Enrollment steadily declining

BY: MICHIE HADDON

Student enrollment at Bucks is down 6 percent since last spring, which led to the cancellation of over 300 classes this semester. According to Stephanie Shanblatt, president at Bucks, two main factors contributed to the drop in enrollment—the improved economy and demographics.

“If this really is 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, 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.”

12 years ago, 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 decline, crease, based on the number of credits taken, equates to 4,361 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

BY: JAHMEELAH WILSON

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.

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Tyler Hall, Newtown campus, now, said Shanblatt. The sign from Club Palooza 2015. PHOTO CREDIT: SARAH SANDERSON

“The bake sale we’re time this semester. The Gallagher Room some- funds by selling baked goods located across from the Gallagher Room some- time this semester. “The bake sale we’re holding is to support the care of our leopard gecko Martha, who is used to ed- ucate children and visitors of the Churchville Nature Center.”

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Letters to the editor:

February 24
- Register to Vote - Orphan Train. Please join the Lower Bucks Campus Li-

brary for a book discussion. Books are available to borrow through the Bucks Library. Refresh-

ments provided.

Time: 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

February 24
- Newtown Transfer Fair The Transfer Fair is a great opportunity to meet college representa-

tives 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: 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Location: Founders Lob-

by, Newtown Campus

March 4
- Register to Vote in the Rollins Center. Volun-

teers will be on hand to help students register.

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

March 5
- Faculty Lecture Series: Professor Chris Bark of Language & Literature presents “The Play of the Mind: An Interdiscipli-

nary Lecture.”

Time: 7:30 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) wel-
comes students and faculty with open arms (and their dogs if they want to be a part of a safe and recep-
tive environment. The ODC meets every Thursday from 12:30 pm -1:30 p.m. in Rollins 116.

The ODC provides sup-

port for student LGBTQ, transgender, and genderqueer 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 creating an environ-

ment of mutual respect and a celebration of the diversi-

ty of our student body. “The ODC was formed to provide a safe space for LGBTQ students attending Bucks County Community College,” said Straus.

“Our club promotes the education and awareness of a variety of health and social topics, mostly in-

volving LGBTQ issues,” Emma Ouranos, a member of the ODC, said.

The ODC Room Club seeks to involve the com-

munity by promoting club events and to also benefit the LGBTQ club members.

Our fundraising and events are all intended to benefit the community and promote our club, this semester we are hosting the annual alter-

native prom on campus, with tickets that can be purchased through the ticket sales are donated to the Trevor Project—a sui-

cide prevention group for LGBTQ youth” said Straus.

She continued, “We also have had several past events, which includes our annual drag show, pro-

ductions, and events from the event towards housing at Bucks Villa for those diagnosed with HIV/AIDS.”

Spatz is elated for the next club major event held in the 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 looking for candidates for election at their next meet-

ing. Music is for the soul and Radio Bux is for the beat-


ing heart. Like its cafeteria broad-

casted-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, Hen 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 do-

ing it again sometime this spring.”

RY’s plan for Radio Bux is to continue in their mission to involve the club and the community.

“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 Solarian Room directly across the Gallagh-

er Room. If Soilmonor is your spirit animal and Japanese culture is something you’re interested in, join and support the club in their efforts.”

The purpose of the club is to offer an enrichment of the Japanese culture through anime (Japanese animation) to the students at Bucks, and to attract the fans of the culture and the genre,” said Kathy Towell, BCC’s small business management major, and president of the Anime Club.

Towell explained that the club schedule of Anime Club to a “7,” “On a weekly basis, we watch the same three or four series, one to two episodes a week, usually with a theme such as comedy or day fantasy.”

Towell also wants to encourage others who are not familiar with the culture to familiarize themselves with the Anime Club. “I want people to know more about it, so we can get rid of the stigma sur-

rounding it a little,” Towell explained.

Towell is looking forward to the Anime Club’s big event, Centurion, which takes place on Saturday, 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 organiza-

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

Further information regarding new organizations or participating in activities is available from the Student Life office, located on the upper level of the Rollins Center, 215-968-4257.

“"The ODC was formed to provide a safe space for LGBTQ students attending Bucks County Community College.”

It's important to continue raising awareness and promoting inclusivity in educational and community settings. This not only helps to create a safer and more supportive environment for LGBTQ individuals, but also contributes to the broader goal of fostering an inclusive and equitable society.
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 coursework, 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 Tutoring 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.

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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. 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 grade, students still have to 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. 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.

**Bucks News**

**Bucks app surprisingly useful**

**BY: MELANIE JOHNSON**

Centurion Staff

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

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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 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 happening 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."

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 happening 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 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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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 credibility.

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 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 not 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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Artistic depiction of Travis Walton’s famous alien abduction.
A bird sculpture made from recycled materials.

About waste and the environment. The way society thinks one artist hopes to change through these sculptures. A bird made from empty water bottles, it is a 20-foot waterfall created from 13,000 bottles and straws, a 20-foot waterfall made from discarded bottle caps, straws, credit cards, beach plastic washed up on shore, in addition to other mixed media. Although ironic, it they serve as reminders to think sustainably. Without Disposable Plastic. Holsenbeck’s work is iconic society and culture, as well as the impact they have on the natural world. Holsenbeck has spent years documenting waste. Through March 13, Bucks is hosting an artist residency project, featuring Bryant Holsenbeck’s “Paradise: Last and Recycled” in the Holsenbeck Art Center Gallery at the Newtown campus. Holsenbeck, an environmental artist, 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 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 215-868-8425.

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A bird sculpture made from recycled materials.

One person’s trash, another’s art

BY: DOMINIQUE STANGO

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: Last and Recycled” in the Holsenbeck Art Center Gallery at the Newtown campus. Holsenbeck, an environmental artist, 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 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 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 215-868-8425.

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Lower Bucks shows off its heART

BY: JENNIFER BELL

The Breakfast with the Arts event helped kickoff the fifth annual Show 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. One person’s trash, another’s art. One person’s trash, another’s art. Holsenbeck’s work is iconic society and culture, as well as the impact they have on the natural world. Holsenbeck has spent years documenting waste. 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 wrappers, 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 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. One person’s trash, another’s art. One person’s trash, another’s art. Joanne Donnelly of the Artists of Bristol was among those demonstrating their craft. Using recycled products such as candy wrappers, 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 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. One person’s trash, another’s art. One person’s trash, another’s art. Joanne Donnelly of the Artists of Bristol was among those demonstrating their craft. Using recycled products such as candy wrappers, 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 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.
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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.

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 pains-taking 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 choreographed 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” 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.

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**

Sleater-Kinney: “No Cities to Love”

Ten years after their supposed final release, Sleater-Kindy 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.
Can’t keep a good team down

The Centurion's celebrate their last game together as a team.

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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 our season with two blowout losses at home to Northampton Community College on Feb. 7 and Harrisburg Area Community 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 the character that her team is ready to continue to develop.

After last year’s season, many of the Centurions’ key players graduated or transferred out of the college, which 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 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 what next year will bring.

“Can’t keep a good team down,” said Sullivan.

“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 and their families will come to see the 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
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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.

“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, Shaquual 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.
 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 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.

“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.