How SEPTA affected Bucks

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.

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.

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.
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 Newtown campus bookstore.

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 for the following semester at least 6 credits as well. Students must also be in good academic standing and must ultimately be confirmed by the bookstore 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. A applicant must explain their future goals and plans to use this scholarship to continue their education toward a higher degree.

The deadlines for the applications are April 3 in the spring and December 1 in the fall. The process of getting the application is very simple: Begin by opening the bookstore homepage; click the About Bucks icon, then find the scholarship icon; scroll to find BCCC Bookstore Scholarship. The chances of receiving such a scholarship are good so apply now.

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

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

Students must submit essays to the Bucks County Community College Foundation c/o Bucks Bookstore Scholarship, 275 Swamp Road Newtown, PA 18940.
Successful healthcare fair informs Bucks students

BY AMANDA SMILEY

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 candy in hopes of attracting students.

Although the fair was held at Bucks’ Newtown campus, local high school-based students over for a few hours to check out potential career options and the Bucks campus.

Baker had her own stand with information on different medical careers as well as company operations positions as well.

"Bucks will give you the more hands-on experience," Baker explained. "They can work at their own pace," Baker, a R.N. who wants to work more independently, said Bayada, which would be a great company for an R.N. who wants to work one-on-one with patients and who likes to move at their own pace," said Sutton.

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 allow patients to hold the fair in the same way next fall. She also recommended that any students interested in going into the healthcare field choose Bucks first.

The Life Science Career Alliance stand was one that students found very helpful. This organization assists students and parents in learning and exploring opportunities in the healthcare field.

Janet Baker, 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.

"This was 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 Sutton, R.N. and clinical manager for Bayada, was sent to this 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. This week visits were the best prices possible on prescription drugs. "We deal with the patients and who also aspires to get their customers the best price 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 explored.

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 recommended that any students interested in going into the healthcare field choose Bucks first. This website helps students explore all different potential career paths even outside of the medical field.

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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. Unfortunately, for six days, Bucks’ SEPTA crowd had to figure out a new way to class. Many rode depended on rides from family members or friends to help at the last minute. Others were prepared from the onset of the strikes from a year ago. A ndrew 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. A conditional 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 burn 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, 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 among 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 Levine, 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,” Levine 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 their livelihoods,” Georgia Cobb, 19, a nursing major 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 taxed 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 my way. It could have been better warned,” Cobb says. “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 KYLIE REAVES
Centurion Staff

Steve Bacher gets paid to be on Facebook and Twitter. A mong 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. The 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.

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.

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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.

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

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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 Under-ground Railroad, Masonic Temple and more.

After coming back from the Masonic Temple tour, Bucks student Vincent Porto, 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 McElhaney, 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.”

A根据 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 at Bucks. He eventually received the John D. MacArthur Award for 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 ROSENNAU  
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."

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**THE WEEK IN TV/MOVIES/MUSIC**

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**MOVIES**

**New Moon**

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

**Planet 51**

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**

**Lady GaGa**

New album "The Fame Monster"  
**Release Date:** 23 November

**John Mayer**

New album "Battle Studies"  
**Release Date:** 17 November

**Britney Spears**

New boxset "The Singles Collection"  
**Release Date:** 24 November

**Janet Jackson**

New best of album "Number Ones"  
**Release Date:** 17 November
“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. One of her cases involves traumatizing events in the middle of the night. She decides to record and videotape them to shed light on to what is happening in this town.

“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 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 Olivier 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, hypnagogically 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 are aliens 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 week of November 17, 2009

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 M Isdrect” 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 sum up 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 to 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 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 “Sheevan, Take Two” 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.

If you would like to hear their albums you can go and buy them. Maybe you will even enjoy their music.
The week of November 17, 2009

A fittingly melancholic soundtrack

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

BY LAUREN HICKS
Centurion Staff

Two-thirds 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 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 or two. 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 End).” 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 talks to while dealing with her heartache.

Song three is “Hearing Damned” by The Yorke of Radiohead, whose music appeared in the first film (though not on the official soundtrack). The lyrics 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 an emphasis on Edward. Lyrics include “he can’t come after all” (reflecting Edward and Bella’s relationship), “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 Bella’s need for life Bella dreams of with Edward with the lyrics “our blood is cold and we’re alone, but I’m alone with you.”
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BY HOPE KUMOR
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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.

I want you to think about this: How many similarities and differences do you and your other 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 another. 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.

Try something new in your relationship

My boyfriend and I are similar in these ways, and then we’re different in others. Everyone knows that

Weekly column

with Hope Kumor

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. 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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Soccer season ends with success

BY LIAM MCKENNA
Op/Ed Editor

The week of November 17, 2009

Coach Justin Burroughs
Courtesy BCCC Soccer Facebook page

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

College Athletic Association (NJAA).

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 25 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; I don’t have wait and see how they do.”

Next season will be moving into the NationalJunior College Athletic Association (NJCAA). 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 the 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.

Phillies look to the 2010 baseball season

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.

“Another important thing that I learned on Friday is that our team will be switching conferences,” Burroughs said.

This news has come to him in the wake of new talent in free agency. In 2009, Ruben Amaro Jr. has stated that the Philadelphia Phillies could offer him a contract in free agency. He has had a good season and is moving to third base. In 2009, Adrian Beltre and Chone Figuigro were considered the best batters.

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 the trade of third baseman Pedro Feliz to the St. Louis Cardinals for outfielder Bobby Abreu. He has been signed to a one-year, $5.5 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.

Mark DeRosa and 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 Phillies struggled with in 2009, especially in the playoffs. Beltre also won two gold-glove awards in 2007 and 2008.

Los Angeles Angels 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 .302 with both Cleveland and St. Louis and had 78 RBIs.

Houston Astros 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.