



Archdiocese decides fate of schools, St. John the Evangelist to close

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In a surprising turn of events, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia has awarded Holy Trinity elementary school in Morrisville its appeal to stay open while also deciding it must close St. John the Evangelist elementary school in Yardley in the process.

The decision came as a shock to both parishes, as Holy Trinity was originally one of the six Bucks County Catholic schools recommended by the Blue Ribbon Commission to close or merge with other area schools.

Now without the ability to appeal, St. John's will be the only Bucks County Catholic elementary school forced to close according to the Philadelphia Archdiocese website.

"Excitement, happiness, relief for families and teachers, as well as concern for St. John's," said Holy Trinity Principle Elaine McDowell sympathetically after first hearing of the fate of both schools. The news first trick-

led down from parents and media sources before McDowell received official word from the archdiocese.

McDowell emphasized Holy Trinity was grateful for the second chance, as the school already prepared themselves for their eventual merger with St. John's. "This was not just a win for Holy Trinity, but a win for all of Morrisville," said McDowell, "the Borough of Morrisville has no alternate to public education."

Unfortunately the mood at St. John's elementary was not as optimistic about their future. "We were very, very surprised," said St. John's Principle Sheree Montgomery, who expected Holy Trinity to be regionalized and not her school. When asked whether the decision by the archdiocese was warranted Montgomery stated that she was not at liberty to comment.

"Right now there is no clarity as to what, if anything, we are able to present at this time," said Montgomery when asked what the schools next move might be. "We have hope, as we have a strong par-



Front shot of St. John the Evangelist elementary school. They are the only school the Archdiocese of Philadelphia shut down.

PHOTO BY ANTHONY DIMATTIA

ent community here, to see what we can work out," said Montgomery.

According to Montgomery, the current plan now calls for St. Ignatius in Yardley, St. Andrews in Newtown as well as Holy Trinity to help accommodate the 197 students affected by the closing. The staff at St. John's is now left with the responsibility of informing parents of what their options will be for their children come next fall.

"It's important to know will we always put the children first, whatever works out we hopes it's in the best interest of the children," Montgomery poignantly stated.

Emphasizing the affect the closure would have on the community, McDowell stated Holy Trinity would welcome students from the St. John's parish with open arms. "I think every parent should be able to choose their education for their children," said

McDowell.

McDowell would go on to list the many attributes that helped sway the archdiocese, highlighting the schools affordability, sustainability, and accessibility as a no busing district. Also, Holy Trinity provides many activities other schools cannot, such as field trips, public speakers, and numerous afterschool activities thanks to their partnership with the 21st Century Learning Center according to McDowell.

"The relief was immense," recalled Brenda Kipp of Morrisville, after learning her sixth grade daughter would continue classes at Holy Trinity. "The prospect of changing schools was a little frightening for her and me. I'm glad she won't have to go through it; losing her friends, her teachers, her principal, and her pastor is too much change at one time for a little girl," said Kipp.

"I think Morrisville would lose its greatest asset," Kipp stated, sharing in McDowell's sentiment of community spirit. "The kids connect in school, those relationships spill over into church, and suddenly you have these families connecting on more than one level. The children pull everyone together and build the community," said Kipp.

Hopefully that spirit grows stronger with Holy Trinity hosting an open house for students from outside their parish on Sunday March 4, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., as well as Thursday March 8, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. With the closing of St. John's McDowell expects a large turnout.

"All parties will work together in the end. We always want to work for the good of God, problem solving and not finding blame," said Montgomery, who summed up the painful process as best as possible.

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Bucks Students Making a Difference

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With only six members, the students in the Eco-Club at Bucks have their work cut out for them, yet they still manage to make Bucks a greener campus and help the community's environment as well.

Led by advisors Peter Hall and Courtney Polidori, one of the groups' main projects on campus is managing the greenhouse. The club is growing a variety of vegetables and herbs inside, and for those aspiring chefs out there, they do intend to sell some to raise funds.

The greenhouse goods are also intended to go to CulinArt, the company that provides food for cafeterias on campus. "Because of the high demand and quantity of their supply needs, it is virtually impossible to provide CulinArt with all the vegetables and herbs they need from our humble greenhouse," says Hall, "We do, however, plan on

growing enough by this summer to possibly aid/supply the culinary program here at the college, and provide what we can to CulinArt for use in their kitchen."

Hall and rest of the club hope the greenhouse will continue to grow and eventually make Bucks are a more sustainable college. This will also encourage students to become "locavores," which simply means you consume food grown locally.

Another project the club handles is the battery recycling program. Ever notice those blue buckets asking for your used batteries? Those buckets ensure batteries are properly recycled, rather than ending up in a landfill or incinerator that will inevitably spew the toxins in our air and water.

Andrew Strauss is the club member in charge of this recycling program. The program was originally started a few semesters back and forgotten. "When the club became inac-



The greenhouse from behind Founders Hall and Penn Hall.

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tive, the battery bins set up around campus became filled and very heavy, about 100 pounds or more, which is very exciting because you see people share a common interest in protecting our environment," said Strauss.

All types of batteries can be recycled, but especially older ones and any rechargeable batteries. These types of batteries have more toxic metals such as Mercury, Lead and Lithium. The club recycles the batteries

via iRecycle kits sold on batteryrecycling.com. Currently only the Newtown and Lower Bucks campus have the collection sites, but members are hoping the Upper Bucks campus will get some soon.

Club members also donate their time to the Swamp Road cleanup and Silver Lake Nature Center on Bath Road in Bristol. They also take time out to enjoy nature walks every Monday, hiking from Tyler Gardens to Tyler Park.

The Eco-club is always looking for new members, and have big plans for the future. A long-term goal for the club is to get solar panels up on Bucks' roofs. "All those slanted roofs are perfect," says Hall.

Members meet every Wednesday from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Clubs & Organizations room of Student Life

More than "Good Enough"

BY: MICHAEL CATHCART
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Dr. Leon Bass, educator, World War II veteran, holocaust witness and civil rights activist gave a speech at Bucks, on Feb. 21, in the Gateway auditorium from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm as a part of Black History month. Students and faculty packed the auditorium to listen to the message Bass had to make.

Bass has dedicated his life to educating and fighting against racism where ever it appears in all of society. He has traveled across the country, as well as international destinations, for the greater part of 40 years giving speeches about his experiences with the evil of bigotry.

Bass graduated in 1943 from a Philadelphia high school and immediately volunteered for the United States Army to fight in World War II. The military was the first time Bass had experienced racism and segregation on a large scale when he was separated from his white friends and sent to train in the Deep South where he faced hateful treatment and developed an anger for being cast aside as "not good enough."

His division was added to Patton's Third Army and he went to Germany where he witnessed some of the most vicious treatment and brutal fighting the Earth has ever seen. "Whenever you fight a war you pay one hell of a price for glory."

While in Germany, Bass was

part of a group of soldiers who liberated the concentration camp Buchenwald. "This day in April, I was in for the shock of my life, the walking dead." He continued to describe the atrocities committed by the Nazis, "I've seen death and dying, but not like this."

After the liberation of the camp, and looking evil directly in the face, Bass finally found a purpose in his war and vowed to work to stop the evil of hate in the world.

After the war, Bass attempted to enroll in West Chester University, but was turned away for being "not good enough" for the school, but he did not let that deter him and he tried again and eventually was accepted, but was faced with more racism, when he

was not permitted to live on campus. He did not allow the hate surrounding him to consume him and he obtained his education and moved on from the university.

He then worked as a teacher before becoming a principle in the Philadelphia public school system and eventually the first African American Principle of Ben Franklin High, a school which he said cheered "you win the game, we win the fight" at football games during his high school days; and their reputation only became fiercer.

It was around this time that Bass became influenced by two philosophies about civil liberties, those of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X, two conflicting doctrines on the role of violence. He even-

tuallly chose to follows Dr. King's peaceful, nonviolent protest.

Bass began traveling the country to Civil Rights rallies and speeches. He remembers Dr. King's "I had a dream" speech with such emotion, fighting back tears as he explained to the crowd in the Gateway Auditorium what that speech meant to him and to everyone else present.

Dr. Leon Bass dedicated his life to fighting against the evil of hatred in the world, where ever it reared its ugly head, from the battle fields of Europe to the universities that told him he was not good enough. He told them "I am good enough. I came face to face with evil and did not become evil."



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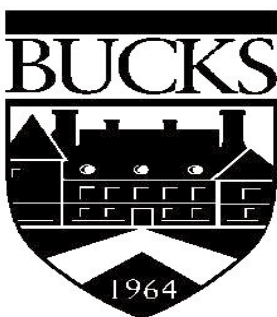
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Anxiety wrought by numbers

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Taran Stadanlick, 26, a nursing major, from Levittown, said, math stresses her out.

"If you get less than a 90 percent you have to be in a math final. If you score less than a 90 percent there you fail and have to repeat nursing. Talk about pressure. It is overwhelming and I sometimes draw blanks because of my nerves" Stadanlick said.

Does your head start spinning and heart start pounding as you look at the numbers in front of you in math class? Do you break out into a sweat and your mind goes blank? If so, you probably are suffering from math anxiety.

This can cripple a student's dreams of graduating with the degree they had always thought they would attain. There are many students out there who just don't "get it" when it comes to math. For some students the subject of math comes easily and they find it enjoyable while others agonize over the simple word

algebra.

There is a book Defeating Math Anxiety that details the reason people suffer anxiety when faced with mathematics.

It stems back from our early learning experiences in the classroom with teachers, sometimes not teaching us properly, and also with students not studying properly. Study habits for math are critical because if you don't master the beginning steps you will not be able to conquer the steps further along.

That doesn't seem to be the problem with English, History, and other subjects.

Melissa Fleishman, journalism major from Philadelphia said, "I can deal with it, but nothing more than algebra, no calculus. That is like a different language."

Math is a universal language. That is what makes it so crucial for those of us that fear it to conquer it.

Dr Klein of the Physics Dept. said "The fear of math is fractophobia. It is the fear of fractions from not being taught right in third grade."

Bill Kerins, 21, from Southampton, chose journalism as his major because "I didn't like math so I looked for the subject with the least math required."

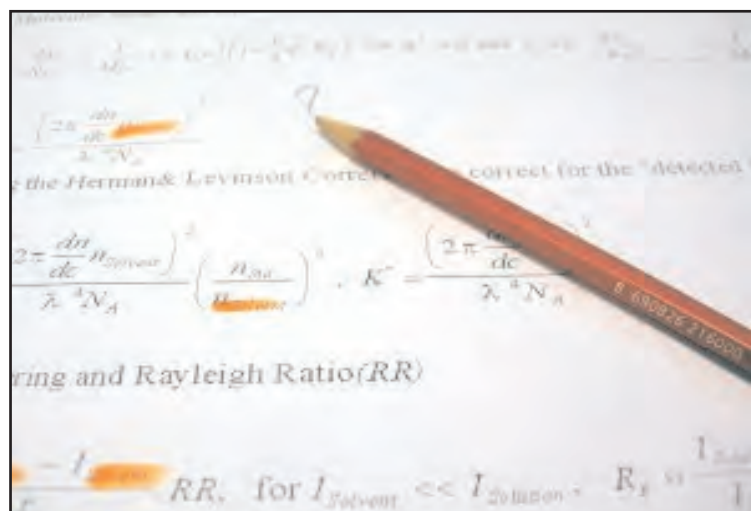
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Then you have the occasional student that isn't afraid of numbers.

"I love math. Although, when I had calculus and didn't know it, the teacher gave me anxiety because of her teaching style" said Chris Daccardi, 39, chemistry major, from Langhorne. In his case it isn't math itself, but the way it was being taught.

Mathematics Professor Klicka shows a video describing all the stress that students feel. The video also clears up



A math test is something that can bring out ones fractophobia.

the misconception that males are naturally better at math than females.

She said that students often show physical signs of stress and that the body handles frustration differently. The most important thing to do is "acknowledge it and work with it," Klicka said.

Over the course of her 38 years of teaching she has developed different techniques to help the students in different ways. "One helpful strategy is to start with what you know" Klicka said. For a student to be successful they have to lower their anxiety.

She makes herself very available to her students that need extra assistance and takes her class to the tutoring center on the first day so that they can see what is available to them and to let them know that it is ok to need extra help.

She wants her students to succeed and do their best. She keeps books in her office specifically about overcoming math anxiety for her students that may need it.

"But, they have to come to me for the help" Klicka said. Students often are afraid to ask for help.

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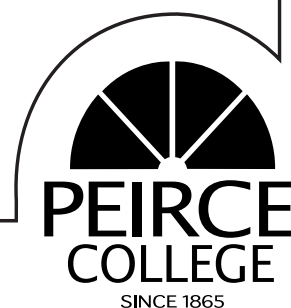
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Irans nuclear power warrants concern

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In recent weeks, there have been multiple concerns regarding Iran, and its nuclear program. Iran suggests that it could expand, all the while threatening other countries who pursue sanctions. Obviously, tensions and pressures abound with counter measures taking the form of the aforementioned sanctions.

The sanctions, which are aimed at curbing Iran's oil sales, have not had much effect with China and India still buying from two of its largest purchasers.

"I don't think there's a lot that can stop Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, but with these sanctions, the people of Iran will obviously struggle to survive," said Thomas Vaughan, 18, a Business Administration major from Newport Ville.

Perhaps the most alarming situation arising from this is

the fact that a rocket defense system is currently under construction just outside of Tel Aviv, Israel. Israel has been under plenty of duress lately, and is perhaps resorting to a preemptive strike to protect themselves.

Other pundits suggest that Israel could attack Iran first, with perhaps an even larger scale war taking place. This is very similar to the war in 2006 against Hezbollah, a militant group funded by Iran and Syria.

Iran, however, has stated that its nuclear program is for energy purposes and not weapons as many countries believe.

The US figures to defend—perhaps with troops—Israel if a strike were ever to take place, which could perhaps signal the start of another large conflict in the Middle East.

How do Bucks students feel about this?

"I believe they [Iran] obviously intend to strike Israel,

and currently, the United States of America is in a 'Security Dilemma,'" suggested Brian McGuire, 21, International Relations major from Philadelphia.

"A Security Dilemma refers to a situation wherein two or more states are drawn into conflict, possibly even war, over security concerns, despite none of the states desiring such a conflict. Basically, they don't want war," stated McGuire.

"It is a sticky situation because both Israel and Iran want to make advancements, with both having the capabilities to have nuclear weapons, and the U.S obviously backs Israel, which only makes the region more volatile. A lot of people are worried about another conflict in the Middle East," offered McGuire.

Certainly, it's looking ever more so clear that the U.S could take military action against Iran. Iran has shown a recent defiance toward the



A capital city in Iran called Karaj

United Nations with Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei stating: "With God's help, and without paying attention to propaganda, Iran's nuclear course should continue firmly and seriously; pressures, sanctions and assassinations will bear no fruit. No obstacles can stop Iran's nuclear work."

The disobedience hasn't stopped there, however, as Iran has had its military practice defending its multiple nuclear sites, according to multiple sources. This continued non-compliance is perhaps the very thing that could get the US involved.

"I think our involvement is a very real possibility. The country should take this pretty seriously; nuclear weapons obviously aren't something to take very lightly and could perhaps lead to a magnitude of loss we've never seen before,"

offered Vaughan.

Other students, however, seemed to be ready to defend Israel and the US, as well as block Iran from being a potential nuclear threat: "I believe no matter what that the US should intervene," stated Dylan Newbon, 18, also a business administration major, from Yardley.

"Even though it directly doesn't involve us, we should get involved simply because this involves a huge issue in the form of nuclear weapons. Despite us getting out recently of the Iraq War, we should still be concerned for our citizens," opined Newbon.

With the Middle East situation growing more volatile, look for an address by President Obama soon, with the situation perhaps getting worse before it gets better.

Politics and millennial generation

BY: CRAIG DINWOODIE

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Generally speaking, the 90's generation of young American adults is incredibly uninterested in current politics compared to their counterparts of the 50's or 60's.

In order to get an accurate understanding of this phenomenon we turn to the Bucks family.

Mitchell Bunkin, a retired political science professor, isn't so sure that this is a new trend. "Nothing has changed; it wasn't until recently that Americans under the age of 21 were allowed to vote," said Bunkin.

That could explain the low voter participation record for Americans from ages 18 to 25.

Bunkin then explains multiple reasons for this lack of response to politics. "One reason might be that this age

group is less mature and self-centered," said Bunkin.

"Another is the stress of jobs, school, and responsibilities. The last is that younger people don't realize politics are just like life, it is also a responsibility, and people don't want to fulfill it," Bunkin emphasized.

But perhaps young Americans are just reacting to a disingenuous component of politics.

Josh Ermert, 25, a history education major from Levittown says, "Politics are boring! Politicians are all the same really, full of empty words and empty promises. I just hate all of the mudslinging between the politicians to make each other look bad."

Ermert then admits saying, "I never see myself getting into politics because it will never change."

It would seem that many people are noticing the dirty

rhetoric and personal attacks, which only perpetuate a sense of dishonesty.

Joey Ramirez, 21, business administration major from Newtown says, "I think many people my age are overwhelmed with all of the exposure and access to politics, especially from the media. Being overwhelmed has embedded a sense of difficulty in getting involved or making a difference."

Ramirez also notes that maybe this lack of interest or action in politics is due to a state of limbo.

"Things are bad, but most people are in this median state of just getting by without too much care to do something. If things get really bad then people might be more inclined to act," said Ramirez.

Shela Jones, a humanities major from Bensalem, speaks more of this complacency.



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One reason this generation doesn't care about politics is that video games and technology have exploded and they would rather play than vote.

"The youth is just not interested. People are complacent with the current condition, whereas other countries have a stronger emphasis on politics in society."

Whatever the case may be, the American youth still

demonstrates a lack of responsibilities. And according to Professor Bunkin, "Saying your American and having a flag doesn't mean you are an American. Its only until you actively participate in politics that you are American."

Obama proposes increase in funding for work study program

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President Obama seeks \$8 billion for job training partnerships involving community colleges. He would like to double the amount of work study jobs and reward colleges that slow their tuition growth. Also in this plan he wants to make \$2,500 tax credit for college tuition and fees.

In this plan his goal is to increase the amount of workers in our work force to help the economy. With the money, if granted, he would provide scholarship money for teacher candidates under the Presidential Teaching Fellows Grant.

Recently in Pennsylvania Gov. Corbett purposed a huge budget cut for higher education. With this new bill from President Obama hopefully for college students this will offset that budget cut. Dr. Linksztated, “Mr. Obama’s recogni-

tion of the community college’s unique ability to quickly gear up for new programs indicates he appreciates the work we have done to date as well as our history of cost effective programming.”

However, it is unlikely that Obama will get all the money that he is asking for. In 2009 he asked congress for a \$12 billion to help community colleges but was only allotted \$2 billion in the final bill.

Obama plans to use this money to also train workers for unfilled jobs by apprenticeships, on the job training, and internships. Dr. Linkszt also explained that, “In our own case, we have a long history of working well with business partners to identify areas where training is needed and to gear up for that training.” The colleges that are most successful in placing workers straight into the job field will be eligible for “pay-for-performance,”

which will be some extra funding.

If this plan goes through it can make a huge positive impact. According to the American Association of Community Colleges, “work force training programs are costly, and given sustained cuts from state and local sources, these proposals could greatly benefit local economies.”

This could be very helpful for community colleges, since they are typically the institutions that get students out into the work force fairly quickly. Lastly Dr. Linkszt shared, “Bucks is well positioned to do even more than it traditionally has in this important area. We will certainly look out for opportunities as the final regulations and appropriations are more clearly outlined.”

Some students and professors at Bucks gave their thoughts on the president sticking up for them against con-



President Barack Obama outside the capitol in Washington
gress.

Anthony DiMattia, a communications major and beneficiary of the work study program said, “It’s good, because it helps the future of those who have lost their job and are trying to learn a new skill in college.”

Denise May, the professor of Academic Success Coordinator said, “I think it’s

great, especially with the recent tuition increases. This gives students an outlet to make some of that money back.”

Tasneem Bacchus, a physical therapy major from Bensalem said, “I think the work study program is a good idea, because it creates jobs and opportunities and any additional funding would be helpful.

Through hell and back: Never lose hope

BY: DIANE DAVIES-DIXON
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George, 40, of Levittown, sits on a red recliner in his apartment above a deli in Bristol Township. He’s smoking a Marlboro cigarette and gazing out the window. The place is modest, but neat. As is he, in his blonde, crew cut and simple but neat sweatpants and white T-shirt. Lines have formed around his worn blue eyes and he looks older.

It has taken 22 years for George to reach this point, to find this place, to find a home. He’s taken a road longer and harder than most, but, for now at least, he’s made it. He’s broken a lifelong addiction to drugs. He’s found himself.

Less than a decade ago, George was living on the streets of working-class Lower Bucks County. He was homeless and strung out. His only aim in life was to score his next fix of whatever drug he was using at the moment; usually crack.

Becoming clean and sober is not easy and most often, it doesn’t happen on the first trip to rehab. It doesn’t always happen on the second, trip either. For George it took 22 years. He asked that his last name not be used because his children don’t know the depth of his addiction and he isn’t

ready to tell them yet. Experimenting with drugs at 12-years-old turned into half a lifetime of drug addiction for George. When most kids were playing ball, George was getting high. The drug use was experimental at first, lasting for about a year. He didn’t use every day, but whenever it was possible. By the time he turned 14, he was drinking alcohol and smoking marijuana daily. “I couldn’t get enough” George said. “By the time I was 14 I made the conscious decision, that’s the life style I wanted all the time.”

He didn’t give in completely at first, George said, but the addiction proved to be too strong.

“I fought how much I liked it and I tried to control the burning urge and desire to use every day” he said.

When he stopped fighting, George moved into harder drugs.

Although it was mostly marijuana and alcohol, every once in a while he would take acid, do pills, or cocaine. At 15, cocaine became his new love. He skipped school with a kid that had it and was hooked immediately.

He said, he thought “Where has this been my whole life.”

It made him feel numb, happy, energized; like every-

thing was OK. After 30 minutes his first line wore off and he had to have more.

“Cocaine is highly addictive and destructive. It makes you want it more than anything or anyone else” George said.

George once stole a limousine from a gas station while he was under the influence of drugs. He stole cars on more than one occasion.

At 18 he began smoking crack and by age 20, the only life he knew was the life of addiction.

He had no consideration for anything or anyone else. George fidgets when he talks about all that he has done and all the people he has hurt. He had even skipped out on roommates; leaving them high and dry with the rent to pay.

The friends he met along the way weren’t really friends, but more like partners in crime. There were plenty of trips to jail. During the months spent there, he would go through rehabilitation, only to be released and do it all over again. Many times he tried to stop using drugs but was always easily sucked back in.

He was in love and could never stay away.

Addiction affected his relationships with friends and family and employers. His two children were caught up in the



Paracetamol/acetaminophen pills, 500 mg. PHOTO BY MICHELLE TRIBE

middle of not only his addiction but their mother’s as well. “I worry about them because they are predisposed to addiction” George said. “They know I used drugs, but they don’t know how advanced of a user I was.”

On Jan 21, 2006, George nearly died from an overload of drugs in his system. He made his way to Lower Bucks Hospital and went through the detox process. It has been six years and he remains clean. It wasn’t always easy and there have been temptations along the way but he continually attends meetings and has a close relationship with his sponsor. For the most part he stays away from the bar scenes and the more tempting atmosphere’s.

He gained custody of his

children and for the last few years he has played the role of both mother and father because their mother is still a user. The children are his main focus and he puts the extra effort in making sure that his children don’t go down the wrong path that he traveled. He knows all the signs to look for and keeps them involved in activities and off the streets. “I am thankful every day for my new life,” he said.

Though the cause of Whitney Houston’s death is unknown, it’s clear that drug addiction played a role in her downfall over the years.

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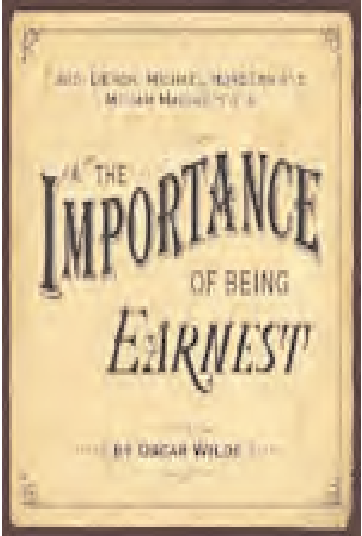
Where to learn. Where to return.

Bucks’ Drama Club performs the Oscar Wilde play: “The Importance of Ernest”

BY: DAN SULON
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Members of the Drama club put on a fantastic performance of the Oscar Wilde play, “The Importance of Being Ernest” from Feb. Thursday 16 to Feb. Saturday 18 on the stage in the Gallagher room. The play was funny from beginning to end, and was supported by a set of well-developed and memorable characters played by a cast of good looking and dedicated actors.

The play seemed to go flawlessly through all three of its acts, the cast and crew clearly had put a lot of practice and



Performance Feb. 16 to Feb. 18
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Student performance of “Ernst” circa 1980’s

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effort into making everything run as smoothly as it did. Afterwards I met with Keith Maliszewski, the leader of the Drama Club and director of the skits they do, to discuss just how everything went from his point of view.

Maliszewski said, “I choose to do Ernest because it’s a good, relatable show with a lot of dry humor, which I like very much,” with a slight chuckle as he spoke.

There were two delays in the production of the play, due to the complications of translating the old English to modern English, and having the cast memorize all the lines simulta-

neously. On the setup, Maliszewski said, “The preparation of the play was very difficult, but worth it in the end. We had to go to several antique shops from around the area just to make the set, which required a lot of man hours to do.”

Sure enough there were complications, but as with every great show, everything came together in the end. Angelique Maher, 20, a communications major from Langhorne, who played Cecily, said, “We didn’t even get the dresses until the last minute! A couple of us went to New Hope and got everything.”

Altogether though, everything went smoothly and

Maliszewski is looking forward to moving ahead with the Drama Club and is hoping to see some fresh faces. “The cast was easy to work with, everyone connected well with each other. There was a lot of synergy there,” said Maliszewski, adding this time some encouraging words to people wanting to join the club. “Our next big event hopefully will be in early May, I don’t have a name for it yet, but nobody should be intimidated or afraid to come out,” said Maliszewski.

Those interested in joining the Drama Club should meet in the Club and Organizations room every Tuesday at 12:30

pm., all are welcome regardless of prior acting experience. If you are not interested in acting they are also looking for people to work stage crew and sound.

If you think that drama is for you, go to one of the meetings and talk to Maliszewski, who had nothing but encouraging words to say. “The Drama Club is one of the most fun experiences you’ll have at Bucks, when you join us, you join a family,” proclaimed Maliszewski.



Writer and Poet Oscar Wilde

THE WEEK IN TV/MOVIES/MUSIC

TV

Tuesday 2/28

Last Man Standing - ABC - 8:00
NCIS - CBS - 8:00
American Idol - FOX - 8:00
Tosh.O - Comedy Central - 10:00

Wednesday 2/29

American Idol - FOX - 8:00
Modern Family - ABC - 9:00
CSI - CBS - 10:00
Law and Order:SVU - NBC - 10:00

Thursday 3/1

American Idol - FOX - 8:00
30 Rock - NBC - 8:00
Parks and Recreation - NBC - 8:30
The Office - NBC - 8:00

Friday 3/2

Grim- NBC - 9:00
Blue Bloods - CBS - 10:00

Sunday 3/4

The Simpsons - FOX - 8:00
Family Guy - FOX - 9:00
Celebrity Apprentice - NBC - 9:00
CSI:Miami - CBS - 10:00

Monday 3/5

The Bachelor: The Women Tell All - ABC - 8:00
Alratraz - FOX - 8:00
The Voice - NBC - 8:00
Smash - NBC - 10:00
Pawn Stars - HiIST - 10:00
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MOVIES

Theater

Dr. Suess’ The Lorax (PG)

The classic Dr. Suess children’s book is broughtt to the big screen. A young boy (Efron) attempts to win the affection of the love of his life by searching for a tree with the help of The Lorax who aims to protect his hidden world.

Directed by: Chris Renaud, Kyle Balda
Starring: Zac Efron, Taylor Swift, Danny DeVito, Ed Helms, Betty White
Release Date: 2 March

DVD

Hugo (PG)

The Acedemy nominated story of a young orphan who makes his home inside a train station while an adventure ensues involving his late father.

Directed by: Martin Scorsese
Starring: Asa Butterfield, Chloe Grace Moretz, Christopher Lee
Release Date: 28 February

MUSIC



The All-American Rejects
New album “Kids in the Street”
26 March

Katy Perry
New album “Teenage Dream: The Complete Confection”
27 March

The Mars Volta
New album “Noctouriquet”
27 March

Local hero Graceanne Rumer recognized

BY: STEPHEN GODWIN JR.
Centurion Staff

What do you think about when you think of a hero? Do you think of somebody in a cape or mask, or do you think more realistically about the police, firefighters, and troops overseas. The latter is true, but now what do you think they look like? They are probably big burly guys that have nerves of steel and show no fear. So what if I told you that a hero could come in the form of a 17-year-old girl that wouldn't hurt a fly?

That girl is Grace Anne Rumer.

Rumer is not a member of a police department, fire department, or an active member of the military, but she is an intelligent senior at Calvary Chapel High School. She did not stop a bank robbery, put out a fire, or capture a member of the Taliban, but she take charge of a chaotic situation and pull over a driverless school bus, saving all on board.

I sat down with Rumer and she was willing to relive the day of Jan. 24. Rumer had received her driver's license two weeks before, but opted not to drive that day and instead took the school bus.

"I was saving on gas," Rumer said. "I don't have a job

right now."

After taking three mid-terms that day, Rumer groggily took her place on the bus and said to herself, "All I want to do is just go home and sleep."

About two minutes after the school bus left the high school, it stopped at a red light at the intersection of Philmont and Byberry Road. Then, the bus driver suddenly fell over.

"Dear God", Rumer said, "there is nobody driving the bus!"

One of the shocked students told Rumer that she had to go grab the wheel.

The red light changed to green and the bus started to drift into oncoming traffic. Some of the younger children started to cry.

Rumer then sprang into action by grabbing the wheel and pulled the bus over to the side of the road. With the driver still unconscious on the floor, people started calling 911.

Kayla Monty, a criminal justice major at Bucks from Washington Township said, "I think that's awesome that she would have the right frame of mind to do something like that. I know that I would have been freaking out."

Rumer kept her head and turned her attention to the younger passengers on the

school bus and ushered them to the back of the bus.

"We did not want to have the kids get scared about seeing the body" Rumer said.

After the police and paramedics sorted out the situation Rumer went home.

"My principal came up to me the next day and told me I was like a hero, and I was like what, no I'm not" Rumer said.

The principal then offered to at least buy lunch for Rumer for her bravery. The following day different news stations were at the school looking to talk to Rumer about her experience.

As far as the publicity Rumer has gotten she has been on two radio stations including B101 and is being featured in a "Teen Magazine" website called Popcosmo.com as their pop star of the month. She turned down several offers to go on shows, but did take a trip with her family to the House of Representatives on Feb. 8.

"It was probably one of the most amazing days of my life" Rumer said.

Two of the representatives came up to her and asked her questions about that day. Then they took her into the main room of the building in front of about 100 representatives. The entire room stood to give Rumer a standing ovation.



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Graceanne Rumer with her award at the House of Representatives

This kind of publicity can make even the humblest person prideful, but Rumer still doesn't consider herself a hero.

"I think anybody would have done the same thing if they were put into that situation" she said.

"I'm also a very panicky person that is scared of spiders and different things, so that was all God" Rumer said. "He just gave me the presence of mind to do what I needed to

do." Katie Groff, a liberal arts major at Bucks from Feasterville, said "You can't really think that was just coincidence. I think that was the Lord guiding her in that situation."

In a world where heroes can be hard to come by at times, it's comforting to know that one might be living just next door.

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Moving

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bundle the kettle that sat on the stove
when we moved in. As proof

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an onion's shed skin,
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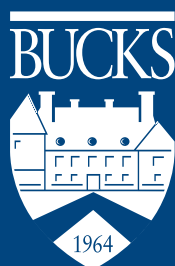
the spectral mask a dog's breath
imprinted on the window.
In different rooms,

we'll wipe ink from every platter,
scrub the kettle, find a spot
for albums fat with snapshots,

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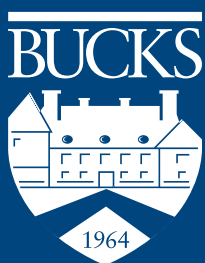
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Bucks suffers loss in playoffs

BY: STEPHEN GODWIN JR.
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Four teams continued on their path through the 2012 Eastern Pennsylvania Conference playoffs on Feb. 18 to advance to the championship the following day. Delaware, Philadelphia, Stevens, and Bucks all proved to be worthy of claiming the title, but only two would remain after tonight.

Philadelphia Community College dismantled Stevens College in the earlier game and set the stage for the winner of the #4 ranked Bucks Centurions (8-7) and the #1 ranked Delaware Pride (19-2) to meet them in the title game the following day.

The game kept fans on the edge of their seats for much of the night, but it was Delaware who emerged victorious in the end. Delaware Pride player Domineek Owens scored 17 points in a 66-57 thriller over the Bucks Centurions that ended their season.

Point guard Emmanuel Pittman and Tariq Benn lead their team with 20 and 17

but Bucks was able to work their way through the pride defense methodically and jumped out to a 9-2 lead. When the Pride did get shots at the net fate rolled the ball the other way.

After that the Pride clamped down on defense that forced the Centurions into some sloppy turnovers. The Centurions seemed to have some real trouble deciphering the Pride defense in different instances throughout the night that caused them to force passes that were not there. The Centurions did show some real tenacity however, by battling for loose balls and rebounds that contributed to them leading for much of the game.

The Pittman and Benn show allowed the Centurions to get out to leads of 17-8 and 19-11, but the Pride made a late charge in the first half evening the score at 21 with five minutes left. The Centurions were on their heels and needed an answer. It was Benn, who answered on the next pocession with an emphatic dunk and then later Pittman, who hit a late 3 pointer to give the

a 29-26 lead. Pittman fed Benn for a nice dunk on the next possession, but you could not help, but feel that the Pride was starting to pull away. Centurion guard Michael Desiderio squashed that theory by hitting a big 3 pointer to get the Centurions within one at 34-35.

The Centurions would take the lead on the next possession, but that was the last time they would lead in the game. The biggest story of the game for the Centurions besides the turnovers was the fact that they got into early foul trouble that would haunt them late in the game.

The constant foul shots seemed to slow the game down and the Pride started to look like the team that was #1 in the conference when the playoffs began. Questionable officiating also contributed to the game getting out of hand with the Pride leading 52-40 with seven minutes left.

The Centurions tried to keep up, but the Pride always had an answer and the final painful minutes ticked off the scoreboard.



Emmanuel Pittman showing his fatigue from the game

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time and we got the W, but we’ve played much better before.”

Sanders also had high praise for Centurion Head Coach Steve Coyne by saying, “Coach Coyne did a great job of showing us some things that they didn’t do in the season and it took us about 10 or 12 minutes into the first half before we were able to figure out what they were doing and then our guys were able to go out and execute in the second half.

Hats off to coach Coyne because he is a heck of a coach,” said Saunders.

Bucks Coach stood and faced the music afterwards and said, “We played pretty much the way we played all season with a lot of turnovers and mistakes and we just did not make our shots tonight and that hurt us.”

“We played a pretty good first half and even then our turnovers hurt us a lot. What we tried to do defensively was shut down their two main scorers that have hurt us in the past and we did, but the other guys

stepped up in the second half,” said Coyne. “Unfortunately somebody has to win or lose in a game like this and we came up on the short end of it.”

One of the Pride players Khayyir Laws said on the game, “Um I think our game was a little off tonight sometimes we start out slow, but usually pick it up. In the first half we did not realize they were playing box in defense on us, but we were able to adjust at halftime.

Centurion center Tariq Benn said afterwards, “This is pretty much what happened the first time we played these guys and we just could not get it done tonight.”

A dejected Emmanuel Pittman talked calmly in the hallways of the locker room by saying, “We played tough, but they played tougher so the better team won. Once the pressure hit, we dialed it backed, while they kept the pressure on and we got lazy. They were feeding off their home crowd as well so when they would get hype they would mimic that.”



The Bucks Centurions huddling up before the game.

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points in a valiant effort that was echoed by the rest of the team as well.

The defense was strong by both teams in the early going,

Centurions a 26-25 halftime lead.

The second half was a different story as the Pride had obvious momentum and soon took

The winning Head Coach of the Delaware Pride, Dwayne Saunders said afterwards, “We did not play intelligent at all that and struggled a lot of the

WEATHER

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