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Murphy and Fitzpatrick debate at Lower Bucks



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With midterm elections nearing, congressional candidates Patrick Murphy and Mike Fitzpatrick debated education, immigration, and the job market in a fast-paced and informative exchange at the Lower Bucks campus.

The 90-minute debate took place on Thursday, Oct. 21 in front of a packed lobby holding around 200 people, including community members, stu-

dents, and the press.

Democratic candidate and incumbent Murphy and Republican candidate Fitzpatrick are both running for the 8th district congressional seat. With Nov. 2 approaching, Fitzpatrick (who last held this position in 2004 but lost out the following election to Murphy in 2006) and his opponent are locked in the final stretch of their campaigns.

The job situation in Bucks County was one of the first

topics presented to the candidates by the moderator.

Murphy (who attended Bucks in 1991 and 1992) is a strong proponent of reducing the number of outsourced jobs by filling those positions with Pennsylvania citizens and college graduates. He also placed emphasis on his "Make-it-in-America" program (that refers to growing industries and placing those jobs here in the U.S. rather than outsourcing to other countries).

But Fitzpatrick responded

that "Under Murphy there has been too much government regulation and litigation and not enough reliance on small businesses and individuals."

The Republican candidate said free enterprise and entrepreneurship will create more jobs than the government is capable of. Fitzpatrick was also quick to point out that while Murphy was in office, the unemployment rate in Bucks county rose from 4 to 8 percent.

Tensions grew throughout

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Voter registration issues at Bucks

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When a student at the Lower Bucks campus picked up a form at the Voter Registration Drive, he assumed that those involved were there to aid him. He didn't think that political game-playing would be involved. He was clearly wrong.

Tyler Thurston, a 26-year-old engineering major, was walking out of his history class on Sept. 21 and went straight for the voter registration table. His teacher, like many others on that day, had given him a registration card to fill out, and he wanted an extra for his girlfriend. When he received the card, he immediately noticed that something was off.

"It wasn't folded normally, it was folded in half against its [the card] original fold," said Thurston. His teacher had told him about issues with registration cards in the past, and he was suspicious.

Thurston opened the form right in front of the table and alleges that the form was not in fact blank, but instead was already pre-checked for Republican party affiliation. He brought back the form and demanded a blank card. "He gave me a new one and put mine back on top of a big pile of other cards that were folded the same way," said Thurston.

"It was completely deliberate

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the debate as audience members audibly voiced their approval and disappointment (in the form of quiet sighing and laughter).

One notable incident happened when Murphy calmly berated his opponent with a barrage of disparaging statistics, to which Fitzpatrick told Murphy to “keep digging the hole, congressman,” evoking laughter and chagrin from the audience.

Another issue begging to be addressed was education; an appropriate topic, seeing as the event was being held at Bucks with many students present.

Fitzpatrick, a Bucks County commissioner, revisited the fact that during his career as a commissioner he helped to open the Upper Bucks campus in Perkasio.

The Republican candidate also discussed the federal government’s role in education. He suggested that the government’s influence needs to be lessened and local school directors should have more say in issues.

Murphy responded in an

unusual way: “I fought in the Iraq War, I lost several of my closest friends,” he told the audience.

Murphy went on to discuss his support of the G.I. Bill of Rights. This bill pays the tuition fees of post-9/11 veterans.

The Democratic incumbent also referenced his new program titled “Green Jobs Academy” (a venture between academic and private industry partners to provide training programs for the green and sustainability industries).

“Green Jobs Academy” currently has several training programs open to interested students at Bucks. Murphy hopes to grow the “green” industry with Pennsylvania college students and graduates and make this an integral part of college education.

An interesting facet of this debate came in the form of “video-chatting” between Bucks students and the candidates. Several times throughout the event, the moderator would direct the audience’s attention to a large projector screen in the back of the lobby.

One student from each

Bucks campus was selected to provide a question for the candidates to answer from their respective campuses via video-chat. Questions ranged from social issues to illegal immigration.

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Murphy and Fitzpatrick talked highly of “E-Verify,” an internet-based program that makes sure employers are checking their employees’ eligibility to work in the country.

Both incumbent and running mate also agreed that the solu-

tion to dealing with the 12 million illegal immigrants in the country (among them, 35,000 illegal construction workers in Pennsylvania alone) was to give them an opportunity. The opportunity, however, is to ask the immi-

grants to come forward and go home without any penalty. “The U.S. would not hold it against them that they came forward, but they would go to the back of the line if they applied for citizenship,” Fitzpatrick said.

The candidates’ closing statements reflected the rhythm and tone of the debate.

Murphy went first, saying: “I am doing all I can to focus on bringing jobs back to Bucks County. Now is not the time to go back to the same failed Bush-Fitzpatrick policies that have driven our economy down”.

To which Fitzpatrick responded: “Murphy has the right issue but the wrong solution on jobs and unemployment. He believes in a bigger federal government to create jobs; I believe in the American citizens to achieve this.”

Registration card issues at Lower Bucks

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and wrong,” Thurston said, still visibly angry as he recalled the event a week later; “Most of us don’t come to that table fully informed. They were taking advantage of people.”

The event, coordinated by Bucks’ Student Life office,, was a bi-partisan effort to raise awareness and produce a higher turnout for the midterm elections. A volunteer from each party was present to supply and assist in filling out voter registration forms.

“This is not a practice that

I’ve ever heard of done by the Democratic Committee,” said Neil Samuels, the deputy chair of the Bucks County Democratic Committee, who sent a volunteer to help with voter registration at the Lower Bucks campus event.

Samuels said that he did hear complaints from that day about cards being handed out pre-checked for Republican affiliation status. “I immediately shot down emails to them, saying this needed to be looked into.” He added: “I heard from people at the time that it didn’t matter what party that you were registered for, and that is absolutely not true. We all have

the same goal in mind and that’s to help people to vote; and to pull one over on students – that’s just not right.”

The Bucks County Republican Committee was unavailable to comment on the incident.

Thurston’s story isn’t an isolated case. Complaints were made to the Student Life office on the first day of the event. Matt Cipriano, the director of Student Life Programs, said that the complaints have led to new policy changes for future voter registration events. Any volunteer caught pre-registering voter affiliation will be immediately removed from

campus grounds. “We don’t want anybody to be misled,” said Cipriano. The new rules will be enforced during the next voter registration drive in the Spring.

If somebody accidentally registered for a different party affiliation, they can still vote however they wish during the upcoming elections.

The issue arises during primaries, which are closed in Pennsylvania. If you were accidentally registered as a Republican and wished to vote in the Democratic primary, you would be unable to vote until you changed your party affiliation. If somebody wanted to

change their party affiliation before a primary election, they would need to do so 15 days before the primary at the latest

For those who may be unaware of their current party affiliation, or may be concerned that they were wrongfully registered, you can check your status by going to www.CanIVote.org. The site, which is run by the National Association of Secretaries of State, is a non-partisan website that easily links to your region’s Department of State website, where you can quickly find out your current registration status.



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New age Tea Party

Professor Gregory Pezza outlines what the Tea Party is and where they came from

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In a nation where many people don't know what to think about politics, or even care about politics, a new political party has emerged from seemingly out of nowhere.

The Tea Party is a new political party that has really become popular, especially with very noticeable names jumping onto the bandwagon. Fox News host Glenn Beck is a big name who backs this extremely conservative group, but a bigger name behind this political movement is former vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin.

Greg Pezza, a political science professor at Bucks, says that not only does Palin back them, but they back her as well.

Pezza says, "Glenn Beck is one man that backs up the Tea Party, but Sarah Palin is like a hero to them."

We know some background of the Tea Party, and people who back up this party, but what exactly is the Tea Party?

"What is the Tea Party is not an easy question to answer. They were originally conservatives that were left behind by

the Republican Party. They became angry and started in a disorganized fashion. They actually had a bus that went

"The Tea Party is not a big problem for the Democratic Party. It would actually be a bigger problem for the

Party is far-right.

Ok, now we know what exactly the Tea Party is, but why the name? What made

more morals I would say."

But just how fast is this party spreading throughout the nation? Extremely fast is the answer. They started in the summer of 2009 with the Tea Party Express and now Tea Party candidates are winning primaries in some states with the midterms just days away.

The state of Delaware watched Tea Party member Christine O'Donnell upset veteran representative Mike Castle in the Republican primary for U.S. Senate. This was seen as a major sign that the Tea Party was going mainstream. New York's Carl Paladino defeated former Representative Rick Lazio in the Republican primary for governor, and Sharron Angle won the U.S. Senate Republican primary race, defeating the GOP favorite, Sue Lowden in Nevada.

For more information on what the Tea Party is and events in your area, go to

<http://www.teapartypatriots.org/>.



around making stops to try and spread the movement called the Tea Party Express," Pezza says. "The Tea Party is the loudest of all politicians, making up about 10-15 percent of Republicans."

So should Democrats be worried about this movement? Pezza thinks not.

Republican Party, because they would be taking votes away from the Republicans and not the Democrats."

The Tea Party is on the right of the political spectrum. Liberals are to the left and conservatives are on the right, and most Americans fall somewhere in the middle. The Tea

Party name themselves the Tea Party?

Pezza explains, "They got the name From the Boston Tea Party. They want to lower taxes just like the tea party back then did not want taxes."

What are their goals? Pezza explains, "Simple, less taxes, less government spending and

Cultural events need an audience

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Attendance and participation in Bucks cultural events are influenced by various factors, including the amount of free time a student has, as well as their interest.

For instance, there is Emily Goode, 20, a business administration major from Yardley. She is interested in art and would join clubs and go to events if she had the time.

But, she said, "I work 58 hours a week so I just don't have the time."

Then there is Kristin Meade, 24, journalism major from Levittown who said that, "I don't drive, so transportation is sometimes an issue." She went to the transfer fair and a job fair that was held at Bucks. Meade would be interested in going to art shows and concerts held at the school if driv-

ing and work were not an issue for her.

Matt Cipriano is the director of Student Life at Bucks. He commented on the various factors influencing event attendance. He said, "We're always battling with other things - job, school, family."

There is an orientation held for new students in the beginning of each semester to raise student awareness of cultural events and clubs. There are also fairs that are held at the school such as the transfer, club and job fairs.

Cipriano said there are certain traditional events that the school holds. Some of these annual events include music week, Black History month, blood drives, cancer awareness month, spring fling and holiday events.

New to the yearly events is gay history month during

October. Brittany Hoffman, 18, a liberal arts major from Levittown said, "I went to a national coming out event yesterday." Hoffman said the group spoke about coming out and they also ate cupcakes.

Advertising is a key part in spreading awareness of pending events. Cipriano said that flyers are designed by the public relations department and that using Facebook and having a "giant listing of social networking" helps club or events get recognition.

The student life office also works closely with student organizations. Cipriano said, "We advise student programming boards and support them with resources."

Does advertising for these events catch the student eye?

Ryan Kloepper, 20, an education major from Philadelphia said, "I do see a lot of advertis-

ing for them, but I think the dates are not highlighted enough." He also said that he usually has plans scheduled for himself by the time he finds out about those of the school.

Sean Harris, 19, an undecided major from Warminster, said that he saw sections of the school with advertisements posted and was interested. He has not joined any clubs or gone to any events yet, but said that he would be interested in solo music acts and joining a club in relation to nature and preserving the environment.

Some people have little interest in school organizations or cultural events. Sean Preston, 19, liberal arts major from Washington Crossing, said that he has never been to a concert or art exhibit at Bucks.

Preston said, "I would rather do something else." He also said if there was a metal or

trance concert held, he would probably go to that because he would be interested but does not take much notice of art.

Similarly, Catherine McNicholas, 18, a liberal arts major from Jamison, said, "I'm not really into art, it's just not my thing. I just kind of want to do my school work and go home."

McNicholas is also busy with work. She was a cheerleader in high school and might be interested in that sort of club.

One way to get more involved in organizations the school has to offer is to go to the Student Life office which is directly opposite the cafeteria. Cipriano and his friendly staff will be only too glad to help you. Or check out the office's website at:

<http://www.bucks.edu/life/slo.php>

Tom Corbett profile

An in depth look into the Republican candidate for Governor of Pennsylvania

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Attorney General Tom Corbett is the Republican candidate for Governor of Pennsylvania in the November election.

Corbett is no stranger to state government. He has been involved in Pennsylvania state and federal government for the past 30 years and has a background in criminal prosecution.

In 2008, Tom Corbett was re-elected as Attorney General with over 3 million votes, more votes than any Republican candidate in Pennsylvania's history. The following year, on September 14, 2009, Corbett announced that he would be running for Governor of Pennsylvania.

According to Tom Corbett's biography on his campaign website, www.tomcorbettforgovernor.com, he was born and raised in Pennsylvania. Corbett served as a member of the Army National Guard 28th Infantry Division from 1971 to 1984. He received his law degree from St. Mary's University School of Law in San Antonio, Texas in 1975 and has also taught civics and history classes at Pine Grove Area High School in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania.

Tom Corbett's experience in criminal prosecution began in Allegheny County, where he served as an assistant district attorney in the early 1980's.

Corbett served under President Reagan as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania. He was also one of the first members of Reagan's National Drug Task Force.

In 1989 President George H. W. Bush appointed Corbett as U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania. Throughout the 1990's he was an advisor to Pennsylvania Governor Tom Ridge and was appointed to chair the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency.

In 1995 Ridge appointed him to finish the term of a former Attorney General. In 2004 Tom Corbett narrowly won the election for Pennsylvania Attorney General against Democratic candidate Jim Eisenhower. Corbett was re-elected in 2008, after running against Democrat John Morganelli.

Corbett and his wife, Susan, currently reside in Shaler Township located in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

In an interview, Corbett stated that: "My main message to students is that it is time for a change in Pennsylvania. I'm not satisfied that our spending has increased by 40 percent under Governor Rendell's administration. I'm not satisfied that our taxes have gone up and our debt has increased by 40 percent, and I'm certainly not happy that 25 percent of our students who are born, raised and educated in



Pennsylvania have to leave the state to look for jobs".

Corbett continued, "That's why I plan to foster an economic climate that allows our businesses to grow and prosper, creating more jobs for all Pennsylvanians."

Asked why students should vote for him, he replied: "As a U.S. Attorney and Pennsylvania Attorney General, I have never backed down from doing the right thing."

"When I ran for attorney general in 2004 I said that I would create a public corruption unit. After my election I did create the public corruption unit. Under my leadership, the unit has investigated and prosecuted dozens of elected and public officials throughout the state who have broken the law and violated public trust."

"As a leader I identified the problem, developed a plan and executed the plan. I then had the courage to stick with the

plan and overcome the obstacles and roadblocks that have been placed in our way. It takes leadership and it takes courage. I plan to use those same principles and leadership as governor and I will make my decisions based on what's best for Pennsylvania so this generation and future ones have the opportunities to find good-paying jobs and opportunities here at home."

<p>Jobs and the Economy</p> <p>Creating the Technology Transfer Incentive Program: A public-private partnership between colleges and government offices to create opportunities between the two</p> <p>Supporting sustainable and "green" infrastructure to help cities and towns with new job opportunities</p> <p>Creating jobs for graduates – reports state that one out of four college graduates leave Pennsylvania to find employment in another state</p> <p>Tax reform for employment creation</p>	<p>Education</p> <p>Promote more flexible funding for school districts</p> <p>Creating safe learning environments (mandatory and accurate reporting of crimes by schools)</p> <p>Healthcare</p> <p>Increase access to healthcare by promoting competition among insurers on the basis of cost and quality of healthcare services</p> <p>Promote healthier lifestyles through educational programs and training</p>
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Dan Onorato profile

An in depth look into the Democratic candidate for governor of Pennsylvania

BY: LAURA SMITH
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Dan Onorato is the Democratic candidate running for Governor of Pennsylvania. Currently, he lives in Brighton Heights with his wife and three-teenage children.

The following profile and campaign positions were obtained from the Onorato campaign website, <http://www.voteonorato.com>.

Born on Feb. 5, 1961 and raised in Pennsylvania, Onorato grew up on Pittsburgh's North Side. His father was a mechanic and his mother worked at a local elementary school.

His parents did not go to college, but Onorato managed to pay for his tuition through working through the summer in retail and building maintenance. He graduated from Penn State with a degree in accounting, from which he went on to work as a Certified

Public Accountant. He continued his education at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, where he earned a law degree and met his future wife, Shelly.

Onorato worked for several years in the private sector before running for public office in Pittsburgh. In 1991 he waged his campaign for Pittsburgh City Council. He won the City Council seat and went on to win re-election in 1995.

In office, he felt passionate about putting more police officers on the streets, building private-public partnerships to save things such as the City zoo and pass a tax cut to help small businesses to create new jobs.

By 1999, Dan had successfully run for Allegheny County Controller, and spent four years in this position. In 2003, he ran for Executive of Allegheny County against an incumbent Republican. He



brought a more fiscally responsible approach to governing the county. He immediately implemented reforms to eliminate waste and worked to transform Western Pennsylvania, into a hub for 21st-century jobs.

He takes credit for cutting property taxes twice, taking action to prevent dramatic swings in property values and eliminating backdoor property tax increases. Allegheny County is the only county in the region to hold the line on

property taxes in each of the past seven years. He also takes credit for helping the private sector thrive and create thousands of good-paying jobs, and promoting programs to help women and minority-owned businesses thrive.

His stance on the issues

Jobs and the Economy

Onorato wants to create jobs through environmental work opportunities and ensure that Pennsylvania is responsive to companies that want to invest in our state. He also supports making taxes more competitive to improve the current business climate. Onorato plans to help Pennsylvanians get ready to succeed in the workforce.

Energy and the Environment

Creating "Green"-collar jobs and focusing on "Green" opportunities is a major issue that Onorato is supporting. He also supports maximizing Pennsylvania's energy production portfolio, focusing on renewable energy sources and specifically the Marcellus shale natural gas reserves.

Healthcare

Healthcare is another popular issue that many candidates are approaching. Onorato is placing emphasis on enhancing the state's ability to improve care while reducing healthcare costs.

Onorato wants to meet the growing demand for a highly

skilled healthcare workforce, which in turn can positively affect the economy. He wants to improve children's health and well-being. He wants to address health disparities and meet the long-term living needs of Pennsylvania residents.

Public Safety

Onorato is taking a stance on public safety by addressing illegal handguns and stepping up gun control laws to aide in crime prevention in Pennsylvania. He also plans on improving support and services for victims of serious crimes.

Higher Education

Onorato's platform on higher education includes ensuring that families can afford higher education and increasing Pennsylvania's higher education institutions to spur new inventions.

Government Reform

Onorato supports reforming state government by enacting term limits while reducing the size of the Senate and House. He wants to curb the power of special interests and improve accountability and transparency in state government.



Mike Fitzpatrick profile

A look at the GOP candidate for the 8th District Seat in the House of Representatives

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Mike Fitzpatrick, a Pennsylvania Republican, is

1963. He graduated from Bishop Egan High School in Fairless Hills before earning his Bachelor's Degree from St. Thomas University in 1985. In

preserve over 11,000 acres of land for farms, parks, and other natural areas around the county. Fitzpatrick also co-chaired an effort to pass a ballot that

to establish a new emergency operations center. Following the Sept. 11 attacks on the U.S., Fitzpatrick joined the Pennsylvania Southeast

by the Sierra Club (an American grassroots environmental organization).

But Fitzpatrick's position has changed and he now opposes



running in the upcoming 2010-midterm U.S. House of Representative election. Fitzpatrick will be running against his Democrat oppo-

1988, Fitzpatrick was awarded his law degree from the Dickinson School of Law, part of Penn. State University.

Several years after graduat-

authorized Bucks County to secure \$87 million for open space protection.

Aside from preserving historic Bucks County land, Fitzpatrick has worked on other environmental issues as well. He helped the Neshaminy Creek obtain \$3 million in grant funding for flooding projects.

As a commissioner, Fitzpatrick has also worked to upgrade the

Bucks County emergency management system in recent years. These upgrades include enhancing the 9-1-1 emergency call system and working

Region Counter Terrorism Task Force.

Fitzpatrick's experience with campaigning for a position in the House of Representatives began in 2004. Fitzpatrick ran against Democrat Virginia Schrader in the general election and won, representing Pennsylvania's 8th Congressional district in the U.S. House of Representatives for one term.

In the November, 2006 general election Fitzpatrick ran against Democratic candidate Murphy. Trailing Murphy by 1,500 votes out of almost 250,000, Fitzpatrick lost the 2006 election.

Prior to losing his House seat, Fitzpatrick supported legislation to curb the emissions of greenhouse gases, which might explain why he was endorsed in the 2006 election

legislation designed to curb greenhouse gas emissions and limit the effect of global warming and climate change.

In the upcoming midterm elections Fitzpatrick is once again running for Congress. According to political news columnist Brian Walsh, he won the Republican Primary in May by collecting 77 percent of the vote. Fitzpatrick will be facing his nemesis Democrat Patrick Murphy once again in this election.

Fitzpatrick resides in Middletown Township with his family. He and his wife, Kathleen, have six children including three boys and three girls.



ment, U.S. Rep. Patrick Murphy.

According to his campaign website, Fitzpatrick was born in Philadelphia on June 28,

ing from college, Fitzpatrick became a Bucks County Commissioner in 1995, a position he continues to hold. In that role he has taken action to

His stance on key issues

Jobs in Pennsylvania

Wants to expand employment opportunities by cutting down government regulation and taxes, help small businesses to invest and create "family-sustaining jobs", and reverse the trend of outsourcing jobs to foreign countries.

Healthcare

Opposes legislation that puts government between patients and doctors, promote free market solutions to allow more choices for individuals and drive costs down.

Natural Energy

He wants to create a balanced energy policy that includes safe nuclear power and clean coal. He supports Pennsylvania's Marcellus Shale natural gas resource, source of clean energy and new jobs for the state.



Patrick Murphy profile

An in depth look at the democratic candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives

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Son of a Philadelphia police officer and a legal secretary, Democratic U.S. Rep. Patrick J. Murphy was born on Oct. 19, 1979, and was raised in Northeast Philadelphia. Murphy is an Iraq war veteran, former West Point professor and a criminal prosecutor. He is running for re-election in the 8th Congressional District.

He graduated from Archbishop Ryan High School in Northeast Philadelphia and went on to attend Bucks. Later he attended King's College in Wilkes-Barre, where he was a cadet in the U.S. Army ROTC (Reserve Officers' Training Corps) as well as captain of the hockey team and student body



later assigned to West Point as a lecturer.

In the military, Murphy trained as an airborne and air assault paratrooper. Later, he

Constitutional Law at West Point. His first deployment was to Bosnia in 2002 and the second was to Baghdad, Iraq from 2003-2004.

In November 2006, he won his first election to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Murphy serves on the House's Appropriations Committee and Permanent Select Committee for Intelligence.

He took on a leadership role in the debate on Iraq and Afghanistan as the first Iraq war veteran elected to Congress. He introduced the Iraq War De-Escalation Act of 2007.

This bill called for the responsible withdrawal of troops with a timeline so that they could refocus the fight in Afghanistan. As this is something that Murphy is very passionate about, he has also written and sponsored several bills relating to the oversight and conduct of the war. He has voted for increasing funding for veterans and troops.

Murphy worked with other

members of the House and the Senate to pass the 21st GI Bill which would give veterans resources to get the opportunities they deserve after their service is complete. In November 2008 he was re-elected to a second term.

Murphy is member of the Blue Dog Coalition. The Blue Dog Coalition describes itself as a group of moderate-to-conservative Democrats committed to financial and national security, favoring compromise and bipartisanship over ideology and party discipline.

Murphy has increased funding for flood relief and prevention along the Delaware River and is focusing on the economic revitalization of Bucks County, including efforts to attract "green energy" companies to the area.



president.

After graduating, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army and was

served as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney in New York, a prosecutor in North Carolina and an assistant professor of

Upon returning home, Murphy practiced law at the Cozen O'Conner law firm before running for Congress.

His stance on key issues

Jobs and the economy

Murphy plans to stand up to excessive government spending, record accountability and reform the federal budget to stop deficit spending and reduce debt.

Education

His stand involves decreasing the burden of debt after college, ensuring continued access to student loans and rewarding students who choose public service as a few examples.

The Environment

He wants to create clean energy jobs, sponsors conservation efforts for Bucks County and a small portion of Montgomery County and Philadelphia and supports renewable energy.

Murphy supports the American Clean Energy and Security Act. According to his website:

"This bill will create millions of new American jobs, limit the pollution that causes climate change, and reduce our dangerous dependence on foreign oil by investing in American-made clean energy."



Joe Sestak profile

An in depth look at the Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate

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Former Naval Officer and U.S. Representative Joe Sestak is running for the Pennsylvania Senate seat in the upcoming 2010-midterm election.

Sestak was born in Secane, Pennsylvania and graduated from Cardinal O’Hara High School in Springfield, a suburb of Philadelphia. He graduated from the U.S. naval Academy (with a Bachelors of Science degree in U.S. political systems) in 1974. In 1980 and 1984, Sestak earned his Master’s degree and a Ph.D. in political economy and government from Harvard University.

Serving in the United States Navy, Sestak rose to the rank of admiral. He resigned in 2005 after a 31-year naval career. He is highest-ranking former military officer currently serving in Congress.

Sestak served under former President Bill Clinton on the National Security Council as Director for Defense Policy .

According to Sestak’s cam-

paign website, <http://joesestak.com/AboutJoe.html>, he was elected to Congress in 2006 to represent the area where he was born and raised: the 7th Congressional District



which encompasses Delaware County, northwestern Philadelphia, and parts of Chester County.

In 2008 Sestak successfully ran against Republican nomi-

nee Wendell Craig Williams and won by a 20-point margin.

Last February Sestak discussed how he had been offered a high-level job at the White House if he would give

the offer in order to participate in the 2010 election.

Sestak will be running against Republican candidate Pat Toomey in the midterm election.

Pennsylvania politics, has served in the Senate since 1980 and is most notable for his “switch” of political party affiliation in 2009.

Specter was a Republican

His stance on key issues

Jobs and the Economy
Supports small businesses as a way to revitalize Pennsylvania’s economy.
Voted for economic stabilization bills to provide credit availability, so that Americans would not face unavailability of loans for automobiles, education and other consumer loans
Created the Hope for Homeownership Program to prevent more housing foreclosures

Education
Co-sponsor of the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2009
Encourage states and public colleges/universities to create more flexibility for transfer credits
Healthcare
Voted for America’s Affordable Health Choices Act, allows individuals and small businesses to purchase private insurance at the same discounted rate that only large employers currently receive



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Pat Toomey profile

A look at the Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate

BY: LAURA SMITH

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Republican candidate for Senate Pat Toomey was born in Providence, Rhode Island. Raised by working-class Catholic parents, he was one of six children. He attended La Salle Academy and later Harvard University, using scholarships and work-study to fund his tuition. He graduated Harvard with a political science degree.

His first job was with Chemical Bank in 1984, where he was involved in currency swap transactions. In 1986 he was hired by Morgan, Grenfell & Co., where he dealt in multiple foreign currencies, interest rates and currency-related derivatives. In 1991 he resigned.

By 1994 he was elected to Allentown's newly established Government Study Commission. During his term, he drafted a new charter for the Commission requiring a super-majority for any tax increase. The charter was approved by

Allentown voters on April 23, 1996.

In 1998, he ran for the 15th District seat against state Senator (and future Allentown

three terms.

He challenged Sen. Arlen Specter in the Republican primary election in 2004. Aided by \$2 million of advertising

Republican establishment closed ranks behind Specter. This included endorsements from Pennsylvania's other Senator, Rick Santorum, and

the Republican senatorial primary. On April 28, 2009, Specter announced that he was switching parties and would run as a Democrat. Specter's



Mayor) Roy C. Afflerbach. He won by a 10-point margin and has been re-elected twice since. He did not run for re-election in 2004, fulfilling his pledge in 1998 to only serve

from the Club for Growth, Toomey's campaign theme was that Specter was not a conservative, especially on fiscal issues.

Most of the state's

by then-President George W. Bush. Toomey lost by a 1.7 percent margin.

On April 15, 2009, Toomey announced he was planning to challenge Specter once more in

withdrawal left Toomey as the frontrunner for the 2010 Republican nomination for U.S. Senator. Toomey won the Republican Senate primary on May 18, 2010.

His stance on key issues

Jobs and the Economy

Toomey believes that the government should make it less expensive and easier for businesses to hire people. This can be done by cutting taxes and decreasing regulation. Therefore he believes it would be necessary to eliminate the tax on capital gains and lower the tax on businesses, which would make companies more competitive, and lead to major job growth.

Healthcare

Toomey believes the government should have less power over health care, and instead believes that the best way to lower the cost of it is by encouraging the growth of personally owned and controlled health care, allowing individuals and businesses to buy health care anywhere in the country, enacting comprehensive tort (a wrong that involves a breach of a civil duty owed to someone else, e.g. a law-

suit) reform and allowing small businesses and groups to join together to form association health plans to lower the cost of providing healthcare.

Same-Sex Marriage:

Believes that marriage should be between a man and a woman and has voted to ban same-sex marriage.

Immigration:

Toomey does not believe in amnesty for illegal aliens currently resident in the U.S. He believes that only people who enter the country legally should be allowed the right to the American dream. Also, he believes in securing the American-Mexican border.

Energy Resources

He supports allowing Americans to drill for oil in the Outer Continental Shelf, for natural gas in Pennsylvania's Marcellus Shale and the production of nuclear power. He is against raising gas taxes.

National Security

Believes that military action should be guided first and foremost by the country's national interest. He has voted to fund programs such as the strategic missile defense program and believes it is important to be firm with nations like Iran, making sure they are prevented from acquiring nuclear weapons. Also, he believes soldiers must have the equipment they need in battle and be cared for upon returning home.

Environment and Climate Change

Toomey is opposed to any legislation that regulates emissions of greenhouse gases, like carbon dioxide, to the atmosphere. He believes that the relationship between human emissions of greenhouse gases and the current global warming is too uncertain to warrant taking any legislative action at this time.



Enter the Void is stunning

BY: DAN PEREZ
Centurion Staff

Gaspar Noé's newest film "Enter the Void" is a visually stunning film 10 years in the making. The movie takes a harrowing journey through the afterlife and leaves the audience at a loss for words.

On Saturday, Sept. 25 the IFC Theater in New York City hosted a screening of "Enter the Void," which had only been played at several film festivals until now.

Argentine-born, French-raised director Noé has produced a body of work that doesn't shy away from serious themes and graphic content. With one short film ("Carne" - 1992) and two feature films ("I Stand Alone" - 1998, "Irreversible" - 2009) under his belt, "Enter the Void" is a very different film than his, or anyone else's, previous work.

The screening was sold out well in advance and the theater was full, holding around 300 people. The buzz on this film (via internet sites and reviews about the film festival screenings) and a question and

answer session with the director held after the IFC Theater showing undoubtedly helped sell every ticket available.

one another, the brother (Oscar) is killed by police during one of his shady dealings. The film then takes on his

ing, Noé revealed that the inspiration for this film included the Tibetan Book of the Dead (an ancient Buddhist

how CGI is used in "Enter the Void."

"Ninety-five percent of the film is CGI. The reason why the film looks so realistic yet fantastical is because of the time we took in post-production to add effects," he said.

The film is visually stunning to say the least; adopting the perspective of Oscar's "spirit," the camera moves seamlessly between walls, in and out of buildings, flying through the city, and even at one point traveling from a house to an airplane mid-flight.

Clocking in at 137 minutes, the movie isn't a short one, nor does it take a lighthearted approach to its story and themes.

"Enter the Void" will most likely appeal to those who like their movies as art. Cinema buffs will truly appreciate it for the visual references to other films throughout and for what it does: It shows a story and a perspective that is completely new and possible now, thanks in part to the technology available today.

book explaining theories about the afterlife) and Stanley Kubrick's film "2001: A Space Odyssey."

The director also discussed



"Enter the Void's" plot loosely follows a young American brother and sister living in Tokyo. Parentless since they were children and very close to

point of view, revisiting past experiences and future events involving his sister and friends.

In the question and answer session following the screen-

Antony and the Johnsons

BY: ANDRES FLORES
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Antony and the Johnsons music has always made me sad. That being said, when I caught wind that a new album, "Swanlights," had been released, I got my box of Kleenex ready, and turned down the lights and gave it a listen.

A year after his last album, "The Crying Light," Antony Hegarty released an EP entitled, "Thank You for Your Love." Now he's back with another full length LP. Morose, dark, melodic, and bumpy singing has set him apart from the pack. The vocals that burst through Antony's mouth are nothing short of unique and creative; an avant-garde singer, but that being said, this time around, his vocals take a backseat to the new arrangements, instruments and experimentation.

Always seen behind a piano, his music was always seemed a

little one-dimensional, but with a newfound use of percussion (which in previous albums felt

centered around him, no one else; the other members are his helpers, almost feeling like a

two previous albums. On "Swanlights," the special guest is none other than the great,

the case.

The album's standout track, "The Great White Ocean," takes an acoustic guitar and Antony's gloomy vocal delivery, and meshes these into a beautiful, heart-wrenching song. The song floats freely, always providing a quaint, gorgeous sound. The plucking of the guitars accentuates the lyrics and release of emotions in the song.

The songs interlock with each other, providing smooth transitions and little change key or tone. The album is consistent, always bringing forth emotion. This is where the album works as a whole, never really tripping over itself.

Antony and the Johnsons is a unique act, no one will argue that, but with this release, he really cements himself in his specific, morose-guy-with-a-piano genre.

No one else sounds like him, and that's the one thing that makes him so appealing.



non-existent) are more prevalent. A more gentle and understanding Antony takes a seat before his piano, with a cast of instruments behind him.

Antony is the epitome of a leading man, the main attraction. His music has always

collaboration rather than a full fledged band. No one else really stands out.

Antony has always had major collaborators. Rufus Wainwright, Lou Reed, and Devendra Banhart have all made guest appearances on his

eccentric Björk. She appears on the track "Fletta," a duo of epic proportions. Their vocals bounce off one another, combining into one super-voice. One would think that with two uniquely distinct voices, there would be a clash, but that isn't

Love Unscripted with Dalia Omran

BY Dalia Omran
Centurion Staff

We meet again, Centurion readers. This week's topic is a "How To" guide to a post-break up situation. Clip this article out and keep it in your wallet. You're going to need it eventually.

Step 1: Cry and grieve.

You will do a lot of crying and grieving throughout the break-up process. I suggest going to the grocery store and getting some ice cream, chocolate and other bad-for-you foods, and picking up a couple boxes of tissues.

Make sure to get the latest chick flick that made everyone cry from Redbox; you will find comfort in the fact that the person in the movie is just as depressed as you.

In between the emotional eating and crying, there will be lots of sleeping. Turn off your phone. You probably don't want to have contact with the outside world and you don't want to be tempted to call your ex.

Depending on the severity of the break-up this could last about 24 to 96 hours (if it is longer than that, please seek professional help).

Try to continue to go about daily activities like going to class, work, and most importantly showering. After getting over the messy part, this brings us to the hard part.

Step 2: Cut the ex out.

Take everything your ex ever gave you (shirts, cards, gifts, pictures, anything that has a direct connection to

them) and put it in a box.

Put this box in the corner of your closet or under your bed. Seeing these things around your room will bring you back to step 1.

De-friend your ex on Facebook. You don't want to become the profile stalker who starts to obsess over everything they write or the pictures they get tagged in. Speaking of tagging, untag yourself in all pictures of you with your ex.

Most likely, those pics are of you hugging or kissing or something of a romantic nature. Seeing those pictures will stir up those memories.

Delete your ex from your contacts on your phone, or at least put a reminder note next to their name not to text

or call them.

This part of the break up has lots of anger associated with it, so cutting off contact with your ex will make sure you do not send spiteful texts and the like.

Step 3: Learn to do things alone.

You are single now! Find

Step 4: Start fresh and try something new.

(Or do something you love even more.)



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things you could never do with your partner. Your ex hated "Jersey Shore?" Have a "Jersey Shore" marathon.

Your ex hated watching your favorite sport? Watch the big game with your friends.

Do everything you didn't get to do when you were in the relationship. You have time to hang out with all your friends now without worrying about your boyfriend or girlfriend getting jealous.

There is the sad part: doing things alone.

You're going to have to get used to being the third wheel sometimes. Double dates have now turned into you hanging out with your friend and their partner. You're going to be bitter, and it is going to suck.

After a break up it's nice to start fresh again. You are a new person, not half of a whole.

This is the time to throw yourself into something to keep your mind busy. Turn your attachment from your ex into an attachment to this new activity.

Already have an activity you love to do? Put more time into it.

This is a good time to get a job if you don't already have one, learn a craft, join a gym, do more homework or even start watching a new show.

Just stay busy and don't let yourself mope around and go back to step 1.

Step 5: Meet someone new.

You are probably thinking I'm crazy and that I'm suggesting you find a new boyfriend or girlfriend.

I'm not though. When I say meet someone new, I mean find a new friend.

If you happen to like this

person that is your business; however, just be wary of rebounding.

No one likes being a rebound. Don't make mental comparisons of your new friend to your ex.

More likely than not, you and your ex had the same circle of friends and now it would be pretty difficult to hang out with your friends and your ex.

Meeting new people will open you up to a new circle of friends and will reduce the chances of the awkward, painful "running into your ex" scenario.

Eventually, when you have gotten over the break up, being in the same social setting as your ex won't be a big deal.

For now, it's best to avoid your ex. When you run into your ex, you want to show him or her how well you are doing without them, not how much of an emotional wreck you are.

Last Notes:

Exes can't be friends at the beginning. Trying to be friends right at the beginning sounds nice but as they say, old habits die hard.

If you are around your ex, you will start to do everything you used to do and things will get messy.

That's called friends with benefits, and that, my friends, is a topic for another day.

So tell me, how do you get over a break up? Email me with your feedback. Have a great week.

QUESTIONS

Have a love question or comment? Email Dalia at loveunscripted@gmail.com



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Stand up and vote

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Several weeks ago I was asked to write an article on the midterm elections by interviewing Bucks students and asking them what they thought about voting. Few people that I interviewed showed enthusiasm. Most didn't want to answer my questions, simply stating that they hated politics. Other students admitted to simply not knowing enough about the subject to answer my questions.

Maybe some students feel they do not need to worry about the elections because they are not yet directly affected. It is very comfortable when you are staying with your parents who are helping pay your tuition and who cover your health care. The reason I say that is because that is the position I am in. For a long time I thought I did not have to worry about politics. I was wrong.

In a few years I will be out in the real world, worrying about the state of the economy and health care. The decisions made on Nov. 2 will affect you

in the future, but they will also affect you now.

Do you receive scholarships and loans to aid you with your tuition? How much do you receive, and would you benefit from more? The decisions made during the elections will affect your loans and scholarships. On all of the politicians' websites are their plans for higher education. Some want to increase the scholarship opportunities, and a few of them want to make sure the training in the colleges will prepare students for the real world.

The economy has become an almost redundant issue when discussing politics. People roll their eyes and for a moment look at you anxiously when you mention the financial state of the United States. And then, when trying to find a job, you realize how bad it is. How often have you gone job hunting and not even had one prospect?

Well, imagine how that will feel when you are no longer a student and are trying to start your career. No one can guar-

antee you a job after college but wouldn't it be nice if the odds were increased?

It would appear that politicians are attempting to kill two birds with one stone by creating green jobs as a part of the green movement. So, they are trying to save the environment and produce jobs. What do the phrases climate change and global warming mean to you? 'I don't care,' can no longer be a response when facts and opinions on the issue are being thrown out left, right and center. You do care, maybe more than you realize. Who does what you believe should be done for your planet?

Although it may be hard to see directly how the changes in the environment affect you right at this moment, it is not difficult to know how health care affects you. After all, have you ever been to the doctor? Have you ever been ill or injured and needed medical treatment? Could you imagine not being able to walk into your doctor's office and make an appointment and getting whatever injury or ailment you

had treated?

Currently 46 million Americans are without health care; 20 million of these are working Americans. With such massive figures, it is obvious why there is a push for reform.

What do you need and want out of your health care coverage? This does affect you directly, and is another issue that even if you are unwilling to admit it aloud, you do have an opinion on. You have to, because you are human, you are going to get sick and maybe you are going to break a bone or crack your head open. Yes, it is gross and you never plan on these things happening, but that is exactly it; these things do happen.

This was just a run-through of some of the issues that are closest to us. The decisions made will impact us no matter how hard we try to pretend we do not care. So does it not make it worth your while to do some research and vote for the person whose beliefs closest match yours? Yes, you can pull out the argument that you are only one vote and have no

impact, but that one vote could take us from a Republican governor of Pennsylvania to a Democrat.

Maybe now would be the best time to reveal the biggest irony of all. I have sat here for hours puzzling over how to best make my peers feel inspired and enthusiastic about getting up and voting on Nov. 2, and I cannot vote. I am a permanent resident of the United States, and no matter how invested and passionate in the elections I may be, I will have to wait until I have my citizenship to cast my vote.

Some of you will forget you ever read this article and move on with your lives, and that is fine, you will still be affected by the election whether you like it or not. And then there will be those of you who will genuinely wonder what you want out of your country, and hopefully the realization will overcome you that you have the power in your hands to stand up and tell your government what you want from them in your vote.

You have a voice, use it.

Negative political advertising: a public disservice

BY: JOHN MACDONALD
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It's doom-and-gloom time again, the airwaves are awash in political advertisements. If you believe what the advertisements say, the Republicans are all Attila the Huns and the Democrats Leon Trotsky's.

Perhaps that's a little exaggerated, but the local airwaves are awash in political advertising that paints pretty extreme pictures of the candidates.

Not that negative campaigning is anything new. According to CNN.com, when Thomas Jefferson ran against John Adams, Adams was painted as a "hideous hermaphroditical character, which has neither the force and firmness of a man, nor the gentleness and sensibility of a woman." Adams was also described as a fool, a hypocrite, a criminal, and a tyrant.

Adams' supporters charged that Jefferson was "a mean-spirited, low-lived fellow, the son of a half-breed Indian squaw, sired by a Virginia mulatto father," a weakling, a

an atheist, a libertine, and a coward.

Today's negative political advertisements may be a little more refined, but they contain the same basic elements of exaggeration, distortion and, at times, outright falsehoods. With that in mind, we examine some of this election season's political advertisements.

There seems to be no end of political advertisements out there painting the other candidate as some kind of political extremist. This is particularly evident in the race for U.S. Senator between ex-Navy Admiral and Congressman Joe Sestak and former Wall Street and Hong Kong banker, Congressman Pat Toomey.

Sestak claims that Toomey "is Pennsylvania's most right-wing Congressman." Using Toomey's own statements, including one in which Toomey called Sarah Palin "a spectacular governor." Another Sestak ad links Toomey to the Tea Party and has former conservative Republican Pennsylvania Sen.

Rick Santorum quoted as saying "Pat Toomey is too conservative for Pennsylvania."

Sestak accuses Toomey of endorsing Sharron Angle, who says "we need to phase Medicare and Social Security out," and U.S. Rep. Paul Broun, who has called for the repeal of the 16th and 17th Amendments, which respectively allow the federal government to levy the income tax and provides that U.S. Senators must be elected by the people.

Toomey responds that Sestak "is too extreme for Pennsylvania," in an ad that ties his voting record to Democratic House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's, describing Toomey as just "another Nancy Pelosi liberal."

Although Toomey's ads often describe Sestak as a "liberal," his supporters go farther. One pro-Toomey ad from the National Republican Party has the banner "Left, Far Left, Joe Sestak."

Keeping with the extremist theme, a Toomey ad charges

that Sestak wants to give terrorists "the same rights as American citizens," a reference to the fact that he wanted Khalid Sheik Mohammed tried in a criminal court rather than in a military tribunal. An ad sponsored by the National Rifle Association accuses Sestak of wanting to take away American's "Second Amendment Rights," something that could only be done by amending the Constitution.

Another major feature in this year's political advertising is placing blame for the country's current economic mess on your adversary.

Toomey accuses Sestak of voting for a "Wall Street bailout" and a stimulus that failed to create jobs and created a record deficit. Responding, Sestak, in a creative video of him cleaning up his dog's poop, says it made him sick to have to bail out the banks, but he had to "clean up the mess left by these guys," pointing to a video of George Bush and Toomey.

Going after the senior citi-

zen vote, Sestak hits hard on the fact that Toomey supports privatizing Social Security, which he claims would have wiped out seniors' retirement benefits in the stock market crash of 2008. Sestak ads make a lot out of Toomey's long connection with Wall Street. "Pat Toomey is working...to bring jobs to China," according to the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee.

Toomey, for his part, tries to turn around Sestak's statements about accountability, claiming that Sestak failed to keep a campaign pledge by keeping campaign contributions from employees that benefitted from public contracts. And so the mudslinging goes.

It is somewhat ironic that it was Jefferson who stressed that a self-governing democracy requires an informed electorate. Numerous commentators have agreed with his assessment, including Jim Lehrer of Public Television and the late Supreme Court Justice Elihu Root. It was

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Bucks gets ready for Halloween

BY: CHRISTOPHER WIRTH
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Oct. 31 is a day filled with spooky ghosts, fantastical creatures, and scary stories. Most people can remember being a kid and walking from house to house, collecting candy with family and friends, ultimately dumping the pile of treats and trading for the best ones. But what do students at Bucks plan on doing for Halloween this year?

Erica Minton, 18, a fine arts major from Levittown does not want to miss out on the opportunity for free candy, she plans to go trick-or-treating this year. “I will probably wear a mask so when I go trick-or-treating, people do not know how old I am, I will just pretend I am 12” Minton said. Last year, Minton dressed up as actor and comedian, Bill Cosby.

Another big Halloween event is the haunted hayride or haunted house. Brittany

sure which one yet.

Most students at Bucks will be celebrating the holiday by going to various parties. Shaina Shleifer, 18, a fine arts major from Trevese said “I am thinking about dressing up as someone from Harry Potter in spirit of the last movie being released. I might go to a party or have a horror movie marathon.”

Sean Preston, 19, a liberal arts major from Washington Crossing said “I will most likely go up to Indiana University of Pennsylvania to visit some friends and party. I might dress up; it depends on how much money I have and what my friends are doing.

Catherine McNicholas, 18, a liberal arts major from Jamison also plans on partying Halloween weekend. “I am going to Bloomsburg College to visit friends and probably go to a party. I do not know if I am dressing up though”



19, an education major from Holland. “I am going to a party on Oct. 30 and after that just chilling with friends. Probably shoot some pool” Markowitz

was not sure what she would be doing for Halloween. “I think I might go to one of my friend’s parties. Probably in Philadelphia, my friend has a

her” Morel said.

What is left for people to do if not trick-or-treating, going on a haunted hayride, visiting a haunted house, or partying? “Well, someone’s got to hand out the candy,” said Mike Austin, 18, a graphic design major from Levittown. Austin plans on staying home Halloween night and handing out candy to the many trick-or-treaters in his neighborhood.

“I might dress up, I do not know yet. It is usually pretty spontaneous. I see something and just throw it on” Austin said.

Caitlin Baeder, 18, a liberal arts major from Levittown is also planning on staying in and handing out candy.

This Halloween, which will be falling on a Sunday, can expect to be filled with scary monsters and historic figures, parties, anything haunted, and of course, candy.

No matter what your plans on, remember to be safe, fun, and happy Halloween.



Hoffan, 18, a liberal arts major from Levittown plans on being in a haunted house on Halloween, though she is not

McNicholas said. When asked what McNicholas was last year she said simply, “a cow girl.”

“I will probably just be chilling,” said Allen Markowitz,

said. Markowitz has not decided if he is going to dress up this year or not.

Stefani Morel, 17, a nursing major from Yardley said she

house there” Morel said. Morel plans on dressing up as Cleopatra this year, “I love Egypt and I just think it would be really fun to dress up like

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Justice Root who said that modern constitutional government depends on “the exercise of reason and considerate judgment by the individual citizens who constitute the electorate.”

It is hard to see how distorted

political advertising results in an informed electorate or provides us voters with a rational basis for the exercise of reason and considered judgment.

Is Toomey a fiscally responsible politician who will look out for the interests of all Pennsylvanians, a Gordan Gekko-type that will mainly

serve the needs of Wall Street and the wealthy, or an ultra-conservative, Tea Party-type?

Is Sestak a Congressman that worked hard to clean up the economic mess that began during the Bush administration or is he far out on the liberal fringe, pushing policies that will harm America?

As Shakespeare wrote, “that is the question.” So what will you base your vote on? Negative political advertising? Informed opinion? Blind party loyalty?

Once again, the country’s political course hangs in the balance. And the politicians seem to be hoping to influence

your vote by demonization rather than by seriously debating the issues.

Don’t worry if your candidate loses this election. There’s another big election only two years away. Another opportunity to watch the political mud-slinging.

SPORTS

New head coach for Bucks women's basketball

BY: DAN PEREZ

Centurion Staff

Women's basketball at Bucks is about to be played differently, Laura Miele has signed on as head coach for the team and hopes to start the season off strong.

Miele is no stranger to coaching women's basketball, with a multitude of experience she comes into the role of coach at Bucks very prepared. She has been involved in college sports since her undergraduate days.

She attended Christ the King Regional High School in New York City, a school that has been among the top 25 teams in the country for over 20 years, and played varsity basketball in their competitive program.

In her college years Miele had a colorful athletic career. She played Division I basketball at Arizona State University and participated on the Arizona Caliente's first women's full contact football team. She also became a New York Golden Gloves (an elite amateur boxing competition) semi-finalist in 2004.

Miele has coached varsity high school and club teams since 1989 including sports such as basketball, volleyball and softball (among many other ones). Through coaching she's lead numerous teams to play in championships in exotic locations such as Australia and Hawaii.

As well as having a strong background in athletics, Miele is no stranger to the academic life. She has acquired her bachelor's degree in exercise physiology and physical education, her master's in education, and her doctorate in sport psychology. With an impressive list of degrees, Miele knows sports on a physical level as well as an intellectual level.

She runs her own company called Mind Over Body Athletics, LLC. Mind Over Body provides sport psychology consulting/coaching, sports injury prevention, and personal basketball training sessions. Miele is also a member of the American Association for Physical Activity and Recreation and the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA)

By stepping into the position

of the new head coach, Miele will bring her experience and knowledge to lead the team to success. She hopes to continue the progress that has been laid out by former coach Sharice Gibbons. Last season the

women's basketball team's roster by having to constantly seek new players. Miele plans on working with a nearly completely new team of girls this year, with only one or two returning players.

season runs until mid-Feb. with the EPCC tournament and championship games following the post-season.

The complete women's basketball schedule can be found at <http://www.bucks.edu/ath->



Centurions held a record of 11 wins and 4 losses.

Because Bucks is a two-year community college many students only stay for this amount of time or even shorter to take classes. This affects the

The first game is scheduled to take place on Thursday, Nov. 18 at 6 p.m. It will be an away game with Bucks facing (and playing at) Philadelphia Community College.

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letics/womens_basketball.php. Laura Miele can be contacted at lmiele13@gmail.com with any questions about the upcoming basketball season.

Mixed views on the Eagles so far

BY: JAMES LYNCH

Centurion Staff

Since the beginning of the NFL season the Philadelphia Eagles have received a lot of notoriety for the departure of Donovan McNabb. A lot of people were wondering how the Eagles would do without the greatest QB in the franchise's history.

Kevin Kolb was originally supposed to be the starting QB for the Eagles when the season started. But after getting a concussion, and playing a terrible first half, Kolb lost his starting job.

Michael Vick came and played the second half of the game and played very well. He then got the start against Detroit. He also played very well in his starts against Detroit and Jacksonville. Vick was playing the best best football of his career until he got hurt against the Redskins.

Kolb came in and played well in the second half against the Redskins and followed

with a decent start the next week against the San Francisco 49ers.

At press time the Eagles'



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record stood at 4-2; they have a lot of talent on the team but there is much to be improved. Students around Bucks have very mixed opinions on the way this season is going this

year.

John Cradowski, 22, a nursing major from Fairless Hills, thinks that Vick is the man for

says, "I think the birds are alright now, but if Vick comes back the Eagles have a strong chance at making the Super

the starter this season; we might as well use him while we got him because like it or not he's gone at the end of the season."

David Washington, 20, Bristol, a culinary arts major, said, "The Eagles are an above average team that's about it. They have many problems with their offensive line that can't block anything and the defense has to be one of the worst in the league. I think they should stick with Kolb as the starter, he showed a lot of potential last week against San Fran."

Corey Simpson, 19, a liberal arts major from Holland, says that the Eagles are about a .500 team at best. "Let's be real they have a lot of talent, but there are a lot of holes that need to be filled especially on defense. I think Vick should be the starter..."

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Vanessa Carlton, 20, a liberal arts major from Philadelphia

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Joe Brophy, 18, a liberal arts major from Newown, says this is where he expected the Eagles to be at this point in the season. "I think Vick should be