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## Bucks professor Caryn Babaian uses art as a gateway to science in NOVA PBS special

**BY: DAN PEREZ**  
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Sitting in biology class at Bucks has never been this animated. This isn't like any other class you've ever taken, especially any science class. The teacher frantically draws an amazingly detailed anatomy diagram on the chalk board. The class material takes on a new light, you understand it better, and as a result you cannot wait for the next class.

Caryn Babaian was recently featured on the PBS show "Nova: The Secret Life of Scientists & Engineers." Babaian is a science teacher with a secret. Her secret is that she is a renowned artist, and integrates her artwork into her science teaching to create a learning environment that is rarely seen in colleges.

When asked about her experience being filmed for the show, Babaian describes how she hopes people will see it and want to learn more about art and science.

The biology teacher enthusiastically says, "Art lets you animate concepts, it helps to give deeper meaning to the subject matter you are teaching students. Drawing has an unbelievable importance in biology."

Teaching her biology class at Bucks is another way for Babaian to impart her excitement and dedication of the material on students. "I think that my classroom should have a theater environment. When I get up there and I'm lecturing and explaining concepts to the class I try to be as passionate as possible."



Animate being a key word throughout our interview. Aside from being a gifted artist and skilled teacher, Babaian has a kinetic quality to her. From the moment we sat down until we parted ways due to the start of her next class, she talked and communicated in a way that exudes knowledge and more importantly, love of knowledge.

"Biology is the most important subject there is," Babaian says matter-of-factly. "It has been minimized and pigeon-holed so much that it has lost some of its importance in the eyes of students."

Caryn Babaian talks in a fast, clear, and calculated manner for her science and art are powerful tools.

"I want students to love living things," Babaian explains. "Living in the modern world your life is dominated by minutiae. I don't understand the craze around Facebook and other similar programs, these things cause us to detach from the world we live in."

The biology teacher makes it clear that her many years of teaching and drawing have added up to create her current teaching style. "Art is the science. People think the two are different things."

Babaian fires off about a distinguished artist and physician. "Frank Netter is a huge inspiration for me. He created these incredibly detailed and accurate drawings of anatomy. Medical students prefer to study Netter's artwork over computer generated images of the same material."

Another interesting facet of the science teacher's artistic talent is the work she entered into the 2006 Science Magazine Visualization Challenge. Babaian was awarded second place in the illustration category for her integration of Leonardo da Vinci's famous artwork "Vitruvian Man" in her introductory anatomy class. Through "Vitruvian Man", the teacher explained three anatomical concepts (rotation, transparency, and transverse section) by instructing her students to draw their representation of da Vinci's piece in their notebooks.

Babaian keeps a huge grin on her face for the better part of the interview, these are the things that interest and motivate her. Talking about them is simply another part of her job that she extends her passion to.

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## Guns on college campuses

**BY: SARAH BOROCHANER**  
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Texas Republican Gov. Rick Perry, who carries a gun while he jogs, is in favor of having a bill passed that allows students and professors to carry a concealed weapon on college campuses. Carriers would have to be 21 years old, or older, and have a state license.

Most college students are 20 to 24 years old. In 2007, 2,772 people were killed by a firearm in the 20-24 age groups, which was, the largest number of people in any group, and 1,270 people committed suicide in the same age group, ranking sixth. And the largest number of suicides is in the 40-54 age groups. As on any college campus, testosterone levels rise and fights break out. Young men and women fall in and out of love, and hearts are broken. And when life becomes a battle, no matter what age, some do not know how to cope.

Many Texas officials feel that horrific events, such as the Virginia Tech shooting in 2007, are perfect examples as to why guns should be allowed. They say that if a professor or student had a

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# Guns on college campuses

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gun on them, they could have taken the gunman down, and the number of innocent lives taken could have been reduced.

In 2009, the Senate passed a similar bill permitting guns on college campuses in Texas. Currently, Arizona, Tennessee, Michigan, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Florida, Nebraska and Mississippi, also have legislation that would permit firearms on campus underway.

But if shootings are happening when students are not permitted to have guns on campus, what will happen when they are permitted? On any college campus there are students who are angry at a professor, friend, or lover. When emotions boil over, no one knows what will happen to those people.

As a college student, the thought does cross your mind every now and then that a student could become

racing constantly. In Texas, where carrying a gun is as common as carrying your driver's license, some are

ing area of the campus, where many students reside.

In homes with guns,

are also likely to increase. A household with a firearm raises the risk of suicide with a firearm by a factor of 1:7, and an overall risk of suicide by a factor of 3:5.

But the number of college shootings, although traumatic, is still relatively low. So would releasing gun bans be helpful or detrimental to the situation? Handguns are used four out of five times in a shooting.

The fact that people feel the need to carry guns in public is outrageous. If no one carried a gun, there wouldn't be gun violence.

Our Constitution states that we have the right to keep and bear arms. But this is not necessary in 2011 on a college campus. Students do not want to see conflict, or violence rise, but instead peace and understanding between all.



so distraught that they would harm the people around them. But if students were able to have weapons on them at all times, the thought would be

arguing that nothing will change.

The Texas bill would allow students and professors to carry concealed weapons in the surround-

members of the house are just about three times as likely to be the victim of a homicide, including accidental, compared to gun-free homes. Suicide rates

## Concealing weapons on campus

BY: JULIA NAPOLITANO

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In Austin, Texas, students and professors are being considered for the right to carry concealed weapons onto campus and Bucks students are in complete disapproval.

Students at Bucks are in an outrage with the law that is about to be passed in Austin. Dan Coffin, 29, liberal arts major, has strong feelings against it. He stated, "I have a gun, but I would never bring it to school."

Coffin believes that there is no need. Realistically you never know what people are capable of.

Complete and utter shock

was the reaction from Marco Fernandez, 20, a business major here at Bucks. He was concerned with why students and professors would even want to carry a gun onto campus.

With his own and others safety as risk Fernandez can't help but wonder what's going through people's heads. "What about suicide and homicide?" he asked. Both are issues in our society today and allowing students and professors to carry guns only widens the opportunity for disaster.

Being terrified to come to school is not something Julia Santorelli, 18, a communications major, is fond of. She admitted that she would be

completely fearful for her life, major is adamant against the



which happens to be the normal reaction for students. She strongly believes that the law in Austin isn't even something that should be considered.

Paul DiFede, 18, a business

legalization of concealed weapons in Texas. He said, "I could never imagine coming to school and wondering who has a gun tucked under their clothes."

He confessed that he would be completely and utterly untrusting while at school. DiFede explained that he comes to school to learn and being "freaked out" would interrupt his ability to do so.

Michael Esposito, 20, and education major is uneasy about being able to bring concealed weapons onto campus. "I would be paranoid to attend class to some extent," he said.

Esposito explained that Texas has a completely different culture when it comes to weapons, but here in Pennsylvania it's totally different. He said, "It would be absolutely insane if people were to bring guns to school!"

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# Rising gas prices a challenge for Bucks students

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It's something most Bucks students can't avoid – the pain of seeing skyrocketing gas prices every time you head to the pump.

The average price of a gallon of gas has shot up to \$3.41 in the last few weeks, a 20 to 30 cent rise according to Gasbuddy.com.

On Thursday morning, Denise Fisher, 41, a biotechnology major from Warminster, was sitting at a computer in the cafeteria and was very vocal about her opinion of gas prices.

She said that [the higher price of gas] is "going to limit how much I travel." Fisher then began to talk about how gas prices are going to be an issue for her because she is currently unemployed.

Fisher takes four classes at Bucks, two of which are online. She says that it takes her about 35 minutes to drive to the Newtown campus.

Fisher said that her online classes are saving her money

because she doesn't have to commute, but she would prefer to have more face to face classes. She mentioned that every time she doesn't have to drive to school, that's more money in her pocket.



Andres Flores, 19, a journalism major from Warminster said that the price of gas is "a little too much, especially with a Jeep." He said that "\$2.30 to \$2.50 would be better for me," but he does understand that corporations need to make

money and that's why the price of gas has risen.

Eddie Celiesius, 20, a liberal arts major from Yardley said that the high increase in gas prices "all has to do with Egypt and Libya."

When asked about how gas prices have affected him, he simply stated that "I hate driving now."

Orteisha Hicks, 31, an office administration and systems technology major from Bensalem said that [gas prices]

are "too high and people should go green."

There are a few ways for Bucks students to save money on gas, such as carpooling, keeping your tires inflated, tightening the gas cap and even

taking useless things out of the trunk.

By tightening the gas cap, it doesn't allow for gas to evaporate and in turn saves the driver money. Keeping the tires properly inflated not only saves gas money but will pro-

long the life of your tires.

A heavy car uses more gas, so if there are a few things in the trunk or the back seat, your car will become more efficient.

Even a little thing like taking a different route to school that has fewer traffic lights and is rarely backed up could help a student save gas money.

In spite of the increase in gas prices, students shouldn't necessarily blame the owners of gas stations for the drastic price changes.

According to an article by CNN, the owners of gas stations are struggling too.

One man who was interviewed stated that he doesn't have a choice when it comes to raising gas prices because he needs to make a living along with everyone else.

Gas prices will continue to rise as long as the unrest in the Middle East continues.

If students take into consideration some of the ideas to save gas, the increasing prices won't burn as big of a hole in their wallets.

# News on the Web

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The news can be found anywhere at any time at no cost if you know where to look, but for how long will these websites allow access at no cost?

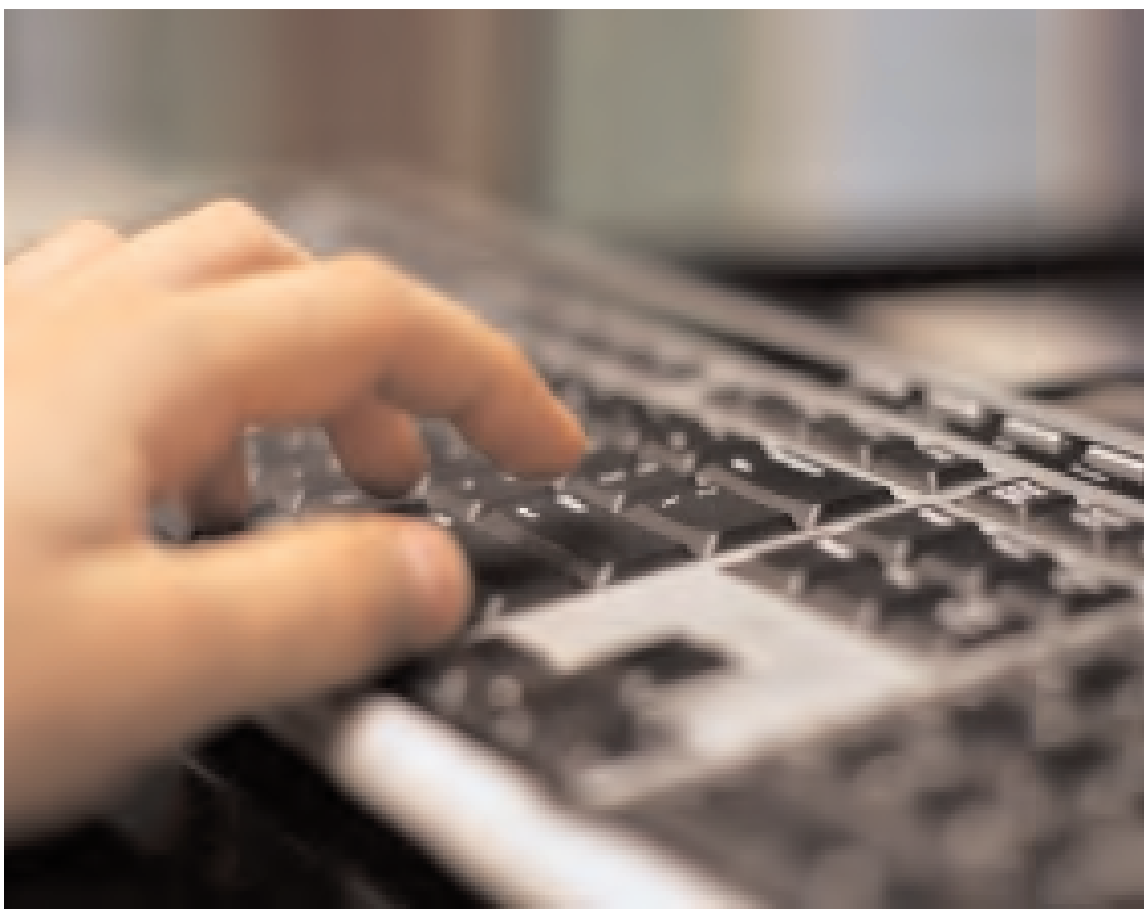
Students are showing strong signs of news following, but it will leave the printed press worried about their extinction due to the active world of the web.

Not surprising that students are regularly getting their news mostly from the internet or some with news stations on the television. This shows a strong sign of the printed paper going out of date.

Now with high speed internet and cell phones with Wi-Fi the news is at the fingertips of anyone's dispense with full stories and colorful images. Not only does the web hold more, but can give constant and instant updates on world issues or even retract misled information.

After several interviews it appeared that most students get the bulk of their news from websites because they can look

around for what they are interested in hearing rather than a limited selection.



John Kirsch, 20, with a major in marketing said, "I follow the news regularly and it comes mostly from NBC. I probably spend about 5 hours a week getting the news and it's

important because there is a lot of stuff going on and we need to know what it is and why."

Dan Dapalo, 20, a physical education major, went on telling, "I watch the news on TV when it's on and figure out what it is about, but a lot of news I get also comes from

other people like social interaction. I roughly watch the news twice a week because it is

important to know what's going on, and to be able to make educated claims."

Nicolette Kampf, 18, a liberal arts major, residing in Southampton said, "I usually

watch CNN or get the news from my father who is a avid news "go-er," and when I do get my news it's from the internet because I can only watch televised news for a minute before it gets boring. The most important thing about the news is it lets you know what's going on."

Bill Kelbaugh, 21, an environmental science major, said "I get my news from my home page but it is still all coming from the internet, and it's all being blown up with the events in Libya. My preferred news website would be MSNBC and the news is very important so we don't become isolationists and fall behind in technology."

With more and more people turning to the internet for their news, the newspaper will slowly phase out. But what will become of the free websites? Money needs to be made somehow.

Will websites become private entities that you must subscribe to for the news like the Wall Street Journal or will they simply give free access and not sell papers, losing money in the end?



# Become a part of history with the Tyler Literary Society

**BY: REBECCA SCHNITZER**  
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While many clubs at Bucks offer a place to hang out with friends and talk with other like-minded people, the Tyler Literary Society (TLS) offers just one more thing – a chance to be immortalized in text.

“The goal of the TLS is to gather together students who enjoy literature, both reading and writing, so that we can discuss favorite books, poems or short stories and also have a space to share and get feedback on our own work,” says Allie Kelly, a 21-year-old liberal arts major from Sellersville and vice president of the TLS.

Kelly and club president Jen DeLuca, host events such as monthly discussion groups where all Bucks students can read and talk about a selected work. Professors Sharon Estes and

Joe Shakely are the faculty advisors of the TLS.

The TLS also holds fundraisers and participates in a variety of community service events.

Kelly said the society’s

artwork and photography.”

The 2011 Student Anthology is open to all students, whether or not they are a part of the TLS.

“It’s a great opportunity for

received a lot of wonderful work for this year’s edition, they are still accepting submissions until April 1, Kelly says. The magazine will be distributed in mid-April.

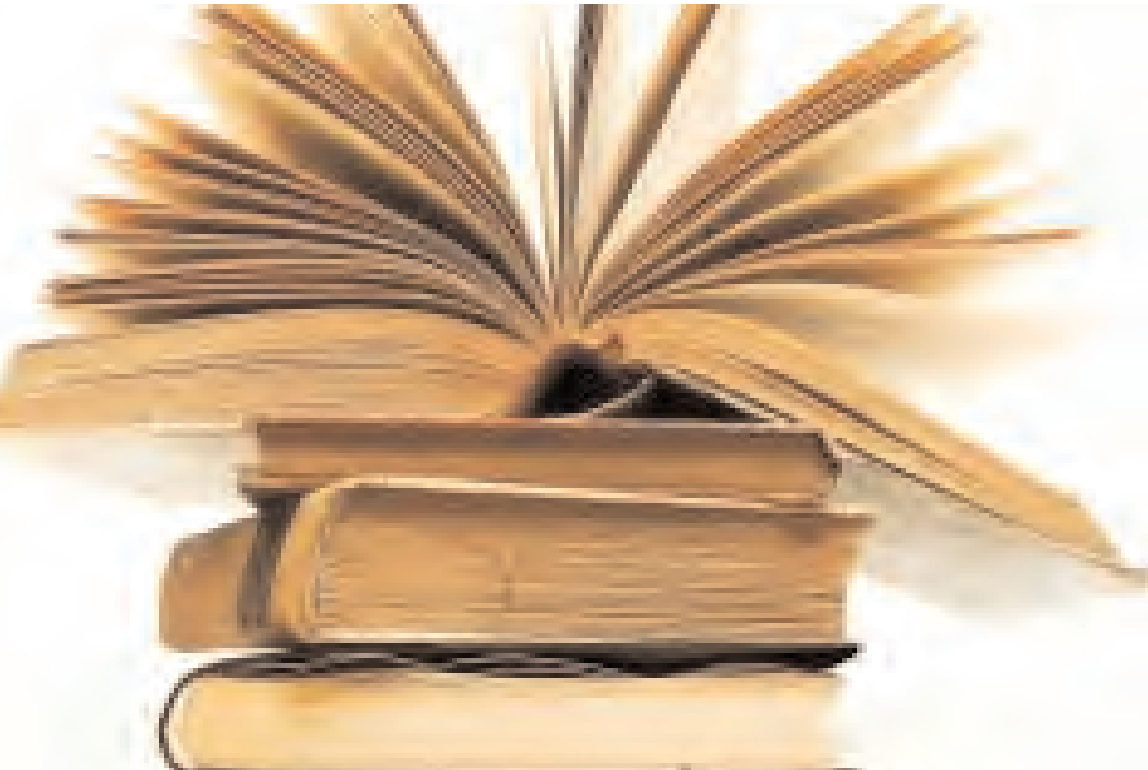
Organizations wing by Student Life,” Kelly said, “or look for us distributing them at one of our spring fundraisers!”

Students have the option of making a donation at these fundraisers to causes such as the local chapter of FORCE, a national nonprofit focused on hereditary breast and ovarian cancer, or Special Performers, an organization in Doylestown that uses the arts to foster equality and enrichment for special needs individuals.

The TLS has a small group of students this spring, but are always open to new members.

“Currently we’re not meeting on a weekly basis while we put together the literary magazine,” Kelly said they are not currently meeting on a regular basis. Meetings are normally held on Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m., at Newtown, in the Clubs and Organizations wing.

Anyone interested in joining can contact the Tyler Literary Society at [tylerliterarysociety@yahoo.com](mailto:tylerliterarysociety@yahoo.com).



largest project is the literary magazine of student work that comes out each spring “It’s a collection of student poems, short stories, essays, and also

sharing writing as well as a chance to see how talented some of your classmates are,” Kelly states.

While the TLS has already

“There is no charge, and students who are interested in picking up a copy can stop by the Tyler Literary Society room in the Clubs and

# State Patty’s Day partiers take over University Park

**BY:CHEZNYE LONDON CLARK**  
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On Saturday Feb. 26, thousands of college students flooded Penn State’s University Park campus for the pseudo-holiday, State Patty’s Day, clad in green and ready to drink, causing a new record in police calls and arrests.

State Patty’s Day is a student-created holiday, celebrated on the Saturday before Penn State’s spring break. The holiday was created in 2007, when the real Saint Patrick’s Day fell during spring break.

Feb. 26 marked the holiday’s fifth year in existence. A Facebook group advertising the drinking holiday sported a whopping 29,655 Facebook users likely to attend the event.

State College police force received 480 calls between noon Friday and noon Sunday, exceeding the 365 recorded during last year’s State Patty’s Day weekend.

Borough police made 234 arrests and 14 people had to be hospitalized at Mount Nittany Medical Center for alcohol overdoses, according to State College police. Those numbers are only for State College police and do not include the calls to the University Police or State Police.

“By comparison, this year’s

State Patty’s Day weekend was clearly busier from a police activity standpoint... more people participated in the event,”

long lines for student transportation, and hour long waits for many of the bars and restaurants downtown.

Rhode Island and North Carolina, to take part in the celebration, according to Facebook.

event. Some shirts sparked concern in the community for many believed their slogans promoted irresponsible drinking, such as “Kiss Me... I’m Wasted” and “5% Irish 95% Drunk.”

When asked about the shirts, an anonymous Bucks student responded “They are just for fun! Everyone needs to chill.”

But other students and community members believe that they are sending the wrong message.

In a quote from The Collegian, the student-run newspaper at Penn State, students expressed their concern, “As we have seen, the student-run event has become a day where binge drinking is accepted and encouraged. It’s simple: We cannot condone the promotion of irresponsible behavior.”

But with the drinking starting as early as 9 a.m. it seems such behavior reigned on 2011’s State Patty’s Day.

As for now, State Patty’s Day 2012, is still on, and predicted to be bigger than ever. Hopefully, next year’s arrest and hospitalization numbers will decrease, restoring the holiday to a day to have fun and celebrate... responsibly.



State College police said in a news release Monday.

The massive number of visitors caused issues on campus, such as traffic jams, extremely

But surprisingly, a majority of that number were not Penn State students. College students traveled from all across the east coast, from as far as

Despite where they came from, everyone was sporting the bright Saint Patrick’s green. Shirts were sold on and off campus leading up to the



# Centurion Wins 11 Journalism Awards

**BY: KIMBERLY KRATZ**  
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It is apropos that the Centurion won 11 awards in 2011, more awards than any other community college in the state during the Student Keystone Press Awards contest.

Sponsored by the Pennsylvania Newspaper Association Foundation, the competition this year granted awards in 30 categories. Bucks took four first place awards including one for its website. Professor Tony Rogers attributes the judge's attention to Bucks' website to the fact that it is "very comprehensive," a testament to the hard work of the students. He said, "I think our web editor, Rosalie Napoli, has been getting the paper up quickly," so it's timely. Editor Ian McLean thinks it's also because of the way the website is organized. He elaborated, "It's all full PDF and it's user-friendly. It's easy to get around on. We do have a full media archive there too," he said.

While each award brings more prestige to the Centurion at Bucks, one stands out with the student writers. The first place win for "Downsized dreams: A special report" in the public service/enterprise package category was "a real group effort," according to Rogers. Student Lauren Hicks, a named contributor, explained "Well basically, the whole [class] got together and we picked a topic that we thought

we could do a lot of articles on. And we picked the idea of the economy and how students today are facing the idea of living at a lower standard than their parents before them. We're the opposite of what the American Dream has always been."

Each student then selected topics based on the theme to

win, McLean also won one second and one third place for issues in the layout and design category. "I'm happy about it because it means that two out of three of the best issues in the state for design went to me. I'm a little disappointed that I didn't get a first. I guess two out of the top three isn't too bad."

coming out of it, I always know a lot more about it than I did. And that's kind of like my favorite thing working with the newspaper" said Perez.

The 11 awards went to the following:

First Place – Feature Story  
"Heavyweight Dreams of James Goins"  
Matt Flowers

John MacDonald  
Second Place – Feature Story  
"Remembering Hoey"  
Annemarie Ely  
Second Place – Layout and Design  
Centurion Volume 45: Issue 13  
Ian McLean  
Second Place – Sports Story  
"A History of the Negro Leagues"  
Jim O'Neill  
Second Place – General News  
"Prof. Denies Global Warming"  
John MacDonald  
Third Place – Layout and Design  
Centurion Volume 45: Issue 16  
Ian McLean  
Third Place – Sports Story  
"Competitive Matches for Bucks Golf"  
Dan Perez  
Third Place – General News  
"Negative Political Advertising"  
John MacDonald

Award winners will be formally recognized at a luncheon in Hershey, PA on March 16. The Pennsylvania Newspaper Association will further honor students' award winning work by showcasing a collection of the first place winning entries on their website for publishers, editors and the public to view at [www.pa-newspaper.org](http://www.pa-newspaper.org).



From right to left: Annmarie Ely, Ian McLean, Tony Rogers, Rosalie Napoli, Jim O'Neill, Daniel Perez

PHOTO BY TONY ROGERS

write about. "So," Hicks said, "even though it was a group thing, we still each got to write our own articles."

Ian McLean had much more to say about it though; "I thought that issue was the best we've ever done period. I mean, as far as looks, layout, everything. And that was acknowledged for best package."

In addition to being among those credited for the website

Dan Perez was genuinely surprised by his third place win for "Competitive Matches for Bucks Golf" in the Sports Story category. Not a golfer himself, Perez said one reason he likes writing for the paper is the variety of topics he covers. "You know, I learn about these things. Rarely do I know that much. I'm never an expert going into it, but I like to research it so I have some questions to ask. And then,

First Place – Public Service/Enterprise Package  
"Downsized Dreams: A Special Report"

Lauren Hicks, Annmarie Ely, Matthew Stumacher, Matt Flowers

First Place – Website  
The Centurion  
Rosalie Napoli, Ian McLean, Tony Rogers, Centurion Staff  
First Place – General News  
"Healthcare Reform Impacts Bucks Students"



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- Alvernia University
- Cabrini College
- Cedar Crest College
- Cedar Crest College – CLL
- Central Pennsylvania College
- College of Saint Elizabeth
- Delaware Valley College
- DeSales University
- DeVry University
- East Stroudsburg University
- Full Sail University
- Gwynedd-Mercy College
- Harcum College
- Harrisburg University of Science and Technology
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# Love Unscripted with Dalia

BY: DALIA OMRAH

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Everyone has heard the phrase in reference to men that “chivalry is dead” and how our parents complain that girls are no longer “ladies”. What does this mean for our relationships?

**Girls always complain about how guys are rude. Guys have complained that girls have become something that rhymes with witches.**

Has the era of ladies and gentleman ended or is it just buried under some trash?



It's quite evident that girls have become more aggressive in their approach to guys or to get their attention. Scott Woodring, 18 from Southampton says “Chivalry is more alive than being a lady. Girls have no one to look up to, to be a lady. You turn on a T.V. and what do you see? Jersey Shore, teenage pregnancy, or some celebrity getting them-

selves in trouble.” So is it true that media has impacted the way girls have begun to image themselves? According to most people interviewed, it does.

Some say that there is now the “modern-day lady” who is more aggressive, knows what she wants, and does what she wants, when she wants. Where is the line that separates this “modern-day lady” from the girls we see on national television that expose themselves in ways that would make our parents cringe?

Social networking is ever popular. If you go on Facebook, you can find girls with pictures that are provocative to just plain vulgar. Just because you didn't tag yourself, does not mean people won't know it's you with your lady bits clearly visible for all to see while wearing that shirt you call a dress.

We now also have pseudo-dating sites, where you can go and instead of finding a long-term partner, you can find yourself a hookup. Alex K. 22, from Warminster said “Compared to when my grandparents lived, they did not have one-night stands.” When I asked him if he thought girls are creating an aggressive and sexual image of themselves online to get guys attention, he agreed and stated that is was “very true.”

Girls had plenty to say about how guys treat them. Lizzy Millan 20, from Yardley said that for a guy to act chivalrous

## Is Chivalry really Dead, and has being a Lady become Obsolete?

“depends on his motives.” With that said,

What about those simple acts that girls expect from guys whether they are complete strangers or boyfriends? Mercedes Armington, 19 from **Chivalry is now dependent on if a guy is interested in you, and that his motives go somewhere between wanting to date you and wanting to sweet talk you to bed.**

Newtown said that “It would be nice if a guy holds a door open for us.”

It was also mentioned from several girls that it seemed that maturity was a factor on whether a guy is chivalrous or not. Many girls and women notice when a man holds the door open for her and allows her to go first. We also notice when they don't. The reason we get quite miffed when guys don't hold open a door for us isn't because we don't know

how to open a door, it's just the principle of holding open the door. It's a kind and simple gesture.

Now you are probably wondering what all this has to do about love, and I'm getting there. How many of you have gone out on an actual “real” date? This means the guy comes up to the door, rings the doorbell, takes the girl out on a night he has planned, whether it be dinner, a movie, sporting event, anything. Has chivalry/being a lady affected how we date?

Many of the guys interviewed mentioned how hard it is, financially, to take a girl out on a “real” date. For instance, let's look at going on a dinner and movie date. Going to a movie for two people, including popcorn and drinks is about \$50. Dinner can easily be another \$50. That is about \$100 for one date.

And that's supposed to be every time you go on a date?

Other girls, feel that splitting the bill is perfectly fine and that the idea of just going out on a date is enough. Others said that they would be perfectly fine with just watching a movie at home together, and that maybe “real” dates should be left to special occasions.

How often do these dates actually happen though? Some girls say that guys seem to not put forth the effort in planning things like dates, and now prefer the “I'll see you at that party at Temple tomorrow night” as the time for them to hang out. Have guys become lazy in trying to work for that lady, and want to downgrade for something low-maintenance? (For all the guys out there, it's like choosing between a Toyota Corolla and a Ford Mustang. Yes, the Corolla is cheap and easy. The Mustang however, when you work for it and go that extra mile, will be much more enjoyable in the end.)

This argument could go on forever, because both sexes blame each other. However, I think Kirk Anastasi 20, summed it up in three simple sentences,

**“Guys are d\*\*\*\*. Girls are s\*\*\*\*. Guys just want to get it in.”**

### QUESTIONS

HAVE A LOVE QUESTION OR COMMENT? EMAIL DALIA AT [LOVEUNSCRIPTED@GMAIL.COM](mailto:LOVEUNSCRIPTED@GMAIL.COM)

## Bucks journalism workshops to examine “New Opportunities in the News Business”

BY: KIMBERLY KRATZ

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“New Opportunities in the News Business” is the theme of the 12th annual journalism forum hosted by the Centurion and journalism department.

Of the April 5 event, organizer Tony Rogers said of this year's speakers, “I wanted people who were in some way involved with new media [to speak].” Speakers will present three morning workshops. The goal of the forum is, “to to give our students a sense of what it's like to be a working journalist,” he said.

Guest speakers include:

Timothy J. Carroll, staff writer for PolitikerNJ from 8 to 9:15 a.m.; Rachel Canelli, reporter for the Bucks County Courier Times, 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.; and , Karl Smith, Regional Editor for Bucks County patch.com and Jenna Ekdahl, Local Editor for Northampton patch.com, from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Carroll, staff writer for PolitickerNJ covers the New Jersey political beat. His efforts detail appearances by elected officials, and track a variety of proposals and bills set forth by the state government. PolitickerNJ (formerly PoliticsNJ) is an 11- year- old

entity, cited by writer Darryl Isherwood as the “first read of the day for political junkies.”

Ms. Canelli of the Bucks County Courier Times reports via online videos entitled the “Buzz in Bucks.”. Recent videos included such topics as a controversy on the origin of Whoopie Pies or her preview of the Philadelphia Flower show.

Mr. Smith of patch.com is a long-time print journalist who moved to online work 10 ten years ago. When he began, most journalists had one of three choices: television, radio or and print. He will address

some of these changes to “give the students an idea of what the landscape looks like now.” The transition to online journalism has changed a lot in that time he says, but even more so over the last five years or so.

A recent Penn State graduate, Ms. Ekdahl, a new addition to pPatch.com, covers the Northampton beat. She has worked in print, web and multimedia, and as a writer for the Daily Collegian, Penn State's newspaper where she transitioned from print to video coverage.

Bucks journalism students and visiting high school stu-

dents interested in journalism will attend the workshops, though the program is free and open to the public. Attendees will hear about the college's programs in journalism and communications. All workshops will be held at Bucks' Newtown campus in the Centurion Student Newspaper Office, Rollins 127 where classes are held and the student newspaper is produced.

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# Radiohead- The King of Limbs

BY: DALIA OMRAN

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Radiohead announced the release of a digital version of their eighth studio album “The King of Limbs” for February 19, 2011 just five days prior. They then surprised fans even more by releasing the album a day early.

Radiohead gave their fans an option of purchasing the digital version, or of purchasing the special “Newspaper Album” which will include the actual CD, several pieces of artwork, and vinyl discs of the album that will be shipped in May, but still get the digital download on the release date. They will release the physical CD alone in late March.

It is very hard to compare Radiohead albums because each one has a distinct flavor that cannot compare to the others. Try comparing “In Rainbows” to “Pablo Honey.” It's almost impossible. Both are great, but they are very different. With this in mind, I listened to “The King of Limbs” without any expectations.

The first track, “Bloom” starts off in a very rhythmic percussion loop that is layered with lots of horn, bass, and

amongst the rest of the lyrics. The album returns to a percussion loop-heavy track with “Feral,” that is immersed with

surely will be the most appealing track across the board. “Codex” slows the album down with a soulful piano

cleans the pallet from the very complicated jumble that was the first few tracks to the album.

“The King of Limbs” definitely brought a new flavor to the Radiohead mix. The first half of the album, though rhythmically exciting, were not absolute favorites. The second half redeemed the entire album. The album has a great flow and the tracks seem very cohesive, almost story-like, which is rare to find. “The King of Limbs” will certainly be a staple for all fans of Radiohead.

The only upsetting part about the album however, is the length. The 37 minutes pack a diverse set of tracks, but seems like almost a tease from Radiohead. Snack-like, you begin listening to the album and you find you have gobbled it up, with none left.

**Final Rating**  
**8.5/10**



assorted synthesizer tracks. “Little By Little” has an acoustic-y feel atop the ambient background that was ever-present throughout the album. Lead singer Thom Yorke croons with almost a smirk “I'm such a tease, and you're such a flirt” which stands out

Yorke's reverb vocals.

The album takes a slight turn with “Lotus Flower,” that begins with a grounding bass track with more electronic and ambient tracks entering and layering. The track has great flow and will be near impossible not to with the beat. This

track. Steady and almost heart-beat-like percussion, with an airy ambient background, it serves as the ultimate chill-out track on the album.

The album closes with “Separator,” on a very sweet note. Still rhythmic but not overwhelming, this track

## DJ Earworm - “Don’t Stop the Pop”

BY: ALEJANDRA LEWANDOWSKI

Centurion Staff

Music Legend Frank Zappa said “All the good music has already been written by people with wigs and stuff.”

But for D.J. Earworm, this is not a problem. For each of the past four years, he has compiled the Billboard Top 25 hits of the year into a single video/audio mash-up, called “The United State of Pop.” In each, he takes snippets of the songs- some lyrics here, a beat there, some chords, or even just some funky sounds- the recent surge of the electronic in pop music provides plenty-into a fresh, new track.

Earworm had his big break at the end of 2009, with his “Blame it on the Pop,” featuring smash hits like Lady Gaga’s “Just Dance,” Keri Hilton’s “Knock You Down,” and T.I. and Justin Timberlake's “Dead and Gone,” all backed by the jubilant, furious Black Eyed Peas' track, “I Got to Feeling.” country darling Taylor Swift with a sweet twist of an ending. Once “Blame it on the Pop” could be heard on local radio station 94.5 PST, no one could deny Earworm's influence on the

popular music scene.

But before this shot into fame, Earworm was hard at work. His first mash-up, the “United State of Pop” 2007 appealed to the masses with music widely loved and instantly recognizable. Popular songs included Rihanna's “Umbrella.”



But he has a long way to go yet- certain songs are still kept intact, so it's a little like a “laundry list” of hits, without a unified theme. Also, Earworm's musical finesse has yet to be sharpened, and certain moments feel weak and rough in harmony.

2008's “Viva La Pop” took Coldplay's smooth, string-fueled “Viva La Vida” as its backing, peppered by Leona Lewis crooning, “I don't care what they say,” Katy Perry confessing, “I liked it,” and Bucks County’s Pink shouting “So what? I'm still a rock star!” A lyrical theme never

sound higher or lower than in their original versions, it's because Earworm had to manipulate the pitch so that all the songs sound right when put together.

Then, in late 2009, the “Blame it on the Pop” videos exploded.

For 2010's mash-up, expectations were high- since 2009 brought a rip-roaring mix that simply will not get out of one's head. When “Don't Stop the Pop” finally came out, reactions were mixed.

The vocals in “Don’t Stop the Pop” have been highly manipulated, so the lyrics cannot be heard clearly. The production is so smooth that the final product loses some of the individual flavors of each song.

Still, other fans defend Earworm, claiming that he didn't have good enough material to work with in the first place. Indeed, it's surprising that some of the year's mega-hits, like Lady Gaga's “Bad Romance,” and Eminem's “Not Afraid,” weren't featured more, while

Earworm went heavy on the Katy Perry and particularly Ke\$ha, to the chagrin of fans tired of the glitter-eyed pop princess of auto-tune.

But the real triumph of 2010 is that “Don't Stop the Pop” says something about American culture: “If life is just a party, then I don't want the party to stop,” “Ain't got no money in my pocket, but I wanna be a billionaire,” “Dance like there's no tomorrow, there's just right now, now, now, 'cause we're never getting old.” Also, “Don't Stop the Pop” is a complete song and sheds most gimmicky traces of the previous mash-ups. With the infectious combined “instrumentals” of “Tik Tok” and “California Gurls,” it will be hard to top.

Now, fans look forward to 2011's mash-up. It will feature great music from Bruno Mars, Justin Bieber, and Lady Gaga, and especially the return of Taylor Swift and her long-awaited new album, “Speak Now.”

To hear more, visit Earworm's website, [djourworm.com](http://djourworm.com). All mash-up videos are available on YouTube, on channel “djourworm.”



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# Actor Charlie Sheen to teach 'Introduction to Winning' at Bucks

BY: ALEJANDRA LEWANDOWSKI

Centurion Staff

Actor Charlie Sheen, in the news recently for being fired from his hit show "Two and a Half Men," has accepted a teaching contract at Bucks, and will be teaching a new course, "Introduction to Winning."

"The Bucks curriculum will be vastly benefit from the introduction of this class," says Assistant Dean Michael Germanotti. "It will provide a raw, singular perspective on modern thought."

The class, which will be offered for the first time in Fall 2011, will focus on Winning, Bi-Winning, and history of military aviation. It will also include a mandatory experimental-laboratory component.

"We're thinking of making the course a requirement for communication majors, as well as psychology majors, chemical majors- all majors, in fact!" continues Germanotti. "After all, doesn't Bucks want its students to be the very best out there?"

"It has always been my dream to work in the pharmaceutical industry," says molecular biology major Carmen McGovern. "I'm thinking I could use some of Charlie Sheen's tiger blood cells to

develop a medication to radically enhance people's lives the world over." She adds, "It will make his \$2-million-an-episode from 'Two and a Half Men' look like peanuts."

Ashleigh Smith-Fields, curriculum director, asked Sheen

classes, however, Sheen will have to work around the clock. To make things easier for him, Bucks has proposed erecting for him a private Starbucks on campus, and even allowing him to Skype from his Los Angeles mansion. Bucks

be glad to relocate to Bucks County, citing his desire to meet the green aliens in Newtown borough.

Sheen will be staying at a grand estate to be built on what used to be Tyler State Park. Environmental engineers are researching how to turn the Neshaminy Creek into a heated, Olympic-sized swimming pool. Sheen's goddesses, while not thrilled to be leaving the West Coast, will accompany Sheen on the condition that the Tyler mansion be converted to a temple in their honor.

The six sections of "Introduction to Winning" scheduled so far are expected to fill up almost instantaneously.

"I'm camping out at the Office of Records and Registration the night before they open up registration," says liberal arts student Marisa Wayne, "And I'll be equipped with night vision goggles, stink bombs, and a Nerf Super Soaker."

Asked why she wants a spot in the class so badly, Wayne responds, "In this cut-throat economic environment, there is no room for failure. I need this course in order to get an edge. Nobody is too big to lose."

"Look at ME," interjects

communications performance major Bill Resnick, standing nearby. "I'm a loser if there ever was one. Therefore, I need this course more than anyone, and I will fight to the death to prove to my point."

Wayne and Resnick eye each other menacingly.

Of Bucks students, Sheen says, "What they're not ready for is guys like you and I and... all the gnarly gnarlingtons in my life, that we are high priests, Vatican assassin warlocks. Boom. Print that, people. See where that goes."

So what about Sheen's salary? Bucks officially refused comment, but a representative, who asked not to be named, is quoted, "The Federal Government is paying us to keep Sheen holed up here in suburban Pennsylvania, far from anything to do with Hollywood, culture, or, well, anything. Let's just say that Bucks students can expect a hefty tuition reduction."

"See?" exclaims student Joseph Wolf, business major excitedly, upon hearing this news. "It's a win-win situation!"

Bucks is extremely grateful and humbled to have Sheen teach and welcomes him to the faculty.



about the lesson plans he is preparing for the course.

"Who needs lesson plans? Winning... Duh!" Sheen scoffed. Smith-Fields immediately realized her error and apologized, then resigned from her post at the college.

Sheen is also considering teaching an introductory Women's Studies course.

In order to teach this many

would like to avoid the situation that took place a few years ago, when Chuck Norris refused the position offered to him because the college dress code would force him to shave his beard.

"We don't want that to happen again," reports former hiring director George Schwartz from his hospital room.

But Sheen assures that he'll

## Bucks to offer Motocross Courses

BY: ALEX SELLEN

Centurion Staff

Recently partnering with Honda and One Industries, Tyler Park commissions will build a track specifically for off-road dirt bikes.

Bucks students, along with motocross riders in general have seen a decline in areas to legally ride over the years. With an opportunity to collect membership fees from regulars, as well as a percentage of tuition prices collected by the college, Tyler Park seems to have found a strong remedy to state budget cuts that are being made.

The motocross track is projected to be B level, part of the reason it will appeal to all ages and skill levels. Although there are features that will require "a reasonable amount of skill", the track will accommodate most levels of motorcycle rid-

ers according to Raymond Funkhauser, head of the Tyler Park development commis-

once being opposed to the off-road sport, but has become an enthusiast after trying it for

Bucks plans to take full advantage by offering courses ranging from beginner to advanced.

lieu of sponsorships and college discounts offered to student riders.

There is still talk about a "final" race that would take place at the end of each semester/course, but is currently being reviewed by the college administration. Regardless of the course finals, students and faculty agree that this is a strong step in the right direction for motocross riders. The American Motorcyclists Association (AMA) has agreed to sponsor the track with protective bails and banners, and has made statements about "excitement about a great woods/mx track in such a large, scenic area". Developments will be released as the track unfolds and begins being erected.



sion. "We're making an opportunity for kids and adults alike to reclaim a right that has been stripped away in the past years". Funkhauser admits to

himself. "I love it...I never knew I could have such a rush".

With the State Park opening its doors to all dirt bike riders,

Approached by Honda powersports representative Kyle Sorelli and MX equipment company One Industries, Bucks was eager to team up in



# Woman tells police her husband has morphed into a mutant man/dog hybrid

BY: NICOLETTE KAMPF  
Centurion Staff

Early this morning, a 911 call was made by a woman living in Southamptdumb, claiming that her husband had become a dog overnight.

Matilda Martin dialed 911 at approximately 6:45, screaming at the dispatcher about how, upon rolling over in bed, she saw the face of a dog staring back at her.

Said Officer Patrick O'Notirish, "The dispatcher originally thought that Martin was being hysterical about her own dog being in bed with her, but oddly enough, that wasn't the case."

Police were dispatched to Martin's house at 7:30 after she insisted that her husband, Erasmus, had actually turned into a dog, and that the call wasn't a joke.

It turns out that Erasmus Martin had somehow morphed into a dog while sleeping, but only partially. He didn't grow paws or a tail, but now has the head of a dog, complete with whiskers, drool, and small

floppy ears.

Martin is no longer able to talk; he only has the ability to bark and whimper. This makes the investigation as to what happened even more complex. Police scoured the house in search of any evidence of foul

three small dogs, which might have been involved in the change from man to canine, but no more information relating to the cause can be released to the public at this time.

The Martin's daughter, Jershikah, was unnerved by the

him because she hates how he barks back at her in such a harsh tone."

As Mrs. Martin was speaking, Jershikah screamed in the background, "My dad is a dog... what do you want from me? He's kind of a freak, you know."

With that, a small whimper was heard coming from Mr. Martin, who was cowering in the corner of the living room on a folded-up towel. Mrs. Martin ran over to console him by petting his head.

"We had to put towels and sheets everywhere, just in case he decides to... you know... pee anywhere... and everywhere,"

said Mrs. Martin. She added, "We figure that since he's partially a dog, he'd want to do dog things, like tear up the furniture and mark his 'territory.'"

Dog trainer Bernice Potter, who lives in the area, has said that she will be able to train the half-man, half-dog hybrid within a few weeks. "He shouldn't be a problem to train," she said. "He'll probably be easier to train than most dogs because he's got a little human in him still!"

Potter plans to come to the Martin residence for up to a month to get Mr. Martin's dog-like ways under control. Police and Mrs. Martin are hoping that eventually Mr. Martin will be back to his normal human self, but very little is known about his condition.

Further investigation will be occurring within the next few weeks. For more information, or if you see that freaky man-beast roaming the streets, call police officer Patrick O'Notirish at (555)-DOG-555, extension DOG.



play, or a medication that might have initiated the transformation, but found nothing.

The Martin family does have

whole situation. "She doesn't even want to be seen with her father," said Matilda Martin, "And she refuses to speak to

# Heavy snow expected in April

BY: JESSICA CARR  
Centurion Staff

A severe winter storm is expected to hit Bucks next week and cause an area-wide black out, forcing the school to close for an extended period of time.

News reports project the massive blizzard to slam the Bucks area soon and dump an estimated 60 inches or more of snow. Meteorologists are calling this one to be the biggest storm to ever hit Bucks.

Recoil from the storm is the main concern of Bucks students, as the storm is expected to close the school for several weeks. In addition, it will cause massive black outs, and some of the weaker parts of campus buildings' ceilings will most likely cave in.

Temperatures following the storm are projected to hit record lows, dropping below freezing and only rising to 25 degrees F by 5 p.m. This may cause the snow to stay on the ground for weeks.

Roads may be completely covered, and, due to underfunding of snow removal on the part of the county, the snow will be sticking to the roads, as well.

Widespread panic has led people to overstock on goods in preparation.

Another result of the impending storm is that the animal population will seek shelter in buildings, including those on campus, to escape the storm.

Bucks students and faculty will most likely walk into a school covered in bird droppings, rabbit feces and other animal waste.

Dr. Annette Conn, Provost and Dean of Academic Affairs, has expressed her

concern. "The biggest problem with the long-term school closing is that we will have to extend the spring semester into the summer, and the summer semester so they could graduate, while others complained that they would have to spend their summer vacation at school instead of the beach.

Jane Biel, 20, sociology major, replied, "That sucks. I was looking forward to going on a cruise in the Caribbean this summer, and now, if the storm hits, I'll be stuck at school for an extra

month."

At least someone was in high spirits about the storm, though most replied that they are going to hate having to dig out their cars and driveways so they can at least go somewhere. Others were upset about the impending blackouts, saying that most of the stock people bought will most probably spoil. Some, though, are preparing with non-perishable

foods.

Only time will tell, though, how this storm will truly turn out.





# The iPhone Clone - What is it?

BY: JULIA NAPOLITANO  
Centurion Staff

Apple has launched a new iPhone application, the iPhone Clone- a life-size, pixellated, holographic clone that can do anything- go to work, do your homework, write your papers, and go to the gym.

The iPhone Clone is readily available, along with the other trillion applications Apple has to offer. Apple's goal for their new product is to make people's lives so easy that you don't even have to live them yourself.

iPhone Clones wake up when you need them to go to school, and they can even take notes while they're there. Studies show that Apple's new convenience has restored rest to sleep-

deprived college students.

Clones have a maximum number of usages, falling between 25 and 30, depending on the package you purchase.

How pricey is laziness? iPhone Clone packages run from \$30.00 to \$40.00 and can only be purchased once in a lifetime. So it's not all that expensive to buy a clone of

yourself to do anything you want it to.

Athletes, especially, are taking advantage of this new phenomenon. Chase Utley of the Philadelphia

Phillies uses his iPhone Clone during spring training in Clearwater, Florida.

He doesn't have to actually play baseball until he feels like it, which will most likely be in late April.

Only a few problems have been detected with the 1.5 million, and still growing, purchases.

This application is only available on new versions of the iPhone. Best Buy's buy-back program takes old technology in exchange for new. With weekly updates in technology, they may soon be running low in room to stock outdated iPhone 3's.

Clones only work where there is internet service, so Apple is advising customers to be careful when choosing where they use them. Professors at colleges in the middle of nowhere; for example, Kutztown University; have reported students disappearing momentarily from their seats. There isn't too much to worry about, though; they almost always come back.



# There's No Place Like Home

BY: CATHERINE PALMER  
Centurion Staff

It's no secret that Grammy award-winner Taylor Swift is a Pennsylvania native, but it is a secret that she is attending Bucks next semester!

The superstar, 21, has decided to take on the collegiate world, and she's going back to her home state to do

so.

"I've always been pro-school. If I couldn't be a country singer, I would definitely be a writer," Swift said. "It was always in my plans to go back to school, and now that I feel like I've accomplished one dream, I'm really looking forward to accomplishing another one."

When asked why she chose Bucks as the place to

start her new educational plan, Swift was straightforward.

"Pennsylvania is where it all began. I was born here and lived here until I was 14. I really feel like it's my home. I love the positive energy and determination of Bucks students. It's a really fun place to be!"

Swift, who starts class in the fall, is registering as a journalism major, and can't

wait to start class.

"I think journalism is awesome. I love telling stories; it's a huge part of my current job. Everyone is more interesting with a good story behind them."

But is Bucks prepared to take on the glitz and glamour of Hollywood?

I would say so. Ever since Swift's enrollment, the buzz around Bucks County has been that several other

celebrities, such as Emma Stone, Selena Gomez and Carrie Underwood, are considering making Bucks the first step in their educational futures, as well.

Who knows, maybe by this time next year, there will be Bucks campuses worldwide! Or at least one in California, to give the rest of Hollywood easy access, of course.

# Students Fearful of Radiation Contamination in Cafeteria

BY: MICHAEL VESEL  
Centurion Staff

Multiple students have stopped eating at the Bucks campus cafeteria; citing fears of that radioactive fallout from Japan may have contaminated food.

"It's scary. It's just a hidden threat. It could be anywhere," said Clay Gilmore, a 19-year-old Liberal Arts major from Bucks.

Gilmore is not the only Bucks student fearful that radiation could have tainted the college food supply. More and more students every day have turned away from eating from the

school cafeteria, instead opting to bring lunch in or from off campus.

"I just prefer something healthier for you," said Patrick Welsh, a 22-year-old student. Welsh opted to bring a healthier lunch to campus - a triple "Whopper" value meal from Burger King.

"I know it's safe, because all the ingredients are from Nicaragua and Mexico," said Welsh.

Fear of tainted food arose during the March earthquake and tsunami which devastated north east coast of Japan and wrecked critical infrastructure, including the Fukushima

Daiichi Nuclear power plant. The Fukushima plant's reactor was critically damaged in the tsunami, and despite attempts to stabilize it, continues to leak hazardous levels of radiation into the atmosphere.

EPA and other health officials are currently voicing concerns of tainted food and water not just in Japan, but potentially even in the U.S.

"The impact this will have on Japan is tragic, but the world really is only asking one question: how will this affect the United States?" said Jim Bainer, a spokesperson for the White House.

The fear of tainted food isn't

isolated to Bucks. People all around the country are stocking up on food they believe aren't radioactively compromised. Companies in the U.S. are currently starting up new multi-million dollar marketing campaigns, adding the words "No radiation added, guaranteed" to packaging.

Companies that were on previously on the fiscal ropes saw a reprieve from new found interest in their businesses. Peanut Corporation of America (PCA), the bankrupt Peanut Butter manufacturer whose product was tainted with salmonella in 2010, saw a boom in sales.

"People just understand that our product is safer and cleaner; added bacteria doesn't have to be a bad thing, in fact it can be beneficial, just look at Yogurt. We like to look at ourselves as the "yogurt" of the peanut butter industry," said PCA spokesperson Jane Woods.

While there has yet to be any testing done on the Bucks cafeteria for radiation contamination, students are certain that the food has been tainted.

"Have you tasted it?" said Welsh, "it just tastes radioactive."



# Tyler Hall going back to the Tylers

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Susan Clemens, manager of the Bucks business office, commented, "Tyler Hall has been a home of education for numerous years, and it should stay that way."

Clemens explained how devastated the campus administration has been since hearing the news.

"We're ready to protest," said Ashley Tookan, intern at Bucks' business office.

According to court records, there is nothing that states the mansion belongs to the college. The building has been on loan to Bucks County Community College for quite some time now, through a rental agreement that is

renewed every year at the end of April.

opened at any time," Andrew stated.

middle of July, Andrew will be moving in, and separating his

What does this mean for Bucks?



"They [Bucks] should have known this could have hap-

After the renovations are completed, expected by the

land and new home from the college.

because, come May, it will be a different Tyler's hall.

Nothing is official yet; however, plans must be made to provide more room in the college, due to the relocation of classes and offices.

The rumors around campus are that, if the additional space needed cannot be built by fall 2011, enrollment will need to be reduced and acceptance to the school will become more challenging. The Bucks business office would not to confirm or deny these rumors.

For now, students and professors should appreciate the historic building, because, come May, it will be a different Tyler's hall.

## Paranormal activities occurring at Bucks

BY: ROBERT SCHWARTZ  
Centurion Staff

The spirit world is linked to Bucks, found a professional paranormal team that investigated the college, where they found a mysterious connection with the death of co-founder Damian Gomez Hades and former college janitor Craig Delfino.

Investigators Toby Granderson and Bridgette McSwifty visited the property on Oct. 30, 2010, where they captured and documented voices, shadows and electronic voice phenomena with scientific equipment. More commonly known as EVP, electronic voice phenomena are "electronically generated noises that resemble speech, but are not the result of intentional

voice recordings or renderings," according to Wikipedia.

Physicist and professor Gary Maxwell of Michigan University says, "Common sources of EVP include static, stray radio transmissions, and background noise. Interest in the subject normally surrounds claims that EVP are of paranormal origin, though there are natural explanations such as apophenia (finding significance in insignificant phenomena), auditory pareidolia (interpreting random sounds as voices in their own language), equipment artefacts, or simple hoaxes which are offered to explain them. Recordings of EVP are often created from background sound by increasing the gain (i.e. sensitivity) of the recording equipment."

Unexplained contact has been reported throughout the college's 47 years of existence. That information, along with the work of Paranormal International, leads to evidence that the Pennsylvania college is haunted.

Bucks County Community College was founded in 1964 in response to the need for a public, two-year collegiate institution to serve both graduates of the county's high schools and any others citizens who would benefit from higher education.

The site for the college was determined three months later, when Bucks County acquired 200 acres of the former Tyler Estate in Newtown Township from Temple University. The Estate had been bequeathed to

the University two years earlier by Mrs. Stella Elkins Tyler, a sculptress and patron of the arts who had been a trustee of Temple University for 20 years.

Many do not know that Stella's uncle and co-owner of the estate, Mr. Damian Gomez Hades, a purported "Demon worshiper," mysteriously died on campus in Founders Hall on April 17, 1994.

At the time, Stella Elkins Tyler declined to comment on her estranged uncle, saying, "I have no interest in talking about that man."

Many people have reported seeing a tall, dark, shadowy figure, and hearing Hades' spirit pronounce his name. Several key eyewitnesses have claimed to be attacked by the ghost.

Craig Delfino, a janitor from Bristol, said, "I saw the ghost of Damian Hades in 1995; he manifested in front of me and scratched my face." Delfino, who no longer works at the college, was convinced he had made contact with the spirit world, or, should it be said, that the spirit world made contact with Craig Delfino. "I will NEVER forget that day," Delfino exclaimed.

Delfino's mysterious story and Paranormal International's investigations lead many to believe that Bucks is haunted by the ghost or spirit of Damian Gomez Hades. Whether you believe in the paranormal or not, numerous reported incidents have occurred at the institution. Student, Beware!

## Smoking allowed back on campus

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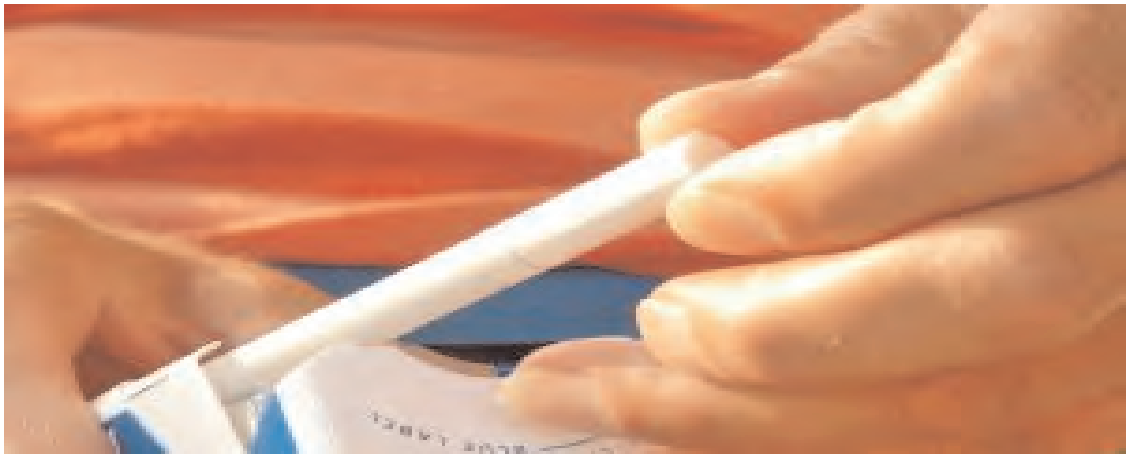
After numerous meetings and debates, the Office of Security and Safety has announced that it will permit smoking on campus, starting next week. The office has been bombarded with requests for changes to the "Smoking in parking lots only" policy; so many, in fact, that the office had no choice but to organize meetings and debates to discuss the topic. Many faculty members and students were involved in the controversial debates, which have raged since the beginning of the spring 2011 semester. During heated dis-

cussions, many spoke about the health and safety of the faculty and students on cam-

passed and will go into effect almost immediately. Students will be allowed to

And for many of the faculty members, it takes them back to when they were allowed to

and whenever; I love it." The new policy has angered much of the opposition. "The fact that the Office of Security and Safety has made this policy is absurd. Clearly, the office has other motives besides the safety of the students," says Elizabeth Jones, 21, of Newtown. Jones has posted fliers on campus about the meetings she is heading, where she will discuss her plans to have the policy changed. Jones has also created a Facebook page, facebook.com/smokingbcc. For now, the policy stands. So if you're a smoker, make sure you bring your extra pack of cigarettes. And for those of you who are not, a gas mask may be needed.



pus. Despite the large number of people concerned with the new measure, and the cloud of smoke it may cause, it

smoke on campus and, as long as the instructor permits it, in classrooms. For many students, their wishes have been granted.

smoke on school grounds. Professor Hahn in the Art Department said, "It brings me back to a time when everybody smoked, wherever





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# Bucks goes Ivy League

## Tyler Hall Going Back to the Tylers

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Turning 18 for most teenagers is a big deal, but when that teenager is Andrew Tyler, about to inherit Tyler Hall, it's huge.

It turns out that, unlike the rest of the Bucks County Community College property donated by the wealthy family, Tyler Hall was simply loaned. Therefore, any blood relative of Stella Tyler Elkins can legally become heir to the mansion.

Although generations before Andrew's also had this privilege, he will be the first to take advantage of it. As of May 1, Andrew Tyler will be a legal adult and eligible to inherit the mansion.

"I will allow spring classes to finish; after that, I will be renovating my new home," Andrew stated in a local paper.

He also commented that he will be looking into other parcels of land that might be available to him, including Tyler Park.

"I know that Bucks County residents and students at the campus will be mad at first, but I'll just be their neighbor," he said, chuckling.

Bucks administration was not thrilled to learn of the inheritance.

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The press conference to announce Bucks has officially gone Ivy League

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Bucks has just declared that it will become a private school and become the first Ivy League community college in the United States.

There will be major changes on campus in the coming months to have the place ready for the switch before the Fall 2011 semester. There will be strict parking regulations and a whole new team of professors.

Many new Professors come from prestigious schools such as Harvard, Stanford, and Yale.

The plan is for Bucks to become a transfer school specializing in Ivy League higher education, with new transfer deals with the University of Pennsylvania and Cornell University.

Princeton University will hold satellite classes at Bucks for more advanced classes, and has agreed to the partnership, as well.

Along with the change over to private, Bucks will now provide housing for honor students in Tyler Hall, which will be renovated into a dormitory

for the privileged.

With the change, tuition will nearly triple as well the school for the first time will be denying applications for it will hold higher recommendations for acceptance.

Students will begin to wear collard shirts or suits with Bass shoes preferably slip on or boat shoes. Khakis and Polo are a common brand but will be viewed as the bare minimum.

The most common trend will be the eccentric abundance of pea coats in the winter making all students look like tools.

Bucks will officially be an Ivy League school in Fall 2011, with an expected cut of half its student base, and will raise its enrollment fee to \$9,000 a semester, until the government-funding bill for higher education passes, nearly doubling the cost.

Bucks County Community College is proud to claim as the first Ivy League Community college of the United States, and hopes to provide a new learning experience and bring forth a change in Community schools.

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