



New site pulls web resources together

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A new web portal called MyBucks will centralize numerous web resources which students use on a regular basis. The site was greeted with a mix of approval and skepticism from students and faculty alike.

MyBucks is an online service that consolidates students' school e-mail accounts, advising information and other college related web services.

Vice President of Information Technology Services, Deborah Noble, said the goal of the new site is to make things easier for students.

"We want MyBucks to be a one-stop shop where students can locate anything from class schedules to important forms," she said.

The site works on any web browser and consists of three main regions: a personal calendar that includes student's class schedules, notifications from the college and access to college systems such as BB Vista, Canvas, WebAdvisor, among other things.

Lead Desktop Support Technician Andy Plaisted said

the site launched during the first week of November.

"Students will still need separate passwords to access BBVista and their Bucks e-mail accounts," he said.

Also, the MyBucks password is the same password students use to log on to the computers around campus, so it should not be confusing or force students to register for yet another service.

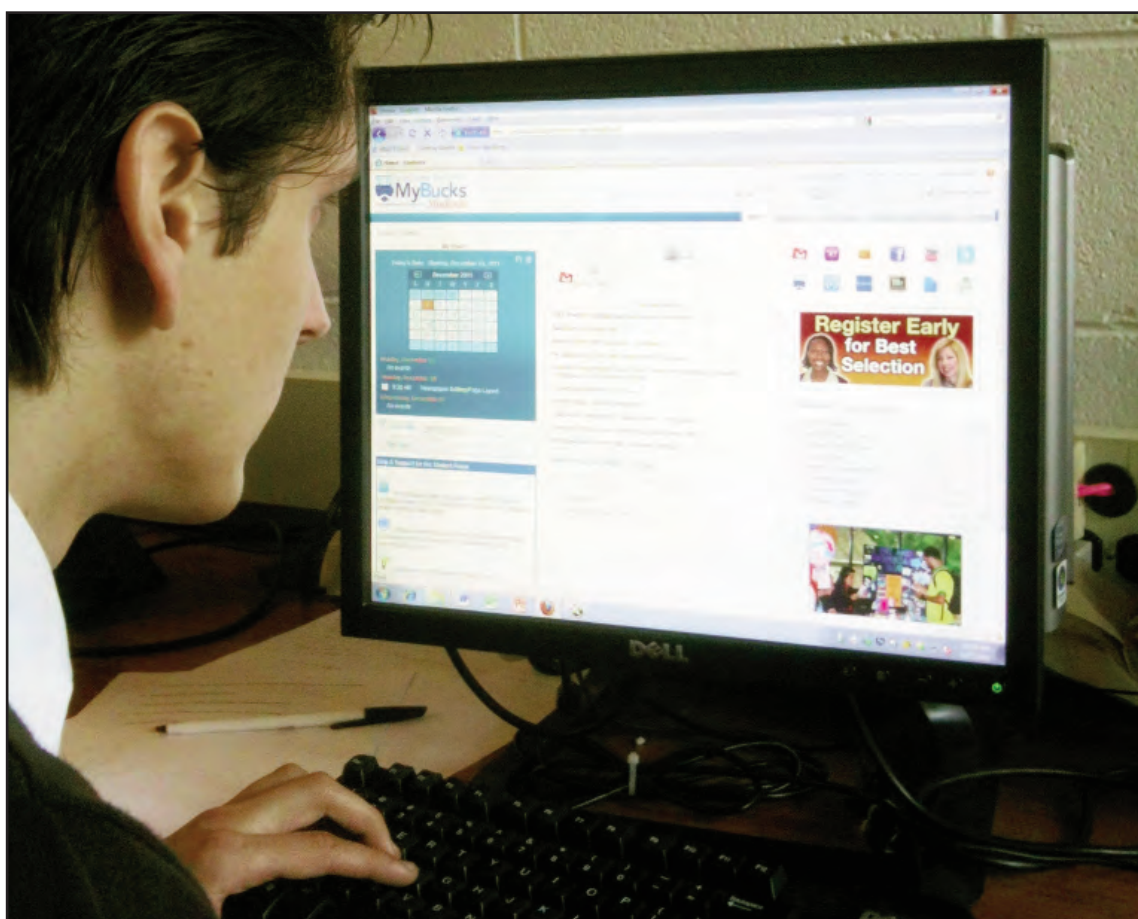
The site contains tabs with options such as a college catalogs, advising, career services, financial aid and athletics. These subjects are available at the click of a button to students who log in to MyBucks.

"We wanted students to have a simpler way to access anything they could possibly need for their studies at the college," Noble said.

There is a forms tab on the page, where students can either print out, or send via e-mail forms for many school-related tasks.

The forms available through the site help complete tasks ranging from graduation to starting a student club or athletics team.

Students had their say in the decision-making process that went in to creating the



The home page of the new BCCC web portal, MyBucks.

PHOTO BY DAN PEREZ

MyBucks site.

"We felt student feedback was extremely important in making this site because students are the ones who will be using it. They helped design the way it looks and what can be accessed through MyBucks," Noble explained.

Bucks Student Body President Katie Coffman sat in on several meetings about the program before it was released.

"I like how the school worked with students to change aspects of MyBucks," she said. "This way the program will fit the needs of students."

Coffman also said the site is new and still in the developmental stages and may go through more updates and changes.

Another student, Tyler Wilson, a business major from Yardley, said he hasn't heard of MyBucks and uses another similar program, Canvas, for several of his classes.

"I use Canvas to check my grades and communicate with

teachers. It's like BBVista but my classes use it," he said. "I don't have any problems or difficulties in the online aspects of my classes, so I guess that's why I won't use MyBucks."

The program also has a wide array of icons on the homepage that allow students to explore other websites. These include Gmail, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, iTunes, Google Docs and the Bucks homepage.

"All of these icons were added due to student feedback. They wanted Facebook and Gmail access, as well as access to the other pages," Noble explained.

According to Noble, student feedback is crucial to keeping MyBucks a successful and helpful portal.

"We want to know what students think of the portal and how we can improve or change things to make it more efficient," Noble said.

One Bucks student, Kemisha Harewood, said the program simplifies one aspect

of her college experience.

"It eliminates the need for different passwords and websites for pages I visit every day. My student e-mail and BBVista are now at the same place," said the education major.

MyBucks is also available to faculty and staff of the school.

Matt Seibert, a resident of Doylestown and a librarian at the Newtown Campus, said he uses it frequently.

"I think it benefits students the most," he said. "It's a good resource to centralize and streamline the online part of their education."

MyBucks can be found on upper right corner of the main Bucks website. To log on, students use the same user name they have for any Bucks login; however, @securebucks.edu must follow.

For more information on MyBucks or any ideas, opinions, or feedback, students can e-mail them to suggestions@bucks.edu, or contact Noble at nobled@bucks.edu

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Student clothing line supports local talent



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Josh Nollie, 20, a business major from Morrisville, might sound like the average college student. He's a part-time student at Bucks and the Centurion's business manager. When he's not in class or

find anyone to support them." It was after that dream that Nollie decided to become a sponsor himself and joined with business partners Cameron, Eugene and Dmitri. The team brainstormed ideas for the company for hours. The hours soon became days, then

people. A large part of our mission is to educate people through our clothes and our designs." Nollie said that if the company finds a person's story especially interesting, they make a project out of it either with a shirt or a video.

"We actually have some video projects in the works with a guy named Tab."

Nollie says Tab has a story that needs to be told. After members of the Appeal team met Tab out on a Philadelphia street, they sparked up a conversation with the ex-criminal.

"He's overcome a lot" Nollie said. "His story is about overcoming the crimes he's committed and trying to reenter the life of a normal human being."

Nollie has contacted a videographer and is trying to get the project rolling. Despite the company slowly approaching its second birthday, Nollie admits that Appeal Clothing is still in its infancy.

"We only just hit the tip of the iceberg. Just scratched it. This thing is going to take a



PHOTO BY FRANCES DONO

Bucks and Appeal Clothing president, student Joshua Nollie

long time," he said.

At the moment, the clothing line is only sponsoring Philadelphia-based talents but is open to take new clientele whenever the opportunity presents itself.

Appeal Clothing Co. is currently manufacturing promotional shirts for local rap artists L.S.M.E and Corte.

Nollie said he would like to see the company go further into designing casual business wear.

Appeal will also set up a website that should go live within the next six months and a new line of shirts is opening soon. The new shirts will help promote local talent.

"It was never about money,"

Nollie said. "It costs a lot of money to get these shirts. I don't expect much but I expect to at least cover the cost of the shirts. I want to help people and help improve my knowledge of business."

Nollie never thought it would be so tough, but recalls that in the dream that inspired him, he didn't see himself succeeding, "I only saw myself struggling," he said.

That's not going to stop Nollie. He is determined to make the project successful.

"That's the whole thing about being an entrepreneur. You don't always know if it's going to happen. You just hope that it works."

The company likes to get customers involved, and often takes design suggestions.

"I'm always open to talking and learning people's stories," said Nollie.

People can email them at Appealclothingco@gmail.com for ideas or discussions.

For more information, you can visit their Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/appealclothingco> or by email at Appealclothingco@gmail.com



The latest shirt made by Appeal.

PHOTO FROM APPEAL CLOTHING CO. FACEBOOK PAGE

studying, he blows off steam by playing "Battlefield 3" or watching "The Walking Dead."

But Nollie also launched and currently runs his very own clothing line.

Nollie founded The Appeal Clothing Company in January 2010 to support and promote local rap artists, skateboarders and other local talent.

"I know it sounds cheesy but it came to me in a dream," Nollie said. "I thought about everyone who I knew that needed sponsors, but couldn't

weeks and then months.

Their first design was a graffiti company logo, which never made it to the production line.

It's not your average clothing company either. After customers place an order via telephone or email, the purchase is then hand-delivered by either Nollie or another team member.

Currently, Appeal Clothing is only in the T-shirt business that has an urban look.

"We draw inspiration from the world around us," Nollie said. "News, the media and

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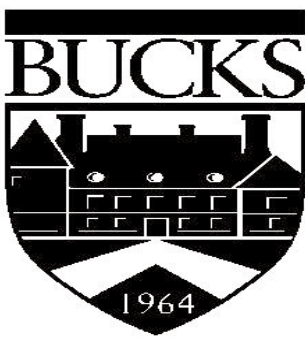
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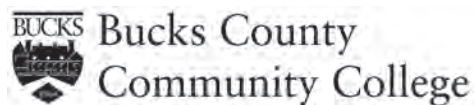




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The cost of Christmas

Despite sales, Bucks students have to manage tight budgets during the holiday season.

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As a college student, buying gifts for family and friends may seem tough on a student budget, especially during the holiday season. Many Bucks students have to pay their way through college, and on top of that, as December approaches quickly; it's time to start buying gifts for the family.

Chris Pierre, 19, communications performance major from Langhorne said, "It's hard to buy gifts since I don't have a job, and it depends on how much money I need to spend." Pierre also likes to buy things that are on sale all year round, especially if it is something good, and commented that he does not shop on Black Friday because it's too crowded.

Erika Felouzis, 22, psychology major from Southampton, likes to get the cheapest things possible for gifts, or she makes them herself. Instead of shopping on Black Friday, Felouzis usually goes on vacations to visit her family.

"I buy something for everyone and spend up to \$50 on each family member," said Alex Selyukov, 20, criminal justice major from Philadelphia. He does not shop on Black Friday, but usually buys gifts on sale around the holidays.

Getting gifts for both family and friends may be difficult for many people who have a big family or many close friends. Most students need a job to save up money to spend at the end of the year.

Rachel Sparks, 18, education major from Warminster mentioned, "When it comes to buying gifts, I like to see what my friends and family like, and if I can afford it." Sparks does like to go to the mall on Black Friday because, "the mall is very crazy, but I get good sales."



Chris Crose, 23 business administration major from Langhorne usually gets most of his family gift cards for the holidays, but he tries to get them what they want. Although Crose does not shop on the biggest shopping day of the year, he said, "I sometimes go to Wal-Mart to watch the stores open and see people shoving each other into the store."

Sammi Eiser, 19, elementary education major from Fairless Hills explained how she gets holiday gifts for her family before friends. She also loves sales all year round. "Black Friday has great sales, and more toys," says Eiser.

Because she is on a strict budget Gabrielle Belardo, 18, an undecided major from Newtown, likes to save her money. "I buy corny gifts based on things that my family liked as a child." She almost always buys things on sale all year and loves to shop on Black Friday because, "it is such an experience."

"During the holiday season, I buy gifts for family only, just to make it more personal," reported Joe Eppolito, 19, secondary education major from Levittown. He likes sales not just around the holiday but all year and thinks people who shop on Black Friday are too crazy.

"I work for the money and to purchase gifts," says Leroy Michael Wilson, 21 year-old criminal justice major from Southampton. He thinks that many people don't shop on Black Friday, because, "It's too busy, although I do go out once in a while."

Courtney Gieger, 19, nursing major from Fairless Hills tries to save her money by buying things on sale through magazines. She is also a fan of sales, but just for the holidays. "I usually work on Black Friday as well as go shopping if I have extra time or if there is anything left."



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Student of the week

Name: Dan Perez
Age: 22
Major: Communications
Hometown: Memphis, TN

A hiking journalist. That’s what Dan Perez, the globe-trotting co-editor-in-chief of the Centurion and staff writer at the Bucks County Courier Times, would like to be known as.

Dan recently obtained his associate’s degree from Bucks several months ago but is still taking journalism classes and editing the hours away at the student paper.

Born in Memphis, TN, the 22-year-old has lived in Singapore, Miami and currently calls Washington Crossing his home - for now.

His hobby of trekking has taken him to Arizona, sections of the Appalachian Trail in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, and most recently Colorado.



Dan relaxing in Buena Vista, Colorado.



Overlooking the Blue Ridge Mountains in Shenandoah National Park, Virginia.



Dan hiking at the Maroon Bells mountain range near Aspen, Colorado.

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Student on bike rushed to hospital after colliding with professor's car on Newtown campus

BY: STEPHEN GODWIN JR.
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A Bucks student was rushed to the hospital on Friday morning after his bicycle collided with a professor's vehicle, a campus security official said.

Assistant Director of Security and Safety Mark Moore received a call from a campus custodian shortly after 9:30, stating that there had been an accident on campus near the cottages.

Moore and Campus Security Officers Art Acosta and Devon Blackman rushed to the scene where they discovered the student lying on the ground with facial injuries and Bucks

Professor Patricia Fox-Callan, who was the driver of the vehicle, visibly upset.

According to Moore, Fox-Callan had just arrived on campus and after going over a speed bump behind cottage four she heard something crash into the back of her vehicle.

Officials said the student was riding his bicycle over a hill on campus and was flying downhill before colliding with the vehicle. After the bicycle crashed into Fox-Callan's car, the student was sent flying until his head hit the driver's side mirror.

After Newtown police and paramedics arrived, the student

was rushed to St. Mary's Hospital.

"Obviously it was a terrible tragedy and you hate to see something like that happen, but right now we don't have too much information about it," Moore said.

Moore said that Fox-Callan's car was deemed to be unfit to drive but she was not injured in the accident.

The student was not wearing a helmet at the time of the accident and "there were no indications present whether he did or didn't try to brake," according to Moore.

Security and Safety did not identify the student.



The area in which the accident happened

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Ways to save money on textbooks

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College students seem to share the same universal complaint: college textbooks are too expensive. Many students at Bucks reported that they look for ways to save money on their textbooks.

"I came to Bucks as a freshman this year, and I was astonished to pay almost \$300 for books on top of tuition," said Rebecca Sorrento, 18, a pre-allied health major from Bristol. She said she bought all of her textbooks new, which cost her significantly more money.

One way to save money on textbooks is to buy used copies of the books, which are usually available in the Bucks bookstore. Buying a used copy of a book can knock off about one-third of the price.

Aside from the bookstore, there are many websites to find cheaper textbooks. Amazon and eBay are among the leading websites for buying and selling used textbooks.

"I used Amazon this past semester to buy my books, and did not pay over \$40 for any of

them. I was very satisfied," said Gregory Asbero, 20, a computer science major from New Hope.

Other popular websites to find used textbooks are Craigslist and Facebook. One drawback to using these websites, as opposed to Amazon and eBay, is that one is not able to find information about the seller's reputation. Because of this, some students have felt cheated when they purchased online.

"I bought my biology textbook after joining a Facebook group, and the owner claimed that the book was in good condition. Once I got it, I found that a good amount of pages were written in. I felt ripped off," said Mia Hughes, 21, an early childhood education major from Langhorne.

Hughes and many other students said they were weary of buying textbooks from these types of groups. Nonetheless, they are still a great resource to get in touch with students you might know and trust for cheap textbooks.

Zachary Green, 19, a criminal justice major from



Doylestown, used the "Affordabook" iPhone application, which searches and compares textbook prices from many websites.

Another way to save money, but one that must be approved by professors, is to buy an older or international edition of the assigned book. Many versions of books coincide with one another, and have very few differences.

There are even a few websites, such as www.chegg.com, that allow students to rent textbooks for a fraction of the price. Students are able to rent the textbook for the current

semester, and then mail it back.

A money-saving technique that many teachers have begun utilizing is electronic textbooks. These can be found online, and are significantly cheaper, even free in many cases.

"My professor gave us the option of using the free online textbook, or paying about \$100 for the paperback copy. The decision was easy to say the least," said Kiernan Suphrin, 19, a graphic design major from Washington's Crossing.

About half of the students interviewed said they paid for their own textbooks this past

semester, as opposed to asking their parents.

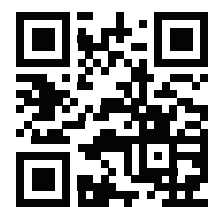
"I had to pick up many night shifts at work, just to have the extra money for textbooks," reported Green.

One way students are able to raise some money for an upcoming semester's books is to sell back their own used textbooks. At the end of each semester at Bucks, the bookstore buys back students' books. Students can then save that money to buy textbooks for the next semester. The bookstore will buy back books from Dec. 7 until Dec. 16.

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Finals music playlist 2.0

BY: STEVE WERMUTH
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If you picked up a copy of last week’s Centurion issue, you might have noticed my “finals playlist” in the Steve’s Setlist section.
I decided after making my own personal list that I wanted

I thought for sure while asking around campus I would get the same few artists from each genre. However, you the students proved me very wrong, as I received a very wide variety of musical artists.
I’m not going to list every artist given to me because

this band *NOT* be mentioned? If you ever find yourself near a crowd, it’s almost guaranteed that someone in that crowd, no matter where you are, will like Led Zeppelin. If you ask anybody with a musical background who the greatest rock band is, if they don’t say the Beatles they will say Led Zeppelin. Heck, even Lady Gaga herself has mentioned a time or two that Zeppelin inspired her. So to me, it was no shocker people would study to these legends.

Jay-Z - Speaking of legends, why don’t we jump to a different genre, and discuss another popular answer; rapper Jay-Z. Rap isn’t exactly my genre of specialty, but I really thought Jay-Z retired. That is until I found out he is on tour with Kanye West (who stopped in Philadelphia not too long ago.) If you like rap, you like Jay-Z; plain and simple. He’s been known to throw a lot of words into single verses, so make sure while studying and listening you don’t get caught up in the massive flow of words.

Linkin Park - I decided to put Linkin Park and Jay-Z right next to each other on this list being as they have collaborated in the past. Linkin Park is a unique band, in that they are both a rock band and a rap

group. If you listen to older Linkin Park, it was either hard rock, or a rap-rock mix. Their more recent music seems to be more rap than anything else. That musical range is what makes them very popular and made them a common choice for this survey.

Modest Mouse - I actually only got this band as a response once, however, the fact that somebody chose this band as their study band was the surprising thing to me. They are considered an indie band, so they’re not exactly mainstream or popular, so I wasn’t expecting them as an answer. The band formed in 1993, and arguably have two huge hits throughout their career. Sure, they have plenty of songs, but again, they’re in the unknown genre, so to speak so not many songs explode.

Matt Nathanson - ...is apparently a ladie’s man. I’ll be honest; before my journey around campus for answers I had never heard of Matt. However, after hearing his name pop up a few times and seeing girls’ eyes light up as they said his name, I had to do some research on him. If he’s not touring with Kelly Clarkson or collaborating with Sugarland, this guy is winning the girls over with his acoustic

guitar. I can see why people would want to study to his music; it kind of calms things down.

Other artists that were given as answers were: Aerosmith, Usher, Prince (yes, that Prince), Childish Gambino, Pink Floyd, Bon Jovi, Green Day, Lady Gaga, Beyonce, AC/DC, Avenged Sevenfold, and many more.

What I found out from this is that Bucks is a very diversified campus when it comes to music and it’s a really good thing to discover. It shows that we all have our own personal tastes in music which makes us all unique.

You may see a student walking around with a Metallica shirt on but what you don’t know is that through his or her headphones blasts the music of Rihanna. True, it may seem like a stretch, but it’s thoughts like this that I had to accept after seeing the diverse musical interests our campus shares.

Finals are approaching and fast. If you need some extra motivation and the endless amounts of coffee and energy drinks just are not cutting it, try throwing on some music. The worst that can happen is you end up enjoying your favorite artist.



to see what my fellow Bucks students would listen to while preparing for the upcoming finals.
I’ll be honest, I was shocked with some of the answers I got.

quite frankly, there may not be enough ink to print all the names out, but I will list some of the most popular and unique responses I got around campus.
Led Zeppelin - How could

THE WEEK IN TV/MOVIES/MUSIC

TV

- Tuesday 12/6**
Glee - FOX - 8:00
Home Alone 2 -ABC Family - 8:30
- Wednesday 12/7**
Survivor: South Pacific - CBS - 8:00
Suburgatory - ABC - 8:30
Ghost Hunters - SyFy - 9:00
Law and Order: SVU - NBC - 10:00
American Horror Story - FX - 10:00
- Thursday 12/8**
The Big Bang Theory - CBS - 8:00
Wipeout - ABC - 8:00
The Office - NBC - 9:00
It’s Always Sunny in Philadelphia - FX - 10:00
Misery - TVGN - 10:30
- Friday 12/9**
The Santa Clause - ABC Family - 8:00
Frosty the Snowman - CBS - 8:00
Frosty Returns - CBS - 8:30
Sanctuary - SyFy - 10:00
- Sunday 12/10**
The Simpsons - FOX - 8.00
SNF: Giants at Cowboys - NBC - 8:15
The Good Wife - CBS - 9:00
Zombieland - FX - 10:00
- Monday 12/11**
Terra Nova - FOX - 8:00
Two and a Half Men - CBS - 9:00
The Closer - TNT - 9:00
Haai Five-O - CBS - 10:00
Elf - USA - 11:05

MOVIES

Theater

The Sitter (R)
A comedy about a college student on suspension who is coaxed into babysitting the kids next door, though he is fully unprepared for the wild night ahead of him.
Directed by: David Gordon Green
Starring: Jonah Hill, Sam Rockwell, Ari Graynor
Release Date: 9 December

DVD

The Hangover Part II (R)
Two years after the bachelor party in Las Vegas, Phil, Stu, Alan, and Doug jet to Thailand for Stu’s wedding. Stu’s plan for a subdued pre-wedding brunch goes seriously awry.
Directed by: Todd Phillips
Starring: Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms, Zach Galifianakis
Release Date: 6 December

MUSIC



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New album “Anthem Inc”
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Students enjoy 25 days of Christmas TV special

BY: BREANNE HILLIS
Centurion Staff

The holiday season is approaching quickly which means that ABC Family's traditional 25 Days of Christmas special is upon us. Beginning on Dec. 1, the network will show different holiday themed movies until Dec. 25. It's a tradition that many people are looking forward to.

Jessica Los, 18, criminal justice major from Langhorne, celebrates Christmas and cannot wait until the 25 Days of Christmas holiday shows air. Los especially enjoys watching the holiday movies "A Year without Santa Claus" and "The Polar Express."

Los also looks forward to the lights and decorations. Her only tradition around Christmas time is going to church on Christmas Eve.

Ashley Efkowitz, 22, a child-care major from Ivyland, enjoys watching the holiday movies on TV, including her favorites, "A Christmas Story" and "Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer."

Efkowitz mentions her favorite thing about the holiday is, "being with my family." Her family puts up many decorations on their house for the holiday season.

"Spending time with family and my girlfriend" is something that Nick Dampman

enjoys most about the holidays. Dampman, 20, from Langhorne, studies cinema/video productions, has had decorations up for the holidays before Thanksgiving. His family usually keeps their decorations up until New Years.

Dampman enjoys watching his favorite holiday movies during the 25 Days of Christmas special. His traditions every year include, "going to Christmas Eve service at church, as well as going to my grandparents' house that night."

Ally Cryan, 22, liberal arts major from Doylestown, enjoys watching "A Charlie Brown Christmas," "The Christmas Story" and "Dr. Seuss' 'How the Grinch Stole Christmas'" during the holidays. Cryan said she won't be watching the countdown to Christmas movies on TV in December, but that she looks forward to "getting together with the family."

"Traditions that we have are on the night before Christmas; we go to dinner with my grandmother and then go to church for the service," Cryan said. She celebrates two Christmases: one on Christmas Day and again about a week later with her mother's side of the family.

Ray Harrison, 21, liberal arts major, from Bensalem, cele-



brates Hanukkah, but also enjoys watching the Christmas movies on ABC Family. He likes to watch all the classic holiday TV specials like, "The Polar Express," "Scrooge" and "Charlie Brown Christmas."

Harrison's favorite parts of the holiday season are doing all of his traditions, being with friends and family and listening to Christmas music on the radio. His other holiday traditions include, "going to Hershey Park, seeing the light show at Shady Brook Farms, and going downtown for the lightshow at Macy's."

Allison Boyd, 20, from Newtown, a childhood education major, decorates her house every year for Christmas. She looks forward to spending time with her family and watching her favorite holiday movies, including "Frosty the Snowman" and "A Year without Santa Claus." She has traditions with her family that they do every year which are "going to my aunt's house on Christmas Eve and my mom's family comes to our house on Christmas day."

Anthony DeVito, 20, a

graphic design major from Yardley, likes watching "Charlie Brown's Christmas" when he is not stuck at work. His traditions are going to church and having his house decorated for the holidays.

Taylor Casmirri, 21, liberal arts, from Newtown, enjoys watching the 25 Days of Christmas special in December and also watches the countdown to Christmas in November on ABC Family. Casmirri has many favorite holiday movies including "A Christmas Story," "Elf," "Twas the Night" and "The Ultimate Christmas Present."

"I look forward to the feeling of the holidays. When I put the Christmas tree up and the smell of it goes throughout the house, I know it is officially the holidays," says Casmirri.

Of her many traditions she has with her family, her favorite one is making cream chipped beef on Christmas morning. Another thing Casmirri does with her mother every year is decorating the house and the tree.

Ryan Taylor Jones, 20, cinema and video production major

from Doylestown, doesn't watch the 25 Days of Christmas special on TV, but does watch his favorite holiday movie, "Jingle All the Way." Jones does not have any specific holiday traditions nor does he decorate his house, but every year he looks forward to enjoying a warm cup of fresh apple cider.

Dean Ridgeway, 18, cinema and video production major from Bensalem, enjoys watching some favorite movies including "Rudolf the Red-Nose Reindeer," "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," "Charlie Brown Christmas" and "Dr. Who Christmas Special." Ridgeway, doesn't watch the 25 Days of Christmas though.

He looks forward to spending time with friends and family during the holidays and spending Christmas Eve dinner at his aunt's house as a tradition and decorates his house for the holiday season.

Be sure to watch the 25 Days of Christmas shows on ABC Family through Dec. 25.

Vinyl records survive technological revolution

BY: KELSEY FOREMAN
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Despite technological advances and music becoming readily available by the click of a mouse, the old-fashioned vinyl records have survived and have even become a rising trend.

Surprisingly, the majority of vinyl customers are not those of older generations, but young adults and teenagers who instead grew up with the cassette tape and the CD.

At the Newtown Book and Record Exchange on State Street customers can trade, sell and purchase vinyl records.

"It's ironic; older people are coming in to sell their old LPs while younger people are coming in to buy them the next day," explained a sales associate at Newtown Book and Record Exchange.

Many students now find themselves digging through old boxes of records in their parents' basement.

According to Nielsen SoundScan, an audio sales tracker, vinyl record sales have reached their peak in 2011, being the highest in the decade and increasing dramatically since just last year.

So what is responsible for the sudden interest in vinyl? That's a question that many people are still wondering. Perhaps this generation is beginning to see the advantages of vinyl records and turntables.

Many music junkies have an enormous iTunes library, but still don't feel like they necessarily "own" the music. Many young people have begun to look at vinyl records as a collection.

"You are not just getting the

album tracks. You are getting the cover art, the big black disc, and any other features it may include. It's a package deal," said Ashley Furey, 18, a music major from Warminster.

Granted, buying a vinyl album is also buying many additional features. For example, the vinyl LP of The Beatles' "Magical Mystery Tour" includes a 24 page full color picture book, which is viewed as a collector's item for many Beatles fans.

Another LP quality that attracts many young customers is the enlarged cover art, as opposed to the little digital image on iTunes.

"You can see every detail of a vinyl's cover art. I had never even noticed the familiar faces on the cover of 'Sgt. Peppers Lonely Hearts Club Band,'" Mishon Zyfle, 20, a liberal

arts major from Warrington, said regarding The Beatles' 1967 release.

As Zyfle stated, if you look closely at a vinyl cover of Sgt. Peppers, you will notice the familiar faces of Bob Dylan, Marilyn Monroe, Edgar Allen Poe, Oscar Wilde, Lewis Carroll and many others.

Kayla Heron, 19, a business major from Newtown, said that her favorite part of collecting vinyl records is browsing through them and choosing which ones to buy.

"You never know what albums you might stumble across at a record store," she said. Heron also noted that she loved the inexpensive nature of vinyl.

Terrance Bailey, 21, a marketing major from Fairless Hills, said his favorite quality of vinyl is the sound quality.

"If an album was originally recorded onto an LP, it will sound at its best that way forever," Bailey stated.

Many students favor the natural, analog sound of vinyl as opposed to the compressed sound of digital music.

It is not only classic albums that can be found on vinyl, but new albums can be purchased as well. Many new album releases can be found on vinyl in a section of your local record shop or on the internet, such as the Barnes and Noble's website, which contains a selection of over 12,500 records.

Vinyl is anything but dead and can only be expected to increase within the years to come.

Bucks suffers late defeat to Stevens College

Bucks men’s basketball team lost in overtime 92-83 to Stevens College.

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

Stevens College sophomore Jebre Mouzon scored 19 points to lead his team to an overtime victory over Bucks 92-83 on Dec. 28. Freshman Donnell Simmons aided in the win with 16 points. The victory was hard to swallow for the Centurions as they gave up a nine point halftime lead.

The Centurions looked to bounce back from a weekend home loss against the Community College of Philadelphia, but played without Center Tariq Benn in the starting lineup. The patchwork lineup held their own, however, only being down by two, before Benn entered the game.

The added reinforcements helped the Centurions step up their defense and on one occasion forced Stevens College into a shot clock violation. Still the game remained tight halfway through the first half.

Benn then proceeded to put on an offensive clinic against Stevens and Bucks pulled ahead by 13 points with five minutes to go. The Centurions allowed

Stevens to hang around at the half with a lead of 39-30.

Stevens College came out in the second half with a huge offensive momentum shift and crawled back into the game with four minutes left. The two teams finished the regulation period with a back-and-forth performance, but the score was tied at 73-73.

Benn had fouled out of the game in the final minute and his presence was missed in the extra period. Stevens College pulled ahead by 89-83 near the end, but Bucks hurt their rallying chances by missing some late foul shots.

“We couldn’t match their intensity tonight,” Bucks Coach Steve Coyne said. “We didn’t play as a team and tried to force passes that weren’t there.”

Coach Curtis Cannon of Stevens College said after the game, “We played okay, but we haven’t practiced in a week because of the break and it showed, but we were able to turn it around for the second half.”

On the momentum shift, Cannon said, “We switched to a man-on-man defense and started pressing the opposition inside.”



Emotions run high as Centurions battle on the court. PHOTO FROM: BCCC ATHLETICS FACEBOOK

Stevens College improves to 4-0 and is undefeated, while the Centurions fell to 2-2 and have to find a way to get back on track.

“We just have to get back to playing like this team knows how,” Coyne said. “Like a team.”

Upcoming Games

- January:**
- Tue. Jan. 17 8 PM Luzerne Home
 - Thu. Jan. 19 8 PM Valley Forge Military Away
 - Sat. Jan. 21 3 PM Philadelphia Away
 - Sat. Jan. 28 3 PM Stevens Away
 - Tue. Jan. 31 8 PM Delaware Away
- February:**
- Sat. Feb. 4 3 PM Harrisburg Home
 - Tue. Feb. 7 8 PM Johnson Home
 - Sat. Feb. 11 3 PM Lehigh-Carbon Home
 - Mon. Feb. 13 Make-Up Date
 - Tue. Feb. 14 EPCC Playoffs Round 1 Higher Seed
 - Sat. Feb. 18 EPCC Final Four Top Seed
 - Sun. Feb. 19 EPCC Championship Top Seed
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\$10,000 Transfer Scholarship + PTK	\$11,500	3.00-3.24
\$10,000 Transfer Scholarship	\$10,000	3.00-3.24
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SPORTS



Bucks player Blade Brown shoots a fade away against the CCP Colonials.



Centurion Head Coach Steve Coyne talks strategy with players during the game.

Community
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Colonials slip by the Centurions: Final score 88-84



Michael Desiderio gains control of the ball and leaves a Colonial fumbling.



Bucks player David May lines up next to Community College of Philadelphia players, waiting for a rebound at the free throw line.

BY: **ROCCO DISANGRO**
Centurion Staff

Despite Tariq Benn’s 28 points, Emmanuel Pittman’s 24 points and Michael Desiderio’s 10 points, the Centurions were not able to pull past their rivals, the Community College of Philadelphia Colonials.

During the Nov. 19 game, Philadelphia scored just enough points to claim victory over Bucks with a final score of 88-84.

Most of the points for CCP came from the hot hands of Jean-Pierre Forte, Rafeeq Brooks, Fred Dukes and Marcus Johnson.

Forte dropped 24 points, Bush had 18, Dukes scored 16 and Johnson walked away with 12 points.

Bucks did beat out

Philadelphia however, in rebounds, assists, steals, blocks and fouls.

But the Centurions turned the ball over 15 more times than Philadelphia, which hurt them in the long run.

The Centurions shot 49.3 percent to Philadelphia’s 42.3 percent from the field, but missed half of their free throws, shooting 46.7 percent to Philadelphia’s 75 percent.

The game serves as a pre-view of how a Bucks-Philadelphia playoff might look. The Centurions put up a good fight but couldn’t keep up with the Colonial’s ball possession time and scoring.

Bucks will face CCP again on Saturday, Jan. 21 at 3 p.m. in Center City at the Colonials’ home court.

All photos provided by the BCCC Athletics Facebook page.

WEATHER

Forecast by www.weather.com for Newtown, PA

TUESDAY
Dec. 6
68° | 46°

WEDNESDAY
Dec. 7
50° | 33°

THURSDAY
Dec. 8
43° | 31°

FRIDAY
Dec. 9
45° | 31°

SATURDAY
Dec. 10
47° | 40°

SUNDAY
Dec. 11
44° | 28°

MONDAY
Dec. 12
46° | 28°