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EVENTS

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The politics of the Pope’s visit to the U.S.

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government intervention. According to NASA, 97 percent of actively publishing climate scientists agree that the increasingly warming climate is very likely due to human interaction. Another topic that Pope Francis chimed in on was the growing gap of income equality. Pope Francis, who skipped lunch with the U.S. lawmakers to dine with homeless people after his speech to Congress, has been outspoken about this issue.

“I would encourage you to keep in mind all those people around us who are trapped in a cycle of poverty. They too need to be given hope. The fight against poverty and hunger must be fought constantly and on many fronts, especially in its causes. I know that many Americans today, as in the past, are working to deal with this problem,” Pope Francis said before Congress. Democratic hopeful Bernie Sanders said he believes the Pope’s message aligns very much with his campaign. “He has a very, very pro-

gressive agenda. He is looking in the eyes of the wealthiest people in this country ... and he is saying, ‘You know what? You cannot continue to ignore the needs of the poor, you cannot continue to ignore the needs of the sick.’ And he is also saying trickle-down economic theory ... really doesn’t work. That government itself is obliged to protect those who are vulnerable, and that is a message, I have to be honest, that my Republican colleagues do not want to hear,” Sanders told CNN reporters.

While Pope Francis’ words embody the platform of candidates such as Sanders, it is exposing weaknesses within many who hope to win the presidency in 2016. With the primary season well underway, politicians from both sides of the spectrum are attempting to find a footing with the American electorate. The Pope’s visit, while not primarily purposed as such, is turning out to be a significant event on the 2016 road to the White House.

The move to defund Planned Parenthood



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Those programs are indeed provided by Planned Parenthood. In the 2013-2014 annual report, the service provided most by the organization was STI and STD screening and treatment (42 percent), followed by contraception (34 percent), and then by other women’s services (11 percent). The “other women’s services” include pregnancy tests and prenatal care only: abortion services are a separate category that only accounted for 3 percent of their services. Cancer screenings and other

services, which include referrals, accounted for a combined total of 10 percent. These services are why Professor Diane Rice, who teaches Criminal Law and Political Science here at Bucks, disagrees with the notion to defund Planned Parenthood. “I just think, as far as Planned Parenthood is concerned, to totally defund an organization that does things like provide free mammograms and other testing for women and provides contraception...is kind of like cutting the meat without trimming the fat,” she explained. “If you want to defund that part of it that goes to research or abortions, that’s one thing, but to completely defund it is something else. I think they need to take a more serious Another Computer Science major, Josh Golden, took this view as well “I think that the defunding is totally wrong. [Planned Parenthood] is already an entity, so it’s been developed very much...it has

done so much good,” he stated. “For me, as an advocate of equal rights, [defunding] is a shot to the heart.” While these factions and their views don’t differ from the national furor over this decision, everyone did agree on one thing: the government should not shut down over this controversy. Members of the Senate have promised to filibuster the bill and the President has vowed to veto it, putting the Congress on the extreme defensive for the third year in a row. “I think that the government shutdown is a little childish simply because of what happened the last time,” said Graphic Design major, Janai Wise. “They closed all the monuments down, they wouldn’t let veterans in to see their own war memorials. If they do stuff like that again, I think that is exceedingly ridiculous.” Unfortunately, that is the impact: as in the government

shutdown of 2013, the Smithsonian and national parks (including memorials) do get shuttered for the shutdown’s duration. The military, FBI, TSA, Border Patrol, and the US Postal Service will remain operational, but other federal programs will likely reduce their staff greatly as a cautionary measure. The longer the shutdown lasts also affects when federal workers get paid: their paychecks, usually delivered biweekly, may take weeks to get. Federal benefit programs, however, will not be affected: social security, Medicare, food stamps, and Medicaid will be disbursed and utilized as normal. Since Medicaid will not feel the sting of the shutdown, Planned Parenthood will be able to provide its Medicaid-approved services. All the while, it’s 700 clinics—including the three here in Bucks County—wait to hear their financial fate.

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New Transfer Center makes student transitions easier

By: TIA TRUCHEL
Centurion Staff

The new Advising and Transfer Center’s grand opening, welcomes students in, eager to get them on the right path to completing their major and having a smooth successful transfer process.

The Advertising & Transfer Center opened this past May and a ribbon cutting ceremony took place on Sept. 16, where Dr. Shanblatt cut the ribbon, officially opening the center for student access.

This center is set up on the first floor of Rollins with walls consisting entirely of glass. The glass walls are meant to create an inviting atmosphere for students to come in and comfortably speak with an advisor.

Ronnie November, the director of the new center says, “The biggest tip for students who plan on transferring out of Bucks would be to start the process as early as possible.” Students who are looking to transfer are encouraged to make an appoint-

ment with an educational planning advisor as soon as possible to get the ball rolling on a structured plan for life after Bucks.

New students are offered orientation sessions to better prepare them for their time at Bucks, along with registration and advising support through the center’s helpful staff. The center also holds transfer planning workshops to help ease students into the process. In addition, the center offers ongoing transfer planning and advising appointments, with the option of one on one or groups sessions.

November states, “We want everything to be about continuum.” The planning advisors are fully equipped to help students reach their goals. But above that, they are willing to do whatever it takes to connect students with the resources and people that will help them achieve their goals. The staff in the Advising and Transfer Center want students to know that they should feel welcome,



Advising and Transfer Center.

PHOTO CREDIT: TIA TRUCHEL

and know that they will receive the best help possible when they come into the new center.

By combining the advising and transferring, students will save time and money by taking the most relevant courses

for their major or certification from the beginning, thanks to the staff’s guidance. The staff also works their hardest to provide students with the shortest and most efficient path toward completion.

Transfer fairs are also available to students at all three campuses, and are usually set up for students about 11 times each year. Students can find more information about the fairs and dates through signs set up around campus, portal notices, and at www.transfer@bucks.edu.

The Advising & Transfer Center should be your first step towards the successful completion of your degree. Whether you have it all figured out, or you are completely in the dark, make sure you stop by the new and improved Advising and Transfer center, sooner than later. The help of the staff, will grant you guaranteed success. Come check out the new center today or call 215-968-8031 and get started!

Vector: Naughty or knife?

By: LAUREN SAVANA
Centurion Staff

Vector Marketing Corp, a subsidiary of the Cutco Company, is posting signs around the Bucks campus trying to recruit students to sell the firm’s kitchen knives, but Vector has faced lawsuits for allegedly failing to adhere to child labor laws and failing to pay adequate wages.

The company recruits young adults, telling them they can make a large amount of money selling their kitchen knives to friends and family.

But the company’s troubling past has led to the founding of S.A.V.E, Students Against Vector Exploitation.

Students who had negative experiences working for the Vector created S.A.V.E., which includes a website where people can post their experiences about Vector, positive or negative, with the hopes of saving students from losing money or wasting their time.

Vector has over 200 offices throughout the country and contracts about 60,000 students a year.

They go into high schools and college campuses,utilizing aggressive recruiting tactics.

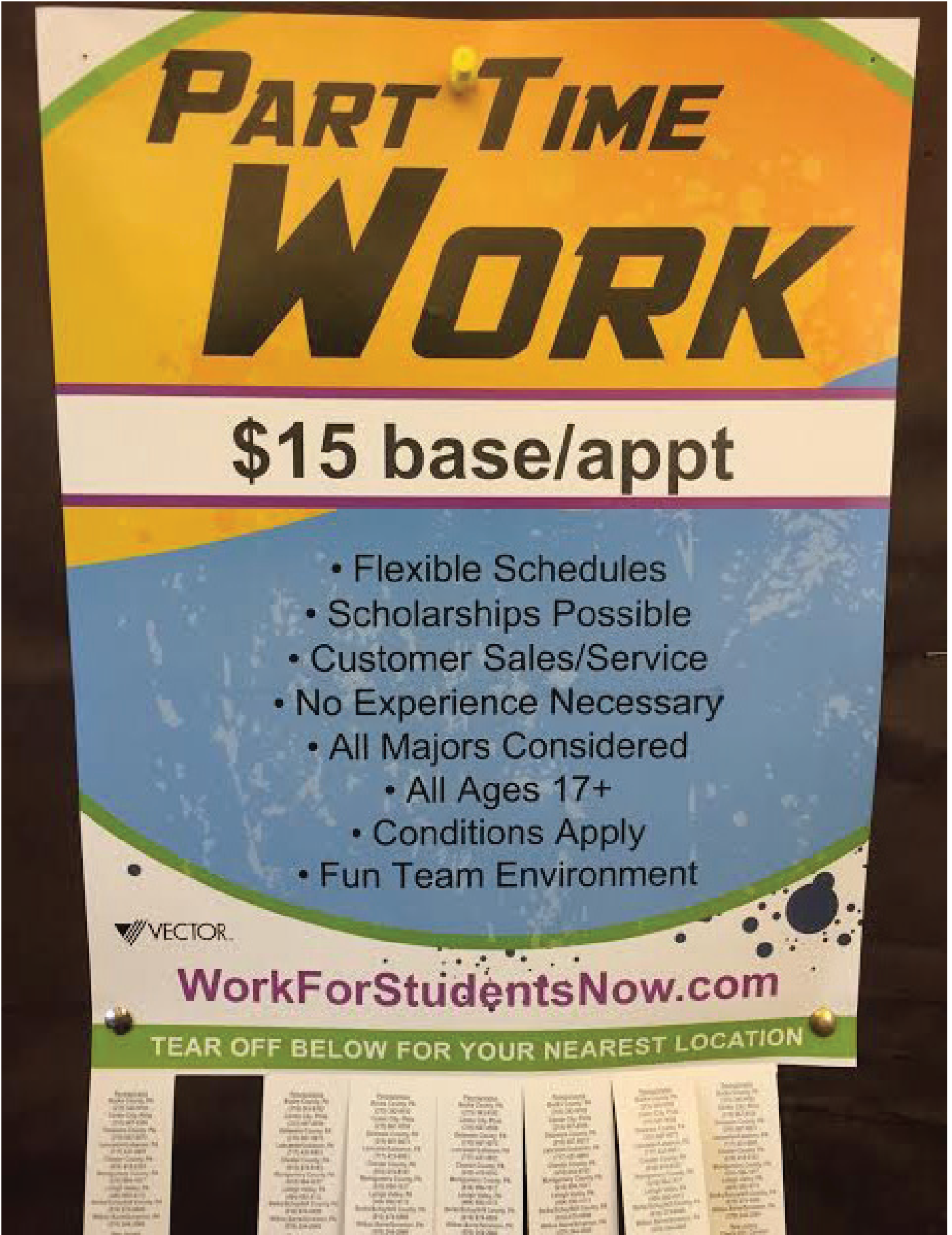
There is a three-part interview process that was recounted by a student here at Bucks who interviewed with Vector personally.

Jarred Cohen, 20, a business finance major from Holland, said, “The initial interview process was very lazy and unprofessional. They had us first meet all the others being interviewed, then you have a one-on-one interview, lastly they bring you in again to tell you if you have the job or not.”

Cohen was hired on the spot, but turned it down due to suspicion and uncertainty about the company.

If a student does decide to take the job at Vector they undergo a three-day unpaid training process where they learn that they are not actually employees of Vector but independent contractors.

They then learn about the



A Vector sign that was posted around campus.

PHOTO CREDIT: LAUREN SAVANA

kitchen cutlery through a demonstration. After training is complete students must purchase a starter kit that usually is about \$125.

Students are then instructed to contact anyone over the age of 25 that works full-time to try to set up an appointment to show him or her the Cutco knife selection.

According to Vector, students can earn up to a 30 percent commission on each sale they make.

According to the Washington Post, more than half of Vector reps lost money, and if they earned anything they averaged around \$3 a day.

Asked about the posters

around campus, Student Life Director Matt Cipriano said, “They’re not supposed to be here; they come and hang those flyers up themselves. They’ve never had permission.”

Cipriano added that Vector was “a challenge to deal with for many years now. Sometimes they will even go into classrooms and write on the dry erase boards probing students to contact them.”

The Better Business Bureau website shows that Vector has had over 120 complaints due to concerns about their product, service, sales, and billing.

But recently the company

changed some of its policies so they can be considered a reputable corporation, according to the Better Business Bureau.

They’ve taken away the initial security deposit fee for the starter kit. Student contractors also receive \$16 for any failed appointments.

Some students have reportedly made up to \$500 a month selling the cutlery.

But the company has also faced a number of lawsuits. In 2008, a woman namked Alicia Harris filed a federal class action lawsuit against Vector, alleging that the firm violated California and federal labor law by failing to pay adequate

wages and illegally coercing employees into patronizing the company.

According to Law360.com, in September a federal judge in California certified a nationwide Fair Labor Standards Act collective action involving 45,000 Vector employees in five states - California, Florida, New York, Illinois and Michigan - who say they weren’t paid for the time they spent in training sessions.

“Vector cannot dispute that each named plaintiff... suffered the exact same injury - each was denied wages for the time they spent in training,” Judge Edward Chen wrote in his ruling.

Bucks News

Bucks Business Association strives to help students



Members of the Bucks Business Association pose for a picture during their meeting.

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BY: COLLEEN GALL
Centurion Staff

Voted the Student Organization of the Year for the past two years running, the Bucks Business Association of Newtown works to prepare students for their lives in the business world after their time at Bucks.

The BBA is a student run club that plans and works events for the Newtown Campus that profits the school and community. The club meets every Thursday in Penn Hall, Room 401 at 12:30 with free pizza and drinks.

President of the BBA, Elizabeth Lightkep, 19, a

Business Administration major from Doylestown said, “This is a great club where you can meet new people, network, and get the experience you need for the real world of business.”

Lightkep encourages anyone who is interested in business and wants real world experience to come and see what the club has to offer.

Amongst the events are opportunities for students to learn the behind the scenes of what many business professionals do.

Vice President Chris DeLuca, 29, a Business Administration major from Morrisville said, “This club

is more realistic, more real life, giving you the learning experience you can put on a resume.” He said, “It is one of the few clubs that benefits the students after their time at Bucks.”

The club is a great way for students to network, especially at community events. The BBA can be used as a platform for students, particularly business majors, to learn their craft and to have experience before earning a degree in it.

When asked why they joined the club, the majority of the students said it was to put on their resume. The club is intended to teach

students how things work in the business world and to help prepare them for internships and jobs in the future.

Each semester, the club organizes events that benefit the students and college. This semester they are doing a LinkedIn Professional Photoshoot, having entrepreneur Kevin Kruse speak, as well as BINGO and a business etiquette dinner.

The upcoming events are planned and organized by the students who want to get involved either on the event or marketing side at the beginning of each meeting. More information on these events can be found during their

meetings and on their Facebook page, Bucks Business Association.

From college admissions, resumes, and internships, the Bucks Business Association can provide the student with the knowledge and experience they need to get to the places they want to be in the business world.

For any additional information on the club or the events, contact advisors Bruce Imber at bruce.imber@bucks.edu or Greg Luce at greg.luce@bucks.edu or visit the meetings on Thursdays in Penn Hall, Room 401.

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Bucks News

Bucks’ new Papercut app gets students’ attention

BY: PETERSON PRIME

Centurion Staff

For more than two months now, Bucks has had in place a new printing system that seeks to meet the need of its students and is also more environmentally friendly.

Since July 1, Bucks has instituted a printing fee. A single printed page costs \$0.05 whereas a double-sided page costs \$0.08. To help defray the cost, every Bucks student has been allotted \$20. This allotment would allow students to cover the cost of 400 printed pages.

For those students whose funds get depleted, they would be allowed to add money to their accounts. But students would not be permitted to contribute less than two dollars and they could not add more than \$10 at one time.

Knowing that this new printing policy could cause financial hardships among some students, they would be afforded the opportunity to ask for an increase in their printing quota in case it is needed.

As pointed out by Jacqueline Burger, associate professor, in an interview, “If students feel they have a need for an increase in printing quota, they could request one by going to their account in their Papercut application on any computer on campus.”

The view of students regarding this new printing system did not appear to be monolithic, although most tended to pine for the old ways of doing things.

Rebecah Katz, 23, liberal arts major, said “I think that they should go back to the



Jacqueline Burger was involved in studies for the program. PHOTO CREDIT: PETERSON PRIME

previous system.” This sentiment was echoed by Matthew Boyle, 26, anthropology major, when he stated that there is no need to change the old system.

Scott Stillwagon, undecided, Doylestown, said “I prefer the old system; I feel like I’m being restricted by the school,

bottom line.” On the other hand, James Rogers, a liberal arts major from Yardley, was not bothered too much by the new change.

“I do not mind because I feel it is a much better deal than what I used to pay when I had to print something while

attending University of Scranton.” Rogers said.

Before the decision was made to adopt this current printing system, Bucks managed to quantify through data analysis the amount of papers that the average student tends to print. As a result of this meticulous analysis, Bucks was

able to determine that a typical student generally prints about 400 pieces of papers.

Armed with this number, Bucks, then, gives an allotment to its students that would cover the full cost of what a typical student would print during a school year.

The need of its students and a commitment to be more eco-friendly were two important factors that Bucks took into account before adopting this new printing system.

Bulger claimed, “the new printing system is set up to accommodate the printing needs of the vast of majority of students and it also gives us the opportunity to educate students about the importance to reduce their environmental footprint when they print.”

Because environmental friendliness has been an important goal, the Papercut not only helps students keep track of the money in their account but also provides an instant measurement of their environmental footprint whenever they print a page.

Since printing failures are not uncommon, students are eligible for a refund when such errors occur. Burger outlines a few scenarios in which students could get a refund. For instance, if the printer is out of paper or toner, the students could get a refund; or if there is a misprint, the student will also get a reimbursement.

To better manage their allotment, Bulger recommends that students check out their printing summary so that they do not print unnecessary pages. She also suggested that students should keep in mind that it is more cost-effective to print double-sided pages.

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National News

Iranian nuclear deal gives diplomacy a chance



The Iranian flag.

By: PETERSON PRIME

Centurion Staff

Despite overwhelming opposition, Republicans in Congress failed to derail the Iran nuclear agreement. The accord seeks to prevent Iran from acquiring nuclear arms. Although opponents have argued vociferously that the agreement is a “bad deal,” most experts in the field and even some leading conservatives endorsed it.

Before Barack Obama took office, Iran was making great strides toward building a nuclear weapon.

For years, the United States along with the international community has made it clear to Iran that it should not pur-

sue a nuclear program.

The U.S. and the other major powers rightly believe that if Iran succeeds in getting these dangerous weapons, such acquisition would inexorably lead to a nuclear arm race in an already unstable region.

A nuclear-armed Iran could well prompt Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Egypt to establish their own nuclear program.

To stop Iran, the United States faces two choices: engage in diplomacy or go to war. Many argued that aerial bombings of its nuclear infrastructure not only would further inflame the region but would delay not prevent Iran from building nuclear bombs.

Iran has built a vast nuclear

infrastructure; it also enriched uranium, the key ingredient in building a bomb.

The basic feature of the deal is the following: Iran agrees to scale back significantly its nuclear infrastructure and gives up most of its already enriched uranium. Equally important, Iran would be subjected to aggressive inspection for close to 20 years. In exchange, the international community, particularly the U.S., would lift economic sanctions that have severely damaged Iran’s economy. If Iran, however, violates any part of the deal, the crippling sanctions would be restored.

According to many experts, the deal would prevent Iran

from developing a nuclear weapon. Calling it a “strong, long term and verifiable agreement,” more than 70 nuclear nonproliferation experts in a joint statement threw their support behind the deal.

Although there is unanimity among congressional republicans in their opposition to the deal, some influential conservatives have come out in support. Former chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations, Richard Lugar and former National Security Advisor to George H. W. Bush, Brent Scowcroft are two prominent examples.

In his endorsement of the deal, Lugar pointed out “Rejection of the agreement would severely undermine

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the U.S. role as a leader and reliable partner around the globe. If Washington walks away from this hard-fought multilateral agreement, its dependability would likely be doubted for decades.”

Similarly, Scowcroft noted that if the U.S. rejects the negotiated agreement it “would be an abdication of America’s unique role and responsibility, incurring justified dismay among our allies and friends”

In a region that has been fraught with tension and marred by violence as well as suffering, the deal is the most effective way not only to prevent Iran from becoming a nuclear state but to avert another disastrous war in the Middle East.

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National News

Is Donald Trump a real candidate?



Trump speaks to supporters in New Hampshire.
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By: MEGHAN HOLMES AND JUSTIN BIFOLCO

Centurion Staff
Billionaire Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump has been the topic of conversation lately as he leads early polls.

His disrespectful antics, lack of experience, and questionable legitimacy all leave us unsure of just how serious Trump is.

So why did Trump raise so many eyebrows by announcing his presidential run? Fine Arts major Gabe Cortez, 19, explains, “He’s not a typical politician and a lot of his popularity comes from being a celebrity.” Perhaps, Trump sees this as an opportunity to gain more popularity.

Presidential candidacy is a virtuous way to gain instant publicity and, of course, Trump is all about making money.

As a man who has no prior experience in politics, it is hard to take Trump seriously.

As 19-year-old journalism major Jeremy Sayben suggests, “He’s just really a showman who’s getting into politics. He’s looking at it as another reality show.”

From outlandish ideas such as building a wall to keep out Mexicans and cut back immigration, to bashing fellow presidential hopeful Carly Fiorina, there is a lot to be said about Trump’s antics.

Democratic counter-part, Bernie Sanders, weighed in on Trump’s shocking political success.

“What Trump is doing is appealing to the baser instincts among us -- xenophobia, and, frankly, racism,” Sanders said in an interview with “The Late Show” host Stephen Colbert. “You target some group of people, you go after them. You take people’s anger and you turn it against them. You win votes on that. I think that is disgraceful and not something we should be doing in 2015.”

Trump has made significant progress in the polls by playing on the anger and displeasure a lot of people have for the current political establishment by using vague catchphrases such as “We’re going to make America great again” and “We need leadership.”

This lack of detail in regards to what leadership Trump will actually bring has led to a sense that many people are still not taking Trump seriously despite his current

position. Business major Brian Kaelin said, “For now, I’ve been taking it as a joke, but if Trump continues to do well in the polls I’ll start to worry about whether or not this guy is going to be our next president.”

He is undoubtedly hurting his image as he is beginning to lose respect for his foolishness. Trump’s Republican adversaries have begun to take bites out of his lead in the polls. According to a new NBC/Wall Street Journal poll, Ben Carson is now virtually tied for the front-runner status in the Republican Primary.

Carson, a retired Neurosurgeon, may see his rise in the polls cut short after his remarks about a Muslim president saw criticism from much of the media.

“I would have problems with somebody who embraced all the doctrines associated with Islam,” Carson told CNN reporters.

Despite what looks like a mistake for Carson’s campaign, a recent Rasmussen poll shows that 51% of Americans agree with Carson in not supporting a Muslim president.

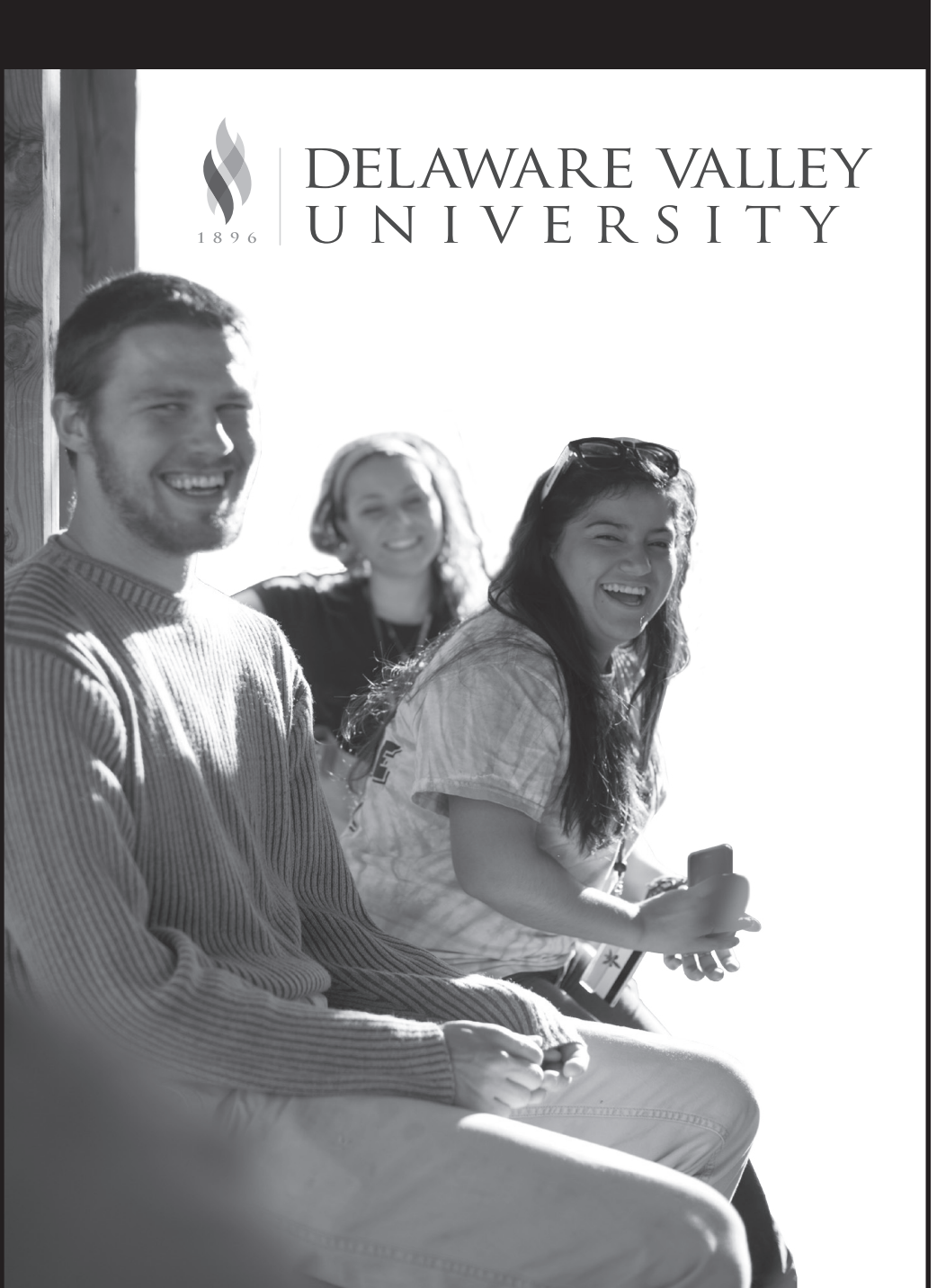
Business major, Toni Valentini, 19, agrees when she says, “I would say he presents himself as uneducated as far as political speaking goes. He says whatever he wants, whenever he wants, however he wants and I don’t think that is a good quality of a leader.”

However, the rise of candidates such as Ben Carson and Carly Fiorina has not taken a bite out of the media coverage that Trump has gained throughout the early primary stages.

Perhaps this in-your-face approach to politics is all part of Trump’s plan to make it to office, but early on people already question his legitimacy.

Psychology major Marisa Faia, 19, stated firmly that “Trump is not anywhere near qualified to be president.” Sayben agrees, saying, “I don’t think his intentions are pure. He’s a showman no matter what he does.”

Bucks students seem unimpressed with Trump to say the least. As the campaigns roll on, it will be important to see if Trump can hold strong as many people have already turned their backs on the outspoken, rash businessman.



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Arts and Entertainment

“Call of the Wild” art exhibit coming to Bucks

By: ANGELA GRABOSKY

Centurion Staff

The “Call of the Wild” art exhibit at the Lower Bucks Campus will feature 80 artists with 150 pieces for sale; proceeds will go to the college’s scholarship funds.

The Lower Bucks gallery assembled this massive number of artists with an open or “all call” approach for showpieces.

Pieces do not get turned down unless they do not follow the theme, do not meet the requirements listed in the prospectus, or are deemed inappropriate for viewing audiences of all ages.

After more than ten shows the gallery has never turned anyone away who has met these requirements.

James Sell, executive director of the Lower Bucks Gallery, said the gallery “has become an integral part of

the art community in lower Bucks. We (Lower Bucks) have many artists from Artists of Bristol, Artists of Yardley, New Hope Art League and Arts Bridge participate in our shows year after year.”

Large shows like this are common for the Lower Bucks gallery, which provides three art exhibitions a year for the community.

Sell explains, “Our winter show in February ‘Show Some HeART 125’ is our signature event where the theme (all art work is priced at \$125.00) does not change, but the themes to the exhibitions in the fall and spring change each year. We do this to keep the gallery fresh. It also challenges our participating artists a little.”

The shows provide artists “with a great, open venue to display their work at a minimal cost. It also provides



“Call of the Wild” exhibit at Lower Bucks campus.

them with the opportunity to sell their work,” according to Sell.

Sell said how the fall and spring shows are set up are, “fairly typical of most art exhibitions.” Each artist can

submit up to two pieces for a \$10 entry fee. The entry fees go into a fund to support and sustain the gallery.

For this show artists price their work and the gallery receives a sales commission. The Bucks County Community College Foundation’s scholarship fund receives 25 percent of the sale price.

Sell hopes the show will be an inspiring experience where the community can come to campus and enjoy the artists’ talent. Sell described his job as, “a great partnership with and for the community.”

He loves collaborating with local artists, being part of the community, and working with a small committee to come up with themes.

“The students, faculty and staff love it! They get very excited when a new show is

being hung and seemingly disappointed when the show is over and has to come down. I consistently hear and see a lot of enthusiasm for the arts at Lower Bucks Campus,” Sell said.

Sell highlighted the importance of art in all of our lives, “They (the arts) foster creativity, innovation - and ultimately progress. In essence, they not only provide us with culture and perspective, but also with ingenuity to think differently and to define new ways of doing things, which impact us in a variety of ways. Thus, creativity is a vital cog in moving our society forward through invention then production to prosperity.”

The exhibit will be available until Nov. 20 in The Gallery at Lower Bucks Campus.

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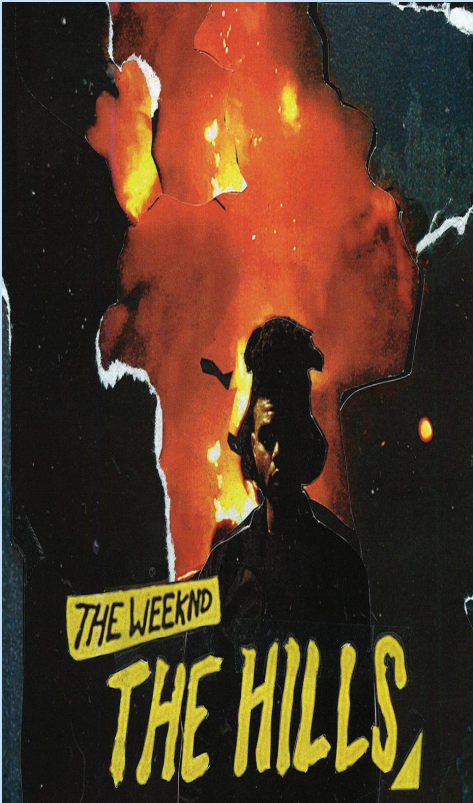
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Science Fiction/Thriller

The second instalment in the Maze Runner trilogy was released in mid September. This instalment shows Thomas (pictured above) and his group of escapees leave their maze behind and head for the Scorch.

Just as viewers saw in the first instalment, Thomas and a group of teens will face a bevy of obstacles in their way of survival. IMDB is giving the movie a 7.1 out of 10 stars.

Music

“The Weeknd”



“The Hills”
The Weeknd

The Weeknd’s hit single, “The Hills”, from his new album “Beauty Behind the Madness” has just spent it’s fourth week at number one on the charts. The Weeknd’s previous hit single, “Can’t Feel My Face”, is still lingering on charts as well sitting at number three.

The song, “The Hills”, debuted at number 24 on the charts and has since been climbing up the ranks. This is the artist’s third top 10 hit and first number one hit in the United States.

Arts and Entertainment

Drama Club ready to see new talent



Members of the Drama Club pose for a picute.

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The Drama Club fights to keep theatrical arts alive at Bucks despite the lack of theater major and acting courses. Since many of the theater courses at Bucks are found within other majors, rather than in its own field, the theatrical arts struggles to stay afloat. Acting courses are often cut because not enough people enroll. Still, those who are passionate about preforming on stage stay positive. Leading the Drama Club is its new President, Abby Riley, a 19-year-old, Liberal Arts major of Newtown, who’s excited to start the semester with a bang. She states, “Because we have a lot of board

members this semester, we’ve been able to create a fresh, new atmosphere.” The Drama Club began with its first meeting on Sept. 14, where students had the opportunity to voice questions and ideas regarding the productions that will be drafted for the fall semester. Music major and Vice President, Harris Moriarty, 19, of Reading, looks forward to ideas of working with fellow students; stating, “We’re open to collaborating with different courses and clubs that do any sort of writing, in order to possibly turn submissions into productions. We enjoy any and all creativity!” The turn out for the first meeting was very promising. Roughly 20 plus attended,

and according to Riley, “when people were signing up, I noticed that we had a good half and half of actors and stage crew, but we always appreciate extra hands.” Following the start of production, the Drama Club will be raising funds to help with the cost of putting on said shows. Communications major, Bobby Reiser, 20, of Langhorne and Treasurer of the Drama Club states, “We will hopefully be doing some fundraisers that will increase our budget and give us some publicity…bake sales, car washes etc.” Moriarty adds, “We think that putting on short productions for Bucks and local schools might also be a cool idea.”

The fall semesters seems to be focusing on contemporary plays, while the spring semester aims toward musicals. Music major Jazmin Pachas, 18, of Warminster and secretary of the Drama Club says, “I used to be involved in the Musicals at my old high school. I took a Broadway and Contemporary class last year and learned about script writing, blocking, directing, producing, and acting in contemporary songs from musicals. I want to use my past experience to help others and to add to each performance we make together.” Riley states, “There are theater companies that have a lot of connections with professors teaching at Bucks, so having a theater major would

definitely be beneficial to us. It’s just tough to see that people may be loosing interest in drama because there’s practically nothing in the school system that supports it, professionally. So having the drama club is important to boost encouragement and keeping the arts alive.” It was just released that the Drama Club will be performing “Harvey”. Other information can be obtained from Abby Riley at the Clubs & Organizations center next to the Student Life desk. You do not need to be in the drama club to audition for a part. Auditions are set for Sept. 28 and 29; they are open to any and all.

Black Mass disappoints, despite “A” list cast



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Black Mass, an action film telling the story of notorious criminal James “Whitey” Bulger as played by Johnny Depp, brought in \$23.3 million at the box office this weekend. It was the most successful movie featuring Depp since 2013. Johnny Depp plays this role very well, showcasing both the seriousness and dedication of the role that he unfortunately lacked in his last couple of roles. The Supporting cast may pale slightly in comparison, but they are nonetheless inter-

esting to watch. With Joel Edgerton as James’ brother and Benedict Cumberbatch as an FBI agent, this big budget film seemed sure to be a homerun to many, but expectations were not met. Aside from Depp doing a wonderful job with an unfamiliar role, as he so commonly does, the story was overall bland and seemed recycled. The whole time watching it, you could not help but think you’ve seen a hundred movies just like it before. All around great acting can only take a movie so far. The good would be the film’s relentless pacing. In being fast paced, the film

was never dull to watch and managed to be interesting at times. This was obviously a big budget film whose budget is put to good use in capturing the look of the 1970s and 1980s. This in turn leads to the cinematography of the film. In being an Early Oscar contender, one would think that the camera angles and shots would be better then they are in this film. However, they are actually quite bland. Many Wide Angle shots are used without actually making a difference. Usually if many are used, then that means they are well done because that’s the direc-

tors style. In the case of this film, it’s to show off the big budget. In showing off the Big budgeted Production design though, the Establishing and Wide Angle shots start to feel flat well before the film reaches the final act. The close-up shots at times feel unnecessary and focused too much on centering rather then head room. Even so, it’s great that a big budget films cost can clearly be seen on screen. As far as Negatives go, the film suffers from an unfocused story. The story wants to be told through both flashback mode and present mode and it just

never cohesively mixes. This is mostly due to it feeling all over the place and not feeling thought out properly the way all of the best Gangster films were. This film struggled in originality and had a murky storyline leaving a lot of things up in the air. As a whole, Black Mass felt like a knock off of Martin Scorsese’s classic gangster films. It had that 1980s mobster feel to it because of the story it was portraying, but it was very unimpressive. The final verdict is that it’s fine to watch; maybe even enjoyable for some, but it’s just not worth paying to see in the multiplexes.

Sports

Men’s soccer looks on to a successful post-season



The Centurion offense moves the ball up the field.

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Off to a tremendous start, the Men’s Soccer team is looking to roll their successful season over into the playoffs.

With their standout star Reynaldo Banillo tied for first in the nation for total goals in community colleges and Moritz “Mo” Bruenjes at 14 in the nation with eight total goals the Centurions are looking at post season success.

On Banillo’s achievements, Coach Justin Burroughs says “Some credit has to go to the rest of the team for setting him up.” Though, with 23 goals, a lot of credit has got to go the goal-scorer. “...his composure around the net really makes him dangerous” said Burroughs.

After a tough 5-1 loss to Mercer County Community College, the Centurions bounced back only losing one of their next nine games. One game resulted in a 2-2

tie to the Middlesex County College.

Two games you should be looking out for, they are playing their big rivals at Montgomery County Community College, Thursday Oct. 1, and are playing the Northampton Community College at home on Tuesday Oct. 6.

Our team has scored 61 goals thus far this year, 10 goals behind the number one spot in the nation.

Our own Centurions are lighting it up this year tied for the no. 8 spot in the nation for overall record. They are second in assists, first in penalty kicks and first in shots on goal. Our offense is an absolute frenzy on the field.

Yet, they couldn’t have done it on their own of course, in an interview with the 11-year veteran, Coach Justin Burroughs had to point out “Our defense does a great job, without them doing so well, we wouldn’t be nearly as successful.” Their defense

and goalkeeping has already had 4 shutouts this season, third in the nation for that.

Coach really stresses the team’s work ethic, “Hard work” being the main reason for their success, “...we’ve really been trying to push each other.” Seems like all their hard work is really paying off, let’s hope they

continue it in their road to the playoffs.

The players strive to not only win on the field, but transition to four-year schools after the season. Several of the players are hoping to attend Division one teams.

The players certainly couldn’t have achieved their success without their

coach. In fact, Burroughs just reached a very impressive milestone; coaching 100 men’s soccer wins for the Centurions.

As the men close out their season and move into the playoffs they encourage any and all students to come show their support.



The Centurions celebrate Coach Burroughs’ 100 win. PHOTO CREDIT: [HTTP://ATHLETICS.BUCKS.EDU](http://ATHLETICS.BUCKS.EDU)

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