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how to handle their problems

Trump proposed arming and

training teachers to hold fire-

arms to protect the class in case

something like this happened in

the future. Many Bucks students had many different opinions on

this subject. Mullen said, "It's not

a smart idea at all because what if

a teacher snaps or a child finds the

gun." Fay added "We shouldn't have to because people shouldn't

be able to bring guns to school."

Hoping to get a reaction from

the government and enact change,

many have protested for stricter

attended the school in Parkland,

have met with President Trump

changed in their opinion. A town

hall broadcasted by CNN, had

victims of the shooting as well

their families and other citizens

spokeswoman Dana Loesch to

discuss gun control.

of Parkland meeting with Senator

Marco Rubio of Florida and NRA

Mangan had a strong opinion

about the protestors. She stated,

"There's been plenty of protests

over the years. Some of them still

to happen. Some of them still hap-

When posed the question if they

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supported their child owning a

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Hywell did not want his kid

owning a gun anytime simply

stating "It's just too dangerous

and too big a risk." Fay on the

other hand disagreed and said "I

support my child owning a gun,

I would raise them the right way

and trust they would do the right

Mangan had a strong opinion

on this matter and revealed "Not

at all. I wouldn't want him getting

hurt or if he has kids in the future

those getting hurt either. There's

also been incidents of kids getting

into their parent's things and find-

Mass shootings and gun laws

have been an issue for a long time

now and the youth is showing that

these incidents can't be ignored

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MATTHEW AQUINO

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On Feb. 14, 2018, Nikolas Cruz, a former student at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., entered the school armed with a R-15 semi-automatic weapon and proceeded to open fire indiscriminately, killing 17 people and injuring 14, leaving America to once again have to take a hard look at itself in the mirror.

Many people have had different reactions to the shooting and have had a lot of time to reflect on what to do to prevent further shootings. Alissa Mullen, a 19-year-old student who attends Bucks and majors in business said, "I was very sad when I heard about the shooting."

Whereas Jake Fay, a 21-yearold biology major, stated "I wasn't shocked because of how often it's happening. I wasn't there so I couldn't empathize with people, but there's definitely something the public isn't getting told about the shootings because some things don't add up."

When asked her stance on the gun laws in America, Mullen said "They need to be a bit stricter and make safety a priority." Fay strongly agreed and added, "Stupid people shouldn't have access to certain guns."

This shooting has sparked a complete backlash from people all around the nation and has called from many to change the gun

Jonathan Hywell, 20-year-old sports management major, firmly stated "We need stricter gun

Rosie Mangan, a 19-year-old cinema production major, said with a heavy heart, "I shook my head for a good minute there's been too many school shootings

"Why should an 18-19-year-old be able to own a gun? You're still a kid." Mangan said.

The shooting has caused many to blame guns while others blame the mental health of individuals as to the reason events like this occur. Hwyell believes "Shootings keep happening because we don't have stricter gun laws and mentally unstable individuals are getting guns." He continued to explain how he thinks children from a young age are not being taught

## Bucks Students on Central Bucks Students Parkland Shooting Protest Gun Violence



HAL CONTE

Centurion Staff

Students from Central Bucks High School and other local schools protested with signs and speeches against the seemingly never-ending cycle of school shootings in front of the Newtown office of Representative Brian Fitzpatrick (R-8th District), as young people across the country continue their demonstrations highlighting the problem of gun violence

"I am 14 years old, and I live in

a country where I have to come out and I have to talk about how I'm afraid that I'm going to get killed and how I feared going to school after this happened," said one student, a member of the Bucks County Women's Advocacy Coalition Committee.

"We are...a group of concerned, and frankly, frustrated, Central Bucks High School students. We are the children of your constituents, and although we cannot vote, inaction affects us directly... since 2010, there has been an average of one mass shooting

per week. Let's be clear: there is nothing normal about this."

Despite the rainy weather, around 50 people showed up at the February 23 rally, holding signs with the slogans "Thoughts and Pravers are Not Enough," "Take Care of America," and "#DitchFitz," a reference to efforts by local groups such as Fridays With(out) Fitzpatrick to vote the Representative out of

All three Democratic Party candidates competing in the primary, **Continued on Page 3** 

**SHAUN GRACE** 

Centurion Staff

Whether you love it or hate it, the new Snapchat update has certainly gotten many people talking. What seemed like just another harmless upgrade, turned the popular social media app into a math problem not even Einstein could figure out.

Snapchat's key feature in previous years was its accessibility. An easy to use app that provides instant communication to 300 of your closest friends is something everyone loves.

The new update however causes the "Story Viewing" feature to be practically nonexistent. This mixed along with the frequent rearranging of your most recent contacts, causes much confusion and frustration among users. Facebook, Twitter and Instagram have been on fire about the topic, with millions of angry users tweeting away their disbelief and frustration with how Snapchat could have done something like this to them.

Students at Bucks had absolutely no issue expressing their outrage with the new update. Ewin

Lukomski, 20, a communications major at Bucks stated "The update is trash. But not like a trashcan in your home, more like one in an industrial waste center."

The outrage did not stop there. Music Performance major Jeremy Greitzer, 20, expressed his concern with the new update as well. Greitzer said how Snapchat really needs to go back to the old model, describing the new update as "too weird,"

With all this commotion surrounding the new and "improved" Snapchat, not every student is up

in arms over it. There are some people (believe it or not) who are not invested in the latest social media trends. Michaelia Carrol, 34, a communications major stated "I'm just not a social media person, so it does not really affect me." When asked on why she does not have snapchat downloaded Carrol responded, "it's just one less thing for me to be addicted

This past week, Snapchat has released yet another update fixing some of the most complained about issues. The story viewing option has been resolved to a degree but people's friend list seems to be out of order still. Although this is a step in the right direction, will Snapchat be able to move past this? Social media sites come and go. There was once a time where Myspace ruled the internet, it makes you wonder if Snapchat could have run its course.

At the end of the day, it's literally just an app. Spring is coming so go outside and enjoy the real world around you. Yes, everyone is invested in technology (myself included). But the more you separate yourself from it then the more you can begin to enjoy life more.

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# A Sit Down with Bucks Instructor and Congressional Candidate Steve Bacher

GABBY HOUCK

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I met Steve Bacher at a quaint deli not far from the Newtown campus. He rushed into the restaurant, about 10 minutes late and while eagerly shaking my hand, confessed to me through a chuckle "I think the hardest thing about all of this has been trying to be on time!" He then apologized profusely for being late, as if my time, the time of a rookie student journalist even mattered in the midst of his congressional campaign.

And if you're reading this and



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the name Bacher sounds familiar, it's because you've probably had him for your 8 a.m. comp. 110 class last semester. Or you might have seen him on campus protesting fracking. Steve was also the former head of the Bucks Digital marketing department for eight years, and now, the lifelong democrat is running for his chance to unseat Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick.

When I asked Steve what shaped his political views he told me, "My mother was a social worker, so I grew up hearing about those less fortunate than me... and my father was an engineer, so I grew up hearing about solar panels and rechargeable batteries."

In between bites of his scram-

bled egg and cheese sandwich, his "usual" as he told our waitress, he told me that the election of President Trump, and Congressman Fitzpatrick both had a hand in inspiring him to run for the congressional seat of the 8th district.

To some, Steve may seem like a rookie candidate. but after sitting down with him I learned that in 2007 he ran for Freeholder in Cape May County, N.J. Steve actually became the first democratic candidate in a Cape May County to even come close to winning a position in local govern-

ment.

"I watched state senators run unopposed, elections would come and go and I'd rarely see a Democrat even bother to run, and when they did, they wouldn't even show up for debates."

After seeing this for five years Steve went to the head of the party and said, "Look, if you have anyone better than me that's great, but if you don't, I'll at least show up for the debates."

Fast forward 11 years later, and nearly the same

situation happened again, Steve watched Congressmen Fitzpatrick's website closely for months, waiting for him to comment on racist hate speech incidents happening in the area.

"I watched his website, waiting for a public statement, I watched his Facebook feed, his twitter feed, and there was nothing. Veterans Day came, then thanksgiving came, and he celebrated those, but still there was nothing about the hate speech incidents."

"Finally December rolled around and I just couldn't contain myself, I wrote a letter to the editor kinda calling him out for his shameful silence, then lo and behold he showed up to an anti-hate speech event about a month later."

However, this appearance wasn't enough for Steve. When talking about this situation with Fitzpatrick, Steve referenced the quote by Martin Luther King Jr. "We won't remember the hateful words of our enemies, what we will remember is the silence of our friends." Steve went on to say "He [Fitzpatrick] claims to be a friend to everyone in the community, but he was silent." Fitzpatrick's silence is what can be seen as Steve's political breaking point. Following the congressman's failure to speak on the matter, Steve went to several people in his party. When no democrat he knew would step up, he decided to take matters into his own hands.

I contacted Congressman Fitzpatrick's office about Steve's comments but he declined to answer.

And while a congressional seat may hold a little more weight than that of a freeholder, it doesn't seem to be effecting Steve's confidence, especially in front of audiences of potential voters.

It's funny, while I sat with Steve he was gentle, quiet, almost sort of reserved. He didn't have the attitude or ego that you'd usually expect from a politician. He even apologized for eating during our interview, and at one point he leaned into his campaign manager, Mary, and jokingly said, "Just stop me if I say something stupid."

But at the meet the candidate's night for the Warminster democrats, Steve brought a new energy to the room. An energy that made you forget about the smell of weak coffee and the fact that this meeting had gone almost an hour over its allotted time.

Steve was the only candidate that didn't bring up the Super Bowl for cheap applause, he adhered only to what mattered.

He spoke of a living wage for minimum wage workers. Bringing an end to fracking through the climate dividend proposal, a proposal that would raise the price of fossil fuels and would force an end to fracking. Steve also made vocal that night that he's a proud feminist and the funding of Planned Parenthood should never be in danger. These are just some of the issues Steve hopes to tackle if he were to be elected.

Steve met the crowd excitedly. He ran up and asked us all to stand, loosen up, and liven up, so that we could all be fully prepared for what he was about to say. He even urged us to grab some donuts, telling us he didn't mind. Steve even refused a mic, which, in a room full of people with hearing aids, is a risky move.

When I thought of the contrast between crowd Steve, and, oneon-one Steve, I remembered what he told me about speaking before

"You know the beauty of teaching an 8 a.m. was that it forced me to just come in and start talking even if my brain wasn't really ready for it."

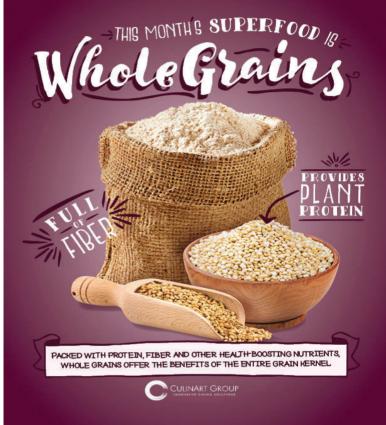
"You want to be able to answer questions on the fly, but more importantly, you sometimes only have five minutes to speak, so you need to make that five minutes the best you possibly can. It doesn't make me nervous, but I will admit I do struggle with memorization."

That night Steve did have his notecards in hand, but it wasn't like watching an awkward high schooler read off the slide of a presentation. He knew what he was there to say, the notecards were just there to keep him on track when the audience got a little too excited. He coolly glanced down every so often, but never got lost.

Steve left morale high for the democrats who want nothing more than to take back this swing district. He eagerly told the room of potential voters that "It's all about exciting people, you have to excite them to get out and vote, and that's what I want to do."

Steve left the front of the room with the roar of applause at his heels, he had officially excited that audience to take their district back, and inspired hope in those who are very unsatisfied with our current congressman.

The Democratic Party primary election takes place on May 15, 2018, where Steve will be running against fellow democratic candidates Scott Wallace and Rachel Reddick. In the meantime, check out Steve's Facebook page "Steve Bacher for Congress" and see where he's speaking next. If you had him last semester, he may have not made you excited to write an analytical essay, but he just might inspire you to get out and vote.





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### **Gun Protest**

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primary to run against Fitzpatrick - Steve Bacher, Rachel Reddick and Scott Wallace - were present for the protest.

Many students and families were concerned about additional issues as well.

"I came here today because they're just too many things wrong happening in our country right now and just simply saying something or blasting out on social media isn't enough," said Baley, a student activist with the Bucks County Women's Advocacy Committee. "We need action, we don't just need words....it's a major crisis in our country now," the protestors said. "Month after month, we have mass shootings... there are so many guns out there, assault rifles, designed for the military, not for the streets."

"Children just need to be protected, and the president's idea for teachers to have guns is ridiculous

In the midst of the speeches and chants, Fitzpatrick employees let small groups of protestors into his office. He has since focused on bullying and "gun safety" as ways to stop future school shootings.

When interviewed, most highschool aged students said that Sandy Hook was the first mass shooting that they remember hearing about. Some of them even had friends in Newtown, Connecticut, at the time.

Many people in attendence demanded that those convicted of domestic violence be prohibited from owning a gun. This has become a focus of activist groups throughout the country, with Washington state voting 94-4 to further restrict weapons for those convicted of this crime.

In Pennsylvania, state senator Tom Killion is attempting to close a loophole where a person convicted of domestic violence can give their weapon to a family member or friend rather than law enforcement.

Further protests in Bucks are planned on March 8 for International Women's Day.



### Team USA Stumbles as Norway, Germany & Canada Sweep the Podium in Korea

**COURTNEY KRIER** 

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Despite Nathan Chen's historic landing of six quads in one Olympic freeskate, and Chloe Kim soaring into the record books as the youngest woman to win snowboarding gold, Team USA didn't live up to expectations in the PyeongChang Winter Olympics in South Korea.

With both star studded veterans and promising rookies making up the roster of 244 athletes, expectations were high for the Americans going into the games, and as of the games closing on Feb. 25, they had obtained a total of 23 medals, nine being gold.

While a medal count like that could be considered a resounding success for many countries, it is the lowest medal count Team USA has won in a Winter Olympics since the 1998 games in Nagano, Japan, where they left with a measly 13.

Unfortunately, this thrust the Americans into what could arguably be called the worst placement in the games-- fourth place, just missing the podium behind Norway (39), Germany (31), and Canada (29).

Overall disappointment aside, this does not discount the personal victories of the athletes who competed in the games, with some living up to their hype, and others making a name for themselves out of the shadows of obscurity.

Let's take a look at a few who shone in these games.

#### Chloe Kim

Not able to compete in the 2014 Sochi Olympics because of her young age, Kim came into these games with incredible promise, a fire in her heart, and a relatable craving for ice cream.

While Kim's first run on the snowboarding halfpipe was enough to secure her the gold medal position and the record for youngest women's gold medalist in the sport, she absolutely crushed her own score, going from a 93.75 on her first run to a whopping 98.25 on her last.

In a later interview with Jimmy Fallon, she talked about why she

felt the need to run that second time.

"I think I would have been really mad at myself if I didn't do it," Chole said. "...because I knew I could do better... I think I'm really competitive with myself."

#### **Shaun White**

A snowboarding household name if there ever was one, veteran snowboarder Shaun White redeemed himself this year after a disappointing failure in the 2014 Sochi Winter Games, where he fell multiple times and failed to place at all.

With a final score of 97.75, White secured his third gold medal at a Winter Games, making him the only male athlete on Team USA to do so, and also won the landmark 100 medal overall for the United States.

#### Women's Hockey

In a heartstopping shootoff with the Canadians, the USA Women's Hockey team came out on top, with a successful serpentine-like shot from forward Jocelyne Lamoureux and a hard block from goalie Maddie Rooney, ending the game in a triumphant, golden victory.

#### Adam Rippon

This men's figure skating competitor might not have come home with the gold, but he still made his mark by becoming one of the first openly gay men to compete, along with freeskier Gus Kenworthy.

While poised and graceful in his movements during his short program, Rippon lost potential points for his lack of a quad jump-a jump that has the skater rotate a full four times before landing-and missed his chance on the medal podium.

What he didn't gain in terms of Olympic medals, Rippon surely gained in love and adoration, gaining a large following of fans on social media after his mesmerizing performance.

#### Nathan Chen

Another figure skater who just missed the medals podium, but forged a name for himself with his performance nonetheless!

After a disappointing first performance, Chen came back

with a redemption skate to go into the history books, being the first competitor to ever land six quads in a single performance.

#### Chris Mazdzer

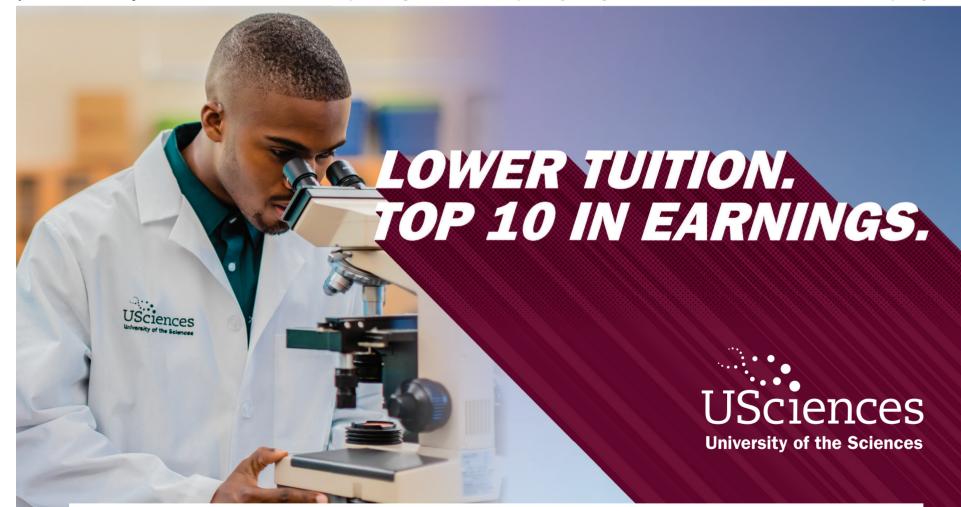
And out of seemingly nowhere, Team USA won their first ever medal in an Olympic Men's Single Luge event!

Mazdzer, after finishing in 13 place his last two Olympic appearances, pulled it all together to skyrocket into a silver medal position after his fourth and final run.

In a social media post before the games, Madzer admitted to being in a negative headspace, saying he found himself inside a "dark cave".

However he ended hopeful-- a now awe inspiring foreshadowing of what was to come: "Thank you to everyone who has always believed in me, I want you to know that you always help me get through the tough times and I am looking forward to sleighing the future..."

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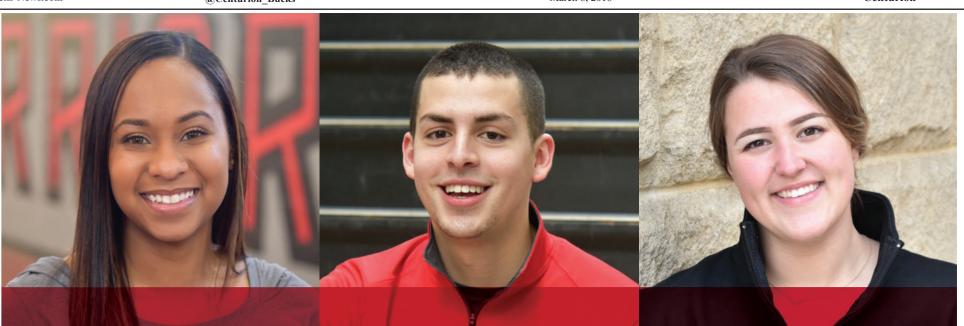
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## Campus Arts

## Inspiring & Controverial Ideas and Poetry at Upcoming Wordsmiths Reading Series

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The ongoing Wordsmiths Reading Series will be held on Wednesday, March 7 at 7:30 p.m. in Tyler Hall 142 at the Newtown Campus, featuring four guest readings by Lavinia Kumar, A. Aaron Levine, Carly Volpe, and Barbara Crooker.

The newest addition to the series will be entitled, "Four Voices, Four Visions," and will feature those four speakers each reading their works in a span of 20 minutes.

"Since the sixties, the Wordsmiths Reading Series has featured some of the most distinguished, controversial and admired poets of our times," stated Professor Ethel Rackin, associate professor of language and literature, as well as the co-director of

the Wordsmith Reading Series.

"The 1974 academic years featured, among others, Etheridge Knight, Charles Simic, Gary Snyder, John Logan, and Carolyn Kizer, all very accomplished poets even then. The years before we heard from alumni-student poets, poets on the faculty, Robert Creeley, Alan Dugan, Judith Sherwin, Adrienne Rich, and W. D. Snodgrass," she also included.

Poetry readings have been since sponsored by the Bucks Cultural Affairs Committee, the Human Rights Club, and the Tyler Literary Society.

When asked why people should attend the event, Rackin replied, "It will be fun, inspiring and engaging."

The poems that will be featured are "Faery Battle Song of Joy" by Kumar; "Colorado's Burning" by Levine; "It is Springtime and You are Gone" by Volpe, and "Treadmill" by Crooker.

Below are excerpts of the poems to be featured Wednesday night.

"Faery Battle Song of Joy" by Lavinia Kumar

"This is the time of year I adore – deepest dark, the cold, and human fretting of the Otherworld. The sun is weak, the moon provides an eerie light for me and friends to skip from cliffs, hills, secret sidhes, or cleft and underwater caves where wary anglers never dare to tread..."

#### "Colorado's Burning" by A. Aaron Levine

"Something is in the air, moves across the country, hitchhikes on the wind. I smell smoke in the street. I feel flames of a world in a place full of fire. Smoke from sacrificial alters lights our darkest memories, alongside our

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oldest dreams, ignites our very breath..."

#### "It is Springtime and You are Gone" by Carly Volpe

"The trees are late in blooming this year, thin reeds of branches still embracingly bare in the town where I was born. We should share the jasmine tea, if you were here, and discuss the politics of koi in the pond as flashes of fleshy marigold pearl circle and breach

the surface in wide lipped search of biscuit crumbs..."

#### "Treadmill" by Barbara

Crooker
"We lift weights. We feel great.
We do yoga. We eat grapes. We ride bikes. We take hikes. We sip green tea. We do pilates. We swim laps. We take naps. We run miles.
We dress in style. We're the Baby Boomers. We die soon."

### Publish Your Art, Photos, Poetry & Literature at the Tyler Literary Society

Breayna Curran

Centurion Staff

The Tyler Literary Society hosted here at Bucks is a club dedicated to spreading the student's creativity through sharing their works beyond their notebooks.

The group produces a student made literary magazine each semester, including art works, photography, different styles of writing such as poetry, short stories, fiction, or even essays and more, all hand-crafted and submitted by our imaginative students.

This year, the group is planning to hold a showcase night, displaying all of the submissions in one major physical event during the month of April. This will be held before the magazine itself is released, which will include said works as well.

Aside from the weekly meetings, the group of Tyler Lit is usually found doing little events together to grab the interest of students. So far there have been Clubapalooza tables including free pink bouncy balls, a Valentine's Day card sale with treats, and a build your own zine table.

The club is advised by literature Professor Eric Specian and is open to all students every Tuesday from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in Grupp Hall, room 230.

The club's newest director and president as of this past semester is 21-year-old Mary Kate McGarvey, a piano major from Newtown, who acceptingly took on the role after the previous president graduated.

The directors of the club preceding McGarvey are Cherry Kivumbi, a 23-year-old communications major from Fairless Hills as vice president, 19-year-old English major from Levittown, Kahla Roberts, as secretary, as well as 19-year-old treasurer, Britney Croy, a communications major from Newtown.

During meetings, upcoming events are discussed as well as

ideas to pull in more students, and members are encouraged share anything they have been working on and receive constructive criticism, direction, and a round of applause for sharing.

Group member and physics major Ian Perkins, a 19-year-old Newtown local who joined this semester, says "I really like it so far, it's a pretty relaxed atmosphere and everyone is super accepting."

"It's a great place to get inspiration and feedback for your own pieces," Perkins said, adding, "the more you share, the more comfortable you get, the less scary it feels."

The group is here to encourage and support its members as well as students who are not in it and has a goal of helping to excite the inventiveness inside of everyone, not diminish or subdue it.

Even if you do not attend the meetings but wish to submit something, it is highly encouraged. Submissions of photographs, artwork, short stories, poems, etc. can be made to the email of thetylerlitsociety@gmail.com

There is also a Facebook page under "The Tyler Literary Society" where pieces can be shared.



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## Campus Resources

# The Wellness Center: A Free Space for Students to Work Out and Relax Amidst Stress of Midterms

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Most people take advantage of free things presented to them, but many students seem to shy away from the free services the Wellness Center provides.

It is easy to use the Wellness Center. All that is required is a current student I.D., a health history, an agreement form, and a release of liability form. Both of which can be found on the Bucks website.

Students that have the proper forms on file, and are dressed in appropriate workout attire can use the center on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Fridays from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Thursdays from 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The Wellness Center is closed from 11 a.m. to noon on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

Inside the center a variety of aerobic and resistance training equipment can be found, including treadmills, ellipticals, cycle bikes, an extensive free weight area, leg curl and leg extensions, and a resistance band station.

A full list of the equipment available can be found in the "Facilities & Equipment" tab on the fitness page of the Bucks website.

The Wellness Center also offers free drop-in classes, on various days and times that involve activities such as yoga, step aerobics, hip-hop, and core strength. Asking for the schedule flyer at the front desk inside the center is the best way to receive full information on these classes.

Considering all that is available through the Wellness Center, it would be expected that there is constantly a large flow of students coming in and out. Surprisingly, this is not the case.

Many students are hesitant when it comes to using the gym, claiming they have only ever heard of people going in there as a joke, while others just feel uncomfortable by the idea of working out in such close quarters.

Yardley native Nico Albertson, 19, nursing major, states, "There always seems to be alumni in there, so I feel weird joining them."

For those that have used the gym, some claim that they often stopped going due to lack of time. James Drohan, 19, a business administration major from Morrisville, says his reason for halting his use of the center comes from scheduling issues.

"I take a good amount of night classes and would prefer to use

Daytime classes offered Monday-Friday

Transfer students make up 1/3 of the

Scholarships and discounts available

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Transfer up to 75 credits

the gym afterwards, except it seems to close so early every day so I can never go," said Drohan.

Kevin Hertkorn, 19, an environmental science and engineering major from Levittown, says that he has used the center a few times before, but prefers his regular gym. "There's not as much equipment but what can you expect from a small room." He added, "It's good for a quick workout between classes."

Others disagree with the thought of working out between classes. Katie Hurley, 20, a communication studies major

from Lambertville, N.J., said, "I haven't used it because I don't want to be all sweaty in class [afterwards], and when class ends I feel too drained to go."

Hurley says she prefers using her membership at her local Planet Fitness instead, since it is easier to get to when she has the chance to work out.

Not all people are against the Wellness Center. Many recognize that it is a great tool provided by Bucks, but personally do not have the time to use it for various reasons.

Biology major Stephanie

Evening and weekend classes

Hybrid and online courses available

• Scholarships and discounts available

8-week accelerated format

• Transfer up to 75 credits

PHOTO CREDIT: SHANNON HARRAR Studley, 19, from Levittown, falls into this category saying, "I'm super thankful for this resource,

so if there was time allotted I'd

definitely check it out."

Use of the Wellness Center seems to come down to a matter of time for many students on campus. By paying for gyms closer to home, they know that they can use the facility at odd times that fit into their crowded schedules; whereas limited hours of the center do not fit well into their schedules filled with classes, work, clubs, and other activities.



Wellness center equipment at Bucks Newtown campus.



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## **Sports**

## The Other Orange and Black **Team You Need in Your Life**



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While the Flyers are busy taking the NHL's Metro Division by storm, their farm team is making a name for themselves in the AHL. There is no shortage of talent in the PPL Center, as the Phantoms strive for their own success.

Among the highest point scorers are Nicolas Aube-Kubel and Phil Varone. Aube-Kubel, right wing, currently has 15 goals, and 37 points overall. While Varone leads the team in with 57 points, and 17 goals thus far.

One of the biggest stars of the team, Danick Martel, has been scratched due to injury since Jan. 15. Martel has since had surgery to repair a broken jaw, and played in the game on Feb. 10. Martel

Left to Right: Phantoms's players Nicolas Aube-Kubel and Dustin Tokarski scored two goals in his return, with a protective mask on his helmet.

Martel remains a pivotal player on the team having 19 goals, and 28 points overall.

While watching the Flyers, if a viewer spots someone they have never seen before, that player was probably called up from Lehigh.

Numerous Phantoms have worn the Flyers emblem this season, including Oscar Lindblom, Danick Martel, Samuel Morin, Tyrell Goulbourne, and Alex Lyon.

Lyon has been in and out of the net for the Flyers throughout December 2017, and February 2018. During Lyon's first visit, he did not see much playing time. But, his 2018 stint gave him a little more experience.

After some tough luck in the Lvon's first two tries, he got his first win with an outstanding effort against the Rangers on Feb.

Another player, Dustin Tokarski, was traded from the Anaheim Ducks on Oct. 9, 2017 and has been the starting goalie in Lyon's absence.

Head Coach Scott Gordon had only good things to say about Tokarski in net saying, "I'm overall happy with Dustin's play." He added, "He's completely different than Alex, who plays more traditionally and Dustin is more old school."

When Gordon was asked about Tokarski being NHL ready, he said, "He has experience on his



When it comes to being "NHL ready", everybody has a different opinion. Fans for the most part differ in opinions from the coaches, but the ones who know the game the most are probably the best to ask.

Nick LaPalombara, 25, is a veteran to the sport of hockey. He has loved the game since the age of five. He played on various teams from eighth grade to his senior year.

LaPalombara has played every position besides goalie, and knows the ins and outs of the sport.

"The will to keep moving forward and not let the last shift affect how you play the rest of the game." LaPalombara said. "If you make one bad play, it'll stick

PHOTO CREDIT: MEGAN CONROY with you but you can't allow it to, because it will affect the way you play."

"Pure will and instinct helps a lot in the game." LaPalombara explained when asked about the strength of players.

As you watch the Phantoms play, it looks as though they have followed LaPalombara's advice.

The Phantoms clawed their way to the number one spot in their division on Feb. 27, and will not cease fighting until they make their own mark with a Calder Championship win.

If you're interested in learning more about the Phantoms, please visit, http://www.phantomshockey.com/



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