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FBI eyes Bucks students



FBI agent Gregory A. Branch Photo by Adam Stapenell

BY ADAM STAPENELL
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FBI agent Gregory A. Branch came to Bucks on Nov. 10 to recruit future agents. His presentation included interesting stories from his 15 years of service in the bureau. Branch, a recruiter for the Philadelphia FBI office, spoke to a group of students in Tyler Hall on Tuesday about opportunities in the federal law enforcement agency. This was his second visit to Bucks for recruitment efforts. The presentation was attended by approximately 25 students. While some may believe that a quick road to the FBI is preferable to finishing up their college careers, there is no such thing. Branch explained that the FBI's recruitment criteria exclude those without a four year degree and at least three years of real-world work experience. Once these criteria have been met, the testing involved in the application process can be quite difficult. For instance, the drug policy could keep many potential agents ineligible. The bureau requires that their applicants have not smoked marijuana for a period of at least three years, and any harder drugs will keep you out for even longer. There is a three-phase testing system meant to weed out the unqualified, the first being a

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Poet laureate is named

BY MARK MAROZZI
Centurion Staff

Many students at Bucks know Professor Bernadette McBride as a composition and literature teacher; however, they can now add poet laureate to that list. The third time's a charm for McBride as she has been named the 2009 Bucks County Poet Laureate on her third attempt at winning the award. McBride will be honored at a reading and reception at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15 in the

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STUDENT LIFE

How SEPTA affected Bucks

BY RICK MAURO
Centurion Staff

SEPTA's Transport Workers Union Local 234 announced a strike at 3 a.m. on Nov. 3. For six days, commuters, including Bucks students, were left scrambling for rides. Riders are breathing sighs of relief now that SEPTA's bus, trolley, and subway walkout is over. The strike left countless people stranded from both work and school as the battle for wage and benefit raises were hardened to a

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FBI agent Gregory A. Branch visited Bucks to tell students what the FBI is like

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general aptitude test, the second is an interview meant to determine what qualities you would bring to the agency, and the third is a writing sample.

If an applicant manages to pass these tests, they move on to training at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Va., for 20 weeks of intense training in federal law enforcement.

Once a new agent graduates from Quantico, Branch said, “You must be willing to relocate anywhere in the U.S.”

“Approximately 70,000 people apply to the FBI each year”

This is because a new agent has no control over which field office they will be assigned to. The new agent will spend four years at their first field office before even being eligible to move elsewhere.

Approximately 70,000 people apply to the FBI each year, so competition is tough.

All of this should not deter applicants from trying, though. Agent Branch was formerly in the Air Force. He applied to the FBI and followed a life-long dream of becoming an agent.

Branch explained that the bureau that he was accepted by was different than the bureau now.

Today the agency has shifted its priorities to fighting terrorism.

He told the audience about being sent from his Philadelphia field office to New York City after the 911 attacks. Later he was sent to Trenton, N.J. due to the anthrax scare.

When asked whether law enforcement and forensics shows like CSI have generated increased interest, Branch said, “Yeah, we get a lot of free advertising from TV shows and movies.”

Agent Branch's message was focused on the FBI's need for diverse and competitive applicants. He highlighted the wide range of disciplines and opportunities available for those who make it

into the program. He further stressed that anyone could potentially become an agent, provided that they fulfill the preliminary criteria provided the FBI's web site .

The 2009 Bucks poet laureate winner found

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Orangery at the Newtown campus. She will be accompanied by 2008 Poet Laureate Paula Raimondo and the runners-up from this year's contest. It's open to the public and admission is free.

When she first was told of her accomplishment she said she was surprised and humbled by the honor. Poetry is her first love and she has a hard time explaining why that is.

“That's like trying to explain why I love someone: Do I love my husband because of his dry sense of humor, my children because they made me a Mother's Day card in third grade, my mother because she's helped me so much over the years? Of course not; I simply love them,” said McBride. “Likewise, for me, this draw to poetry as a means of self-expression is intangible, abstract, yet undeniably known. I can't not do it; it floods in without my summoning it.”

In addition to the reading of her poem, she will be honored with a proclamation from the Bucks County Commissioners and receive a \$500 award.

Although McBride is thought of as primarily a poet, she has written several short stories and a few essays, and also quite a few articles when she worked as a journalist. Her poetry has made an appearance in certain journals such as Ibbeston Street Press, the Penwood Review, and Slow Trains. In addition to that, she placed second in the 2006 International Ray Bradbury Writing competition.

McBride is a Philadelphia na-



Professor Bernadette McBride

tive and earned her B.A from Holy Family University, and her M.A. from St. Joseph's University. She has been an educator most of her adult life, teaching junior and senior high school English for 20 years and now continuing to educate by teaching at Bucks and Temple. She is also teaching at New Hope-Solebury Community School.

McBride currently lives in the

Holicong section of Buckingham Township with her husband. She has two children who are grown as well as grandchildren and stepchildren living all over the Northeast.

The Bucks County Poet Laureate program also includes the High school Poet of the Year contest each spring and is another way that Bucks supports cultural heritage.

New scholarship to help pay for textbooks

BY ANDREW LAUFER
Centurion Staff

There is a great opportunity open for all students to receive anywhere from \$100 to \$250 for those expensive textbooks.

The Bucks foundation is now administering applications for the scholarship with funds from the Bucks County Community College Foundation c/o Bucks Bookstore Scholarship, 275 Swamp Road Newtown, PA 18940.

In order to be eligible for such a scholarship, students must currently be enrolled at Bucks with a minimum of 6 credits and intend to continue the following semester taking at least 6 credits as well.

Students must also be in good academic standing and must ultimately be confirmed by the foundation office.

The scholarship requires all who apply to write an essay that explains how the bookstore has influenced their educational experience throughout their duration at Bucks.

Applicants must explain their future goals and plans to use this scholarship to continue their education toward a higher degree.

“Each semester about eight to 10 students receive the scholarship,” according to Willy Coleman, director of the bookstore.

The deadlines for the applications are April 1 in the spring and December 1 in the fall.

The process of getting the application is a very simple; Begin by opening the Bucks homepage; click the About Bucks icon, then foundation alumni. Find the scholarship icon; scroll to find BCCC Bookstore Scholarship. The chances of receiving such a scholarship are good so apply now.

INFORMATION

For questions, please contact the bookstore or library
215-968-8459

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Successful healthcare fair informs Bucks students

Last week was National Healthcare Week and Bucks marked that with a healthcare fair

BY AMANDA SMILEY
Student Life Editor

Bucks hosted a successful healthcare career fair Nov. 9 in the Allied Health Building room 202.

Janet Baker, the director of allied health at Bucks, organized the fair in hopes of enabling students in the community to learn more about careers in the healthcare field.

"Today was very successful. We had about 150 students here today," she said. Last week was National Healthcare Week, and Gov. Rendell encouraged Bucks to educate the community on healthcare careers.

The fair was lined with a multitude of stands where different healthcare organizations displayed posters, pamphlets and even candy in hopes of attracting students.

Although the fair was held at Bucks' Newtown campus, local high schools bused students over for a few hours to check out potential career options and the Bucks campus.

Baker had her own stand with piles of information on different healthcare majors. Some of the healthcare majors that Baker advertised were pharmacy technician, EKG and phlebotomy technician, medical coding and billing, and medical transcription.

"Bucks will give you the more for your money. It's the best place

to start college, especially in the medical field," explained Baker.

The fair was not simply for students pondering a career in healthcare, however. Some organizations were there recruiting potential employees. Christine Stone, R.N. and the attending representative for Life Quest at the fair, says that her company is looking for Certified Nursing Assistants.

The Life Quest facility is located in Quakertown, and cares for the elderly who need assistance. "This would be a great job for someone looking for a career change, especially in this economy," said Stone.

Another attending organization was Bayada. This organization recruits nurses who have at least one year of experience to go into people's homes and help them the way a nurse would in a medical facility. Typically, the home care nurses take care of people who have a difficult time taking care of themselves due to illness or old age.

Lucille Suttan, R.N. and clinical manager for Bayada, was sent to represent the company. "This would be a great company for an R.N. who wants to work more one-on-one with patients and who likes to move at their own pace," said Suttan.

Although many students think of medical careers as being nurses, doctors, and people who

actually treat patients, there is also a business aspect to medicine as well. Express Scripts had a stand at the fair to show students about their company, which

doesn't always necessarily involve medical applications.

This company deals with sending prescription drugs through the mail and also aspires to get their customers the best prices possible on those medications. Express Scripts is also hiring, but not only in the medical field. They hire for their marketing department and offer other opportunities in company operation positions as well.

The Life Science Career Alliance stand was one that students with undecided majors might have

found very helpful. This organization assists students and parents in learning and exploring opportunities in the healthcare field.

Mel Payne, project manager of the organization, said that they offer

students in the eleventh and twelfth grade opportunities to understand potential careers in healthcare by job shadowing and getting involved. Linked with the organization is the website ExploreYourFuture.org.

This website lets students explore all different potential career paths even outside of the medical field.

"The website has a variety of videos about different careers, personality quizzes, and a social network area to talk to other people in the career of your interest," said the creator of the site, Jess Brock.

For those who missed the fair this year, Baker said she hopes to be able to hold the fair in the same way next fall. She also recommends that any students interested in going into the healthcare field choose Bucks first.



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The days of no transportation

The six-day SEPTA strike was a real pain in the neck for many students at Bucks

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stopping point.

Many students travel to the Newtown campus using bus 130, which stops on Linden Lane located at the front of the college. Unfortunately, for six days, Bucks' SEPTA crowd had to figure out a new way to class.

Most riders depended on rides from family members or friends to help at the last minute. Others were prepared from the onset of the strike talks from weeks ago.

Andrew Pirritano, 18, a liberal arts major from Langhorne, wasn't very fazed by the sudden lack of transportation to school.

"From the beginning of the strike talks, I came up with a secondary plan to get here. It was no real skin off my back," said Pirritano.

Other students didn't know that the strike could happen on such short notice, and last-minute rides were hard to come by. Additional stress was added when some instructors weren't tolerant of the resulting lateness and absences.

John Peoples, a 25-year-old biology major from Levittown, found it tough to get to Newtown without SEPTA. "It was very difficult getting to Newtown. I had to bum rides when I could. I was late a few times and my instructor wasn't very understanding," Peoples said.

SEPTA already has a poor reputation with some. Lateness due to transit issues, edgy employees,



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and now the strike are just a few things that have turned travelers off.

"I've never really been happy with SEPTA in the past. This strike drives home that they are unreliable. This is supposed to be an important public service," Peoples said.

There's been debate over a potential law that would prevent

SEPTA from halting services during contract negotiations. Large metro areas across the country, such as New York City, already have laws to make public transportation stoppages due to strikes illegal.

The majority of SEPTA patrons feel that the union was to blame for the mess, not SEPTA itself. However, the idea that unions are

a way to unite workers is still popular amongst many citizens.

Pro-union supporters say there should be stricter guidelines to take every measure possible to avoid a strike; at the same time, they feel that the practice of striking itself shouldn't be illegal.

Jason Levinson, 24, an actuarial science major from Philadelphia, agrees with that stance.

"You can't make laws to prevent strikes. Unions were created to protect the working class's rights and that's very important," Levinson said.

"Key unions such as transportation personnel should have some sort of arrangement to ensure the public can get to school or work, not a law saying they can't fight for their rights for better benefits."

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I was late a few times and my instructor wasn't very understanding”

Georgia Cobb, 19, a nursing major hailing from Bensalem, believes a strike of this magnitude should not be legal.

"It should be against the law for them to strike [in this manner]. I was stranded for six hours at school because I had to wait for a ride home. The announcement

of the strike was terrible too," Cobb said.

"I had to find out from a friend who texted me after I was already on campus. People should have been better warned."

"Looks like it's time to get a car," said Cobb. If anything can be learned from this debacle, it's that you can't always count on public transportation.

Bucks reaches out to students through Facebook and Twitter

BY KYLE REAVES
Centurion Staff

Steve Bacher gets paid to be on Facebook and Twitter. Among other things, Bacher, Bucks' director of e-marketing, manages the main college accounts for both sites.

The accounts are supposed to help Bucks connect better with its student body.

Links to the Bucks accounts can be found by clicking on the student life tab at www.bucks.edu.

Social networking resources are not in short supply at Bucks. There are a host of Facebook pages, including accounts for clubs, sports, and even academic departments. Soccer, The Open Door Club, and The Eco-Club all have pages on Facebook.

Career Services has its own Twitter and Facebook accounts.

The school even has a YouTube channel where students can view videos created by students and alumni.

If students need information about a possible school closing or upcoming events, they have easy access to it through sites such as these.

"We just want to give people a taste of the flavor we have to offer," said Bacher.

The sites make information convenient and easily accessible for students.

"Students will be allowed to ask questions and retrieve information on upcoming events such as college fairs," said Bacher.

Bucks students also have an opportunity to help each other by posting information about car pools or books they may be selling.

Some students are unaware that the school uses these services. Others know about the sites yet choose not to use them.

Lauren Koziel, 20, from Yardley, said she was aware of the sites yet does not use them.

"I'm not sure if it will help students that much," said Koziel. "If it has information on there regarding school breaks and things of that nature then maybe it will help."

Angela Powell, 19, of Yardley, has a different opinion.

"I think it will help students because many of them spend the majority of their time on the sites," said Powell.

Some may see these sites as a procrastination tool; something for students to waste time on rather than studying or doing assignments.

Bacher understands these concerns.

"These sites can very well be a distraction, but if used effectively, they can be used for good. It's best to use them in moderation, as with all things," said Bacher.

Bacher said his main purpose in using the sites was to bring information about the college to current students as well as potential students and their parents.

Bacher believes the use of Facebook and Twitter will be more effective in recruiting incoming students as well as helping students transfer.

"My goal is to help students, potential students, and parents to know what we're about," said Bacher.

And there's no question that sites like Facebook and Twitter are very popular with college students across the country.

By using these sites, Bucks will enable students to easily find answers to their many questions.

Social Sciences Club trips continue

BY SHIJU JACOB
Centurion Staff

Ever reminisce about the field trips you took back in high school? No need to reminisce any longer!

Here at Bucks the Social Sciences Club hosts a variety of trips all throughout the semester.

"The general point of these trips is to encourage students to get out of their comfort zone," says Karen Platts, faculty adviser of the club who works in the Social and Behavioral Science Department.

The club has taken trips to Ellis Island, the Eastern State Penitentiary and Central Park, among many other spots. They also take tours such as Ben Franklin's Philadelphia, the Philadelphia Ethnic Tour, Slave Trade/Underground Railroad, Masonic Temple, and many more.

After coming back from the Masonic Temple tour, Bucks student Vimcemzo Porta, who joined the club for academic purposes, says that he would definitely recommend taking these trips for all students.

Transportation is provided by

David Tours of Philadelphia. The driver, "Uncle" Bill McMenamin, a Bucks graduate, has been driving for the Social Science Club since 1993. When asked about his opinion of the trips, he said, "Oh yeah! All of the trips we take are of academic value."

According to the Social Science club website, the club trips are open to students, staff, family, and the general public. Children are welcome and, if under age 16, come at half price.

The prices of these trips vary. Students pay a reduced price.

Over the years there have been over 23,000 attendees and more than 940 trips offered.

The Social Sciences Club was started in 1993 by Tony Wolf, who works in the Social and Behavioral Science Department here at Bucks. He eventually received the Lin dback Award for his teaching excellence and his stewardship of the club.

For more information on the Social Science Club trips, contact Platts, the club's current adviser. She has her office in Penn 301, and her phone number is 215-968-8287.

“Eternal High” shown at Bucks

Bucks showcases a film about suicide, with hopes of combating the teenage epidemic

BY JOSHUA ROSENAU
News Editor

Bucks Student Services last Wednesday screened the short film "Eternal High," a dramatic portrayal of teen suicide and a critique of society's taboos regarding depression.

Bryce Mackie was 17 when he directed and acted in the short autobiographical film. In it, he fictionally reproduces the thoughts and actions of his very real attempt at suicide.

The film shows him filling a glass of water and going to his room where he reaches for the pills he has hidden under his pillow. Then, Mackie's thoughts grow dark as he wrestles with himself over whether his life is worth continuing.

"I'm a pretty mellow guy," he says, "it just pisses me off that I can't see a point to everyday life."

Between each of his dark ruminations, Mackie swallows a pill, until both he and the pills are gone.

As a postscript to the movie, Mackie filmed a talk he gave at his school about the problems of depression and how it can lead to suicide.

"You get so down that it actually feels good to hurt yourself," he says.

According to the U.S. Centers For Disease Control, suicide is the third leading cause of death in people aged 10-24, killing approximately 4,500 people in this age group each year, and causing



almost 150,000 of them to seek medical treatment for self-inflicted wounds related to depression.

In his talk, Mackie goes on to explain how societal taboos caused him to misunderstand what was actually happening to him, and that these taboos led to anxiety that drove him away from the people who could help him beat

the disease.

"It's a downward spiral," he says, "but getting help is an upward spiral."

Calling recovery an "upward spiral" is an interesting choice of words; Mackie credits the antidepressant Celexa for his return to a normal life, but he also points out that the medicine that makes him well is also taboo among some.

"Medicine is dumb. It's for weakness," he mocks.

"But if the choice is between taking a little pill and killing yourself, take the pill."

Speaking about the issues of depression and treatment, Mackie comes to a simple conclusion about the otherwise complicated problem, saying, "It is okay to be weak."

INFORMATION

Anyone interested in the film or wanting to seek help for depression can contact the office of academic advising:



215-968-8182
counseling@bucks.edu

THE WEEK IN TV/MOVIES/MUSIC

TV

- Tuesday 11/17
90210 - CW - 8.00
Melrose Place - CW - 9.00
- Wednesday 11/18
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 11/19
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 11/20
Smallville - CW - 8.00
Dollhouse - FOX - 9.00
Psych - USA - 10.00
The Soup - E! - 10.00
- Sunday 11/21
The Simpsons - FOX - 8.00
Family Guy - FOX - 9.00
Cold Case - CBS - 10.00
Mad Men - AMC - 10.00
- Monday 11/22
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

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New Moon (PG-13)
When Bella's blood is shed at her birthday celebration, Edward's intense reaction to the event causes his parents to pull up stakes and leave Forks, Washington for the sake of the young lovers. Heartbroken, Bella finds comfort in Jacob Black (Lautner).
Directed by: Chris Weitz
Starring: Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson, Taylor Lautner
Release Date: 20 November
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Planet 51 (PG)
The inhabitants of Planet 51 live in fear of alien invasion. Their paranoia is realized when astronaut Chuck Baker (voice of The Rock) arrives from Earth.
Directed by: Jorge Blanco Javier Abad
Starring: Dwayne Johnson, Seann William Scott, Jessica Biel
Release Date: 20 November

MUSIC

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New album "The Fame Monster"
23 November
- John Mayer**
New album "Battle Studies"
17 November
- Britney Spears**
New boxset "The Singles Collection"
24 November
- Janet Jackson**
New best of album "Number Ones"
17 November

What if we are not alone?

“The Fourth Kind” explores alien abductions, backed with visual and audio evidence

BY SARAH BATTISTA
Centurion Staff

“The Fourth Kind” offers the audience an interesting storyline about alien abduction that is backed with actual visual and audio evidence.

In the movie we are introduced to Dr. Abigail Tyler, a psychologist who works in Nome, Alaska.

In one of her studies, several people in Nome are experiencing traumatic events in the middle of the night. She decides to record and videotape them to shed light on to what is happening to this town.

“That movie really made me think twice about abductions”

“The Fourth Kind” uses this evidence to back up the events that take place in Nome. They go to an extreme extent to make sure the audience knows that every bit of evidence in this movie is real.

It stars Milla Jovovich (of the “Resident Evil” series) as Dr. Abigail Tyler, Will Patton (“The Punisher”) as Sheriff August, and Hakeem Kae-Kazim (“Pirates of

the Caribbean”) as a scholar of ancient languages.

Throughout the movie, director Olatunde Osunsanmi interviews Tyler and talks to her about her experiences.

Since the 1960s, there have been more suicides and disappearances in Nome than in any other town in Alaska. The FBI has visited it over 2,000 times to look into these occurrences.

This film starts off a little slow, but after the first 20 minutes the pace picks up.

Several people in Nome claim to have seen a white owl sitting outside their windows. The patients are hypnotized and, in many cases, hysterically recount the events that follow.

Video and sound clips reveal shapes in the sky and disturbing images from patients’ hypnotic states.

The actors do not dramatize this film in any way. They play actual video along with the actors to back up the evidence.

Osunsanmi makes sure that the evidence speaks for itself.

“The Fourth Kind” does have some disturbing parts to it, so if you are easily scared or

sickened, this is not the movie for you.

Christopher Speichert, 21, a networking technologies major from Bristol, said, “I was in such shock that I do not even remember blinking.”

After seeing this movie it is hard not to

believe that there must be life out

there somewhere.

Seeing Tyler’s emotional reactions also makes it hard not to believe it is not real.

Speichert said, “That movie really made me think twice about abductions and whether they are real or not.”

At the end of the movie, Jovovich and Osunsanmi leave us with this thought: “We should develop our own conclusions about this.” Can there be such a thing as life in outer space?

“The Fourth Kind” is a must-see, whether you are a believer or not.

The next time you look up at the stars, just remember, there could be someone looking back at you.



Sarah Battista’s movie rating:



(8 out of 10)

Between the Buried and Me are the masters of modern metal

BY JOSH ROSEBORO
Centurion Staff

Between the Buried and Me, the masters of modern metal, never cease to amaze. Their latest album, “The Great Misdirect,” released on Oct. 27, is another beautiful piece of art by this North Carolina quintet.

The band was formed in 2000 in Raleigh, N.C. This was after the dissolution of vocalist Tommy Rogers and guitarist Paul Wagoner’s previous group, Prayer for Cleansing.

Between the Buried and Me is well known for their ridiculous arrangements of their songs. One second a song is a fast, relentless heavy metal part with blast beats and screamed vocals, and the next second Rogers is crooning beautifully over light guitar and percussion.

So far they’ve released seven albums: “Between the Buried and Me,” “Silent Circus,” “Alaska,” “Anatomy Of,” “Colors,” “Colors Live,” and “The Great Misdirect.”

This band is flawless when it comes to going from one musical extreme to the other, blending the most beautiful sounds with some of the ugliest.

“The Great Misdirect” isn’t much of a departure from Between the Buried and Me’s earlier work. Their previous album in 2007, “Colors,” showed the band abandoning their more hardcore roots by using fewer breakdowns, but this time around that isn’t the case.

Some might say the new album lacks intensity or heaviness. But Between the Buried and Me is still a brutal band.

The album also seems to summon the sounds of early progressive rock bands like Yes, Rush and Kansas. There are a lot of instrumental parts of songs that sound like they are straight from the 1970s rock scene.

“The Great Misdirect” features six tracks, but the CD still fills up about an hour. The longest song on the CD is the final track “Swim to the Moon” and it is 17 minutes

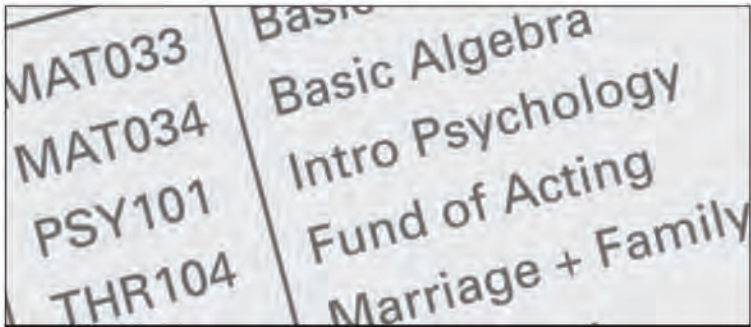
and 54 seconds long. The shortest is the opening track, “Mirrors” which is three minutes and 38 seconds long.

Between the Buried and Me goes through so many transitions in their music that one song is more like three or four songs anyway.

“Desert of Song” is a standout track on this album. It is one of only a few of Between the Buried and Me’s songs that have absolutely no screaming or crazy metal riffs. It is their second original acoustic ballad, their first being “Sheveland, Take 2” from “The Silent Circus,” their 2003 album.

For people familiar with this band, their latest album will not disappoint; it features everything that makes Between the Buried and Me so original. The outlandish tempo changes and genius musicianship is still there.

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A fittingly melancholic soundtrack

The soundtrack for the upcoming movie “New Moon” fits the moody feel of the film

BY LAUREN HICKS
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Two-hards anticipating the arrival of “The Twilight Saga: New Moon” on Nov. 20 can rest assured that the soundtrack to the film is as good as the first one.

Released on Oct. 16 and climbing to the top of the Billboard 200 a week later, the soundtrack fits the film well and has a style similar to the “Twilight” soundtrack, although it is a bit more melancholy in keeping with the plot of “New Moon.”

Overall the soundtrack is excellent, though some listeners may dislike a song here or there. It is a very indie album, even more so than “Twilight” was, and features a variety of rock songs.

Various bonus tracks are available depending on where listeners buy the album (iTunes provides the most), and the CD booklet folds out into a “New Moon” poster.

The score is released on Nov. 24 and will feature 21 songs.

The first song off the soundtrack and the lead single is “Meet Me on the Equinox” by Death Cab for Cutie. The song keeps within the indie rock vibe set by the first film’s soundtrack. The song’s catchy lyrics “everything ends” fits with the demise of Edward and Bella’s relationship at the start of the film.

The final song on the soundtrack is one of the score songs Alexandre Desplat composed for the film and simply entitled “New Moon (The Meadow).” This song is important both because it provides an idea of what the film’s score will sound like and because the meadow is such a huge part of the world of “Twilight” but was glossed over in the first film. The song is as lovely as “Bella’s Lullaby” - the main score from “Twilight” - but “New Moon” is higher in pitch than “Bella’s Lullaby” and it is likely the rest of the score will follow suit.

The next song is “Friends” by Band of Skulls; this is another

indie rock song, but it’s more melodic than the first track. The lyrics can be viewed as describing Bella’s friendship with Jacob Black; Jacob is in love with Bella and he becomes the person Bella turns to while dealing with her heartache.

Song three is “Hearing Damage” by Thom Yorke of Radiohead, whose music appeared in the first film (though not on the official soundtrack). The lyrics “they say you’re getting better, but don’t feel better” describe Bella’s inability to get over Edward and the expectation her family and friends have for her to move on.

The fourth song is Lykke Li’s “Possibility” and is the saddest song so far, with a slow tempo and a haunting sound. It is like a song written by Bella to Edward, with the eerily fitting lyrics “by blood and by me, and I fall when you leave.”

“A White Demon Love Song” by the Killers is up next and is another slow, beautifully haunting song about Edward and Bella, with emphasis on Edward. Lyrics include “he isn’t coming after all” (reflecting Edward abandoning Bella) and “white demon love song’s in her dream” (for those who haven’t read the book,

Bella is constantly plagued by nightmares recounting the couple’s breakup).

Anya Marina’s “Satellite Heart” continues with the theme of Bella’s inability to move on from her relationship with Edward. With lyrics like “I’m a satellite heart, lost in the dark” the song reflects her shattered state of mind.

The next song “I Belong to You (New Moon Remix)” is an exclusive remix of a previously released Muse song. Fans of the books know that Stephenie Meyer

listened to Muse while writing and the band’s songs had a large influence on her work, so it is appropriate that Muse once again be included on the movie’s soundtrack (the band’s “Supermassive Black Hole” was included on the “Twilight” soundtrack). The title of the song makes it obvious that it is about Edward and Bella’s relationship, though it is also possible that the song is about Jacob’s feelings for Bella.

Bon Iver & St. Vincent’s “Roslyn” fits the scene where Bella decides to go cliff-diving and nearly drowns, with lyrics like “sea and the rock below, cocked to the undertow.” It is another song that is haunting and unconventional, and listeners will

either love it or hate it.

“Done All Wrong” by Black Rebel Motorcycle Club includes the lyrics “done me wrong” and reflect the anger fans feel toward Edward after he leaves poor Bella alone in the woods during the beginning of “New Moon.”

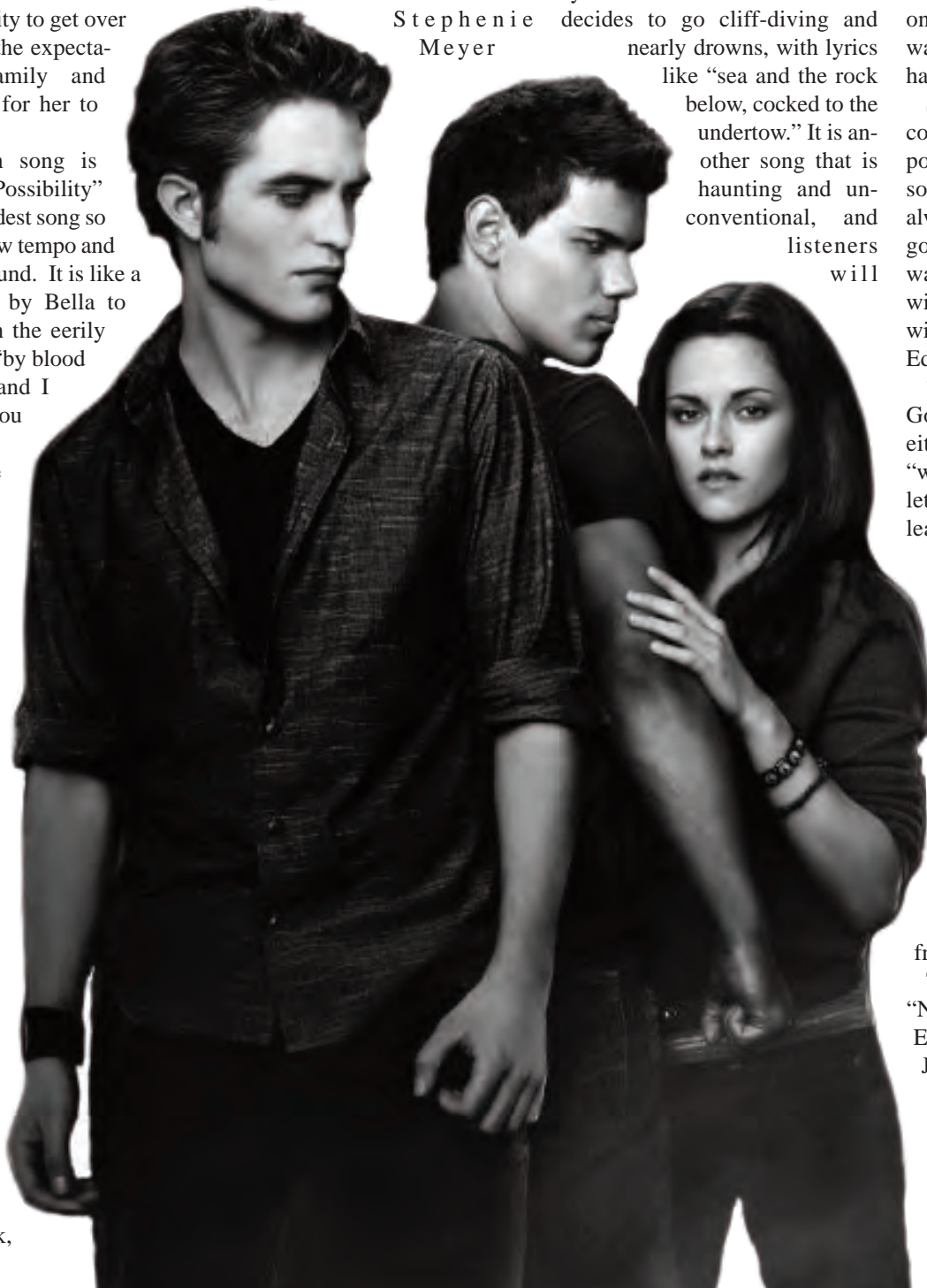
Hurricane Bells provides the next song, “Monsters,” which includes the lyrics “you’ve got to look before you go, you’re wasting away.” The song mirrors the reckless lifestyle Bella takes up after Edward leaves her, since the only time she is able to see Edward is when she is in danger and hallucinates.

Sea Wolf’s “The Violet Hour” could have been written as a love poem from Jacob to Bella. The song includes lyrics like “you’re always out of reach” and “you’ve got me tangled up” and Jacob wants nothing more than to be with Bella, but she is unable to be with him because of her love for Edward.

“Shooting the Moon” by OK Go is another song listeners will either love or hate. Lyrics like “what can he tell ‘em now, sorry I let you down” deal with Edward leaving Bella after promising to stay with her. Unfortunately, the musicians don’t really show off their skills until the last third of the song.

Track 13 is a collaboration between Grizzly Bear and Victoria Legrand entitled “Slow Life” and further describes Edward and Bella’s relationship. The song is fairly standard but is still decent, with lyrics like “even though you’re the only one I see, if you ask, I’ll cut you free.”

The final song on the album is “No Sound but the Wind” by the Editors. The song has a bit of Johnny Cash country vibe to it and hints at the immortal life Bella dreams of with Edward with the lyrics “our blood is cold and we’re alone, but I’m alone with you.”



BucksLive! concert series a fun success

BY AMYLYNN BELLINGRATH
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Bucks Live! is a free concert series being held in the Gallagher Room in Rollins Center. Five days of live music of different genres, including a day of karaoke, came to the Newtown campus Nov. 9-13, with the goal of opening the minds of students to new sounds.

I had the pleasure of attending two of these concerts, and was happily entertained. The concert on Tuesday was a seven-piece band called Anthony D’Amato and the Emancipation Congregation.

Basing their set on funky songs, some from the 1970s, the Eman-

cipation Congregation jammed their way through an hour’s performance.

Singer Anthony D’Amato, dressed in a bright purple shirt and jeans, sang lead, accompanied by C.J. Thouret on percussion and vocals. Natasha Kurilew completed the vocal trio.

Guitarists Keith McCarthy and Steve Minuttillo accompanied Billy Vegas on bass, and the group was rounded out by Andrew Lenaghan on drums and Mark Masfield on keyboard.

All are accomplished musicians; they’ve got a dozen awards from New Jersey and Pennsylvania to pass around the whole band.

The set list was fairly familiar to most of the audience, who con-

sisted of students and educators alike.

Everyone who walked by felt the need to tap their feet or nod their heads as they walked through, and many stopped to sit and listen awhile.

A highlight of the show was a cover of Michael Jackson’s “Black and White,” which got people really clapping along.

Their set ended with an extended rhythmic version of Donna Summer’s hit “Bad Girls” while D’Amato introduced the band and allowed them to each have a bit of the limelight on stage.

The singer D’Amato interacted with the audience, joking with students and generally having a great

time, while the band jammed away through each song.

I really enjoyed the concert and the comments from the students confirmed that I wasn’t the only one. They walked away from the Gallagher Room smiling and happy, while they went on to their classes.

Thursday’s performance was a selection of songs performed by the Bucks County Community College Jazz Orchestra. The small band consisted of both students and non-students alike, including a professor, all brought together by their love of jazz music.

While not as attention-grabbing to the students as a rock band would be, they easily captured the

interest of the students and employees of the college by the second song, and those who stayed seemed to thoroughly enjoy the music. People stopped talking and started really listening to the mix of upbeat jazz and smoky beats.

They also played for an hour in the Gallagher room, and their closing Jaco Pastorius number got people clapping and cheering after each solo.

As far as lunchtime concerts are concerned, the students were treated to some really great music from more than one genre. Free concerts are the perfect way to get people to listen to music that they otherwise might never be exposed to, and Bucks really did it right!



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BY HOPE KUMOR
Centurion Staff

I believe that everyone deserves to be happy. It shouldn't matter their race, color of their skin or the way they dress. The no. 1 thing that counts is the way they treat you. Do they make you feel special? If the answer is yes, then you're okay.

One thing you should always make sure of is to look your best. Why would you want to be dressed in a ratty t-shirt every time you see each other? I mean, this happens after you guys have been dating for a while and you stopped caring because you learned they will love you no matter what. But still those couples should try to wear a nice outfit. Have you ever noticed the first time you hang out you treat it extra special? You make sure your hair looks good, clothes, makeup, and your smell. But after the first few times you stop. Are you telling me that you feel better wearing the same clothes when you hang out opposed to something new you just bought? For me, I always try to wear something new whenever my boyfriend and I hang out. You see if it's new, maybe your significant other will notice it more.

I want you to think about this: How many similarities and differences do you guys have? People say opposites attract. If you are complete opposites, it may not work out too well, unless you've found a way to get around it. I believe you should have at least one thing in common with your other. You have to outweigh one an-

other. Let's say one of you is a pessimist and the other is an optimist, this is somehow good because you're not the same. My boyfriend and I are similar in these ways, and then we're different in others.

Everyone
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boring. So try to be open to new experiences and have a good time. When you let loose and go with it, you will enjoy each other more. And never be afraid to be yourself.

Guys need to
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Right now they're featuring Jim Henson's Fantastic World through Nov. 29. This would be cute to see because everyone knows the Muppets. You and your other could get a chance to look through different displays while holding hands.

Let's move on with this topic: Thanksgiving, which is next week, is rapidly approaching. Do you and your other get together for this holiday? If you do then it's always nice to spend this day with them.

Usually every year I go to a high school football game, because I used to be in the band, and it's a tradition. If you have something special like that then you know how much fun it is. If this is your first holiday with a significant other, I'm telling you that it's exciting to experience this holiday together. I think everyone should tell their other what they are thankful for this year. If it's them, then let it be known. I'm thankful to have a boyfriend who is there for me, who listens to me, who is a great guy, who I can trust and who makes me laugh when I'm sad. And so I say- Thank you Reggie for being the guy you are. Now think about your other - what makes you so thankful to them this year?

I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving. I hope you will read my articles and stick with me. Hope "2" Help.

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there's a time to be serious and a time to have fun. But how do you distinguish the two? Well I believe you will feel the vibe your other is giving off to tell you whether or not they are in a joking mood. There are times when you guys will have those 'serious talks,' then there's the flirty, playful moments. All in all a lot about a relationship is having fun. Why would you want to be solemn 24/7? That would be

if your girl is cold you should offer her your jacket. It's an obvious gesture. Come on, you don't want her standing or sitting there freezing. You should be a gentleman. Or if you don't have a jacket on, you could keep her warm by putting your arms around her. She would love that.

Another idea for a date people could be talking about is to go to the James M. Michener Art Museum in Doylestown.

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Soccer season ends with success

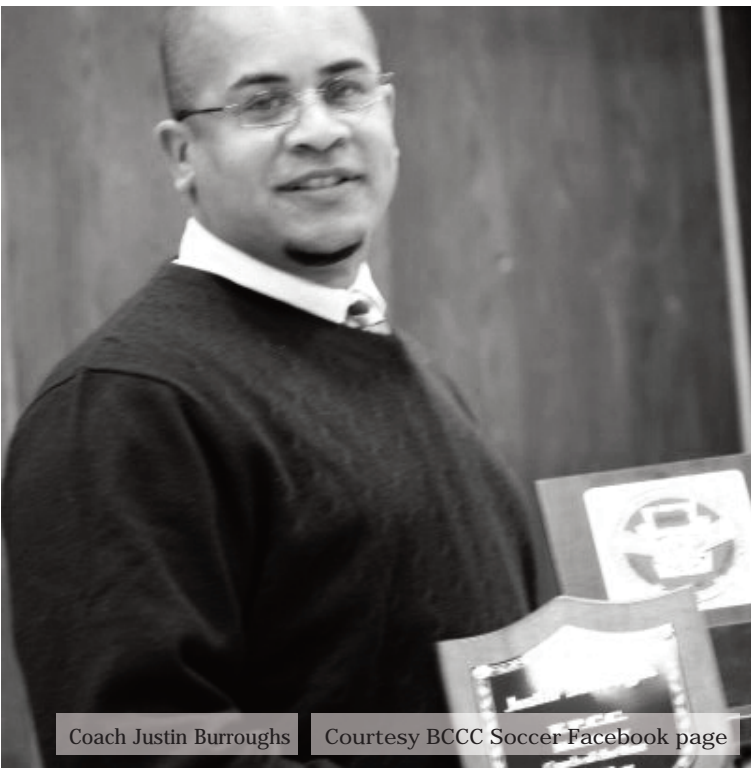
The Bucks men’s soccer team won their conference with the best record, despite losing the playoffs

BY LIAM MCKENNA
Op/Ed Editor

Although the season is now over, November held some big news for the Men’s Soccer Team. On Nov. 6, Coach Justin Burroughs was informed that his team had won their conference, despite losing in the playoffs. This was achieved by having the best record in the conference. Burroughs wasn’t completely thrilled by that news; he would have preferred to have more substantial success in the playoffs. However, there was other big news that did catch his attention. “The more important thing that I learned on Friday is that our team will be switching conferences,” Burroughs said. Next season the team will be moving into the National Junior

College Athletic Association (NJAA). This now gives the team the opportunity to play in nationals and be a nationally ranked team. “I wish we had gone a little further in playoffs this year, but switching conferences is great for us,” Burroughs said. In order for the team to make nationals, the team must go much further in the playoffs than they did this year. Nevertheless, Burroughs is excited for the new opportunity. So much is to be said for the job Burroughs has done at Bucks over the last five years. His incredible work this season won him 2009 Coach of the Year. In 2009, the team fell one win short of being in the playoff’s championship game and winning their second straight title.

Despite their loss, the team can look back on the season and consider it a success. They had an overall record of 11-7 and two cancellations in 20 games, three of which were against top-10 nationally ranked teams. Winning has become second nature for the Men’s Soccer Team and their move to NJAA is a huge feat for the college’s athletic program. At the end of their season, Burroughs said, “I knew they could dominate the other teams in the league.” “I won’t be with the team next year, but it will be exciting for the team,” sophomore goalie Christopher Shaffer said. “Moving from this smaller conference to a much bigger one will be a challenge; we’ll have wait and see how they do.”



Phillies look to the 2010 baseball season

BY LIAM MCKENNA
Op/Ed Editor

The Philadelphia Phillies’ chance of a repeat has come and gone, and now the team looks forward to next season. The Phillies’ major move so far this off-season was declining the team-option on third baseman Pedro Feliz, a strong defensive player. However, he failed to be as strong offensively as he was with the San Francisco Giants when he had four consecutive seasons of 20 or more homeruns. Opting out of Feliz’s contract now makes third base the Phillies’ No. 1 priority this off season. The success of next year’s offense will likely hinge on whom the Phillies sign at third base, much like the signing of Raul Ibanez last year. Although the team declined the \$5.5 million option on Feliz, there is a chance he could still be with the team in 2010. The Phillies could offer him a contract in free agency, probably at a lower price than \$5.5 million. Phillies General Manager Ruben Amaro Jr. has stated that teams have come to him with potential third baseman trades. However, there will also be plenty of potential free agents on the market. The more free agents on the market, the lower the cost is for talented players. In 2008, there was plenty of talent in free agent outfielders. The Rays signed former Phillie Pat Burrell to a \$16 million, two-year deal. Burrell

proved to be a non-factor in 2009, while the still-talented outfielder Bobby Abreu was signed by the Angels to a one-year, \$5 million deal and had a better season. This year, potential third base options include the following: Adrian Beltre, Chone Figgins, Mark DeRosa, Miguel Tejada, and Placido Polanco. Seattle Mariner Adrian Beltre is a right-handed batter who hit .265 in 2009 with eight homeruns and 44 RBIs. He hit .298 against left-handed pitchers; something the Phils struggled with in 2009, especially in the playoffs. Beltre also won two gold-glove awards in 2007 and 2008. Los Angeles Angel Chone Figgins is a switch-hitting leadoff batter who is a valuable free agent. He hit .298 in 2009 with five homeruns and 54 RBIs. However, he hit just .246 against left-handed pitching. Figgins ranked in the top 10 among American League hitters in runs, stolen bases, walks, and on-base percentage. St. Louis Cardinals infielder Mark DeRosa is a right-handed batter who has had success on numerous teams. In 2009, DeRosa hit a combined .250 (with both Cleveland and St. Louis) and had 78 RBIs. Houston Astro Miguel Tejada is a right-handed batter who played shortstop in 2009, but is willing to moving to third base. In 2009, Tejada hit .313 with 14 homeruns and 86 RBIs. He hit .326 against left-handed pitchers. However, he also brings a big contract: He has

earned at least \$10 million a year for the last five seasons. Detroit Tiger Placido Polanco is a right-handed batter who has not played third base since Chase Utley replaced him at second base in 2005. In 2009, Polanco hit .285 with 10 homeruns and 72 RBIs, and defensively he won the gold-glove. He hit .262 against left-handed pitching. Polanco has not earned more than \$4.6 million in a given season, yet he has a .311 batting average the last five seasons. The Phillies also have some questions regarding their bullpen, bench, and starting pitching. Some of these issues may be handled in free agency, or the team may look within their own organization. The bullpen also struggled in 2009; J.C. Romero’s injury and a poor season by closer Brad Lidge set the Bullpen back. There’s a strong possibility the team will make a move for bullpen help, but don’t count out minor league help. The bench struggled in 2009; midseason acquisition Ben Francisco was the only major impact on the team. The Phillies will likely sign a free agent as a new utility player to replace Eric Bruntlett. With the pending free-agencies of Brett Myers and Pedro Martinez, the 2010 Phillies’ five-man rotation currently pans out like this: Cliff Lee, Cole Hamels, J.A. Happ, Joe Blanton, and Jamie Moyer. Despite the recent trade talks for Roy Halladay, help will most likely come from within the

franchise. As we move further away from 2008, it is inevitable that the Phillies will look less and less like the team that in 2008 took the World Series title. However, 2010 will hold new, different and harder challenges than 2008 did. To find success in 2010, the Phillies will have to adjust accordingly.

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