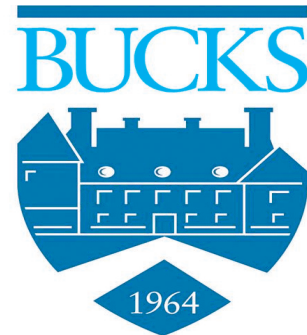


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Tuesday-
High near 52.
Chance of rain
50 percent.



Wednesday-
High near 51.
Chance of rain
10 percent.



Thursday-
High near 48.
Chance of rain
10 percent.



Friday- High near
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Saturday- High
near 46.



Sunday- High
near 50.



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James. J. Links Pavilion opens to Bucks students

The center opened in honor of Bucks' former president after years of construction.

BY: ERICH MARTIN
Centurion Staff

The beginning of the 2013 spring semester at Bucks saw the opening of the 9,000 square foot James J. Links Pavilion, an area which has already proven to be immensely popular as a place for students to gather, relax and study.

The project has been underway for much longer than many students realize.

"A project like this takes about five years," physical plant executive director Mark Grisi said.

Grisi went on to explain how James Links, former president of Bucks, pushed for the project to begin.

"It wasn't necessarily about creating a student space; that was a byproduct," Grisi said, regarding how the project came around. The project connected the wellness and gymnasium to the Rollins Center while also fixing several structural issues with the building, he said.

The project was first started after a water pipe between the Rollins Center and gymnasium needed to be replaced. The project evolved in the design phase which saw the addition of the en-



Bucks students were welcomed by the new start-of-the-art addition for the spring semester

PHOTO BY CHARLIE PATTON

sure which became the student center it is today.

Phase one of the project included upgrades to the servers in Pemberton Hall; phase two featured the construction of the pavilion; and phase three will feature upgrades to the offices inside Pemberton Hall.

The project is roughly 95 percent complete with the Pemberton Hall office upgrades slated for completion sometime this spring. The renovations were greatly

needed as the offices have yet to be touched since the 1980s, Grisi said.

Aside from the immense time investment, the project also took a large amount of money to complete. Grisi estimated that the entire project cost roughly \$9 million to complete.

The obvious question from students is whether tuition will be funding the project?

The good news is that tuition will not be affected by this project. School renova-

tion projects like these use separate funds, Grisi said.

"Most of the funding came from bonds, loans and some state and county funding," he said.

Grisi gave a much more detailed account of what the space will likely to be used for, noting that the back wall "will have a TV array on it, opening the space up for presentations." The space also will "help with the overflow of graduation."

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The Centurion dominates Keystone Awards in 2013

In the face of budget cuts, Bucks' student run newspaper once again led the way in the Pennsylvania two-year college newspaper awards.

BY: ERICH MARTIN
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Once again Bucks' student newspaper has been recognized for sustained excellence.

The Centurion has been a recipient of 12 Keystone Press Awards for the 2013 year despite recent financial restrictions placed upon the club. The paper as a whole, however, is no stranger to success in the Keystone Press Awards, as previous years saw similar success levels from the newspaper, winning

12 awards in 2012, 11 in 2011 and 13 awards total in 2010.

The statewide contest awards students on a professional level in order to recognize outstanding journalism and, according to the website of the awards, "The goal is for the 'Keystones' to stimulate journalists to improve their craft and ultimately improve their community."

Many members of the Centurion received awards, one of whom is Anthony DiMattia, co-editor-in-chief, who gave the following statement

on the news of the success; "Everyone at the Centurion works extraordinarily hard each week to put a quality paper out for the college. And the amount of awards the paper wins annually is the payoff for all that effort. It's extremely gratifying to not only see myself, but many others recognized for their reporting, photography and creativity."

Another among the recognized is Stephen Godwin Jr., the other co-editor-in-chief said the following regarding the paper's performance: "It's



Godwin and DiMattia hard at work in the newsroom

PHOTO BY LUTHER ANDERSON

quite impressive that we are able to win double digit awards for a second year in a row (last year we won 12), but I was glad that most of the writers got recognized for their hard work on the paper."

Stephen won awards for his works Mario Berrios: an up-and coming coach in Philadelphia and Centurions shake off rust against

Luzerne, a personality profile and sports coverage story respectively. "It's awesome; all the credit goes to Jesus Christ because he is my inspiration. I would also like to credit Tony and the other editors they helped me a lot. I don't really do this for awards, but it really is a giant blessing," he said.

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Pavilion complete



A view from the outside of the new facility at the Newtown campus

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Students and faculty have a new place to congregate inside Bucks.

PHOTO BY ANTHONY DIMATTIA

Dealing with unknown building conditions such as disconnected lines and wiring and the lack of space for construction materials were the cause for the delay.

“(The project) was a little behind schedule, but (Bucks) was still allowed to open for the beginning of the spring

2013 semester.”

Unfortunately, the construction delay forced the pavilion's namesake, Links, to miss the opening this spring. A formal ceremony honoring Links and his efforts to initiate the project will be scheduled as soon as renovations are complete, Grisi said.

While it is obvious that the staff involved with the project is proud of the finished pavilion, student reaction is also strong regarding the new space.

“(This is) much bigger than the fireside lounge, and it's much easier to find a seat,” Andrew Baumher, 20, game

design major from Doylestown said.

“I think it's a great addition to the growing size of the campus and can serve as not only a place to meet up with friends but a wonderful place for quiet study,” Kyle Leighton, 19, business major from Fairless Hills said.

Clearly the new addition to Bucks is already a hit with students, staff and faculty.

“The only feedback I can see is that people are actually using it,” said Grisi, clearly proud of the finished product he and his staff worked so hard to complete.

Centurion captures awards

Awards won by the Centurion include:

1st place: General news coverage for Stories on the New President of Bucks won by Greg Probst, Anthony DiMattia and Craig Miller.

1st place: Public service/enterprise for Tech Troubles won by the Centurion staff.

2nd place: Public service/enterprise for Stephanie Shanblatt stories won by Greg Probst, Anthony DiMattia and Craig Miller.

1st place: Personality profile for Mario Berrios: An Up-and Coming Coach in Philadelphia won by Stephen Godwin Jr.

2nd place: Feature story for Obstacles Lie Ahead for Shanblatt won by Anthony DiMattia.

Honorable Mention: Feature story for Middle Class Hit Hard by Rough Economy won by Anthony DiMattia.

1st place: Sports story for Tri-Captions Hoping for Tri-fecta won by Seth Canata.

2nd place: Sports story for



Last year's Centurion staff showing off their awards during the 2012 Keystone ceremony

PHOTO BY CENTURION STAFF

Centurions shake off rust against Luzerne won by Stephen Godwin Jr.

2nd place: Review for New James Bond Movie Explodes into Theatres won by Seth Canata

2nd place: Feature photo for A Hometown Left Devastated won by Craig Miller

1st place: Cartoon/graphic illustration for Cartoons by Dallas Luce won by Dallas Luce

1st place: Website for www.bucks-news.com won by the Centurion staff.

As many know, the Centurion faced big budget cuts, heading into the 2013 spring

semester. However, the volume of awards taken home by Bucks writers and contributors shows that the staffers for the paper are working to overcome the shortage.

The budget cuts mean that the number of physical issues being printed this semester

will drop from the normally prescribed eight issues, to four or five, as the situation seems right now.

“Our recent financial setback has yet to deter anyone on staff from performing at their best,” DiMattia said. Despite the setback, the newsroom has used their award-winning website to its advantage.

“I prefer the print version because it is something concrete. With that said, the online paper is working pretty well. We edit the stories and then our web editor, Luther Andersen, does a good job getting them up right away. So it is doing the job of informing the public about what is happening at Bucks,” Godwin said.

Whether in print or on the web, the staff at the Centurion is doing its best to keep the college up to date on the latest news around campus.


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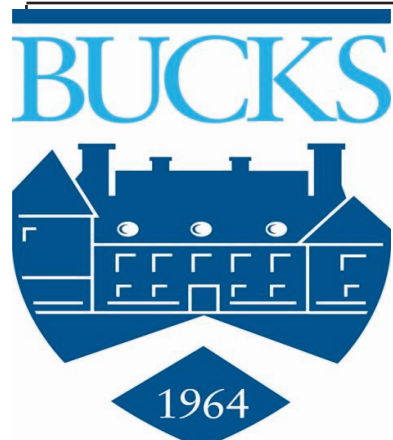
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Gun sales rise in wake of possible gun control laws

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The issue of gun control has received plenty of media attention in recent months after the massacres that took place in the Aurora Colorado theatre and Sandy Hook Elementary school last year. This has prompted proposed legislation and increased gun sales.

On Jan. 15, President Barack Obama proposed restricting the sale of military-style assault weapons and the sale of high-capacity ammunition clips, as well as criminal background checks for all gun buyers by removing loopholes that cover some sales, such as at gun shows, according to the AP.

Yet, as legislative gun control efforts gain steam, so has the explosion of firearm sales.

Gun stores throughout Bucks County and across the nation have been on back order. Gun-manufacturer Smith & Wesson reported a 48 percent rise in sales since last year and is currently producing weapons at full capacity. "Everybody's afraid of the



New gun control legislation is taking aim at gun owners and they are taking it as a threat to their American rights ban," said an employee at G and G Outfitters, a gun and accessories store located in Lower Southampton. "We've run out of all kinds of ammunition, so we have a waiting list. It's about a two week wait."

Obama plans to reinstitute the assault weapons law which expired in 2004 after being passed through the U.S. Senate in 1994. Also, the president has asked for universal background checks

on all buyers, limiting ammunition magazines to 10 rounds and new mental health programs according to usatoday.com.

"We should ban semiautomatics all together," Casey Smith, 18, engineering major said.

Obama's plans didn't come about until January, but the frenzied demand for guns started after the reelection of Obama in November. Curiously enough, the types of

guns and ammunitions being bought have not been banned. The fervor for guns is not directed just towards the military styled assault weapons or semiautomatics, but all guns.

The patterns of buying revealed that there is not only a fear of the military styled weapons being banned, but all firearms.

"We need way more gun control. The laws in place aren't

doing enough...they're just too easy to get," Brandon Brushini, 19, a meteorology student said.

Conversely, others were on the opposite end of the argument.

"Less gun control and armed security guards on campus...All more gun control will do is take (guns) away from average people," Alexander Kofman, 19, film major said.

In Pennsylvania, if you bought a rifle, handgun, or shotgun today the seller of the gun would make a call to the NICS, which checks whether or not the buyer can legally own the gun, according to FBI.gov. The check usually takes a few minutes and the buyer can walk away with the firearm the same day.

Out of the more than 100 million checks made with the NICS over the last decade there have been around 700,000 denials. That's nearly 1 of every 143 being denied, according to FBI.gov.

Either way, a middle ground between gun advocates and gun-law support will not come easily.

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Former Tuskegee Airman speaks to Bucks students

BY: LUTHER ANDERSON
Centurion Staff

Eugene Richardson, a member of class 45A of the Tuskegee Airmen, regaled a crowd at Bucks with stories of how he became a member of one of the most revered air force battalions to ever grace the sky as a pioneering all-black unit.

As a 5-year-old, Richardson said he went to his first air show. "Ever since then I wanted to fly an airplane, and there were a 1,000 other black guys just like me who wanted to fly an airplane."

Bucks' Newtown campus was host to the former airman on Feb. 13, completing Richardson's three-campus tour of the college.

Richardson was effusive in his praise for all the men of color who were able to fly before him as well as the men and women of color who continue to defy the odds today. Richardson, wearing a light blue sports coat, explained just how hard it was to even graduate from the

Tuskegee academy.

"(About) 66 percent of an incoming class would not make it to graduation," he said.

The Tuskegee Academy was just an experiment to prove that African-Americans could not fly, he said. "Until then, no one believed that a black man belonged in the military."

Although Richardson's class never saw combat, he took great pride in being a part of the Tuskegee Institute.

Eleanor Roosevelt was integral in getting the program up in the air, so to speak. The first lady was very interested in the work that took place at the Tuskegee Institute.

"I want to ride with them (a black pilot)," Roosevelt said after a fateful visit to the academy in 1941.

During WWII, one out of every seven U.S. soldiers was African-American - a huge accomplishment, given that since 1812 there had been regulations banning African-Americans from the military.

Richardson took great pride

in the great changes that have occurred since he attended the Tuskegee Institute, noting that "not only do we have a first black president (Barack Obama), but he was elected for a second term."

Those who were in attendance for the event were truly moved by Richardson's courage.

"My dad is a WWII veteran, still living, and I just wanted to get a different perspective," Denise McCarl of Warrington said. "I got a lot of information about the Tuskegee airmen and I was very impressed with the speaker's knowledge and experiences."

"I wanted to hear what he had to say," Vanessa Brown of Croydon said. "Blacks coming up in the ranks as far as pilots are concerned, the separation, the discrimination and how they were able to overcome and stay on top of their game."

Through Richardson struggled long and hard to become a pilot, he never lost faith in himself and encouraged all



PHOTO CREDIT: LUTHER ANDERSON

Dr. Richardson addresses listeners at Bucks County Community College. young people to work hard to achieve their goals.

"It's important to have a dream, you've got to be willing to work hard and sacrifice for that dream," he said. "I've heard the word 'grit' of late, you've got to have grit,

you've got to be able to stay in and face the challenges."

"Whatever is happening, it will come to pass. If you're working hard, it will come to pass, but you got to be willing to stay and work."



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Charity Skates into Philly

Flyers' Wives hold carnival to help the fight against cancer.

BY: CRAIG MILLER
Centurion Staff

Behind every great hockey player is their supportive wife. Every year in late-February or early March, the Flyers' Wives, a division of Comcast-Spectacor Charities, host The Flyers' Wives Carnival, a fund-raiser event aimed toward the Flyers, their fans, and the community.

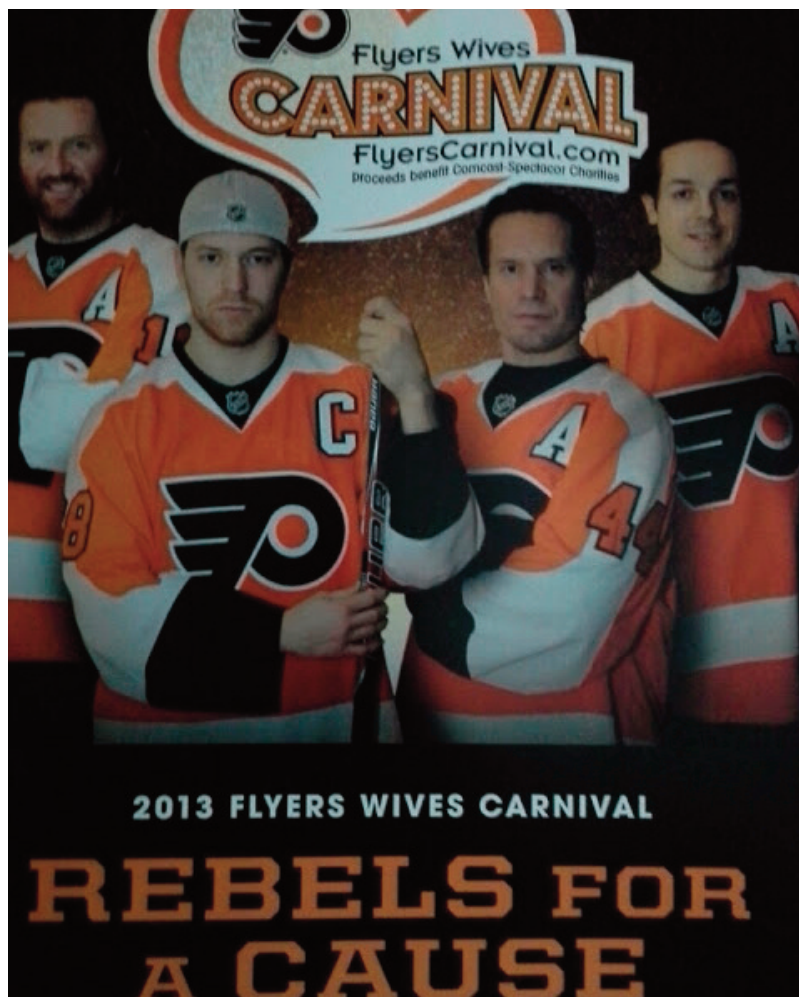
The 36th Annual Flyers' Wives Carnival was held Sunday March 3 from 1:30-6:00 p.m., where a sea of orange, not only from fans, but players—past and present—adorned the Wells Fargo Center. For some first-timers, like J.R. Carden of Philadelphia, the rookie experience was a bit much to take in all at once.

"I literally just walked into the door, and I'm overwhelmed. It's like a big family almost; no pushing, no shoving, just easy, nice fans everywhere. It's pretty comfortable. My daughter is off and about, and I'm trying to figure out what to do for the day," Carden said.

For Carden and others, plenty of options existed, all for a good cause. Current Flyers—names like Wayne Simmonds, Brayden Schenn, Luke Schenn, Scott Hartnell, and Zac Rinaldo were signing autographs and taking pictures while up on the Mezzanine Level of the Wells Fargo was the "Alumni Alley," where past players like Brian Propp, Jim Dowd, Ray Allison and Bob Kelly were mingling with fans.

Featuring its inception in 1977, the Flyers' Wives Carnival grew following the death of former Flyers defenseman Barry Ashbee after a battle with leukemia.

"It's amazing how much it's (The Carnival) grown. My



Flyers players pose to help promote the 2013 carnival first one was back in the '80s, Philadelphia

and (now in) 2013, it's amazing how the charity keeps on growing and evolving and more and more people keep coming out. This definitely has to be one of the better run charities," said former Flyer Ray Allison, who played with the club in the mid-80s.

On its website, Comcast-Spectacor states: "Since its inception, Comcast-Spectacor Charities, which encompasses Flyer's and Global Spectrum Charities, has contributed \$25 million. The funds raised during the annual Flyers' Wives Carnival and other Comcast-Spectacor Charities fundraising events have helped support a multitude of worthy non-profit organizations that benefit everything from important healthcare initiatives such as: heart health and stroke and cancer awareness to various youth recreation programs and plenty more." Comcast-Spectacor offers support to over 60 charities in the

region.

Located on the 11th Street Atrium inside the Wells Fargo Center was Briere's Bunch, forward Danny Briere's charity, which is affiliated with Camp Good Days and Special Times, Inc. "Camp Good Days and Special Times helps children with cancer in both New York state and Pennsylvania providing camping programs at our recreational facility in Keuka Lake in New York. Today, we're selling "Briere's Bunch t-shirts as well as hats complete with Danny Briere's autograph," explained Lisa Donato, Regional Director of Camp Good Days and Special Times Inc.

For Mike from Hatfield, who has been attending the carnival for the last "seven or eight years," the event itself doesn't get any better.

"This is pure enjoyment in general," he explained, while brandishing several autographed memorabilia, waiting for goalie Ilya Bryzgalov to come out and sign. "I'm a little upset that they had to change the Yoda on Bryz's mask from orange to green, but I understand." Bryzgalov had his goalie mask changed heavily to a Star Wars-themed one two weeks ago, to the delight of many Star Wars—and Flyers—fans.

"I absolutely plan on coming back again next year," offered Mike.

However, fans aren't the only ones who find themselves coming back year after year. For Jakki Clarke, the daughter of Flyer's legendary goalie Bernie Parent, the carnival has been a staple in her life.

"I've been coming here since the beginning (1977). It's so much fun, and we've got the

best fans of any city in the World," Clarke said.

For a fee, fans were able to take shots on goaltenders Brian Boucher and Ilya Bryzgalov in the same net that goalies mind throughout the season. Where center ice would normally be was replaced by a "mystery bag" hand-out, where for \$25, fans could receive a draw-string bag and it's contents could contain an iPod speaker, an autographed puck by various current players or even a Flyers legend.

Fans of all ages were involved in Mario Kart with players like Luke Schenn, or NHL '13 with Captain of the Flyers, Claude Giroux. Hockey die-hards could also take pictures with the Conn Smythe, Vezina and Hart Memorial Trophies, respectively. Returning to Philadelphia last week, forward Simon Gagne proved to be a popular choice among everyone involved at the event, including Krystina Whetstien, who brought her newborn to the Carnival.

"Simon Gagne's definitely my favorite, any event with him is worth it. The Flyers fandom is definitely in him too," she said.

For many teams, the success of a charity event like the Flyers' Wives Carnival is attempted, yet never duplicated.

"This has been terrific. The

entire league comes here to look at what the Flyers do, much more than just the NHL. Every sport virtually, Major League Baseball, (The National) Football (League), they've all sent representatives to see how the Flyers did it, how they integrate with the community. All the charities that have benefited get bigger and bigger. Now the great thing is that you actually see fans from back in the '80s now with their kids coming to this. The Flyers have had this "family" built in earlier than most," said Al Morganti, game analyst for CSN Philadelphia and WIP personality.

"Hell, the Will-Call folk are like family," suggested Carden.

The sense of community was present throughout the day, whether it be winning one of ten dog tags with a Flyers player on it, or waiting in line for a Danny Briere autograph/photograph combo. A family event for all ages, the success of the Flyers' Wives Carnival throughout the years will bring fans back for decades to come. To read more about Camp Good Days, visit their website at www.campgooddays.org and to see a complete list of charities Comcast-Spectacor services, visit <http://www.comcastspectacorcharities.org>.

Cartoon By: Dallas Luce



Flyers goalie Ilya Bryzgalov takes shots from fans.

PHOTO BY: CREG MILLER

6 ENTERTAINMENT

Justin Timberlake returns with “The 20/20 Experience”

BY: COURTNEY FLACH
Centurion Staff

Not so long ago Justin Timberlake said that for the time being he was done with music because he planned to focus on his acting career.

Yet, after a six-year hiatus from solo-artistry, Timberlake has decided to return to the pop limelight with his forthcoming album “The 20/20 Experience” that hit stores March 9.

Breaking the news to fans in a recent video, Timberlake walks to a recording studio while explaining in voiceover why he had taken so long to record new material.

“I don’t want to put anything out that I feel like is anything I don’t love. You just don’t get that every day. You have to wait for it...I’m ready,” Timberlake said.

Timberlake’s music comeback was unquestionably the most eagerly anticipated appearance going into last Sunday’s 55 annual Grammy Awards. It was his first live performance in years; after an absence that had music fans worried they would only see him on Saturday Night

Live appearances and in romantic comedies.

With trumpets blaring in the background, Timberlake performed his new single “Suit & Tie,” and showed off his dance skills much to the joy of the audience. “Suit and Tie,” is currently number one on iTunes.

Very few in the music industry have been able to take their boy band experience or teen fame and turn it into a thriving solo career. Ever since Timberlake traded in a part on The Mickey Mouse Club for a chance at boy band fame, his fate was sealed as an entertainment force.

In 2002, Timberlake released his debut solo album, “Justified,” which sold more than 7 million copies worldwide. The album was a commercial success, producing hits “Cry Me a River” and “Rock Your Body.”

Timberlake continued his success with his second solo album, “FutureSex/LoveSounds in 2006,” which debuted at number one on the Billboard 200 chart, producing the number-one hit singles “Sexy



Music Star Justin Timberlake has been resurcted in the music industry to the delight and joy of many fans. Back,” “My Love” and “What Goes Around Comes Around.”

In a letter to his fans, Timberlake explained how his newest project came about.

“What I came up with is something I couldn’t be more excited about! It is full of inspiration that I grew up listening to and some newfound muses that I’ve discovered along the way,” Timberlake said.

Timberlake explained his choice of name for his album,

“The 20/20 Experience,” saying the idea came to him after a friend listened to the tracks and dubbed it “music that you can see.”

Though “Suit & Tie” sounds a lot like the typical music we’d expect of the star, “Mirrors” the second single released off his album, is clearly bowing to some of the more current trends in popular music.

The singer tweeted out the album cover, as well as the 10 new track listings before it

was officially released to the public. “I wanted you guys to see this first!!!” Timberlake wrote.

The songs include: “Pusher Love Girl,” “Suit & Tie,” “Don’t Hold the Wall,” “Strawberry Bubblegum,” “Tunnel Vision,” “Spaceship Coupe,” “That Girl,” “Let the Groove Get In,” “Mirrors,” and “Blue Ocean Floor.”

This time we will see if Timberlake can bring sexy back and then some.

THE WEEK IN TV/MOVIES/MUSIC/BOOKS

TV

Monday 3/11

The Bachelor - ABC - 8:00
Rules of Engagement- CBS - 8:30
Deception - NBC - 10:00

Tuesday 3/12

Hell’s Kitchen - FOX - 8:00
NCIS: Los Angeles - CBS - 9:00
Body of Proof - ABC - 10:00

Wednesday 3/13

American Idol - FOX - 8:00
Whitney - NBC - 8:00
Modern Family - ABC - 9:00

Thursday 3/14

The Vampire Diaries - CW - 8:00
Glee - FOX - 9:00
Elementary - CBS- 10:00

Friday 3/15

Kitchen Nightmares - FOX - 8:00
Grimm - NBC - 9:00
Blue Bloods - CBS - 10:00

Sunday 3/17

Once Upon A Time - ABC - 8:00
Family Guy - FOX - 9:00
The Mentalist - CBS - 10:00

MOVIES

THEATER

Oz the Great and Powerful

(PG)

When Oscar Diggs, a small-time magician, is hurled away from Kansas to the Land of Oz, he thinks fame and fortune are his for the taking-that is until he meets three witches, who are not convinced he is the great wizard everyone's been expecting.

Directed by: Sam Raimi

Starring: Mila Kunis, James Franco

Release Date: 8 March

DVD

Red Dawn (PG-13)

An American city awakens to find their town being invaded by foreign paratroopers. The townsfolk soon find themselves prisoners in enemy occupation. Determined to fight back, a group of young patriots form a guerilla group to liberate the town.

Directed by: Dan Bradley

Starring: Chris Hemsworth, Isabel Lucas, Josh Hutcherson

Release Date: 5 March

MUSIC



One Republic
New Album “Native”
22 March

The Strokes
New Album “Comedown Machine”
26 March

Lil Wayne
New Album “I am Not a Human Being II”
26 March

BOOKS

“Damascus Countdown”

Written By: Joel C. Rosenberg

In this new thriller, CIA operative David Shirazi has infiltrated the Iranian regime and intercepted information indicating that two Iranian nuclear warheads have been found and have been secured in an undisclosed location. In danger not only from the ongoing missile strikes on Iran but also from hostile and suspicious governments of multiple countries, David and his team are in a race against time to find the remaining nuclear warheads before disaster strikes.

Release Date: 5 March

“Toughness”

Written by: Jay Bilias

ESPN Basketball analyst, Jay Bilias, discusses the misunderstood, yet vital, attribute of toughness and how it contributes both to sports and in life. It also features stories from top players and coaches including Coach K, Bob Knight, Grant Hill, Mia Hamm, Jon Gruden, Tom Izzo, Bill Self, Curtis Strange and many more.

Release Date: 2 April

“Inferno: A Novel”

Written By: Dan Brown

In the heart of Italy, Harvard professor of symbology, Robert Langdon, is drawn into a harrowing world centered on one of history’s most enduring and mysterious literary masterpieces- Dante’s Inferno.

Release Date: 14 May

Lady Centurions faced uphill battle all season

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The Lady Centurion's basketball season was not one to remember as they struggled mightily because of height, injuries, and a lack of practice time. They ended with a 2-15 record with their two wins coming in forfeits by the other team.

The less-than-impressive record was not due to a lack of effort, however as head coach Lori Sullivan pointed out.

"The team had ups and downs as do all teams, but the team worked hard all season and played well together," Sullivan said.

The season started out on the wrong foot when the team lost a lot of its valuable practice time during the pre-season because of Hurricane Sandy.

"I thought we did not get enough time for us to really discover an identity and that hurt us going forward, Sullivan said.

The coach was optimistic aspiring for a .500 record, but even more so wanted to see

some improvement.

When asked if she at least got the latter of those two things Sullivan responded with, "Definitely, they came together as a team, worked together fed off one another and it was very good to see by the end of the season."

The team got better with each game and progressed in different areas as goals were set for each game such as less turnovers or better rebounding.

Unlike many teams, no one performance stood out from the pack. "Each girl contributed something different to the team that made us a team," Sullivan said when asked if any players stood out this season.

They have their own personality and different ability that they bring to the game. We are a team, not individual players. The team would feed off of a player that was able to have a good game."

As the team's record shows there may have been something missing that they needed to ascend to a higher level of play.

"Being a community college, it is very difficult to get

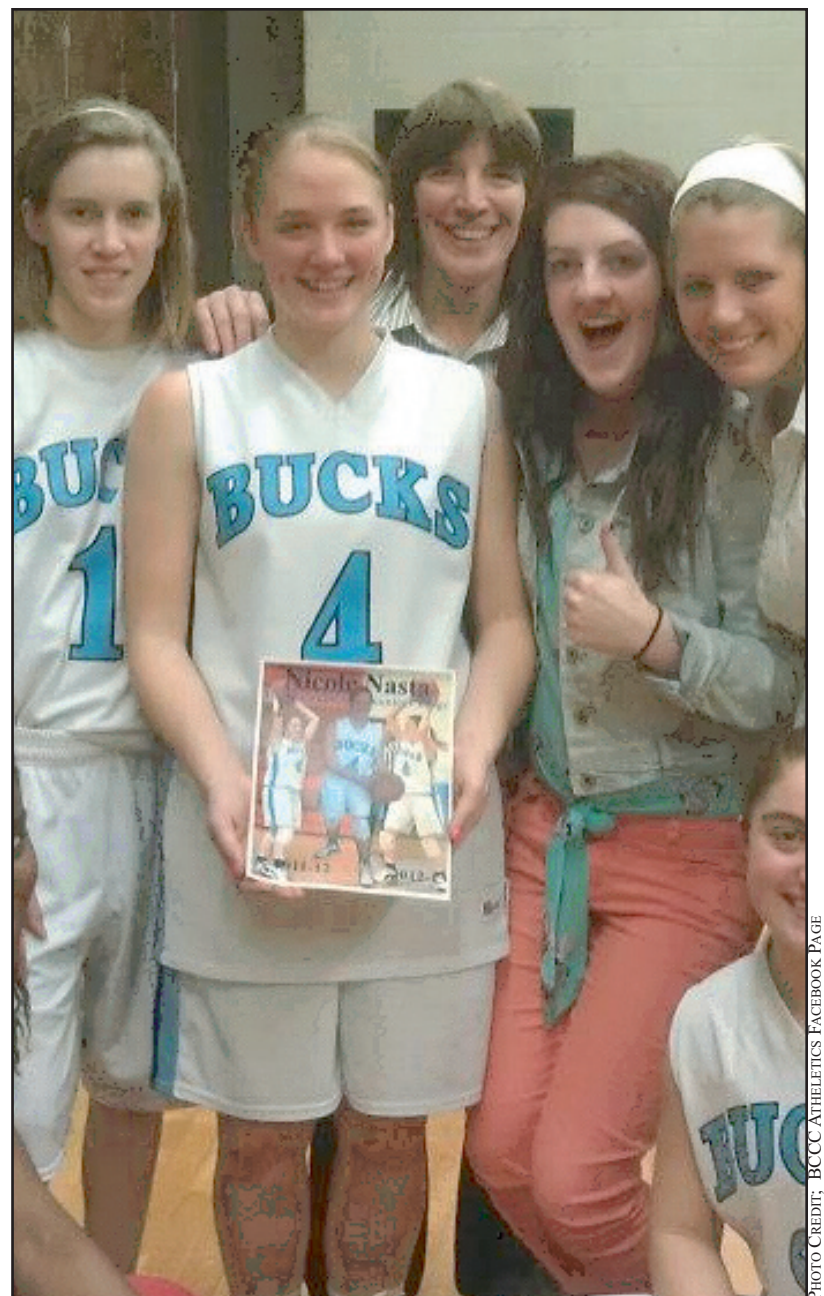
the girls to be at all practices," Sullivan said. "We had the team for all the games, but practices were very difficult to conduct when the team wasn't all there."

One major positive that came from this season was the chance to play in a tournament during the Christmas break. The teams was not initially picked to play, but got their chance when some other teams dropped out due to scheduling circumstances.

"We performed well, Sullivan said. "Of course our opponents were way over our heads and it was just like the regular season where we were losing by a lot, but it was still a good experience.

The experience was good for the girls because it caused them to aspire for goals they might not have if they did not.

Going into next season most of the team returns, except for senior guard Nicole Nasta who will be moving on. The team will be conducting training exercises in the off-season and Sullivan invites anyone interested in playing next season to come out and



Lady Centurions are a tight knit group that enjoying playing together representing Bucks," said Sullivan on her predictions for next season.

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Bucks baseball is back

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Bucks' men's baseball team welcomes a new coach for 2013 with hopes of a fantastic season.

Coach Jeff Cochran may be a relative newcomer to the college, but he is no stranger to the game.

He's been coaching since 1986 at high schools in Pennsylvania and Florida. In 2007 he took Northampton Township's little league team to the state championship including an appearance on ESPN.

After just recently meeting most of the guys he feels confident in their abilities. "These are a great group of young men who want to compete," he said of his players.

The team's star pitcher Patrick O'Leary has been throwing for close to a decade. Prior to playing for Bucks he was busy being scouted by professional teams but an arm issue interrupted any division one dreams.

Coach Cochran said his hope is that O'Leary's "arm problems are in the past and he will regain what he had and move on to a major division one school."

The bullpen members Matt Creevy, Chris Wall, Juwan Russel and Ryan Calabro are poised to relieve the pitching ace when needed. Cochran said for a lock down closer he would "pick any one of them as I believe in each one of them".

Right now the coach's biggest concern is finding a catcher. There are a lot of new faces and he hopes someone on the roster can become a permanent in this position.

With the team being led by captains Dustin Singer, Matt Creevey and Zach Steubing he is positive that Bucks will be out there playing their best this season.

These infielders are returning to the field after playing last season with the experience to help new teammates face off against their opponents. Cochran feels the outfield is secure and the guys out there have "a ton of speed and strong arms."

The one place Bucks will likely look for a win is at Ocean County College who won by only a single run in one game last season.

When asked about strategies against rivals Cochran said, "I am not worried about his-tory, we start today towards



The bat of pitcher/catcher Ryan Calabro should provide an offensive boost to the Bucks Centurions this season. tomorrow representing BCCC in a proud manner."

At their first informal practice last week he told the team that he expects them to "work hard, have fun, stay focused," and let their opponents know that, "Bucks comes to play!"

His players know that they are expected to face each game with the same attitude whether it is played at home or away.

The team's been adding weight training three times a week to the regular practice schedule to build up stamina.

The coach has no doubt his players are dedicated and states, "I am sure these guys will welcome double headers without hesitation."

His personal philosophy about baseball is simple, "It has been the same for 100 years; respect it, yourself and your opponents."

When it comes to his pregame pep talks he tells his guys to, "play hard, have fun, get dirty and decide the game between the lines."

Cochran believes the greatest achievement a coach can have is helping place a stu-

dent athlete with a college team. He stresses the importance of keeping on top of schoolwork.

"These guys have talent, it is up to me to help them become better student athletes and help them move on to four-year colleges and if they want to play ball help them find the right school, but they know it comes down to grades," Cochran said.

The 2013 season opens March 22 and the game schedule can be found at: www.bucks.edu/life/athletics/

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Students offer views on new Eagles coach

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On Jan 16 it was officially announced that former University of Oregon coach Charles “Chip” Kelly will be the new head coach of the Philadelphia Eagles and knows a thing or two about bringing the heat on opposing defenses.

While there is no question that the Eagles hire may be a dividing move, many critics can agree that Kelly is capable of nurturing a successful and championship-contending football team.

“With Kelly’s new innovative offense finally hitting the NFL and him being with an underachieving team that has talent, the city of Philadelphia could be in for a fun first season of the Chip Kelly era.” Says bleacherreport.com critic, Josh Sachnoff.

Coming from a very successful spell at Oregon, the 49-year-old compiled an astounding 46-7 record as the head coach of the Ducks from 2009 to 2012 with three Pac-12 titles and four BCS game appearances. He also worked as the team’s offensive coordinator from 2007-2008.

Before joining the University of Oregon, Kelly was the offensive coordinator for the University of New Hampshire, his alma mater, from 1999-2006. He was also the school’s offensive line coach from 1997 to 1998 and its running backs coach from 1994-1996.

Not only does Kelly hold an impressive résumé, but he has won multiple national awards as well, including the 2009 and 2010 Pac-10 Coach of the Year, 2010 Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year, 2010 Walter Camp Coach of the Year 2010 Sporting News Coach of the Year and 2010 Associated Press Coach of the Year.

At the top of Philadelphia

Eagle’s owner Jeffery Lurie’s list for the characteristics he was seeking in a new coach was a strong leader who is creative and inspired. In a statement on Jan. 16, Lurie stated.

“Chip Kelly will be an outstanding head coach for the Eagles.” Lurie added, “He has a brilliant football mind. He motivates his team with his actions as well as his words. He will be a great leader for us and will bring a fresh, energetic approach to our team.”

Kelley follows the winningest coach in Eagle’s history in Any Reid, who coached them for 14 seasons. Reid’s career with the Eagles was filled with a mix of highs and lows as he got them to five NFC championships and Super bowl, but could not quite get it done in the post-season.

Many Eagles fans are thrilled to see the change in coaching after watching their team be the joke of the NFL for the last two seasons.

“I’m excited to see how Chip Kelly explores new ways to make the Birds perform at their best,” said communications major Robert Kane.

Yet other fans have pointed out their skepticism.

“We have a lot of weapons that most teams only dream about, Alex Medaglia said, biology major at Bucks. We just need a guy who knows how to use them. We’ll get to see if Kelly is that guy. Time will tell,” he said.

It’s true that Kelly’s hire is a huge risk for the team who fans are notorious for their lack of affection. In the past, college coaches, especially those without NFL experience, typically fail when they jump from the campus to the unforgiving pressure of the National Football League.

In the past 20 years only three coaches have successfully made the transition

going straight from college ranks to head coach of an NFL team according to businessinsider.com.

Just to name a few that have failed in recent memory are former Miami Dolphins coach Nick Saban, former Oakland Raiders coach Lane Kiffin and former Washington Redskins coach Steve Spurrier. Before coming to Miami, Saban had gone 48-16 and won a national title with LSU, but was just 15-17 in two seasons with the Dolphins. Spurrier was even more impressive when he went to the NFL as he was 122-27-1 with Florida, but



New Eagles head coach Chip Kelly hopes his high powered offense can get his team to a Superbowl in the future.



Kelly leaves an Oregon team where he made a name for himself by going to the BCS championship in 2010.

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Harrisburg Area CC
38-83 L
Northampton
35-104 L

just 12-20 with the Redskins. Kiffin was the genius offensive coordinator of the USC Trojans, but could only muster a record of 5-15 with the Raiders according to businessinsider.com

Still no one look no further than former coach of Stanford Jim Harbaugh that lost in the Super Bowl with the San Francisco 49ers to prove that college coaches can make it in the NFL.

“I made a real conscious decision because I came from the college level to here, that I wanted to hire coordinators that had NFL experience,” said Kelly in a news confer-

ence at the Eagles NovaCare training facility.

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In his first season in the NFL, Kelly will look to soar with the Eagles. If his season doesn’t go as planned, the fans will be sure to let him know about it.

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