

Bucks Staffer Teams Up with Local Vet to Address Unclaimed Remains of Veterans

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There is an unspoken crisis in this country of veterans dying alone and without anyone claiming their remains. Dan Kholbek, local Marine Corps veteran and founder of Project NAGA and Flowers-for-Eva hopes to fix these problems.

Project NAGA (Never Again Grieve Alone) is a non-profit organization that has formed to gather the life story and accomplishments of veterans. Citizens can unite online or in public for events, discussions, education, recognition, and recruitment or even have the opportunity to visit with veterans one-on-one.

A large part of Project NAGA is dedicated to visiting lonesome veterans in hospice care, who have either outlived their families and friends or have become estranged from them.

It is a primary goal of Kholbek and Project NAGA to minimize these solitary deaths, to honor the individuals who have served, and to hear their stories.

While working on Project

NAGA, Kholbek became aware of an often-overlooked issue facing the nation; the unclaimed remains of veterans (17 in Washington Crossing alone).

One of the 17 was a female African-American Navy Veteran Eva Binns - whom Flowers-for-Eva is named after. As he researched her life, Kholbek was amazed at the accomplishments a woman of color was able to achieve in a pre-civil rights era. He was also shocked that no one claimed her remains, that is why he decided to start Flowers-for-Eva.

Flowers-for-Eva is a project designed to honor and share the life stories of unclaimed veterans. A website for the project flowers-for-eva.org is scheduled to launch on Veterans Day.

Flowers-for-Eva has already become a national project with multiple institutes of higher education across the country getting involved, including Bucks.

Kholbek has been working with Dr. Jan Cook Ed.D an information representative at Bucks, as well as Deborah Riccardi of the arts department, to recruit students to get involved with Flowers-for-

Eva at Bucks.

Cook says, “There is really something to be gained from the project, lessons learned, a true win-win scenario.” Getting involved not only honors the legacy of unclaimed Veterans, but also the individual involved may gain valuable insights.

Riccardi has recruited some students from Bucks, as well as the Valley Forge Military Academy to work on pieces of art to commemorate and memorialize the lives of those veterans who have been forgotten and unclaimed.

There is still a need for researchers and writers to contribute to the project, as it is still in the beginning stages of its formation. Kholbek emphasized, “the tremendous opportunity, to see the inner workings of a non-profit organization, as well as the opportunity to add such experience to a résumé.”

Another goal Flowers-for-Eva has set out to achieve is the education of health care professionals to inquire about their patient’s potential veteran status, as veterans are often offered free funeral services with military honors.



Eva Binns. PHOTO COURTESY OF DAN KHOLBEK

Students looking to get involved with the Flowers-for-Eva project at Bucks, can contact Dr. Jan Cook at: Jan.Cook@bucks.edu.

Quakertown Renovations Cost Much More than Expected

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Quakertown Community School District has enraged community members and former students, alike, with news that an additional \$1 million will be needed for the near \$72 million renovation

Middle School and Tohickon Elementary.

“A lot of work hasn’t been completed,” said School Board Director Stephen Ripper in a statement. “Sidewalks weren’t poured, classrooms weren’t completed and whiteboards haven’t been put in.”

project.

“As a parent I think it’s wonderful that children of the future will be able to enjoy a brand new school,” Ramassini told the board. “But obviously the company hired has not performed their side, which leaves the kids that have attended in the past and attending



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project that is currently behind schedule.

An extra \$1 million will go into facilities for a brand new dance studio, technical education, as well as a program called “Project Lead the Way,” which puts an emphasis on STEM related fields (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math).

Money needed for renovations has already shut down two popular schools in the district - Milford

Ripper continued to vent his frustration with the project by telling reporters, “I don’t think, overall, they’ve addressed this construction properly.” Ripper emphasized that construction has created a bigger mess for their own faculty to handle.

Chris Ramassini, a Quakertown community member, was astonished upon hearing that more money was needed to fund a still behind-schedule construction

now yielding the effects.”

Ramassini was critical of the substantial amount of money the district is using to re-vamp the schools, but is supportive, nonetheless, saying “It’s an eye-popping amount of money, but it’s going to the right place.”

“We as citizen invest into our community,” she added. “And what better way to spend the money [than] by investing into education and kids who will shape

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Bucks County Elections Results

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Democrats stomped to victory in Bucks County’s Nov. 7 local elections amid high turnout, defeating multiple incumbents in an election that reflected major national trends – perhaps most importantly, the apparent shift of wealthy suburban enclaves away from the Republican Party for the first time in generations.

In a feat unequaled in over 30 years, Democrats won four out of five county offices, only losing the position of District Attorney. Four years ago, they didn’t even run a candidate for that position; this time, they received over 45 percent of the vote.

The other four contests were decided by extremely narrow margins – less than 4 percent of the vote in all but one race, according to preliminary results on the county’s website. Democrat Neale Dougherty won his duel for county controller by a .8 percent margin.

The Democrats’ election victories can be partially chalked up to higher turnout than usual. Although turnout for the elections as a whole were not available at the time of writing, the total number of votes cast was up by just over 30% for the four countywide positions (Sherriff, Protonotary,

Recorder of Deeds, Controller).

Republican voter turnout increased alongside the boost in turnout among Democrats, but not by enough to make a difference.

Following nationwide trends, the Democrats’ narrow victories may be attributable to a move by college-educated suburban voters away from Trumpism and the Republican Party.

A recent New York Times article described a “suburban insurrection” of wealthy American communities, a revolt on full display in Bucks County, a community with a median household income around \$20,000 higher than the nation as a whole, according to census data.

This trend was particularly noticeable in Newtown Township – a township whose residents’ median income, at \$107,574, is over 45 percent higher than the national average. Democrats won control of the Newtown Board of Supervisors, slaying Republicans, including one incumbent, in all three seats that were up for election, giving them a 4-1 majority in a historically Republican body.

In Newtown Borough, Democrat Julia Woldorf defeated incumbent Republican Chris Gusty by a mere two votes, just four years after Gutsy swamped his last Democratic opponent with

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73 percent of the vote.

While traditionally a Republican constituency, rich, college-educated whites feel uneasy about the changes Trump and his movement have brought to the party.

An October Quinnipiac University poll showed that only 34 percent of college-educated whites feel that Trump shares their values, with 63 percent disagreeing.

In a way, the Democrats’ success in winning wealthy moderates mirrors Hillary Clinton’s strategy in last year’s presidential election. While Clinton lost that election, the tactic was successful in Bucks County, where she emerged victorious despite losing the state of Pennsylvania.

The Democrats’ left wing has argued that winning suburbia isn’t enough, and that to win national elections, the party will have to focus on taking back the working-class vote.

Moderate Democrats emerged victorious in New Jersey and Virginia, giving credence to the party’s right. Both of these states, though, voted for Clinton last year by substantial margins.

For now, national polls point to a Democratic victory in the midterms, with a November Gallup poll showing the party with a 44 percent approval rating compared to the Republicans’ 36 percent favorability.

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our future.

Several former students share the same sentiment.

Jacob Powers, a graduate of Quakertown High School in 2015, said, “Yeah I thought it was awesome that we were getting a new school until I found out we would be going to class during it.” He added, “I remember sitting in math class and hearing drills, banging and everything but what I was supposed to be paying attention to.”

“We had to go to classes in trailers that are freezing in the winter and hot as sin in the summer,” he added. “Not to mention, in a school of thousands of kids, there were about two bathrooms we were allowed to use the whole time.”

Matthew Schaffer, another graduate of the school, was also displeased when talking about the delay the school faced saying, “I remember the first half of the school was supposed to be done by the time I graduated in 2015. By the time I graduated they still weren’t even close to being done the first half.”

Schaffer, who has been in and

Skate Park Revamp by End of 2017

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Quakertown Borough plans to revamp their skate park by the end of 2017, with help from a \$10,000 grant from the Tony Hawk Foundation as well as other businesses and organizations.

Main Street Park Committee Chairman, David Kratz, spoke about the generous grant. He said, “We always said it would take a miracle to pull this off.” He added, “The miracle is all of the people coming to the table to make it happen.”

Kratz added, “The community is truly coming together to help build not only a state-of-the-art skate park and training facility, but to impact the lives of the generations to come.”

Public restrooms, a snack stand, office, and media room will all be available to skaters in the facility portion of the operation.

As for the park itself, it will undergo a huge renovation leaving none of the old ramps behind but rather fresh concrete urbanized jungle for skaters to enjoy.

Located on Main Street, the skate park lies in the heart of the Quakertown community where an improvement was much needed for an aged park.

Quakertown Borough built the park in 2001 and had a rapid population until 2005 when vandalism issues kept the borough from managing it.

From 2005 until recently, the park has been neglected from any

funds leaving local organizations and churches to provide maintenance.

While the park barely survived to hold on, events such as Free Fall skating competitions raised money to keep it around and add improvements.

Ty Schubert, a 20-year-old skateboarder, recalls the first time he ever went to the skate park. “I was nervous.” Laughingly he continued to say, “Everyone there was so good, and I had just started but the park was the new place to be.”

Other skaters at the park claimed Schubert is now one of the best skateboarders at the park after years of practice.

Schubert discussed what the new park means to him. “I honestly still can’t believe that it’s going to happen.” He added, “We have been trying for so long to help bring some kind of quality back to the park because we spend so much time there.”

Another skater, Joe Rochelle could not believe the news either, “Usually things like this don’t happen in Quakertown.” Rochelle, who lives right behind the park, has been taking his short journey through the woods and up the park ramps for years.

“I’m almost going to miss the old one,” Rochelle said. “We had so many good times from when I was little, but for sure the park deserves to be updated for the kids that are coming up now.”

Max Appel, a former Bucks Student and BMX rider, also



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rejoiced over the new park by saying, “Wow, I don’t know how it got done, but I’m glad it did.”

Appel added, “It’s a shame we couldn’t have had it when we were younger, but I’ll take a new skate park any day.” He went on to say, “It’s tough living here as a skater having only the skate park and the street, so a new one will definitely be nice for everyone.”

J.R Ebersole, another former Bucks student, and Quakertown resident, also enjoys the idea of a renovated skate park. “Yeah, I think that’s amazing.” He added, “To bike, with we would be in the street or have to travel to other towns to ride at a decent park.”

“With a new park, it will keep the kids coming that came before and also draw even more kids

to come out and skate or bike,” Ebersole said.

Phil Iskra, a 20-year-old student, lives in the apartment complex that overlooks the park.

When talking about what the new park will do for the town, Iskra said, “Compared to what is there now, I think anything will be better.” He went on to explain, “The basketball courts were falling apart, the ramps are all patched together, and it just really needed something.”

Iskra believes that with a new park, more people could be attracted to that area which could help out all parties involved.

“More kids will want to come play basketball and skate, it will put a modern look inside the town that people will want to use.”

Bucks Counseling Services Are One Call Away

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With this fall semester coming to an end, Dekia Smith, director of Bucks’ counseling services, shared information and gave advice on dealing with the stressors of college.

“The top noted stressors of college are maintaining the pace and rigor of coursework, transitioning from high school to college and balancing home, work/financial and family obligations,” Smith informed.

“Healthy ways they deal with stress is by working out, staying connected with friends and family, making time for fun (work-life

balance) and even mindfulness exercises like yoga and meditation.”

She added that students turn to drugs, alcohol, and self-isolation when not coping with stress in a productive manner. To stay on a positive note, she recommended exercising for 20-30 minutes a day and claimed the best way to reduce stress is physically.

“You get a fantastic endorphin high; it actually may help with making healthy eating choices and helps you sleep better at night. All of these things make you a more productive person.”

As for mentally and emotionally coping with stress, Smith said to always “stay connected.”

“Talk to your friends and family members about your stress. You can even talk to a counselor or your professor as well. I’ve even seen students make great connections with other staff at the college including our Academic Success Center staff, Culinary staff in the cafe and librarians.”

She believes everyone at the college has its students’ best interest at heart and are more than welcoming to help those in need.

That being said, she highly recommends reaching out to Bucks’ counseling services. Students can email counseling@bucks.edu. They can also visit their webpage at www.bucks.edu/counseling. Students can also call 215-968-

8189 to make an appointment. Hours vary throughout the week at all of our campuses including virtual/phone support.

Lastly, if there is one remark she would want Bucks student to know about the college’s counseling services, she says, “We are here and we cannot wait to connect with you. Our services are free for Bucks students and we can help connect students with community resources if they need further care or resources that we don’t have here at the college.”



Bucks News

RadioBux in Need of New Talent

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RadioBux, the college's official radio station, provides opportunities for students to host their own live radio shows as well as plans community concerts showcasing local bands. The club meets every second and fourth Thursday of the month at 12:30 pm in Rollins 116.

Most notably, the club is known for its annual spring concert, BUX Fest. The concert offers a chance for the community to listen to local bands while enjoying a variety of games and food trucks.

The club has been active for many years, but just recently became alive with activity again in the past three years when their former club president, Benjamin Wo-odring, took office and made RadioBux a presence within the school community.

The new station manager and program director of the club, Nick "The Mad Hatter" Macy is a 29-year-old cinema/video major from Newtown, PA.

When asked how he got his nickname he said, "I've been wearing these rather silly patchwork corduroy hats for the past 10 years and it earned me the nickname 'The Mad Hatter.'"

Through his initial term as station manager and program director, Macy has had to gain more club involvement. He said "a lot of the people who helped found the station in its current form have finally moved on to bigger and better things and we've been working hard to fill the voids left by the departure of so many talented people."

Macy has his own show called "Jammin' with the Mad Hatter" that airs every Monday evening from 7:30 to 10:30.

His show is focused on bands like The Grateful Dead, The Allman Brothers, and Phish, but he also likes to play local bands to give them exposure, too.

When asked how he initially got involved with the club, he said his professor and RadioBux club advisor, John Sheridan, told the class about opportunities



within the club for students to be able to host their own radio show and Macy was interested.

John Sheridan, a professor of the department of the arts, has been the RadioBux advisor since the club was first established. He said he has watched the club grow exponentially within the last three years mentioning that "[they] just hit 10,000 listeners last year which really shows the impact they have."

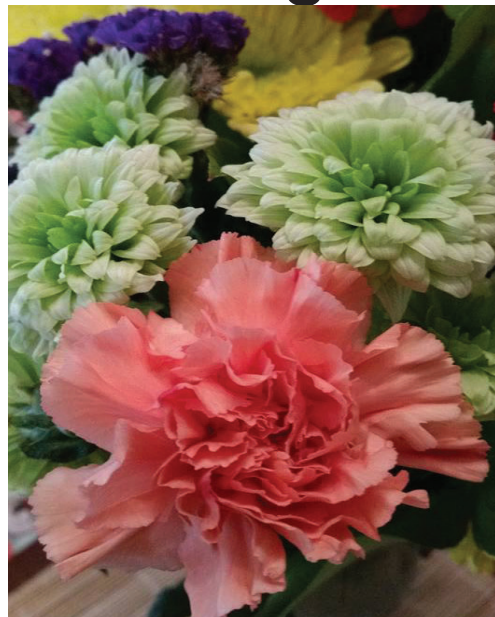
They have even upgraded their streaming service and sound equipment to give students interested in radio a real feel for running a show.

The final member of the RadioBux cabinet is Casey Borsilli, a 21-year-old cinema/video major from Southampton. She has been involved for over two years and she is the current director of events.

She also has a show that airs every Thursday evening from 5:00 to 6:50 called "Alternative Fix." There, she features bands like The Arctic Monkeys.

RadioBux is looking for new members to join. According to Macy, "it's a great opportunity for people to explore the wonderful world of radio and it also give those interested in pursuing a career in this field and opportunity to get hands-on learning experience whether they are completely new or have background in the field."

Bucks Floral Design Program Gives Highest Certification



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Bucks has just started a new program where students can achieve the highest level of floral design certification in the nation.

Paving the way for other schools to pick up this floral design program, Bucks was the first college in Pennsylvania this past summer to become "an educational partner with the American Institute of Floral Designers (AIFD)," as reported by a press release from Assistant Director of Public Relations Jean Dolan.

The certificate program's end goal is for students to pass AIFD online test after passing Bucks' final evaluation. There are five core classes (15 hours each) with three electives (eight hours each) for a total of 102 certificate hours.

As stated by Jackie Lacey who is AIFD, PFCI, and CFD certified from aifd.org, "AIFD is the national association helping to set the standards and excellence for floral design and floral artistry around the world."

According to Renee Tucci, one of the floral design teachers who is both AIFD and CFD certified, "It is a timeless industry that has been in existence for hundreds of years. People will always be getting married, hosting soiree's and looking for comfort as they lay their loved ones to rest. The perfect complement to these and countless other occasions is flowers!"

The reason behind adding this program to Bucks' educational curriculum is not just because it is an enjoyable career path but also because there is flourishing demand for floral designers.

"There is a growing need for floral designers," said Elena Lydon, assistant director of continuing education and community programs.

Tucci went on to add, "Many companies and employing technology friendly sites and apps are making it easier and easier for folks to order flowers, and floral design as an art form is being sought out more and more. I believe that floral arranging is a growing industry, both as a whole, and in niche areas."

The program will take students two to three semesters to complete since not all classes are offered within the same session.

Core classes range from \$385-\$450 and electives can cost from \$250-\$300 which includes the material and flowers needed to learn the craft.

Not only will students be able to bring home the arrangements that they make in class, they will be accelerating their floral design profession and growing their own unique style.

Tucci also states "If the student is focused and motivated, this curriculum could fast-track them on the path to achieving accreditation, which will open up countless doors for their career."

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Trump & Russia: What’s Going On?

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The ongoing investigation into Donald Trump’s Russia ties has reached a crescendo with the unveiling of three indictments: ex-campaign manager Paul Manafort, Rick Gates, and George Papadopoulos, with charges that include conspiracy against the U.S and making false statements to the FBI about contacts with Russian officials.

Here’s the backstory:

It all started in late October when Paul Manafort, Donald Trump’s former campaign chairman, surrendered to the FBI, alongside business associate Rick Gates, after reports of Special Counsel Robert Mueller issuing the first indictments in the Russian Investigation.

In June 2016, reports came out saying that Manafort received over \$12 million in “undisclosed payments” from the deposed Ukrainian president, Viktor F. Yanukovich. Yanukovich was widely seen as a pro-Russian figure, and fled to Moscow after a NATO-aligned color revolution seized power in his country.

According to indictment documents, Manafort helped Yanukovich’s centrist Party of Regions win the 2012 Ukrainian election. That party was disbanded after Yanukovich’s overthrow in 2014, and replaced by the center-left Opposition Bloc, a Russia-aligned social liberal party, which Manafort helped found.

Manafort’s Ukrainian political dealings earned him quite a fortune: he ended up with tens of

Introduction

At all times relevant to this Indictment:

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millions of dollars, which he and Gates hid from the U.S., ensuring that they did not have to pay U.S taxes on their Ukrainian earnings.

According to indictment documents, Gates used the money to pay off his mortgage and to decorate his Virginia home.

This has resulted in a series of charges (which include but are not limited to):

- Conspiracy against the U.S.
- Conspiracy to launder money
- Unregistered Agents of a Foreign Bank
- Giving false statements (2 counts)
- Failure to file reports of foreign bank/financial accounts. (7 counts)

These indictments and the continuing investigation into Trump’s ties with Russia have been controversial, with many students aware and engaged with the events

According to CNN, both Paul Manafort and Rick Gates ended up pleading not guilty. However, the conspiracy charges do not have direction connection to

Mueller’s investigation.

“Rather, it is a general charge stemming from any joint effort to defraud the US and is tied to the allegations involving Manafort and Gates’ money,”BusinessInsider.com claimed.

What about Trump’s former campaign foreign policy adviser, George Papadopoulos? Papadopoulos pleaded guilty for lying to the FBI about interactions with the Russian Government. This guilty plea helps Mueller confirm his “probe into actions that oc-

curred during the 2016 campaign” as CNN described it.

New information is still being reported every day. The Paradise Papers, a trove of leaked documents from an offshore shell company, showed that Trump’s commerce secretary Wilbur Ross holds stakes in companies that deal with individuals sanctioned by the U.S. government, as well as Vladimir Putin’s son-in-law.

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Medical Weed Legalized: While Some Moods Are Lit, Others Remain Skeptical

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The recent legalization of medical marijuana via medical cards in Pennsylvania for poor health conditions has been met with both criticism and praise.

Palwasha Konchwala, a 22-year-old biology major at Bucks said, “I’m 100 percent for it in regards to medical purposes, however not for general use.”

She agreed that while it may be a step forward in the medical world, it can be harmful for those who don’t need it. Konchwala added, “If it can makes someone’s life easier, then it’s a great initiative.”

“If this can make someone’s daily life easier, who am I to get in the way,” questioned Shanzeh Khan, a 20-year-old biology major from Warminster.

Khan wants to help the mentally ill in the future, explaining that medical marijuana should also be accessible to those with such problems.

Jose Guerera, a 20-year-old communications major at Bucks, had his disagreements about the new law. He argued, “I think there isn’t enough information about marijuana medically for it to open to the public. I think this law is okay for some with a medical

disability but not all.”

His main concern was fraud, in that this process may cause some people to misuse the medical cards and not have a medical condition. Guerera explained, “There would have to be a lot of background checks in order to make this process safe.”

Elia Zaid, a 19-year-old business major at Bucks agreed with these concerns, saying, “It’s great that this is going to help people, but this is drugs we’re talking about. There is a security risk for those who want to abuse this system.” Zaid also thought he could still see this as a benefit for the medical patients who really need it.

With marijuana being considered ‘the gateway drug,’ various questions of public health problems have arisen.

The mixture of negative and positive effects has been a polarizing issue in other states that undertook various levels legalization of marijuana, such as Colorado.

As a state that has fully legalized marijuana, Colorado has experienced economic boon in the form of higher state tax income, benefitting the state’s schools and infrastructure.

On the other hand, the state suffers from overpopulation, as only residents of the state can purchase marijuana.

Sadaf Shah, a 20 years old student from Bensalem, said she supports the use in the medical world.

“If this is going to help people, than that is their choice,” she said, “There are other harmful procedures that are being done such as radiation, but it’s something the patient knows about and agrees to.”

Aliza Bangash, a 20 year old biology major at Bucks said, “I think legalizing for qualifying patients is a great idea.”

However, Alizah had the same concerns as many other Bucks students, thinking it could be dangerous if given out on a mass scale and made fully legal.

Bangash added, “It would lead to problems with schools and workplaces as well as cause possible issues with teen and young adults.”

While many agreed that this was a good step for the medical help, there was a general concern about the law going a step further. Students are concerned with the effects it can have on the general public that might be interested.

Marijuana is still a divisive subject for most, however, many years ago it would never even be considered helpful for medicine. The question of whether or not progress on the issue has been made still remains.



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ESPN Hosts Face Wrath of Network as Protests Drag On



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ESPN anchor Jemele Hill was suspended from the network after suggesting that NFL fans should boycott advertisers associated with the Dallas Cowboys, whose owner, Jerry Jones, has ordered his players to stand for the nation-

al anthem or face punishment.

Hill responded to the owner’s comments by tweeting that fans should not patronize the Cowboys or its advertisers. “If you strongly reject what Jerry Jones said, the key is his advertisers ... Don’t place the burden squarely on the players.”

Hill had earlier scuffled with the network’s media executives

The root cause of this suspension is money. Tweeting negatively about the richest team in the NFL and suggesting fans ditch their advertisers would surely affect the networks’ bottom line as a broadcast partner that pays to carry NFL games.

ESPN called Hill’s initial tweets “impulsive” and reported that her subsequent apology spoke to the fact the she was “letting her colleagues and company down.”

This time around, the message read far more sternly.

Jemele Hill has been suspended for two weeks for a second violation of our social media guidelines ... In the aftermath, all employees were reminded of how individual tweets may reflect negatively on ESPN and that such actions have consequences.”

ESPN has a stern history of punishing its employees who step out from regulations and guidelines, and especially those who oppose the NFL. Stifling them of their free speech, and forcing them to ‘toe the company line’ when it comes to topics going on in the media, even issue that affect

them directly.

Since her suspension, past and present members of the ESPN framework have come out in support of Hill.

Jemele Hill is courageous, standing up for what she believes in despite her employer and the media that covers it are so strongly against her actions. Putting her livelihood on the line to speak up about something that matters. Topics that most people with her platform, remain silent about.

In the world we live in today, free speech has been at the forefront of most media outlets. And it’s a terrifying thought of what kind of slippery slope that will only escalate if big corporations like ESPN start a trend. The trend of stifling the thoughts, and beliefs of their employees, conforming to walk talk and think through the company’s defined lens.

We can only hope that people like Hill continue to stand-up up and buck the system when they see injustice taking place. And perhaps, more importantly, that the people around them stand up and have their back.



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Arts and Entertainment

Demi Lovato Shines A Light On Bipolar Disorder, Bulimia & the Often Dangerous Struggle by the Young for Perfection

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On Oct 17 famous songwriter, singer, and actress Demi Lovato uploaded her new documentary “Simply Complicated” on YouTube shining light on her struggles with eating disorders, drug use, and Bipolar disorder. “Simply Complicated” is certainly a raw documentary that shows a side to a pop star that may seem “perfect” on the outside and reveals that she is a normal young adult who struggles and is learning along the way.

It’s very important that everyone knows about the struggle of eating disorders and mental health issues and to know that anyone can overcome their inner demons. This documentary is very inspirational to young adults who deal with these issues as well.

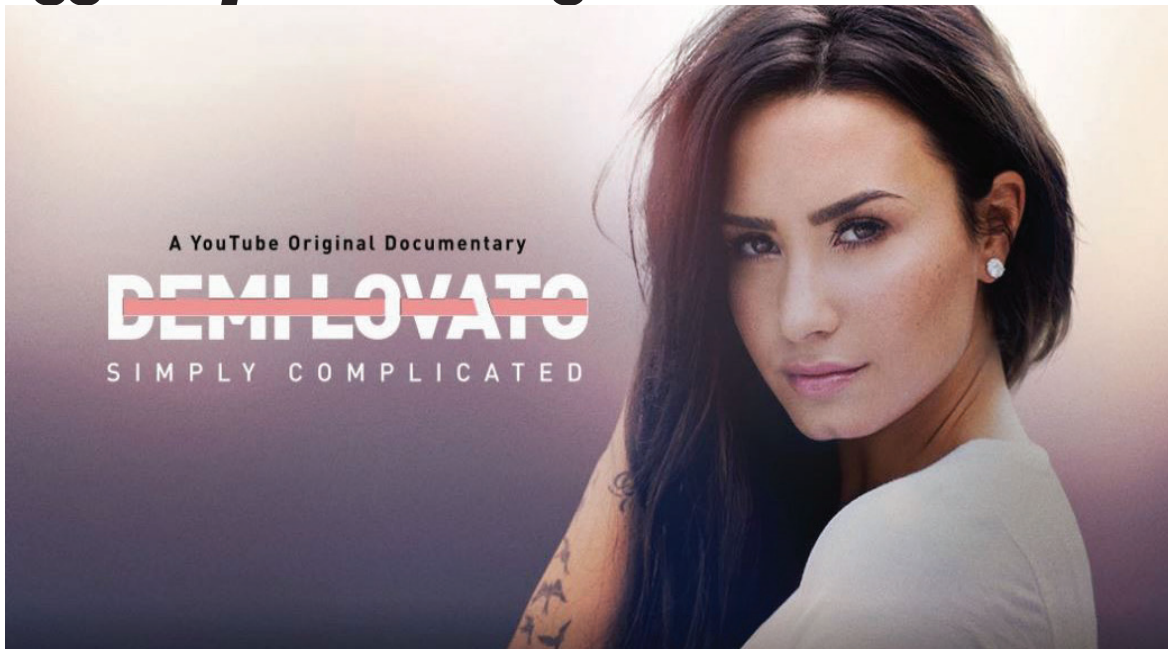
Many of Demi’s struggles are relatable to so many people, what made hers so difficult is that she

had to endure them in the public eye. Demi talks about life in the spotlight and says, “The fame started to creep into my life...”

She also adds, “I started feeling pressure to look a certain way, to sing music that I felt people would like, rather than sing music that I would like. There was more pressure to succeed, ya know, numbers on charts. I was a perfectionist, and I really wanted to be the best of the best.”

Demi Lovato goes on and shares her story of being addicted to cocaine and alcohol, using every day while performing shows. She also sheds light on being diagnosed with Bipolar Disorder and recalling her diagnosis explaining so much of her behavior that she didn’t realize.

Lovato explained, “When I got diagnosed with bipolar disorder, it just made sense... When I was younger I didn’t know why I would stay up so late writing and playing music, and then I learned



about episodes of mania and I realized that that’s probably what it was... I was manic. In a way I knew, it wasn’t my fault anymore. Something was actually off with me.”

The second half of the documentary takes a more optimistic

turn. Demi goes on to say she’s been sober for years but still does struggle with bulimia. Although she explains now that she doesn’t use drugs and alcohol to cope anymore, she works out and puts her struggles into her music.

Demi gives inspirational words

of advice in the film such as, “secrets make you sick”, “sex is natural”, and “love is necessary”. These one-liners certainly stick with many of the viewers and show that Demi Lovato is just as she describes to be- “Simply Complicated”.

Will Regal’s Higher Pricing for Higher Quality Repel Students?



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Regal Cinemas, the nation’s second-largest theatre chain, is about to begin testing a dynamic new pricing model, where the smash hit films will cost a bit more, and the total flops are tagged with a lower ticket price.

Everyone has found themselves in this very same conundrum. You’re sitting in the theater, popcorn on one side, red vines and soda on the other, pushing through the coming attractions,

waiting in anticipation for your chosen film to begin.

And then it happens. About 45 minutes into the movie, you’re stuck, hard pressed, contemplating to yourself why on earth you spent full price for this abomination.

Beginning in select markets early next year, Regal will begin the testing of their new demand-based pricing system for the films shown in their theaters. This new format will be in conjunction with Atom Tickets, an application company, in hopes of raising the

height of revenue and increasing the rate of attendance.

Kristen Florczak, 19, a Business major at Bucks doesn’t believe this system to be beneficial, saying “If the price is lowered, you know it’s a crappy movie.”

Nick Mendes, 18, another business student at Bucks echoed that same sentiment, saying “Why pay to see it if you know it’s going to be terrible?”

What will be interesting to see, under this new venture, is whether or not the average movie goer will boycott Regal cinemas for

the higher profiled films, such as those within the Marvel Universe, or the galaxies far-far away in the Star Wars franchise.

Megan Conroy, 18, English major at Bucks believes the box-office blockbusters will take a hit. “Movie tickets are already so expensive, so raising the prices will just make more people wait for these movies to come out on Netflix or on-demand.”

Marco Mendes, 18, Business major at Bucks couldn’t agree more. “The movies are starting to die out now-a-days, with Netflix and stuff like it. People would rather just stay home instead of spending the extra money.”

The chain has come out and said that these tests will only be done in the amount of markets that will result in statistical significance. It remains unknown as to which cities or theaters will participate in the testing.

And while the chain values the number of eyes they get on the screens, what’s even more

paramount to Regal’s bottom line, is the length of the lines at the concession stands.

Theaters make up to nearly 85% of their gross profit on concession sales. Meaning, lower ticket pricing results in greater attendance rates, which will ultimately coincide with the rising sales of their high-priced snacks and beverages.

Nick Sliwka, 19, Business major at Bucks feels like there’s something to it, although perhaps not in this medium. “It makes sense from a business standpoint. It’s a good concept, but maybe not for the movies. Doesn’t make much sense to me.”

Between Netflix and On-Demand, the already sky high price rates, and the fading allure that used to come with the movie going experience, Regal Cinemas have the right idea. Change is absolutely a necessity. Is this the change that will aide in rectifying a dying industry? Or will it perhaps add another nail in its coffin?

Video Game Reviews: “Fortnite” and “South Park: The Fractured, But Whole”

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Two new video games “Fortnite” and “South Park: The Fractured, But Whole” exemplify the new generation of video games: high quality, mature, and really, really good.

If you enjoy shooting games and survival games, then I don’t know why you haven’t already downloaded Fortnite. The main goal of the game is simple – be the last one alive. 100 players skydive onto a large map and control exactly where they land. From there, you collect guns, ammunition, health bandages, and natural resources to use to build forts, hence the name of the game.

The first question I had was “With 100 players, wouldn’t the game last too long and lose my attention?” The developers’ answer was simple: not even close. Every 2 and a half minutes, the game chooses a random section of the map that you are required to enter, otherwise, you face death. As the game progresses, the designated circle becomes smaller and smaller to prevent players from just hiding the whole time.

This game is very similar to a PC game called “Players Unknown Battleground.” The concept is the same but with the twist

of building structures, and it’s a big one. As the game reaches its end with less than 10 players remaining, you will start to realize that having the resources to build yourself a fort can win you the match. You can build walls to stop incoming bullets, or build a high structure to gain a height advantage on your opponent. Just don’t build too high or someone might shoot the bottom of your fort and you will fall to your death. It’s a twist that I believe is making this game sky rocket in popularity and will continue that way.

If you lose the game, you can either leave the match and start again with a new 100 players, or continue to watch and spectate your opponent’s finish the battle. I love this feature because there are times where I’ll die quickly and want to get straight into a new game, and some games I’ll finish top 10 and love watching the remainder of the match unfold in such a small area on the map. It makes it feel like you control how long each game lasts, which is great.

Overall, this game is a home run. It is still in its beginning stages so it has so much more room to grow and get even better than it already is. I would give this game a 10 out of 10 and possibly a top five spot on my list of the PlayStation 4/Xbox One/Wii U

generation.

South Park has recently come out with their brand-new video game called “South Park: The Fractured, But Whole.” The game consists of you fighting battles alongside Coon and Friends to defeat the Freedom Pals. Along your journey, you will have to fight just about everyone in South Park to complete the main goal of the game, which is finding a lost cat.

The first thing this player noticed was amount of content and quality of the content within the game. There is an incredible number of secret doors, passageways, codes, and other unique hidden objects within the game that you can only unlock by thoroughly playing the game. This game is not for someone who only plays 30 minutes at a time, because it would take you about a year to complete the game at that rate.

Next, let’s look at the story mode in general. When I first started playing this game, I didn’t expect it to have nearly as good of a story line as it does. From the hidden doors, to the complex missions, you get your money’s worth in this one. Along with the story mode, you will encounter many cut scenes that better enhance your knowledge on the overall objective of the game and tasks at hand.

Now let’s talk about the in-



game fighting. Almost every 5-10 minutes, you will encounter a fight scene. These fight scenes, although are not fast moving, require a good amount of strategy. If you have ever played Pokémon, the fighting style is very similar. It is a turn based fighting system and the last person standing wins. I personally love the way they set up the fighting system and incorporated all of the special moves each specific character possesses.

The game makes many references to the television show throughout the game, making it semi-hard for someone who doesn’t watch a whole lot of the show to understand some of the punch lines. Watching the show, if you haven’t already, makes the

game a lot easier and more fun.

Lastly, I wanted to touch on the vulgarity of the game. The whole entire game is full of drugs, sexual innuendoes, violence, language, and even some nudity. The game is rated M, so I understand that allows the game designers to basically put whatever they want into their game, but I personally think they went a bit overboard.

I would give this game a 9 out of 10, with a point knocked off for the developers’ abuse of the M rating. Outside of that, I would highly recommend this game to anyone who has a good sense of humor and can take offensive jokes well.

Arts and Entertainment

New Gallery A Relaxing Space Drama Club To Perform 2 Love For Faculty to Show Off Skills Stories as Winter Approaches

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Will all the art fans please stand up? The Hicks Art Center gallery in the Newtown campus is hosting a gallery supplied with works from only Biennial Arts Faculty.

Fran Orlando, director of exhibitions and the artmobile at Bucks, explained that the Hicks Art Center Gallery “is a learning resource for the entire campus” that presents “several curated exhibitions featuring a variety of media that explore topics such as memory, racism and local history.”

The current exhibit contains a wide array of subject matters across multiple different mediums. Religious representations captured charcoal and paper, different worlds concocted in colorful glass bubbles and dreams embodied in wood carvings will allow students to escape from the stresses of school and work and envelop themselves in a calming and easily accessible space.

The exhibit is supplied exclusively by faculty of Bucks’s Art Department and is meant to showcase the artistic capabilities of locally grown artists. With 32 different works covering mediums such as “sculpture, painting, drawing, photography, digital imaging, glass, and even music,” the exhibit truly shows off local talent.

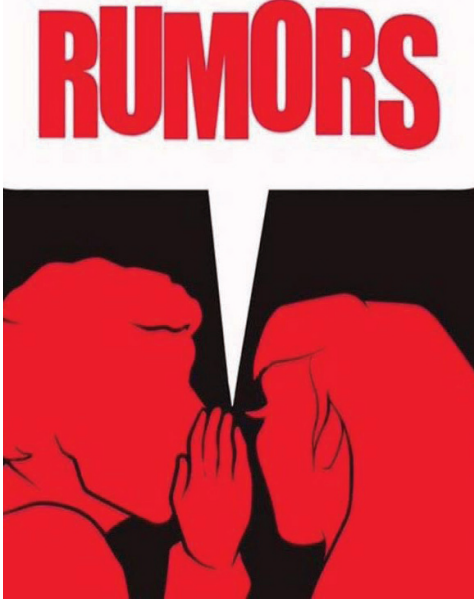
Each piece is accompanied by artist talks and other programming to enrich the experience including descriptions of past galleries they have been featured in, a short biography, and a list of awards they have won for their various works. This information allows the view to gain a greater connection with both the art and the artist. Such immersion increases the enjoyment of the gallery, leaving the viewer relaxed and tranquil upon leaving the Hicks Art Center gallery.



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Orlando states that there are regular free art viewing opportunities for “art lovers and learners”. The Art Department has a long-standing tradition of art appreciation, dating back to before the college even opened. “Stella Elkins Tyler, who owned the estate with her husband George, was a sculptor who founded the Tyler School of Art at Temple University. Her bronze figures can be seen throughout the Tyler Gardens”. Art is in constant swing at Bucks. “Just last week, we installed five outdoor sculptures, on loan from the artists for two years,” said Orlando, giving students tasteful glances into the art world.

Students can drop in to see the gallery from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday and Friday, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday.



MAIA VAN VALKENBURGH
Centurion Staff

The Drama club will be performing their two plays, “A Night of One Acts” on Nov. 17 and their mainstage production, “Rumors” slated for Dec. 15, 16, and 17, both at the Zlock Performing Arts Center.

“Rumors” tickets can be purchased online at bucks.edu/tickets or at the door. The cost for general admission is \$12 and for Bucks students, seniors, and children they are \$10.

This comedy is directed by Maia Van Valkenburgh, the current vice president of the Drama Club. She has participated in the Drama Club both on and off stage for three years. This is her second role as director of a production.

Van Valkenburgh has faced quite a few challenges throughout the production thus far. She said, “Actors are sometimes unavailable when they are needed for rehearsal which makes everything hard to plan.”

She hopes that everyone has fun with this production because “ultimately this play is

for everyone to have fun with and we just perform something we are proud of creating at the end.”

“A Night of One Acts” will be performed one night only on Nov. 17 in the Zlock Performing Arts Center.

The one acts are short, 30 minute plays directed by two other members of the Drama Club.

The first is called “Variations on a Theme” by Ed Monk. It is a drama about a couple, Nick and Meg, who recently had a huge fight about trying a long-distance relationship.

This play is directed by Conor Sears, the official marketing director of the Drama Club. He has participated in the club as an actor for two years and is now involved in directing a larger production through this one act play.

Sears said one of the challenges of directing is scheduling around actor availability, “it’s like trying to herd cats!” he said. With only five weeks and roughly 20 hours of rehearsal time, this production faces a major time constraint.

Even throughout the stress Sears has felt through the production, he is excited about “seeing something [he] has worked so hard on come to fruition.”

The second one act is “Check Please!” written by Johnathan Rand. It is a comedy about a guy and a girl who are out on a variety of dates with the strangest of characters.

The current president of the Drama Club, Gia Folino, is the director of this one act. She has been involved with the drama club for two years and was voted into the presidency at the end of the semester in spring of 2017.

Folino is directing for the first time, but she has years of experience with choreography. She is excited to “see all the hard work of the actors come together on stage.”

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Thanksgiving Season

Students’ Thanksgiving Habits Reflect Diverse Traditions



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With Halloween behind us, preparations have begun for Thanksgiving, a time when the families get together. It’s a wonderful way to end the year,

regardless of how it was. There’s no stress of getting presents like you would have for Christmas or someone’s birthday. There’s no worry of getting candy and costumes to get in spirit. Just cook some food and get everyone together for a nice meal.

Three Cup Peach Cobbler Recipe

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After winning a second place ribbon at the 1996 Peach Festival in Morrisville by my own mother, Margaret Zawodniak, this scrumptious peach cobbler is a home-run for people of all ages and will be sure to capture complements. Baking a home cooked sweet treat is difficult enough, it feels like people have gotten into the habit of using a box to create their brownies, cakes, and cookies. This easy, simple recipe will allow you to take a break from ordinary desserts and into a traditional, delicious, comfort food from the South. The secret

to this flavorful cuisine is its extra amount of vanilla. The ingredients needed to create this mouthwatering dish is one cup sugar, one cup flour, one cup milk, one stick of butter, one teaspoon of baking powder, one tablespoon of vanilla, and finally the peaches. Make sure to preheat your oven to 350 degrees. You can use a large can of peaches for this recipe but if you would prefer to cook your own you may. Preparing your own fruit means that you should use six to eight peaches and simmer them in a separate pan with a half cup of water and sugar (for taste) until they are tender. First, you’re going to want to melt that whole stick of butter either by heating it up separately

Throughout the years traditions of this holiday has changed from family to family. When talking to Bucks students around campus, I learned just how diverse the traditions had become. Shanzeh Khan, a 20 year old biology major , talked about how much her family enjoyed the holiday. “We don’t do turkey because it’s too big so instead we have chicken. Everyone gets assigned a dish, I usually do chicken and the dessert.” “With everyone’s different schedules it’s hard to get together for dinner,” she added. “So Thanksgiving is the perfect excuse.” Shanzeh, a Morrisville rsident, can’t wait for the holiday. Another student Alizah Bangash, 20, living in Bensalem told me about what thanksgiving meant to her, “After dinner my

family and I exchange gifts. It’s just something to show how much we appreciate each other.” Alizah, a biology major, says “It’s the perfect time to get together and appreciate everyone for who they are.” There is always certain traditions that are not related to food. Take Noman Sayed, 20 and lives in Bensalem. Sayed is a political science major and loves watching football. He said, “The best part for me is watching the game with my family. I love sports and it’s the best when everyone’s screaming at the television.” He even went on to say those were some of his best memories. Sometimes if you’re lucky enough you get to go to someone’s house for Thanksgiving and you don’t have to cook. Sebastian

Avila, a 20-year-old political science major, lives in Warminster. Avila mentions that going to someone’s house is the best. “I love my mom’s cooking, but sometimes it’s nicer to go eat, clean a little and come back home.” Maryam Shah, a 24-year-old biology major, said she couldn’t wait for the upcoming holiday. She said “I have a big family so when everyone gets together there’s about 30 people in a house. It’s crazy and loud but I love that and wouldn’t want it any other way.” Whether or not you eat turkey or chicken, watch the game or not, or cook the meal itself, Thanksgiving will always remain a holiday that brings everyone together.



where. There is no need to stir the cobbler. Voilà! Your peach cobbler is ready to go into the oven to be cooked for 25-30 minutes. Once taken out of the oven, you can serve it hot or you may cool it if you wish. However, the dessert is best served hot with a side of vanilla ice cream. The three-cup cobbler is an old-fashioned delight that is a

timeless recipe. The story behind this dish’s name is because back in the olden days, three cups of different ingredients was an easy recipe to remember. Another great thing about this food is that you can switch out the peaches, for a different canned or cooked fruit if you want. Once you have cooked up this dish, it won’t be out for long since people will gobble it right up.



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Sports

Birds Flying High With Huge 8-1 Record in NFL First Half

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The Eagles are flying high with an 8-1 record, and do not seem to be landing anytime soon. As legitimate threat in the NFL, the birds have shown through the first half of the season that they are arguably the best team in the league.

The offense, led by MVP front-runner Carson Wentz, is already one of the best in the league. With the 2nd best scoring offense in the league at 31.4 points per game, 13th ranked pass offense, and 5th running the football.

Despite this, the Eagles were not completely satisfied, making a blockbuster trade for Dolphins young Pro Bowl running back Jay Ajayi for a 4th round pick.

Before Ajayi even played his first game, the move sent a buzz throughout the organization and its fans.

Ajayi did his part in raising those hopes in his first game by running the ball 8 times for 77 yards, capping it off with a 46 yard touchdown against a Denver Broncos defense that has long been considered one of the best in the league.

MVP candidate Carson Wentz is having a year, throwing for a league leading 23 touchdown passes. Wentz’s Houdini like tricks when escaping sacks is making him not only one of the most exciting young players in the league, but also one of the most dangerous.

Sports Management Major, Darren Foy, 19, stated, “Carson is a beast.” He added, “Dude is the

g.o.a.t. (greatest of all time).” Foy continued explaining by saying, “He’s the best in the league right now.” He added, “He does things you don’t see anyone else doing. He’s just amazing I don’t know what else to say.”

The Eagles defense has been the most surprising aspect of the team this far sitting at 11th in total defense. The defensive front led by All-Pro Fletcher Cox is keeping runners at bay, only allowing 66.4 rush yards per game which is tops in the league.

Passing defense meanwhile sits at a pedestrian 25th, but comes with a few drawbacks. Ronald Darby the team’s starting cornerback looks to make his return after the bye to join surprise standout CB Jalen “Green Goblin” Mills. With Darby back in the rotation the pass defense looks to improve dramatically.

This 8-1 record makes the Eagles the best in the league, but still doesn’t make them a lock for the playoffs as the birds take on the Dallas Cowboys in Arlington in a heated rivalry sure to entertain.

The Eagles also still have to face the always tough Seattle Seahawks, the desperate Oakland Raiders, a Chicago Bears team that could end up being a trap game, and the most improved team in the LA Rams.

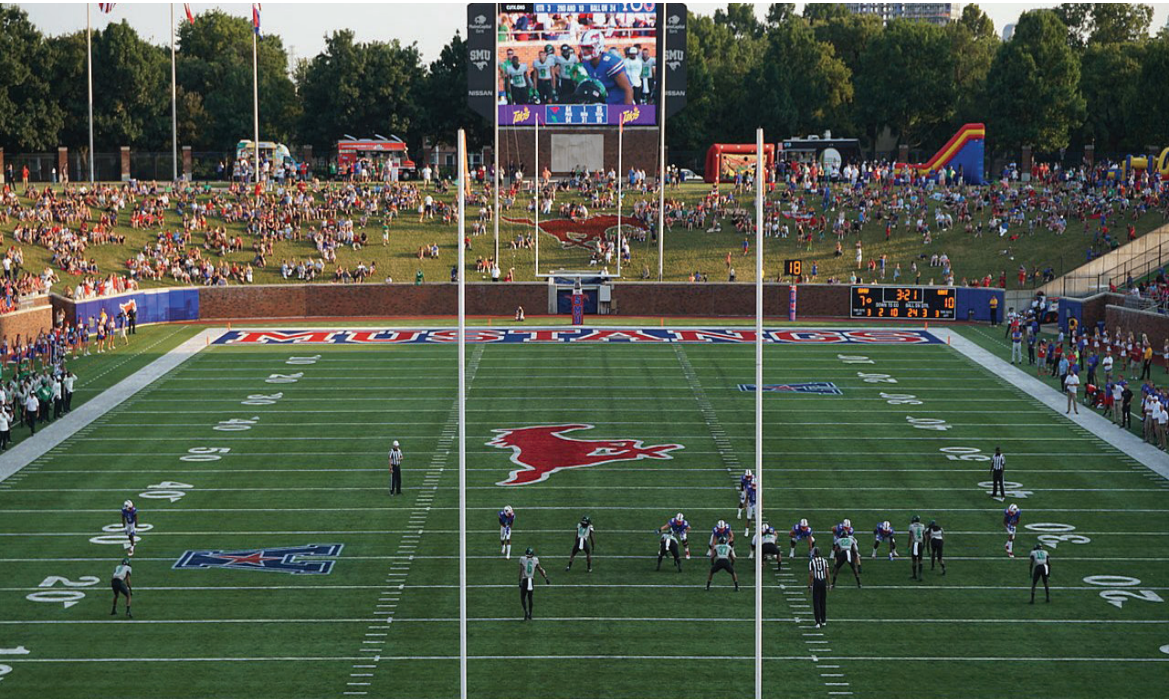
Business Major, Corey Magid, 20, stated when asked about the outlook for the rest of the year, “If you take into consideration any hurdles we have to go through, and barring any injuries, we could make it to the Super Bowl.”

With the Eagles playing the way they are right now, they may just have a chance.



The Eagles swept away the Redskins 34-24 in October, in part of a series of games that marked a big improvement over last year’s NFL as well as the Chip Kelly era.
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Georgia Reaches No. 1, Notre Dame is No.3 in Surprising Rankings



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When the College Football Playoff Committee released their first rankings, the college football world was shocked as Georgia, not Alabama, was ranked as the No.1 team in the nation. As Notre Dame came in at No. 3, and Clemson finished the list off at No. 4.

Despite these rankings, there is still plenty of time before rankings are truly set in stone. This Saturday, No. 3 Notre Dame (8-1) plays No. 7 Miami (9-0) in a game that looks to be a barn burner.

Notre Dame is not expected to win as their team is mostly a run based team that struggles to push the ball through the air. Miami, meanwhile, is led by dual-threat QB Malik Rosier, and has a more balanced, and arguably better coached team.

No. 1 Georgia also faces a tough challenge as they head to

Jordan-Hare Stadium to face a rolling No. 10 Auburn squad. Georgia’s ferocious running game has been trampling opponents all season, keeping pressure off true freshman QB, Jake Fromm. This has allowed Fromm to show why he was one of the most highly recruited quarterbacks in the country last year.

The Bulldogs senior running backs Sony Michel and Nick Chubb look to make a dent in the Auburn Tigers stout 13th ranked defense, in what should be a low scoring defensive battle between two solid SEC teams.

No. 6 TCU will battle No. 5 Oklahoma in what is going to be a high scoring affair. Winning this game would give one of these teams a reason to be one of the four playoff seeds.

Heisman front-runner Baker Mayfield has been electrifying all season, dazzling the collegiate world with amazing runs and jaw dropping throws.

The TCU Horned Frogs and its budding star senior QB, Kenny

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“Trill” Hill, looks to play spoiler against Mayfield and the Sooners as they continue their Cinderella like run.

In a critical week for the college football playoff seeding, there are many things that could throw a wrench in the ranking system.

There are only four undefeated teams left this year, but plenty of one loss teams. If things do go awry, there could possibly be a two loss team in the playoffs.

Auburn, USC, Michigan State, Ohio State, and Penn State, which takes up spots 10-14, look to battle tooth and nail to be the first two loss team in the playoffs.

Thomas Garlick, 21, business major said, “I hope Penn State makes it.” He added, “It’s a long shot, but it could happen. Garlick also said, “I don’t think they’d win it, but I think it’d be awesome to see them in it.”

The college playoff race is starting to take shape with January 8 closing in, things are sure to get real interesting.

Will the Eagles Finally Do It or Let Students Down Once Again?

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Philadelphia Eagles currently owns the best record in the NFL at 8-1. The last time the Eagles won seven straight games in a single season was back in 2004.

Doug Pederson was named Eagles head coach 22 months ago, announcing he would call the offensive plays, leaving fans doubtful. In year two, Pederson has silenced fans and completely elevated the season leading his team to seven consecutive wins.

Eagles quarterback, Carson Wentz, is the youngest NFL QB since 1950 to throw 23 plus touchdowns through nine games at just 24. In his latest game, Wentz threw for four touchdown passes against the Denver Broncos prolific defense.

Wide receiver Alshon Jeffery stated “The sky is the limit, man.” He added, “We’re just working real hard, taking whatever the defense gives us.” Jeffery also said, “We’re trying to execute on every play working as a team.”

Eagles fever is definitely spreading throughout Bucks campus more every week. Excitement of reaching the playoffs becomes more of a reality after every win.

Most Bucks students seem to have the same opinion when it comes to the Eagles making the playoffs such as Trevor Naskiewicz, 18, marketing major, stated “I have full blown Eagles fever!” He added, “Everyone in Bucks is bleeding green right now.” Naskiewicz continued by saying, “My mom is even trying to book a hotel in Minnesota for

the Super Bowl, and they didn’t even make it yet.” He added, “I am really hopeful, and have much love for my team”

Another Bucks Student, Brianna Brock, 20, nursing major, feels the same as Trevor by saying, “I’m excited for the Eagles to possibly make it to the playoffs.” She added, “I’m trying to keep hope because they have let me down in the past years but they have a strong team this year, and I am super excited to see what they can do.” Brock continued by saying, “Making it to the Super Bowl would be a dream come true for Philly fans.” She added, “Everyone would be seen wearing green, and people would be going nuts.”

It is quite obvious that Bucks students are hopeful for a positive outcome, but still skeptical.

Lucas Piscitelli, another local Bucks student with a “bleed green” attitude by saying “I am believing in them to go all the way, but am still a little cautious.” He added, “I’ve gotten my hopes up a lot for the Eagles, to only end up being disappointed when they lose.” Piscitelli finished by saying, “I’m extremely hopeful that this time is going to be different.” He added, “Fly Eagles fly man!”

The Eagles upcoming game takes place November 11 against the Dallas Cowboys. Countless students are eager for this game, hoping the Eagles crush the Cowboys with seven games remaining in the regular season.

Bucks is full of die-hard Eagles fans. No matter what happens, they are happy their team has made it this far!