

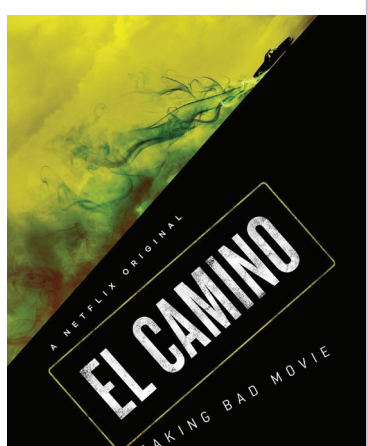
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All Bucks Campuses Are Deemed Vape Free

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Despite efforts by Bucks Safety and Security team, many students are still unaware of the campus wide vaping ban, officially known as the Clean Air Community Policy.

The policy states that smoking and vaping are prohibited on Bucks campuses except for designated areas. Smoking has been prohibited on campus since 2008 and e-cigarettes were added to the ban in 2014.

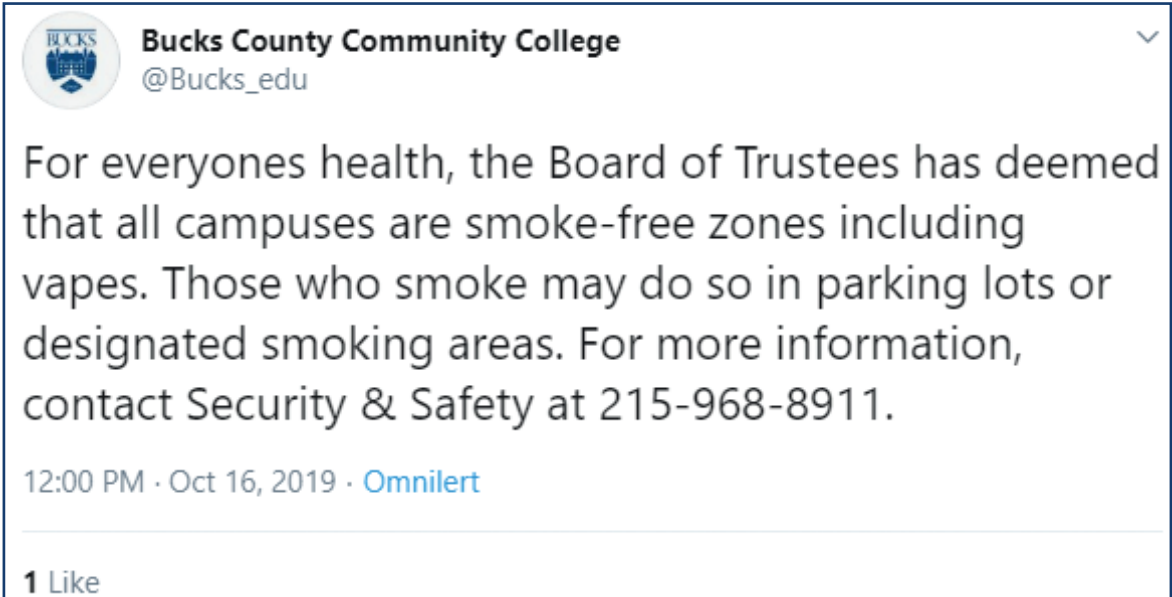
According to Dennis McCauley, Executive Director of Security & Safety, "security personnel intervenes when they observe someone vaping."

Their intervention is typically light. McCauley added, "Personnel try to resolve the situation with a warning and instructions as to locations on campus where smoking is permitted."

Security can also issue fines up to \$25 if a student is found vaping in a non-designated smoking area. For repeat offenders, fines can reach up to \$125 and include other disciplinary measures.

Student may be removed from campus as well.

Hala Ayyash, Bucks Student Government Treasurer, was one of the many students who didn't know the policy was in place.



A routine tweet posted on Bucks' twitter page to remind students of the vaping rule

She wished that the no smoking policy was better publicized and enforced.

Ayyash admitted, "Some people like myself are allergic, I can't breathe when somebody decides to vape."

According to a survey done by ecigarettedirect.co.uk, 46 percent of respondents had symptoms of an allergic reaction to vaping. Symptoms included coughing, sore or dry throat, headaches and chest tightness.

"I understand that it's a personal choice, but don't include me in it," Ayyash said.

McCauley said that there are

"regular social media messaging to remind students about the prohibition." The policy is sent to students in all forms of media.

"It makes sense, and it's fair because there are designated smoking areas," said Henry Ruddell, cinema video major from Doylestown. "I really have no opinion on it because I smoke cigarettes, but I can see how it can be an issue for others," Ruddell continued.

Drew Lukomski, health and physed major from Richboro, said that the policy was "reasonable and fair."

"What's the gain from vaping or smoking? There's a lot of risk

associated, and if I was doing it I would stop because of the danger," Lukomski said. "If somebody accidentally puffs smoke into my face, it's fine as long as it isn't intentional."

Smoking is prohibited on Newtown Campus in all areas except parking lots A, B, C, D, E, F, and H.

For the Upper Bucks and Lower Bucks campuses, the designated areas for smoking and vaping are in personal vehicles or parking lots.

Perkasie Campus Continues 20-Year Celebration

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The Upper Bucks Campus located in Perkasie continued the celebration of their 20-year anniversary with a sculpture unveiling last Thursday.

Past and current faculty, staff, and students came together to view the new sculpture created by Milan J. Kralik Jr. The sculpture, named the Solar Column, was created out of stainless steel.

Kralik has been a sculptor for 40 years and has collaborated with the Bucks County community in the past. He describes his process as "problem solving for pleasure."

Kralik previously completed a sculpture for the Upper Bucks campus that displays kinetic elements. On windier days, there is a "chain" on the sculpture that will sway.

The Upper Bucks campus displays his works in the gardens to encourage artistic transformation of the college and to enhance the campus experience for the students.

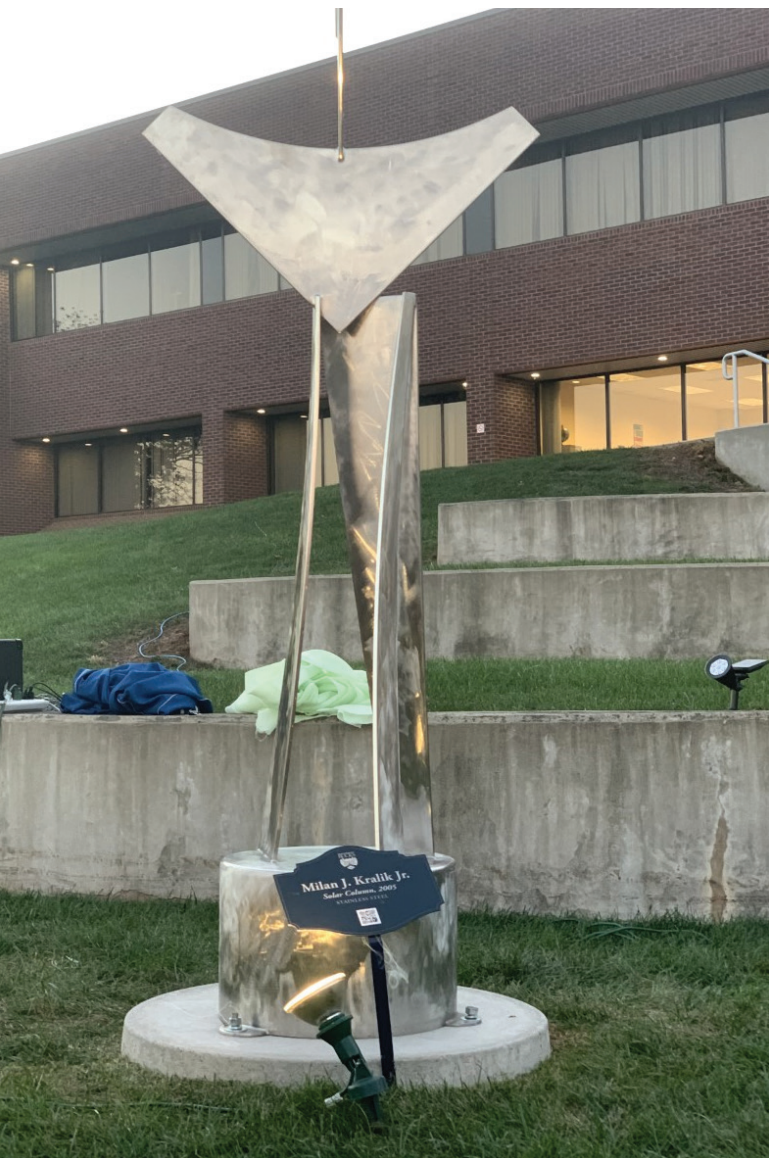
Guests were greeted at the front of the campus with refreshments and were seated with small bowls of candy corn before the unveiling. Bucks faculty members shared stores of the Upper Bucks Campus

"I found out that we were doing a campus in the lower part of the county, and we had Newtown already, so the central part of the county was covered. As I was making the drives down there, I realized the roads our students would have to travel, and I thought, we need to change this," said Bett Graver executive director of the Pennridge Chamber of Commerce, Betty Graver, "As we were doing renovations for the Lower Bucks campus at the old Delhaas High School, I thought we could really use something like this in Upper Bucks."

The campus serves as a great commuter satellite campus to students living in Upper Bucks as most students who take classes at the campus are coming from Pennridge, Quakertown, Palisades, and parts of Central Bucks.

In 2004, Bucks County Community college was recognized by the magazine Community College Weekly as "the fastest growing campus in the country" after adding the Upper Bucks campus.

Executive Director of the Perkasie campus, Rodney Altemose, shared some fun facts regarding the fairly new construction that added the North Building on campus.



The sculpture unveiled at the Upper Bucks Campus, photo courtesy of Alyssa Moore

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After coaching men’s soccer for more than a decade at the college, Justin Burroughs is now the record holder for the most wins of all time with the Bucks soccer program at 157.

Burroughs’ milestone was reached after the team faced Montgomery Community College on Oct. 15 and were able to continue their winning streak. He now has the most wins of anyone within the Bucks soccer program.

“I am extremely competitive, but it’s really about enjoying the game and the players. I could not do it without them. When they do well I do well,” said Burroughs.

Burroughs was hired as assistant

Coach Justin Burroughs Hits Record Number of Wins



Bucks Men’s Soccer team courtesy of Bucks Athletics Soccer website

soccer coach for the college back in 2004. At the time he was not planning on leading the program and had full time job in the banking industry. However, in 2005 he was promoted to head coach and has not looked back since.

“Before coming to Bucks I was coaching youth teams, but I wanted to test myself and wanted to do something different. I like to be able to see all the young adults continue to grow and mature,” said Burroughs.

As a young adult himself, Burroughs attended Monmouth University on a full soccer scholarship. Burroughs used his skills to shape the soccer program into the powerhouse team it is today with a current record of 16-2 for the season.

“The team started off extremely small. We had just enough people to play. I do like winning so I started convincing everyone we could be better,” explained Burroughs.

The men’s soccer team currently has 21 players with an 17-18 game roster.

“The team is built as a family. We work hard as a family. Coach Burroughs is doing a lot for me. He tells me what I need to do to get into a D-1 school. That’s where all his wins come from, inspiring others to work hard,” said Prince Boafso, a current player on the soccer team.

The family that Coach Burroughs has built also comes from the commitment each player makes to the team. The team has a practice or game daily with some



Coach Justin Burroughs holds a cake after reaching a record number of wins, courtesy of Bucks’ Athletic Twitter page

Saturday games as well.

“I really watch over them and care for every person. It is all about the relationships we build,” said Coach Burroughs.

Coach Burroughs has also helped shape a large Centurion soccer alumni community. Former players have become coaches and each year an Alumni game is held. Burroughs said he has even attended baby showers and weddings of former players.

“Alumni help promote the program and help with community service. It really makes you want to work harder when you see everything they have done for the program,” Burroughs said.

When Burroughs is not coaching, he spends time overseeing the

other athletic programs at Bucks as the Assistant Athletic Director for the college.

“When I have free time, I do not want to pay attention to sports. I mainly hang out with family, friends, and my dog that I absolutely adore,” confessed Burroughs.

Burroughs was congratulated with a cake after reaching his wins. Perhaps Burroughs secret to success is his love for his work.

“I would coach for free,” added Burroughs.

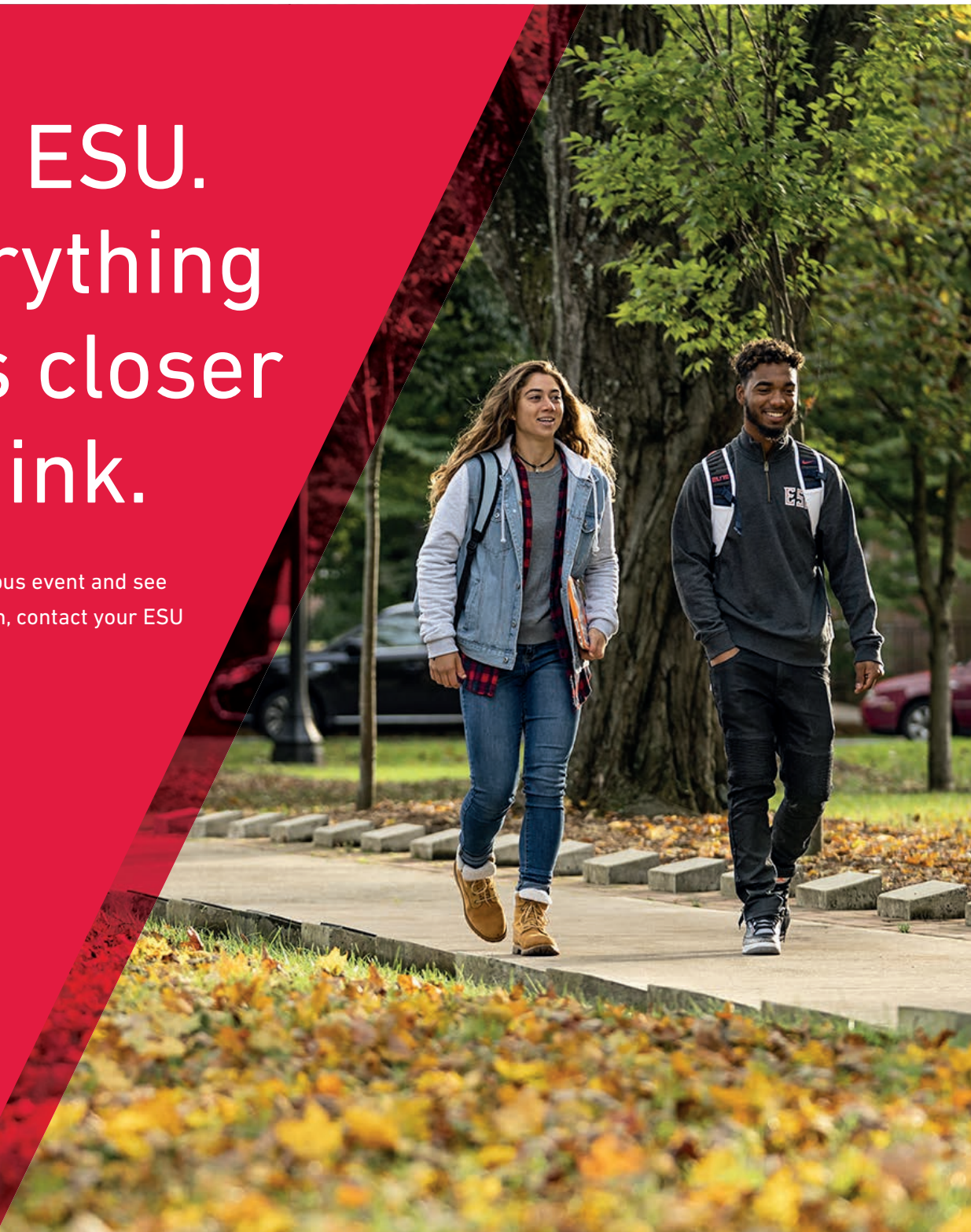
Burrough’s wins are not stopping anytime soon, on Oct. 22 the team won their game against Williamson College of the Trade making his wins at 158.

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Arts&Entertainment

“El Camino” is Suspenseful

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SPOILER ALERT!

“El Camino” is the epilogue to Emmy award winning and critically acclaimed AMC drama “Breaking Bad”.

The movie picks up right where “Breaking Bad” left off. Fan favorite Jessie Pinkman is escaping his imprisonment from neo-Nazis whom were holding him as a prisoner and forcing him to cook methamphetamin.. Now Jessie is on the run from the police.

The strongest part of the film is the character development. It features great established characters from “Breaking Bad” such as Skinny Pete, Badger, Todd Alquist, Jessie of course and cameos from Mike and Heisenberg himself Walter White.

“El Camino” feels like a very long episode of “Breaking Bad.” However, it is very well paced. The film cuts between Jessie’s time as a captive to the present where he is a fugitive and is desperately trying to get out of the country.

The movie is filled with suspense. You are left on the edge of your seat as Jessie is laying low and trying to get as much money as he can to get out of the country.

Writer and Director Vince Gilligan does a great job of setting the tone and making it feel like any other episode of “Breaking Bad.”

Aaron Paul gives a great performance as Jessie. The character has a slightly more aggressive and decisive feel to him, but still is the same genuine kindhearted, paranoid, meth dealer that we’ve come

to know and love.

There were only a couple of small issues that I had with the movie.

First, I felt that we didn’t need this movie. I felt that the ending of “Breaking Bad” was the perfect ending; Walt meets his demise and Jessie Pinkman drives away, finally free from captivity and free from Walt. No one was asking for what happened to Jessie.

Second, there were a few continuity errors.

First was that you could tell that Bryan Cranston who plays Walter was wearing a bald cap when they flashed back.

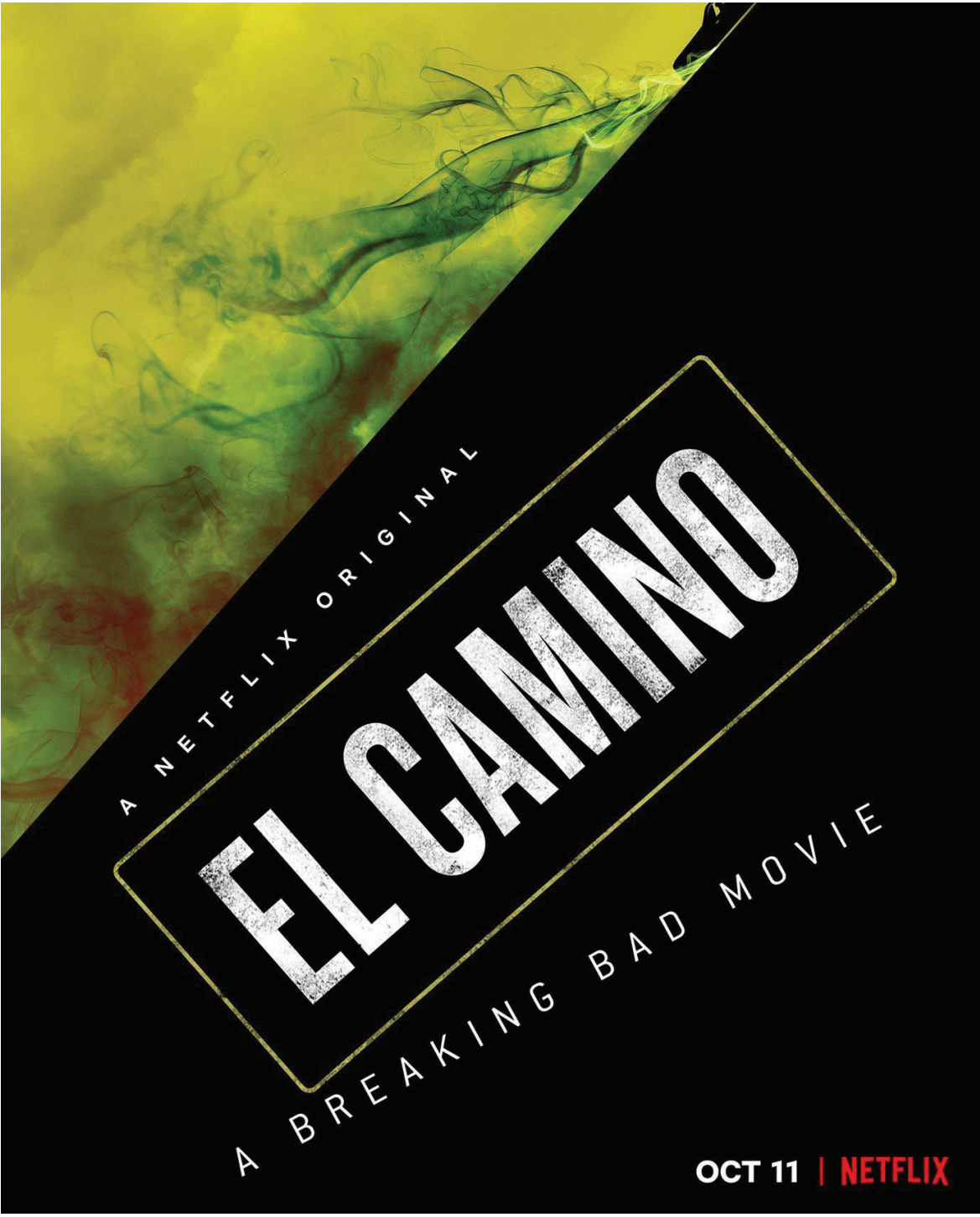
Seeing the actor portray the character for five years, I’ve come accustomed to seeing Walt’s bald head and I noticed right off the bat that something was different.

Also, Jessie Blevins who Todd, is noticeably heavier than he was in “Breaking Bad.” His scenes in “El Camino” were supposed to be set during the time of “Breaking Bad.” I realize that these are minor details, but they were very noticeable and took me out of the movie a little bit.

“It was awesome to be able to get back into the “Breaking Bad” universe; although it wasn’t as good as “Breaking Bad,” it was still very good,” said Nicholas Salguero, 23, journalism major.

I admit I am a sucker for Aaron Paul as Jessie Pinkman. I love this character so much. Just the way he walks and talks to people, and to see how far he has come since the season one of “Breaking Bad” is really amazing.

Overall score 8/10



They’re Spooky and They’re OK, “The Addams Family”

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The scariest part was the empty theater I was in.

Out of all the properties to make a return to the big screen, “The Addam’s Family” probably isn’t at the top of the list. With their last television series ending 20 years ago, it was safe to assume that people just forgot about them, but lo and behold, they have risen from the dead to give us a movie.

The film starts with the marriage of Gomez and Morticia Addams being interrupted by an angry mob, forcing the newlywed couple to flee to a place they believe is so horrible that no one will chase after them, that being New Jersey.

Picking an abandoned mental asylum with the only resident being a zombie butler by the name of Lurch, they live peacefully in their own gothic and dark way with their two kids, Pugsley and Wednesday.

This all changes when a fog that was covering the town vanishes thanks to the efforts of Margaux, a home repair expert, wanting to sell homes in the rebuilt town. For her to do this, she needs to change the Addam’s home to fit their style.

To make matters more complicated, Wednesday has taken an interest in something that isn’t the normal macabre nature and befriends the daughter of Margaux. Finally, Pugsley has to

perform a special sword dance to truly become a man in the eyes of the Addams relatives.

As you could probably guess, this film has a lot to unpack, and as a result, it can feel very bloated with ideas not fully developed. That’s not to say these ideas don’t come to logical conclusions; it’s just that it feels formulaic.

No new surprises are added to change the stories up enough to feel unique. The only upside is that this makes everyone feel like they have a purpose for being there.

That said, the story really isn’t the selling point; it’s seeing the twisted ways the Addams Family live their lives.

This ranges from the house being haunted and wanting everyone to leave unless it gets morning coffee by flushing it down a toilet, Wednesday having a pet tree and octopus, the list goes on.

All of this is accomplished along with an eerie yet caring art style, much fitting for the Addams family still being a normal family that cares for one another.

Dark and demented imagery is everywhere, even in Wednesday’s design of having nooses on the ends of her hair. Electric chairs, padded rooms, the kids sleeping in execution chambers, their pet lion being a living garbage disposer, there is certainly something new to see that reinforces their unique lifestyle every minute.

However, as decent as it is, it definitely did feel like this series still was suffering from a two-decadelongsnap.Asstated before, the story wasn’t the prime focus, which is mostly obvious when focused on Wednesday’s emotional scenes.

Sure, her emotionless personality works when playing off someone else, but when we’re supposed to pity her, it’s hard to do so when she only has a default expression during such scenes.

As funny as the dark comedy of the film can be, it can definitely be overwhelming and even tiring. Your mileage may vary when that line is, but surely some of the talent spent on the visuals could also be used in telling jokes.

In the end, there really isn’t anything morally bad about the film. It’s completely harmless with little risks taken, resulting in a visually interesting, comical at times, yet somewhat disappointing movie.

With a sequel in the works, I’m hopeful that the next family reunion has more to offer and takes the criticism the first gathered to heart. If you watched the trailers and thought it looked interesting, you’ll be satisfied. To everyone else, this family may be different, but the type of movie they’re offering isn’t.

♪ They’re fluke yet still kooky, their writing is quite low key; completely hating them is hooley, the average family. ♪

Overall Score: 6/10



Student Life

What’s Happening for Halloween?

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Halloween is a magical holiday for young children that is filled with candy, colorful costumes, and school parties, but as a young adult, the fun seems to fade.

Students around Bucks are beginning to prepare plans to celebrate Halloween this year, and the days of trick-or-treating and wearing a costume are over for many students.

“I have friends that have their own place in Philly, so I am going to a house party there, it’s actually the day after Halloween,” said Kelli Lemongelli, 20, a communications major at Bucks.

Other students feel they will never be too old to get in on the Halloween fun.

“For Halloween I like to keep it original. I never dress as the same thing twice ever since I started dressing up for Halloween when I was young,” said Morgan Taylor, 20, a communications major at Bucks.

However, Taylor plans to put an adult twist on the holiday.

“For this Halloween I’ll be 21, so I will most likely go on a bar crawl,” she added.

While some students seem excited about their plans for Halloween, others have different feelings about the holiday.

“I have never really been a big fan of Halloween,” said Benjamin Peterson, 17, a dual admissions student at Bucks. “I stopped celebrating Halloween when I was about 12 because I thought I was too cool for it. I was gonna do something this year but then I was like wait, I’m wearing a costume



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for what? I’m not going to a party, I’m not going out, I have no reason to do a costume. I’m not doing anything this year.”

Several students disagree with Peterson and cannot wait to get in on the Halloween festivities.

“The night of Halloween, I am going to a huge costume party in the city so that should be fun,” said Leonard Gopshtein, 19, a business major at Bucks. “But every year during the month of October, I like to go to different haunted houses with my friends leading up to it. We’ve gone to about seven different ones in the past couple of years.”

“Leading up to Halloween, I’m going to chill at home and watch Halloween movies or go to college parties on the weekends with my friends,” added Lemongelli. “I love all Halloween movies, they’re my thing. Some of my favorites

are “Hocus Pocus”, “Halloween-town” and “Twitches.”

It is clear that Bucks students all around campus are gearing up for this spooky holiday even if they will not be saying “trick or treat.”

Here are some of the Halloween events happening around Bucks County this year for Halloween:

- Get spooked from a haunted train ride with the family on the New Hope Railroad during their Haunted Halloween Event on Oct. 11 - 13, Oct. 17 - 20, and Oct. 23 - 31.
- Try pumpkin bowling, take a hayride, get lost in the corn maze, and pick pumpkins at Hellerick’s Fall Festival. With over 45 activities for kids and adults, there’s plenty of fun for everyone starting Sept. 14 to Nov. 3.

- Bring the kids in costume to Sesame Place, and join the Sesame Street gang at The Count’s Halloween Spooktacular! Don’t miss themed shows, rides and of course, trick-or-treating. Catch the parade on weekends!
- The colors outside collide with the colors of Autumn Exhibition as award-winning artists Frank Arcuri, Dot Bunn, Katharine Krieg, Janine Dunn Wade and many more feature their fall-inspired landscape and still-life paintings at Patricia Hutton Galleries in Doylestown until Nov. 24.
- Bring the kiddos for a day down on the farm that they’ll never forget! Our FallFest is chock full of fun and adventure...find the perfect pumpkin, get lost in our 5 acre corn maze, and so much more. For one low admission price, come for the day and stay into the evening

at PumpkinFest After Dark. It’s all the fun of PumpkinFest, but after the sun goes down. It’s not scary... just fun! All taking place Oct. 4, 2019 - Oct. 31, 2019.

- Leave the treats outside, turn off your lights, and come see a 7:30 p.m. showing of “Next to Normal” at Bristol Riverside Theatre on Oct. 31. The award-winning musical explores a family dealing with bipolar disorder.

- What is the origin of Halloween? Test your knowledge during PUB TRIVIA every Thursday until Dec. 19 at Naked Brewing Company. A food truck and beer will help fuel your answers. Happy hour from 4 - 6 p.m.; trivia starts at 7:30 p.m.

All event information courtesy of VisitBucksCounty.com

Sculpture at Perkasio Campus



Podium at the Upper Campus where several community members spoke before the sculptors were unveiled, courtesy of Alyssa Moore

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“There are enough wires in the North building that will take us from Bucks County to Hershey. There are about 9,000 bricks in that building. 2,617 ceiling tiles, 4,026 square feet of slate tile, 1,405 carpet tiles, 370 light fixtures, and 950 gallons of paint,” said Altemose.

The North building is a certified “green” building as the materials it was built out of were recycled.

The President of the Student Government Association (SGA), Evan Brooks, also

gave his praise about the Upper Bucks Campus.

“I’m really proud that when I first started college, the very first one I went to is Bucks. Out of all the campuses I went to, the very first campus was Upper Bucks. It is the place where I learned and met so many of my closest friends, and extraordinary professors and faculty that have made me who I am today,” Brooks said, “There’s never a dull moment on the Upper Bucks campus.”

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National News

Here’s What is Happening With Trump and the Kurds

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On Oct. 13 President Trump issued an order for the removal of U.S. military from the Syria-Turkey border after a phone call with President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan of Turkey, allowing Turkey troops to invade Syria.

The United States and the Kurdish, the fourth largest ethnic group in the Middle East, are long time allies. They first became allies in 2014, when former President Obama ordered air strikes on the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) fighters in northern Iraq to help protect the Kurdish population from their advancements.

In 2015 the Kurds, with the help of the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF) U.S. air-strikes, successfully drove ISIS out of north-eastern Syria. This allowed for the Kurds to take back a large section of their border with Turkey. In the beginning of 2019, the SDF officially removed ISIS out of Syria, but the threat remained pertinent right across the border.

Recently, Trump pulled back U.S. troops away from the border. This decision was made very suddenly without the complete consent of the Pentagon or Congress.

Professor John Petito of history and political science believes that this was too spontaneous of an or-

der.

He said, “I don’t think I would have done this so suddenly, with no preparations, without notice to the Kurds.”

Secretary of Defense Mark T. Esper commented on troops left to guard the oil fields.

“The focus is to deny access, specifically revenue, to ISIS and any other groups that may want to seek that revenue to enable their own malign activities,” said Esper at a press conference on Oct. 21.

The SDF believe that this could lead to ISIS retaliating. Unfortunately, the SDF were right. In the days following Trump’s order, ISIS and Syrian rebels moved forward toward the Syrian border under the orders of President Erdoğan.

The SDF has now asked for help from the Syrian government. Vice President Mike Pence has also agreed to help by calling for a cease-fire with Erdoğan for 120 hours, allowing for Kurdish forces to retreat to the safe zones. The Turkey military are waiting for the cease-fire to end to continue marching into Syria.

“I think we’ve said to the world: if we’re allies, trust us only a little bit because we might abandon you in the end,” said Petito.

Trump has also seen backlash from government officials back home. Many republicans, includ-



President Donald J. Trump stands with President of the Republic of Turkey Recep Tayyip Erdoğan in June 2019, courtesy of Wikimedia Commons

ing Sen. Mitch McConnell and Lindsey Graham believe that withdrawing from Syria is a mistake.

McConnel said in an interview with The Washington Post, “It will leave the American people and homeland less safe, embolden our enemies, and weaken important alliances.”

This decision could affect voter

turnout for President Trump in the 2020 election.

Petito thought that, “It’ll affect him with people who are independents who might have voted for him.” In the 2016 election, 46 percent of independents voted for Trump.

Although after a moment, Petito remembered Trump during his

campaign trail when Trump boldly said, “I could stand in the middle of Fifth Avenue and shoot somebody and I wouldn’t lose voters.”

It appears that overall, the American people believe that removing U.S. troops from Syria will end with disastrous effects. Though the long-term effects of this decision are still unknown.

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National News

PA Senators Introduce Legalized Recreational Marijuana Bill

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Democratic Senators Daylin Leach and Sharif Street submitted the Adult Use Cannabis bill on Oct.15, a bill that would legalize recreational marijuana use for adults 21 and over across Pennsylvania, raising \$500 million in tax dollars to schools in Pennsylvania. If the proposed bill is passed into law, this would make Pennsylvania the 11th state to legalize the purchase, distribution and use of marijuana. The bill has several other benefits, including expunging marijuana related crimes from one’s record. As well as lessening sentences for anyone who is incarcerated for marijuana related charges. The bill also gives anyone 21 and over the right to grow up to 10 cannabis plants on their property. People could also bring their own marijuana to permitted social use lounges located next to dispensaries under the proposed bill. As reported in Newsweek, the new bill is already gaining support. When asked about the proposed bill, Hailey Birkett, 20, a business administration major at Bucks replied she was all for it. “I think it would definitely be beneficial, because it can keep a lot of people out of prison and help

the government at the same time. For one, you would most likely have to buy a medical card, and there is a tax on medical marijuana,” said Hailey Birkett. Halle McCall, 19, a business major, was also in favor of the new bill. “I agree with this new bill completely, mostly because it will get people to stop buying marijuana products that aren’t properly tested. In my opinion it is the whole reason behind these ‘deadly’ THC carts,” she said. There have been multiple cases across the country where young adults, who are vaping tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) that were bought off the black market, have contracted severe illnesses. These illnesses have resembled severe acute pulmonary disease where breathing is difficult and the oxygen in the blood stream suddenly drops. When a person smokes marijuana, THC quickly passes from the lungs to the blood stream. This will distort the users sense of time, impact their motor skills, and make driving more dangerous. Users’ inhibitions are lowered, and can lead to clinical depression according to WebMD. Christopher Hackbart, 20, a physical education major, is in fa-



A cannabis plant, courtesy of Wikimedai Commons

vor of passing the bill, but with an exception. “I think it should be legalized, but regulated like alcohol. Driving while under the influence of marijuana should remain illegal of course, as well as smoking in public,” he said. One obstacle the bill faces is gaining the Republican Party’s support, who have control in the Senate. Many Republicans think this bill is disastrous as PA is already in an opioid epidemic. The House Republican Leadership issued a statement to Governor Tom Wolf which said, “We do not believe easing regulations on illegal drugs is the right move in helping the thousands of Pennsylvanians who are battling drug addiction.” Senators Leach and Street aren’t worried about receiving full support. In a statement made to the Philadelphia Inquirer, Leach said. “It’s an economic, political, and moral win for both sides. It keeps the black market tamped down, the \$500 million generated in cannabis fees would be directed to the schools, it decreases regulation by eliminating the seed-to-sale tracking.”

NFL Stars Admit to Smoking Marijuana Before Games

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Discussions involving the pros and cons of marijuana use have become commonplace across the country to the point that former NFL players admitted to their past use before of the drug before and during games. On April 20, 2018, the website Bleacher Report released a video of four former NFL players openly discuss their use of marijuana during their careers as they casually smoked marijuana during the interview.

One of the players interviewed was former Kansas City Chief defensive lineman Shaun Smith. “I smoked two blunts before every game. When I smoke, I can focus and actually do the job I have. I feel like nobody can stop me when I was out there. It’s the best thing for me,” he said. Nate Dunlap, a former football player studying at Bucks shares Smith’s opinion. “NFL players should be allowed to use marijuana as a way to cope with the pains of the sport. It’s crazy these players put it all on the field, and not be able to rehabilitate using marijuana,” he said.



Former Seattle Seahawks receiver Percy Harvin, courtesy of Wikimedia Commons

Retired Detroit Lion receiver Calvin Johnson said in another interview he used marijuana throughout his nine years with the team. “I smoked marijuana after every game. “It was a way to avoid the rampant opioid abuse going on,” he said. Johnson now owns his own cannabis company. Johnson also said he suffered at least nine concussion during his time in the NFL and would smoke marijuana rather than taking prescribed opioids to help assist with the healing processes. “There’s not a game I played in that I wasn’t high,” said former Seattle Seahawks reciever Percy Harvin in a interview. He was diagnosed with anxiety disorder that had a negative affected on his career. “My anxiety is at its worse when I go into unfamiliar situations. Being traded to Seattle was one of the worst years of my life,” he said. Former Philadelphia Eagles defensive end Chris Long, who has admitted to using marijuana throughout his career, explained how players who use don’t get caught. “Players are tested for “street drugs” between April 20, and Aug. 9. Once tested, they cannot be tested again for a year,” he informed Alvaro Fernandez da Ponte during an interview with SBNATION. Marijuana is still on the NFL’s banned substance list, however, last May, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell announced, “The league will consider allowing Marijuana for pain therapy if established as valid by medical experts.” It’s still under review.



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National News

US Navy Confirms Existence of UFOs

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Last month, the US Navy confirmed that videos posted to the New York Times' website in 2017 are depicting Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs).

The Navy referred to the objects shown in the three videos as Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAP). These videos, which have unofficially been called "FLIR1," "Gimbal," and "GoFast," were posted on the New York Times website alongside an article explaining how the Pentagon was conducting a secret UFO investigatory project called the Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program (AATIP).

Bonnie Kovitch, a 19-year-old special education major from Southampton, responded to the news of the UFOs.

"Heck yeah, aliens exist. It's just not very plausible to think that other planets don't have life on them. We can't be the only ones," said Kovitch.

The videos were first published on the website "To the Stars Academy of Arts and Sciences," a company founded by Tom DeLonge, the former singer and guitarist of Blink-182. His company specializes in UFO research. When the videos were posted on the website in 2017, it played an important role in starting a conversation about UFOs, that ultimately led to official an acknowledgement and this confirmation.

Sidney Pratt, 25, who is a psychology major from Chalfont also commented on this breaking news.



UFOs, courtesy of Wikimedia Commons

"I believe in there being other occupants in the universe, because the universe is infinite so it just seems very likely that there are others," said Pratt.

However, the Navy is not confirming the existence of alien life and continues to use the term UAP. The only acknowledgement was

that the objects shown in the three videos are unidentifiable. The Navy tried to reduce the stigma attached to reporting UAP sightings because such phenomena are not authorized to fly in U.S. airspace, thus they are to be considered a matter of national security.

The talk of these UFOs contin-

ues to solidify people's suspicions that aliens exists.

Bucks student Joel George, 18, biomedical engineering major from Bensalem, helped explain the theories that fuel people's curiosity.

"I think that there are other occupants in the universe. Earth is

just kind of this tiny place in the middle of nowhere compared to the entire galaxy. So, yeah, I think it's pretty possible." George continued. "Overall though, it's pretty rare to come across UFOs and there are a lot of hoaxes about UFOs these days."

Seasons Greeting from Cybersecurity

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Governments and industries are coming together to spread awareness about the importance of cybersecurity during October's National Cybersecurity Awareness Month (NCSAM) as the holiday season approaches.

During the holiday season hackers are actively roaming the internet to steal private credit card information.

"Own IT (information technology). Secure IT. Protect IT," are the three steps from Homeland Security. This message focuses on key areas including citizen privacy, consumer devices, and e-commerce security.

In 2019, NCSAM is emphasizing personal responsibility when

searching the web and taking proactive steps to increasing cybersecurity at the workplace and home.

The guidelines to Own IT are: stay safe on social media, update privacy settings on mobile devices/computers, and to keep tabs on apps that are used on a daily basis.

The Secure IT has several aspects. Such as making sure to create passwords that a hacker will not be able to guess, doubling login protection by turning on multi-factor authentication, and using safe websites when shopping online. Reading reviews and comments from previous shoppers will help indicate if the website is trustworthy or not.

Protect IT instructs internet us-



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ers to, update all security software on browsers, keep customer data and information safe, and when connecting to the internet be sure that it is safe and from the provider, not from someone's hotspot.

People in the current generation, specifically Millennials and Generation Z, are not concerned with cybersecurity, while people of the older generations such as Generation X and even Boomers are sometimes not aware of what cybersecurity is.

Devin Yeager, 19, of Yardley said, "People in our generation do not really care about cybersecu-

ity, at least right now they don't. We don't have a lot of money in our bank accounts and we don't really think our information that is online is that valuable right now."

In reality, the information that is put online is valuable. The stores that are on the frequently visited tab of our home page is valuable. Thinking that our information is not valuable is exactly what cyber hackers want.

People often feel they do not have the time to fill out forms to guarantee privacy of protection from hackers.

"People are faced with two

options: privacy or convenience. People are generally more willing to give away their private information if it means it'll save them a minute here or there," said Justin Mitchell, 20, of Doylestown.

Next time when the terms and conditions icon pops up from Apple consider the things that are at risk.

NCSAM encourages everyone to take into consideration the three steps of owning it, securing it, and protecting it, not just this holiday season, but all year round.

Student Life and Athletics Presents

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Around Bucks County

Warminster Water Crisis

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Warminster Township is heading for bankruptcy as a \$2.4 million deficit threatens to wipe the General Fund and plunge Warminster into Act 47, with the township looking to sell the Warminster Municipal Authority’s (WMA) water and sewer systems and raise taxes.

Gregg Schuster, Warminster Township Manager, said that due to rising expenditures and a flattening revenue, “It is imperative that we deal with current deficits as soon as possible or risk the Township being forced to enter Act 47.”

Act 47 is a way for Pennsylvania to help financially distressed townships and cities in the state, and it attempts to “turn around their finances and operations,” according to harrisburgpa.gov.

According to an Aug. 15 meeting of the Board of Supervisors, it’s very much possible that Warminster will enter Act 47, meaning that township has to cede control to the state – which can sell assets without any consideration to local government.

Warminster resident John Lachuiew remarked, “Warminster needs to get rid of these supervisors and managers in this township.”

Other residents think that these supervisors have put Warminster in this position,

Resident Tony Sadowski said, “Stop electing these ghouls, people. They do not have our backs.”

Schuster added that some areas

of expenditure growth were the rising pension costs, rising police department wages, and debt.

The highest expenditure listed on the 2019 budget was the police department, totaling in at \$8.1 million.

In the 2019 budget, salaries for many government workers have been raised, with many of the salaries in the Police Department being raised due to a prior agreement.

While these salaries raised, less money was spent elsewhere. About \$74,000 less was spent on public works. \$100,000 less was spent on fire services.

Revenues are also eroding away, and others are flattening, according to Schuster.

Schuster said, “There is no doubt that we face a challenge over the next couple of years.”

Warminster’s Board of Supervisors has had a majority of Republicans on the board since 2011, and has struggled with multiple deficits throughout their control.

In fact, the Board of Supervisors has gone on to spend more money.

The Warminster Police Department bought five police cruisers and updated police software in 2019, while other parts of the township saw a new dump truck, and nearly four miles of roadwork.

In 2017, the township approved a \$7 million loan to buy Shenandoah Woods, an abandoned Navy community.

This was in the face of a near \$300,000 deficit in 2017, which increased to a \$1.4 million-dollar deficit in 2018.



Warminster is looking to sell their water utility, photo courtesy of Wikimedia Commons

There has been no action to fight these deficits and expenditures until the Aug. 15 meeting, where the Board of Supervisors voted 3-0 to sell the water and sewer systems.

Warminster could net up to \$90 million from the sale of the WMA.

\$30 to \$45 million of the proceeds would go to paying off pensions and benefits, while \$45 million would be set aside for future use.

However, preliminary offers from North Wales Water Authority reach \$36 million for the water system, Aqua America, and the Bucks County Water and Sewer Authorities reach \$50 million for the sewer system.

Together, this combines to around \$86 million. Negotiations have only just begun and could change in either direction.

This still does nothing to counter the deficit.

The Board of Supervisors were asked many questions by the citizens, and gave vague responses.

Schuster gave a few cost saving measures.

The township can forgo “an additional budgeted payment to the pension fund in 2019,”Schuster explained. This can help prevent the funds being depleted this year.

However, Schuster pointed out, “Without decisive action taken for 2020 to either increase revenues or

drastically decrease expenditures, the Township will exhaust its resources.”

According to the Aug. 15 meeting, in 2025, if the sale goes through, the average taxpayer will have to pay an extra \$133 in fees per year.

Taxpayers could even see an increase in what they pay in 2022, with a projected increase of \$76.

The meeting showed that the general fund would stabilize because of these operations, but it still may need to increase the mill rate.

This means higher property taxes, which means more money out of the residents’ pockets.



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Student Life

It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Final Exams

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We are past the midway point in the semester and there is one thing on every student's mind: final exams.

Final exams season is approaching and for most student this can be quite a stressful time. No one is alone when feeling completely overloaded with fear and uncertainty during this time period. Finals week is the most dreaded week of the semester by many students.

Every student has designed their own way on how to study, work around their schedule, and obtain the information needed.

Several students find it helpful to complete an activity while study, such as listening to music or eating.

"Music motivates me. It depends on my mood, I'll either listen to EDM or some classical piano music," said Jessica Greene, 19, nursing major.

"I really enjoy eating while studying. For some reason it just keeps me focused knowing that I have something near me to satisfy me. When I'm hungry, I can't focus so as weird as it sounds, eating or sipping on coffee helps me focus," added Owen Hoff, 20, chemistry major.

Students also admitted to changing their study routine depending



A student studying, courtesy of Wikimedia Commons

on the subject matter of the test.

"It's a little harder to study for math because all problems are different. I usually look for a couple of practice tests that I find online based on what I am learning and work on those until I feel comfortable doing each problem. To remember mathematical terms, I just create my own flash cards or

use Quizlet," said Alexa Smith, 19, mathematics major.

Smith highly recommend using Quizlet. Students can create their own flashcards sets on this site, or use other students sets to save time.

Many students struggle to find a balance work and studying time.

"It's difficult; I have classes in

the morning and right from class I go to work and don't get home till 6. Most nights I'll find myself being up until 3 AM studying, but I am okay with it because I've learned as important as sleep is, you got to do what you go to do and sacrifice a good night's sleep if you want to have it all," said

Evan Vare, 20, communications major.

Finals do mark the end of a long semester. Instead of looking at it as a stressful time period, a better way to look at it is viewing it as an accomplishment of how far you've made it as a student. It's a week to give it your all.

VSCO Girls Taking Over Social Media and Campus

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The social media term VSCO girl is gaining popularity and it describes a whole culture of young girls.

The term refers to females who post trendy photos on the editing app, VSCO. A VSCO girl generally has a negative connotation and is used to insult young white woman.

Stereotypes of the VSCO girls include wearing scrunchies and Birkenstock sandals, and drinking from the reusable water canister, Hydro Flask. Social media us-

ers have ridiculed these so called VSCO girls for repeatedly saying the internet meme phrases, "sksksk" and "I oop." These young females are also mocked for being indistinguishable from each other. The general consensus is these girls seek attention online.

"This is one of the most harmless trends," said Ben Peterson, 17, a student at Bucks.

This is not the first-time young women have been the center of criticism for following trends in pop culture. In the early 2000 the term "basic white girl" was popularized. This phrase referred to a girl who wore ugg brand shoes and



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frequently drank Starbucks coffee.

"I don't mind it, I kind of like it," said Jake Suoovian, 19, journalism major at Bucks, in reference to VSCO girls.

VSCO girls do seem harmless compare to the other dangerous young teens could be involved in. For example, the recent studies that have shown the dangers of the juul trend that several teens partake in.

While, the VSCO app has only become widely known within the

past year, it actually launched in 2011.

"This app has been around so much longer like 2015 when I used to just use it for editing pictures and posting on it her and there. So, this VSCO girl thing is annoying," said Morgan Taylor, 21, communications major at Bucks

In January 2019 the connation of the word VSCO changed when Youtuber Greer Jones pasted a satirical video. Greer explained how to become "the ultimate VSCO

girl" in the video. Since the uploading of the video the term VSCO girl have evolved.

The underlying implication of the phrase VSCO girl is that she is relatively wealthy. Many young female teens strive to become VSCO girls by posting pictures wearing designer clothing.

However, it seems VSCO is just the latest trend and could be forgotten by the summer



Sports

Bucks Volleyball Season Recap



Photo courtesy of Bucks’ Athletic page

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The girls’ volleyball team wrapped up the season on Tuesday, Oct. 22 overall with 9 wins, 11 losses, and one tie. “We started the season a bit slow and we were playing as underdogs in most of our games,” said Coach Stephanie Recklau. Back in September, Coach Recklau said, “My goals for this season were to continue to improve with every game, to have fun, and to make playoffs.” The girls unfortunately did not make the playoffs this season, but are hopeful for the next season to play hard.

Being a participant in any college sport is not easy. Jacqueline Schaefer, the only Sophomore team member and captain, and Freshman outside hitter, Katrikki Lennon, agreed. Lennon, an 18-year-old civil engineer major from Levittown, spoke about the overwhelming life of a student athlete. “It’s definitely not easy being a student athlete. The hardest part about it is probably time management. If you are not in class, you’re at practice or a game. It’s difficult to juggle everything at once,” said Lennon. “I wanted to get more experience. I think getting to know my teammates and having the abil-

ity to trust them is just as important as getting stronger as an individual. I definitely wanted to work on my jump floater serve, and on my serving in general.” Schafer also spoke about the involvement of being a student athlete. “While being a student athlete, I have to really manage my time with school, work, and practice. There’s no free time in my schedule so I have to prioritize and actually get my school work done. For this season, I personally would like to improve my hitting and serving compared to last year,” said Schafer. “Competing at this level is diffi-

cult but also a lot of fun.” Schaefer continued, “In our league we have a lot of really good teams to compete against. We just try to play our best and hope to come out with a win”. When asked about what factors separate a winning team to a losing team, Schaefer said, “As a team we play our best when we are talking and communicating with each other the entire match. We need to get better at shaking off a bad play, resetting and not letting one bad play turn into more bad plays. Volleyball is a very mental game.” Schafer added how the team could improve for next season.

“We just need to work together, communicate more, and I believe we will get there. Volleyball is a really fun sport and I love playing with these group of girls,” she said. Not only does Schaefer believe that being able to communicate during matches is vital for their team’s success, Lennon believed so as well. “I’m sure everyone would agree with me, but we need to work on speaking up on the court. We all play better the louder we are, but communication is something that we all need to work on,” Lennon explained.

Phillies Name New Manager

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After two lackluster seasons as the Philadelphia Phillies manager, Gabe Kapler has been fired and former Yankee’s manager Joe Girardi was named the replacement. Potential managerial candidates included Girardi, Dusty Baker, and Joe Maddon. “Girardi is a very experienced manager that won a World Series with the Yankees and had a lot of success. That’s a pretty good track record,” said Shane Buraweski of Warminster, a mathematics major at Bucks. The Phillies decision to move on from Kapler was a pleasant surprise to many fans. Kapler’s odd pitching rotations, questionable flipping of positions in the field, and an obsession with analytics all contributed to his departure. Tom Hoezel, a computer science major, supported the firing of Kapler. “I feel like Kapler lost the respect of the locker room. To have two straight seasons where the team collapses down the stretch, it is definitely concerning,”said Hoezel. Up and coming cornerstones for the franchise such as Maikel Franco, Rhys Hoskins, and Odubel Herrera all turned in sub-par results this season. Young pitchers Nick Pivetta, Vince Velasquez, and Zach Eflin also did not meet their expectations. Many wonder if these poor performances were due to the teams prior management. First year student Justin Henderson business administration major, expressed his frustration with the lack of production from young players. “Guys like Rhys Hoskins have a ton of potential, but just didn’t play very well. The product on the field was disappointing to say the least,” he said.



Joe Girardi, courtesy of Wikimedia Commons

With the recent success and World Series appearance for the Washington Nationals, it seems as though the pressure is on the Phillies front office to go all in for the 2020 season. With a relatively talented roster, the potential for a postseason run is definitely there.

Perhaps a signing of a successful manager will galvanize the organization, and bring back a Red October. Some students wondered if a new manager will be enough to make up for the glaring holes on the roster.

Engineering major John Alker from Warminster thinks that the Phillies will continue to struggle. “They have so many deficiencies on the roster, specifically in the pitching department. The pitching staff is very poor, and I don’t think the Phillies bats can

make up for it,” said Alker. It is going to be interesting to see how much of a difference the team plays under new management. The Phil’s could be a playoff contender with a new coach. Go Phillies!