

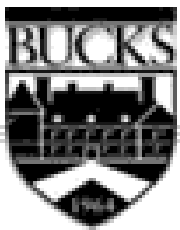
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Saturday Night: A chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 40.

Sunday: A chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 56.

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Security vehicle totaled

A Safety and Security officer allegedly wrecked the vehicle while driving recklessly on campus.

BY LAURA IRWIN
Editor-in-Chief

A Bucks security officer was fired after he totaled a security vehicle in an accident that may have been the result of reckless driving.

In the late evening hours of Sunday, March 1, Safety and Security Officer Nehkawah Gbeintor said he was in the passenger's seat when fellow officer Sean Williams was attempting "slides" in the falling snow in C Lot. Williams was apparently accelerating and then breaking in order to slide the vehicle into a fishtail.

Gbeintor said Williams lost control of the vehicle and crashed into a tree. The driver's and passenger's airbags were deployed, and the car was badly damaged.

Gbeintor said that after following a suspicious vehicle out of campus, Williams fishtailed the security vehicle down Linden Lane, toward Lot C, instead of dropping him off at his own security vehicle.

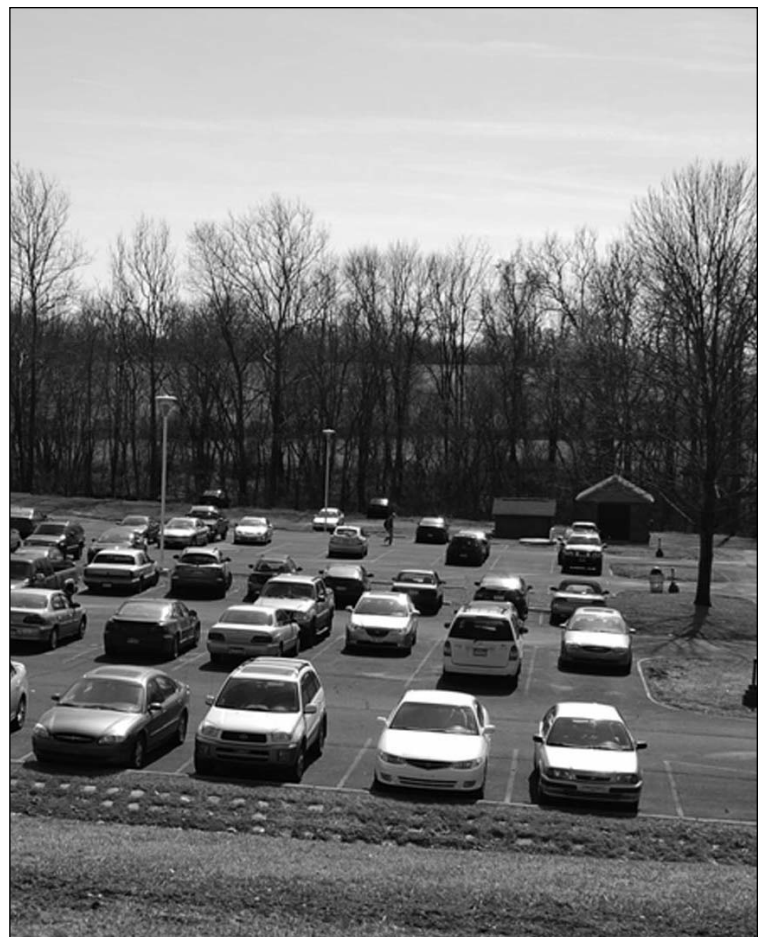
"I'm from West Africa and I don't know much about snow," said Gbeintor. "I didn't really know what he was trying to do."

Upon entering Lot C, Williams allegedly accelerated to 50 mph in an attempt to fishtail, but lost control, spun around, missed the emergency call box and slammed the front and passenger's side of the vehicle into a tree. "He got his slide," said Gbeintor, "but it was more than he bargained for." He added, "It was stupid and reckless."

Assistant Director of Safety and Security Mark Moore checked the scene in C Lot around 1 a.m. March 2, several hours after the 11:45 p.m. crash, and found no evidence of tire tracks, as snow continued to fall.

Williams report stated that he was going 15 mph in C Lot in order to hit a chip, a checkpoint system in which officers use a metal key to fit into circular "chips" across campus, when he lost control of the car.

When asked how fast the car was going, Moore said, "I am not



THE INCIDENT OCCURRED IN C LOT ON SUNDAY, MARCH 1
PHOTO BY KISHA LOWENTHAL

an expert on how to gauge speed, but it was greater than 15 mph." Pennsylvania law states that in a school zone, drivers are to observe a 15 mph speed

limit—the speed limit posted on all three Bucks campuses.

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Car thefts shake Lower Bucks

BY IAN MCLEAN
Centurion Staff

Two automobile thefts occurred at the Lower Bucks campus about a week apart.

The theft of a blue Acura Integra occurred on Tuesday, Feb. 17, between 10 and 11 a.m. and a red Honda Civic was stolen on Wednesday, Feb. 25, between 8 and 9 a.m.

Both cars were 1991 models. Christopher Lloyd, director of safety and security said, "The older models might be a little easier to get in to for somebody, but in both cases there was absolutely no sign of forced entry. The students couldn't remember if they locked their vehicles or not."

According to the office of Safety and Security these are the first reported automobile thefts Bucks has had. An investigation is underway and Lloyd said, "The Bristol Township Police Department is involved in both investigations."

These particular models of cars are popular for modifying, but there has been no indication that these cars were specially modi-

fied in any way.

Bucks County, typically, does not have a high number in reported automobile theft compared to other counties. According to the Pennsylvania Auto Theft Prevention Authority, car theft has been on the decline over the last decade. There is a theft rate of about 150 cars for a population of 100,000.

As far as having a lead or a suspect, Lloyd said, "Not from our end, we don't have a suspect. We've shared the video with [the police]. I don't know if they have suspects that they're following up with or not."

It is still unclear if the thefts were connected.

There are a few things students can do to avoid getting their car stolen.

"First thing is to make sure your windows are up and your vehicles are locked," said Lloyd. "Make sure any valuables you have are out of sight. Make sure to take anything down that could be related to an electronic device, like a window mount or a power cord. If it's night time, park in a well-lit area."

Currently, the parking lots are



COMMUTERS AT LOWER BUCKS SHOULD TAKE EXTRA PRECAUTIONS, ASSURING THEIR VEHICLES ARE LOCKED TIGHT.

PHOTO BY KISHA LOWENTHAL

under surveillance, but Lloyd added, "Students should keep their eyes open when they're out there, and if you see something suspicious, like someone checking out other cars or pulling on

multiple door handles, call us immediately."

If you have seen anything suspicious and would like to report it, call Safety and Security at (215) 968-8395.

With spring comes higher gas prices

BY TAJ CARR
Centurion Staff

Gas prices and routine maintenance are the factors that drive Bucks students crazy on a daily basis.

Throughout Bucks' parking lots, students act like predator and prey—following departing students to their cars in order to snatch up a good space.

But during these tough economic times, students who pay for gas on a weekly basis in order to get to school are running on empty.

According to the Energy Information Administration, as of March 2, the current average price for gas on the east coast stands at \$1.92.

Alicia Volpe, 21, a psychology major from Levittown

said, "It's okay where it is, but it could be cheaper."

Volpe spends about \$40 a week to fill up her 2002 Hyundai Accent to accommodate her lifestyle and five-day school schedule.

By many standards, the current prices are better when compared to just a few months ago when gas prices ranged between \$2.50 and \$3 a gallon for regular unleaded. "Prices aren't so bad, but when they get higher my car is kind of a gas hog," said Eric Eitelgeorge, 20, a social service major from Doylestown.

Higher gas prices cost Eitelgeorge \$60 to \$70 to fill his 97 Volkswagen Passat VR6. At the current prices it still takes roughly \$40 to fill his tank.

Other students pay less

when it comes to filling up at the gas station.

Mike Ireland, 20, criminal justice major from Levittown, owns a 1987 Honda Accord. He forks out \$20 to \$30 for a full tank of gas.

To save on gas, some Bucks students have even considered alternatives to physically going to school.

Ashley Wunder, 21, a history major from Levittown, contemplated taking online courses to save on gas.

Frequency of driving and distance are not the only factors that affect a car's gas efficiency.

Overall maintenance of a car can greatly determine how well a car runs, thus saving students on gas.

Eitelgeorge said he "very meticulously" maintains a

working car. Some of his methods involve oil changes every 2,500 miles, getting new tires every so often and making sure all the fluids are at proper levels.

Properly inflated tires along with regular tune-ups improve a car's fuel efficiency.

According to drivesmarter-challenge.org, "Fixing a car that is noticeably out of tune or has failed an emissions test can improve its gas mileage by an average of 4 percent—saving up to 25 gallons of gasoline and about \$80."

It is recommended that a car's oil should be changed every 3,000 miles because it contributes to a better running, fuel-efficient car.

Air filters should also be changed every 12,000 miles.

There are also better methods to driving that make a car more efficient.

Those who like to speed should know that going more slowly will improve fuel efficiency.

Along with observing speed limits, drivers should also use their car's heating or air conditioning less. The less it's used the greater amount of gas money that will be saved.

Drivers on highways should use cruise control to save on fuel. And, if any of these options aren't appealing, there is always car pooling or public transportation.

Bucks offers a ride board that lists students interested in carpooling.

For more information, visit bucks.edu/life/rideboard.

Not-so safe and secure behavior

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The car, estimated at \$16,000-\$24,000, was leased, and the intention, according to Moore, was to "buyout the car and cycle it down to other departments in the college that use vehicles."

But now, Safety and Security has only one car for a few months until a new one can be purchased.

Safety and Security has a daily log of incidents that occur, but the crash was not reported. When asked why a security officer totaling a car was left out of

the log, Moore said the incident was not a threat to the campus environment and would only have been reported if it was during school hours.

A report was filed via phone to the Newtown Police Department, but the township did not send out any officers to take a report.

Will this incident spawn limited use of campus vehicles for probationary officers?

"We can't really," said Moore, "because they are for response purposes and need to be available. However, things will be stemming out of this that

hopefully impacts further behavior in the future."

But this isn't the first report of improper behavior from security officers.

Safety and Security staff said an on-duty officer apparently drove a security vehicle to the Oxford valley area at night a few months ago. The officer was allegedly seen getting into a Bucks security vehicle in that area around 10 p.m.

Moore said that such incidents are reviewed in monthly training meetings that last three to four hours. The next meeting takes place after spring break, in the last week of March.

Williams has been relieved of his duty as an officer, but "official paperwork is that he didn't

complete his probationary term," said Moore. Each officer is to complete 120 days of probationary work to "see if they are a good fit." Williams was "in part" let go for the crash, but Moore cited other personnel issues that led to the decision to let him go.

Gbeintor said that Williams had allegedly been cited for "careless stuff, such as driving on the grass."

Gbeintor has yet to return to work since the incident. He said he was injured in the crash and is

upset that an ambulance or the police did not respond to the crash. Safety and Security is "awaiting a doctor's report releasing him back into work," said Moore.

Safety and Security Director Chris Lloyd has been pushing for the installation of video cameras throughout all three Bucks campuses.

Director of Student Life Matt Cipriano says the administration may phase in cameras over a period of time.



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Tech-savvy students wanted for contest

BY KATIE FEILER AND
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Do you have a strong political stance? Do you feel strongly about going green? Do you believe in global warming?

Bucks students have the opportunity to create a video mash-up about any issue that affects our world today, with prizes being awarded to the top three videos.

A digital mash-up is a digital media file containing text, graphics, audio, video and animation drawn from pre-existing sources, to create a new derivative work, according to Wikipedia.

"Our goal as a college is always to provide the best learning experiences possible for our students so that they are prepared to thrive in the Information Age,"

said Jim Sell, executive director at the Lower Bucks camous. "But in general I see this contest as a way to create awareness of the use of multimedia as a means of assessing knowledge."

A panel of Bucks faculty will judge the entries based on certain criteria.

The criteria include creative and innovative spirit drawn from pre-existing sources which are then manipulated to create a new piece of work; the mashup's ability to engage an audience on a global issue; and its ability to effectively convey the purpose of the proposed theme through the use of a digital medium.

"Equally important, the contest will provide faculty with a platform with which to create an assessment rubric as a tool for evaluating learning and the mastery

of course content through multimedia assignments or other related projects," Sell said.

Individuals or teams are encouraged to enter.

The producer who enters the contest will be the person eligible for the contest prizes.

The video entries can be a documentary, an editorial or a parody of the issue. Creativity is highly encouraged.

However, any discriminatory or lurid content will not be accepted.

Videos should not exceed four minutes.

The deadline is May 1. All videos should be on a compatible disk and delivered to Library 116.

A printed copy of the online application confirmation must accompany the project. Applications can be found at

bucks.edu/lbc/mash_up.htm Contest prizes include one free three-credit course for first prize, the choice of a flip video camera or iPod for second prize, and \$75 gift certificate to the bookstore for third prize.

Students are encouraged to take this as an opportunity to share their thoughts on global issues.

"The impact of living in a global economy, raising cultural awareness, civility and going green to conserve our natural resources are just a few examples that might be seen through these mash-ups," said Sell.

Students say the contest sounds interesting.

"Film making for documentary purposes as well as leisure has been a hobby of mine since I was old enough to hold a camera," said 18-year-old Eric Wagner, a

graphic design major from New Hope.

"I'd like nothing more than the opportunity to provide for my higher education by doing what I like most and maybe winning a prize out of it as well," he said.

Students can visit bucks-mashup.blogspot.com to view examples of mash-ups and to see the correct source citing format to be used in mash-ups.

Further questions regarding the contest can be directed to Kelly Gredone at (215) 968-8253 or e-mail gredonek@bucks.edu.

Or talk to Marilyn Puchalski at (215) 968-8056 or e-mail her at puchalsk@bucks.edu.

Jim Sell is also available to answer questions at sellj@bucks.edu, or call him at (267) 685-4801.



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NASA walks in space to clean up trash

By The Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Two astronauts who were teaching math and science to middle school students just five years ago went on a spacewalk together Monday, their path cleared of dangerous orbiting junk that had threatened the space station and shuttle.

On Sunday, the linked shuttle-station complex had to move out of the way of a 4-inch piece of debris that had been projected to come perilously close during the spacewalk.

Astronauts Joseph Acaba and Richard Arnold II had no luck trying to free up a jammed equipment storage shelf at the international space station, one of their main tasks.

Using a hammer, they managed to loosen a pin that Acaba and another astronaut accidentally inserted upside down on the platform during Saturday's spacewalk. But the shelf mechanism would not extend into the proper position, despite repeated efforts.

"Three, two, one, go," Arnold called out as they tugged with all their might. "Negative."

It's the first time two former schoolteachers have been on a spacewalk together, and is the third and final spacewalk for shuttle Discovery's mission.

It's also the second time out the hatch for both Acaba and Arnold. Their previous outings were with another astronaut, and they took pleasure in sharing this one together.

As for space junk, it's becoming a growing concern for the 220-mile-high space station. Earlier this month, space station residents had to seek shelter in their emergency getaway capsule because of debris. Last week, the station almost had to dodge another piece of junk.

Discovery's astronauts said Sunday they don't think about space junk when they're outside. They said there are enough things to worry about, like keeping themselves and their tools tethered and getting the job done. There's always a risk tiny pieces of debris that can't be tracked from the ground could come zooming by.

The two crews will part Wednesday, and Discovery will aim for a touchdown back at NASA's spaceport Saturday.

Residents look to stop Frankford Hospital

BY JOANNA SCHLICHER
Centurion Staff

Quiet evenings. An open field here and there. Limited congestion on the roads—most of the time.

These are just a few of the charming attributes Lower Makefield residents have grown accustomed to and it is the lure of these qualities that makes living in the area so appealing. If residents want to hear blaring traffic sounds at all hours of the day and night or see big office complexes out their windows, they'd move to the city, right? Maybe not.

If Frankford Hospital's proposal to construct a new location at the corner of Yardley-Newtown Road is approved, residents just may get all the sights and sounds of urban living.

This is the reason citizens of Lower Makefield and the surrounding areas have formed Residents Against Frankford's Relocation (RAFR). The group opposes Frankford's proposal to build a 375,000 square foot hospital, as well as two 40,000 square foot buildings on the open land next to Shady Brook Farm.

The land is currently zoned as Office/Research, but Frankford Hospital is

requesting that the Lower Makefield Township Zoning Hearing Board make a "special exemption."

Many residents say they are opposed to the proposal.

"My main concern is the traffic," said Ed Lynch, who has lived on Stoney Hill Road for 11 years.

He has other issues with the new hospital as well. "I question the needs assessment for a healthcare facility considering that St. Mary's and the New Jersey Hospital are only a stone's throw away."

The New Jersey hospital he is referring to is Capital Health System's new location presently going up in Hopewell, only a few miles north on interstate 95.

Irene Koehler, who lives off Lindenhurst Road, is Chairwoman of RAFR. She led a meeting attended by 18 residents on Tuesday, Feb. 17 at the Lower Makefield Township Library. By going door-to-door and sending out mailers, the grassroots organization hopes to gain many more members than its current 500.

"This is going to impact the whole township and we're trying to get the word out," Koehler said. Residents arrived with coffee in one hand and notepads in the other, determined to stop the



FRANKFORD HOSPITAL WANTS TO MOVE ONTO THE CORNER OF YARDLEY-NEWTOWN RD. AND STONEY HILL RD.
PHOTO BY JOANNA SCHLICHER

relocation.

"This is not going to happen overnight," said Ron Smith, a Lower Makefield Township supervisor. "But it is possible to win this fight; you just have to be in it for the long haul. Remember RAMP?" he said, referring to Residents Against Matrix Project, a group formed in 2003 to oppose commercial building near the Oxford Valley Mall.

RAFR has hired a citizen's attorney and is seeking donations to cover costs. Koehler explained to Lynch that traf-

fic would be some of the worst in the area for him, because Frankford plans to close its current location across from the Oxford Valley Mall. "You'll get all those people coming from Fairless Hills and Levittown, right down Stoney Hill Road," she said.

Having the hospital means taxes will go up for residents.

In addition, Lower Makefield Township Police Chief Ken Coluzzi pointed out that the township would have to hire five more officers if the hospital is built. Each

officer would cost over \$100,000 with salary and benefits. "A lot of people don't realize what this is going to take. Seniors especially seem to want this, but wait till they see what it does to their taxes," said Smith.

The Lower Makefield Township supervisors oppose the proposal, as well as the Traffic Commission, and Environmental Advisory Board.

Anyone who wants to get involved can e-mail info@rafr.org, or visit rafr.org.

Actor Robin Williams recovers after surgery

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Robin Williams was recovering at the Cleveland Clinic after heart surgery that his doctors deemed successful, his publicists said Monday.

The 57-year-old actor had an operation to replace an aortic valve on March 13, publicists Mara Buxbaum and Chris Kanarick said. He was expected to make a complete recovery in the next eight weeks.

"His heart is strong and he will have normal heart function in the coming weeks with no limitations on what he'll be able to do," said Dr. A. Marc Gillinov, a cardiothoracic surgeon at the Cleveland Clinic. "A couple of hours after surgery, he was entertaining the medical team and making us all laugh."

Williams was initially treated at the University of Miami Hospital before being transferred to Cleveland. He had been in Florida earlier this month when he was forced to cancel the remainder of his one-man comedy show, "Weapons of Self-Destruction," after experiencing shortness of breath.

Williams, whose sold-out, multi-city tour is expected to resume in the fall, thanked staff at both hospitals.

"I can't thank them enough for their kindness and dedication while I was in their care," he said in a statement. "I must also thank all the people who have expressed their love and concern for me. I have been deeply touched by their support."

Williams being Williams, he couldn't resist a comic aside.

"I got some great new material for the tour and can't wait to get back on the road," he said. "I'm thinking the next leg of the tour will be 'Weapons of Self-Destruction and Reconstruction!'"

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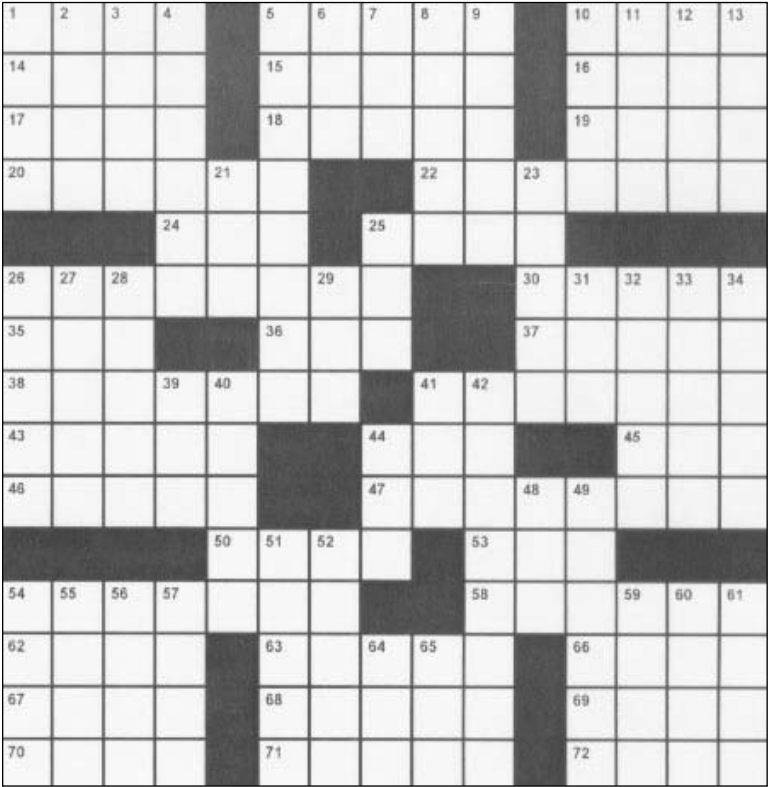


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14th Annual Bucks County High School Art Exhibition. Through April 4.		24	New Kids On the Block. Bryce Jordan Center. University Park 7:30 p.m.
Eye Witness to History - Civil Rights Movement. 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Tyler 142.		25	Sixers vs. Minnesota.Wachovia Center. 7 p.m.
14th Annual Bucks County High School Art Exhibition. Through April 4.		26	Flyers vs. Florida. Wachovia Center. 7 p.m.
Don't you have some homework you should be doing?		27	Sixers vs. Charlotte. Wachovia Center. 7 p.m.
Baseball. Bucksvs. Delaware (away). 12 p.m.		28	Cedric the Entertainer. Atlantic City Hilton. Atlantic City, NJ. 8 p.m.
Study all day.		29	Flyers vs. Boston. Wachovia Center. 7 p.m.
"Getting the Most From Talking With College Representatives." Pre-transfer fair workshop. Lower Bucks. 5-6 p.m.		30	Student Photo Exhibit at Bucks County Visitors Center. Through April 3.
Baseball. Bucks vs. Luzerne. 2 p.m.		31	Sixers vs. Atlanta. Wachovia Center. 7 p.m.



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11- Designer Cassini
12- Actress Ward
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SR2: less serious, more fun

BY CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON
Interactive Media Editor

Grand Theft Auto IV was a remarkable achievement in the game world.

It was praised for its realism and its intriguing and gritty storyline.

The sandbox genre of games has long been owned by the GTA franchise.

Well, Saints Row 2 does a drive-by on the genre and completely obliterates the realism that GTA worked so hard on creating.

Saints Row 2 is a sandbox game that takes place in the fictional city of Stillwater. You start as the nameless protagonist who appeared in the first Saints Row.

Following the climatic explosion at the end of the first game, you awake in prison after a several-year coma.

As you attempt to rebuild your now broken gang and reclaim the glory that was yours in the first game, you have to fight your way through several new gangs and a virtually redesigned city.

The game itself is a little glitchy; there are some framerate problems and occasionally characters will disappear into walls or get stuck in floors, but other than that the game is great visually.

The story is based on your character trying to rebuild your gang's empire.

A few of the characters from the first game are reintroduced in this new installment, but as it's stated in the game, most of them are either



dead or in jail.

The gameplay is pretty hectic from beginning to end; explosions and gun fights are around every corner in this city.

Gangs roam the streets with weapons drawn and get in to random gun fights with the police, whom they often overpower. It's a pretty crazy place, unlike the calm metropolis of Liberty City from GTA.

Another comparison to GTA IV is the fact that there is still so much to do even if you play all the way through the main story, from getting cars for chop shops to running your own prostitution ring.

The amount of things you can do after the main story is nearly endless; it's almost as though there's no need for downloadable content.

The sounds of the gunfire and the soundtrack of almost 150 licensed songs helps add to the realism of the game.

Hearing the screeching of

the tires and the revving of the engines helps immerse you further into the fun experience.

The game is serious but it has a slight dark-humor edge to it, which almost makes you laugh during the bloody cut scenes that more often than not feature one or more dead bodies.

The story in GTA was supposed to make you feel a connection to this dark and brooding character.

In SR2, you just run around doing what you please, killing rival gang members and buying properties to increase your wealth.

Despite the game's humorous undertones and over-the-top violence, the game is a very well put together piece of work.

Anyone who enjoys sandbox games and mindless mayhem should definitely go pick this up, especially since you can probably find a few used copies for cheap.

Xbox Live community events

These are some of the events on the Xbox Live calendar for the next week or so...

- 3/23 Music Monday: Lips
- 3/24 Family Game Night: High School Musical 3
- 3/25 Ladies Night: Resident Evil 5
- 3/26 Fable II
- 3/27 Frag Doll Friday: CellFactor: Psychokinetic Wars

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Role Models with Seann Williams Scott and Paul Rudd

Transporter 3 with Jason Statham

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas with Asa Butterfield and Jack Scanlon

Rachel Getting Married with Anne Hathaway and Rosemarie DeWitt

Legal issues dog Brutal Legend

BY CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON
Interactive Media Editor

Too often game developers try to make the next big game that will change the world of gaming. More often than not they overstretch their abilities and make a game that turns out awful.

San Francisco-based developer Double Fine Productions, however, has done the opposite and created a game that will literally and figuratively rock.

From the mind of Tim Schafer, creator the critically acclaimed 3rd person adventure "Psychonauts," "Brutal Legend" is an alternate universe filled with heavy metal, monsters and the evil forces of glam rock.

Hopefully this will be coming to the Xbox 360 and PS3 consoles sometime in the fall.

The game's publishing status as of this moment is unknown as Activision

Blizzard and Electronic Arts, two of the biggest publishers in the world, are fighting over the rights to the game.

The game looks like a metric ton of fun.

You play Eddie Riggs, a roadie for an unnamed metal band, who is transported by his demonic belt buckle to an alternate dimension where demons and the forces of glam rock have enslaved humanity.

As Eddie, you will battle your way through the forces of evil using your battle axe, a Gibson Flying V guitar that has magical abilities in this alternate dimension, and the Deuce, a hot rod that Eddie rebuilds using parts found in the game.

Along the way you will collect a vast array of creatures and minions to help you battle your way in a resistance movement against Lord Dolivicus, and his glam metal minion, General Lionwhyte.

All the allies and creatures



you will face on the way are all metal- and rock-themed like "Roadies" who carry amps that blast killer feedback and "Runaways," girls who battle with flamethrowers while riding on Eddie and the other characters' shoulders.

As far as the characters go, Eddie himself was designed to be half-Jack Black and half-Glenn Danzig.

And even cooler is the protagonist is voiced by Black himself.

Several heavy metal legends have also lent their voices

to the game including Motorhead frontman Lemmy Kilmister and Rob Halford of Judas Priest.

Hopefully the game will be released soon to the public so heavy metal and game fans alike can go pick up this awesome game.

Martial Arts club is going strong

BY ASHLEY SIMPSON
Centurion Staff

The Bucks Martial Arts Club is a great club to join for those interested in the sport. The club is open to those with all martial arts backgrounds and skill levels—from those with a lot of experience to others who have never taken a formal martial arts class in their life. Club adviser David Briggs started the club in 1986 after a number of students from his personal defense class expressed interest in joining such a club. Today the club has 15 members.

Briggs made it clear that the

Martial Arts Club is just that—a club, not a class. There are no formal teachings during club time. Instead, the club has a laid-back environment. Members can practice on their own or work with fellow members to practice and learn new techniques. However, new members must attend at least three club meetings before they are allowed to practice with other members. Club members also have access to different equipment to help further their practice. There are a number of reasons to join the Martial Arts Club besides getting time to

practice various techniques. “There is the physical fitness aspect, of course,” said Briggs, “as well as a sense of camaraderie among members.” In addition, there is a tactical aspect one learns from different martial arts techniques. For every attack, there is a method to counter or evade it. “It’s a lot like playing chess,” Briggs explained. Joining the Martial Arts Club gives one the opportunity to meet others with similar interests. “I have been involved with martial arts for 10 years but had nowhere to go to be involved with it,” said

Donnie Hinkle, a 20-year-old liberal arts major, when asked why he joined the club. He has been a member of the club for about two years now. “It’s more personal than formal classes,” Zack Zinman added, a 20-year-old police administration major and fellow member of the club. Zinman has been a member of the club for almost a year and joined because, like Hinkle, he always had a fascination with martial arts, but had nowhere to go to enjoy it. The club’s friendly environment was evident in how the members casually talked and joked with each other at a

recent meeting. Members are encouraged to show fellow members what they know and to help others succeed in their martial arts training. In addition to their martial arts practice, the members also involve themselves in community service every year by going to Tyler Park and cleaning up litter. The Martial Arts Club meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 12:30-1:30 p.m. in Gym C. The club occasionally meets at other times as well. For more information, contact Briggs at briggsd@bucks.edu, or call (215) 968-8444.

Richardson laid to rest near NY home

By The Associated Press

LITHGOW, N.Y. — A somber group of friends and family gathered in a small Hudson Valley town Sunday to say a final farewell to Tony Award-winning actress Natasha Richardson. Liam Neeson, in a dark suit and sunglasses, was at the head of the casket as he and five other pallbearers carried his wife's coffin into St. Peter's Episcopal Church, near the home where the two married in 1994. He and Richardson's mother, actress Vanessa Redgrave, waved to the dozens of reporters crowded

behind a police barricade on the dirt road leading to the tiny white clapboard church. The grieving family — including the couple's two sons, Micheal, 13, and Daniel, 12 — then paused to allow the media to photograph them in front of church before the service. Ralph Fiennes, Alan Rickman, Laura Linney, Uma Thurman and Timothy Dalton were among the friends who filed into the church on the chilly spring afternoon. After a graveside service under a large green tent, the 45-year-old actress was buried in a nearby cemetery,

amid hilly horse farms about 80 miles north of New York City. She was laid to rest near the grave of her maternal grandmother, the actress Rachel Kempson, who died while visiting her granddaughter and Neeson at their home in nearby Millbrook in 2003. Neeson and the Redgrave family, including Richardson's sister, actress Joely Richardson, visited Kempson's grave after the burial. Richardson died Wednesday at a Manhattan hospital after falling while skiing Monday at the Mont

Tremblant resort in the Canadian province of Quebec. The New York City medical examiner's office said Richardson suffered from an epidural hematoma, which causes bleeding between the skull and the brain's covering. She wasn't wearing a helmet when she fell. She costarred with future husband Neeson in the 1993 revival of Eugene O'Neill's "Anna Christie." The two married at their secluded Millbrook home the next year. The famous couple was well known in this area, which counts many celebri-

ties among its part-time residents. "She was a lovely lady," said local resident Steve Lyall. "We'll miss her in the community." The ceremony Sunday caps off a grim week during which Neeson greeted a stream of friends and family during a private viewing Friday at the American Irish Historical Society. Celebrities paying respects this week included Diane Sawyer, Ethan Hawke and Sarah Jessica Parker. Theaters on Broadway and London's West End dimmed their lights this week in honor of Richardson.

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‘JenEric’ Food

Managing Editors Jen Golding and Eric Nocito like to eat CulinArt specials...maybe a little too much.

The Buffalo Chicken Wrap

This week, as we were lured into the cafeteria by the arousing odors of a cavalcade of pizza, Danishes, the salad bar and the fried chicken stand, we had to bypass the specials because they did not tickle our fancies.

Instead, we made our way to the most beautiful creature in the cafeteria, Diana, the wrap lady, who makes a mean buffalo chicken wrap.

As our eyes met Diana’s, she knew what we wanted right away. Fried chicken, bleu cheese dressing, lettuce, tomato, and sharp cheddar cheese all wrapped up in tomato basil heaven. As Diana’s hands labored at miraculous speed, our eyes were afraid to blink, for we were in awe over the creation of such a perfect entree.

They say the best things in life are free, but today this was not the case, nor was it a problem. We knew what we wanted and we weren’t ready to surrender to any obstacles such as price that got in the way of our buffalo chicken on a tomato basil wrap.

We sank our teeth into the floury, larger than average cylinder of pure pleasure. Our taste buds were stimulated beyond comprehension and we dreaded the moment that would come when this euphoria would end.

The wrap was eerily delicious and left us shaking with pleasure, perhaps more so than last week’s chicken cordon bleu on a Kaiser. The tangy bleu cheese really put the wrap over the top, causing our bodies to convulse.

Eric, never one for self-control, began speaking in a British accent and inquiring about Shakespeare’s new play at the Globe Theatre. Jen also got caught up in the excitement and began composing a musical symphony entitled “CulinArt harmony no. 9” as she reminisced about the collage of flavor between the tangy bleu cheese smeared against the steaming fried chicken.

The aftermath was more stimulating than anything we had ever experienced.

Time crawled by so slowly as we anticipated the next time we could again sample such a unique indulgence. Soon it became unbearable as our bodies went into intense withdrawal, and we became angered that the day would end without another glimpse into the heaven created by the wrap.

Well, to WRAP this up, let’s just say if you’re looking for a good time, hit up the Bucks cafeteria and ask for the most savory delicacy on the menu: the buffalo chicken wrap.

Dear John, Dear Jane

*An open letter to those people who bother
Editor-in-Chief Laura Irwin somehow*

Dear cab driver that hit my car,

You jerk.

I am not from the city, nor am I accustomed to driving in the city.

It appears that city driving is dangerous and angry and damages cars, but I have a vehicle that I care about somewhat, so your aggressive driving and behavior was not appreciated.

Here I am all dressed up with my friend out on the town when we are blessed by the parking fairy with a perfect spot in Old City.

I am preparing to parallel park—I throw on my blinker, pull up to the car in front of the spot I want and throw it in reverse. And just as I am about to let go of the gas, what do you do, but pull up right behind me.

Not cool, I’m trying to park in this awesome space.

So when I give you a universal signal (because as I later learn, you don’t speak English) to back the hell up

before someone else pulls up behind you, you ram into the back of my car.

Was that your universal symbol for I am a total miscreant?

Then, like the epitome of nastiness, you pull around me, shoving more traffic out of your dented taxi’s way, and start yelling at me in a language that I do not speak.

It is not until you are frightened off by a meter maid, who called you the name of a bodily orifice, when my friends and I throw you another universal symbol, and you peel off in search of someone else to bother.

Listen buddy: you’re messing with the wrong chick.

I am thankful that my car was not damaged, as the last \$30 I owe in financing is in the mail and I await the title.

But, I was wearing a dress, and that doesn’t happen very often, and the whole way down to Philadelphia we kept saying what a great night we were going to have, and you go and make sure

that before the great night could begin, we needed to remember why it is we hang out in the burbs more often—we dislike the creeps that infest our city.

By creeps, I mean the people who kill, rape, maim, rob, damage or commit any other crime. And yeah dude, aggressively ramming into the back of someone’s car as they are about to park is only a few ladder rungs down from snatching up an old lady’s purse.

So, you suck.

And I hope there is a red spot on the front of your car and you got in trouble with your boss. And I hope you didn’t make any money all night long and you’re going to be late on your rent and have to work overtime and that no one gets into your cab because you’re mean. And I had to go find another parking spot too!

So get bent.

Thanks,
Laura

A Modern Hypocrisy

A weekly column by Centurion Editor-in-Chief Laura Irwin



*Advertising for
the poor*

I told you all that I got basic cable a few months ago, an upgrade from the zero channels I received for almost three years.

Not having the 100 HD channels that everyone these days seems to have means that once midnight rolls around, there is pretty much nothing on to watch. This is when I saw the commercial.

This commercial was a cross between an infomercial and a regular “hard sell” commercial, where testimonials of customers who had to, for example, live with debilitating back pain were at the end of their ropes until (cue mystical music) PainBGon came and saved their lives!

You know the type. “I’ve fallen and I can’t get up,” or “Clap on, clap off.”

The commercial I saw was for a company much like Rent-A-Center, where a customer’s washer breaks and they need to rent one until theirs is fixed or they want to have a party for the big game, but they don’t own a big screen TV. Well, thanks to this company, you can rent furniture, appliances and even electronics without having to spend the big bucks to own. (Instead you are running up a huge bill on interest. You don’t even want to guess what happens if you miss a payment!)

And then I heard the testimonial of a man that made me stop flicking the remote and literally say aloud to myself, “You idiot.”

This guy starts talking into the camera about how he has always been working class and he always will be working class, so he was so happy when he found out about this rental company because now “I can finally live above my means.”

Oh no you didn’t.

This is why I can’t watch “Nightline” or “20/20” anymore, where they feature in-depth analysis of the financial crisis. Because it seems pretty obvious what got everyone into this mess to begin with, and that commercial I saw is an explanation on a miniature scale.

You have the customer. They are average and not financially bright. They see all these people on TV and in the media and out in the world with their big flat-screen TVs and huge homes and they want things too. And they can have it if they just borrow the money for those things. It’s okay to be in debt because they have a job and eventually they will have paid off their new car debt and move toward paying off a new house debt. It doesn’t matter to them if the financing is doubling the price of their purchase, it matters that they have their stuff.

Listen to me: One man is as greedy as all the Wall Street men and CEOs—he just doesn’t have as much pull.

You also have the seller, the CEO, the big-man-on-campus. He’s your average college grad who worked their way up the ladder and into a high-enough position that his actions on the market have repercussions. He wants this guy in Minnesota to purchase a new house even though he really can’t afford it because he’s still going to make bank.

What’s he care about that guy? Mr. Wall Street worked his way so high up the ladder that the distinction between people and names on paper is nearly indefinable.

And after enough transactions occur between these very two stupid stereotypes, the bottom fell out. Now, in between commercials that tell you in this tough market you should be financially savvy and buy this new car over that new car, you see the news report on who’s to blame.

My answer is, everyone who let greed take over.

We live in a society that says you have to acquire things, money to be successful. What society isn’t telling you is that it’s not a good idea to let your life be controlled by greed, one of the seven deadly sins.

The guy who wanted to live above their means and the guy who wanted to rake in as much cash as possible, you’re the guilty party.

My mother says to me not to worry about being in debt, that I will be in debt for the rest of my life.

But, I refuse to fall into the comforts of credit cards. I don’t get to have a really cool iphone like my brother because I can’t afford it and although it would be awesome, I’d love to have more than a handful of TV stations.

But I’m stopping myself from being one of the people to blame. I am stopping myself from being greedy too.



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Optician an optimist despite cancer fight

BY JOANNA SCHLICHER
Centurion Staff

Tucked away in the quiet corner of the Gaslight Village Shopping Center in Morrisville is an unassuming little optical retailer called Normandy. It stands between a pizza parlor and a nail salon and one could pass it by without noticing its existence.

But, people certainly know it's there. In fact, the same customers have been coming back year after year, largely due to the owner Stephen Schmerling.

Schmerling, 51, has been in the optometry business for 30 years. He began working as an optician with his father when he was a teenager, and knew it was his calling. "It's just in my blood," he said. He even met his wife of 22 years, Barbara, with whom he has a son, in the field. Through the years, Schmerling has gotten to know his customers well. They are like family. "Without a doubt, the most rewarding part of what I do is the customers," he said.

Inside, Normandy Optical has the feel of a small, mom-and-pop shop. There's a little waiting area. The selection of frames is not massive and the emphasis is on quality. The walls are lined with diamond studded Gucci, flashy Armani, sleek Kenneth Cole and Kliik, a trendy line from Denmark.

Behind the front desk sits Schmerling, working to satisfy his customer's needs. There are no strict corporate guidelines Schmerling is forced to follow and it is obvi-

ous his customers appreciate that. "I need something inexpensive. The most inexpensive frame you have," said Karen Dopson, a longtime patient and Lower Makefield resident. Schmerling quickly draws Dopson over to the frame boards. "I have these, which I think you'll like," he said pointing out a pair of rimless Mandalay frames. "They are on sale."

"What I like about Steve," Dopson said, "is that he is so open and honest about cost. He tells it like it is. You never get the feeling he is trying to sell you something. He honestly has the customer's best interest at heart."

With rimless frames in hand, Schmerling marches over to the desk and efficiently punches figures into a calculator, trying to determine whether or not his prices are better than her insurance plan. The total cost of the glasses is \$225, which Schmerling stresses Dopson should not worry about. "Pay what you can now, and the rest later."

Day in and day out, everything appears to be business as usual, and no one would know Schmerling is not in good health. In 2005, after going in for a colonoscopy, he was diagnosed with colon cancer. He had his colon removed. Starting in December of 2005, there was a year of remission. In 2006, he found out the cancer was back. It had metastasized to his lungs. "I remember the day I got the call, I sat down on the floor over there," he said, pointing across the room. "I was shocked it was



STEVE SCHMERLING LOOKS TOWARD ONE DAY AT A TIME, AND HELPS HIS CUSTOMERS NO MATTER WHAT.
PHOTO BY JOANNA SCHLICHER

back. Cancer doesn't run in my family."

Still, there is no sign of sadness or self-pity. And Schmerling certainly doesn't look sick.

He cruises around the office with the energy of a young man. He is tall, with dark hair and stylish rectangular frames. He has lost some but not all of his hair to chemotherapy, and does not look frail. On the contrary, he carries a little extra weight around the middle from a self professed ice cream addiction.

He said other than being overly tired from time to time he can't tell he's sick. He rarely misses work due to treatments. "Chemo isn't as bad as people think. It has gotten much better over the years. I'm not hanging over a

toilet afterwards or anything." He does however, recall one day being so tired that on his way home he could barely push the gas pedal down in the car.

Schmerling's nonchalance about having cancer does not go unnoticed. Mike Wojton, the optometrist at Normandy, has worked with Steve for 10 years. "He just pushes through everything. He has a positive attitude. You will never hear him complain."

Through 2007 and 2008, Schmerling underwent three different types of chemotherapy, and none were successful. He is currently being treated with "experimental medicine," which his doctor is hopeful will work, perhaps after the third round.

So what does Schmerling attribute all the positivity to?

For one, his doctor's attitude is very upbeat and hopeful, so that helps. Also helpful are the e-mails he often receives from customers wishing him well. But the moment reality hit Steve—that Ah-ha moment—came in 2007 when Schmerling's friend and neighbor Police Officer Chuck Cassidy was shot in the head when walking into a Dunkin Donuts during a robbery; Schmerling recalls being in chemotherapy when the incident was reported on the news. "What a tragedy. Our sons played together. You see, you never know when life is gonna end. I could die in a car accident tonight. I could live with the cancer for 10 more years."

And hopefully he does. His loyal customers hope so as well.

Volcano erupts in Alaska

By The Associated Press

WILLOW, Alaska — Alaska's Mount Redoubt volcano erupted five times overnight, sending an ash plume more than 9 miles into the air in the volcano's first emissions in nearly 20 years.

Residents in the state's largest city were spared from falling ash, though fine gray dust was falling Monday morning on small communities north of Anchorage. The ash began falling around daybreak and continued into midmorning. They were supposed to end by noon.

Ash from Alaska's volcanos is like a rock fragment with jagged edges and has been used as an industrial abrasive. It can injure skin, eyes and breathing passages. The young, the elderly and people with respiratory problems are especially susceptible to ash-related health problems. Ash can also cause damage engines in planes, cars and

other vehicles.

Elmendorf Air Force Base in Anchorage told only essential personnel to report to work.

The first eruption, in a sparsely area across Cook Inlet from the Kenai Peninsula, occurred at 10:38 p.m. Sunday and the fifth happened at 4:30 a.m. Monday, according to the Alaska Volcano Observatory.

Dave Stricklan, a hydrometeorological technician with the National Weather Service, expected very fine ash.

"Just kind of a light dusting," he said. He said the significant amount of ash probably dropped immediately, right down the side of the volcano. "The heavier stuff drops out very quickly, and then the other stuff filters out. There's going to be a very fine amount of it that's going to be suspended in the atmosphere for quite some time," he said. "The finer ash is going to travel farther, and any ash can affect aviation safety."

The 10,200-foot Redoubt Volcano, roughly 100 miles southwest of Anchorage, last erupted during a four-month period from 1989-90.

In its last eruption, Redoubt sent ash 150 miles away into the path of a KLM jet and its four engines flamed out. The jet dropped more than 2 miles before the crew was able to restart all engines and land safely.

Meanwhile, the volcano became restless earlier this year.

The observatory had warned in late January that an eruption could occur at any time.

Increased earthquake activity over the past 48 hours prompted scientists to raise the alert level for Mount Redoubt on Sunday.

On Sunday morning, 40 to 50 earthquakes were being recorded every hour.

A steam plume rising about 1,000 feet above the mountain peak was observed Saturday.

Featured photo: 'Bottom of my glass'

By Eric Nocito



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Basketball team strives to improve

BY COLIN GERRITY
Sports Editor

The Bucks men's basketball team has finished their season with a 9-16 record.

The Centurions' season officially ended on Feb. 11 in Philadelphia in the first round of the Eastern Pennsylvania Collegiate Conference playoff tournament to the Community College of Philadelphia.

The Centurions were led this year by first-year Head Coach Steve Coyne, who took over the program from Coach Gaeton Curione. The Centurions lost six games last season by a margin of six points or less.

Coming into this season Coyne had high expectations, since last year's team was very competitive.

"As a coach you always have very high expectations," Coyne said. "We would have liked to have done significantly better than we did. As for my self it being my first year and for a lot of the players first year, we did very well. We had a few games that we let get away. Those games certainly would have made our record significantly

better."

Even though the Centurions were often times inconsistent in their play, the season was highlighted by some big wins.

The Centurions defeated Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology on Nov. 19, 44-30 on the road, and knocked down MontCo on Dec. 6, 85-82 at home.

However, inconsistency and missed opportunities seemed to plague the Centurions. Coyne emphasized the importance of converting your opportunities. "The core of our existence this year has been missed easy shots, too many easy shots missed when the opportunities were there," he said.

Missed opportunities and defense were the key elements that needed to be corrected if Bucks was going to make a late season push toward the playoffs. And the Centurions did just that, by winning four of their last six games to finish out the season, and earning them the 8th seed in the EPCC playoff tournament.

Coyne mentioned some adjustments that he and his team made toward the end of the season to help spark the late success.

"We made a nice run at the end of the season," he said. "I believe the players finally understood what it meant to play good hard-nosed defense. In almost any sport, whether it is basketball or football, defense always prevails. We increased our defense pressure and we started to focus better. We had better concentration once we stepped in between the lines."

The season will ultimately be judged by wins and losses. But team Co-Captain Chris Shaffer thought that the effort and heart was definitely present in the team throughout the season.

"It was a good season at most points. We had a lot of freshmen come in, and four returning sophomores. We came in thinking we might not have as much talent as we did last year, but we made the playoffs. We lost in the first round but the fact is we made a playoff run, and got in. It was a good season and a good output by all the players," he said.

Moving forward for next season, Coyne knows that his team will need to improve on some key areas such as defense and rebounding, in order to take the



COACH COYNE IS READY TO UP THE DEFENSE FOR THE CENTURIONS NEXT YEAR
PHOTO BY COLIN GERRITY

next step toward the ultimate goal, the EPCC championship crown.

"We will be implementing a different style of ball next year and improving on the defensive side. We were not non-competi-

tive this year. And as I told the team, I don't think there is any team out there that was that much better than us. We need to work on improving our concentration and focus especially on the defensive end for next year."

Bad breaks for Bucks were costly in playoffs

BY COLIN GERRITY
Sports Editor

In a physical game, the Centurions were defeated by Community College of Philadelphia 86-60, in the first round of the EPCC playoff tournament.

During the Feb. 11 game at CCP, Bucks suffered three crucial injuries, including one to team Co-Captain Chris Shaffer. Shaffer, one of the Centurions' main scoring threats, broke his nose and had to be taken out for the remainder of the game.

"My nose just would not stop bleeding, I wanted to go back into the game for the team," he said.

Facing a very athletic and physically strong CCP team, Bucks started out well and held a lead in the first 10 minutes of the game.

But CCP started to take control in the second quarter.

"Philly came out at us strong," said Shaffer. "We held an early lead for the first five-to-10 minutes of the game, but then Philly started to make shots. At the same time we missed easy lay-ups and didn't capitalize on our three-point plays. We didn't get to the foul line enough as well."

At halftime Bucks was down by 11. Shaffer talked about how important it was for the team to come out strong in the second half.

"In the second half we came out all fired up because we didn't want the season to end," he said.

In the second half Philly maintained its lead and never looked back.

CCP Coach Robert Deshields wanted his team

to be prepared defensively.

"As a team we had to watch out for their shooters, we wanted to make sure we defended them. It was a tough, physical game. The game in itself was pretty exciting. We always have tough games against Bucks. They are a formidable opponent," Deshields said.

Bucks Head Coach Steve Coyne was disappointed by the result but not by the effort of his guys.

"We did in fact lose to a very talented Philly team. They were very athletic and strong. For about the first 10 minutes of the game, we hung in with them and were actually beating them."

The loss brings an end to the Centurions' season.

And for Shaffer, the loss marks the end of his basketball playing career at Bucks.

"It was upsetting because we didn't want to go out losing that way to Philly," said Shaffer.

He added, "But I have to say it was a good season. It was a good output by the players and we made the playoffs. I was happy about that."

The men's basketball program will now look to regroup and prepare in the coming off-season, in an effort to improve its league play and to qualify for the playoffs again.

Coyne knows how important preparation is, especially in the EPCC.

"The EPCC is a very fast and athletic league. I don't see that changing much as far as next year goes. Our defense has to get better, that's a big point of emphasis," said Coyne.

"I would also like to see us be able to take care of the ball a little better. Turnovers have a tendency to put our team in a compromising position," he added.

Phils fans excited to start a new season

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On Oct. 29, 2008, the Philadelphia Phillies won the World Series for the first time in 28 years.

The Phillies players are what make the fans come and enjoy each game they play. When a particular player gets injured, Phillies fans make sure the player comes back to play.

"I believe that Chase Utley injured his hip and is going to have surgery. I'm glad we can get that taken care of and have Utley play as soon as possible," said Kyle Wasko, 24, a biology and chemistry major from Doylestown.

"I find the offense for the Phillies is solid, however the pitching seems to need some adjustments and players who can deliver," said Doug Neff, 19, computer science major from Morrisville.

"I was really happy the Phillies went to the World Series, it's been a long time since we had the chance to experience that excitement," said student Kirsten Wolfe.

One of the many good things about Philadelphia fans is that they stay loyal to teams in pursuit of the championship.

"I know that with a new season many things are possible to happen within a period of time, but I think

the Phillies shouldn't lose sight of becoming the World Series Champions again," said Wolfe.

During last year's World Series game five, the weather stretched the game out over a two-day span, and caused the fans' frustration.

"When I saw that the weather made it hard for the Phillies to play game five of the World Series, I was rather disappointed that we were so close yet a couple days short of achieving it," said Valrie Pagan, 18, a education major from Fairless Hills.

The World Series coming to Philadelphia showed that you don't have to be a longtime fan to enjoy the exciting atmosphere of winning a championship.

The Phillies are determined to show the fans that their success will not be limited to one season.

"Being a Phillies fan, I would say I was with them from start to finish and saw them grow as the time went on. We needed this to happen for the city of Philadelphia to help us realize were capable of becoming World Series Champions," said Wendy Strassler, 20, an early childhood major from Doylestown.

Neff said, "The Phillies winning the World Series made for a great story to share with your friends and family."