Author urges activism

BY JOSHUA ROSENANU
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 a 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 his blog The Young IP and his writings for The Nation and other publications. He is a prominent voice in the progressive movement, and his book is a call to action for citizens to engage in the political process and to hold their leaders accountable.

The book covers a range of topics, from the War on Terror to the War on Drugs, and argues that the American political system is fundamentally flawed and that it is up to citizens to work to rectify these problems. Swanson encourages readers to get involved in their communities, to support progressive candidates, and to demand a more just and equitable society.

The event was well attended, with a large crowd in Fireside Lounge. Swanson spoke for about an hour, answering questions from the audience and encouraging them to take action. The event was a success, with many attendees expressing their enthusiasm for Swanson’s message and their commitment to activism.

NEWS

The Phillies 2009: Review

BY IAN MCLEAN
Managing Editor

Ron Cartier is a long time Phillies fan, but he also has a deep appreciation for the New York Yankees. He has had to endure life in a Phillies world. He notes that the Phillies were defending World Series champions, and 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 and downs.

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The weird dreams of Bucks students

We all have dreams, some weirder than others. Bucks students share theirs.

STUDENT LIFE

Students can’t put down their cell phones

These days, texting in class is as common as doodling. But is it really OK?

SPORTS

The Bucks baseball season ends

The team had their last game recently. How was the season for our baseball players?

SPORTS

Not among friends in Philadelphia

Matthew Stumacher is a Yankees fan and has had to endure life in a Phillies world.

ALSO INSIDE

Loving the cold environment

Among other things, the Bucks Ski Club has snowboarding planned - on campus!

Get freaked out by Paranormal Activity

The realistic horror movie will freak you out - but is it worth watching?

The right and the wrong guy

There are many guys out there, but who is right for you? Hope Kumor has the answer.
Author Swanson says political leaders must be held accountable to the people

Former Kucinich press secretary speaks at Bucks

A r t h o u r S w a n s o n 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 Mustafa 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.

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In light of this, Swanson called on everyone in the room to come 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.”

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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
Centurion Staff

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 capital. 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 December 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 3.30 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.

INFORMATION
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.

BY ANDREW LAUPER
Centurion Staff

If students are interested in skiing, they should check out the Ski Club and their upcoming three main events: the Rail Jam, a day trip to Vermont and a winter vacation getaway.

The Rail Jam, which will take place on Thursday, Nov. 19, from noon to 2 p.m., 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.

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Students remember some of their weirdest dreams

BY ANNEMARIE ELY
Features Editor

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.

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"I'll never forget it. Michael Jackson became a character in the popular video game "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.

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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 disrupting class? The Campus newspaper finds out.

“I see texting in the classroom. Several students during any given class will look at their phones, so 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 flipping back and forth, and the flipping itself is taking processing exactly,” professor Mike Myers 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 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 brownout. Hamilton’s ghost is going to fade in and out in a ghostly brownout.

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

“In writing, quantity leads to quality,” Filreis told the Washington 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 right now’ and type ‘My life’ and the teacher can’t even read,” said a 21 year old student.

“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 classroom 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 student see text messages as the individual’s problem.

“It doesn’t bother me. I only think about them if they’re buried in their phones while I’m talking or turn their phones off before class. It’s pretty rude,” said Sigara, an earth science teacher, told the Washington Post.

A lot of people felt that for better or worse, texting in the classroom is 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 in the Raffins 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 redo. 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 on http://www.bucks.edu/life/cubs_orgs.php.

A club can be started by just filling out a club interest form and submitting 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 have any questions or concerns about specific groups, the Student Life Office will be able to provide information on getting them connected,” says Cipriano.

A 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 are looking 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.
Another season of “Tough Love”

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

BY HOPE KUMOR
Centurion Staff

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 man?

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. Al起, though they eventually ended, and it ends with a few happy results.

On the episode after that, Steve thought Green and Shane had something there, and brought him back on the show where he apologized 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 Kraljic, aka Miss Ball Buster, Natasha Malinsky, aka Miss-Guided, Arian Mayer, aka Miss-Guided, Taylor Royce, aka Miss-Gold digger, Jessa Faye Settles, aka Miss Fatal Attractions, and Jacklyn Walton, 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 bat tender she met during 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
Grey’s Anatomy - ABC - 9.00
The Office - NBC - 9.00
Pringle - 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 - 9.00
Gossip Girl - CW - 9.00
Greek - ABC Family - 9.00

MOVIES

Pirate Radio

A 1960's comedy about an illegal radio station run by a band of rogue DJ’s 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

THE WEEK IN TV/MOVIES/MUSIC

MUSIC

Bon Jovi
New album “The Circle”
10 November

Tori Amos
New album “Midwinter Graces”
10 November

Flyleaf
New album “Momentum 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 horrified 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 further 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 filled 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 video in hopes of seeing it on the big screen and they were successful. “Paranormal Activity” was in high demand all over the country; 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.

PARANORMAL ACTIVITY INFO

Director: Oren Peli
Starring: Katie Featherston, Micah Sloat, Mark Fredrichs

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Despite the loss in New York to the Yankees, the Phillies had a year full of memorable moments.
Coach reflects on baseball team

BY LIAM MCKENNA
Op/Ed Editor

The Bucks M’en’s baseball season ended three weeks in a row 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 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 to get some wins,” Bohling said. “We had the potential, just never reached it.”

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

“The week of November 10, 2009 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.”

“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 infield. It was probably the best I’ve had in my three years of coaching baseball here,” Bohling said. “He moved from eighth in the league, if you have the pitching, you just can’t find the chemistry,” Bohling said. “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 Etias.”

Bohling said, “Brian kind of let the infield and helped motivate the guys.”

Bohling was very excited when he talked about the team’s talent in the infield. It was thrilled because of their chemistry and playing ability.

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“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’d 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.

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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 near Harrisburg.

“I think our strength this year was our ability,” Bohling said. “We had a total of 154 was Evan Navitsky near Harrisburg.

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2nd place for Bucks golf

BY JOANNA SCHLICHER
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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 Phillips 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 hatred 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 badmouth them. We have proved time and time again that we are champions, so we hold our heads high in a player.

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. A former professional baseball player.”
The right guy

BY HOPE KUMOR
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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 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. 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 looks, and the abs. To sum it all up: The perfect body. But what they miss out on is a good conversation, unlike the guy who is both muscled and brainy; 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. He's not good at talking. In the ocean, a candleed 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 looks, and the abs. To sum it all up: The perfect body. But what they miss out on is a good conversation, unlike the guy who is both muscled and brainy; 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 guy or 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 anything 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. I have also created a Facebook page for you to check out my previous articles or to leave me comments. Hopeand Love is the name you type in.

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Michael Gale

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 this surgery deal with some negative side effects.

I just wanted to thank you for the article.

Christiane Amato

Dear Centurion

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Letters to the editor: The inspirational and the biased

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The week of November 10, 2009

WEATHER

TUE NOV 10
54° | 46°
Partly cloudy

WED NOV 11
50° | 33°
Few showers/wind

THU NOV 12
50° | 33°
Partly cloudy

FRI NOV 13
52° | 39°
Partly cloudy

SAT NOV 14
50° | 40°
Cloudy

SUN NOV 15
53° | 41°
Partly cloudy

MON NOV 16
53° | 38°
Showers

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