

The Republicans take over

Despite Tom Wolf winning Pennsylvania's governorship for the Democrats, Republican candidates swept the national elections, taking majority control of the House and Senate

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The midterm elections brought about a momentous win for Republicans across the U.S. in both the Senate and the House, while in Pennsylvania, Republican Tom Corbett became the first Governor in modern state history to lose reelection.

Democrat Tom Wolf defeated incumbent Tom Corbett for the Pennsylvania governor seat with nearly 55 percent of the vote, making Corbett the first governor in the state to lose the bid for reelection since 1854.

According to Greg Pezza, a political science professor at Bucks, the most interesting part about Wolf's win is "he



The U.S. Capitol Building in Washington D.C.

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buckled the national trend winning a major governorship as a Democrat."

Corbett came under fire during his term for mak-

ing major cuts to education funding. Wolf said he plans to restore needed funding to Pennsylvania schools by im-

posing a severance tax on gas extraction.

"I'd be interested to see what can get done in the way of taxing the natural

gas industry while increasing funding for schools," said Pezza.

Once in office, Wolf will work with a republican-controlled State House and Senate while attempting to deliver on many of his campaign promises.

"Wolf is relatively moderate and that the House and Senate realize that it's less about political affiliation these days and more about distrust of government," said Pezza. "I have a suspicion they'll find a way to get a few things done."

Wolf's running mate, State Senator Mike Stack, will replace Lt.

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New app promotes safety

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Bucks has recently started promoting "Circle of 6", a new "White House approved" app designed specifically to help people facing the threat of sexual violence or harassment by giving easy access to friends or emergency services.

One in five women is sexually assaulted while in college, according to a White House press release. Tech 4 Good, a mobile app developer, hopes to change this statistic by giving students an easy tool to help reduce instances of sexual violence.

Their free app, called "Circle of 6," connects users, who find themselves in an uncomfortable or potentially dangerous situation, to

trusted friends and safety resources.

"Most often, it happens during her freshman or sophomore year. In the great majority of cases, it's by someone she knows – and also most often, she does not report what happened. And though fewer, men, too, are victimized," said the White House report.

Earlier this month, Bucks promoted "Circle of 6" in an event hosted by Counseling Services to introduce students to the app and help them understand how it works.

This app allows you to easily contact all six friends in your circle with a text message stating "Come and get me," and they will receive a message with a map using GPS that shows your exact location.

With just a few touches on this app, you can send out a text message to your circle of friends saying, "Call me I need an interruption," to help excuse yourself from an uncomfortable situation.

Also, there's a button for pre-programmed national hotlines on relationship abuse and sexual assault that the user can customize by adding a local emergency number.

Dekia Smith, Director of Counseling Services, said, "It's a free app that prevents violence and it is endorsed by the White House."

The "Circle of 6" app is the winner of the White House's Department of Health and Human Services award in "Apps against Abuse Technol-

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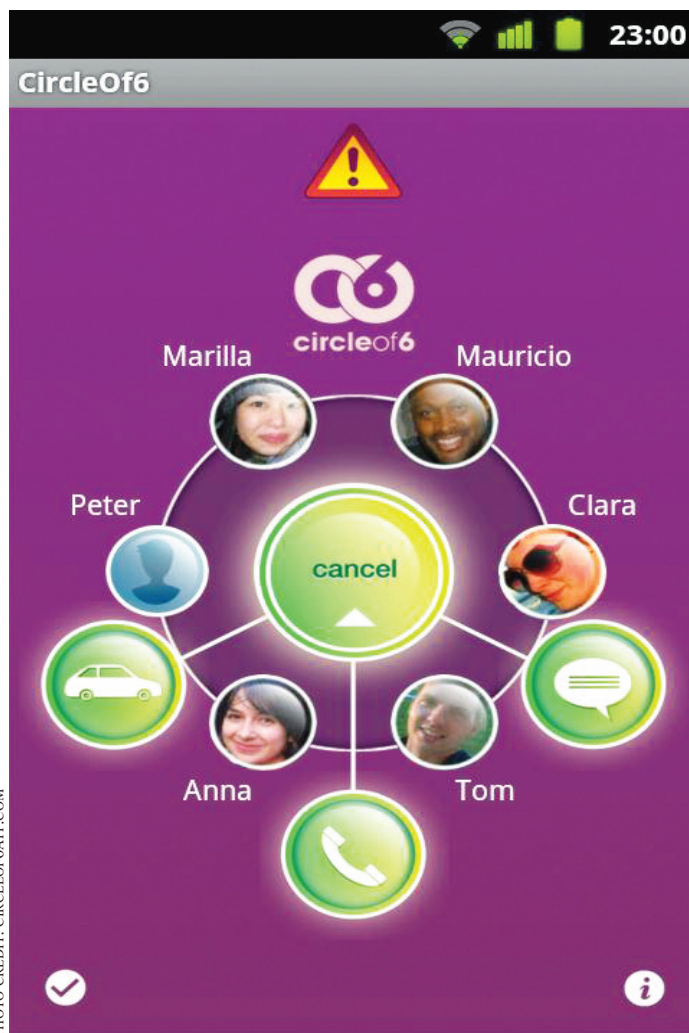


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The "Circle of 6" app developed by Tech 4 Good

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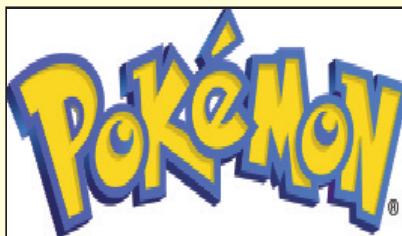
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College Events

November 13

-Bucks Book Group Discussion-Trans Atlantic by Colum McCann:
From 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the glass room next to the Fireside Lounge.

November 15

-The Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats:
Two performances will take place at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. in the Gateway Auditorium. \$15 admission for Buck's Students with ID at the door. For ages 14-63 admission is \$24.50 and tickets can be purchased on-line at www.bucks.edu/tickets.

November 17

-Nursing and Allied Health Transfer Fair:
From 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. in the Cafeteria.

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-World Diabetes Day Walk:
From 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Linkz Pavillion.

-Empathy, Compassion and Peace Workshop:
From 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Location is TBA.

-A Lower Bucks Campus Thanksgiving:
From 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. at the Student Commons, Lower Bucks Campus.

November 19

-Faculty Lecture Series: Jerry Millevoi:
At 7 p.m. in Room 120-121 at the Lower Bucks Campus.

BY: JOHN FEY

Centurion Staff

Benjamin C. Bradlee, former executive editor of The Washington Post and renowned for overseeing the coverage of the Watergate scandal in the 1970s, died at the age of 93 on Oct. 21.

On Oct. 29, a large memorial service for Bradlee was held at the Washington National Cathedral in D.C. Those in attendance included co-workers, politicians, friends, and family who wished to pay their last respects to a man they held in the highest esteem.

Bradlee, who served as the Post's executive editor from 1968 to 1991, handled many popular and important stories, but none can be seen as more important as the Post's investigation of the Watergate scandal. Bradlee oversaw Post writers Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodward, who were the first to investigate the break-in of the Democratic National Committee headquarters at the Watergate Hotel in D.C.

"There have been memoirs, newspaper and magazine articles, endless interviews, books, including ours, documentaries, movies about Ben's leadership at the Post. What is the central part of his character, the part of him that was different? It's this he was



The late executive editor of The Washington Post Ben Bradlee

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not afraid," Bernstein said at Bradlee's memorial service.

"He pulled off being Bradlee because he wasn't afraid," Bernstein continued, "of presidents, of polio, of political correctness, of publishing the Pentagon Papers . . . of making mistakes."

With Bradlee's backing, Woodward and Bernstein investigated further. While closely following the trial of the Watergate burglars, they learned some of Nixon's campaign funds were deposited into the bank account of one of the burglars, linking Nixon's administration to the break-in for the first time.

They also gained a confidential source, a high-ranking official at the FBI, Mark Felt, who was known only as "Deep Throat" during the investigation. Felt was instrumental to Woodward's

and Bernstein's investigation, as he had access to FBI reports on the burglary investigation. Felt guided their investigation by telling them what leads to pursue and could confirm or deny what other sources were telling The Post reporters.

The Post's initial findings led to the creation of the Senate Watergate Committee, a seven-member investigatory committee. The Committee's investigation found Nixon knew of the five burglars arrested at the Hotel, and Nixon had been illegally tape recording conversations at the White House and using wire tapes to blackmail people opposing him.

The Post's initial investigation led to Nixon resigning as president on Aug. 9, 1974 to avoid impeachment.

Most people involved in

news reporting consider this one of journalism's greatest victories; a newspaper, with stories being looked over by three people, exposed government corruption and ran a President out of office when he couldn't cover his tracks any longer.

Bradlee was characterized as a great leader during his memorial service for his courage in the face of opposition but also for his kindness and his ability to inspire those around him.

Bradlee's contribution to the world of journalism will be remembered for his courage to fight for the truth.

"In almost every discussion or encounter with Ben, no matter how fleeting, he made you feel better about yourself," Woodward said. "He made you want to be better."

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Governor Jim Cawley. Stack has considered maintaining his State Senate seat at the same time, but said he will not accept both salaries.

In the U.S. Senate, Republicans gained the seats necessary to give them control, making it the first time since 2006 that they've had control of both the House and the Senate. With one party in the majority, new compromises could

bring an end to years of gridlock in Washington.

"I think the Republicans know that if they are viewed as mere obstructionists, they will not win the presidency in 2016. For this reason and for the reason that the President would like to be a bit more popular before the end of his presidency, I think they may find some common ground on some major issues," said Pezza.

Republican incumbent Mike Fitzpatrick de-

feated Democratic challenger Kevin Strouse for the 8th Congressional District with an impressive 63 percent of the vote, making this Fitzpatrick's 4th and final term in the U.S. House of Representatives.

"We think there's still a lot of work to be done in the U.S. Congress and I think I still have a lot to add, a lot of work to do on your behalf," said Fitzpatrick at a press conference held after the results were announced.

In a district where registered Democrats outnumber Republicans by 3 percent, voters in Bucks and parts of Montgomery County might have gone with familiarity over party-affiliation. "As the former Speaker of the House Tip O'neil once said, 'all politics is local.' Mike Fitzpatrick is a very familiar name in Bucks County and Strouse's name is a relatively new one," said Pezza.

Circle of 6 here to help

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ogy Challenge." "Thanks to the creativity and vision of these developers, young people now have a new line of defense against violence in their lives," said Vice President Joe Biden when he met with a group of students and advocates in February.

At first glance, this app appears to be geared towards woman, but this is

not true. Smith says this "app is for everyone, not just females," and points out that "men are just as vulnerable" to acts of violence. This app can help if you feel threatened or simply if your car breaks down and need to find a ride home.

Smith likes the app, because it "sets up safeguards for you and your friends when you're out" and it "sends out alerts" that something may be

wrong.

The promotion of the app across Bucks campuses comes after an update to the school's "Gender-Based Misconduct" policy and the launch of the new "Sexual Respect and Title IX" webpage.

The Circle of 6 app ties in perfectly with the college's policy to comply with federal and state laws prohibiting sex or gender discrimination,

unlawful retaliation, and sexual harassment. The college hopes that campus wide use of this app will help keep its students safe.

For more information about "Circle of 6," go to circleof6app.com.

For more information about the school's "Sexual Respect and Title IX" policies, go to www.bucks.edu/student/counseling/titleix.

Local News

SEPTA union avoids strike

BY: MAYRA DIETZ
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“How am I going to get to school?” was the question that has been haunting the minds of Bucks commuters taking the SEPTA bus after hearing rumors about an imminent strike.

As there are many Bucks students who rely on SEPTA buses as their sole mode of transportation to and from the campus, Bucks commuters apprehensively waited for news updates on their mobile devices to confirm whether or not a strike was going to happen.

Over the Halloween weekend, the SEPTA strike took a turn that left many people sighing in relief. They came to an agreement with the union that, according to Philly News, stated, “The two sides came to terms on a two-year pact that will give workers a 5 percent raise over the life of the contract.”

With SEPTA services going back on schedule,



A SEPTA bus outside Bucks Newtown campus waiting for students as well as giving their workers what they asked for, thousands of people can rest easy knowing their public transportation can still be relied on, at least for the next two years.

SEPTA’s strike was a way for the union to protest against their low pay. According to sources, It happens every four to five years when the union’s contract is up.

“I have to agree with the strike because you cannot live without a high paycheck,” said a female SEPTA bus driver who wished to be kept

anonymous. “I have a family to take care of.”

Another male driver added, “I want my benefits kept intact.”

Although the union supported their beliefs, there were still commuters who did not understand the reasons why a strike had been considered.

Jose Fabian, 20, a liberal arts major from Bensalem, said, “Why do they need a raise if they have long breaks in between their routes?”

The female SEPTA driver opposed his view, saying, “We are a union job. We have to negotiate and take a stance.”

Those left with no alternative transportation were the ones who most feared the strike.

“If there is actually a strike, it would be terrible because that is the only way I get to school,” Arie Chriswell, 19, a psychology major from Bensalem, said.

Bucks student John Dayton, 19, a criminal justice major from Bensalem, who faced the same problem, said, “I wish I had my license. I am still trying to figure everything out if a strike were to happen.”

Some commuters believed the college itself

should contribute towards a solution because lack of transportation could have had a major effect on students’ education if they could not attend their classes.

“Our school should find a way to help us out,” said Amna Khan, 18, a chemistry major from Bensalem.

“This is a community college where many students have to commute to get here. It is only fair that Bucks provides us with shuttle busses,” said Isabel Berrocal, 19, a business major from Langhorne.

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Bucks News

The Climate Reality Project

BY: GEORGE MEANS
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Steve Bacher of the Bucks Sustainability Team laid out the global environmental problems facing Bucks students in his presentation of “The Climate Reality Project.” The slideshow presentation was created by former Vice President Al Gore, and made popular in his 2006 movie “An Inconvenient Truth.” Gore created "The Climate Reality Project" in 2006. He has since trained many others to present his slideshow, including Bacher.

Bacher opened his presentation held on Nov. 6 by asking Bucks students, “What will be the Pearl Harbor of the climate crisis?”

Bacher continued by explaining how the Earth’s atmosphere is very thin, but greenhouse gases are thickening it to the point that the sun’s infrared rays are getting trapped causing average temperatures to climb. According to Bacher,

daily heat records were set all across the globe in 2012. Additionally, 2012 became the hottest year in U.S. history.

As temperatures increase oceans are warming causing the Arctic ice to melt, evident by the rise of humidity levels of the atmosphere because a warmer atmosphere can hold more moisture.

According to climate scientists there is 4 percent more water vapors over oceans than 30 years ago.

Climate scientists are attributing the destructive force of hurricanes Katrina and Sandy, the two costliest hurricanes in U.S. history, to the higher moisture content in the atmosphere and warmer ocean waters caused by global warming.

In 2013, it was the 37th consecutive year above the 20th century’s average temperature. “I hope that people who see the slide show will become concerned, tell their friends and let their elected officials know

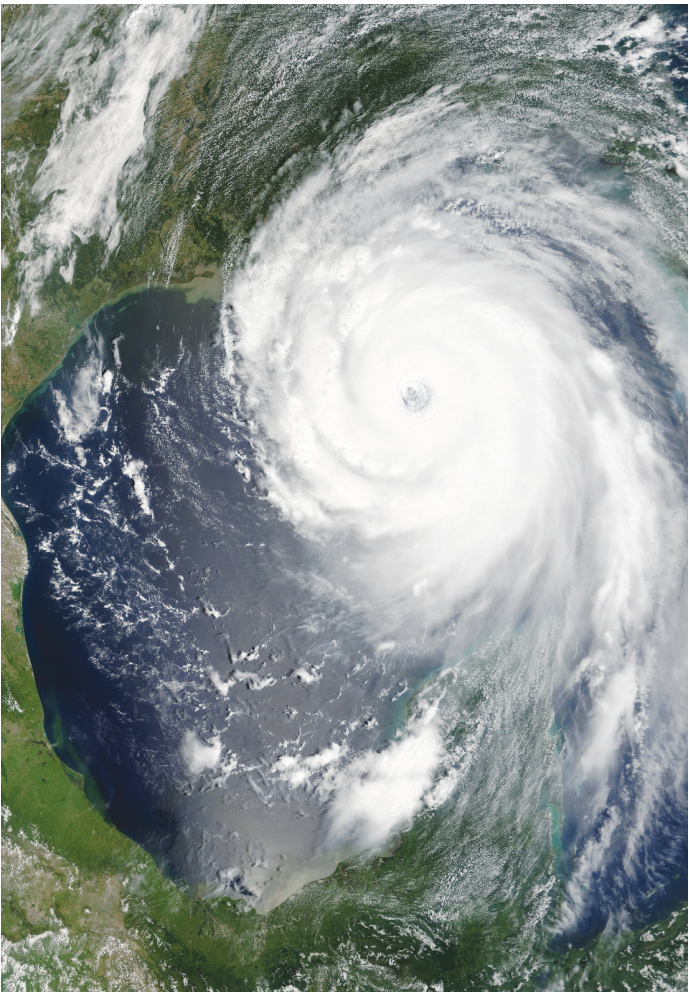
that they want action now,” said Bacher.

Bacher and other environmentalists have proposed putting a tax on Carbon pollution. Bacher said, “It is a market based approach that would make renewable energy relatively affordable.” He compared the tax to the price people have to pay to dispose of their own trash.

Kelly Armstrong, 20, journalism major, “thought the presentation was fantastic and it really opened my eyes to the severity of the issues and despite the fact we are making changes with green technology they aren’t happening fast enough.”

Armstrong continued, “Realizing how it affects me wants me to participate more.”

Bacher enjoys presenting the “Climate Reality Project” to students because, “Many policies are starting to change, relatively quickly, as each generation gets educated and begins to



Satellite photo of Hurricane Katrina in the North Atlantic on August 28, 2005

vote.” Bacher plans on continuing to offer this presentation for Bucks students each semester.

“I can also offer it, for free, to any group that would like to see it, including a student club, at

their convenience,” said Bacher.

Any clubs or organizations interested in a free presentation can contact Bacher at steve.bacher@bucks.edu.

A black and white photograph of a young man and a young woman smiling. The man is on the left, wearing a dark shirt, and the woman is on the right, wearing a light-colored top. They are both looking towards the camera. A large white plus sign is overlaid on the image.

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Entertainment

First Zombie Run great fun

BY: MARIA MATTOZZI
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Students gathered at the Lower Bucks campus on Nov. 7 to participate in the first annual Zombie Run, a fun event that also helped the Wounded Warrior Project and collected canned goods for households in need.

The clouds created a dreary overcast setting a post-apocalyptic mood, as the zombies chased the runners through the Delhaas woods behind the Lower Bucks campus.

Two runners went through the course at a time, which created a challenge for the runners, as there was a large turn out of zombie participants.

The runners began the course with two tags attached to them, and in order to survive the zombie apocalypse they had to out run the zombies with at least one tag remaining upon completing the course.

Throughout the course obstacles challenged runners,

making it difficult to escape the deathly grasp of their zombie opponents with their tags intact.

Anna Candelaria, President of the Lower Bucks Programming Council, said nobody survived the run.

However, this did not have a negative affect on the participants, "The day was great and everyone had a lot of fun," Candelaria said.

After going through the course runners and zombies were able to reward themselves with a quick bite to eat from the food tables set up outside while watching other participants run.

"The only problem we faced was the windy weather," Candelaria said. "Next year we're going to have the tables inside with more decorations to avoid them blowing around."

The Zombie Run was an exciting and spooky occasion for those who came out, while also raising money for the



Zombie Run banner Wounded Warrior Project, an organization that provides programs and services to assist local military veterans.

Each entry fee of \$7 was donated to the Wounded Warrior Project.

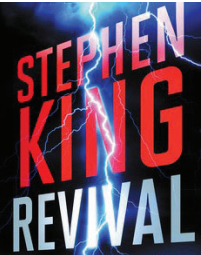
The entry cost was lowered to \$5 for those who brought in a few canned goods, which were do-

nated to Bristol Borough Community Action Group.

The Zombie Run will be held again next year and the Lower Bucks programing council plans to hold the Zombie Run annually with the help and support of Bucks students and the local community.

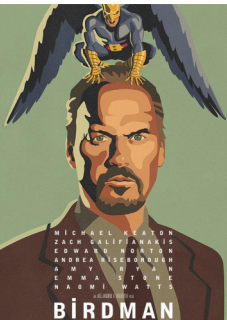
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Books



Stephen King's new novel is a dark and electrifying tale about addiction, fanaticism, and what may exist in the afterlife.

Movies



In this black comedy, washed-up Hollywood movie star Riggan Thomson, portrayed by Michael Keaton, stars and directs his own Broadway play in an attempt to regain his lost stardom and reconnect with his recovering drug addict daughter, while confronting his own mortality.

Music



Ed Sheeran's new album, X, has become an international success, topping the charts in twelve countries.

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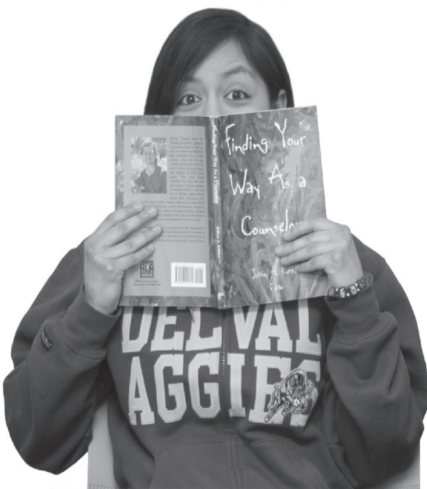
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Opinion

Developed nations fail West Africa

BY: KRISTOF PHILLIPS
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Criticism over President Obama’s handling of Ebola has reached a fever pitch in recent weeks.

The latest uproar is over Obama’s appointment of Ron Klain to oversee handling of Ebola incidents in the U.S. Many critics are outraged that Klain has no medical expertise, while others are directing their anger towards the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for being caught flat-footed by this deadly, exotic disease.

Yet, much of this criticism is shortsighted and misdirected.

The real failure of the administration, our government and us lies in an unwillingness to act in a timely and meaningful way.

The current Ebola outbreak in West Africa began back in March 2014, yet the media storm surrounding the outbreak began to rage here at home only after a Liberian man, Thomas Eric Duncan, landed in



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In Sierra Leone the Kenema tent helps to prevent the spread of Ebola. Dallas infected with Ebola. Our concern about containing and eliminating Ebola only became genuine after it landed on our doorstep unannounced.

The Ebola outbreak in West Africa shows no signs of slowing, as the death toll continues to rise. The World Health Organization (WHO) believes it will take several more months to stop the epidemic. This outbreak alone has killed more people, over 4,800 and growing, than the last four major outbreaks combined, making it the worst outbreak since 1976 when Ebola was first discovered.

The lack of understand-

ing about the virus and how to respond to it has caused panic among the affected region’s citizens and only fueled the spread of Ebola in West Africa. This can largely be attributed to the region’s poverty and inadequate healthcare. In fact, the access to proper healthcare is so poor in countries struggling with the infection, like Guinea, many have never even been to a doctor.

As a result they are distrustful of the physicians, who have gone to help quell the epidemic, like those from Doctors Without Borders. There are accounts of armed locals restricting access to the sick, believing that the

health workers who have traveled there are, in fact, the cause of the epidemic.

To make matters worse, many health workers in West Africa rely heavily on scarce supplies, like makeshift tents, to quarantine and treat the infected due to the lack of hospitals and treatment facilities.

For many years, the developed nations have ignored the extreme poverty in developing nations like Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone. Viral outbreaks, civil wars and insurrections are merely symptoms of the underlying fundamental issues facing developing nations—like

the lack of clean water, medical facilities and food supply.

We, as a nation, should strive to be more proactive in foreign affairs, as we certainly have the means to make a real and lasting difference around the world. For example, in 2013, The Water Project raised \$1.8 million to help the poor in sub-Saharan Africa gain access to clean, sustainable water sources. While CBS’s going rate for a 30 second ad in the Super Bowl was between \$3.7 and \$3.8 million in 2013.

Had we taken an interest in the struggles and suffering of the peoples in Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone sooner, Ebola may not have reached U.S. soil.

As Americans, we must come to understand that in today’s interconnected world we can no longer afford to turn a blind eye to plight of other countries—for one country’s epidemic can quickly become our own.

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Opinion

A lifetime of catching them all

BY: KELLY ARMSTRONG
Centurion Staff

With the release of “Pokemon: Alpha Ruby” and “Pokemon: Omega Sapphire” just around the corner, I got to thinking about why I really got into the games in the first place, and what they taught me about myself.

My Gameboy Color was my toy of choice when I was younger. But there was one game that stuck with me and really effected my life- “Pokemon Blue Version”.

I remember watching the first commercial on “Kids WB” after school. It took them less than thirty seconds for me to believe that a pokemon game was like Christmas, my Birthday and the best weekend of my life all rolled into one.

There was nothing else I wanted other than that and it was the same for my older brother: We watched the show, we played with the cards- All we needed was the game and our 5 and 6 year old lives would be complete.

We got our wish on Christmas, and within minutes, I was playing “Pokemon Blue Version” on the Gameboy Color. I was hooked.

I still remember the first pokemon I caught. It was a level 2 Pidgey. The lowest level pokemon you could have in-game. I felt sorry for it, so I caught it and vowed to raise it to level 100 (which I did).

I also remember getting completely lost in Mt. Moon and developing my hatred for Zubats.

As to what this actually taught me about myself, it taught me several things.

For one, it taught me you are never too young to go out and chase your dreams. The main characters in Pokemon are around ten years old according to the developers. It really reinforced the fact that if I wanted to do something, I shouldn’t let the idea of me being “too young” or “too old” or “too inexperienced” get to me. If I wanted to go and learn

martial arts, I could. If I wanted to go to college and figure out my future, why not start as soon as I can and go figure it out. If I wanted to train pokemon, I’m gonna grab a copy of my game and train some pokemon.

It also taught me that things will get in your way, and you may have to stand up for yourself. In-game, there were other trainers, gangs and even mob bosses that would try and stop you from being a master trainer. In most situations, you would have to fight them with your pokemon in a battle. But to me, I felt powerful in standing up for myself in that game, and in some ways, I carried that self-confidence with me into the real world.

It taught me to be compassionate. To do things for others, even if you know you will get nothing in return. There were a lot of situations in the game where you had to save the town or even the world. Yeah, a lot could translate that into just



A Gameboy Color and Pokemon charger PHOTO CREDIT: WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

getting through the game, but to me it was a lot deeper than that. In real-life, it’s easy to choose the easy way out- it’s easy to just be ignorant. But in Pokemon, you couldn’t be, you as the player wanted to be a part of this world, and therefore, you had to care about it to some extent. A good example of compassion in the game is the Pokemon tower sequence. You may have just traveled to Lavender Town and walked through the pokemon graveyard just to get the pokeflute from Mr. Fuji, but if you were paying attention would have also met the dead mother Marowak along the way. You know that this pokemon was killed by Team Rocket and that she had a little Cubone who is all alone now because of it. In a way, that’s all you

needed to know, that certainly made me want to defeat the nefarious gang at that point.

Finally, Pokemon helped me realize that I’m a bit of a perfectionist. With the catchphrase of “gotta catch ‘em all”, they really gave the player a sense of urgency- to be a master, you had to catch them all. I never actually did that until much later- it took me buying several versions of the game to actually complete that mission. But in real life I guess that translated into me always wanting to do the best for myself, even if it meant doing something that seemed really hard to do at the time.

Because deep down inside, I know I want to be the very best. Like no one ever was.



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Sports

Women’s basketball revved up

BY: CARLY PENDERGAST
Centurion staff

The women’s basketball team is eager to bounce back this season, after nearly missing the play-offs last season as they fell to the Community College of Pennsylvania, 63-85.

The Centurions are in it to win it this season with the help of Lori Sullivan, head coach of the women’s basketball team, focusing on their main strategy, working together as one.

Entering her fourth year as head coach, Sullivan stated, these women have been preparing for this season all summer long.

With three new players to add to the four returning players Coach Sullivan said, “It’s like they’re not new. Chemistry is looking good, I can see those new players being a big part of the team this year.”

When asked who Sullivan thought would be a standout star this season she didn’t give any names instead she said,



The women’s basketball team cooling down after a hard practice.

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“I think everyone is going to have their own special part to bring to the team...whether it’s rebounding, a tenacious defense, or getting the ball up the court.”

She added, “I expect my veterans to step it up and be there to get the younger ones ready to go.”

Team work seems to be the motto this year for

the Centurions. When Alexa Wintersteen, 19, sophomore from Central Bucks South and Jacqueline Walsh, 20, sophomore from William Tennent spoke, their interpretation of the season seemed to be the same as their coach.

Wintersteen said to expect, “hard work and team work,” and Walsh added this year’s team

really “works together as one on the court.”

After just missing the post season last year Sullivan said their goal is to make the playoffs this year but her focus is, “one game at a time, and in all honesty, one half at a time.”

It won’t be easy for the team going up against power house teams-- Northampton, Harris-

burg, and Luzerne-- but after speaking with the coaches, Sullivan said the women’s basketball team are “right in the thick of things.”

As for the rest of the season Coach Sullivan said, “We are taking baby steps and working with what we have.”

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Sports

Men’s Basketball has high hopes

BY: GABRIEL ORTIZ
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Despite the first round exit from the playoffs last season, this year’s expectations are at a high point for the Buck’s men’s basketball team.

Last season the team successfully rebounded from one of their worst years in recent memory, a 1-15 record in the 2012-13 season, to reach the playoffs with a record of 10-12.

The men’s basketball coach Don Perry has high expectations for this season and believes that a proper ceiling cannot be placed on his team yet. “If we could change anything, it’d definitely be the way we performed down the stretch, we didn’t finish nearly as strong as we would have liked to.” He said.

Perry believes the key to the team’s success this season will be keeping his team together. “That’s always a key, keep the team together so we can have all our guys out there,” He explained. “If we can do that, if we can



Bucks men’s basketball team from the 2013 playoffs

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keep the team together, we’ll be a very good and strong inside team, with some shooters on the outside.”

Perry cited the loss of key players as the reason for the team’s inability to make it further into the post season. “Last season we got off to a pretty strong start in the first semester, but in the second semester, we lost a couple of players for aca-

demic reasons,” the coach lamented.

Students attending the upcoming games can expect to see new faces as freshman players make their debuts.

Chemistry isn’t an issue for the men’s basketball team this season, according to Perry. “Chemistry’s not a problem at this point, we do have some new guys but the other players are helping

them out a lot right now.” He said. “We have some pretty talented players, if we play more of our game we’ll definitely be successful”

Perry expects a lot from his second year players, especially when it comes to leadership. “We always have a few guys that step up, and I definitely think we have that so far this year, with a lot of our second year guys

coming back this season”. He explained.

As for the moral of the locker room, Perry is satisfied with the positive vibe his team is giving off. “The energy is much more positive around here than before last year,” He assured. “Confidence has definitely improved.”

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