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## **Student loan** default rates rise



The Financial Aid office in the Hub where the processing for the Financial Aid and loans start.

**BY: CHRIS APPLE** Centurion Staff

Hit by rising tuition costs and a tough job market, the number of college students defaulting on their student loans is on the rise.

According to Department of Education, at for-profit colleges and universities, 15 percent of student loan borrowers defaulted in the first two years of repayment, up from 11.6 percent the previous year.

At public institutions, the rate was 7.2 percent, up from 6 percent, and at not-for-profit private institutions, it was 4.6 percent, up from 4 percent. "These hard economic times have made it even more difficult for student borrowers to

repay their loans," Education Secretary Arne Duncan said in a statement.

According to calculations by the Institute for College Access and Success, in 2008 the average debt for graduated students who took out student loans was \$20,200 at public universities, \$27,650 at private non-profit and \$33,050 at private for-profits.

Bucks President Dr. James Linksz said, "we are all concerned that students take out loans that may be difficult to repay in the current climate." Linksz explains that "we work hard at telling students not to take on more debt than they absolutely need, even if it is tempting to draw down more money from an available

pool of funds." He added that "nothing beats coming to a community college for the first two years and then transferring to a four-year college."

Linksz also noted that "federal Pell grants may be cut out, which in turn a lot of Bucks students rely on."

Brian Moran, interim president and CEO of the Association of Private Sector Colleges and Universities, said in published reports that "We are disappointed to see increases in ... default rates for our students, as well as students in other sectors of higher education." He added that for-profit schools were taking steps to provide students debt counseling in order to bring down the rates.

Department of The Education eventually managed to collect most of the money it was owed from the defaulters.

But for students, the consequences of default can be severe - a damaged credit rating, greater difficulty in getting financial aid, and so on

Ashley Ruszin, 18, a freshman journalism major, has so far taken out \$5,000 in student loans, and is worried about being able to pay them back, since she makes minimumwage working at Dunkin Donuts. Her parents have said they won't help her pay them back. "My parents didn't even want me to come here; they wanted me to get out of here," she said.

### Many clubs need students

#### **BY: MANUEL A. RODRIGUEZ** Centurion Staff

Though Bucks has a wide array of clubs available, some students say the clubs are not being promoted much and that a greater variety of groups should be offered.

But is that the fault of the college or of students who simply take classes and then leave campus, and don't take the time to get involved?

Student Life Director Matt Cipriano points out that the college currently offers more than 40 clubs, and that students can always start new clubs if they want.

Cipriano said that "if you have an idea for a club, come to the desk and pitch it; after all, these clubs are for the students."

But, Cipriano added, while many students may have ideas, few of them take action.

"We have lots of students come in with ideas with clubs but rarely do they come back and follow up," he said.

Kevin Barr, 18, a liberal arts major from Holland, said clubs seem to be "under the rug. To be honest, I just don't think they are pushing them enough."

Mike Hunton, 21, a communications major from Bristol, recalled that "they had like one day in the cafeteria where they had tables set up and were handing out flyers but that's about all I've seen as far as clubs."

Hunton said he just doesn't have time to join a club. "I, personally, don't really have the time to. In high school I was involved in a club or two but now it's tough."

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## **NEWS Eclectic** club lineup at Bucks

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Barr made the point that "the clubs that are available aren't enough. We should have a bigger selection, for example a musical debate club would be awesome. People would get together and just talk music. Even a car club would be nice."

Though nursing major, Jake Curichiyil, 19, just wants "to get school over with," he also believes that Bucks needs clubs that will appeal to more students. "Why aren't there more sports-related clubs? Everyone likes sports yet there isn't anything like it."

Cipriano said he believes that "we can use more clubs but at

the same token, we need clubs that the students want."

The Student Life office is working on different ways to show the benefits of being part of a club, such as like having some sort of notion on a college transcript to show one's involvement.

"Joining a club and having your involvement available as an official transcript would be really good for students looking for employment," said Cipriano. "Besides, clubs are a good time."

stuff."

Dan Gallagher, 18, a cinema video production major from Trevose, said, "I've always considered joining a club but I just never got around to it. they just did not have the time. Only one that really caught my Ironically, it seems that the attention has to be the Martial people who believe they don't Arts Club, I love that kind of have enough time are only a footstep away from joining a

> club. Clubs range from the Socratic Society to the Drama Club to even an Anime Club. You can see all available clubs listed at:

http://www.bucks.edu/life/cl ubs/

At that page you can also find contact information for all of the clubs available. In addition, the majority of the clubs have a Facebook page. If you want to start a club stop by the Student Life Office across from the cafeteria and see Cipriano.

PHOTO BY HUGH FEGEL

Students signing up for clubs during the club recruitment fair.

Gallagher isn't the only one

that has an interest in a club but

never got around to joining

one. Many students inter-

viewed showed an interest in

the clubs themselves but not in

joining one, either because the

selection available or because

Where do you hang?

**BY: BREANNE HILLIS** Centurion Staff

Every student at Bucks has their favorite place at school to hang out with friends or study for classes. Some students shared those favorite places with the Centurion.

Whether you're like Allison Boyd and Ashley Efkowitz, who enjoy hanging out in the Gateway Center, or Chris Tufano and Kristina Gotschall who prefer the Fireside Lounge, there are plenty of places to go..

Each student has their own style of learning and where they do their homework. The library is a great place to study or do homework. Although the first floor of the library is currently under construction, the third floor is where many people go to use the school com-

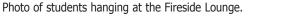
puters.

For many students using the library is a better place to study for classes.

Boyd, 20, an early childhood education major from Newtown, said "I like to do my homework and studying in the library after classes. Unlike my house, I am more concentrated and focused at Bucks."

Boyd also said she likes to spend time with her friends at school, when she has breaks between classes.

There are many other options to do on campus between classes like going to the cafeteria for food, sitting at the tables near the café, or sitting outside. "When I am not in class, I usually workout in the school gym and spend time with friends in the Gateway Center," says Anthony DeVito,



21, a graphics design major.

Kristina Gotschall, 19, who studies video production, also says that she likes to hang out with her friends before classes. She likes to hang out in the Fireside Lounge and often comes up to the Gateway building.

either stays at campus to be with friends or goes to work. Another Bucks student, Ashley Efkowitz, 22, a childcare major from Ivyland, said

BY: HUGH FEGELY

dent finds a part of campus that they enjoy socializing in or studying, they tend to stick to those places without exploring others and this favoritism



After Gotschall has finished her classes for the day, she

she likes to hang out at the Gateway Center before her night class. When she has time to study, Efkowitz studies in her home in Ivyland.

Every semester, once a stu-

seems to continue with each following semester.

Where's your favorite spot?

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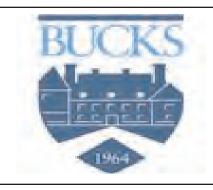
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The 2010 Light The Night Walks were record setting success for the Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter! We are proud to announce that we raised \$1.5 million to further the mission of the leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Funds raised by participants support LLS' mission: Cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families.

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# Which university do I choose?

#### **BY: STEPHEN GODWIN JR.** Centurion Staff

The Bucks Student Transfer Fair held recently had a variety of different choices this year, and representatives from both local schools and those from other parts of the country were all available for questions.

Deborah Bergen, the Assistant Director of Transfer Services here at Bucks, commented on what she thought was the motivation for making this fair a success, "I think it's a good time of the year for students to start thinking about transfer opportunities."

The representatives from the different schools had a lot to say about why they were there and what they felt was the main message of the transfer fair. Jeff Gormely, Program Manager at Desales University, said that what drew him to the fair was that Desales had just opened up a new campus in Lansdale. "We are using this venue to help spread the word."

When asked if he thought that this fair was a competitive atmosphere, Gormely said "Not really, we feel that we are all trying to get people to join a common industry, but if they decide to sign with us, great."

Jennifer Bona, an Admissions representative from Holy Family University said "I think we have a good relationship with the transfer department here at Bucks and we usually get a large turnout."

Jay Esposito, from the University of Pennsylvania, offered a good reason for setting up at Bucks when he said "I think coming out gives the students a chance to meet with us face to face versus an email advertisement or brochure in the mail."

Leala D'Isidoro from Savannah College of Art and Design said "The reason we come here is that we have an articulation agreement with Bucks, which means we honor credits that are offered here at here. This way there will be no problem when they go to transfer."

Many of the students at the fair were made up of people trying to get an idea for a school to transfer to, or they had already made up their mind and were just searching for more information.

Elizabeth Blackshir seemed to be in between these two categories. "I think I'm going to be going to Temple like most Bucks students, but I am also interested in schools that are located in the New York or in

the South," she said. She liked the idea of the fair because she had a lot of questions and the representatives seemed to be very informed.

Another one of these types of students was Fred Everett who was also thinking of transferring to Temple, but was checking out some other ideas in case Temple was too expensive.

Other people already had their minds made up like Tom

Schloendorn who said "I am here looking for West Chester so I can set up my transfer."

John Stockwell was not that impressed with the fair. "I think the fair does not give you too much information about the schools, but it does at least give people ideas of where to transfer to," he said.

Whatever the opinion, the 2011 Student Transfer fair seemed to be a success.

## Changes made to Facebook irk some students at Bucks



Bucks students have spoken out about their reactions to these changes.

Hassan Nasser, 22 a cinema and video production major, has been on Facebook for five years and said, "I really don't notice the changes. Everything still seems regular to me." He also said that the people at Facebook are just doing this to keep everyone interested in logging on.

"I just go with the flow, when Facebook changes I just learn how to work it its no big deal," Tazz Bacchus 19, a physical therapy major from Bensalem said.

Both students thought that without the changes that Facebook is making, people might get bored and stop using it. They also felt that it's a good way to really know what all your friends are doing, and that inspires them to log on. On the other hand many Bucks students are not interested in the changes, and some don't like them at all. "There's no privacy. As soon as you post something everyone sees it," Stanley Babu, 19 a biology major from Philadelphia commented. He explained that "you can Facebook, while you Facebook," meaning that you are seeing updates all over your screen every second you are logged in.

"I don't need Facebook telling me what's interesting and what's not interesting." Colleen Cain, a 19-year-old engineering major said.

She also said that she has been on Facebook for three years and the only reason why she still uses it is to keep in touch with old and new friends, although it's hard to do that when everything keeps changing.

Privacy is a major issue to all the students who are against the Facebook changes. They find themselves having to change their privacy settings daily because they have noticed that all their information is on someone else's news feed.

Because of the unwanted changes, it has made some students join or log on to other social networking websites like Twitter and Tumblr because of the simplicity and privacy. To every win there is a loss and while some people hate the changes many are not affected in any way at all or they like the changes. In the end Facebook is a worldwide phenomenon. With or without the changes and updates it is still one of the world most talked about topic and it's not going anywhere.



Two Bucks students on Facebook.

PHOTO BY: HUGH FEGELY

#### **BY:QUEEN SABRIA-MOORE** Centurion Staff

Facebook is a unique social networking site that has been around since 2006. Its sophis-

ticated way of informing you about all of the activities of your friends and family has made it almost a family name. From TV shows to college professors, it's hard to find someone without a Facebook account.

But Facebook has been making many changes recently, and



**BY: ASHLEY RUSZIN** 

**NEWS** 

Centurion Staff Recently construction was

completed on a new addition to the Bucks cafeteria, its very own Starbucks Coffee. The Starbucks' soft opening was just recently, but it has still seen plenty of action from new, eager customers. Students are mostly pleased by the new café, but most are not happy about some changes that the Starbucks has brought to the cafeteria.

"I did [like it] until I found out they were closing the cafeteria early," said John Chrostek, 20, cinema-video, from Bensalem. "I was angry.

I was so angry."

The cafeteria now closes at 3 p.m. due to the Starbucks opening.

Students feel that though the Starbucks does offer food, it's no substitute for what the main cafeteria offers. The Starbucks sells pastries, hot sandwiches, cold sandwiches, and other snacks.

Lauralea Sharra, 19, also a cinema-video major who's from Trevose, says that she "doesn't want to eat there because Starbucks is known for drinks."

"The food at Starbucks just isn't appealing to me," adds Chrostek.

Steve DiSalvio, the director

of cafeteria services at Bucks, has heard the students' comments and concerns about the new cafeteria policies. Part of the reason for the cafeteria closing early is efficiency. In order to serve all customers in a timely and accurate fashion, the cafeteria closes during hours where it sees less business so that employees can be put to better use where they're needed.

Another reason is that the cafeteria staff is preparing the student body for the new permanent hours that will go into full effect in the spring. The main cafeteria is undergoing renovations, the bulk of which will happen during winter break, and it will open later

## **Starbucks** at Bucks

and close earlier.

Students' main concern is that the Starbucks doesn't offer the variety of food offered by the main cafeteria.

"As the program grows, so will the menu," says DiSalvio. "This isn't just a Starbucks."

Monday will be the Starbucks' grand opening. According to DiSalvio, there are plenty of events planned for the week of the grand opening, such as any size coffee for .99 on Monday, and \$50 Culinart gift cards being given away throughout the week.

Aside from the obvious issues students are having with the times the cafeteria opens and closes, the Starbucks is otherwise welcomed by students.

"I like the cappuccinos," says Chrostek. "I also like how the people working there seem genuinely happy and friendly, like they actually want to make your day better." The employees at the Starbucks certainly are very

friendly, offering suggestions to students who aren't quite sure of what to order and chatting them up as they wait for their drinks (though it isn't usually a long wait at all).

Overall, it would appear that the Starbucks is a wellreceived addition to the Newtown campus, judging by the long line often seen at the counter and the smiles seen on students' faces as they are leaving. The Starbucks should be enjoying plenty of new business.



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**BY: BREANNE HILLIS** Centurion Staff

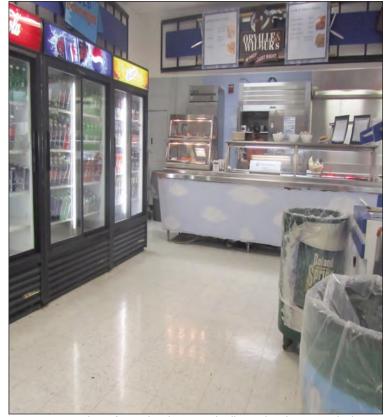
The current cafeteria construction and renovations at the Newtown campus have grabbed the attention of Bucks students.

drinks.

Some construction and renovating is expected to begin

students will be able to buy ATM machine to be put back. their choice of Starbucks Liz said, "I like how it's turning out and I'm excited for the Starbucks."

Kim, a cashier in the cafete-



One half of the cafeteria is currently being remodeled so students will still be able to purchase food in the other part.

Jessica Los, a first year student and criminal justice major said, "The cafeteria remodeling was annoying because it's hard to get through without interfering with the construction." Although she likes how everything is turning out.

The school has added in a Starbucks to the cafeteria which is now open. Several of the employees are being trained in this location so that

during the winter break with the hopes of being finished before classes start again in January.

Bucks students have different opinions about the renovations.

Another Bucks student, Ray Harrison, a Liberal Arts-American Studies major, says that, the cafeteria is looking better than it did," even though "It is inconvenient because I have to walk through the construction."

The cafeteria is coming along and is beginning to look really nice. Liz Fratti, a current student explains that it looks good, but she wants the

ria, said, "I think it will be a big improvement for students. We need to be patient with the inconvenience. In the end, it will be worth it."

"Very noisy, very loud and messy because of the dust and it took a lot of patience." Julie, another cashier said, "I think it will turn out to be beautiful. It was long overdue for remodeling."

From the last few years I have gone to school here and have noticed the few changes as well. Even though this year's construction in the cafeteria is being changed around, I am beginning to like the new design that was set up. The old Construction in the cafeteria has begun with all eyes heading towards the kitchen.

cafeteria was nice, but they are making a good choice by making it look even better.

Taylor Casmirri, Liberal Arts major from Newtown, Pennsylvania said that the construction right now is noisy and a bit inconvenient. She says, "I like how it's turning out and excited for the finished look."

Another student, Kelly Bilger, an Early Childhood

Education major, says that, "It's annoying because when you're trying to concentrate, it's really tough." Although she likes how it's turning out, she says, "I'm excited to see how it turns out."

With the cafeteria continuing the construction during the fall semester and through winter break, many or most students are excited to see the finished look.

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#### BY: STEPHEN WERMUTH

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On September 17th, the Honda Civic Tour made a stop in Camden, New Jersey as a part of its' 10th Anniversary Tour.. The bands included Matt & Kim, My Chemical Romance, and headliners Blink-182. Basically, if you're a pop-punk music lover, this was one of the best line-ups in history.

The Honda Civic Tour also focuses on more than just putting on a great concert. The tour tries to educate all fans about the importance of "going green" and trying to save our planet from being destroyed. Most of the the tour buses and other vehicles use a biodiesel fuel which lowers the carbon footprint the tour leaves behind. On top of that, they partnered up with the Keep A Breast Foundation and they have a traveling bus that educates people at every show about how they can help lower the risk of cancer.

Matt & Kim was the first band to take the stage that night. A duo out of Brooklyn, NY, the band consists of Kim Schifino on drums/vocals and Matt Johnson, who plays the keyboard and sings lead vocals. As a band, they are different than My Chemical Romance and Blink-182, as they have more of a hip-hop influence. In fact, during the set they actually broke out a cover of Biz Markies "Just A Friend" much to the delight of the mostly young 20s crowd. They ended their half hour set with arguably their biggest hit "Daylight" and made way for MCR.

My Chemical Romance is known for having a very energetic live set, and they did not disappoint the Camden crowd. Although they have ditched the "emo" label, and moved on to a much more upbeat and happy version of the band, they are still the same old guys. Their old stuff contained lyrics such

as "singing songs that make you slit your wrists" (Cemetery Drive), but the new MCR 2.0 if you will has lyrics like "I can't stop now because I'm dancing" [Planetary (GO!)]. Regardless of the lyrical and appearance change, they are still dedicated to making good music. In fact they scrapped an entire album before putting out their latest entitled "Danger Days: The True Lives of the Fabulous Killjoys". In Camden they played a set that covered their entire career, opening with "Na Na Na", which was the first single off "Danger Days" when first released. After diving back and forth between old and new, they finally closed off the set with "Welcome to the Black Parade" which was followed by the traditional ending of "Cancer". The also played the legendary punk songs "Teenagers", "I'm Not Okay (I Promise)" and "Helena".

After a short break, the lights went out and the crowd erupt-



Steve and his brother in the black shirts (dead middle) with the band My Chemical Romance

ed into thunderous cheers as they knew it was time for the headliners. The cameras flashed, the mosh pits started and before anybody knew what was happening, Blink-182 was onstage blasting their hit "Feeling This" sending the crowd into an all out frenzy. They played their newest single "Up All Night" (featured on "Neighborhoods" which comes out September 27th) second in the night, followed by older hits such as "The Rock Show", "What's My Age Again?", and "I Miss You". About halfway through the set, they played "First Date", and after the end of the song, Hoppus announced they had a special guest. The rapper Bun B came out and performed a song off of Barkers solo album, to which the crowd tried to turn the rock show into a rap show. They played 2 more new songs, followed by "All The Small Things", and closed the first set with the old punk jam "Josie". At the conclusion of the song, a curtain dropped down, leaving the crowd wanting more of the punk rock legends. The curtain soon vanished revealing a flying Travis Barker who was now on a flying drumset that came over the crowd. After he finally was back on solid ground, Blink played a few older songs, and closed it out as they have been for years with the songs "Dammit" and "Family Reunion" combined, which included an explosion of confetti.

Blink-182 may be in their 40s now with families, but they haven't changed. They still have the maturity level of 13 year olds, and play with the intensity of hyperactive teens. Blink-182 is back ladies and gentlemen, and the Honda Civic Tour just proved that.

## THE WEEK IN TV/MOVIES/MUSIC

#### TV

**Tuesday 10/4** Dancing with the Stars - ABC - 8:00 Ringer - CW - 9.00 Unforgettable - CBS - 10:00

#### Wednesday 10/5

The X Factor - FÓX - 8:00 Criminal Minds - CBS - 9:00

#### MOVIES

#### The Ides of March (R)

Based on the play by Beau Willimon. An idealistic staffer for a newbie presidential candidate gets a crash course on dirty politics during his stint on the campaign trail.

**Directed by:** George Clooney **Starring:** Paul Giamatti, George Clooney and Philip Seymour Hoffman **Release Date:** October 7

#### MUSIC



Law & Order: SVU - NBC - 10:00

**Thursday 10/6** Charlie's Angels - ABC - 8:00 The Office / Whitney - NBC - 9:00 / 9:30 The Mentalist - CBS - 10:00

Friday 10/7 Kitchen Nightmares - FOX - 8:00 CSI:NY - CBS - 9:00 20/20 - ABC - 10:00

#### Sunday 10/9

Extreme Makeover: Home Edition - ABC - 8:00 The Good Wife - CBS - 9:00 CSI: Miami - CBS - 10:00

**Monday 10/10** Terra Nova - FOX - 8:00 Dancing With The Stars - ABC - 8:00 Two-and-a-half Men / Mike & Molly - CBS - 9:00 Castle - ABC - 10:00

#### The Thing (R)

Based on the 1982 John Carpenter horror film. A team of scientists in Antartica stumbles across a crashed alien spacecraft buried in ice. When an experiment frees the alien from its frozen prison, the team tries to keep it from killing and imitating them one at a time, using its uncanny ability to mimic any life form it absorbs through digestion, and potentially reaching civilization.

**Directed by:** Matthijs van Heijningen Jr. **Starring:** Mary Elizabeth Winstead, Joel Edgerton, Ulrich Thomsen **Release Date:** October 14 William Shatner New album "Seeking Major Tom" October 11

**Bjork** New album "Biophilia" October 11

**Noel Gallagher** New album "High Flying Birds" October 17

## Are student loans worth the burden?

#### **BY: RYAN MCGUFFIN** Centurion Staff

Amidst rising tuition rates, and high unemployment rates, students at Bucks don't seem to worry too much about defaulting on their student loans, but there are some students who choose to avoid loans altogether and find other ways to pay for school.

Greg Malinowski, 21, a preallied health major from Southampton, said "I have not taken any loans out, and my parents are paying for my tuition at the moment."

A lot of parents are trying to help their kids as much as they can to give them a better education, which will help in finding a good job.

Ashlee Perry, 21, a criminal justice major from Warminster, is receiving help from her father. Perry said "My dad pays for my classes, but if I do not pass them I have to pay him back."

Parents understand how crucial their child's education is and are willing to help out in these harsh economic times.

Financial aid is another option for students who can't afford tuition, but are worried about defaulting on a student loan. Chris Tufano, 20, a game design major from Fairless Hills, said "If it was not for financial aid. I would have to resort to taking out student

loans."

Bucks offers many forms of financial aid that include grants, scholarships, loans, and even work study programs to help students pay for college.

There are still students that are forced to take out student loans to pay their way through school, but they don't seem to be worried about paying them back.

Students like Andrew Crockett, 19, a nursing major from Abington who is trying to get a student loan to pay for his education.

"I am not concerned about paying the loan back," Crockett said. "I have jobs lined up once I graduate, and I

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Photo of loan application prior to being signed.

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just need to get the loan to pay for the school."

It seems that a lot of students who end up taking out loans find Bucks tuition to be very affordable.

Chris Carter, 20, a criminal justice major, has taken out a \$2,200 loan to pay for school.

Carter said "I am not worried about paying it back even if I don't get a great job, because it's not a large loan."

Andrew Zemzik, 21, a criminal justice major, has taken a \$2,100 loan out from the school. Zemzik said "I am not worried about paying this loan

back, but if I end up transferring and having to take out say \$15,000, then I'm going to start to worry a little bit."

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Emily Locker, 20, a nursing student from Doylestown, shares the same thoughts. She said "I have a \$1,000 loan out at the moment, and until I have to take more out, I am not going to agonize over it."

Students at Bucks don't appear to be struggling with loans at present, but are anxious to see how much the loans might cost once they continue their education elsewhere.

Fired up over smoking





Bucks security making rounds. Bucks students opposed to the smoking regulations. PHOTO BY: HUGH FEGELY

#### **BY: CONNOR ECKELMEYER** Centurion Staff

Oct. 1 will mark the third anniversary of Bucks' Clean Air Community policy that restricts smoking to specific areas, but smokers are still unhappy.

Recently the area behind Founders Hall has become the college's unofficial smoking section, despite signs prohibiting doing so.

The violators are annoyed smokers who don't want to relocate to the designated smoking areas. Nonsmokers are complaining about the clouds of smoke rising from various areas on campus.

Smoking cigarettes is restricted to parking lots A, B, C, D, E, F and H located beyond Linden Lane and Employee Road.

For most smokers these parking lots are about a five minute walk, usually in the opposite direction from where they need to be going.

The smoking regulations are often broken and many students are sometimes confused as to where they can and cannot smoke. When asked his opinion on the smoking restrictions. John Margicin, 19, said "Wait, we can't smoke here?"

Security guards often choose to look the other way when students smoke cigarettes in non-smoking areas.

Matt Jobs, a 25-year-old smoker and journalism major at Bucks, said, "It's not fair when I can't smoke a cigarette between classes because I need to walk to a smoking section."

Many students agree with Jobs on this point. Rules could possibly be modified to fit needs of smokers by allowing them to smoke more freely.

"As long as they aren't smoking in crowded areas or in front of entrances it doesn't bother me," said nonsmoker Tyler Ferrera, 18.

Some non-smokers at Bucks are more supportive of smoking restrictions.

Jacqueline Quenzer, 25, pre-allied health major, from Langhorne, said, "It is rude for smokers to carelessly blow smoke towards me and I have to inhale smoke and smell of cigarettes for the next couple hours."

Kelsey Macintyre, 18, speech therapy major, said "One place it is agreeable to restrict smoking would be next to the children's playground."

The playground is part of the Early Learning Center building which is coincidentally right next to the popular smoking spot behind Founders Hall.

Students are hopeful that a rational solution for smokers and non-smokers can be reached.





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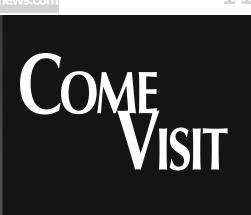
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## **SPORTS Centurions on** a losing streak



#### **BY: STEPHEN GODWIN JR.** Centurions Staff

expected Many the Centurions (2-5) to stop the bleeding of their recent two game losing streak when they went up against the Middlesex Colts (1-6) who were still winless in conference matchups.

Middlesex defender Connor Lewis did not get the memo; he was a terror all over the field and scored 2 goals on the way to the Colts defeating the Centurions 4-2.

Wind played a factor in the game early and often as it continually altered the course of several shots and passes on an otherwise beautiful day.

Even exchanges of skill opened up the game until the 24 minute when Connor Lewis scored off a favorable bounce off the crossbar to make it 1-0 Colts.

In the 38 minute of play Middlesex scored again when mid fielder Edwin Molina gave the ball a venomous strike to get past Centurion goalie Mike Klimonicz down low.

The Centurions seemed to be playing kind of hesitant for much of the first half until the final 5 minutes of the first half, when they got noticeably more aggressive on offense. The scoreboard at the half still showed Colts 2, Centurions 0.

The Centurions maintained their up-tempo play in the second half with good offensive pressure. This style of play paid off when forward Vanderson Anderson scored to get the Centurions back in the game.

An off sides call against the Colts in the 59 minute negated a Middlesex goal keeping the game close. This proved to be pivotal as Dan Foley got loose on a breakaway and scored in the 68 minute to tie the game at 2.

This may have allowed the Colt players to finally catch their breath, because they played refreshed coming back into the game. Connor Lewis then helped the Colts to retake the lead when he scored his second goal making it 3-2.

The wheels began to fall off the Centurions' comeback effort as they were not able to recapture the momentum. Mid fielder Chris Clark would later put the game out of reach by increasing the Colts lead to 4-2 in the 83 minute with 7 minutes remaining.

The Centurions played to the whistle, but Middlesex goalie Bryan Rowe turned back all scoring attempts.

After the game coach Bill Andrews said "We played well, but we still struggle with some of the little things that apply to the game." When asked about what he did after the Centurions tied the game: "We adjusted our formation to help our strikers and this forced the Centurions to adjust."

Connor Lewis told me after the game that he is actually a former striker, but was moved to defense for his speed. "I think we played pretty well, but we let the Centurions back in the game." He also credited the coaches' adjustments for the win.

Coach Justin Burroughs said after the game "I think we played great for about thirty minutes and then we had some breakdowns." He was able to take some positives away from the game in saying that his guys moved the ball beautifully, did what he asked, and did not give up when they were down early.

The Centurion players looked pretty dejected after the game and were not giddy for postgame comments. They can't afford to hang their head too long; there are still games to be played this season.

### Vick to play through pain

**BY: ROCCO DISANGRO** Centurion Staff

In a city that eats, sleeps, and essentially lives football, Eagles fans are always behind their beloved team. That is, if they're winning. However, in the 2011 season, this is not the case.

The "Dream Team" needs a wakeup call, because the way this season has been going, they look more like a nightmare. The slumping Eagles are out to a sluggish 1-2 start, losing to the Falcons and the Giants; a team that they hadn't lost to since the 2008. The team is only three games into the season, but do they need to start worrying now?

that ended with Vick again sidelined.

It turns out he has a bruised right hand. Luckily, he throws with the left.

Vick was livid in a postgame press conference, spewing about the late hits he never gets.

"I was trying to protect myself" Vick said during the press conference. And frankly he was. Vick was hit a couple seconds after the ball had left his hand.

ball, I'm on the ground. And I don't know why I don't get the 15-yard flags like everybody else does" Vick said.

When he says everybody else he means players like Tom Brady and Peyton Manning, but these are players that own the pocket, you rarely see them outside of it.

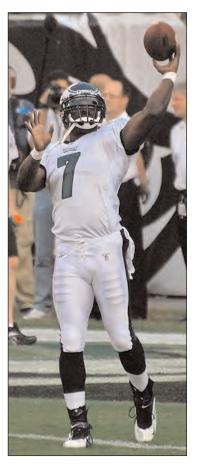
Why doesn't he get these

Eagles, though shaken, will make the playoffs.

"I think they could go really far" Boyer said, "I'd like to see them win the Super Bowl, but there are a lot of good teams."

Joe Eppolito, 19, a secondary education major from Levittown, shared similar views.

"He shouldn't complain" Eppolito said, "He's got plenty of others out there complaining for him. He gets hit harder than



Star quarterback Michael Vick is taking a beating that's worse than the team's record.

Vick suffered a concussion against the Falcons two weeks ago that sidelined him for the rest of the game, followed by a controversial no-call late-hit

"Still didn't get a flag and that's pretty much been the story for the last three weeks" Vick said, "I mean, obviously at some point something catastrophic is going to happen and I broke my hand."

"Looking at the replays, I'm on the ground every time, and I'd be lying if I said I wasn't frustrated. The refs have got to do their jobs. And I mentioned it to the refs in training camp when I talked to them. I'm on the ground constantly, all the time. Every time I throw the calls though? Is it because he doesn't complain like Brady, or that he is one of the more elusive quarterbacks in the league and can use his legs to evade that pressure in the pocket?

Bucks students voiced their opinions about the controversy surrounding Vick and the nocalls.

C.J. Boyer, 19, an education major from Levittown, said "Its football. You're going to get hit, but Vick shouldn't complain. He should get some calls though, not all of them. It would be smart for Andy Reid to give him a week off."

Boyer still believes the

any other quarterback in the league, because he is seen more as a running back when he runs. They should change the play calls to get the ball out of Vick's hands quicker."

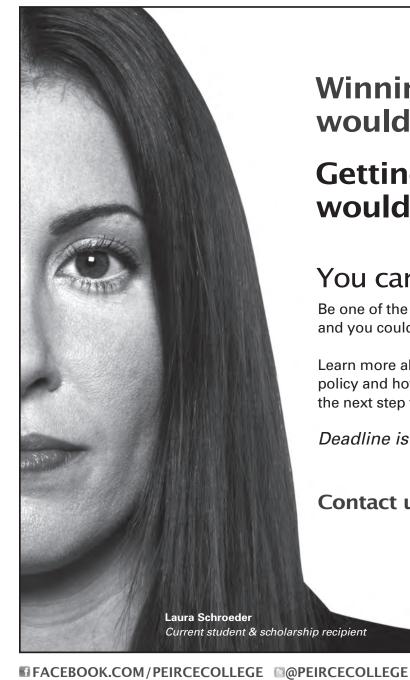
Eppolito isn't too worried either about the team's start. "This is one of the more talented Eagles teams; they should start to do better" Eppolito said, "They're still a couple of years away from the Super Bowl, but they should still make the playoffs."

The Eagles played the San Francisco 49ers this Sunday - a team that is 2-1 on the season and lossed.

As for Vick's injury, he's list-

Mike Vick going deep throwing deep.

ed as questionable for now, but don't be surprised if you see him behind center on Sunday. Maybe this time, he'll get the calls that he's looking for.



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### THE CENTURION **SPORTS Bucks women's** soccer preview

#### **BY: ROCCO DISANGRO** Centurion Staff

The BCCC Women's Soccer team, and second year head coach, Brett Pierson look to outdo themselves from last year and finish with a record of at least .500 or better.

Pierson knows the program well considering he played under the assistant athletic director and men's soccer head coach Justin Burroughs in 2005.

The Centurions aren't thinking championship right away; they just want to take it game by game.

The girl's team returns five starters from last year, so the new players have some shoes to fill. Jessica Williams hasn't had a problem with that, because in three games she has had three of the team's five goals while the other two were scored by captain Briana Faras in a grueling 3-2 overtime loss to a winless Raritan Valley squad, who had been outscored a total of 16-3 in their past three games.

Players to watch include captain Briana Faras, a forward who has 2 goals this season already, and midfielder Jamie Parker. Coach Pierson said others to look for are defender Sam Kilpatrick and Jessica Williams, a Freshman forward who had all 3 of BCCC's goals in the first two games.

Coach Pierson said last week

that "The skill level is basically even" when asked about playing an 0-3 team, "you have to play every team like they don't have a loss and like they're the best in the league." During the first game of the season, Bucks had to play the number one team in the nation according to the NJCAA polls, and they didn't even have 11 players to put out on the field. Pierson said that for the first half the girls played 9 on 11 soccer and once the second half begun Ocean decided they were going to field 9 girls also. The girls still managed to somehow score one goal even with 9 players but it was a tough loss for them.

Some games to watch this year are the PA teams, because



Womens soccer team moving the ball down the field.

Bucks plays in a conference dominated by teams from NJ. Montgomery County was a physical match last year where Bucks ousted them 3-2. The Centurions played in Brookdale, who is 2-1 this year and number six in the nation,

on Thursday, Sept. 21 @ 3:30. The last two games are on Oct. 17 and 19 at 3:30 vs. Gloucester and Manor, and the Centurions hope to make the playoffs in Camden which happen during Oct. 22-29.



Bucks first win against Raritan Valley.

**BY: STEPHEN GODWIN JR.** Centurion Staff

#### **Sept. 20**

Bucks men's soccer defeated the Raritan Valley Lions on Sept. 20 in overtime. The score was 2-1.

including a postseason elimination last year.

The first half featured the two sides exchanging equal pressure and scoring chances,

## **One win and two losses: Men's soccer** recap

pleading for the referees to call more penalties on the Centurions.

The biggest controversy happened on the field when defender Sean O'Hagan of the lions began shouting at the referees disputing a yellow card called against him.

Mid fielder Jesus Gregorio was giving the Centurions fits all game, but he was kept in check until 76 minute when he scored to even the game. The rest of the regulation only showcased the two goalies making great saves to keep the game tied at 1-1.

game. "I knew I had a tight window to get the ball through and I was just able to settle it down and knock it through" said Eugene.

Centurion's coach Justin Boroughs was elated after the game.

"I think we played well and showed some things we are capable of doing as the season goes on," said the coach.

Raritan coach Ray O'Hagan, who again saw his Lions lose to Justin and the Centurions, had this to say after the game: "Bucks deserved the win; they played aggressively, defended well, and took advantage of their chances."

undefeated record and seven straight shutouts after their dominating win against the Centurions.

Nobody on the Centurions was able to solve Brookdale goalie William Tulley.

"I was really impressed with the way Brookdale's players performed and I would rather not have to play them in the playoffs." Said coach Justin Burroughs.

#### **Sept. 24**

Bucks had a strong first half in the game against County College of Morris but it wasn't enough to stave off another loss.

Co-captain Eugene Harmon recovered from being shaken up earlier in the game to score the winning goal in an overtime thriller.

The Centurions record coming into the game was two wins and two losses. The Centurions have beaten the Lions (W2-L2-T1) the previous two times

but remained scoreless at halftime. The start of the second half brought more of the sparring until the 53 minute when defender Fatorna Greene scored on a rebound despite a great initial save by Raritan Valley goalie Roger Aqui.

The Centurions continued to stifle the Lions attempts to score leaving the Raritan sideline visibly upset. Almost out of desperation they were

Centurion's goalie Mike Klimonicz was given the nod to start ahead of second year goalie Damon Custer. The coach's gamble paid off as Mike turned back all attempts from the Lion's players long enough for Eugene to end it.

"It was a hard fought game and both teams really wanted to win, the defense played hard all game," Mike said after the

#### **Sept. 22**

The Centurions hoped to build off the progress they made during the Raritan win, but Brookdale from Lindale, NJ dashed their confidence with a 6-0 win on Thursday, Sept 22.

Brook dale is certainly the class of the conference with a

Centurion Dan Foley scored the first goal before half time making the score 1-0.

However, Bucks was unable to keep the momentum going in the second half. Morris scored four goals over the last two quarters bringing the final score to 4-1, and another loss for the Centurions.

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