



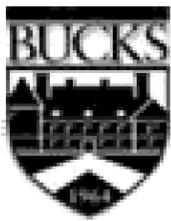
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Smoking Ban Draws Fire

CHRISTINE SWANSON
Centurion Staff

News that a campus smoking ban may be in the works for fall 2008 has drawn a swift response from many who say such a rule would be drastic and hard to enforce.

The Centurion reported last week that the Student Government Association and PA Students Working Against Tobacco were developing proposed changes in the campus smoking policy. In that article, Student Life Director Matt Cipriano said he expected the new policy to be either a total ban on smoking or that smoking would be restricted to the parking lots.

Staff and students interviewed seemed to share the opinion that the most fair and feasible policy for the coexistence of smokers and non-smokers at Bucks would be designated smoking areas, an idea posed in the Centurion in December 2005.

“I am a vehement anti-smoker, but even I think that is going too far,” said Bucks tutor Wendy Skokowski. “You gotta respect people as being adults.”

Deborah Dougherty, Bucks alumni and administrative assistant in the disability office said, “I



Laura Irwin is busted for smoking by a safety and security officer in a dramatization.

Photo by Christine Swanson

would love it (a ban), but I do believe smokers should have a place where they could go to smoke. It is a hardship for me, with a respiratory disease, walking through the smoke. I don't think it's right that the people who want to smoke do not have a place to smoke, but they do need a smoking lounge.”

“I think it's an infringement on [the smoker's] rights,” said Jennifer Koch, 27, a multi-media major from Hatboro who is also a fitness instructor and smoker. “If you are by law, the appropriate age to buy cigarettes, you should be able to exercise that right in designated areas.”

The majority of smokers and

non-smokers interviewed seemed to be in favor of designated smoking areas.

“It's like you can only smoke at home with the lights out under the sheets when no one is there,” said sociology major Brian Good, 25, from Doylestown.

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Bucks Clocks Make a Comeback

BY LAURA IRWIN
Senior Editor

A new sound can be heard echoing across campus that wasn't there last year; clocks are ticking in sync, and they are keeping proper time.

The removal of the clocks last fall caused such a stir that Bucks administrators quickly changed their plans from eradicating clocks to replacing them.

The problem with the clocks began with the old system.

The old clocks ran on batteries

that required manual maintenance. Once one clock was set to the proper time, another would stop working. Eventually, many clocks were just plain wrong.

Also, the clocks on the bottom-right corner of all student-used computers were rarely updated for things like Daylight Savings time.

Information Networking Services sent out technicians to, computer by computer, update the time with the start or end of Daylight Savings Time and to correct any clocks that were wrong.

But this year, the problem has been fixed.

Franklin Instrument Company provided Bucks with a new GPS clock system. According to Jeremy Fischer, a former Bucks student and current vice president assistant of sales for Franklin Instruments, this new system is a wireless synchronized clock system that receives a satellite signal broadcast to a transmitter atop Penn Hall. Once a day, an update is sent to the clocks, preventing any discrepancy in time that could occur. “A drift correction would be rectified automatically as well as any updates for Daylight Saving Time,” he said.

A drift is a lag or acceleration that occurs when a clock hand moves improperly due to mechanical issues.

According to Mark Grisi, physical plant executive director, 90 percent of the clocks are in working order. A mechanical problem is the only thing holding up the last 10 percent.

“[Hold ups] are a clock [mechanical] problem, not the system,” said Grisi. “For all intents and purposes, the clocks work.”

The new system updates the clocks regularly and if there is an electrical problem, the clocks still run off a continuously charged battery located within each clock.

For Daylight Saving Time, coming to an end in early November, the Bucks' INS department has changed the format for student computers to make sure last year's problems don't happen again.

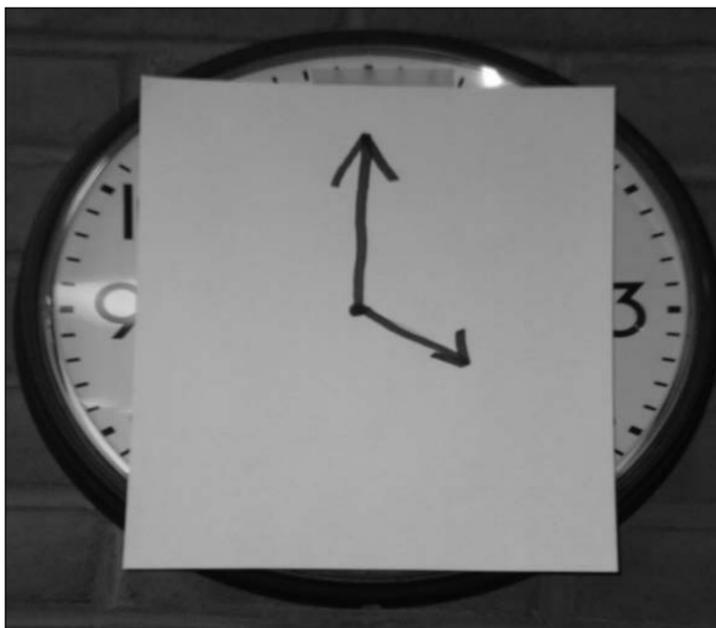
Doug Burak, director of IT security, said that the student computers are running in conjunction with a primary server that automatically updates the clocks daily.

“In theory, (updating) shouldn't be a problem, for example Daylight Saving Time, because we centralized [with a server] and that should (prevent) any discrepancies,” said Burak.

According to Burak, with only one server controlling updates, as opposed to the old two-server system, there is less chance of failure than before.

Students used to be able to log on to computers without entering their student number and password. After switching to one domain, and requiring a log-in ID, the issue of inaccurate clocks should be a thing of the past.

Also, part of the new clock system includes a separate, yet integrated, alarm system for the new emergency mass communications program. When complete, the alarm system will generate a tone, signaling a campus emergency. This project is currently underway.



A photo of a clock in the library during installment.

Photo by Kato McDermott

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-Centurion Staff

Theft Biggest Crime on Campus

MARK BENNETT
Student Life Editor

The suburban, tranquil atmosphere at Bucks conveys the illusion that you could probably walk away from your backpack and books for a few hours and they would be there when you returned.

Don't try it.

Statistics released by Security and Safety show theft is the most common crime on campus. "Most thefts are crimes at opportunity," said Chris Lloyd, Security and Safety director. "They're not really looking to steal anything but then someone walks away from their things and they take advantage of it."

From 2004-2006, a total of 72 acts of theft occurred at Bucks campuses, about 27 thefts per year during that three-year period.

The number of thefts doubled between 2004 and 2005 and dropped slightly in 2006.

About 90 percent of these incidents occurred at the Newtown campus. Lloyd said the chances of the stolen property being recovered is pretty slim, but sometimes the perpetrator is caught.

According to the statistics, over the past three years, 146 crimes were reported: 72 were theft, 10 were burglary and one was robbery. That means 83 out of 146 reported crimes were related in some way to stealing, an astounding 56 percent.

The statistics only reflect those thefts that are reported. Some people don't even bother to notify Security & Safety because they feel that chances are, they're not going to get their stuff back.

Lloyd said usually things like cell phones or iPods are taken, but occasionally someone will walk off with something bigger such as a book-bag or a purse. Book-bag theft is an additional slap in the face, because not only have you lost any valuables in your pack but also all of your text books and notes.

Not only do you have to buy new books to replace your missing ones but your notes are gone, and that can hurt with mid-terms coming up.

The next biggest crime at Bucks is vandalism; 27 of the reported crimes were related to students defacing public property.

Vandalism tends to be a nuisance too.

"Most of that is graffiti, sometimes something gets broken but not often," said Lloyd. However it generally doesn't cost students anything, and unlike theft, it doesn't leave people with that angry, sulking feeling, as well as that question, "Why me?"

Disorderly conduct has been on the rise, more than quadrupling from 2004 to 2006. It includes activities such as fighting, making threats, causing unreasonable noise and vulgar language or gestures. Pretty much anything that will distract students from their educational activities or endanger students and faculty or any way, shape, or form.

Whether Bucks can remain relatively crime-free remains uncertain. Security and Safety's crime statistics report can be found online at: <http://bucks.edu/security/SecurityReport.pdf>



Bucks Offers a Student E-mail Service?

BY GEMMA SAWA
Centurion Staff

When Bucks decided to switch the student e-mail system to Gmail this semester, they thought students would start checking it on a regular basis.

They thought wrong.

According to Elizabeth Kulick, assistant dean of enrollment services, students simply aren't checking their college e-mails.

"Currently, under 3 percent of students are opening their college e-mails," said Kulick.

But a Centurion source said it's even fewer than that. According to the source, out of 10,210 e-mails sent out to students in late August, a mere 14 were viewed.

So in an effort to get students to use their college e-mail, the college has sent out a letter strongly advising all students to login.

The letter, which contains important information about the

spring 2008 semester, advises all students to check their student e-mail. It also reminds students that the school no longer uses traditional mail to communicate, and that printed registration materials will not be mailed.

All information regarding registration, advising and academic status can only be accessed through student e-mail, the notice said.

In other words, if you want to register for the spring semester, check your Bucks e-mail or you're out of luck.

According to Kulick, students are responsible for checking their e-mails.

"The e-mails are considered the college's official method of communication because it is convenient and delivers information in a timely yet cost-effective manner," said Kulick.

Stephanie Anderson, 22, a psy-

chology major from Fairless Hills, said she likes Gmail, but admitted she hasn't used her student e-mail yet. The reason?

"I already have a Gmail account, and that's the e-mail my friends and family know about," said Anderson.

While it might be inconvenient for Anderson to switch her information over, she admitted that she will at least start signing in, for the sake of staying informed.

"Obviously if there's important information being sent there, then I'll have to start checking it out more frequently," she added.

Angela Gouvia, 24, a liberal arts major from Langhorne, said she checks her e-mail, but she's not happy with the usernames the school selected for the students, which are simply student numbers.

"I will check my student e-mail at least once a week, but I don't use it because I can't choose the name I

want to use," said Gouvia.

While some students remain unsatisfied with the usernames that the school has assigned, they should at least sign in, just to stay current with the school.

Students can sign into their e-mails and obtain further information by visiting:

<http://mail.google.com/a/student.bucks.edu>

Kulick said, "It is our goal to expand the range of services that Bucks will be able to offer, and permit many more college transactions to be conducted through e-mail and the internet."

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The Fireside Lounge Hosts it All

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A sudden shout from across the room catches your attention; something has gone awry in a card game being played by four of the room's occupants. A player stands up and reads aloud the rules written on the back of the card in his hand, obviously questioning the legiti-

macy of his friend's previous move.

This abrupt argument goes unnoticed by the two students at the next table. A male and female student sit quietly in their seats, both immersed in a "Sims" like game visible on their laptop screens.

This room, unlike any other at Bucks, is host to a fair share of unusual gatherings and events. If

you haven't guessed already, this room is the Fireside Lounge, a recreation spot on campus that has a reputation unlike any other.

"I think that if you aren't a student who usually frequents the Fireside Lounge, it's a strange place to stumble upon, even when you're just cutting through to get to your next class," said Danielle Swanko, a liberal arts major.

How the lounge has come to earn this reputation is no mystery; it is the regular meeting place of various school groups such as the anime club, and on any given day can be found brimming with activity.

The lounge itself is modestly decorated with four large paintings, a wall of trophies and a fireplace. Its most unusual visual aspect is the floor-to-ceiling windows that devour an entire wall.

This wall of glass affords the occupants of the room a clear view of the campus quad, where various small groups of students can be seen smoking cigarettes and carrying on between classes.

Back inside the room 30 or so students have spread themselves out into smaller groups and are sitting on the chairs and couches that are littered across the room.

There are two televisions in the lounge, and unlike the ones in the cafeteria, these do not endlessly play obscure music videos that no one seems to be watching. Each is used for a different purpose.

One is host to a GameCube video game system. On one recent day six students were clustered around a game of Mario Party. Some played, some merely watched.

The other TV displayed a generic sitcom, with its corny jokes and boring plot going unnoticed by the

nine students who were talking and joking amongst themselves.

Despite the "NO FOOD or BEVERAGES allowed in FIRESIDE LOUNGE" sign, most students have some kind of lunch tray or drink by their side. This infraction has had no noticeable effect on the state of the lounge itself, as it is in remarkably clean condition.

A dining room not being the lounge's only unconventional use, it is not uncommon to find one or two students, feet up, shoes off, passed out on one of the room's many couches. Whether to pass the time between classes or to make up for a late night, the lounge is a prime place to get some rest uninterrupted.

"I like it here because I'm not treading on anyone, and I can just relax without feeling uncomfortable. There's also always a game to play or watch on one of the TVs. It's just a friendly environment, with friendly accepting people," said a computer science major and lounge regular who wished to remain anonymous.

One thing is certain about this now infamous room at Bucks; all of its occupants seem to be completely at ease, comfortable, and enjoying themselves. They do so almost to the point where it becomes hard to believe they are at school.



Students relaxing at the Fireside Lounge.
Photo by Laura Irwin

Myspace Might be Preventing Your Employment

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Centurion Staff

Students who post graphic or explicit content on their Myspace or Facebook pages may find that such postings can hurt their chances of getting a job.

MySpace, which has been around for several years, is a popular social network that allows people to connect with friends and users from around the world. However, it might not just be friends who are viewing the site.

According to Christine Hagedorn, the director of advising and counseling services, many potential employers use MySpace and Facebook to check out a person's electronic professionalism.

"You would be surprised at how many people display inappropriate content on their MySpace profiles," said Hagedorn. "Employers are pretty curious about the type of individuals they have applying for jobs, therefore you can't blame them."

Websites like monster.com and careerbuilder.com let people submit their electronic resumes; but in such situations the employers are at a disadvantage, because they can't actually see those applicants in person.

So in an attempt to screen applicants, employers are using social websites to determine whether or not a person has the credentials necessary to take on the job.

For example, if someone has a profile that contains offensive content, then there's a good chance that they won't be getting hired.

Kia Hayden, 21, from Levittown, isn't surprised by this fact. "I'm already careful about the content I post on my MySpace, and it's mainly for personal reasons. You don't want to only appear professional to employers, but you also want to attract the right people," said Hayden.

Hayden is a computer science major, and therefore familiar with the public nature of the internet.

"I've always been fascinated by computers," she added, "but I also know when to draw the line when it comes to the internet."

Josh Keaton, 23, an arts major from Philadelphia, had a liberal approach towards MySpace.

According to Keaton, MySpace and Facebook are a place for him to express himself, and he's not willing to compromise, not even for a job.

"I go on MySpace and Facebook as a creative outlet for me to express myself. So, if someone doesn't want to hire me because they don't like what I say, then they're not worth my time anyway," he said.

On the other hand, Jessica Flora, 23, a paralegal student from Bensalem, was unaware of this practice.

"I know MySpace is public and everything, but I can't believe companies actually search for us," said Flora. Fortunately though, "My

Myspace is private."

Facebook is another popular social website, however it's a little more censored than MySpace. Here, you have to be part of a particular network in order to view someone's profile.

According to Hayden, "Facebook is a little bit more legitimate."

Availability isn't the only factor for many companies when it comes to filtering out applications.

"Many companies have people looking for these red flags," said Hagedorn.



Photo by Janine Logue

Bucks Poetry Series

CHRISTINE E. SWANSON
Centurion Staff

The Language and Literature Department began their annual poetry series with guest speaker Gregory Djanikian, who shocked and inspired students with childhood memoirs and true-life inspired stories of the Armenian genocide.

"This is the first event I have been to at Bucks," said Chris Torrente a 27-year-old liberal arts major from Langhorne.

Although he attended because of persuasion from professor Chris Bursk, Torrente said what he took from the evening was a whole new look at poetry. Djanikian read from his most recently published book of poetry, "So I Will Till the Ground," a fact-based dramatization of the Armenian Genocide of 1915.

With vivid imagery, Djanikian told the packed room of students, teachers and community poets, "Some subject matter seeks you out; it grabs you by the collar and throws you down."

Marie Kane, the 2006-2007 Bucks County Poet Laureate and former Bucks student, noted, "I was struck by the absolute honesty and force of the poetry."

In what is modern day Turkey, the Ottoman Empire spread into Armenian communities where 1.5 million Arme-

nians were systematically killed.

Djanikian's grandfather escaped the slaughter to Egypt where Djanikian was born. He lived in awe of his grandfather, to whom the book is dedicated.

At age 8, Djanikian moved to Pennsylvania, where he now teaches at the University of Pennsylvania.

Djanikian, who has strong ties to Bucks, was interviewed on NPR recently.

When Susan Darrah, assistant academic dean for the Department of Language and Literature, heard the interview, she told Dr. Stephen doCarmo, "We've got to get this guy!"

Co-host of the poetry series program since arriving at Bucks, doCarmo is "all for getting the arts on any campus."

Djanikian came to Bucks early to speak with students and answer any questions they had. "They asked really great questions that I had to think about, in fact, some questions that I had thought about when writing this book," he said.

Future poetry series events include the following:

On Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. in the Orangery, Sean Webb, 2005 Montgomery County Poet Laureate, will read.

Friday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m., Robert Bense, a Bucks professor emeritus, will read his first full-length book of poetry.

Cycle Minus Helmet = Trouble



BRITTANY GORDON
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It was an all-too common scene, with all the elements for tragedy: a young rider, a powerful motorcycle, and no helmet.

Devon Reith wasn't wearing a helmet when he lost control of his motorcycle in First Service Bank's parking lot in Doylestown while trying to show his friends a trick.

He suffered serious injuries.

Two weeks ago, he bought a motorcycle, a 2006 Honda CBR 1000RR, with all of his savings. Reith was really excited and proud of his bike. He couldn't wait to show it to all his friends.

Nate Probasco, a 20-year-old engineering major, was there that Tuesday night. Probasco remembers Reith trying to do a popper-wheelie on his bike.

Probasco told him he should put a helmet on, but Reith insisted that he was only going to go around the parking lot and that it would be OK. Reith went down the parking garage ramp, turned

around and came back up the ramp heading toward Main Street.

Reith then lost control of the bike. He slammed into the curb and was thrown off the bike into a flower bed.

"It was the worst sounding and mentally damaging accident I've ever seen," Probasco recalled, still in shock over what had happened.

Reith was knocked out cold and was bleeding from his mouth and ears. He was rushed to Abington Hospital, then transferred to Jefferson Hospital in Philadelphia.

He had a fractured skull, a broken right shoulder, two broken ribs, a collapsed lung and bruises to both lungs. His L1 vertebrae was shattered.

He underwent back surgery and is now at Moss Rehabilitation center getting physical therapy.

Probasco said, "I just wish he had his helmet on, I really do."

Pennsylvania's helmet law says the rider does not have to wear a helmet if he is 21 years old or older and has been licensed to operate a motorcycle for no less than two years, or is 21 and has

completed a motorcycle safety course approved by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation.

Ben Roethlisberger, a Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback, was in serious condition after his motorcycle accident in June 2006. Roethlisberger was also not wearing a helmet when the accident occurred.

He was riding his 2005 Suzuki Hayabusa in Pittsburgh when a Chrysler sedan crashed into him.

Roethlisberger suffered multiple facial injuries, a 9-inch laceration to the back of his head, a broken jaw and damage to several of his teeth.

If Roethlisberger was wearing his helmet his injuries would not have been as severe.

Reith doesn't recall the accident, but friends say he is going to wait a while to ride again.

Probasco said, "I hope Devon will always ride with his helmet on, even when he's just riding around a parking lot. Seeing my friend like that is going to scar me for life. I don't want to ever go through that again."

Smokers Speak Out Against Potential Ban

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Helen Oresik, 47, from Morrisville is a non-smoker who admits, "It does make me gag. All my friends smoke though. I just don't like walking from building to building and having to walk through all that smoke. I don't want to take their right to smoke away; I just don't want to have to breathe it in."

Cipriano said the SGA has not completed the smoke-free campus proposal. He is hopeful that it will be done in time for the Great American Smoke-Out on Nov. 15.

Either way, it will be done by the end of November, when the Dean's Council will review it.

The council could accept the proposal as-is or make changes. If accepted, then it would be time for the Department of Safety and Security to get on board. Either Safety & Security or the Dean's council will determine what, if any, the fines will be.

If the proposal passed some students would abide, some would hide, and some would do as they always do, even if facing a fine.

"I'd probably sneak back into the trees, hide in some bushes," said Michael Adamczyk, 21, from Morrisville.

"I'd go on a nature walk. I'd smoke in my car. It would just be frustrating; I wouldn't be angry," said Amy Dial, 24, a graphic design student from Penndel.

Travis McMullen, 19, a liberal arts major from Bensalem, said he

would just have to hide and smoke. "If I am here long enough, I have to smoke somewhere."

"I think it is horrible. I am here from 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., and I smoke," said Patty Miller, 20, a Levittown communications/performance major. "I understand that not everyone wants to walk by from building to building having their lungs filled with smoke if they're not a smoker." Miller said she would follow the rules if a ban was passed, and added that sometimes she just smokes to pass time in large breaks between classes.

"I only started smoking a month ago. Before I started smoking, the secondhand smoke was an issue for me. I didn't like smelling like other people's cigarette smoke," said Jennifer Krevitskie, 18, a liberal arts major from Levittown. "I was thinking about quitting smoking anyway."

Krevitskie went to Philadelphia Community College for a volleyball competition and noticed that they had smoker's gazebos with ashtrays all around where people could gather and smoke to the side of the buildings. "If it becomes a smoke-free campus I suppose it would be better for people who want to quit," she added.

Good playfully remarked that if a ban were to pass unamended, he'd "call some tobacco companies and get them to get their expensive lawyers on it. They have deep pockets." An interesting notion considering the high percentage of interviewed smok-

ers and nonsmokers believe that smokers have a right to do just that.

Students who were interviewed asked questions like, "Who is passing this?" and "Were there a lot of people making complaints or comments about smoking that his has become an issue?"

The SGA is developing the proposal. They meet every Tuesday in Rollins 115 at 12:30 p.m.

If and when the proposal makes it past the deans, it has to clear the Board of Trustees. "The faculty union is behind a change," said Cipriano.

Matt Castell, 19, a graphic design major from Yardley said, "If it were enforced, I would rather have it smoke-free. It's possible, but not probable. I don't think people would cooperate unless you started throwing out fines."

Still, Castell believes an entirely smoke-free campus policy is "kind of extreme" and that there ought to be designated smoking areas.

Whether smoker or non-smoker, one thing Bucks community members do appear to agree on is the idea of designated smoking areas. Many smokers believe that fines would be understandable if one is caught smoking outside of those zones. A small percentage of those interviewed at the Newtown campus support a proposal for a completely smoke-free campus. Those who oppose such a ban do so on the grounds of smokers' rights or enforceability.

Random Photo of the Week

Photo by Brian Suppin



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Wildfires Claim Six

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SAN DIEGO (AP) — On a day when firefighters methodically beat back several of the wildfires menacing Southern California and thousands of evacuees were allowed home, authorities said Thursday, Oct. 25 they had found six bodies burned by the flames.

Border Patrol agents on routine patrol found four bodies in a wooded area near Barrett Junction, just east of San Diego and along the Mexican border, agency spokeswoman Gloria Chavez said. The area is near a major corridor for illegal immigrants who often walk hours or even days to cross into the United States from

Mexico.

Authorities said they discovered the bodies Thursday afternoon but did not know how long ago the victims died or whether the flames were responsible for their deaths.

"They could have been out there a while," said Paul Parker, a spokesman for the San Diego County medical examiner's office. They were tentatively identified as three men and one woman.

Two bodies were discovered in the rubble of a burned home in San Diego County. Like a 52-year-old Tecate man killed Sunday in a fire along the Mexican border, the pair had been urged to evacuate.

Slippery Criminal Captured

ASSOCIATED PRESS

MINOT, N.D. (AP) — Every time convicted killer Richard Lee McNair landed behind bars, he dreamed up a new way to escape.

He once used lip balm to squeeze out of handcuffs. Another time, he crawled through a prison air vent. Last year, he slipped out with bags of mail.

On the lam, he found time to send a prison

warden a Christmas card and used his name to apply for a cell phone. McNair seemed to be taunting his former captors.

All the while, McNair became one of the nation's most wanted fugitives — and an Internet star. Tens of thousands watched a 10-minute police dashboard video of him talking his way out of an arrest.

His latest stint on the run ended Thursday, Oct. 25, when he was captured in Canada.



The Drama Club before their performance of "A Bad Start to a Good Year" on Saturday, Oct. 20.

Photo by Linda Bontempi

Shelter in Place

In 2003 the college implemented a new safety protocol designed to give students, faculty and staff another option when responding to emergency situations. This protocol, Shelter-in-Place or S.I.P., is primarily designed to give campus personnel the ability to seek safe shelter; in the event the county or local area experiences a significant Chemical, Biological, Radiological or Nuclear disaster or emergency.

The College has designated a number of areas on campus as S.I.P. locations. These locations include: Tyler Hall 1st floor hallway outside Rm. 133A; the Library Auditorium and Library 3rd floor; Rollins Quiet Study and café vending area; Gymnasium; Hicks Art Gallery and Photo Lab; Founders Hall rooms 140, 141, and 239; Penn Hall rooms 232, 253, 255, 257, and 259; Physical Plant Barn 2nd floor break room; LBC/Bristol rooms 104/105 and 204/205; and UCC/Perkasie computer classrooms.

Each location is demarcated by a "Shelter-in-Place Location" sign, and each location will be staffed by 1-2 trained S.I.P. team leaders with a S.I.P. kit. S.I.P. leaders will signal a S.I.P. event via the use of air horns, whistles and/or loud speakers in and around campus buildings. Leaders will then begin directing students, faculty and staff to the nearest S.I.P. location. Once on location, leaders will provide occupants with directions, information and updates as available. S.I.P. is voluntary, and campus members cannot be forced to shelter in place; however, should you choose not to shelter in place, the only other option available to you is to evacuate campus. No other options are available to you.

The S.I.P. kits include various items which may be needed by the leader(s), to include: first aid kit, water, paper towels, absorbent "socks", duct tape, plastic bags, radios (two-way and AM/FM), glucose, pencils/paper, etc. The kits are designed to provide elementary supplies to S.I.P. leader(s), until the emergency event is cleared. All community members are required to follow the directions of the S.I.P. leader(s); remembering that a quick, calm response will provide maximum safety for all.

Should you have any questions regarding Shelter-in-Place, you can call the Director of Security and Safety, Mr. Chris Lloyd at (215)968-8394, or Ext. 8394.

Campus Events

Oct. 30:

9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Union League/Behind Closed Doors, Social Science Club

12:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. Philadelphia Architecture Grand Tour, Social Science Club

Halloween Dance, Lower Bucks Campus

Nov. 1

12:15 p.m. Dos Lunas Flamenco Guitar, Lower Bucks Campus

Nov. 3

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. A Day For All Women Conference

1 p.m. Soccer, PCAA State Championship

1 p.m. Men's Basketball vs Valley Forge Christian - Scrimmage (away)

7 p.m. Dos Lunas Flamenco Recital, Lower Bucks Campus

The Women's Center and Bucks Counseling Services present a Suicide Awareness Forum on Nov. 20 from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The film "Eternal High" and a performance called "Living on the See-Saw" will be shown. There will also be a discussion facilitated by the counselors. Call 215-968-8015 for more information.

Obama Impresses Many at Bucks

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Bucks students are open to the idea of having an African-American president, so what do they think about presidential hopeful Barack Obama?

America could use a change in its presidency by considering Obama. He is the junior senator from Illinois and a member of the Democratic Party. He is the fifth black senator in U.S. history and the only African-American currently serv-

ing in the U.S. Senate. He is a graduate of Columbia University and Harvard Law School. "I think [Obama] has what it takes to be a president. He doesn't look like a person who is afraid of hard work," said Tim Morris, 21, a criminal justice major from Philadelphia.

Courtney Williams, a 23-year-old nursing major from Bristol, said, "It doesn't matter if the person is black or white. I just want an honest and hard-working person to win."

Bucks students interviewed said they were confident that an

African-American can be a constructive and positive element in the White House. "I think we need to change it up anyways," said Kyle Gargan, 19, a journalism major from Bensalem.

The history of America is a continuous line of white presidents. But blacks have been a positive driving force in American society for years.

Dr. Daniel Hale Williams is known for performing the first open heart surgery in 1893, and he was a black man. In 1950, Dr. Ralph J. Bunche was awarded the Nobel

Peace Prize for his work in 1949 as a mediator for a truce in the Arab-Israeli conflict. The first black woman elected to congress was Shirley Chisholm, who took her oath in 1969. The list goes on. Maybe a black president isn't a bad idea.

In the past the ideal presidential candidate has been white. Some Bucks students are looking to change this pattern. Jackie Simon, 25, liberal arts major from Levittown said, "In the diverse world that we live in, it would be good to have an African-American like Obama

who is a positive figure."

Obama has spoken at political events across the country. He uses innovative ways to communicate with other Americans and has tackled such problems as the spread of weapons of mass destruction. Obama wants to create a health care system that works, and he plans to strengthen the public school system. Christiana Thompson, 19, an education major from Bensalem said, "I don't judge people on the color of their skin but by their actions. I feel he's qualified for the job."

Advice from a Friend...

My name is Mary Kate Galloway. I am a journalism major at Bucks. Away from Bucks though, I am a good friend who's always there to listen and talk. When any of my friends need advice, they come to me.

I decided to do an advice column for the Centurion. It combines my two passions, writing and helping people.

I'm good at giving advice on many different topics. Ask me about relationships, parents, jobs, or school. Anything in your life that you're having trouble with, you can come to me.

If you do decide to ask me for advice, and it shows up in the Centurion, your name will stay confidential (unless you specify that you don't mind).

Just send an email to mkg0520@comcast.net with a short paragraph explaining your specific problem, and look for the answer in the new advice column of the Centurion!

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You see, I have a problem with trust... a HUGE problem with it. So much so that I tend to push people away, even before they knock. Well, this one gentleman had completely destroyed my trust—walked all over me and slandered me as a person. Now almost a year later he has come with his tail between his legs in apologies. The thing is he has apologized to the wrong person. He's talking to my best friend when he really should be talking to me. I would love to hear it but he is too scared to talk to me, what should I do???

Yours Truly...

Stupidly Enamored

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Forget about him. It's hard to hear the truth but think about it. If this guy is really as sorry as he's saying he is, why isn't he apologizing to YOU? He came up to your friend saying he's sorry? It sounds to me like he's trying to take the easy way out of a bad situation that he put himself in. If he was man enough to accept the fact that he was wrong and he's sorry, he would tell you himself.

By the way, forgetting about him doesn't mean giving him attitude or ignoring him if you pass him and he says hi. You can be friendly, just because he did wrong to you does not mean you should do wrong to him. But do not treat him like you used to treat him before he "walked all over you." If he cherishes you as a person, he will eventually apologize. If he does come up and apologize to your face, accept it. Until then, forget about it

**Editor's Note: Look for Mary Kate Galloway's column in the Op/Ed section weekly.

A Letter to the Editor

To the death of freedoms and our Constitutional Rights! At Bucks there is a plan that is under way to kill the rights of smokers.

With more than 10,000 students, don't you think that the special interest group that is trying this plan into effect should ask the students what they think?

As a smoker, I am downright upset that our school is making this major change without any input from the students.

The current plan would entail that smoking would be banned from all areas of the campus.

There are so many things wrong with that.

One of the problems that I see is that most classes only have a 10-minute window between them. Therefore, it would be almost impossible to walk to your car, then drive off campus, have your smoke, drive back on campus, start the search for a parking spot in the township and get to class on time.

Does the special interest group care about this? No.

Let's take this down to a simpler level.

The world runs on money. Colleges are no different when it comes to this point. Although most of the school's money comes from government funding, some of the money comes from the students.

Now is it wise to upset and deny the rights of the funding people of school revenue during times when the school budget seems to be in a state of unrest?

But to take the higher road, I am asking that the students input but heard in an open forum meeting.

Will they do it? Do they even care about the students, or are they just out for themselves?

Only time will tell what is true. Banning smoking on campus could drop the student enrollment.

I wonder where the revenue will come from if Bucks loses students.

-A concerned Bucks student



A Modern Hypocrisy

Dating after 25

A weekly column by senior editor Laura Irwin

What's the first thing you notice about a potential date?

Is it their muscles, their eyes or perhaps a curling smile and dimples?

For me, looks and personality are second and third to the first thing I notice about the opposite gender - a wedding ring.

It never used to be like this of course. When I was in my late-teens and early-20s, this wasn't a concern for me. Not many of my peers were married. Now that I am 25, it's a whole new ballgame.

I'm out at the local pub last weekend and I come across a ring-free hand that belongs to a handsome guy. We introduce ourselves and converse lightly, looking for topics of mutual interest.

But an hour or so into talking, I ask the inevitable question, "So, do you have a girlfriend?"

He did. Too bad for me, but I only expect that answer and a girl enjoys conversation with an attractive guy more than being hit on by the odd duck at the bar anyway.

But this is where one of my pet peeves surface. Engaged and taken men need to wear something too.

Whatever caused the decline in pinning?

I spent an hour of my evening talking to someone unavailable and as a single woman I just don't have the time to waste with someone who is taken, when someone who is not is 3-feet away.

I mentioned this to my roommate and she confessed she looks for a wedding ring automatically. She said it's an impulse and she does it even if she isn't interested in the guy.

I propose that if you aren't looking for a mate, then don't act like you are. Wear a neon-flashing sign, a ring or the '50's-style pin. Have something that says, "Sorry, but you missed my availability years ago."

Don't get me wrong. I enjoy my nights out just talking and meeting new people. In fact, it's rare that I have the time or interest in extending myself for the cause of a non-existent relationship. I am not constantly on the prowl.

But, I find it pointless and bothersome for someone to seemingly flirt with me, when they are attached.

More so, I think it is quite unattractive to say things to another person that they wouldn't say in front of their significant-other. If the "Mrs." was around, would you be saying that to me?

This weekend when I am out with friends, I resolve to have a good time and leave the flirting to those who are better at it than me. But I can't make any promises about not looking at their hands.



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Being an Eagles Fan is Hard To Do

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The game should have been over. After enduring 58 minutes of slow torture, the Philadelphia Eagles looked as if they would even their record at 3-3. The Chicago Bears had the ball on their own three-yard-line with less than two minutes remaining and no timeouts. Just as Eagles fans began to feel good about the rest of this season, Brian Griese and Muhsin Muhammad snatched victory from the Eagles' grasp, and the birds lost once again, in spectacular fashion.

This was not the first time the Eagles had pounded their fans with a hard punch to the gut this season. In the season opener, the Eagles literally fumbled the game away,

with two punt-return fumbles. The first fumble resulted in a touch-down, the second gave the Green Bay Packers the ball in Eagles territory where they ate up the rest of the clock, and kicked a game-winning field goal.

This is not just a recent trend.

Rewind back to week seven of last year, the Eagles vs. the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. In this game, Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb's "daddy," Ronde Barber, intercepted two of his passes and returned both for touchdowns. The Eagles displayed horrible clock management to close the first half when McNabb threw a pass to tight-end L.J. Smith at Tampa's two-yard-line as the clock expired, wasting a chance for three points. That would have turned out to be

the game-winning field goal.

Fast-forward to the fourth-quarter with the Eagles trailing 20-14 in a game they should have dominated. Eagles' playmaker Brian Westbrook took a short pass and made the Bucs' defense look like high-schoolers as he juked his way to a 52-yard touchdown with 48 seconds left. After a good kickoff return to the 36, the Bucs moved the ball to the Eagles' 44-yard-line. Bucs' kicker Matt Bryant came on to attempt a 62 yard game-winning field-goal, and made it. It was the longest kick of his career and the only kick he has ever made on record over 55 yards.

It gets worse, birds fans.

Think back to the beginning of last season, when the Eagles played the hated New York Giants

in week two in Philadelphia. The Eagles soared to a 24-7 lead in the third quarter when Eagles wide receiver Reggie Brown hauled in a McNabb touchdown pass. Eagles fans could have changed the channel right then; good thing they didn't. The Eagles had every chance available to put the game away, but couldn't. Giants receiver Plaxico Burress couldn't be corral his fumble and wide-out Tim Carter recovered the ball in the end-zone for a Giants touchdown. The usually sure-handed Brian Westbrook fumbled the ball while trying to run out the clock. In overtime, Giants quarterback Eli Manning hit Burress for a long touchdown. To make matters worse, the Eagles' high-priced defensive end Jevon Kearse tore his ACL when he

should have been on the sideline resting.

Eagles fans are not alone in having their hearts ripped out every season. The Cleveland Browns franchise, restored in 1999, has made just one playoff appearance since the old Cleveland Browns, now the Baltimore Ravens, and left town some years ago. Browns fans had to endure the Ravens—their old team—winning the Super Bowl in 2001. The Houston Texans have never made the playoffs. The St. Louis/Arizona Cardinals have never been to a Super Bowl. The Detroit Lions continuously lower the bar for their franchise year after year.

So it could be worse, Eagles fans, but not by much.



The Philadelphia Eagles

Photo Courtesy of The AP

Game Day is Happy Out in the Happy Valley

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STATE COLLEGE, Pa. - The second you step into Happy Valley, you just feel it. The parking lot is crawling with fans wearing blue and white. Looking around, you witness the camaraderie surrounding you; the chants and the tailgates. It's one of the most exciting experiences you will ever have. It's also one of the most dedicated fan bases in college football, and you'll realize it when you hear that infamous chant: "WE ARE... PENN STATE!"

Every student rushes to the entrance as early as possible to get into the stadium and get a seat close to the field. The massive mob gets smaller and smaller as hundreds of fans pile into the rows of seats.

Once you step into the stadium, it really begins. The roar of the crowd is deafening. The fans pack into the seats and get ready for the game. If you are lucky enough to be in attendance for a special game such as a "white out," it is truly stunning. Seeing the sea of white is something that words cannot describe. It sounds extremely corny, but it's true.

The warmups start, the cheers are contagious and the fans are anxiously waiting for the game to start.

Then just as the excitement begins to peak, game time finally rolls around and the noise level in Beaver Stadium reaches its highest. The game is finally underway, and the crowd of 110,000 plus fans are yelling so loud that it feels like the whole stadium is rocking back and forth. The yelling is intensified even more if Penn State happens to be playing a big rival, such as Michigan or Ohio State.

The initial first set of downs is so exciting, the fans all around you are cheering and clapping. It's almost impossible not to get into the game. One of the coolest things about sitting in the student section is when the opposing team comes down to your side of the field. It feels like the team is marching right toward you, right into the stands and the chaotic fans will do anything to distract them.

Halftime rolls around and the craziness takes a rest. The band takes the field and plays a couple of tunes, holding the crowd over. While the band is still on the field, the daring baton twirler takes main stage. Everyone gazes in amazement as she sets the batons ablaze and throws them several feet into the air and catches them with ease.

Soon after the halftime events end, the third quarter begins. The game resumes and the crowd seems even more energetic and loud, almost like the hiatus gave them more power. The game gets heated and as the sun sets, the most crucial part of the game is about to begin.

The fourth quarter is greeted with a rowdy cheer by the fans, and the game play picks up a little. More passes and points—it's crunch time and you watch and cheer on as the game nears its final minutes.

The game winds down to the final set of plays and this is where the fans show that they are behind their team. Everyone, from the aging alums to the first-year freshman, is on their collective feet. Then it comes down to that last play, the one that will decide the outcome of the game.

Hopefully when the clock ticks down, "WE ARE" on the winning side.

Flyers' Young Guns Stepping Up in '07

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After winning only 22 games in the 2006-2007 season, finishing last in the Eastern Conference and NHL standings and getting cheated out of the first overall draft pick, the Philadelphia Flyers have lived up to their new slogan, "Back With a Vengeance," so far in 2007-2008.

The hype for the Flyers going into this season was all about the acquisition of goaltender Martin Biron and free-agent gem Daniel Briere, but the club knew they would need production from all four offensive lines, both power play units and the three defensive pairings, to be able to erase the nightmare that was last season. Overlooked by the stellar play of Biron between the pipes, a power play ranked in the top five in the NHL and the offensive production of the first line, consisting of Briere, Simon Gagne and Mike Knuble, is the play of the organization's youngsters.

The NHL post-lockout is all about youth, speed and scoring; and the new-look Flyers have plenty of quick talent under the age of 30 putting pucks in the net.

After netting just a combined 24 goals all of last season, 22-year-

olds Mike Richards and Jeff Carter each have five goals in only eight games this season. Richards and Carter played in 59 and 62 games last year, respectively. Richards did not score his fifth goal in 2006-2007 until March 1 against the Boston Bruins in a 4-3 overtime victory. The Flyers think very highly of Richards and believe he has the potential to become the captain in the years to come; so they awarded him as one of the team's alternate captains this season.

Carter is marked as one of the club's snipers and is projected to score more than 20 goals this season. Coach John Stevens believes Carter may have the hardest and most accurate wrist shot on the team.

Pennsylvania native R.J. Umberger missed the first two regular season games with a broken finger, but scored a goal in his first game back in an 8-2 rout of the Vancouver Canucks on Oct. 10. Umberger, 25, signed a two-year contract with the Flyers in July of 2006.

In the midst of all the offseason hassle, the Flyers managed to trade defenseman Joni Pitkanen and journeyman Geoff Sanderson to the Edmonton Oilers for veteran defenseman Jason Smith, the Fly-

ers' current captain, and young star Joffrey Lupul. The 24-year-old Lupul was selected seventh overall in the 2002 draft by the Anaheim Ducks. After scoring 41 goals in his first two seasons, Lupul cooled off in his third professional season, playing every game but one and scoring only 16 goals. After getting a fresh start in Philadelphia, Lupul has three goals and six assists in only eight games this season.

A large part of the Flyers' early success this season has been the play of the young defenseman lining the points. The club lacked youth and speed along the blue line last season, resulting in many odd-man rushes for the opposition and many goals too. Flyers defensemen were among the league's worst in terms of plus-minus and points scored. Randy Jones and Lasse Kukkonen have stepped up in a huge way so far for the orange and black. Both of the 26-year-old blue liners have scored a goal this season, but more importantly, have collectively held opponents to the fewest goals allowed in the Eastern Conference as of Oct. 25.

The youth and exuberance of the Flyers, along with the club's skillful veterans, should get them back to the postseason in 2007-2008.