

Bucks Student is Arrested for Making Threat

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A Bucks student, 20-year-old Sarah Squitieri from Doylestown, was identified by police as the source of the threat that closed Bucks' Newtown campus on Sept. 26.

Newtown Township Police alleged that on Sept. 25, Squitieri made an anonymous tip to the police claiming that a person named "Karl" sent her a group text message that said he planned to commit acts of violence against the school, using weapons of mass destruction.

An investigation was launched after the phone call and police said they were able to quickly trace the source of the anonymous call back to Squitieri. Following the trace, she was later called in for an interview.

According to police, during the interview Squitieri listed information that contradicted her previous statements to officers.

Newtown Township Police released an official statement saying, "Through additional investigation including interviews, video footage, and telephone records, detectives were able to determine that Squitieri had provided false and misleading information concerning the alleged threat and that there was no credible threat to the community college."

Bucks Campus Security Director Dennis McCauley stated, "Bucks security provided police with additional assistance during their investigation."

An arrest warrant was issued for Squitieri on Oct. 4. She was taken into custody with-

out incident. Squitieri was charged with threats to use weapons of mass destruction.

Students who knew Squitieri were shocked by the news.

Bucks student Shayna Lopez McClain said she was friends with Squitieri in high school.

"Sarah was always friendly," McClain said, but she admitted that they grew apart due to personality differences.

This incident isn't Squitieri's first run-in with the law. She got into trouble in November of last year when she pepper sprayed Pastor Aden, the infamous religious protester who often visits the Newtown campus for his radical rallies.

She said she sprayed him in an act of self-defense, claiming that the radical reverend was yelling in her face and in the face of another student. However, it was determined that she had made the first move and was ordered to pay a \$500 fine or have a warrant issued for her arrest.

McClain and other friends of Squitieri want people to know that she is not a bad person.

"I don't know why she did this, but I know she was not trying to hurt anyone and definitely did not mean for things to go this far," McClain said.

Bucks President Stephanie Shanblatt released a statement that said, "Newtown Township Police have identified one of our students as the source of the threat of violence. This news is particularly difficult, as we care about the well-being of each person in our Bucks community. As a

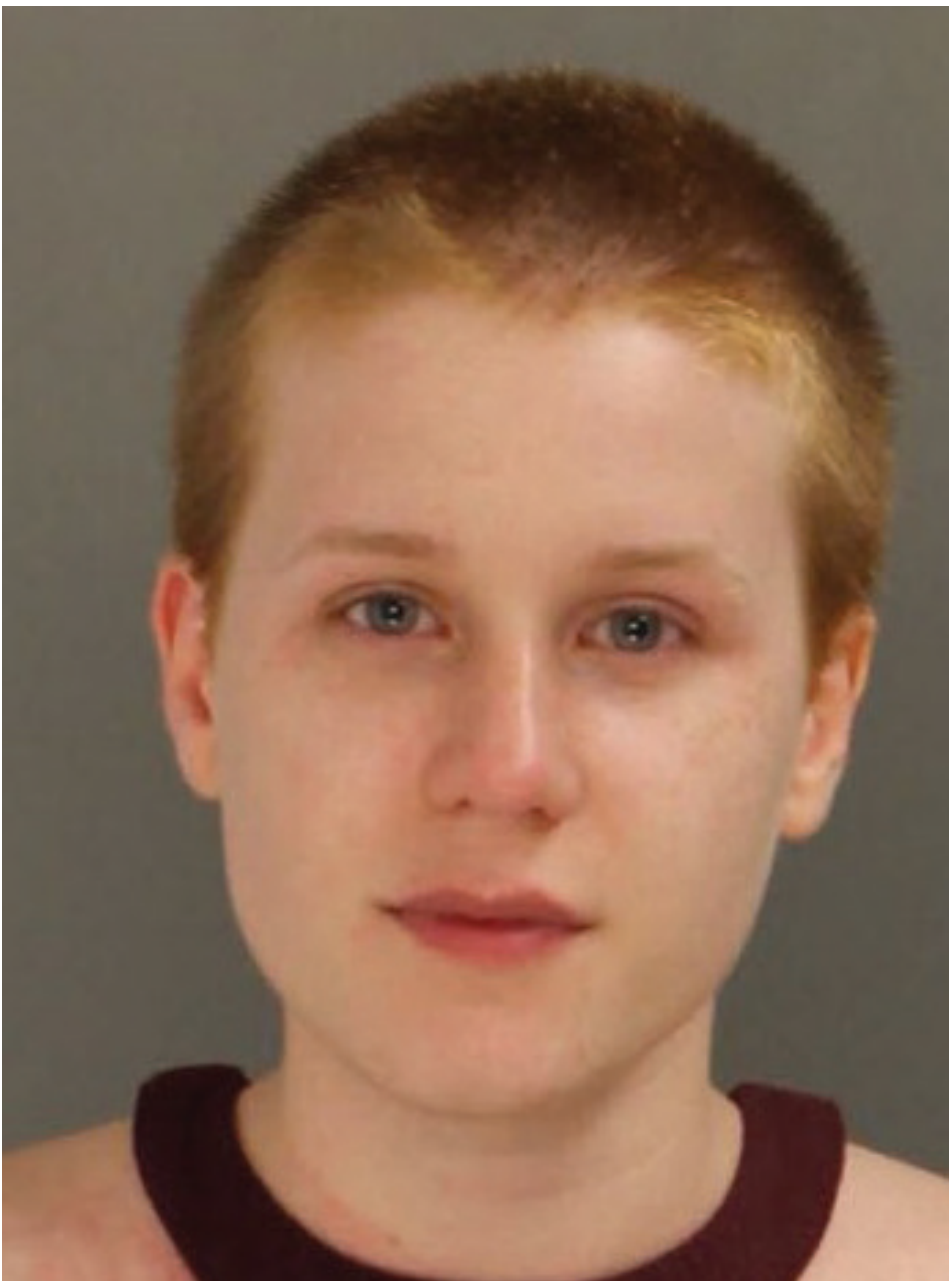


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result, this student has been suspended and is not allowed on campus."

McCauley added, "We are glad the situation has come to a safe resolution."

Squitieri was arraigned before a judge and sent to the Bucks County Correctional Facility in lieu of \$100,000 bail.

After release from the correctional facility her bail conditions will be as follows: She is to be confined to her residence with the use of a GPS ankle monitoring bracelet, she is not to possess any firearms, and she

cannot be within 100 yards of the college and may have no contact with the college.

Court records show that the case's preliminary hearing was scheduled for Oct. 15.

Last fall the Centurion published a story about Squitieri and her altercation with Pastor Aden. She was quoted as saying, "If something is said, or if something is happening that I don't like, I'm not going to just shut my mouth and comply, that's not who I am."

BCCC Democrats Host Youth Voting Forum

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The Bucks Democratic Club, along with the Bucks County Young Democrats Organization, held a forum to target and rally young Democratic voters and to speak about issues like gun safety.

The forum featured six Democratic candidates: Wendy Ullman, Maria Collett, Andrew Dickson, Helen Tai, and Lauren Lareau. Each are running for various state government positions in Bucks County.

An organizer of the event and member of Bucks County Young Democrats, Olivia Mitchell, shared why the forum was created "We want to get young voices to vote, the 18-40 age range was the lowest turn out to the polls last election, our voices make a difference."

Sarah Beltz, 28, is a seventh-grade teacher who wanted to hear the candidate's opinions on gun control.

"Gun control is particularly important to me because I work in a school. I came here today because nothing will change unless we get involved, too many candidates make promises they do not keep," said Beltz.

Gun control was a reoccurring topic throughout the event. All candidates celebrated that Pennsylvania has recently passed a bill prohibiting domestic violence offenders from possessing a gun.

Wendy Ullman, who is running for state representative and is a former Bucks English professor, shared her opinion on the upcoming election, "We need a massive number of democrats in office in order to continue to get the bills passed that will make a change!"

Since the forum featured only Democratic candidates, the goal of the forum was not to change people's opinions but, rally young Democrats to vote.

Rachel Landsbergs, a worker for the Helen

Tai campaign, said, "It is important that young voters are informed and by holding this event on the campus it shows students that the college wants them be knowledgeable and cares about them."

Helen Tai, who is running for her second term as a Pennsylvania State Representative said, "I won last election by only 96 votes, so that proves that truly every vote does count."

"This forum could be young voters' only opportunity to interact with their candidates," said president of the Democratic club, Keri Marable. "We have a long history with the organization Young Dems of Bucks County and holding the forum at Bucks was a nice central location of Bucks County."

The forum concluded with candidates urging everyone who has not to registered to vote to register and most importantly to go to the polls on election day, Nov. 6.

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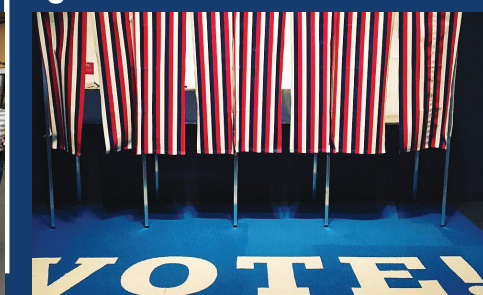


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BCCC's Eco Club joined PennEnvironment to present a Clean Cars Event in the Links Pavillon on Oct. 3 to celebrate the Corporate Average Fuel Economy standard's sixth year as a federal law.

The Clean Cars Event took place for from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and had various agendas. PennEnvironment liaison, Megan Chellow, explained the goal of the event "We want to have fun and celebrate the standard's sixth birthday; however, we want to bring awareness to the fact that the new administration wants to repeal the law."

Chellow also explained that the standards require that all new cars get 54.5 miles to the gallon and that each car made must

meet a certain fuel standard.

Chellow added, "These standards reduce dependency on gas, carbon dioxide, and most importantly climate change."

Faculty advisor of the Eco Club, Joann Corn, wanted it to be known that the standards have a big effect on everyone.

"Automotive fuel efficiency helps keep our air clean. Maintaining a healthy environment is everyone's business, especially if we hope to preserve it for generations to come," said Corn.

The event was open to members and nonmembers of the Eco Club. Members attracted newcomers by playing music and offering desserts like cupcakes and cookies.

Nonmembers were welcome to fill out a sign in sheet to show interest in the club's upcoming events. During the event, students wrote letters to local government officials urging them to speak out publicly against the possible rollback the standards are facing.

President of Eco Club, Brianna Columbo, wanted students to know that the event not only created awareness, but stood for something bigger.

"The whole school should understand that we all have a voice and we all can help create better change for our beloved world," said Columbo.

"Eco Club's mission is environmental activism," said Vice President, Kayla Farley. The club organizes several other events that involves topics like hurricane relief, roadside cleanup, and tree planting. Information about events can be found through the club's social media, word of mouth, and posters around the school.

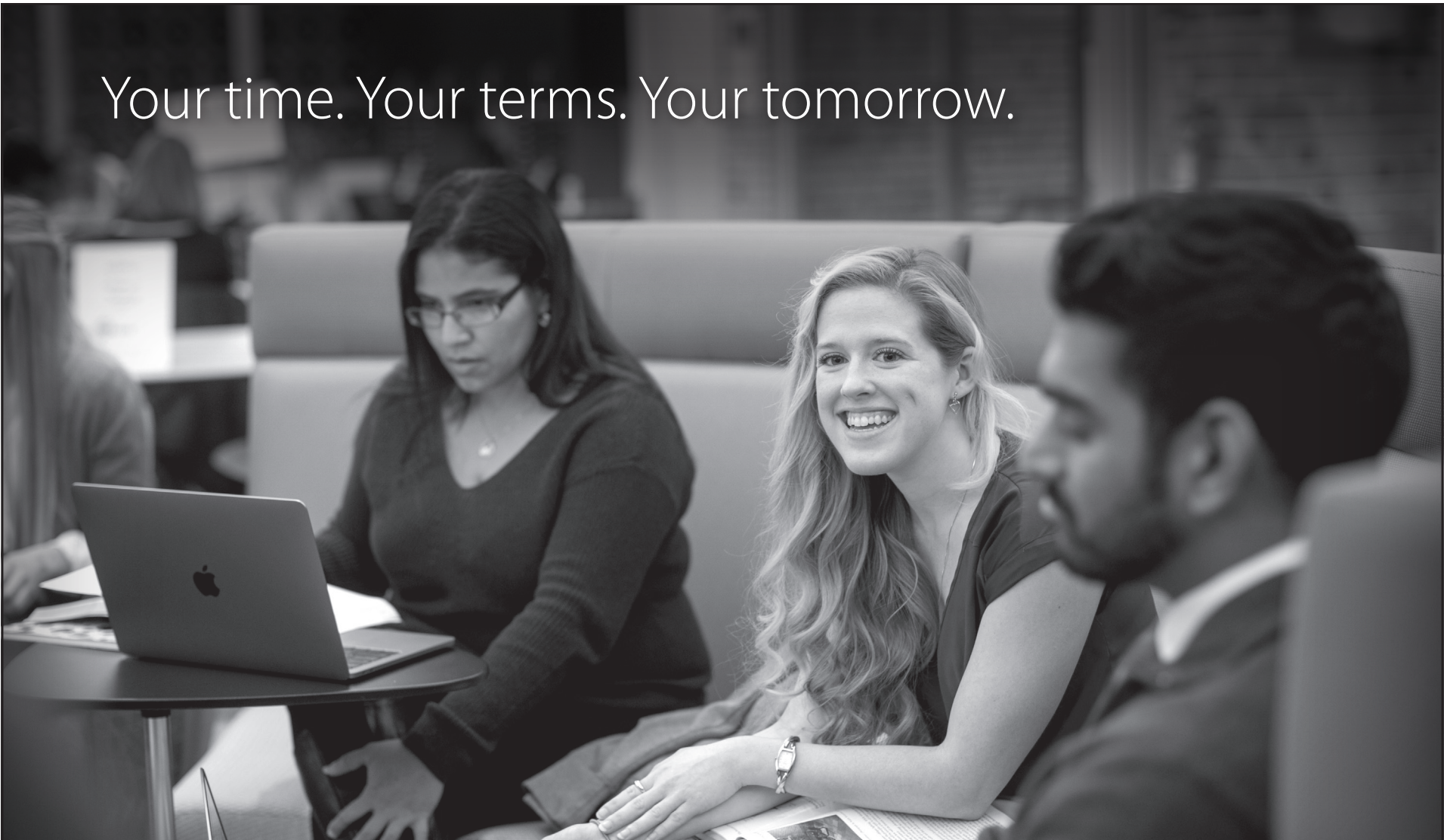
The Eco Club is now in its second year,

after a brief hiatus, and wants to spread awareness of their club. "We want to get people excited about upcoming events," Farley said.

So far, there have been 4,000 signatures collected nationwide to petition the repeal of the Corporate Average Economy Fuel standards. The Eco Club's event alone collected a little over 50 signatures.

Farley pointed out, "Even though our signatures are just a drop in the bucket, we are still making a change."

Eco Club will still have the petitions available around campus all next week in case anyone was not able to attend the event. You do not need to be registered to vote to sign the petition since it is a federal law, so use your voice.



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Politics

Should 16-Year-Olds Have the Right To Vote?

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It seems with the midterms rapidly approaching, those who can’t participate are feeling a little voter envy.

With the school shootings that have been all over the news this year, 16-year-old students are beginning to advocate for lowering the age to vote, but should we listen?

In 2013, Takoma Park, MD made history by allowing 16-17 year olds to vote in local elections. Since then only one other community in the suburbs of Washington D.C. has followed suit.

The argument for lowering the voting age to 16 is that many 16-year-olds already play an active role within their communities.

Teens across the country have jobs, some more than one, and their paychecks have the same taxes taken out of their paychecks that adults have too.

Teens have also found themselves at the center of hot

button issues such as mass shootings in schools. Take the students at Parkland for example. Those teenagers have been the face of the gun control movement ever since the shooting back in February.

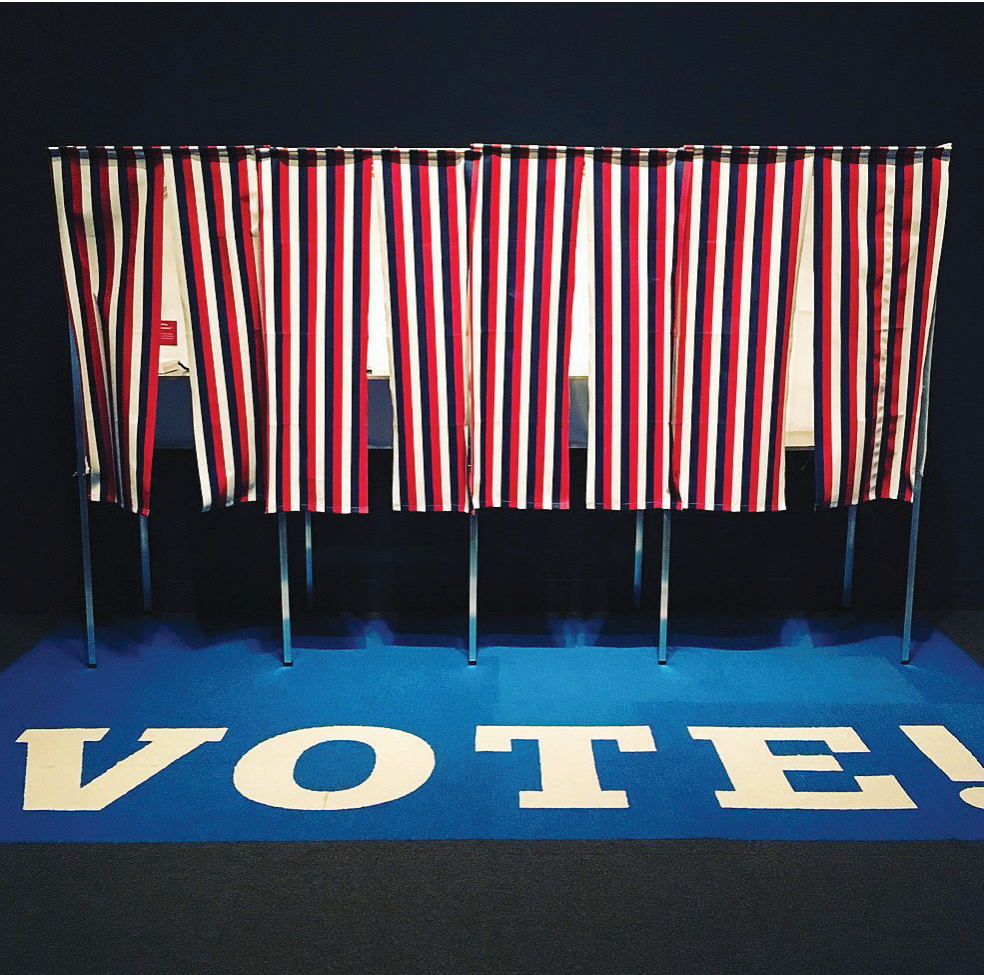
In fact, Bucks student Stephanie Brossmann agreed about lowering the voting age by two years.

“16 year olds should be allowed to vote because that’s when most employers start hiring them for their company. If they have taxes going to the government, they should be able to have a say in the government they are paying for,” said Brossmann.

On the other hand, some people don’t think 16 year olds are mature enough yet and aren’t educated enough on certain political topics.

Matthew Marshall says, “16 year old kids should not be allowed to vote because most of them do not know where they stand with politics and their beliefs, most just go off of what their parents aren’t telling them.”

Mirroring this sentiment, Suzanne Lescysenski expressed



how she knew nothing about voting when she was 16.

She went on to explain, “If I would have voted when I was 16, it would have been a very uneducated decision.”

Joshua Taylor brought in a slightly different viewpoint.

“16-year-olds should be able to vote, if they take certain classes in high school and become educated on the matter. I personally think that the voting system should be stricter than it is, and the bias of age should be part of how strict it is. As long as they are becoming educated, that’s all that matters”, Taylor said.

Unsurprisingly, the push to lower the voting age has many opponents.

While others think that even people in the ages of 25-35 shouldn’t be allowed to vote, and that they should have to take classes to take a test to be able to vote, just like driving.

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Bucks Artmobile Hits the Road



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As the Artmobile embarks on a county-wide tour for its “Planting Seeds” exhibit, the Artmobile hopes to bring awareness to global environmental issues and a new vision of art to Bucks County on its voyage.

Fran Orlando, the Bucks Director of Exhibitions and the Artmobile, has worked as a part of the Artmobile for more than 30 years. “It started as a bicentennial project back in 1976,” says Orlando. “Since then, the Artmobile provides a cost-effective and time-efficient alternative to field trips for the rural, urban, and suburban communities we serve.”

“Planting Seeds” is the current exhibit of the Artmobile, and it has been a long time coming. “The exhibit was inspired by a long-term meadow restoration collaboration between Bucks’ STEM department and nearby Tyler State Park,” Orlando says.

Tyler State Park is a Bucks County attraction that students of all ages are familiar with. Orlando explains, “Students know Tyler State Park, so automatically they make a connection to the art, as well

as its purpose, and it means something to them.”

In the Artmobile, science is used to compliment the art just as art is used to compliment science, because they are more similar than one would think,” stated Orlando. “We want students to understand that the skills of curiosity, observation and experimentation developed through artistic practice are the same skills required in scientific practice,” continues Orlando.

“If the Artmobile were to be described in one word, it would be accessible,” explains Orlando. The Artmobile is accessible to all schools in the county, and every type of student in those schools.”

She added, “There is a wheelchair ramp to assist students who cannot walk up the stairs, and there is a quiet area in the rear so that students who need a break from the stimulating environment can take a minute in private. Students with learning disabilities, students with physical disabilities, students with financial disabilities, and students with any type of disability are accommodated by the Artmobile.”

“We make art accessible,” said Orlando.

Bucks is an affluent county, but there are many students that are on free or

reduced lunches. “Some families cannot afford lunches for their children, so how could they donate large amounts of money to PTOs that pay for field trips?” asks Orlando. “Artmobile is affordable, and we even offer subsidies to schools that may struggle.”

Students at Bucks may remember the days when the Artmobile traveled to their schools as young kids, and, to Orlando, this is the most rewarding aspect of the project. “After more than 30 years at the helm, my greatest joy is hearing Bucks students and other adults recall their childhood experiences in the Artmobile,” she explains. “Imagine touching the hearts and minds of so many in your community!”

An aspect of the Artmobile that makes it memorable to its visitors is that it includes all different types of art. With paintings, drawings, photos, videos, sculptures and more, visitors to “Planting Seeds” will see all of these types of art as well as different varieties of each.

Though videos may not be the first thing that comes to mind when thinking of art, the videos shown in the Artmobile have proven to be quite popular thus far. “Visitors have responded most enthusiastically

to the time-lapse videos by Dennis Hlynsky and Julia Oldham’s dance videos,” Orlando says. “They have also responded well to a found-object sculpture of a wasp’s nest by Eric Schultz.”

While focusing on the Bucks community, the Artmobile houses art that is made by both locally and nationally-known artists. Visitors can expect to see museum-quality artworks that are provided by artists who “enthusiastically support the Artmobile’s mission by generously loaning their work for two years,” says Orlando.

“The exhibit features 14 artists and scientists who collaborate or conduct research as part of their studio practice and use their work to increase awareness of pollinators in our environment, the threats to their habitat loss, and the consequences of diminished populations,” explains Orlando.

The “Planting Seeds” tour is expected to be seen by more than 31,000 visitors over its two year county tour. More information on the Artmobile and the “Planting Seeds” exhibit can be found at www.bucks.edu/culture/artmobile/, and it can be seen at schools and public events throughout the county.



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Halloween

Get Spooked at Eastern State Penitentiary



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As fall creeps in with thunderstorms and foggy depths, it signals the need to create some good plans for Halloween.

“Terror Behind the Walls” at the Eastern State Penitentiary on Fairmount Avenue in Philadelphia is a thrilling and frightful event that you ought to check out this season!

“Terror Behind the Walls” includes six attractions this year. All six aim to make the visitor decide if they really want to interact with the people of this haunted prison.

The Travel Channel calls it “One of America’s Scariest Halloween Attractions.”

The New York Times also calls this attraction “perfect for Halloween,” while Forbes names it #1 (haunted house) in the nation.

The attractions that are included in this year’s line-up are as follows: Lock Down, Machine Shop, Blood Yard, Infirmary, Quarantine: 4D, and Break Out.

“Lock Down” greets the visitors with Cellblock 12, which is said to be the most haunted region in the penitentiary. You will be greeted by raging zombies, murky fog, and long corridors to explore.

The “Machine Shop” is hidden in the penitentiary. It is a machine shop that tries to take the visitors and incorporate them into the prison, creating another mindless zombie.

“Blood Yard” opens with a path of bones with booming drums and voices. At the end of the path is a graveyard of bones and flesh.

The “Infirmary” is new for 2018, a cting as a highly interactive attraction. Visitors will be confronted by insane doctors and nurses whom are sharpening knives to use

on unsuspecting people.

“Quarantine: 4D” is an out of this world experience where the visitor will experience an infectious disease that brings blurry vision, distorted depth perception, and other mind-altering effects. Only the bravest visitors will be challenged to face their worst fears in this attraction.

Finally, “Break Out” is the run for freedom. Zombie inmates swarm the undead guards and create a disorderly prison break. Will you be able to survive this chaotic break for the outside world as zombies use visitors in their attempts to escape?

All of the six attractions in “Terror Behind the Walls” features Hollywood-quality sets, animatronics, and custom-designed soundtracks.

“Terror Behind the Walls” does not allow its workers to touch visitors outright. If the visitor is wearing a special necklace, then the zombies and doctors of the penitentia-

ry will be allowed to include you in their dastardly frights.

These six attractions will be available until Nov. 10. They are all included with admission, which starts at \$19 but varies by night as Halloween approaches.

He continued to say, “If you get it (the special necklace), the actors are allowed to touch you and lead you down hallways by yourself for more scares.”

“Terror Behind the Walls” uses all proceeds it earns from sales to benefit the preservation of the Eastern State Penitentiary, a national historic landmark that has been around since 1829.

Make sure to grab your tickets before it’s all sold out! This is one haunted prison that you do not want to miss out on.

All the information about the attraction in this article uses information from press releases on the Eastern State Penitentiary’s website.

Halloween Costumes for Students on a Budget

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With busy lives and even busier schedules Halloween Costumes are usually pushed to the last minute, and on a college student’s budget, understandably so.

Lucky for you, here are some affordable costume ideas at the last minute!

For starters, it’s good to reference other Halloween costumes from the store to get an idea of what you need. But a great place to get all the pieces for your costume in a pinch is the thrift store. Not only is it affordable but the options there are endless.

Sometimes, you don’t even need the thrift store because the best costume is something that is currently in your closet. But if you just can’t pinpoint what you want to be, then let’s get started!

Female Costumes:

A great female costume would be horror icon character, “Carrie.” Grab an old prom dress, splatter it with fake blood, and you’re set! Some other popular individual female costumes are an angel, a devil, a vampire, a witch, a nurse, Audrey Hepburn, Marilyn Monroe, the Kardashians, animal costumes, onesies, and an 80’s workout instructor.

Female Group Costumes:

A fun costume for a group of friends could be “America’s Next Top Models”. A female group could also channel “Mean Girls”, “The Craft,” Victoria’s Secret models, “Clueless”, social media icons, “Scream queens,” and the witches from The Coven in “American Horror Story,” are all simple costumes to put together in a pinch.

Another fun idea would be Disney bounding. Disney bound is when you use your clothes that you have in your closet, and follow the color combination in the Disney princess you’re dressing as.

“I think my costume style has definitely changed over the years. When I was younger I used to always be a princess, when I got older I became more creative and would DIY them.” said Madison Pickul.

Male Costumes:

Some of the classics consist of Dracula, Ash from “Evil Dead,” Batman, a lumberjack, the Joker, Gru, Steve Jobs, Bob Ross, Sherlock Holmes, Watson, Tarzan, the paper towel mascot Brawny Man, Mr. Rogers, Carson Wentz, and Damien from “Mean Girls.”

Male Group Costumes:

The classic costumes are the Marvel superheroes, The

Goonies, DC superheroes, Deadpool, and the Avengers.

Group of Friends:

All of the characters from “The Breakfast Club,” The Office Cast, hippies, characters from “Star Wars,” “Riverdale,” “Monsters Inc.,” “The Incredibles,” “Winnie the Pooh,” “Stranger Things,” “Scooby Doo,” “The Addams Family,” Game of Thrones Characters, Harry Potter Characters, and characters from “Nightmare before Christmas” are all great options for an outing with a group of friends.

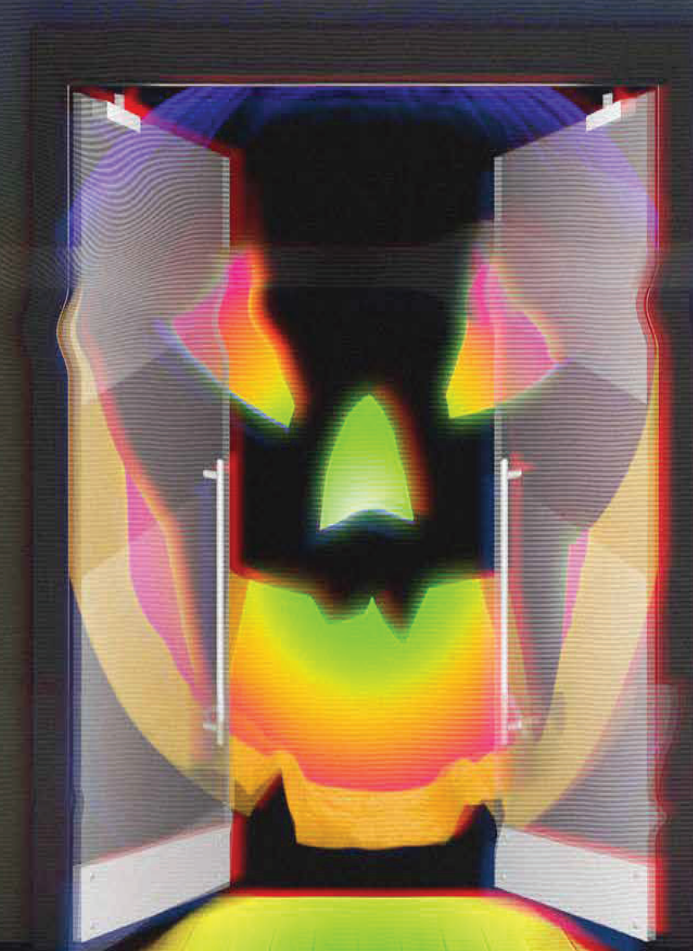
Couples Costumes:

Jessie and Woody, Jack and Sally, Rose and Jack, Morticia and Gomez, Leia and Han Solo, the Bachelor and Bachelorette, Ron and Hermione, Ginny and Harry,


Make up is also a great way to create a Halloween costume without even buying a Halloween costume. The makeup leads to several creative opportunities for choosing a costume since it’s all in the paint. An example of the makeup being the costume essentially would be skeletons, day of the dead, mime, clown, doll, etc.

Hopefully this helped inspire you to get creative this Halloween without breaking your bank. Stay Spooky BCCC!

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Arts & Entertainment

Local Filmmaker Showcases Riveting Documentary at Bucks

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On Oct. 4. Bucks had another showing of a documentary film in the Zlock Performing Arts Center, this time by Bucks County local Peter LeDonne, an advertising and marketing director, stage producer, and documentary filmmaker.

The showing was a part of the campuses’ DOC (documentaries on campus) Film Series,

The film was shown at 12:15 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., with LeDonne being present for the later showing. He took questions from viewers outside of Zlock after the film had ended.

His documentary short film is called “The Diary of Immaculée,” which he released in 2006. The film is about Immaculée Ilibagiza, a Rwandan native whose story of her survival during the Rwandan Genocide is the main focus of the film.

The film details how her life changed from the turmoil of the Rwandan Genocide, which lasted from April to July of 1994. LeDonne met Immaculée at a Holocaust remembrance event, “I was looking for my next story.”

“We talked for a few minutes and she said ‘I would like you to make a film about my story,’” said LeDonne.

During this short time period, 500,000 to 1,000,000 members of the Tutsi minority were killed by organized and vigilante Hutus, a tribe in Rwanda that historically

feuded with the Tutsi population for generations.

“This feuding goes back to the Belgian occupation of Rwanda,” said LeDonne. The Tutsis worked with Belgian settlers in the early 20th century and had control of the Hutus for a long period of time. The genocide was sparked after the Hutu president of Rwanda was assassinated.

The film interviews Immaculée, who hid from the Hutu in the bathroom of her local Catholic priest with several women she did not know. Her story of hiding mirrors that of Anne Frank, the Dutch teenager whose family hid from the Nazis in an attic during World War II.

Immaculée lived a normal life before the genocide. She attended the National University of Rwanda with hopes of a bright future and had a strong connection with her family. Her father was a wealthy Tutsi in the village she grew up in and she was the only daughter of her family; she has three brothers.

During the four months of the genocide, Immaculée lost most of her family. Her father was killed by vigilantes and his land was taken. Her mother was strangled to death on the side of the road. Two of her three brothers were killed in brutal manners; one was hacked to death and the other was shot and blown up against a wall in a soccer field with a group of other Tutsis. Only she and one of her brothers survived the genocide.

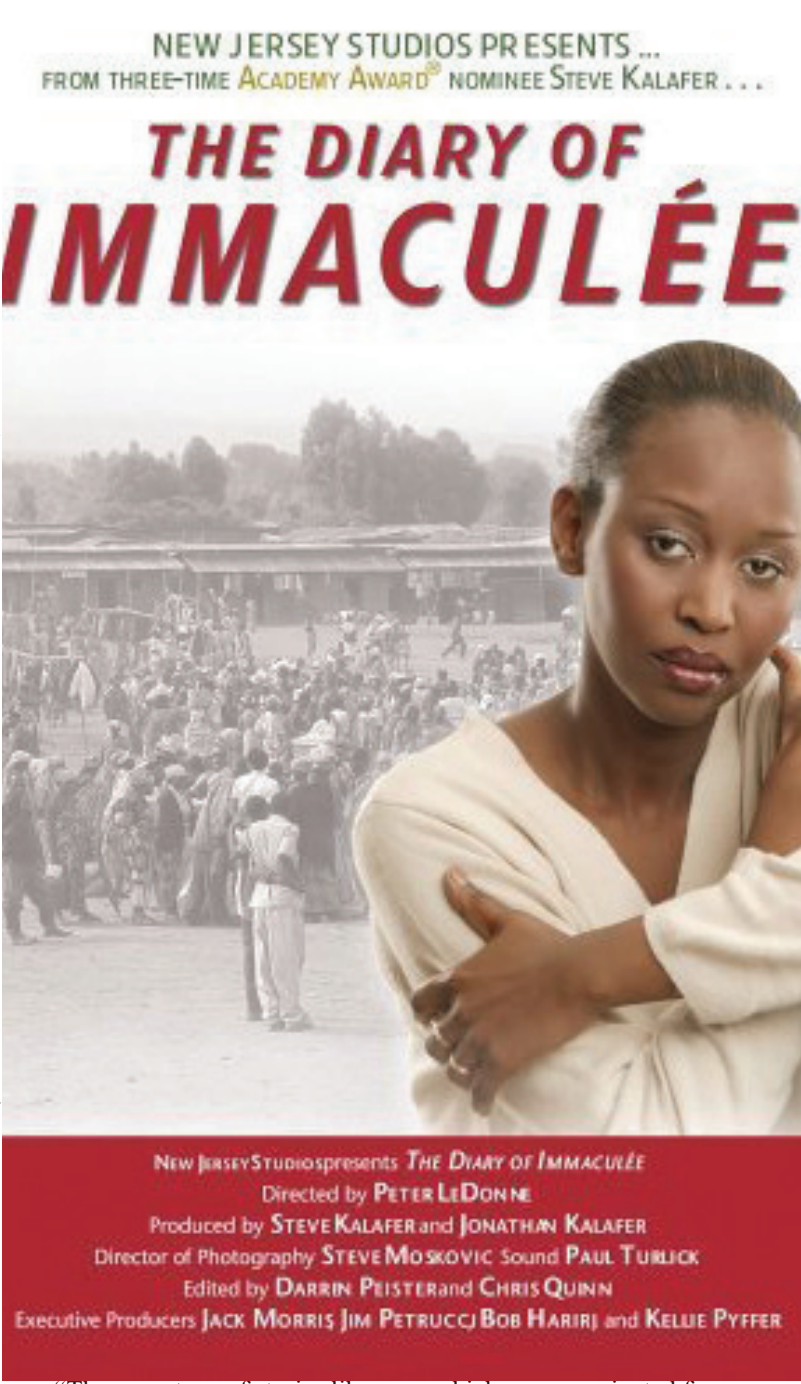
The film also touches on Immaculée’s strong Catholic faith, which she attributes to her survival and eventual forgiveness against the people who caused her so much pain. Toward the end of the documentary, Immaculée embraced a man who she revealed was part of the vigilante group that killed her family. Her acts of forgiveness toward the Hutu are a central theme of the film.

She prayed the rosary her faith gave her while hiding and it gave her peace in a time where no peace was to be seen. Her story is one of hope in desperate times and faith in the eyes of horror.

Immaculée currently lives in the United States with her husband and two children. She had published three books on her story, “The Rosary: The Prayer That Saved My Life”, “Led by Faith,” and “Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust.” She reunited with the women she shared the hiding place with for a piece on “60 Minutes” in 2006.

LeDonne was in Rwanda for less than a month while filming the documentary with Immaculée. He and his film crew had to be escorted around by bodyguards because tensions are still high in certain parts of the country.

“A lot of people there are still harboring anger over what had happened,” he said. He mentioned one occasion where they saw a group of men walking the streets with machetes, a main weapon used in the genocide so long ago.



“There are tons of stories like hers,” said LeDonne.

LeDonne has released a number of documentaries and other works in the past, including “Curtain Call,” his first documentary, and “Sister Rose’s Passion,” both of

which were nominated for an Academy Award. He is currently working on a new Broadway musical.



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Politics

Reaction at Bucks to Kavanaugh’s Confirmation

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Bucks students and professors had mixed reactions to the news that Brett Kavanaugh, who was accused of sexual assault while under the influence, was confirmed as the new Supreme Court Justice on Oct 6. Kavanaugh now has life tenure on the most important court in the country.

“He should have been rescinded due to his display of his character during the hearing. He was very aggressive and agitated while sober. What is he like when he’s intoxicated?” said freshman Jennifer Abele.

But freshman student Lucy Pavlow felt that Kavanaugh shouldn’t have been rescinded until after an investigation was done to decisively prove if the allegations were true or false.

President Donald Trump nominated Kavanaugh. Before his confirmation, Palo Alto University psychology Professor Christine Blasey Ford anonymously contacted the Washington Post tip line with allegations that Kavanaugh had sexually assaulted her in the early 1980s when the two of them were in high school.

After Ford came forward with the allegations, so did two other women. Kavanaugh has denied the accusations and had to go through a Senate Judiciary hearing and a week-long FBI investigation that delayed his confirmation.

Despite the allegations against him, the Senate confirmed Kavanaugh’s nomination by a vote of

50-48, and on Oct. 6. Kavanaugh replaced former Associate Justice Anthony Kennedy, who was appointed by former President Reagan in 1987.

Although Kennedy is a Republican he was known as the Supreme Court’s swing vote on most cases, one of the most famous being *Obergefell v. Hodges*, the case that legalized same-sex marriage.

Political observers say Kavanaugh’s confirmation makes the court even more likely to side with the Republicans. According to CNN, “[Kavanaugh] is expected to vote consistently with the conservative block.”

Bucks Language and Literature Professor Annette Conn predicts we will see “many years of 5-4 decisions always made along party lines with little or no independent thinking.”

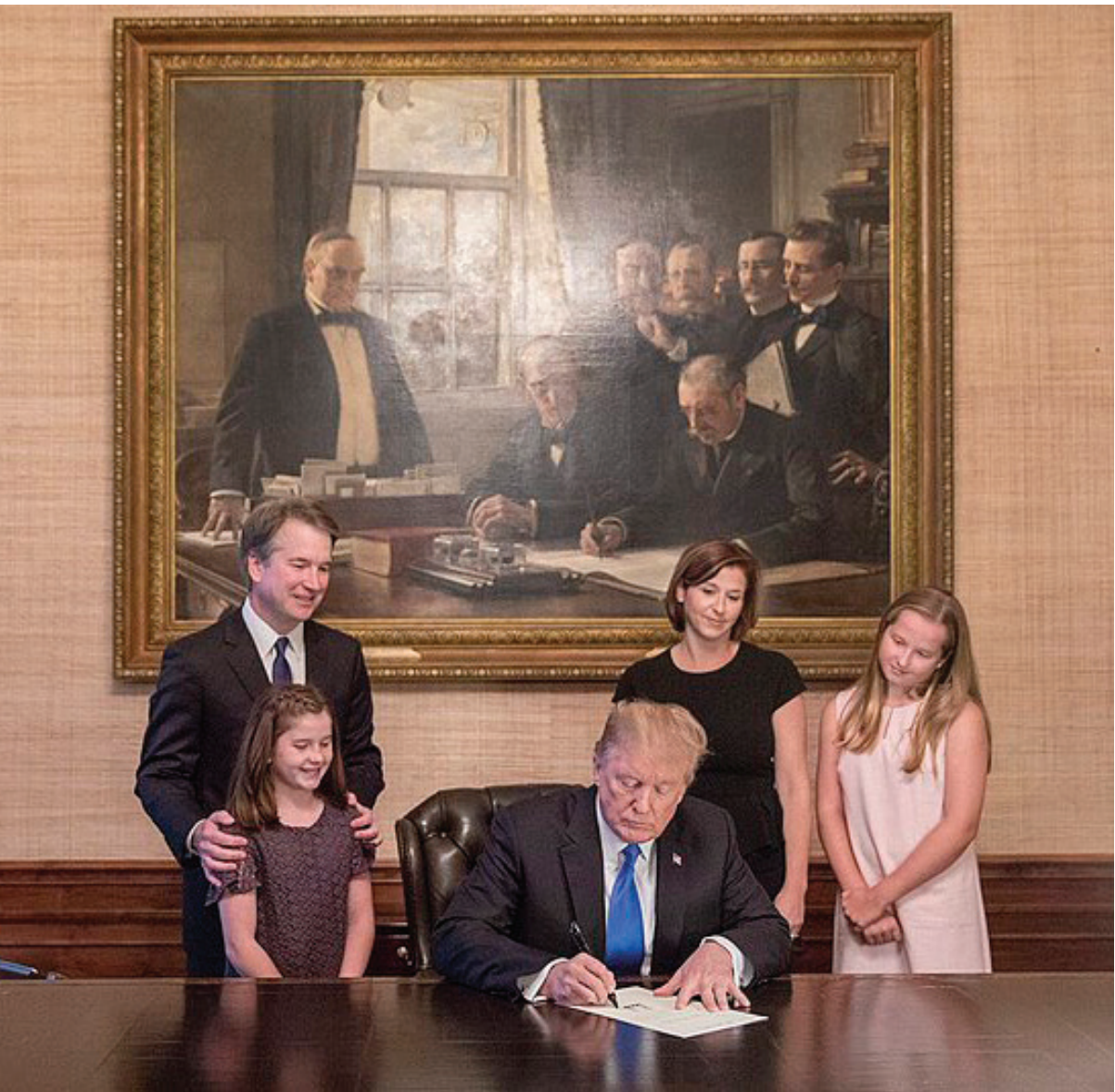
On Kavanaugh’s first day as an Associate Justice, a group of about 40 women protested outside of the court. One of the women is Jasmine Morales, 20, from San Jose, California. She told USA Today that she spent 48 hours in jail over the past weekend for protesting against Kavanaugh at the Supreme Court.

Morales said, “If I can continue to fight for people, then I will.”

Standing outside of the Courthouse wasn’t the only way people protested: law students walked out of their classes in New York on Wednesday Oct 6, just one day after Kavanaugh heard his first cases.

One main concern about Kavanaugh is his views on women’s rights, especially on cases like

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Roe v. Wade that provide access to abortion. There has been speculation by media outlets like Vox that Kavanaugh will do what he can to overturn Roe v Wade. There was a controversial Facebook post made in regard to that by West Virginia councilman Eric Barber. His post, that has since been deleted, read: “Better get

you’re [sic] coat hangers ready.” “He will do all he can to overturn Roe vs. Wade. And Susan Collins has helped him. That’s why thousands of coat hangers were delivered to her office before the vote—to remind her of all the back-alley abortions that will make a comeback, along with the danger and death associated

with illegal abortions,” said Conn when asked if she felt Kavanaugh would try to protect and advocate for Women’s rights.

“[Kavanaugh’s confirmation] was a huge defeat for women and victims of sexual assault,” said Abele.

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Pop Culture

Is Shane Dawson the Most Trusted Man on the Internet?

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With a subscriber count of over 18 million and a total view count of more than 4 billion, Shane Dawson receives the amount of views on his YouTube channel that broadcast television networks would die for. Although his Youtube journey started out as an awkward teen filming skits at a Jenny Craig, his recent eight part docu-series have skyrocketed him from a popular online influencer to one of the most trusted men on the internet. Described by Forbes as “a legit YouTube star” and “the real deal,” Dawson has become the person that millennials turn to for information.

Dawson’s Youtube journey began in 2005, just months after the site itself launched, and he now sits as one of the most subscribed to channels on the platform. Dawson rose to internet fame with the popularity of his videos on conspiracy theories and relatable takes on life.

To loyal viewers, he has been a household name for years, but over the last few months, Dawson’s popularity has swelled-- as has his previously narrow demographic-- due to his highly-praised investigative work into the lives of controversial public figures and scandals. His skillful handling of these cases have earned him the trust of both influencers and viewers alike.

The current and most recent docu-series Dawson is conducting is entitled “The Mind of Jake Paul.” The series dives into the life of controversial, and infamous YouTube personality, Jake Paul. Paul, who is just 21 years old, is known for his influencer company Team 10, which he both owns and participates in.

Paul is no stranger to national headlines, or scandal: Paul was reportedly fired from the Disney Channel series “Bizaardvark”after garnering attention for lighting his pool on fire and causing chaos in a typically tight knit California

community. He had also jumped on top of a news van that was outside of his graffiti-clad home.

After the stunt, Paul was the media’s least favorite wild child. Mashable went as far as to call him an “absolute terror,” and The New York Times described him as

results are anything like Dawson’s other series, Paul and Dawson will soon both be praised. And Paul will, at the very least, seem more real to those that don’t understand him or his antics.

This was certainly the case when Dawson ade a five-part

really want to get into it and see for myself if this person is really the monster that so many people claim he is.”

By the fifth part of the series, the internet had fallen for Jeffree Star. He did something that many public personalities fail to do: he

Dawson for being investigative yet compassionate. Two months after the series was first uploaded, it garnered over 96.7 million views. Discussion of it continues all over the internet, since it ended the careers of Star’s enemies on YouTube.

Dawson’s documentaries not only force YouTubers to look at themselves critically, but have also made Dawson reflect on his role within the streaming giant. This was evident in Dawson’s first docu-series that made headlines: it was about TanaCon, a convention held by fellow YouTuber Tana Mongeau that ended in chaos before it even started.

Dawson, who was going to be featured at the convention-- despite rarely attending other public events-- felt partially responsible because many attendees were going for him. While speaking with two girls who fell victim to TanaCon, they told him, “We don’t want to call it TanaCon, we came for you. So many people came for you.”

5,000 eager fans showed up to a venue that could only hold 1,000. Attendees were stranded outside for hours in the California heat, causing some fans to be rushed to the hospital. Others were left others with scorching sunburns.

The event was shut down only after six hours due to overcrowding. For those who got in, the convention was a lackluster reality of what Mongeau advertised it to be.

So what actually happened? No one in the Youtube community could solve the mystery, so Dawson was determined to discover the truth.

After taking matters into his own hands, Dawson interviewed the people involved, including Mongeau and Michael Weist, the CEO of the company organizing TanaCon.

While some truth was revealed in the 3-part series, the greatest result was Dawson becoming someone the internet decided to count on to uncover the truth.



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someone who has “created a roguish public image in his videos.”

As the docu-series continues to be uploaded, Dawson speculates that Paul may be a sociopath. He investigated his family life, notably Paul’s brother Logan Paul, who also made headlines for filming a dead man in the Japanese suicide forest and was suspended from YouTube as a result. And not only did Dawson speak with Paul’s notorious enemies, he had a sit-down with the internet’s favorite villain himself.

The series is already racking up roughly 20 million views per video in the first week, and, if the

docu-series titled, “The Secret World of Jeffree Star.” The series focused on the controversial yet very successful beauty entrepreneur and YouTuber Jeffree Star.

Star has come under fire before for past racist remarks, and drama with other beauty brands and fellow YouTubers. Despite that, Star has still managed to become one of the most followed beauty channels on the Youtube with 10 million subscribers.

Such a controversial figure called for an investigation because, as Dawson explained: “If you say the name ‘Jeffree Star,’ everybody has an opinion, and I

owned his mistakes. He made no excuses for the things he had said and done in the past.

The part that was most relatable to viewers, and made them all #TeamJeffree, was when Dawson brought him to the first apartment he occupied in California long before he was living next door to Kardashians. While speaking and reminiscing in the small apartment, Star revealed his dark past of depression and self-harm, even showing the scars that remain visible on his body to this day.

Star and Dawson were both praised after the series-- Star for being open and honest, and



Pictured- Jake Paul (L) and Jeffree Star (R) Courtesy of Wikimedia Commons

Medical News

Medicinal Cannabis in Pennsylvania Explained

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In 2016, Pennsylvania legalized medical marijuana. This meant that that applicants with one of the qualifying 21 conditions could go to the Pennsylvania Department of Health website and have access to a list of physicians in Pennsylvania that can certify them to purchase medical marijuana in any of the dispensaries in the state.

If applicants have medical records to prove of their condition, they can be certified. The patient then has to pay the state of fee of \$50 before they can be sent their card.

With that card and a Pennsylvania ID, they can then go into a dispensary, have a consultation with a pharmacist, and then be able to access the medical marijuana.

To be able to certify people for medical marijuana, physicians take educational courses that are offered with a minimum of 4 hours of courses. Then they have to pass a test to be certified and then their credentials will be sent to the state and the state will list you on the website.

Currently in Bucks County, there are 79 approved physicians. Dr. John Sabatini of NatureDocs in Bristol is one of them.

Dr. John Sabatini has been in family practice for 30 years which ultimately lead to him advocating for medical marijuana.

“Everyone in Family Practice has a group of patients that you feel like you want to help, these are patients that have had numerous doctor valuations and numerous surgeries, they’ve been on tons of medications and they

just have a very poor quality of life,”

Sabatini continued, “Mainstream medicine has failed these people. People can’t enjoy quality of life that they deserve to have and there was never anything you could do for these people. You can always increase their medications, you can give them stronger painkillers, but that’s just digging a deeper hole.”

Sabatini was first interested in medical marijuana because he saw it as an alternative for the kinds of patients he works on.

“Certifying people to be able to use medical marijuana in order to give these people a better quality of life and so far it looks like it’s been really successful,” said Sabatini.

When asked how the community has taken to NatureDocs, Sabatini said, “We’ve been generally well- accepted, there is this need in the community for more medical professionals to prescribe it and we’ve really been welcomed into the community and we have gotten a lot of positive feedback, our practice here really has been growing.”

However, Sabatini explained that there has been some push back.

“The biggest obstacle that we have met is when people think of marijuana, they think of people getting high, getting wasted, and not being productive members of society. That notion has come from recreational type marijuana that is high THC, that makes people high and changes they’re thinking,”



Sabatini continued, “Medical marijuana has much more CBD and much less THC so it’s not getting you high. It’s giving you anti-inflammatories, giving you pain relief, and it’s making you feel better, we’re really seeing a big change in people’s attitudes towards it and especially when it strikes home with one of their loved ones has an issue where they need to use it.”

Federally, the United States sees Marijuana as a “Schedule 1” drug, which is in the same category as heroin and LSD. Schedule 1 are drugs that have no medical benefit whatsoever and are drugs often abused.

When asked how he felt about the scheduling of marijuana, Sabatini said he believes it needs to

change, “There is a place for this medication. It certainly shouldn’t be a schedule 1. We have seen that medical marijuana has helped a lot of people and has helped a lot of conditions,”

Sabatini continued, As time goes on and, now that there are many institutions that are conducting some medical marijuana research, I think once we see the results of these trials and we see how it could help, many more people will see the benefits that medical marijuana gives and won’t be in such opposition to the passage of medical marijuana laws.”

Sabatini went on to say, “Marijuana was put into that schedule many years ago and the drugs in that schedule are drugs that high

abuse, marijuana has not shown to have a high possibility of abuse. Its abuse potential is less than alcohol, less than tobacco.”

One important issue with the scheduling of marijuana is the costs for medical users.

“The problem is that insurance companies have to abide by federal guidelines and because marijuana is illegal federally insurance companies are really prohibited from covering it,”

Sabatini continued, “There’s always going to be people that are going to have issues with how-ever much it costs, I know a lot of physicians out there trying to help their patients to have access to medical marijuana, but in the end it is a cash business and it’s going to be.... **Continue on pg. 11**



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Medical Marijuana

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... that way for the foreseeable future until it's legalized at the federal level."

Sabatini also explained why medical marijuana is a better alternative to various medications on the market, "Medical marijuana in itself is not a dangerous drug. No one has ever died from an overdose of medical marijuana unlike opioids."

However, this doesn't mean that Pennsylvania is ready for recreational marijuana.

"There's a lot of people who are using recreational marijuana that I think should not. Teenagers, kids, pregnant women, breast-feeding women, and people with schizophrenia shouldn't be using marijuana," Sabatini said.

He continued, "There's some evidence to show people with heart disease and heart attacks shouldn't be using marijuana. It's not something that you can use without consequences, so I don't feel that the public is informed enough to be able to make those decisions of who shouldn't be using it."

As of right now, there are CBD only products on the market. One company in specific called CBD-Luxe is a Colorado-based company that sells vape pens, tinctures, inhalers, sprays and creams.

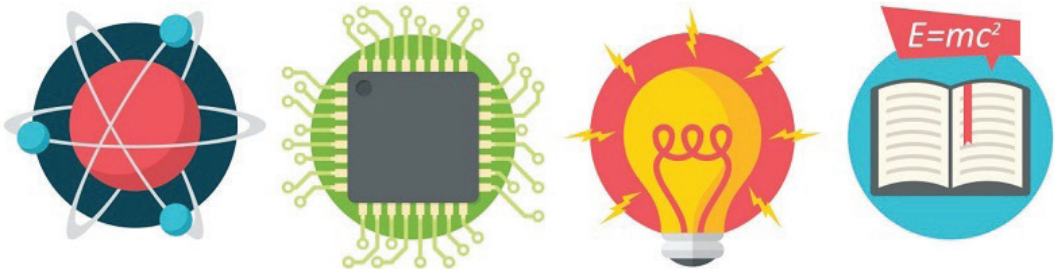
All of their products are 99.9% pure CBD and do not include THC.

"Personally, I use a CBDLuxe pen daily and I have cut nicotine consumption down significantly. CBD products provide a healthier alternative to many other substances used by society to break such addictions," said Tom Hackett, the company's representative for the Philadelphia area.

CBD products are a good option for those who shouldn't use marijuana, but medical marijuana is still necessary for them. Sabatini broke down the science, "We see in the natural marijuana plant there's the cannabinoids- mainly the two big ones are CBD and THC- there's also terpenes in there and there's at least a hundred different types of cannabinoids in there and they make a mix that works synergistically together,"

He continued, "The THC + CBD + the terpenes work much better than any of these substances by themselves. People are using CBD oils and different CBD products, but to use the actual medical marijuana that does have some THC in there, that does have these terpenes in it will give them a much better benefit."

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Sports

Return of Wentzlyvania

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It’s a new NFL season and Philadelphia Eagles Quarterback, Carson Wentz, is finally back in action on the field.

After missing many months of playing time due to a torn ACL, Wentz finally came back to play on week three of the 2018 season and beat the Indianapolis Colts 20-16.

He has looked a bit rusty since his return, but even so, in three games he has thrown five touch-downs and one interception and has an exceptional Quarterback rating or QBR of 99.6.

After being inactive for so long it seems that he’s not back into the full swing of things trying to lead the Eagles the way he did a sea-son ago. Sean Horton, a student here at Bucks said, “He is playing too early, and still seems injured” and Roman Dosyak said “he is not playing like last year” refer-encing to his MVP-like season he had in 2017.

To give Wentz some credit he has only played three games so far in which two have been close losses by three points or less and his QBR has increased from game to game so there’s definitely a positive outlook to the way he’s started so far.

In the latest loss to the Minne-sota Vikings he recorded a QBR of 115.3 which is much improved from his first game where he posted an 84.9 QBR. A lot of people

here at Bucks are blaming him for the Eagles’ losses, but statistically he is playing pretty good and does not deserve the criticism thrown his way.

His completion percentage has increased by 1 percent and he has not thrown an interception since his first start in Week three. Eli Ziff said, “He is playing awful but it’s not his fault.”

Wentz might not be playing “awful” but he has room to im-prove his skills.

A big criticism he has from many people is that he holds onto the ball too long and then is easily tackled for a loss of yards. A lot of fans think if he just threw the ball away when he needs to or even looked for an open receiver he could give the offense a better opportunity to get first downs and score points.

Wentz is looking like a form of himself last year but not the MVP-worthy quarterback that brought the eagles a 13-3 record in 2017. He needs to improve his skills and that will motivate the whole team to play better just like last year.

The team as a whole needs to play better, especially the sec-ondary of the defense. They need to cover the receivers better and if the Eagles fix some of these little things that have been hurting them they will be playoff bound once again this year.



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Students React To Nike’s New Kaepernick Ad

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In the year of a Donald Trump presiden-cy, the #MeToo movement, and one of the most controversial Supreme Court nomina-tions in recent history, athletic-wear jugger-naut Nike has managed to wiggle their way into the conversations of every American college campus. With racial and political tensions heightened in America, Nike has placed itself right in the middle of the most highly debated and scrutinized topic of the year by launching an advertising cam-paign featuring the controversial athlete and social rights activist Colin Kaepernick last month. The “Believe in Something” campaign has struck a chord with millions of Americans across the country, causing a divide between those in favor of and those against the ad.

Yet young people all across the country have been rallying around Nike’s new campaign, and Bucks students are no exception. It’s been a major topic for discussion among students around Bucks’ campuses and classrooms. “I thought it was brilliant. It used tight verbiage and was straight to the point,” said English major Christian Sandler, 25. “I think, especially if you put any political implications aside, the full-length commercial was objectively inspiring.”

“The message was simple: follow your dreams and don’t let anything get in your way. That doesn’t have to be political at all, really. Kaepernick makes it so given his situation, but the advert was powerful and did its job.”

Kaepernick, formerly the quarterback of the San Francisco 49ers, famously began the trend of athletes kneeling during the playing of America’s National Anthem at sporting events in the 2016 season. This peaceful protest was meant to bring aware-ness to the issue of police brutality. While it earned Kaepernick prestige as TIME’s Person of the Year runner-up, he has been unable to find work in the National Foot-ball League since that season. Currently, he is in a lawsuit battle with the league and its 32 owners over the belief that the NFL and its owners are conspiring against him to keep him from playing.

There are many people that be-lieve it is not a corporation’s place to stand with a controversial figure such as Colin Kaepernick, but Christian saw no issue in their endorsement of the ex-NFL star, “It’s everyone’s place. To me, it wasn’t Nike saying ‘Our entire company is liberal now,’ but rather ‘We stand by Kaepernick and what he believes in, regardless of political beliefs.’ They have every right to back him,” he said.

But their support did not come without risk. The ad’s slogan, “Believe in Some-thing, Even if it Costs You Everything” are words especially true for CEO Mike Parker and the rest of the company. Nike took a great risk to go out and endorse Colin Kaepernick, a man that has been a thorn in the side of the NFL. Nike has significant ties with the NFL as their current equip-ment supplier, making this a risky business move for them.

“The Nike swoosh appears on every single NFL jersey and hundreds of cleats throughout the league. For the company to come out and ‘take a side,’ so to speak, is the last thing the NFL wants,” said 25-year-old Christian Sandler.

“This is especially true because many of the league’s owners wanted, and now want, nothing to do with Kaepernick. They told him his baggage wasn’t worth the trouble and that kneeling during the national anthem was unacceptable. For the league’s biggest sponsor to plaster the guy on adverts airing during the NFL games and ultimately embrace him, it’s a slap in the face to the league. Clearly, though, Nike was never afraid to take it,” he ex-plained.

Regardless of the NFL’s stance on the advert, Nike has done exactly what they set out to do—make money. Since the commercial first aired in September, Nike’s stock has soared up 7 percent compared to the 2 percent rise in the Dow Industrial Average. The numbers only tell half of the story, however.

The truest indicator of how Nike is doing is hear what the consumers are saying about the brand, “I’ve worn Nike for a long time and as a white male, I’m more proud to wear my Nike gear after this ad. I believe people are treated horribly in this

country and while I can’t relate to too many of the problems Kaep-ernick is discussing, I support him fully,” said Sandler, a longtime Nike shopper.

“On the surface, I simply like the prod-uct Nike puts out, but there’s now a small sense of pride for me wearing the brand. I imagine people of color out there feel even more strongly about it.”

The company, after years of struggle and decline, has been longing for a spark and they hit the nail on the head with the campaign according to commu-nications major Joshua Daranijo: “I think part of this was a business decision for Nike as well. They knew what they were doing and they were willing to take the risk. It’s paying off because of the mes-sage behind it all”

Their success can be placed on the fact that the ad is extremely powerful and relat-able with the targeted demographic, “There are a lot of people of color in this country that understand why Kaepernick is doing what he’s doing, Joshua explained.

“There are a lot of people of color that relate to him. Couple that with the fact that there are a lot of people of color that wear Nike, and it’s really no surprise that stocks are up.”

One month removed from the original airing of the Nike advert, there’s still been lots of talk amongst students around campus regarding one of the most debated topics of 2018. If the thoughts of students at the Bucks campus are any indication of those of other students across the land, it



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appears that Nike is on the up and support for social causes are held in a high esteem by young people all over.

Despite the drama surrounding him, Nike felt as if he was the perfect person for the demographic they were trying to reach and students couldn’t have agreed more: “Kaepernick is perfect. He’s perfect because he doesn’t have an affiliation right now. He’s not tied to a particular team, or other outspoken teammates or a powerful owner,” Sandler said. “He’s an individual and he’s standing by his message — just like Nike is urging others to do.”