New advising program causes a stir

By: Kristof Phillips

To increase retention, Bucks has revamped its advising and transfer services and instituted an assigned advisor for every student, full-time, receiving mixed reviews from both students and faculty.

In light of the 6 percent enrollment drop this semester, Bucks is looking for ways to bring in new students, and keep them coming back next semester.

One way the administration hopes to accomplish that is by streamlining the registration and advising process for new students. The “New Student Orientation, Advising, and Planning Handbook” created by the Advising and Transfer Center has been instrumental in guiding new students. Runni November, director of the Advising and Transfer Center, explained the handbook, given out during new student orientation, helps new students with everything from setting up their Bucks email to getting them thinking about transfer schools.

Each new student is given an educational planner, a person assigned to help them with their first semester at Bucks. The educational planner will follow up with the new student’s progress around the office to action, then mid-semester a faculty advisor will be assigned to the student based on his or her major.

“We want to foster a personal connection with students,” said November. The goal of the assigned advisor is to provide students with a “go-to” professor in their major that can help them with course selection and transfer questions.

“Evidence across the country shows that if students are left on their own, the lack of guidance leads to students dropping out,” said Dr. Clayton Railey III, provost and dean of Academic Affairs at Bucks. “We’ve invited part-time faculty to take on the overflow of students,” said Railey.

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Heroin’s stranglehold on PA youth

By: Christina Klos and Dominique Stango

A recent string of heroin overdoses in Bucks County has prompted the District Attorney’s office to action, and to call on the community for support in battling against drug abuse.

This heroin epidemic is now referred to as a “hometown crisis.” In late February, two men, ages 18 and 20, from the Central-Bucks area were charged with selling heroin to ages 18 and 20, from the Central-Bucks area were charged with selling heroin to ages 18 and 20, from the Central-Bucks area were charged with selling heroin to ages 18 and 20, from the Central-Bucks area were charged with selling heroin.

Another major heroin bust occurred in late March.

Three people from Warminster Township were charged after police searched an apartment on the 500 block of Easton Road in Warminster Township, and found 250 bags of heroin.

The Warminster and Warminster townships police departments cooperated as a part of the Bucks County District Attorney’s “Heroin Initiative,” myfoxphilly.com reported.

Pennsylvania’s number of drug-related deaths exceeds the national average, and it has the 14th highest drug overdose mortality rate in the United States, according to Trust for America’s Health.

At an open house hosted by the Central Bucks Regional Police Department in late February, police Chief James Donnelly said despite crime rates being the lowest they’ve been in years for Doylestown and New Britain boroughs, tackling the area’s drug problem remains a top priority for the department.

Heroin, crack cocaine and marijuana are the most available illegal drugs in Pennsylvania, says the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP). On March 25, as a part of the DA’s “Heroin Initiative” a community meeting was held at William Tenent High School to discuss what the DA’s office and law enforcement are doing to reign in drug abuse in the county, as well as, what

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Challenging aspects have been balancing the advising needs of students with appropriate number of students for faculty.

“Do we want faculty to have too many students and have it affect the quality of help they can give?” continued Railey.

“What’s good for the students is what’s most important to the faculty,” said Eng.

During her open forum Shankland asked faculty members how to fit advising into their schedules and what it means to be a full-time faculty member.

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Weintraub shared that a popular additive, fentanyl, is used to make heroin appear more potent.

On occasion, drug dealers have been known to add large amounts of fentanyl with the intention of killing some users so that their brand name is believed to be strong, according to Weintraub.

Once such large doses of fentanyl enter the bloodstream, users die in seconds before they even take the needle out of their arm.

Weintraub listed off the names of a few heroin brands containing large amounts of fentanyl, including Jantid- ica, Wakeup, Budlight, Obama-care, Sugar House, Kiss of Death, and Call Me.

The hope is, through the combined efforts of law enforcement, community support groups, and parents, Bucks County will be able to break this cycle of drug abuse.

“I’m not a quitter, I feel empowered. I don’t know if we can win, but we cannot give up,” said Weintraub.

The Network of Victim Assistance (NOVA) can help individuals and family members struggling with heroin addiction.

Help can be reached through their 24-hour help line 1-800-221-6333.

Deemer advised the community to “empower kids, listen to instinct, be assur- active, trust your gut, raise awareness, and teach kids the importance of intervention.”

Local law enforcement greatly supports the community feedback, especially in cases involving drugs.

Anonymous tips can be re- ported by calling 215-345-3784, emailing drugtips@ co.bucks.pa.us, or texting your tip to 847441 with the

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“Anonymous tips are a helpful way for us to help those who need,” said Upper Southampton chief of police Ronald MacPherson. “It’s a lot more reporting than ever before.

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Bucks’ Board of Trustees approved a 3.8 percent tuition increase effective this fall, meaning a typical full-time Bucks County student will pay $4,178 for 24 credits and fees for the 2015-16 academic year.

The board voted unanimously April 9 to increase tuition by $5 a credit hour for county residents, from $130 to $135 a credit hour. The student activity fee will increase by $1 to $2 a credit. Technology and college services fees remain unchanged.

This most recent increase remains on trend with previous years during which tuition has increased an average of $4.50 each year. It is, however, the lowest increase in the last five years.

Board Chairman Jim Dancy added that the measure was taken after careful consideration of all financial options.

“The Board of Trustees is always extremely reluctant to raise tuition,” Dancy said. “We have taken every action possible this year to reduce our operating costs while continuing to provide the top quality education that students have come to expect from Bucks. Our primary goal is to minimize tuition increases, and do so only as a last option.”

According to Bucks President Dr. Stephanie Shanblatt, “All budget lines were carefully reviewed, so there were many small cuts that across the college did add up. Additionally, we had several vacant positions—primarily from retirements—that we will not fill. Although decreased enrollment is a factor, Shanblatt noted that a shortage of public funding continues to be the larger problem. "The primary factor, larger than any enrollment decline, is that every year costs to operate the college increase and our state and local appropriations stay flat. This creates a revenue gap in our budget," said Shanblatt.

While the cost of providing an education over the years has increased, the county has neglected to increase its contribution to the community college since 2008.

As funding continues to fall short, more of the financial burden falls on students.

In just ten years, the total cost of tuition and fees at Bucks has increased by over 54 percent. According to Bucks’ 2006-07 Course Catalog, a Bucks County resident taking 12 credits paid about $1350 in tuition and fees a semester.

Compared to $2089 in tuition and fees a semester for 12 credits in 2015-16, that’s a difference of $739 per semester or $1478 a year. Despite the increase in tuition, Bucks remains to be affordable as compared to four-year state colleges. For example, Bloomsburg University, a state-system school, lists their 2015-16 tuition at $284 per credit hour for state residents.

Shanblatt explained that despite significant budget cutting over the last fiscal year, the slight increase is needed to maintain academic quality and services.

“The college made some very difficult decisions in crafting this budget,” Shanblatt said. “Bucks continues to be a great value with strong academic programs.”

While the cost of higher education continues to increase, Shanblatt asserted that the value of obtaining a college degree remains very high.

According to Shanblatt, “The Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce says that almost 70 percent of all jobs in the United States require some higher education; perhaps not always a four-year degree, but at least a certificate or associate degree. In order to earn a family-sustaining wage in today’s job market, some higher education is necessary.”

"The value of a Bucks degree, whether as the first step towards a bachelor’s degree or to gain immediate employment, is significant," said Shanblatt. “The real question is not whether a college degree has value, but what is the cost of that degree. Bucks [will] continue to provide a quality learning environment with faculty dedicated to their students at a great value.”
BY: DIAMOND SCHULER

With the rising cost of tuition for community colleges, it is increasingly important for students to understand how to apply for grants, work-study, scholarships, and student loans, in order to graduate with as little debt as possible.

According to College Board, tuition and fees for community colleges have increased over 3 percent in the last year. The current national average for four-year schools is $32,712 and fees at community colleges is $3,347 per semester.

Many students are unable to pay the price out of pocket; this is where financial aid comes into play. Financial Aid is the office that makes it possible for many students to receive the money they need in order to attend school. The Financial Aid office works hard to help students, but there are many things stu-
dents can do to help them-
selves.

First, Students should make sure that they fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form. The FAFSA form is used to determine students' eligibility for student loans, grants, scholarships, and even work-study opportunity. The form is available in January 1 ev-
eyear and the deadline is the following May 1.

"My mom and I started a routine every year right before Christmas break, I promised that I would fill out my FAFSA form before I had to go back to school," said Sierra Thomas, 18, nursing major from Levittown.

Second, students need to do their research and maintain a healthy GPA. There are many scholarships and grants out there to help students pay for school, and leave with minimal debt.

Community college students were awarded 33 percent of all Federal Pell grants and 47 percent of all Federal Work-Studies last year.

"If you filled [FAFSA] out early, I've qualified for a lot of grants and lower loan interest rates. Doing things early really does pay off," said Thomas.

In order to protect your-self, make sure you read all the papers carefully, and understand what you are agreeing to. Loans, unlike grants or scholarships, require you to pay the money back and tack on an interest rate and fees. Student loans can be broken up into two groups, federal student loans and private student loans.

The subsidized Stafford Loan and the Perkins Loan are both federal loans, which students in need can qualify for through FAF-
SA. The interest on these student loans will not ac-
crue while the student is in college. In the case of the subsidized Stafford Loan, the federal government will pay the accrued interest, hence "subsidized." The unsubsidized Stafford Loan is another federal loan but is available to all students, regardless of need. However, the interest on the student's Loan will accrue while he or she is in college.

Private student loans are loans from private insti-
tutions, like banks, credit unions, and other lenders. Interest rates and fees can vary greatly depending on where the student accesses his or her loan.

It is advised that students should consider a private loan only after they have used up all their federal aid, and loan money, according to finaid.org.

Financial Aid Director of Bucks, Donna M. Willkoss, gives these tips to students seeking financial aid: "Apply on time. Read all the information that is sent to you regarding financial aid and its requirements. Comply with our requests for documentation if we ask for it, that helps us under-

stand all of the student's rights and responsibilities. Ask if you have a question. The Financial Aid Office and our processes are governed by the state and federal regulations that we must abide by, so we can distribute aid funds to all the students that need it. College is expensive but it's not impossible, do well in school and we have the resources to help you succeed. It's a fun day, according to Bacher.

For Bacher, seeing his idea of a Community Day ideas flourish and having a chance for adults and children to take advantage of the college's opportunities and resources is wonderful, state-of-the-art experience for families the opportunity to experience the college in festivities.

On April 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., rain or shine, Community Day will be a free, family-friendly event featuring hands-on activities and performances for adults and children of all ages offered across our 200-acre campus.

"I thought Bucks could do something like this. Bucks has so much to offer. We have a great thing here at Bucks," said Bacher.

"It is wonderful that the 50th Anniversary Committee chose to support this event. It has been planned by a committed group of students who have been meeting regularly since September, and they are all wonderful people," said Bacher.

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BY: COLLEEN HARLEY

In celebration of Bucks’ 50th Anniversary as an institution for higher education and service to the local commun-

ity, Bucks will be hosting its first Community Day. Planned for Saturday, April 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., rain or shine, Community Day will be a chance for adults and chil-
dren of all ages to join the college in festivities.

Across the 200-acre Newtown campus there will be live music, food, art displays, bingo games, a car show, and face painting, just to name a few.

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Robots roamed the halls at Bucks, as middle school-aged girls learned robotics at the latest Techgirlz workshop.

The free workshop, held on March 28 under the direction of Professor Arta Szathmary of the college’s STEM department, hosted 35 sixth-eighth grade girls. Instructors and assistants, along with Szathmary and Christine Delahanty, associate professor of STEM, instructed the girls on how to use The Scribble and Finch Robots, the latest in robotics designed for education.

The group of enthusiastic young girls learned everything from downloading the software to activating the Finch to programming the Scribble to follow a straight line.

Through hands-on training, the girls had the opportunity to work together and use problem-solving skills to navigate the software. Instructors gave a brief history and step by step directions, but most of the girls were eager to figure it out on their own. The girls maneuvered the Finch Robot around the halls, testing its ability to sense obstacles and watching the LED light glow in its beak as it detected impediments. The girls nicknamed the robot “The Manta Ray” because of its shape.

Szathmary explained that robots such as these have been used to have increased enrollment in computer science class and it has been proven to help. Designed to target a younger demographic, the Scribbler has been used by the Institute for Personal Robots in Education, or IPRE, to aid in the education of computer science.

Its design comes equipped with three photo resistor light sensors, infrared emitter, and infrared detector for input of sensory information.

“I love to see them figure it out,” said Szathmary. Her enthusiasm was shared as Delahanty praised Szathmary for her dedication to these workshops. Delahanty explained that she feels lucky to be a part of the whole thing, “It is a great introduction to programming and robotics,” said Delahanty. Workshops like this show young girls what technology is all about, while giving them an outlet to express their interest in things such as robotics with others who share their enthusiasm.

Mothers in the group expressed their gratitude for giving the girls a place where they feel comfortable and have the ability to be themselves without judgment.

This was an important factor to one mother who asked to remain anonymous. “This is a safe place for them,” she said. Techgirlz mission is to involve middle school age girls in the world of technology early on in hopes that they might consider a career in the field and close the gender gap.

Volunteers who believe in the mission helped with the workshop, including some of the mothers. Techgirlz workshops will continue to be held Saturday afternoons at the Newtown campus. The next event, “Raspberry Pi” will be on April 25. Registration for all the events can be found at www.sites.google.com/site/techgirlzbccc/.

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Local artist and friend to Bucks, Rosie Marie Strippoli is bringing water media classes to the Continuing Education program in September 2015. Strippoli has been a huge part of what The Gallery at the Lower Bucks campus is today. The artist has been working with James Sell, director of the Lower Bucks Campus, on creating The Gallery for five years and continues to be involved in its success.

Sell explained that Strippoli “was instrumental in the implementation and success of The Gallery.” “We wanted a way to bring the public in the facility... we, as artists, want to share what we do,” said Strippoli. The idea of adding an educational component along with The Gallery has long been thought about amongst the director and the local artist who were a part of planning.

Sell is confident that it is the right time to introduce classes since the success of The Gallery is growing. Students at Bucks will now be able to express their artistic abilities on a classroom level with the local artist.

Strippoli explained, “We are all creative at different levels.” The upcoming class is designed to teach students techniques of water color and have them discover their own level of creativity.

The artist explained that the basics of the art of water media is about learning how colors interact with one another. The application and techniques of the art is the basis of the non-credit course that will be held at the Bristol campus in September 2015.

Sell explained that the class will appear in the Continuing Education brochure for fall/spring and on the website. According to the director, Strippoli is looking to do three class over the span of the academic year.

They will appear under the heading, “A Passion for Painting” and the first section will be offered in the fall: Watercolor Technique Part I. The second class will be Watercolor Techniques Part II, followed by Hodgepodge Collage that is designed to feature more unique techniques utilizing a variety of mediums.

Strippoli has been recognized by the Pennsylvania Watercolor Society for creativity two years in row and is a signature of both the Pennsylvania and Ohio Watercolor Societies. “She and fellow artist Rodney Miller, member of Artsbridge, have a lot to do with where the gallery is today... providing knowledge of hanging techniques, exhibitions, and more,” said Sell.

Currently, Strippoli teaches after school art class in Bristol Borough as well as at the Middletown Senior Center on Wednesday nights. Information on classes can be found in the Continuing Education Brochure for the fall and spring semesters and on the Bucks website.
"Furious 7" bids farewell to Paul Walker

BY: MELANIE JOHNSON
Centurion Staff

The opening weekend for the movie "Fast and Furious 7" was a huge hit, mostly because of the late Paul Walker, and less because of the franchise's typical approach. "Furious 7" was released in theaters on April 3 after a long wait from fans, and a massive amount of speculation.

With the original release date of summer 2014 being pushed back almost a full year because of the tragic death of lead actor Walker, many people were itching to see how the film had turned out.

Walker was killed in a car accident in November 2013 before completing all of his scenes for the upcoming movie.

This left fans of the franchise very confused for the movie's future.

A new actor to "Tech Times," CGI created by Weta Digital Studio, who also did special effects for "Lord of the Rings," was used to recreate Walker's face.

Walker's brothers, Caleb and Cody, were used as body doubles for the remaining scenes.

Although most people heard there would be a CGI version of Walker, people still wondered what would happen to the beloved Brian O'Conner character in the movie.

Many speculated that his character would be killed, so that there could be an explanation for his not being in possible upcoming movies.

What they really did for the O'Conner character, though, was probably the best part of the entire movie.

The last 10 or so minutes are a full tribute to Walker. Tissues are definitely recommended.

It is clear that the franchise is losing a beloved character and real-life friend, even though it is not said explicitly in the movie. Dani Shavirov, 19, a business major at Bucks and "Furious" fan, said explicitly in the movie.

"I went to the movie to see the perfect tribute, you need to see this movie. But if you are curious to see the perfect farewell tribute, you need to see this movie.

Jen Diaz, a former student of Walker's, thinks that this "reflected not just his death in real life, but it was the O'Conner character, that Walker had been lost."

Diaz believes that it was meant to be this way, and, either way, it was a nice tribute to Walker.

Most people who have seen the movie will agree that this is what makes the entire movie worth watching.

There are definitely fast cars and attractive women, because this is, in fact, a "Fast and Furious" film.

There are over-the-top cars and lots of destruction throughout a major city, as per usual. There is an evil character that is "always popping up in crazy places," said Daulton Brady, 20, a criminal justice major.

If you are a fan of the fast cars and completely impossible stunts, you might want to see this movie, because it of course follows the usual "Furious" protocol.

But if you are curious about Walker and want to see the perfect farewell tribute, you need to see this movie.

"Get Hard"

Comedy
Comedians, Kevin Hart and Will Ferrell team up to create this hilarious film centered around a wealthy CEO who is arrested for fraud and embezzlement.

CEO James King (Ferrell) be is sentenced to 10 years in jail and has 30 days to get his things in order. Darnell (Hart) helps "train" King in order for him to "get hard" before prison.

This film will have you falling off your seats laughing, and make for a great movie night.

"Album about Nothing"

Wale
Wale's "Album about Nothing," debuted at No.1 on the Billboard Hot 200 charts and sold 88,000 copies in its opening week.

The rapper is known for controversial and raw content that speaks to the youth.

He continues to stay at the top of the charts with little rivaling him besides the "Furious 7 Soundtrack." If you enjoy rap/hip-hop and real lyrics, this album is a must listen.
Since he has released "Dreams Worth More Than Money," the hip-hop world is in a two-part guide, The City finally had some huge support from Philly. Meek Mill and he received huge support from Philly. The city finally had some one to represent it after a long drought of Philly artists in the limelight. Perhaps even bigger than his first album itself was the album’s introductory song known to most as “Intro” but officially named “Dreams and Nightmares.” Many influential hip-hop artists consider it an instant classic. The multi-talented Drake deemed it one of the best hip-hop songs of this generation. After a massively successful first album, it was no-brainer that fans were eager to know when Meek Mill’s sophomore album “Dreams Worth More Than Money” would release. As the buzz continued to grow, the hype was silenced on July 7, 2014 when Mill took to Twitter posting “9:9:14” the official release date of the album. Dream was announced to six months in prison for violating his parole, and the album was still releasing on schedule. Now nine months later, Meek Mill has stirred up fans by dropping two singles from the album, “Mon-sta” and “B-Boy,” leaving them with more questions than answers. To start off the summer, “Avengers: Age of Ultron” will be smashing its way into theaters on May 1. The sequel to Marvel’s “The Avengers.” Age of Ultron looks to be this summer’s biggest hit. Adapted from Marvel’s 2013 summer 10-part crossover, “Avengers: Age of Ultron” pits The Avengers against an artificial intelligence known as Ultron that has evolved to take out all organic life and take over the Earth. It is anticipated to be the biggest grossing film of the summer, if not the year. This time around Max teams up with a mysterious woman, Furiosa, in a battle for survival.

Meek Mill dispels the rumored release date for his long-anticipated album, “Dreams Worth More Than Money,” which was originally set to release September 15. According to hotnewhiphop.com, the album would be releasing sooner than fans could have dreamed - April 14. When I stumbled across this news I was shocked and my excitement could hardly be contained. Alas, it was all for nothing. The outspoken star took Twitter on April 9 to clear up the rumor of his album dropping in just a few days, saying, “My album (is) coming when I say,” continuing to dispel the rumors he insisted, “that ain’t true stay down its coming!”

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Nursing Aides in high demand

BY: ANNA MEREZHKO
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Bucks Nurse Aide Training program provides students with the opportunity to work in high-demand jobs by taking a 12-week course that is available year-round.

The program is a 130-hour, three month program that is designed to prepare students for employment in long term care agencies by combining classroom and clinical work.

The clinical work will take place at one of the approved long-term care facilities located in Bucks County. Upon completion of the program, students can take the Nurse Aide Assessment Program (NNAAP) exam and can be enrolled in the Pennsylvania Nurse Aide Registry, which they have to be in order to work in long term care or in nursing homes as a nursing assistant,” said McCord-Ladden.

The program is offered in the spring, summer and fall semesters and is available at all three campuses. It has been in the college now for 20 years and has grown, with 56 percent over the same period, the U.S. population growth,” said Millevoi.

Jakub and Petito said that they collaborated with a Bronx Latino community center and Dominicans to bring together a field trip with some Caribbean Bucks students and Dominican students.

The students went to a Dominican restaurant and tried to learn about the other person’s culture.

“We had the Croatian and Dominican students interview each other and learn about each other’s culture,” Jakub said.

Bucks currently does not have any Latino studies courses but through the work of these Bucks professors hopefully the administration will be convinced to add Latino Studies courses in the future.

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Eagles hoping to fill holes with draft

BY: RYAN ERNEY
Centurion Staff

With the 2015 NFL Draft fast approaching, all eyes are turned to the hometown Philadelphia Eagles to see what players they will select in order to improve the team. Coming off a second straight 10-6 season under head coach Chip Kelly, Philadelphia is looking to acquire the pieces that will give them that extra push from a pretty good team to one that is contending for a Super Bowl.

The Eagles have already addressed some very crucial needs through free agency. Cornerbacks Byron Maxwell and Walter Thurmond have been acquired from Seattle and New York respectively to bolster up a secondary that desperately needed it.

After the departure of LeSean McCoy in a trade that brought in stud linebacker Kiko Alonso to beef up the defense, star halfback DeMarco Murray was picked up through free agency from Dallas.

Philadelphia also made a change at the quarterback position, sending Nick Foles to the Rams for Sam Bradford. However, free agency alone is not enough to fill all of the holes that this Philadelphia Eagles team has.

The NFL Draft begins on April 30, and the Eagles look to do some damage in it if they want their squad looking sharp come minicamps in May. “I believe they need to focus on the cornerbacks and quarterbacks in the draft,” said Tyler Gillen, 19, a liberal arts major from Langhorne. “Don’t risk on (Marcus) Mariota but try and see if you can find a good mobile quarterback to back up Sam Bradford.”

Bucks students have different opinions on the Philadelphia Eagles’ biggest needs for a successful season. “First of all, I think they need to get a true number one wide receiver,” said Tyler Jardine, 21, a business major from Perkasie. “Josh Huff and Jordan Matthews are still young, and no team should be going into a season with Riley Cooper as their number one wide receiver.”

“Getting a fast wideout like DeSean Jackson in the draft will really stretch the field and open the running game for Demarco Murray,” continued Jardine. Although the Eagles did sign two free agent cornerbacks already, it will take more than that to sure up what was the weakest secondary in the NFL last year. “Grabbing the best safety available in the first round will be a great way to make sure that our secondary is vastly improved from 2014,” Jardine said.

There are seven rounds in the draft, so it allows Philadelphia the opportunity to address more than one position. “Getting some offensive line help can’t hurt with the departure of some of our key guys,” Jardine said. The Eagles currently have the 20th overall pick in the draft, but with how Chip Kelly has been wheeling and dealing, who knows what picks they will have once it is time to begin.

With a strong front seven on defense, a strong running game on offense, and strong special teams across the board, all of the Eagles positions could be filled if they play their cards right. The only thing left now for the fans to do is sit back, buckle up, and enjoy what they can of the wild ride that is sure to come.
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“Maybe it’s going to come down to our general manager Ruben Amaro,” said Bucks student Nicholas Mackell, 18, from Southampton. “I think by the trade deadline he will blow the team up and build for the future,” said Mackell. After all that Amaro helped build after the 2008 season, it may be time for him to change the look of the Phillies for the better. But, that isn’t the case here according to Mackell, “He blew up our farm system just to get Roy Halladay and Cliff Lee … he has done nothing hut blow opportunities and really hasn’t helped our future.”

 Jimmy Haslett, 20, from Southampton, said he “respects what Ruben did years ago with the big signings like Halladay and Lee to try and get another ring but looking back on it, we got none from them and as Phillies fans that isn’t what we wanted to happen.”

Some others believe that Philadelphia is for sure going to have a down year, with Bucks student Mike Kane, 19, from Warminster saying that this upcoming season is going to be “awful.”

Haslett and Kane both said they dislike the work of Amaro as general manager, and look forward to the future of this organization. “If the starters can get Howard playing to his potential would be spectacular and with the help of Chase Utley, I see no reason why we couldn’t have a chance of sneaking in the playoffs,” Mackell continued. With Philadelphia being a huge sports town, hopefully the Phillies can pull off a winning season.

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Below are a few screenshots of the new site.

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