



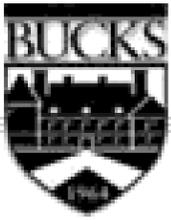
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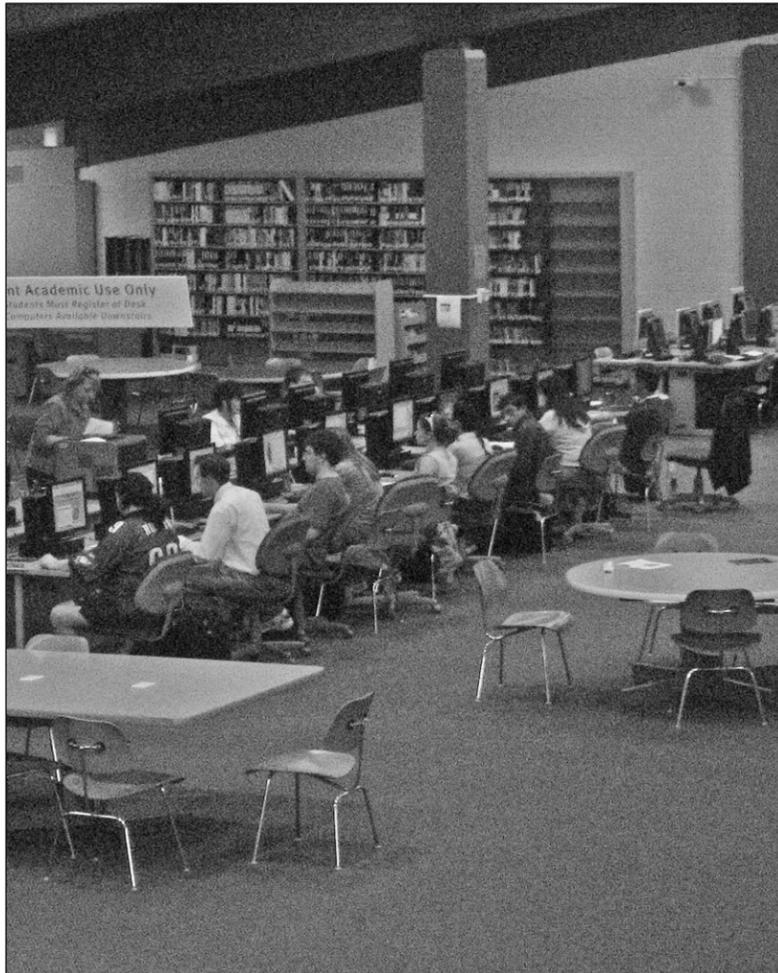
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Google E-mail Service Bucks changes from WebMail to Gmail as new student default e-mail service.



Bucks has replaced the out dated WebMail system with the popular G-Mail service offered by Google.

Photo by Janine Logue

GEMMA SAWA
Centurion Staff

This semester Bucks replaced WebMail, the student e-mail service, with Gmail accounts.

Gmail, Google's increasingly popular e-mail system, is a simplified version of exchanging e-mails when compared to the outdated system Bucks formerly used.

Stephanie Anderson, 22, a psychology major from Fairless Hills, is glad the service provider changed. "I didn't like anything about the old e-mail system, it was really pointless. I used my own e-mail most of the time. I probably only logged into the school's e-mail once or twice the whole first semester. G-mail is much better."

Officially introduced in April, 2004, Gmail could only be accessed by invitation. This year, however, Gmail was released to the public.

"Gmail is just one of the popular e-mails right now," said Veronica Aciermo, 19, a liberal arts major from Trevoze. "A lot of my friends have Gmail accounts, but I haven't signed up

yet. There's suppose to be a lot of perks, but I've been using Yahoo forever."

The new e-mail system offers users up to 2-gigabytes of message storage, which is more than many other e-mail providers. Gmail simplifies the process of e-mailing and receiving messages and the interface is simple and easy to navigate, according to most users.

"Gmail is popular, so I'm not surprised the school decided to use it. I already have a few Gmail accounts, so I'm familiar with it," said Sean Ahmadi, 21, an education major from Philadelphia. "I'm glad they decided to move on. There are many businesses and organizations that use Gmail instead of their own."

Student accounts contain information regarding a student's enrollment, grades and financial status. Gmail gained public recognition and praise due to its wide variety of features, such as mail search.

Students must register for the e-mail account.

For more information, visit www.bucks.edu/bucksmail/.

SEPTA Fare Increase Drains Wallets

BRITTANY GORDON
Centurion Staff

SEPTA increased its rates 15 cents Monday, Oct. 1, causing concern for commuting Bucks students.

This increase comes after SEPTA hiked prices an average of 11 percent in July to accommodate budget deficits that stem from a lack of state funding. It was the first increase in six years.

Science major Jill Srokin wasn't aware of the fare increase. "Even though it's only 15 cents, it will all add up," Srokin said.

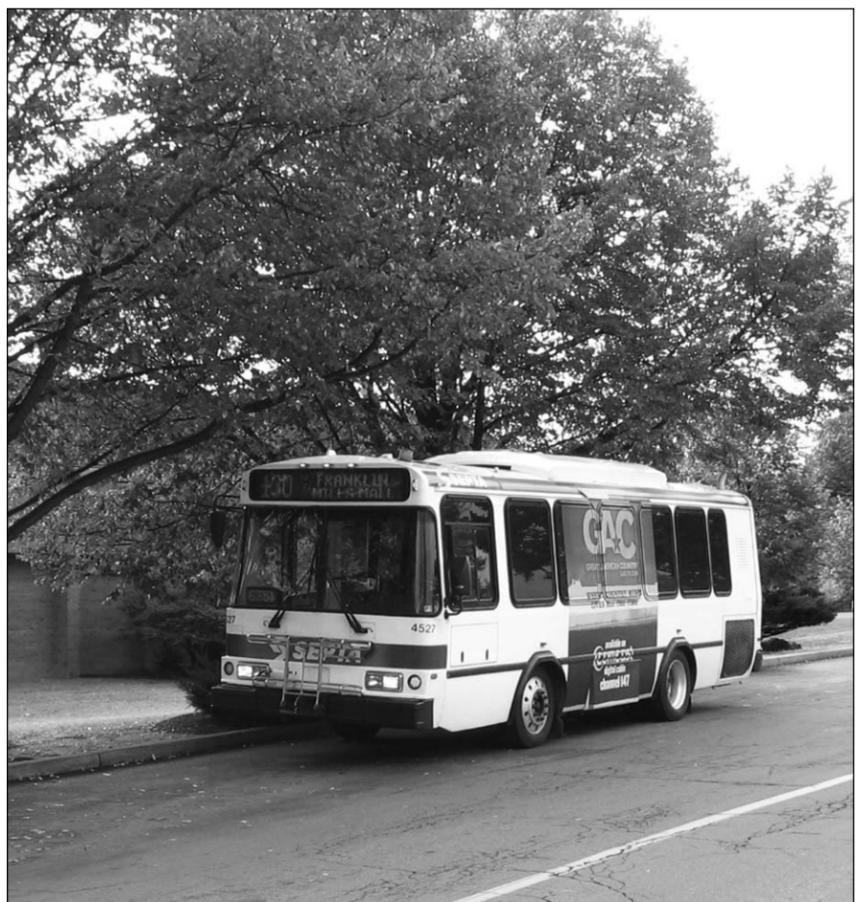
Srokin, reliant on SEPTA for transportation, said despite the hike, taking the bus was still cheaper than maintaining a car.

Nursing major Simon Gachai from Bensalem uses a SEPTA pass and also believes it is less expensive than owning a car. "Riding the bus takes more time out of my schedule, but it's the cheapest way for me to get around," said Gachai.

John Diletto, a business major from Langhorne, was also unaware of rising prices. "The bus fare increase isn't too bad," he said. "I'm just glad I don't have to take the bus all the time."

"It's not fair because public transportation is supposed to offer a cheap way to get around," said education major EJ Lennox. "Since gas prices have increased, public transportation fares should stay the same rate to help people save money."

Lennox commutes from his home in Bensalem and relies on SEPTA as his sole means of transportation. He said that the additional cost will affect him and fellow commuters.



Many Bucks students rely on SEPTA to get them to and from school.

Photo by Janine Logue

Students: No Racial Tension at Bucks

DANA L. WELDON
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Bucks students said they were shocked by the racially charged events that recently triggered a wave of protests in Jena, La., and were surprised such things are still happening in American society.

Racial tensions resurfaced in Jena on Sept. 1, 2006, when hangman's nooses were discovered in an oak tree on the campus of Jena High School.

This occurred after an African-American student had asked the vice principal if he and some friends could sit under the tree, where white students had usually congregated. The high school principal was only going to suspend the students responsible for the nooses, but the La Salle Parish School Board overruled the school and expelled the students.

On Dec. 4, a fight broke out on campus in which six African-American students attacked a white student. The African-American students, later dubbed the "Jena 6," were arrested and charged with attempted second-degree murder, even though the student who was attacked attended school the next day.

The African-American students

said the fight occurred after a week of intimidation by white students, including the student who was attacked.

Many black leaders, including Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton, felt the charges were excessive. They staged a series of high-profile demonstrations last month to protest the charges, which were later reduced.

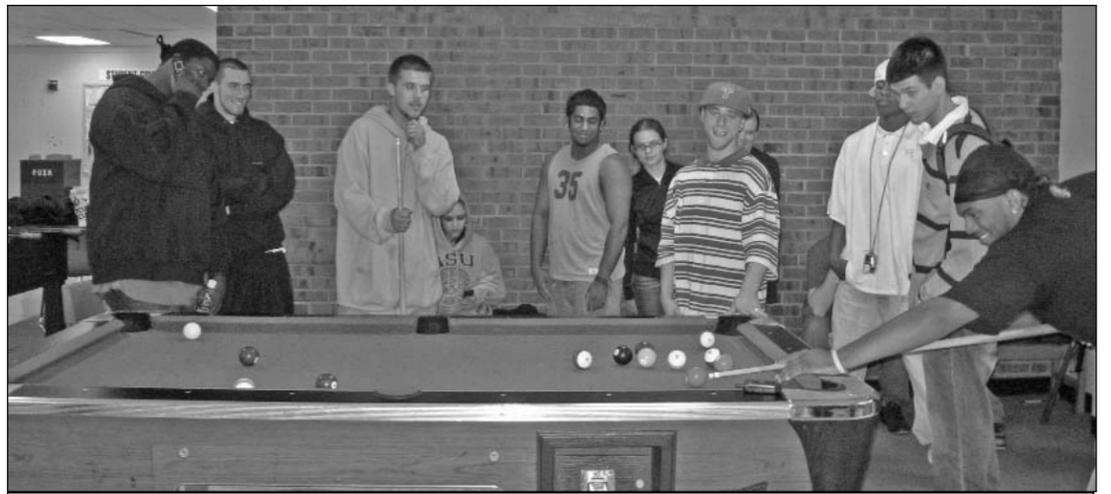
Bucks students said the violence and the response it triggered made no sense.

"I feel that fighting is not the answer to anything. There is no police force in public school to rectify these types of situations. In the multicultural country that we live in, there needs to be more lessons taught at earlier ages on how to deal with these types of situations," said Greg Robertson, 27, a hospitality management major from Doylestown.

Chris Rizer, 18, a social and behavioral sciences major from Levittown, said the events brought home how race still plays a large part in our society.

"The nooses hanging at the Jena High School obviously provoked the fight, so the Jena Six naturally served a sense of poetic justice," said Rizer.

Kathleen Boback, 28, a liberal



Many students at Bucks thought that racism was a thing of the past.

Photo by Dana Weldon

arts major from Philadelphia, said, "I don't understand why a black student had to request permission to sit under a tree where white students sat. Isn't that like going back to the days of civil rights movement? If they could sit anywhere they wanted without permission, then there probably wouldn't have been a fight and the outcome thereafter."

Jena has gained international attention for its racial tension. Bucks students said they don't feel such tensions here. Blacks, whites and other minorities seem to get along well.

"On campus, I have friends who are other minorities. I do have African-American friends with whom I have classes with and interact after class as well," said Ushma Rushi, 21, a pharmacy major from Philadelphia.

Bucks is located in a predominantly white, middle-class area. The few blacks that attend Bucks come mostly from Bensalem, northeast Philadelphia, Bristol and other working- or middle class areas.

But students both black and white say they get along. On any given day black and white students

can be seen on campus sitting at tables in the cafeteria discussing current events, or together in the library studying for an upcoming exam.

"I have black friends, they are the most compassionate and caring people I know," said Allison Moore, 24, a liberal arts major from Newtown. "Why can't we stand as one?"

Kaitlin Walker, 20, an elementary education major from Bensalem who is African-American, added, "I don't have a problem with white people, some of them are my closest friends."

Bulletin Board Flyers Get No Student Attention

SALLIE JO REID
Centurion Staff

The flyers are everywhere, blaring headlines for attention, yet they remain unnoticed or ignored.

Flyers are one of the most prominent methods of spreading the word at Bucks; join a club, buy a book or attend an event.

And the life of each flyer is not as simple as print and post.

David Calello, administrative support, reviews and stamps each flyer before it is posted on campus, because each posted flyer requires approval.

Carol Watson, administrative assistant in the student life center, said, "There is a simple policy regarding the placing of flyers on campus. Anything that is pro-drinking or announces private par-

ties is forbidden. Flyers like that are inappropriate and are generally placed after hours. They are not stamped and are removed the next day. Any activity that promotes the betterment of the student is allowed."

At the Upper Bucks Campus, Carrie Grabryelewicz is the front desk receptionist. She reviews the flyers and said that when she has a question about an advertisement she reviews it with Jim Fillman, Upper Bucks coordinator of student services.

Grabryelewicz said, "Anything that could be considered racy or questionable is not permitted. No one has ever tried to post a war slogan of any kind."

Campus activities, like club activities and special events, can be posted anywhere on campus and

they line the hallways at Bucks.

But, lack of participation is rampant at Bucks events despite the multitude of flyers.

"The main problem with flyers is that the students are so used to seeing them, they don't really notice them anymore," said Watson.

For example, despite numerous advertisements, few students showed up for a free leadership conference held recently. The conference was conducted by David Kelley, a known leadership trainer.

Grabryelewicz said there is a specific area of the Upper Campus where students can register to vote. No political posters or flyers are put up on the college, but the different parties are on campus to help register voters. Last year one of the members of a party was being over-

ly persuasive in trying to get students to register for a particular party. "That gentleman was asked to leave," said Grabryelewicz.

If the flyers don't grab you, student life recommends visiting the student life calendar on the Bucks website.

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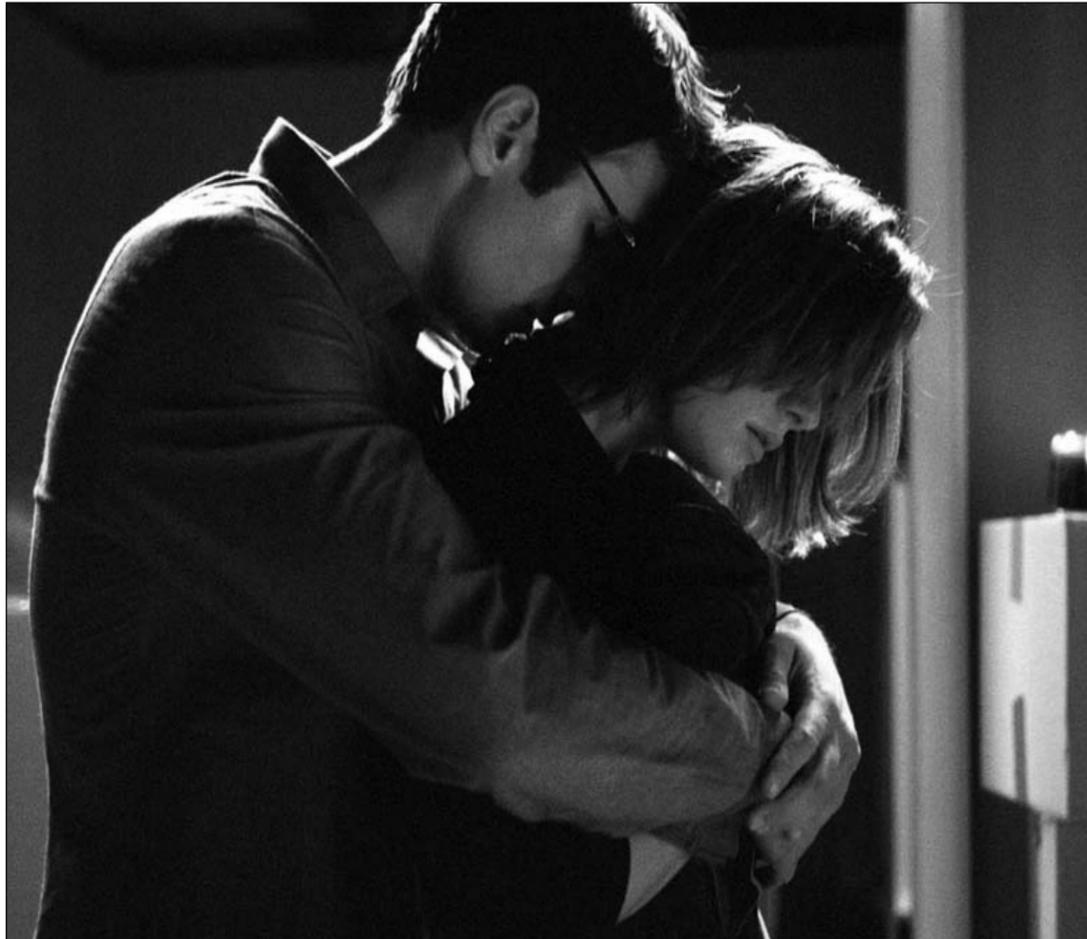
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Foreign Film Series Kicks Off



A scene from Ferzan Ozpetec's "Facing Windows"
Courtesy of Sony.com/FacingWindows

TUNDE FAKOLUJO
Centurion Staff

The department of Language and Literature began a Foreign Film Series in the library auditorium last week.

The series highlights cultural differences in award-winning films by accomplished directors. If you're not fluent in several languages, all films are subtitled in English.

"La Finestra di Fronte" or "Facing Windows," directed by Ferzan Ozpetec, winner of five David di Donatello awards, including best film, was shown Thursday, Oct. 11. The movie tells the tale of a young working-class wife and mother who has little time for the senile and elderly man her husband rescued from the streets.

On Nov. 7, the thriller "Das Leben der Anderen" or "The Lives of Others," by Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck will be shown. Winner of an Academy Award for Best Foreign Film, the movie portrays an East Germany secret police wire tapper whose political beliefs change through his overheard conversations.

"Volver," a tragic-comedy directed by Pedro Almodovar, honors women and their strength. This movie stars Penelope Cruz, whose performance earned her an Academy Award nomination.

Professor Arlene Toro said she anticipates seeing Volver. "It is a chance to see Spanish on all levels and be exposed to one of the best Spanish directors who was unknown before the film gained exposure from an Academy Award," said Toro.

Directed by Michael Haneke, "Cache" or "Drama," showing in April, is about a married couple tormented by mysterious video tapes observing their private life.

Susan Darrah, chair of the Language and Literature department, said students interested in cultures and languages would appreciate the film series. "It is good for students to hear language spoken in the context of the film, and the films, in general, are always fun to go to since they have the translation at the bottom," said Darrah. "And it is a good exposure to other cultures, plus the film is free."

Refreshments will be served at the screenings.

Bookstore: New Look, Same Lines

BRITTANY GORDON
Centurion Staff

The swanky design of Bucks' new bookstore is raking in business.

Located in Gateway in between the library and the cafeteria, the new location is more convenient for students.

Margie Matarazzo works at the bookstore and is happy with the new and improved store.

"Because of the new location between the library and cafeteria, students are consistently walking by the store," Matarazzo explained.

Kyle Schugarett also works at the bookstore and agrees with what his co-worker Matarazzo had to say about the new store.

"It's great, I love it the new store. We get better business than we did in the old store," he said.

Both Matarazzo and Schugarett worked at the old bookstore and said that the lines are still just as long, but the students prefer waiting inside then outside.

The old bookstore was located outside by the Rollins Center and the space will become a "One Stop Shop," a combination of financial aid and admissions.

Devon Reith is a nursing major from Chalfont. She said, "It seems bigger. I like it more because I can walk around the store without pushing into people. The lines seem to be the same length but I

don't mind it as much as I did with the old store. All they bookstore needs to do now is lower the books prices."

Emily King, a business major from Doylestown, said the bookstore is more organized and welcoming.

"The store is very bright and the floors are shiny. I like that they have a computer setup for students to use to look up what books they need for their classes," said King. "That's a big help and really convenient."

However, student Graham Sayles said he preferred the old bookstore.

"The old store made more sense. It was faster to buy books because they seemed to have more registers than they do now. The lines never seemed too long as they do now," Sayles said.

But he agrees that the new bookstore is in a more convenient location.

"The new bookstore is like a convenience store. They have everything from books to lip gloss."

The long lines may not change. The demand for books from the bookstore has its obvious peaks at the beginning of each semester.

However, the store's updated atmosphere and greater convenience have Bucks students in agreement—it's a welcome improvement.

Library Goes Wireless

KYLE CRAWFORD
Centurion Staff

Bucks students now have access to wireless internet at the Newtown campus.

The library at Bucks is now home to a set of laptop computers compatible with the school's wireless internet program.

These laptops can be borrowed while inside the library.

Professor Marilyn Puchalski of teaching and learning technologies said, "The Bucks staff is in the midst of trying to get approval for the borrowing of college owned laptops outside of the library," she said. "The reason for using these laptops is because they are guaranteed to connect."

Personal computer log-ins are now available, however some users may have difficulties adapting to the guidelines for the wireless connection.

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Marilyn Puchalski
Professor

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The personal computers must first have virus protection and up-to-date network servers. If you have trouble connecting your per-



Students at Bucks can access the Internet wirelessly in the Library.

Photo by Janine Logue

sonal computer to the wireless internet service, the third floor of the library has a technology learning center to help with connection problems.

The wireless system works alongside the personal student log-in that began last spring. After the student database has been logged into, the server redirects to yet another program.

Finally, there is one more student log-in that uses the same username and password as a normal log-in.

Michael Russo, 21, a business administration major from Bensalem said, "I just want to know where I can get it."

The best locations at Bucks to access the wireless network with a PC are the library, Gateway, Founders, Rollins, and the Music Multimedia lobby.

These are locations where stu-

dents most frequently congregate.

At the new Lower Bucks Campus, the wireless internet was seamlessly built into the whole school and is accessible at all corners of the campus. Puchalski said, "They went from a technology wasteland to nirvana."

The main goal of the administration is to achieve similar wireless access on all three campuses however, the Upper Bucks Campus does not have wireless internet because that location lacks a fiber connection.

The planned renovations of the campus will include the installation of new internet systems allowing for a wireless connection.

Once the renovation is complete, the borrowing of college owned computers will be available.

Class Takes Aim at Cybercrime

GEMMASAWA
Centurion Staff

With cybercrime becoming an epidemic in today's society and identity theft an all too common issue, the demand for personnel with a background in computer safety is growing.

In response, Bucks created a new class for the computer forensics curriculum, cybercrime.

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This sounds like an interesting program, but getting people to take the class might be difficult.

No one thinks it can happen to them

Kacy South
BUSINESS MAJOR

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This three-credit course, offered through the college's Math, Computer and Information Science department, examines the dynamics of cybercrime.

Lisa Angelo, assistant academic dean, said “students will learn about types of cybercrimes, computer security, case studies and hear guest speakers from law enforcement.”

Professor Arta Szathmary teaches the course. “They developed cybercrime because many students need to be aware of how technology is affecting crimes of the future,” she said. “While Cybercrime was developed for students studying criminal justice and computer science, this course will be available to all students without a prerequisite.”

Szathmary, along with other professors, have been working on this curriculum for several years.

“There is a specific procedure that is followed at Bucks to research and develop the courses before getting them approved by the Curricular Revision Committee and administration on campus,” said Szathmary.

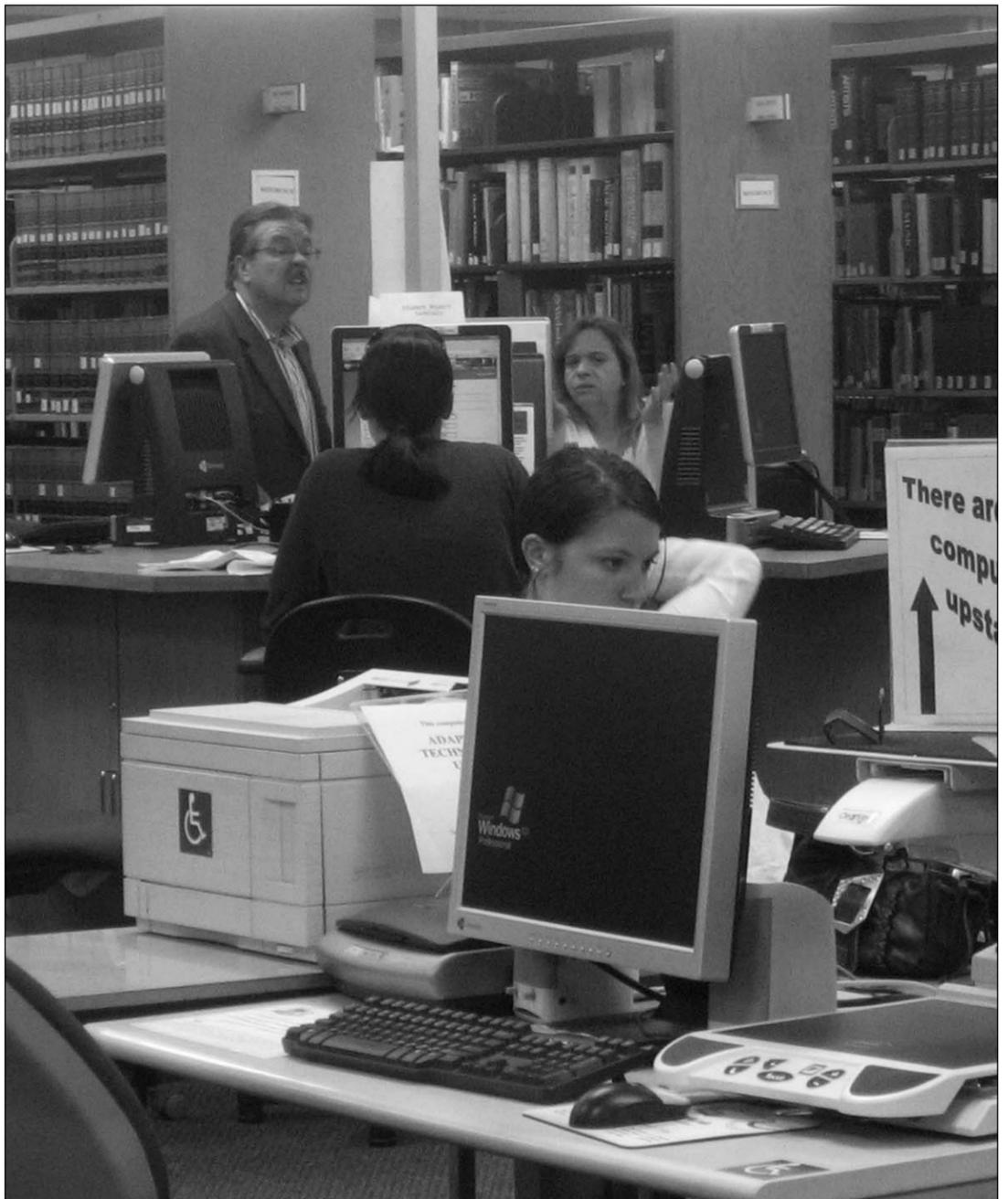
Kacy South, 20, a business major from Levittown, said, “This sounds like an interesting program, but getting people to take the class might be difficult. No one thinks it can happen to them.”

However, 18-year-old criminal justice major Ben Semmet has witnessed the damaging effects of cybercrime.

“My mom lost her bank card, but when she found it, she discovered that \$200 was used on purchases from different gas stations,” he said.

According to the Bucks website, cybercrime should be of particular interest to criminal justice majors.

For more information about the cybercrime program, visit www.bucks.edu/releases/Cybercrime.html.



A new course at Bucks offers students the chance to learn about cybercrime and how they can take steps to avoid becoming a victim.
Photo by Janine Logue

Professor Urges Students to Study Constitution

JEN KLIMOWICZ
Centurion Staff

“Know your rights because if you don't know them, they will be taken away from you,” said Professor Mitch Bunkin, a guest speaker at the Bucks Constitution Day event on Sept. 17.

The event, sponsored by the Social Science department, brought several speakers to the campus for a discussion of the Constitution and its importance.

According to Bunkin, the Constitution continues to play a vital role in the lives of every citizen. “People are always trying to reinterpret the document in a way that limits our freedom [as Americans],” he said.

The Constitution is basically a “second insurance policy,” Bunkin said, admitting that he keeps a copy of the document in his car's glove compartment.

Kellie A. McGowan and Kimberly Litzke, both lawyers from the law firm Eastburn and Gray, said the Constitution plays a large role in practicing law.

“The Constitution is a living document,” said Litzke, “and can be reinterpreted to fit any situation.”



Both McGowan and Litzke agree that there are many gray areas in the Constitution. Litzke used the first amend-

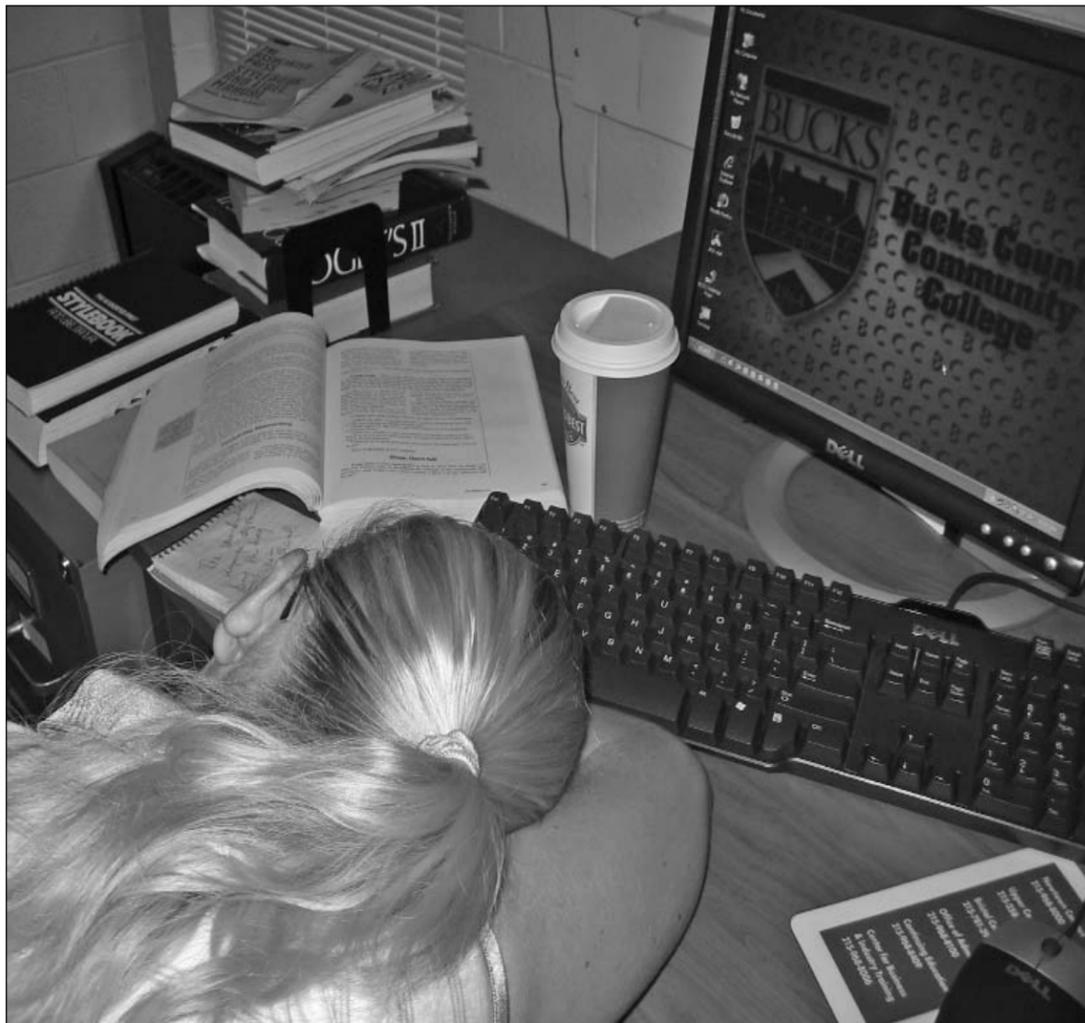
ment, freedom of speech, as an example. In this post 9/11 society, she said, a person would undoubtedly be arrested for

announcing there is a bomb in their carry-on bag.

Despite the gray areas, all the speakers agreed, the Constitu-

tion is vital to maintaining American freedom, which tends to be something that most Americans take for granted.

Constantly Caffeinated



Students at Bucks seem to have a serious need for caffeinated beverages to get through their day.

Photo by Laura Irwin

JAY JONES

Centurion Staff

Hot steam rises off your coffee, or any of the other coffee-esque drinks that fulfill a caffeine craving.

Books opened and highlighted for that late-night cram session, or just getting together to waste time between class, coffee is a staple.

There is a tradition to stake out a claim in your local coffee shop and that has made places like Starbucks the prime hangout spot among college students.

But what is the lure all about?

"One raspberry mocha frappuccino blended coffee," one early-morning customer ordered, the first in a line of a half-dozen that have all piled into the local Newtown Starbucks on State Street. "Oh, and can I make that a grande size," he added.

From Caribou to Cosi and the ever infamous superpower of the coffee shops, Starbucks, college

students clamor to find the new place beyond the library to study with culture and atmosphere to stimulate them.

In their mission statement, Starbucks wrote, "[We have] long been dedicated to creating a unique third place between home and work... a way to promote open, respectful conversation among a wide variety of individuals."

And considering there are 53 Starbucks within a 30-mile radius of Bucks, there are more than enough locations to study, sip on your coffee-based drink and have that open, respectful conversation.

"Studying requires lots of caffeine plus a cool place to relax with friends," giggled Amber Gallen, a psychology major from northeast Philadelphia.

Starbucks employee Matt Zaccagni said, "Barista's for the most part are extremely friendly

and Starbucks creates a unique environment where you can get great food and drinks while still getting work done."

But, can students have that same cultured atmosphere without the smell of fresh brewed coffee in the air? Or, should we?

"I enjoy the quiet of the library, not the rudeness of other people," said Katja Wahrhaftig, from Warington.

Maybe the bookish nature of the Bucks library is best kept separate from the coffee shop scene.

The fireside lounge is an acceptable hangout. The cafeteria is right around the corner, the library down the hall, and couches to spend an afternoon studying on.

But the everyday Bucks student still frequents the local coffee shops, primarily Starbucks, and maybe it's not just the caffeine that makes these shops so popular, but the comfortable study spot it can be.

Campus Construction

Several Campus Offices are Playing Musical Chairs

LIOR SHULMAN

Centurion staff

Banging, hammering, sawing; the heavy construction at Bucks echoes across campus.

Students and staff who use parking lot A have dodged and weaved around cones and construction. "Exterior site lighting," said Mark Grisi, executive director physical plant.

When that construction is completed, it will give separate control over lighting the campus' 3 parking lots which currently work simultaneously.

As fingers jackhammer on keyboards in the library, the sound is muffled by the jackhammer used to install an elevator canal on the third and fourth floors of Gateway.

The Americans with Disabilities Act has prompted the school "to allow people to get from auditorium level, down to the main campus level and upstairs," said Grisi. The elevator is expected to open in the spring semester.

The bookstore opening left a void in Pemberton hall, under the gym. Financial aid, bookkeeping and admissions will move their offices into the now vacant pocket of Pemberton, creating a "one stop shop" for students.

According to Grisi, the one stop shop should organize services for students, who previously had to travel from building to building in order to get all their ducks in a row.

Now what about where those services were located?

Career and transfer services, currently on the second floor of Rollins, will be moved downstairs.

Student life, which organizes clubs and organizations, then moves upstairs in Rollins.

The Women's Center will move down the hall with student life. The Testing Center moves to where the Women's Center is currently located.

And finally, student club space will reemerge and be provided after the Testing Center's relocation. The pool table will also move to the other side of the current Transfer Center.

The "biggest part of the project is relocating people," said Grisi.

Matt Cipriano, director of student life added, "When one person moves, another has to move."

Cipriano's student life office will be the last to move in the chain of events. What will fill that void is yet to be determined.

The domino effect in renovating and relocating is scheduled to begin late into the fall semester and a completion date is too far off to estimate with the project involving so many offices essential to campus functionality.



Photo by Greg Hall

Clubs, Organizations Looking for a New Home

LIOR SHULMAN

Centurion Staff

Student clubs and organizations may have a home once again.

More than two years ago, the area which is now the Testing Center was the designated meeting spot for student club and organization members to assemble. And then, the Testing Center opened up, booting clubs and organizations from the second floor Rollins location.

Students come and go frequently at Bucks, since it's a two year

school, and the sacred area is nearly forgotten.

The Student Life office reported that in 2004, the clubs and organizations area was moved temporarily to the fireside lounge, while renovations take place. Being a quiet study area, students have tables to meet and lockers to store supplies.

Dana Weldon, a 22-year-old journalism major and member of the Black Student Union said that her organization meets wherever there is free space. On occasion the BSU even pushed tables together

in the cafeteria to congregate. Club members seem to have become accustomed to improvising in order to meet.

Student Life Director Matt Cipriano expects clubs and organizations to have a new home next year. The completion deadline is ever-changing however, due to other first-priority renovations. The clubs, he said, would be the last project to be finished.

He did not know if there was a deadline set by Bucks' Request for Proposals of the project.

In the meantime, current

clubs and organizations continue to increase in number. The Chess Club and the Environmental Club were recently approved by the Student Government Association on Oct. 2 said Cipriano, who's advisor to many clubs, including SGA. Cipriano prides himself on increasing the number of clubs despite the lack of official meeting areas. When he began at Bucks about six years ago, there were 25 clubs. Now, there are 40.

The hardest part about starting a

club is finding an advisor, said Cipriano. The biggest problem that clubs face is that students graduate, and if a club doesn't replace its members, that club fades away. When a club becomes extinct due to member graduation, that club and its documentation assume an "inactive status." Keeping the paperwork on file makes resurrection possible, should the club seek reinstatement.

Until renovations are finished, many clubs and organizations need to gather on their own terms.

“Arcadia accepted all of our credits.”



“Arcadia made it easy to transfer—and made sure we had the courses to apply for assured admission to the Physical Therapy program.” Ashley Eisennagel (left)

“We went on Italy Preview! For \$550 we got airfare, hotel accommodations, and 2 credits, too! We learned so much and had a great time.” Jennifer Eisennagel (right)

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JAMIE MELGOZA
Centurion Staff

She looked perfectly messy; from her tousled strawberry-blonde hair, right down to her dark, high-waisted and wide-leg denim pants.

Nov. 2 is the one-year anniversary of boutique Love Illuminati; a bite-sized house of fashion nestled between the colonial townhomes of Newtown borough, whose stylish mannequins bring heavy foot-traffic.

Indie rock blared as store-owner Katra Michener Longsdorf said, "I was born to do this."

Love Illuminati's clothing designs are inspired by 30's to 80's fashion; an eclectic taste of Longsdorf's designs or something vintage and different from other designers. "We have everything from prep-chic to hipster-scumbag. There is literally something in here for everyone and you just have to look."

The store's location was first targeted for New York City or Philadelphia, but Longsdorf realized that it would be too expensive and too difficult to spend quality time with her family.

"Before I decided to open this shop, I had the opportunity of selling my designs at the Young Designers Market in Manhat-



The chic look of Love Illuminati
Photo by Jamie Melgoza

tan. Don't get me wrong; I loved every second of the Market, but I just wanted something more, I wanted something that I could do that had no regrets," said Longsdorf. "So the thought of an opening my own shop slowly crawled up to the front of my thoughts, and I found myself not thinking about anything but that."

Newtown borough hosts "First Friday," a community celebration on State Street on the first Friday of

each month. This November, Love Illuminati, located at 23 South State St., will be having a fashion show, an art display by various artists and a DJ. The event will mark the store's one year anniversary.

"I wanted to make this shop much more than just a clothing boutique," said Longsdorf. "I want people to be able to live comfortably in their own skin and have the freedom of expressing themselves through my clothes."

Parking is Always a Walk

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Centurion Staff

Whether it is early morning or mid-day, fall semester or spring semester, parking at Bucks is always an issue with students seeking that perfect spot.

"Usually at the beginning of a semester, the lots closest to the school are full, but there are many spaces further up on the hill toward the main highway," said Joe McMonagon, 20, a liberal arts major. "I just leave home a little earlier to make sure I'm not late for class."

McMonagon's strategy of "early to rise, early to park" is a popular method among students to snag a great parking spot.

"When I arrive from my early

class, the parking places close to the school are full," said 19-year-old Ashley Neuman, a health major. "I must park further away from [my] classroom."

Timing, according to most students, is the key to finding a good space.

John Jones, a 20-year-old photography major, agrees that parking proximity depends on a student's arrival time. He said he now leaves home 15 minutes early.

Bucks employee Marie Smith said newer students often exacerbate parking problems, as they frequently use the employee lots. "The students probably do not know they are not allowed to park in those spots," she said.

Winter weather often complicates the issue. Piles of ice and

snow sometime eliminate a number of parking spaces.

Although there are a limited number of spaces close to campus, that does not mean there is nowhere to park. Mark Grisi, executive director physical plant, said students overlook lot C at the south-east side of the campus.

"There's still lots of parking," he said. "In fact, [lot C] is completely empty and is always empty."

Admissions Coordinator Linda Weber said that increased enrollment shouldn't affect parking. Enrollment rose from 9,591 students in 2006 to 9,704 students, a 1.18 percent increase, she said.

"There are plenty of parking places, but some are not close to classes," Weber said.



Students clamour for the best parking spot.
Photo by Greg Hall

A Modern Hypocrisy

A weekly column written by Laura Irwin, Centurion senior editor



I ♥ my Heelys!

I have always enjoyed running certain errands, like going to the supermarket. During hot summers I can walk into the cool produce section by the front door and by the time I reach the frozen food section at the opposite end, I am no longer worried about the sweat that will soon run down my face. I am in the zone. I feel like I am flying.

Technically, I am rolling—because, I go food shopping in my Heely's.

I was always jealous of the children I saw zooming freely around malls and stores. They could make otherwise bland errands into an opportunity to play.

So, after watching the Dane Cook movie "Employee of the Month" where I saw him wearing the adult-sized version of the shoe, I went out the next day and bought myself a pair of brown and white Heely's to call my own.

Learning to utilize the wheels in the heels of my shoe was not easy. My apartment has old, un-milled wood flooring and the only place I could smoothly practice was my kitchen, where if you lift the area rug, there are 6-feet of laminated floor space.

Back and forth between the table and armoire, I practiced shifting my weight to the back of my feet while lifting my toes.

I only fell once, while demonstrating to my roommate how talented I was.

I also took advantage of my 12-year-old brother, who could teach his 25-year-old sister a few things about gliding around town.

Finally I was stable enough on my feet to venture out to the stores. The thing about Heely's are that you can replace the wheels with flat inserts that make the rolling shoe into a normal skater shoe.

I didn't want to cause an accident by my feet slipping against the gas pedal while driving, so once I was safely in the parking lot of the shopping center, I replaced the inserts with wheels.

Then, I had to toe-step into the store, careful not to roll back onto my heels unexpectedly, because I would most-likely slip and fall hard upon my elbows.

Consider this my only warning to anyone interested in following in my footsteps. No pun intended.

When it comes to performing fancy foot work around public places, don't be taken aback by the surprised smiles or stares from your fellow man, especially if you are over the age of 14. Also, seek good flooring.

This brings me back to the wonder of the supermarket.

Not only are the floors smooth, but for novices, the shopping cart adds for extra stability. In my case, I enjoy the increase in speed one can get with that extra support.

Every week, when my refrigerator is bare, I don my Heely's and cruise up and down the aisles of the local food store.

I grab the attention of employee's stocking the shelves, stay-at-home mom's whom I am convinced are jealous of my footwear, and lastly my fellow Heelers, their children.

I just LOVE my heelys!

Kids Health Care Funding Increase Gets Vetoed

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President Bush vetoed the State Children's Health Insurance Program bill that would have provided \$35 billion to expand uninsured children's medical coverage over the next five years.

The bill was designed to expand on the medical coverage of children from low-income households earning less than \$80,000 a year. More than 6 million supported the program which was enacted in 1997. The funding would have further provided finance to low-income families unable to afford health insurance.

Opponents of the bill, including the president, defended their position by saying the bill would socialize federal medical insurance. Bush is most concerned of having so many individuals under the wing of the government instead of a private plan. According to Bush, additional funding of \$5 billion would still be a 20 percent increase, a program Bush would support without raising taxes.

"I believe in private medicine, not the federal government running the health care system," Bush said. "I do want Republicans and Democrats to come together to support a bill that focuses on the poorer children."

This bill's current debate, which may affect several students at Bucks, may be valid. Some students come from harder backgrounds than others. In some cases, families with more children than others cannot afford proper health insurance, or any at all.

"When you know that safety net is there, it's a big weight off your chest," said student Ray Lorio.

"It's really scary, even as a young adult to know that children can get sick and for some, there's just nothing there to help."

This bill only adds fuel to the heated debate over the nation's health care plans. Many working adults simply cannot afford health care for themselves, let alone their children.

"I just can't afford it," said John Cass. "I haven't had health insurance for years and I just do my best not to get sick. I work all the time and go to school and the money just isn't there."

"Medical insurance is one of the biggest issues of the 2008 campaign and something that needs to be addressed now," said business studies Professor Thomas Grier. "The bill had support from both sides but it would seem that there just isn't enough to go all the way."

As the 2008 presidential election nears, health care in America will continue to be debated.

The bill, which passed the House with a vote of 265-159 and the Senate with a vote of 67-29, is currently the target of discussion in both places on ways to override the president's veto.

To do so, however, both the House and Senate would need a two-thirds majority, something the Senate has, but the House does not.

"I remember learning how truly hard getting that majority is in this country," junior Patty Miller recalled. "It's already hard enough to get different bills passed with such a divided country, but to find such a big majority like that... I feel like it hardly ever happens."

Al Gore Wins the Nobel Peace Prize

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OSLO, Norway (AP) — Former Vice President Al Gore and the U.N.'s climate change panel won the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize on Friday for spreading awareness of man-made climate change and laying the foundations for counteracting it.

Gore, whose film on global warming, "An Inconvenient Truth," won an Academy Award earlier this year, had been widely tipped to win Friday's prize, which expanded the Norwegian committee's interpretation of peacemaking and disarmament efforts that have traditionally been the award's foundations.

"We face a true planetary emergency," Gore said. "The climate crisis is not a political issue, it is a moral and spiritual challenge to all of humanity."

The Nobel committee chairman, Ole Danbolt Mjoes, asserted that the prize was not aimed at the Bush administration, which rejected Kyoto and was widely criticized outside the U.S. for not taking global warming seriously enough.

"We would encourage all countries, including the big countries, to challenge, all of them, to think again and to say what can they do to conquer global warming," Mjoes said. "The bigger the powers, the better that they come in front of this."

Two Gore advisers, speaking on condition of anonymity because they are not authorized to share his thinking, said the award will not make it any more likely that he will seek the presidency in 2008.

If anything, the Peace Prize makes the rough-and-tumble of a presidential race less appealing to Gore, they said, because now he has a huge, international platform to fight global warming and may not want to do anything to diminish it.

One of the advisers said that while Gore is unlikely to rule out a bid in the coming days, the prospects of the former vice president entering the fray in 2008 are "extremely remote."

"Perhaps winning the Nobel and being viewed as a prophet in his own time will be sufficient," said Kenneth Sherrill, a political analyst at Hunter College in New York.

Gore, who was an advocate of stemming climate change and global warming well before his eight years as vice president, called the award meaningful because of his co-winner, calling the U.N.'s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change the "world's pre-eminent scientific body devoted to improving our understanding of the climate crisis."

Gore plans to donate his half of the \$1.5 million prize money to the Alliance for Climate Protection, a bipartisan nonprofit organization that is devoted to changing public opinion worldwide about the urgency of solving the climate crisis.

In its citation, the committee lauded Gore's "strong commitment, reflected in political activity, lectures, films and books, has strengthened the struggle against climate change. He is probably the single individual who has done most to create greater worldwide understanding of the measures that need to be adopted."

The last American to win the prize, or share it, was former President Carter, who won it 2002.

At the time, then committee chairman Gunnar Berge called the prize "a kick in the leg" to the Bush administration for its threats of war against Iraq. In response, some members of the secretive committee criticized Berge for expressing personal views in the panel's name.

Mjoes, elected to succeed Berge a few months later, referred to that dispute on Friday, saying the committee "has never given a kick in the leg to anyone."

The White House said the prize was not seen as increasing pressure on the administration or showing that President Bush's approach missed the mark.

"Of course he's happy for Vice President Gore," White House spokesman Tony Fratto said. "He's happy for the international panel on climate change scientists who also shared the peace prize. Obviously it's an important recognition."

Fratto said Bush has no plans to call Gore.

Eighty-four percent in the U.S. believe world temperatures are rising, according to a poll last month by The Associated Press and Stanford University's Woods Institute for the Environment. Yet while about seven in 10 said they want strong public and private action to help the environment, fewer than one in 10 said they had seen such steps in the past year.

In its citation, the committee said that Gore "has for a long time been one of the world's leading environmentalist politicians" and cited his awareness at an early stage "of the climatic challenges the world is facing."

The committee cited the IPCC for its two decades of scientific reports that have "created an ever-broader informed consensus about the connection between human activities and global warming. Thousands of scientists and officials from over 100 countries have collaborated to achieve greater certainty as to the scale of the warming."

It went on to say that because of the panel's efforts, global warming has been increasingly recognized.

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Flag Banned

A Pennsylvania high school has banned students from wearing or displaying the Confederate flag on school property.

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LITITZ, Pa. (AP) — For years, a clique of high school students in this prosperous and overwhelmingly white borough have worn clothes adorned with Confederate flags and parked their pickups in a section of the school parking lot known as "redneck row."

The display, some parents of minority students say, was just one symptom of festering racism that school officials ignored until animosities boiled over last week.

That's when three white 16-year-old students allegedly yelled racial slurs and threw paper wads at minority students outside the 1,600-student Warwick High School.

School officials vowed to discipline the three students, tighten security and ban Confederate flags on school property. On Wednesday, police charged the three with disorderly conduct.

The "disturbing and repulsive" Oct. 3 confrontation was a "wake-up call" for Warwick High School, said Superintendent John George. "Perhaps we were lulled into a false sense that our school district was immune to racism and bigotry," he said.

Some students suspect the perpetrators were trying to imitate white students in Jena, La., who fanned racial tensions last year by hanging nooses from a tree outside a high school.

Police Chief William Sease said there's no evidence the suspects were influenced by the Jena case.

"What is racial intimidation? It's trying to have power over someone else," Sease said. "I think that's their motivation."

Erasmus Cora Jr., a Puerto Rican native whose 14-year-old son, Erik, was among the victims, said the school should expel all of the roughly dozen students who allegedly engaged in racist behavior.

"I'm not going to put up with it—my kid should have never went through this," Cora said. "Either they all get out, or we're just going to have to make a bigger issue of it."

The confrontation comes as a major disappointment to Cora. He moved his family from nearby Lancaster about a year ago, expecting his son to receive a better education than he could in Lancaster's troubled schools.

Erik Cora, a freshman, said he was hanging out by the flagpole with two boys—one black and one biracial—when the taunting occurred before the start of school. It broke up when the morning bell rang, but it also spawned rumors

that some students planned to bring guns to school later in the week and start riots.

At a community meeting Monday, some parents said their earlier complaints about Confederate flag displays and racial slurs fell on deaf ears. Others complained that the district took too long to punish the perpetrators.

The superintendent said the incident was revealed only after a teacher overheard other students discussing it and alerted administrators. Although school officials were previously aware of "redneck row," they couldn't discipline students merely for displaying a Confederate flag, a symbol that has been protected under the First Amendment, he said.

"If there were signs of unrest, they were not evident to us at that point," George said.

The high school is just blocks away from a picturesque downtown, the hub of the borough of about 9,000 residents founded in 1756.

Lititz is known for quaint shops, artists and Sturgis Pretzel House, which bills itself as America's first pretzel bakery, and is named after a Bohemian castle.

Taryn Burkman, who attended the high school last year, said she couldn't remember the "redneck row" clique causing any trouble in the past.

"They always had the flags, but they never did anything to the black kids," said Burkman, 17, who is white. "I don't understand why it all happened this year."

Others speculate that the perpetrators felt threatened by a growing but still tiny minority population at the high school.

Hispanics account for roughly 3 percent and blacks 2 percent of this year's total enrollment.

"Last year, there was a little bit of racism, but it didn't surface as much because there weren't as many minorities," said Jasmine Whaley, a 15-year-old sophomore who is black.

"I never thought I was in danger or anything, but this year it's starting to escalate more, so now I'm starting to get kind of worried."

Since Friday, police have been conducting daily patrols near the school and screening backpacks and book bags for weapons.

Erik Cora said he feels the measures are excessive.

"Now kids are trying to feel sorry for me, and I don't want kids to feel sorry for me," he said.

On The Net:
Warwick School District:
<http://www.warwick.k12.pa.us>

Students at Ohio School Say Warnings Were Ignored

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CLEVELAND (AP) — Asa Coon, wearing a Marilyn Manson shirt, black jeans and black nail polish, opened fire with two revolvers on Oct. 10, wounding two students and two teachers at SuccessTech Academy in downtown Cleveland. Coon, 14, had a history of mental problems and was known for cursing at teachers and bickering with students.

A classmate said Thursday that he and others had warned their principal about threats by Asa Coon and said the attack could have been prevented.

The student, Rasheem Smith, said on CBS' "Early Show" that despite their warnings, principal Johneta Durant told them she was too busy.

"I told my friends in the class that he had a gun and stuff," said Smith, 15. "He was talking about doing it last week. I don't know why they didn't say nothing."

"We talked to the principal. She would try to get us all in the office, but it would always be too busy for it to happen," Smith said.

Responding on the show, schools CEO Eugene Sanders said the district would investigate. "We're going to review the entire situation over the course of today and tomorrow, make a determination of what has indeed occurred, and then see what the appropriate recommendations are, so we can move forward on Monday morning," he said.

A message left at Durant's office was not returned. A phone call to her home was not answered.

All classes in the city school district were canceled Thursday, and counseling was to be available for students.

Coon, who was suspended Monday for fighting with a classmate and was under suspension at the time of the shootings, had warned classmates of an attack, but none took him seriously.

"When he got suspended, he was like 'I got something for you all,'" said student Frances Henderson, who said she often got into arguments with Coon. "I guess this is what he had."

Coon, who was white, stood out in the predominantly black school

for dressing in a goth style, wearing a black trench coat, black boots, a dog collar and chains, she said.

Henderson, who is black, she said she didn't believe race played a role in the shootings.

"He's crazy. He threatened to blow up our school. He threatened to stab everybody," said Doneisha LeVert, 14. "We didn't think nothing of it."

On Thursday, a spokeswoman said Sanders will give the Mayor Frank Jackson a plan by Friday at noon to address whether additional security measures are needed at the school and how the school identifies potential problems among students.

Police Chief Michael McGrath said Thursday that the preliminary investigation found that Coon entered the school and went to a fourth-floor bathroom, where he changed clothes and took items out of a duffel bag, possibly the weapons, and put them on his body. There was an armed security guard at the school's entrance, McGrath said, though it was not known how Coon got inside.

McGrath said Coon went to a specific classroom and shot the teacher and then, while looking for a second teacher, he fired some other shots, wounding another teacher who was trying to help students go to another floor, he said.

After the shootings, police found the guns: a .22- and a .38-caliber revolver, McGrath said. He also had a box of ammunition for each and three tactical folding knives.

McGrath said the guns are older, meaning it will take some time to trace them. He said officials would be talking to Coon's older brother and mother about the weapons.

Coon's troubles seemed to come to a breaking point this week. Students said Monday's fight was over God — Coon told his classmates he didn't believe in God and instead worshipped rocker Marilyn Manson.

McGrath said that since 2006, police had gone to Coon's home five times: for calls about domestic violence, an assault call, a property crime and a hit-and-run accident.

Coon had spent time in two juve-

nile facilities and threatened to commit suicide while in a mental health facility, according to juvenile court records obtained by The Plain Dealer newspaper.

When he was 12, Coon was charged in juvenile court with domestic violence. His mother, Lori, had called police and told them her son slapped her and called her a vulgar name. She had been trying to intervene in a fight between Coon and his twin sister, The Plain Dealer reported.

He was also suspended from school last year for attempting to hurt a student, the newspaper said. "He used to cuss all the teachers out," said Henderson, 14.

The first person shot, 14-year-old Michael Peek, had punched Coon in the face right before the shootings began, Smith said.

Coon "came out of the bathroom and bumped Mike and he (Mike) punched him in his face. Mike started walking. He shot Mike in the side," said Smith.

Darnell Rodgers, 18, said he realized he had been shot when he felt his arm burning.

Rodgers was treated for a graze wound to his right elbow. He told NBC's "Today" on Thursday he didn't believe he was targeted.

"He just fired the gun," Rodgers said. "He didn't say anything."

Michael Grassie, a 42-year-old history teacher, underwent surgery Wednesday and remained in the hospital Thursday, and an official said his prognosis was very good.

Math teacher David Kachadourian, who was treated for a minor wound to the back of one shoulder, knew of no reason why Coon would target him.

"I never felt personally threatened or personally at risk," said Kachadourian, who had Coon in his beginning algebra class.

SuccessTech Academy, with about 240 students, is an alternative high school in the public school district that stresses technology and entrepreneurship.

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In Case You Missed It: An Update on ABC's Hottest Shows

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With every fall television season comes a new year of both tried and true programs and the hottest new shoes vying for America's attention.

ABC's newest hit, "Private Practice," a 'Grey's Anatomy' spinoff, joins "Grey's Anatomy" and "Ugly Betty" for their fourth and second seasons, respectively.

In the season premiere of "Private Practice," viewers join former Seattle Grace neonatal surgeon Dr. Addison Forbes Montgomery, played by Kate Walsh, as she leaves her Anatomy roots behind to join a private practice in Santa Monica, California.

The new spinoff takes a different view of the medical practice than its sister show, and its staying power has yet to be determined.

"Private Practice" plays host to several notable actors such as Taye Diggs of "Rent" and Amy Brenneman from former CBS show "Judging Amy."

These actors play part of the practice that Walsh's character joins in the midst of a soul-searching part of her life.

The realization of Montgomery's absence at Seattle Grace Hospital makes very few waves as the fourth season begins on "Grey's Anatomy," in which her move was only briefly acknowledged by one character on the show.

Anatomy, unlike Practice, comes back from a summer hiatus of rumors and drama that surrounded the homophobic comments of fired Anatomy star Isiah Washington. On the screen however, Washington's disappearance from the show

is hailed as a much larger issue, as Sandra Oh's character Christina Yang recovers from a failed public marriage.

The love triangles that run deep in Anatomy's plot are still in full swing. Marital spouts and infidelity plague the union of resident George O'Malley and recently promoted Chief Resident Callie Torres since Dr. Izzy Stevens declared her love for O'Malley.

The show's namesake, Dr. Meredith Grey, finds her still working out relationship issues with on-again off-again boyfriend Dr. Derek Shepherd, while also finding time to narrate the entire show.

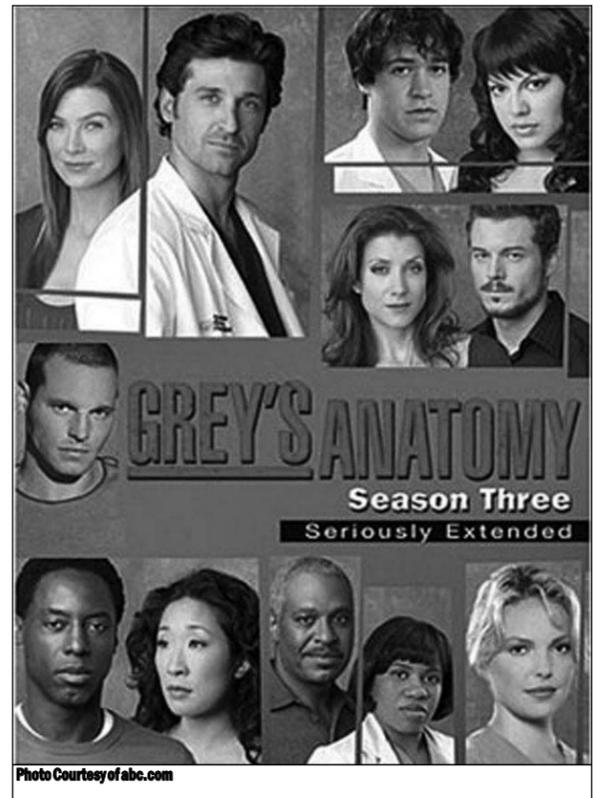
And finally we have "Ugly Betty," ABC's fashion industry-oriented dramedy, returning for its sophomore season.

America Ferrera, who recently won a Best Actress Emmy for her work on Betty, returns to play ugly Betty Suarez, the show's central character.

Viewers join the characters and employees of MODE magazine as if no time had passed in the show. Betty's father Ignacio is still stuck in Mexico awaiting his Green card, her sister Hilda continues to mourn the loss of her husband Hector, and nephew Justin has recently been accepted as an intern at the magazine.

Editors In Chief and siblings Daniel and Alexis Meade are still recovering in the hospital, father Bradford is continuing with a wedding to fashion editor Wilhelmina Slater, and receptionist Amanda is still struggling to accept that she is adopted, and the biological daughter of former MODE Editor In Chief Fey Sommers.

ABC's primetime lineup is back, with both new shows and new episodes. Only time will tell whether the new Anatomy



spin-off Private Practice will be a lasting success, and good publicity will continue to surround Anatomy and Betty through their latest television season.

Bucks Celebrates Irish Heritage with Music



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Irish musicians, dancers and storytellers were to perform at Bucks in the library auditorium on Saturday, Oct. 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Singers such as Sarah Agnew and Tom McCloskey, both of whom were born and raised in the suburbs of Philadelphia, were the spotlighted artists.

Agnew, credited by singing the national anthem at an Eagles game, was to perform pieces from her first Irish music album.

This is Agnew's first visit to Bucks and she feels lucky to have the opportunity to perform. "I have heard the facility where the event is being held is lovely. I can't see any negatives in this at all."

McCloskey is part of the local Three Irish Tenors and

St. Mark's Parish Choir. He has performed for the Pennsylvania State Capital and the Bucks County St. Patrick's Day Parade.

According to the cultural studies website, www.bucks.edu/cultural, musicians Harold Dunn, and Chris Garrison were to perform along with the McCoy Irish dancers from Levittown.

Maggie Lorady, head of the school, said, "The girls are excited to perform, in fact one of my dancers who attends school at Pennsbury has a teacher who is also involved with the Community College and she is especially excited because he will be in attendance at the event and able to see her perform."

Tickets were available through Student Life or online at www.bucks.edu/cultural. Additional information was available with the Cultural Programming office at (215) 968-8087.

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Global Warming Work earns Gore Nobel Peace Prize

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In the 1980s it "seemed to be merely an interesting hypothesis, the 1990s produced firmer evidence in its support. In the last few years, the connections have become even clearer and the consequences still more apparent."

Rajendra Pachauri, the IPCC chairman, said he and Gore really had 2,000 co-laureates — each of the scientists in the U.N. panel's research network.

"This award also thrusts a new responsibility on our shoulders," Pachauri said. "We have to do more, and we have many more miles to go."

But some questioned the prize decision.

"Awarding it to Al Gore cannot be seen as anything other than a political statement. Awarding it to the IPCC is well-

founded," said Bjorn Lomborg, author of "The Skeptical Environmentalist."

He criticized Gore's film as having "some very obvious mistakes, like the argument that we're going to see six meters of sea-level rise," he said.

"They (Nobel committee) have a unique platform in getting people's attention on this issue, and I regret they have used it to make a political statement."

In his 1895 will creating the prize, the Swedish industrialist Alfred Nobel said it should be awarded for efforts toward peacemaking and disarmament, and the award now often also recognizes human rights, democracy, elimination of poverty, sharing resources and the environment. Last year, for example, it went to the Bangladeshi economist Muhammad Yunus and his

Grameen Bank for pioneering the use of microcredit to spur creation of small businesses in poor nations.

Jan Egeland, a Norwegian peace mediator and former senior U.N. official for humanitarian affairs, called climate change more than an environmental issue.

"It is a question of war and peace," said Egeland, now director of the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs in Oslo. "We're already seeing the first climate wars, in the Sahel belt of Africa." He said nomads and herders are in conflict with farmers because the changing climate has brought drought and a shortage of fertile lands.

Associated Press writer Ron Fournier contributed to this report from Washington.



Flyers Improve Win Record

ASSOCIATED PRESS

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP)— The Philadelphia Flyers are full of confidence, now that they've gotten their offense going.

Mike Richards had four points to help the Flyers rout the Vancouver Canucks 8-2 on Wednesday night.

Jeff Carter and R.J. Umberger scored 13 seconds apart midway through the first, and Daniel Briere scored and set up Simon Gagne before the period ended as Philadelphia built a 4-1 lead.

"It's going to be good for the confidence of a lot of guys," Briere said. "You start the season and you want to chip in offensively, you want to help out. Some guys aren't going to squeeze the stick as much now. It's really good for everybody to get on board like that."

Joffrey Lupul, Mike Knuble and Richards added second period goals to blow the game open.

Briere, the free agent centerpiece in a rebuilding project that saw the Flyers dress nine players that weren't with the team to start last season, added two assists. The speedy center has four goals and three assists after signing an eight-year, \$52-million deal.

Richards added his second goal late in the third to go with his two assists, and Martin Biron, who like

Briere started last season in Buffalo, made 25 saves.

"I'm happy starting on the road like we did, building some chemistry," Briere said. "We have a lot of new faces and it's a big plus."

The only negative for the Flyers was Jesse Boulerice's cross-check to the face of Vancouver's Ryan Kesler with 5:41 left and Philadelphia up 7-2. After some pushing and shoving back and forth earlier in the shift, Boulerice caught an unsuspecting Kesler across the face with his stick, leaving the Canucks forward lying motionless on the ice. He eventually got up and skated to the bench on his own.

"I'm just lucky my jaw isn't broken, hopefully it's not fractured," Kesler said.

Boulerice received a match penalty for intent to injure, which comes with an automatic review by the league.

"I reacted in a bad way the wrong way," he said.

Roberto Luongo gave up four goals on 13 shots before being pulled.

"It was just a very bad team effort, all 20 guys," Luongo said. "It's not somebody leaving somebody else out to dry, it was just a bad effort all around."

Umberger, who was picked by

the Canucks in the first round of the 2001 draft but traded without playing here because of a contract dispute, had an easy backdoor tap-in just 13 seconds later, slamming Richards' pass into an empty net.

Ryan Shannon responded for Vancouver after some pretty power play passing, but more breakdowns allowed the Flyers to pad the lead before the period ended.

Briere walked in alone on Luongo on the power play before sliding a pass through the crease to a wide-open Gagne for a power play tap-in at 13:11, and the two combined on a 2-on-1 goal just over three minutes later. Briere's pass attempt bounced back to him in the slot and Luongo made a good save on the first shot, but Briere was left unchecked to knock his own rebound over the sprawled goaltender.

"This is as bad as I've seen this team play," Canucks captain Markus Naslund said. "We have to wake up. It's embarrassing to lose at home 8-2. It's embarrassing to lose to a team we should beat if we play to our level."

It was the Flyers' first trip to Vancouver in almost six years, but nothing changed as far as results.

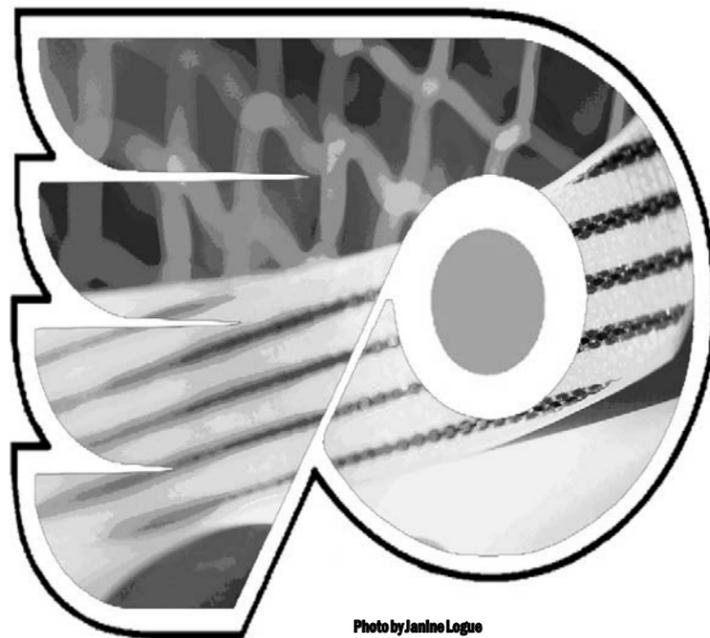


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Philadelphia hasn't lost here since 1989, a streak extended to 9-0-4 with a win that got even more one-sided in the second period.

Curtis Sanford took over in net and was beaten on the first shot he faced just 1:24 into the period.

Lukas Krajicek and Knuble traded power play goals midway through the second period before Richards, who also had two assists, rounded out the scoring with yet another easy tap-in on the backdoor after another nice pass from Briere.<

Notes: Umberger was playing his first game after breaking his pinky finger in the preseason. The two teams hadn't played each other since Dec. 15, 2005. ... The Flyers signed D. Rory Fitzpatrick, who spent last season with the Canucks, to a contract Tuesday but the veteran didn't play because of a rib injury. Vancouver sent D. Alexander Edler to Manitoba of the AHL earlier in the day.

Get In Shape

The Wellness Center at Bucks is open for students and faculty.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

9 a.m.-10 a.m. and 1 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday

8 a.m.-9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

All you need to get started is a student ID and a little motivation!

Philly Sports are a Heartbreaker

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Philadelphia sports are like a rollercoaster. Up at one moment, fans feel euphoria one day, only to crash down and leave them in despair the next day. There aren't a lot of words in the English language, or any language for that matter, to describe what it's like to be a diehard Philadelphia sports fan. But to try to sum up that sentiment—as soon as you think everything is going your way, things suddenly take a turn for the worse.

The futile histories of the Philly teams are well documented. The four major sports teams in Philadelphia are the Phillies, Eagles, Sixers and Flyers; and none of them have won a championship since 1983, when a dominant Sixers team swept the Los Angeles Lakers in four games. Since that championship, which whipped the people into a state of absolute chaos, Philly fans have experienced nothing but heartache.

Recall the "Wild Thing" dramatics in the 1993 World Series where the

Phillies gave thousands of fans false hope that the Philadelphia sports slump could finally come to an end.

In typical Philadelphia fashion, however, they blew a lead in the ninth inning of game six against the Toronto Blue Jays. Fans left feeling betrayed and empty.

The Flyers gave fans another big let-down when they made it to the Stanley Cup Playoffs in 1997, but were sadly swept by the dominating Detroit Red Wings. Although this season rumors the possibility of another run, recent injuries have leave fans with memories of last year's horrendous record.

The Sixers, following in Philadelphia sports tradition, made it to the NBA Finals, but were no match for the Lakers' dynasty of Kobe and Shaq, losing 4 games to 1.

Then there's the "One Hope for One City," the Eagles, who made it to the Super Bowl in 2004, but in the fourth quarter, sadly forgot that a football game does, in fact, have a clock that you may need to consider heeding.

It should be noted that the Eagles did win the NFL Championships

in 1949 and 1960, but this was before the Super Bowl existed. Most sports fans agree that the Super Bowl marks the beginning of the modern era of sports.

The trend—disappointment is always present in the world of Philadelphia sports.

In the past 24 years, not one of these teams has won a championship.

These letdowns have taken a toll on the fans, but they keep coming back year after year, faithfully filling the seats of the Linc, the Bank and the Center.

Danny Brown, 21-year-old liberal arts major said, "They rip out our hearts every year. You can call them heart surgeons. The only difference is the teams don't supply the second artificial heart or the transplant needed to sustain life."

As long as there is a fleeting hope that a Philadelphia team will someday soon win a championship, the fans will continue to subject themselves to the torture and agony that comes with the territory.

This week at Bucks...

Weds. 10/17 - Poetry Reading - Gregory Djanikian, in the Orangery, 7 p.m.

Thurs. 10/18 - Red Cross blood drive, Gallagher Room 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Open Door Club to protest anti-gay donation rules and hand out safer sex materials, Rollins

Friday 10/19 - Drama Club presents "A Bad Start to a Good Year." Library Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.



Monday, October 15, 2007

Eagles' Season is Still Young

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The 2007 Eagles season began filled with hope and promise.

"This was gonna be the year the Eagles would get back to the Super Bowl," said Greg Hall, 19, journalism major from Warminster. "Everything seemed to be in place."

A healthy Donovan McNabb returned as quarterback and a revamped line-backing corps, including pro-bowler Takeo Spikes, was to be the driving factor in getting that elusive Super Bowl victory.

The emergence of last year's no. 1 pick Broderick Bunkley, not to mention the ascension of one of the most explosive playmakers in the NFL, Brian Westbrook, were to all play a key role. All this in a watered-down NFC - did we even need to play the regular season?

As ESPN's Chris Berman would say, "That's why they play the games."

The beginning of the Eagles season was marred by injuries, uninspired play and questionable coaching decisions. The season-opener at Green Bay was an extremely tough pill to swallow. The birds wasted a fine defensive effort by fumbling away two punt returns that led to 10 points for the Packers, giving them the win.

Would we rebound in Monday Night Football against the Redskins?

Wrong again. The team came out flat as a pancake. The offense moved the ball up and down the field, faltered every time they crossed the 20, and settled for three points each time in another dreadful loss. At least we have Reno Mahe.

Then, there was the Sunday night game against the New York Giants. The injury list for the Eagles included Brian Westbrook, Brian Dawkins, Lito Sheppard, William Thomas and L.J. Smith. Yeah, good luck. The Eagles offense made the Giants defense look like

the '85 Bears as they sacked McNabb 12 times, in the process possibly shattering Eagles' second-year tackle Winston Justice's confidence. Reid inexplicably left Justice in the game even though he was getting beat every way possible by Giants defensive end Osi Umenyiora, who had 6 sacks.

The Eagles bye-week couldn't have come at a better time.

But don't despair Eagles fans, all is not lost. There was the offensive explosion they displayed against the Lions in week three, which provided hope. There is also the fact that Philadelphia is 8-0 following the bye-week under Andy Reid. Westbrook, Sheppard, and Smith should be healthy and ready to play, with Thomas and Dawkins soon to follow. And let's all remember the season is still young.

If that doesn't work, we can take solace in the great comfort Philadelphia sports fans have come to embrace on a regular basis: there's always next year.

Seasoned Coach Puts Grades First



Coach Gaeton Curione (left) watches players at try-outs.

Photo by Lior Schulman

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Bucks basketball coach Gaeton Curione's second season was better than his first. In his third season, however, he would rather see his players improve their scores in the classroom, not just on the court.

Curione strictly stresses the importance of learning and getting good grades. In fact, books come before basketball.

"Hopefully enjoying team basketball will have some effect on them in the classroom, maybe adding incentives to do well there," he said.

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"The group of players who played basketball for Bucks last year were a great group of guys."

Gaeton Curione
Coach

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Education and success in the classroom are Curione's main priority.

"Some of my more positive experiences while coaching at Bucks all have to do with hearing how the guys on the team are doing well in the classroom," he said. "Seeing how some of last year's players are trying hard to continue their education at Bucks while others who played for me in the last couple seasons were able to move on to a four-year college to continue their education. That's what it's all about for me, hearing how all my preaching about getting the school work completed, before playing basketball, may have helped keep the guys focused on the books." Curione's first challenge at Bucks

was fielding a team.

"We actually had to scramble to get players," he said. "Only about 15 students showed up for tryouts and almost half of them were ineligible to play because of grades or credits."

The lack of players showed throughout the season as the Centurions posted a 3-17 record at the end of 2005 season. The team improved to 8-12 in 2006.

"Last season, tryouts were a little more interesting," he said. "There must have been at least 25 students who wanted to play for the men's team. I now had the opportunity to select students who not only had basketball skills but also had great character. The group of players who played basketball for Bucks last year were a great group of guys."

Curione ultimately led his team to the playoffs that year.

Curione's reward for coaching is "watching how excited the players get when we are successful."

"These guys really enjoy the game of basketball, and — when they play — well, then you can see it shine throughout the team," he said.

Curione is respectful of the game and likes to spread his knowledge of the sport's teamwork aspects.

"The bottom line for me is that I enjoy the game of basketball," he said. "I enjoy teaching fundamentals and teamwork. Basketball is the ultimate team sport. Playing team sports teaches you a lot about the sport and about life too."

Wanting to improve participation at tryouts, Curione sent letters to 20 local high schools promoting Bucks' educational options and the opportunity to play junior-college-level basketball.

"Getting the information out to the community and the campus really helped spark interest in the Bucks men's basketball program," he said.

Phillies to Rebuild in Offseason

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After the Phillies' season ended in a three-game sweep at the hands of the Colorado Rockies in the NLDS, the focus has shifted to the offseason in order to re-tool the team for next season.

The Phillies re-signed manager Charlie Manuel to a two-year extension with a club option for 2010.

With the coaching situation under control, the club must focus on what wins championships; pitching and defense.

With pitchers Kyle Lohse, J.C. Romero, Freddy Garcia and Jon Lieber becoming free agents, and starter Adam Eaton coming off a career-worst season, the Phillies have to plug the holes in their rotation and bullpen.

Re-signing Romero as the club's set-up man and Lohse as the third or fourth starter should be at the top of the list.

Lohse has expressed his interest in testing the free-agent market; however, Romero seems a likely candidate to be with the club in 2008.

This leaves the staff with ace Cole Hamels, second-year starter Kyle Kendrick, and 44-year-old Jamie Moyer. Former accomplished starter Brett Myers has established himself as the team's closer.

"I didn't make it to the post-season as a starter. I made it as a closer," Myers said. "Maybe there's something to that."

Eaton will likely be the team's fifth starter if General Manager Pat Gillick does not acquire a starting pitcher via trade or free

agency. Eaton could go to the bullpen if the Phillies take a chance on free agent Curt Schilling.

Schilling took the Phils to the 1993 World Series and is 8-2 with a 1.93 ERA in the post season for his career. It is that type of performance and experience that could get the Phillies deep into the playoffs in 2008. Schilling may take a one- or two-year deal if the money and incentives are right.

Former Phillies pitcher Carlos Silva has been speculated to come back to the team and could fill the fifth starting role. After the Phillies passed on the 13-game winner in September, he will probably come cheap this offseason if Gillick wants to pursue him.

If the Phillies do not acquire a free agent starter, a trade may be the most likely source for a good arm.

The Florida Marlins have mentioned that Philadelphia fan favorite and Marlins' ace Dontrelle Willis may be available for the right price this winter. Willis has expressed interest in pitching for Philadelphia due to his childhood friendship with Phillies' shortstop Jimmy Rollins.

The Marlins want highly touted prospects for Willis, and with the Phillies depleted farm system, the Marlins may not accept any offer the Phils can put together.

Florida said they wanted outfielders Shane Victorino and Michael Bourn for Willis, but prospects J.A. Happ or Mike Costanzo may be able to take Victorino's place.

A more realistic trade option for the Phillies is White Sox ace Jon Garland. Phillies scouts have visited Chicago to take a look at Garland. He went a career worst

9-13 in 2007 with a 4.23 ERA, but dominated September, posting a 1.38 ERA. The Phillies are also looking to improve at the third base position both offensively and defensively.

Current third basemen Abraham Nunez, defensive specialist, and Greg Dobbs, left handed power bat, are more than adequate at their respected traits.

But what is strong with one is weak with the other.

The club needs to add both a bat and a glove to the position to solidify what could be the best infield in all of baseball.

Boston Red Sox free agent Mike Lowell seems the best fit. Lowell hit .324 with 21 home runs and 120 runs batted in for 2007 and currently holds the MLB record for the least amount of errors in a single season.

Phillies' centerfielder Aaron Rowand will most likely be playing baseball elsewhere next season, due to the money he will be demanding in the free agent market.

Arizona Diamondbacks left fielder Eric Byrnes received a three-year, \$30 million extension with the D-backs through 2010. Rowand put up better numbers than Byrnes and has significantly better defense, so Rowand will command \$10-\$12 million a year over a three to four year contract.

The Phillies ownership must step up this winter to provide Manuel with more pitching and a better third baseman to compliment the nucleus of this team. If a World Series title is the team's aspiration, pitching and defense will get them there.