

Wallace and Fitzpatrick Hold Final Debate at Lower Bucks Campus



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On Thursday, Oct. 25., the final debate was held between Republican congressional incumbent, Brian Fitzpatrick, and Democrat Scott Wallace. The debate took place on Fitzpatrick's lower Bucks home turf at Bucks' Bristol campus. The debate concerned who would get their seat representing the 1st district after the election on Nov. 6.

Upon entering the campus, many who came to hear political discourse between the two Bucks County politicians could see political divide amongst some of those in attendance.

The entrance to the Bristol campus had been covered in "Wallace for U.S. Congress" and "Ditch Fitz" signs that had been put up by Wallace supporters. The signs were taken down by agitated Fitzpatrick supporters, but not without some confrontation by Wallace supporters holding more signs bearing his name.

Chairman of the Historic Bristol Borough Economic Development Committee, and Professor of American history and government, Bill Pezza, served as the moderator of the debate.

The debate began around 12:20 p.m. when Wallace and Fitzpatrick took the stage and uncomfortably shook hands. This debate followed the one held at the Shir Ami synagogue in Newtown on Oct. 14, where Wallace became frustrated and used an expletive in front of the audience.

The debate started off with both candidates discussing their backgrounds and credentials.

Wallace discussed his family's past in American politics and Fitzpatrick talked about his time in the FBI and his origins in Levittown.

"I've lived here my entire life," said Fitzpatrick. The conversation started to involve the talk of partisanship in modern politics. "It's bipartisan vs. partisan," said Fitzpatrick. He urged Wallace to not use the "us vs. them" mentality when discussing the Democrats and Republicans.

Pezza during this discussion said, "We don't want to turn this into a pep rally," acknowledging the political divide amongst many people in the audience.

There were two visible MAGA hats and multiple pro-Wallace shirts and hats. Around 12:25, Pezza brought the discussion into the topic of President Trump's political rhetoric and the rhetoric of some Democrats like Maxine

Waters, who has called for the public harassment of Trump and Republican supporters and politicians. He asked the two "How did we get to this place and how do we get back?"

Wallace responded with "I think there is a way back," and went on to discuss how Trump's rhetoric is damaging to the country's political landscape and the country itself. He mentioned how one can talk to real people in this country and see that most people just want to be able to talk to each other normally.

Fitzpatrick responded in a similar fashion, while not giving his party as harsh an analysis.

"The biggest challenge facing this country is the way we talk to each other," he said.

Fitzpatrick continued, "We stand for what's right."

Wallace brought the discussion over to Paul Ryan, who Fitzpatrick has worked with in the past and vocally supported. This took a turn as Fitzpatrick mentioned Wallace's use of choice words at Shir Ami during the previous debate. Hisses from Wallace supporters ensued, a reminder of the political divide sitting quietly in the audience.

The debate then shifted to healthcare in America. Wallace strongly opposes the moves

Trump is making to abolish Obamacare and defended the individual mandate that many Republicans oppose.

"The individual mandate is not a poor tax," Wallace said.

Fitzpatrick opposed this, speaking of how he feels Obamacare has harmed more people than it has helped.

The debate then shifted to the economy.

Wallace mentioned his own wealth and he discussed how he's been able to stay above water in hard financial times.

Wallace is a multimillionaire. This statement of his wealth was received negatively by Fitzpatrick campaigners standing toward the back of the audience.

As the conversation went on, Fitzpatrick mentioned Wallace's financial ties to Washington, which Wallace did not take lightly, "I am not going to play these games," he said.

Wallace mentioned that he doesn't want to get involved in the "smear and distract" tactics of modern politics.

Pezza turned the conversation to the deficit of the country. Fitzpatrick responded saying, "That answer is all dependent on our growth and our economy."

As the debate continued, Wallace mentioned Paul Ryan a few

more times, making the claim that Fitzpatrick was defending Ryan and Trump at every opportunity he could. Fitzpatrick made the claim that Wallace was "obsessed" on the topic of Ryan.

On the issue of climate change, both find that it is a national security issue, but Fitzpatrick doesn't think the regulations that come with it should exist.

The debate lasted a few more minutes, with the topics of foreign relations and immigration coming up. The hot button issue of Israel and the U.S. embassy being moved to Jerusalem came up, with Wallace opposing the idea of it and Fitzpatrick stating "Personally, I support that decision."

The debate came to a close around 1:30 p.m., with both candidates making closing statements on why they are the right choice. Wallace spoke to some of the media while Fitzpatrick talked to campaigners and supporters.

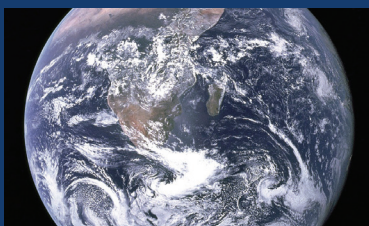
As many left the campus, the signs previously scattered about in front of the school had all been uprooted, leaving no trace of sign of the political discourse that had been so prevalent on the Bristol campus that day.

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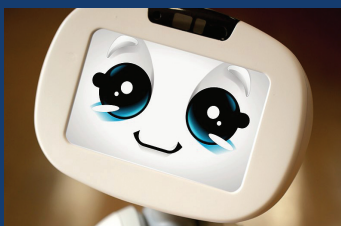
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New Statues Popping up on BCCC Campus



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Over the past few weeks, many students have noticed the appearance of several new sculptures on Bucks’ Newtown campus. These recent installations are not the work of some artistic vandal, but instead are part of a new collaboration between the Hicks Art Center and several prominent local artists who, in the words of project curator Jennifer Garey, “have art everywhere”.

“Public art is essential to a diverse community by building opportunities for activating dialogue and providing a vehicle for the community to express its identity,” said Garey. With this spirit, this project was assembled by the Hicks Art Gallery director Fran Orlando and her exhibitions associate Jennifer Garey are intending to “utilize the display of outdoor sculpture to enhance the historically established art environment of Bucks County Community College.”

Sculptures have quietly been appearing across campus over the past several weeks in three different rounds. Works are typically realistic portrayals of people participating in various activities across campus. Ranging from a couple in Victorian outfits strolling across the lawn outside the Gateway Center to a group of children playing in front of the Science Center, these works are sourced from a variety of different institutions.

While they are not permanent installations, many are on long term loans for up to two years. Many of these sculptures come from the Grounds for Sculpture in New Jersey. The Seward Johnson Atelier also played a crucial role in finding works for this project, along with loans by individual

artists.

Bucks is no stranger to public art installations. There has been a wide assortment of work displayed on campus for decades, and this tradition continues to this day.

Originally, the first pieces installed on the grounds that would later come to constitute Bucks County Community College were part of the Tyler Estate. Tyler Estate was constructed in the 1930s and is “arguably the grandest home ever built in Bucks County and believed to be the last of the great estates ever constructed in the United States”.

Tyler Manor was also home to noted sculptor Stella Tyler. Her work consists of numerous bronze sculptures of women, and many of these works can still be seen prominently in the Tyler Gardens.

From the foundations laid by Stella Tyler, many other artists have added their contributions to the college’s art inheritance. Works have been steadily added since the college was founded in 1964.

Several important occasions have been commemorated by art installations, namely the Creation Pole in front of the Science Center to mark Bucks 20th anniversary and the Building Blocks in Rollins for the 50th anniversary.

Jennifer Garey has high hopes for these installations. She hopes that adding artworks to Bucks campus can “give Bucks County a sense of pride in campus and community”. Her goal of the project is ultimately “to expand (this series of installations) to more Bucks campuses”. Garey urges interested students to “stay tuned” and be on the lookout for big things on the horizon for the Bucks art community.



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BCCC Students Show Enthusiasm for Voting

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On Nov. 6, there will be an election for Pennsylvania’s congressional representatives, statewide offices, and state senate for District 6, and House of Representatives for district 141.

With the Republicans currently holding the House, Democrats are currently doing everything they can to wrestle control back.

While there are a couple Libertarian and Green party members, the majority of the candidates are still Republican and Democrat.

Among the midst of all the mudslinging and self-congratulating, the political candidates are showing off, they are now also encouraging more young people to go out and vote.

This tactic can be seen in the “Dear Young People, Don’t Vote” ad, which older residents are using reverse psychology to convince the youth to vote.

A common belief that some older people have is that the newer generation doesn’t care about voting in elections. From a short survey taken with several students, this belief seems to be nothing more than an old wives’ tale.

Dan McNamee, a 19-year-old sports management major from Southampton, is just one of the many students who is planning on voting. He claims that he’ll be

voting because every vote counts.

Nana Asare, an 18-year-old nursing major from Philadelphia is voting in her first ever election this November. “I feel that it is important that I give my opinion by voting.”

William Tuthill, 20, a sports management major living in Levittown, plans on voting as well, stating that we need change.

The promise for change is something that almost every major political leader promises, most famously Barack Obama with his legendary “change we can believe in” speech.

Sierra Jones, a 19-year-old nursing major, plans on voting this November, “I want to make a difference,” said Jones.

20-year-old communications major, Gianni Mitchell, from Trevoze plans on voting to protect his rights.

The only person who was in the pool that didn’t plan on voting was 20-year-old English major from Yardley, Amala Rajesh.

“I’m not really too invested in politics or stuff like that.” Rajesh confesses.

With political implications specifically for students, voting should be a priority for all that are enrolled. These positions are vital for representing our community, and if we fail to show up, the people that go to D.C. and plead our case, may not have our best interest. Especially in a swing



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county like our own, every vote has a big impact.

This upcoming election is shaping up to be a very decisive one. After Donald Trump stunned the entire world by winning with the electoral votes pushing him over the top while losing the popular vote, the message of “every vote counts” is louder than ever before.

Be sure to head out to your closest election booth on Nov. 6 to vote for the candidate that you personally want. Remember that the polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., so set some time out during the day to go out and vote before you lose the chance to.

Bucks Students Give Pointers on Stress

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It’s an easy assumption to make that most college students deal with stress on a daily basis.

Students at BCCC are no stranger to stress, in fact they deal with it on the daily. And with the range of ages we have here at community college the list of different causes of stress is a little more unique.

Here’s how some students here cope with their stress.

Almost every college student laughs when asked if they are stressed. Any student studying for a degree goes through monumental amounts of stress.

College students are always doing something whether it’s working, studying, completing assignments, competing in sports, or maybe just trying to relax. There are so many things going on at once in college it’s difficult not to be overwhelmed.

Megan Rose, 26, from Perkasio has many things besides school to deal with. When asked if she is stressed Rose’s first response was to laugh.

“I work full time on the night shift and I am a part-time student, I have a 3 year old at home, and I’m in the middle of planning a wedding,” said Rose.

Younger students think it’s difficult to find time for everything, yet older students face many obstacles as well.

As an older college student, it is difficult to find time for assignments and other school work amongst adult schedules. Most have a full time job on top of school or families to provide for.

Rose is currently a nurse but returned to BCCC with the plan of teaching in the future.

“If you stop going to school it’s hard to get back into it. Finish your degree, it’s worth it in the end,” said Rose.

When Rose is stressed she enjoys running. “It’s an easy way



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to unwind and take a break,” said, Rose. She advised that exercise is one good way to de-stress.

The greatest advice any student can take from Rose is do not give up. Keep working towards your academic goals no matter how hard it might get.

Madison Lewis, 20, from Perkasio is also very overwhelmed with school work while having a part time job.

“I would consider myself stressed. There is always something I have to do,” said Lewis. Her biggest word of advice is to “study and pay attention in class.”

When asked what helps reduce stress Lewis said, “I just try to sleep when I’m stressed. It helps me relax for a little bit.”

The idea of sleeping to reduce stress seems to be common among students at BCCC.

Matthew Owens, 18, from Quakertown said, “Lots of sleep is a way to refresh myself. It motivates me to finish more work.”

It is known that most college students do not get a healthy amount of sleep. Because of this it would only make sense for students to feel rejuvenated after a good nap.

“Eating candy is also a good stress reliever for me. I always have some with me” said Owens with a laugh.

Owens is another student with multiple activities on his plate from working at Dorney Park to being a full time student at BCCC.

“Of course I’m stressed, I have to balance school and my job,” said Owens. This is the case for many students at BCCC.

Jake Smith, 18, from Quakertown works almost 30 hours a week and attends classes at BCCC.

“I am always stressed. I have to deal with school, work, and family issues all at the same time,” said Smith.

Smith’s words of advice for

other students is, “Don’t overthink all of your school work. Just take the time to figure out what needs more of your attention.”

A majority of BCCC students feel overwhelmed while some students feel there is nothing to stress about.

Matthew David, 19, from Hatfield takes actions to prevent stress. “I usually take care of all my assignments right away. It is never good to let things pile up over time,” said David.

Planning out assignments way before they are due prevents David from any stress and keeps his grades up.

But, sometimes David does get overwhelmed by school work.

“If I am stressed I take a break from what I’m doing. I get back to it and usually feel better enough to finish,” said David.

More than anything, David recommends students, “Plan out assignments ahead of time. You’ll feel a lot better and usually you’ll

finish things at a faster pace.”

There are also students at BCCC who feel there is no need to stress about anything, especially college.

“Why stress about college?” said Evan Brookes, 19, from Perkasio. Brookes feels that stress takes over our lives too easily.

In Brookes’ eyes, stress is just another emotion we have the power to control.

“Stress is like a half-full glass of water. If you hold it out for too long your arm starts to get tired,” said Brookes.

“Just finish all of your work on time and don’t worry about it too much,” said Brookes.

Stress has a way of consuming most people with busy lives. But, it is important to remember that the stressful things in life can often be prevented through planning and of course, studying.

Climate

Students Repsond to the Threat of Climate Change

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Climate change threatens the future generation’s quality of life but with careful consideration many individuals can easily reverse this in multiple ways.

The United Nations panel’s researchers found that “human caused” carbon dioxide emissions need to be cut in half from the projected 2010 levels. To avoid the worst effects from climate change this needs to be accomplished by 2030.

Climate change is affecting the U.S and the rest of world. As of right now the world is warming, sea levels are rising, and polar ice caps are melting due to the rising temperatures. Severe and destructive weather has also become more common in recent years.

“Climate change is a big deal for future generations, and sadly I don’t think enough people care to do anything about it,” said Addie Eliason, a freshman at BCCC.

According to NASA, scientists believe global temperatures will continue to rise for decades to come. Mainly due to greenhouse gases produced by human activities. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), which includes more than 1,300 scientists from the United States and other countries predict a temperature rise of 2.5 to 10 degrees Fahrenheit over the next century.

“Climate Change should be a big issue to all of us because we only have one earth,” said Jen Abele, a freshman at Bucks’, “It has been promoted and pampered for the last 20 years because no

one realized how big of a problem it actually was.”

The U.S has programs like the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in place. The agency’s main purpose is to develop information on how to protect the planet from climate change and its associated impacts on human health, ecosystems, and socioeconomic systems. While the EPA can gather information and research it, it’s up to us to make a difference.

The precautions and changes that we can take in order to help slow down the impending effects of climate change are smaller than you might think. A simple switch to energy saving light bulbs and turning off lights when you leave the room can make an immediate impact. Using lower temperatures when using the washing machine is a minimal change but it does make a difference.

Diet changes like eating less meat, buying organic products, growing food, and not wasting food can also help. The global livestock industry produces more greenhouse gases than cars, trains, ships, and planes combined. An individual lowering the amount of animal products they consume can help lower the greenhouse gases released into the atmosphere.

“I love nature and I try to do what I can to protect it,” said Eliason, who does her part by eating less meat and sticking to a mainly vegetarian diet.

The effects of climate change



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aren’t the only issue for future generations, it’s the belief of climate itself and the protocols and acts put in place by the government.

Over the past few years President Trump has been very vocal on his beliefs that climate change is in fact a hoax. In the past Trump has tweeted that “The concept of global warming was created by and for the Chinese in order to make U.S. manufacturing non-competitive,” but in October Trump redacted what he said.

In an interview with CBS Trump said “I don’t think it’s a hoax. I think there’s probably a difference. But I don’t know that it’s manmade. I will say this: I don’t want to give trillions and trillions of dollars. I don’t want to lose millions and millions of jobs.”

The Trump administration has moved to protect coal producers and other energy sources like natural gas, claiming it is a national security risk to rely only on renewable energy. However, many

scientists claim that one of the most efficient ways to curb global warming would be to drastically reduce the country’s use of fossil fuels not encourage it.

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Abele continued, “It [climate change] has been promoted and pampered for the last 20 years because no one realized how big of a problem it actually is.”



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Electronics

Robo-Calls: A Nuisance and a Scam

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Please do not stop reading, this article has information that pertains to you.

If you just scoffed at the above line, you’re one of many students and employees here at Bucks. Often when you answer a phone, you’ll hear a robotic voice immediately say, “Please do not hang up.”

Robo-calling is when a computerized auto dialer delivers a pre-recorded message to your phone. They are usually telemarketing or political campaigns but can also be used for emergency announcements as well.

It is a tool used by people to get their message out to people with the lowest possible cost, and it is often abused by criminals to capture the unknowing and unsuspecting and steal their information and money.

An article on clark.com states that there were nearly 31 billion robo-calls placed just in 2017.

A New York Times article about Robo-calling has noted a startling increase of these deceptive calls. Many states have started to warn consumers about them, because most of the time they are scams.

Barbara Underwood, current New York attorney general, and 33 other attorney generals have formed a coalition to request the FCC act against these robotic calls.

She says, “Unwanted robo-calls aren’t just a nuisance – they’re

a means for scammers to take advantage of unsuspecting New Yorkers.”

This isn’t just localized in New York. Students and employees at Bucks have noticed more robotic telemarketers in their caller ID logs.

Student Josh Bittner from Lower Southampton says that he gets a ton of robo-calls, mostly about political campaigns. “Honestly, I prefer them because you can just hang up on them.”

“You can’t really hang up on a person without feeling bad,” he admitted.

Brendan Jordan from Langhorne thinks these calls are a huge waste of time.

“Most of the time, they come up as scam calls on my caller ID,” he notes. The New York Times article agrees with him, explaining that these calls often use deceptive measures.

The article from clark.com also mentions that “the technology exists that allows criminals to make unlimited calls – virtually for free.” These criminals only need a few people to fall for their scam, and these calls to the North American continent are an easy way to get those few people.

Jordan thought for a minute, and mentioned, “Honestly, I’m not sure how many people even listen to these [calls], they are not persuasive at all.”

Isabelle Geng from Southampton agrees that they are scams, saying that they are an annoying inconvenience.



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“I only get a few calls, mostly about politics,” she says. She did observe a general increase of these automated calls as of late.

Reference Librarian Linda McCann took the time to explain how many calls she receives.

“I get about 1-2 per day on my cellphone, while my land-line receives 3-4.” She mentioned that many of these calls are political.

Student Greg Munder from Levittown wasn’t really sure how many calls he received, but he said that a lot of it was spam.

He wants the government to stop them, “It’s honestly really annoying.”

When asked how the government should counter these robotic messages, he confessed, “I don’t know how to stop them, they’re just too prevalent.”

Nick Georgio, also from Levittown, says” They are bad, it’s not a good thing.” He called these robo-calls really “spammy.”

“I will ignore a call on my phone if I don’t recognize the number or have it saved.”

He pulled out his phone and showed an outstanding amount of calls in the past few days. He mentioned that he received at least 5 daily.

Previously, the National Do-Not-Call Registry was an option to stop these robotic callers. All you had to do was put in your phone number and some basic contact information and you were set.

This registry also had the bonus of a lawsuit if you were called, often netting you hundreds of dollars if a telemarketer did end up calling you.

Nowadays, that registry barely works. Many professors and students have complained that they still receive these calls even though they are on the Do-Not-Call list.

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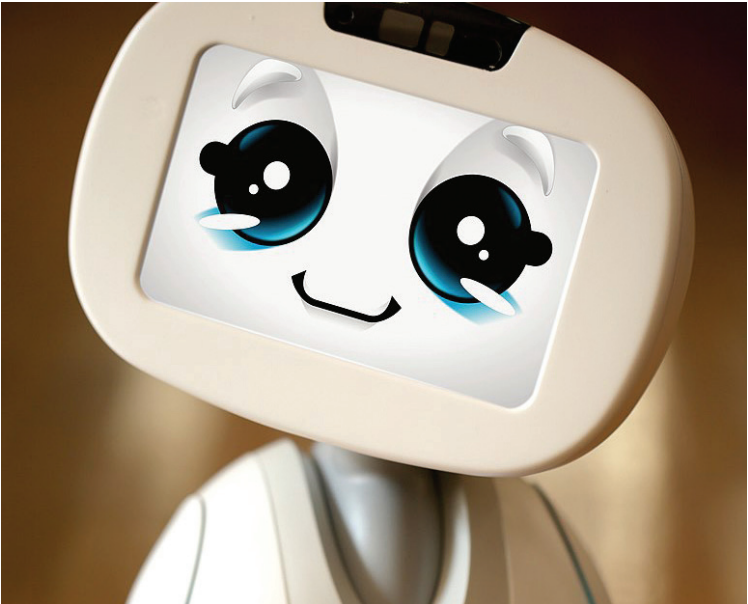


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Robo Calls



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Some wireless carriers offer free robo-call blocking. Some of these carriers are T-Mobile and AT&T, the latter offering an app called “Call Protect.” “Call Protect” matches the number in a database that collects potential robo-callers. Some services that require money to work are from Verizon and a service called “Robo Killer.” Both services cost \$2.99 each. If you’re tight on money and require a low-technology solution. Just do what most students do and don’t answer the number if you don’t recognize it.

Usually, if it is a robo-caller, they won’t leave a voice-mail. Most people tend to leave a voice-mail if they need to contact you. States and localities are petitioning the Federal Government to do something about it, as it is an issue that is quickly growing in severity. When somebody calls you on your mobile phone or land-line, make sure it is a number that you are able to recognize. Otherwise, let it roll over to voice-mail. Be phone smart, and don’t fall for the common scams criminals use to steal your identity and information.

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Shows to Look Out For This Fall

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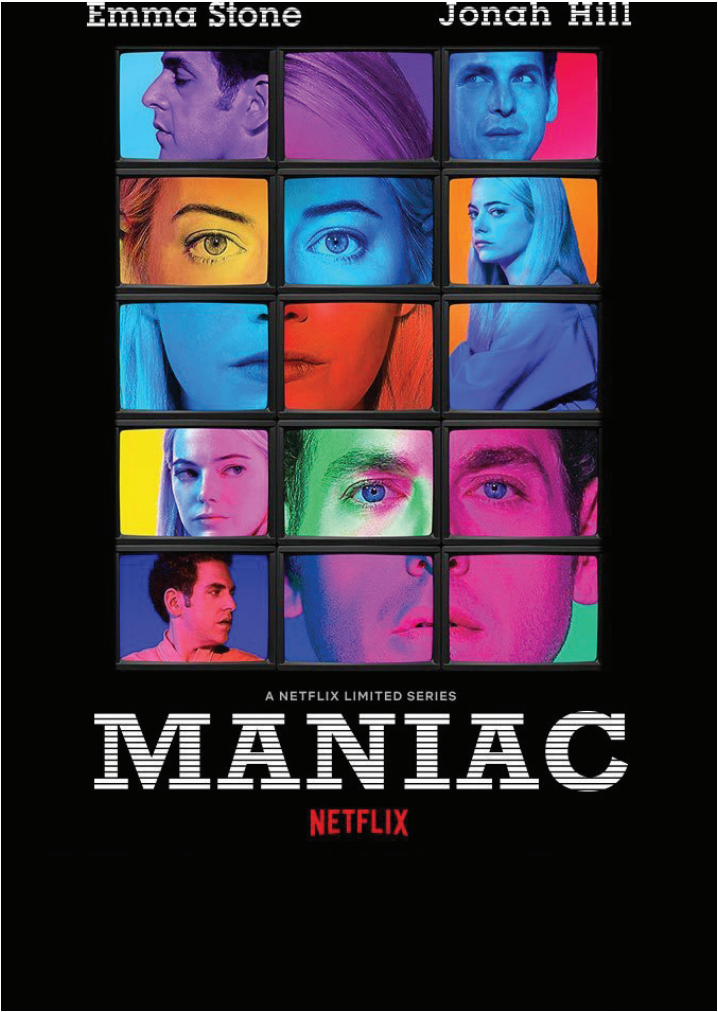
In the current era where TV dominates, Bucks students shared their opinions on various new series and season premieres of shows released this fall across streaming, cable and network TV outlets. This fall we have seen A- list actors who have been exclusive to the film industry enter the TV universe. Also, following in the trend of reboots this fall has not shied away from bringing back classic shows that have been canceled. And of course, a cluster of network reality TV shows were released. A must see new show is the limited series “Maniac” released Sept. 21 on Netflix. The series has a star-studded cast, including Emma Stone and Jonah Hill. Both Stone and Hill are established in the cinema world but have never starred in a TV production. As

expected, both give phenomenal performances. The show centers around Stone and Hill’s characters who take part in a pharmaceutical drug trial. Hill’s character experiences hallucinations throughout the series and viewers are left wondering what is real. Bucks student, Regina Resnicoff, shared her opinion on the new series, “I have only seen a few episodes and all I can say so far is its definitely interesting.” Both Stone and Hill are following in the trend of movie stars leaving the big screen to keep up with the popular demand that TV currently holds. Another popular show released this fall was the eighth season of “American Horror Story” on FX. The season premiered on Sept. 12 with an apocalyptic theme. Viewers were happy to see previous cast members who have taken a few seasons off return for the new installment. Emma Roberts and Taissa Farniga are among the

featured returning cast. The return of “American Horror Story” had Bucks students excited. However, first year student, Madelene Befaden, pointed out some frustrations with watching a network show. “I watched all of the other seasons of “American Horror Story” on Netflix and now it’s annoying to have to wait a week for a new episode.” Other students shared a similar opinion and favored Netflix and other streaming platforms content over network and cable shows. “I mainly just watch old seasons of “Grey’s Anatomy” on Netflix,” laughed Biomedical Science major, Sinem Atabas. “I just like how there are no commercials” added Atabas. Liberal Arts Major, Graceanne Rutecki, pointed out the convenience of watching from a streaming platform, “It doesn’t require me to leave my room. I can watch from any device.” In spite of streaming platforms growing success, network channels continue to release new content. The ABC sitcom and new revival “Roseanne” returned on Oct. 16 with a new name, “The Conner’s”, and without the previous lead Roseanne Barr. Barr was let go from the show after making a racist tweet. The return of the show was highly controversial. The show reached 10.5 million viewers which was about 8 million less than the previous

season premiere. “Well, she was the star,” said Madelene Befaden’s when asked why the ratings of the show sank without Barr. CBS tried to compete with ABC by releasing their own revival of a 90s sitcom titled, “Murphy Brown.” The show centers around news reporter, Murphy Brown, and the challenges that come with her job. Even though the show is following in the trend of reboots it only received a measly 7.4 million viewers for the premiere. In the competitive reality TV world, ABC released a spin-off of their hit show “Dancing with the Stars.” The spin-off is titled “Dancing with the Stars Juniors” and features today’s child celebrities. The cast includes, Alana “Honey Boo Boo” Thompson and Stevie Wonder’s son Mandla Morris. The series premiered on

Oct. 7 and continues to air every Sunday night. TV line gave the show a raving review and said, “This version of show served up more energy and unbridle joy than the all-adults iteration.” Even with the various new shows that have been released this fall, Bucks students seem to favor reruns of shows on their preferred streaming platform. “Cable is just boring, I like just waiting for the entire season of the show to come out on Netflix and watching it all at once,” said, Hailey Thomas. It seems that while TV is soaring above the film industry in popularity there may be something that could tear it down. Bucks student, Krista Ecaaro, highlighted this impending threat to TV when she said, “I really only watch YouTube.”



(L) Netflix limited Series “Maniac” starring Emma Stone and Jonah Hill, the show is centered around participants of a pharmaceutical drug trial

(R) The latest season of “American Horror Story,”Apocalypse. This season centers on the few that have survived the end of the world



Movie Review

Lady Gaga Shines in “A Star is Born”



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2018 has been filled with major motion pictures such as “Avengers: Infinity War”, “Incredibles 2” and “Hereditary”, however Bradley Cooper’s “A Star is Born” seems to outrank them all.

Cooper, who starred in and directed the 2018 remake of the 1976 classic, stunned audiences with not only his acting capability, but his vocal range as well. However, the true star of the film was none other than Lady Gaga.

Gaga blew audiences away with her performance playing the character of Ally, a down in the dumps waitress with an incredible voice.

With a captivating, yet heart-wrenching love story that

has stood the test of time, Gaga and Cooper had quite a lot to live up to, much like Barbara Streisand and Kris Kristofferson did 42 years ago, they came out on top.

But this movie wouldn’t be complete without its soundtrack, and the soundtrack for “A Star Is Born” hits all of the high notes. A whimsical blend of hurting, healing, loving, and singing, it is sure to leave movie-goers smiling, laughing, singing, and uncontrollably crying.

By the end of the film, even the toughest viewers will have fallen for this classic love story and will not be able to hold back the tears that this film evokes.

When drunken musician, Jackson Maine, played by Cooper, wanders into a bar for the sole

purpose of finding more booze, the last thing he expected to find was the love of his life. After hearing Gaga’s character, Ally belt out “La Vie en Rose” while dressed in French drag, Jack found both.

After a night to remember, Jack pleads for Ally to come to his next gig, and she refuses until Jack’s driver follows her around trying to convince her. She arrived at the gig just in time for Jack go on, and coax her on stage to perform a song they co-wrote the night before, the nation-wide hit “Shallow”.

After a viral video and many more performances later, Ally was offered a record deal of her own and is on track to become the next big thing in music.

Still dealing with drug and alcohol issues as well as a persisting loss of hearing, Jack’s own career begins to dwindle, but his spur of the moment marriage to Ally keeps him afloat. A Grammy nomination brings the pair to the annual awards show where, during Ally’s acceptance speech, Jack brings embarrassment to them both.

While Ally continues her dominance of the music industry, Jack seeks help in a rehabilitation center, and soon joins Ally back at the place that he thanked her for making home.

The movie ends shortly and emotionally after Jack exits rehab.

With the debut of “A Star Is Born”, Cooper and Gaga have further established themselves

as icons. Cooper and Gaga were already respected in their own fields of acting and music, but this movie brought a crossover for them both. Now a certified triple-threat, “A Star Is Born” brings praise to Cooper not only as an actor, but as a singer and a director as well. Gaga also adds film to her already impressive resume of music, television, business, and fashion.

Boasting a no. 1 movie, a no. 1 album, and lots of Oscar buzz, “A Star Is Born” is undoubtedly a story of overdue success, fateful coincidence, and love that will make you never love again.

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Movie Review

“Halloween” Reboots a Classic

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It has been 40 years since the release of John Carpenter’s 1978 low-budget thriller, “Halloween,” and it seems as if the fictional rogue killer Michael Myers has not changed, but he is definitely in a new era.

This revamp of the classic slasher gives a modern day audience the experience of timeless horror and gore. The reboot of the series gives a more complex side to the story of Michael Myers. It involves the vengeance of his sister, Laurie Strode, played by Jamie Lee Curtis. Curtis’ character is determined to kill Myers and rid the world of his evil.

In this version of the film, the characters are more focused on fighting against Myers rather than cowering from him in fear. The audience can sense that Strode is prepared for Michaels escape from prison and return to his home-town of Haddonfield, Illinois to go on another murderous rampage. Strode had even trained her daughter for this moment which had been engraved in her mind since that fateful Halloween night in 1978 when Myers killed all of her friends.

Don’t let anyone tell you otherwise, this version of “Halloween” is scary. There are many moments in the movie where it seems Myers just comes from nowhere to kill someone. As you watch the film, you’re left in suspense as to where he could be and when he’s going to strike his next victim. It does a great justice to the word thriller and truly does give you chills down your spine.

Now the movie was solid, but

it wasn’t a perfect 10/10. It was made well enough to go along par with the original from 1978, but it did not exceed any expectations. It seemed as though there was more involved with this movie than the first one. There were more elements of the film to make it stand out, and it shows where it differs from the others in the series.

It gave a very personal feel to the movie when Myers’ own family was prepared for his return and will try to kill him at all costs. It’s not just a simple thrasher film this time, there are a lot of elements that dramatize the film to show the relationship between Myers, society, and even his family.

If you love the retro-vintage feel of “Halloween” then this is the perfect movie for you. It brings elements from the original film and ties them in with the new generation. It has a similar opening and closing scene as the original. Most importantly it has the same classic piano music that has been giving people chills for 40 years.

This new Halloween movie was the thriller everybody needed. It had the perfect amount of action, gore, drama and even comedic elements to fit the Halloween/ fall season. It brings the feel of the slasher movies back to 2018 and anybody who has some free time should go experience it. You will not be disappointed in the return of Michael Myers in this film. Overall I give this movie an 8/10, it was an enjoyable horror film that’s perfect for Halloween. My only problem is that I would’ve liked to see more of Myers’ backstory in the film.

Movie Rating: 8/10



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Sports

Women’s Basketball Team Hopes for a Bright Season



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With the leaves changing colors, winds blowing harsh, and throats getting sore, this can only mean one thing; its basketball season. And much like the trees will soon sprout new leaves to replace old, our Bucks County Women’s Basketball team will be featuring a new head coach to continue to represent the school in the best possible way.

Coach Andre Bright served as an assistant coach for the Lady Centurions Women’s Basketball Team during the 2017-18 season. This will be his first time in a head coaching position, but with Coach Bright’s resume and basketball acumen, you will surely be hearing his name for years to come. He fell in love with the game at ten years old

with the arrival of Julius Erving, PhD. into the National Basketball League, that same year he received his first Spalding basketball as a gift, from that moment on basketball truly was life.

He played high school basketball at the Franklin Learning Center in the Philadelphia Public League, and continued his playing career at Paine College in Augusta, GA and at Lackawanna Junior College in Scranton, PA. Coach Bright attended skill camps in the Pocono Mountains area, where he first began to take notice of the women’s game. Being exposed to women’s basketball players such as the legendary Ann Donovan was eye opening for a young Andre Bright. He appreciated the footwork, the fundamentals, and the pure basketball savvy of these women; they were doing all the things he’s been watching men do

with less of a reliance on athleticism and more emphasis on their technique.

Bright’s coaching career began as Sports Information Director/Men’s & Women’s Assistant Basketball Coach at Paine College in the early nineties; he then moved on to serve as Women’s Assistant Coach at Temple University and assisted in the Philadelphia Catholic League at Conwell-Egan Catholic High School & Archbishop Carroll over the next decade. He returned to the collegiate ranks as Volunteer Assistant Coach at the University of the Sciences in 2000, and coached CYO basketball at St. Mary Interparochial School from 2005 to 2012. His previous assistant coaching position was as Volunteer Assistant Coach at his alma mater, Cheyney University.

After a 2-17 record last year,

Coach Bright has his eyes focused not only on this season, but on the seasons to come. One of his main goals is to promote the opportunity and experience gained in the Community College and Junior College programs, the available reps for freshmen and sophomores that may not be available at four-year universities that are littered with juniors and seniors across every roster. With the girls currently on the team, Coach Bright looks to instill a defensive game plan, running simple offensive sets with hopes to control the game defensively.

His onus is put more so on the fundamentals than the plays run. He will look to focus on shooting a high field goal percentage, limiting turnovers, and rebounding the intangibles. Wins and losses are not how this Centurion team should be judged, but on the

progress they make throughout the season under a first-year head coach playing chess in a league where everyone is so used to checkers.

Make sure plans are made to check out the women’s basketball team this season. Remember that these players are not only your peers, friends, and classmates, but they are a representation of the college and should have the support of the student body.

Coach Bright looks to represent the school positively and filled with pride, and wants the school to know that as blessed and fortunate as he feels to be here, success ultimately comes from the students, not the coach. Bucks County Community College is looking forward to a very Bright future.



Bria Skonberg

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Bria Skonberg

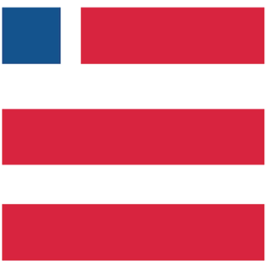
New York-based Canadian singer, trumpeter and songwriter, Bria is one of the most versatile and imposing musicians of her generation. She’s a force in the new generation of Jazz with her bold horn melodies, smoky vocals, and adventurous concoctions of classic and new.

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