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Butts Out at Bucks

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Smokers at Bucks could be in for a change regarding where they are allowed to light up, possibly as early as December.

The Student Government Association has teamed up with PA Students Working Against Tobacco, also known as PA SSWAT, to come up with proposals for changes in the smoking policy.

The current policy is that smoking is not permitted in buildings or around doorways.

The most common complaints about smoking on campus involve smoking around doorways, because the smoke drifts inside, and also smoking on and around walkways, because students walking down the paths get blown with the cigarette smoke.

Secondhand smoke is a major concern on campus. There has been at least one reported incident of a student's asthma acting up because of close contact with secondhand smoke, and the administration wants to avoid that.

Although many students ignore the guidelines about where smoking is permitted, some do their best to comply with the rules.

Tia Mylinski, 30, an accounting major from Levittown said, “I’m a conscientious smoker. I put my cigarettes in the ashtrays, not on the ground, and I stay beyond the tape.”

The tape, is the yellow tape around the doorways that lets students know they are smoking too close to the entrances.

Matt Cipriano has been director of student life programs for six years, and he bears the complaints about smoking every year.

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The ribbons give the program an entirely new look from older versions and students like James Serfino, 19, a historic preservation major from Fallston, said, “I hate it. I used to know where everything was and I don’t like the pictures for files. It changed way too much.”

Pat Byrne, 22, from Morrisville said, “They should have built more on the ‘03 version. When people see how much it has changed, no one is going to want to take the time to figure it out.”

The new software uses symbols in place of words for some tools. For example, the cut and copy applications feature pictures of scissors and paper rather than actual words. Byrne said, “At first this was confusing, but it is actually quicker for the human brain to process symbols than words. If it doesn’t scare people off, they will probably have an easier time using the symbols.”

Juan Caceres, a 17-year-old performance major from Warmminster, said that Word ‘07 reminded him of Apple’s version of the program, which is organized in a similar way. “I just think it is overly simplified.”

Other than oversimplification, one of the largest complaints from Bucks students is the “Microsoft Office” button, which appears as a symbol in the top left corner of the screen. When clicked on, it displays icons for saving, printing and opening documents, which were previously found in the file menu.

Liz Sette, assistant director of the technology learning center, said, “Many students had trouble finding the office button. They saw it, but since it is not labeled, they did not know what it was used for.”

Byrne said he spent 15-minutes trying to figure out how to print, but after he played around with the program, he was comfortable with it.

Dustin MacKenzy, a 20-year-old liberal arts major from Warmminster, had a similar problem. “It took me 20-minutes just to save my document,” he said.

Microsoft also added several new features to Office ‘07, like a built-in reference for quick research, and an auto-alphabetization feature.

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Commissioner Candidates Debate at Bucks

KEVIN YORKE, JOHN SLACK AND LOR SHULMAN
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County Commissioner candidates met for a debate organized by the League of Woman Voters at Bucks’ auditorium Thursday. Those who attended the debate were the incumbents, Republicans James Cavley and Charles Martin, Democratic challenger Diane Marseglia and Steve Sanzariero, and Constitution party candidate Jay Russell.

The majority of those in the audience appeared to be business people. Few students, other than several student journalists scribbling away on notepads, attended.

Among the issues discussed were property taxes, land development, transportation and traffic, immigration, and flooding controls. The candidates, although relatively calm in their demeanor, were obviously combative at times.

Property taxes were the most contentious issue, as candidates time after time brought up the other party’s history on tax increases.

This is because a major issue among voters, the candidates kept reiterating the importance of keeping taxes low in the county.

The candidates cited increasing population as a reason for the recent increase in property taxes, but the Democrat hopefuls argued that the incumbent did not do enough to keep them low.

The bidding war among the parties was highlighted when Democratic candidates brought up the incumbent’s raising of property taxes by 46 percent during their tenure. Martin rebutted, “You need to look at the number rather than the percentage,” explaining that although the percentage was high, the number itself remained low.

Land development was also addressed. Martin stood firmly on his position that “preserving open spaces is probably the single most important thing we can do.”

He went on to say he firmly believes in maintaining open land for Bucks County and its residents.

On the issue of traffic, the candidates made it clear that the people of the county need a better source of transportation.

The Democratic candidates felt that pressure needed to be brought on SEPTA to provide the residents of Bucks a better way of getting from one place to another.

Marseglia thought that the people of Bucks “need more options for travel,” and that to change the current system in place they would need “a loud voice on the SEPTA board.”

Last on the agenda was the county’s response to flooding and emergency situations.

Martin proudly stated that he represented the county.

Marseglia said the people should stop being blamed, flood panes need to be expanded and development needs to be controlled.

Bucks County’s “best days lie ahead,” Cawley said, adding, “either you were born and chose to stay, or moved here” and haven’t left.

Russell made clear that “I’ve been doing this for 15 years, and never been elected.” The audience chuckled at his inability to find office with the Constitution party.

POLICE MOURN LOSS

911 Moves to Ivyland

GEMMA SAWA
Centurion Staff

Philadelphia police are mourning the murders of retired officers Joseph Alullo and William Widmaier.

Alullo, 55, and Widmaier, 65, were killed on Oct. 4 outside a Wachovia Bank while they were working as security guards for Loomis Armored Car Service.

“There’s something personal about it, and it hits you closer to home,” said police officer John Sweeney of the 15th District.

It’s always harder when you know someone, particularly in a situation where you understand the type of person they were and what they did.

Mustafa Ali, a convicted bank robber, has been arrested on murder charges in connection with the shootings.

On the changes, Sgt. Michael Faust said, “It takes someone to a higher level when they kill a person of authority, because it means that they are more brave... Alic amnon is a homicide, and when it’s closer to home, you’ll make sure you spend an adequate amount of time covering all bases, to get to the end.”

Family and friends of Alullo and Widmaier described them both as “loved” and “respected.”

Alullo and Widmaier didn’t leave behind just family and friends, but their band of brothers.

Faust said, “It is events like this that have brought us back to reality and leveled us out. Anytime a police officer gets killed, it does impact you.”

While Faust said he didn’t know Alullo or Widmaier personally, they were part of a bowling league that many of his friends knew. He recalled Alullo and Widmaier being described as “loyal” and “hardworking.”

Police officers are more wary after a shooting. Unfortunately, that mindset doesn’t last forever. “As time goes by, we begin to put our guard down and forget what happened,” said Faust.

Faust is taking the precautions necessary to assure his fellow officers are safe. “Feel like it’s my responsibility to make sure we are wearing the proper equipment and that our guard is up at all times,” he added.

Similarly, Officer Michael Murphy, of the Philadelphia Narcotics Unit, emphasized the most alarming part, according to Murphy, was the irony of the situation.

“Two of these guys were cops for the longest time and now that they’ve been retired, they got killed at their second job,” said Murphy.

While the loss of both Alullo and Widmaier remains tragic among the community, those directly affected will suffer the most.

“It’s still a brotherhood, and even though I didn’t know them personally, I’m still affected by this,” said Murphy.

LOR SHULMAN
Centurion Staff

Bucks County’s 911 call center will move to the borough of Ivyland from the seventh floor of Doylestown’s courthouse by next summer.

The new 911 call center will have state-of-the-art equipment enabling dispatchers to pinpoint the location of emergencies instantly. Current technology relies on phone records which must be verified by the dispatcher because the phone records may be outdated.

Each dispatch station has several flat-screen television monitors. More than 15 personnel stand by, and when a call comes in, emergency responders are notified within seconds of Bucks County residents calling 911.

Emergency stations are broken up into three sections; Fire Department, EMS, and Police. Fire and EMS each have three stations staffed by personnel to respond to calls. Police dispatchers monitor between three and five Bucks townships or boroughs.

On one day recently, John England, dispatcher 448 who covers Warminster, Ivyland, Warwick, and Northampton, answered a call about a 90-year-old man who passed out. “If that’s the worst that’s wrong with him at 90, he’s doing great,” said England.

Dispatcher training is 10 weeks in a classroom followed by 10 weeks of on-site training. “The hardest part is getting the radio ear,” said England. From learning the codes to the equipment, the 911 call center is a professional atmosphere where personnel work together around the clock in order to save lives.

The staff looks forward to moving to Ivyland from the hustle and bustle of Doylestown’s courthouse. Many live within minutes of the new location off of Jacksonville Road.

Bucks County’s forensic laboratory is nearly finished with the construction less than a mile from the emerging 911 call center.

The new 911 center will be better for the county; emergency vehicles will be notified quicker and help will come faster to those in need.

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Bucks Offers Early Credits to HS Students

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The start of the fall 2007 semester at Bucks welcomed more than the usual waves of incoming freshmen and returning students; accompanying them were several high school students getting a head start on their college credits.

Certain Bucks courses are available to high school students who meet academic standards. This provides them with credits that are transferable to colleges after graduation.

“I took all my classes here at Bucks during my senior year,” said Robert McGuckin, a 18-year-old business major. “I’m in a professional dancer and travel a lot for work. I’m taking online classes at Bucks this year, and adding to my record from last year.”

“At Bucks…we welcome high school students into our classes; beginning college while still in high school,” explained Elizabeth Kulick, assistant dean of special admissions. “The purpose is to allow advanced high school seniors who have completed the majority of their high school requirements the opportunity to challenge themselves and start college early. A student can graduate high school and complete their freshman year of college at the same time.”

For high school students to attend classes at Bucks, students must be in good standing both in their academic records and achievements and must have the approval from their school’s administration. In addition, students must also complete certain academic requirements to graduate, including four years of physical education.

“Last year at the high school, I was forced to choose between three classes I just didn’t enjoy,” said Michele Lestochi, a 17-year-old Neshaminy student. “But this year at Bucks, I only have to choose one gym class per semester that I know I will enjoy.”

Along with the physical education requirement, Neshaminy high school requires four years of English and social studies classes, and three years of math and science. If these have not been met already, they will have to be taken by the student at Bucks.

Neshaminy student Amy Clark, 17, said, “With this opportunity, I can take my major courses here at Bucks while holding back high school to enjoy my other minor electives.”

While this program may seem very appealing, few seniors take advantage of the opportunity; the option of commuting between schools is not widely known among the student body. “I’d had know about this option, there is no doubt I would have chosen to do that,” said freshman and former Neshaminy student Scott Blaydon. “I hated high school so much. I was so unhappy there, and being away from it now is such a relief. I really wish I had had this option. I felt so negative.”

This option may interest students for many reasons. Some want to escape the restrictive requirements associated with the public school system, while others may seek a more rigorous curriculum.

Students in the program are not forced to abandon their high school privileges. They may still participate in high school sports, extracurricular activities, attend the Senior Prom and walk at gradu- ation if they choose.

For more information, contact Kulick at (215) 968-8123.

Holy Family Reading Workshop

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Bucks hosted a reading workshop that focused on early education teaching techniques Oct. 6. Lynn Orlando, PhD, professor of education, and seven graduate students from Holy Family University, focused on creative literacy centers to use poetry, pictures and art to more effectively teach reading, during the 19th annual Early Childhood Education Conference co-sponsored by Bucks and the Bucks County Association for the Education of Young Children.

Diane Gormley, a Holy Family graduate from Morrisville, used magnetic letters and children’s games to teach the fundamentals of reading and writing.

“The centers are designed to meet the needs of every child from pre-kindergarten through third,” said Gormley.

Gormley stressed the importance of constantly listening to children and doing anything possible to help them with the learning process.

Kristin Morris, a graduate student from Holland, used the works of Shel Silverstein to teach poetry. Morris said she favors poems and narrations to teach reading, and her favorite part of the presentation is the creativity that comes from each child.

“Some poems have rules that need to be followed, but children learn to be creative within those rules. The end product of poetry is a product that can be shared or acted out in a much more relaxed atmosphere than formal writing,” said Morris.

Deidre Kells, graduate student from Buckingham, read “Cinderella,” “The Three Bears,” “Billy Goats Gruff,” and other well known fairy tales. Then children picked words from the story and alphabetized them to use in their own writing. The more advanced writers and readers were given the task of writing their own fairy tale after they were given a character, plot and problem.

“There are many fairy tales out there. Some are variations of the ones we grew up with,” said Kells. “It’s fun to read them all and they can be used with any age child. The important thing to remember is that when a child is reading, he should also be writing. The two go hand-in-hand.”

Over 600 people attended the workshop. They moved from station to station watching presentations that not only showed how to teach early readers but also provided the material list and bibliographies so educators could return to their schools and reproduce the centers at their home schools.

Graduate Kathleen Lucas of Doylestown said, “I enjoyed the opportunity to present at the workshop. It is a great way for teachers to share ideas with other teachers.”

Fifth Anniversary of the Women’s Center at Bucks

JOANNA SCHLICHER
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The Women’s Center has made a big impact on women by bringing in various speakers, performers, and authors, and on Oct. 16 the center celebrated the five-year anniversary of these accomplishments.

“The Women’s Center is a place where women can come to find out more about not only their past, but their present and future,” said speaker Natalie Kaye, programming coordinator for the center. “By offering programs dealing with women’s history, health, relationships, and body image, women are touched, moved, and inspired to be their best.”

Kaye is busy planning events for the future, and she said they will be doing something to celebrate the anniversary, though she isn’t sure exactly what that will be yet.

One student the center has helped is 24-year-old Dawn Blaydon of Levittown. Blaydon, a federal work-study student and psychology major, came to the Women’s Center during the fall semester. The Women’s Center helped her become more aware of women’s issues and improved her personal life.

“You can drown in the darkness of your past or you can pick yourself up and improve someone else’s future and your own. What I get from being here is worth more than any word I could say,” said Boothby.

The Women’s Center continues to bring well-known artists to campus.

In partnering with the music department, the center will be hosting a performance by Lauren Pelon in January. Pelon will play music written by and for women. She plays 25 ancient and modern instruments that were either played by women or forbidden to them.

In recognition of National Eating Disorders week in February, the center has invited back singer Shannon Cutts, who suffered from an eating disorder earlier in her life.

The center has also attracted the attention of award-winning author Gail Sheehy, who came to Bucks last year to talk about her book, “Sex and the Seasoned Women: Pursuing the Passionate Life.”

There are simple ways to get involved in the Women’s Center’s upcoming events. Students, including men, will be receiving an e-mail survey with a list of topics and ideas for programs.

Dr. Lois Gilmore teaches a women’s studies course at Bucks, and at the beginning of each semester she brings her students to the Women’s Center.

“I see a very strong connection between the Women’s Center and the students. It’s a way to get more awareness and involvement. I would be thrilled if my students spent every day in the Women’s Center,” she said.
The ratio of blood given versus people saved is 1 to 3; an amazing number considering that the one is equal to one pint of blood.

Think about that next time you walk into the Gallagher Room only to find the floor covered in a blue tarp, as if a new coat of paint is going to be applied to the walls, and there are rows of beds lined up in the center of the room, like naptime has finally come for sleep-deprived college students. But it’s the setup of the Red Cross, who came to Bucks in order to take donations of blood.

“We have 29 people scheduled today to give blood,” said Helen Luszczak, an early childhood education major, who came to Bucks in order to take donations of blood.

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“God forbid I have to click on my mouse a few more times. That is the dumbest thing I’ve ever heard!”

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Improv Legend Teaches Class

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Bucks arts and communications professor Bill McLaughlin has had a very successful professional career doing improvisation. In his career, McLaughlin has worked for ESPN, performed with the improv group Chicago City Limits, and was named a New York improv legend by the New York Improv Jam.

Born in Philadelphia, McLaughlin moved to Bucks County at the age of 6. He attended Archbishop Ryan High School and is a former Bucks student. “I was a communications major but I really got motivated until I took a class with Patricia Moore,” McLaughlin said. “Auditioned for a play, got the lead, and then was in five more productions in a row. We did lots of theatre back then.”

McLaughlin knew he wanted to be an improv comedian at a young age, being influenced by the popular comedy troupe Monty Python. In 1977, McLaughlin moved to Chicago and attended an improv comedy show with his sister. “Watching the show made me feel like a kid in a candy shop; I wanted to jump on stage right then.”

His time would come, and it did from 1977-1982, performing with Chicago City Limits. McLaughlin performed with Del Close in one of his long-running shows, “Del Close’s Farewell Salute to Chicago.”

“My classes are workshops in improvisational performance technique,” said McLaughlin. “We employ the basic principles along with my own approach to ensemble performance.”

McLaughlin teaches his students the way he was taught, and enjoys every minute of it. “The best part is watching my students discover how it works and getting excited about it. They also know that I enjoy their success and allow them to fail in order to succeed.”

Though pursuing a career in improv comedy may be a long and taxing task, McLaughlin has some guidelines and tips. “Study with a number of instructors to develop a strong, versatile understanding of improv. Study acting, movement, voice and music. These are tools, and really handy ones. Join a group. Form a group. Be relentless.” These days, besides being a teacher at Bucks, McLaughlin is the artistic director for a group called Sam Malone’s Hairpiece. His next performance will be at McCoole’s in Quakertown on Oct. 27. Be there if you want to learn about improv comedy from one of the best out there, McLaughlin.

Student Update: Off Air, Needs New Members

BRITTANY GORDON
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Student Update, a variety show that ran on Comcast last year on Tuesday and Saturday nights, is produced by Bucks students. But the club needs students to join and help keep the show going.

Student Update covered weekly news about what was happening around campus, but the show is currently not running because all of the students who were involved no longer attend Bucks. Professor Ron Feeback, the club’s adviser, said the show is on hold for the moment until the club is reorganized and more students join.

Kelly Wilson, Anne Maxwell and Dan Magro used to be the hosts of Student Update but have all moved on to other colleges and their positions must be filled. The club needs a president, vice president, and treasurer. Cameramen, light, and sound technicians are also needed.

“I want to get this going again,” said Feeback. “Anyone who’s interested is more than welcome to join.”

The show covered many topics, from Bucks daycare to the Women’s Center to clubs and organizations. Dante Feraco was a camera- man and a light technician for almost two seasons of the show. He said that working on the set provided him with needed career experience.

“You should join the club if you were ever interested in working in the media or directing. It’s a great place to learn hands-on and how things work in the real world,” Feraco said.

Kelly Bauman, a cinema video major, wants to reorganize the club with a new name and make it a variety show. When Bauman approached Professor Feeback about getting the show running again she discovered that there was a lot of work for her to do on her own. “I need more enthusiastic people to get involved with the show to make it successful. If we can find people, the show will be really great and a lot of fun,” Bauman said. “We have all the supplies and equipment needed to run the show. What we really need is people and their time.”

For more information about Student Update or if you are interested in joining, contact Feeback or the student life office. You can also e-mail Bauman at kellybauman16@yahoo.com.

Bucks StudentsTalk About Hillary Clinton

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Bucks students seem to think that America is ready for a female president and, according to a random survey, many believe Hillary Clinton would be a good president.

Clinton was born and raised in Park Ridge, N.J., and graduated from Yale Law School. She worked as a lawyer for children and families before becoming first lady of Arkansas, then first lady of the United States.

In 2000, Clinton was elected to the U.S. Senate from New York, then reelected in 2006. Currently leading the Democratic polls, she is the first woman senator and, according to a random survey, many believe she will be a good president. However, in this male-dominated world, people have all sorts of opinions about Clinton’s campaign in American history.

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Many students believe that Clinton will do a good job, some of students have always been her fans. Mike Honeycut, 21, a history major from Philadelphia, disagrees with the idea that a woman like Clinton would never be elected, but he does say that a woman president would improve our standing among nations.

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Women may be unfairly judged sometimes, but many students believe Clinton may have the edge with female voters come Election Day. Justin Lavinsky, 24, a business major from Yardley, said he would never rule out somebody based on gender alone, but said women tend to think differently than men when it comes to resolving conflict.

“A man would be more likely to send our country to war,” said Lavinsky, “because, historically, they have always been the hunters.”

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Possible Syrian Nuclear Weapons Site Bombed

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VIENNA, Austria (AP) — U.N. experts have received satellite imagery of the site struck last month by Israeli warplanes and are analyzing it for signs that it might have been a secret nuclear facility, diplomats said Friday, Oct. 19.

One of the diplomats indicated that the photos came from U.S. intelligence. Two others said the images, which have been studied by experts of the International Atomic Energy Agency since being received on Thursday, Oct. 18, do not at first examination appear to substantiate reports that the target was a nuclear installation, but emphasized that the images were still under examination.

The diplomats, who were briefed on the agency's receipt of the images, spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

DeGeneres Fights to get Puppy Back

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Ellen DeGeneres' talk show was put on hold for a day because of her emotionally wrenching dog-adoption drama.

DeGeneres was scheduled Thursday to tape shows to air Friday and Monday. Instead, the tapings were canceled and reruns featuring Jessica Alba and Queen Latifah will air on those days. A new show is planned Tuesday.

The battle over Iggy, a Brussels Griffon terrier mix, pitted DeGeneres against an animal rescue agency and, at one point, had her in tears on her show. The agency's owners complained of receiving death threats over the dispute.

DeGeneres adopted the dog, then gave it to her hairstylist's family after the dog, despite training, couldn't get along with the comedienne's cats, her publicist has said. Marina Barkus and Vanessa Cherekoun, owners of the nonprofit Mutts and Moms agency, claimed that DeGeneres violated the adoption agreement by not informing them that she was giving the dog away.

Vet Acquited of ‘Aiding Enemy’

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A former U.S. commander at the jail that held Saddam Hussein was Friday found not guilty of that charge but convicted of unauthorized possession of classified documents, behavior unbecoming an officer for an inappropriate relationship with an interpreter, and failing to obey an order.

Steele got credit for 254 days already served, so he will only have to spend about 15 months in jail, the judge ruled. He also will be reprimanded and dismissed from the service, and will forfeit all pay and allowances. It was a relatively lenient sentence, considering Steele could have received a maximum of 10 years in jail on the classified documents charge.

Steele initially faced a possible death sentence on the charge of aiding the enemy, a capital offense under U.S. military law.

But a former acting command- ing general of U.S. forces in Iraq, Maj. Gen. James Simmons, decided instead against a death sentence.
Centurion Golf Team Puts Away Their Putters

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With the crunch of fall leaves underfoot, the Centurion golf team is starting to pack up its clubs, and wait for winter to pass. While the season has come to an end, the team’s accomplishments did not go unnoticed.

Coach Bradshaw, the Centurions won first place in their league this year. Early in the season, Bucks'ota 319 to win the Delaware Invitational, beating out the competition by seven strokes. Freshman Sean Flaherty placed first overall at the Penn National tournament and was a key player in Bucks’ 12-stroke win in the tournament. The team then traveled to Lehigh Carbon Community College where they took third place. Once again the team finished among the top tier, missing out on second place by only two strokes.

The Centurions took on Harrisburg Area Community College and shot a 328. Unfortunately for the Bucks, it was just short of beating them. "Sophomores Anthony Mullin, Andrew Ward, and freshman Ryan Wahal, Ryan Kelly, and Andrew Van Nostrand played a big part in this year’s victories," said Bradshaw.

The coach’s team was hopeful, and had their eyes aimed on first place, but they had to settle for a third place in the state tournament. "We did well but were hoping for a first-place finish. In hindsight, that might have been a little too lofty," said Wahal. He was the only medalist in the competition, with his top 10 finish.

The team is young and has a lot of potential for next year. Hearing how they want to improve for next season, and how the coach talks about his players, it sounds like the whole team is confident and hopeful for next season.

"I’m very confident in my players," Bradshaw said. "And I feel as though we will do well in the spring.”

The golf team is looking forward to making another run at the top 1 spot next season. As spring rolls around, be assured that the Centurions will be the first ones at the driving range and anxious to achieve even more than this season.

2007 NBA Season Preview

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Welcome to the first full season without Allen Iverson as a Philadelphia 76er. In his place there is a new A.I., set to lead the team into the 2007-2008 season, Andre Iguodala. The expectations are high for Iguodala, but the same cannot be said for his team.

This year’s Sixers sport a young and talented look coached by fan-favorite and former player Maurice Cheeks. The team is led by the 6-foot-6 Iguodala, who inherited the role of team leader with last year’s midseason trade of Iverson and Ivan McFarlin to the Denver Nuggets in exchange for Andre Miller, Joe Smith and two first-round draft picks. After the deal, the Sixers went on to play solid basketball, resulting in a 21-20 record.

After last season’s surprising finish, the Sixers expect to contend for a playoff spot in the weak Eastern Conference. That may be a tall order as many of the teams in the Atlantic Division come greatly improved, while Philadelphia did little to bolster its roster. The Boston Celtics acquired all-stars Kevin Garnett and Ray Allen. The Knicks traded for former Portland Trailblazer Zach Randolph, but sent Steve Francis to Portland in return.

And the Sixers? They drafted Thaddeus Young, Jason Smith and trades for veteran forward Reggie Evans. The Sixers traded for Evans before training-camp. It’s these types of off season deals that have Sixers’ fans scratching their heads at GM Billy King’s decisions.

Miller gives the Sixers’ solid, veteran leadership at the point guard position. The shooting guard position is full of competition with Willie Green and Rodney Carney vying for starting roles. Small forward is locked down for years to come with Iguodala. With the loss of Stephen Hunter, the center position will again be manned by Samuel Dalembert, the talented, but enigmatic big-man from Seton Hall.

The bench will be led by three-point shooter Kyle Korver. Korver has become one of the NBA’s best perimeter shooters in recent years. Also coming off the bench is third-year guard Louis Williams. Williams has led the team in points per game in both the summer league and preseason this year, and many believe he is ready to take the next step and become a major contributor to the team.

Although many expect the Sixers to finish near the bottom of the Eastern Conference, there is hope. It starts with Iguodala, who is an unselish playmaker, something the team has lacked in recent years. If the young players step up, this year could end up with the Sixers making a surprising playoff run.

New Trainer Invites Students to Get Fit

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Want to lose those love handles but cannot find the time because of your class schedule? The Wellness Center, located in Bucks’ gymnasium building, is open five days a week. The center is open to all Bucks students and faculty.

To start using the wellness center, students should present their Bucks identification card to the Wellness Center staff. They will need to sign a waiver form and fill out a health and fitness questionnaire to begin working out.

All participants must receive instruction from a trainer prior to beginning their exercise regimens.

The Wellness Center offers multiple fitness machines, including free weights, treadmills, exercise bikes and elliptical trainers that are easily accessible.

New trainer Rob Barrese has experience with working in strength and conditioning. Barrese has worked with athletes at previous colleges such as Penn State, Lockhaven and most recently, Michigan State. Barrese hopes to accomplish core training at Bucks, training that helps prevent injury and promotes flexibility.

“I want the gym to really be a people-helping-people environment,” Barrese said. “To help students be more self-sufficient.”

With students’ hectic schedules, Barrese hopes they will make time for the center.

“Most people don’t come here often because they have jobs or they’re too far away, but you need to plan,” Barrese said. “Bring your work clothes with you to the gym.”

Barrese encourages students to stop in as often as possible. “There is no charge and my door is always open,” Barrese said. “More students need to join.”

For hours of operation and additional information about the Wellness Center, visit www.bucks.edu/wellness.