

Founders Hall Upgrade Includes New Labs, Innovation Rooms

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Founded more than 50 years ago, Founders Hall was the first building constructed on Bucks Newtown campus. With the day and age we live, everything is getting upgraded and it seemed to be the right time and place for Founders Hall to get a makeover.

“It is over 50 years old and needed a major overhaul- especially the electrical and HVAC system and roof,” said Professor Debra Geoghan, the interim dean of the STEM department. According to the News Releases on the Bucks website, the renovations will cost roughly \$11 million. “Once the Science Center was opened, the old biology and chemistry labs in Founders were converted into new facilities that support our programs in engineering and health sciences,” she stated. The renovations seem to be necessary due to the rise in modern technology.

With everything around the building changing, the question is, what are the biggest changes that are going to be in the brand-new Founders Hall? “Three new engineering labs, a new STEM learning center, and a new project room for innovation.” Geoghan continued, “There are new facilities for the programs in the health sciences department and a new culinary suite. All regular classrooms are being renovated. There is also new A/V technology in all classrooms and labs.”

Why now? Why, out of the



past 50 years, is now the right time for this renovation? “This is partly because we moved the biology and chemistry labs to the new building, and also because of funding,” stated Geoghan.

Although the renovations will look beautiful after completion, there has been numerous complaints regarding the renovations themselves due to the constant noise protruding out of the building during classes. Megan Witt,

a 19-year-old psychology major from Doylestown stated, “The noise is annoying, and I can’t focus on anything.” Witt continued to say, “It’s hard to navigate the building.” Due to the constant construction going on, it seems that new pathways are created, and old ones are blocked off.

Brandon Johnson, a 21-year-old biology major from Upper Southampton had an interesting opinion regarding the renovations. He

went on to say, “The renovations currently taking place in Founders Hall have made me have to climb more stairs than previously required, being that I am fat, I was not fond of this change.” Certainly seems like a major roadblock for all involved, being that unnecessary exercise is the bane of all human existence.

Whatever your opinion may be regarding the renovations, it is happening. Through months and

months of construction and heartache, it’ll all pay off in the end. New classes, new equipment, and new learning opportunities for all the types of students that Bucks welcomes in. The newly renovated Founders Hall has no expected finish date but, it seems that the Fall 2018 semester seems to be the target date for opening up the doors to new and old students.

Board of Trustees Passes Measure to Allow Armed Guards on Newtown Campus

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On Thursday, Feb. 8, the Board of Trustees approved a new Governance and Compliance policy that would allow the arming of security guards on campus under Act 235.

This new policy will allow three security guards, one of them being Director of Safety and Security, Dennis McCauley, to carry firearms while on campus. The decision to arm guards was initially proposed as a stronger security measure against a possible active shooter situation on campus.

Bucks is not the first college in the area to adopt armed guards. Many surrounding colleges such as Temple University, Drexel University, Harrisburg Area Community College, and Montgomery Community College have some sort of armed security policy in place. Many of these local colleges have adopted Act 235, which is the same state law that will be applied at Bucks.

Act 235 is a PA state law that



Above: The Bucks Board of Trustees

“provides for the training and licensing of watch guards, protective patrolmen, detective and criminal investigators, carrying and using lethal weapons in their employment...” as stated at psp.pa.gov.

Many students oppose the measure, but some are keen on the idea, particularly following the recent massacre in Parkland, Fla.

According to the Department of Education, there are 1,462 community colleges across the nation. And recently more and more of these community colleges have been arming their security.

There is no word on when this new policy will go into effect.

We Stand With Parkland



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Last week, on Feb. 14, 2018, a 19-year-old named Nikolas Cruz entered Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla. and opened fire, killing 17 members of students and faculty. This event has become one of the 10 deadliest mass shootings in modern U.S. history.

17 innocents all got out of their beds Wednesday morning with every right and expectation to crawl back into them at the end of the day. However, they were robbed of that.

These are those victims:

- Alyssa Alhadeef, 14
- Scott Biegel, 35
- Martin Duque Anguiano, 14

- Nicholas Dworet, 17
- Aaron Feis, 37
- Jaime Guttenberg, 14
- Chris Hixon, 49
- Luke Hoyer, 15
- Cara Loughran, 14
- Gina Montalto, 14
- Joaquin Oliver, 17
- Alaina Petty, 14
- Meadow Pollack, 18
- Helena Ramsay, 17
- Alex Schachter, 14
- Carmen Schentrup, 16
- Peter Wang, 15

The Centurion stands in solidarity with the victims, their families, the survivors, the community of Parkland, and all innocent lives that have ever been taken from the nonstop gun violence we’ve been witnessing in the United States. There are no words that can

be said that could ever make this right. Thoughts and prayers do not work. What we need is change.

In the small amount of time that has elapsed since this tragedy, the surviving students of the Douglas High School shooting have taken this opportunity to use their voices and demand to be heard this time. To make this the last mass shooting of its kind, and demand reform of gun laws. Activism such as school walk outs, protests and marches have already begun taking place nationwide.

A March for Our Lives is already in the works to be performed on March 24 in Washington as a part of the “Never Again” movement that has sprung up in response to Douglas. Because students and teachers deserve to be safe in their schools.

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Musk’s Falcon Heavy Tesla Launch Wows Space Pros

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SpaceX made history on Feb. 6 when they successfully launched their Falcon Heavy rocket from Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida on its first test flight, bringing the company one step closer to a journey to Mars.

The \$90 million launch was in many ways the first test not just of a rocket, but of a looming multi-billion-dollar industry that may change the nature of space exploration from a government-run affair to something run by multinational corporations.

Shortly after liftoff, the side boosters detached and came hurtling back down to Earth, where they landed back upright in true SpaceX fashion.

Reusing the boosters is something founder and CEO of SpaceX, Elon Musk, has always strived to do. SpaceX first successfully landed a first stage booster in December of 2015, and they have been relanding and reusing their boosters ever since.

“Having boosters that can return and land is a huge breakthrough,” said Lynn McCarty, a physics professor at Bucks. “It’s important because it provides big savings: in time, in materials, and in construction costs.” McCarty went on to explain that “reusing boosters is not a new idea”, but the “feasibility [to reuse rockets] has been limited by the amount of computing power needed to manage the guidance for the landing, as well as the technology needed to carry it out.”

Elon Musk believes the reusability of the boosters is not just cost-effective, but also imperative if he wants to go to Mars, stating that “the revolutionary breakthrough will come with rockets that are fully and rapidly reusable. We will never conquer Mars unless we do that. It’ll be too expensive. The American colonies would never have been pioneered if the ships that

crossed the ocean hadn’t been reusable.”

It is customary during a test flight for the rocket to carry some sort of payload, usually a block of cement or steel, but Musk thought it would be interesting to put his personal “midnight cherry” Tesla Roadster sports car as the rocket’s payload. Also the owner and CEO of Tesla, Musk had the idea of launching his quarter million dollar, all-electric sports car out into deep space.

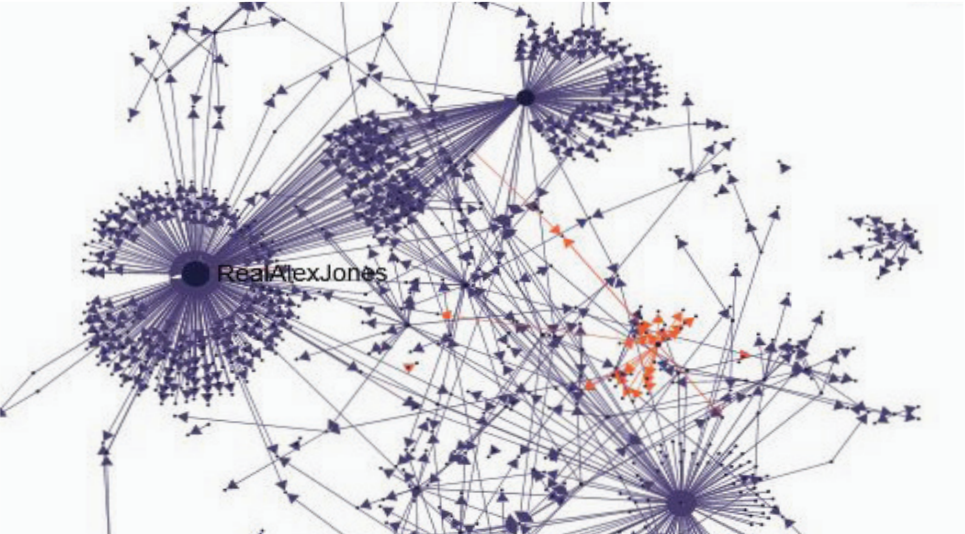
After the Falcon Heavy climbed out of Earth’s atmosphere, the Roadster shot out of the nose of the rocket, and it now freely spinning around in space, on a course for the asteroid belt. “It’s just literally a normal car in space. Which I kind of like the absurdity of that,” Musk said at a press conference held after the launch.

Why is this launch so significant and important for the future of space exploration? “I find it notable,” McCarty said, “that this venture is by a private company, rather than by a government agency. As I see it, a privately developed space launch program would have increased flexibility and speed of development. That’s because they are not accountable to the taxpayers for the program’s value, as a government venture would be.” The \$90 million price tag of Falcon Heavy may seem expensive at first, but it dwindles in comparison to NASA’s SLS program (NASA’s mission to go to Mars), which has an estimated cost of \$500 million per launch (Space.com).

Some commentators have criticized the launch, alleging that it has turned science into a commercial publicity stunt and releasing space junk (like the Tesla Roadster) into the solar system that could jeopardize the safety of future flights

“While NASA and SpaceX both have goals related to space exploration, I believe I can say with confidence that NASA would never have whimsically placed a fairly massive payload (with no real scientific value) into an inner system orbit, without first considering the future impact of doing so,” McCarty concluded.

Fake Health News & Ads Have the Potential to Create a Global Epidemic



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Fake health ads and misleading news are becoming more common lately and have been clouding the minds of potential flu victims all over the world.

While many people have always declined to vaccinate their children due to fear of needles and time constraints, unsubstantiated reports by fake websites have stoked the concerns of millions more individuals about the alleged dangers of vaccination, particularly in Italy and the United States.

Saige Giardina, a 22-year-old student at Bucks who majors in psychology has many strong opinions on the topic of fake health ads and news.

Saige says that even established websites like Cracked.com are beginning to feature fake health news alongside legitimate content, blurring the lines between honest reporting and rumor mill conspiracies.

In addition, news organizations such as the Washington Post and Daily Beast include “native advertising” on their website- links that appear to be news stories but redirect to paid web links. More often than not, these are sensationalist at best and scams at worst. Sage made it clear you can find a list of fake health websites on Wikipedia.

Saige explained “There’s always a bunch of ads about how this new superfood or fruit combination of things can help cure cancer or make doctors mad, or help you lose like 20 pounds in a week.” She explained that it’s easy to tell that the ads are fake because it’s all clickbait and it never tells you the product in the title of the ad.

When asked if Saige thinks these fake health ads are a problem she responded, “Well yeah, because people will click on it and think what they’re doing is actually healthy or ‘tested by doctors’ and they could end up seriously affecting their health in harmful ways.” She strongly believes that anyone should run something by their doctor before changing up a medicinal routine or diet.

When the topic of flu vaccines arose, Saige thinks vaccines should be mandatory and that they have been scientifically proven to help. She also thinks that anti-vaccine people have been influenced by fake news. When asked has she come into contact with anyone who has been affected or influenced by fake health ads and news she responded with “No I don’t associate myself with idiots.”

Dr. Connie Corrigan the Dean of Health Sciences at Bucks also has experience with people’s opinions on whether or not they should get the flu vaccine. Corrigan explained that “health workers that I have worked with and talked to still believe you can contract the virus from the vaccine.”

With a mass amount of people still believing this it makes sense why fake health ads and websites never go away and why it doesn’t look like they are ever going away. Corrigan said “Millions of people are living in the United States and some people already can’t naturally get the flu vaccine for a various amount of reasons including allergies, the more people that get the vaccine the healthier the country will be and the lower the chance of a global epidemic would be.”



Fake news about the flu has spread rapidly during the 2017-18 winter season, according to data from Hoaxy, an Indiana University fact-checking project that tracks the spread of misinformation



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Chaos has wreaked havoc across the stock market floor as investors and corporations have begun to panic over the recent volatility in shares, raising questions as to the origins of the sudden free-fall after months of record-breaking highs.

Economists say that a correction was expected after the meteoric rise in the Dow Jones, which soared over 700 points within the past two weeks, but didn't expect this much turbulence on its way

back down to Earth. The Dow is a market index made up of 30 of America's large public companies. It is designed to reflect the overall health of America's multinational corporations, along with the growing employment rate. Although the Dow is comprised of well-established and successful corporations, their stocks still fluctuate and are unpredictable at best, which ultimately makes playing the stock market a high stakes game of poker through gut feelings and luck.

An increase in wages and the prospect of high interest rates

spooked many investors, igniting the opportunity for shareholders to bail on their heavily invest stock in order to cash in big and propelling them to sky high value. It just so happened that everyone did it at the exact same time, all while new Federal Reserve chairman Jerome Powell was simultaneously being sworn in.

Not only did U.S. markets suffer, but markets from Europe and Asia also took a beating after seeing as much as \$4 trillion in total stock values evaporate.

The main concern for Americans is the heightened risk of

investing in their 401k and retirement accounts after seeing the market plummet below sea level. Not only for the common worker, but for the younger generation in particular, specifically students. Saving money is hard enough at a young age while attending college nonetheless. However, experts also say that this dramatic decline will not impact the economic climate in the near future. Considering the unemployment rate is 4.1 percent, according to NBC News, and hourly wages are up 2.9 percent, the best advice is to not panic. Although it may

seem grim, the numbers don't lie. The economy has sustained a long enough track record for people to believe that the stock market will replenish and recover faster and stronger than ever before. With that being said, financial gurus stress the importance of investing once the dust settles and being willing to endure the ebbs and flows of the unpredictable stock market. The message for students: save your money, invest in the green, and be prepared.



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Founders Hall’s Hidden Secret: A Stash of 3-D Printers

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There are now several functioning 3D printers hidden away in the back of Founders Hall for the use of faculty and staff under the direction of Christine Delahanty, the engineering program coordinator at Bucks.

These special printers are stored in a locked room that Delahanty refers to as the “innovation lab.” Due to the complexity of the machines, students and faculty looking to get a hands-on experience with the printers will have to be trained by Delahanty on how to use them.

Bucks acquired its first 3D printer back in 2014, and the collection has slowly been growing since. The main type of printer used in the lab is the Flashforge, which the school owns four of. There is also a Makerbot Replicator Z18 which can be used to make slighter larger scale prints.

The ability to purchase these magnificent machines were split “between capital funds, grants, and strategic initiatives,” according to Delahanty.

Learning to use the printers has come with many trials and errors. Delahanty shared that “there’s a lot of thought and research and processing that goes into 3D printing.”

Two shelves of a cabinet in the lab are filled with 3D projects gone wrong. Sometimes the base of a printing will slip under pressure and result in what looks like a tangled pile of spaghetti, or it will cool before the rest of the model is finished printed, causing it to curl oddly. Other times the scale of the object just isn’t the



size it was intended to be.

None of these mishaps will be going to waste though. The main group of students in charge of the printers are currently working on a device that will be able to recycle the filament used for printing.

The objects that are printed correctly are awe-inspiring due to the precision and detail some of them possess. The largest object that has been printed in the lab so far was a replica of the Eiffel Tower, which was printed using the Z18

and took 48 hours to be produced. This printer can create pieces with dimensions of 12in x 12in x 18in, the largest out of any of the printers in Bucks’ possession.

The process for 3D printing is a very slow one due to the layering and detail put in. The material used for printing is usually a plastic filament and is essentially a long string of said plastic on a spool. This string is fed into the printer where it is then melted and extruded from the printer nozzle

Christine Delahanty and a 3-D Printer PHOTO CREDIT: BRIDGET NEIROTTI

in a very thin form, layering over itself to build the design.

There are two types of plastic that the printers are compatible with, known as ABS and PLA. The lab has access to both kinds, although they are not to be used together because one will not stick to the other. The ABS plastic is more durable than the PLA, according to Delahanty. Another printer in the lab also uses a mixture similar to drywall powder

and super glue in order to create ceramic-like models.

“We’re very excited about what we get to do back here,” Delahanty beamed. With technology this advanced, the future of the STEM programs at Bucks looks very bright.

To use the 3D printers, students and faculty can contact Delahanty at christine.delahanty@bucks.edu.



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Winter Blues: The Effects of Seasonal Depression



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Students are doing their best to maintain positive spirits and good vibes during one of the coldest winters our area has had in a while.

Even though the winter months bring the students most beloved thing, winter break, it has its negative traits. Longer nights, freezing temperatures, and a general mood shift felt by most students on campus. Whether for better, for worse, students had their own mixed feelings about the somber days.

Statistically, 6% of people suffer from Seasonal Affective Disorder, a mood disorder that occurs each

year around the same time frame. 14% suffer only from ‘winter blues’, a more common and less severe type of SAD. When students were asked, many reported feeling more fatigued, sensitive, and less motivated, all symptoms of seasonal depression.

Some students took on a more scientific point of view, 19-year-old Warminster resident and biology major, Mariam Ashar said, “I think it’s more physical because in winter the days are short and we have a hormone named melatonin, which is secreted more in the dark, making us more tired and wanting to go to bed.”

A 19-year-old Southampton local and psychology major, Regina Resikoff took a mixed

approach. “I just get in a funk around winter. I feel like from a science perspective, maybe it’s because we’re inside more so we don’t get as many vitamins and such.” Resikoff stated how she’s been dealing with SAD from a young age, but has gotten better over time.

Other students viewed it as a psychological tug of war, seeing winter as an emotional roller coaster.

Early childhood and education major, 19-year-old Amber Yates from Warminster described it as “it’s just overall gloomy.” When asked if it affects her life majorly, she said, “I get tired in the day more often and I do worse in school, my grades get lower, I feel

like I want to dropout.” An alarming phrase for any college student to say.

The emotional impact nature is having on our students is one of serious concern and should be one raising questions on what we can do as a community to help each other.

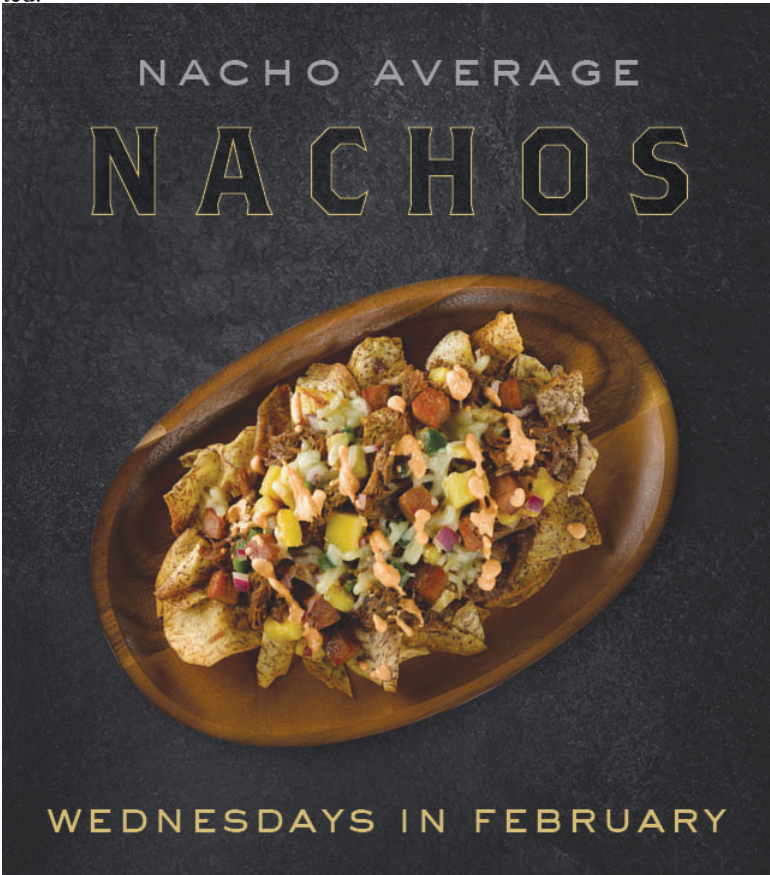
On a more positive note, students have shown they have strategies for bringing more positivity than negativity to light during these winter blues.


“I try to distract myself and throw myself into whatever is going on in my life like school or work the best I can,” says Gina Kephart, a 19-year-old liberal arts major from Warminster.

Another way to keep spirits high is possibly just reaching out, “When people ask me if I’m okay, just letting me have reassurance that I’m cared for,” Yates admitted.

Guidance counseling is available from 8:30-4:30pm Monday through Friday and can be reached on campus, by email (counseling@bucks.edu), or by phone at 215-968-8189. There are also 24-hour hotlines available on the information page as well as other emergency contacts.


All mental illnesses, long or short term, are a serious concern. If you feel you need help or think someone you know needs help, Bucks offers counseling services both free of charge and confidential. Bucks counseling can also put you on the path to a longer term and more permanent solution, like ongoing therapy. Never be afraid to ask from help from someone you trust, and please remember that everyone is going through something. It is important we are kind, we listen, and we help.





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Meet Lisa Angelo: Bucks' New Provost



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Inside of the sprawling manor of Tyler Hall sits an office flanked on each side by vintage solid-wood paneling that was once George Tyler's study. Now, it is the office of Bucks' new Provost, Lisa Angelo.

Angelo, whose background is in math, had not originally planned on a life in academics when she began teaching part-time business calculus courses at West Connecticut State University, but knew she had found her passion the first time she entered a classroom.

"As soon as I walked into the classroom I said 'this is where I was supposed to be,' said Angelo. "It was an epiphany."

Angelo may not be your typical born-and-bred college administrator. She is a first-generation college student – something that she feels helps her identify more closely with the students at Bucks.

"I identify very well with the students we have here on campus, and I'm a good example of how going to college and having an education can change not only

Fireplace in the Angelo's office.
your life, but your whole family's life."

"I'm the first one to graduate college, but my daughter has a PhD," said Angelo.

"It just perpetuates itself. We live the mission here. We've been there."

The dean of STEM prior to her promotion to provost, Angelo helped to oversee the construction of Bucks' new science building, although she remains reluctant to take too much credit for the project, instead eager to praise the leadership of Bucks' president, Dr. Stephanie Shanblatt.

"I hesitate to [take too much credit] because I think it's Dr. Shanblatt's pet project."

"She's smart. She's well read. She's a do-er. She doesn't sit in her ivory tower," Angelo said of Dr. Shanblatt. "She was in the science center with her sleeves rolled up and the plans out. She was down to picking out tile."

The need for better STEM building was clear when Angelo had given the then newly appointed dean a tour of the old science facilities. "They were 50 years old, they were dark, they were uninviting, unexciting biology labs in the basement with no

PHOTO CREDIT: SHANNON HARRAR
windows."

That collaborative effort resulted in a building that perfectly exemplifies the vision and passion of all involved.

"The science building is bright and visual. The underlying theme throughout the building is 'science on display,'" said Angelo. "There's a lot of collaborative spaces where students can go work on a project or just go sit and study."

Although by the time the building opened, she was already serving as interim provost, Angelo says that watching it come together was the most exciting thing that she's been a part of since she's been at Bucks.

"What I love about it, and I walk through it a lot," Angelo continued, "it's kind of taken a personality of its own. Students do hang out there, but they're respectful of the space."

The passion that Angelo feels about student success is palpable, and she, like her predecessor Clayton Railey III, believes that quality academic advising is tantamount to student success.

"Good advising is imperative," Angelo explained. "That fact that we now require all students to be



Bucks' Provost, Lisa Angelo.
advised as opposed to, before, it used to be full-time students, it gives us an opportunity to connect with a student and to make sure they're making the right decisions."

The concern is that students make decision based on incomplete or wrong information, or on their own intuition.

"What we really hope to have is an advising model where every student gets really good advising from day one – that they connect with that advisor and continue to see that advisor, of which they are discipline specific."

But oftentimes, a students' schedule interferes with the limited availability of faculty advising. To remedy this, the advisory board council recently passed a new advising model.

"We're beginning to implement that model, which is a combination of faculty advisors and professional advisors," said Angelo.

PHOTO COURTESY OF LISA ANGELO.
"We want to serve students when they want to be served – this new model will allow us to do that."

"I think advising is really important and we continue to refine that model."

In Lisa Angelo, Bucks' has a provost that cares deeply and passionately about student success.

When asked where she hopes to see the school five years from now, Angelo's focus was solely placed on increasing graduation rates and students value in earning their degree.

"I see our graduation rates going up. It is my hope that students see the value of earning their certificate or degree before they transfer."

"A lot of students come here with one foot outside of the door, I would really like to see them come and immerse themselves and really value the experience they get here and get their degree before they go."

Heaven Is A Place With Therapy Dogs

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Well, that might not be the case if you're into cats, guinea pigs, rabbits, or snakes, but Comfort Dogs on Campus is sure to please the students who would agree that being in a room full of dogs is only a slice of paradise.

When speaking to Jennifer Osinski, the director of the Accessibility Office here at Bucks, she explained that Comfort Dogs on Campus is an event that begins from March 1, from 11:30 a.m., to 1:30 p.m. in which "a volunteer group shows up to provide therapy dogs for students and faculty. "

Osinski also added that the event would take place "here at the Students Services Office, in the room behind the receptionist's desk." The purpose of this event is to reduce stress in students by providing emotional support and improving moods through these therapy dogs.

The therapy dogs belong to Nor'Wester Therapy Dogs, a non-profit organization that once started as a "reading dog" program but has now evolved into an organization dedicated to all branches of education, in the effort to become a true learning program.

More specifically, the organization uses therapy dogs to motivate children into working by making their environment more enjoyable,

which would enhance their learning experience. In addition, the therapy dog handlers work well with children and support them by helping them with their academic and reading skills.

In addition, the organization also participates with the community, in events that support the group's mission. The group also aids in crisis intervention, in which therapy dog teams work with other groups to support families and students going through a community-wide tragedy.

Although they have worked with many schools, Osinski admitted that this would be the first time working together for such a program. In other words, this event is a pilot, and of it goes well, then there could be more collaborations with this organization in the future.

Despite this being the first time, Osinski wasn't worried in the least. She revealed that her confidence comes from the fact that many faculty members here at Bucks had already worked with the organization and have always been met with great reviews.

Faced with such positive comments, Osinski happily stated, "We're very lucky to have such a supportive team. They're fantastic and I look forward to working with them."

When asked if there would be another events such as this one, Osinski replied by saying that although there could be more in the

future, she noted that in the end, it is all "one step at a time."

Osinski ended it off by saying that she is "looking forward to meeting everyone" and also mentioned that "if any student needs help, to reach out to our services," jokingly adding that they are all free. More seriously, she expressed her optimism for this event and ended by saying that she and the Student Services Office truly "would like to help anyone in need."

If you would like to know more about the organization, visit www.Nor-WesterReaders.com. If you're a big dog lover, then this is not an event that you want to miss, so stop by when you have the chance!

Comfort Dogs On Campus



Ace Your Midterms with Dog Therapy!

Thursday, March 1
Tuesday, March 6
Thursday, March 8

11:30 am – 1:30 pm
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Welcome to Philadelphia, City of Brotherly Love and home to the Super Bowl LII champions. On Feb. 8, 2018, hundreds of thousands of people gathered on the streets from Lincoln Financial Field to the Philadelphia Museum of Art to welcome the Eagles home from their amazing win in Minnesota.

The city had just gotten finished celebrating the win from Sunday, but no one had come down from the adrenaline high it caused. The busses packed with players, coaches, staff, and family depart-



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ed from the stadium at 10:45 a.m., but some of the parade goers at the museum had claimed their spots as early as 9 p.m. the night before. Despite the lack of sleep, no one in the city appeared to be tired. As soon as the first bus departed through the gates, the crowd roared.

The win has evidently been incredibly important to the city of Philadelphia. The first Super Bowl win in franchise history, the win that some people have been waiting for their entire lives. Mike Kasloski, a 48-year-old, said, “I’ve been watching since I was 10. This win is everything.”

Albert Vittorini is a 91-year-old

man who claimed, “I’ve waited my whole life to be standing at this parade.” He couldn’t wait to see the players hoist that trophy in the air that morning.

The energy was in everyone, including the teenagers who dropped every responsibility of that Thursday and took trains in from the suburbs. Nick Muro, an 18-year-old senior at Council Rock North, “has been waiting 18 years for this and the city wide party was well worth it.” He explained that his favorite part of the day besides, Jason Kelce’s speech, “was climbing on top of garbage trucks and into trees” to get his very own perspective on the parade.

While the parade goers celebrated surrounded by thousands of their closest friends, a man named Kevin Friel celebrated on top of the first bus from Lincoln Financial field. Kevin has been a part of the Eagles program all



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What To Do With Nick Foles?

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After such an unexpected turn of events, our Philadelphia Eagles are Super Bowl Champions. Coach Doug Pederson and Executive Vice President of Eagles’ football operations Howie Roseman could not have done a better job this past offseason, many of the acquisitions helped us tremendously on top of having a few contracts in favor of the team with pivotal decisions now at hand.

However, one particular player under contract is all the buzz after winning Super Bowl MVP. Nick Foles is the talk of the football world right now and everyone wants to know what the championship QB is going to do. Looking back at this past year, it is amazing to think he lead this team to beat the most notorious dynasty in NFL history. Nick Foles was nothing less than composed and smart while going shot for shot in the big game against Tom Brady, and on top of that caught a touchdown pass, the first to do this in NFL history.

Now the real question should be, what should Nick Foles want to do... Think about it, the guy just brought us home the first

Super Bowl in franchise history. He didn’t do it alone, but he proved himself, and showed how much he invested himself into this team as well. It appears that Nick Foles is more than happy here, and his dreams have come true. The Eagles still have a role for Nick when Carson Wentz is injured, and he may need to start a few games next year if Wentz is not ready in time. I think all Eagles fans would agree when we say we cannot stress enough how much this championship means to us, and it is partly because of him. We should not turn our back on him and ship him off for the best offer, unless 1. He wants to start, and 2. We cannot offer him the money he desires. Foles does not come off as the guy to chase money, but you never know. All I know is before signing here last season he was contemplating retirement, and now he is a Super Bowl champion and MVP. He really seems to love Philadelphia, and understands the city after this run, and even those prior when he first started here.

Some Bucks students felt similarly, Mason Sullivan, 19, a business major said “I really think he’s found a home in Philadelphia. Nobody looked at him as a backup before this season and he proved he can do that and more

this season, 110 percent. I also think we will need him more than other teams next season with the pace of Wentz injury recovery.” Nick Cass, 19, undecided said “The Eagles should keep Nick after the performance he showed the world in not only the Super Bowl, but each game he played when Wentz went down. I’d feel incomplete without him as an Eagle this year.” Most of our student feedback was positive, as you would expect with lifelong fans of the team finally winning it all. Although some students were conflicted, like Connor Palush, 19, a business major, said “The Eagles should either hold on to him if he feels comfortable being the backup quarterback next season and if he is upset when Wentz takes back the starting job they need to find a buyer for him.” Joe Roatche, 20, communications major said, “Unless Howie is blown away by a deal he needs to keep Foles as the backup. Nowhere else will you get a proven backup with a low cap hit.” As you can see most of the students were on the same page. Football analysts everywhere have ideas on what they think will happen, but I think most of us in the city of brotherly love would want nothing more than to keep him at least one more season.

season, sporting the L in the E-A-G-L-E-S flag line the viewers see running across their television screens. “I didn’t know I was going to be in the parade until the night before, and all the flag guys were pretty anxious about it.” He said, before describing the experience of a lifetime he had during the parade.

Kevin’s morning began casually, a brunch with the Philadelphia Eagles. It was quiet and tame until Jason Kelce, clad in his Mummers’ outfit, broke the silence with a song from Rocky blasting. “He came in with a stereo in one hand, and a Bud Light in the other.” Friel recalled.

He got a glimpse of being a celebrity atop the float with the cheerleaders, waving his flag throughout the entire parade route. He even met multiple familiar faces, like Doug Pederson,

and Governor Wolfe.

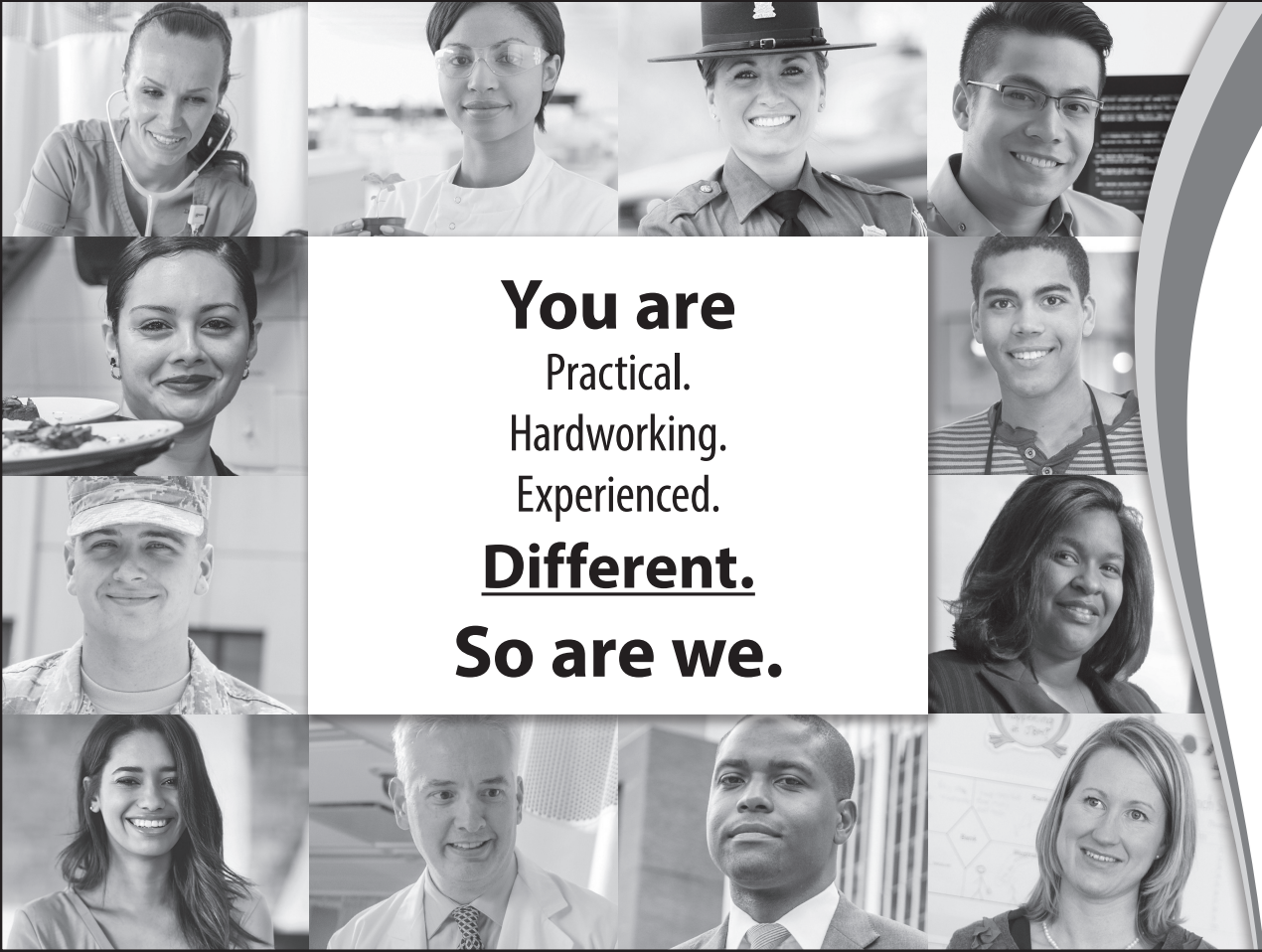
“Every inch we rolled, we saw thousands of new faces.” He snapped selfies with the crowd behind him, and watched as fans of all kinds celebrated the people in the busses behind him. “To me, we just really felt the love from the fans, however many the final tally was.” Although, Friel’s real claim to fame for the day was being the assistant to the Eagles mascot, Swoop.

The day ended at the Art Museum with speeches from the staff and the players. Each player got their chance to say what they wanted to say, but the one speech no one will ever forget came from an energized Jason Kelce.

Although the first Super Bowl victory will go down in history as the best one, both the team and the city hope that this feeling will last for years to come.



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