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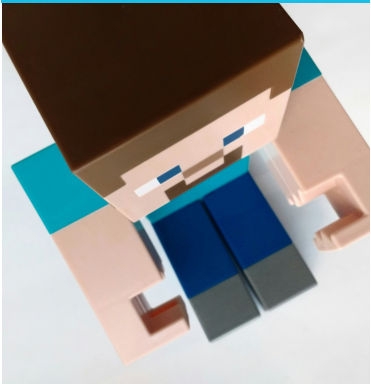
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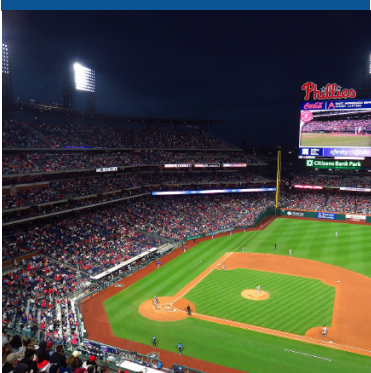
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## Centurion Leadership Visits Washington D.C



Photo courtesy of Chris Seifert

**Kassandra Castillo & Samantha Davidson**  
*Editor in Chief & Managing Editor*

Between Thursday April 24, and Saturday, April 26, the Bucks County Community Colleges' Centurion Leadership Program spent the weekend in our nation's Capital.

This trip was one of the many perks of being involved in the Centurion Leadership program, ran by Chris Seifert and Naomi Thomson. Throughout the semester, students in the Leadership program met up every other Thursday in the Gallagher Room or via Zoom and brainstormed what it means to be a leader.

Every meeting consisted of group work where students of all backgrounds came together and discussed various topics such as service projects, leadership qualities, and goal settings.

The knowledge gained throughout the last few months were put to the test in Washington D.C over the weekend. Throughout the three-day trip, the 19 students who were able to attend had the opportunity to immerse themselves in all things Washington DC.

On Thursday, after a long morning of riding the bus from Bucks Newtown campus to Philadelphia's 30th Street Station – students spent the two-hour train ride in excitement of what was to come upon arrival.

Once the bags were checked at the hotel, they were off to explore D.C. Starting with access to the Library of Congress after hours, where

students explored the exhibits on display, admired the architecture, and walked around the famous library.

The Library of Congress, usually reserved for credentialed researchers as stated on the loc.gov website, was open to the public for a special LIVE! AT THE LIBRARY event where the students were able to purchase snacks, listen to music, and enjoy the limited time exhibit of “The Two Georges – Parallel Lives In An Age of Revolution” which details the lives of two very famous George's who were both shaped by the British Empire.

After soaking in all things reading and having a group pizza dinner at the steps of John Adams Building, students headed back to the hotel in preparation for what would be an even longer next day.

Bright and early on day two, students departed from the hotel for a group tour of the U.S Capitol building. Within the Capitol Building, the students had a guided tour of the National Statuary Hall, The House and Senate Gallery Chamber, and of the Rotunda which has been described as the Capitol's “symbolic and physical heart”.

After spending the morning at the Capitol Building, students were encouraged to group up and explore the city and to present the leadership qualities amongst one another as they faced the streets of D.C alone without any chaperones.

Many students chose to visit the Lincoln Memorial, the Washington Monument, and the Botanical Gardens.

Students were also encouraged to visit as many museums as possible but due to needing day passes not all could explore to their full extent as many of the day passes to museums like The Holocaust Museum and Air and Space Museum were sold out in advanced.

A few of the students had the rare opportunity to take the elevator to the top of the Washington Monument, and examine the world from five hundred feet above the ground as they saw all four prominent points of view including The White House to the north, The U.S capital to the east, the Lincoln Memorial to the west, and the Tidal Basin to the south.

Later on in the night, the Bucks students went full tourist mode and watched the Washington Nationals dominate on the baseball field 5 - 4 as they played against the New York Mets in their home turf at the Nationals Park - followed by a fireworks show and a tiring metro ride back to their hotel for their last night stay.

On Saturday morning, students visited the Ronald McDonald House for a group service where they put their final leadership skills to the test and provided a helping hand to the nonprofit family and children's charity. The 19 students split themselves into two teams. One team focused on putting a fresh coat of paint on the walls to help maintain its appearance, and the other team focused on prepping meals for the families who utilize the Ronald McDonald House.

Adelaide Birgenheier, the Community and Volunteer

Engagement Manager who helped Seifert and Thomas coordinate the event was available to answer any questions the students had as they worked on their required tasks. Birgenheier helped facilitate roles and stressed the importance of the work the students were providing for the families staying at the house.

For those unaware, the Ronald McDonald Houses are a safe haven for families who have sick children. The houses, usually located near a hospital, are cost-free for the families staying there. They provide a way to ease some of the struggle's families might be facing.

Finally, after a long but exciting weekend the students of the Leadership Program lugged their bags for the final time on the train back to school. A ride that was filled with new memories, new friendships, and new valuable skills in leadership.

This trip was an amazing educational experience, and something for students to look forward to. The Centurion Leadership Program is available for any students interested in developing student organization skills, team-building, and for making lifelong friends.

The Centurion Leadership Program is a rewarding club to get involved during your time at Bucks. Although the semester is coming to an end, for any returning to Bucks in the fall that is interested in joining, should reach out to Chris Seifert and Naomi Thomas in the Student Life Office.

# Around Bucks

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The previous issue of The Centurion had a misuse of pronouns in the Preparing for Upcoming Play “Making it” article.

Shane Laverty goes by he/him pronouns not she/her. The Centurion regrets this error.



Top photo: Students at the Capitol Building

Bottom photo: Students at the Nationals Game



# Scholarships Available for Future Bucks Students

**Juliana Zuccarello**  
*Centurion Staff*

Are you or anyone you know going to be a new student planning on coming to Bucks in Fall of 2025? Well here at Bucks, there are many scholarships that are available for all students. Recently, Gene and Marlene have donated \$100,000 to Bucks CCC for students that are graduating from a Lower Bucks County High School, meaning all students currently attending could benefit from these scholarships.

The scholarship will be awarded to 100 students that are going into their first year at Bucks full-time. It is first come first serve, so make sure you apply as soon as possible.

The scholarship will cover the student’s tuition based on their FAFSA.

Gene and Marlene are “very generous donors”

says Julianne Theodoropulos who is the Coordinator, Scholarships & Stewardship.

They are also “very devoted to the community” and “put so much support behind the campus” Theodoropulos describes.

The scholarship itself is very accessible to apply for and will help students be able to earn a scholarship for Bucks for just graduating from a Lower Bucks County High School.

Students looking to apply for the scholarship will have to first be enrolled in the school to then be able to go into the scholarship universe platform on the Bucks CCC website. Students will also have to have completed their FAFSA in order to apply for the scholarship.

For students applying to the scholarship, “it would match what their need is” Theodoropulos says. If chosen, students can see

their awards money from the scholarship, on scholarshipuniverse.com. The scholarships are based on financial aid.

Theodoropulos also describes that the scholarship is “Encouraging people to tell their story and show their story.” It is important for students to feel welcomed here at bucks and feel like they have a sense of belonging. This scholarship helps to strengthen that as the scholarship is wanting to hear directly from the students about their stories and their experiences.

Students will also have to match the qualifications on the website for the scholarship. The students will also be asked questions based on their interests and extracurriculars.

This scholarship will help students be able to feel a bit less overwhelmed when they are applying to Bucks. “Bucks CCC is not a high



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price but it’s a lot of money for some people,” Theodoropulos describes.

“Many students working and having to work helps them to work less.” Theodoropulos says.

Students will know that they have received their scholarship before the fall semester begins, and it will be “deposited into the account two to three weeks after the semester starts” says Theodoropulos.

The deadline to apply for the Gene and Marlene scholarship is August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

Theodoropulos also describes that, “the college is just so grateful to give students this opportunity” and “this is all about the students’ success” she concludes.

Students that have any more questions are able to contact [scholarships@bucks.edu](mailto:scholarships@bucks.edu).

# Confidential Counseling Available Year Round



Photo courtesy of Unsplash

**Juliana Zuccarello**  
*Centurion Staff*

Attention Students of Bucks CCC,

Did you know that Bucks CCC offers free counseling for students?

Are you looking to meet with a counselor? Counselors are available at all Bucks campuses. They are available Monday through Friday to meet with.

To schedule an appoint-

ment, students are able to call 215-968-8189 or send an email to [counseling@bucks.edu](mailto:counseling@bucks.edu).

Students should also know that all counseling here at Bucks is free and confidential, and students are welcome and encouraged to reach out to a counselor.

“It is important for students to know it is confidential” Tara Faigle, Counselor at Newtown campus describes.

As counselling can be for specific things such as coping with stress, the counseling services offer a wide variety of different ways students can succeed here at bucks.

Such as figuring out future things such as transferring to a different college and getting advice on it. Students can also receive assistance with balancing a career and education, or just

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# Around Bucks

## New Civics Education Course: Learn Your Rights

**Gary Griggs**  
*Centurion Staff*

On Wednesday April 16<sup>th</sup>, the team that developed the Civics Educations course, Honorable Cynthia Rufe, Tracy Timby, Vice President Workforce and Strategic Partnerships, Carol Shelly, Esq. and the program coordinator, Maria Correra were able to sit down to discuss the courses origins, why they wanted to start the course, and what the course is supposed to teach.

“It’s not a user friendly guide of the law, or a general idea of what the law might be, it is the law. This class teaches the law plain and simple, through and through.” Carol Shelly says about how the material is taught throughout the course.

Rufe first created the Civics Education in 2018 with the help of her co-creator Midge Rendell, and a push from Julie Goldstein, the President of the bar at the time, who was adamant about the class to be taught in Bucks County.

The course’s topics within each class were centered around the rights and laws

contained in the bill of right as shared Rufe.

Rufe eventually approached Bucks County Community College with the idea of bringing this course to the college. and after consideration the course was instated and a BAR issued grant was used to cover the cost of all the course’s classes.

Tracy Timby shared how important it is in this online age to learn the facts about the law as opposed to what someone’s interoperation of it, and both Cynthia and Carol echoed the same sentiments as they believe people aren’t educated enough about their basic civil rights.

Before sitting in on the class that was about to begin, Rufe described the classes as not entertaining, but as an engaging and interactive experience with a good amount of crowd participation when they open the room up for questions towards the end of the class.

Civics Education is an eight week course that aims to teach people about the law and their rights as a citizen in the United States. Classes are held once a week on Wednesdays in the

Gallagher room from 6:00 P.M. - 7:15 P.M.

The class held on Wednesday was about voting rights and election laws, and it was led by State Judge Jordan Yeager along with fellow guest speakers Kathy Boockavr, Amy Fitzpatrick, and Elizabeth Fritsch teaching different topics relating to the overall theme of the class.

Due to the notoriety of the guest speakers, along with their professions, there were extra security measures taking place during the class as not only was there the typical bucks security, but also multiple law enforcement officers stationed within the class for extra security.

There was about 20 to 25 people in attendance for the class that night, and the age range of attendees was a wide variety spanning from mid-twenties to seemingly people in their late 60s or early 70s.

It was a lectured style class that had the guest speakers teaching election laws and policies that the public should be aware of.



From left to right: Amy Fitzpatrick, Elizabeth Fritsch, Kathy Boockavr, Cynthia Rufe, Guest speaker, Jordan Yealer

Both known and unknown laws were discussed as no details were left behind over the course of the whole class.

Things such as voter services, Act 77, the changes of mail-in voting throughout the years, the concept of gerrymandering, and the role both federal and state courts play in the voting process during elections

were all discussed during the class. By the end people were free to ask any questions that they had for the panel.

Civics Education is an organized and well ran course that is recommended for anybody to take, so that you can learn more about their basic civil rights and they what effect they might have on your life.

## Annual Student Research Conference in May

**Emelia Yotko**  
*Centurion Staff*

The annual student research conference is coming up, come support our students and learn something new!

On Friday May 2nd the Newtown campus will be hosting three panels from 9 A.M. to 1:15 P.M. The event will be held in the Rollins centers Gallagher room and is open to all.

The conference is intended for “Bucks students in all disciplines to share what they’ve been working on! It’s a wonderful way for students to step outside of their immediate classrooms and present their research to others” says Professor Sarahlyn Bruck.

Don’t be intimidated by the term “conference”, this is a business casual event that’s meant to help broaden our students research experience. Anyone is welcome to come support our presenters and contribute to discussions.

Research conferences are a great way to meet like-minded individuals, expand on your ideas and broaden your understandings. And can help contribute to the progression of your research. Bruck notes, that it’s “rare that students have this opportunity at a community college, which is one more reason it’s such a special event”.

This event was started by Literature professors Dr. Jenn Diamond-Amorello and Dr. Lois Gilmore back in 2008. It was originally created to allow COMP 111 students to share their course required research papers in a college-wide event. Bruck explains, “since then, it’s expanded to a college-wide event, open to all students who wish to present their research in any discipline. Every year we hold one conference in the fall online and another in the spring in person at our Newtown campus”.

“The Student Research Conference is geared to-



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wards all students who do research or expect to do research in the future” says Professor Charlie Groth. Whether its academic, professional or personal research, our research conference is a great place to get a feel for this type of event. Groth notes, “research is just interesting, because it starts with questions people are itching to answer, and there’s creativity and care in solving the “mystery”.

Research sounds grueling to many people. It takes a lot of time and critical thinking to develop these ideas and reasonings. And if it’s for a grade, it’s likely that your research is only going to be seen by your professor. When grading twenty papers it’s impossible to delve into discussion on each student’s subject, which is why research conferences are so important. You’re given the time to share your findings, answer questions and learn new perspectives on your topic. This is a valuable opportunity to gain experience, connections and give your research the attention it deserves.

The deadline for submitting research topics was April 17th but if you’re attending bucks next semester, it’s never too early to start your research process. Be sure to visit our library or the academic success center if you need assistance. Don’t forget to make use of our hundreds of databases and books that are available to our students.

## Confidential Counseling Available Year Round

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general dealing with things in daily life.

Lesya Donets, Counselor at the Newtown campus describes that “we have programs for students to use” which furthers describes how much is offered within the counselling services.

Students can meet with advisors either in person or on zoom depending on which Bucks campus they are at. Counseling services are even available on a phone call.

Counselors are available during winter and summer sessions as well, not just during the fall and spring semesters. So, students can rest assured that they will be able to reach out to counsellors at any time that school is in session for.

Something to note for students is that counselling does not provide long-term mental health therapy, but they are able to help provide some support in helping the students to achieve their success here at Bucks.

The counselors here at

Bucks want to make sure students know that they are there for students, and that they have such a broad selection of different kinds of counseling.

Counseling ranges from things such as figuring out how to organize the college work, coping with stress, figuring out job careers and much more.

Some of the main services that counseling offers are personal counseling, informational counseling, and career-decision counseling.

“We cover a lot of dif-

ferent areas” AnnaMaria Georgousis describes. “We try to meet them where they are at” Georgousis says.

Students can also find tips on coping with stress on the Bucks CCC’s website under counseling tips. It offers a variety of tips for students that might be facing challenges.

“To help academic issues, stress, anxiety, and relationship problems” Vicki Mansure, counselor at Lower Bucks Campus describes.

Students can be assured that counseling services of-

fer a wide range of different services, and that students are able to access any of these services by reaching out to the email and or phone number listed.

Counseling services are available for students, any faculty seeking any assistance is able to contact the benefits office.

Students looking to get in contact with a counselor or have any questions regarding counseling services can reach out to [counseling@bucks.edu](mailto:counseling@bucks.edu).

# News

## Commuting to School: Different Opinions

Milo Condran

Centurion Staff

Since there are no dormitories at Community Colleges, the common denominator for students is commuting. However, each student has their own story as they make their way to classes.

Hailey Black lives just five minutes from Bucks County Community College. However, nothing has been easy since she tore her Anterior Cruciate Ligament (ACL). “I never really thought about my commute to school because it’s so close,” Black said. “Walking to my first class took 15-minutes.” After Hailey tore her ACL getting from class to class became an issue. “Some areas of the school are really hard to get to because of stairs,” Hailey said

I understand Hailey’s plight. My sister, Jillian tore

her ACL three weeks prior to attending New York’s Pace University. Even though she lived on campus, every day was a challenge since she constantly dealt with a myriad of steps since that’s the norm in Manhattan. However, my sister persevered, just like Hailey.

It’s another kind of challenge commuting when living a distance from campus. Darwin Lebron lives 40 minutes from Bucks. “Having a long commute has led me to do more around campus since I have to stay between classes and baseball,” Darwin Lebron said.

Darwin has immersed himself in campus culture and has learned to enjoy the commute. “I enjoy listening to music on the way home,” Darwin said. “But sometimes I wish Bucks had dorms.”

John Mulder has experienced both sides of the commute, the short and the

long drive. Mulder lives close to the Bucks campus. However, he commuted to Penn State Abington during the fall semester. “I would run an errand before the commute just so I wouldn’t be so bored,” Mulder said.

Mulder is much happier travelling to Bucks for an obvious reason. «Having a short commute saves me a lot of time and money,” Mulder said. “That has made being a student much easier. Living far away makes it hard to get good attendance in some early classes. I often missed breakfast because of how long I travelled to campus.”

However, Mulder figured out how to make his trips easier. “Podcasts really helped making those long rides easier,” Mulder said.

A great way to make the most of long commutes is to get to know the campus. Join clubs or play sports. Since you’re on



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campus you can hang out and make friends. You can familiarize yourself with the library and perhaps finish off your homework while on campus and keep your studies at school. It’s wise to take advantage of what a pretty campus like Bucks has to offer. Why not hike Tyler State Park or perhaps explore campus job opportunities? Investigating what can be accomplished on campus enables a student to get the most of their time in

college.

The commuter experience has an impact on what is next for the college student. Perhaps a student will decide to attend a school with dorms. For those who grow accustomed to the commuter experience, maybe they will go to a commuter school and stay at home to save money while earning their college degree.

## Disability Pride Club Publishes The Accessibility Index Project

Submitted by The Disability Pride club

The Bucks County Community College Disability Pride Club recently concluded a project, The Accessibility Index Project, a student led survey and analysis on the level of accessibility of all three Bucks County Community College campuses.

Inspired by the Strategic Plan Town Hall meetings, where an item on the 10-year strategic plan includes increasing diversity and accessibility, Disability Pride undertook this project starting in March.

Based on 20 criteria raised—out of 100 points -- with each criterion only being able to get a score between 0-5.

Criteria ranges on assessments of ramps, elevators, ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliance, to issues regarding food intolerances and allergies as well having a range of accessible student activities. This undertaking has involved interviewing many departments and people, as well as conducting internal surveys within Disability Pride (acting as a focus group in this case).

“It was pretty easy to conduct it—I’m a little too engaged on campus. I know everyone: faculty, staff, and students alike. I keep joking I’ll pay rent if they would let me!”, Ethan Greco, the President of Disability

Pride jokes, “Though I wonder if anybody was ever perplexed about me measuring hallways, doorways, ramps and such and scribbling furiously in a flimsy notebook. I certainly got a couple of weird looks.”

Disability Pride’s goal in this project has been to assess the current issues and work on solutions—or what can be determined to be reasonable and feasible solutions as well as identifying any potential underlying issues that could be considered more egregious.

Speaking on the role of diversity-based clubs such as Disability Pride, Ethan had this to say, “Diversity clubs and organizations have a unique role at Bucks. You have to be multi-faceted. On one hand, you are a social opportunity for the minority you represent. On another, you are the bridge between the students you represent and the greater campus—with events and activities to bring awareness

or culture to the rest of the student body, and then you are also that representation at all, the focal point should issues arise whether they be internal or external.”

Among the results, there were some more severe accessibility barriers. Julia Nordberg, a student at BCCC noticed some things when attempting to navigate campus.

“What I’ve personally noticed, as a wheelchair user on campus, is that some of the little lips [underneath doors, usually bathrooms or doors leading from outside] around the school are just a half-inch or so too high for me to get my front wheels over easily. This has been extremely prevalent for me at the entrance to the Multimedia Center and the bathroom off the side of the Gateway Center on the main floor.”

Nordberg also mentioned issues within the Hick’s Art Center – a building she frequents due to being a Mul-

timedia, Design, and Digital Arts major

The only button that opens the second door from the outside is the button on the railing that opens both doors at the same time. This wouldn’t have been a problem last semester if I didn’t have to lug my portfolio through both doors, which would inevitably get stuck between the doors and then I’d run out of time for the second door being open and I’d have to wait for someone else to open the door for me. There’s a button in the inside of the second door to get out, but no button on the outside of that door to get in. Also, if it gets too rainy/snowy the button on the railing out there doesn’t work and I’d be stuck out there once again.”

Issues like the one Nordberg faces are the reason why clubs like Disability Pride exist, to help bring awareness to matters that might not affect everyone. Disability Pride has had to

encompass all of that, which is people anticipate with diversity clubs.

That’s why things like this are important to showcase. Saying something needs to be done and showing that something needs to be done are two separate things.

For anyone interested in seeing the results of the Accessibility Index Project conducted by the Pride Disability Club or have any questions regarding how one can help enhance the resources of the Pride Disability Club, feel free to reach out to the Ethan Greco at grecoe74873@live.bucks.edu.

With the AIP its not meant to be a demand - only a conversation piece. Saying something that needs to be done, (by presenting the data and what can be considered the worst examples) and showing that something needs to be done are two separate things, and thats what we hope to accomplish.



Reviews

Minecraft Movie: Flawed Yet Successful

Alexander Bersenev  
Centurion Staff

“A Minecraft Movie,” the Hollywood blockbuster of 2025, has grossed roughly \$700 million at the box office to date. The film had the biggest video game box office opening, earning about \$157 million and surpassing all previous video game film adaptations. Despite its commercial success, critics gave the movie a 48% score on Rotten Tomatoes, deeming it “rotten.” Audiences, however, rated the film 87%, describing it as “amazing.” Directed by Jared Hess, the film reunites him with Jack Black, with whom he worked on the 2006 movie “Nacho Libre.”

Throughout the month, the film sparked continuous discussion—chaotic yet entertaining. Despite its flaws, the movie resonated with its target audience, who largely overlooked its imperfections and appreciated it. The excitement for the film was beyond ordinary, with videos of disruption inside and outside screenings. One viral video captured a rowdy crowd of young adults and teenagers turning a theater into a frenzy, throwing popcorn across the auditorium in response to the line “Chicken Jockey” during the film.

The film follows a group of four—Garrett “The Garbage Man” Garrison, Henry, Natalie, and Dawn—who find themselves in a cubic reality known as The Overworld, filled with imagination that feels like a fever-dream. Struggling with their own challenges from their original world, the group encounters Steve, an expert crafter. Together, they embark on an adventure to craft, survive, battle evil, and harness the creative skills they struggle with.

The film is not intended to be a masterfully written literary piece—it is far from Shakespeare. For those

expecting otherwise, don’t. A more straightforward comparison would be that it feels like watching “The Lego Movie,” but a subpar version of it.

How was this incredibly flawed movie able to turn into something special for its audience? It’s simple, the film succeeds through intentional choices. Its wonky story, poor dialogue, overused tropes, and ensuing chaos are deliberate, designed for viewers to primarily enjoy the experience rather than overanalyze it for what it ought to achieve.

The film adapts one of the best-selling video games, incorporating humor and self-referential moments closely tied to the game’s image and fanbase. These references resonate with fans, allowing them to easily connect with the story. While remaining faithful to the game’s worldbuilding, the film expands on it by introducing new elements not present in the game. These additions enhance the narrative and further develop the world and story within the film.

In a movie that is clearly meant for its grown-up audience, it features numerous overdone tropes that bring humor and entertainment to Hollywood movies. The film is enjoyable for at least the first 30 minutes before we finally transition to the Overworld, to which this shift feels saddening, as you feel like you’re watching a completely different film. It feels like a much different story is unfolding compared to when it begins to unravel its entire plot and story further on during the film.

Though the film is filled with joyous and iconic moments, it struggles to remain true to the building and exploration elements for which the game is famously known. A majority of the film focuses on the characters, story, plot, and action. You would see the characters, of course, building in

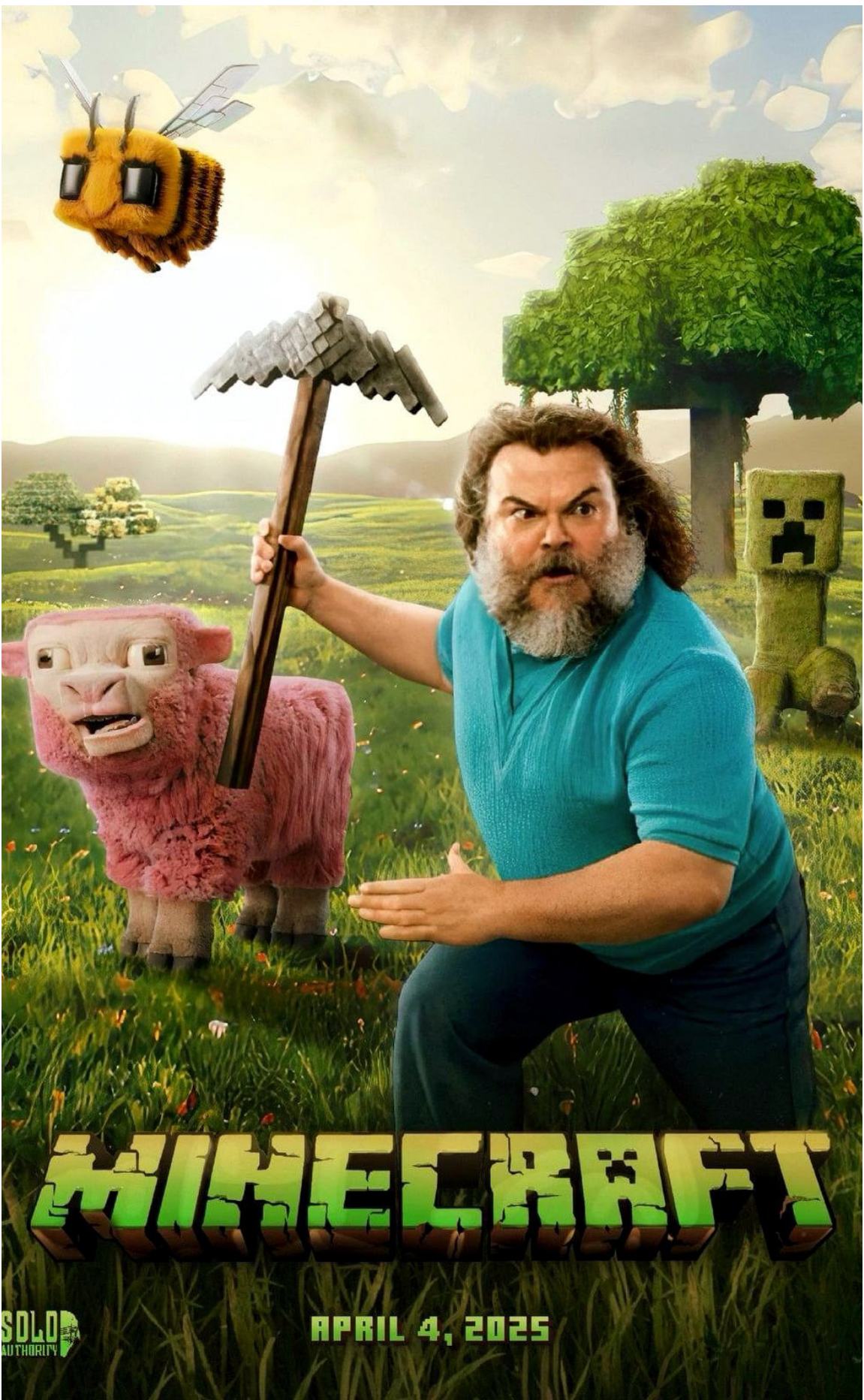


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Minecraft fashion, but those moments are only brief and lacking for a film that is focused on a game meant for creativity, even when its themes are centered around it.

But because of its consistent themes, the film manages to make up for the lack of building and exploration by emphasizing the internal complexity the characters have with creativity. Though as the film slowly reaches its finale, it loses its appeal. The ending just isn’t


satisfactory, but it felt like a more classic and quick “The End,” with not much to go around.

With scenes and moments that can be turned into memes, the film creates an entertaining story with a very [again] subpar plot that isn’t engaging. After watching the film, I found myself wishing that I had opted to watch an early screening of Ryan Coogler’s “Sinners.”

“A Minecraft Movie” is currently showing in theaters nationwide. Recent


reports suggest that a sequel is already in development. If you’re not as pumped to see this Minecraft project, the next project to anticipate will be Netflix’s upcoming animated series based on the game. The series is not expected to serve as a follow-up—either a sequel or prequel—to the film.

April 30, May 1, 2



Bucks Drama Club Presents:  
Making It!  
7 p.m.  
Zlock Performing Arts Center  
\*Free and open to the public.

Monday, May 5



Bucks Percussion Ensemble  
7 p.m.  
Zlock Performing Arts Center  
\*Free and open to the public.

## Reviews

# Wrestlemania 41: Night One Recap

Shane Swan  
Centurion Staff

Wrestlemania 41 Night One in Las Vegas has just concluded, and we have plenty to talk about.

The Visionary, Revolutionary, Seth “Freakin” Rollins has defeated both the Tribal Chief, Roman Reigns and the Voice of the Voiceless, CM Punk, in a classic match that will be looked at in high regard for years to come.

Not only did they put on a spectacular match but the Wiseman Paul Heyman turned his back on both Roman Reigns and CM Punk in a double cross where Paul Heyman now aligns himself with Seth Rollins.

Jey Uso did it! “Main Event” Jey Uso has tapped out Gunther to become the new World Heavyweight Champion. Jey Uso won the Royal Rumble back in January which granted him a world title match at the show of shows.

He challenged Gunther and had the storyline where even Jey Uso did not think he could beat Gunther, but after Gunther attacked Jey’s

brother Jimmy, that sparked a fire in Jey Uso to finally get the job done.

Jade Cargill defeated Naomi in fashion as she now moves to 2-0 at Wrestlemania. This match was a story about revenge because Naomi took out Jade Cargill for several months.

El Grande Americano defeats Ray Fenix in a shocking ending as El Grande Americano put a metal plate into his mask to pick up, and the question still remains, who is under the mask of El Grande Americano?

The New Day become 12-time tag team champions as they defeat the War Raiders in a classic Tag Team match, this new side of the New Day has put them back into world title contention with this win we can see more title reigns by them in the future.

However, some fans are left disappointed as Big E, former New Day member, did not make his return at the show of shows. Big E has been out for an extended amount of time due to a neck injury.

The match for the WWE



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Women’s World Championship was a 30 minute all out brawl between these two women with Tiffany Stratton defeating Charlotte Flair and remaining the WWE Women’s World Champion.

The build for this match was intense as Tiffany brought up Flair’s previous marriages as she has had three divorces in the past, to which Flair responded saying that Tiffany’s boyfriend Ludwig Kaiser was in her DM’s. This match gave them the ability to beat the snot out of each other.

Finally, the match that stole the show for me, Jacob Fatu defeats LA Knight for the United States championship. This match was a war, pushing both superstars to the limit as this was Jacob Fatu’s first wrestlemania in his career. Fatu came out with the win and became the new United States champion in a match that will be remembered for a long time.

The WWE and Wrestlemania would be nothing without the fans and the WWE Universe, so what did the fans think of the show? Lifelong wrestling fan Josh Dorè thinks that

“The Chemistry” between Heyman, Reigns, Punk, and Rollins is truly amazing, really carries the entire weekend as a whole, one of the best and most shocking moments thus far for 2025”

Even fans of the Golden Era of the then WWF enjoyed the event, Ted Swan who has been watching since Hulk Hogan slammed Andre the Giant, said, “B-, Good matches, but the predictability of the results lead to the lower score.”

# Wrestlemania 41: Night Two Recap

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Wrestlemania 41 Night Two has officially ended the weekend with a bang. We have champions that retained their titles and new names that can now be called champions.

To start things off, we have a new Undisputed WWE Champion, for his 17th world title beating the previous record set by Ric Flair with 16, John Cena defeated Cody Rhodes to earn this record with the help from Rapper Travis Scott.

Some say that this match was uneventful and wanted more, like a return of the Rock and for the new team up of Seth Rollins and Paul Heyman should’ve joined at the end to form a new NWO

that can build a story for next year’s Wrestlemania.

Newly fan of the WWE product Dylan Quinn thinks that, “The main event day two was not as good as anticipated.” However, he did enjoy the lead up saying “Yeah but I love all the promos he (John Cena) did leading up to this at the same time so it’s fine.”

However, fans are just happy to see their childhood hero John Cena win his 17th world title and beat the record and solidify himself as the greatest of all time.

The Triple Threat between Iyo Sky, Bianca Belair, and Rhea Ripley will go down as an all-time classic as Iyo Sky retains against the two faces of the women’s division since the Covid-19 Pandemic.

In a story about Iyo being seen as an afterthought in the feud between Rhea and Bianca, Iyo proved herself as a top star by defeating both women and still Women’s World Champion.

The Intercontinental championship was up for grabs at the show of shows as Bron Breakker defended his title against Finn Bálor, Penta, and Dominik Mysterio, in an all-time classic fatal four-way match that was all out mayhem.

Dominik Mysterio came out with the victory and is now the new Intercontinental Champion, he received a standing ovation as fans chanted “you deserve it” to congratulate him.

The Sin City Street Fight was an all-out brawl with Drew McIntyre defeating

Damian Priest in a feud that started at last year’s Wrestlemania where Damian Priest cashed in his Money in theBank Contract to beat Drew McIntyre and win the World Heavyweight Championship.

Even though this was not for a world title, expect the winner, Drew McIntyre to receive a push towards reclaiming a world title as Damian Priest looks to bounce back and put him back in the main event scene.

The Women’s World Tag Team championships were on the line as well with the champions of Liv Morgan and Raquel Rodriguez defending their championships against the womens Intercontinental Champion Lyra Valkyria, and the returning Becky Lynch

This match ended with the belts on the new Women’s Tag Team Champions, Lyra Valkyria andBecky Lynch. With Lyra Valkyria becoming a double champion for the first time in her young career.

Randy Orton defeated surprise guest Joe Hendry, as you say his name and he appears, this is the first time a TNA world-champion was on a Wrestlemania card. As Joe Hendry deserved it and had his moment getting RKO’d by Randy Orton.

Logan Paul defeats AJ Styles in a stellar match, Logan Paul continues to prove why he can wrestle with the big names and put on a phenomenal match.

This crowd was a lot more electric than the night one crowd as this night had overall better matches, and a lot more moments that caused the fans to jump out of their seats.

Life-long fan Josh Dorè thinks that “Night 2 had a lot of good Matchups like the Sin City Street Fight and the Women’s Triple Threat, but what stole the show on night 2 for me was the fatal 4 way for the intercontinental championship. Penta, Breakker, Balor and Mysterio put on a very entertaining Match.

There was storytelling and exciting action in this Match. In the end the right Winner (Dom Mysterio) won this match as he is the future of the company”

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# Sports

## Daniel “Buzz” Wilson: 94 WIP Sports Radio Host



Left: Raymundo Varela-Urizar Right: Daniel Wilson

### Raymundo Varela-Urizar *Centurion Staff*

Lower Merion native, and graduate from Temple University’s Klein school of Media and Communications in Philadelphia, Daniel Wilson, also known as “Buzz” in the world of Philadelphia Sports radio, has had a drive to be immersed in Philly sports since childhood.

Today he is a producer, and sports talk show host that many fans hear on the radio, in the car, on Spotify, or streaming on YouTube.

If you listen to “94 WIP SportsRadio” you most definitely have heard his voice. He has debated with fans, discussed predictions about scores and players, insights of analytics, talked about conferences but what he does best is talk about sports.

On one recent day Wilson wakes up, grabs a refreshing beverage, suits up for the day and out the door he goes. He and his teams day can starts from 7 in the morning to 6 at night.

It includes talking about score points, trades, injuries, interviews of other interviews, positive outcomes of games, negative outcomes of games, discussing or debating fans, and keeping listeners up to date.

Wilson is a sports journalist and radio producer and of SportsRadio WIP but before he can be on air, he and his crew make sure that sound is working adequately on stage and for the radios, make last-minute adjustments to the film cameras, mics are sound and lighting, so they are finally ready to have discussions, questions, points, and ideas to be discussed between the hosts and the interviewees.

Wilson not only has these conversations with fans on the phone or sit down interviews, but also is a sports journalist for the radio station. He writes takeaways from all the Philadelphia

sports teams.

When writing articles, Wilson must make sure that his statements, numbers, locations, statistics, scores, player names, player numbers, and any past occurrences are accurate. t

Wilson has been working for the radio five years since the end of graduation.

Wilson’s story starts when he was 5 years old. when he would listen to the radio and found himself being introduced to the culture of sports. Wilson then went on to play little league along with flag football as early as he could, even furthering his knowledge of the sports world..

One of the key elements that would shape Wilson’s future is when he and his classmates were asked to write in their 5th grade year-book what they wanted to grow up to be in the future. He wrote “ I want to be a sports broadcaster!”.

He adds “My dad would drive me to school or drive around to a little league game wherever we would be going, he would frequently listen to WIP in the car. If I could just do whatever it took to be one of those guys I would be nowhere else.”

During Wilson’s high school days at Lower Merion, he sometimes anchored the school’s morning announcements and persuaded his teacher into allowing students to talk about Lower Merion’s basketball or football team. This would be one of the main contributions to his success.

Daniel chose Temple University because of the strong journalism and media programs that Temple’s Klein School of Media and Communications offers.

At Temple, Wilson would join “Temple News”, Owls sports Update”, and “Inside the Nest” along with getting involved with play by play, anchoring, writing, and basically involved himself with anything related to sports.

He wanted to come to Philly because of its sports and its subculture.

During senior year Wilson worked on something called the “Street Team” that related to WIP where he would go somewhere like “Chickies and Pete’s” and be energetic for WIP in the hopes of networking leading into a dream career after graduation.

“It was fun, interesting, and I was pursuing that childhood dream.. I didn’t have any idea how I was going do it but you go as you go. This is an industry that is built on networking and you can’t be self-centered or be someone who is unwilling to shake somebody’s hand.” says Wilson.

One of the challenges that Wilson faced was to engage in different types of conversations with higher ups from big industry sports networks.

“That can be uncomfortable but I had to force myself to do it. It’s not always natural. It was not in my natural skill set to want to do that but I had to work on that for a long time and get over the fear of shaking that person’s hand.”

Wilson overcomes nervousness by remembering that a big boss, at the end of the day, is just a person.

Wilson now speaks to thousands when the microphone comes on. One show can be up to one to four hours starting at 9am when he is on the air, depending on the subject matter. Despite the nervousness of being on air at times, Wilson makes points, answers questions, and even owns up to mistakes made on the show with humor and humility.

The practice of speaking with many callers, listeners, and strangers through the years has prepared Wilson for conversations that are low which comes from the “fear of the unknown” engine to always be physically, emotionally, and mentally

prepared to keep the show running.

“I prepare like crazy for my shows. I want sound smart. I want to sound like I have an opinion. I want to be interesting. One of my biggest fears is that someone is going turn on and not like me. It’s impossible for everyone to like you and at the end of the day you can’t consume that too much but you want to be generally liked but no one expects you to be perfect” says Wilson.

Despite phone calls on air from some heated fans with rude comments, Wilson keeps in mind that it’s nothing personal.

“The Jaguars. When the team sticks, they kind of tune them out. No one ever tunes out anything here, especially the Eagles. If you live in Florida and the team stinks, you kind of go to the beach and tune them out. If you live in Philadelphia or Boston and your team stinks, it’s cold out half the year and you grew up living and dying with these teams you’re not going to tune them out. It’s just not the same here So there is a real level of intensity in this city.

Professionally, Wilson and his team are able to challenge their viewers with facts from current and past sports seasons and legitimate questions such as “They made it to playoffs last year and the year before that and the one before and they got better here and here so you tell me why I am the idiot?” One of the tactics that Wilson and the WIP team use is the “Show your work” method to have an engaging and legit conversation with fans to keep other fans interested.

One of the most basic but clever tactics that Wilson and many podcasters do is also have follow up questions to bring even more depth in conversations, interviews, and discussions that eventually get more involved as well. Asking

questions signals to Wilson’s audience that they are being heard.

“You remember what you’re doing and you remember that it’s fun. You don’t take it too personally and you roll with it,..” Describes Wilson. He remains calm by taking a deep breath and remembers that the spirit of Philadelphia is like no other.

Wilson has hosted hundreds of shows because of his consistency and because of his motivation to do what he loves.

The reruns are on Apple Podcasts and Spotify so that people can go back and listen after that show was already on the radio.

He continues to be open to opportunities and ways to grow as a host. His advice to everyone is to be willing to learn more and “Get as much work as you physically can through jobs or internships. Whatever experience you can gain is all valuable. Even if you don’t enjoy the experience, at least you know you don’t want to do it. It takes lots and lots of practice. Get really good at writing. Go cover as many sporting events as you can and have someone critique your writing.”

# Sports

## When Should We Start Worrying About the Phillies?

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For the first month of the season, the Phillies have underachieved fan expectations. At the moment, it seems like no part of their game is functioning in the way it should, but how long will it stay like this? The game of baseball is unpredictable, but here’s my estimation of how different areas of the team will pan out.

### Starting Pitching

Starting out with arguably the strongest part of the team, the starting pitching has provided most of the excitement to start the season this year. Zack Wheeler, Cristopher Sánchez, and Phillies newcomer Jesús Luzardo have had incredibly strong starts to the season, holding the fort down and adding some stability to the team.

Based from their past seasons, there is no reason to believe that each pitcher’s production will tail off at any point in the season. The Phillies also have some starting pitchers that are not so hot.

Taijuan Walker never really had a good season with the Phillies, but in his third season with the team this year, it looked like things

might change after turning in two scoreless outings. Unfortunately, Walker seemed to return to old habits after giving up six runs in one inning versus the San Francisco Giants.

Though his season so far hasn’t been as explosive, outings like that do not provide a ton of confidence for his season moving forward. However, Walker’s job in the rotation could only last so long, as Ranger Suárez is due to come back from injury soon and top prospect Andrew Painter is projected to join the team sometime in the summer.

With either of those things coming to fruition, Walker’s role may not end up being big enough to have a massive impact on the team.

Aaron Nola is another pitcher who has not started off so hot. Nola is kind of an anomaly. Throughout all of his years with the team, you still have no idea what you’re going to get from him with each start. That being said, there are ways for him to turn his season around.

In each of Nola’s starts this season, he has been caught by backup catcher Rafael Marchán, not starting catcher J.T. Realmuto. The lack of familiarity there may

be a major part of Nola’s pitching woes, as Nola has historically worked well with Realmuto in the past. Nola in his career has also never had any truly disastrous numbers, so there is optimism for his start so far being an early season hiccup and nothing more.

### Offense/Defense

After seeing how the Phillies seasons ended in the postseason these last 3 years, it is very concerning to see the offense in a slump like they were at the end of last year. The players in the lineup are practically the same, with the only new player being outfielder Max Kepler.

Even though it is early in the season, it is more than fair to be concerned with the streakiness of the Phillies offense considering the precedent from the last three seasons. That being said, there has been a spark within the past few weeks.

After struggling in the first few games, Bryson Stott has thrived in the leadoff position. 1-5 in the batting order consisting of Stott, Trea Turner, Bryce Harper, Kyle Schwarber, and Nick Castellanos is lethal, and they’ve been incredible as of late. Schwarber, in particular, has had an unbelievable start to the



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season and hopefully will have his contract extended sometime soon.

Kepler following Castellanos has also been beneficial, as he provides good contact and gets on base pretty often. Realmuto being in the bottom half of the lineup has also been good for the team. He doesn’t have as much offense as he used to, but he’s still one of the best hitting catchers in baseball, and having him get less at bats at the bottom of the order will likely help preserve his energy for the season.

Bohm has also started to turn things around after his dreadful start to the season, but he has always been very hot and cold, so it’s best to keep him where he’s at in the eight slot. Marsh is one player that is very concerning. He still has very undisciplined at bats, strikes out a ton, and is seemingly unable to hit off of left handed pitchers. Perhaps the team will consider a stint in the minor leagues to help regain his confidence and fix whatever is wrong right now, but regardless, not being what he used to leaves a big gap on the team.

Johan Rojas, on the other hand, has been the exact opposite. Considering they play the same position in center field, hopefully he has solidified himself in the starting position once Marsh comes back from injury. Having a right handed bat who can bunt, make contact, and play great defense is what this team needs.

Overall, this offense is capable of doing great things, and they’re doing it now, but whether they can maintain it and not go into month-long slumps is still to be seen.

Defensively, it has honestly been quite good. Stott and Harper are putting together gold glove caliber seasons, Realmuto and Marchán lead the league in caught steals, and everyone else has played very solid. Out of everything on the team, the defense is easily the least worrying.

### Bullpen

The bullpen is an absolute mess. One of the biggest mistakes of the offseason was letting Jeff Hoffman

walk, and the Phillies are paying for it now. José Alvarado has filled in the closer position excellently, but he’s about one of two relievers that would get a positive review right now.

Alvarado and Matt Strahm are just about the only two reliable arms in the pen, with Orion Kerkering not too far behind them. Everyone else is incredibly unpredictable or are not high leverage arms.

Guys like Tanner Banks and José Ruiz do just fine in their roles as low leverage pitchers, but the entire bullpen cannot be low leverage. Joe Ross has had flashes but has mostly been inconsistent. Jordan Romano has also had a good inning or two but has absolutely blown up in majority of his outings.

The Phillies have put themselves into a position where they have to use their best arms every single game if they do not want to risk a loss, and that is completely unsustainable across a 162-game season. If they don’t trade for an arm in the next couple months, the bullpen could put their playoff aspirations in serious jeopardy.

Regardless of the Phillies’ woes, they still maintain a good record and are, as of now, second in the NL East. But how much of that is due to the quality of competition? And with the quality of other divisions like the NL West, can the Phillies even make the playoffs without a division win? These are all valid concerns when it comes to the outlook of this team.

The bullpen is something that can’t see a turnaround without some major changes. On the bright side, that is the only part of the team that needs major changes. The Phillies haven’t been too trigger happy with trades in the past few years, though, and if they don’t shake things up, the team won’t survive.

It’s not too early to be worried about the team, but it’s also not too late to have optimism either. After the trade deadline, we’ll have our answer on the team’s future.

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