

# Enrollment steadily declining

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Student enrollment at Bucks is down 6 percent since last spring, which led to the cancellation of over 300 classes this semester.

According to Dr. Stephanie Shanblatt, president at Bucks, two main factors contributed to the drop in enrollment—the improved economy and demographics.

“This is really the natural progression of the economy improving. When unemployment goes up, our enrollment goes up,” said Shanblatt.

Unemployment rates have continued to drop since its peak in 2010 at 9.6 percent, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, down to 6.2 percent in 2014.

“Another contributing factor is the demographics in Bucks County. There are fewer high school graduates



Tyler Hall, Newtown campus.

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now,” said Shanblatt.

According to the Pennsylvania Department of Education, enrollment in primary and secondary public schools in Bucks County has decreased by over 5 percent over the last

12 years.

Shanblatt said the decrease was expected, and not exclusive to Bucks. “Across the country, community college enrollment is down over the last two years.”

The 6 percent reported de-

crease, based on the number of credits taken, equates to 4,561 fewer credits than last spring. The amount of students enrolled is down by 3.3 percent, or 293 fewer students.

“What we noticed was each

student was actually taking fewer credits,” said Shanblatt.

With fewer students taking fewer classes, cancellations were unavoidable.

According to Bob Maley, director of registration, 343 classes have been cancelled this semester as of Feb. 12. However, he pointed out that “registration continues for later-starting courses, so the story is not over yet for this term.”

For full-time faculty, cancellations make it difficult to maintain course loads. In order to make their loads, usually 15 credits, classes are taken from part-time professors when necessary.

Faculty Union President John Strauss said that some part-time teachers who normally teach three to four classes are now down one.

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# Clubs at Bucks — find your passion

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Looking for a people who love video games as much as you or a group of students serious about community service or a place to express yourself?

Well look no further, Bucks has a wide variety of over 50 different clubs available for students who are curious about being a part of a student run group—30 of which are currently active at Lower Bucks, Newtown, and Upper Bucks campuses.

The Clubs and Organization office is located on Newtown campus directly across from the cafeteria and all are welcome.

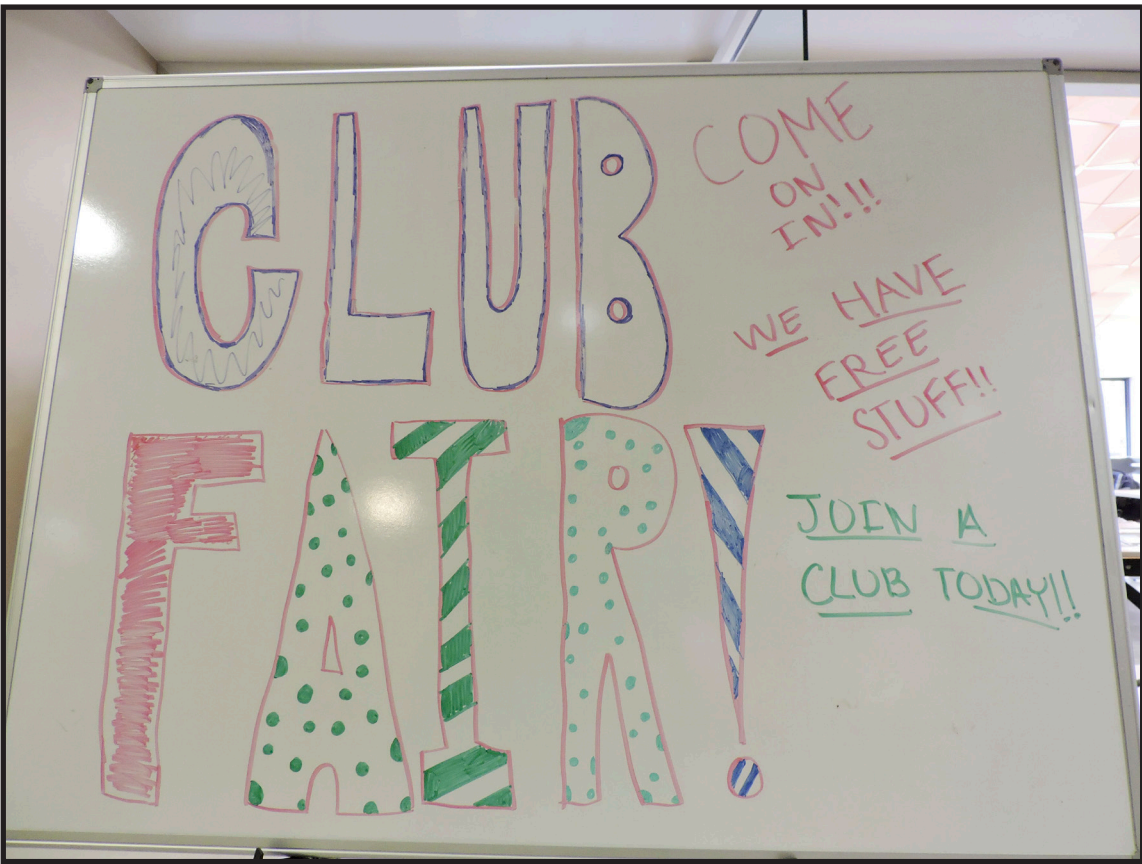
Every student is invited to come into the office to ask questions regarding club membership as well as details about certain club events.

If recycling, leaving a

smaller carbon footprint, and conserving energy is something you’re passionate about, on Thursday afternoons, in the Clubs and Organization office, the Eco-Club meets regularly from 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.

According to the organization’s mission statement, the Eco-Club’s purpose is, “to offer the opportunity for the students of Bucks County Community College to discover and implement effective ways to protect and preserve the ecological environment on their campus, their community and their world.”

Molly Lichtner, 20, environmental science major, and president of the Eco-Club said, “This semester we hope to plan another Tyler State park clean up. We had one last spring semester and it was very successful and lots of fun too!” Lichtner continued,



The sign from Club Palooza 2015.

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“We’re hoping to team up with other clubs, like Phi Theta Kappa, to make this year’s event more successful.”

Like many other clubs,

Eco-Club plans to raise funds by selling baked goods located across from the Gallagher Room sometime this semester.

“The bake sale we’re

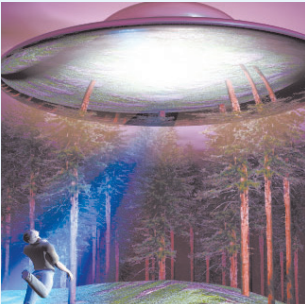
holding is to support the care of our leopard gecko Martha, who is used to educate children and visitors of the Churchville Nature Center.”

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## College Events

### February 24

-Read a Book! - Orphan Train. Please join the Lower Bucks Campus Library for a book discussion. Books are available to borrow through the Bucks Library. Refreshments provided.

Time: 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

### February 24

-Newtown Transfer Fair The Transfer Fair is a great opportunity to meet college representatives in one convenient location and ask your questions in person. See the Transfer Services website for a complete list of colleges and schedules for this fair.

Time: 4:30pm - 7:00pm  
Location: Founders Lobby, Newtown Campus

### March 4

-Register to Vote in the Rollins Center. Volunteers will be on hand to help students register.

Time: 10:00am - 7:00pm  
Location: Rollins Center

### March 5

-Faculty Lecture Series: Professor Chris Bursk of Language & Literature presents "The Play of the Mind: An Interdisciplinary Lecture."  
Time: 7:00 pm  
Location: Tyler Hall 142

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Finding refuge from such a judgmental world can be tough, however, the Open Door Club (ODC) welcomes students and faculty with open arms (and their doors) to all, who want to be a part of a safe and receptive environment. The ODC meets every Thursday from 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. in Rollins 116.

The ODC provides support to gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered (LGBT) students as well as straight allies who want to join and support the club in their fight for equality.

The organization also promotes awareness and education of their issues all while fostering an environment of mutual respect and a celebration of the diversity of all people.

"The ODC was formed to provide a safe space for LGBT students attending Bucks" Spatz continued, "Our club promotes the education and awareness of a variety of health and social topics, mostly involving LGBT issues," Emma Spatz, 21, liberal arts major, and president of the ODC.

The Open Door Club seeks to involve the community by fundraising to promote the club and to also benefit the LGBT members.

"Our fundraising and events are all intended to benefit the community and promote our club, this spring semester we are hosting the annual alternative prom on campus, where all proceeds from the ticket sales are donated to the Trevor Project--a suicide prevention group for



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LGBT youth" said Spatz.

She continued, "We also have had several past events, which includes our annual drag show...proceeds from the event went towards housing at Bucks Villa for those diagnosed with HIV/AIDS."

Spatz is elated for the clubs next major event held in May located in New Hope, PA, where the ODC will be featured in their annual Pride Parade.

The Open Door Club is in need of a treasurer and will be selecting candidates for election at their next meeting.

Music is for the soul and Radio Bux is for the beating heart.

Like its cafeteria broadcasted-only radio station predecessor WTYL, Radio Bux provides educational, entertainment, music, and sports based broadcasts for the college community and offer Bucks students with cutting edge web-based radio experience.

The club hosted a CD and Record swap last semester and it turned out to be a much larger success than what President of Radio

Bux, Ben RY, 20, cinema and video major expected, "the record swap last fall was more successful than our previous attempts, a megahit, people really responded well this time, and we'll definitely be doing it again sometime this spring."

RY's plan for Radio Bux is to create more events that involve the club and the community.

"Radio Bux plans on doing more fundraising for ourselves and other groups in the community by doing bake sales, live music shows, and possibly karaoke."

Radio Bux is looking for more members to join this spring and also next fall. Meetings are held every Thursday from 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. in the Solarium directly across the Gallagher room.

If Sailormoon is your spirit animal and Japanese animation appeals to your senses, the Anime Club welcomes you with delicate graces.

"The purpose of the club is to offer an enrichment of the Japanese culture

through anime (Japanese animation) to the students of Bucks, and to also gather fans of the culture and the genre," said Kathy Towell, 28, small business management major, and president of the Anime Club.

Towell explains the schedule of Anime Club to a T, "On a weekly basis, on Monday's we watch the same three or four series, one to two episodes a week of each; on Wednesday's we do something of a 'sampler' where we show four to five different shows, one to two episodes a week, usually with a theme such as comedy day or fantasy day."

Towell also wants to encourage others who are not familiar with the animation to simply "come and watch," essentially to educate themselves about the culture.

"I want people to know more about it, so we can get rid of the stigma surrounding it a little," Towell explained.

Towell is looking forward to Anime Club's big event, Centuricon, which is held during the summer, all are welcome. Meetings are held on Monday and Wednesday every week, from 4 p.m.-6 p.m. in Penn Hall 253.

All other clubs and organizations can be found on the Bucks website under campus life. All students are urged to participate in any student organization.

Further information about forming clubs/organizations or participating in activities is available from the office of Student Life, located on the upper level of the Rollins Center, 215-968-8257.

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"A lot of part-timers are getting by working three or four different places trying to make a living," said Strauss. "That's who gets hit harder than anyone else."

When asked if there are any concerns over layoffs, Strauss said, "People are nervous, but I have not heard yet of any job fears."

Shanblatt reassured that they weren't considering layoffs at this time, explaining that the board has been able to cut employment spending through attrition.

"We've reduced some positions due to retirement or resignation. Every open position has to be approved by the cabinet before it can be filled," said Shanblatt.

"We really have done a lot of budget trimming over the years. We worked really hard to control our expenses to keep the tuition

as low as possible," said Shanblatt.

In the finance report at the December Board of Trustees meeting, a financial review of the 2014 fiscal year was presented. "The college achieved its goal of a balance budget for the year which demonstrated fiscal viability and responsible financial management. During the year, revenues received from the State and County were flat when compared to the previous year."

With the drop in enrollment, coupled with a decrease in public funding, something has to give.

Shanblatt said that while it is ultimately a board decision, she expects "there will probably be a modest tuition increase."

While decreases in enrollment are a consequence of the improving economy and current demographics, Shanblatt hopes their

efforts in recruitment and retention will help to lessen the effects.

"We're trying to do things differently as far as recruiting," said Shanblatt.

She said they are reaching out to students who started here, but didn't finish. They are also reaching out to local businesses and organizations throughout the county, offering tailored options and workshops.

In addition, Shanblatt said they are looking for new ways to retain students through improved advising services, citing the recently launched Student Planning Module and educational planners as the most recent enhancements.

"We're trying to engage our students, invest in them more," said Shanblatt.

Educational planners meet with new students to help them develop and better understand their goals. They work to ensure students

walk away with a plan.

"We're really trying to make sure students have people they know they can go to, not just an office, but people," said Shanblatt.

Regardless of the drop in enrollment, plans for the new science building are still underway.

"I think students who are interested in the sciences will be more interested with our new facilities," said Shanblatt. "I think actually that building will help enrollment because we will have the appropriate facilities and they can look forward to taking their classes here."

Referring to the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math education (STEM) department, Shanblatt said, "I think they've taken less of a hit with this enrollment decline."



# Bucks News

## Tutoring Center better than ever

**BY: CHRISTINA KLOS**  
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Despite a steady decrease in enrollment students seem to be flocking to the Tutoring Center to take advantage of the free help it offers.

Nicole Tracey, director of the Tutoring Center, believes that the numbers have been rising thanks to the new student orientations adding the Tutoring

Center on their route, as well as the quality of this special free service offered here at Bucks.

“The Tutoring Center is a place for additional support, where students can continue conversations one-on-one that begin in the classroom,” said Tracey.

Students from all majors have the chance to work closely with an academic

tutor qualified to aid in their specific classwork, with tutors available in 25 subjects.

This free service is not just available for students who are struggling, but rather it is a place to help students build skills, critical thinking, and success tools that can be used in all future pursuits.

Andrea Moskowitz, a writing tutor at the Tutor-

ing Center, believes that not enough students know about the Tutoring Center’s existence.

“I think more students know now than a few years ago; however, I believe that many more have no idea we’re here,” said Moskowitz.

The Tutoring Center here at Bucks has increased drastically with an additional 339 appointments, which is over a 6.5 percent increase from last fall.

Students who have yet to make a trip over to the Tutoring Center should check it out. There’s always free coffee available to all students who pass through, as well as free handouts and study guides on grammar rules, MLA writing style, math formulas, and much more.



Danielle W. and tutors Lynn Paff-Connor and Molly Bye from left to right.



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## Bucks app surprisingly useful

BY: MELANIE JOHNSON  
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We live in an age of convenience. Everyone wants their information handed to them quickly and efficiently.

Before the new Bucks app, we all understood the struggle of having to find a computer to check our registration status, college news, or our grades.

We also remember attempting the nearly impossible: navigating through the not-so-mobile-friendly Bucks website on our phones.

Fortunately, Ellucian, the developers of MyBucks and WebAdvisor, have come up with a solution to our cellular problems. The new Bucks App has arrived for Apple and Android users.

The app is a mobile-friendly version of the website, with features for Bucks news, the college calendar, athletic events, grades, registering, and even our class schedules.

The app is relatively easy to navigate, as long as you know what each feature does.

The biggest concern a few students had was that most had no idea what the Messages feature was for.



Mattea Kozari, 21, sociology major, uses the new Bucks app.

Brant Steen, who works with web services at Bucks, was able to answer that question, saying, the Messages feature will be where your push notifications are stored.

Push notifications will be reminders for things like



when registration opens and closes, and when payments are due. This feature will not tell students if the schedule for the day is modified due to inclement weather, but Steen said, “It might include that sort of stuff in the future.”

The app also includes other features such as the My Grades section that shows current and past grades received from any class taken at Bucks.

Be warned: the app shows official letter grades only, not grades from each assignment like Canvas does. When looking to get a specific grades, students still have visit Canvas or speak to professors.

The Register for Classes feature another feature

of the app. Students can register for classes as long as they don’t have an outstanding balance, search for classes, view their descriptions, and view classes they have already registered for.

There is also a part of the app that allows students to call any campus without having to search for the phone number, and even get directions right there on the app.

The app does not have an email feature as of now. This will still be done on the Bucks website.

However, if you want to send an email, you still have to find a computer and log into MyBucks, because the app does not have a feature for email as of now.

Most students were interested in the My Class

Schedule feature of the app.

Amber Horton, 19, a Pre-Allied Health Major at Bucks said “I like that I can actually see the class schedule for the day, instead of going into Web Advisor on my phone.”

My Class Schedule feature allows students to view their full schedule including online classes as well as start and end dates.

Some students still feel that the Bucks app could use some improvements and add-ons to be more effective.

The app has many features that can be helpful to students on the go, seeking fast information. With the tap of an icon, the Bucks website is at your fingertips.



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## Speaking out on climate change

BY: JUSTIN BIFOLCO  
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For over two decades, Steve Bacher, environmental activist, has devoted his time to bringing attention to the adverse effects of climate change on our environment and the need for government action to bring about a lasting change.

Bacher, who is part of Buck's Sustainability Team and Wesleyan University alumni, is an active member in attracting awareness to the damages caused by climate change.

Bacher traces his roots of environmental safety back to 1992.

"I stumbled on Al Gore on C-SPAN on a show called Book Notes talking about this book he had just published called "Earth in the Balance,"" Bacher said. "And I thought what he was saying seemed to make sense."

After reading the book, Bacher volunteered for the Clinton-Gore campaign in Austin, Texas and eventually became assistant to the state campaign manager.

Bacher is on the steering committee of the Bucks County chapter of the global network group 350.org, a non-profit organization that coordinates mass public



350.org organizes protest against the Keystone XL Pipeline.

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actions in over 188 countries to hold world leaders accountable for climate safety.

"We meet once a month at Newtown Friends Meeting, usually the second Saturday of the month."

The night generally includes a potluck dinner, guest speakers, movie showings and discussions on the matter.

"Sometimes new people come and it helps raise awareness of various aspects of the problems and spread the word."

"97% of climate scientists around the world agree that climate change is hap-

pening and it's affected by human activities."

Bacher continued, explaining the heating of the planet makes storms like Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Sandy more likely.

"What we stand to lose as a planet is our modern way of life. Climate change means more frequent big storms."

Bacher frequently cited the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), which was established by the United Nations Environment Programme and the World Meteorological Organization in 1988. The IPCC's mission is to objectively assess the most

up-to-date information on climate change, submitted voluntarily by scientists around the world. And then present their findings to the world. Currently 195 countries participate in the IPCC.

According to Bacher, global warming is causing more extremes in the Earth's weather patterns.

"When there's a drought, the drought is worse. When there's a downpour, the floods are worse."

Elaborating on the worldwide worsening of storms and natural disasters Bacher explained, "It's happening in Europe, it's happen-

ing in Asia, it's happening in Australia. It's happening all around the world and the people who are paying attention are climate scientists."

"We're very rapidly approaching a tipping point that will be a point of no return in terms of the planet being a friendly place for humans to live," Bacher said.

When asked what he sees for the future in regards to the movement against climate change, "It's going to take people in the streets demanding change," said Bacher.

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# National News

# UFOs, how will we ever know?

**BY: TYLER GOLDBERG**  
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For decades, there have been UFO sightings and incidents not only in America but all over the world, leaving questions of whether or not our governments are hiding anything from the people.

Recently another spark was created in this never ending argument when the United States government decided to release two decades of classified files called Project Blue Book on UFO sightings from the years of 1947 to 1969.

While many of these sightings and incidents were easily shot down by the Air Force and other government agencies, there are still over 700 of these cases that indeed remain unidentified. After combing through these files a few of these incidents were found where a conclusion was never reached.

One such incident occurred in Terre Haute, Indiana on Oct. 9, 1951 and is a well-known sighting.

A Chief Aircraft Communicator (CAA) observed a silver object pass directly overhead while he was at Hulman Municipal Airport about five miles east of

Terre Haute. He reported high rate of speed and no sounds or vapor trails.

To make this incident even more intriguing a pilot flying near the area on that day reported seeing the same type of object as the CAA just minutes after he had reported it shot up into the sky.

These two men were interviewed and both did indeed have very similar stories, but the man who was at the airport was considered to be hardheaded, which was a detriment to his creditability.

Further investigation of the incident was marked inconclusive.

Another sighting from the files took place in Tremonton, Utah on July 2, 1952 when a man named D.C. Newhouse and his wife claimed to have spotted two “saucers.”

Newhouse filmed 1200 frames of video on his camera, which he then sent to the navy for examination.

When the film was returned certain frames showing a UFO moving away from them were removed, according to Newhouse.

As a result, it cannot be known for sure if Newhouse was telling the truth



Artistic depiction of Travis Walton’s famous alien abduction.

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or if the government altered the film.

This case, along with many others in the files would receive an investigation that would lead to the same inconclusive end as the Terre Haute incident.

A third and final case with some interesting details was a UFO sighting reportedly made by a military member near an air force base.

This took place on July 7, 1952 at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Capt. Harry D. Black, USAF, described what he and his wife saw:

a large green light, solid in the center surrounded by a nebula with a trail of isolated red lights.

Black and his wife were in their car at the time of the sighting but oddly Black did not report the incident until July 16 because even he himself was skeptical about what he had seen and did not want to sound insane to the military officers.

Black and his wife were both questioned about the incident by the military and after a deeper investigation the results were again inconclusive.

In the files are hundreds of other cases with similar details and evidence and as stated earlier over 700 are still unidentified.

Some of the evidence is

more compelling than the others but these cases do once again open up the proverbial can of worms.

Whether or not UFOs are real and if our government has knowledge of them remains a heated debate.

“I do not know if aliens are real or not but there have been so many sightings and it is not hard to believe there are other living beings out there,” said Tom Esser, 20, psychology major.

When asked about these still inconclusive files Alexandra Bailey, 19, nursing major said, “It is a bit scary that the government has not concluded those files and may have some hidden information still.”

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Frank Vincentz artwork; located in Bautzen Saxony, Germany.



# Entertainment

## Lower Bucks shows off its heART

**BY: JENNIFER BELL**  
Centurion Staff

The Breakfast with the Arts event helped kickoff the fifth annual Show Some heART exhibit in The Gallery at the Lower Bucks Campus where local artists set up demonstrations and spoke with the public about their art.

The event attracted Bucks students as well as spectators from the community. to check out more than 200 pieces of artwork that lined the walls throughout The Gallery. Students and local artist made up the 106 artists involved.

Joanne Donnelly of the Artists of Bristol was among those demonstrating their craft. Using recycled products such as candy wrapper, plastics, and foreign money, the artist designs unique collages. She called it an “intuitive” form of art.

Members of the Bucks County Illustrators Society (BCIS) were also a part of the event. One member, Ponder Goembel, has 30 years of experience as an



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Michaela Smith, 20, biology major models for a portrait by Margie Milne.

illustrator and author. Goembel has illustrated 14 books and was the author and illustrator of her latest work “Animal Fair.”

“I enjoy taking the words and interpreting them in my illustration,” she said as she flipped through the pages of “Animal Fair.”

Ponder handed out business cards to all aspiring artists interested in possibly attending a BCIS meeting emboldening to follow their dreams.

When asked to his share thoughts on the event Leigh Cahill, 30, Business Management major said, “It is great to meet other artists from the area. Each one is so excited to teacher their craft and share their experience with the community.”

Michaela Smith, 20, biology major sat in as a model for a portrait by Margie Milne of the ART-BRIDGE group. Milne said that she has been trying to talk Smith into modeling

for her for a while and she finally said yes. Milne generally sketches more, what she called, “dog art”, than people.

“I am just happy to get them to sit still,” said Milne.

Throughout the years of her sketching career her artwork has been featured in local shows.

“I feel as though experiences such as this encourages peoples’ creativity and it is an amazing opportu-

nity for the school and the students can openly express themselves through their art with the college’s support. What a way to work together,” said Allison Bartol, 29, criminal justice major.

Artist of Bristol, Rose Marie Strippoli, demonstrated her alcohol ink craft for the crowds. Her detailed descriptions and ability to capture an audience had many gathering around her table.

Strippoli said that she has worked in water media for years, but just within the past six months has delved into ink painting.

She is currently teaching art classes at a senior center and will be bringing classes to the college in the near future.

The artwork hanging in The Gallery will be available for purchase through March 12.

Each piece is priced at \$125. The BCCC Foundation’s student scholarship fund will receive \$25 from each sale.

## One person’s trash, another’s art

**BY: DOMINIQUE STANGO**  
Centurion Staff

Animal sculptures made from discarded bottle caps and straws, a 20-foot waterfall created from 13,000 empty water bottles, it is through these sculptures one artist hopes to change the way society thinks about waste and the environment.

Through March 13, Bucks is hosting an artist residency project, featuring Bryant Holsenbeck’s “Paradise: Lost and Recycled” in the Hicks Art Center Gallery at the Newtown campus.

Holsenbeck, an environmental artist and activist, has used her values to build her unique and beautiful artistry throughout the years.

Her art emphasizes the constant wasteful and unsustainable habits in American society and culture, as well as the impact they have on the natural world.

Holsenbeck has spent years documenting waste in America. In 2010, she dedicated a year to live “single-use-plastic free.”

If something she needed was packaged or processed, she found a way around

using it.

Holsenbeck described how difficult it was, but that she was determined to stand by her values. During this journey, she created a blog to document her experiences during that year which she stills writes in today - The Last Straw: A Continued Quest for Life Without Disposable Plastic.

Her residency at Bucks features multiple animal sculptures made solely from recycled material, as well as the main attraction, a 20-foot waterfall built only from water bottles, which were collected from the school.

Holsenbeck admitted that Bucks collected the most bottles she’s ever seen.

Over the past three months, Bucks placed water bottle collection bins throughout all three campuses. She requested 10,000 bottles and ended up with double that number.

In one week, Holsenbeck, along with a group of 400 volunteers from the school and Bucks County community assembled the waterfall. “It takes a village,” is how she described the

rigorous process, time and work her projects demand, especially the waterfall.

Many of her animal sculptures were made from beach plastic washed up on shore, in addition to other mixed media. Although ironic, it they serve as reminders to think sustainably.

Holsenbeck managed to transform objects like bottle caps, straws, credit cards, beach plastic, chopsticks and lids into simple and beautiful art that sends a message to all of its viewers. It should also be noted there is no adhesive or glue used in the process of her creations.

Holsenbeck’s work is eye-opening to the tragedy of waste Americans acquire every day. The amount of water bottles collected goes to show just how much plastic we all use each day. Using a reusable water bottle instead of multiple single-use ones a week can make a significant impact.

The exhibit is free and open to the public and all are encouraged to attend. For more information, please call 215-968-8425.



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A bird sculpture made from recycled materials.



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A 20-foot waterfall made of discarded plastic water bottles from Bucks.



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# Entertainment

## “American Sniper” tops box office

BY: CHAD SABOURIN

Centurion Staff

The winning combination of powerhouse actor Bradley Cooper (“Silver Linings Playbook”) and famed director Clint Eastwood (“Million Dollar Baby”), makes for the fantastic retelling of former Navy SEAL Chris Kyle’s story in “American Sniper.”

Cooper wonderfully portrays Kyle in the true story of this average American’s transformation from a Bronco rider in Texas to one of the world’s deadliest snipers.

Cooper’s performance holds this film together very well, depicting a soldier who is believably tough during action sequences while remaining a charismatic man throughout. Playing Kyle may indeed be Cooper’s toughest role to date.

A solid addition to the film is Sienna Miller’s portrayal of Kyle’s wife Taya, who balances out the movie’s action with a strong family theme.



Chris Kyle signing his autobiography “American Sniper” the movie was based on.

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This theme becomes more evident as Kyle struggles with his duty to his family and his duty to his fellow soldiers in Iraq.

Eastwood shows a painstaking amount of work and heart in this film, painting a main character that helps the audience to see the real Kyle and truly care about what’s going on in his life.

Unfortunately this cannot be said about the supporting characters, who seem lightly sketched and hollow. This leads to a few scenes that feel unneeded, mainly because of the audience’s apathy for these side roles.

Aside from this negative factor the action scenes are incredibly well cho-

reographed and succeed in maintaining a feeling of tension and urgency despite their noticeable length in some areas of the film.

Not since 2012’s “Zero Dark Thirty” has there been a war film with so much suspense and intensity.

The stunningly well-done cinematography sets bright lighting against a dusty

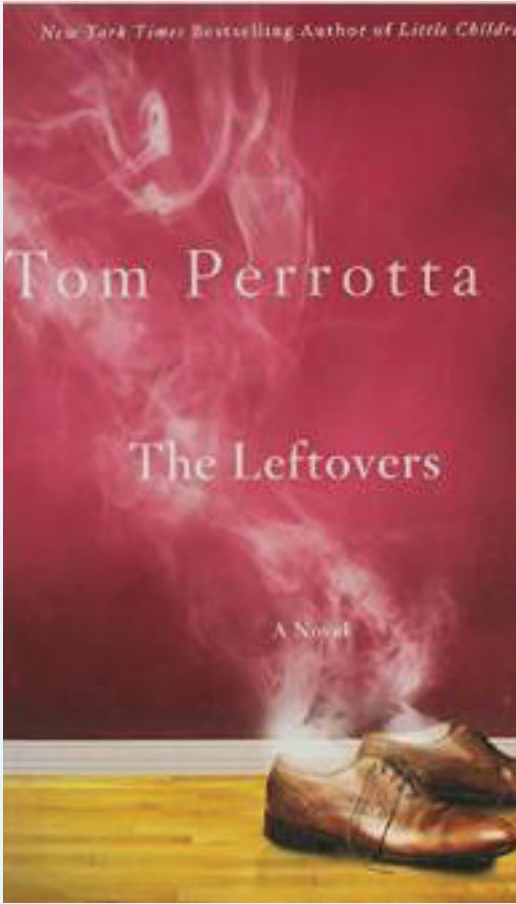
Iraq backdrop. Many of the close-up shots propel the film’s action, creating a much-needed sense of pressure.

“American Sniper” is definitely one of the best films of 2014 and should be seen by all.

## CENTURION’S CHOICE

### Books

“The Leftovers”



“The Leftovers” by Tom Perrotta. Perrotta’s “The Leftovers” documents the Sudden Departure, or the disappearance of over 100 people in sleepy, suburban Mapleton, with how loved ones deal with grief and loss. HBO took up this rapture tale to continue where Perrotta left off, creating “The Leftovers,” a TV series based on the novel. As any good motion picture viewing suggests, read the book before watching the show. Available on Amazon. “The Leftovers,” and available to watch on HBO network.

### Movies

Kingsman: The Secret Service



We’d all like to be a little more like James Bond - whose fantasy job description doesn’t include being a part of a top- secret organization? With Kingsman: The Secret Service, starring Colin Firth, Samuel L. Jackson, and Taron Egerton, you can watch a teenage dream come true. A street-smart young gun is recruited to train for the radically-competitive Secret Service as global threats arise in the prospect. Directed by Matthew Vaughn. Available to view at Regal Cinemas.

### Music

“No Cities to Love”



Sleater- Kinney: “No Cities to Love” Ten years after their supposed final release, Sleater- Kinney is back with a full-length album. Today, listeners may recognize the group’s frontwoman Carrie Brownstein from sketch-comedy “Portlandia,” but this prominent group helped develop the punk riot girl genre and celebrate feminism. A must listen for any rock enthusiast. “No Cities to Love” available Amazon MP3 and record stores.



# Sports

## Can't keep a good team down



The Centurions' celebrate their last game together as a team.

**BY: RYAN ERNEY**  
Centurion Staff

As the Bucks Women's Basketball team put another season in the books, fourth year Coach Lori Sullivan couldn't be happier for the effort that her team has displayed through a year filled with adversity.

"I'm not so concerned with the team's record, I honestly couldn't care less," said Sullivan.

This was not just any typical year, as Sullivan admits that her team has faced a lot of obstacles and challenges this season.

"From injuries to illnesses to grades, a lot of the issues

we can't really control on the court."

The Centurions' finished the 2014-15 season at 1-16, not including two cancellations which have counted as victories by forfeit and/or default.

In any activity that involves team play however, it is more important to look past wins and losses and try to grasp a greater understanding of the bigger picture.

Although Bucks closed out their season with two blowout losses at home to Northampton Community College on Feb. 7 and Harrisburg Area Commu-

nity College on Feb. 10, the team showed no quit all year, and stayed resilient to the absolute bitter end.

That ability to fight through all of the losses and pain is a reflection of their coach, who is just as much about teaching character as she is about teaching the nuances of the game.

After last year's season, many of the Centurions' key players graduated or transferred out of the college; that will not be the case this year. The women will look to use that as an advantage next season.

The Centurions consist of

eight players: three seniors who are graduating at the end of this year and five players returning for next season.

"As far as the chemistry goes, they definitely work together very well," said Sullivan.

The senior women certainly played their part in that.

"I'd like to thank them for their hard work, dedication, and overall love of the game," said Sullivan.

"They set a great example for the younger girls and that's what I'll miss the most about them."

Sullivan anticipates returning for her fifth season with the Centurions, and with a generally young team this season, she is absolutely looking forward to



Charlotte McClintock attempts a pass through two defenders.



Cassandra Gainey, number 13, takes a shot from the free throw line.

"I'm excited for the nucleus of the team to be back next year; we have five returning players which is a great thing".

Sullivan, the players, and everyone involved with the team hope that all students attend the home games and support the squad as much as they can.

Women who are interested in trying out for the team next season are encouraged to contact Lori Sullivan.

## Men's basketball seeks to improve

**BY: DILLON COONEY**  
Centurion Staff

The Buck's Men's Basketball team wraps up an all-together rough season, though not without showing some promise for the future.

Starting their second half of the year at an upsetting 0-10, the Bucks' Men's Basketball team was looking for a strong finish.

Ultimately the team only managed two wins in the second half of the year, one against Luzerne CCC and the second against Harrisburg.

Coach Donald Perry had high expectations going

into the year, with a good group of balanced players.

"We had some nice recruiting coming into the season, good size and some real athletic players," he said.

As always, some unexpected things do happen during the course of a season, the Centurions were no strangers to that.

Key player Doug Weinreich broke his ankle early on in the season during practice and was out for about half the season.

Perry also stated some other key problems, explaining, "Another issue was kids not going to class

and being ineligible."

Sometimes timing is everything and the timing of key moments faltered the boys' season. As Weinreich was coming off of his ankle injury, some of their guards became ineligible.

"To start the year, we didn't have much size but we had speed within our frontcourt. And when we got our size back in the second half of the season, we lost some of our speed with our guards," said Perry.

A notable game this season came against Harrisburg, a 95-90 victory here at Bucks. Early on in the game the Centurions



Rober Williams, Jr., number 23, denies his opponent.

pounded the ball inside to their big players and had success.

Harrisburg made some strides and almost came back with the help of some three-point shooting. But Bucks ended up holding on for a great team win.

Weinreich finished the game with a double-double, scoring 27 and grabbing 24 rebounds.

Perry mentioned that even though most of the players on the team are first year players, they play as well as any other team. "They have good chemistry," he explained.

"Just sometimes it's tough to find kids to come out and play so it's good to see."

The team's season was marked by some notable

standout players.

Guard Dylan Shorr and forwards Brett Wolf, Shaqueal Vaughn, and especially Weinreich, received great praise from Perry.

"[Weinreich] was our best player this season, easily," Weinreich broke the Centurions' rebounding record this season and was selected to both All-Conference and All-Region teams this season.

Expectations are again high going into next season, with a good recruiting class coming in, and with some key players returning for another year.

This year was "A learning experience," said Perry, and hopefully the men use this season just as that.



The men's basketball team on January 3, 2015.



Sports

Bucks revels in Super Bowl 49

BY: CARLY PENDERGAST  
Centurion Staff

Even though weeks have passed since the Seattle Seahawks and New England Patriots faced off in Super Bowl 49, Bucks students cannot stop talking about the Patriots’ remarkable win.

After a commotion filled two weeks leading up to the game with non-stop talk of “deflated balls”, it seemed as if all eyes were on the Patriots.

“I was worried that with all the attention and criticism on the Pats that they were just going to come out strong and blow the Seahawks out.” said 22 year-old criminal justice major, John Pinto, from Southampton. “I just didn’t want it to be a boring game like last year,” he added.

Luckily for football fans everywhere, Super Bowl 49 did not disappoint.

The real action started late in the third quarter when Seattle broke the 14-all tie by putting 10 points on the board to make the score 24-14.

Then, eight minutes into the fourth quarter New England answered with a touchdown; and then



Six Vince Lombardi trophies.

another after that, making the score 28-24 with a little over two minutes left in the game. That’s when the field burst into chaos.

Seattle had the ball with one minute and 14 seconds left in the fourth quarter when their quarterback Russell Wilson made a 33 yard throw to Jermaine Kearse. Amazingly Kearse made the catch and fell to the ground to keep his team’s Super Bowl chances alive.

“When you see something like that you just have to think that the Seahawks were meant to win this game. I mean it was just awesome,” said Caitlin Raub, 26, psychology major from Langhorne.

Unfortunately for Kearse and the Seahawks that play will not be the one remembered from Super Bowl 49. That honor goes to New England rookie, Malcolm Butler

With only 26 seconds left

to play and the Seahawks at the one yard line, after Marshawn Lynch rushed for four yards, Wilson took the snap and threw the ball over the middle of the field, intending to hit Ricardo Lockette.

Instead he hit New England’s Malcolm Butler, who intercepted the ball, locking in New England’s fourth Super Bowl victory in 14 years.

“If you’re going to throw at all in that situation

you can’t throw over the middle. You have to throw outside so it’s either caught or out of bounds, no harm done, ya know? I don’t know I just don’t get it.” Brian Kaelin, 19, business major from Warminster said while shaking his head.

Many fans on the Bucks campus agreed with Kaelin, along with many fans around the world. Fans took to Twitter calling for Seattle Seahawk’s Head Coach Pete Carol’s head. They also took to Twitter and the Buck’s campus discussing if the Patriots can now be called a dynasty.

“No, I don’t think it’s a dynasty because they won their championships too far apart, but I do think you can say that Belichick and Brady are the best coach and quarterback tandem in NFL history.” Pinto said.

All in all Bucks students seemed to be very happy with Super Bowl 49.

“It was exciting to watch just as a fan of football. The game had a little bit of everything,” said Frankie Benjamin, 20, criminal justice major from New Jersey.

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University of Phoenix Stadium where Super Bowl 49 was played. PHOTO CREDIT: WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

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