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Bucks students misuse recycling

BY ADAM STAPENELL

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Bucks' efforts to provide greener alternatives around campus are being hampered by the indifference of students who place convenience above environmental responsibility. All around campus, most often within a couple feet of a trash can, one can find a blue receptacle intended solely for recyclables. These bins are labeled with the universal recycling logo, and ask that students deposit only their bottles and

cans in these containers. So far, none of this has worked. According to the Director of Custodial and Transportation Services, Terrie Lowery, the staff are finding trash mixed in with the recycling on a daily basis. Lowery said, "At best estimate we are losing a couple thousand pounds of recycling per month due to contamination." "We cannot place any contaminated recycling in with the clean recycling... this is adding to our trash compacting loads," said Mark Grisi, Executive Director of Plant

Services. Lowery estimates that 80 percent of all of the recycling containers on campus contain non-recyclable garbage when they are regularly emptied. According to Lowery, the contamination is mostly leftovers from lunch, including items such as "...banana peels, chicken wings, and apple cores."

The oddest item found in the recycling? Tampons. The contamination of the recycling bins has cost custodial staff considerable time and effort. These unnecessary sorting duties can

add an extra two to three hours per shift. Bucks has tried to make it a simple task to distinguish the trash from the recycling receptacles, "Each blue container is labeled as to what items can be put in that container and is clearly stated. Blue is the universal color for recycling with the recycling emblem... we have tried to make it simple for the students as well as convenient," said Lowry. This importance of sorting may be lost on students. When asked

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Bucks Transfer fair a big success

BY ANDREW LAUFER

Centurion Staff

Representatives from colleges and universities across the east coast gathered at Bucks on Sept. 30 with hopes of courting Bucks students to their schools.

This year's transfer fair was crowded, with over 50 stands from the different programs.

The scene in the Gallagher room was crowded and bustling even before noon, as students sampled what the different schools had to offer.

Temple, West Chester, and Drexel were some of the bigger schools there to recruit new students.

Communications major Amanda Smiley, 19, from Northeast Philadelphia, said that she was excited to get more information about Temple University, where she hopes to go in the fall.

"The representative for Temple gave me a lot of good information that I can use during my transferring process."

Although Temple's stands were the most crowded, Frankford School of Nursing, Columbia University, Holy Family University, Penn State Abington, and University of Phoenix drew sizeable crowds as well.

Admissions manager Ivonne Rojas came representing Columbia University. It was her first time at the Bucks transfer fair, and she remarked at the high turnout.

Rojas explained that Columbia is targeting adult and returning students to attend the school. "It's an Ivy league school with a rigorous and challenging program but

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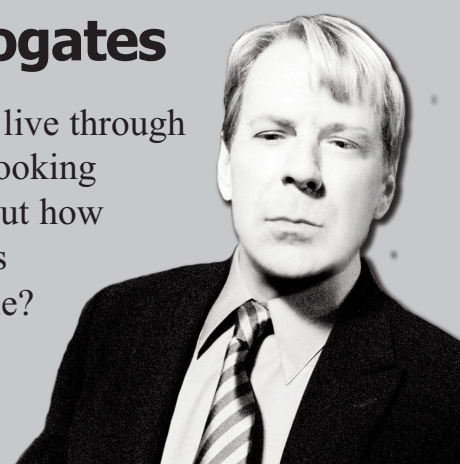
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about his awareness of the recycling facilities around campus, Clifford Leming, a 19-year-old Engineering major from Yardley

said, “I don’t really notice them. I’m not really paying attention.” Part of the problem may be recycling blindness, but the other issue could be a general carelessness. “I would recycle it [a bottle] if there

was a recycling bin in sight, but if I couldn’t see one, I’d probably just throw it in the trash can,” said Sarah Keyser, an 18-year-old student from Newtown. As a result of this lack of consideration, Bucks

is fighting for student’s awareness. As of Sept. 29, more signs have been posted above recycling and trash containers in an attempt to further designate the receptacles for their intended purpose. Low-

ery is asking that Bucks students “Pay attention and care about your environment.” While Grisi reminds students that “We need the help of everyone to have a successful recycling program.”

Newtown is ready for another Brewfest



BY ADAM STAPENELL
Centurion Staff

In its fourth year celebrating all things beloved about beer, Newtown Brewfest approaches on Oct. 17.

Ask any beer lover what his favorite month of the year is, and there is little chance he mentions anything but October. This is the month that home brewers, hop heads, and malt junkies live for.

Oktoberfests and special brews named after the Uber-beer festival in Germany can be seen sprouting up everywhere at this time of year. Even Newtown jumps into the brewery festival spirit, and great things are expected for this year’s festivities.

Taking place at 1:30 p.m. in the parking lots of the Newtown Stocking Works Complex at 301 South State Street, the Newtown Brewfest includes world-renowned beers as well as local favorites. The festival delivers an impressive list of brewers with a vast number of beers to try, as well as a festive atmosphere with live music and food.

Each Brewfest ticket comes with a two-ounce mug and a chance to sample well-respected breweries from Belgium’s Brasserie Lefebvre to Philadelphia’s own Yards Brewing Company. There will be over 85 breweries represented.

The Brewfest benefits the The Newtown Corp., a non-profit organization that was formed to preserve the character and historic atmosphere of Newtown Borough and Newtown Township.

The idea of this festival is to encourage festival participants to walk the streets of Newtown and experience the charm of its many shops and restaurants.

A new event this year, “Beat the Crowd,” will be held from noon until 1:30 p.m. This exclusive session will provide the patrons an opportunity to sample brews without waiting in the long lines and crowds of people. This session provides an excellent opportunity to interact on a personal level with all the brewers attending. A complimentary buffet of hors d’oeuvres will be available as well. “Beat the Crowd” attendees also receive a commemorative Newtown Brewfest t-shirt.

Newtown Brewfest organizer Chris Ortwein spoke about “Beat the Crowd.” “This is a great way to beat lines and get a chance to sample your favorite beers ahead of the crowd. The past few years we offered a connoisseur testing, but this is a great opportunity to get everyone involved early to get their first pick of especially what they’re looking for.”

No designated driver? No problem. One of the best features about Brewfest is the built-in designated drivers program. Vehicle service will be provided locally to and from the Brewfest to ensure a safe trip for all attendees.

Musical acts that will be appearing are Fretwork, Exit 28, Joe Gantert, The 2nd Shift Band, and the John Sheridan Jazz Ensemble. They will perform throughout the day at the festival’s designated band stands.

Due to the overwhelmingly popularity of Newtown Brewfest, tickets have completely sold out.

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Game lounge’s future up in air

BY LIAM MCKENNA
Op-Ed Editor

Gamers on the Bucks Campus will have to find somewhere else to practice their hobby after the game lounge was shut down two weeks ago following complaints from the Student Services department.

Student Services, located near the game lounge, said there was loud noise coming from the area.

Matt Cipriano, director of Student Life, said there is still plenty of room on the campus for socializing.

“They have all the tables and chairs they need [in the cafeteria]. The cafeteria and the Gallagher room are our biggest spaces on campus, besides outside. There are couches, wireless Internet, and hopefully the TV will be working soon.”

“In this situation we made a compromise. We moved the students to a place where they could socialize, and out of a place where they were taking a lot of heat,” Cipriano said.

“I wish I had a more practical solution.”

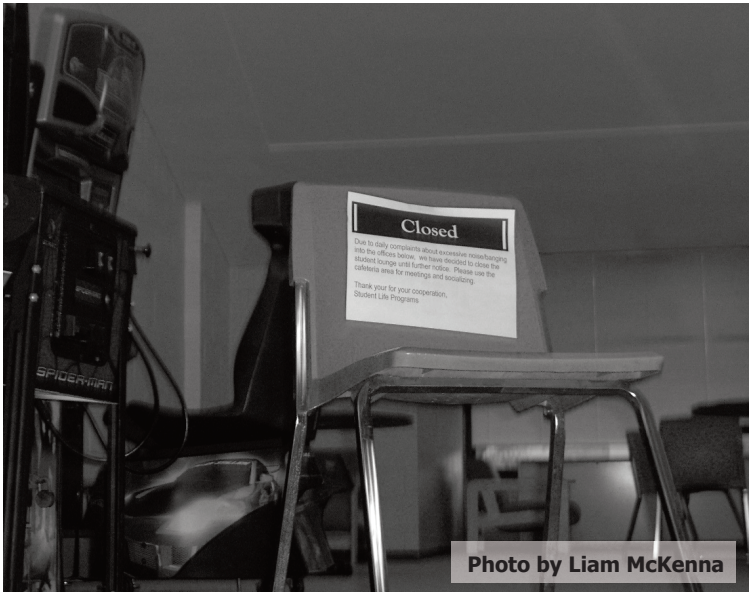
Until the Fireside Lounge reopens in a couple of weeks, students will have to work with what they are given. “Space is at a premium right now because of enrollment and construction,” Cipriano said.

Cipriano and Student Life Support Specialist Dave Colello have also received complaints from students. Both insist that they are “pro-student,” and are doing their best to help.

“They have this perception that we don’t like them, and that’s not true at all. We renovated this space for them,” Cipriano said. “They felt like they were being singled out because they were from a specific group. But that’s not the case. I like the group, I like that they’re getting together and interacting and hanging out on campus. That’s what I want.”

Colello has similar feelings and has been very involved with the situation.

“I gave the students warning after warning to keep it down. That didn’t happen, we got more



complaints, so we had to shut it down,” he said.

Colello has felt like there has been some miscommunication between Student Life and the students themselves since the closing of the Fireside Lounge.

“When the game lounge opened, some students started using it, and it was fine for those few students to use that space,” Colello said.

“I had one complaint from a student who said that we told these kids to go in [the game lounge]. I just said they couldn’t be in Fireside because of the construction. They kind of naturally started going in there. Before you knew it, you had 50 people in a room that holds 20,” Colello said.

The need for communication between Student Life and the students is deemed crucial to Cipriano. He wants to help this group and to know exactly how they feel; yet, that connection hasn’t been made.

“I would want them to be more organized, like a student organization. This would be a great leap so that I would have people that I could talk to,” Cipriano said.

Looking forward, the completion of Fireside Lounge will vastly

change the outlook of the entire situation.

“The game lounge is still going to be used down the line. It may open up once Fireside is open; once Fireside opens up, it should provide ample space for everyone,” said Colello.

“The lounges right now are a matter of trial and error,” he continued. Colello knows that errors have resulted from the game lounge.

“We’ve had issues from below the game lounge with the noise created. Now, we need to figure out what is the best use for the space.”

One possibility is to move things around to create a different atmosphere in the game lounge.

“To give the lounge more of a study feel, we could move the games to a different area. As long as the place has outlets. I’m up for entertaining all ideas,” Cipriano said.

“We’re dealing with these issues as they come, and then we judge what works and what doesn’t,” Colello said.

“There will be challenges with Fireside when it opens as well. The lounge will be a popular place, and there will be noise. There’s a study hall next to Fireside, so there could be issues there.”

Despite some unrest about what has happened with lounges and uncertainty with what will happen in the future, Cipriano confidently reassures students, “Things will get back to normal.”

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There are things you can do to avoid the swine flu

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With concerns growing nationwide about both the seasonal flu and the H1N1 swine flu, students should be aware of steps they can take to try to avoid getting either strain.

Such steps are especially important now, given that the fall and winter months are typically peak times for influenza outbreaks.

The most important thing students can do is get both a seasonal flu shot and one for the H1N1 strain.

Many drug stores in our area now administer flu shots. CVS's Minute Clinics are administering them daily. The website says, "It's quick, easy, and you don't even need an appointment."

This is an appealing offer for those who hate waiting in doctor's office waiting rooms. The Minute Clinic closest to Bucks is located in the Newtown CVS store #5447 on 200 South Lincoln Ave.

Other local stores administering the shots are Walgreens, Genaurdi's Pharmacy, and Acme in Newtown.

Although many people will run to drug stores to protect themselves from the flu, it is still important to be educated on what the flu is and how it is spread. Because the shots aren't completely guaranteed to work, there are other ways to stay flu-free throughout the season.

Influenza, what many call the flu, is an extremely contagious respiratory illness caused by various influenza viruses. Flu symptoms are very similar to the symptoms of a common cold. Those infected by the flu might experience coughing, fever, fatigue, sneezing, or congestion.

Although these symptoms can make a person feel horrible, it's also important to understand that the flu is usually not an extremely dangerous sickness. It is the symptoms of the flu that can break down one's immune system. That can lead to pneumonia, worsening pre-existing conditions, dehydration, or sinus and ear infections.

Michelle Laufer, an R.N. living in Bucks County, offers some insight on what kind of person is at high risk for complications when contracting the flu.

"Any person with a compromised immune system faces a

higher risk of catching the flu and becoming seriously ill from it," she said.

She described particular age groups that should be especially cautious during the flu season: "The elderly, infants, and pregnant women."

According to FamilyDoctor.org, the following groups may have a higher risk of complications from the flu, such as pneumonia. People in these groups are advised to get the flu vaccine every year:

- All children aged 6 months up to 19 years

- All adults aged 50 years and older

- All women who are or will be pregnant during the flu season

- People who are living in nursing homes or long-term care facilities

- Individuals who have long-term health problems

- Health care workers who have direct contact with patients

- Caregivers and household contacts of children less than 6 months of age

Lois Fidura, M.S.N. R.N. and director of infection control at the Angela Jane Rehabilitation Center in Northeast Philadelphia says, "It's extremely important to get your shots this season."

She said the typical strands of influenza should not be confused with the H1N1 strand, better known as the Swine flu. "They are two completely different strands. The H1N1 strand is new and has the ability to mutate which makes it more difficult to protect against," said Fidura.

While most major medical associations are recommending that people be vaccinated, some people should consult doctors before getting a flu vaccine and may want to avoid getting one altogether. According to FamilyDoctor.org, these people include:

- People who have had an allergic reaction to a flu shot in the past

- People with an allergy to eggs

- People who previously developed Guillain-Barré Syndrome (a reversible reaction that causes partial or complete loss of movement of muscles, weakness or a tingling sensation in the body) within 6 weeks of getting a flu shot

- Children less than 6 months of age

- People who have a moderate or severe illness with a fever should wait until they feel better before



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receiving the flu shot.

The University of Pennsylvania's Office of Health Education website posted some alternative ways to keep the immune system strong and ways to avoid getting the flu: frequent hand-washing, don't cover coughs and sneezes with hands, avoid touching your face, drink a lot of water, use saunas or steamed air, get fresh outside air, participate in aerobic exercise, eat your veggies and fruit, eat yogurt, don't smoke, loose the booze, and lastly relax!

That seems to be what student Liam McKenna, 18, of Willow

Grove is doing. "I've experienced a little of the paranoia, but realistically I've not been concerned with catching the swine flu."

When asked if he was taking any special precautions, he responded by saying that he'd always been conscious of hygiene and that he wasn't going to let news reports about the flu turn him into an irrational mess.

In the end, living a healthy lifestyle, especially during the winter seasons, can prove to be a challenging task, but it can be done. And remember, flu shots are widely available in our area.

Schools draw students to fair

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a rewarding one as well," says Rojas.

Representatives of Drexel's Saturday Scholars Behavioral Health Counseling program attended the fair as well. Mary Grace Bateman, the marketing director of Saturday Scholars said, "We want to attract qualified students and hopefully invite them onto our campus."

The school is targeting students interested in nursing and professional health care. Last year 90 percent of Drexel's Saturday Scholars' graduates were employed, in graduate school, or working with volunteer organizations.

Another school, Messiah College located in Grantham, Pa., was on hand at the fair. Messiah is a nationally ranked Christian College.

Bryanna R. Boone, Assistant Director of Admissions for Transfer Recruitment at Messiah, described the school as a Christian college interested in attracting students who want a quality education and an on-campus experience.

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Security handles serious car fire

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A little after 9:40 a.m. on Sept 2, Bucks security and safety officers responded to a massive car fire in D lot of the Newtown campus.

The car was a 2000 Pontiac Grand Am and was parked in a crowded area with many other cars surrounding it. If the fire had not been extinguished quickly it could have destroyed one or more cars in the area.

A breeze blowing that morning was pushing the flames toward a car adjacent to the Grand Am. The flames from the blaze were shooting from the hood area and the rear engine space near the windshield. "I thought they did a really fantastic and affective job,

it was an excellent example of teamwork to get things under control so quickly," Director of Security and Safety Dennis McCauley said. Associates of the Newtown Fire department went on to say, "I was so impressed with their performance that the four employees involved were awarded with written commendations last week."

Security officers Blackman and Strickland acted quickly enough to keep bystanders and traffic away from the scene. Assistant director Moore retrieved a fire extinguisher from Strickland's vehicle and started to contain the fire, which by this point had almost swallowed the entire Grand Am in flames. Blackman was able to get his hands on another fire extinguisher and join the ef-

forts as soon as he was able.

It took a little while but eventually the security and safety personnel

were successful in getting the flames under control. The Grand Am was heavily damaged, as expected, but their quick actions in containing the fire helped prevent it from spreading to the vehicles

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around it.

"The actions and efforts of our personnel saved at least one if not two other cars from being a part of the blaze as well." McCauley said.

As the efforts to contain and put out the fire were ongoing, Officer Sobek-Allen was leading the Newtown Fire Department to the scene. Fortunately, by the time the fire department had arrived, the blaze was pretty much out thanks to the efforts of the security staff. McCauley was extremely pleased with his staff with how they handled the situation. They were able to get things under control and able to keep people as far away as possible from the situation. Most importantly, nobody was hurt due to the fire.

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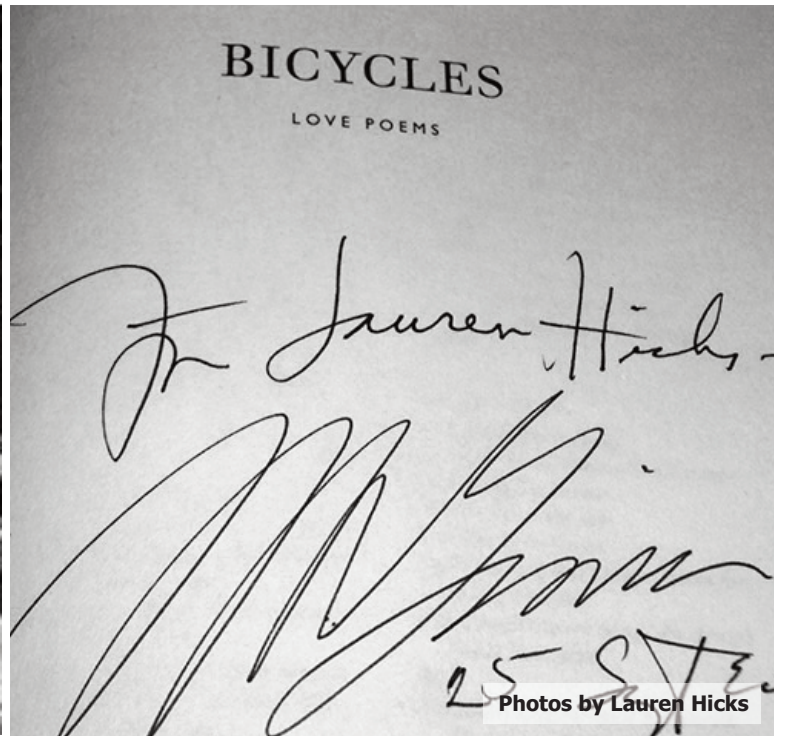
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Humorous, touching, memorable: Nikki Giovanni speaks at Bucks



BY LAUREN HICKS
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Poet Nikki Giovanni's appearance at Bucks proved to be a humorous, touching, and memorable evening.

The event was the kick-off of the 2009-2010 Wordsmiths Reading Series. The poet read from her newest collection of poems "Bicycles: Love Poems" and gave her thoughts on several topics, from politics to love and loss.

Over 200 people attended the event in the Gateway Auditorium. Giovanni spoke to an audience of all ages, from elementary school children to retired adults.

Before the show started, Giovanni came into the Auditorium to talk with friends, unfazed as the crowd began snapping photographs.

The show began at 7:30 p.m. with a short speech by Annette Conn, Dean of Academic Affairs. She said, "Nikki Giovanni's appearance is commemorating Bucks' rededication to the arts."

Next was a performance by Kim Allen of Sister Sledge, who opened with a cover of "Good Time Tonight."

She then got an audience member in on the action while performing Sister Sledge's 1979 hit "He's the Greatest Dancer."

The final song Allen sang was "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." As she was leaving the stage, Allen told the audience "Just remember: we are family."

Elizabeth Luciano, an instructor in Language & Literature and an organizer of the Wordsmiths Reading Series, spoke next. She said that Giovanni "reminds us that poetry is meant to have a life beyond the page – meant to be heard."

Giovanni took the stage at a quarter to 8 p.m. "I'm delighted to be here" she said.

She began the evening by talking about politics, and included a reference to her performance at Barack Obama's inauguration. Regarding Obama, she said "all he did was show up and be colored," inciting laughter from the audience.

She also discussed the need for healthcare reform and how, at the celebration of Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday, she was criticized for being too political. She wore her mink coat to the event at the Lincoln Memorial because of her admiration of Marian Anderson who was one of the most admired African American women singers of the 20th century.

Next Giovanni touched on the importance of community colleges. She said "we need to put

the money into community colleges" and "we need to continue to grow community colleges," which earned her applause from the crowd.

She stressed the importance community colleges play in the rehabilitation of war veterans.

"They're not gonna need a job; they're gonna need healing" she said.

She pointed out that community colleges are better able to help soldiers than four-year schools. Because most four-year schools have more students to deal with, they are not capable of providing as much support to soldiers as community colleges can offer.

Giovanni also addressed the importance of family and food. She said "you will reach a point in life when all that matters... is food and the company you eat it with."

In addition, she expressed concern about the growing amount of obesity in the United States and

“We have to salute the continued desire to live”

her disdain for shows like "The Biggest Loser." "We have turned our schools over to the Wendy's and the McDonald's" she said.

Giovanni discussed the financial problems plaguing modern America when she said "rich people are not smart - they're lucky." She also mentioned her admiration for the homeless, saying "we have to salute the bravery of the continued desire to live."

Loss and heartbreak have played a large part in Giovanni's life lately. She mentioned her battle with lung cancer, which resulted in surgery to have a lung removed, saying, "I got lucky - I'm still here."

Giovanni seemed most passionate when discussing the deaths of her mother and sister, both of which occurred within a very short period of time. "When your mother is gone, you miss the unqualified love she had for you," she told audience members.

She expressed her frustration with her mother's doctors and the anger she felt toward her mother and sister for leaving her to bury them both.

Giovanni was overcome with grief after her mother's death, but writing helped her. She penned her book "Acolytes" because, she said, "When you're a writer you need to write."

During her time of sadness, Giovanni came up with the idea of writing "Bicycles." "What's the antidote for sadness? ... Falling in love," she said.

Finally Giovanni explained where the title of the book came from.

Recounting a funny story, she described a memory of when her mother was teaching her to ride a bicycle and let go, causing Giovanni to fall. She told the audience "Bicycles, like love, requires trust and balance."

After the main portion of the evening, Giovanni signed copies of her books while those in attendance talked about the event.

Carolyn Small, a Reading Specialist at the Lewis School, has long been a fan of Giovanni's work, having compared her poetry with that of Mattie Stepanek. "It was excellent," she raved.

Brian Small, Carolyn's husband, who is an English teacher, also enjoyed Giovanni's speaking. He said, "I think she needs her own radio show."

Giovanni's appearance and Allen's performance turned out to be an enjoyable evening for those in attendance.

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Caroline Genovese: A Profile of the Bucks psychology professor

BY MARK MAROZZI
Centurion Staff

Caroline Genovese has worked in prisons, led seminars and worked in other various community settings and eventually decided to add teaching to her resume.

"In my line of work, I've always found myself educating something, whether it was awareness or empowerment there was always some kind of educational component in the community and then it just sort of dawned on me that I could do that in more of a professional setting," says Genovese.

Genovese teaches the integration of knowledge course at Bucks. It is a course in which three professors teach up to 60

students on three different perspectives of knowledge. It's Genovese's first time teaching this course and she says she stumbled into it by accident.

"It was a lot of luck actually, the psychology course I was teaching overlapped with the integra-

“I’ve always found myself educating something”

tion course and I got to know a few of the professors that were teaching that course and when Dr. Ford wasn't available to do the semester, Gene and Colleen (the two professors who also teach the course) were sort of familiar with my presence and asked what I taught and if I was able to teach this course as well," she says.

Genovese attended Kings College in Wilkes Barre, and then Seton Hall for her graduate degree. She majored in psychology and has a private practice in Flemington, New Jersey, where she spends most of her time when she is not teaching at Bucks.

Genovese came out of college with every intention of working in the psychology field, and she did. She has dreams of one day receiv-

ing her doctorate but for right now she is happy with teaching and running her private practice. With teaching the class combined while running her private practice, things can be rather taxing at times.

"I would love to get a doctorate at some point but two big factors would be the financial situation and the time," says Genovese.

"I would have to give up something to do that and I'm not sure if I want to give up anything just yet."

In her classes, she is very clear and very determined to give students not only knowledge they can use in the classroom, but hopefully helpful knowledge they can carry with them the rest of their lives.

While talking to her, students get the sense that she enjoys what she does and that students really do mean a lot to her.

She seems to relate to the students on a more personal level that some other professors seem to miss. Maybe it's because she lets her students text her whenever they have a problem or a question. Or maybe it's because of her experience with psychology and life experiences that she relates in the classroom, she seems to make that connection easier with her students.

"I really enjoy teaching this course because I feel that it's really unique, I don't know that many other colleges have a course like this," says Genovese.

Facebook as a lifestyle



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BY JESSE A. TROUT
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More and more college students are signing up and logging onto Facebook at a rapid pace. From 2004 to 2009 over 300 million users have created an account, with nearly half of them being college students.

Mark Zuckerberg, the creator and founder of Facebook, was a computer programming major at Harvard when he and his fellow roommates decided to create a new social networking site.

Zuckerberg dropped out of Harvard, but still earned the title of world's youngest billionaire. He also gave college students a brand new undiscovered niche for com-

munication.

First year Bucks student Samantha Konieczny, 18, of Philadelphia, who is majoring in journalism, considers Facebook to be the best way to keep in touch with family and friends.

"Yes facebook allows me instant access and communication with old high school friends," said Konieczny. "It's still weird to me that my parents have accounts as well."

"Yes, absolutely I'm able to keep in touch with family and friends via Facebook by either wall posts or the chat box located on the bottom of the screen," said Sarah M, an education major from Bensalem.

Keeping in contact with old

high school friends and current college classmates seems to be the overwhelming response as to why current students create Facebook accounts. This is exactly what Zuckerberg imagined when he created the site: a social networking site for college students.

Bucks and thousands of colleges across the nation have also taken the Facebook "mania" to another level. Many colleges have created Facebook accounts for specified activities and clubs at their respective campuses.

Bucks now has over 40 various Facebook groups, ranging from the music club to the environmental group.

Also, several newly created athletic group pages have popped up,

including men and women's soccer, along with highlights and pictures of various other Buck's athletics.

The recent eruption of Facebook accounts among college students however is still undeniable, even to MySpace founder Tom Anderson.

Since 2007, millions of college students have registered for Facebook accounts; 85 percent of all recognized college students have an account, and 75 percent of those same students log on every day for a hour or more.

Those percentages show just how much of a phenomenon and addictive type of entertainment it has become. "I spend about an hour or two on Facebook, every

day" said Konieczny.

Sarah M. of Bensalem feels the same way. "I'm regularly online whenever I have the time, usually a few hours" she said.

In the end Facebook has become and will continue to be the fastest growing social networking site because of the uncomplicated layouts and effortless means for communication.

So create a Facebook account and join the various group pages that Bucks offers on the site.

By doing so you will realize this phenomenon, revelation, and new brand of entertainment has not only shaped the world and nation that we live in, but it has also provided us with a new collegiate lifestyle.

Neon colors and leggings: Clothes of the '80s are back

BY ANNMARIE ELY
Student Life Editor

Big hair won't be making a comeback, but some fashion trends of the '80s are being revisited for the fall 2009 clothing lines. These trends are showing up in stores and on college campuses. This year designers have looked to the '80s for inspiration and a lot of people are buying these new takes on old trends.

"Clients are definitely leaning towards '80s styles. There's a lot of bulky sweaters this year," said Tara Brooks, who manages a Banana Republic in Warrington.

Other stores are seeing the '80s revisited in their lines as well.

"The ponchos are definitely coming back that would be more or less from the '80s, the drape look is coming back around, that comfy look, that cozy look, and the skinny jeans," said Theresa Olsen, who manages a Loft store in Warrington.

Olsen doesn't see the trends as exact copies of their ancestors.

"We don't have the same shoulders as we did in the '80s, but we do have a lot of the same silhouettes, flats are back in," said Olsen.

"Fashion comes in cycles, but what makes it different is that they have different lines. When we say

it's coming back from the '80s, we're borrowing it but we are making it just a little bit different," said Olsen.

So why are these trends coming back?

Some have cited the recession as a possible cause. David Wolfe, the creative director for the Donegal Group, a company that predicts fashion trends, sees the trends as a result of hard economic times.

"People are tired of being worried about money and being sensible. Even though it wasn't the carefree time everyone remembers it to be, the '80s looks like the party we've not been allowing ourselves to have lately. It's a denial of the recession," Wolfe told the L.A. Times.

"Fashion wisdom has it that in bad economies, clothes tend toward the staid and in boom times 'the fantasy is to look downbeat and poor,'" Wolfe told the L.A. Times.

You don't have to be a profes-

sional in the fashion industry to notice that the '80s are back. Students at Bucks have seen the trends showing up around our campus.

"The colors on the shirts guys are wearing bright neon, blue, pink, and yellow remind me of the '80s..." said Ryan Perch, a 21-year-old networking major from Levittown.

"The leggings were around in the '80s I see them coming back," noticed his sister Rachel Perch, a Business Administration major from Levittown.

"Probably leggings and neon," said Hayley Wieland, a 17-year-old from Doylestown.

"The '80s trends are changed a little bit and updated, but still kind of the same," said Kayce Sherno, a 21-year-old psychology major from Levittown who also noticed trends like leggings coming back.

When asked how his parents responded to the younger generation revisiting these trends, Tim Romm replied, "they usually have a negative response, kind of like 'what are they wearing?'"

Other students have noticed the '60s trends returning.

"There's a lot of people that want to be hippies really bad and it's really annoying. Guitars just to carry around a guitar," said Regan Mock, a 19-year-old music major from Doylestown.



Displaying '80s trends

Photo by Annmarie Ely

Some have noticed a lot of individuality when it comes to fashion at Bucks.

"I don't see one main theme all over anymore, it seems to be more eclectic," said Hanna Taber, an 18-year-old from Chalfont.

Retail stores have seen a positive response from older clients who remember the original trends.

"People seem to get excited, we've had clients joking that they wished they'd held onto their jewelry, the yellow gold or that they

had very similar items," said Brooks of her clients at Banana Republic.

"People are excited. A woman tried on a poncho and said 'I had these in high school.' A lot of our adults have young adults themselves and they are seeing things that they wore so they have to interpret it just a little bit differently. Most are enthusiastic. Some shy away from the trends because they don't know how to wear them," said Olsen of her Loft clients.

The fear of public speaking

BY SCARLETT BROLLY
Centurion Staff

Effective speaking appears to be an essential class when it comes down to what must be taken in order to complete your major. It has become apparent that this class is somewhat controversial in the opinion of the students of Bucks. The fear of public speaking can sometimes outweigh the benefits students will see after mastering the confidence needed in communication.

Many claim to “dread” the sheer thought of entering the classroom, combined with having to do a speech in front of at least 20 people. It is a normal feeling to lose all confidence and be terrified of messing up.

It is said to be nerve-wracking as students “stand under the microscope” in the attempts to, on one hand please your teacher, and on the other hand keep your cool in front of your peers.

Rachel Klarich, 19, who is studying at Bucks for her second year has an ambiguous attitude towards her COMM 110 class.

“It’s one of the biggest hurdles I’ve had to overcome in an academic sense,” says Klarich. She claims to be quite a shy person. As she expressed her overwhelming fear of speaking in a group, she explained the routine she has been taught.

“Standing straight, hands

folded, and rotating to address each student, are all things we have to keep in mind as we present,” Klarich said.

“It’s definitely fulfilling because it takes so much courage in that class and pushes you out of your comfort zone,” says Klarich who also feels the class is “great preparation for the years ahead, no matter what your career choice is.”

By being able to overcome your fears, you can expand your skills and prepare yourself for the future. Almost every student is bound to feel this way, and by realizing it is normal to be nervous, students can feel a sense of unity.

Although many may claim that the COMM 110 class is a challenge on a personal and academic level, this class appears to help people become more comfortable with themselves and gain some self-worth at the same time.

“By being able to overcome your fears, you can expand your skills”



The college experience is not only for the youth today

BY JAKE MADRACK
Centurion Staff

Community colleges across the country have seen a large increase in enrollment (nearly 15 percent) over the past year with more young adults choosing to further their education along with many older students deciding to do the same. Not only is Bucks multi-cultural; it’s now visibly diverse in age as well.

With such a dramatic variety in ethnicity and age, the college experience may seem strange to some at first. Being surrounded by individuals five, 10, or 20 years younger than yourself can be awkward.

When one decides to return to Bucks after being eligible for an academic restart, they may notice a slight change in culture from that of their peers when compared with new students just arriving out of high school.

It may cause one to feel somewhat out of place. As the year progresses though, one can become accustomed to their surroundings and the days comprising the semester become routine.

Others, like Amy Bellingsrath, have a very positive attitude toward attending college later in life, feeling right at home from their first day. The 38-year-old aspiring writer has found the time and motivation to attend her first semester.

Bellingsrath says she doesn’t think of herself as being older and “feels comfortable” at Bucks, and rightly so. There seem to be many more students in their 30s attending the Newtown campus now then there were five years ago.

Andrew Klimowicz, 28, works as an account manager for Westinghouse Lighting and has decided to earn his teaching degree by taking night classes at Bucks as well as at Holy Family

University.

“Being in my late 20s, I don’t feel out of touch with other students” Klimowicz said. But he does find his Literature class somewhat intimidating. “Some of the younger students seem to know more about the readings than I do and after the professor elaborates on the texts, it feels as if I haven’t read the material at all.”

Even well-educated senior students have enrolled this fall. John MacDonald, who is retired with a graduate law degree, has taken a course simply for his own edification. This goes to show that although Bucks may not be a four-year institution, the educational experiences the school offers individuals can be valuable for all intellectual levels.

Whether young or old, a teenager just discovering the world independently or an individual who has experienced much of what life entails, college offers an expansive view of how to perceive life. Education addresses life with a ‘yes’ toward people of all races, ages

“Education addresses life with a ‘yes’ toward people of all races, ages”

Anything less would be a lie. Everyone should feel welcomed here at Bucks Community College. At college, we all attend classes

with the same desire to try and get the most out of living. This is fundamentally what education offers us all.

The Intersociety Christian Fellowship brings students together

BY SHIJU JACOB
Centurion Staff

If students want to explore coming together, having fellowship with one another by studying scripture, having prayer and receiving free food, then they want to come to the Intersociety Christian Fellowship club.

The purpose of this club is for Christians to come together.

“[This fellowship] is to equip kids to share their faith with others,” says the adviser of the club, Scott Bradshaw.

Bradshaw is also an assistant professor of health and physical education.

According to the clubs and organizations site on www.bucks.edu, the club is “open to anyone who is questioning the credibility of Christianity, the rel-

evance of Jesus Christ.”

The club meets every Tuesday, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in Rollins, room 116. The person who leads the Christian fellowship is the college pastor of Calvary Chapel of Philadelphia, Trevor Steenbakkers.

The club was started several years ago by a former staff member at Bucks named Cheryl Bonner. She worked at the Career Center. At that time, she was also working at Delaware Valley College in Doylestown. She was led to start an Intersociety Christian fellowship at both colleges.

INFORMATION

To become a member:

bucks.edu/life/clubs_orgs.php

Celtic music family band to play at Gateway Auditorium



BY SARAH BATTISTA
Sports Editor

The Martin Family Band will visit the Newtown campus for an evening of Celtic music, song and dance on Saturday, Oct. 10 at 7 p.m. in the Gateway Auditorium. Tickets for this event are \$15 for adults, seniors, faculty and staff. A limited number of free tickets are available at the Student Life Information Center for Bucks students. These free tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis. This event is a co-production from the Office of Cultural and Community Programming and a local organization called CCC Celt. Thanks to a special arrangement with CCC Celt, a non-profit

association dedicated to building a Celtic library, children 12 and under will be admitted for no charge. The CCC Celt’s primary mission is the “care and feeding” of the Celtic Library, which was started in 1990, and is more like a collection than a library. It consists of books, CDs, DVDs, video and audio books housed primarily in the Bucks library. All the proceeds from this event will go directly to benefit the library and the students. Jonathan Lee, the director of the Cultural and Community Programs at Bucks and the CCC Celt are working together on this unique event. Lee said, “Tom Slattery, the director of CCC Celt, has been my

partner in crime for almost 15 years now as we bring this wonderful show to the Gateway Stage.” The CCC Celt supports all aspects of the Celtic culture and has donated several trophies to Irish Feis and Scottish dance champions. They have also helped a Bucks student attend an international writing class in Galway, and in May 2009 awarded their sixth scholarship to the college. The audience will be invited back after the show to meet the performers and have a complementary spread of Celtic food and beverages. When asked if about the upcoming event, many Bucks students hadn’t heard of it at all.

Anthony Spina, 21, a liberal arts student from Levittown said, “To be honest, that does not really sound like my thing, but I bet some people would be really into stuff like that!” Spina also said, “I feel like it was not advertised enough...” Perhaps the lack of publicity will affect the number of attendees at the event. Teshaun Glenn, 19, a computer science major from Yardley said, “It sounds very interesting. I have always found dancing fun, it would be something I would consider going to with some friends.” Lee is looking for volunteers to work this event. Lee is looking for people to work as ushers, helpers in the box office, customer service personnel, backstage

catering assistants and more. Volunteers are invited to attend the performance after show duties are completed and will receive an additional free ticket for a friend.

INFORMATION

Want to be a volunteer?
bucks.edu/cultural/auditorium/featureshow2.php

Tickets:
Any campus bookstore, Newtown Book and Record Exchange or bucks.edu/tickets

Other information:
leej@bucks.edu or (215) 968-8087.

THE WEEK IN TV/MOVIES/MUSIC

TV

- Tuesday 10/6**
90210 - CW - 8.00
Melrose Place - CW - 9.00
- Wednesday 10/7**
Mercy - NBC - 8.00
So You Think You Can Dance - FOX - 8.00
America’s Next Top Model - CW - 8.00
Ghost Hunters - SyFy - 9.00
CSI:NY - CBS - 10.00
- Thursday 10/8**
Survivor Samoa - CBS - 8.00
Greys Anatomy - ABC - 9.00
The Office - NBC - 9.00
Fringe - FOX - 9.00
Project Runway - Lifetime - 10.00
- Friday 10/9**
Smallville - CW - 8.00
Dollhouse - FOX - 9.00
Psych - USA - 10.00
The Soup - E! - 10.00
- Sunday 10/10**
The Simpsons - FOX - 8.00
Family Guy - FOX - 9.00
Cold Case - CBS - 10.00
Mad Men - AMC - 10.00
- Monday 10/11**
Heroes - NBC - 8.00
House - FOX - 8.00
One Tree Hill - CW - 8.00
Gossip Girl - CW - 9.00
Greek - ABC Family - 9.00

MOVIES



Zombieland (R)
In a world overrun by zombies, a guy described as "the most frightened person on Earth" (Eisenberg) musters the courage to lead a band of refugees on a cross-country pilgrimage to an amusement park where they think they'll be safe.
Directed by: Ruben Fleischer
Starring: Jesse Eisenberg, Emma Stone, Woody Harrelson
Release Date: 2 October



The Invention of Lying (PG-13)
A comedy set in a world where no one has ever lied, until a writer seizes the opportunity for personal gain.
Directed by: Ricky Gervais, Matthew Robinson
Starring: Ricky Gervais, Jennifer Garner
Release Date: 2 October

MUSIC



Backstreet Boys
New album “This Is Us”
6 October

Toby Keith
New album “American Ride”
6 October

Kiss
New album “Sonic Boom”
6 October

Perfect robots make for an imperfect Willis movie

BY MATT FLOWERS
Entertainment Editor

“Surrogates” delivers the audience a boring storyline for what it would be like if you let robots control your everyday life. Even Bruce Willis (Die Hard) could not save this clichéd movie about human society being overrun by humanoids.

Willis plays FBI agent John Greer, who in reality is a bald, bearded ugly human, and is unhappy with his life and his marriage because his wife and the people around him only want to be seen as their surrogates. But who can blame them? The surrogate of Willis’ character is handsome, with a heavy amount of makeup to make him seem perfect. The worst thing about this film was Willis’ ridiculous and obvious hairpiece that would put Donald Trump to shame.

Willis tries to solve Boston's first homicide in years. In the

movie, someone has invented a weapon that can kill a surrogate's operator by frying his brain before his robot can shut down, which would seemingly result in the end of human existence.

The story does a good job in the beginning, building up the premise, with how everyone in the whole population of the world was registered to use a surrogate, which causes the takeover. However, they never explain why the people would be so willing to give up their lives, to become shut in, or even how poor people would be able to afford such new technology.

Ving Rhames plays the leader of the anti-surrogate movement, who Willis is trying to get answers from to uncover the plot of the story. Also, another important character is the inventor of the surrogate industry, played by James Cromwell, who is angry due to the death of his son.

The actual surrogates in the movie were played by mediocre actors and sounded very monotonous in every scene, which didn’t help pick up the pace of the film. They all look shiny and, new, which is supposed to represent a perfect society

With his charm and wide array of action movies behind him, Willis does his best to add some toughness to this movie, but falls short. The director did little to make me care about Willis’ character, as he played a gloomy, depressed cop, a far cry from his “Die Hard”

days. Maybe if the main character had some more cool one-liners, or better action sequences, the audience and I would have cared more about the plot.

In the end, this is just another typical, if robots-ruled-the-world movie, which has been done so many times in Hollywood. Instead of having the same idea for a movie over and over again, the director should have just rented “Terminator” to remind himself that he can’t do any better. Oh wait, the director, Jonathan Mostow, directed “Terminator 3.”

I would not recommend spending money to see this in the theaters. Instead, I would wait until it is shown on TBS.

“Willis does his best to add some toughness to this movie, but falls short”



SURROGATES INFO

Director: Jonathan Mostow

Starring: Bruce Willis, Radha Mitchell, Ving Rhames, James Cromwell, Rosamund Pike

Estimated budget: \$80,000,000

Release date: 25 September



Matt Flowers’ movie rating: ▲▲▲▲△△△△△△ (4 out of 10)

Bucks Music Society in need of members

BY STEPHEN A. CARROLL
Centurion Staff

If students enjoy the smooth sounds of Miles Davis and Charlie Parker and like attending Charles Dutiot conducting Saint-Saens at the Kimmel Center then they will love the Bucks Music Society.

Jeff Baumeister, a music professor as well as an accomplished

jazz pianist, is the adviser. “As of right now there are no members,” said Baumeister when asked about upcoming club events. “The officers graduated from Bucks and no one has yet to step up and take the lead.”

The main goal of the Music Society is to organize and sponsor performances by local, national, and internationally recognized

musicians. The club also puts on “mini concerts” in the Bucks cafeteria on a regular basis.

The club was founded in 2004 by students. Baumeister was approached to be the adviser by the founding students. The club has run well for five years and this is the first time Baumeister has started a semester with no members.

“In my five years of advising the club,” said the Bucks professor, “This is the first time I have had to hold out on planning events due to lack of members.”

If students are interested in joining or curious about what the club is about, check it out. The Music Society has lots of information available online at the Bucks website and also on Facebook.

INFORMATION

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Weekly column

hope&love WITH HOPE KUMOR

Ups and downs of a relationship



BY HOPE KUMOR
Centurion Staff

Relationships are quite complicated. There are many different emotions you feel. Either they are the person you go to when your life isn't going so well, or they're the person who is making it like that, and you don't want to be near them. Everyone deserves to be happy. My advice is if they're not making you feel good then you should decide what you want to do with the relationship. Think hard if they are causing the pain or if it's you just not liking your life. But if they make you feel great and you can't get the smile off your face, then everything is all good. I am happy for you in that case.

I would like to move on with a question. Have you ever noticed your significant other has gotten better looking since you've met them? This is something that is puzzling to me. But I believe this is because you are making each other happy and therefore that improves the appearance. I always thought my boyfriend was cute even when I first met him, but I began to observe his looks becoming more appealing. So next time you see them, really acknowledge their appearance.

You should always compliment them. Everyone loves to hear that they look nice.

In a relationship you must have trust. Have you ever heard "trust is a must?" Well if you have then you know it really is. Let's say your significant other is hanging out with a group of the opposite sex. If they are really into you, then you will have nothing to worry about. You have to trust them with people other than you. Guys, please don't be one of those raging hot-heads who flip out if another guy is flirting with your girlfriend while they hang out. Just pull the guy to the side and calmly talk to him. She will respond to that more than if you start yelling and making a scene, trust me. She will most likely tell you she's proud because you acted like a gentlemen. If she

is really committed to you then let her be with others.

This brings up the next element in a relationship commitment. Like I said, right now we're merely experimenting with people. There is no one telling you that you have to be with them. However, one of you could be taking the relationship very seriously while the other isn't. This will not be good. One of you will end up getting hurt. But if you really like them then you will commit to them and only them. But, they just may not be ready to be in a real relationship. I think this could be why people cheat. It could be because they aren't ready to be in a solid relationship with just one person. That's why they go around with other people and therefore cheat on you. The hardest thing would be to ask your other if they are ready to be committed to you and they say no. That doesn't mean they're a bad person because they said no. It just means they aren't ready to be in a serious relationship. I said previously, if you are meant to be then it will happen, if not then someone else will come along.

I wish we could predict the future and know if we truly are going to be with the person we're with now. It's so hard not knowing. I guess if we knew, then what would be the fun in that.

Next is a good tip to both females and males.

The no. 1 thing with anything you do is to make sure your breath smells good at all times. I'm telling you this right now; if it doesn't and you get real close to them, it won't be a pretty picture. At least make sure you have a mint, gum, or breath spray in your back pocket. I mean if they really like you, they won't care but still it's great to have just for yourself.

QUESTIONS

Need love advice?

Send your questions for Hope Kumor to centurion@bucks.edu

Letter to the editor: Magical dust

Dear editor,

I would just like to say that the new layout looks better than a frozen lemonade slushie on a hot summer's day. And simply looking "tasty" doesn't cover the extent of it. The look is simply mind-blowing as compared to last year's. It is like a cosmic missile from outer space has landed in the newsroom and scattered a magical dust over the computers.

On another note, I was appalled to read about the shutting down of the video gaming lounge. Where in the world are students supposed to play arcade games on the Bucks campus? Personally, it seems like a misguided (LUDICROUS!) decision on the part of the administration. What's more important, students relieving stress by gaming or the first floor administrative workers "getting their work done???" I'm quivering in disappointment.

Anywho, keep up the great work!!

Love,
an esteemed alumni

Truck crash on Swamp Road

On Oct. 1, a truck rolled over on Swamp Road by Bucks. The Centurion's Liam McKenna was an eyewitness to the event.



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Liam McKenna

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Local celebrity appearance

Former Eagles wide receiver Mike Quick greeted fans alongside Eagles cheerleaders Ayva and Stephanie S. in Morrisville. The Centurion's Joshua Rosenau was there and snapped a picture.



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Forbes-Stuart Social Science Award	Temple University School of Nursing Alumni Association Scholarship
Foundation Director's Endowment Fund	W. Scott Yerkes Award
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SPORTS

Can the Phillies defend their title?

BY CHRIS MCCARRY
Sports Editor

In their 69th home sellout of the season the Philadelphia Phillies clinched their third consecutive, ninth overall, National League Eastern Division Title.

This has been a difficult season for both the players and the fans. Cole Hamels, the reigning World Series MVP, never got off the ground in 2009. Jimmy Rollins spent most of the season in a career slump. Brad Lidge went from perfect in 2008 to the worst closer in baseball. And of course, we lost the voice of the Phillies, Harry Kalas.

It is now officially time to look forward. It is time to focus on defending a World Series title. This time around there will be many obstacles to clear before they reach the Fall classic, the most obvious of which will be their pitching.

The Phillies started the season with some of the worst starting pitching in the major leagues. Only two of those pitchers are still in the rotation, Cole Hamels and Joe Blanton.

Trading for Cliff Lee became the deal of the season. Not only did this move show that the organization was willing to make the “big deal,” but it also showed everyone in baseball that new GM Reuben Amaro would not be held hostage by the Blue Jays’ unrealistic demands for ace Roy Halladay.

Brett Myers, who was arguably their best arm the first month of the season, went down early with a bad hip. His road back has been both promising and rocky. His role going forward is yet to be determined as he works his way back from a nagging elbow injury. It wouldn’t be surprising to see him pitching innings out of the bullpen come playoff time.

Struggling veteran Jamie Moyer was eventually sent to the bullpen in favor of mid-season acquisition Pedro Martinez. Martinez brought three Cy Youngs with him to Philly, along with strong, consistent pitching. The Martinez signing looks even better now that Moyer has been declared out for the year with a few torn tendons in his leg.

J.A. Happ replaced offseason

addition Chan Ho Park in mid-May after Park struggled as the team’s fifth starter. The rookie of the year candidate went on to win 12 games and is currently ranked fifth in the National League in ERA. Park, meanwhile has gone on to be a dependable reliever out of the bullpen, but is currently dealing with a hamstring injury.

Joe Blanton and Cole Hamels started off abysmally. Blanton has been a consistent bulldog since his rocky start and has successfully lowered his ERA nearly 4.5 points since April 27.

Hamels’ season has been less demptive. He has struggled the entire season displaying only a handful of impressive performances. However over the last few weeks, Hamels has looked like his old self, and it seems to be coming at just the right time.

The most chronicled story in baseball this year has been the collapse of Brad Lidge. He was the perfect closer in 2008 that struck out Tampa Bay’s Eric Hinske to win the World Series. This year, however, he has blown 11 saves, racked up eight losses and maintained a lofty 7-plus ERA the en-

tire season.

Injuries have further clouded the pitching forecast for the playoffs. Lidge can’t close, this much is obvious. JC Romero, the team’s eighth inning, set-up man has been fighting off injuries since coming off a 50-game suspension to start the season. Ryan Madson has been the backup closer this year, but has been less than consistent; looking unhittable some days, while displaying utter lack of control on others.

Rumors have swirled around Brett Myers returning to the closer role after filling it for the team a few years back. Uncertainty about his health for the postseason has put that in doubt.

Others have speculated that rookie sensation Happ will end up in the back end of the bullpen. In 2006, the Cardinals sent up-and-coming starter Adam Wainwright to the bullpen for the playoffs and he is a favorite for this season’s Cy Young. This, of course, would mean that Pedro Martinez would likely be starting for yet another World Series contender.

As previously stated, the latest pitcher to get bit by the injury bug

is Jamie Moyer. He will have surgery on a torn groin in the next week or so. He’s done for the season, a possibly unceremonious end to a long, productive career. The team has said that if he is to return next year, he should be ready by the spring.

All that said, Scott Eyre, JC Romero, Brett Myers and Chan Ho Park are bullpen arms currently out-of-service.

The other three NL playoff teams all rank in the top 10 in the league in offense. The Dodgers have Manny, the Cardinals have Albert Pujols and the Rockies are probably the second best (to the Phillies that is) lineup one through eight in the National League.

It’s not that the Phills don’t have the arms to get back to the World Series. On the contrary, they now have too many starters. Their problem is getting a balance of right- and left-handed pitchers into the bullpen and keeping those pitchers healthy.

This is sure to be one of several story lines that will make the 2009 Major League postseason one to remember.

Out with the old and in with the new

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Over the last few years, the Philadelphia Eagles have drafted players to be the eventual successors to longtime Eagles such as Donovan McNabb and Brian Westbrook. As both Kevin Kolb and LeSean McCoy have shown glimpses that they are indeed the future of the team, is it time to start wondering how soon that future is?

Kolb was drafted three years ago in the second round. Kolb, the quarterback out of Houston, was instantly given the hopes of one day taking over for Eagles veteran quarterback McNabb.

In his 11th season out of Syracuse, McNabb, the former first-round pick and five-time pro bowler, is the Eagles' all-time leader in career wins, pass attempts, pass completions, passing yards, and passing touchdowns. McNabb has also had eight major injuries in his 11 years, multiple surgeries and numerous missed games. In the 2009 season opener, McNabb injured his ribs and has missed the last two games because of that.

Kolb received his first and second career starts in McNabb’s absence. In Kolb’s first start he went 31-51 for 391 yards with two touchdowns and three costly interceptions. In Kolb’s second start he went 24-34 for 327 yards and

two touchdowns with no interceptions. Not bad for the 25-year-old’s first two starts since his collegiate days at Houston. Keep in mind though that his best performance came against the Chiefs horrendous passing defense.

Owner Jeffrey Lurie is known for not overpaying in the off-season, especially for veterans who he has already drafted a replacement for. The exception to that would be McNabb, who was given more money for the final two years of his contract, but with no extension.

“Donovan will be our starter in week 5,” Eagles head coach Andy Reid said. The Eagles are off this week with a bye, and McNabb should be healthy and ready to go against a struggling Tampa Bay team, which is itself going through quarterback issues.

Eagle’s rookie running back LeSean McCoy was drafted in the second round out of Pittsburgh. McCoy had a tremendous college career and like Kolb, when drafted, was instantly tagged as the future replacement for a veteran.

Brian Westbrook, the eight-year veteran running back out of Villanova, has been plagued with in-

juries throughout his career. The 30-year-old two-time pro-bowler has rushed for almost 6,000 yards since being drafted in 2004.

Now-a-days every successful team in the NFL needs to have good running backs, so for now this is a good thing in Philly.

Running backs generally have the shortest careers of all NFL position players, constantly getting banged around and hit by monster linemen, fierce linebackers and unmerciful defensive backs. Having a veteran pro bowler and a rookie with tremendous upside is great for now.

Who knows what the future will bring for McNabb and Westbrook, but for now they are the starters as they should be. The NFL is a business above everything else, and in this business you need to do whatever it takes to be a winning franchise.

Look down the road as the season progresses for Kolb and McCoy to get more of an opportunity to display their talent if injuries should reoccur.

What will happen if McNabb or Westbrook’s performance starts to slip? Could you possibly see Philly fans calling for Kolb or McCoy?

It should be an interesting year for the Philadelphia Eagles, with tremendous pressure and high hopes; we will see how things pan out for our veterans and for our youngsters.

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SPORTS SCHEDULE

BASEBALL

Date: Saturday October 10
Time: 12.00pm
Opponent: Lehigh-Carbon
Where: Away

Date: Saturday October 17
Time: TBA
Opponent: EPCC Tournament
Where: TBA

MEN’S SOCCER

Date: Wednesday October 7
Time: 3.00pm
Opponent: Philadelphia
Where: Away

Date: Saturday October 10
Time: 1.00pm
Opponent: Reading Area CC
Where: Home

Date: Wednesday October 14
Time: 3.00pm
Opponent: Delaware Co
Where: Away

Date: Thursday October 15
Time: 4.00pm
Opponent: Burlington
Where: Away

WOMEN’S SOCCER

Date: Wednesday October 7
Time: 4.00pm
Opponent: Sussex
Where: Away

Date: Saturday October 10
Time: 3.00pm
Opponent: Manor
Where: Home

Date: Thursday October 8
Time: 1.00pm
Opponent: Montgomery
Where: Home

Date: Monday October 12
Time: 3.30pm
Opponent: CC of Morris
Where: Away

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WEATHER

Forecast by NWS for 18940

TUE OCT 6

68° | 54°
Mostly sunny

WED OCT 7

68° | 46°
Few showers

THU OCT 8

65° | 51°
Partly cloudy

FRI OCT 9

65° | 47°
Few showers

SAT OCT 10

60° | 44°
Few showers

SUN OCT 11

62° | 43°
Mostly cloudy

MON OCT 12

59° | 41°
Showers