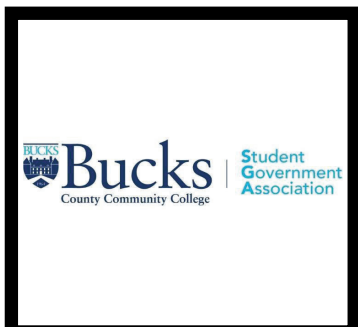


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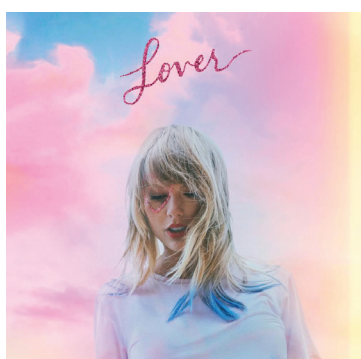
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## Construction Causes Confusion on Campus



*A fenced off area on Bucks' Newtown campus, courtesy of Audrey Jakubik*

AUDREY JAKUBIK  
*Centurion Staff*

Bucks' Newtown campus construction has disrupted students' schedules and classes, and it won't be stopping anytime soon.

New cosmetic designs for campus are being implemented resulting in construction throughout the grounds. For now, these areas are fenced off for construction access only. The plan involves adding more greenery and modernizing the area. The construction began at beginning of the fall semester, and Martin Snyder, director of the physical plant at Bucks, said this is only phase one.

Rhiley Yurro, 19-year-old speech pathology major, said that this is her first semester at Bucks' Newtown campus and the fencing makes it hard to find her way

around campus.

"I hate it. I wish it would have been done over the summer, but it is happening during the busiest time of the year," Yurro said. "It is inconvenient, you have to go around the entire school just to get to Links."

Students will continue to see blocked off portions of campus into the spring semester.

"Phase two, which includes the area from the Faculty Center through to the Orangery will begin in March- approximately, depending on the winter weather and will be completed by the end of the spring semester" Synder said.

Leonard Gopshtein, 19, business major, said that the fencing added a good amount of time getting from class to class.

Gopshtein explained, "I have to try to come earlier to campus to

weave around the fences and go through different buildings. The fencing adds about five minutes to my walk to class sometimes. The first week of school I was late to a few classes because of it. I found how to maneuver around it now but it is definitely in the way."

He added he had to carve out more time in advance to make sure he makes it to his classes in a timely manner, as the fencing makes for some obstruction of his usual path.

"It is a major inconvenience," said 19-year-old biomedical science major, Jocelyn Perchik. "The first day of classes, it really threw me off because I was already trying to find where I was going, and then the fence added to the stress of it," she said.

Perchik continued, "All of my classes are in the science building, so I have to find a way around and

use another entryway every single day now."

Some students have been able to avoid the construction.

Dylan Khaytin, 18, business major on his first semester at Bucks, said it has not really affected him personally.

"All my classes are mainly in Grupp and Founders Halls, so I haven't really had any issues with the fence since I have been here. I barely even noticed it was there honestly. I have heard some of my friends say they had issues with finding their classes with it being there, but luckily my classes are all in one area where there is no fencing right now," Khaytin said.

Other students are not as fortunate. Several exits around campus are blocked and students are forced to find alternative routes to class for the time being.

## Koi Pond and Tree to be Removed

ALYSSA MOORE  
*Centurion Staff*

Faculty and students expressed concerns after the announcement that Newtown campus' outdoor remodel will result in the removal of the beloved koi pond and large tree outside of Grupp Hall.

The campus is currently undergoing a new renovation project to update the school's outdoor features. A big portion of land in center of the campus has been blocked off since the beginning of the fall semester. As the weeks go by, students and faculty watch the construction crews move in to begin remodeling the landscape.

The executive director of the Physical Plant, Martin Snyder, has confirmed that almost everything in the gated area will be removed.

"Nearly everything in the center of campus will be removed during the renovation project: walkways, lighting, site furnishings, plant materials, and the water garden," Snyder explained. "The project is to update walkways, lighting, and other landscape features."



*The Koi pond behind the Orangery that is planned to be removed, courtesy of Alyssa Moore*

The removal of the koi pond within the water garden that sits behind the Cooper Homestead has raised concerned. The koi pond is home to many koi fish that the college students and staff have

grown fond of. It is the only outdoor feature on the campus that houses wildlife.

"Any time we have a little bit of the natural world included in our environment it is good. There is a

term 'forest bath' which suggests that a visit to nature is a soothing and peaceful experience," said Bucks Professor Annette Conn.

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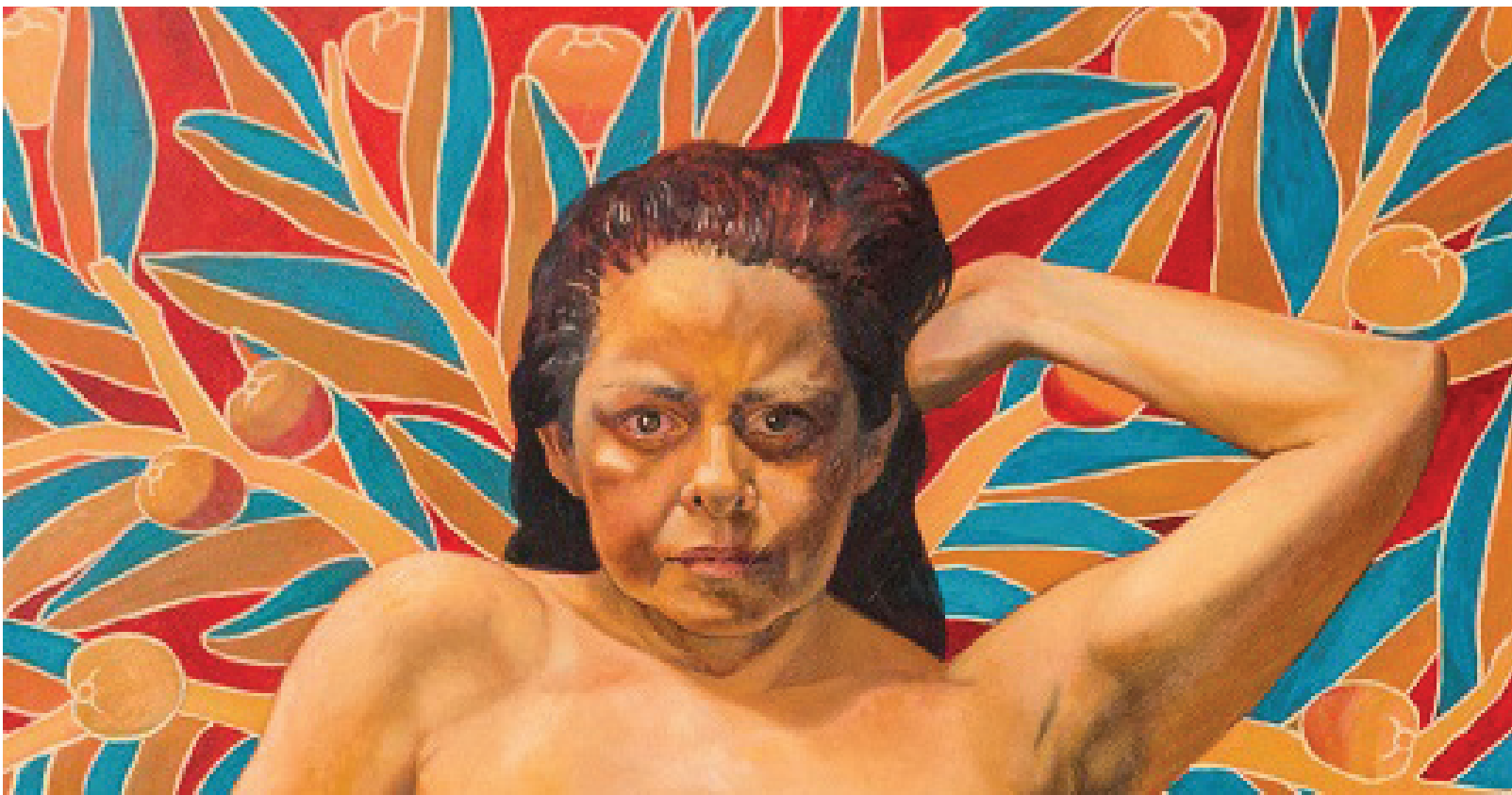
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# Bucks Celebrates Latin Heritage



Art included in Kukuli Velarde exhibit in the Hicks Art Center, courtesy of Bucks’ website.

**FRANCIS KLINGENBERG**  
*Centurion Staff*

Bucks is hosting its first ever LatinX Heritage Month celebration and all aspects of the college are chipping in to make it special.

Sept. 15 - Oct. 15 will be celebrated with numerous events, and CulinArts will be pitching in by creating and selling Hispanic foods for students. Some events include speakers, exhibitions, and more.

The Hicks Art Center will host a Peruvian artist’s exhibition.

The artist, Kukuli Velarde, many works will be shown in this exhibition until Oct. 19. There will be a reception on Sept. 18 with the artist’s gallery talk being included.

Fran Orlando, director of exhibitions, said that this exhibition is something that everybody should take time to visit.

Another event hosts poet, Raquel Salas Rivera, on Oct. 3, at 1:30p.m. Rivera is the 2018-19 Poet Laureate of Philadelphia, and the author of “while they sleep (under the bed is another country).”

To close out the month’s events, on Oct. 15, there will be a conference presentation with Professor Jeanette Marie Kelley from Villanova. Kelley will discuss a crisis in Venezuela which will include personal experiences and thoughts. This professor is also a student at Bucks.

This is Bucks’ first LatinX Heritage month, however there were always discussions about making it happen.

Professor Arlene Toro said, “There were always talks of diversity in Bucks, however it was just a discussion.”

These discussions eventually found their ways into numerous classrooms, and those professors spoke to one another and decided that there needed to be a campus wide initiative.

This concentrated effort eventually morphed itself into a LatinX Heritage celebration month.

Some of these professors and people include Toro, Samantha Gross, Ethel Rackin, Orlando, and more. They believed in promoting diversity through the month.

Gross said that this is, “important, really important,” to promote this diversity, and to celebrate something that hasn’t been widely celebrated are important.

Toro mentioned that this is the, “first year that there has been a concentrated effort.”

It’s the hopes of these organizers to create a month that will honor those students and professors who are Hispanic, and to give a voice to the LatinX heritage.

Organizers spoke with such passion, and they cared about every single detail going behind this month. It’s these people who are making a difference in what they do.



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# Student Life

## Meet the New 2019- 2020 Student Government Association President

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Evan Brooks, the new 2019-2020 Student Government Association president has big plans for Bucks’ future.

Brooks’ main goal for the student body is to instill a lasting structure for future SGA members to learn from and continue to build. While Brooks is adjusting nicely to his new role, running in the SGA election was not always his plan.

“I originally took classes at the Upper Bucks Campus, where the SGA was unheard of. As one of those students, it’s not hard to feel like a ghost to those who are supposed to be representing you. I ran to make sure that every member of the Student Body was able to not only know they had a Student Government, but one that actually cared about them,” said Brooks.

Brooks is no stranger to school politics. During his high school years Brooks was vice president of his class. After graduating, Brooks was eager to extend his knowledge at Bucks.

“My main inspiration to run was that it was an opportunity to help my peers, give back to my school, and be of use wherever needed,” said Brooks.



SGA logo, courtesy of SGA's facebook page

Brooks plans on making Bucks a better place for students and staff.

“I will be working with both the students and faculty to hear their concerns and to have them addressed as efficiently as possible. Communication is also a huge tool that can be used to make Bucks a better place for everyone. I want to take Bucks from a last resort college pick to a first pick,” said Brooks.

Brooks would also like to make

getting involved a fun and exciting experience for all students.

“Through communicating with clubs and organizations, more fun and useful events can be held, and the SGA can help the structures of their clubs to promote a fun yet professional environment,” explained Brooks.

Of course, Brooks would not be able to accomplish all of these future plans alone. He has the help of his Vice President Jasmine Ramos,

Treasurer Hala Ayyash and Secretary Farah Bassyouny. With all of the ideas and excitement floating around in just the early weeks of the semester, it is no wonder why all of SGA’s current members were the chosen candidates during last semester’s election.

**Meeting information:**

SGA full board meetings are held every Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. during the fall and spring semesters at the Newtown Campus and

are open to the public.

Meetings have been taking place in Grupp Hall in room 259 but meeting locations vary and will be announced a week prior to each meeting.

Students can get involved with the SGA by going to the Student Life desk in Rollins and ask about joining. Students are also encouraged to email current members of the SGA at buckssga@gmail.com.

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## Koi Pond and Tree to be Removed



The tree in danger of removal in between Grupp Hall and the Library entrance

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Construction plans do include a new vision for the koi pond area.

“The water garden will be replaced with a more contemporary water feature with lighting and seating,” Snyder said. “It will be more fitting with the overall plan.”

Snyder verified that fish will not be put into the new water feature, “No, no fish. We have some folks that have volunteered to give the fish a new home,” he said.

Professor and historic preservationist for the college, Matthew Metcalf, also confirmed that the big tree that sits between Grupp Hall

and the school’s library entrance will be removed from the heart of the campus to make room for the landscaping project.

Metcalf explained that, “Many of the original buildings at Newtown (Tyler Hall, Hicks Art Center, and the Cottages) were part of the Tyler’s estate and we have preserved them as a way to honor the history and save money. History is a part of the Bucks County community’s identity and the college has always made an effort to preserve and honor the Tyler legacy. If the trees are part of that historic landscape, then losing the trees mean losing part of that story.”

Metcalf also looked into if the tree was planted by the original owners of the college, the Tyler family, but has not found any evidence.

“The tree between Grupp and the Library is a beautiful addition to the campus. Unless it is diseased and needs to be cut down for safety reasons, why would we want to destroy it,” added Conn.

Students started a petition to stop the removal of the tree. Which can be signed at <http://chnng.it/c2Ty5QqC>.

As of now, crews have cleared the land within the gated area. The project is aimed to be completed by summer 2020.

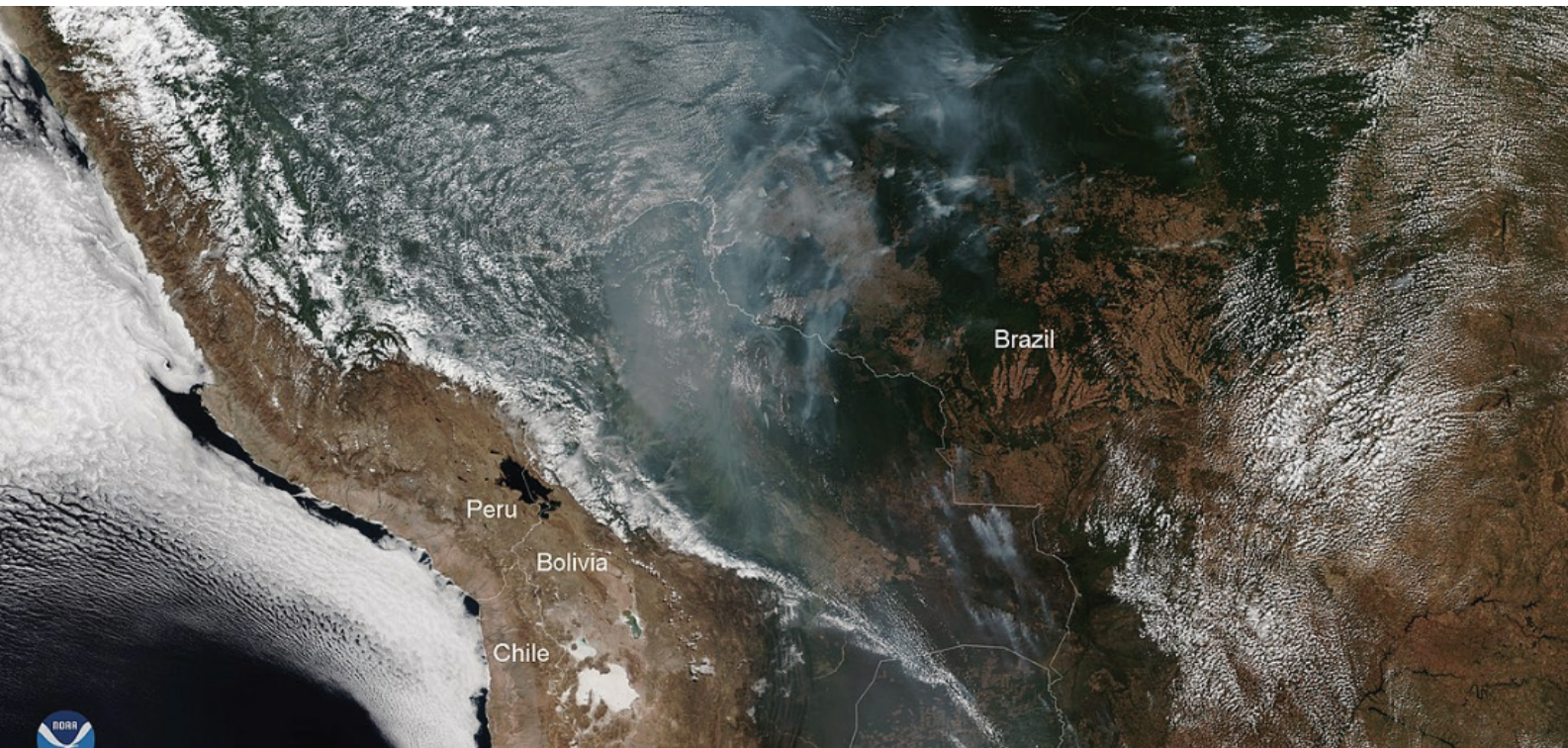


National News

Fires Rage on in the Amazon Rainforest

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The Amazon Rainforest has been burning now for several weeks and still the Brazilian government refuses to accept aid. As of Sept. 5, “93,000 fires were alight in the Brazilian Amazon” according to National Geographic. This is a dramatic increase and is the highest number since 2010. Normally wildfires occur in areas of drought, instead these wildfires are staying consistent with areas of deforestation. There has been a sudden increase in deforestation ever since newly elected Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro took office in Jan. of 2019. As an anti-environmental leader, Bolsonaro pushed for reducing regulations on the Amazon for a more profitable economy. At the time, people could set these fires in order to clear land for crops, residential areas, or animal stock. Due to the intense amount of pressure from environmental activists around the world, President Bolsonaro, has recently declared a ban on setting fires for land clearing for 60 days. President Bolsonaro has accepted few offers of aid from abroad. The G7, an organizational consisting of the leading seven economies, has recently offered \$22 million. President Bolsonaro has declined the gracious offer because of a dispute between Brazil and France, one of the countries within the G7.



The Amazon Rainforest as seen from google maps, courtesy of Wikimedia Commons

Most people as of right now are furious with President Bolsonaro decision. “Some people believe these problems will just go away education is the only answer for people to become factually aware,” said Bucks Environmental Science and Ecology Professor Michael Bernarsky with a disgruntled look. While President Bolsonaro is refusing most of the aid offered to reduce the number of wildfires, the Amazon is still burning. “The rainforest contains 50-70 percent of the biodiversity on the planet,” added Bernarsky. The Amazon also removes an

abundant amount of carbon dioxide in the air while at the same time producing six percent of our daily oxygen. Biodiversity is the variety of life throughout an ecosystem. In the Amazon, most of the life that lives there have yet to be even discovered. Researchers are discovering hundreds of organisms every day to learn more about our planet while also inventing new items that could help us. The Amazon is also home to many indigenous peoples that continually live there. The natives are losing their homes while more and more of the rainforest is being

burned away for more profits, like soybeans. Even though their home are being destroyed, the indigenous people are still contributing to the research of certain medical properties. For example, about 7,000 medical properties that are used for western medicine come from plants. About 3,000 of these plants can have anti-cancerous material. Meaning that while these wildfires are running rampage, we could be losing possible solutions to solving cancer that have yet to be discovered. There are multiple other plant derived medicines that could help

or even cure certain diseases, such as: malaria, multiple sclerosis, Parkinson’s disease, even something as simple as a headache. “The Amazon is a sink for potential pharmaceutical molecules,” said Bernarsky. The Amazon holds an infinite amount of knowledge that has yet to be even discovered while we are ignorantly throwing it away so we can have one last Happy Meal. As Professor Bernarsky put it, “The green dollar may be the demise of the green Earth.”

Where do the 2020 Democratic Candidates Stand?



Democratic candidate, Elizabeth Warren, courtesy of Wikimedia Commons



Democratic candidate, Bernie Sanders, courtesy of Wikimedia Commons

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With the election coming up, citizens are trying to decide who will be the best possible candidate for the democratic party. With about 20 candidates running for office, the options for the public are vast. One of the more popular choices is Joe Biden given his past experience as vice president and as a senator. William Pezza, a political science professor at Bucks, says that Biden will have the best chance with moderate Democrats. Moderates believe that Biden has a more practical outlook on various topics such as an idea to

create a voluntary buyback program for assault weapons instead of banning them out right. Others think that he would be a safe bet with his name recognition and past experience in U.S. politics, especially as vice president. Biden is currently leading in the democratic primaries with a 24 percent, though that number did drop down 5 percent in mid-August. Biden may have an edge when the primaries take place since 49 percent of voters say that they fear nominating a candidate who is too liberal. Other options for democratic voters that are looking for candidates promising more change will likely lean towards Elizabeth

Warren and Bernie Sanders. Both of their stances are on the notation that there needs to be significant changes to the economy in order to make an impact that will last. One of these proposed changes is for college tuition to be free throughout the entirety of a student’s academic plan in contrast to Joe Biden who only supports the idea of two years of college cost free. Sanders and Warren are also keen on banning oil fracking and off shore drilling on both federal and private owned land. Warren currently stands at 18 percent in recent polls, climbing up from 14 percent and is the closest behind Biden for the lead. Sanders is nearly tied with Warren

with 17 percent, which rose from 15 percent which he had last month. Support for both Biden and Sanders is mostly predictable by age demographics, while support for Warren is highly predictable by both the education and race of the voters. None of the other 20 candidates have reached 10 percent in the polls with Kamala Harris having 8 percent, Pete Buttigieg with 6 percent, and Beto O’Rourke with 5 percent. All the other democratic candidates aren’t polling above 2 percent. Warren also saw growth in her support from people who said that beating Trump in the election is

most important from 15 percent to 21 percent. Pezza commented on who he believed had the best chance for the Democratic nomination. While he thinks that it is still unclear and it all depends on, “Whose loyalists will show up.” Pezza closed by saying, “I wouldn’t be surprised if a woman or a person of color was on the ballad come election time.” While the election isn’t for about a year, discussions about the candidates won’t halt anytime soon.



## Arts & Entertainment

# The King is Dead and “The Lion King” is the Culprit

**BRADLEY HARE**

*Centurion Staff*

Simba, you really killed him this time.

If there ever was a movie that I am ashamed to admit I had to spend real money on, it would be the 2019 version of “The Lion King”.

Once upon a time, “The Lion King” was the film that made everyone put Disney on the map and cement it; it made them realize that Disney was alive and well. Now, as the latest victim of Disney’s live action remake phase, this only rung out one loud message for me; Disney is dead, or at the very least, out of creative ideas for now.

If you saw the original animated classic, and let’s be honest, who hasn’t at this point, then you already know the story. Lion pack leader Mufasa, the ruler of Pride Rock with his wife, Sarabi, give birth to a cub, Simba. Mufasa does his best to teach Simba how to rule. However, Simba believes that being king would be all fun and games, and eventually, listening to his scheming uncle Scar while being none the wiser, leads him to a canyon and triggers a chain of events that ends with the death of Mufasa.

Simba is forced to run away to escape the consequences of the actions he thought he committed, and after lounging around with his new animal friends Timon and Pumbaa for years, heads back to save the land from Scar and the hyenas he rallied up.

I wasn’t kidding when I said if you saw the original animated film than you saw this; it plays

out exactly the same, sometimes even a scene by scene remake. The few things they do change are all for the worse. For example, Timon and Pumbaa singing “The Lion Sleeps Tonight” takes much longer than before, turning what was once just a silly joke between the two friends into a musical number. Rafiki, the all-knowing monkey, doesn’t teach Simba to learn from his past by hitting him on the head and letting him duck his next attack to teach him, and instead tells him in his own words with no visual aid. Speaking of which, hope you weren’t expecting to see Mufasa’s face in the clouds like before, because now, you’ll only get a light on Simba, and that’s it.

Bizarre choices like these that take away from the story and add nothing.

Not even the visuals are safe from critiques. Africa looks bland and depressing, with none of the color that the original film had. Not even the elephant graveyard looks as different as the rest of the land. The only place that actually does look nice is the forest Timon and Pumbaa live in.

The music just feels the same, beat by beat, as if they recorded it from a laptop playing a video of the original song, with the one exception being “Be Prepared”. It’s insultingly cut short, with Scar not even showing off how much he controls the hyena’s by turning them into soldiers of war through his song. He more or less just talks his plan out with dramatic pauses and convinces the hyenas to try it out.

As for the other songs, the limitations of Disney’s attempts at realism hurt the film gravely.

“Circle of Life” doesn’t have the animal’s actually show respect in their facial features when seeing Simba. “I Just Can’t Wait to Be King” is nowhere near as colorful or wonderfully coordinated as the animated version, and “Can You Feel The Love Tonight” is played in broad daylight; it’s astonishing how they messed that up.

Is there anything good in this? Well, the animals do look realistic, just like what Disney wanted. Timon and Pumbaa’s home looks nice, and the two of them do have a couple good lines.

But really, that was it. I had to dig deep just to find these few positives for the film. If you like this film, fantastic; I’m glad you’re enjoying something that isn’t causing harm on someone else, but this is just sheer laziness at its finest from Disney:

So, this is how the death of Disney is rung out; not with a mighty lion roar, but with the mewling of a cat. Even after this film rots and becomes the grass for the antelope to eat, they’ll rather starve than eat this. I hope Disney makes a comeback, but for now, that circle of life is looking more and more like a line with every movie.

**Overall Score: 1/10**



# Taylor Swift’s New Album “Lover” Gets Love From Fans

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*Centurion Staff*

On her seventh record, Taylor Swift loosens up while remaining as emotionally open as ever.

“Lover” follows up on the messages from Swift’s previous record, “Reputation,” while incorporating the musical style of her much adored “1989.” For fans of Swift, her latest album

will not disappoint, but for other listeners, there isn’t much to love on “Lover.”

Swift’s latest 18-track project has a little bit of everything for everyone. On tracks like “I Think He Knows” and “Cruel Summer,” Swift brings back her pop perfection, much of which can be ascribed to industry veteran Jack Antonoff, who co-wrote much of the album with Swift. Other



*Taylor Swift, courtesy of Wikimedia Commons*

tracks, like “Lover” and “Soon You’ll Get Better,” bring Swift back to her country roots.

Like the album’s title suggests, Swift sings about all that she loves on her newest album, including, her boyfriend, her mother, and the streets of New York. On the emotional country ballad “Soon You’ll Get Better,” Swift sings about her mother’s struggle with breast cancer.

Fans invited to Swift’s Secret Sessions say that Swift had to leave the room when she played the song.

“Cornelia Street,” a reference to the real street in New York Swift once lived on, is about the memories of when she first started dating British actor Joe Alwyn.

Alwyn gets more than one song about him, however. It’s hard for

fans to imagine who else “Cruel Summer” and “London Boy” could be about, with the former being a reference to the rocky start to their relationship, and the latter to the Londoner himself. Fans have even theorized that Swift could be engaged to Alwyn based on lyrics in “Lover,” in which Swift imagines an eternal future with an unnamed, but obvious, man.

Regardless of one’s opinion of Swift, her impact on the music industry is undeniable. In the first week after its release, “Lover” sold 679,000 copies and debuted at number one on the Billboard 200 chart, selling more copies than the other 199 albums on the chart combined. Since the shift to streaming services like Apple Music and Spotify, albums sold

less and less, yet Swift’s fans are still spending their cash on her CDs. As of August 30, the album moved 3 million units globally.

Despite Swift’s fans global impact, Bucks students don’t seem as impacted. Five years ago, Swift was everywhere. Everyone had an opinion of her; they loved or hated her. Now, nobody seems to care. As the pop star creeps toward 30, her fans have also grown up. The pop princess has lost her appeal for college students, many of whom would rather listen to hip-hop or rock music.

“Lover” is no masterpiece, especially when compared to Swift’s other works, but fans of pop music should definitely give Swift’s latest record a chance.



*The cover of Swift’s new album, “Lover”*



Arts & Entertainment

Disney And Apple Take A Swing At Cable With Their Streaming Services

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Cable TV has taken another blow after the announcement of two new streaming platforms, Disney + and Apple TV Plus.

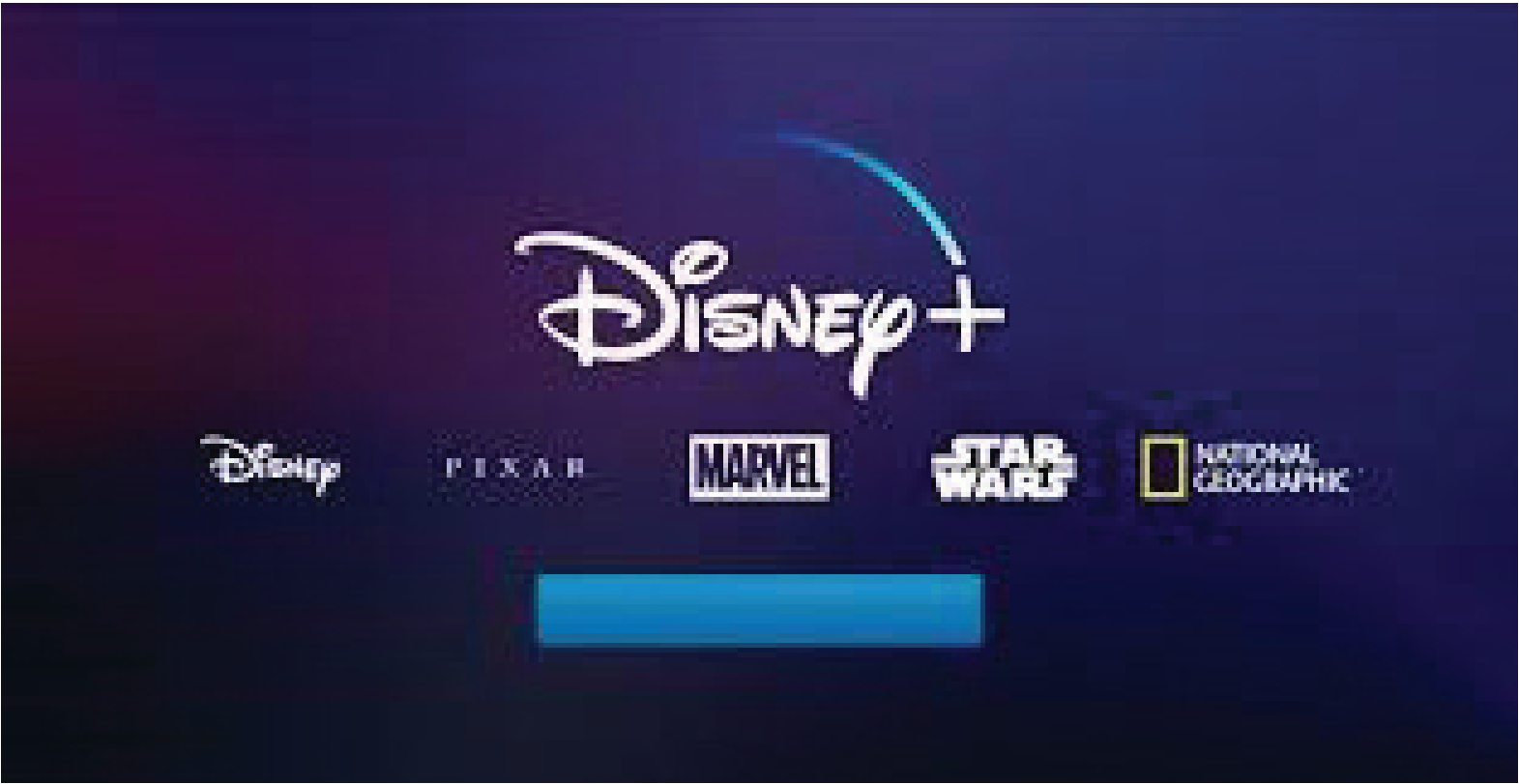
Disney+ is set to launch Nov. 19 and will be home to Disney, Pixar, “Marvel”, “Star Wars” and much more. The site is said to have over 7000 movies and tv episodes ready to stream on opening day. Apple TV Plus will be available beginning Nov. 1 and will also feature tons of exclusive content.

Disney+ has plans on making the quality of their shows and films equivalent to the quality of Disney’s block buster films. The site will produce original films and series that will be spin off and sequels to Disney’s biggest franchises including “Marvel” and “Star Wars”.

Streaming platforms are starting to innovate new ways of streaming cable and original TV, causing the need for cable subscriptions to decline.

Streaming platforms have begun to include cable networks in their subscriptions. Hulu is one of the platforms that offers live cable TV as well as streaming content.

According to thewrap.com Comcast, Direct TV and Charter combined have lost 1.25 quarter



Disney+ , courtesy of Wikimedia Commons

million subscribers and the subscriber loss will only continue to drop in the second half of 2019.

As more streaming sites begin offering their own library of original movies and series, many question why there has not been an entire platform packages that would allow you to pay one price for multiple services, as opposed to individual subscriptions.

Cole Huebner of Montgomeryville and a small business management major at Bucks said, “I don’t mind paying for each plat-

form because each platforms prices are cheaper or equal to cable package prices.”

There may be an argument about which streaming platform has the best content, but the majority of students around Bucks fall into the 139.26 million active Netflix users.

A strong case for Netflix’s popularity is that they do not run commercials. However, with new services like Disney+ and Apple Tv Plus, Netflix might have to find a way to maintain its mass popular-

ity.

Bucks Student Nate Dunlap a business Major from Sellersville is one person who is not on board with favoring streaming.

“I prefer cable. It can be annoying at times to pay for each service individually and a package that puts all of them at one price would be much more convenient,” said Dunlap.

While others increasingly turn away from cable and towards streaming services, companies

have begun to come up with ideas to keep users paying for subscriptions. Netflix started releasing interactive movies and television shows, in which the viewer has the ability to alter decisions a character makes in a movie or show.

As each streaming platform continues to have its own exclusive content the decision on which subscription to pay for grows more important.

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<p><b>Cultural Streaming Series</b> “Joe Satriani: I Just Wanna Rock” September 5, 12:15 &amp; 7pm</p> <p><b>Joscho Stephan</b> September 12, 7:30pm</p> <p><b>Tibetan Refugee Buddhist Monk Residency</b> September 16–20</p> <p><b>Wordsmiths</b> Melissa Stein &amp; Hayden Saunier September 20, 7:30pm</p> <p><b>Cultural Streaming Series</b> Evgeny Kissin plays Schubert and Liszt September 26, 7pm</p>	<p><b>Wordsmiths: Raquel Salas Rivera</b> October 3, 1:30pm</p> <p><b>Emmet Cohen</b> Featuring Drummer Jimmy Cobb October 4, 7:30pm</p> <p><b>Bucks County Plein Air Festival</b> October 6, 10am–4pm Tyler Mansion buckscountypleinair.com</p> <p><b>Cultural Streaming Series</b> Daniel Barenboim, Itzhak Perlman &amp; Yo-Yo Ma in an all-Beethoven concert October 10, 12:15 &amp; 7pm</p> <p><b>Jenny Lee Stern</b> October 18, 7:30pm</p> <p><b>Cultural Streaming Series</b> Eric Johnson October 24, 12:15 &amp; 7pm</p> <p><b>Lolly &amp; YoYo Halloween Concert &amp; Costume Party!</b> October 26, 3pm</p>	<p><b>Real Diamond</b> November 2, 3pm</p> <p><b>Cultural Streaming Series</b> Philip Glass, Looking Glass November 7, 12:15 &amp; 7pm</p> <p><b>Rag Tag Theatre’s Rapunzel</b> November 9, 3:30pm</p> <p><b>Wordsmiths: Chad Frame &amp; The 2019 Poet Laureate</b> November 12, 2pm</p> <p><b>Cultural Streaming Series</b> Anoushka Shankar: Traveler November 14, 12:15 &amp; 7pm</p> <p><b>The Gibson Brothers with Rob Ickes &amp; Trey Hensley</b> November 15, 7:30pm</p> <p><b>Drama Club Presents: First Date</b> Nov. 22: 7pm; Nov. 23: 2pm &amp; 7pm</p>	<p><b>Bucks Jazz Orchestra</b> December 9, 7:30pm</p> <p><b>Cultural Streaming Series</b> Nutcracker December 12, 12:15 &amp; 7pm</p> <p><b>Jump City Holiday Concert</b> December 13, 7:30pm</p> <div><p>BUCKS.EDU/TICKETS</p></div>

Note: Oct. 18 will now be performer Rebecca Robbins and Nov. 9 is TBD



# National News

## Instagram Possibly Removing Likes for Users

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Popular social media app, Instagram, is now testing a new and updated version of that app that will be eliminating followers from seeing the amount of likes someone receives on a photo.

Instagram was released in 2010 and was used as a platform to share photography, and meet new people. Over the years, the concept of Instagram has evolved. The app has transformed into a platform where people post for likes, and not for themselves

In the new versions, Instagram is testing, the owner of the account will still be able to see how many likes they get, but likes will not be available for to the public.

Anyone who has an account on the platform knows the pressures and anxieties that can come when posting photos.

Bucks student, Hope Garges, 17, of Perkasiae said, “A lot of pressure can come from posting photos on Instagram. When you’re choosing a photo you feel pressure because of people who follow you and comments they may make about the photo. When you post the actual picture, you cannot help but feel like people will notice the little things such

as, wearing the same outfit again or using the same caption. Posting should not be a big deal, but unfortunately, it is.”

Since Instagram has been released in 2010, studies have been done on the app and on the effects, it can have on the mental health on its users.

A study published in 2017 by Royal Society for Public Health, a charity in the U.K., said that, “Instagram is the most mentally harmful app out of all other social media platforms.”

Due to studies like these, Instagram is finally taking action to restore the app back to its original purpose. Instagram is already in the process of testing out the new update and, has released it in seven countries: Australia, Brazil, Canada, Ireland, Italy, Japan and New Zealand. After releasing this update Instagram tweeted, that they’re, “looking forward to learning more about how this change might benefit everyone’s experience on Instagram.”

People in these countries were outraged about the update and wanted their followers to be able to see their amount of likes. Instagram is hoping that as they continue to work on the new update, people will become more accepting of the new version.

Bucks student, Rebecca Murgia, 19, of Perkasiae, said, “I think it’s a good idea to eliminate likes. I think some people get way too into the pressure of posting on Instagram. They will literally delete a picture if it doesn’t get enough likes or even get upset if they don’t get enough comments. I think people can sometimes take Instagram too seriously. Some people don’t care about how many likes or comments they get, but I think it is a good idea to get rid of the likes because then it can ensure that no one will become insecure about posting a picture.”

Another Bucks student, Justin Mitchell, 19, of Doylestown, said, “I have had my Instagram for five years and I only have six posts. Personally, I am not effected by Instagram taking away likes. I use it as a way to stay updated with things, whereas other people use it daily for other things.”

While taking away likes could be a good for the mental health, it could hurt the careers of influencers and entrepreneurs who use the Instagram to promote their businesses.

Entrepreneurs use the app as a way to connect with potential clients and use likes as a way of knowing if a company or person is worth working with. Most



*The instagram logo courtesy of Wikimedia Commons.*

people use social media daily, and businesses and companies know this. They use their platforms as a way to connect with potential clients and promote their product or service. Instagram is the largest social media platform, so if likes are taken away it could be detrimental to the careers of Entrepreneurs who use the app as their main vessel to connect with

people.

The updated version of Instagram has not made its way to the United States, and an official release date has not been set. The future of social media will be largely influenced by this update and could change the way people view social media

## The Dangers of Online Dating



*The popular online dating app, courtesy of Wikimedia Commons*

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Online dating apps such as Tinder, Grindr, Bumble and more have become very common over the years for young people to meet and date. However, recent news shows that there can be many dangers that come with dating apps.

According to The Associated Press, A western Pennsylvanian man created a fake online dating profile in a plan to lure and rape a woman inside her own home. The targets are not limited to just women; everyone is in danger with this new epidemic.

Students at Bucks are feeling intimidated by these actions of online dating scares.

Holly Page, a 19-year-old communications major from Levittown, said, “I believe that online dating is an unsafe environment because you don’t get face to face interaction with people. Females can’t properly defend themselves 24/7. It’s unsafe.”

Page is not the only student at Bucks to feel this way.

19-year-old Christine Fitzpatrick from Langhorne, Business major, said she uses the dating app, Tinder. She said, “Sometimes I get nervous about meeting people through the app, but nothing bad has happened yet.”

Fitzpatrick also felt that it’s a good way for people to get out there and conform to how the world is now.

“I think that girls are more of a target because they are stereotypically weaker and if something were to happen they wouldn’t be able to defend themselves as quickly,” explained Fitzpatrick.

Female users are not the only ones who are having their doubts.

Josh McGrory, 18, a business major from Feasterville, rejects dating apps and feels it is better to meet people in person to see if you have a real connection.

According to Statista, an online website for statistics, almost half of US online users have met a romantic partner on a dating website. Yet crimes involving dating apps have doubled in 4 years according to Refinery.

A Statista chart, said 45 percent of dating app users from ages 18 to 34 use the app to find an exclusive dating partner, but 27 percent are use the app for casual sex. The remaining 26 percent of these user either use it to cheat on their significant other or simply just wanted to see what the app was like. The other two percent of people preferred not to say.

While dating apps helped strangers meet when they may have never met otherwise, there are still dangers involving the app and caution should be taken.



*President Trump, courtesy of Wikimedia Commons*

## What’s Happening with the Trade War?

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The Trump administration’s trade war threatens to escalate, possibly leaving the American economy in a recession and reduced economic growth.

Bucks Economics Professor Stephen Cocca said that in the short term, “the American consumer will most likely pay higher prices for certain items.” Those items primarily are exports from China.

This is because of tariffs imposed by the Trump administration, which are taxes on goods imported into the United States. Cocca gave examples, “Some of these items include washing machines, clothing and toys.”

Cocca continued, “the trade war was initiated by the Trump administration to bargain for better trading terms.” Cocca pointed out that American manufacturing has been transitioned to China for the past several decades.

A tariff list released on Sept.

17, 2018, showed that items such as meats, vegetables, and fruits were having tariffs released. Mineral fuels and chemicals were affected too.

Most items on that list were hit by a 15 percent increase in tariffs, to bring the tariffs up to 25 percent.

In the long run, however, it could send both countries into a recession. “If the dispute continues to escalate, there’s possibly an increased unemployment rate, and reduced economic growth,” explained Cocca.

A report released in Sept. 2019 by Moody’s Analytics delves into the specifics. It says that the trade war between the United States and China has a 50 percent chance of remaining at a standstill.

However, it has a 35 percent chance of escalating. The unemployment rate could increase by 2.7 percent by 2021 if the trade war continues to escalate.

This report also shows that non-farm employment could decrease 528,600 jobs by 2021 if it contin-

ues to escalate.

Household incomes don’t fair well either, decreasing as much as \$1,272 by 2021.

Cocca added, “if both countries agree to terms and reduce barriers, consumers and workers could see benefits.”

The Moody’s report a shows the effects of de-escalation has a 15 percent chance of happening.

The unemployment rate could actually decrease 0.7 percent by 2021, and the non-farm employment would increase 126,700 jobs at that time too.

This means that less and less manufacturing jobs can be found in the United States, which leads to a lowered economic growth in the areas around the factory.

However, Economic theory suggests that the displaced manufacturing jobs could transition into technology jobs or other industries

Moody’s report shows that beyond 2021, the American economy will have caught up with the recession and start to improve.



# Sports

## Are Phillies Postseason Contenders?

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Despite, fan’s high hopes during spring training, the 2019 Phillies team have been nothing but a train wreck, but the team still has a chance at tasting postseason. As of Sept. 11, the Phillies are currently in contention along with multiples other teams for the two National League Wild Card spots in the MLB postseason. Currently holding the first wild card spot, are the Washington Nationals. The second wildcard spot is up for grabs between the Chicago Cubs, Milwaukee Brewers, Arizona Diamondbacks, New York Mets, and the Philadelphia Phillies. The 2019 season for the Phillies hasn’t been perfect, but it’s easily seen the best Phillies team since 2011. The key trades and signings the team has made during the offseason for the likes of Jean Segura, JT Realmuto, Andrew McCutchen, Bryce Harper made the Phillies a contender once again in the National League. Harper as right fielder was one of the biggest signing in recent Phillies history. Harper has been having a solid season. Currently Harper has a .254 batting average which is average among MLB hitters. However, Harper has 31 home runs (HR) and 102 runs

batted in (RBI) which is the most RBI’s by a Phillies player since former MVP Ryan Howard in 2011. As for the rest of the team, catcher Realmuto has been another great addition after he was traded from the Miami Marlins during the offseason. Realmuto has a .282 batting average along with 24 home runs (HR) and 80 runs batted in (RBI), earning the phrase “BCIB” or “Best Catcher in Baseball”. Realmuto has also thrown out 42 players trying to steal bases this season and thrown out 48 percent of players trying to steal on him this season. Another solid addition was Segura as shortstop, hitting .284 with 11 (HR) and 58 (RBI). Left fielder McCutchen has also been a great asset to them team. McCutchen started the 2019 season for with a solo home run to get the crowd fired up. Unfortunately, he tore his ACL after getting caught in a run down trying to avoid being tagged out, thus ending his 2019 season.



*Bryce Harper of the Philadelphia Phillies, courtesy of Wikimedia Commons*

The pitching staff is where the team needs improvement. Pitcher Aaron Nola is having a slower year compared to his 2018 season. However, Nola does have the best stats among Phillies pitchers, with a 12-5 record on the mound with a 3.70 earned run average (ERA). Pitcher Jake Arrieta has slowly deteriorated during his tenure with the Phillies. With an 8-8 record and a 4.64 ERA before being placed on the injured reserve list due to an elbow injury. The other pitchers worth mentioning in the Phillies starting rotation are Zach Eflin, Drew Smyly, and Vince Velasquez. The rest of the pitching staff is a nightmare for die hard Phillies fans. The bullpen for the Phillies ranks 21st out of the 30 MLB teams, with an ERA of 4.62. Quite

simply whenever the Phillies have their offensive game working, their pitching brings them down and vice versa. After all the ups and downs the Phillies have had this season so far, they are still in contention to scratch the postseason. Towards the latter half of the month, we’ll learn if this Phillies team is good enough to play in playoff baseball.

## Eagles 2019-2020 Season Preview

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After a nail biting first game resulting in a win, Bucks students have big hopes for the Philadelphia Eagle’s 2019-2020 season. **Offseason additions** In the latest NFL draft, the Eagles Selected Penn State’s running back Miles Sanders in the second round. With the physical prowess that Sanders possesses, paired with the Eagles stout offensive line, he projects to be a complementary addition to Jordan Howard and Corey Clement in the Eagles backfield. When asked about the running back rotation, Freshman, business administration major, Justin Henderson of Warminster, thinks highly of the Eagles carousel of running backs. “Sanders and Howard are a great one-two punch,” said Henderson. “And when you throw in guys like Sproles and Clement to change things up, the options for the offense are endless.”

To the excitement of many Eagles fans, Desean Jackson returned to Philly on a 3-year deal. Jackson was obviously a fan favorite, playing his first six years as the Eagles deep threat. Although older in age, Jackson has not missed a beat. Even being a part of the Buccaneers brutal passing attack, Jackson lead the NFL with touchdown catches over 50 yards, totaling four in the 2019 season. Math major, Shane Buracewski of Warminster, is ecstatic that Jackson is back. “We haven’t had a deep threat like him since he left,” said Buracewski. “With a guy like Jackson, this offense has the potential to be deadly.” Although not an addition, it is important to note the health of Carson Wentz. Now two years removed from his major knee injury, and now fully healed from his fractured back in the 2018 season, Wentz is ready to lead the Birds. It had been a rough run for Wentz recently, having to be relieved by Super Bowl hero Nick Foles two years in a row. But now with Foles being the star in



*Carson Wentz of the Philadelphia Eagles, courtesy of Wikimedia Commons*

Jacksonville, Wentz was handed a fouryear extension, totaling \$128 million. Not only is Wentz healthy, but has a plethora of weapons at his disposal. He should be a candidate for MVP in the 2019 season. Jon Lotrene of Warminster and major Engineering, was very high on the fourth year quarterback. “He’s easily a top ten quarterback in the League. Maybe even top five,” said Lotrene.

### Defense

With many of the defensive starters from last season still rehabbing injuries, there are question marks all over the defense. Starting with the defensive line, this group is going to anchor the defense, as it has done the past few years in defensive coordinator Jim Schwartz’s scheme. With the addition of Malik

Jackson, a newly resigned Brandon Graham, and Derek Barnett poised for a big season, the d-line will do the heavy lifting. However, the corner that Fletcher Cox will have a slow start is a real fear, with him still nursing foot surgery from an injury that occurred in last year’s NFC divisional round. Beyond that, the rest of the Eagles defensive is a question mark. This year Nigel Braham will man the middle, with Kamu Grugier-Hill and Zach Brown will occupy the outside linebacker positions. Although you cannot deny that this group has talent, Kamu doesn’t have much experience and Brown’s age is a concern. The defensive backs are the biggest mystery on the whole roster. Last season the Eagles defensive backs were ravaged with injuries, losing Ronald Darby and Jalen Mills, and Rodney Mcleod all for the season. It appears that Rasul Douglas and Sidney Jones will battle for starting corner spots while Darby

and Mills recover. Jenkins and Mcleod are expected to man the safeties, with young star Avonte Maddox will be the nickel.

### High Expectations

Now with a fully loaded offense, and a completely healthy Carson Wentz, the potential for the Eagles to have a high-powered offense is extremely high. All of this paired with a semi-trustworthy defense, the Birds should make some noise in the playoffs. There is only one problem, the loaded NFC. With many teams in the NFC with Super Bowl aspirations, the Eagles road will not be an easy one. Strap up your chin straps, the 2019-2020 Eagles Season is just upon us!



September 15–October 15 is National Hispanic-Latino Heritage Month! To celebrate, CulinArt will be offering special menu items inspired by a variety of traditional Hispanic/Latino cuisines.

**WATCH OUT FOR THESE SPECIALS  
THROUGHOUT THE MONTH!**