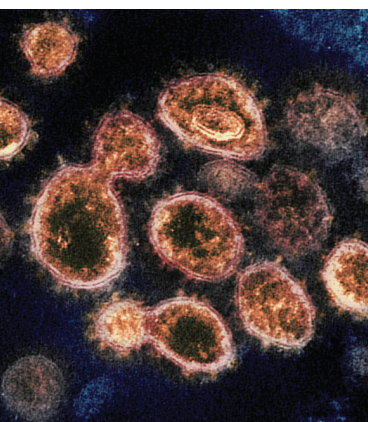


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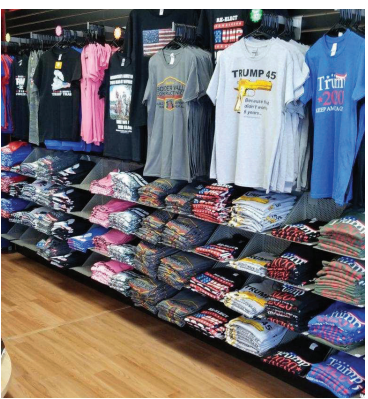
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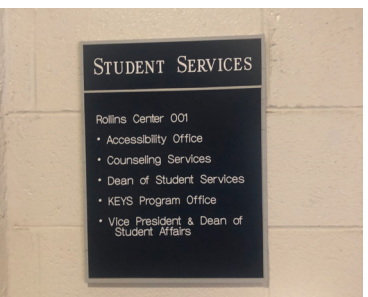
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# Bucks Prepares for the Coronavirus



**BEN PETERSON**

*Centurion Staff*

College President Dr. Stephanie Shanblatt sent an email out to all students on the evening of March 4 highlighting precautions the college is taking to mitigate and avoid the spread of the COVID-19 outbreak, more commonly known as the coronavirus. The college is also preparing to move all classes to an online format if necessary.

On Friday March 6 Central Bucks School District decided to close five schools after being made aware that several individuals within the district were exposed to the coronavirus. These individuals later tested negative for the virus and the schools reopened. Also on Friday morning at a press conference Gov. Tom Wolf announced that there were two presumptive cases of the virus in Pennsylvania. One patient in

Delaware County and the other in Wayne County. Wolf later announced four more presumptive cases in Montgomery County.

Due to the growing presence of the coronavirus in the state BCCC is taking precautions to ensure that students stay healthy and safe. Dr. Shanblatt's email stated that "While there have been no positive diagnoses of COVID-19 in Pennsylvania, the college has an internal response team discussing plans with an abundance of caution."

As of March 5, there is an estimated 100 reported cases of COVID-19 in the United States, 76 of which are in California and Washington. Ten other states are also reporting less than five cases of the virus, including New York. Up-to-date numbers can be checked at [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov).

Globally, The World Health Organization reported 93,090 cases in 76 countries of the virus on

March 4, 80,422 of which were reported in China, where the virus originated.

The college's facilities department is taking extra precautions at all three campuses to "combat the spread of any germs by adding extra staff who are frequently wiping down high-traffic areas such as bathrooms, water fountains, door-knobs and handles, along with railings and computer equipment." While it's clear that Bucks is being proactive in preventing the spread of the disease, it's imperative to take individual precautions.

With the threat of the virus, students should practice good hygiene, including, but not limited to, "covering your mouth when coughing; covering your nose when sneezing; frequently washing your hands; avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands; avoiding close

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contact with people who are sick; staying home if you are sick; and sanitizing personal spaces," as detailed in Dr. Shanblatt's email.

As spring break approaches, trips abroad can be particularly dangerous given how easily spread the virus is. Shanblatt asks that "if you are traveling abroad, please consider how your trip could affect your ability to return home, given U.S. government restrictions."

Should the situation worsen, "The Provost's Office is working with deans, faculty and IT to assess the feasibility of moving all courses online, if necessary. Once plans are finalized, more information will be communicated."

To make sure you receive the news about new plans if necessary, Bucks urges all students to sign up for E2campus alerts by texting "BUCKS" to 79516.

## Lower Bucks Campus Holds Debate

**NICHOLAS BERUBE**

*Centurion Staff*

With the newly narrowed Democratic presidential race led by a moderate and a progressive, a similar political battle is being waged here in the 1st Congressional District of Pennsylvania. The congressional candidates took on the debate stage on Feb. 25, at the Lower Bucks campus.

The debate was between Christina Finello of Ivyland and Skylar Hurwitz of New Hope. The Democrats hope to unseat Republican incumbent Brian Fitzpatrick in the House of Representatives.

When first given the floor, Finello said, "The biggest reason I'm running for Congress is because there are many people in this district, like myself, who feel that the people in Washington aren't talking about the issues that they deal with day to day, and when I go to Washington, that's what I want to be. I want to be a representative for people in this district."

Claiming endorsements from the Montgomery County Democratic Committee and Bucks County Democratic Committee, Finello added, "I will never forget where I came from."



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Hurwitz, took no time to delay his backing of Medicare for All, guaranteed child care which would include full education, and support of immediate environmental action.

"That's what my campaign is about, it's about real structural changes to this system, that so many of us are sick and tired of," he said.

Endorsed by Our Revolution Pennsylvania, The Sunrise Movement at Pennsbury High School, and Leap Forward Community Safety Group, Hurwitz, perhaps

unsurprisingly, is a supporter of both Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren.

Opponent Finello has yet to publicly endorse a presidential candidate professing.

"Any of the candidates running right now for Democrat would be far better than what we have in the office right now," said Finello which earned her cheers from members of the audience.

With the rise of student debt looming in the minds of most students at Bucks, the candidates took very different approaches

on how to mend this climaxing crisis. A Wall Street speculation tax as well as a wealth tax is how Hurwitz's plan resolves funding which would be allocated towards eliminating a student's debt.

On the aspect of a wealth tax, he said, "If you're an individual that has wealth, \$32 million or more, you're going to experience a wealth tax of .5 percent on your income. There's basically a bracket system where it goes up depending on your wealth maxing out at 8 percent."

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# Bucks Professor

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# How This Professor Makes Effective Speaking A Breeze

the slender podium with wheels that has definitely seen better days. Every student gravitates towards the back of the classroom, as far away from the podium as they can get. The feeling of unsettling nerves float in the air like thick invisible veil draped over the room.

He looks every student in the eye with an expectant blank glare, waiting for a response to his crushing question. The only thing he has received so far are tired nods from a few students. “Why are you shaking your heads yes? I asked you how you were doing!” he presses. A reluctant “good” was all that was mustered from the Monday morning crowd.

Public speaking is a pre-requisite course that almost every college student has to take along their college experience. For some, it is a class just like any others. For most others, it is a class that they either put off until their last semester or get it over with right away.

Public speaking has a rough reputation. College is already stressful as is, and taking a course where you have to stand in front of people and talk at length about anything is not on the top of a lot of people’s bucket list.

For the first presentation of the semester, students had to bring in three objects that represented them and describe their importance. It was essentially what you would do in a first-grade show and tell. The only difference was the college students were nervous, they were afraid of messing up,

or forgetting something, or this or that.

Remember when you were in first grade and you didn’t care about what you were going to say because you were so excited to share your favorite toy with everybody?

Luckily, it is not a class that you have to be the master of right away. It is a class that welcomes mistakes, since most teachers realize that public speaking makes people nervous. Henson’s lessons start with short presentations such as show-and-tells or reading children’s books to your classmates that eventually build up to longer presentations with more content.

Effective speaking is about gradually building speaking skills and applying them to your presentations in hopes it improves your efforts. Henson says that the few students he gets who actually like to speak a lot scare him the most, and jokingly warns them that they are not allowed to bring scissors to class.

Henson teaches public speaking at Bucks’ Perkasi campus. He studied marketing and public relations at Hofstra and La Salle University; the latter is where he currently teaches as well. He also spends time teaching at Delaware Valley University. He realized he wanted to be a teacher in graduate school since he likes to talk and work with people. He teaches other courses such as College Success and Intro to Communication.

Henson wants to make the course as painless as possible for



Professor Brian Henson

students.

“I like to make it a positive experience. This class can serve as a gateway to other college courses,” explained Henson.

He hopes that his students can build enough confidence in their speaking skills to help them later in college.

While observing the classroom as Henson teaches, most students are attentive. Henson, as do many other teachers, know how to keep students’ attention.

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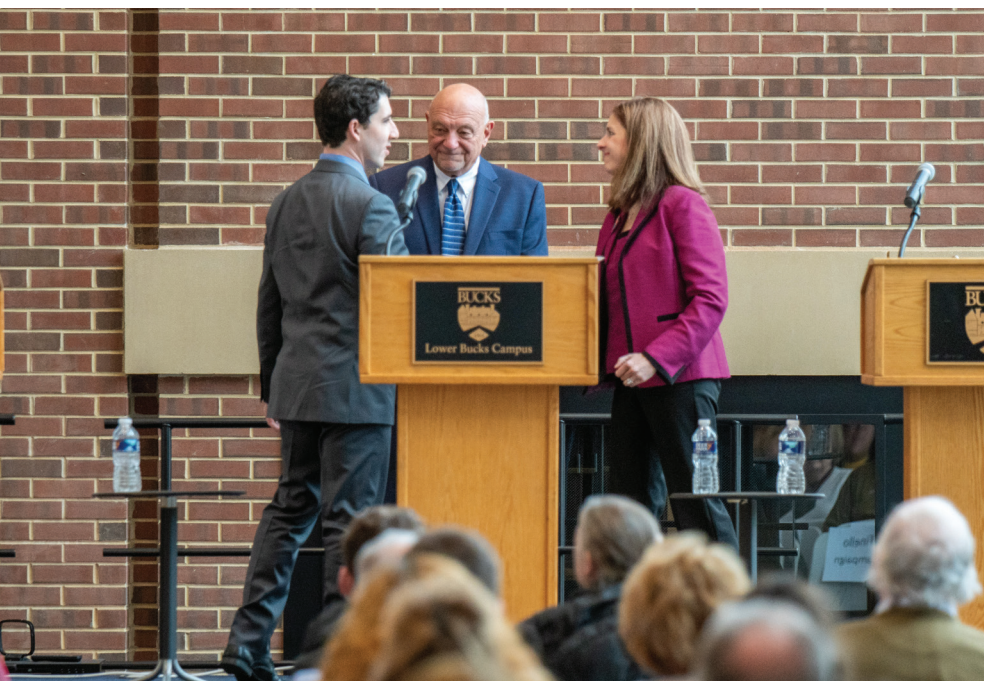






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## Democratic Congressional Debate



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Restructuring the process and ease of loan forgiving and the refinancing of interest rates is at the heart of Finello’s method.  
“The current administration has seen fit to this as well; there are a number of people that, as of 2017, should have gotten their loans forgiven because they were in a program. Only 1 percent of borrowers have had their loans forgiven,” she said.  
The bureaucratic red-tape further complicated an already exacerbated program which has, in Finello’s eyes, stymied student’s chances of living without the burden of hefty college costs.  
Earlier, when probed on their assessment of the national economy, both candidates criticized the GOP’s misrepresentation of the U.S. economic landscape.  
“It’s not being graded properly,” Hurwitz said, “We’re seeing far

too many workers who may have low unemployment, but the number of jobs people are actually working has increase the number of hours people are working, the wages they’re being paid remains stagnant.”  
Finello agreed that, in boasting low unemployment rates, the administration ignores low minimum wage figures and average income sources needed to maintain a base quality of living. When it comes to Bucks County, she points her finger at Fitzpatrick who supported a tax bill, which, she feels, has enabled the government to continue hurting the middle class.  
Despite sharing common ground on a string of questions over foreign policy, holding steadfast to their denouncement of current handlings with Iran, Iraq, and our global Allies, the candidates found themselves contending over

principles of health care.  
“When I was pregnant with my daughter, they tried to call my pregnancy a preexisting condition, so I can understand how stressful that can be for individuals,” Finello said.  
Touting her 10 years of experience in the health care policy space as an attorney and clinical psychologist, Finello believes that is the smartest path is a reinforcement of what worked in the Affordable Care Act, and allowing the regulation of public options to flourish.  
Conversely, Hurwitz has flushed out a stratagem in which a 4 percent payroll tax across the board would cover the cost of Medicare for All, resulting in upwards to 30 percent savings for the average family, when compared to monthly premiums.  
The “myth” Hurwitz illustrates, is the freedom Americans think

they have over their public option, when the power of insurance lies with employers. He warns of the volatility in status of personal plans and agencies, in the event of a corporate leadership shift or change in employment status.  
Neither candidate had a clear answer as to how their plans for health care or environmental protection would pass the Senate, in the event the Senate and or House obtained a Republican majority.  
Hurwitz’s message is resolute that, “If we want to win we need to be building this coalition of activists that want to join us and fight for these issues.”  
“I will proudly talk about the fact that I’m a moderate,” Finello said, bolstering that she’s, “... been doing [policy work] for the better part of 10 years. I spent the vast majority of the beginnings of my campaign while still working as the acting director of Bucks

County Housing and Human Services talking to individuals to inform my policies.”  
As news of the Presidential Primary surges through our notifications, the 1st District’s Primary and General elections look to be just as heated. Washington has been saturated by trials, investigations, and votes, revealing more than ever both parties’ need to control the House and Senate.  
The Democratic Primary election for the 1st Congressional District of Pennsylvania will be held April 28. The nominee will run against incumbent Fitzpatrick, leading up to the General election on Nov. 3. The deadline to register as a voter is April 13.  
Finello, Fitzpatrick and Hurwitz have websites to learn more about their policies and goals.  
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# Arts & Entertainment

## “Seton Academy: Join the Pack!” Review

**JOSHUA THOMPSON**  
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The winter 2020 season of anime is certainly full to the brim with a ton of anime worth looking into. From “Demon Slayer” to “My Hero Academia” season four, fans of anime have a ton to watch this season (after they study and do their homework, of course). That said, I want to direct your attention to an anime that while not as popular as “My Hero Academia” or “Demon Slayer,” is worth checking into. “Seton Academy: Join the Pack!” follows the adventures of Jin Mazama, a student who is not a fan of animals due to an incident that happened to him when he was a kid, but has to attend a school whose population is composed of almost entirely animals. Now where have I heard that plot before...

There, Jin meets a pink wolf named Ranka Okami. Jin has actually met Ranka before, as when he was a kid he saved her from a sleuth of bears, only to get beat up. While this caused Jin to hate animals, it caused Ranka to believe that animals of different species can get along together. Ranka gets her wish via a cooking club Jin and Hitomi, the only other human students at Seton, set up. From there, the trio meet Yukari Komori, a koala; Miyubi Shisho, a three-toed sloth; Kurumi Nekomai, a cat; and Mei Mei, a panda who is extremely popular and self-centered.

Other than the fact that the plot is similar to the old Cartoon Network show “My Gym Partner’s

a Monkey,” I really didn’t know what to expect from this show, but honestly, I like it.

The characters are likeable and memorable. Although Jin can be a jerk sometimes, he does come through to help out the cooking club.

The show is full of funny moments from the first episode where Jin meets Ranka to the episode where Ranka’s sister visits the cooking club and wants Ranka to return home.

I also like the reasoning as to why Jin has to go to the school in the first place more than “My Gym Partner’s a Monkey.” Jin has to go to Seton because there are fewer humans than human-oid creatures, Adam (the main character of “My Gym Partner’s a Monkey”) had to go to the all animal school because his last name was “Lion” and they thought he was an actual lion. Yeah, that joke really didn’t age well and why Adam didn’t sue is beyond me...

While I know many will have their eyes on the more popular anime this season, I do suggest that anime lovers new and old do check out “Seton Academy.” Despite the similar plot to an old Cartoon Network show, it seems to execute it better and in a way that makes it feel original and more interesting.

You can stream “Seton Academy: Join the Pack!” on the Crunchyroll website, or anyone of Crunchyroll’s apps on your smartphone or gaming console.



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# Bucks County Trump Store Opens in Bensalem



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Like it or not, the Bensalem Plaza off of Street Road in Bensalem has welcomed a new business last month that joins an array of strip mall shops.

After being declined by nine available-for-lease store fronts in Bucks County, entrepreneur Michael Domanico, 60, and his wife Monica Domanico, 47, of Chalfont, opened The Trump Store at the east end of the plaza on Feb. 11 to a steady caucus of Trump supporters, media, and the curious.

The store sells all things Donald Trump from the popular vibrant red “Make America Great Again” hats, to Trump shot glasses, banners, lawn signs, T-shirts, pens, and yes, fake money with Trump’s face on the bill.

“Business has been great from day one,” said store owner Michael Domanico with a broad smile. “The day we opened, we had a line of people down the sidewalk, lined up down this wall, snaked around here to the back wall, then to the counter,” he said

motioning with an extended arm and index finger. “Been steady ever since.”

The origins of The Trump store began with Domanico’s company Sik-Nastee Apparel Co. where he printed custom t-shirts for local car shows.

“One day at a show last summer a couple guys walked by my tent and shouted ‘I should sell Trump shirts.’ That week I made a dozen Trump shirts and sold them all in about an hour at the next show,” he said.

Being ardent Trump supporters, the Domanicos quickly realized that opportunity was knocking which led to a kiosk inside of the Neshaminy Mall in Bensalem during the peak of holiday shopping season.

“I did alright there, but got a lot of people walking by saying ‘How could I sell this stuff?’ ‘Why don’t you sell Democrat shirts?’ Next thing you know, mall management wanted me to sell democratic merchandise too. I made up some Sanders and Warren shirts... nobody bought them.

I needed my own store without the rules,” he said.

Harley Burroughs, 19, an undecided major from Bensalem, has heard of the store but has never visited. “I don’t even know where it’s at,” she said. “I’m not a Trump supporter and I think a store like that is weird. I may go check it out, but I definitely won’t be buying anything,” she confidently said.

A small SUV pulled into a spot in front of the store. The passenger and both rear doors swung open simultaneously. The driver, a short woman wearing a pink Phillies hoodie and black yoga pants, exited the vehicle with four teenage boys, and began taking pictures of the boys and the store with her phone.

Her name is Gina from the Mayfair section of Philadelphia. “We’re not buying nothing today. My two sons and their friends are Trump nuts, and have been bugging me to come here to see it,” she said while flicking a finished cigarette into the parking lot. “I love Trump too, but he’s rich,

he doesn’t need my money,” she said as she and the boys walked toward the store.

Having a diverse populous, initial reports of a store opening in this area touting the Trump brand generated wisps of possible protests or vandalism through social media, and small talk at local markets. There have been no reported incidents to date.

Long-time business owner Sue White of White Trophy on Bristol Pike in Bensalem has no qualms with the new store. “I’m a few miles away, it’s not going to affect me at all, plus it’s creating a little buzz for Bensalem on social media,” she said while standing in the middle of her showroom.

“One thing I wonder though,” she went on to say, “How did they get, you know, the licensing to sell Trump’s image so fast? From a tent to the mall, now a store in five months? Years ago, we wanted to carry items with the Sixers logo, and it cost money just to apply for the rights, then go through a long process of more applications, and more fees. I

doubt Trump personally OK’d it,” she said with tightly crossed arms, a sarcastic smirk and tilt of her head.

In addition to the store, Domanico also loads a 5x8 cargo trailer emblazoned with Trump Store 2020 decals on all sides, with merchandise, and travels to Trump rallies, including a recent stop in Wildwood, New Jersey, to set up shop under a Trump themed canopy.

“Me and other vendors are right outside these rallies selling our stuff. Cops and Trump’s security know we’re there, they see what we’re doing in the open, and never said a thing,” Domanico said.

“Some things like certain quotes or words Trump uses are restricted to sell, but other than that I can sell whatever I want with Trump’s name without special permission,” he said pointing to a wall of assorted Trump t-shirts.

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# Bucks Professor

## A Look at Professor Pezza’s Class

PAUL SCORZAFAVA  
*Centurion Staff*

After settling into class, taking off his black North Face jacket and placing his Dasani water bottle on his desk, Professor William Pezza begins his classes at Bucks with asking his students what is going on in the world of politics on that specific day or week.

When the impeachment trial was raging on, the Senate was going to vote on whether or not to bring in John Bolton, a former U.S. National Security Advisor under the Trump administration, to testify.

To get a better feel on how politicians with different party affiliations are feeling on the matter, Pezza asked his students to look up the phone numbers for the offices of both Pennsylvania Senators, Pat Toomey and Bob Casey Jr., during one of his Modern U.S. History classes. He asked if they would vote on whether or not to bring John Bolton to testify in the trial against President Trump.

The office of Republicans said, “Senator Toomey was undecided on his vote to bring in John Bolton.” Additionally, the office of Democrats said, “Senator Casey would vote to bring in John Bolton, Senator Casey feels that he would bring more evidence and bring some light to accusations against the President.”

Pezza felt that by calling senators out of the blue, it shows that politicians are people too and that it gives the students an authentic experience of how politicians are feeling.

“Current events are history and we can relate it to other events in history. Like the impeachment of President Trump and relating them to the impeachment of former Presidents like Bill Clinton and Andrew Johnson,” said Pezza

to explain why he discusses current events in his classes.

Other than being college a professor, Pezza is an accomplished author with four books published: “Anna’s Boys” (2006), “Stealing Tomatoes” (2009), “Homegrown” (2013), and “How Bristol Won: And Will Keep Wining” (2017).

What makes Pezza stand out compared to other teachers and professors is how involved he is in politics and how strongly he wants his students to be in politics.

He has extensive career in state and local government. He served as a Bristol Borough councilman for eight years and was council president for five of those years. He was a two-term member of the Bristol Borough School Board, served on the Zoning Hearing Board for five years and acted as a legislative assistant for State Representative Tom Corrigan for 20 years.

As for his teaching career, he received his bachelor’s in History-Government from Millersville University and received his master’s from The College of New Jersey. He has 51 years of teaching experience in the Lower Bucks County area. He currently teaches Political Science, American History, and National Government at the Lower Bucks Campus of Bucks.

Pezza is not afraid to give his opinions on the current political scene during his classes. While he says that he doesn’t care for the current president, he doesn’t want his students to be “brainwashed by his opinions.” He wants to give the students “the facts” and “have them form their own opinions.”

With 2020 being an election year, Pezza wants his students to get involved in the political scene. Whether its asking students what party they affiliate with, or what

issues are most important to them, or what candidates they prefer in the 2020 Democratic debates and why, he urges students to download news apps to stay up to date on the political scene.

All of which is in stark contrast to most social interactions today where mentioning your political views are seen as controversial, and even taboo.

Being active in local government for years, Pezza is a strong advocate for all of his students to be registered voters.

Pezza said, “I hate the excuse that I hear all the time from people that, ‘Oh, I’m not informed so I’m not gonna vote.’”

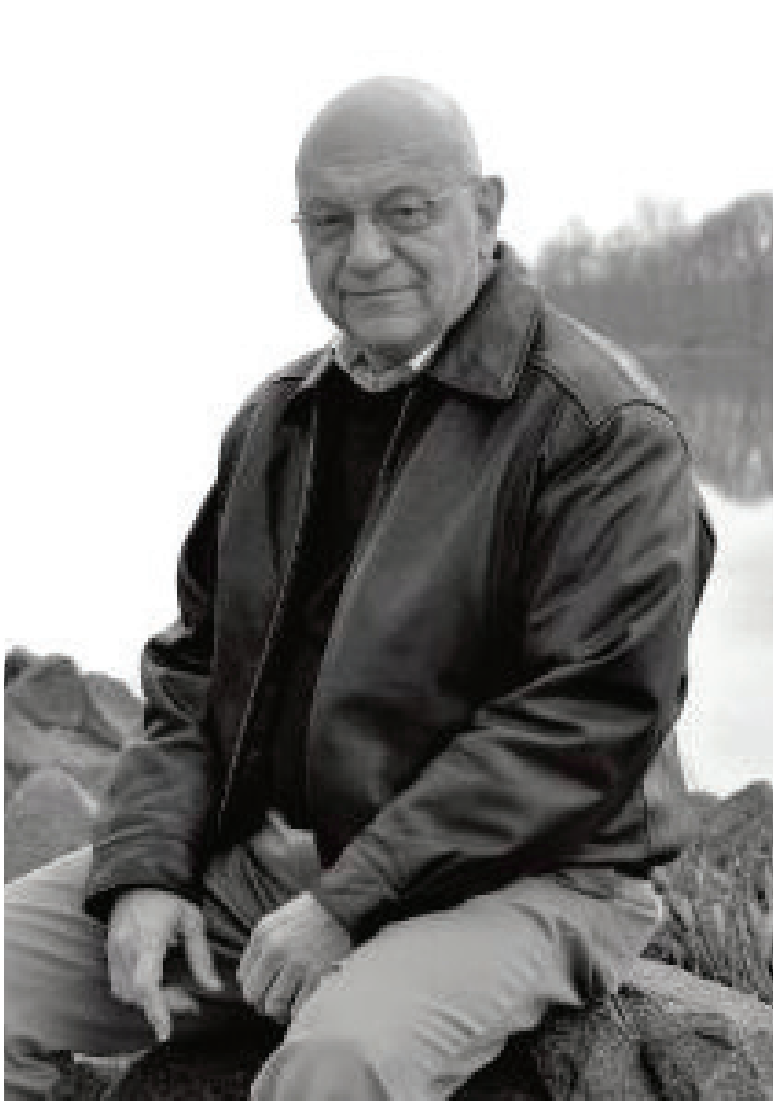
He tells his students to get involved.

“Do you want old people like me making decisions that will affect your lives? I didn’t think so,” said Pezza.

Pezza wants students to feel that they can express themselves in a safe environment in his classes. “Even if I don’t agree with a student’s specific political views, I value the difference of opinion, I feel that it makes for a dynamic class,” said Pezza.

During his Modern U.S. History class, Pezza described to his students what the State of the Union Address was and how he thought it would go. He described it simply as “the President will come out and give a speech on how the country is doing and what laws and bills he is going to propose.”

Pezza jokingly said, “The Republicans will cheer and clap at all the things President Trump says.” He continued to imitate them with a goofy smile on his face while pretending to clap, and said, “All of the Democrats will sit there silently with there with their arms folded and pout,” and imitated them by sitting in one of the empty desks with his arms



Professor William Pezza

folded and an exaggerated frown on his face.

To get a feel for which candidates the students liked after a democratic debate, Pezza named a candidate and asked his students to raise their hands if they liked the candidate that was just mentioned.

He went down the list: “Michael Bloomberg,” no hands were raised, “Elizabeth Warren,” nothing, “Bernie Sanders,” to his surprise no hands were raised, “Joe Biden,” no hands, “Amy Klobuchar,” not a finger raised, “Pete Buttigieg,” then finally all of the nine students raised their

hands.

Pezza then asked his students “why does everyone like Pete?” One student said that he liked how he presented himself, and another said that she agrees with all of his stances.

Just by these small interactions with his students you can tell that Professor Pezza treats his students as adults and really cares what their political views are, trying to pick their brains sometimes ad nauseam to create a dialogue to get a feel on where his students heads are at.

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He’s loud, he paces, he yells random things sometimes. The class seems to go by fast because you aren’t constantly checking your phone to see when it is over.

Henson has always been more of an outgoing person who doesn’t mind drawing attention to himself. He claims he was always the kid who would not stop talking in school. He likes to interact with his students, for example, if you are making a face during class, he will stop the lesson to ask what is on your mind.

What interests him the most with students is the diverse range of personalities he gets to work with. He has many stories to account for the diversity of students he has worked with, from one student who started singing a Rihanna song while reading a children’s book, to another student who spent their entire speech shaming a brownie recipe.

Outside of Bucks, Henson is a father of a 14-year-old son and 12-year-old daughter. He has lived in Chalfont for the majority of his life. He enjoys going to the Pennsylvania Renaissance Fair, taking an RV to go camping, and watching The Walking Dead (though he does not think the show is as good as it once was, he is too invested in the series at this point.) Most of his time is devoted to being a teacher and father. He enjoys doing work around the house. He also coaches local youth sports.

Even though the coursework can be intimidating, he tries to be empathetic towards his students. He reminds his students, “Don’t be perfect. There’s no such thing.” He tends to keep the mood in his classes lighthearted so students don’t feel pressed.

When asked if students would have to dress up for his assigned speeches, he said, “It depends. But I’m not going to make you wear a suit to teach me how to change a car tire.”



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Photo of the Student Services Center where counseling offices are located

Midterms are on the horizon and students at Bucks are finding themselves feeling more pressure and stress than their typical day-to-day stress. In order to help with these anxieties filled times, Bucks offers counseling services for students at all campuses.

Staff counselor Mandy Reilly explained that the college is aware of student related stress and has implemented programs to assist students cope.

The college can maintain a healthy environment by offering ongoing professional development opportunities for faculty and staff that includes guidance on mental health and related concerns, cultural sensitivity, and interpersonal communications.

“The college offers a Wellness Center with various stress reduction programs including, yoga and meditation classes as well as use of the wellness center. Exercise is directly linked with stress reduction as well,” Reilly said.

College is notorious for imposing stress on students with academic challenges.

“Bucks can and does help to maintain a mentally healthy environment by offering support through the Academic Success Center, counseling services, the wellness center, assigned academic advisors, student clubs, organizations, and by having a well-informed security and safety department,” said Reilly.

A new program has been implemented at the college according to Reilly. The program is designed to support students in managing stress and anxiety. The program is active from 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m., in the Student Services Center at the Newtown campus. Counselor Vicki Mansure, the group’s leader, prefers to be contacted through email if students are interested, but drop-ins are also okay.

“By helping faculty and staff to develop and grow as well as manage their own stress, we foster an environment that can help students do the same,” Reilly said. She offers some tips to manage the additional stress:

- 1)Purchase a weekly planner and use it. The best way to manage time, the stress of academics is to stay organized from the beginning. Communicate with your professors. Have the courage to ask questions if you are unclear, especially if you are unclear of what is being expected of you, such as the actual directions.
- 2)It is not helpful to cram, but rather study regularly throughout the semester in a quiet place. For topics that do not come easily, use an old-fashioned pen and paper to write things down, in fact, write them down repetitively. Repetition will carve out a lasting neuro-path way in your brain to help you commit information to memory.
- 3)Get some exercise, fresh air and sunshine when you are able. Eat healthy food including fresh fruits and vegetables when they are available to you.

Students seeking assistance are welcome to contact counselors at [counseling@bucks.edu](mailto:counseling@bucks.edu), or by calling 215-968-8000, or by stopping by The Academic Success Center, Counseling services, and the Wellness Center. In the case of an emergency, the college is working closely with a mobile crisis service through the Lenape Valley Foundation

“We do our best with the resources we have. Since this is such a people-rich environment, there is and always will be room for improvement. The college takes responsibility for fostering and maintain a safe and supportive environment that is conducive to student services,” Reilly said.

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# Politics

## Trump Administration New Budget Proposal



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The Trump administration released the 2021 fiscal year \$4.8 trillion budget proposal which includes efforts to maintain a strong national defense while cutting student loan assistance and funds for the public education system. President Trump’s new budget proposal could possibly affect the student body here at Bucks. The new proposal would forgive the remaining student loan balance 5 to 10 years sooner than current repayment plans. The budget also proposes substantial cuts to the student loan program itself, \$5 billion this upcoming year and more than \$60 billion over the next five years. This would cause initiatives such as loan forgiveness programs to be dismissed. This could cause student loans payments to increase exponentially. Students at Bucks seem to all be on the same page, they think there should be an equal oppor-

tunity for everyone that wants to take the next step in their education. The people that cannot pay for college out of pocket, are the people this will affect. Hazel Nguan, 18, said, “Students don’t have much money while they are in school, our lives are very busy. Students deserve financial aid if they need it.” Anna Nalebaya, 20, a psychology major, believes that this would be unfair. “This is upsetting, especially for community college students,” she said, “Students who come from a lower income are the people that this will affect. Student debt is at an all-time high, I don’t think this will solve the problem.” According to AAAA.org, outstanding student loan debt is \$1.52 trillion in the U.S., making it the second largest form of consumer debt behind mortgages. Other Bucks student think this could negatively affect someone who is trying to pursue their dreams.

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The budget plans to cut funding to the public education system. Forbes reported that Trump’s budget requests \$66.6 billion for the U.S. Department of Education, which is a 7.8 percent decrease from current funding. President Trump’s budget made plenty of room building a stronger military. He plans for a \$459 million increase for the military. Also \$18 billion is planned to fund the newly established Space Force. Many Bucks students do not believe it is necessary to spend so excessive money on a space force and believe the money could go to different causes, such as student loans. The budget proposal most likely won’t pass through Congress, but as intended, the budget is seen as a blueprint for the Trump administration’s future steps going into the 2020 election.

## Trump Store



*Owner Michael Domanico. Photo courtesy of Gene Thornton.*

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Next door to the Trump Store is Bakery 502 that specializes in Spanish themed delights, such as Guava pastries, Guatemalan bread, pork tamales, and a variety of doughnuts and drinks. “Business has been busier for me since they opened,” said Lisa Martinez, owner of the bakery. “More people come to this side of the mall now. They come in here more now,” she said with a bright, friendly smile. Martinez is a Trump supporter, and isn’t offended by what is being sold next door, including a shirt that exclaims “Build the Wall – Deport Them All.” “Trump is good, and Mike is a nice man. I don’t worry about anything bad

happening,” she said while handing change to a customer. Trusting Trump will be elected to a second term, the Domanicos have already taken steps to open a second store in the Quakertown area. “Bernie or Biden can’t beat Trump, and that’s all they really have, so I’m confident,” Domanico said. “Another four years for me.” So, if you’re in the market for a \$20 pair of Trump sunglasses, \$10 Trump socks, or a \$2 Trump pin, the store is open at 2060 Street Rd, Bensalem, PA, Mon. through Sat. from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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# Philadelphia Phillies 2020 Season Preview



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The 2019 Philadelphia Phillies season did not go as the ball club planned after making moves for superstar outfielder Bryce Harper, all-star catcher J.T. Realmuto, outfielder Andrew McCutchen and infielder Jean Segura.

At the end of the 2019 MLB season, the Phillies fell short of many fans expectations and finished the season fourth in the NL East with 81 wins and 81 losses.

Even after a disappointing season the Phillies did improve their record from the prior year and finished with a .500 winning percentage for the first time since the 2012 season.

Ultimately the Fightin' Phillies missed the MLB playoffs for the eighth straight season, despite spending nearly \$400 million in the offseason. Now onto the 2020 MLB offseason where the Phillies have been somewhat quiet but have made some very key acquisitions.

The first offseason signing to the 2020 roster was former New York Mets starting pitcher Zack Wheeler, who signed a five-year, \$118 million deal with the Phillies.

After an injury riddled start to Wheeler's career, Wheeler has emerged as a solid starter over the last two seasons, averaging 30 starts per season while posting a 3.65 ERA and a 3.37 WHIP. Wheeler will slide comfortably right into the no. 2 spot in Phillies starting rotation after ace Aaron Nola.

Many Phillies fans all over will be very pleased to see organization go out and get a solid top-quality pitcher for the top of the rotation to accompany Nola.

Another top-quality player the Phillies acquired this offseason was former New York Yankees infielder Didi Gregorius who signed a one-year deal worth \$14 million. The signing of Gregorius comes after the departures of former Phillies infielders Maikel Franco and Cesar Hernandez.

One of the main reasons the Phillies signed Gregorius is the fact that he will link back up with his former manager Joe Girardi who was the manager of the Yankees and now the current manager of the Phillies.

During the end of the 2018 MLB season Gregorius tore his right UCL after making a throw which ultimately led the infielder to have Tommy John surgery which is mainly common in pitchers.

In Gregorius's return to the diamond following his Tommy John surgery the infielder wasn't particularly great, as he posted a .238/.276/.441 slash line in 82 total games. The front office will still be quite happy if Gregorius could recreate something close to his .277/.326/.486 line from the two seasons prior to his elbow injury.

Phillies fans will ultimately see a new and improved infield this upcoming 2020 season, that will consist of Jean Segura, short stop Didi Gregorius, Scott Kingery and first basemen Rhys Hoskins.

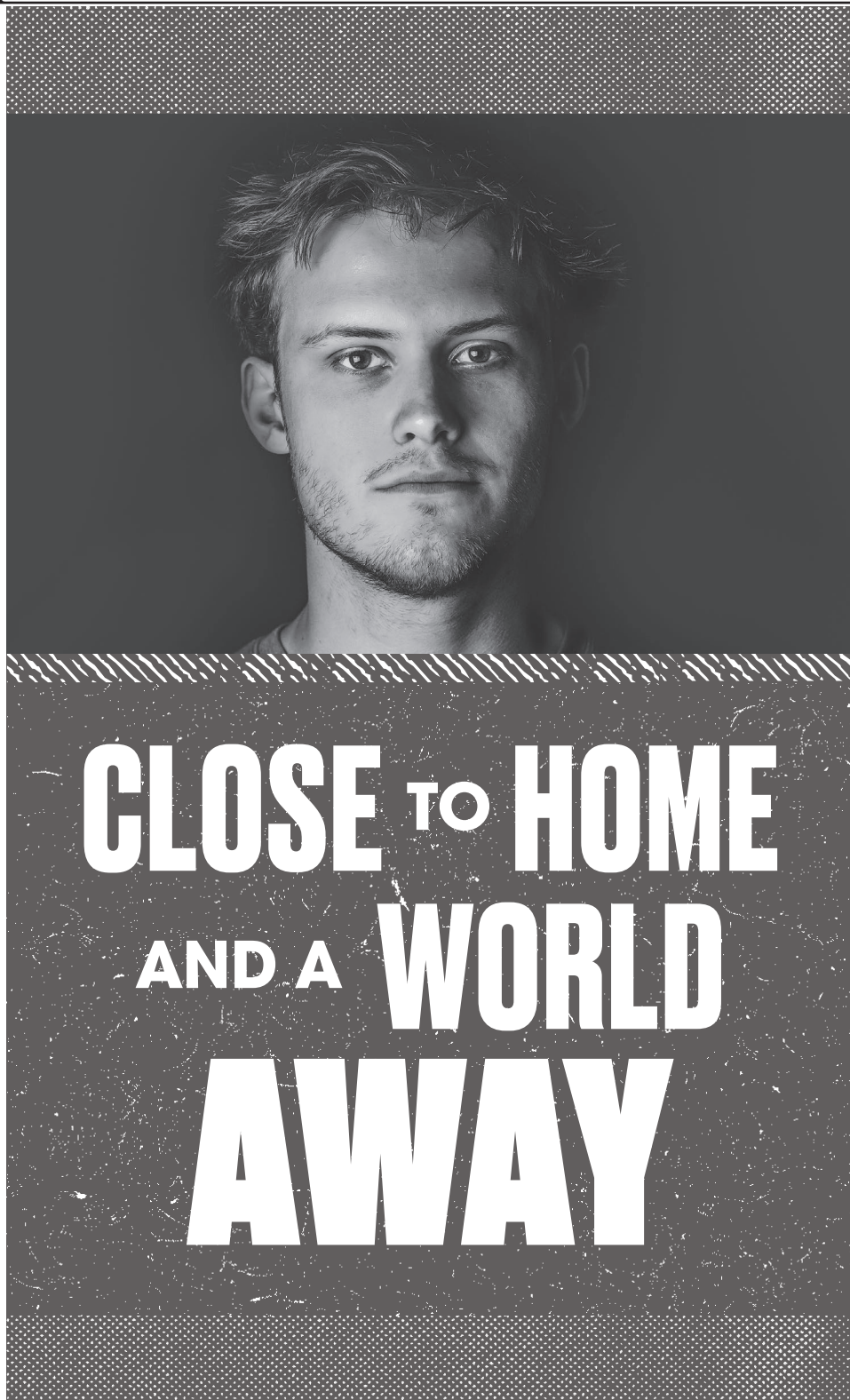
The hot topic this offseason since acquiring Gregorius has been what position will Kingery and Segura play. Both players are capable of playing either position but Phillies manager Girardi has to come up with the best scenario for both players.

In an interview with "The Philadelphia Inquirer" Girardi said, "The way I look at it is, you have to put your best team on the field, not your best individual. So, if one guy is much more capable of playing the other position [Segura at second], and there's not such a big gap at that other position [Kingery is a good third baseman], that's the move you have to make."

What Phillies fans should get from this quote is that we will have to wait and see how both players play during the spring to determine who will lineup where in the infield.

Early on in spring training the 2020 Phillies have been scorching hot with a record so far of 8 wins and 4 losses in the Grapefruit league. With all of the main players playing very well to begin the spring which is a very good sign.

Phillies fans can only hope to see this 2020 Phillies squad stay healthy all year long and make a run at the MLB playoffs where the ball club hasn't been since the 2011 season.



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