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Problematic Parking at Bucks Newtown Campus

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Due to the closure of the parking lot on the west side of campus the stress of finding a close parking spot has increased for students at the Bucks Newtown Campus.

Students who are unaware of the closed lot may be surprised to find their usual parking spot to be already occupied when they arrive to campus.

The parking lot on the west side of campus down the hill has been closed off since the beginning of the semester. Students now have to scramble to find a space up by the baseball field and soccer fields. To those who have classes in Founders Hall, the walk from these parking spaces can be quite far.

"I think that we could honestly use that space," said Brad Brown of Warminster. "I know a lot of people go to Bucks, so having it opened again would mean more space for people to park."

"It's hard to get a parking spot now, especially because I have later classes, but it's doable," said Sarah Kearney of Yardley.

According to Physical Plan Director Martin Synder these parking spaces are temporarily closed off due a great inoccupancy of parking spaces in the lot.

"The lot has been underutilized as a result of declining enrollment and will be closed for the winter,"



Photo of the closed parking lot courtesy of Ben Peterson

Snyder wrote in an email. "The plan is for the lot to reopen after spring break."

Not all students have to deal with the full parking lots, however. Christian Huber from Feasterville said that he's mostly dropped off at Bucks, so he does not have to worry about finding a space in the often packed parking lots.

"I wonder why we use that space at all," Huber said. "Barely anybody uses it, I think it would be put to better use if we put something else there."

Nick Alighieri from Newtown is another student who is affected by the closed parking space.

"You'll just have to come early to get a spot," he said.

Kylie Lartin of Levittown said

she didn't even notice that the parking space was closed off.

Ultimately, the college will decide on the use for this parking lot.

Until then, the only options students have is to come early to find an empty spot among the many cars by the soccer and baseball fields.

Are Relationships Affecting Students' Work Ethic?

KARAGAN KELLY

Centurion Staff

With Valentines Day approaching, love is in the air here at Bucks County Community College. With many students planning on celebrating this love-filled holiday, you may be asking yourself, how are students able to juggle work, school, and a relationship?

Bucks students gave their intake on how to maintain a relationship as a college student.

Jamal Tyler, 22, information sciences and technology major said, "I think it depends on their discipline and responsibility." He explained that if these qualities are lacking it be may be a struggle to juggle all three things at once.

Anna Dean, 19, graphic design



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major explained, "You're never too busy for a relationship if you want it to work, you don't have to spend all your time together to be in a relationship."

Most students agreed that if you're invested enough and have your priorities straight you are able to be involved in work, school and a relationship all at once.

Students also gave input on the difficulties of meeting that special someone at a community college versus a four-year university.

Emily Maley, 19, Biology major

explained, "You can meet anyone anywhere."

Maley added that although you are more likely to see a larger amount of new faces at a four-year university you are still likely to meet the same amount of people no matter where you are.

Other students felt that a community college is an ideal place to find a significant other.

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The Wordsmith Poetry Series is a free event held at Buck’s Newtown campus that is open to the public allowing them to share and listen to other poet’s works.

The Wordsmith Series has distinguished itself among colleges and universities in the Philadelphia area. It has “become the home of a vibrant community of writers, poetry lovers, and supporters of the arts,” according to Wordsmiths’ website page.

Language and Literature professor Dr. Ethel Rackin is the head of this series.

“The audience increases every year. We generally have 75 to 100

Wordsmith Series Continues

Friday, March 13, 2020 - 7:30 p.m.
Tyler Hall 142

Carole Maso and Cheryl Baldi



Carole Maso is the author of the novels: *Mother and Child*, *Ghost Dance*, *The Art Lover*, *AVA*, *The American Woman in the Chinese Hat*, and *Defiance*; as well as *Aureole* (a book of short fictions); *Break Every Rule* (essays); *The Room Lit by Roses* (a journal of pregnancy and birth) and *Beauty is Convulsive: The Passion of Frida Kahlo*. She is the recipient of many awards, including a Lannan Fellowship. She is a Professor of Literary Arts at Brown University.



Cheryl Baldi is a graduate of the Warren Wilson MFA Program for Writers, a former Bucks County Poet Laureate, and a finalist for the Robert Fraser Award for Poetry. Her work has appeared widely in journals, including *Bitter Oleander*, for which she was a finalist in the 2006 Francis Locke Memorial Award and *Salamander*, which nominated her work in 2008 for the *Best New Poets* anthology. She served on the faculty of Bucks County Community College for 25 years teaching writing and literature. has worked as

Information regarding the next Wordsmith event



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audience members per event. By attending one of our free upcoming events, people can experience for themselves how enriching and fun it can be,” Rackin said.

She believes the event is a great opportunity to get involved in the culture here at Bucks.

The Wordsmith Series is funded by the Cultural Affairs Committee of Language & Literature.

“We maintain this program because it helps put Bucks on the map as an institution committed to Arts and Culture on campus

and in the wider community,” said Rackin.

People can expect more than just performances from attending one of these events. Locally and nationally renowned poets and writers present their original works to a live audience. The events also include Potluck dessert buffets and book signings.

The Wordsmith Series has been active since 1960 and has featured memorable poets such as Richard Blanco, Jericho Brown, and Brenda Hillman.

The series also featured poets such as Allen Ginsberg, James

Dickey, Denise Levertov, and John Logan. The writers and poets involved in this series have won numerous awards including the Pulitzer Prize, the National Book Award, and the Pen Literary Award.

This series puts Bucks at the center of the region’s “literary life.” Guest writers are often paired with local ones for a broader experience. The series gives students the opportunity to “connect what they learn in the classroom with the world,” according to the Wordsmiths’ website.

Some advice Rackin gives to aspiring poets and writers that want to attend and perform at one of these events is to, “Relax and enjoy! It’s an experience for all and should be enjoyed.”

The Wordsmith Series is still active at Bucks and is open and free to anyone who would like to attend. The first event of this year will be held on March 13 at the Newtown campus. More information about the event can be found at bucks.edu. Events will continue to be held throughout the semester.



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Arts&Entertainment

The Controversy Behind the Scenes at the 2020 Grammys

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Chief Executive of the Recording Academy, Deborah Dugan, spotted trouble due to scandalous events taking place within the work environment behind the 2020 Grammy Awards.

Dugan set out to put the Grammys back on track. She noticed some irregularities along the way that caused several issues within the academy.

The major problem discovered cycles around diversity. Harsh criticism has been made for the lack of women and people of color winning major categories at the Grammys.

Lauren Greene, a 20-year-old nursing major from Warminster said, “I think anything nowadays is rigged no matter what it is. But in the means of diversity, it has to do with what people can relate to rather than the color of their skin.”

Further into her remarks she clarified how the current generation listens to younger artists who speak about relatable topics.

Deborah Dugan quoted complaints in financial and voting irregularities leading to the suspicion that the awards are fixed.

The Grammys are accused of favoring white males for winners at the ceremony.

Bryan Kirkman, an 18-year-old early childhood education major from Doylestown believed the award show may be rigged because some outdated artists are not being highlighted at the Grammys.

“I haven’t seen a lot of black artists win Grammys. I feel like the older artists like Beyoncé and Kanye had a better chance in the past rather than now due to the amazing new artists in today’s generation,”said Kirkman.

According to Neil Portnow, Dugan’s predecessor, “women need to step up if they want to advance in their careers.”

Two Bucks students shared their thoughts on this controversial statement.

Daria Loeper, a 19-year-old early childhood education major from Newtown mentioned, “I feel that women do not need to step up when it comes to music, that they do the same as men and accomplish the same.”

Tori Cichonski, an 18-year-old nursing major from Warrington had a similar point of view. She said, “I feel artists of all genders and races should have equal representation in the awards.”

Spenser Sheffield, a 22-year-



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old communications major from Perkasië, said,“I don’t really agree with that statement because the amount of talent is equal for men and women as musicians.”

The Grammys are also facing accusations of sexual assault and harassment of women within the establishment. Portnow has been accused of such allegations but thoroughly objects them.

According to the Rolling Stone

magazine, he said that the statements are “ludicrous and untrue.”

A scheduled vote by the board of the Recording Academy will determine a sizeable bonus for Portnow. His allegations have not been disclosed amongst all board members.

Sheffield also believed that Portnow should not be receiving a raise. He said, “The

board shouldn’t give him a raise no matter how powerful he intends to be. Evil should not be rewarded.”

Recent updates claim on Jan. 29 Dugan sent out a letter that stated how the testimony should run public for expulsion.

After critical arguments, Dugan agreed to settle with the current path the investigation is driving down until further notice.

RDJ’s“Dolittle” Does Little

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Should have stayed with the Avengers, Iron Man.

Ever since Robert Downey Jr. ended his role as Iron Man in “The Avengers” after a 10-year long streak, many fans were wondering what was up next for the world-renowned actor.

However, judging by the split reactions on Rotten Tomatoes, it’s safe to say that there are mixed opinions about him going off on his own. After watching his first solo outing in “Dolittle,” I am already missing his time in the Marvel Cinematic Universe.

The story stars Dr. Dolittle, played by the aforementioned Downey Jr., as one of the most well-loved doctors of England, being rewarded for his services by the Queen of England by being given his own manor.

He is most well-known for his love for animals, being able to talk to them and heal them. He is kept company in his manor by his wife and the animals they rescued.

However, one day, his wife dies out at sea, and he slinks into a slump, rejecting all visitors and only letting his animal friends stay with him. After hearing that the Queen has fallen ill, he goes out to find a mysterious fruit to save her.

The plot is as barebones as it comes, with it employing all the clichés you would expect in family films nowadays. This runs the gambit of stuffing the film with boring quips at the cost of emotional connection, unfunny characters that hinder the film, and a surprising amount of bathroom humor.

To be fair, this is not Downey Jr.’s fault, far from it. He is perhaps the only person actually putting any real effort in this train wreck. He’s eccentric enough to be interesting but still down to Earth enough to be relatable.

That said, it does take a while

for his angst and not wanting to do anything that involves human interaction to move from annoying to tolerable.

The real culprits behind this film’s childish edge seems to be from Universal Studios themselves, discarding any possible maturity and replacing it with childish jokes, including a pivotal scene near the end of the film that could work if the delivery was smarter.

As for the other characters, you could trim half of the cast and the story would go on without losing anything. There is one child character, Stubbins, who visits Dolittle at the start of the film to try and get him to fix a squirrel he accidentally shot, before trying to become Dolittle’s student. I felt like this was just made to appeal to the children demographic, as he really doesn’t have much of a role in the story.

As for the story itself, you could tell everything that’s going to happen by the end of the intro. You would think that a movie advertising the fact that Dolittle can talk to animals would have more to do with the animals themselves, but they really seem like a throwaway idea.

The story seems more focused on tired story ideas, assigning the few animals that do follow Dolittle in his quest one note personalities and calling it a day.

In the end, I’m just disappointed about this film in general. The movie was just way too juvenile to be effective emotionally, a lot of the cast was filled with cookie cutter clones of previously seen clichés, and it was just predictable through and through. This was not what the doctor ordered, and a second opinion, or in this case, second rewrite, is in order.

Overall Score: 2/10



Student Life

Dating in College?



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Molly Jeffery, 18, biomedical science major explained, “No, the classes are smaller at a community college so you get to know more people rather than sitting in a room not talking to 200 of your peers.”

On the other hand, a few students argued that it is harder because many of the faces you see day to day at community college are familiar faces from high school.

Dean explained, “A lot of the faces you see went to high school with you. It’s harder meeting new people if you already know most of them.”

Students also gave their opinion on if they thought being in a relationship can affect your grades and overall work ethic.

Domonique Cooper, 20, biomedical science major

explained, “It depends on how you manage your time. Be patient, do what you have to do, and don’t let your relationship affect your education.”

Maley responded, “If you are not serious about school then yes because people get their priorities mixed up, especially when they’re ‘in love.’” She then continued to say that if you are in fact serious about school you shouldn’t have to worry about anything getting in the way.

Many college students face the task of balancing school, work and a relationship, while some might be able to juggle all three components. Students also can face challenges of meeting new people in school, especially a community college.

It is clear that all that students have different views on dating as a college student. With that being said, it seems that factors like discipline, time management, and responsibility play a key role in all student’s opinions.

Coronavirus Safety Tips

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With recent reports of the Coronavirus appearing in the U.S., Bucks has taken precautions to ensure that the virus does not infect the campus.

The new Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) is believed to have originated in the town of Wuhan, China. Since then, it has made headlines as it spreads as far as to the U.S.

The Department of Health and the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued guidance to help prevent the spread of the virus. While there have been no cases at the college, the faculty has been taking the CDC’s advice in the worst-case scenario and have decided to share safety measures about the virus.

Dennis McCauley, the Director of security and safety at Bucks, explained that it was an easy decision to make about sharing this information. “We wanted to share some useful information that might be useful regarding the topic,” said McCauley.

One of these tips include looking out for the symptoms that the virus causes to those infected. These symptoms include coughing, fevers, and shortness of breath.

It is believed that the virus may remain dormant for as early as two days or as late as 14 days after initial exposure. Transmission is believed to be often caused by person to person contact.

Devin Nagengast, 19, a social work major from Lambertville believes that the virus poses a threat to those infected. “It seems



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to be very scary and most cases that I’ve heard of it tends to be elderly people,” said Nagengast.

While the virus is not widespread in the U.S. as of now, the CDC warns that anyone who has traveled to mainland China within the last 14 days and feels sick with the symptoms above that they seek medical aid immediately.

Also, to prevent the infection of others, the CDC and Bucks have advised that those who do have the virus to not travel, avoid contact with others, cover your mouth and nose while sneezing or coughing, and to wash your hands thoroughly.

Some people believe that the college is overreacting to the situation, including Joe Pirmavera, 19, a liberal arts major from Levittown. “We shouldn’t take it as seriously since it isn’t as local,” said Pirmavera.

Due to the growing concern that the virus could become more widespread in the county, the U.S. has restricted air travel to and from China. This action has

garnered mixed opinions from citizens.

Nagengast believes that the decision to restrict travel isn’t warranted because of the virus’ rather limited presence in the U.S.

“I think it’s a bit extreme, but it depends on how many people are infected,” said Nagengast.

Pirmavera on the other hand, believes that the decision will help keep the virus contained until doctors find a way to effectively combat it.

“They should get more restrictions with travel, and make sure that the passengers belongings that they bought are checked for any traces of the virus.”

Even with some of these doubts, the college doesn’t want to take any chances of a potential outbreak and stands by its issue.

It is unclear how long the Coronavirus will continue to make headlines and infect people throughout the world, but as long as people follow these guidelines, the virus can be better prevented should it ever emerge at Bucks.

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Historic Wins at the 2020 Oscars

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Despite a controversial nominee line up that lacked diversity, history was made at the 92nd Academy Awards on Feb. 9 after the South Korean film “Parasite” won best picture.

The list of nominees for the Oscars was released on Jan. 13 and immediately sparked criticism from movie goers.

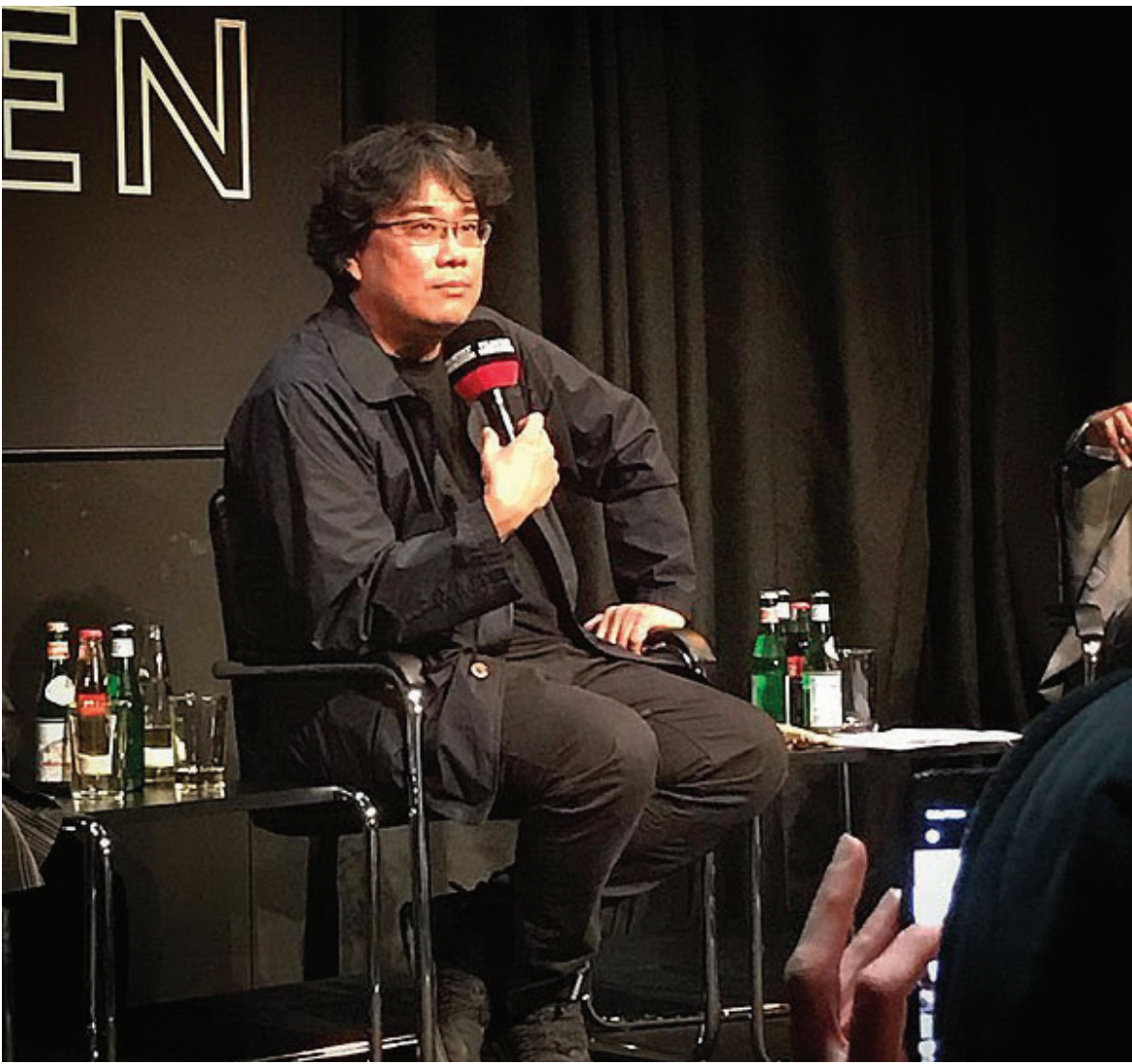
Only a handful of the almost 100 nominees were people of color. There were just two nonwhite nominees in the acting categories, Cynthia Erivo and Antonio Banderas. Erivo received the best actress nod for her role as Harriet Tubman in the film “Harriet.” While Banderas was up for best actor for his role in the Spanish film “Pain and Glory.”

Both of these nominees walked out empty handed with Renée Zellweger (“Judy”) and Joaquin Phoenix (“Joker”) taking home the wins instead for these categories.

Bucks students had varying opinions regarding the lack of diversity at the award show.

Jacob Callahan, a 20-year-old communications major from Feasterville said, “People say our films reflect us, society, surely our televised award ceremonies do as well. It seems boring watching white people win awards for 92 years straight. We’ve given up on reforming a film industry comprised of racism and sexism. We’re not breaking down the barriers to entry for people of color nominees”

Despite controversy this award show has been



Director of “Parasite” Bong Joon Ho, courtesy of Wikimedia Commons

active for over 90 years to captivate and acknowledge the talent within motion pictures. The Oscars have gained a reputation as one of the best awards shows of the year because of the legacy created by the movies nominated and won.

“Just nominating a person because they’re a non-white person is insulting and insinuates that they aren’t good enough to get the award for their work” said 22-year-old English major from Staten Island, Roseanne LoGuirato. “I don’t find it’s lack of diversity as disturbing as most deem it.”

This year’s nominees also lacked female representation. Once again of the five slots available in the category not one woman was nominated for best director. Only five women in history have ever received a best director

nomination. Kathryn Bigelow is the sole woman to win the category back in 2009 for “The Hurt Locker.”

“The lack of women personally makes the Oscars unappealing for me to watch. Young women are so valuable to future work forces because women bring different aspects to the table compared to men,” said Kelly Histan a 19-year-old engineering major from Doylestown.

Several of the critically acclaimed films of 2019 were directed by women such as, “Little Women”, “The Farwell” and “Hustlers.” However, the directorial work was not recognized for any of these films.

Ultimately, history was still made in the directing category with Bong Joon Ho becoming the first South Korean filmmaker to win best director for his movie “Parasite.”

“Parasite” is a dark-comedy thriller that follows a lower-class family who integrates themselves into a wealthy and glamorous family. The film serves as a metaphor for materialism and has resonated with audiences across the globe.

“Parasite” also took home trophies for best adapted screen play, best international feature film and the coveted best picture. “Parasite” is the first foreign language film in Oscar history to win the best picture category. Box office successes such as the comic book film “Joker” and the World War I epic “1917” were also nominated for best picture.

“Parasite’s” several wins signify a change occurring in the film industry and could mean a step towards more diversity in future nominees.

Thumbs Up for “Knives Out”

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I have to wonder where they draw the line at the number of knives on that wheel.

Detective movies have always been in a precarious spot, not only do they have to make sure their stories are investing, but that the twist isn’t instantly obvious to the viewers. It’s a delicate balance that must be taken care of with the story taking more importance than ever. Thankfully, “Knives Out” delivers on its story, but also manages to keep the rest of the film flowing swimmingly.

The plot revolves around rich story writer Harlan Thronbey, played by Christopher Plummer, who allegedly committes suicide, and the entire family comes to mourn his loss, including the personal maid Marta Cabera, played by Ana De Armas.

However, when the police get involved, especially with the eccentric detective Benoit Blanc, played by David Craig, they deduce that it was a murder, and everyone is a suspect, especially once the matter of the inheritance gets thrown into the mix.

The mystery is the strongest part of the film. It’s actually more of a backseat plot as the real plot is about Marta trying to just make it out alive.

The Thronbeys all have their

own little quirks and flaws that make them more like obstacles for Marta to overcome rather than actual help, even when they give their own clues on what happened on that fateful night. It helps that they all are humorous in their own rights.

It’s as much of a comedy as it is a suspenseful murder mystery, from the family selling each other out, calling some of the family members a Nazi with bluntness, and they usually have something to laugh at when the mood is right.

Of course, Blanc and his own quirks help bring the role of the aloof detective that is still smarter than you to life. From using a pi-ano to interrupt people, referring to a will reading as a community theater production of a tax return, and using donuts to describe his case, he NEEDS to become a detective in more movies often!

The humor does, unfortunately, drain away some of the serious elements when it is time to focus on them. As hilarious as it is, the film suffers from a bit of tonal whiplash as a result. It ends up making the entire family feel unsympathetic.

I guess that makes sense for a detective movie to not care about potential subjects, they managed to make Marta likeable with her

own quirks of puking whenever she lies, so I highly doubt that it would be hard to make them more endearing and sympathetic. Other detective works I seen have the suspects be likeable as well, so it really can’t be that difficult, right?

As for the big mystery reveal, while I wasn’t able to figure it out in time, I can definitely see someone else figuring it out, especially with just how blunt this character is with their actions. I feel kind of stupid not realizing him.

Despite this, the interaction between Marta and Blanc with the rest of the family are the highlights of the film, showing just how above it all they are in comparison to them, especially when it comes to the endgame and the person behind it all.

With a strong story and comedy being held back by weak characters and some confused tones, it’s still easy to see that this movie is guilty of being an enjoyable time. Bail will be paid at the nearest movie theater at your earliest available moment while the film is still serving time in theaters.

Overall Score: 8/10



National News

Trump's Impeachment Trial Ends

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Donald Trump's historical impeachment trial received a speedy acquittal on charges of abuse of power and obstruction of Congress after the Senate rejected Democratic demands to summon witnesses.

The impeachment inquiry against Trump was initiated by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi on Sept. 24, 2019 after a whistleblower reported Trump's abuse of presidency and presented his phone call with Ukraine's president, Volodymyr Zelenskiy as evidence. In this call, Trump is accused of

withholding military aid in order to pressure Zelenskiy into investigating one of his Democratic presidential opponent Joe Biden and his son, Hunter Biden to aid in his 2020 reelection.

After this was taken to impeachment court, Trump was impeached by The U.S. House of Representatives on Dec. 19, 2019.

On Feb. 5, 2020, the Republican-controlled senate voted to acquit President Trump on both charges. For both charges, all 45 Democrat and two Independent Senators voted guilty. For the charge of abuse of



Volodymyr Zelenskiy and Donald Trump, courtesy of Wikimedia Commons



Donald Trump, courtesy of Wikimedia Commons

power, 52 Republican Senators voted not guilty, and one Republican Senator, Mitt Romney, voted guilty. For the charge of obstruction of Congress, all 53 Republican Senators, including Mitt Romney, voted not guilty.

Students at Bucks have mixed opinions about this impeachment and how the Senate is handling everything as it's played out before America's eyes.

C.K. Davidson, 39, a media and advertising major from Oklahoma City, is for Trump's impeachment and believes the Senate hasn't "quite got there" and feels the trial is lacking "His side" or the point of view of this situation from Trump. She watched broadcasts of the impeachment trial on television in order to be informed and interpret the trial for herself.

"Even if the evidence isn't considered incriminating, he was willing to abuse his power," said Jason Fucanon, 18, a psychology

major, from Levittown.

"Impeaching him is an important process – needs to prove validity in the American justice system."

However, some students at Bucks feel indifferent to the ordeal. Taylor Obermann, 19, an environmental major from Philadelphia said she cannot be bothered to keep up with politics but believes that the process is taking too long.

"Senate is saying more than they're doing" said Alexis Katcher, 20, a Fine Arts major from Allentown who was strongly for the impeachment. Katcher believes that history is repeating itself with the other two former impeachments. However, she also fears the result of Trump's impeachment leaving America with his Vice President, Mike Pence.

However, opinions about this question diversify. Jaran Spada, 32, a medical billing and uoting major from Hillsborough, NJ believes that Trump should not be impeached.

"Other presidents have done worse and they haven't been impeached," said Spada.

But many students fell on the same perspective of this situation, the government should be looking at the bigger picture.

"The impeachment is a waste of time and money,"said Daro Adame, 18, a cinema video major, from Doylestown "there are bigger issues to focus on. like climate change."

"There are bigger pictures to look at, the gun control controversy. It's becoming a very scary time," Said Maya Long, 18, a cinema video major, from Warminster. "The impeachment isn't helping the polarization of America. The disagreements are intensifying."

All of the students at Bucks fall on different points on the spectrum of political viewpoints. In modern democracies, everybody's voice should be heard. Trump's impeachment trial seems to be making small waves at Bucks.

What You Need to Know about the Presidential Candidates

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Centurion Staff

With the presidential race for the Democratic nomination in full swing, it is important to see what candidates are flourishing and who is not gaining momentum.

As of right now, former Vice President Joe Biden is in the lead with a national polling average of 27 percent according to The New York Times.

Biden faced backlash back in August when he said that "poor kids are just as bright and just as talented as white kids" during a campaign speech in Iowa.

However, he is now controlling both state and national polls.

Senator Bernie Sanders has been on the rise and is continuing to gain exposure across the United States. In recent weeks he has

had exceptional polls and is now tailing Biden polling at 24 percent nationwide.

Sanders has the ability to capture people with his words. Sanders has pushed for Medicare for all and college tuition debt forgiveness, but he's faced criticism for his socialist policies.

In third is Senator Elizabeth Warren, who has a national polling average of 14 percent, which is quite a step back from where she was polling previously. Her polls continue to remain average but she will need a push to surpass any of the other candidates.

Warren's policies are very similar to Sanders', but left-wing Democrats criticize her past, as she has previously identified as Native American, despite having very minimal Native American



Bernie Sanders, courtesy of Wikimedia Commons



Andrew Yang, courtesy of Wikimedia Commons

lineage.

Although he did not qualify for the Feb. 7 debate, Michael Bloomberg is currently in fourth polling at 8 percent nationally. He is a billionaire businessman and previously served as mayor of New York City who is willing to spend money on his campaign.

Bloomberg faced criticism for spending his own money on his campaign, as opposed to candidates that rely on grassroots donations like Sanders.

Pete Buttigieg is currently fifth polling at 7 percent nationally. Buttigieg won the Iowa Caucus in number of delegates and the popular vote. The former mayor of South Bend, Indiana, is hoping to do well in the Nevada and South Carolina polls to increase his shot of becoming the nominee.

Buttigieg previously served in the military in Afghanistan and

publicly come out as gay in 2015. He uses both of these aspects of his life to leverage liberal voters.

Polling at sixth nationally is Senator Amy Klobuchar with a national polling average of 5 percent. Early on her campaign she continued to stay at the bottom half of the polls. However, she recently rose up due to her promising fundraising efforts and convincing debate performances.

Like many other members of the Democratic party, Klobuchar is pro-choice, supports LGBT rights, and was critical of the Iraq War. She continues to rise in the polls.

When asked about the current rankings of the Democratic race, 19-year-old business major, Jason Horvath, was disappointed to see Democratic candidate Yang was not doing well in the polls.

"I like Andrew Yang and think

he has so many great ideas. To see he isn't polling as high as other candidates is a bummer" he said.

Although he isn't widely known, Yang has gained huge popularity on social media and is currently ranked seventh in national polls. His bright ideas are almost guaranteed to shake up the race and draw attention from voters.

Yang is best known for his ideal implementation of universal basic income, which he calls the Freedom Dividend. His plans would ensure that every American over the age of 18 would receive \$1,000 monthly, regardless of employment status.

As the month of February progresses it will be interesting to see how the polls change and if any candidates change positions.

National News

Tobacco Buying Age Raised to 21

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The Food and Drug Administration reported a new national law that will prohibit the purchase and possession of all tobacco products to any persons under the age of 21.

Pennsylvania was one of the 19 states to have already passed laws to raise the minimum age. Legislators in Pennsylvania also passed a law that will prohibit the possession of tobacco products on school grounds. This includes all tobacco products, such as chewing tobacco, cigarettes, and vaping products like e-cigarettes and Juuls.



Pennsylvania’s Governor, Tom Wolf, made it clear that this is an effort to keep the youth healthy and off of tobacco products.

Wolf said, “Raising the age to 21 in combination with barring e-cigarettes at our schools will help us prevent young Pennsylvanians from engaging in this dangerous behavior.”

For young people between ages of 18 to 20, this new law will strip them of their once given right to purchase tobacco, which directly affects some of the student body here at Bucks.

Timothy Hagen, 19, a student in the film program at Bucks and agreed that the law robs him of certain rights.



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Hagen said, “I’m outraged that they didn’t make an exception for all the people who are already 18, 19, and 20-years-old, instead of just service members. I think this is a major breach of my personal right to life and liberty.”

According to the Center for Disease Control more students are smoking electronic cigarettes compared to cigarettes in 2018.

The CDC said, “More than 1 of every 4 high school students (27.5 percent) reported in 2019 that they used electronic cigarettes in the past 30 days.”

Some students at Bucks think that smoking tobacco products has become a problem. They think the new law is a great step forward in helping the younger generations.

Stephanie Kuhns, 26, is a mother and part time student at Bucks studying education. Kuhns said, “I think it is great, being that it is going to prevent more children and people from starting an unhealthy habit.”

The new restriction on buying tobacco products has already improved in some areas.

According to the Philadelphia Inquirer, “18- to 20-year-olds living in an area that had raised the age to legally buy tobacco products showed a 39 percent drop in regular smoking. The drop was even greater — about 50 percent — among those who had close friends who smoked when they were 16.”

Bucks has already put a restriction on where students can smoke, limiting them to only the parking lots for their Clean Air initiative.

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Sports

What the Eagles Need to Do in the Offseason



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The Philadelphia Eagles are a big topic of discussion this offseason after they struggled to finally make it into the playoffs, only to make an early first round exit.

Many people are concerned for the team and are beginning to wonder what the Eagles need to improve on for the next season. Eagles fans around Bucks had many ideas to help the team in their offseason.

“The Eagles will need to improve on their discipline and coming together better as a team,” said Ross Whitley, a 30-year-old communications major.

Whitley is also concerned about the Eagles quarterback, Carson

Wentz. He said, “Well, when he is playing I think he does great, but I get the feeling he has favorites.”

Many fans found that Wentz was continuously throwing to the same few players instead of contributing with all his teammates.

21-year old communications major, Joshua Daranijo, thought the Eagles need to work on their defense.

Daranijo said, “I feel like the Eagles need to improve on the corner back talent. Most of the games this season, it felt like the CB’s kept giving up major plays to make the Eagles lose their game.”

Even though Daranijo thought the defense needs improvement,

he still had faith in their quarterback.

He added, “It felt like he was and is still a tremendous asset to this team. The numbers he puts up RE monumental. The Red zone consistency is another key part.”

The red zone is from the 20-yard line in the field to the goal line.

Daranijo continued, “The fact that he is statistically in the top five for the best red zone completion can show a lot. When you drive your offense down the field, it is a great feeling to know that your QB is trustable in the red zone!”

Some students believe that the Philadelphia Eagles are not confi-

dent in their game play.

“They need to practice more and take things seriously. Get in that winning mindset and not just give up,” said Emily Coleman, a 21-year-old dental hygiene major. She also believed that Wentz needs to be more careful.

19-year old Kenny Laureno who studies early education said, “They need to improve the offensive line, and to stay healthy.”

The Eagles had about 24 players sit out for at least one game this season.

Laureno still believes in Wentz. She said, “Wentz needs to be more mobile but overall a super bowl contender.”

Kalei Casiano, an 18-year-old journalism major thought the time management on the field needs to be refined.

Casiano said, “I think they need to improve on their timing and managing it on the field. Who they run the ball too and staying healthy because they have too many injuries. Wentz needs to stay healthy.”

Bucks students still seem confident in the Philadelphia Eagles. Although, there needs to be major changes before they are ready to start the next season of football in the fall.

Women’s Basketball: Centurions in Double Digits



Courtesy of Bucks’ Athletic Website

The Centurions Women’s Basketball defeats the Phantoms of Delaware County Community College 53-47.

Four Centurions found themselves in double digits in scoring. Sophomore guard Cassie Tavormina (Moorestown, NJ/Doane Academy) freshman guard Kamiag Caraway (Morrisville, PA/Morrisville) and freshman forward Vanessa Rich (Warminster, PA/Archbishop Wood) each had 14 points and freshman forward

Korin Bradley (Levittown, PA/Neshaminy) scored 10. Bradley led the team with 21 rebounds. The Phantoms move to overall 4-7 overall.

The Centurions move to 2-7 and 0-6 in Region XIX.

The Centurions will travel to Randolph, NJ to play the Titans of the County College of Morris Tuesday, Jan 21, 5 p.m. The Titans are 2-9 overall and 1-7 in Region XIX.

Centurions Men’s Basketball Loses to Raritan Valley Lions



Courtesy of Bucks’ Athletic Website

The Centurions Men’s Basketball was defeated by the Lions of Raritan Valley Community College 74-99.

Freshman Keith Howard (Feasterville, PA/Bensalem) led the Centurions with 25 points. Howard was 10-13 from the field. Freshman forward Kristopher Shields (Feasterville, PA/Bensa-

lem) added another 18. Howard also led the Centurions with 8 rebounds. The Lions move to 7-10 and 6-3 in Region XIX.

The Centurions move to 5-7 and 2-4 in Region XIX.

The Centurions will begin a 3-game road trip at the Barons of the County College of Morris for a 7 p.m. The Titans are 7-11

overall and 4-6 in Region XIX.

The Men’s Basketball team will play their next game against Ocean County Community College on Feb 15.