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Bug infestation at Bucks



Photo by Dr. Kumarage

BY ADAM STAPENELL
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Professors are overrun with swarming box elder beetles and stink bugs that have infested the Penn Hall offices, and caused a distraction in the classrooms during the autumn months.

Penn Hall has a perennial bug problem in the fall season that

causes frustration and disgust among some faculty and students.

Once the weather starts to cool down, box elder beetles come pouring into Penn Hall faculty offices by the dozens on unusually warm days.

Language and literature Professor Erangee Kumarage has a first-floor Penn Hall office on and she described her problems

with the infestation. "I've had this problem every year around this time for the last four years I've been here... They came out in what seemed to be in the hundreds when the custodian sprayed the radiator with a cleaning product. It looked like a scene from an Alfred Hitchcock movie."

These bugs might be getting in through the ventilation, but they

haven't stayed there. Kumarage said, "They mostly stick to the window, but they also nest in big clumps inside the hem of the curtains and gather behind pictures. Sometimes they fly around."

The problem has not been isolated to the first floor either. Professor Sherry Eichert has a

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The Phillies 2009: Review

BY IAN MCLEAN
Managing Editor

On a cold November night in the Bronx, the Philadelphia Phillies watched from unfamiliar territory as the New York Yankees celebrated their record 27th World Series Victory.

The Phillies, who were defending World Series champions, must now look toward next year.

Before they shift their attention to the spring, let us take a look at the past year, which was filled with ups

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NEWS

Author urges activism

BY JOSHUA ROSENAU
News Editor

Activist and author David Swanson spoke to an audience of students, faculty, and local activists in Fireside Lounge last Wednesday, urging them to become more politically involved and to pick up as copy of his new book, "Daybreak: Undoing the Imperial Presidency and Forming a More Perfect Union."

Swanson is a prolific blogger and political writer who is probably best known for

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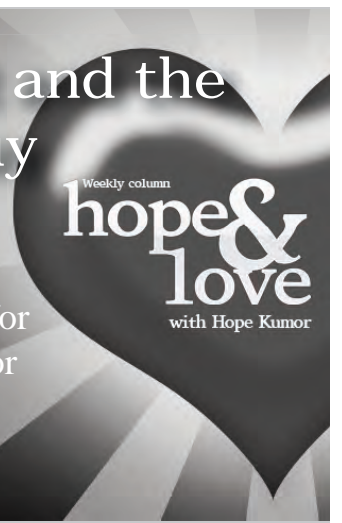


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Former Kucinich press secretary speaks at Bucks

Author Swanson says political leaders must be held accountable to the people

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his work as press secretary for the 2004 presidential campaign of Sen. Dennis Kucinich of Ohio. He has also worked as media coordinator for the International Labor Communications Association and communications coordinator for ACORN, the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now.

At Bucks, Swanson spoke about the importance of holding political leaders to the rule of law, citing the recent conviction of 22 CIA agents and one U.S. soldier in Italy for the kidnapping and abduction of Hassan M u s t a f a Osama Nasr.

According to a BBC report, Nasr fell victim to the secret U.S. program known as extraordinary rendition, a process by which U.S. spies kidnap and forcibly extradite foreign terror suspects to countries willing to torture detainees in order to collect information.

Swanson pointed out that a similar victim of extraordinary rendition, Maher Arar, recently had his lawsuit against the U.S. government for his being kidnapped and tortured in Syria dismissed because, according to a report in the New York Times, "Congress has not authorized such suits."

"Kidnapping is still illegal in Italy," said Swanson, "and I applaud the Italian court's decision."

Swanson went on to argue that the use of extraordinary rendition

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“You need to stop thinking the President is your friend”



Photo by Joshua Rosenau

is symptomatic of a larger problem outlined in his new book, "Daybreak." According to Swanson, the use of secret memos, secret treaties, secret programs like rendition, and the use of presidential orders and signing statements, are signs that the presidency is becoming more and more independent, and as a result the U.S. government is beginning to behave more like a monarchy and less like a democracy.

"You need to stop thinking the president is your friend," said Swanson, "He is not your friend."

In light of this, Swanson called on everyone in the room to become more engaged citizens.

For Swanson, that means citizens must do more than just vote. "Voting is an initial baby step toward becoming an active citizen," he said. "I encourage everyone to vote. I don't encourage everyone to imagine that their vote has any real effect."

Because the office of the presidency is practically sealed off

from the public by the trappings of the White House and by the constant guard of the secret service, Swanson directs citizens to aim their demands at their local congressman or congresswoman, as they are much more accessible for seeking change than the presidency.

"People in power need to be reminded that they work for you. They need to be punished when they don't do what they promise, and rewarded when they do," said Swanson. "Simply electing them without telling them how to represent you is irresponsible."

Swanson appeared at Bucks as part of the Wordsmith Reading Series, a program "dedicated to bringing to Bucks nationally known authors whose work celebrates the written word and enlarges our sense of what is possible with it," according to a 2009 press release.

Swanson will be continuing his nationwide tour promoting "Daybreak" through February.

Bugs force classes to relocate at Penn Hall

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second-floor office and has encountered the same problems. "... I had a couple of bad days, a few weeks ago, when swarming lady bugs, stinkbugs, and box elder beetles invaded my office." When asked how often this occurs, Eichert said that it happens several times a semester.

The insects don't have a strict preference for instructors' offices; they have been known to invade classrooms as well. "Several instructors have had to temporarily change classrooms in order to escape the nuisance in class," said Eichert. One student reported that the trailers behind Penn Hall are

especially vulnerable to the box elder beetle invasion.

Physical Plant staff have tried to fight the autumn onslaught, but maintenance has their work cut out for them. "Last year they vacuumed my office at least five times... The union also took this issue up last year, so many people must have complained," said Kummage.

The nuisance doesn't stop at the doors of Penn Hall. Eichert said, "One of the concerns is that they will take the bugs home in their book bags or on their clothing."

Though not easy, the problem will hopefully be solved soon so that professors and classrooms aren't overrun with insects.

PRINT CORRECTION

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Jesse Trout was in fact the writer.

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Academic team is looking for students who want to compete

Students can win cash prizes in the All USA Community College Academic Team contest

BY SARAH BATTISTA
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Bucks is looking for students to compete for a place on the All USA Community College Academic Team for 2009.

The team is sponsored by USA Today, the Coca-Cola Scholarships Foundation, the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC), and Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society.

There will be six nominees, two from each Bucks campus.

If chosen, the team members will be eligible to compete for cash awards and regional and national recognition.

Students selected for the team will be recognized at the Commission for Community Colleges spring banquet in Harrisburg, where they will also be invited to tour the State capitol.

From there, selected students will be eligible for one of two final positions on the All-State Academic Team.

Liz French, 23, a nursing major from Warminster said, "That sounds pretty interesting and cool. I think everyone should have the opportunity to see their state capital."

Interested students must demonstrate academic excellence and leadership experience.

To be eligible, students must be enrolled at a community college

through Decemver 2009. They must have a minimum of 36 credits completed by Dec. 31, 2009 with the intent of having 48 credits by Aug. 31, 2009.

Part-time and full-time students may apply, but a minimum cumulative GPA of a 3.50 in all college coursework completed in the last five years is required.

French said, "It's always nice to have the chance to get more financial help for school especially with the economy these days."

Students who are interested must complete an application and submit a written essay along with a bulleted list of community activities and leadership positions they have had.

The essay should describe a student's most significant achievement since attending community college.

Relevant projects may be in community service, research, the arts, or public affairs.

The judges will be looking for creativity, innovation, original and lasting achievements.

If students are selected they must complete other written works as well.

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The deadline for the contest was November 9, 2009.



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Get to snowboard on campus

The Bucks Ski Club arranges a variety of events for the snow-loving students among us



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BY ANDREW LAUFER
Centurion Staff

If students are interested in skiing, they should check out the Ski Club and their upcoming three main events.

“[The club] doesn’t really meet a lot, we just create activities and go,” according to Dr. Earle Myers, who is one of the ski club advisers.

One of the upcoming events is the The Rail Jam, which will take

place on Thursday, Nov. 19, from noon to 2 p.m.

This event will include something that has never been done before at Bucks. It will feature an ice ramp set up on the steps outside the gym right next to the Hub.

This event will showcase professional snow boarders and will also allow students to display their skills. “Students will not be able to do any type of tricks,” says Myers.

Raffles, product tosses, compe-

titions, team demo, prizes, and other giveaways will be offered as well.

Another event is a day trip to Hunter Mountain. This trip will take place on Thursday, Dec. 3. It will cost \$70 for ski club members, while student/non-members will be charged \$75. For non-students, it will cost \$80.

This trip includes round trip motor coach transportation, all-area lift ticket and dinner. Departure from the college will be at 5

a.m. and will have a return time of about 10 p.m.

An even bigger trip that the ski club has in store is the Smugglers’ Notch, Vermont vacation getaway. This trip will allow students to ski and ride the Green Mountains of Vermont. Smugglers’ has three mountains and is great for any level of skier or boarder.

The trip is priced at \$379, which includes five nights of condominium lodging and a five-day lift ticket. All taxes and gratuities are

included in the price. This trip package also includes use of the indoor pool and sauna, ice skating, bonfires, fireworks, and village activities.

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Students remember some of their weirdest dreams

BY ANNMARIE ELY
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When Danielle Fabru was 6 she had a nightmare that Michael Jackson was outside her window.

“I’ll never forget it. Michael Jackson was in my window. The white face and the black hair smashed against the window,” said Fabru, 19, an accounting major from Levittown.

Why we dream is still a mystery, but there are a lot of theories. “No one knows why we sleep much less why we dream,” said Deborah Sedik, a psychology professor at Bucks.

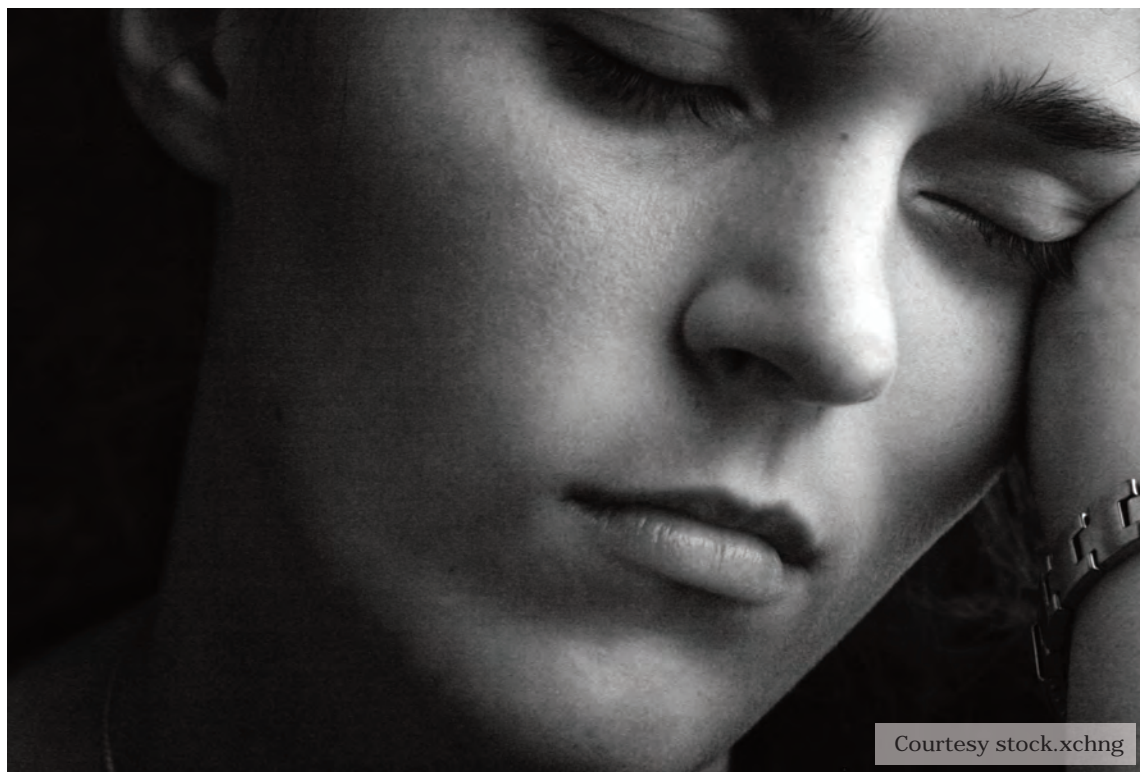
“Some of the theories are the problem focus theory (dreamers work out problems while sleeping) and activation-synthesis (the brain makes sense of random firings),” said Sedik

“Perhaps the most famous of all is Freudian psychoanalytical theory,” said Sedik

Psychoanalytic theory claims that dreams are a way of releasing our unconscious desires.

Sedik warns that there is not much empirical evidence supporting psychoanalytic theory.

“Dream studies become interesting because every person iden-



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tifies on a personal level with each of the theories or several theories at once,” said Sedik

Sedik doesn’t really have a favorite theory on dreams.

“It is one of those areas of psychology where there are still a lot of questions,” said Sedik

“The most fun is the dream analysis, different symbols mean-

ing different things, but there’s really no empirical evidence to back those suggestions.”

There’s a lot of variety around campus when it comes to dreams. Student dreams ranged from frightening to mundane.

Scary dreams really seemed to stick with students.

“I had a dream that my grandfa-

ther drove his car into the Delaware River because he wasn’t paying attention,” said Nicholas Caron-Clement, 18, a computer science major from Pipersville. Caron had his parents call his grandfather when he woke up. His grandfather was fine.

Weston Moran fell asleep and became a character in the popular

horror movie “Paranormal.”

“It was kind of like the movie, I woke up, but I didn’t really wake up, I woke up in the dream. I was the one being attacked by demons. Then, I woke up for real,” said Moran, 19, from Churchville.

Dan Hibbs is a Phillies fan even while he is sleeping.

“I had a dream the other night that I was eating breakfast with the Phillies,” said Hibbs, 19, a business major from Levittown.

Some were less than comfortable sharing what they dream about in any sort of detail.

“I honestly can’t think of a single appropriate dream that I’ve had,” said Jamie Suveg, 18, a liberal arts major from Bensalem. Others do the same things they typically do in real life.

“I played ‘Oblivion’ (an XBOX 360 game) a lot so I was playing ‘Oblivion’ in the dream. I had that dream a lot,” said Michael Esposito, 19, a liberal arts major from Bensalem.

“I guess it was something about grades. There was a biology exam. Usually I don’t remember my dreams, but sometimes a dream will wake me up if it is scary,” said Pankti Mehta, 23, a physical therapy major from Bensalem.

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Texting all over campus

When in class, most students don't think twice about quietly messaging friends

BY ANNMARIE ELY
Features Editor

Silent conversations are going on in classrooms all over campus.

How often do students text in class? What are their reasons for texting? How have professors responded? Is texting affecting class? The campus responds.

"I see texting in the classroom. Several students during any given class will be on electronic devices. I assume that they're texting, but I'm not sure," said Alan Rubin, a composition professor at Bucks.

Some students almost feel their devices pulling at them to answer.

"I do actually (feel obligated to respond) sometimes in class. It will be a quick little answer. I'll just want to write 'yes' or something short," said Josh Griffin, 20, a nursing major from Warminster.

Griffin is not alone in his desire to text. Nationally over 75 billion text messages are sent each month, according to an article in the Washington Post.

So what effect do the texts have on learning?

"You're not truly time-sharing. You're flitting back and forth, and the flitting itself is taking processing capacity," professor Meyers of the University of Michigan told the Washington Post.

"There is a cost when people multitask—a kind of mental brownout. If a teenager is reading Shakespeare when a text message interrupts, Hamlet's ghost is going to fade in and out in a ghostly fog," Meyers told the Washington Post.

Other professors like Al Filreis of the University of Pennsylvania have seen writing improve.

"In writing, quantity leads to quality," Filreis told the Wash-



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ton Post.

Filreis claims that students are learning to think about audience, and keep their writing more concise.

One of the top reasons students here at Bucks say they text is boredom.

"If I get bored in class I'll just start texting. I'll say 'I'm in class text me,'" said Rey Sias, 20, an education major, from Warminster.

The more interactive the classroom, the harder it seems to be to text.

"I've never seen anybody texting in here (Italian class). He just assumes that we won't. He's constantly asking us questions," said

Allina Ramirez, 20, of Warminster.

Professors have taken different approaches to deal with texting. In certain classrooms students know to type "t.t.y.l." (talk to you later) or turn their phones off before they even enter.

"Some professors don't care, this professor yesterday was really screaming at me because I was texting her (gesturing to the woman next to him)," said an accounting major from Yardley.

"I have the uncanny ability to tell so I'll say put it away. I'll never ignore it," said Professor Alex Fleck, who teaches women's studies and communication

classes at Bucks.

"We're all responsible for the community of the class when you're checked out of that community it can't work. It's ultimately about citizenship," said Fleck.

"If I was having a conference with a student I wouldn't be texting. It is your job to be present."

While talking in class is obviously rude, the campus seems to be split on the topic of texting. Some students see text messages as the individual's problem.

"It doesn't bother me. I just think why do they even bother going to school? It is not my money that they're wasting," said

Ramirez.

Other students felt that texting was like saying "I don't want to be here."

"It's kind of rude. If I'm around someone I don't want them texting 24/7. You should pay atten-

tion to someone who is in your presence, act like you want to be there. It seems like you don't if you are texting," said

Dan Lacey, 20, a finance major from Wrightstown. Nontraditional aged students seemed to be

bothered more than younger students.

Gail Achuff, a nontraditional student from Bensalem, was surprised by how distracted students can be. For Achuff, texting wasn't the worst of the problems.

"The classes with the computer labs, that's the worst. People are checking their email, on Facebook..." said Achuff.

"A classroom may appear to be quiet and orderly, but it may be abuzz with chatter," Juan Hendrix, an earth science teacher, told the Washington Post.

A lot of people felt that for better or worse, texting in the classroom is not something that is going to stop any time soon.

"It probably bothers me more than other students because they're used to it. I don't know, does it bother you?" asks professor Rubin.

Student Clubs Center provides a meeting place for students

BY RICK MAURO
Centurion Staff

College is a time when students have the freedom to pursue passions and interests with like-minded people

To take advantage of this collegiate experience, Bucks has employed a strong effort to build a community of clubs and organizations that allows students a chance to grow, both personally and professionally.

Bucks' Newtown campus offers students in official clubs and organizations a place to schedule and conduct activities through the Student Life Office.

The Student Life Office located in Room 112 of the Rollins Center provides information regarding clubs or organizations that Bucks students might join.

Matt Cipriano, director of Student Life Programs, says the Student Life Office has one goal to reach.

"The great thing about the Student Life Office is that we are all on the same page in improving the student's experience here. We are trying to build a sense of school pride that all three campuses can be involved in," he said.

Bucks has established a Student Clubs Center specifically to provide clubs a space to conduct business, have meetings, or pursue other activities relating to the organization.

There are computers, storage spaces, and meeting rooms for students to use as they need. The Student Clubs Center is located directly next to the Student Life Office on the Newtown campus.

Increasing student morale

through the Student Life Office includes providing clubs and organizations rooms they can use for their activities on a daily basis.

"We're very excited about the Fireside lounge upgrades as well as our whole second floor being completely redone. We want students to be comfortable when learning and also while participating in extracurricular activities," says Cipriano.

If interested, joining a club is easy. A listing of each organization is provided at http://www.bucks.edu/life/clubs_orgs.php. After finding which club(s) you'd like to join, just fill out a club interest form and submit it to the Student Life Office.

"Meetings are scheduled usually on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Student Club Center between the different groups. If students

want to learn more about specific groups, the Student Life Office will be able to provide information on getting them connected," says Cipriano.

An adviser for each club should have a contact number provided. If that is not the case, contact Carol Brandt at brandtc@bucks.edu and she can put you in touch with the prospective club.

If you cannot find a club that fits what you're aiming for, there is always an option to start a new one. There is a basic process of filling out paperwork, recruiting a faculty or staff member to act as an official adviser, and creating a club constitution. Then a majority of the members of the Student Government Association must vote to approve the club.

Clubs and organizations are a

great part of the college experience and should be taken advantage of. With facilities such as the Student Club Center available, it is a fantastic opportunity to make new friends, enhance your resume, or even just have fun.

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Another season of “Tough Love”

It’s another season of women trying to solve their problems with dating and themselves



BY HOPE KUMOR
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What comes to mind when you hear the term “Tough Love?” Parenting? No it’s actually a boot camp where women get a realistic portrayal in how they’ve looked in front of men.

It also teaches females the problems in their ways of approaching relationships. Is it designed to completely change the way in which they go about pursuing a male?

The women seek relationship advice. Steve Ward, the host and matchmaker, and his mom, JoAnn Ward, promote their understanding of relationships.

Steve matches up the women with men he thinks best suit them. He guarantees that the women

will fall in love.

There has been one season so far, and it ends with a few happy results. This isn’t a show in which people are eliminated; it is one that has the women complete different challenges.

Jody Green had the biggest role on the show in her quest for love. She is a 39-year-old who had a problem with letting guys completely in. She ended up with a guy, Shane, who seemed perfect for her.

But Green went back to her old ways when Shane asked why she wasn’t married. She completely freaked out as he drove her home from their date.

On the episode after that, Steve thought Green and Shane had something there, and brought him back on the show where he apolo-

gized and they started talking like before.

The women each got a name based on how they present themselves in the first meeting of the show.

The women in season one consist of: Abiola Abrams, aka Miss Picky, Jody Green, aka Miss Lone Ranger, Stasha Kravljanac, aka Miss Ball Buster, Natasha Malinsky, aka Mis-Guided, Arian Mayer, aka Mis-Guided, Taylor Royce, aka Miss Gold digger, Jessa Faye Settles, aka Miss fatal attraction, and Jacklyn Watkin, aka Miss Bridezilla.

One woman will be in the hot seat because they are either the worst or the best.

In the finale, Stasha took Lux, the man she met, to Serbia to meet her family. They plan to

marry later this year. Taylor moved back to Scottsdale to reconnect with her family and is still talking to Jody every day. Arian moved to L.A. to find a guy, the bartender she met during Tough Love Boot Camp. Natasha met a guy right after Boot Camp ended, and they are dating exclusively. She says she doesn’t need

to fix him. Abiola and Justin tried the “long distance thing,” but it didn’t work out. She’s dating, and says she’s not Miss Picky anymore.

Jessa had a breakthrough and found true love...with one of her best guy friends. Jody and Shane dated for a couple of months after Boot Camp, but broke it off when it didn’t get more serious. She has no hard feelings and is happily dating again.

Greg, Jacklyn’s ex- boyfriend, waited for Jacklyn at the airport with a ring. They broke up when he went back to his old ways. As a result, Jacklyn lost Brock, the guys she met on the show.

If this show sounds appealing, then you can watch the second season, which comes out on Sunday, Nov. 15, on VH-1.

THE WEEK IN TV/MOVIES/MUSIC

TV

Tuesday 11/10
90210 - CW - 8.00
Melrose Place - CW - 9.00

Wednesday 11/11
Mercy - NBC - 8.00
So You Think You Can Dance - FOX - 8.00
America’s Next Top Model - CW - 8.00
Ghost Hunters - SyFy - 9.00
CSI:NY - CBS - 10.00


Thursday 11/12
Survivor Samoa - CBS - 8.00
Greys Anatomy - ABC - 9.00
The Office - NBC - 9.00
Fringe - FOX - 9.00
Project Runway - Lifetime - 10.00

Friday 11/13
Smallville - CW - 8.00
Dollhouse - FOX - 9.00
Psych - USA - 10.00
The Soup - E! - 10.00

Sunday 11/14
The Simpsons - FOX - 8.00
Family Guy - FOX - 9.00
Cold Case - CBS - 10.00
Mad Men - AMC - 10.00


Monday 11/15
Heroes - NBC - 8.00
House - FOX - 8.00
One Tree Hill - CW - 8.00
Gossip Girl - CW - 9.00
Greek - ABC Family - 9.00

MOVIES



2012 (PG-13)
An academic researcher leads a group of people in a fight to counteract the apocalyptic events that were predicted by the ancient Mayan calendar.

Directed by: Roland Emmerich
Starring: John Cusack, Thandie Newton, Chiwetel Ejiofor
Release Date: 13 November



Pirate Radio (R)
A 1960’s comedy about an illegal radio station run by a band of rogue DJs on a ship in the middle of Britain’s North Sea. By defying the tastes and laws of the ruling government, the disc jockeys hooked their listeners on pop music and its attendant ideas of love and free will.

Directed by: Richard Curtis
Starring: Philip Seymour Hoffman, Bill Nighy, Nick Frost
Release Date: 13 November

MUSIC



Bon Jovi
New album “The Circle”
10 November

Tori Amos
New album “Midwinter Graces”
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Flyleaf
New album “Memento Mori”
10 November

“Paranormal Activity” keeps you at the edge of your seat

BY JENNIFER BELL
Centurion Staff

“Paranormal Activity” is this year’s “Blair Witch Project.” This realistic horror flick was in such high demand among viewers it was shown in cinemas all over the country, starting off by only being shown in select theaters. Its terrifying plot has brought many people to the theaters.

Based on true events, this haunted house flick shows what can happen when you allow such a ghostly presence to be welcome in your home; the result may not be what you were expecting but just like Katie and Micah, you must be prepared for battle.

Katie Featherston, a young woman who has been haunted by an unexplained presence for many years, decides to move into a quiet suburban area with boyfriend Micah Sloat.

Katie wants to leave this entity alone, but boyfriend Micah becomes infatuated with the idea of confronting whatever is following Kate. His new video camera gives him the idea to record everything that happens in the middle of the night in hopes of catching something on tape; what Micah finds is

not what he was expecting.

This supernatural thriller kept you at the edge of your seat; from the horribly loud pounding noises on the walls in the middle of the night to the flaming Ouija board in the empty house.

The couple’s idea of confronting their guest was probably not the best; instead they tormented it. Not even the psychic they brought in would stay to help.

The special effects throughout the movie are subtle yet you can not help to be drawn farther into this house of horrors.

Each night captured on tape presents new and more serious phenomena that will eventually make it very evident to the couple that they shouldn’t be there.

A thick silence fills the theater as the suspense grew. Wide eyed audience members tightly gripped

their chairs as Katie and Micah’s situation became more intense. The occasional gasp and scream echoed throughout the theater.

This real-life couple made a

what started as a small project, turned into a box office hit.

Paramount Pictures is now considering the idea of a sequel. However it is not set in stone. The

“A thick silence filled the theater as the suspense grew”



video in hopes of seeing it on the big screen and they were successful. “Paranormal Activity” was in high demand all over the country;

ending does leave things open for more and it would not be difficult to fill the theaters for another horror-suspense thriller like this.



PARANORMAL ACTIVITY INFO

Director:
Oren Peli

Starring:
Katie Featherston,
Micah Sloat, Mark
Fredrichs

Estimated budget:
\$11,000

Release date:
16 October

Rated R by the MPAA



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An exciting year for the Phillies

Despite the loss in New York to the Yankees, the Phillies had a year full of memorable moments

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and downs, furious comebacks, and heart-breaking defeats.

The season started off with high expectations. The Phillies were fresh off of a magical October run that saw them rip through the playoffs with an 11-3 record en route to their second World Series championship. The best way to describe that 2008 team was with one simple word: Juggernaut.

For the second year in a row the Phillies sent Brett Myers to the mound to open the season and lost. World Series MVP Cole Hamels wasn't given the opportunity to pitch the opener due to an injury he sustained in the offseason.

A World Series hangover seemed to be the trend over the last decade, but despite their opening season loss that was never on the Phillies' minds. They were slow out of the gates, just as they always seem to be. Their closest foe, the New York Mets, actually stood in first place in the NL East through much of April.

Fortunately for the Phillies, the Mets suffered a pretty ridiculous string of injuries to their core of players, though there is no doubt in my mind the Phillies would have won the division anyway.

Early on, they withstood tests from not only the Mets, but the Braves and those pesky Florida Marlins as well. Keep in mind that this was the seventh year since the Marlins last championship, who also won seven years before that. When the Marlins took over first place temporarily in May, many people began to believe in the theory of seven.

That theory did not last long as the Phillies took first place from them, and refused to relinquish it for the rest of the regular season.

The path to their third straight NL East title though was rocky at best. There were high times like that of their 10 game win streak. Then there were the low times like when they suffered series sweeps at the hands of the Toronto Blue Jays and the Baltimore Orioles, the two cellar-dwellers of the AL East.

Adding to the roller-coaster ride in 2009 was the completely ineffective Brad Lidge. Lidge, who was perfect in save opportunities in 2008, seemingly forgot how to pitch. Lidge struggled through one of the worst years ever for a reliever. He ended up with a record of 0-8 and an earned-run-average of 7.21 to go with his 11 blown saves.

Despite Lidge's failures in the

late innings of games, he wasn't the only troubled arm in the Phillies bullpen. The Phillies lost lefties JC Romero (50-game suspension for steroids) and Mike Zagurski, leaving Scott Eyre as the only experienced lefty. Who by the way has been pitching with bone chips floating around in his elbow.

Romero, who was a key part of the 2008 title run for the Phils, eventually returned from his suspension only to suffer an injury that would keep him from pitching in the playoffs.

The Phillies also lost J a c k

threat to go deep every time he stepped to the plate. Unfortunately for Ibanez, he suffered an injury that sidelined him for a stretch of games and he was never the same.

The Phillies boasted one of the most potent offenses in all of baseball. It featured former MVP's Jimmy Rollins and Ryan Howard, the league's top second baseman Chase Utley, and an all-star caliber outfielder that featured the "flyin' Hawaiian" Shane Vic-

torino and Jayson Werth on top of Ibanez.

signing of the aging yet wily veteran Pedro Martinez. Martinez, who has won three Cy Young awards in his career, is widely considered one of the greatest pitchers of this generation if not of all time.

Just one week after the all-star game, the Phils rookie GM Ruben Amaro Jr. made what was perhaps the best trade of the season. He sent four minor league prospects to the Cleveland Indians in exchange for reigning Cy Young winner Cliff Lee as well as utility

outfielder Ben Francisco.

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The rest of the story is history. As you all know, the Phillies would go on to lose in six games to the New York Yankees in the 2009 fall classic. Midseason acquisition Cliff Lee was everything the Phillies needed him to be, winning both of his starts of the series.

It wasn't enough however, as the Phillies fell short on the offensive side of things, something that nobody saw coming. Then Yankees proved to be much more of a competition than the Tampa Bay Rays were last October.

All in all, this was a great year for the Phillies. This team is full of winners and anything less than a World Series crown is considered a failure in their minds. Perhaps that is the best mindset a team that has aspirations of greatness can have.

This should be a fun offseason, as Amaro is sure to make some moves to help the Phillies return to glory. You can expect to see the Phillies back in the mix of things next year, and for many years to come.



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dreamed of seeing Blue Jays ace Roy Halladay in red pinstripes, but after the show Lee put on since coming to the Phils, it was enough to make everyone forget who Halladay even was.

Once Lee was acquired, it was a sprint to the finish. The Phillies never looked back on their NL East rivals that were nipping at their heels. They finished the regular season strong with a record of 93-69 and a healthy six game lead over second-place Atlanta.

For the third straight year, the Phillies found themselves in the playoffs. This year they were able to exorcise the demons of the Colorado Rockies from 2007, as they bounced them from the divisional series in only 4 games. They then went on to face the Los Angeles Dodgers for a second straight year in the National League Championship Series.

In an even more dominating fashion than last year, the Phillies once again eliminated the Dodgers in only 5 games. Ryan Howard was awarded MVP honors after going on a tear throughout the first two rounds of the postseason.

Taschner (who frankly didn't pitch well before being injured) and right-handed long relief pitcher Clay Condrey who had pitched exceptionally well for the Phillies.

Not to be overlooked though is the signing of Chan-Ho Park, who despite failing as the Phils fifth starter turned into a very reliable right handed arm out of the bullpen. He was a much needed late inning arm that helped secure a lot of games. Without Chan-Ho, the Phils 'pen would have been much worse.

Speaking of impact signings, how about Raul Ibanez. This man was completely away from the spotlight playing over in Seattle, despite putting up solid numbers year after year. He came in to Philadelphia as the replacement for fan favorite Pat Burrell who went over to the Phillies World Series victim Tampa Bay.

Ibanez quickly became a fan favorite himself, as he got off to a torrid start. To put into perspective how hot he was, he kept pace with the man they call "the machine" Albert Pujols. He was hitting over .330 for the first few months of the year and was a

torino and Jayson Werth on top

of Ibanez.

The Phillies did not go unnoticed this year as they did in years past, as they were rewarded with five all-stars. In 2008, only Brad Lidge was voted to the National League Squad. This year, the entire Phillies outfield was voted in as well as Ryan Howard and Chase Utley. Chase Utley earned the most votes out of any other player in the National League, right up there with Albert Pujols. That did not matter however, as once again the National League fell in a close game to the superior American League.

Once the all-star break was over, the Phillies turned their attention back to their race to the playoffs. The day after the all-star game, the Phillies announced the

Coach reflects on baseball team

BY LIAM MCKENNA
Op/Ed Editor

The Bucks Men’s Baseball season concluded three weeks ago in a playoff loss, and despite an overall record of 5-7, the team and coach still see their season as a success.

“We had a lot of one-run losses,” Coach Mark Bohling said, “our record wouldn’t indicate how good of a season we really had.”

Bohling has coached baseball at Bucks for the last three years. With some highs and lows, he has been able to have a lot of success in that short time.

“It was kind of an experimental season for us. This was my first season coaching in the fall, and it was good,” Bohling said. “We had the potential, just never reached it.”

“We made errors during many key moments, like when there were runners in scoring position or when we were trying to hold runners,” Bohling said. “You can make errors here and there and recover. You just can’t do it in those key moments.”

“Had we not let a ball into the outfield or over-thrown a ball at times, it could have been the dif-

ference between winning by a run and losing by a run,” Bohling said. He also mentioned that had those games been won, they probably could have had a 9-3 record.

Out of 16 players from the previous season, only one player returned. However, that had little impact on the team and their season.

“I was impressed with the chemistry of the freshmen; they didn’t really know each other before this year. Some of them maybe played against each other in summer leagues,” Bohling said.

While the team didn’t have any captains to officially lead the freshmen and team, they did have two standout stars.

“We had two guys who were vocal and knew what I wanted and conveyed that to the team. They were [freshman first baseman] Brian Rodda and [freshman first baseman] Matthew Elias,” Bohling said, “Brian kind of led the infield and helped motivate the guys.”

Bohling was very excited when he talked about the team’s talent in the infield. He was thrilled because of their chemistry and play-making ability.

“Our infield was phenomenal. It was probably the best I’ve had in

my three years of coaching baseball here,” Bohling said. “The infielders were probably the highlight of our season.”

“As for Elias, he was kind of the joker of the team. However, he knew when to turn it on,” Bohling said. “He kind of had that aggressive approach. He could play catcher, first base, or pitcher.”

Bohling spoke highly of Elias’ assertiveness. “He would charge every play and make every play he could. Just that aggressive attitude is something I really look for in a player.”

There were plenty of other standout stars from the fall season.

“My surprise player of the season was Dustin Milewski. He’s definitely a notable mention for what to watch out for,” Bohling said. “He’s consistent in everything he does on offense and defense. He moved from eighth in our lineup to second.”

Freshman outfielder Anthony Drago has also caught Bohling’s attention.

“Drago is the freshman I look forward to next season. He is a phenomenal outfielder. I haven’t seen a guy as fast as him in a long time, and guys trust him in the outfield,” Bohling said.

However, Drago’s potential is

not in the outfield.

“It would be a shame to take him out of the outfield, but I see more potential in him as a starter,” Bohling said. “He can go five innings for us easily. He has a lot of potential; the potential just needs to be focused.”

Because the outfield was one of the team’s weaker spots, Bohling is reluctant to remove Drago’s talent and place it in the starting lineup.

“The outfield was very questionable. We had five outfielders. There was plenty of speed, and they all had good arms. We just couldn’t find the chemistry,” Bohling said. “We needed someone in the outfield to be vocal and take charge.”

“I guess my issue with the outfield was that out of the five guys we had, their bats would fluctuate,” Bohling said. “Overall, batting was okay and pitching was good, but we didn’t have many go-to starters.”

There was one go-to pitcher in the season: Sophomore Angelo “Jell-O” Capria.

“[Capria] could pitch every other game; he had a pretty good rubber arm. But he was never dominant,” Bohling said. “He would always mix up his pitches;

he’s a very, very smart pitcher,” he added, comparing him to Hall-of-Famer Greg Maddux.

It was pitching performances like Capria’s that would keep the team in the game. However, issues arose in the later innings of the game.

“At least for the first five innings, we were usually tied or ahead; then we would lose in the sixth or seventh inning,” Bohling said.

In the Eastern Pennsylvania Collegiate Conference (EPCC), pitching can dominate like in any other league. However, Bucks found little pitching depth in the league.

“Most teams will carry one phenomenal pitcher, and that’s their guaranteed win,” Bohling said. “After that, it becomes a hitter’s league; we’ll win some games with 20 runs. However, in this league, if you have the pitching, you’ll do really well.”

“I look forward to a huge turnout in the spring; I hope to get a lot of true position players like pitchers and catchers,” Bohling said.

“Baseball is unique, it always looks good on paper; but the thing is that you have go out there and show it.”

2nd place for Bucks golf

BY JOANNA SCHLICHER
Centurion Staff

The last stop of the season for the Bucks golf team was the state tournament, though the team fell short of capturing the title with a second-place finish.

Potomac State, a Division I team of West Virginia University, won with a total score of 467. Bucks finished with 481.

Fourteen teams competed at the two-day tournament from Oct. 12-13 at the Penn National Golf Club near Harrisburg.

Leading the way for Bucks with a total of 154 was Evan Navitsky of Holland.

Jeff Peltz of Langhorne finished sixth with 163 and Jarret Neely of Richboro followed closely behind with 164.

The team, coached for the last seven years by Scott Bradshaw, moved into the state tournament following a first-place conference finish on Oct. 5.

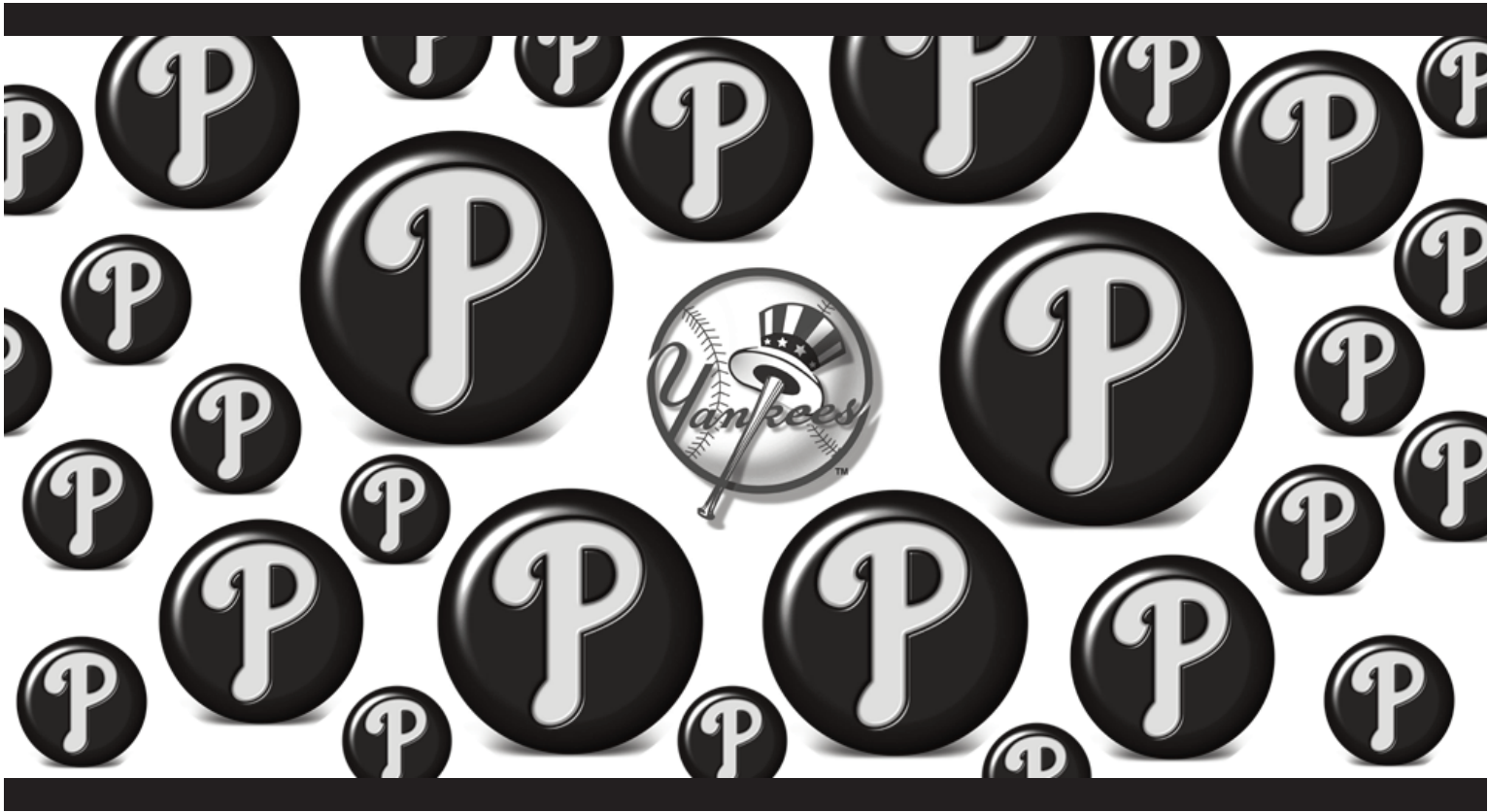
The win gave them the top seed from the east, leading them to on to the state championship.

Their final score at the Eastern Pennsylvania Collegiate Conference League Tournament was 334.

John Moran of Levittown lead the way scoring 81, followed by Peltz with 82, Neely with 85 and Scott Simon of Bensalem with 86.

Bradshaw is looking forward to next spring when his team will compete in the NJCAA Division III, and hopefully return to the National Championship later in the year.

A Yankee fan among Phillies fans



BY MATTHEW STUMACHER
Centurion Staff

New York, the city that never sleeps. That’s where I was born, right in Manhattan, the heart of the city. From day one, I have been a Yankees fan, just like my father. However, I am no longer in New York, the land of the Yankees. For the past 11 years I have been living in Phillies land, and Yankees fans are scarce.

Being a Yankees fan has always been great but being a lone Yankee in sea of Phillies fanatics has its drawbacks. For one, Phillies fans have always had a lot of ha-

tred and jealousy toward me, as a Yankees fan. God forbid I walk into a bar with a Yankees hat on, I get at least three ignorant comments every time.

Yankees fans do not pester or harass fans from other teams because we are the Yankees, the best baseball team of all time. We are not threatened by other teams so we do not feel the need to bad-mouth them. We have proved time and time again that we are champions, so we hold our heads high with Yankee pride.

I wish I could say this sensible attitude existed everywhere but that is not the case. I was recently

at a Yankees vs. Phillies game and a young kid behind me screamed “hit Jeter in the head.” I could not help but turn to his parents and question the values they were teaching their child.

In the end it is only a game and that is an important lesson to teach young, impressionable children. The bottom line is that no matter who comes out on top these are the two best teams in baseball, and that is something for both sides to be proud of.

I do not that I think I am superior to the Phillies fans that heckle me, but I do think that Yankees fans have more class when it

comes to bragging. You are much more likely to hear a derogatory chant about the Yankees at the Phillies’ ball park than you are to hear a similar chant about the Phillies at the Yankees’ ball park.

Time and time again we have won, not because our players have highs salaries but because they work hard and fight for each victory.

After 26 World Series championships for the Yankees, the only reason I can come up with for the Phillies hatred toward us is fear. Fear of the inevitable, win number 27.

OP/ED

The right guy

BY HOPE KUMOR
Centurion Staff

You might be in a position right now where all you want is to get into a relationship. But it’s not that easy. Most often relationships come to you. It seems that when you least expect it, that’s when it happens. Try not to plan anything, such as a kiss.

Kissing is nice. Everyone knows that. Many girls would like their first kiss to be in a romantic setting. Do you know why, because that’s how it is in the movies? That’s an unrealistic portrayal.

People know that when you are in a real-life situation, it’s not as romantic. I know this because one time when my boyfriend and I went to the beach, I expected we would watch the sunset and have it be like in the movies. That wasn’t the case at all. It turned out, since I put so much emphasis on what I thought would happen, it actually had the opposite effect. Therefore, we ended up having a terrible time.

Think about this - how many clichés can you name? Just to name a few: Watching the sunset or sunrise, walking on the beach, dinner and a movie, kissing in the rain, a candlelit dinner and guys always paying. It’s all the same.

What you need to be is creative. These things have been done already. I have told you some dates ideas in my past articles. If you don’t like clichés,

chose one of those. Being different is good some of the time.

A cliché that I didn’t name is one that I especially like: Flowers. I don’t care what anyone says; I think most girls won’t get tired of a guy getting them flowers. To me, it’s adorable and sweet.

Let’s go with this phrase: “Nice guys finish last.” How many people can tell me if this is true or not? How far have those nice guys been in a relationship? Not very far. Do you know why? This is because a girl doesn’t normally give him a chance. You go for the muscles, the lookers, and the abs. To sum it all up: The perfect body. But what they miss out on is a good conversation, unless the guy is both muscles and brains; in that case you’re fine.

This is why some girls get screwed over with a guy. They find out that all they saw in him was his perfect physique.

Here’s a question: Which would you rather pick, the nice cute dorky guy or the guy with the hot body? I can tell you most girls would go for the body. This could be what will happen: You go out with the hot guy.

Let’s say you start dating. Some girls who are self-conscious may worry about their appearance, because the guy they’re dating is hot and that makes him appealing to other girls. You worry that he will cheat on you. It turns out he does cheat on you. You don’t break up with him because you

don’t think you will get any-one better.

You could have avoided all of this if you chose the nice cute dork, who makes you smile and laugh.

Second, if this is happening to you currently, you can do much better than him. Trust me. It will only hurt you in the end if you don’t break it off. Don’t let him pressure you into anything.

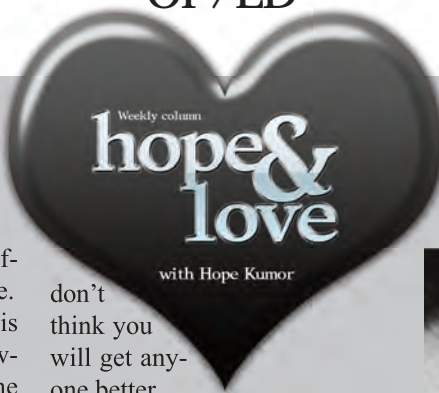
My boyfriend is the type of guy who wouldn’t make me do anything I didn’t want to do. The point I’m making is don’t always go right for looks. Find out other things about the guy before your focal point is just his appearance.

Another date idea is to go back to your childhood. Go to your local park and swing on the swings, or climb on the jungle gym. It’s so much fun and you’ll have a good time together. That way it will bring up a conversation about your past as a little kid and you can trade stories.

I would like to get people’s opinions. What do you think about French kissing? Why does it appeal to so many people? Email me and let me know.

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Letters to the editor: The inspirational and the biased

Dear Centurion

Thanks for your article about Shaida Abbas. It was very uplifting!

I had an Anterior/ Posterior Spinal Fusion in 1991 when I was 21 years old. Things went well for me, but for the past few years I have been living with pain and stiffness that led me to a pain management specialist for monthly shots of steroids. I am sure this is weakening my body but all who have has this surgery deal with some negative side effects.

I just wanted to thank you for the article.

Christianne Amato

Dear Centurion

In the Centurion of October 20th 2009 (Vol. 45, issue 4), there is an article under news titled “Outraged citizens oppose new Aria Health hospital in Lower Makefield.” Why are LMT (Lower Makefiled Township) issues being covered? I find the report biased, it seems to imply that everyone in LMT is against the hospital, which is far from the truth. In the movie “Teacher’s Pet” Paramount Pictures 1958, Clark Gable and Doris Day discussed this famous quote from Runyard Kipling: *I keep six honest serving-men, (They taught me all I knew); Their names are What and Why and When, And How and Where and Who.*

Did the reporter follow these rules?
I live in Bucks County, but not LMT.

In the Centurion of October 27th 2009 (Vol. 45, issue 5), there is an article on the front page titled “Fireside Lounge open, but problems remain.” I see no problem. If those who use it, cannot act in a civilized manner, then they should take their disruptive behavior elsewhere. The school is (not) under any obligation to provide a “Lounge.” Same goes for the second floor of Gateway across from the auditorium. Remember this is not Columbia University of the 1960s, where the inmates ran the asylum.

Michael Gale