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BY: DAN SOLON
Centurion Staff

The Centurion has won 12 awards at the Keystone Press Awards. Bucks was up against schools from all over Pennsylvania and walked away with Hershey with the second most awards out of all the schools who participated.

Some of the schools Bucks was up against are The Community College of Philadelphia, Montgomery County Community College and Butler County Community College.

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“This award is for the past several years.” Rogers said. “The experience that the students have to make a serious impact on media in the very near future.”

“This year the Centurion won the Public Service/Enterprise Package award for their Ad- diction package from the spring semester of last year.” Berchem said.

“This focused on what this generation can be addicted to. This ranges from workaholics to the addiction to sex and drugs.”

The Centurion is entirely student run, and is open to everybody. Rogers compared it to “Students running a business.” Anyone can write for the paper, and there is no obligation to continue week after week.

Maybe writing isn’t your thing; maybe you would rather take pictures. Well good news for you then, aside from writers, Berchem has said that “the Centurion is always looking for photographers and editors as well.”

As the awards clearly show, working for the Centurion is something to be proud of, and the students are "Proud of all the awards.”

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By: Brian Miller

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BY: CRAIG MILLER
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“While we’ve been tributed feels honored to be a part of such a respected school newspaper. The Awards won show that the Centurion will continue to be a major school newspaper for years to come, and with the new layout, courtesy of the Bucks County Courier Times, even better things may lie ahead. Skills ob- tained from writing can’t hurt either, as experience working on a deadline is never a bad thing. It is as Prof. Rogers said, “The experience stu-

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Additionally, the new format will make the paper easier to read in campus hallways, which will help to improve the visibility of the paper. Rogers also stated how this was strictly the “editor’s choice,” and was very impressed by the staff altogether.

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One thing the staff found out is that there will be a plethora of space in the broadsheet format compared to the Centurion’s old format. To combat this, Rogers said that “While we’ve been doing 12 pages [in the tabloid format], we might try eight pages.”

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“As such, the paper is going to go from its original format of a tabloid format, 11 inches wide and 17 inches long, to the golden standard format of a tabloid format, 11 inches wide and 20 inches long.

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Piles of cash waiting to be taken

BY: BEN FULLER

Last year $200,000 of scholarship money was given to Bucks students. This year the same amount of money (or possibly more) is waiting to be given away and you have until April 1 to turn in the applications.

Unfortunately like every year, many students will not take advantage of the numerous possibilities for them to have free money.

Jean Holmes, the scholarship specialist at Bucks spoke to a group of students at a recent scholarship seminar. To begin her presentation, she said “If they would let me bring all of the scholarship money available and lay it in front of you as a pile of cash, I would.”

For whatever reason, most people do not take advantage of the scholarships available for them at Bucks. Some believe that it is no use filling out applications, believing that they are too complicated and the chances of winning the scholarship are slim to none. The reality is that the applications are easy to fill out and there is lots of money waiting to be given away.

Some of the scholarships are specific to certain majors, minorities, or students who have gone through certain life circumstances. Others are very general and are available for any student to apply for.

Holmes also gave us a few tips on how to put together a great scholarship application. Most of the applications require short essays that ask questions such as, “What are your educational and career goals?”

When asked about how to write a good essay, Holmes said, “I am a crier. I cry when I see commercials with puppies and kittens. I cry when I see some applications because they are inspiring.”

Holmes encouraged the students to dream big, to tell inspiring stories, and to stay away from sob stories.

“Don’t beg for money,” said Holmes. “Always type your essays on the computer and attach it to the back of the application. This is especially important for people with sloppy handwriting. Once again, the deadline is April 1. If you have not visited the Bucks website to find all of the scholarships which are available to you, this is the first step.”

Bucks has many scholarships available to students, only problem is that many students have no idea that these scholarships are there for the taking.

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[In the new broadsheet style].”

While it might seem as if the paper will shrink in size, there is actually more potential for writers, and every Bucks student is encouraged to write for the Centurion. Student stories should be emailed to centurion@bucks.edu by noon every Wednesday. Centurion Staff member Stephen Godwin Jr., 23, a journalism major from Warminster, said that he is “Looking forward to getting the paper up and running again. Mike Berchem did a majority of the work regarding the layout and I’m impressed. The front page looks great!”

“We’re really excited to see how this will turn out,” Rogers said.

The Centurion is curious to hear what you think about the new design. Send feedback to us via email: centurion@bucks.edu

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Bucks gets Middle States Accreditation Commission’s stamp of approval

BY: ANTHONY SIMATTA Centurion Staff

With much appreciation and relief to staff and faculty, the Middle States Commission on Higher Education unoffi- cially accredited Bucks County Community College during a presentation this past Wednesday. Although the official an- nouncement from the commis- sion isn’t due until June, the Bucks campus may now receive official accreditation from the county Community College during a presentation this past Wednesday. Although the official announcement from the commission isn’t due until June, the Bucks campus may now receive official accreditation from the county.

The campus officially received the news that the decision to accredit the college would stand to lose its accreditation association. This is not only good news to staff and faculty, but to students as well, as the college would stand to lose greatly if it failed to gain its accreditation. Without it, other colleges would be less likely to accept credits earned by Bucks students, as well as the loss of many financial aid op- tions such as federal Pell grants.

The presentation high- lighted the 14 standards that each institution judged by the commission must adhere to, with Bucks meeting the re- quirements for each. All seven individual commission college met every standard set by the commission, there were recommendations and 22 were noted which origi- nated from the self-study re- view. “The goal is to improve,” said Bucks President William Ford. “That’s a more impor- tant than just how well the college performed overall.”

The commission specifically highlighted three areas which Bucks could improve before the five year review begins. These recommendations included a study of Bucks’ planning process, im- provement of communication of student assessments, as well as a study to help better organize certain aspects of change and governance including the Faculty Contract Governance Committees and Planning Advisory Committee.

“Simply was the general theme,” said Linksz, who indicated that the uniqueness of the institution played a role in the complexity of Bucks’ inner workings. “There were seven individuals from Middle States, a group con- sisting of non-bias volunteer members of bordering com- munity colleges from New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, D.C., Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, con- sulting who was an on-going review of Bucks’ self-study as well as a two day peer campus re- view to determine Bucks’ sta- tus of accreditation with the Middle States Commission. Higher education is the big picture,” said Dr. Steven M. Rose, president of Passaic County Community College and chairman of the Middle States committee. “In the view of our peers we have met or exceeded of all the recommendations of ex- pertise. We meet the criteria,” said William Ford. A professor of psychology, social and behavioral science, as well as the co-chair of the self-study. Ford has also been a volunteer with the commis- sion since 1998, traveling to other schools to review their accreditations.

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Among their goals was keep- ing the student body aware of the services available at the college, as well as identifying the keys to an ideal core cur- riculum. “Their job is to validate our work,” said Ford, who was also aided in the peer review performed by Middle States. Students also played a role in shaping the commission’s short visit to the college. Middle States held an open forum on March 26 that al- lowed students from three campuses to express their views of Bucks. Although many agreed that Bucks had much to offer, such as the tu- toring center and the “awe- some” refurbished library, students were in agreement that the distance of parking, cost of books and cafeteria food were all drawbacks to their college experience.

“It’s almost regrettable to leave, I have loved my time at Bucks,” said Michael Bloom, 25, a business adminis- tration major from Newtown, who spoke at the student forum and offered his experiences at the college. “I’ve been here for a year and I’ve had no problems with logistics.”

The satellite campuses also received a chance to share their experiences at Bucks with a live stream feed that connected them to their Newtown campus. Each campus shared their concerns, which ranged from a lack of full financial aid and tutoring and a dependence on the Newtown campuses li- brary. Overall the satellite's loved their campuses and found Bucks to be a great in- stitution due to the presence of helpful advisors and vi- brant student life programs.

The final review will be brought to the chairmen’s briefing by team chairman Dr. Rose, after which it will head to the vice president of the Middle States Commis- sion. Finally the report will then be decided upon by 25 to 25 elected members of Middle States Commission on higher education in June. Bucks will be given the op- portunity to write a letter of appeal if they disagree with any of the findings made by the commission.

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A new perspective on campus eats

The Bucks Cafeteria has many alternative culinary combinations at students’ fin- gertips. Elizabeth Austin dishes up some healthful insights on the foods.

BY: ELIZABETH AUSTIN Centurion Staff

Take your pick: vegetarian, vegan, raw, gluten-free, aller- gic to nuts. For people fol- lowing alternative diets plan, eating away from home can be difficult. The more limited one’s diet, the harder it is to get enough variety on the go. This can be especially challenging for busy students who often face restrictions on both protein and carbohydrates.

An informal poll of 100 stu- dents showed that 27 did not include meat in their diet. 22 percent of students were estimated to be vegan, and were allergic to nuts. Fortunately, the Bucks Café and Grille prov- ides a wealth of options for every dietary lifestyle.

For the vegetarian student, there is a host of options from cheese lasagnas to cus- tom sandwiches featuring a choice of assorted fill- ings. Grilled vegetables abound, being to stuffed between two halves of a gluten-free pita bread bun.

“The Bucks Grille makes really delicious sandwiches,” said Joy Waldinger, 19, a liberal arts major from Warmin- ster. “I hear all the time from my vegan friends about how much they love them too.”

Try layering rich American cheese slices with your spread of choice (peanut, an- ome!, and then add some grilled vegetables. Portabella mushrooms provide a meaty texture and pair well with the lighter flavors of yellow squash and zucchini. For vegan students, simply eliminate the cheese and substi- tute the grilled red onions for a flavor boost. Gluten-free stu- dents can bring slices of their preferred bread and order just the veggies. There is often a vegan soup option as well, featuring fresh vegetables in a savory broth.

Allyson O’Rourke-Barrett, 25, an English major and vis- iting student from Smith Col- lege said that you can’t go wrong with the salad bar. “Even though I’ve seen cafeteria’s that fall-on cater to people with alternative eating habits, Bucks still has a good variety of options, especially if you’re vegetarian”

There’s no doubt that, if you’re torn between choices, the salad bar is a sure bet. It provides a wonderful op- portunity to get creative with your meals and move away from the more obvious greens-and-dressing routine. For example, start with a nice portion of spinach topped with freshly grilled veggies from the sandwich station – these will amp up the flavor factor as well as deliciously complement the spinach just so, trans- forming it from traditional salad into something savory and unexpected. To top it off, throw some cherry tomatoes on top to add a fresh pop and balsamic vinegar dressing to take it over the top.

When life calls for a sweet treat, the Grille delivers. There are a variety of fresh fruit cups available for purchase that can easily be dressed up to suit one’s prefer- ences. Cottage cheese and the salad bar will be an obvious choice for fresh melon hunks. Sliced straw- berries are transformed by a splash of balsamic, and car- rrots and cucumber can be scooped with a creamy dressing to make an alternative salad to please any palate. The options are endless. Any of these would work for breakfast too!

The Bucks Café also fea- tures a variety of options for Starbucks coffee and true to the coffee giant’s inclusive nature, soymilk is available as a dairy alternative to milk.

So take your pick. The Bucks Café and Grille provide a variety of options for virtually any lifestyle.

BUCKS NEWS

The week of April 3, 2012
Bucks hosts annual Media Day

Students will have the opportunity to talk with working journalists at its 13th annual Media Day Forum

BY: BRIAN MCGUIRE
Centurion Staff

On April 10, the journalism program at Bucks is offering students a chance to meet active and working journalists at its 13th annual Media Day Forum.

The event features three journalists who are currently in the field and is organized into two workshops. The first workshop is from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. and the second from 11:00 to 12:15 p.m. It is set to take place in Rollins room 127, otherwise known as the Centurion newsroom.

This year’s journalists work for a plethora of different news forums. Scheduled are Tom Rowan, a reporter for the Express-Times, Mike Rushton, a contributing editor of SportsNetwork.com, and Kara Seymour, an editor of Newtown Patch.

Rowan, who is a local government beat reporter for the Express times, graduated from Temple in 2011 and his work has been featured in publications such as the Philadelphia Daily News, Philly.com, and the Buck County Courier Times.

Rushton, also a Temple graduate, works for SportsNetwork.com, which is a wire service located in Hatboro, PA. He is responsible for writing season previews for the NBA, NFL, MLB, and the NHL. This summer he will be travelling to London to cover the 2012 summer Olympics.

Finally, Seymour, a James Madison graduate and former reporter for the Bucks County Courier Times, now works as an editor for Newtown Patch. Newtown Patch covers local news in Newtown Township, Newtown Borough, and the Council Rock school district.

Tony Rogers, who organized the event, said his motivation behind his selections for the speakers was to “[place] emphasis on the kinds of jobs people graduating college can expect to work at starting out.”

An interesting fact about two of the scheduled speakers that Rogers pointed out, “Tom and Mike are of the journalism program here at Bucks and both went on to pursue bachelor’s degrees from Temple.” He joked, “If nothing else it proves that students can get a job in the field after going on from here.”

Another point of interest Rogers noted, “Mike and Kara work for exclusively online news sites.” Which he said will provide a perspective on what it is like to work in that type of forum.

On the event itself Rogers said, “We bring in professional journalists working in the field right now to give students a chance to hear about what: the hours are like, what the pay is like, etc.”

Rogers said, “It gives students a unique opportunity to ask working journalists what to expect as many of the students in the program are still trying to figure out if journalism is the field for them.”

Rogers attempts to bring this perspective into his classes but as he noted, “the classroom can only take you so far.”

A tremendously important aspect of the forum is that while the reporters give their talks, there is an invaluable Q&A session set aside with each journalist after they speak. This gives students a chance to ask their questions, which is something that is obviously not always possible.

The event has housed some big names in the past, from Steve Kapas, the now president of NBS and former Bucks student to New York Times reporter Charlie Leduff.

The event is free and open to the public, even high school students attend, and all students are encouraged to participate. For any further questions on the event, Rogers urges students to ask by e-mailing him at rogerst@bucks.edu or calling him at 215-968-8165.

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The renovation of the Bucks Library, plans for which have been in the works for almost 10 years, aims to provide more efficient services to students. The Library’s entire upper level is being gutted and re-worked into a space which will centralize student services and cluster them together, making them more accessible. There will be one large help desk that will be staffed and equipped to handle students’ needs. “We are trying to make services easier to access. It can be scary for students to ask for help. We want to make it easier,” said Dr. Maureen McCreadie, Dean of Learning Resources, which includes the Library, Tutoring Center, MindSpace, the Technology Learning Center (TLC), and Online Learning/Virtual Campus.

The upper level will still be home to the Library’s books and magazine shelves, however it will also feature several spaces geared toward collaborative learning amongst students. The space has been artfully divided into different sections, all serving a different purpose. According to Dean McCreadie, the goal of the new floor plan is to “create different spaces for different functions while still maintaining the Library’s openness.” The new layout creatively merges creativity with practicality, tucking offices behind walls of bookshelves, giving them the feeling of being “Harry Potter rooms.”

One of the most interesting features of the new Library is the “wave wall,” a floor-to-ceiling structure that provides a barrier between the main section of the Library and group work rooms. Shaped, like the name suggests, in the form of a repeating vertical wave, the wall is designed to deflect noise, ultimately providing a more conducive study space.

Behind the wall, students will find a group production area, where they might work on group projects, study together, or practice group presentations. In the open area of the Library, students will have access to about 50 desktop computers stationed on special tables in the shape of three-pronged propellers. The tables have been designed to hold a desktop computer on either side of each propeller, with “enough space on the ends for other students to work as well,” said Dr. McCreadie. In addition, students will continue to be able to check out laptop computers, which the Library has been lending to students for about six years. In recent years, students have been borrowing laptops approximately 20,000 times each year.

An additional area will provide room enough for an entire class of students. The desks, shaped much like individual sections of a pinwheel, are designed to wheel into a variety of different shapes, from a roundtable discussion formation to an open circle of students, and even a face-to-face interaction between two people.

The MInDSpace (Media and Instructional Design) is also located on the main level of the Library next to the new Tutoring Center, which is divided clearly into two sections: Math and English-making it easier for students to get the help they need. The Tutoring Center also houses a room for tutoring music. The old Tutoring Center (currently housing the TLC and open access computers) will be transformed into administrative offices and training centers.

The theme of flexibility in learning carries through to every facet of the Library to the furniture. KI Furniture, which also provided the furniture for the new Library, has been furnishing the Library with their Learn2 chairs. These have fully adjustable attached work surfaces that swivel to accommodate both left- and right-handed students comfortably, and the base doubles as an accessory rack for books and personal belongings – complete with cup holders. The MediaMindspace (Media and Instructional Design) is also located on the main level of the Library next to the new Tutoring Center, which is divided clearly into two sections: Math and English-making it easier for students to get the help they need. The Tutoring Center also houses a room for tutoring music. The old Tutoring Center (currently housing the TLC and open access computers) will be transformed into administrative offices and training centers.

As for the tables and chairs that currently occupy the Gateway Center, although they were originally set up as something of an informal extension of the Library, they seem to be a popular place for students to get together. Dean McCreadie acknowledged that a few of them may remain after the upper level of the Library reopens, saying “some of the best things happen by accident.”

The biggest challenge that the Library is experiencing in the current phase of the renovations is lack of space. There isn’t as much room for students to work, although the tables in the Gateway Center have provided more seating and work areas.

Though Dean McCreadie was quick to point out, better the Library be overcrowded than vacant. “I am thrilled that the Library is a place where students want to hang out,” she said.

The Library’s upper level is expected to re-open in time for the Fall semester.
Students respond to another tuition hike

Students react to yet another tuition hike. This has been a continued trend, and county residents will see a $6 increase per credit.

BY: ANTHONY DIMITTIA
Centurion Staff

Bucks’ Board of Trustees recently decided to raise tuition for the second year in a row, and students at Bucks weighed in on whether they believed the increase was appropriate.

Starting this upcoming fall semester, county residents will see a $6 increase per credit, while out of county residents will see a $12 increase, as well as an $18 increase for out of state students. Reactions from students of the news was understandably negative, but most were understanding that the necessity to raise tuition costs were inevitable.

“You know it’s coming, you just hope it’s not a giant increase,” said Bill Hunter, 19, of Yardley, who does not plan to stay at Bucks after this semester. Unlike Hunter and Fisher, other students at Bucks voiced their displeasure over a continuing trend of escalating costs for higher education.

After an increase in tuition of 7.6 percent for the 2011-2012 academic year, Bucks students will be welcomed with an increase of 7.8 percent next year as well. According to the College Board, this increase was slight above the six percent average for two-year colleges during the 2011-2012 academic year. “The last thing I need is another bill,” emphasized Matt Fisher, 19, a political science major from Levittown. Colter stated that “coming to Bucks was huge” financially after transferring from Duquesne University, but was noticeably discouraged by the recent tuition increase. Stacy Cabin, 24, a medical coding major from Bennington, echoed Colter’s sentiment by explaining that the rises in tuition costs were indeed “stupid.” Cabin indicated that although “not too drastic, people come to community college because it’s more affordable. Cabin was also concerned with students who relied on financial aid to attend Bucks, whom she believes would have a harder time accessing the appropriate funds because of the rate increases. Some students hearing of the news for the first time were noticeably discouraged by the lack of communication from the school. Aside from a recent press release on the schools website students were not otherwise notified of the trustees’ decision regarding tuition. “It would have been more appropriate if they sent something in the mail to students instead of just posting a press release,” stated Colter. The tuition hike may be largely attributed to Pennsylvania Governor Tom Corbett’s proposed budget which will cut spending for higher education for a second consecutive year and lower per student state support for colleges below the 1995-1995 level. “Together with the state cut, salaries and benefits already negotiated, increases in fixed expenses such as insurance and utilities and contracted services, will require a further tuition increase.”

President Linksz noted that, “Careful cuts have been made by the college to protect students’ access to college and college quality,” with nearly $2 million being cut during the 2011-2012 as well next year. Although appreciative of the continued support for higher education from the County Commissioners and Governor’s office, Linksz also pointed for the need to preserve quality education at an affordable cost. “Students are inevitably going to pay more at public colleges when sponsoring government entities do not share sufficiently in the proportional increases in the cost of education,” said Linksz. With continual state budget cuts and less sponsorship in sight for colleges, students at Bucks will be faced with an extra burden during registration next fall.

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“The Hunger Games” is a huge success

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“The Hunger Games” opened several weeks ago and set box office records with a domestic gross of $155 million. I’ve read all the “Harry Potter” and “Twilight” books...watched both series play out on the big screen and so of course I had to jump on “The Hunger Games” bandwagon. I dragged my husband to the theater this past weekend to experience this new fan favorite and we were both pleasantly surprised.

The story is set in a dystopian future where the United States has fallen and the country “Panem” has risen from the ashes. Panem is divided up by the rich Capitol and the increasingly poorer Districts. Every year, each of the 12 Districts must offer two children, and one girl, as tribute to The Capitol to ensure that their families a life of safety and plenty. But there are rumors of rebellion among the subjects, and Katniss and Peeta, the male and female counterparts, are the faces of that rebellion. The Capitol wants revenge.

The Hunger Games tells the dark tale of a 16-year-old girl named Katniss Everdeen (Jennifer Lawrence), who is selected to compete in a vicious televised tournament in which 24 teenagers from a post-apocalyptic society fight to the death for the entertainment of the masses. The story is quite fond of, and Katniss is one of the most compelling characters in literature. The movie, directed by Gary Ross and starring Jennifer Lawrence, is a huge success.

The scenery was outstanding; District 12 was illustrated better than my imagination could produce; the suffering of these fictional citizens was actually palpable. The rich Capitol citizens were dressed in flamboyant costumes that were both amusing and disgusting. What I enjoyed most was the horror the novel. Lawrence did as best he could with communicating the feelings of the character, but that can only go so far.

Katniss has a difficult time deciphering her feelings for Peeta and how much she can trust him, something that is evident in the movie but lacks the depth and impact of the novel. Overall, I highly recommend seeing this movie. It’s entertaining and full of action while also connecting the characters with the audience.

Show times for “The Hunger Games” for Thursday, April 5 at the UA Oxford Valley Stadium 14, 403 Middletown Boulevard, Langhorne, PA 11:50am; 12:20; 12:50; 1:30; 3:10; 3:40; 4:50; 5:50; 6:30; 7:10; 8:10; 8:40; 9:10; 9:50; 10:30pm

THE WEEK IN TV/MOVIES/MUSIC/BOOKS

TV

Monday 4/2
House I Hit Your Mother - CBS - 8:00
The Voice - NBC - 8:00
Castle - ABC - 10:00

Tuesday 4/3
NCIS - CBS - 8:00
New Girl - FOX - 9:00
Body of Proof - ABC - 10:00

Wednesday 4/4
American Idol - FOX - 8:00
Are You There, Chelsea? - NBC - 8:30
Auction Hunters - Spike - 9:00

Thursday 4/5
The Big Bang Theory - CBS - 8:00
30 Rock - NBC - 8:30

Friday 4/6
Kitchen Nightmares - FOX - 8:00
Grimm - NBC - 9:00
The Ultimate Fighter - FX - 10:00

Sunday 4/7
Once Upon A Time - ABC - 8:00
Family Guy - FOX - 9:00
Breakfast Kings - A&E - 10:00

MOVIES

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Clay Aiken
New Album “Steadfast”
27 March

The All-American Rejects
New Album “Kids In The Street”
27 March

Nicki Minaj
New Album “Pink Friday: Roman Reloaded”
3 April

MUSIC

THURSDAY, APRIL 5

11:50am; 12:20; 12:50; 1:30; 3:10; 3:40; 4:50; 5:50; 6:30; 7:10; 8:10; 8:40; 9:10; 9:50; 10:30pm

THEATRE

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BOOKS

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Written by: John Grisham

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Release Date: 4 March

"The Lost Years"
Written by: Mary Higgins Clark

Dr. Jonathan Lyons, a seventy-year-old biblical scholar, believes he has found the rarest of parchments—a letter written by Jesus Christ. Stolen from the Vatican library in the fifteenth century, it was assumed to be lost forever.

Release Date: 2 April

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Release Date: 9 April
Bucks baseball nightmare

The Bucks Centurions began their season in a terrible fashion, suffering an astonishing loss of 3-2 against the Gloucester County team.

BY: STEPHEN GODWIN JR. Centurion Staff

Opening day finally came for the Men’s Centurion baseball team (0-1) as they hit the road to face the Gloucester County Roadrunners (1-0) with both bats and play-off aspirations in hand. The Roadrunners are the 2nd ranked team in the nation and showed the Centurions why as they put on a dominant 30-2 performance led by their first baseman Kevin Neeham. Neeham hit two home runs and drove in 7 runs on March 7.

Bucks Centurion coach Donald Perry had tabbed Blake Cohen as his starter for the game, but control issues haunted Cohen early and often. Cohen only lasted two innings and gave up 9 runs on 8 hits, but did strike out one. Gloucester’s starter Bill Mendek had the Centurions swinging and missing for most of the afternoon as he struck out nine over four innings and only allowed one run.

Call it a case of opening day jitters, but the Centurion bullpen of Jon Unangst, Matt Cohen, and Ryan Calabro also struggled with their control for most of the afternoon. Together they combined to allowed 19 runs, 14 walks, and hit four batters with a pitch.

The Centurion infield did not give their pitchers too much help either as they had four errors between them. The lone bright for the Centurions came in the fourth inning when they were able to score two runs. Outfielder Andrew Torres reached on a Roadrunner error to start the inning and first baseman Dustin Singer followed with a double. Torres than scored on a wild pitch by Mendek and second baseman Zach Stuebling followed that up by driving in Singer on a single. That would be it for the Centurion offense, but their outfield players of Andrew Torres, Erik Mazurkiewicz and Kris Bires played very well defensively.

After Roadrunner pitcher Chris Coneys got the last of the no hit game, Coach Perry gave his thoughts on the game.

“We played very poorly. Gloucester was much quicker and more energetic than us in all phases of the game. We clearly have a lot of work ahead of us in order to get up to their level of play. But I’m confident and hopeful that we’ll get there.”

This is a game that the Centurions will want to forget, but hopefully they learned something about that day too.

Bucks baseball suffers second loss

The Centurions suffered a 3-2 loss against Middlesex Community College on March 8, but the team showed improvement from their previous defeat.

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The great thing about baseball is you get a chance to redeem yourself almost every day. Community college baseball games do not happen as frequently as the major leagues, but in this instance the Centurions literally did get to try again the next day. The Centurions knew they were not that bad.

On March 8, the Centurions showed Middlesex Community College a different team. That different team came up with the same result as Middlesex. Gloucester County baseball games do not happen as frequently as the major leagues, but in this instance the Centurions literally did get to try again the next day.

In the first inning when second baseman Jon Unangst and shortstop Ken Searle reached base to the inning. Outfielder Andrew Torres doubled to bring both runners home, but Searle was thrown out at the plate. Right fielder Erik Mazurkiewicz then slapped a single to the outfield to bring home Torres.

Centurion starting pitcher Zach Stuebling started his day slow by walking three batters and Middlesex first baseman Matt Cesare hit a sacrifice fly to score their first run. The Centurions nearly got out of the inning when shortstop Ken Searle fielded a ground ball, but had to move in order to avoid hitting an umpire with his throw to first. The throw pulled first baseman Dustin Singer off the bag and the two runs came across the plate and Middlesex took a 3-2 lead.

Pitching took over the game from there as both pitchers pitched lights out in their final 5 five innings. Stuebling pitched six total innings striking out five and only had one earned run. Stuebling’s counterpart Joe Lunger of Middlesex also went six innings and struck out four and allowed earned run.

The weather condition of the games was nice, but very windy and that caused the outfield players to be an adventure. Middlesex tried to use the elements to their advantage by stealing bases any chance they got. That was because the wind was affecting balls thrown from home to 2nd or 3rd base, but Bucks players countered with good pickoff defense. The pitchers and infield players worked well together and managed to pick two runners off. Centurion relief pitcher Matt Creavey had got lit up the day before, but pitched two scoreless innings on this day. Unfortunately the Middlesex bullpen shutdown the Centurions as well and the game ended 3-2.

Centurion coach Donald Perry was in much better spirits after this game by saying, “(1) Our overall play was excellent. In all areas, pitching, fielding, hitting and team energy level - excellent. I am extremely happy, proud and relieved to see that we can play as well as we did. It’s tough to say there is happiness in a loss, but we were 1000 percent better than we showed on our opening game. Middlesex CC is one of the top teams in our region. Middlesex coach Mike Legore said, “Bucks played very well. We underestimated them. They played well against us. Our pitcher was a freshman who pitched well but your pitcher pitched equally as well. Both teams scored in the first inning. Since it was a nine inning game, I told them to play good defense and try to score each inning. The result was still a loss, but the team looked a lot more like a team that contends.”

Bucks scores

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March 7
Bucks 2-30 Gloucester

March 8
Bucks 2-3 Middlesex

March 27
Bucks 11-5 Lehigh

March 27
Bucks 18-5 Lehigh

PRO SCORES

April 1
Phillies 7-7 Atlanta

April 1
Flyers 6-4 Penguins

March 31
Union 0-0 Whitecaps

March 31
76ers 95-90 Hawks