

Education Secretary Betsy DeVos Eliminates Title IX Guidelines on Dealing With Sexual Assaults

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On Friday Sept. 22 the education department, under the leadership of Betsy DeVos, announced it will be eliminating Obama era guidance on how schools should handle sexual assault under Title IX.

Title IX is a federal law that prohibits discrimination based on gender for schools that receive federal funding, including protection from sexual harassment.

The clause was authored by Senator Birch Bayh and late House Rep. Patsy Mink on June 23, 1972 in wake of the Civil Rights Movement.

Now after this decision, the Federal Government’s powers will be limited in the discouragement and punishment of sexual assault on college campuses across the nation.

According to Sophie Tatum of CNN, Secretary of Education, DeVos, was concerned that the Obama era guidance denied the proper due process to those accused.

The decision has received backlash from numerous politicians and advocacy groups and

college students haven’t held back their opinions either.

Hunter Demshick a music major in their third year at bucks didn’t hold back “I think this decision is stupid.”

“There still needs to be repercussions for stuff like this,” Demshick insisted. “Colleges still need to stick to their guns and still be harsh because this can happen to anybody.”

19 year old environmental science major Sarah Squitieri from Doylestown, a sophomore at Bucks, didn’t mask her feelings either, saying “This is scary and truthfully as a woman I feel discriminated against.”

“When I was at Temple in freshman year I was sexually harassed…” Squitieri recalled. “I don’t want to think that someone can go through that or something even worse than that and they can’t be helped, because someone decided it wasn’t important enough to properly punish and discourage.”

Amanda Young, a freshman from Doylestown who is currently majoring in cinema, said, “It’s already scary being alone in a new place having to fend for yourself… Less help with this is definitely something we don’t



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Bucks and Lower Bucks will all respond to Title IX cases in the same way.”

need.”
When asked how the students of Bucks should react Young said “We need to reinforce awareness,” “If we just let things happen and don’t talk about it we’re just as bad as the people who are trying to do away with it altogether.”

College students aren’t the only demographic outraged by this decision. Amber Quinn a mother of two who volunteers for the BCIU (Bucks County intermediate unit) and spends time on the Newtown

campus said “I’m just mad that she is a woman and she’s taking something away that protects other women, I just don’t get it.”

“I’m afraid to send my kids to college,” Quinn admitted. “Fear is really real as a parent, so now knowing that there’s not this added protection anymore is just really scary.”

For any students concerned on how bucks will respond to this recent decision President Shanblatt assured that “Newtown, Upper

If Rabble-Rousing Reverend Returns, Expect Resistance

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Bucks students and staff, still fuming over a series of appearances by a fringe Christian hate group over the past few semesters, are trying to find ways to prevent the group from causing harm and potentially violence on campus.

The group, led on campus by a man who styles himself as the “Radical Reverend,” as well as “Pastor Aden,” has appeared in Newtown multiple times, creating confusion and drawing ire from most students. The Reverend brings his family and children, often wielding signs denouncing minorities, women, gamers, “witches,” and other groups who the cult claims are “hell-bound.”

According to Newtown PA Now, a local news website, the Reverend and his family moved to Bucks County last year. He holds thinly attended meetings and posts videos on the internet titled “How to Rebuke Harry Potter Fans,” and has scribbled various propaganda pamphlets describing supposed “subtle ways the devil tries to make you numb to Christ and how to avoid [them].”

The Reverend’s organization, called “Christian Interviews,” has preached at many other colleges



The Reverend was arrested police last fall

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nationwide, including Temple University, and also held a “shame parade” in New Hope last May. Social media accounts associated with Christian Interviews feature grainy videos claiming to “expose” Islam, as well as LGBTQIA+ people, anarchists, and the Clintons.

The group’s account also pays close attention to local media stories about their campus visits, saying that even negative press is good for the group because their message is spread through photos of their signs.

On campus, the Reverend usually tries to sling malicious slurs at students who pass by, trying to get a rise out of people. Many of the students get extremely

offended by his signs and hateful preaching, and have called on the college to stop him from coming.

That’s easier said than done. The First Amendment protects free speech in public areas, which prevents an outright ban of the Reverend and his associates from campus. He is usually surrounded by police officers in case things get out of hand. Gabby Martins, a childhood education major, is outraged by the group’s extremist messaging, and believes there shouldn’t be someone on campus screaming at students. “I don’t know if he is trying to turn people to Christ, but that is not the way to do it. If anything, he is going to turn people away.”

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NFL Tackles Trump



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On August 26, 2016, the San Francisco 49ers squared off against the San Diego Chargers in their third preseason game, when 49ers Quarterback, Colin Kaepernick, started a national firestorm by remaining seated for the national anthem.

What started out as a protest by Kaepernick against police brutality and racial inequality, would quickly turn into a different conversation.

This issue would only grow in popularity the following week, when Kaepernick would kneel once again to protest beside his teammates during the 49ers final preseason game.

Gary Lawery, 19-year-old Business Major at Bucks, was vivid in expressing his beliefs on the issue at hand by saying, “The problem is, people aren’t looking at the bigger picture because black people in America have been

marginalized, and not listening to us when we say ‘hands up’, and not listening to the root cause of us taking a knee.” He continued on to say, “There is a difference between Equality and Equity.”

Donald Trump, President of the United States, shocked the population during a campaign rally in rural Alabama after making direct comments regarding his feelings about the NFL protests by saying, “Wouldn’t you love to see these NFL owners, when somebody disrespects our flag, say, ‘Get that son of a bitch off the field right now, out, he’s fired!’”

President Trump even jumped on Twitter to express his disgust by saying, “This issue of kneeling has nothing to do with race.” He went on by saying, “It is about respect for our country, flag, and national anthem, the NFL must respect this.”

Outrage grew from not only players and owners of the NFL, but other athletes, performers and

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Radical Reverend

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Professor of Language and Literature Charlie Groth, describes this as a tough situation for the college. Bucks is a governmental body and a public institution, which allows the hate group to visit the campus. “The Bucks community cares about the diversity of our student body. His negative speech and insults go against or policy values, although freedom of speech is a policy value at Bucks. He is mixing usual kinds of free speech with harassment. We want our students to know he is never invited, and the best thing to do is ignore him.” Groth explained. She explained that her and a colleague, Linn Lisher, created flyers encouraging students to ignore the preacher when he visits the campus, though she admitted that “ignoring him

is hard, if not impossible, for a lot of people.” Groth said they would be handing out those flyers in the quad whenever he visits.

She added: “Students have free speech as well, and that is something nobody can take away from them.” The faculty and staff do their part to monitor students when the extremist group comes. They want to make sure nothing gets out of hand, and prevent students from getting themselves into trouble. “We care about our students, and want them to be able to concentrate on their education.”

Some Bucks students have other ideas about what can be done to stop the preacher. Urvish Gajjar, a criminal justice major, believes he should have to get permission from the school first. “I think it’s bad he is here, and forces his religion on people. The authorities of



The Radical Reverend confronted by police

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Bucks should check his material, and make sure it is appropriate.”

Gajjar fumed how the Christian Interviews group brings disturbances to the campus, and really heats up the atmosphere in a bad way. The group’s leader promises “hellfire” to students who disagree with his views, and even gets his own children to protest with him. The children were seen multiple times wearing T-shirts with vulgar

language accusing students of being “perverts”.

Groth said that that Bucks faculty, administrators, and staff will monitor the situation if and when the hate cult returns to campus, and will to help students who may feel compelled to respond to his outbursts. She said counselors are available for students who feel targeted by his rants.

Bucks’ Transfer Fair Points to Next Step

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On Wednesday, Sept 27 Bucks held their first of two transfer fairs for the fall semester. Over 60 schools coming from all over showed up to inform students of what the schools can offer them.

It was a huge turnout at this event as handfuls of students at a time passed through seeking information from the schools of their interest. A fan favorite of the event was Temple University’s table as groups of students were gathered around it to get their chance to talk to the transfer advisor.

Not only were there advisors for other schools at the event but Bucks also had their own table set up with transfer advisers there to point students in the right direction. With all the help at the event it was impossible to leave the place without getting some useful information on transfer services and what other schools offer.

When asked how helpful the

transfer fairs can be, Caroline Ferrara one of Bucks’ advising and transfer specialist answered that it was extremely helpful. She explained that not all the students at Bucks get a chance to make it out to these schools to see which place will be the best fit for them. She said that the transfer fairs give them a chance to see many schools in one stop right at the school they go to.

With it being a one stop shop for information it is also a way to make a connection with some of these transfer advisors at the tables. Not only are the tables filled with pamphlets but the advisors at them seem to really care and are extremely helpful.

Christian Verrecchio, a secondary education in history major, confirmed that the fair was helpful and stated that, “it really helps with narrowing down where you may want to transfer to.” He had his eyes on the Bloomsburg University table because of the transfer agreements they have



Students attending Transfer Fair. with Bucks.

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Bloomsburg is not the only school at these fairs that have transfer agreements and other systems in place to make your transfer as easy as possible. Many other schools offer the same options along with scholarships and programs for anyone seeking

higher education. The transfer fair is a great tool to use as a student and it is never too early to get information. There are Transfer fairs twice a semester at every Bucks campus so if you missed this past one make sure you look out for the next one on www.bucks.edu.

Escape at the NAC Reopens After Fire

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Escape, the Newtown Athletic Club’s outdoor bar and resort, has reopened after a fire earlier this month. The building housing the laundry room caught fire late at night on Sept. 8.

Sean McCaulley, the clubs’ director of facilities, was on premise that night and said “it was an unfortunate accident, but luckily no one was hurt. The fire department was at the scene within minutes and did a great job getting the fire under control quickly.”

The adjacent buildings are not damaged despite sharing a roof. The outdoor restaurant has a limited menu and a full working bar. Family locker rooms and most of the individual bathrooms are back in operation.

Escape remained closed until all surrounding areas were cleaned and repaired to reopen in a safe and operational state. The bar opened different parts of the outdoor facility in phases. By Sept 15, the outdoor was opened only for sun bathing. The outdoor pools were fully operational and safe for swimming by Sept 20.

The facility is currently being powered by generator, and gas heat has been restored to the facilities’ pools. The facility is known for being one of the first outdoor pools to open, as well as one of the last pools to close for the season. The NAC plans to keep the trend going, and hopes to keep the heated pools open until late October or mid-November. The main entrance desk of the laundry building has been boarded up and barricaded for safety. Members are asked to bring their own towels due to the laundry room fire burning most of their inventory.



The facility completely reopened on Sept 23 with much praise from its membership base. The facility finds it important that the quality and value of the memberships were not affected during this time. Many members join the facility mainly for the outdoor facility. Escape’s management worked tirelessly to get the facility back up and running. The facility had a grand reopening event called Up in Smoke. Escape opened to general public in on Saturday without guest fees to help celebrate the reopening. Family and friends all gathered to enjoy the warm weather and the outdoor pools. The facility made sure all outdoor activities, including the two water slides and children’s fountain, were in full operation.

Up in Smoke was a large event that is aimed at members, as well as the public. The club’s goal to turn the negative situation was a huge success. Members and



Photos from the fire.

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family from all over came and enjoyed the facility for the weekend. Sunday hosted a fantasy football league to enjoy the outdoor televi-

sions on, and the plans to continue projecting games on a 200’ screen for Thursday night Eagles games.



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Editorials

United They Kneel

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The president has waged a war, but it’s not with an invading country, or a terrorist organization. Instead he has decided to target NFL players who have decided to take a stand by taking a knee.

It’s a right that is protected by the first amendment. Yet, the commander-in-chief recently sent out a tweet saying, “Wouldn’t you love to see one of these NFL owners, when somebody disrespects our flag, to say, ‘Get that son of a bitch off the field right now. Out! He’s fired. He’s fired!’”

This tweet set off a massive ripple throughout the NFL community in a way the president didn’t intend. By sending off that tweet instead of teams discontin-

veterans shouldn’t get offended for something they fought for.”

Houck, who grew up in a predominantly white neighborhood also added, “he [Trump] has bigger things to worry about than NFL players peacefully protesting...Our president is filled with so much hate that he can’t see past that.”

While a valid view, others, like Jeff Long a mixed-raced 18-year-old biology major from Langhorne stated, “I am against the players I see it as a disrespect. Men and women fought for our flag. I agree they have a right to protest, but they can do it in a different way than them kneeling during the anthem.”

Long, who agrees with the president’s sentiment but com-

town said, “as a bisexual African-American, a lot of the times you get discriminated against. They see me as a large black man and they think I’m going to be rude and nasty, but I’m not. I am kind and caring...I’ve had people say that they wouldn’t date me because I’m black, it breaks my heart when I hear it.”

Daranijo didn’t end there as he also added, “I’ve actually been told by an officer that if cops see other cops doing any type of racial injustice and they try to stop it, they get black balled.”

So, if law enforcement won’t step up and stand up for what’s right, who will? People may not want to see their NFL teams and players protest, but I’m sure there were people who didn’t want to



Looking Through the Eyes of Freshmen

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I remember dating back to my first day as a freshman at Bucks; excited but anxious for what this new start may bring. Will the school work be harder? What will my professors be like? These are a few of the many questions that continually raced through my mind.

After interviewing some fresh faces on campus, I got to learn more about their experience as a new student here at Bucks.

“So what made you decide to enroll at Bucks?” was the first of many questions I asked in which many of the students shared similar answers.

Kailie Mitchell, 18, criminal justice major, shared that saving money was the main determining factor. “I chose Bucks simply for the fact of saving money. My major is criminal justice and my career is homicide detective which requires a lot of schooling.”

Tristan Jerome Brown, 19, criminal justice major, stated, “I thought it would be good place for me to start. I did not really know what I wanted to be and Bucks was a place that could help me find it for a good price.”

It was found that in all of the interviews conducted, saving money was the main factor for students choosing Bucks.

“What are your favorite attributes of the school so far?”

Teresa Yeager, 19, criminal justice major, said her favorite attribute of the college is how welcoming everyone was when she first started. “Faculty members and freshmen who attended the freshmen orientation were all friendly and open to getting to know each other. Also, just the experience I have being on the women’s soccer team has made me feel comfortable and welcomed here at Bucks.”

Haleigh Kaufmann, 18, pre-allied health major, said her most-noted attribute of the college is how driven it is to motivate

its students. “There are so many helpful and free resources for those who may need it and I think that’s a great thing to offer.”

Mitchell agreed and had some more positive contributions to add as well. “The food, being way better than high school lunches. The vibe, you just get along with everyone and everyone has a ‘place.’ Every staff member at Bucks just wants to see you succeed.”

“Would you recommend Bucks to a friend?”

“Yes. Good atmosphere, good athletics program, good friendships I have built so far and even the food is great. I had a bomb chicken cheesesteak the other day thanks to our chefs,” Mitchell shared.

“What advice would you give to upcoming freshmen in the future?”

“I would recommend for them to come to Bucks. It is a good idea if you are undecided. It will save you money and you can get a head start without waiting and having to relearn something you forgot,” said Brown.

“My advice would be to get involved with the school. Don’t be ashamed of going to a community college and have fun while you’re here but also study hard because this is when it counts!” advised Kaufmann.

She proceeded to inform incoming students who may be interested in Bucks. “I really dislike the judgement people give towards the school. The classes are just as good as those offered at four year schools.”

“At first, I was insecure about telling people I was attending Bucks just because everyone at my school was going to a big school like Penn State or Kutztown but now I know I made the right decision because I’ve talked to my friends that are away at college and they’re stressed about paying for college, books and everything else.” Kaufmann concluded.



Donald J. Trump  @realDonaldTrump · Sep 24

Great solidarity for our National Anthem and for our Country. Standing with locked arms is good, kneeling is not acceptable. Bad ratings!

 49K  28K  135K



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...NFL attendance and ratings are WAY DOWN. Boring games yes, but many stay away because they love our country. League should back U.S.

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If NFL fans refuse to go to games until players stop disrespecting our Flag & Country, you will see change take place fast. Fire or suspend!

ing their protests, teams took it to a new level. During Sunday’s games, teams locked arm in arm, players, coaches, and owners alike to kneel during the national anthem while some teams, like the Pittsburgh Steelers and Tennessee Titans, didn’t show up for the anthem at all.

The outside community has taken notice of this situation with some agreeing with the players. Like Gabby Houck, 19-year-old, Caucasian, journalism major from Doylestown who said, “soldiers fought for this freedom. I don’t know how to explain it, I feel like

mented “Trump could’ve said it in a different way” offered a solution to the president’s dilemma; “if he focuses on the racial injustice, then that would nip that in the bud and then the protests in the NFL would most likely end.”

While simple in premise, this situation is much easier said than done. In recent years racial injustices are gaining more and more national attention and it seems like with this new presidency it seems like things aren’t getting any better.

Joshua Daranijo, 19, a video production major from Levittown said, “as a bisexual African-American, a lot of the times you get discriminated against. They see me as a large black man and they think I’m going to be rude and nasty, but I’m not. I am kind and caring...I’ve had people say that they wouldn’t date me because I’m black, it breaks my heart when I hear it.”

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So, if law enforcement won’t step up and stand up for what’s right, who will? People may not want to see their NFL teams and players protest, but I’m sure there were people who didn’t want to

see a Georgia Baptist minister stand up for others rights either.

These players who are using this first amendment right aren’t the only ones to do so. Shayna Lopez-McClain from Morrisville said, “I hated doing the pledge during school. We were conditioned to do it in school so it didn’t really mean anything. It was monotonous and boring. I actually sat down whenever it came on.”

The national anthem stands for America and all the values it holds which includes the right to protest the national anthem.



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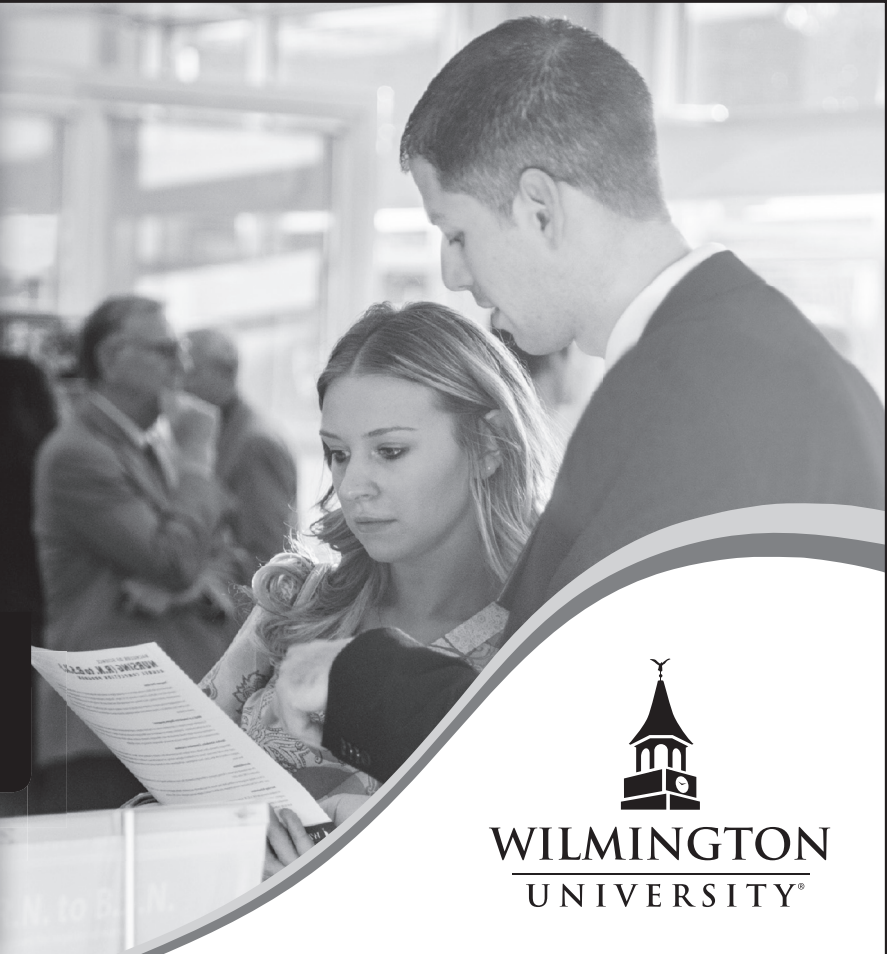
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Student Life

Millennials and Their Social Media of Choice

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Millennials nowadays are drifting away from the ideology-expressive Facebook, to the more so interpersonal Snapchat as their main social media platform.

Forbes says, “41 percent of millennials still use Facebook every day, however, Facebook was found to be more popular with non-millennials.”

Some Bucks students can vouch for this claim that Facebook is losing its once irresistible appeal.

Kim Scott, a 19 year old student from Perkasia, shared, “I think Snapchat is the most popular form of social media when it comes to millennials. Facebook tried to buy out Snapchat but they rejected their offer.”

Social media apps like Snapchat are more benign in nature and are based entirely off of relationships with others.

The app offers appeal to users with disappearing digital content, meaning information will not be stored in the abyss that is the Internet.

Meanwhile, Facebook has been considered by some to have become a platform for religious, political, and moral beliefs in the last year, with personal opinions being backed with strong emotions.

“Social media websites offer a voice to everyone. Some people are too outspoken on their profiles, but are silent in person,”

says fellow Bucks student Medelin Cruz 19, of Bensalem.

Is it possible that millennials are less-likely to use Facebook because it makes them unhappy?

There are mixed views about whether millennials have a bad habit of spending too much time on their devices or if their time is spent productively. Cruz believes, “our generation spends too much time on their phones.”

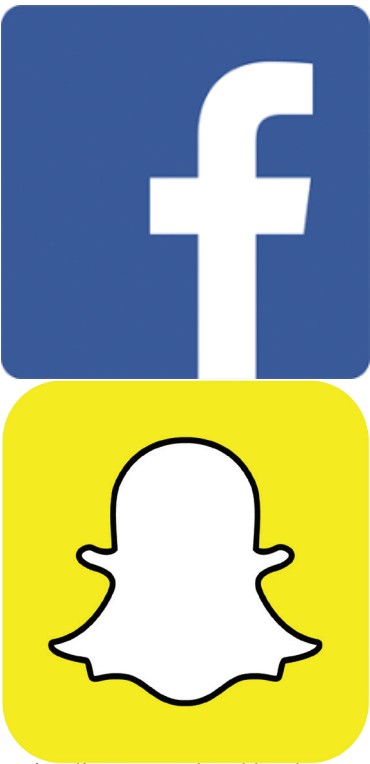
Even though millennials are pulled to their devices, Professor Shawn Queeney, 49 and a representative of generation X, defends the millennial generation.

“Millennials aren’t a threat to our society. Using social media is a rhythm in their lives. They are very much capable of communicating with each other in person. I see it every day in my classes and in their work.”

The only worry Queeney has with social media is the lacking or overload of regulation.

There has been recent news of corrupt ad funding for Facebook. TheNation.com reports that, “intelligent officials have found that Moscow’s agents bought ads on Facebook to target specific populations with propaganda... in reviewing the ads buys, we have found approximately \$100,000 in ad spending.”

With this in mind, Professor Queeney expressed his curiosity in regards to regulations. He says, “ads aren’t all bad, a lot of them are helpful and accurate to my tastes. In a similar way that TV



and radio are regulated by the FCC is how social media sites should be regulated.”

Moreover, millennials who use social media as their main source of news may not be getting the whole story.

Being a daily or avid social media user might be a downfall for you if that is the only place you find out about what’s going on in the world and in your community. Scott says “politics should stay off of social media.”

Through and through it seems that social media platforms should be used for relationships and communications like they were originally destined to be according to Bucks students and staff.

SGA is Taking Care of Business

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Trick or Treat? As early as it may be in the semester, the SGA has wasted no time in planning multiple events for students to take part in, some of which include some hush-hush Halloween surprises (dunking for apples?)

A masquerade ball is in the works for December which is likely to take place in the historic Tyler Mansion where students can unwind and milly- rock the night away.

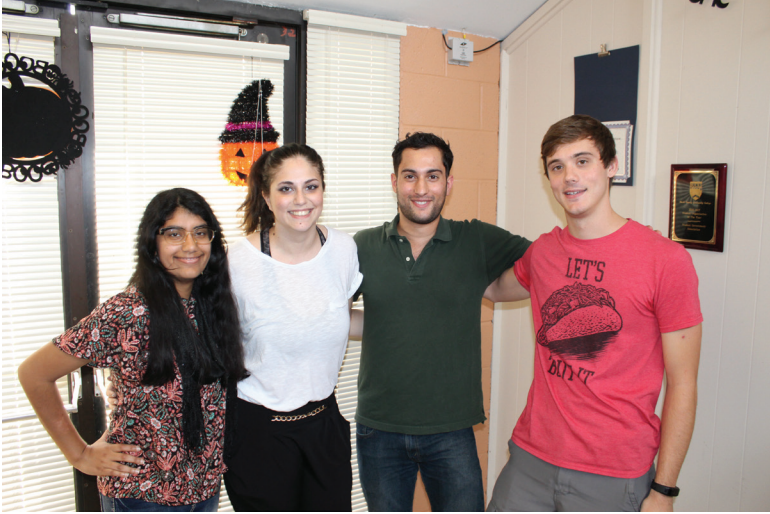
One might feel rather surprised when they find themselves seated in the back of room 117 in the Rollins Center, not in fact attending a fully booked course on English composition, rather a student government association or SGA meeting presided over by President Theodora Dagklian-

donopoulos, who oversees, and coordinates all SGA activity.

The level of student participation in the SGA has increased dramatically in the past few semesters. Optimist Anthony Consoli, the secretary of the SGA responsible for recording and seeing to the timely dissemination of the minutes during SGA meetings, as well as serving as the exclusive custodian of all SGA records at Bucks, believes that there is “a vibrant future ahead for the SGA,” as more student involvement sanctions an enhanced representation of the student body.

At its core, the SGA is an organization of students committed to representing the student body, promoting participation by students, hearing the appropriately voiced concerns of all students, gathering, disseminating, and

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SGA Executive Board from left to right: Shanzeh Khan, Theodora Dagkliandonopoulos, Anthony Consoli, and Brian Deley
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sharing pertinent information with students, administering student activities fees in the best interest of the student body, overseeing and assisting in developing student clubs and organizations, and lastly to having a good time by financing student programing groups at each campus which facilitate social and recreational activities.

There are also quite a few opportunities for students to volunteer that the SGA would like students to be aware of. PACAC is a one stop shop as a college fair for students interested in transferring, and they will need some help with the set-up and tear-down of the event taking place from 6 am to 8 pm on Thursday Oct 5. Did you know you could get paid up to \$35 a game as a scoreboard operator? The fall sports program is in search for reliable students to work for pay. To find out about more ways of getting involved in the SGA or volunteer/working opportunities you can stop by the student life center or visit the Bucks website for contact information. On the SGA page on the Bucks website there is also an issues & concerns section where any student may anonymously voice their concerns, as Dagklian-donopoulos has put it the purpose of SGA is to “give the students the voice they deserve.”

The student government executive board consists of President: Theodora Dagkliandonopoulos, Vice-President: Brian Deley, Treasurer Shanzeh Khan, Secretary: Anthony Consoli, Director of Events: Katie Chookagian and Director of Communications: Dalton Dennis. The next SGA meeting will take place Tuesday Oct 3 from 12:30-1:30pm.

The Joscho Stephan Trio Jazzes it Up at the Zlock

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Attending the impressive Joscho Stephan Trio group when they arrived here this past Sept. 14 was truly a delight, highly entertaining to watch, and even more lovely on the ears.

According to the box office that was running the event here on campus, it was estimated that nearly 94 people had shown up to the performance, and a large amount of people took advantage of the VIP reception that included a chance to meet the artist.

The gypsy swing musician, Joscho Stephan, explained to the audience how grateful he was for the other two men who volunteered to play with him on guitar and bass. After the group was done performing for the night, the entire audience gave a standing ovation to the performers chanting “encore” from the top of their lungs. Inspired by the crowd, the musical group decided to appease the passionate, hungry spectators and carried out one more song.

Associate professor of language and literature, Alan Rubin, was responsible for bringing the German musician to campus. Rubin observes that Joscho Stephan does not travel to the U.S. that often, so having him play here at our college should be considered a treat. He explained the pure awe and wonder that the crowd had, saying, “Joscho is such a brilliant player that the audience watched

in astonishment. They were stupefied, dumbfounded—like Richard Dreyfuss at the end of ‘Close Encounters of the Third Kind.’”

Indeed, spectators were amazed by the talent of the performers and every time they finished a song, the auditorium lit up with cheering, clapping, and whistling. The experience was upbeat, full of energy, and very soulful. As stated by Joscho Stephan’s personal website,

“Joscho Stephan has not merely absorbed this music, but also interprets it on the highest level and is actively engaged in extending its boundaries.”

This statement helps clarify the depths and magnitude of Stephan’s artistic ability. During the whole length of the show, he did not read music from any stand and instead played the songs that were imprinted from his heart and spirit. Although gypsy swing music isn’t hitting the tops charts like rap and pop, Joscho Stephan’s ingenuity for guitar is noteworthy and deserves recognition.

Rubin goes on to commend Stephan’s playing abilities,

“I’ve seen other gypsy jazz guitarists whose playing is both expressive and technically flawless, but Joscho has something special, something that defies explanation. ‘Ineffable’ is what we would say in English. The French call it je ne sais quoi. The Germans probably have a word for it too—they have



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a word for everything. I think that word may be ‘Joscho’.”

There was never a dull moment watching the melodic triad, for the lightning speed strumming, and the intensely intricate guitar solos from Stephan combined with the musical strength of the backup players was outstandingly impressive. Although the very

much talented Joscho Stephan could have been a solo act, he was remarkably humble when giving credit to the other musicians who were playing alongside him. In all, the performance was fun, enjoyable, refined, and will be one of the most memorable concerts for those who watched the Joscho Stephan Trio group.



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Around Bucks

“Under the Knife” Exhibit At Bucks Wordsmith Poets Steal Spotlight in September

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The Hicks Art Center is hosting a new exhibit, Under the Knife: Contemporary Cut Paper Art, which will be running this fall from now until Oct 14.

According to Jennifer Garey, who is in charge of the exhibit at Bucks, cut paper art is “An art, instead of using a pencil or paintbrush they would use paper and shadows. In some they show the shadows which is part of the exhibit. Some of the pieces of art may show a popup book which plays with the shadows as well.”

This art has been around for centuries and is used widely in most of Asia as well as all over the world.

A few of the artists displayed in the exhibit are Colette Fu, Erik Ruin, Sarah Sadie Slate, many of whom are from the local east coast area.

The exhibit contains diverse forms of paper cut art ranging from more traditional wall pieces to pop up books as well as stop motion videos.

Jennifer Garey went on to talk about the videos playing in the exhibit, “They use the videos all in different ways, one artist uses a stop motion. Another uses the paper cut art and uses panning in a video and plays with light and sound.”

She then continued to describe her favorite pieces in the exhibit, “Jed Morfit pieces are very good, and ‘Mysteries of Flight’ is a nice one. On the digital gallery Amy Lee Ketchum’s video is lots of fun to watch. A diver with lots of animation and sound.”

The exhibit also has been hosting events such as an artist panel



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and a gallery reception. The artists are able to answer questions at the panel and the curators of the exhibit speak in the reception.

A pop-up book work shop was held by Colette Fu where attendees could register to have a hands-on experience to paper cut art with a great artist.

The arts department at Bucks has other exhibits on display in addition to the paper cut exhibit such as the “Artmobile” and “Biennial Art Faculty Showcase.”

The college’s website explains this exhibit as “Artmobile is an art museum for all ages housed

in a 48-foot semi-trailer. It travels throughout Bucks County from September to June, visiting all 13 school districts and many public sites”

The “Biennial Arts Faculty Showcase” will be on display at Bristol campus Nov 1 to Dec 11, which will show the artwork of faculty members including art, music, and cinematography.

For more information on the arts at Bucks County Community College head down to the Hicks Art Center to take a look or visit the college’s website for more information.

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The Wordsmith’s Poetry Series event is making a comeback this year, promising to be the best one yet.

As in past years, students and faculty will get a chance to sit down, relax, and listen to some poetry. For over 50 years, Bucks has been bringing in some of the best poets around.

This year, renowned poets Jericho Brown, Brenda Hillman and Chase Twichell will be spotlighted among others.

Past years have seen Allen Ginsberg, Richard Blanco, and Adrienne Rich attend the series.

Starting on Friday, September 29, Jericho Brown and Steve Nolan will be reading off some of their best work at the Zlock Performing Arts Center.

Brown, an NAACP award nominee, is most famous for his collection of poetry titled The New Testament, which was released in 2014.

Nolan, who is a military veteran, has had his work published in numerous different publications.

The series will then continue all the way into May of next year.

A little more than six poets, will be featured throughout the entire series. Admission and parking for the events will be free.

When asked why one should attend the series, Associate Professor of Language and Literature, Ethel Rackin, argued “to be inspired, entertained, and enlightened.”

Professor Rackin, who is also co-director of the wordsmiths reading series, went on to state, “Poetry puts into words what is difficult or impossible to say. It moves our hearts and minds. We can fall in love with poems, much as we can fall in love with songs.”

Poetry has been around since the BC times and is known for its deep inner meanings and heavy use of metaphors.

This special form of writing can be experienced by all of Bucks and there is no better time to experience it then now. With many chances to see world renowned poets throughout the year, one should not pass up on this wonderful opportunity.



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Sports

Women’s Soccer Coach Giordano Clarifies Controversial Remarks

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Head coach for women’s soccer, Matt Giordano, received criticism in last week’s issue about some of his statements regarding the soccer program.

With some of his comments being taken out of context and causing conflict, Giordano wanted to clarify what exactly he meant when he said “making women’s soccer a ‘real’ program.”

In previous seasons the Bucks womens soccer team faced some unsuccessful seasons, resulting from back to back losses and poor culture within the team. But as of now the team is striving for success and they are ready to take on their opponents this upcoming season.

Coach Giordano explains his previous comments saying, “My biggest goal for the women’s soc-

cer program is to make it a “real” program. I honestly don’t ever think it was taken seriously. When I say “real” I’m quoting it because this is what incoming freshman tell me as to why they choose not to play. They don’t understand who we play, how our team is structured, and how big of a commitment it actually is. “Real” doesn’t mean bad versus good soccer players, and I’m sorry if anyone took it that way.”

Giordano wanted to make it clear that he did not mean his previous players were not talented, but they did not come together as a team to reach success.

“When I came to this program the culture was poor, the type of athlete we attracted was not as good as it needed to be, and I wanted to change this,” Giordano says, “I showed up to the first day of practice and only four girls showed up...late. That same

season I had multiple girls just not show up for games and practices, without notice. There was even one game I had a player on our team throw ice at me then proceed to spit at me. Needless to say, these weren’t the type of athletes I needed or wanted to build a “real” program.”

Giordano thinks there is no reason that Bucks soccer shouldn’t have a nationally ranked women’s program. Over his past three years as coach, Giordano has encountered some road blocks with the team, but he and the team will continue to push ahead until the women’s program is where it needs to be.

“I can’t wait to see what this program is like in another few years. I’m not taking anything away from any prior Bucks team, I’m strictly referring to my experience over the last three years,” says Coach Giordano.



Coach Giordano (above) said the womens’ soccer team had a “poor culture”
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Embid, Simmons, Fultz: Students’ Stances on Sixers Draft Picks



Fultz at a high school game last year PHOTO CREDIT: WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

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The 76ers, who ended the season last year 14th seed, drafted Joel Embid, Ben Simmons, and Markelle Fultz in hopes that they can help lead the 76ers to the championships in the future.

Here at Bucks, there is a rather small but dedicated fan base for the NBA, with the opinions of students varying.

Qhyle Elijah, 22, said his concerns, explaining, “I’m not so sure about Fultz because he hasn’t really played yet. Ben Simmons Joel Embid were both good in college so I’m assuming that they will be good in the NBA as well. I don’t think they will make the playoffs this year because they still aren’t a good team yet. I think they will be around 9th or 10th seed.”

Corinthian Rivera, a cinema photography major, gave his opinion on the Sixers rookie Markelle Fultz, saying, “personally I don’t really focus on Markelle that much because to me he really

isn’t a star player. He might have the potential because he is in the NBA but I don’t know if he can make a name for himself. Joel Embid is alright, I need to see more from him and Ben Simmons same thing. Sixers need to get there game up because I don’t see them going to the playoffs at all. With all these overpowered teams, I don’t think Sixers have a shot. But I will say that these super teams will help the young guys develop faster and better because they must work harder to have a chance. It will take them years to be a great team again.”

Other students had more optimistic outlooks on the upcoming season, despite the pitfalls of the past.

18-year-old Andrew Fratangeli spoke his thoughts about the Sixers and there off season moves. Fratangeli said, “Markelle is a good fit for the Sixers and will benefit playing for them. Also, I think he can be an all-star in the future. Joel Embid will have his break out year. They will give him more minutes so he will be able to show what he can do. If they

don’t over use him then I think he will stay healthy. Same with Ben Simmons. I think Ben will go off this year, he did a lot of training with Lebron this summer and the last one so I think he is going to snap. I still don’t think we can make the playoffs. There’s a chance but I don’t know because there are a lot of super teams.”

Colin Cooney, 18, felt very positive about the new team, saying, “I feel Markelle is going to be a good player for the Sixers. I think he will be an average player for his first year then after a while he will grow and live up to his full potential. I think Ben Simmons and Joel Embid will both go off this year and play like all-stars. I don’t think they will make the playoffs this year maybe next year they will even though the east is weaker this year. Adding J.J Reddick was great he is going to be a great fit for them and will give Ben Simmons easy assist.”

Perhaps in the future, there is hope for the 76ers to regain momentum on the basketball court and shoot higher.

First Fall Games For Eagles, Phillies, Flyers End With Mixed Results For Philadelphians



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Eagles

With three games in the books, the Eagles find themselves at a respectable 2-1 record, with their only loss coming against the still undefeated Kansas City Chiefs.

Although the Eagles lost to the Chiefs, they put themselves in a position to win the game by tying the score at 13 with a little under 12 minutes left in regulation.

Only a few ill-timed mistakes cost them the chance to take down and finish the Chiefs, who are now one of only two teams that still remain undefeated.

Last week, the Eagles were involved in a thriller game against the division rival New York Giants.

The game came down to the

last few seconds as Eagles rookie kicker, Jake Elliot, whom the Eagles signed after former kicker, Caleb Sturgis, went down with an injury, knocked through a franchise record 61-yard field goal to win the game.

But the news wasn’t all good for the Eagles, as running back Darren Sproles broke his arm and tore his ACL in the same play against the Giants, losing him for the remainder of the season.

Without Sproles in the backfield, the Eagles will look to the rest of their backfield to carry the load.

Free agent Lagarrette Blount and second year running back Wendell Smallwood are expected to be more active in the offense in Sproles’ absence, with undrafted free agent Cory Clement also looking to make a name for

himself.

As the first quarter of the NFL season comes to a close, the Eagles take on the winless Los Angeles Chargers in what should be easy matchup for the Birds.

The Eagles are currently in a 3-way tie for the lead in the NFC East and a win over the Chargers would bring them a step closer to a division title, something they have not done since the 2013 season.

Phillies

As the baseball season comes to a close, rookie phenomenon Rhys Hoskins continues to prove that he belongs.

The first basemen turned left-fielder has brought a renewed sense of hope and enjoyment to Phillies fans with his quality at bats and raw power.

After a near sweep of the L.A.

Dodgers, the Phillies looked to continue their quality play against the Nationals, to whom they have lost four of their last five games against.

Catcher Cameron Rupp doubled deep to center in the bottom of the third inning to take a 3-1 lead and the Phillies never looked back. Adding a security run in the bottom of the seventh inning, the Phillies held on to win with a score of 4-1,

With 4 games remaining on their schedule, they look to end the season on a high note as they take on the New York Mets in a 3-game series at Citizens Bank Park.

Flyers

The Flyers come into this season with high hopes to make a playoff run, despite an underwhelming start to the preseason

that saw five of their first six games go into overtime, while only winning two.

In a win against the Rangers, center Claude Giroux attributed two assists while Lindblom, Laughton, Morin, and Konecny all tallied a goal to seal a 4-3 win.

With two more games remaining in their preseason schedule, the Flyers look to take down the Boston Bruins and New York Islanders and head into the regular season with momentum, something they have not been able to do in years passed.

That would be the first step in trying to prepare themselves to take down the San Jose Sharks in the first game of the regular season on Oct. 4.