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Bucks Students are Keeping the Age-old Traditions of Halloween Alive and Kicking



Photo courtesy of Bucks

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With Halloween drawing closer, many are starting to make plans for the holiday season. From getting dressed up, to going to a party, to working late, Bucks students know how to enjoy the spooky season. But what is the history of this spooky season, and what are some of the most unique things the students here are doing?

According to HISTORY's website, Halloween is a tradition that originated with the Celtic people, called Samhain, where they would "light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off ghosts." As Catholicism spread, the Pope announced Nov. 1 as a day to honor all saints, with the night before becoming a separate holiday that evolved into "All Hallows Eve, or simply Halloween"

Eventually, the tradition of dressing up would intermingle with the Catholic faith, resulting in people dressing up as saints, angels, and demons, and handing out soul cakes, pastries that were given in exchange for prayers, to poor citizens. These traditions helped lead to modern Halloween.

As for what our fellow Bucks students are doing, one interviewee, Jaxson Fair, seemed particularly enthusiastic about the holiday event, saying that his costume is a "homemade predator from the Alien vs Predator movies" and that he would be going out to "capture some of the youth he has left," and to enjoy time with peers.

Another interviewee Jyair Apollon, is planning on partying for Hallo-weekend, jokingly stealing candy "from his little cousins" and otherwise, in his own words, being "EXCITED!!!!"

In an interview with Nikhil, he's planning on going to Rutgers to hang out with his friends where they will most likely dress as first responders or inmates and hang out with some "baddies." Nikhil will also be hanging out with his family and just enjoying a Halloween experience he hasn't been able to really involve himself in for a few years.

Tanner Lenicky, another student, will be staying home with family, having a "lowkey" time and dressing up in an "dinosaur costume" that he got in high school--having made the transition from getting candy to giving it out after 6th grade.

Lastly, while the rest of us are partying and being irresponsible, Jay Chudasma will be working at a photography business, doing his part to maintain our economy. However, he's counting on clocking out and vibing out at a party.

Overall, whether you are partying, getting "EXCITED!!!!" or just working your normal job, you will be enjoying a holiday tradition that stretches back to the Celts and the beginnings of the Catholic church. Whatever you do to celebrate, or even if you are just getting through the night, you should know you are a part of a massive tradition.

Happy Halloween!

Club Spotlight: What's to Come for Radio Bux

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Bucks is offering a new way for students to get involved on campus: Radio Bux, a student-led organization that produces music, broadcasting opportunities, and student creativity.

Reestablished in 2025, Radio Bux gives students the opportunity to participate in different areas of radio, including becoming a DJ, hosting a podcast, or working behind the scenes. The station provides music throughout the cafeteria and hallways.

Julius Holmes, co-president of Radio Bux and a second-year business administration major, shares that students can find themselves through music in a supportive environment.

"Radio Bux is a student-led organization where we play music for students in the cafeteria as well as the hallways," Holmes said. "I think Radio Bux is a unique opportunity to learn something new and listen to music while having a great time."

Students can play more than one role within this organization. Holmes expresses that students can choose how they participate--having the freedom to act on your own ideas that are appropriate and relevant is encouraged.

"We offer unique content while giving the people the opportunity to decide if they want to become a DJ, or run a podcast, or even work behind the scenes," Holmes said.

Radio Bux also gives students a different experience that you might find in a traditional classroom. Since it is a student-led organization, members value collaborating, building friendships, and receiving feedback.

Holmes says the walls of the station being glass gives the chance for students to interact while passing the studio throughout the day.

"I also feel like you're able to make a lot of friendships," Holmes said. "Our station is in a glass room, so people come in and ask questions or drop suggestions."

Since the establishment of the station last year, it has made an impact on campus and in the radio world.

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"The most rewarding part for me is just watching it grow," Holmes said. "We are so new and last year we won the Phoenix Award." The award was given during Bucks' 2026 Students Awards Dinner for the best revival of a student organization.

Not only is it a station for finding your interest in the radio realm. It allows people to find a strong sense of community among their peers.

"I do enjoy the camaraderie and family Radio Bux has made for me," Holmes said.

Social media runs our world, so what does that mean for a radio? Holmes does not look at social media as a competition. He believes social media can actually help radio thrive.

"I think radio and social media can work hand-in-hand together and coexist," Holmes said. "I look at social media as a tool to make radio more accessible to people. For example, there's a lot of radio personnel on TikTok that produce their content on the app."

Students on campus have had nothing but positive things to say about the station. Radio Bux receives many compliments on their music and welcoming atmosphere. The energy in the station is so important since it spreads throughout the whole campus.

"The feedback from students and listeners has been very positive; they like our music transitions or recommend songs they might be listening to at the moment," Holmes said. "We want people to express the emotion of enjoyment."

Radio Bux is also looking to make their mark on campus this year with additional events. They are looking to have more school dances and karaoke. Their biggest goal would be planned for the spring semester, where the organization hopes to host "Buckchella," similar to the popular music festival, Coachella.

As Radio Bux takes on a new year of radio, they hope more students will join regardless of previous experience. The organization has an "open-door policy," Holmes shares; this allows for students to stop in at any time. Crew members are there for any questions, suggestions, or just to see what is going on.

"I wish more students knew they could come in at any time just to have a conversation," Holmes said. "We are extremely open and friendly."

Students interested in Radio Bux can join at any time as well. Students can learn many roles, explore new genres of music, have the opportunity to talk about today's world on air, make lasting connections, and get involved on campus.

Dancing With the Stars' Allen Genkin Returns to Bucks



Photo courtesy of Gavin Galante

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Dancing With The Stars winner and Bucks Alum, Allen Genkin, offers advice, insight, and guidance not only for those in performance arts but in general with a Q&A and masterclass for students in attendance.

Genkin speaks on how he was rejected repeatedly, even by DWTS at times, but "even though you get rejected, you gotta keep fighting."

His studies at Bucks were during 2009-2011, shortly before his appearances on the global stage.

Genkin says he questioned himself when he was given a chance to audition for DWTS, but pushed through and successfully began his TV career in 2010.

Other advice he gave was warnings to younger people joining the TV or dance industry. "It's important to stay true to yourself, stay humble, real, and don't let the toxicity get into your head," said Genkin. Additionally, Genkin stated to be careful with who you talk to in regards to the industry.

Inspired by the late Kobe Bryant, Genkin says "the message he taught me was to keep fighting and pushing on. You have to keep getting better through every mistake and rejection, that's how you become a better dancer, instructor, and artist."

With this being said, Genkin has now become a performer and choreographer on the Spanish version of DWTS called "Mira Quien Baila."

Genkin's athletic origins were in hockey when he was 9 or 10 years old, and he explains that he wasn't the best at it. However, his mom believed that he understood the rhythm and flow of movement, which fostered the idea of transitioning into dance.

Genkin then began his dancing career when he was around 12 years old and moved from Philadelphia to San Jose, California.

Genkin says he didn't take dancing seriously at first, and "only really using the time to flirt with the girls in class, but had no game."

Over time, he grew to love dance, specifically Latin ballroom style, which has now become centerpiece of his style.

With 20 years of experience in Latin ballroom, Genkin says a huge inspiration for him was his mother, who passed when he was 15.

To honor his mother's memory, Genkin performed an emotional interpretation of him reuniting with his mother this past July, accompanied by his dance partner, Adele Zaikman to Charlie Puth's "See You Again."

Genkin says he will be appearing in the upcoming DWTS season. He truly has found a successful niche for himself where he could always honor his mother and remember her fondly.

DWTS has become more commercialized and has become less ballroom, Genkin says.

When asked if he plans to stay in the reality TV and dance niche he has carved out for himself or if he wants to branch out to something like acting, Genkin said "I'm not an actor, I can't remember lines, give me a script and I freeze. Maybe I could do something with choreography in them in commercials, though. But I think for now, I'll stick to dancing."

Politics

Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick and Dem. Bob Harvie Make Their Cases for the 1st Congressional District Seat Midterm Race



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On Nov. 3, Pennsylvania voters in the First Congressional District will decide whether the Republican incumbent, Brian Fitzpatrick holds his current seat or Democratic candidate Bob Harvie will replace him in a race that, according to CBS News, could affect control of the House of Representatives.

CBS News describes the district as "Purple" reflecting the competitiveness of this race.

Fitzpatrick displays the emphasis on how the district is not left or right, that "we are centrist and pragmatic." This can be found on his campaign website. Furthermore, on his government website he claims he's "Ranked the #1 most bipartisan Member of Congress for an unprecedented five consecutive years, and as the elected Chairman of the Bipartisan Problem Solvers Caucus, the only two-party caucus in Congress" and then on to say he's "trusted on both sides."

However, The Philadelphia Inquirer has called him "The least loyal Republican" going on to explain "He has still voted with the president and his party nearly 70% and 77% of the time, respectively, during this congressional term, according to a new Inquirer analysis", but recently he has been "voting with the president and his party less frequently during the current Congress, which began last year, than he did during the two years of Trump's first term."

Harvie also presents himself as someone to criticize his party. On his campaign website, he states "Even as a proud Democrat, the fault lies with both parties. I'm angry at my party for leaving behind the people we are supposed to be fighting for."

Transitioning to the topic of immigration both candidates had opinions to provide to the media. Starting with Fitzpatrick he states "Our current immigration system is completely broken." He explains how his time in the FBI shape his current opinions, and that he "will always support our Customs and Border Protection officers." Customs and Border Patrol is not a part of ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) as well not mentioned in the section.

Fitzpatrick introduced the "Reforming ICE and Protecting America Act" that would fully funded ICE and DHS, but according to Fitzpatrick's website, ICE officers under this law must wear "body cameras" and cannot wear masks, along with other oversight and restrictions on the officers. Harvie on the other hand in 2025, as Bucks County Commissioner passed a resolution that attempted to invalidate an agreement with ICE and the Bucks County Sherif. The issue at hand was not stopped by the proposed resolution, but by the , Sheriff Danny Ceisler, Bucks County Sheriff in Jan. 2026. On Harvie's campaign website there is no mention of ICE or immigration in general on his listed priorities page.

Harvie, the Democratic candidate, has never served in the U.S. Congress or the state of Pennsylvania's General Assembly. However, he's been involved in local politics, most recently being a chair on the Board of Bucks County Commissioners.

Harvie, has been running as an outsider with claims like "Washington politicians like Brian Fitzpatrick have become more interested in serving themselves and the corporate interests that fund their campaigns than serving the communities they represent"

Harvie's first point is restoring the Affordable Care Act so "families don't wake up to hundreds of dollars in higher monthly premiums simply because Congress failed to act." Harvie's plan to expand Medicare is to allow Americans to "buy into Medicare from 65 to 55".

Health care is included along with Harvie's other "12 Priorities" with tax cuts, overturning Citizens United, rolling back tariffs, raising the minimum wage, and more.

Fitzpatrick focuses on Seniors specifically for Medicare, He starts off by saying" I will fight to protect and strengthen these programs for all of our seniors". He goes on to further explain how he wants a "medical expense tax deduction" that would allow people to pay less in taxes when they have to pay out of pocket. He also wants to repeal the "Independent Payment Advisory Boards" established via Obamacare, this board according to the NIH, this group's responsibility is to keep the amount of spending Medicare spends to "specified limits". He continues with a list of other reforms that are supposed to keep costs down.

The 6th District State Senate Forum Leads to Controversial Discussions of Data Centers, ICE and Affordability Crises

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Data center development, rising costs, and cooperation between local police and ICE agents emerged as major points of controversy between Sen. Frank Farry (R) and Eileen Hartnett Albillar (D) at the 6th Senatorial District candidate forum.

Hosted by the League of Women Voters at Bucks County Community College, the forum allowed the candidates to discuss issues affecting residents for Bucks County including energy, minimum wage, housing, public education, and transportation funding.

The candidates argued over how the district should manage the rapid growth of data centers and votes to repeal computer equipment sales tax exemptions for the big tech companies building them.

"I don't have to tell you what I will do, I'll tell you what I've already done. I already voted for it (the repeal of tax exemptions) twice," Farry said.

Farry continued saying the original data center legislature was passed with bipartisan support in 2021, when most people didn't even know what they were. Now, he says, the environment around it has totally changed.

On the topic, Farry addressed an ad published on his stance, "it has spinned beyond the defamatory level, quite frankly. It's important that we clarify that my law firm has never represented a data center, and I didn't make any money representing a data center."

Albillar, drawing on experience as a Warrington Township supervisor, states "in 2021, data centers weren't even a twinkle in the eye of the township supervisors. However, the municipalities planning codes do set the standard that they must stay unto, and that has to be changed at the state legislature level."

Farry rebutted that "you control your land development and zoning ordinance as a township supervisor. You're saying it wasn't even a twinkle in the eye then, well then the same thing should apply to the tax breaks that were in the economic development plan from 2021."

"A lot of the Senate Democrats funding your campaign voted for it. So, either recognize that we're working to and have already voted to repeal it and stop talking about a vote from 5 years ago, or return all the money they're giving you. Be truthful to the voters," Farry stated.

To this point, members of the audience began hissing in disapproval.

As for the data centers themselves, Albillar called for a pause on new approvals while municipalities evaluate potential effects on electricity costs, water and air quality, noise and local infrastructure.

"With the data centers coming hard and fast, our townships, our municipalities, have not had the time, resources, and the information needed to be able to decide how, when, and if data centers are going to be in their community," Albillar said.

Albillar argued that communities need more time and resources to assess proposals, update zoning ordinances, and determine whether projects are appropriate for local neighborhoods.

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Farry argued in support of Gov. Josh Shapiro's (D) GRID plan, which regulates AI and data center growth in Pennsylvania while protecting local communities and electricity ratepayers.

"The data centers need to develop their energy on site or bring it with them in essence. The development needs to be focused on brownfields, redeveloped areas, not farmlands and not neighborhoods," Farry said.

Farry continued his argument adding that there was an attempt to pass legislature in previous weeks eliminating non-disclosure agreements from data centers so municipality officials can't hide pending centers coming in. He stated it was blocked due to a Democratic amendment.

Immigration enforcement prompted another sharp exchange, with the candidates differing over the role of local police conduct in federal immigration operations.

Endorsed and supportive of law enforcement, Farry says he will continue to stand with them.

"Was I happy seeing a lot of those videos of some of the stuff going on with ICE? I most certainly wasn't. But I also wasn't happy with seeing the way some of those agents were being treated," Farry said.

While this statement aroused more hissing and booing from the audience, Farry continued, "the doxxing of our law enforcement officers is a problem. Public safety is a significant issue, and in terms of decisions of cooperation with ICE, I certainly am not going to do something that compromises the safety of our first responders and law enforcement."

Albillar contended that agents should absolutely remain unmasked with body cameras active at all times.

"When it comes to public safety, that's a top priority. I think the lengths the Trump administration's immigration enforcement have gone to in our communities, targeting not just criminals, but children and people running businesses has gone way too far and has got to stop," Albillar said.

Albillar believes in the necessity of protecting local communities and police; however, they also need to be held accountable.

Farry stated in rebuttal that Albillar voted against funding projects the police department asked for, and asked, "how many innocent Americans have been killed because somebody that had a detainer on them was released to either harm, rape them, or murder them?"

Albillar had no comment on the question posed, instead explained that there was a choice between cutting law enforcement funding or raising the mills by 1.5, or $40, per homeowner in 2018 to maintain the growing population's public safety ratios. She stated they opted to stabilize tax in Warrington, and brought on the co-responder program which directly supports the police.

Both candidates supported increasing Pennsylvania's $7.25 minimum wage but differed over the size and timing of an increase.

Albillar advocated for gradually raising the minimum wage to $13 to $15 an hour over several years. She argued that the current rate is insulting and cannot cover basic living expenses in Bucks County, blaming Republican control of the State Senate for blocking progress.

Farry supported an increase through scheduled annual adjustments or changes tied to the consumer price index. He suggested that approximately $12 an hour could serve as a starting point for negotiations.

Farry disputed Albillar's account of legislative gridlock, saying a minimum wage increase had been included in budget negotiations, but were "being pulled off by the House Democrats, and that's a fact."

The candidates also offered competing approaches to electricity costs.

Farry stated his continued opposition to Pennsylvania's participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, a multistate carbon-pricing program, and his efforts to prevent an additional PECO rate increase of $1,100 per household.

Albillar called for greater investment in renewable energy and a more diverse energy supply.

"Because our grid is so strained, we're looking at one of two options: Brownouts or air pollution, because they're going to be running beyond what they were originally given," Albillar said.

She continued stating there were plenty of opportunities to invest in renewable energy sources, so residents wouldn't be looking at those options.

Farry rebutted that the commonwealth is in this energy situation "due to Gov. Wolf exceeding his constitutional authority and entered us into RGGI through executive order that led to litigation and led to negotiations with Shapiro last year to get us out of RGGI."

He continued stating that the lack of new energy investments in the state was due to involvement in RGGI. However, renewables such as solar energy can be part of the solution at the consumer level and must be escalated to the state level.

School funding and public transportation also featured prominently. Albillar called for full implementation of Pennsylvania's fair school funding formula and stronger accountability for charter schools. She argued that public education funding should not be diverted to private and charter school programs without adequate oversight.

Farry said increases in state education funding and said public schools in the 6th Senatorial District had received an additional $25 million during his Senate tenure.

"The charter reform bills that we have passed or that have been introduced will put more money back into our public schools, and I've already voted for it," Farry stated.

On public transportation, both candidates supported maintaining regional transit services, specifically SEPTA.

"I'm a proud R2 girl. Regional mass transit is such an important part of this community and of the state... It's important we have long-term sustainable funding options for SEPTA and for mass transit across the country," Albillar said.

Albillar called for sustainable, long-term funding and opposed diverting capital funds intended for infrastructure and equipment to cover operating expenses.

"It's very important in a large metropolitan region to have a robust mass transit system... I am the only legislator that came forward with a bipartisan plan to fund SEPTA and roads and bridge transportation with new, sustainable, annual revenue," Farry replied.

The capital funding Albillar referred to was "unencumbered dollars sitting in a bank account in Harrisburg," Farry said. They were not intended for any future project, and "when I talk to the taxpayers in my district, they don't want unencumbered dollars sitting in any bank account. They want that money spent or coming back to them"



Petrifying Poetry



Illustration by Matt Deem

Leaves in the Mirror

By Matthew Mazzoni

As leaves begin to change color
Samhain fires burn the crisp October sky

A coven of witches dances around the sea of flames
Tossing their brooms into the orange embers as they screamed

Spirits haunted the ancient Celts
Harvest has ended and the dark time of year begins

From the Isles of Ireland
To the Salem Witch Trials

Jack carved out jack-o-lanterns
Lighting his way to play with the devil

Burn at the stake you evil witches
We all like a good scare

Turn a cat into a snake
Run-away, it's time for some mischief

The smell of burning candles fills the air
Enter a graveyard if you so dare

Bones and hexes
Light and dark

It's the end of summer
The walking dead

Candy and mischief
Scream trick or treat

Out of All Hallow's Eve
Halloween was born

Pheasant Field

By Matthew Mazzoni

Fragrance rain pretty leaves

Pumpkins chiseled slate masks

Cider bled drowned turnips

Fires slept burning tongues

Hanging bones ugly pheasants

Shadows garden tempest woods

Believing ghost child catatonic

Unlit pumpkins devil's eyes

Forgotten pears weep nye

___Dead horrors Greystone house



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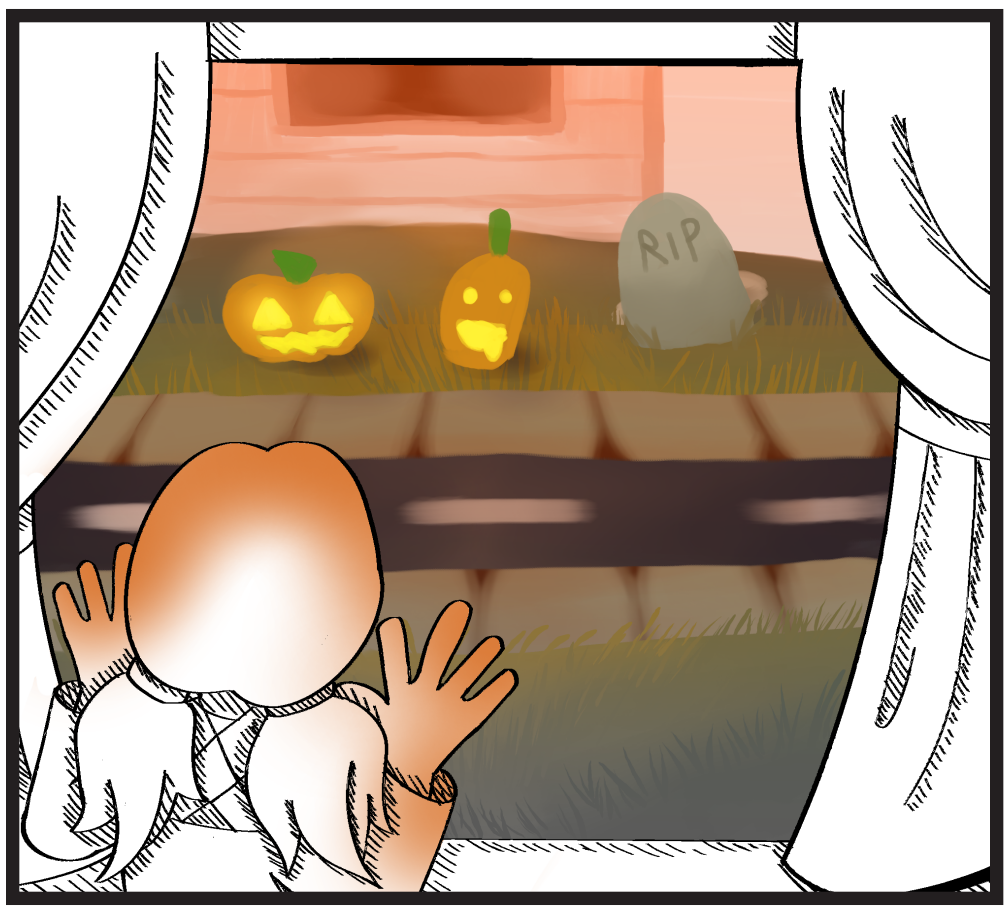


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Every Year

By Jamirah-Teet-Bryant

Every year I stayed inside, I glanced outside all teary-eyed
Superheros, Ghosts, and Princesses with their plastic pumpkin baskets
Orange lights, Skeletons and caskets

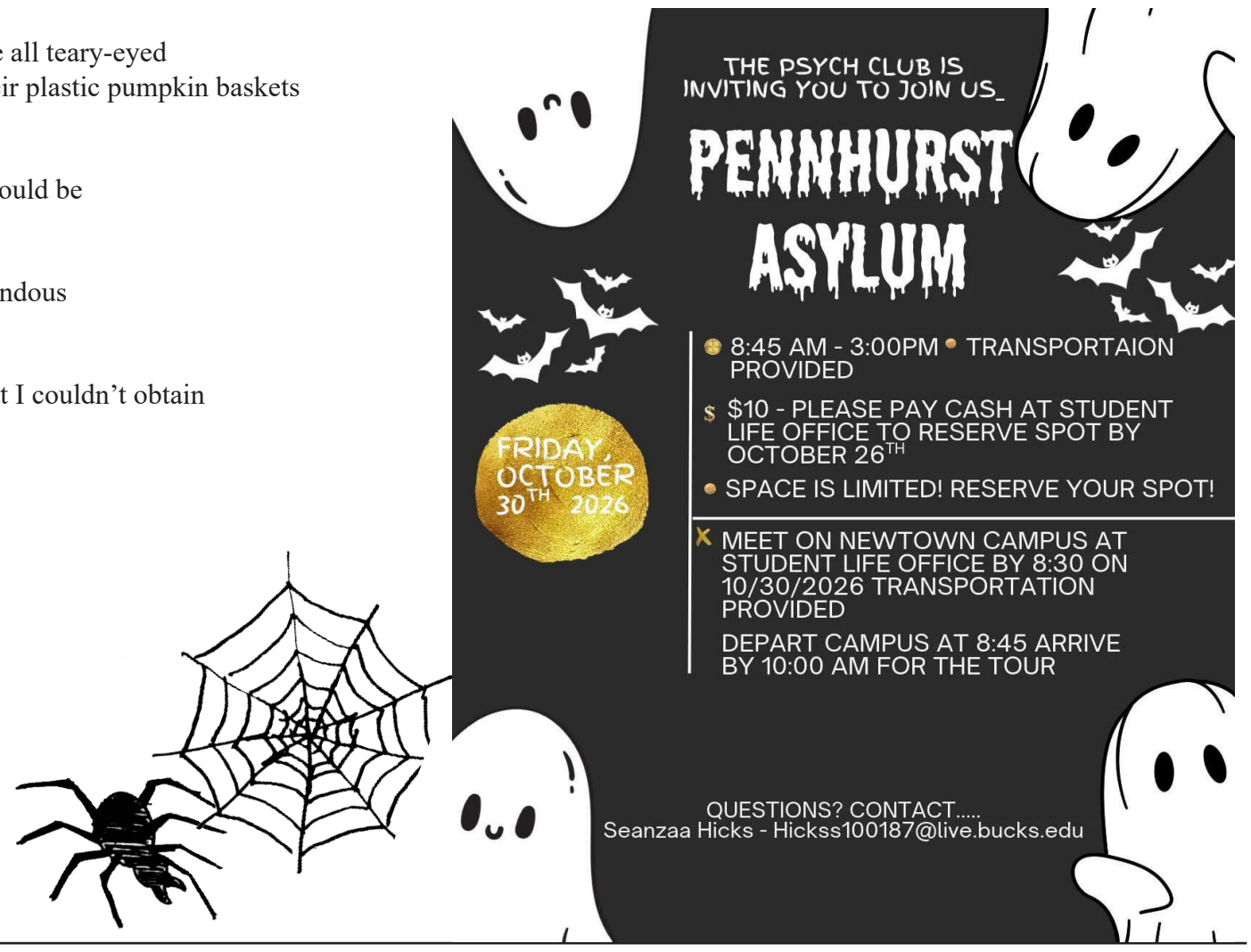
Every year I fantasized what my costume would be
A zombie, vampire, or bumblebee
The possibilities were endless
My feelings of isolation indoors were tremendous

Every year I craved sweet confectionary that I couldn't obtain
On the other hand, to my mother's disdain
halloween was a wicked, evil holiday
All I could do was obey

This year things are different
Now that I'm an adult
and matured as a result
I hope to go outside this Halloween
And see all there is to see



Jamirah-Teet-Bryant photographed by Brenda Peralta



Tough Cards Dealt for Men's Soccer Team This Season



Photo courtesy of @bucks_soccer on Instagram

Regan Kelso

Centurion Staff

Head Coach of the Men's Soccer team, Justin Burroughs, has been leading the Centurions this season with a record of two wins, eight losses, and two ties.

The men's team had two big wins against Patrick Henry and Vaughn. Unfortunately, despite these two wins, with eight losses and two ties, post season playoffs are not likely this year for the Centurions.

A few players have been standing out exceptionally this season. Burroughs said, "Dalton Mapes has been solid, Trevin Heard has played multiple roles, Ryan MacMullan is leading the team in goals, and Bayron Godinez has worked out well in the midfield." Although the whole team has been contributing, these four players have been crucial.

The Bucks Men's Soccer team has been dealt some difficult cards this season. With eight defenders on the roster, seven of them are currently hurt. Sadly, both goalkeepers are also out with injuries at the moment. There have also been numerous players who are playing injured, so it's tough for the Centurions without everyone being in full health.

Despite this, Coach Burroughs attributes these injuries as the team's biggest strength this season. According to Burroughs, "We've had to be very adaptable this season." With so many players sidelined or playing hurt, the Centurions have had a difficult time preparing for games, yet their adaptability has been admirable.

In their most recent game, the Centurions were on the road to Bloomfield. They were able to hold Bloomfield off. The match ended in a 0-0 tie.

With only a few games left in the season, Coach Burroughs has a good mentality going into the end of the season. Burrough's is approaching the end of the season with the Centurions with the mindset of, "Improve, get healthy, and compete every day in training and in the games."