

Mark Sanchez: King of Philly?

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After soaring to another victory at the hands of backup quarterback Mark Sanchez, many fans have begun to feel a higher level of comfort in the journeyman, and his abilities to keep the eagles atop of the NFC East.

Sanchez became the talk of the town after trouncing the Carolina Panthers by a 24 point margin, where he threw 332 yards, earning him a 102.5 quarterback rating. This leaves him just behind Packers quarterback Aaron Rogers, who holds the record of 106.2.

Many football fans have attributed the success of Sanchez to better coaching, more weapons and more experience. However his days with the Jets have still impacted many Eagles fans views of the 28 year old quar-



Mark Sanchez (Player 6) during his time playing for the New York Jets

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terback.

“From my part of New Jersey, there were a lot of jets and giants fans, and it was strange to see someone come in and be so well liked, to being one of the least popular players in the league”, said Ariel Zayas, 19, a

Jersey native and communications major.

“Now people act as if he’s already a franchise quarterback down here” said Zayas, who seemed skeptical of the young quarterback. “He had stretches of success down with the jets too,

and we all remember how that turned out.”

Ryan Skiersis, sports management major, said the eagles are enjoying a new and improved version of Mark Sanchez, as well as a quarterback on a much better team. “330 yards is just good of-

fense” said Skiersis. “He has so many more weapons here than he did in New York, plus just a better offensive coach, and a system that’s practically built for him”.

Due to the amount of success Sanchez has had thus far, fans have begun to call for a permanent move to Sanchez at quarterback. Skiersis wasn’t ready to call Sanchez a permanent fit just yet, however he did talk about the possibility in the future. “If he plays like this into the playoffs, and everything runs this smoothly, I don’t know how you couldn’t start him, but that’s the key, he has to be this good every week.”

According to Philadelphia Eagles Head Coach Chip Kelly, Sanchez still has a lot to prove before

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Hazing at Central Bucks West

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In the midst of controversy surrounding hazing allegations within Central Bucks High School West’s football team, victim advocates hope to see the community respond in a manner that sets the tone for victim support and leads the way for other victims to come forward.

Superintendent of Central Bucks School District David Weitzel, suspended the West football program after “an internal investigation into allegations of improper conduct by numerous Central Bucks West football team members, and the failure of the coaching staff to properly supervise activities.”

“Our inquiry determined that students new to the team were expected to participate in several initiations that were both humiliating and inappropriate. The most personally invasive activity required a rookie to grab another player’s private parts while fully clothed . . . I want to be clear that these activities did not result in physical harm, but were not harmless . . .”, said Weitzel in an email sent out to those in the Central Bucks School District community.

According to Mandy Mundy, director of education and training at NOVA, changing the culture of school bullying and hazing in youth sports begins at the lead-



Central Bucks West High School

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ership level.

NOVA, or Network of Victims Assistance, is a non-profit, community-based organization that advocates for victim’s rights, provides short-term counseling for vic-

tims, and provides safety educational programs to youths and adults in schools, community centers and professional settings.

“What’s going to decrease these incidences is

when NOVA, as an agency, can train key community members. And those key community members, based on those trainings, then change their attitudes,

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College News

November 22
-Men’s and women’s basketball have an away game against Harrisburg.

November 25
- October modular withdrawal period ends.

November 26
-Thanksgiving break begins, no classes thorough Nov. 30. Have a happy Thanksgiving!

December 1
-The Chamber Ensemble will be playing jazz music at 7:30 p.m. in the Presser Music Room.

December 2
-The Bucks men’s basketball team will be facing off against Philadelphia at 8 p.m. on home court.

December 3
-The Madrigal Singers will be performing at 7:30 p.m. in the Presser Music Room.

December 4
-Bucks will be hosting a Holiday Party in the Gallagher Room from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

-Bucks will be hosting a Percussion Ensemble performance at 7:30 pm in the Presser Music Room.

December 5
-Student Research Conference will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Gallagher Room. Check in begins at 9 a.m. and there will be a free lunch for students who present.

Hazing at CB West

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behaviors, beliefs. And then they can impart that on the youth that they’re working with,” said Mundy.

Dr. David Hall, a North Penn teacher who runs a bullying prevention graduate program at Delaware Valley College, said he believes in a research-based training program that goes beyond bullying prevention, and “changes the culture to reduce bullying.”

In addition to the training he offers, Hall said that both The Peace Center and NOVA have exceptional programs as well.

One of the programs NOVA offers is training for coaches, in which they help coaches learn ways to communicate positive and healthy messages to their athletes.

“The idea of a coach’s training is if we can change the beliefs, behaviors and attitudes of the coach—the way they talk to and treat their teammates, and their level of tolerance—then incidences where coaches know about what’s happening, hopefully won’t happen,” said Mundy. “And that’s that ripple effect; it’s really about changing the community by integrating those behaviors into the community through the key leaders.”

“We need to have these multiple, ongoing programs integrated into the community that change up, not just the individual level, but the relationship level also. So this coach program is one of those types of primary preven-

Sanchez

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he can be rightfully deemed the savior of Philly. “I didn’t think we played well offensively at all,” Kelly told csnphilly.com

“I just didn’t think we were very consistent overall,” said Kelly. “I think we could have sustained some drives. We missed a couple of key conversions in short yard situations.”

After the Eagle’s crushing 53-20 defeat at the hands of the Green Bay Packers this past weekend many are questioning if Sanchez has what it takes to go all the way.

Sanchez threw two interceptions in Sunday’s game the worst being a 52-yard interception return for a touchdown.

tion programs,” she said.

“It’s part of this national and state-wide movement for victim service agencies to embrace primary prevention efforts, not just these individual changes.”

Mundy described the distorted messages within sports that foster a culture of violent behavior, citing the recent allegations of domestic violence among certain NFL players.

“Look at the NFL, obviously within our sports we can very easily create a feeling of inappropriate manhood. They’ve grown up in sports, so that message has been integrated into their lives.

If we can change our youth at the elementary-level, by the time they’re NFL players, maybe we’ll have a different culture,” said Mundy.

According to Hall, “The question becomes how do we create a culture that prevents this in the first place.”

A critical part that needs to be examined is the bystander, according to Mundy. She explained that bystanders are part of the problem. To be part of the solution, there needs to be more of what she calls “up standers,” or people that stand up for victims.

“The idea behind changing a culture is turning those bystanders into up standers,” said Mundy.

However, many people hesitate to speak up when confronted with bullying or hazing out of fear that



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The logo for the Central Bucks West football team

they will be ostracized or targeted themselves.

Mundy said this is why their anti-bullying program really emphasizes the “up stander” piece.

“It’s about teaching kids there’s strength in numbers,” said Mundy.

“Chances are it was a few people who were the direct aggressors, in this specific incident. But there were many more people who were the bystanders. So if we can teach those bystanders the mentality of group intervention, and sometimes that’s just one leader, then that strength in numbers idea comes through,” said Mundy.

“It’s about teaching kids how to have a voice,” she said.

“In this case, it sounds like the bystanders just stood there,” said Hall.

“If just one person had said stop, this could’ve ended a long time ago.”

NOVA is contracted with Central Bucks School District to provide bullying prevention programs, but Mundy wasn’t able to comment on whether the school

district has reached out to NOVA for support in this specific case.

“I can say I do believe that Central Bucks and NOVA have a good working relationship. They understand NOVA’s services and the support that’s available for victims.”

Mundy explained how important it is to consider the impact on the victims in cases like this.

“I think victims need to hear that this is not their fault and that they’re not alone, and that they’re believed. Those are the three key messages we need to give to our youth,” said Mundy.

“And then, they need to be provided the opportunity for support, whether that’s by meeting with a guidance counselor, being referred to NOVA or a private therapist.”

Mundy said it’s also important to remember that this happens everywhere, and it would be naïve to think this is an isolated incident.

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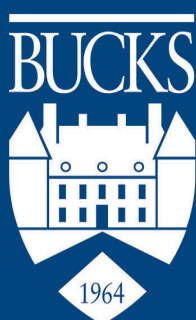
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Bucks News

Black Friday usurps Thanksgiving

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To some, Thanksgiving store hours may seem like a great chance to get a jump on their holiday shopping, but those forced to work feel these early Black Friday sales rob them of tradition and quality time with loved ones.

Retailers across the nation this year are preparing to open their doors this Black Friday at 6 p.m. on Thanksgiving night, leaving many without the opportunity to enjoy the holiday.

Next to Christmas, Thanksgiving is one of the largest American holidays; it's wildly celebrated with parades, great feasts, as well as family and friends coming together to eat endlessly at the dinner table.

Black Friday marks the beginning of the Christmas shopping season. However, this year stores are opening as early as 6 p.m. on the night of Thanksgiving, and those who work will lose a day meant to be spent with

family and friends. "I'm not really crazy or excited about the idea of working on Thanksgiving and Black Friday, but I need the money," said Rasheed Douyon, 19, a business administration major. Black Friday and Thanksgiving shopping have become a must in retail, employees have no option to call out or pick their shifts, and it is often the luck of the draw.

Jasmine Pickett, 19, a business and fashion management major from Levittown, said, "I hate working on Thanksgiving. I think it's ridiculous to cut into family time for an extra five hours of making money. I think they can at least wait until midnight."

"I don't think the mall should be opening, they should be encouraging people to spend time with their loved ones. I would rather be at home with my family and son. It was his first thanksgiving last year and I wasn't able to spend it with him because of work," said



Black Friday at a Best Buy Pickett.

Some are upset about possibly losing an entire holiday with family that they may not always see. Thanksgiving is one of the few times they all come together as a family.

Emily Clark, 20, a phlebectomy major from Fairless Hills said, "Thanksgiving is an important holiday to my family and me because it's the one time where we can all stop everything and just spend time with one another."

"I'm working on

Thanksgiving now that the mall opens at 6 p.m., and that's generally the time my family and I sit to eat. I won't be able to join them for dinner," said Clark.

Alysha Thomas, 20, a liberal arts major from Yardley, said, "Thanksgiving is an important holiday to my family. We always have a bunch of people come over to our house family and friends and we just spend the day together being thankful for the people we have in our lives at the moment and enjoy the

day together."

Briana Rowe, 20, a criminal justice major from Morrisville, believes retailers are so focused on making money, they aren't thinking about how working the holiday affects their employees.

Rowe said, "Thanksgiving is one of the few times in families that people can all come together for something positive, not a funeral or tragedy, and be thankful for the things God allows us to see and the life we get to live."



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Entertainment

“Big Hero 6” programmed for fun

BY: MICHAEL GIRTON
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It seems Disney films are always one step ahead of the competition, especially when superheroes are involved, and with hits such as “Guardians of the Galaxy”, “The Avengers” and their newest “Big Hero 6”, Disney has the comic book movie genre on lockdown.

Based on the obscure Marvel comic book series of the same name, “Big Hero 6” follows the adventures of a 14-year-old techno-genius, Hiro Hamada (voiced by Ryan Potter), living in the somewhat futuristic city of San Fransokyo (an amusing and particularly unique cultural fusion of San Francisco and Tokyo).

The animation is unsurprisingly fantastic and despite a rushed and exposition-heavy beginning the film has a solid second and third act. However, there is a somewhat odd turn towards its end.

While well-executed the plot is about as run-of-

the-mill as one could imagine: the troublesome protagonist Hiro isn’t living up to his potential, but the sudden death of a loved one inspires him to apply himself in order to defeat the looming threat which may in fact be responsible for said loved one’s death. And the reveal of a painfully obvious twist villain doesn’t help much.

The members of the eventual superhero team “Big Hero 6” include Hiro himself, as well as his group of friends based for the most part on typical supporting character default personalities: the perfectionist, the slacker, the bad-ass female and the hyper-active one. While these characters don’t fail to serve their purpose, a little more development would have been much appreciated.

The final member of the team, and undoubtedly the most entertaining and memorable character in the film, is Baymax, a robotic nurse turned superhero via a little

reprogramming by Hiro. And thankfully the majority of the film focuses on the relationship between these two.

Even though Hiro programs Baymax with martial arts knowledge from all the best action movies and equips him with incredibly deadly technology, the well-mannered robot remains true to his original programming: a machine dedicated to the healing and well-being of humans, primarily his patient, Hiro.

The film is both endearing and comedic in the ways through which this automated aide helps Hiro through the grieving process, and the film never fails to deliver great action scenes later on. While nailing most emotional moments perfectly, the film still unfortunately falls short in one small instance—at a moment of desperation and overwhelming hardship, Hiro cries, “But he’s gone!” in regards to the aforementioned loved one. Despite their growing maturity and respect

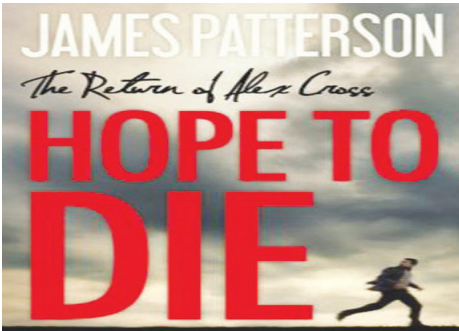


for the intelligence of their young audience, kid’s films still seem to feel if they use the word “dead,” the children watching will be traumatized for life. If the film would have taken that one extra step, it would have made the scene perfect.

Despite these minor flaws, the film is still excellently made and wildly entertaining. It may not be the most

original film but it’s certainly an old story well told and far better than a lot of the mindless garbage made for children today. A film with the Disney seal of approval that both parents and kids can enjoy, “Big Hero 6” is definitely worth watching.

Books



In James Patterson’s newest book Detective Alex Cross is being stalked by a psychotic genius, forced to play the deadliest game of his career. Cross’s family—his loving wife Bree, the wise and lively Nana Mama, and his precious children—have been ripped away. Terrified and desperate, Cross must give this mad man what he wants if he has any chance of saving the most important people in his life.

Movies



In Earth’s future, a global crop blight and second Dust Bowl are slowly rendering the planet uninhabitable. Professor Brand (Michael Caine), a brilliant NASA physicist, is working on plans to save mankind by transporting Earth’s population to a new home via a wormhole. But first, he must send former NASA pilot Cooper (Matthew McConaughey) and a team of researchers through the wormhole and across the galaxy.

Music



Local favorite Circa Survive’s new album “Decensus” will be coming out on Nov. 24.



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Sports

Women’s basketball short-handed

Despite the early loss of two players the women’s basketball team made a valiant effort against the Atlantic Cape Buccaneers before losing the game.

BY: CARLY PENDERGAST
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Undermanned after two teammates fouled out of the game, Bucks’ women’s basketball team, the Lady Centurions, faced a tough home-opener loss against the Atlantic Cape Buccaneers.

The team started the game down one player, Guard Alexa Wintersteen, who was out with a concussion from a previous game.

Adding to this setback, Guard Jacqueline Walsh and Forward Devon Rink each fouled out.

Before leaving the game, Walsh contributed both on the scoreboard and on defense—with nine points and four rebounds.

Guard Elise McClintock proved she is a versatile player who can handle the ball during one play and on the next, battle for position on the block. Notching the team high,



The Lady Centurions face off against the Atlantic Cape Buccaneers

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scoring 11 points along with nine rebounds, McClintock established herself as a hard-nosed player, involving herself in every play, while making perceptive decisions under pressure.

Forward Kelsey Fuller, may not have translated points onto the score-

board, but Fuller's efforts showed on the court. She and McClintock shared ball handling duties and ran the offense. Coach Lori Sullivan said McClintock and Fuller “took that game on their shoulders.”

Although outplayed by the Buccaneers in this

non-conference game, 82-30, Sullivan was proud of how hard her team worked on the court. “The girls played with heart! I couldn't have asked any more of them. We are a work in progress and the team is not 100 percent.”

She also added that

Alexa Wintersteen should be returning from her concussion for their next game on Nov. 15 vs. Lehigh Carbon at home.

As always, students are encouraged to come out and show their support for the Lady Centurions.

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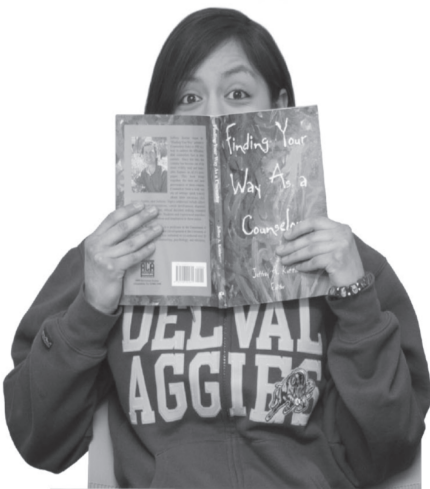
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