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# Upper Bucks Campus Celebrates 20 Years



Students at the Upper Bucks campus, courtesy of Jerry Millevoi

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The Upper Bucks campus celebrated its 20th anniversary with root beer floats, a free yoga class, and yellow t-shirts saying, “We’re almost legal! 20 years!”

The Upper Bucks Campus, located in Perkasié, is home to many facilities, student services, and student organizations. In its 20 short years, the campus has expanded to provide a variety of programs and services.

Facilities include 19 lecture and multi-size seminar rooms, student commons and lounges, science and allied health labs, a café, conference rooms, an outdoor amphitheater, and faculty offices. The campus has a North and South building, and is joined together by the student commons and café.

“I have taught at UBC since the day it first opened and have enjoyed being a part of the UBC family! I can’t imagine there is a

better place to teach! The Upper Bucks Campus is unique in that it is small enough for everyone, students, faculty, and staff to get to know each other,” said adjunct faculty Brenda Price.

The campus shared the celebration with students during the first week of the fall semester. Activities held on different days included lanyards & lemonade, root beer floats, and a free yoga class. Free yellow t-shirts were also handed out reading, “We’re almost legal! 20 years!”

Though the Upper Bucks campus might not be as big as the Newtown campus, it serves a huge purpose for the community college. It helps commuting students receive affordable education without having to travel too far.

“We mostly pull from Quakertown, Palisades, Pennridge, and CB South,” said Upper Bucks Campus Executive Director, Rodney Altemose. The Upper Bucks campus give students from these

areas a more accessible campus to study at.

There were plans to open the Upper Bucks Campus as early as the 1980s. But on Sept. 7, 1999, Bucks opened its second full-service campus in East Rockhill Township. It was a single building, which is called the South Building today. The North Building was built in 2004.

It was built on the site of a former First Union Bank Center on Hillendale Road. Quakertown officials were disappointed with the decision as the Quakertown Borough Council wanted to donate a 17-acre space of a former Krupp foundry to build the satellite campus on.

However, the college preferred not having to build from the ground up.

The First Union Bank was a 33,000 square-foot building and was willing to take off \$1.2 million off of the \$3 million asking price. East Rockhill Town-

ship supervisors also donated 28 acres to the college to be used for future expansions.

The location of the campus is ideal. The buildings are situated near the Perkiomen Creek, the Mood’s Covered Bridge is just down the street, and there is a huge lawn full of green grass.

The campus buildings are also green buildings. The building incorporates design principles and materials, such as a rooftop garden, insulated glazing system, and a geothermal mechanical system. Features like the flooring in the college are recycled material.

“I’ve seen this campus as something from no walls to completed buildings,” explained Rodney Altemose, “This is a very lively campus.”

On Oct. 24, the Upper Bucks campus will be celebrating the anniversary once more with a sculpture unveiling. It will be a tribute to every person who has helped contribute to the campus.

# CulinArt Tests Paper Straws

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CulinArt, the dining service company for Bucks’ cafeteria has recently tested offering paper straws as part of a green initiative.

Paper straws as a replacement to plastic have started increasing in use in many institutions and businesses in order to reduce plastic pollution. This kind of pollution is very harmful not only to human beings but aquatic life as well.

The paper straws have not yet been officially introduced at the cafeteria, but have been available on a trial basis since the beginning of this school year to test the reaction of students to the initiative. Opinions are mixed, however students in general think this is a good idea.

Anastasia Perez, a 20-year-old nursing major from Langhorne, said, “If they’re going to help the environment, then that’s always good. I don’t really use straws much to be honest, but I probably would if the paper straws were introduced to the cafeteria.”

Perez’s only concern was that paper straws tend to get soggy.

Michael Uglava, 22, a computer science major from the country of Georgia, expressed a concern to paper straws.

Uglava said, “Yes, I think it’s a good idea as not only is it eco-friendly but it’s also healthier than plastic according to scientists. But I think that it does result in cutting down more trees so that could be a problem.” He added that students may not oppose the straws but they may find them unfamiliar.

Scott McGrath, the director of dining services for Bucks’ cafeteria, felt that CulinArt’s green initiative could have a very big impact on the environment as it would significantly lower the company’s carbon footprint.

“I would say that our company would be concerned about cutting down trees and would want to make sure this was a sustainable practice on the suppliers end,” said McGrath.

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A paper straw and cup from the cafeteria.



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# Students Reflect on Arts and Humanities



Hicks Arts gallery at Bucks, courtesy of Wikimedia Commons



Artwork by Hunter Ditty

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Bucks’ Arts department continues to join towns, and communities across the country in celebrating National Arts and Humanities Month throughout October.

During this time, students and staff of the Arts department reflect on the value that art has contributed to mankind. The month long event has been recognized since 1993, and is the largest celebration for the arts in the nation.

National Arts and Humanities Month grew out of

National Arts Week which The National Endowment for the Arts and Americans for the Arts began in 1985.

The Arts program at Bucks began in 1964 and continues to thrive with increasing enrollment each year. Bucks offers degrees and certificate programs in Art History, Cinema Video Production, Graphic Design, Music, Multimedia Design, Photography, and several more comprehensive courses.

Students can also earn their bachelor’s degree in media, graphic design, or communications at the Newtown campus.

Dean of the Arts department, John Mathews, strives to encourage students to consider the arts. “When someone has the creative mindset, and the problem-solving ability I believe they will be more fulfilled and successful in their life,” he said. “The support we get financially is substantial which allows us to have a great facility, faculty, and staff,” he added.

One student with a creative mindset is Hunter Ditty, a 20-year-old graphic design major from Perkasee who plans on graduating in 2022 with a bachelor’s degree. “With art you can go in so many

different directions. You can go in the direction of fashion, or illustration of books, even becoming a tattoo artist. There are so many directions of art people do not seem to notice that could be successful,” said Dity.

“I’ve never been the best at talking in large groups, but I’m completely comfortable with putting a piece of my artwork on the wall, and having hundreds of people looking at it,” he boasted.

Similar to the Arts, Humanities programs continue to carve out a place in the education world. Humanities are social sciences consisting of theory, mu-

sic, philosophy, and world religions. Currently BCCC does not offer a two, or four year program in Humanities.

“Humanities teaches a lot about living in the world today,” said Lynn Dellapietra, dean of the Social Sciences department. “Humanities consists of critical thinking, and how to tackle problems, and process something you read, hear, or see,” she said.

The Arts and Humanities will be celebrated all year on campus because these majors hold value, and significance to everyday life.

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## Bucks News

# A New Innovation in Safety



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Bucks encourages students to download the free safety and security app, LiveSafe, to utilizes features such as reporting anonymous tips, calling campus security and having a virtual safety companion. Dennis McCauley, executive director of Security and Safety at Bucks, said the Livesafe app is a valuable tool for everyone on campus. “It’s not just for students; it’s for faculty, it’s for employees; anybody can use it. There are a lot of informational resources,” said McCauley. “For example, under emergency procedures you could look up what to do in an active shooter situation.”

The app contains four main sections: emergency options, safety map, resources and report tips. “It’s almost like a handy reference guide in your phone”, explained McCauley. The emergency options section contains shortcuts that enable students to either call 911 or call/message campus security quickly and discreetly. The safety map section contains a campus map with pins on landmarks, buildings, safety places, Livesafe reports and much more. The resources section contains information on many services around campus including counseling, evening shuttle information, emergency procedures and

campus alert information. The report tips section is for reporting suspicious activity on campus. “One of the cooler features of LiveSafe is the ability to report tips. They get it automatically right here at our dispatch center,” McCauley said. Students can either show their full name, or send the tip in anonymously. “About two weeks ago, a student was over in Gateway and there was an event there that evening,” said McCauley. “One person was fiddling with a doorknob and a student thought that looked suspicious, so the person texted us and we got their text and sent an officer over. The officer learned that it was one of the

people setting up for the music event and it was ok, so we sent a text back to that person.” The tips section of the app also allows students to send a picture or video along with the tip to security to show the suspicious activity. Livesafe offers access to a two-way chat with security so that students can communicate discreetly, allowing security to gather more intel. Another feature allows students to track their friends as they walk through campus, or ask their friends to watch them walk for safety purposes. Students can request virtual companions to watch them walk and track them step-by-step until they arrive at their destination safely.

Although the app contains several tools, majority of students may not be aware of it. “We have over 700 downloads of it,” says McCauley. “Frankly, I’d like to see more students download and use it. It’s a valuable tool.” The app contains the answers to various questions about security, campus resources and enables students to gain access to extensive safety features. “It’s a nice safety option for students and it’s free,” McCauley says. LiveSafe is easily accessible on iOS and Android devices for students to download. For more information, students can visit [livesafemobile.com](https://livesafemobile.com).



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## Education Transforms Lives Foundation Meet and Greet



ETLF members, courtesy of ETLF Website

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The Education Transforms Lives (ETL) Foundation invites the community to learn about its important educational mission and efforts in Liberia. Its first public event will take place at Bucks’ Newtown Campus, at the Orangery, 275 Swamp Road, Newtown, PA on Friday, Oct. 25 from 5-7 PM. The gathering will feature a meet-and-greet with the organization’s Board of Directors, light jazz and refreshments, and a keynote presentation on the hardships and hazards Liberian children face. The program is open to the public, with a suggested donation of \$15, \$5 for students. The Foundation also welcomes school supplies, new and gently-used backpacks, and children’s books for the K-8 library which it will establish at a school where most students have never seen a storybook. Also are textbooks for community college students in Sinoe, Liberia. Collection receptacles will be available at the event. The ETL Foundation was created in 2016, after ifounder, Clovis Dixon, an American Liberian native, returned to visit Liberia after being away for over 20 years. “I found the conditions to be even more dire than I remembered them to be when I left as a child. I was so compelled to do something,” asserted Dixon. With the support of several fellow professionals at Bucks County Community College, as well as from volunteers on the ground in Liberia, he began the international campaign to help the severely challenged health and education systems in his native country.

A oal for the Oct. 25 ETL Foundation event is to raise capital to fill the immediate need for a water pump that will bring fresh water to the Todee Elementary School, located just outside the capital city of Monrovia. The school has no running water, so students walk half a mile each way to drink from a creek also used by locals for washing laundry and for bathing. The tainted, muddied water exposes children to illness and parasites, as well as to other dangers such as snakes. The nonprofit ETL Foundation has been accredited as a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) by the Republic of Liberia, thereby acknowledged as an independent partner in building resilience and transformative self-determination among the country’s communities and individuals. The ETL Foundation’s mission in Liberia is to bring education, a basic human right, to those with the passion and desire to learn, especially to the disadvantaged. “Beginning with Liberia, the ETL Foundation envisions a world where all people will have the power to create satisfactory living conditions and opportunities for themselves, their families, and their communities. This includes those living in the poorest, remote villages, and those with disabilities, whose possibilities are exponentially diminished in comparison to those of their peers,” said Dixon. For more information about the event or the ETL Foundation visit their website: <https://etlfoundation.org> or call 215-789-086



# National News

## Bucks Students React to Greta Thunberg

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Greta Thunberg, a 16-year-old climate change activist, is turning heads as she travels around the world to protest climate change.

On Aug. 20, 2018, 15-year-old Greta Thunberg skipped school to protest outside of the Swedish Parliament building for more action from the government against climate change. Since then, she traveled across the world, speaking and leading protests at every stop.

Thunberg travels by boat in order to leave no carbon footprint. Since her first protest over a year ago, she has gotten over 3.6 million people from 169 countries to participate in school walkouts every Friday, which she calls “Fridays for Future.”

Recently she spoke on a panel at the United Nations, where she called out the United

Nations General Assembly, saying, “People are suffering. People are dying. Entire ecosystems are collapsing. And yet all you can talk about is money and fairytales of eternal economic growth. How dare you?”

Maria Valletto, 24, a Nursing student from Levittown said, “Healing the planet begins at home, work or school. For example, turn off the water when you’re brushing your teeth, unplug unused electrical devices, eat the food you buy, and use LED light bulbs.”

Videos of Thunberg staring down President Donald Trump went viral, and her blunt, satirical nature is getting her more attention by the day. Thunberg is nominated for the 2019 Nobel Peace Prize, and made the front cover of Time Magazine who named her one of the world’s most influential people.



Greta Thunberg, courtesy of Wikimedia Commons



Thunberg sparked opinions of many Bucks students

Patrick Lawrence, a 23-year-old business major from Levittown, does not fully support Thunberg’s cause, but does believe that she’s doing a great thing.

“I think that if you truly believe in something, then you should do what you can to support it. I think she’s doing the right thing because it’s something she believes in,” said Lawrence

Thunberg has many critics, most of whom believe she’s just a puppet.

Morgan Fala, a 17-year-old from Hulmeville and an undecided

major, said, “Have you seen her speak without a script? She has no idea what she’s talking about because no one wrote it down for her. She’s a joke.”

Some of her other critics believe that she has no right to confront world leaders the way she is.

“I don’t think denouncing world leaders was a good thing to do because I’m sure they already know,” said Dylan Lorenz, a political science major from Langhorne. “She’s making it seem like it’s an easy fix when it’s not.”

Thunberg’s “Friday for Future” protests are held every Friday, and

the walkouts are becoming more and more popular. Thunberg also continues to travel internationally, spending a lot of time recently in the Midwest.

Thunrberg continues to attract worldwide attention and encourage others to to step up, take action, and get informed.

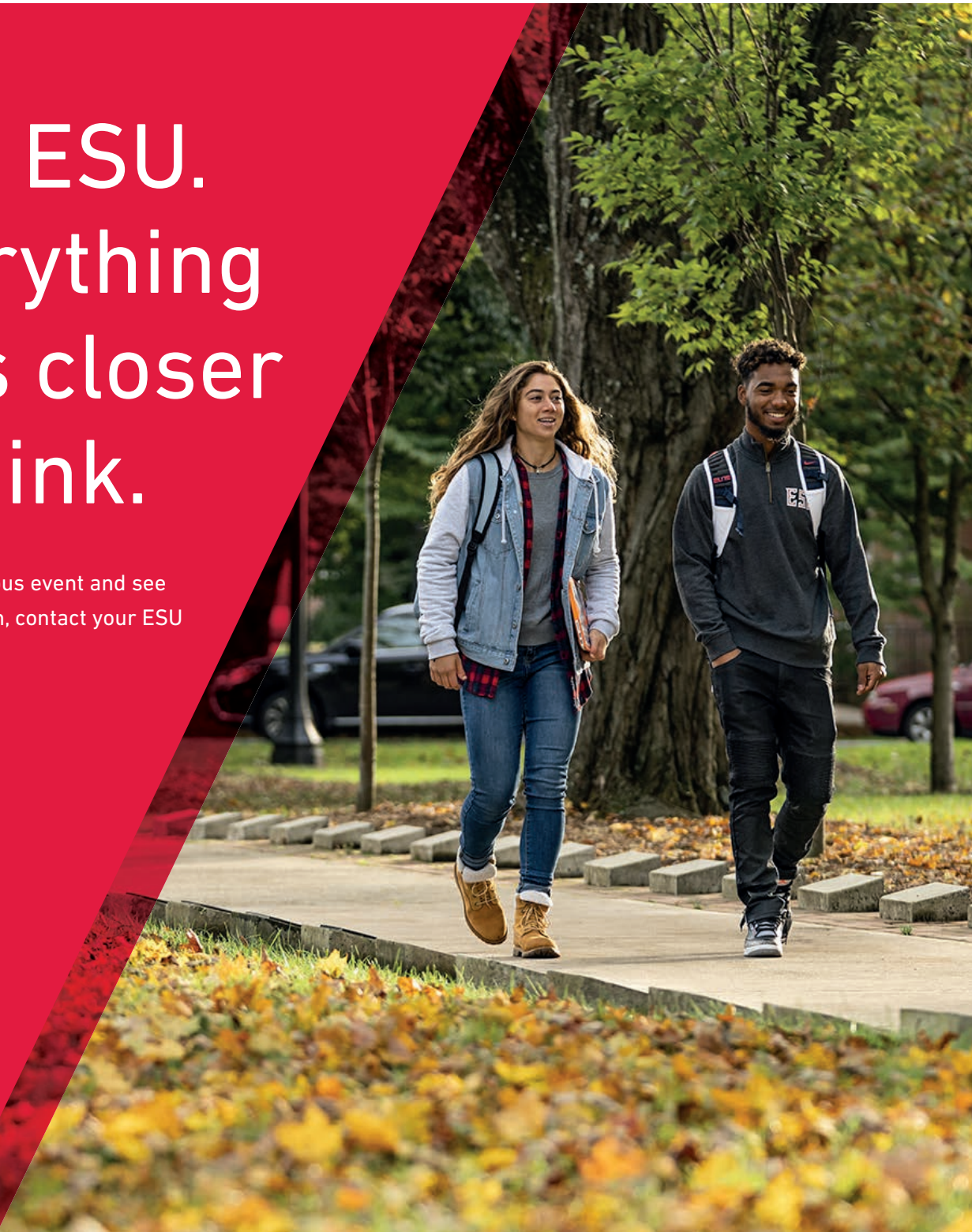
“She’s going to be a wake-up call to some, some are going to use her as a distraction from getting facts. I don’t think anything is going to happen unless the people with money and power think it’s important,” said Lonna Korifidis, 23, from South Hampton.

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## National News

# The Latest on Trump's Impeachment Inquiry

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On Sept. 24, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi announced that the House of Representatives will begin impeachment inquiries onto President Donald Trump for his involvement with Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelensky.

Trump allegedly asked Zelensky to find information on former Vice President Joe Biden, a leading democratic candidate for the 2020 Presidential election, and his son, Hunter Biden. At the same time, Trump withheld \$400 million in military aid. This information was released when an unnamed source, further known as the whistleblower, informed Congress of the phone call conversation.

The conversation that comes into play took place on July 25, the same week that Robert S.

Mueller III was testifying. The White House released a transcript of the conversation two days after the impeachment inquiries began.

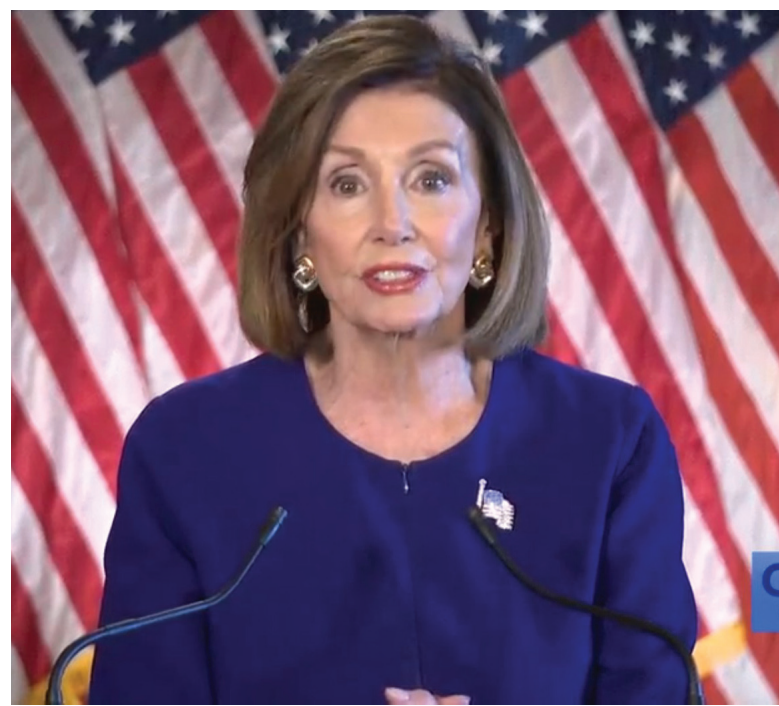
Trump stated in the transcript to Zelensky, "There's a lot of talk about Biden's son, that Biden stopped the prosecution and a lot of people want to find out about that so whatever you can do with the Attorney General would be great. Biden went around bragging that he stopped the prosecution so if you can look into it... It sounds horrible to me."

Pelosi believes this is Trump asking a foreign power to help ruin Biden's campaign for his own political gain.

"We now have a president who feels it is proper to engage in conversations with the heads of other governments, seeking information for his reelection campaign," said



Donald Trump, courtesy of Wikimedia Commons



House Speaker, Nancy Pelosi, courtesy of Wikimedia Commons

Professor John Petito of history and political science at Bucks. "My desire would be for them (Congress) not to impeach him, but instead pass legislation that will be attracted to the public for the next presidential election but at a certain point they have to look into what he's doing."

Right now, the House is divided with 225 Democrats saying they would like to move forward with the impeachment and 183 Republicans said they do not agree with the impeachment according to The New York Times.

At Bucks, the Democrats and Republicans are divided as ever.

Aisha Sheik president of the Bucks College Democrats and Zachary Shoester president of the College Republican Club both

have varying views on the impeachment inquiry.

"If the allegations are true, then our President is not fit to be president and the allegations would be detrimental to the country," said Sheikk

Shiekk worried that Trump's possible impeachment would result in Vice President Michael Pence would be the next president.

"Pence has voted against bills involved with women not being allowed into the army and civil rights within the LGBTQ community," explained Sheikk

Shoester expressed his concerns over the inquiry.

"This will be another witch hunt just like the two years of his presidency with the investigation

into Russia, the collusion and the Mueller report. They're not doing their jobs in legislating, which they were elected to do, they are just trying to find any excuse to go against Trump," said Shoester.

Many people are already voicing their opinions on whether Trump should be impeached.

"I think everyone already knows if Donald Trump is either the savior of our country or a despicable human being. I don't think the impeachment hearings are going to change too many minds on that," added Petito.

The impeachment process will continue with a testimony from the whistleblower and a formal vote from the House.



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Arts & Entertainment

It’s no Joke, “Joker” is Bland

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Well, I always was more of a Riddler fan.

It’s almost impossible to ignore the controversy this film sparked. From allegedly urging depressed men to rise up and to cause violence, to the theaters hiring police officers for added security.

The punchline is that this is all for a movie that is just forgettable. “Joker” revolves around Arthur Fleck, a clown for hire living on a day by day basis. From being beaten on the job to his therapy sessions being stopped once the city ran out of money, life is terrible for him.

After being beaten down by three workers for Thomas Wayne, Fleck shoots them down and flees. This in turn creates a movement in the process that leads to the lower class rioting against the rich. From there, events get worse and worse as Fleck has to choose to continue being a killer clown or to keep living a normal life.

Judging by the title of this film, the outcome is more or less obvious.

Let’s get the major elephant out of the room; the politics surrounding it. Critics said the movie was daring to make because the Joker was made sympathetic.

Why I do have my problems with the idea of the Joker being pitiable, those problems don’t revolve around people committing acts of violence being encouraged by the movie. While I do see the

potential for why some may think the movie promotes violence. In the end, if the movie inspires someone to create heinous acts, it’s a problem in their mind, not the film’s fault. You don’t blame the Kool-Aid man for encouraging people to run through brick walls after all.

No, my problem is about the basic idea itself. “Joker” takes a similar approach to other films that center around a villain’s origin story. It’s the same type of deal that Maleficent had in her own movie, “Maleficent”, or that the Wicked Witch of the West in the Broadway musical, “Wicked”; they weren’t always bad guys, and they deserve some sympathy.

Not only has this idea been done to death nowadays, but this film offers nothing new to the table. In fact, you can cut out about half of the film and be left with the exact same plot. I would even dare to say that three-fourths of the film is nothing but a pity party for Fleck.

While the idea of the Joker having some humanity in him is interesting. We see too much Arthur Fleck and little of the actual Joker.

That isn’t to say this film is shot badly; it’s actually rather well done. The camera angles are all impressive, the setting of the film and music gives it a vintage feel, and nothing in the environment feels out of place. Heck, when he’s allowed to fully give into the madness, Joaquin Phoenix makes for an amazing Joker, one driven by madness and hatred for society.



The problem for this, and the biggest problem for the film, is that it just feels boring. Given that it’s an origin story for the Joker, Batman’s biggest adversary, you can easily tell where the story is going by the first frame.

While it may be true that the journey is better than the destina-

tion, when so much of the movie is dedicated to trying to make us feel pity for him, it’s hard to justify the run time and not think that it could be better trimmed down.

DC had a good thing going when they choose to make the superhero comedy “Shazam.” I’m sad they fell back on old habits.

Director, Todd Phillips claimed that he made the film a drama instead of a comedy to avoid angering people who are too sensitive, it ends up doing something worse; boring everyone instead.

Overall Score: 3/10

Tekashi 69 Prison Release Date Nears

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Centurion Staff

From the top of the charts to behind bars in Rikers Island within two years, Tekashi 69’s life went from superstar icon to inmate in just 24 months.

Daniel Hernandez known most by his rap name, Tekashi 69, rose to the spotlight in 2017 with his debut track “Gummo” that reached 12 on the Billboard Hot 100. With this track being certified platinum, his popularity was growing strong.

The gang influence found in his lyrics, and his upbeat base driven songs were riding a wave of popularity. Hernandez also began to incorporate gang members into his music videos. This behavior only brought more attention to Hernandez’s gang, “Treyway Bloods.”

This attention caught the eye of FBI officials. On Nov. 10, 2018, TMZ released footage of two men shooting at Hernandez’s music studio and on Nov. 18, 2018, Hernandez and several others in his crew were arrested.

Hernandez was arrested on federal Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) and weapon charges. He was looking up to life in prison.

On Feb. 16, a plea deal was reached that the artist could receive less time and a reduced sentence for his corporations for provding names of fellow gang members.

Hernandez’s evolvement with the Nine Treyway gang brought him close to many people and gave him powerful evidence to convict others of serious crimes. His testimony started on Sep. 17.

His testimony has labeled him a “Rat or Snitch” as people see his testimony hypocritical to his lyrics of his own songs.

The once self-proclaimed “King of NYC” is now looking at possibly being released as soon as early 2020. The question is now how his release due to testimony will affect his popularity when he’s out of prison.

“Tekashi will always have an audience, this is because he came out at the perfect time that other artists in that family of genre were up and coming. Artists such as Lil Peep and Xxxtentacion, that have unfortunately passed but left a legacy to remember them by,” said Diana Shamayev, Bucks student and NYC native majoring in Communications.

These artists were a part of the streaming culture that has grown over the years. With apps like SoundCloud, artists can reach a vast audience for free.

“I do believe that even though he will have loyal supporters, those aren’t the ones he’s known from a young age. The ones he used to refer to as family on the streets he’s grew up on, aren’t likely to welcome him back with open arms after this,” Shamayev says.

Hernandez seems to be doing anything he can to get himself out of jail at this point, no matter who he must cross in the process. With his possible release growing close, we can all expect the “Gummo” rapper hitting the news one way or another. Whether it still making music or he finds something else, it may be hard to step away with thousands of dollars’ worth of tattoos across his face.



Tekashi 69, courtesy of Wikimedia Commons



Environment

Doylestown Residents Push for Restrictions on Use of Plastics

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Videos of sea turtles with plastic straws lodged in their nostrils, images of dead marine animals’ stomachs filled with plastic bags, and the million tons of plastic that enter oceans each year have prompted several states to pass restrictions on single-use plastics.

The Environment and Recreation Committee of the Doylestown Borough Council wants to follow this trend and has attempted to ban single-use plastics for borough residents.

“It is important to reduce the use of single use plastics at local, state, national, and international levels because they are designed to be used once, yet they last forever, polluting the environment and harming animals, and possible humans,” said Wendy Margolis, head of the Borough’s Environment and Recreation Committee.

The research on the impact of single use, non-recyclable plastics began back in 2016 by the Environment and Recreation Committee and Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) of Doylestown. Earlier this year, the Council advanced their research and gathered public feedback on the possibility of adopting an ordinance to ban the distribution of certain single-use plastics in Doylestown Borough.

The results of the survey were overwhelmingly positive. Of the 2,232 Doylestown residents and business owners who took the survey, 70 percent said they would support a ban of the distribution of single use plastic bags by Doylestown Borough businesses.

“We decided to research the issue due to a number of factors,” said Margolis. “Our constituents were asking for it and other

nearby municipalities, including Lambertville and Narberth, were banning plastics. We found there are so many simple alternatives to single use plastics. For bags people can use reusable ones, for straws use cardboard ones or don’t use one at all.”

The EAC’s possible ordinance includes banning single use plastic straws with certain exemptions and requires that business owners charge 10 cents per single use plastic bag, with certain exemptions.

Despite the positive feedback from the community the Council is prohibited by state statute from passing plastics ordinances until June 2020.

“A state legislator succeeded in attaching a rider on the budget bill that created a moratorium. This state legislator represents Centre County, where there is the only plastic bag factory in the state,” explained Margolis

Wendy Nieman, employee of Doylestown boutique, Lilies of the Field located on Main Street, was surprised to hear that the Environmental Committee could not move forward with the ban.

“I feel it would be a great move forward. The public is already educated about the issue. I just cannot understand why they would not accept such ordinances,” said Nieman.

Nieman added that Lilies of the Field currently uses paper bags at check out and eco-friendly clothing hangers.

“I know our store would not be opposed to the ban of plastics,” said Nieman.

Lilies of the Field is one of many Borough boutiques who currently use paper bags.

“We are very conscientious about the amount of plastic that we use. We have paper bags at check out and I don’t even



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offer them if someone is buying only one small item. It personally drives me crazy to see someone with a million plastic bags at the grocery store. Either you think about the effects of it or you don’t,” said Kristin Aldan, owner of Doylestown clothing shop, Something Else, located on State Street.

California and New York are among the states that have passed statewide bans on single use plastics. The number of plastic restrictions throughout the country continues to grow and often begins at a local level.

According to an article published by the Wall Street Journal in August, at least 414 local ordinances related to plastic bags have been passed in 28 states. However, The Doylestown Borough Council is still struggling with how to forward with their ordinance.

“The biggest setback has been the action by the Commonwealth. At this point, we’re still discussing the proper direction to take in light

of the moratorium,” said John Davis, borough manager.

Not every Doylestown resident is excited at the thought of a plastic-free town. Some worry it will make shopping difficult.

Brian Adkisons, a borough resident, has to travel to California for work and has not had a pleasant experience with the state’s plastic ban.

“I hate it. You are screwed if you forget to bring a reusable bag to grocery stores. It makes carrying items to your car extremely hard,” said Adkison.

Adkison added that he hoped that the proposed ordinance does not become a reality for Doylestown Borough residents.

“Paper bags is the way to go. However, I am against the ban of plastic straws. Paper straws are difficult to drink out of,” said Karen McMullin, employee of Main Street boutique, Serendipity.

Serendipity currently uses plastic and paper bags at check out. McMullin said most shoppers do not want a bag and a full switch to

paper would not be a “big deal.”

While the Borough’s ordinance will not take effect immediately, the issue of single-use plastics continues to be a topic of discussion for local politicians. On Sept. 25, State Rep. Wendy Ullman, D-143, held a House Democratic Policy Committee public hearing. Ullman requested the hearing to discuss how Pennsylvania is addressing single-use plastics.

“I want recycling to become part of everyday life,” said Ullman, in a statement to the Bucks County Courier Times.

Single use plastics are a large-scale problem, but the Doylestown Borough Council was not intimidated and plans to continue to address worldwide issues.

“Increasingly, the Council has been taking on national and even global issues like this at the local level. I believe the intent is to set an example and spur the state and federal governments to ultimately take action,” said Davis, borough manager.

CulinArt Tests Paper Straws



Student using a paper straw, courtesy of Amala Rajesh

kyung, 20, a Music major from Burma said, had similar opinions.

“I really like this idea because paper straws can be recycled and are biodegradable so that’s obviously really good for the environment,” said Wawhkyung.

McGrath emphasized that green initiatives are quite common for CulinArt. He explained that the cafeteria currently uses compostable paper in their salad bar containers. The cafeteria also eliminated Styrofoam 10 years ago and use reuses fryer oil to reduce wastage

“Our company has been thinking about using paper straws for a while with it being big in the news over the past six months or so. We’re a very green company. One of our driving principles in doing business is to be as sustainable and earth-friendly as possible. Straws is just the next step,” said McGrath.

Morgan Puzyll, 21, an Early Education major from Levittown, was all for the switch to paper.

Puzyll said, “I really hope they would introduce the paper straws because I am all for an eco-friendly campus.”

Another student, Zau Grin Wawh-

her fans and audience members of straws.”

Other Bucks students wondered if it was possible for Eilish to have a completely eco-friendly tour.

“How does she travel by tour bus, I think it’s cool that she’s eco-friendly but if the tour bus is causing pollution. I don’t understand how she is completely eco-friendly,” said Mason Calderbank ,18, an undecided major from Langhorne.

Despite doubts Eilish is attempting to lead by example and following in the trend of young people expressing concerns over the planet’s rising temperatures.

“I think it’s a great effort towards something that the world needs tremendous help with. Especially since her fan base is so wide and this tour is so huge. She will be sending a great message and most of her audience is people our age which will inevitably be stuck with this issue,” said Jayda Hunt, 18, a criminal justice major from Feasterville.

Billie Eilish’s Ecofriendly Tour



Billie Eilish, courtesy of Wikimedia Commons

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17 year old pop star Billie Eilish, announced her world tour, “Where Do We Go?” this past week, and is using her popularity to spread awareness about climate change.

Eilish’s tour will run from March 9 -July 27, starting in Miami, Florida and ending in London. Eilish hired the climate action company Reverb to help her ensure a eco-friendly tour. There will be no plastic straws at the tour’s venues, all the audience members must bring their own water bottles and there will be recycling cans everywhere

“If something is recyclable, it doesn’t matter unless there’s a recycling can,” said Eilish on the “Tonight Show.”

Eilish continuously promotes climate change awareness to her audience. Last month Eilish and actor Woody Harrelson uploaded a video on social media about climate change. The video is a call to viewers to vote

for politicians who advocate for climate change legislation.

“I think it’s a very good thing and I think it will lead to a lot of people being more eco-friendly because she has such a large fan base so it’ll get a lot of attention,” said Sophia Laurence, 17, a communications major from Hulmeville.

When Eilish spoke on “The Tonight Show,” she did not say where the proceeds of her eco-friendly tour would be going which caused some suspicions.

“Billie Eilish really doesn’t care about the environment, she cares about the money she makes about advocating for the environment. How do I know that? Because she could have just had the concert, put out her recycling cans and not said anything,” said Ryan Scott, 19, an undecided major from Langhorne. “With minimal changes like extra trash cans and asking fans to bring their own water, this looks like she is trying to cash in on the environmental craze by depriving



# National News

# Bernie Sanders Has a Heart Attack

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Presidential candidate Bernie Sanders was hospitalized due to a blocked artery in his heart, causing the 78-year-old to have a heart attack and cancel all appearances and events until further notice.

Sanders was at an event in Las Vegas, campaigning to become the democratic candidate to go toe to toe with Donald Trump in the 2020 election. During the event, Sanders had complained about pains in his chest and went to seek further medical attention.

It was then revealed that Sanders had a blocked artery in his heart and had to get two stents inserted.

Sanders took to social media after the incident to push his political agenda.

“No one should fear going bankrupt,” he wrote to allude to the cost of Medicare.

Two days after his hospitalization Sanders’ campaign officially stated that he had a heart attack. Claims have since been made that Sander’s campaign attempted to conceal the fact that he had been hospitalized.

Sanders responded to the claims as being “nonsense.”

“I don’t know what people think campaigns are, you know we’re dealing with all kinds of doctors and we wanted to have a sense of what the hell was going on really,” Sanders said.

Since the incident, questions began to resurface whether or not he is suitable to run for office given his age. Sanders had suffered

multiple health problems during his campaign.

Earlier in the year, Sanders was seen walking around his presidential campaign trail with a bandage on his head. He had suffered an accident in the shower that required six stitches. Sanders then assured that he was fine and ready to go for

the long road ahead of the Democratic Nominee race.

Sanders’ determination to continue his campaign won’t necessarily convince others that his age and health will be a deterrent to him. However, he may have a better chance then most given his competition.

Among the 12 names listed in the next democratic debate, the biggest names on the list other than Sanders, are Joe Biden, Elizabeth Warren, and Andrew Yang.

While the election is still about a year away, anything could happen between that gap that could

change his situation.

He has since been released from the hospital and is taking it easy in light of his recent surgery.

The next democratic debate is set for Oct. 15 and many around the Sanders campaign are hopeful that Sanders can make a full recovery by then.



Bernie Sanders, courtesy of Wikimedia Commons

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## Sports

# Men's Soccer Team Breaks Records

HUNTER SLEPPY

Centurion Staff

The BCCC 2019 Men's soccer team has proven to be a power team this season due to star players throughout the roster.

With three games left this season, the Centurions have already clinched the Eastern Pennsylvania Athletic Conference (EPAC) championship, but have their sights on the region XIX championship. The team is looking to rebound after a crushing 8-1 defeat last season.

The 2019 season for the Centurions started out very strong as the team won their first five games, outscoring their opponents 24-6. Their first loss of the season came from defending XIX champions, the Vikings of Ocean County College by a score of 3-2.

The Centurions were able to rebound from the loss by winning their next four games in a row. They outscored their opponents 16-2 during their second big winning streak of the season, which was ended by a tough 2-1 loss from Rowan College South Jersey - Gloucester.

Despite the Centurions last loss, they've overall record is 12-2 this season. All while staying undefeated in the EPAC standings at 10-0. The team has only conceded 18 goals, and



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has scored a whopping 59 goals in 14 games.

The powerhouse on the offensive side of the ball for the Centurions is forward Salvatore Ficarotta, who has scored 13 goals this season the most on the team. Among his goals, four of them become game winning goals for the Centurions.

Some other key players that have helped contribute to the offense this year for the Centurions has been Zachary Shefsky and Christo-

pher Clark. Both players have scored a hat-trick this year, helping lead the Centurions to wins in both games of those occurrences took place.

As for the defensive side of the ball, goalkeeper Jorge Ramirez has faced a total of 56 shots this season so far, he's saved 42 of those shots from going in the net, resulting in a 75 percent save percentage. He currently has recorded four shutout performances and is looking for more of those

within the next three games.

The success this season for the Centurions isn't from just the players, head coach Justin Burroughs has won over 150 games for the program since becoming head coach in 2005. Burroughs has also won head coach of the year in four of the last five years.

Burroughs has led the Centurions from a sloppy four-win season to a championship contender, with playoff appearances in 10 of the last 11 years

and looks poised to make another run at the XIX championship.

With three games left to go in the season, there's still time to see the Centurions play before the season ends. The last two games of the season will be played on Centurion home turf. The games will be played on Saturday, October 12 at 12 p.m. and Tuesday, October 15 at 3:30 p.m.

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Sports

Bucks Cross Country 2019 Season Preview



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After the last three big races, head coach Brian Thomas is confident in his small squad of runners and has high hopes for the men’s and women’s cross-country teams in this 2019 season.

Roster numbers have been an issue for both cross country teams as the men’s roster dropped from five in 2018 to just one in 2019. The women’s roster has had the same number of runners with two this year and two in 2018.

Even with the low roster num-

bers Coach Thomas believes in his runners and said, “they are a small group, but they are very hardworking.”

The roster veterans are sophomore brother and sister Logan and Reland Saugling, both from Quakertown, Reland being an all-conference runner at Quakertown. Newcomer freshman Samantha Beverly from Council Rock North rounds on the women’s team.

“They are successful working together because it is such a small group,” said Coach

Thomas. “The men’s program is in a rebuilding phase as it’s just the second year of the program after a 25-year layoff.”

At the Penn State Abington Invitational on Sep. 14 Logan Saugling placed 11th out of 92 in the men’s 8k race. With a time of 29:43.9. Beverly placed 45th out of 56 with a time of 31:00.1 in the women’s 5k race. Reland Saugling did not participate in this race.

On Sep. 21 the Centurions competed in the Aggies Cross Country Open at Delaware Valley University. Logan

Saugling medaled and was 3rd out of 34 participants in the men’s 8k with a time of 31:03.5. Reland Saugling placed 21st of 57 with a time of 29:02.4 in the women’s race. Beverly placed 47th of 57 with a good time of 35:08.2 in the women’s 6k race.

A week later on Sept. 28 both teams participated in the Brandywine Invitational at Penn State University’s Brandywine campus. In the women’s 6k race, Reland Saugling finished 13th out of 45 with a time of 30:59 and Samantha Beverly finished 27th with a time of 35:38. In the men’s 8k race, Logan Saugling finished 20th

out of 96 runners with a time of 31:36.

Both teams have an upcoming race at the Jack St. Clair Invitational on Oct. 12, in Bryn Mawr. The women’s race will start at 12:15 p.m. and the men’s at 1:15 p.m.

The Eastern Pennsylvania Athletic Conference championship will take place on Oct. 20 at Luzerne County Community College at 11 a.m. and the Region 19 Championship on Oct. 26 at Delaware Tech.

Come out and support your centurions!



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Women’s Tennis off to a Bumpy Start



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JAKE SULLIVAN  
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The Women’s Tennis team is off to a 0 and 4 start as the team has yet to pick up a victory with one home loss and three away losses.

The team’s first game was on Sept. 8 against North Hampton with a 9–0 loss. With doubles being played by Bucks Sophomore Cailin Nally and Freshman Julia Shandley in round one, Sophomore Amanda Edson and Sophomore Lauren Daley in round two, and Freshman Andrea Nistor and Freshman Samantha Gillespie in round three.

Next the team played Ocean County College in back to back games on Sept. 23 and Sept. 25. With the Sept. 23 game being a home game resulting in an 8 - 1 loss, and Sept. 26 games a 7 -2 loss.

The most recent game was held at Camden County College and ended in a 9-0 defeat.

Students are beginning to

question what is causing this rocky start to the season and how it be fixed.

Arlo Vooz a second level education major from Sellersville said, “I think the reason they are off to a poor start is because of all the postponed and cancelled matches, they probably cannot find their rhythm because of the amount of time in between games, maybe when those games do get postponed they could train really hard to keep that momentum.”

Kali Blake a Bio Medical major from Quakertown said, “Maybe the communication is off, the team should plan a girl’s day where they go out with each other and get to know one another so the communication on the court will be better. If they work hard enough and they work as a team they can turn this season around; Team work makes the dream work.”

Megan Kelly a Chemistry Major from Perkasio said, “I hope they can turn this around I would hate for them to have a negative season, they have all the potential I think

they just need that motivation to really bring home the victory, maybe if they keep up this losing streak they will have something to motivate a comeback.”

Although the team is on a four-game losing streak the spirit of the team only grows stronger as many students still believe that the team can turn this season into a comeback for the ages.

Kiersten Polachek a social work major from Sellersville said, “There is always room for a comeback I am not too worried only after four games, the amount of postponed games has probably had a huge effect on the motivation of the team.”

Students around Bucks are hopeful that their team will turn it around.

“For sure they can bring this back and turn it around, if they really work for it and put 110 percent they could do anything, I am really looking forward to the team to pull out the comeback and bring home a positive season,” added Arlo Vooz.

