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

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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.

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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 [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 Celieusius, 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 prolong the life of your tires.

A heavy car uses more gas, so if there are a fewer 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.

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 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?
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Become a part of history with the Tyler Literary Society

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State Patty’s Day partiers take over University Park

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State Patty’s Day weekend was clearly busier from a police activity standpoint... more people participated in the event," State College police said in a news release Monday. The massive number of visitors caused issues on campus, such as traffic jams, extremely long lines for student transportation, and hour long waits for many of the bars and restaurants downtown. 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 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.

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 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 received a lot of wonderful work for this year’s edition, they are still accepting submissions until April 1, Kelly says. "It’s a great opportunity for students who are interested in picking up a copy can stop by the Tyler Literary Society room in the Clubs and Organizations wing by Student Life,” Kelly said, “or look for us distributing them at one of our spring fundraisers!”

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

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Centurion Wins 11 Journalism Awards

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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 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 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.”

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, 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
“Downsized Dreams of James Goins”
Matt Flowers

First Place – Public Service/Enterprise Package
“Downsized Dreams: A Special Report”
Lauren Hicks, Annmarie Ely, Matthew Stumacher, Matt Flowers

First Place – Website
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Rosalie Napoli, Ian McLean, Tony Rogers, Centurion Staff

Second Place – Feature Story
“Remembering Hoey”
Annmarie 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

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“Competitive Matches for Bucks Golf”
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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 gentlemen 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 a woman that for a guy to act chivalrous “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?

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

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 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 PolitickerNJ 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 Whoopee 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 years ago. When he began, most journalists had one of three choices: television, radio or 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 patch.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 students 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.

For more information, contact Rogers at 215-968-8165 or at journalism@bucks.edu.
Radiohead- The King of Limbs

BY: DALIA OMAR
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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 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 a smirk “I’m such a tease, and you’re such a flirt” which stands out amongst the rest of the lyrics. The album returns to a percussion loop-heavy track with “Feral,” that is immersed with Yorke’s reverber 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.

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Then, in late 2009, the “Blame it on the Pop” videos exploded. For 2010’s mash-up, expecta- tions 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 manipulat- ed, so the lyrics cannot be heard clearly. The production is so smooth that the final product loses some of the indi- vidual flavors of each song.

Still, other fans defend Earworm, claiming that he didn’t have enough material to work with in the first place. Indeed, it’s surpris- ing 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 tomor- row, that’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 comb- ined “instrumentals” of “Tik Tok” and “California Gurls,” it will be hard to top.

Now, fans look forward to 2011s 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, djear- worm.com. All mash-up videos are available on YouTube, on channel “djear- worm.”

DJ Earworm - “Don’t Stop the Pop”

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

But for DJ. 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 2008, 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 jubil- ant, 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 Rihannas’ “Umbrella.”

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

““The King of Limbs” defi- nitely 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. Sounds like, you begin listening to the album and you find you have gobbled it up, with none left.

Final Rating 8.5/10

8 ENTERTAINMENT The weeks of March 29, 2011
Carlin Romano, former Philadelphia Inquirer book critic, and editor of the short-story collection Philadelphia Noir, will appear at the College. He will discuss the story collection, and his life as a reader, editor and writer.

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Actor Charlie Sheen to teach
‘Introduction to Winning’ at Bucks

BY: ALEXANDRA 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 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 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 plans to take full advantage of offering courses ranging from beginner to advanced. Sheen assures that he’ll 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 was 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, white 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... all the garily grarlingtons 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.

Bucks to offer Motocross Courses

BY: ALEX SELLEN
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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 remedia 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 motocross rider.

“The track will accommodate reasonable amount of skill,” said Tyler Park development commissioner George Schwartz. “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 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.
Woman tells police her husband has morphed into a mutant man/dog hybrid

BY: NICOLETTE KAMPF
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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 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 play, or a medication that might have initiated the transformation, but found nothing.

The Martin family does have 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, Jereshikah, was unnerved by the whole situation. "She doesn't even want to be seen with her father," said Matilda Martin. "And she refuses to speak to him because she hates how he barks back at her in such a harsh tone."

As Mrs. Martin was speaking, Jereshikah 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.'"

Police officer Patrick O'Notirish, who lives in the area, has said that he 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.

Heavy snow expected in April

BY: JESSICA CARR
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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 blackouts, 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
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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.

Apple doesn’t have to actually play ball until he feels like it, as he is most likely to be in late April. Only a few problems have been detected with the 1.5 million, and still growing, purchases.

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 my plan 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.

“How will this affect the nation? He really is only asking one question: how will this affect the United States?” said Jim Bainer, a spokesperson for the PCA, the bankrupt Peanut Corporation of America (PCA). The impact this will have on the packaging industry was critically damaged in the tsunami, and despite attempts to stabilize it, continues to leak hazardous levels of radiation into the atmosphere.

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 healthful 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 wreaked critical infrastructure, including the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear power planet. 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.”

Students Fearful of Radiation Contamination in Cafeteria
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. “They [Bucks] should have known this could have happened at any time,” Andrew stated.

After the renovations are completed, expected by the middle of July, Andrew will be moving in, and separating his land and new home from the college.

What does this mean for Bucks?

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

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 Dame Elkins 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 boxes 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 he be the case, 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

By: Sarah Borochaner

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 discussions, many spoke about the health and safety of the faculty and students on campus.

Passed and will go into effect almost immediately, Students will be allowed to smoke on campus and, as long as the instructor permits it, in classrooms.

And for many of the faculty members, it takes them back when they were allowed to smoke on school grounds. Professor Hahn in the Art Department said, “It brings me back to a time when everybody smoked, wherever and whenever; I love it.”

The new policy has garnered 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/smokingbees. For now, the policy stands. 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.
Bucks goes Ivy League

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. 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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