$2 million shortfall could mean another tuition hike

By: Melissa Fleishman
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With Bucks getting $2 million less in funding from the state than it once did, the pressure is on to make up the difference and that could mean more tuition increases for students.

Cuts in funding made by the commonwealth of Pennsylvania and a steady decline in full-time student enrollment are forcing Bucks to raise tuition which is being felt by the student body.

All of which makes this a tricky time, budget-wise, for Bucks President Dr. James Linksz.

“The college is funded by three primary sources: the county of Bucks, the commonwealth of Pennsylvania and student tuition,” explained Linksz. “The state has cut back its support by $2 million.”

With the current cut by the state, certain decisions have been made in order to keep the college budget balanced.

“The net effect is not that we are operating a deficit, the college is not in difficulty, we are not in the red. Our board of trustees always adopts a balanced budget which means they expect that our expenditures will be held to the amount of revenue that we make,” Linksz said.

Linksz added, “Knowing that was the case, the college has made adjustments, both on the expenditure side by cutting certain expenses that it could, or delaying certain purchases, but it also did result in a student tuition increase.”

Students expect a tuition increase, but with the cuts in financial support by the state, tuition has been raised more than ever.

Linksz said, “There has been a student tuition increase almost every year since the college has been founded however, the fact that the state’s share has dropped put a little more pressure on the tuition side, so student tuition actually went up $3 more than it has in the past. The year before, student tuition went up about $7. This year it went up $10.”

“One of the things our trustees are always very concerned about is not raising tuition too much so that the college becomes unaffordable for our students,” Linksz added.

Community colleges are known for being a cheaper alternative to a four-year university, while still offering the option of transferring to a four-year university.

Linksz explained, “One of the things the trustees look at every year is what other colleges and universities cost, relative to Bucks.

Students are not necessarily selecting to go to Bucks or Montgomery Community College, they’re trying to make a decision.”

For in-county residents, a five-credit semester at Bucks costs about $1,732, Montgomery County College runs at about $2,136 while Temple University charges roughly $13,891 for a full-time undergraduate.

“The actual dollars that their tuition is going up far exceeds ours and so what is happening is that community college is going up on a low curve but four-year college tuition is going up at a much higher level.” Linksz said.

Not only are growing tuition costs an issue, but so are the number of students enrolling at Bucks straight out of high school.

“The fact that students coming from high school is going down is more driven by the fact that there are fewer high school graduates,” Linksz explained.

Linksz added, “The numbers of students graduating from high schools is going down. It started in 2009 and will continue as projected to keep doing down for several years to come, so the college could still get 20 percent of the high school graduating classes, but it would end up being less students.”

Bucks student Jesse Fruman finds tuition increases annoying.

“It’s kinda frustrating, because financial aid only offers you so much on your tuition, and if tuition goes up that’s less money you can spend on books,” Fruman said.

Erica Albert, also a Bucks student, said she doesn’t mind it as much.

“I don’t pay for tuition myself, because I’m on financial aid, but I do think that tuition should stay the same once you’re enrolled” Albert said.

Bucks is not the only institution affected by this issue Linksz said.

“Many of the four-year colleges are reporting decreases in enrollment, particularly decreases in first time, full-time enrollments straight out of high school,” Linksz said.

There could also be another reason why fewer students are enrolling full-time straight out of high school.

Linksz explained, “There is another phenomenon that is also occurring that is not necessarily directly related to high school graduates coming directly to college, but there are other things that are happening both nationally and locally that I think are converting some full-time students to part-time students. Some of that may be financial, some of that may simply be that under the new health care regulations students don’t have to be a full-time student anymore to have health care coverage under their parents plan. So, students do not necessarily have to take a full load of classes and some of them may be electing not to.”

There are many changes happening at Bucks relating to tuition costs, enrollment rates, and physical appearance. In time, the long-term effects of these changes will be seen.

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Numerous hundred dollar bills representing Bucks’ deficit.
Construction at Bucks to take until 2012

BY: MICHAEL HUNTON
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There has been a lot of noisy construction going on around campus for the past few weeks at Bucks, but many of the students have no idea what exactly is being built, until now. The official Bucks Facebook page posted a story last week explaining the final design of the large project and what the new space will bring.

According to this news release, Newtown Commons will be an 8,800 square foot expansion of the Gymnasium/Pemberton building, and will create a large student commons area, as well as add much needed offices for faculty, the IT staff and helpdesk. Heating and cooling for the expanded building, as well as other Newtown campus facilities, will be provided by 40 geothermal wells, each measuring 400 feet deep. This is likely to save the college money on energy costs.

Construction crews have been out working almost every day starting at around 7 a.m. and continue throughout the day. Students arriving early on campus have taken notice of the loud construction at such early hours.

Billy Kerins, 21, a journalism major from Southampton, had no clue what the construction was for.

“I of course heard and saw them out there every day, but didn’t know what it was for. Once I saw what it was going to eventually be, I was surprised. It looks really nice,” Kerins said.

Chris Apple, a 20-year-old communications major from Doylestown, can hear it when he arrives every morning for class.

“I just noticed the one day that the area around the HUB was fenced off, and after that I just noticed every morning there was more and more going on out there. Ed Corridon, 21, is an education major who will not be attending Bucks at the time of the completion of the project. “At the end of this year I plan on transferring to Temple, so I won’t be able to actually experience the new additions to the college.”

Because of the ongoing work on campus, other services are being affected. According to the Bucks Facebook page, as of Oct. 17, 2011 the HUB offices of Financial Aid and Student Accounts as well as the Front Counter Services of the Office of Admissions, Records, and Registration, are now located in the Solarium, on the 2nd floor of the Rollins Center.

Access to the gym from the deck will be temporarily closed during the construction process.
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survey finds students support death penalty

an unscientific poll of Bucks students this year found that 78 percent supported capital punishment.

by: billy kerins
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The death penalty has always been a topic of controversy, but when Bucks students were surveyed at random as to whether they support it or not, controversy was surprisingly nowhere in sight. Out of 100 randomly surveyed students, 78 supported capital punishment.

The poll was a random sample, not a scientific survey.

Due to high profile homicide cases, the death penalty has caught a lot of attention recently. Casey Anthony, a Florida woman who was acquitted of first degree murder in the death of her 3-year-old daughter, Caylee, had faced the death penalty if convicted.

Because so many people believed that Anthony was guilty, many deemed capital punishment appropriate and were furious that she was acquitted.

In another high profile case Troy Davis was also facing a death sentence. However, unlike Anthony, Davis was put to death on Sept. 21 in Georgia.

He was convicted and sentenced to die in 1991 for the 1989 murder of Georgia Police Officer Mark MacPhail. During Davis trial, seven witnesses testified that they had seen Davis shoot MacPhail, and two others testified that Davis had confessed to the murder.

Over the years witnesses recanted their stories, saying that police had either coerced them into saying that Davis was the gunman.

Despite support from many high profile people, such as former President Jimmy Carter, all of Davis’ appeals were denied and he was executed. According to ABC News, at the execution Davis asked the MacPhail family to “look deeper into the case,” and maintained his innocence. He said to prison officials carrying out the execution, “God have mercy on your souls.”

Chris Luther, 19, a criminal justice major from Holland, explained his support for the death penalty.

“Some crimes are just so bad that the person who commits them deserves death.”

He believes that the death penalty serves as a message of warning to future defendants, Luther said.

Marc Isaac, 20, a liberal arts major from Bensalem, also supports the death penalty, but only on rare occasions.

“I think the system needs the threat of capital punishment, but I only believe that it should be used on the most vicious of killers. I also believe that race and gender have a lot to do with it, and I think that Troy Davis and Casey Anthony are prime examples of that.”

John Wolf, 18, a criminal justice major, commented “An eye for an eye” in his beliefs about the death penalty. “If someone kills someone, that killer should be put to death. It’s that simple. There has to be a sense of accountability.”

However, student Dan McMullen, 21, an elementary education major from Churchville, had a different take.

“I believe there are some things worse than death. Personally, I would rather die than live in a cell with no freedom.”

AJ Velichko, 23, from Fairless Hills, also agreed that death might not be the answer.

“One injustice does not correct another injustice. No human being has the right to end another human being’s life, no matter the situation.”

According to the website, deathpenaltyinfo.org, there have only been three executions in Pennsylvania since 1976. In all three cases the offenders waived their appeals and asked that the execution be carried out. 34 states have capital punishment. Texas has led the way, executing 475 offenders since 1976.

clubs need members

By: Francesca Miller
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Despite there being over 100 clubs at Bucks 70 of them are currently closed, desperately needing students members and advisors.

But, the numbers are a little misleading. Student Life Director Matt Capriano said.

“All of the clubs listed are clubs that have been offered throughout the years here at Bucks. It’s easier to keep the clubs opened rather than reopening them,” he said.

Some of the clubs listed are names only, with no members or advisors. For example: Lacrosse. Students make the club and then never look back.

Although some clubs like Ski/Snowboarding, which had 50 students wanting to participate, are doing fairly well, many other clubs need student participation.

There are only about 500 members total in of all the clubs combined.

“That is not a lot for the size of the college. We know that students have other responsibilities outside of school such as family, work, and social lives,” Capriano said.

This shouldn’t stop students from joining. Some clubs only meet once a month and can have sessions over Skype.

Capriano suggested to “Carve out some time in the day for student groups. Whatever you can give that’s what it’s all about.”

Facebook has helped a little. Every club has their own Facebook page, allowing more focus on the group, who they are and what they’re about.

Clubs are open to all full and part-time Bucks students. Students can join at any time.

“Usually by spring semester we see some stability with the groups, the new students feel comfortable and current students are more settled” Capriano said.

But students are more than welcome to join clubs at any time.

If a student has an idea about a club they would like to start or reopen, they can always stop by Student Life Room 112 in the Rollins Center or call (215) 968-8257.
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Miller Family Band performs at Bucks

BY: STEPHEN GODWIN JR.
Centurion Staff

The Martin Family Band started back in 2004 and has been going strong ever since. The family’s members are Nelson (dad), Elaine (mom), Emily, 20, Melissa, 18, Brian, 15, Christy, 13, Zach, 10, and the youngest child Alex, 5, who is not yet part of the band. Earl Pyles, a sixty-something year old man, is a family friend that plays the drums. The misconception is that the band is Irish, but they are far from it and are actually former Mennonites.

Tom Slattery, opened the night by delivering a few jokes while the Martin Family Band was getting ready to come on. Nelson introduced his family and told the crowd that all six children have been practicing instruments from the age of five.

The second song incorporated some Irish dance that delighted the crowd. Then came Melissa, playing accordion in the third song. The fourth song was Emily playing the bagpipes. Melissa would then grab attention with her mandolin in the fifth song. The final song before intermission featured bongo drums played by Brian, while his sister’s river danced.

Audience members such as Laura and Carlos Rivera who seemed thoroughly impressed with the performance offered their feedback during intermission. “I think they are doing a super great job,” said Laura while her daughter Lily is especially enjoying it.” said Carlos.

Lauren Rivera is the daughter of Brian, while his sister’s dance pleased some irish dance that-triggered instruments from the age of five.

Elaine, who is not only a mother, a member of the band, and a homeschooler for her children, elaborated on how the band came to be.

“Well the idea for the band came from our daughter, but Nelson really works hard to keep us going,” she said.

Elaine also spoke about the band’s growing popularity. “Word of mouth has basically been the way our band’s popularity has gone around,” she said.

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**THE WEEK IN TV/MOVIES/MUSIC**

**Monday 10/24**
- How I Met Your Mother - NBC - 8:00
- MNF: Ravens at Jaguars - ESPN - 8:30
- Hoarders - A&E - 9:00
- Prime Suspect - NBC - 10:00

**Tuesday 10/25**
- NCIS - CBS - 8:00
- Man Up! - ABC - 9:00
- Tosh.0 - Comedy Central - 10:00

**Wednesday 10/26**
- Survivor - CBS - 8:00
- Suburgatory - ABC - 8:30
- America’s Next Top Model - CW - 9:00
- American Horror Story - FX - 10:00

**Thursday 10/27**
- It’s The Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown-ABC-8:00
- The Big Bang Theory - CBS - 8:00
- The Office - NBC - 9:00
- It’s Always Sunny In Philadelphia - FX - 10:00
- Conan - TBS - 11:00

**Friday 10/28**
- Chuck - NBC - 8:00
- Fringe - FOX - 9:00
- Sanctuary - SyFy - 10:00
- Blue Bloods - CBS - 10:00

**Sunday 10/30**
- The Simpsons - FOX - 8:00
- SNF: Cowboys at Eagles - NBC - 8:15
- Family Guy - FOX - 9:00
- CSI: Miami - CBS - 10:00
- Pan Am - ABC - 10:00

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**MOVIES**

**The Rum Diary**
American journalist Paul Kemp takes on a freelance job in Puerto Rico for a local newspaper during the 1950s and struggles to find a balance between island and mainland culture and the ex-patriots who live there.

**Directed by:** Bruce Robinson
**Starring:** Johnny Depp, Giovanni Ribisi, Aaron Eckhart
**Release Date:** 28 October

**In Time**
In the future people stop aging at 25 and must work to buy themselves more time, but when a young man finds himself with more time than he can imagine he must run from the corrupt police force to save his life.

**Directed by:** Andrew Niccol
**Starring:** Justin Timberlake, Amanda Seyfried, Cillian Murphy
**Release Date:** 28 October

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**MUSIC**

**Kelly Clarkson**
New album “Stronger”
24 October

**Toby Keith**
New album “Clancy’s Tavern”
24 October

**Jedi Mind Tricks**
New album “Violence Begets Violence”
25 October
Cruise with Weezer

BY: STEVE WERMUTH
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Have you ever wanted to go on a cruise...with your favorite band? Well good news Weezer fans; now you can.

The band has partnered with Carnival Cruises, and is putting on a “Weezer Cruise.” The cruise will begin on Jan. 19 until the 23 in the beginning of 2012. The cruise will leave from Miami, Florida and will go to Cozumel, Mexico.

The boys in Weezer are bringing along 16 other bands to entertain guests while sailing the Gulf of Mexico.

Throughout the cruise, the bands will be performing and interacting with their fellow sailors. Weezer will perform a total of three times during the cruise; twice on-board, and once when Mexico is reached.

When Weezer isn’t performing, other bands such as Dinosaur Jr., Yuck, and Free Energy will be playing for guests. However, Weezer will not be out of the picture. Each member of the band will be holding special events throughout the cruise.

Dinosaurs are not the only thing to experience. On the ship’s deck, guests will be partaking in a shuffleboard tournament on the ship’s deck.

Drummer turned guitarist Pat Wilson will bring out the competitive side in everybody by holding a shuffleboard tournament on the ship’s deck.

Guitarist Brian Bell will entertain the night birds, who will probably be too amped up from the concerts to sleep, by presenting a midnight movie on deck with the passengers.

All the final details, such as movie selection and other events yet to be released, ensure that Weezer will have another surprise or two waiting.

On top of those special events, Weezer has also prepared several special theme nights.

Since the Carnival Destiny cruise ship they will be on has a “dance hall” on board, the band decided to take full use of it. They are scheduling an 80’s Prom Night, where they want the guests to come dressed in their best 80’s style and will invite them to dance to the greatest hits of the 80’s.

In addition to the make-shift prom, they are also having an 80’s karaoke night, because everybody will already be in their best gear.

One of Weezers best known songs is called “Udowde (The Sweater Song)” and features the line “If you want to destroy my sweater...”. So they decided to run with that famous line, and host an “ugly sweater night”. It’s exactly what it sounds like; just wear your ugliest sweater, and point and laugh at all the other hideous ones.

As mentioned before, Weezer and the special guest bands will be partaking in all of these activities. On top of these announced ones, they still have unreleased plans that will be revealed as the date of departure approaches. In fact, as this is being typed, they just announced a new event.

Comedian Doug Benson will be joining the Weezer Cruise to record an *episode* of his podcast “Doug Loves Movies” that will include two members of Weezer as special guests.

There are still more events to be announced, but if this seems like something you’d love to do (and you happen to have a lot of extra money lying around) there are still limited tickets and rooms available for the ship.

In “Terra Nova,” the old is new again

BY: HUGH FEGELY
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Many are calling it a mix of “Jurassic Park” and “Avatar,” and FOX’s latest Monday night challenger to “Dancing with the Stars” even goes as far as drawing “Avatar’s” Stephen Lang as Nathaniel Taylor, the leader of “Terra Nova.”

The first half-hour of the show has plenty of action, starting off in the dystopian future of 2149. The world is under strict population control - the law states “a family is four.” But police officer Jim Shannon (played by Jason O’Mara) breaks that law, having a third child with his doctor wife, Elisabeth (Shelley Conn). Two years into Jim’s prison sentence, Elisabeth is drafted into the Terra Nova project, an environmentally friendly colony established in Earth’s prehistoric past.

The two-hour premiere does a decent job of establishing the premise for the show, and the special effects and action keep the show moving well. The counterpoint of modern technology in the camp against the nearly primordial rain forests of the Cretaceous period blend nicely, and the settlers use their modern know-how as efficiently as possible with the surrounding habitat.

Other than Lang, the rest of the cast is relatively unknown, but competent in establishing their characters - the Shannons are a fairly typical family, the rebellious teenage son, the hyper-intelligent daughter and the impish youngest child. There are others in the camp, and we soon find out the dinosaurs are not the only unfriendlies Terra Nova competes with - a splinter group called the Sixers also compete for resources to establish and maintain their compound.

Of the many producers listed in the credits for the $20-milion show, Stephen Spielberg is one of the best known. And the show has already had a long journey, having been announced nearly a year and a half ago and then facing production delays, but Spielberg’s touch is fairly obvious on the visually appealing effects and settings. One problem that can crop up when a show has a multitude of producers is a splintering and loss of focus, but hopefully Spielberg and the rest will maintain a constant pace in this first season. The pilot proved itself as a show that can deliver not only visually, but plot-wise as well - Lang and O’Mara head up the cast quite well and aren’t swallo
dowed by the spectacle surounding the program.

“Terra Nova” does have a tough challenge though, competing with “Dancing with the Stars,” which has the number-one slot in ratings. With an estimated nine-million viewers for the pilot, “Terra Nova” is already a stronger contender than other shows FOX has tried to introduce in this time slot. As long as the show maintains its focus, there is plenty of plot to be developed over this season - and future seasons as well.
Wordsmiths
poetry series

BY: MELISSA FLEISHMAN
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A six-month long poetry event is taking place at Bucks until Spring at no cost to students or the public.

The poetry reading event, known as Wordsmiths, started Sept. 30, and will continue through March 30 in the Orangery at Bucks, with the final reading April 27 in the Gateway Auditorium.

According to Language and Literature Professor Dr. Chris Bursk, “Wordsmiths is a reading series that has been here, pretty much, since the beginning of the college. It used to be called the Bucks Country Poetry Series.”

At each reading, Wordsmiths presents either a single author or multiple authors who read aloud to students and members of the community.

“We try to pick authors that might not otherwise have been bumped into,” Bursk said, “but authors who will engage students, whose work will speak to students’ lives and also authors who might show students different sides of life than they are used to.”

The authors who will perform at this event, come from many different places with different experiences and stories to share.

“We like to have a diversity of authors, so not just straight authors, but straight and gay, and not just white authors, but a mixture of ethnicities and also not specifically one gender.” Bursk said.

The poetry event started off with an African American poet, Iain Haley Pollock, who was accompanied by local poet, Joseph Chelius.

Bursk said that the school likes to match up nationally known poets with local poets to influence poetry at Bucks.

“Next is going to be Edmund White, probably the most preeminent gay novelist and memoirist in America, and he will be reading by himself,” said Bursk.

White will be reading on Nov. 4, followed by Martha Rhodes on Dec. 2.

“Rhodes is the author of five books and she is reading with former Bucks County Poet Laureate, Cheryl Bald,” said Bursk.

“In the winter, Professor Ethel Rackin has agreed to read with a Princeton poet named James Richardson,” she said.

Professor Rackin and Richardson will be appearing Feb. 17.

Following Rackin and Richardson, will be April Linder, a nationally known poet who works at Villanova University.

“Linder will read with the winners of the Heim-Camp competition who are Bucks student poets, along with Stan Heim, who is the originator of this series,” said Bursk.

Linder’s reading will take place on March 30.

Finally, on April 27, a recipient of the National Book Award for his book entitled, “Fire to Fire: New and Selected Poems,” Mark Doty will read with author Paul Lisicky in the Gateway Auditorium.

The series also includes a daytime reading by alumni poets.

“These are authors who went to Bucks and went on to publish books,” Bursk explained.

After each reading, there are books written by the authors that students or anyone attending the readings can purchase.

The entire series is open for anyone, and completely free to attend.

For more information on the Wordsmiths series, students may contact Bursk or view the available information on the Bucks website.

Poets in the series clockwise starting from top left: Edmund White, April Linder, Iain Haley Pollock, and Martha Rhodes.

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Overtime battle between Bucks and Ocean

By: Stephen Godwin Jr.
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Thursday, Oct. 5 featured the much anticipated matchup between the young upstart Centurions (4-6) and the proven Ocean County Vikings (7-3-1) that promised to be a nail-biter.

The game lived up to the hype by going into overtime, but this time it was the other team that came up in the clutch as Ocean mid-fielder Steve Guedes scored 2 goals in a 2-1 win over the Centurions.

The Centurions were supposed to open the season against Ocean, but the game was rained out. The game was then rescheduled for Oct. 5, a rare Friday game.

The Centurions started out the game going stride for stride with the Vikings, despite the difference in team records. The Vikings struck the first offensive blow when Guedes scored his first goal halfway through the first half giving Ocean a 1-0 lead.

If the Centurions confidence was shaken it certainly did not show as they got back to work on Ocean's goalie, Jamie Pace.

The offensive chances by the Centurions were squandered as they were not able to settle the ball down or get a clear shot. Ocean then got a chance to extend their lead with a free kick, but Centurion defenders were able to turn it back and keep the game close going into halftime.

Coach Justin Burroughs decided to ride the hot hand of Damon Custer for the second game in a row and Damon had rewarded him with solid play in the first half. His time was up when Mike Klimioncz came into the game for him after halftime to finish the job.

Coming into the second half, the Centurions played hard, but with nothing to show for it. Dan Foley changed that when he raced down field and scored an improbable goal, changing the game to 1-1.

The rest of the half probably seemed like an eternity to both schools as they watched their respective teams come close to taking the lead, but came up short.

The game would go on to be settled in overtime.

The Centurions kept the game’s competitive flow going for the first few minutes of overtime, but then got sloppy on defense.

Guedes of the Vikings got free on a breakaway, but saw his shot turned back by Klimioncz. The same exact play happened a few minutes later and this time Guedes was able to bang it home and score the game-winning goal.

“I was just able to sneak behind the defenders and get free for scoring opportunities” said Guedes, “I owe a lot of today’s success to help from my teammates.”

Kirk Pericciolli, the head coach of the Ocean County Vikings, said his team played well and that the game was close until his men pulled through in overtime.

When asked about any kind of motivational speech before overtime, he said, “I didn’t do anything special except telling them to try and recapture the offensive magic that got us the first goal.”

“I just feel more comfortable with the team now but early in the season we were still trying to get used to the new players and we were kind of tense,” said Foley of the Centurions.

Klimioncz was asked after the game how Guedes was able to capitalize on his second opportunity in overtime.

“His first shot was fired right towards me but his second shot went far enough over to the opposite side of me to score.”

Burroughs gave his thoughts after the game.

“It was a tough game and we were down early but we kept playing hard,” he said.

Ocean has three top 25 scorers in the division and all three were shut down during the game against Bucks. The Centurions (4-7) gave the Vikings (8-3-1) all they could handle that day, but the Vikings just had a little bit more.

Men’s golf coach on fall season

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The Bucks men’s golf season ended earlier this month after a successful fall run.

Coach Scott Bradshaw said this was one of the better teams that the school has seen in recent years.

“We’ve had a very, very successful season,” he said.

After cruising through the regular season, the six members of the team and Bradshaw set their sights on the Pennsylvania Collegiate Athletic Association state tournament.

After a good effort and some outstanding individual performances, the Centurions eventually fell short of first place, but placed 5th statewide at the PCAA on Oct. 11.

“The fall was really competitive,” said Bradshaw. “Sometimes you don’t get the best of the best, but this season we played some good teams.”

The Championships were held at Penn National Resort in Fayetteville, Pennsylvania.

“It was wide open, where you could make a mistake or two and recover, but it wasn’t too fun,” Bradshaw commented about the course.

“We had two guys who shot really well that day, Bob Monahan and Mike May,” he said.

Monahan shot a 79 on the course, which was good enough for 13th place, and May shot an even par 72, which placed him in 7th.

“There were 40 total golfers, so you can see that Bucks represented themselves very well,” said Bradshaw.

Monahan, a 20 year old from Levittown, agreed with Bradshaw on the season.

“Yeah, I mean this season was really great. As for the PCAA, that was my first time playing there, and I played really well,” said the science major.

Coach Bradshaw made it clear that golf isn’t just about hitting a ball, walking to it, then going home, which is what some people seem to think.

“People think golf is easy. It’s not; both on and off the course. The meets are usually an all-day event, and sometimes overnight events,” he said.

“You know everybody is busy with school and with work, so factor that in with the amount of time golf takes, and you have a very huge event,” he said.

“At the end of the season, you want to be playing your best golf, and that’s what these boys did,” he added.

Also on the team were Tim Smith, Jarret Neeley, Jeremy Thomas, and Rich Toff. Coach Bradshaw said that he’ll be losing some of the team next season but he hopes to keep up the momentum from this year.

If you are interested in trying out or playing during the spring season contact Scott Bradshaw at bradshaw@bucks.edu.
The Centurions were coming into this game after being shut out the previous Saturday by Sussex, and were searching for some serious offense. Injuries played a big part in the game as several players were not able to play for the Centurions. Vanderson Anderson’s ankle turned out to be broken; Cody Malosiecki was held out due to concussion symptoms, and a couple players didn’t show for personal reasons.

Goalie Damon Custer was forced to play in the field as a forward for the first time since high school. He put in a solid effort, and was not a liability on defense or offense.

The game started pretty even for the first few minutes, but the momentum soon turned in Bergen’s favor. Bergen practically lived in the Centurion’s zone in the first half as the Centurions struggled to generate much offense. Goalie Miko Klimonicz had held his own despite the constant pressure, until Petar Radev of Bergen scored 35 minutes in to give his team a 1-0 lead.

When the Centurions were able to get the offense going they were able to score, but it was called back on an off sides penalty. The Centurions were fortunate at the end of the half that the score was only 1-0.

The second half started with the Centurions putting pressure on Bergen goalie Michael McCrickar. The Bergen defenders then proceeded to take some ill-advised defensive methods by “cheap-shotting” some of the Centurion players.

Once when Foley had the ball in the Bergen zone a defender put his cleat into Dan Foley’s groin and sent him to the ground and another instance shortly after when Brandon Morninghoff had his legs cut out from under him by a Bergen player and sent him into an awkward landing.

Both players would be alright. The Centurion sideline was obviously upset, but the Centurions would keep their heads and put their anger to good use.

Shane Nicolo sent a pass to Brandon Milan who fired a shot in close on McCrickar, but the shot was partially blocked. Luckily, Foley was there to put the rebound in for the score.

The Centurions’ intense style of play lead to a Bergen turnover and Foley was able to feed Milan on a score giving the Centurions a 2-1 lead.

The Centurions withstood some late Bergen offensive pressure and closed out the game for the win.

Centurion Coach Justin Burroughs gave his take on the game’s events.

“I think overall we played pretty well, but we made some mistakes” Burroughs said, “I think in the first half we were kind of bickering to each other, but in the second half we decided to play together.”

The Bergen coach was unavailable for comment after the game due to a rainstorm that was on the way.

Klimonicz talked after the game about the gritty win saying “I think we just had a fire lit under us after the cheap shots, and maybe that’s what we need sometimes.”

“We fight sometimes, but ultimately we care about each other, and when one of our guys gets hurt, were going to stand up for them.” Klimonicz said.

**OCT. 15** – The Bucks Centurions entered Saturday Oct. 15 badly needing a win against the Camden County Cougars in order to keep their playoff hopes alive. The game took place less than 24 hours after a game against the Mercer County Vikings.

Unfortunately they were not able get going as Cougar forward Milton Tucker scored two of the Cougars’ three goals and shutout the Centurions for a 3-0 win.

Camden Coach Giuseppe Lamberti said “I think we played okay, but I think we missed on some opportunities that we just weren’t able to put in the net.”

The Centurions’ playoffs chances have seemingly gone down the drain. This is the first time in the last 5 years that the Centurions have not been in the playoffs.

Centurion Coach Justin Burroughs after the game said “It was an okay game at times, but we didn’t lack that fire and [the Cougars] capitalized on their opportunities and we didn’t.”

This marked the final home game for the Centurions this season.

**OCT. 17** – Centurion defender Shane Nicolo scored two goals for the Centurions as they conquered the Gloucester County Roadrunners 4-2 in a rare Monday afternoon game on Oct. 17.

Going into the game some might have wondered if the Centurions would still play with the same intensity that they had for the last two games, even with no chance of making the playoffs.

The Centurions proved they still had the drive to win.

Captain Cody Malosiecki returned to play after suffering from a concussion and record an assist in the Centurions’ win.

Dan Foley and Brandon Morninghoff also scored for the Centurions.

Damon Custer played in goal for the Centurions.

“IT think we played well, we kept our heads up and put in good effort.” Centurion Coach Justin Burroughs said.

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**WEATHER**

Forecast by NWS for 18940

**MON Oct. 24**

51° | 40°

Chance of showers

**TUE Oct. 25**

48° | 39°

Sunny

**WED Oct. 26**

46° | 39°

Mostly cloudy, chance of showers

**THU Oct. 27**

50° | 42°

Mostly cloudy, chance of showers

**FRI Oct. 28**

52° | 42°

Shower

**SAT Oct. 29**

50° | 41°

Shower

**SUN Oct. 30**

51° | 40°

Mostly sunny