Even fans from their divisional opponents are giving the Sixers their just due. As a Knicks fan, Bucks student Antonio Almeida, 19, criminal justice major from Warrington, believes the Sixers can keep up their current pace. He credits the team's success to their large array of accurate shooters, something many Sixers teams lacked in the past.

Those who do support the team finally see a reason to spend their hard-earned dollars on an enthusiastic Sixers club.

Growing up in a passionate



Coach Doug Collins have turned this team around.

PHOTO BY KEITH ALLISON

Sixers family, Jen Leachko, 21, a nursing major from Langhorne, has become accustomed to her father and brother scrutinizing Sixers games over the years. As former season ticket holders, the cheap prices and competitive team have given Leachko and her family a reason to attend games again. "There's no reason to spend money if they are an average team," she says. "If I'm going to spend money I don't want to go if they are going to get creamed. I would want to see a competitive game."

Nicholson agreed, stating that he would plan on attending a Sixers game in the near future.

Even the NBA lockout that cleared 16 games from the

schedule has yet to deter fans.

"Every sport has one," says Kelly. Compared to the NFL's 127-day layoff, the NBA lock-out was short enough not to dishearten fans like Kelly.

As with any Philadelphia fan that has witnessed one of their teams spirited runs end in heartache, Leachko's father, John Leachko from Langhorne, summed it up best.

"Well, the Sixers have had the easiest game schedule so far, which changes next week. So we'll see if their winning continues once the schedule gets worse."

If the Sixers want to be considered among the league's elite, then this next stretch of games will really answer some questions.

SPORTS

Centurions shake off rust against Luzerne

BY: **STEPHEN GODWIN JR.**
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On a cold Tuesday night, on Jan 17, when most Bucks students should have been resting up for the first day of the spring semester, Emmanuel Pittman and the Centurion men's basketball team were staying up late to win a game.

The first half of the men's basketball season had been underachieving, but their play-off hopes remained alive with a 4-4 record. Coach Steve Coyne was optimistic before the game that his team was ready to play, despite the long layoff between school semesters. "Hopefully our guys stayed in shape over the break, because it's going to be a tough stretch right away with four games in six nights."

Centurion guard Emmanuel Pittman was clearly not being a couch potato during the break as he scored 21 points to lead the Centurions to victory over the Luzerne Trailblazers 64-47. Pittman revealed a big factor in his success by saying, "I practiced some old high school drills during the break and that played into me staying in shape. I feel when I'm playing at the top of my game that

draws the defense to me, and opens things up for my teammates."

Both teams showed obvious rust in the early going by turning the ball over and committing offensive fouls multiple times. The Centurions committed slightly fewer errors and soon opened up an 11-3 lead.

Luzerne finally got going halfway through the first half, and drew the game close with the Centurions still leading 18-15. Centurion Center Tariq Benn helped his team get some breathing room to close out the first half, but took a lot of punishment under the net as he was hacked and fouled multiple times. Still the Trailblazers remained within earshot of the Centurions only down 32-24.

The start of the 2nd half got some good play by the bench players to allow the starters to come in and pull away 48-35.

Centurion forward Tyler Nichols recovered from a bloodied nose in the first half to come in and contribute mightily in the second half with rebounding and defense. Sometimes when a player returns from injury, he can prove to be a nonfactor. This

was not the case with Nichols and he gave his thoughts on the situation by saying, "I try to take my frustration and aggression out on the other team, rather than feel sorry for myself."

The Centurions were in control for much of the half until the young upstart Trailblazers made it a game again with 5 minutes remaining with the score at 48-43. But patience and hard-nosed play by the Centurions proved to be the difference as they closed out the Trailblazers 60-47.

Coyne gave his analysis on his team's play after the game, saying, "Defensively I thought we played pretty good, but as far as taking care of the ball offensively, not so much. We implemented our 3-2 defense that is effective against shooting teams and that allowed us to get outside pressure on them and cause them to turn the ball over and get offensive fouls."

Trailblazers guard Chris McGarvin was one of the smaller players on the court, but played bigger than most of his team by hustling and fighting for the ball all night. He was not disheartened by the



Emmanuel Pittman driving to the hoop against Luzerne.

loss though when he said, "I think we played our best game of the season actually, we were able to stay close and not let them get comfortable with a lead" McGarvin said.

David May said after the game, "I think we played okay, we were kind of sloppy com-

ing off the break, but we were able to come out with the win."

The team was able to play the full 40 minutes with intensity and that is a good start to the second half.

Bucks students on Phillies spring training

BY: **CRAIG MILLER**
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In a few weeks, we'll be trading in our winter coats and those bitterly cold nights for windbreakers, short sleeves and our favorite team's baseball cap.

For most of us, Clearwater, Florida marks the sight of our proverbial sports "rebirth."

Last year's early and disappointing playoff exit left a bitter taste in many fans' mouths, including Joe Morrison, 18, a liberal arts major from Newtown: "It's a little hard to get excited after last year's early exit," Morrison said.

The widely favored Phillies were defeated in a five-game series by the eventual World Series Champion St. Louis Cardinals thanks to the complete game shutout by Chris Carpenter, the Cardinal's de facto ace due to an Adam Wainwright injury.

Patrick Hays, 20, a journalism major from Trevo-

se, shared Morrison's sentiments: "It'll be interesting to see how they rebound from their NLDS defeat for sure. We definitely need rebounds from core guys like [Second Baseman] Chase Utley, [First Baseman] Ryan Howard and [Third Baseman] Placido Polanco."

Certainly, the question of Ryan Howard's health looms even larger considering his 5-year deal worth \$125 million starts this year. Howard will be 37 when the contract ends. Unquestionably a period of decline is expected, leaving many executives and fans alike scratching their heads.

While the Phillies are an aging team, that hasn't stopped some of the optimism among fans: "I believe the National League has gotten a lot weaker with the departure of Fielder and Pujols," stated Joe Morrison. Prince Fielder and Albert Pujols signed with the Detroit Tigers for 9 years, \$214 million and with the Los

Angeles Angels of Anaheim for 10 years, \$240 million, respectively.

This optimism isn't met by all fans, however: "Look out for the Braves, Nationals and Marlins," said Stephen Godwin Jr., 23, journalism major from Warminster. "I'm worried about the future, there's really no farm system and in a few years we could see a few down years in the franchise again."

One universal point of excitement among the fans, however, was the addition of free agent closer Jonathan Papelbon, previously the Boston Red Sox closer from 2005-2011 and 4x All-Star. Signed to a 4 year, \$50 million deal, Papelbon will provide Philadelphia with a lock-down closer.

While Papelbon's deal is seen by many as extravagant, many fans around Bucks County Community College disagree: "I'm really excited

about Papelbon's potential. I truly believe it was a fair market deal," conveyed Matthew Schuler, a business administration major from Yardley.

Perhaps from a business standpoint, the most intriguing storyline is that of Cole Hamels and his impending free agency. A homegrown Phillie, Hamels is in line for a large payday if he were to test the free agent market, something he and his agent have both hinted at since agreeing to a 1 year deal worth \$15 million for the upcoming 2012 season.

"Hamels is worth \$20 million-plus, like his teammate

Cliff Lee. And since he is homegrown—he really deserves it," suggested Schuler.

Godwin heeded this word of caution regarding Hamels: "He needs to be resigned, if he hits free agency, he's a goner. He'll most likely wind up on the New York Yankees, or the Los Angeles Dodgers, provided they [The Dodgers] sort out their ownership issues."

With the Phillies regarded as one of the favorites for the National League pennant again in 2012, the fans at Bucks seem optimistic.



What Bucks students hope the Phillies will repeat.