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New Provost Faces a Host of Problems at Bucks

Madison Kifolo
Centurion Staff

Environmental concerns, enrollment issues and a massive budget deficit plague Bucks’ morale, but new Provost Dr. Kelly Kelleway still holds out hope for our historic institution.

Walking into Tyler Hall you are immediately met with the graveness of the history of Bucks. Tall extravagant ceilings and

gorgeous woodwork line the halls that lead to the office of Kelleway.

Kelleway has been with Bucks for over two decades, starting as a professor in the Language and Literature department. She has worked her way up the administrative ladder during her time and was officially instated as Provost in July 2023.

Her history with Bucks is strong. She says her biggest strength in her new administrative position is her length



of service. “I know the ins and outs of the institution; it gives me some perspectives to help people make decisions and solve problems.” She has seen Bucks during its highest highs and lowest lows.

Her time as provost has not had an easy start. She has been met with issues that have been years in the making. With the resignation of Bucks President Dr. Ganther, Kelleway says she and other administrators are going to need to pick up the slack.

“I am confident that the strength of the cabinet will allow us to move forward,”

Photo Courtesy of Madison Kifolo

she says. Kelleway emphasized the importance of maintaining the relationships Ganther had built in her tenure as president. “It will be a necessity as we await the next president.”

Her biggest concern for Bucks is that we need to be “addressing the inequities in student success. We’ve made strides in many number of areas, but I am not satisfied with success rates in certain student demographics. The college needs to build targeted programs to help students succeed.

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Upcoming Events



Relaxing Massages To Celebrate 100% Smoke & Vape Free Campuses
11/14 Upper Bucks Campus
11:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.

11/16 Newtown Campus Science Center
11 a.m.-1 p.m.

11/16 Lower Bucks Campus
11 a.m.-1 p.m.

11/20 Wordsmiths Reading by Courtney Bambrick 2023 Poet Laureate
1 p.m.-3 p.m.
Newtown Campus
Tyler Hall 142

12/1 A Charlie Brown Christmas by Eric Mintel Quartet
7:30 p.m.
Zlock Performing Arts Center
Newtown Campus

The Centurion and Tyler Literary Society Present Holiday Writing Contest

Win a \$15 Visa gift card!

Calling all Bucks students! Get your pens ready and join our holiday writing contest! We’re eager to hear all about your favorite part of the holiday season. Whether it’s a heartwarming memory, a wacky family tradition, or the sweet anticipation of the holidays, we want to know! Your response could be a thrilling tale, a lyrical poem, you name it! Just keep it under 500 words and you could be crowned the winner, published in **The Centurion’s Dec. 7th issue!** So, grab a hot cocoa, cozy up by the fire, and let your imagination run wild!



Submissions can be sent to:
tylerliterarysubmissions@gmail.com
Due By: **November 28th.**

It All Starts With Mother Earth - How the STEM Department Has Been Saving Tyler State Park

Leila Kelley
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Two Bucks professors continue to enrich the ecosystem of Tyler State Park by guiding their STEM students through multiple fieldwork opportunities involved with research projects which lead to many paid internships.

Dr. Kathi Knight, professor of biology and environmental science, and Joann Corn, professor of biology, have always had an interest in STEM so it was not a hard decision to help enrich Tyler State Park. Knight and Corn have been working

at Bucks for over 25 years, but before Bucks, they both worked at private firms engaging in research.

Fieldwork is an important part of science because science does not always happen in a lab or a controlled environment. The fieldwork is completed by students in specific classes during class hours and over the summer.

Corn has her Biological Principles II and Knight’s Introduction to Environmental Science and Principles of Ecology classes participate in the fieldwork. Allowing students to experience fieldwork better allows them to understand what it’s like

to work in a career involved with the environment.

For those who would like to help out in the times not

corresponding with class
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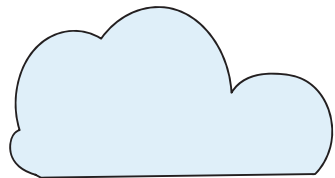
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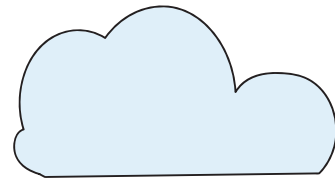
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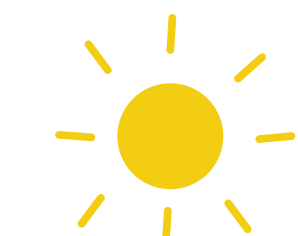
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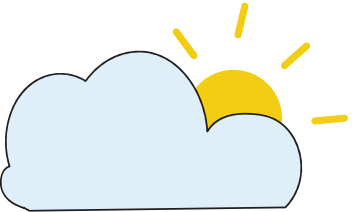
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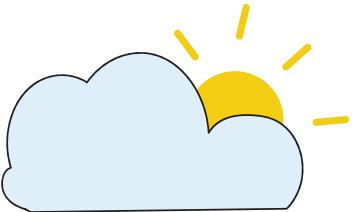
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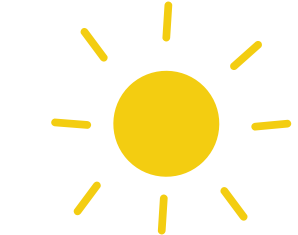
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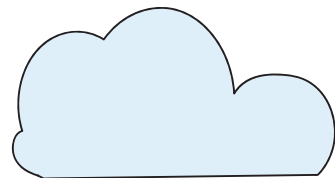
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The Battle Between Classic Hip-Hop and Modern Hip-Hop

Cristopher Ramirez

Centurion Staff

In the ever-changing world of the hip-hop genre, the argument on whether classic hip-hop or modern hip-hop is better continues to spark debates.

Hip-hop has been around since the mid-1970s and has been growing and evolving ever since with different sounds and the development of more advanced technology.

Classic hip-hop can be considered to be hip-hop music from up until the early 2000s. Some notable classic hip-hop artists are Tupac, Dr. Dre, Easy E, Wu-Tang Clan, Nas, MF Doom and Notorious B.I.G.

Modern hip-hop, in its current form, has a variety of sounds and subgenres like trap, lo-fi, emo rap and alternative hip-hop. Some famous modern hip-hop artists include Tyler the Creator, Kanye West, J Cole, Travis Scott, Kendrick Lamar, Drake and Doja Cat.

Sean Dougherty, an 18-year-old video produc-

tion major from Trevose, states, "If I had to pick between the two, I would pick modern because it's kind of what I grew with, and I like how hip-hop has evolved, and became what it is today rather than stay the same."

"I like how modern hip hop is experimenting with their sound and bending what it means to be an artist with artists like Travis Scott and Lil Yachty really experimenting with their sound," Dougherty added.

Yusef Bektas, an 18-year-old engineering major from Levittown, has an opposing view, "Right now, I've been listening to some more classics, so I would say I like them better. I like the earlier rap elements from back then, especially the beats."

Carter Sherian, an 18-year-old criminal justice major from Levittown, has a more balanced view on the matter, "I do not think that either is necessarily better. I think both have unique elements that make them both amazing,"

"I like that modern hip hop has a great variety of



sounds. With electronic production, it is easier to make different kinds of beats," Sherian said. "I like the old school type beats and the raw sound that old hip hop has."

Dougherty said, "I do think old hip-hop does have more compelling lyrics, but recently, more people care more about the beat than the lyrics," referring to the common argument that classic hip-hop has more intricate lyrics than modern hip-hop.

"Classic Hip Hop lyrics talk more about serious topics that they are experiencing in the world, such as racism and police brutality.

Photo Courtesy of Unsplash

Modern rap also has intricate lyrics, but not as often or as much as classic hip hop," says Sherian.

Sherian continued, "I am hopeful for the future of hip hop, as a lot of really good artists are starting to make music and be creative with their production, lyrics and sound."

Dougherty said, "Music as a whole is more than what people think it is. It's an art form to highlight a story someone wants to tell. It's a rabbit hole that never ends and one I never wish for it to end," expressing his passion for music.

Rising Star Alto Saxophonist Lakecia Benjamin Performs One Night Only at Zlock Performing Arts Center on Nov. 17 7:30 P.M.



Bucks' Zlock Performing Arts Center is proudly presents a wonderous evening of jazz music with rising star, alto saxophonist and arranger Lakecia Benjamin.

Benjamin fuses traditional conceptions of jazz, hip-hop and soul. Benjamin's electric presence has shared stages with several legendary artists, including Stevie Wonder, Alicia Keys and The Roots.

Voted, "Rising Star Alto

Saxophonist," in the 2020 DownBeat Critics Poll and, "Up and Coming Artist of the Year," by the Jazz Journalists Association.

Tickets are free for current Bucks County Community College students with valid student ID and start at \$30 for regular admission. For more information and to purchase tickets visit: bucks.edu/tickets. For group sales, please call: 215-968-8469.

Lunchtime Open Mic: An Afternoon of Poetry and Song

Zion Cerruti

Centurion Staff

Calling all writers, musicians and creative minds: Do you have something you want to share with your peers at Bucks?

Drop by the Lunchtime Open Mic on Tuesday, Nov. 28 for an opportunity to do just that while enjoying a fun and relaxed afternoon of poetry and song among fellow students hosted by the Poets Laureate Community Projects Committee.

Committee Member and 2002 Bucks County Poet Laureate, Luray Gross will be present at the event, and encourages any and everybody to participate, hoping that "students, staff and even a passer-by would be courageous enough to share their creative work." She emphasizes that any kind of writing is welcome, "whether it be a short story, a poem or even a creative joke."

If you would like to participate but don't feel comfortable sharing your writing, feel free to read someone else's. There will be anthologies and literary collections at the event to choose from for readings.

Those not interested in reading out loud can stop by to listen in and appreciate a chill afternoon with the audience.

Musicians are also encouraged to attend and participate, whether with original songs or covers, to come and share their voices and musical talents. A microphone and music stand will be set up, and partakers can bring their instrument or a speaker to play a background track if needed.

Participants are asked to limit their readings and songs to about three to four minutes long, as well as to use their discretion when reading works and refrain from hateful speech.

A sign-up sheet will be used for the duration of the event. There may be opportunities to share more than once, so feel free to prepare multiple pieces.

The organizers of the event, the Poets Laureate Community Projects Committee, a local delegation comprised of former Bucks County Poets Laureate, is dedicated to making the literary arts scene thrive in Bucks County. On the Bucks campus, they have

held several writing workshops led by established authors and other former Poets Laureates.

Bucks' literature club, the Tyler Literary Society, will also be present at the event. Club members will be reading from the recently published second edition of their literary magazine: "YAWPI!" Magazine copies will also be available for students to take if interested.

Whether you're a creative writer, musician or just someone who wants to support and appreciate the work of fellow students, the Open Mic is sure to be a good time. So grab your lunch and come on by the Solarium in the Rollins Center from 12:15 and 1:30 p.m. There will be stories, music and free cookies! You definitely won't want to miss it.

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Tuesday NOV 28

**12:15 pm
1:30 pm**

**solarium room
rollins center**

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music!
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Shopping Malls Are Dying, But What Would Bring People Back?

Jesse Fischer
Centurion Staff

Across the U.S., shopping malls have seen less traffic than ever before creating concern and causing many people to provide solutions to revive the dying malls. The death of retail malls is been going on for years but has recently come to the limelight even more with thousands of stores closing. Closing stores leads to increased vacancies, making

the shopping mall much less of a top choice for many shoppers. According to capitalone-shopping.com, a projected 87 percent of shopping malls in the U.S. are likely to close over the next 10 years. These statistics beg the question, what would bring the shopper back to the mall? Nick Bargas, a 20-year-old business administration major at Bucks said, “More accessibility, more afford-

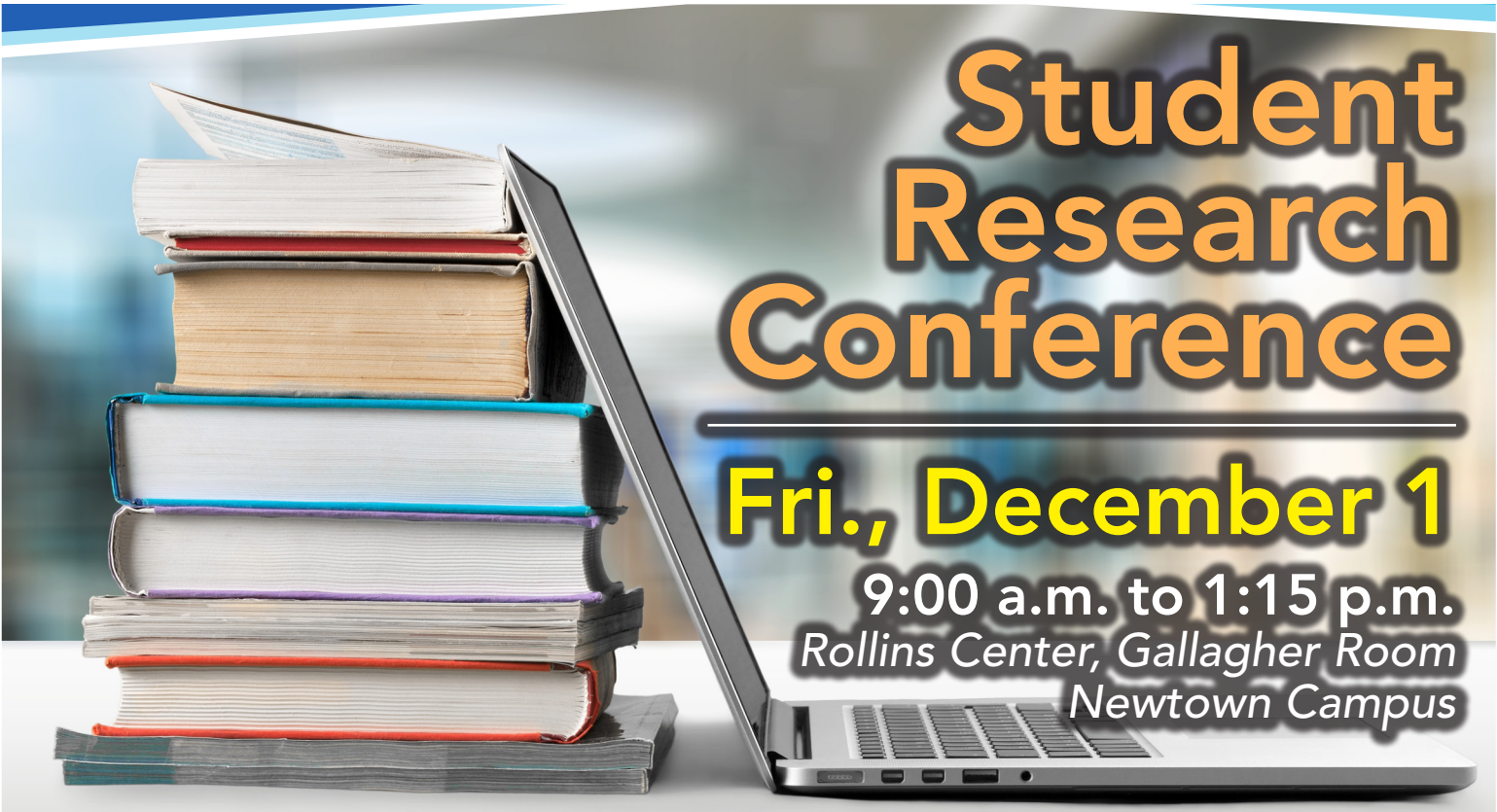
able and more exclusive stores would get people back. A rewards program that offers benefits when shopping there would give a reason for people to shop there.” Sandy, an employee at the Time After Time watch store at the Neshaminy Mall, gave her insight into the issues that have plagued the Neshaminy Mall. “Anchor stores are definitely needed, and we don’t really have one right now,” she said.

James Forte, a 20-year-old Feasterville resident, said, “It needs new architecture. Modern design sucks and they should embrace nostalgic architecture, vibe and atmosphere to bring people back.” Forte also added, “We need more appealing stores, especially those that appeal to a younger generation of shoppers.” Forte also left his predictions for the Neshaminy Mall’s future, stating, “I *Photo Courtesy of Jesse Fischer*

think the main interior parts of the mall and food court will close but the main-stays like AMC Theatre and Barnes & Nobles will be able to stay open and afloat on their own without the mall.” Many seem to attribute the decrease in mall shoppers to the increase in online shopping, with Amazon being accredited with most of the blame. This seems to mostly ring true, with e-commerce shopping’s shares of retail sales going up at an annual rate of 20.6 percent since 1995 as stated by captialoneshopping.com research. However, despite the increased e-commerce rates, Americans still spent \$6.917 trillion in retail stores, in comparison to \$1.154 trillion in online shopping according to captialoneshopping.com. These statistics show that retail isn’t necessarily as dead as people say it is, but it still begs the question of how to bring people back to the mall. Do malls need to decrease rent, redo their interior or bring in more appealing stores? The answer must be figured out soon before all malls are forced to close their doors.



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For more information contact SRC committee at BucksSRC@gmail.com

Presented by the Composition Committee
Department of Language & Literature

All students who submit an application will be accepted as presenters. **PAPERS AND OTHER MEDIA ACCEPTED!** Share your research and hear about others’ work at Bucks’ Student Research Conference.

The deadline for submissions is Thursday, November 9 at 11:59pm. All presenters will be notified of their confirmed presentation time(s) and locations(s). We look forward to hearing about your research.

Submissions should be sent to bucks.edu/SRC



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Happy National Native American Heritage Month!

“Humankind has not woven the web of life. We are but one thread within it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves. All things are bound together. All things connect.”
~ Chief Seattle, 1854

Indian Student Union Looking for More Members and Unification on Campus

Chris Lopez
Centurion Staff

The Indian Student Union opens this November at Bucks intending to connect Indian students and foster appreciation for their culture. The Union was organized by its President, Mann Patel, a 21-year-old Exercise Science major who lives in Bensalem and by Vice President, Madhu Karri, a 17-year-old Engineering major from New Hope. These are early days for the Indian Student Union, and they have yet to decide on specific meeting dates and times. “We’ll make that available through Bucks+ and through flyers when we figure it out,” said Karri. The organization had a table at the Involvement Fair earlier this semester, where students were able to sign up, some of whom came to a preliminary meeting. They plan on meeting twice a month, with the first meeting of the month serving as a place for discussion

and for planning the second meeting, which will be the celebration of a particular Hindu holiday or custom, starting with Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights. “For Diwali, we want to paint candle holders and fly lanterns in the sky at the Quad. And in March we hope to do something for Holi — the Hindu festival of colors where everyone wears white and splashes clumps of colored powder on each other,” said Karri. “We also have plans for events such as sales of cultural foods, and time for storytelling in club meetings. And we’re trying to organize yoga and language workshops,” said Patel. The need for this organization was glaring to its founders, as Indian students make up such a minority here at Bucks. “Being an Indian student here presented unique challenges. Over my two years at Bucks, I struggled to find other Indian students. I yearned for a community of fellow Indians with whom I could

enjoy the comfort of sharing a common language,” said Patel. “The idea for having an Indian Student Union came because Mann was my orientation tour guide. We simply talked as I had questions about life on campus and we realized that we both share the struggle of being able to embrace our Indian culture as we are such a small group here,” said Karri.

Both organizers stressed that the Indian Student Union is not meant to be exclusive to those with an Indian background. “That’s why we called it the Indian Student Union rather than the Indian Club,” said Karri. In service of this inclusive aim, the organizers are trying not to make the events overtly Hindu at the exclusion of Indians who follow other religions. “The thing

with India is that it’s just so diverse, full of all kinds of religions, even within Hinduism. But a long time ago—we’re talking thousands of years ago—India was almost entirely Hindu. So, there’s a lot of Hindu holidays that are celebrated by non-Hindu Indians, like Diwali and Holi,” said Karri.

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Entertainment

Upcoming November & December Video Games, Movies and More



EXPECTO VID-GAMEO!

We watched the “Harry Potter” series since our younger years from books, movies, games and playing Quidditch with our kitchen broom sticks to a forever and ongoing phenomenon, the Hogwarts universe still lives on!

The wizarding world has expanded in the latest video game “Hogwarts Legacy” that was released on May 5 to Playstation 5, Xbox Series X and PC.

Taking place in the 1890s before Harry, Ron, Hermione, Snape, Dumbledore and Voldemert entered the plot, there was Natsai a rising Gryffindor, Poppy a humble Hufflepuff, Sebastian Sallow a optimistic Slytherin and the protagonist that is created by the player

of their choosing.

The player gets to live at the Hogwarts schools of Witchcraft and Wizardry along with battling evil wizards, combating against dark magic, making new friends, and above all protecting the wizarding world from falling into the wrong wands!

Potter Heads that enjoyed the movies and books will not be disappointed with the new graphics, different storyline, never before seen dark wizards, and expanding new missions! Wands up!

“Hogwarts Legacy” will be released for the Nintendo Switch on Nov. 14, 2023.

Genre: Action and Sci-Fi
Rated: T (Teen 13+), blood, fantasy violence, mild language, uses of alcohol and interactive elements for in-game purchases



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WELCOME TO GOOD BURGER, HOME OF THE GOOD BURGER, CAN I TAKE YOUR ORDER!?

“Good Burger 2” will be released to Paramount Plus on Nov. 22, 2023.

90s and early 2000s kids are in for a treat because your favorite cooks are back for a sequel after 26 years!

“Good Burger 2” will have a combination of nostalgia, modern feeling and other comedic stars to make us laugh and give a reminder of the good old days of watching “Good Burger” on our box sized television.

DIRECTOR: Phil Trail (Chalet Girl, All About Steve)

Thanksgiving? More like Thankskilling!

A psychotic serial killer stalks and preys on citizens in the small village town of Plymouth, MA after a tragedy during a Black Friday chaos. “Thanksgiving” opens to theaters on Nov. 17, 2023.

DIRECTOR: Eli Roth (Cabin Fever, Hostel, Clown)

WRITERS: Eli Roth and Jeff Rendall

CAST: Addison Rae (He’s All That, Spy Cat), Patrick Demsey (Scream 3, Transformers: Dark of the Moon), Milo Manheim(Paramount +’s School Spirits, Prom Pact) and Rick Hoffman (USA’s TV Series Suits, Showtime’s TV Series Billions)

Genre: Horror, Thriller and Mystery



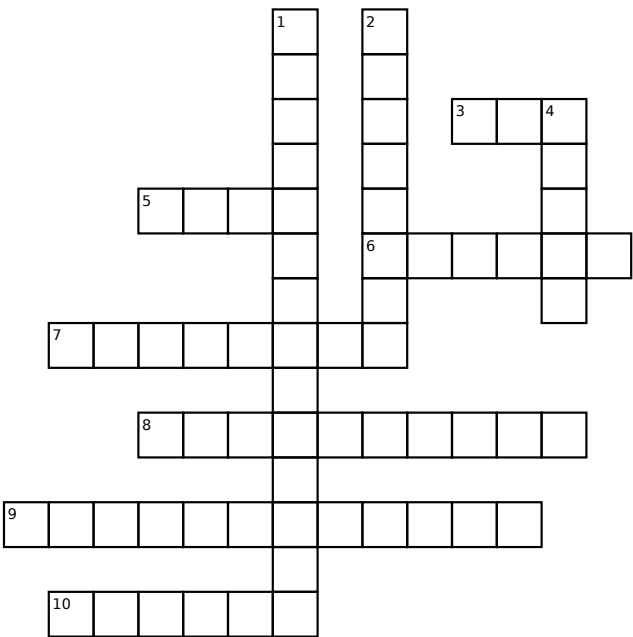
WRITERS: James The Third, Kevin Kopelow and Heath Seifert

CAST: Kel Mitchell(Nickelodeon’s TV Series Kenan and Kel, TV Series Clifford The Big Red Dog), Kenan Thompson (Nickelodeon’s

Good Burger, Snakes on a Plane), Lori Beth Denberg (Nickelodeon’s All That, The Steve Harvey Show), and Carmen Electra (Scary Movie, Epic Movie, Meet the Spartans

Genre: Comedy

Dog Life by Connor Sturza



- Down:
1. Who was the first president of Bucks?

2. What is the crazy fanbase of Taylor Swift called?

4. What does Drake count for fun?
- Across:
3. Who is the richest Kardashian?

5. “I’m telling you right now that motherf*ucker is not ____!”

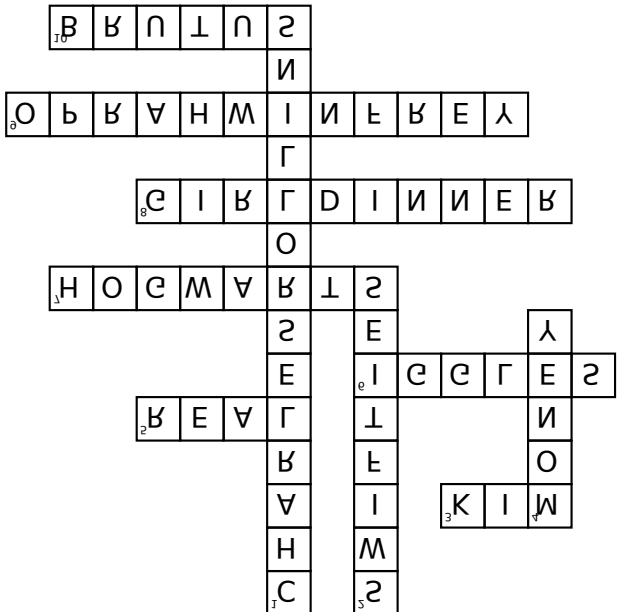
6. Nickname for the Philadelphia Eagles

7. "Draco Dormiens Nunquam Titillandus," translated as "Never Tickle A Sleeping Dragon," what fictional place of learning does this come from?

8. A phrase to describe a random meal that was turned into a song

9. “You get a car! You get a car! You get a car!”

10. What is the name of the college mascot?



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Show up to a meeting! Free pizza every
Thursday at 12:30pm in Rollins 127

Sports

Philadelphia 76ers Trade James Harden to LA Clippers

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The Philadelphia 76ers have removed the cancer on the team by trading James Harden away to the Clippers for picks and bringing back fan favorite Robert Covington and three other players. The trade of Harden relieved many fans who believed he was only going to cause problems if left on the roster. He outran his welcome in Philadelphia with his lack of effort on the court and this has happened multiple times for Harden. First with the Rockets then the Nets and most recently the Sixers, and it will most likely happen with the Clippers. A Bucks resident, Sal Trovato said, “I think the departure of Harden was necessary and will hopefully lift some weight off the team’s shoulders. He became a distraction and was not setting a good example for young players like Maxey. If someone doesn’t want to play in Philly, the team and city are better off without them.”

In the trade, the Sixers gave up James Harden, P.J. Tucker and Filip Petru-

sev. Besides what’s been said about Harden he does have talent and can go for 50 points and get 10 plus rebounds and assists, but he



Photo Courtesy of Wikimedia Commons

already have a ton of talent, this trade improves their team, but will Harden be trustworthy in the playoffs?

Tucker is not a stat sheet filler but will play hard and good defense while Petru-sev has been moved to the Kings as well as some money and got nothing back. The Sixers did get bench depth and solid options of the bench. The first player is Robert Covington who has had a previous tenure in Philadelphia and is a great three-ball shooter that can play some defense. When they gave up Tucker, they needed to replace him with some toughness and they got two guys to do that from the trade in, Nicolas Batum, who also can make three-pointers, and Philadelphia native Marcus Morris, who has been averaging over 10 points a game since his 2013 season. They also obtained a G-League player Kenyon Martin Jr. The Sixers got picks as well, they are the Clippers’ 2028 unprotected first-round pick, two second-round picks and a 2029 pick swap. Second-rounders do not mean much but the unprotected first-round pick is in five years there is always

optimism when you make these trades. Especially if an older team will collapse and lead to a good pick and getting it unprotected ensures that they can take it back if it’s a good spot like one through 10. That’s not all the picks though they got the Clippers to send us the pick they got from the Thunder to be a 2026 first-round pick also unprotected and 2024 second-round pick and a 2029 second-round pick. Again, second means very little but the Thunder are a good young team who will probably make the playoffs in 2026 but most likely not be a top-five team in the playoff seeding which still has some value in that area of the draft. The Sixers are also waiving Danny Green to make room for the one extra player they got in return for Harden. The Sixers have gained by moving on from a star who seems to only cause team problems.

November is National Homeless Youth Awareness Month

- One in 10 of young adults, ages 18-25, experience homelessness over a 12 month period — 3.5 million people total
- One in 30 children, ages 13-17, experience homelessness over a 12 month period — 700,000 youth total
- Black youth face an 83 percent increased risk than their white peers
- Hispanic youth face a 33 percent increased risk
- LGBTQ+ youth are more than twice as likely to experience homelessness

November was declared National Homeless Youth Awareness Month in 2007. There are various reasons that contribute to youth homelessness including family conflict and rejection, the child welfare system, residential instability and opportunity youth or “disconnected youth.” Children and young adults are not only exposed to the elements but dangers of rape, kidnappings, sex trafficking and are more likely to develop a substance abuse problem. Information taken from the National Network of Youth. Visit <https://nn4youth.org/resource-center/> for resources or call 202-783-7949

Philadelphia Phillies NLCS Game 7 Takes An Out

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The Philadelphia Phillies lost game 7 of the National League Championship Series leaving Phillies Fans with disappointment, frustration and losing their chance at the World Series with a loss of 2-4 to the Arizona Diamondbacks. Phillies fan Chris Fried says, “The Phillies lost because they lost focus as a team. They took the 10-0 victory in Game 2 as a sign that the series was over. The Diamondbacks did not quit.” Fried continues “Starting in Game 3 and lasting through the rest of the series, the Phillies started hacking at any pitch thrown. No plate discipline. Kimbrel in Game 4 was pretty bad. What really crushed the Phillies, pitching-wise was Aaron Nola’s performance in Game 6.” “I attended that game in person. Nola’s inability to pitch well that night early deflated not only the ground but also his teammates.



Nola will get paid big time this offseason, however, Game 6 showed that Nola is a good pitcher, but not an ace. Pity the fools that signed Nola to an overpaid contract. The Phillies should not have lost the series. The series should have been over in five games, much like the World Series will likely be.” said Fried “We had some people on base tonight. We couldn’t get the big hit,” Philadelphia Phillies Manager Rob

Thomson told ESPN. When Thomson briefly talked about his contract extension, he said, “My whole career, I’ve never worried about my contract. I’ve never worried about getting fired. Because I can’t control it. I just can’t. So I leave it alone, I put my head down, I do my work, and whatever happens, happens.” Despite saddened fans, there were still cheers, fans in their red gear, people high-fiving and optimism

for the next Phillies season. Philadelphia was still crowded with fans praising and celebrating that the Phils made it this far and they hope to make a comeback. As of Nov. 2, 2023, Bryce Harper, J.T. Realmuto, Kyle Schwarber and Trea Turner are named Silver Slugger Award Finalists. As of Nov. 1, The Texas Rangers beat the Arizona

Upcoming Sports Events at Bucks

11/14
Women's Basketball
VS Penn State Wilkes-Barre
6 p.m.
Gymnasium at Newtown

11/15
Men's Basketball VS
Williamson
7 p.m.
Williamson

11/16
Men's Basketball VS
Camden County College
7 p.m.
Camden County College

Diamondbacks in Game 5 with a score of 5-0. Making history as the Rangers first World Series win after 52 seasons.

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and semesters, Knight and Corn have students help them out over the summer in keeping these projects going. This also allows for students to gain experience and show motive in contributing to the school’s projects.

Knight stated, “Professor Corn and I work with the assistance of student ecological field assistants throughout the summer on the Meadow Restoration and Forest Restoration projects.” These projects entail quite a large area of Tyler State Park.

“There are three meadow locations (a one-acre site, a half-acre site, and a 10-acre site) for a total of 11.5 acres. The one-acre meadow is where students identify plants in one-meter-by-one-meter sampling areas marked with flags along transect lines. The meadow is also used for bird and insect identification. Monarch butterfly caterpillars are counted and all adult butterflies are noted.,” said Knight.

“Tyler State Park would like our 10-acre meadow to become their primary location for outdoor environmental education. The one-acre meadow and half-acre meadow are located

along the Main Park Road and the 10-acre meadow is along Dairy Mill Trail.”

Knight goes on to say, “This project began in 2016 and the sites were populated with a handful of invasive species. At the present time, the meadows have more than 60 different native pollinator species and provide bloom from early spring through summer and through fall.”

This next project allows students to get hands-on with forest restoration. They plant and maintain the area allowing the wanted specimens to survive and suppressing the unwanted while helping the wildlife needs and bettering the climate.

“The Covered Bridge Trail Forest Restoration is a total of five acres of forest restoration that includes an upland and a lowland area. More than 500 native trees and shrubs have been planted to date. Each semester, students plant more specimens and maintain the area to suppress unwanted vegetation. Tree and shrub species selected have high wildlife value and are long-lived to help mitigate the impacts of climate change,” explains Knight.

Along with both projects, a soil analysis is also run.



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They test several matters involving the soil to make sure it is still viable, monitoring fertility, pH, soil texture and organic matter. A stream study is also run each semester to monitor the Neshaminy Creek allowing the students and professors to oversee the health of the stream. This study allows them to see the changes in the stream’s physical, chemical and biological parameters so they can determine the overall health and might be harming the stream.

“As a result of the hands-on field experiences in these classes, many of our

Bucks students are able to procure paid internships within Bucks County and surrounding areas. The field opportunities and skills gained in these courses help to build strong resumes and students are well prepared for internship opportunities with government and private entities,” explains Knight.

Some of these internships include Bowman’s Hill Wildflower Preserve, Burpee Seeds, Honey Hollow Audubon, Bristol Marsh, Churchville Nature Center, Nockamixon State Park, Delaware Riverkeeper Network and Delaware

River Basin Commission. The programs are continuing to grow and expand while giving experience to the students allowing them to put worth a showcase of their abilities.

Knight says, “We expect that our efforts in Tyler State Park will continue for the long-term and students will broaden their hands-on experiences throughout their time at Bucks and these skills will be useful for students as they continue with their education and/or pursue employment.”



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New Provost Faces a Host of Problems at Bucks

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We are here for the students that need us and need to be intentional in doing so.”

Students themselves have been dwindling in population. Enrollment has been down since the coronavirus pandemic and continues to stay in lower numbers. “Less people had kids, and now we are noticing the impact.”

Kelleway claims that this population problem is out of the college’s hands. She says the university is doing everything it can to target students in non-traditional age groups. They are attempting to combine alt-credit programs with credit programs to generate more interest. The creation of alt-credit programs like the welding program has shown major outreach to those who normally would not consider going to college.

The budget crisis Bucks is experiencing can also be partially attributed to low student enrollment. “We haven’t increased tuition in years,” Kelleway said. She mentioned how four-year universities are feeling the same consequences of lower population and have been huge competitors with Bucks when it comes to

bringing in new students.

While Kelleway could not give a specific number, there are estimates that bucks is in upwards of \$5 million in debt. “Our CFO is currently unraveling the budget situation to give us an accurate projection of what we might be looking at.”

The environmental challenges with Grupp Hall and Founders Hall have been weighing on students and faculty alike. “There are real morale challenges,” she said, “Sectors of faculty are very unhappy, along with non-faculty members. It is not the darkest time, but it is a huge challenge ... I really believe that if everyone understands what is at stake, we can meet that challenge,” she said.

Kelleway emphasized that none of the problems at Bucks can be fixed by fighting, tearing each other down or hiding things from each other. If everyone can work together, things can change.

Kelleway said that the Ad Hoc Building Safety Committee is working hard to make sure that these environmental concerns can be addressed the right way so that they won’t have problems like this again. She



hopes that once the major radon presence is addressed and fixed, the university will continue to monitor and do annual checks of all the systems.

“The Board of Trustees is all over it, they are very supportive.” She said that everyone is meeting regularly to ensure that things are done the right way. For updates on the Grupp Hall environment situation, there is an up-to-date section on the Bucks website.

Although the start of her first year as provost has had many challenges, she still

has hope for the future of the college. “I want to leave this place knowing that it will still be standing long after I’m gone.”

She has every intention of doing everything she can to make sure the morale improves, and that the college is stable for a long time. Dr. Kelleway said the best part about being a provost is “being able to solve issues for students, remedy challenges, and really help somebody,” she wants to “make student lives easier for them so that they aren’t stressed here. Being able to

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be there and help is the best part of my job.”

“We are the college,” Kelleway said her favorite part about Bucks is the people and the students. “I always like to hear from students, if any student would like to speak with me about any topic, they are welcome to make an appointment with me.”

To make an appointment with Dr. Kelleway, contact Senior Administrative Assistant Terri Lovett at terri.lovett@bucks.edu

The Bountiful Amount of Scholarships Available at Bucks

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Centurion Staff

The Bucks County Community College Foundations offers numerous types of scholarships for students every semester.

Julianne Theodoropulos, coordinator of the Bucks Scholarship & Stewardship department, said, “I have been involved with the scholarship process at Bucks since I came to the College in Oct. 2021 and took on the position of Coordinator of Scholarships & Stewardship.”

Theodoropulos made it clear that “Anyone that is enrolled or has a Bucks email address can apply for scholarships.” She also said, “The criterion for each scholarship varies but is typically based on three factors; major, credits enrolled for and a minimum GPA typically between 2.5 and 3.0.”

Any prospective applicant should also expect to compose an essay detailing their academic goals and need for financial help. She went on to ensure that “financial aid does not preclude applicants from receiving a scholarship award but can certainly help you.”

Theodoropulos also wanted to bring special attention to how these scholarships are funded, saying “This is a robust program with over

150 scholarship funds facilitated through the Bucks Foundation.

There are three types of donors: alumni who are looking to give back to a college that set them on the road to achieving their educational goals, those who are looking to establish a legacy scholarship to honor a loved one that may have passed or a curriculum they are passionate about, as well as the larger community impressed with the educational efforts at Bucks.”

Julianne also detailed the

process for applying: Simply go to the Bucks home page and click the header “Bucks for Students” at the top left of the page. Next, under “Planning + Payment” click on “Scholarships.”

This will take you to the scholarship page which has a brief six-minute video on how to apply. When you feel that you’re ready, click on the “Scholarship Login” tab at the top. This takes you to the Scholarship Universe portal where you will create a profile and then put your new scholarship search

skills to work.

Julianne specified, “The scholarship portal is intuitive in that it integrates your Bucks education and FAFSA profile information. The portal is simple to use and will match you to the most appropriate scholarships that pertain to your course of study and educational needs.” She encouraged students to “apply for as many scholarships as you can!”

The Fall deadline for scholarship applications was Monday, Nov. 6, 11:59 p.m. and the Spring deadline is

mid-April.

For a quick shortcut to the Scholarship Login tab, simply enter the following web address into your browser: bucks.edu/scholarships/

Or Scan this QR code:



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