



CAMPUS SPOTLIGHT: SAMEK ART MUSEUM

MADDIE HAMILTON | THE BUCKNELLIAN Samek Art Museum located on the fourth floor of the Elaine Langone Center.

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CAMPUS GETS POLITICAL

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The Samek Art Museum operates in two locations: an on-campus gallery on the top floor of the Elaine Langone Center (ELC) and their downtown gallery located at 416 Market Street. This semester, however, the Samek has had to adjust its exhibits to conform to strict COVID-19 protocols.

At the beginning of the semester, the museum introduced their longest-running

and most far-reaching “Do It” exhibition yet, with a slight twist: “Do It (home).” This worldwide art project began in Paris in 1993 and is centered around the idea of having an audience interact with its artwork through specific instructions by each artist; it is curated by Hans Ulrich Obrist and produced by Independent Curators International (ICI). The University has featured this in the past years, and continues to do so following CO-

VID-19 guidelines that are also being used worldwide.

Exhibited works have been digitized and can be found on the museum’s website. They are featured with both the artists’ instructions and a “community members response,” which are from professors, students and individuals in the Lewisburg community. For example, Nairy Baghramian’s nature-oriented piece has been interpreted and responded to by Mayor of Lewisburg Judy Wagner, while Precious

Okoyomon’s work has been interpreted by Assistant Professor of English Chase Gregory and Carly Boxer. All students and members of the community are encouraged to interact with this exhibition. Recently, the Samek’s on-campus and downtown gallery has opened for visitors from Tuesday to Saturday from noon until 5 p.m., and until 7 p.m. on Thursday evenings. Both locations follow a litany of provisions the museum has set in place to

encourage social distancing and protection from the aerosol spread of the coronavirus. Masks are mandatory upon entrance, and there is a limit on the number of visitors allowed inside the Samek at any one time.

The Samek’s virtual presence has expanded substantially as well, primarily in the form of drop-in asynchronous learning spaces. All events and programs have been converted to a

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Panel on civil discourse explores philosophy, history in development of political norms

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This past week, the University hosted a panel discussion titled “What is the Place of Civil Discourse in a Time of Polarization?” featuring professors from various departments. The panel was held via Zoom from 3-4:30 p.m. on Oct. 19 and was attended by both students and faculty alike. As implied by the title, the discussion revolved around issues concerning the role that civil discourse plays in today’s

partisan society.

Associate Professor of Religious Studies Brantley Gasaway began the discussion with an exclamation – “Polarized times call for all caps!” – thus kicking off an hour of lively and engrossing conversation. Gasaway noted that “in 2018, 80% of people believed that people were concerned about instability of politics and that it was worsening, and more than 70% put the blame on Trump and wealthy special interests.” The discussion

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BSG hosts Ray Response training discussion

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Assistant News Editor

This past week, the Bucknell Student Government (BSG) Advocacy Committee hosted their annual “Ray Response Training” sessions, with Director of the Counseling and Student Development Center Kelly Kettlewell and Chief of Public Safety Steve Barilar to speak about campus safety. The two guest speakers discussed the types of services offer, as well as when and how to reach them for help. The event took place in the Great Room of Hildreth-Mirza Hall on Monday, Oct. 19 and was split into two iterations, one at noon and another at 6 p.m., along with an option to Zoom into the former talk. This flexibility gave students a wide window of opportunity to attend the event and learn more about safety resources available to them on campus.

“While this is a traditional Advocacy Committee event, we believe that, in light of recent events, it is more important now than ever to be aware of safety resources on campus.” Taylor Armstrong ’23, the chair of the BSG Advocacy Committee, said. “Additionally, this was the first time we incorporated the Counseling and Student Development Center in the event, as we recog-

nized that Public Safety is not a resource for all communities on campus and it is not the only type of resource students might need.”

After her introduction by Armstrong at the beginning of the talk, Kettlewell spoke on the services offered

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TAYLOR ARMSTRONG
Class of 2023

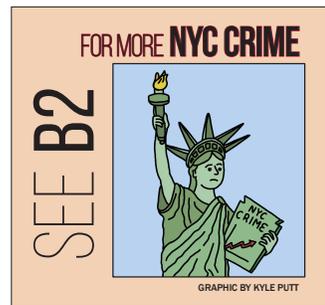
through the CSDC, as well as her thoughts on what students should know about the resources open to them. She explained that the CSDC exists to address urgent mental health needs in students 24/7. She then highlighted two approaches to counseling in relation to the occurrence of an emotional/mental trauma, stress, or hardship, labeled

proactive and reactive, respectively. Kettlewell shared examples of students who visit the center often to maintain their mental health (proactive), as well as students who turn to the center in times of need (reactive). Kettlewell noted that “all students were aware that seeking mental health support services can be a good way to proactively take care of yourself,” and that “professional mental health support is just one way to care for emotional health. Talking with loved ones, writing in a journal, getting enough sleep and exercising are examples of other ways to care for yourself.”

Barilar explained some of the services offered through Public Safety, including their 24/7 open calling, escort service and the blue lights located around campus, among many others. He also shared that students are active in utilizing these services and noted, for example, that all DoorDash drivers have been identified at this point. The event was then opened up to questions from students in the audience. Kettlewell and Barilar spoke of their close relationship through their careers and worked together to answer questions.

To conclude the event, the two expressed that the CSDC and Public Safety work hand

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PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10
NO INCIDENTS REPORTED

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11
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MONDAY, OCTOBER 12
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LARISON HALL
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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13
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LOT 23
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virtual platform, allowing ample ways for all to experience and appreciate the museum's idiosyncratic art pieces. The museum states that its mission is to "create meaningful encounters between artists, students, scholars, the public, and works of art." They call themselves the University's "Academic Art Lab," as they practice experimental art, innovative curatorial practices, and co-curricular programming to innovate new ways to engage with and inspire audiences. Many courses and organizations on campus have been known to utilize the museum's galleries to expand learning outside of the classroom and encourage engagement with local cultural institutions.

The Samek Senior Guides provide students with employment opportunities as they host visitors in both the downtown and on-campus locations. Julia Carita '20, an Art History Major and assistant at the Bridgette Mayer Gallery in Philadelphia, worked at the Samek for three years – in fact, this experience helped her decide to pursue a career in museum curation. "Working as a collections assistant

this past semester, I learned so much about collections management that I hope to take with me to a career, and I was able to get close to and even handle some really incredible works of art," she said. Her favorite art piece is one by Kiki Smith, an aquatint and etching on paper created in 2006. Another former student, Madeleine Seibert '20 worked at the Samek Art Museum for three years and is pursuing a career in Global Health Consulting. Though she doesn't intend to chart a course in an art-related field like Carita, she explained that "as someone who doesn't study art or art history, working at the Samek gave me an opportunity to keep art in my life and be connected to the art community as well."

Information about The Samek Museum can also be found on their blog; students can find links to plan visits or book Museum Collection Study Room appointments, view past and upcoming exhibits and programs and learn about available collections. Another resource on this blog is the "Engage" section where students can interact and connect with the art pieces and provide your input on what you see.

BREAKING THE BUBBLE

THERE'S A WORLD OUTSIDE OF BUCKNELL.
CATCH UP ON WHAT YOU MAY HAVE MISSED.

Brief by Sarah Haber
News Editor

INTERNATIONAL

On Tuesday night, shots were fired into a group of Nigerian protestors at the Lekki Toll Plaza in Lagos. The group was protesting police brutality and defied the curfew in place, causing police to open fire upon the crowd as well as fire tear gas at them. According to Lagos' governor, one person died during the Oct. 20 incident and many are injured.

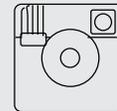
Pope Francis became the first pope to endorse same-sex civil unions in an interview that was a part of the documentary "Francesco" which aired on Wednesday, Oct. 21. His statement sparked cheers among some Catholics but outrage from others, due to the Vatican's official stance on the issue. He stated that "homosexual people have the right to be in a family. They are children of God."

DOMESTIC

Military officials recently announced that the death of Army Spc. Vanessa Guillen occurred "in the line of duty." In June, Guillen's body was found in a shallow grave and she appeared to have been bludgeoned to death. As a result of this Oct. 20 declaration, Guillen's family will be entitled to certain Army Benefits.

A Maryland man was charged with threatening presidential candidate Joe Biden and his running mate Kamala Harris. James Dale Reed left a threatening letter on the doorstep of someone with a Biden/Harris yard sign threatening Biden, in addition to threatening to commit an act of sexual assault against Harris. The police were able to identify Reed from a Ring door camera that was installed at the house where he left the letter, and he was arrested on Oct. 21.

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Upcoming Campus Events

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Assistant News Editor

Saturday, Oct. 24
Movie on the Quad
9:30 p.m. @ Malesardi Quad
Join GSA for a costume competition and showing of «The Rocky Horror Picture Show» on the Quad. The costume contest will start at 7 p.m. and the movie at 7:30 p.m.
KeepingItReal: Movie Series
7:30-9 p.m. @ Uptown & Swartz Hall Patio
Grab your University chairs and join this fall for all of your favorite throwback movies at Uptown and the Commons.

Movies will be showing at 8:30 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 25
LGBTQ Weekly Viewing
7-10 p.m. @ ELC - Forum (272)
The Office of LGBTQ Resources is partnering with LGBTQ representations in the media and Camp classes from the English department to show LGBTQ+ film, TV and media representation. Contact the Office of LGBTQ Resources for a schedule.
Monday, Oct. 26
BHC Storytelling Workshops
1-4 p.m. over Zoom
Want to learn how to tell a better story for

impactful presentations, performances and conversations?
Storyteller-in-Residence Julie Louisa Hagenbuch is offering one-on-one and group storytelling coaching office hours Monday-Thursday 1-4 p.m. until Oct. 28.
Drop by or schedule an appointment at storiesontap@gmail.com.
Thoughtful Dialogue in Turbulent Times: Preserving Community Through the Liberal Arts
10-11:30 a.m. over Zoom
As part of the Bucknell Program for American Leadership and Citizenship's Tucker-Brawley-Ramer Initiative, Cornel West of Stanford and Robert George of Princeton will be hosting a discussion with live questions and answers.
Tuesday, Oct. 27
BHC Storytelling Workshops
Ghosts & Hauntings: Decide for Yourself
7-10 p.m. @ MacDonald Commons - Multipurpose Room (104)
Join Associate Dean (and certified parapsychologist) Dr. Rich Robbins for "Ghosts and Hauntings: Decide for Yourself," a critical interdisciplinary consideration of the theories of what ghosts and other related

phenomena are and a discussion of evidence for and against the existence of ghosts. Come join for a look (so to speak) at things that go bump in the night when no one else is around. CDC guidelines for social distancing and masking will be followed.
Trivia Night
8-10 p.m. over Zoom
Join every Tuesday at 8 p.m. on Zoom for Trivia.
Wednesday, Oct. 28
BHC Storytelling Workshops
Trivia
7-9:30 p.m. @ MacDonald Commons - Multipurpose Room (104)
Join us for JR pretzels

and Trivia! We will have games at 7:00 and 8:15 p.m. The winner of each round will receive \$100 cash.
Thursday, Oct. 29
The 70th Anniversary of the Korean War: Its Legacy for American Identity in the World
8-9 p.m. over Zoom
A talk by military historian Victor Davis Hanson of Stanford's Hoover Institution.
Virtual Bingo
8-10 p.m. over Zoom
Join every Thursday at 8 p.m. on Zoom for Bingo.
BHC Programming Series: "Stories on Tap"
8-10 p.m. over Zoom

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RAY RESPONSE TRAINING

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in hand to ensure the safety of all students on all levels. While Public Safety services address the primary physical safety of students in various potential situations on cam-



pus, the CSDC then follows up to ensure or restore mental health and emotional safety.

"I believe that it is important for all students to be aware of their resources on campus and how to best utilize them. Knowing when to contact Counseling vs. when to contact Public Safety is crucial to developing a safe environment at Bucknell, both for ourselves and for our peers," Armstrong said.

"I believe we all have a responsibility to keep our community safe and because safety is not one size fits all, it's important for everyone to learn about resources," Kettlewell said. "Campus safety is always a work in progress and not an end goal that is achieved and static. We can always work to improve safety for all members of our community."

"Being on campus this semester has been challenging for so many students, and

it is impacting each one of us differently. The Ray Response Training reminded me of the importance of taking care of myself, as well as others at the University. Dr. Kelly Kettlewell and Chief Steve Barlar did a fantastic job of sharing all of the different support systems individuals can turn to while on campus. I think every student should experience this program," Jillian Flynn '22 said.

The CSDC is available 24/7 to support students both proactively and in situations of urgent need. Students can always call the CSDC (570-577-1604) to consult about available resources.

The Public Safety department is available 24/7 to provide services and assistance to students in all situations, emergency or not. Students can always call them at 570-577-3333 or 570-577-1111 for emergencies. Students can also access their website for links to other resources.

CIVIL DISCOURSE PANEL

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then led to other related topics, such as an inability to agree on social reforms and the ways in which the underprivileged can seek restitution and assistance from their government.

Assistant Professor of Philosophy Adam Burgos focused on this relationship between humans and the institutions that govern the public sphere — most notably, the federal government — and how that can influence the life and well-being of individuals. Burgos introduced the ideologies of many influential thinkers, such as John Stuart Mill, with particular consideration to their thoughts on freedom of speech and the modern impact of their thinking. Burgos remarked sagely that "I think we can take all three questions together: who regulates civil discourse? Mainstream

institutions and commentators regulate it in practice. In so doing they demarcate who has access to so-called 'civil discourse' by characterizing certain types of speech as existing outside of its parameters. Anger, for example, is often deemed outside of civil discourse. Unsurprisingly, that demarcation then benefits those who are able to influence and enforce it. We can see, then, that it disenfranchises further those who are already disenfranchised, by deeming their speech and actions uncivil," he said.

This notion of discourse-with particular consideration to their thoughts on freedom of speech and the modern impact of their thinking. Burgos remarked sagely that "I think we can take all three questions together: who regulates during the Antebellum Period, and the ways in which such responses rarely focused on the well-being or prosperity of slaves, but instead shifted the debate towards damage to the nation's economic and social structure as a main line of defense. The inability to assist and respond correctly to certain groups during turmoil has allowed Black theory to be criticized and attacked in today's society.

For the hope of a more cohesive and equal society, Burgos suggested that "those engaged in good faith attempts to promote civility should attend to the fact that the precondition for civil discourse is reciprocity among equals. If equal standing is not present, then civility ceases to be a good, and our focus should instead be on attempts to ensure equality. Only then can we retrieve civility as an ideal.

Stadler Center Invites poets for their 2020 Writer Series

Nicole Yeager
News Editor

The Stadler Center for Poetry and Literary Arts welcomed the third guest in their Fall 2020 Writer Series, Ross Gay. Gay presented a poetry reading of his work on Wednesday, Oct. 21, followed up by a Q&A on Thursday at noon — both over Zoom. Gay is also this year's Sandra & Gary Sojka Poet-in-Residence. Each year since 1981, the program has selected one nationally or internationally renowned poet for an extended stay at the University; it is "meant to honor the achievement of a distinguished poet while providing undergraduate writers the opportunity to work with an exceptionally talented poet." The poet-in-residence is typically responsible for meeting with qualified students, as well as engaging in readings and Q&A sessions.

Gay is the author of four books of poetry: "Against Which," "Bringing the Shovel Down," "Be Holding" and "Catalog of Unabashed Gratitude," winner of the 2015 National Book Critics Circle Award and the 2016 Kingsley Tufts Poetry Award. His next poem, "Be Holding," will be released from the University of Pittsburgh Press in September of 2020. His collection of essays, "The Book of Delights," was released by Algonquin Books in 2019.

Both events were open to all students and other campus community members; the links could be found on the detailed events calendar as well as the Stadler Center Newsletter. Many professors in the creative writing department encouraged their students to attend the events and interact with the literary community on campus.

Stadler Center Director Chet'la Sebree provided us with insight into the process

of hosting the Stadler Center Writing Series events.

Who is in charge of arranging the Stadler Center events/visitors?

Program Manager Andrew Ciotola is responsible for working with visiting writers or their agents to organize the logistics of the events. He works with our Stadler Assistant — Alexandra Schneider '22 this semester — on event promotion on campus through posters and our Stadler Center newsletter. Our post-graduate Stadler Fellows work on event promotion via our social media accounts. Then, we work with Event Tech during the actual programs to make sure they run smoothly.

What is involved in the process of having an established writer visit the Stadler Center?

Every fall, I solicit suggestions for the next year's writers series from my Creative Writing program colleagues, the Stadler Center Steering Committee, and Stadler Center staff. Then, I spend several months reading books and interviews by suggested authors to determine who I'd like to invite to campus for the next academic year. We then extend invitations, issue contracts, work on event promotion, create itineraries and have visitors come to the Center for a reading, class visits, student conferences and/or a Q&A. In the pandemic, we don't have people actually coming to campus but the logistics, aside from taking the writers to dinners, are largely the same.

What is the larger purpose of these events?

In normal times, Stadler Center events are opportunities to present students and the community with the rich diversity of the literary arts. In the pandemic, however, we're hoping that these events provide us with ways to further connect with each other in these isolating times. Not only are people

getting an opportunity to enjoy diverse offerings but they are able to connect through conversations about the visiting writers before and after the events.

Are you happy with the turn-outs?

Absolutely! One of the great things about these online events is that they are recorded for future viewings. Even though we might not have many people in any given Zoom meeting or webinar, we can see how many people continue to engage with the event via our database of recordings.

On Wednesday evening, Sebree welcomed all those who attended over Zoom Webinar. Stadler Fellow Laura Villareal introduced Gay by describing his works as a conversation between the speaker and the reader, and sometimes even a nudge toward action. Gay read an excerpt from his book "Be Holding," along with a couple of poems from two of his collections. Before each piece, he introduced the context for when he had written it and the significance of each one. His work touched on themes of growth, reflection, delight and gratitude, while discussing the simplicities of life. Around 30 students and faculty members attended the event, with many making use of the chat function to comment on their favorite lines.

"The Stadler Center is doing a great job hosting virtual events this semester. It is really nice to be able to engage with the literary community and still hear some amazing writers read their work, even if it's from our own rooms. Furthermore, the people who attend always create an engaging and supportive environment. Hearing Ross Gay read some of his poems was super inspirational, and even changed how I read some of his work," Hailey Robinson '22 said.

CAP Center presents Carnival Weekend

Ellie Lowe
Senior Writer

Last week, the Campus Activities & Programs (CAP) Center hosted a Carnival event at Uptown. The Oct. 16 event was a recent innovation of the CAP Center, springing from a desire to provide students with communal social activities within the context of COVID-19 restrictions. The CAP Center hopes to continue this spirit of community activity into the spring semester with more outdoor, controlled events.

For the Carnival, the outdoor area between Uptown and McDonnell Hall was transformed into a fair-ground complete with games, prizes, food and music. "Friday's carnival felt like being home again. Good people, good food and good times," Lucille Ketterer '23 said.

One of the most popular attractions was the 'high striker.' Throughout the evening, students could be seen testing their strength by malleting a lever and hoping to hear the ring of the bell atop the con-

traption; tickets were given out to those who were able to hit the bell, which could then be redeemed for a cup. Students attempting the feat were met with encouragement from bystanders; some individuals even took the time to give pointers to other students on how to make the most out of their attempt.

Another popular game featured a large, inflatable Velcro target where students could shoot Velcro soccer balls in an attempt to hit the bulls-eye. Other attractions included a Whack-A-Mole game that allows students to compete with one another, a magician, a balloon artist and airbrush tattoo artists.

The carnival was also home to many snacks and food: a mix of hot foods like nacho tots and mozzarella sticks, as well as classical carnival snacks like kettle popcorn, "zebra" popcorn and caramel apples — all functioning to keep attendees warm and adding to the lively autumnal atmosphere.

"Carnival was tremendous fun. Especially for those of us with an aptitude for downing

popcorn and testing our athleticism, it was greatly stimulating," Miles Book '23 said. Book went on to express his "personal thanks and gratitude to the wonderful leadership of the CAP Center for putting together the event; in particular to Cole Zehe '23, who was the head planner and is as organized as he is charismatic."

"I'm very pleased with how the carnival went. There was a great flow of people who stopped by to do the giant soccer ball dashboard and try their luck on the strength tester. People were also excited to see the magician, balloon artist and get airbrush tattoos. Overall, a night of great fun," event planner Zehe said.

With the weather starting to cool down, the Carnival was the last major outdoor event of the semester — the CAP Center will be working henceforth on mostly indoor programming. This Friday, Oct. 23, for instance, the CAP Center will be hosting a Harry Potter event complete with trivia, succulents, and a chance to win \$100. Look out for other events from the CAP Center in the near future.

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Spookiest Halloween costumes of 2020

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Satire Co-Editor

It is October, so you know what that means. Spooky season is upon us — and has been for a while, but it all builds up to next week. If you don't like Halloween, you're in the minority. It's a day for everyone to consume absurd amounts of candy — and, in many cases, alcohol — and be whatever they want to be. Below is a list of the best costume ideas that University students have been planning for this year's festivities.

"I'm going as a Zoom meeting notification. I al-

ways get so scared when I find them in my inbox. Like, why do we have to Zoom for something that could be an email?" Zach Meet '22 said.

"I'm going as myself when I'm hungover. Everyone knows not to speak to me when I'm hungover," Sarah Hang '23 said.

"I am going as a giant Moodle logo. I made my costume myself, and I am sure most of my friends will understand why it's so scary. My motto for this semester is that I can't be failing if I don't check my grades," John Skul '21 said.

"I'm going as my student loan papers. Enough

said," Will Pay '21 said.

"I'm dressing up as my boyfriend when he loses Among Us. That is a terrifying person and I don't ever want to see his alter ego again," Amanda Red '23 said.

"I'm just going to wear a t-shirt that was a dollar from Walmart and draw three black circles on it and be Three Hole Punch Jim. My girlfriend is going as a cat because Pam was a cat in that episode," Jim Halbert '22 said.

"Maybe if I dress up as my friend Jake, my girlfriend will actually want to hang out with me. We're not doing our good me. Or Jake. Or John's girlfriend.

John Johnson '24 said.

"I'm going to be a 'meal' from the caf. We can never stop calling attention to what is happening at the University, and I know everyone will appreciate my costume because most people are too scared to get food from there or avoid it entirely," Dana Bost '22 said.

I hope these helped you figure out a good costume for you or helped you figure out that even when everything is going horribly wrong and classes are killing you and everything sucks, at least you aren't John right now. Or Jake. Or John's girlfriend.

Why students should be allowed to have their cameras off



GRAPHIC BY ALEX IANNONE, GRAPHICS MANAGER

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Satire Co-Editor

Due to the shift from traditional in-person classes to remote instruction, there has been a great deal of discussion on a topic that concerns both students and professors alike: should students be required to have their camera on during online classes?

This debate has sparked much controversy. Teachers and professors tend to say that, yes, students should have their cameras on, while students argue if they are doing the classwork and participating, their camera being on should not be necessary.

What teachers, however, don't know is what students are doing behind the scenes, and that's what troubles them. Are they really paying attention? Are they taking notes and being as diligent as they normally would be?

"I don't think professors understand that I don't want them to see me if I don't need them to," Will Faint '23 said. "I am a very strong believer that the FBI man watching me through my laptop and phone camera would not be happy with my daily choices and activities, so I don't think my teachers need to see me at eight in the morning. FBI guy is enough for me. The government is always watching."

That is not even some-

thing I'd fully considered, but now I'm uncomfortable.

"I can absolutely, one hundred percent guarantee you nobody would want me to have my camera on during class," Alex Zoom '24 said. "I like to make eggs for breakfast or an early lunch, and I don't want people to see me when I inevitably accidentally break the yolk in my egg. It's just embarrassing. I don't need my professors to see that I'm incapable of cooking an egg without breaking the yolk. I am humiliated thinking about it."

Sometimes I'm not sure why I bother asking people questions because the answers are never what I'm expecting.

"I drink every single day, all day, because I don't have to go to class in person, and it doesn't hinder my grades, so I see no problem. But obviously a nice morning Bud Light in my fly fishing class is frowned upon," Carter Natural '21 said.

"So no, I don't want my professor to see me. There's no need, and he wouldn't know if I was drinking or not because I participate in class and I do my homework. It's not that deep."

Teachers and professors, please try to remember we will make bad choices whether or not you know about them. And some people are embarrassed to have their cameras on, as Alex explained in a slightly unique way.

No debate? No problem

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Instead of having three presidential debates as originally planned, our current Commander in Chief decided that it would be a waste of time to have one last week. This can put those who are still somehow undecided about who to cast their vote for in quite the predicament. How will they know which conservative is best this time around?

Do not fear, your friendly University reporters are here. We have interviewed several undecided voters across campus to bring you some of the best ways you can still determine your political standing, sans debate.

Frank Follower '23 feels as though he has come up with the perfect solution to help him stay informed. "Every day, I go on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram, and I just see what my relatives are sharing," Follower said. "From what I have gathered, Democrats want to kill all the babies, but Republicans are trying to instill a fascist regime that will end with world domination. I'm still undecided, but making voting easier, you will only be mercifully shamed when you are unable to vote."

We hope everyone has a fun election day.

zany uncle deciding who you vote for based on the outlandish content he retweets. That's why Isme Indecisive '22 is getting the input of a wide variety of voices to help her make her decision. Based on her latest Instagram poll, the results are causing her to lean more towards Trump, but Biden is expected to see a last-minute surge in the coming hours, a trend that will leave right-wing voters calling the Instagram poll a "hoax" and "fraudulent."

In the event that there is a tie, Indecisive says she plans on flipping a coin to decide.

Nolan Knowledge '24 thought about going about it the old-fashioned way and reading up on each candidate, but he quickly became frustrated. Knowledge refused to tell reporters which candidate he plans to support but said that when he went to the media looking for positive reinforcement about his decision, he could only find unfavorable media. Instead of taking that as a sign, Knowledge has now doubled down and refused to believe any besides self-serving, overly biased sources. Good plan, Knowledge.

If you or a loved one are looking for a place to get information, feel free to check out Vote411.org, or use one of the very effective aforementioned tactics.

People are spending more time in their rooms. Why?



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With the coronavirus taking top priority on the University campus, we have seen a lack of reliable weekly activities. Jerry the Clown and the advent of online schooling. More and more students have been staying in their rooms than ever before. One has to wonder, "What are they hiding?"

Well, as a fellow student with nothing conspicuous to hide, I can give reliable and factual information about any goings-on I don't like and tip off Public Safety, who will confiscate the contraband on said people on my behalf.

On the other side of this, however, through a few

late-night ragers and a complete lack of self-control — I mean, through careful, meticulous research at a local party going on the next room over, I was able to successfully attain a few testimonies of what people's hobbies were.

"Cabbage" '22 likes grilling in his spare time. "Sure it smells funny after a while, but when the burgers come out, they're [dang] delicious," he said when I asked him about the Broil King IMP-XLS Imperial XLS Dual Oven 6-Burner Freestanding Grill on his side of the room.

His roommate Chris '22 didn't seem to mind it. "As long as he doesn't get in the way of my glass-blowing," the enthusiast responded before gesturing to his homemade

furnace and collection of various molten glass samples.

While some students have taken the comforts of home and brought them into their dorms, others have been trying out new activities on their own. One off-campus student,

"Pepto" '23, has been trying acupuncture. I tried to contact her to get her opinion on how she self-taught herself this complex skill. However, she was in the middle of an acupuncture session and only responded with more questions, like "Who are you?", "How did you find me?" and "How did you get in my house?"

The last person I sought advice from was "Steve" '21, an upperclassman who likes reading in his spare time. Sometimes he meets up with his friends on Zoom and plays games with them.

Other times he likes sleeping on his bed when he isn't doing homework. "Yeah, dude, like, what else are you going to do? If you can't spend time with yourself, how are you going to appreciate spending time with other people?" he said.

With those inquiries satisfied, I could do nothing else, but put my feet up. But I still have questions. I could not do much but wonder, "What do I do in my free time?" It is a question that I will surely never find the answer to. So instead I'll continue making cake-in-a-odd while binge-watching odd documentaries in the safety of my room while my roommate takes up indoor motocross, cornhole and alcoholism with the other kids in my hall.

Voting locations add some spice to Election Day

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Polling locations for University students have recently changed, right on the eve of a monumental election that most will inevitably forget about but still complain about the results immediately after. These changes come just in time to confuse students about where to go, frustrate them with conflicting information and deter them from voting altogether. Isn't that what voting is all about?

Lucky for you few conscientious students, our reporters have done the dirty work for you and made an easy guide for where you need to be on Nov. 3 between classes, club meetings, practices and study groups, none of which will be canceled.

If you live uphill and have brown or blue eyes, you will be voting in the gym facilities, making it one of the farthest places you can travel. Hopefully it won't be raining. However, if you live uphill and you

have green eyes, you get to vote in the Commons, and if you have hazel eyes you can choose whichever polling location you see fit. The rules are pretty arbitrary and meaningless, anyway.

As for you downhill folks, eye color is completely irrelevant. Hoory. Instead, you simply go to the polling booth assigned to the "Sex and the City" character with which you most align. And be realistic. We can't all be a Carrie.

Meanwhile, for those of you who are lucky enough to live in the metal little sheds

on the other side of campus, your ballot will be brought to your doorstep so you will never have to lift a finger.

No matter where you go, you will be waiting for a minimum of three hours regardless of the time of day, so make sure you cancel all plans and blow off any responsibilities you may have. This election may be the most important of our lifetimes, so instead of making voting easier, you will only be mercifully shamed when you are unable to vote.

We hope everyone has a fun election day.

BIDEN VS. TRUMP

On the Issues

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With the presidential election a mere two weeks away, many remain undecided about who aligns most closely with their political

ideals. Democratic Presidential nominee and former Vice President Joe Biden, along with his running-mate Senator Kamala Harris, are campaigning on a moderate platform that promises to "Build Back Better," creating new economic opportunities and restoring

environmental protections while expanding and developing health-care accessibility and international alliances. U.S. President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence, meanwhile, have chosen to highlight their accomplishments during the past three and a

half years, promising to maintain the steady economic growth and "America First" foreign policy characteristic of their first three years in office. Below are but a few of the major policy issues that are at the forefront of voters' minds as we approach the Nov. 3 election.

POST-COVID ECONOMIC GROWTH

Biden has taken aim at what he perceives as unstable economic growth under Trump, arguing that he would be a better steward of an American economy with a now-uncertain future. Biden sees this economic downturn as an opportunity to build "an economy more vibrant and more powerful precisely because everybody will be cut in on the deal." Biden has laid out a comprehensive strategy to get the pandemic under control and effectively reopen the economy

with his "Build Back Better" platform. The policy will first provide immediate relief to working families, small businesses and communities, and then create jobs necessary for a 21st-century economy, such as the green and caregiving workforce. He has also vowed to repeal Trump's tax cuts on the wealthy and massive corporations, while ensuring the American middle class that they will suffer no substantial tax hikes under his administration.

The Trump administration takes the view that the recent economic downturn was an unavoidable — indeed necessary — component of the COVID-19 containment strategy in the United States. They posit the year's economic collapse as the result of the exogenous impact of the pandemic on the supply side of the economy, with thousands of small businesses closing permanently from months of coronavirus lockdown. Trump, therefore, advocates that "opening up America," the progressive re-

laxation of containment measures since their imposition in the spring, is key to restoring furloughed or temporarily laid-off workers to employment, thus returning the economy via a "V-shaped recovery" to its pre-COVID prosperity. In support of this claim the president cites the decreasing unemployment rate, rapid recovery of asset prices, and rosier GDP contraction projections, economic indicators which were projected to depress significantly by the end of the year.

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Biden's environmental plan aims to put the United States at net-zero carbon emissions by 2050, creating millions of jobs in the process. With an emphasis on the science behind the climate crisis, the Build Back Better Plan aims to invest in more sustainable "green" infrastructure, provide funds for large cities to have high quality and zero-emissions public transportation, begin the move toward

cleaner electricity and a carbon pollution-free power sector, construct 1.5 million sustainable housing units and homes and reduce the cost of creating critical clean energy technologies. These investments are targeted with the needs of the middle class in mind, seeking to provide an influx of "good, union jobs" that can be filled by a burgeoning young workforce.

Trump does not believe in

climate change and is a strong supporter of the fossil fuel industry, even promising to revive it in his 2016 campaign. During his presidency, he has rolled back Obama-era environmental protection policies, citing their costly nature, announced plans to exit from the Paris Climate Accord, and has plans to lease millions of acres of public land for drilling. Trump has also

provided funding and resources to strengthen U.S. oil and gas production, as well as increase offshore oil and gas drilling. The president argues that an over-emphasis on climate change "alarmism" has resulted in a stifling of American initiative and market pessimism, and that rolling back these regulations is key to revitalizing the American economy.

HEALTHCARE FOREIGN POLICY

Biden has criticized the relentless attacks that the Affordable Care Act (ACA) has been subject to since its implementation in 2010; according to the official Biden Harris campaign website, he has "a plan to build on the Affordable Care Act by giving Americans more choice, reducing health care costs and making our health care system less complex to navigate." Biden's plan will offer all Americans a public health insurance option, expand coverage to low-income citizens, and offer premium tax credits to middle-class families to ease the burden of healthcare costs. Biden's policy also explicitly defends the right to contraception and women's right to choose, as well as restores federal funding for Planned Parenthood.

According to Trump's cam-

paign website, during his tenure he has increased the availability and affordability of quality healthcare to all Americans. His listed accomplishments include extending the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and funding healthcare for approximately nine million U.S. citizens, overseeing the Federal Drug Administration's (FDA) approval of the largest number of generic drugs than in previous years, and repealing the individual mandate that "forced people to buy expensive insurance and taxed those who couldn't afford it." A major focus of the Trump administration has also been to address opioid addiction and substance abuse disorders, declaring the opioid crisis as a public health emergency and securing billions in funding to combat the crisis.

Biden plans to reassert America's power on the global economy by investing at home in innovation and the middle class. He promises to do this before entering any new trade agreements. Biden's foreign policy will place a heavy focus on re-establishing relationships with American allies, preventing the proliferation of nuclear weaponry in Russia, North Korea and Iran and taking a slightly more cooperative approach with China than has the Trump administration.

The trade war between China, the border wall between the United States and Mexico and withdrawing from NAFTA have been the focus of Trump's foreign policy during his first term. His international philosophy is guided by the notion of

"America First;" Trump has consistently prioritized what he sees as the American domestic interest in international affairs, penalizing those the US has had high trade deficits with or whom he believes is unfairly taxing the United States. This strategy has emerged in response to the president's perception that these countries, as well as supranational bodies like the European Union, are "taking advantage" of American financial and geopolitical largesse, particularly in international organizations like the United Nations. Via withdrawal from participation and legitimization of such bodies, argues the administration, American domestic issues may be more effectively addressed.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

The Biden Plan for Strengthening America's Commitment to Justice is based upon four fundamental rules. First is reducing the number of incarcerated persons by sending those caught for drug offenses to treatment centers, and reinvesting the federal savings from less populated prisons to underserved communities. Second is addressing racial, class and gender disparities within the

criminal justice system. Third is focusing on rehabilitation rather than punishment. Fourth is ensuring that no corporation or entity profits off of the criminal justice system. Biden's policy focuses on addressing the underlying issues that contribute to crime, such as poverty, mental health or substance abuse disorders, and low education, in order to prevent the likelihood of in-

carceration, thereby improving our communities and economy

Trump has touted the success of his key legislative justice-reform, The First Step Act which cut unnecessarily long federal sentences and improved conditions in federal prisons. Crucial parts of the law have restored a modicum of fairness to federal sentencing and helped reduce the country's prison pop-

ulation, though inadequacies in the law also demonstrated the need for continued advocacy. Moreover, when speaking about protests over police brutality and racial injustice, Trump consistently focuses on his support for law enforcement and has provided millions in grant funding for the hiring of law enforcement officers in an attempt to reduce violent crime.

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The University must rethink its Board of Trustees

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In August 2019, the University unveiled its largest academic facility: Academic East. The \$38 million project expanded on existing infrastructure, primarily bolstering facilities for the College of Engineering. The building has over two dozen laboratories, 30 offices, multipurpose study spaces, a green wall and a donor wall.

Unlike the flora of its counterpart, the donor wall is studded with glass plaques, engraved with the names of the benefactors of the new facility. One of the very few plaques dedicated to a single family or donor is that of Christopher B. Sullivan and Jennifer Ochsner Sullivan. Chris Sullivan studied mechanical engineering at the University and graduated in 1992; now, almost three decades later, he is on the board of his alma mater as CEO of Primus Technologies.

Primus is described as being in the “Electrical Equipment” industry, and one of its primary markets is aerospace and defense. And the company seems to be doing well — in 2019, Primus was recognized by Raytheon with a Supplier Excellence Program Premier Award. Raytheon Technologies Corporation, as many will know, is one of the world’s largest aerospace and defense manufacturers. In fact, in 2019 alone the company made over \$97.75 billion in revenue. It also benefits enormously from U.S. Department of Defense spending — it even has its own political action committee — and has spent tens of millions over the years on defense lobbying. According to a 2013 article from USA Today, Raytheon was one of 10 companies profiting most from global conflict and war.

So what does it mean for our University’s paramount decision-making body to be chaired by a Raytheon Premier Supplier, who profits from wholesale slaughter, destruction of entire countries and remote assassination via drone strike, the latter of which has killed thousands of innocent civilians over the last two decades? This is an issue of primary importance, especially given the recent uproar by the student community regarding the University’s tepid response to the murder of George Floyd and those of other BIPOC victims of police brutality. When University President John Bravman penned a letter to the community on the issues of racial justice, he was met by a sense of mistrust and urgency; people wanted actionable plans to deal with systemic racism, but the University, now as ever, would rather chart a middle course.

The honorifics granted to figures like Chris Sullivan warrant a degree of conversation on the pipeline between defense manufacturers and universities. If eliminating systemic racism is the goal, how can the University

justify partnering with corporations arguably benefiting from the death of innocent brown and black people halfway across the world? And this is not just a small-time partnership, remember — Sullivan is on the Board of Trustees, arguably the top of the University hierarchy.

Another member of the Board of Trustees worth scrutinizing is Bob Chrencik ’73, former President and CEO of the University of Maryland Medical System (UMMS). Chrencik no longer occupies this position, having resigned in March 2019 after explosive allegations of conflicts of interest, self-dealing and ethics violations emerged. Specifically, the board of UMMS was heavily slammed for its role in the payment of \$500,000 to Chrencik and former mayor of Baltimore Catherine Pugh for children’s books that she had published; Pugh was awarded the money from a no-bit payment while serving on health committees on the Maryland State Senate. Along with a litany of other accusations, this incident led not only to the ouster of University alum Chrencik, but also the resignation of Pugh and many other members of the board. Chrencik might have found himself kicked out of his role at UMMS entirely, but even a year after the scandal, he still occupies a position on the University’s Board of Trustees.

The decision by the University to maintain Chrencik as a high-ranking administrative executive can be seen as, at best, naïve, and at worst tolerant of double-dealing and malformed ethics at the upper echelons of its chain of command. Instead it prevaricates; the highest body of the University has actively involved a disgraced executive in its decision-making, and likely held his word in high-esteem.

“As an institution of higher education, we have an obligation, as our mission statement and our strategic plan clearly state, to address historical and emerging barriers to equity and inclusion and provide all students, faculty and staff the structures and programs to thrive on campus and in a diverse world. This includes overcoming racism,” wrote Bravman and current Board of Trustees Chairman Chris O’Brien after Bravman had received heavy criticism for his ‘Breath of Life’ email. But to overcome such ‘barriers,’ the University first has plenty of self-reflection to do.

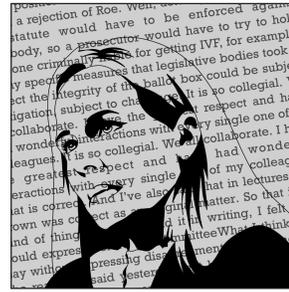
Co-signatory to this email Chris O’Brien is himself embroiled in some controversy, which is worth examining in turn. O’Brien’s deputy is Vice Chairman Harriet Edelman, who amongst other roles, is the director of Assurant, a large insurance company. According to the Center for Responsive Politics, Assurant lobbied in 2019 for the passage of the Federal Insurance Office Abolishment Act of 2019. The Federal Insurance Office is a regulatory organization established by the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform

and Consumer Protection Act of 2010, as a reaction to the many violations by financial services companies that led to the Great Recession. Assurant and, by virtue of her large leadership role at the company, Edelman are proposing the removal of the Federal Insurance Office, in attempts to deregulate and loosen oversight in their industry. It is important at this point to note that the financial crisis of 2007-09 disproportionately affected lower-income, black, and Hispanic households. Many others on the board have had long tenures in the financial services sector, with previous positions at corporations that enabled (or actively aggravated) the forces behind the Great Recession. While the administration of continues to release halfhearted expressions of support for the Black Lives Matter movement, its own Board of Trustees stands as culprits for the very societal ills the movement opposes.

In fact, almost 50% of board members are either involved in financial services, real estate, or corporate law. Needless to say, the Board is also overwhelmingly white and rich, and only one member has the career to suggest a dedication to public service. In its mission statement, the University writes, “Bucknell seeks to educate our students to serve the common good and to promote justice in ways sensitive to the moral and ethical dimensions of life.” If this statement is true with any degree of depth or seriousness, the top levels of the University may need some education of their own. Bucknell cannot afford to play both sides — to espouse support for multiculturalism and inclusion, all the while maintaining a power structure that privileges the opinions of Raytheon contractors, white-collar criminals, and financial services profiteers over the life and prosperity of its most vulnerable communities.

Every trustee serves as their own social statement, and given the current composition of our Board, it may be germane to step back and question the University’s commitment to fronting marginalized voices, supporting economically unprivileged populations, and even social justice in general. Their lack of introspection is certainly evident; questionable figures have maintained positions of power while the chair of the board and the President of the institution have committed to creating an environment that is “inclusive in fact” and not merely in rhetoric.” To be “inclusive in fact” will take a high degree of honesty, and thorough scrutiny of whose opinions factor most crucially into the University’s decision-making. If the Trustees are seen not to reflect these supposedly deeply-held values of equity, inclusion and “sensitiv[ity] to the moral and ethical dimensions of life,” perhaps it is time to renegotiate who makes those decisions entirely.

Amy Coney Barrett has the credentials, but not the liberal beliefs



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A critical vacancy was left on the U.S. Supreme Court in the wake of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg’s passing in late September. District Judge Amy Coney Barrett was hastily nominated by U.S. President Donald Trump only days after Ginsburg died. Angered by the expedited nomination, Democratic Senator Amy Klobuchar noted, “This is a sham. We should allow the winner of the election to pick the nominee.” Many share Klobuchar’s sentiments, believing that Trump’s nomination of Coney Barrett is premature, inappropriate and in direct defiance of Ginsburg’s last wish to “not be replaced until a new president is installed.”

The confirmation hearings stretched from Oct. 15 to Oct. 19 and were marked by contentious and divisive arguments from either side. The Judiciary Committee is set to vote on Barrett’s potential confirmation on Oct. 22, and she will need a two-thirds majority vote from the Senate to be confirmed as a U.S. Supreme Court Justice.

There has been much controversy over Trump’s nominee, particularly given there remains less than one month before the 2020 presidential election. Many people argue that Trump should have waited until the election results were finalized, while others believe that it is imperative to fill Gins-

burg’s seat, especially in an election year where more people are voting by mail than ever before. Likewise, Republicans contend that the Democrats would have done the same if they were given the opportunity. Although I agree that it is disrespectful to the memory of Ginsburg, the empty Court seat should be filled quickly.

There is also no doubt that Coney Barrett’s long list of qualifications and credentials make her an exceptional candidate. She graduated at the top of her class from Notre Dame Law School and clerked for the late conservative U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia. She was indeed very well spoken and thoughtful during the hearing process, but I am skeptical about her readiness to serve on the Court fully and neutrally.

One notable moment during her questioning was when she was asked to recite the five freedoms protected under the First Amendment. Coney Barrett stated four of the five rights, neglecting the right to protests. While this mistake can be attributed to nerves or forgetfulness, this is a right that is essential to the functioning of our democracy. The fact that Coney Barrett overlooked speaks to her stance on America’s current racial reckoning. Many conservative lawmakers have issued new policies to “crack down” on violent protest. Critics have called these laws unconstitutional, mean-

ing that there could be U.S. Supreme Court challenges if these laws are passed.

In addition, Coney Barrett did not divulge how she would vote on Roe v. Wade or the Affordable Care Act, but asserted that her personal Catholic beliefs would not interfere with her duties as a Judge. When asked about her stance on the monumental decision to legalize abortion, she said that “I don’t have any agenda” and that she would “not pre-commit to decide a case any particular way.” Although her answer was rather cryptic, this led many to believe that Coney Barrett would in fact vote to overturn Roe v. Wade if given the opportunity, as doing so aligns with her religious beliefs. She also did not give a straight answer when asked if she believed in climate change, a question posed by California Senator and Vice Presidential candidate Kamala Harris. Barrett’s indirect answer can be interpreted as a denial of climate change, or at least the urgency of action in response to it.

Although I personally may not agree with some of Coney Barrett’s views, including her stance on abortion or climate change, I do not think she is as terrible as the media has portrayed her. That is not to say that I think she was the best candidate to take Ginsburg’s spot, but I do think that she deserves credit for her accomplishments and the grace she has displayed throughout the hearing.

Active Tsirkon missiles cause anxiety among NATO allies

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Could the creation of a Russian missile lead to another arms race? On Oct. 6, after concluding extensive testing, the Russian Federation launched its Tsirkon hypersonic cruise missile. This test is the first time the missile operated properly and hit a target at sea. For Russia, the test’s success is a unifying moment of pride, but the rest of the world eyes Russia with consternation.

The missile reached an extraordinary speed of over 6,000 miles per hour, making it the first missile to meet the speed designation Mach 8 — representing eight times the speed of sound. The chief of the Russian Armed Forces General Staff Valery Gerasimov asserted that these flights and tests will continue. The plan is now to equip both warships and submarines with this new high speed missile. Russian President Vladimir Putin calls it “a great event not just in the life of our armed forces, but for all of Russia.”

This was only the first attempt of the launch with a desirable outcome. Previous tests, beginning in early 2019, had been unsuccessful and even resulted in the deaths of multiple Russian people. In August of 2019, seven people were killed in a test at the missile site. These missiles are highly dangerous, not for their hypersonic speed, but for their agility. They can maneuver themselves along moving courses and fly through fickle flight paths.

It may be a celebrated event for Russian people, but will not be looked upon positively in the eyes of other NATO member nations, especially the United States and China. With the element of surprise, power and speed of hypersonic missiles, there is little to no defense against these new types of machinery.

So what does this mean for the United States? In February 2020, both the United States and Russia decided to suspend their participation in the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty, which effectively precludes another arms race

by holding signatories to strict guidelines on possession and deployment of nuclear weaponry. The withdrawal of these two countries may lead to much more than a new hypersonic missile war, and could even spell nuclear war. These treaties were put into place for a reason, which was to protect all countries and citizens involved; if disregarded, a hypersonic missile race could indicate the introduction of nuclear warheads and create a larger externality to the conflict, not just for the United States, but for all participants of NATO.

During the cold war era, a constant nuclear arms race haunted the lives of the Soviet Union and the United States, both pursuing policies of brinkmanship to cow their opponent. This type of competitive spirit could be extremely costly for the people living in both countries. Much of the disputes occurring between the United States and Russia come from speculation in development of missiles, which leads to distrust and potentially catastrophic consequences.

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New York City is not an “anarchist jurisdiction”



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Since the killing of George Floyd, nationwide protests have called for defunding the police. It is, admittedly, an incredibly radical proposition — one of which Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden is not even a proponent of, despite what his Republican opponents may say. Regardless, a rise in crime in several states throughout the U.S. has been claimed to be directly related to the proposition of police defunding; such an alleged correlation, as well as a hesitance to properly let officers do their job during the protests, has led to Attorney General William Barr to cut funding in jurisdictions like New York City, Portland and Seattle late last month. While it is true that crime rates have been irregular in comparison to previous years, it is worth analyzing whether the crime rates are as worrying as they are made out to be, and if a reduction in police spending is the driving factor of the spike in violence.

There has indeed been a rise in the number of shootings and murders in 2020 compared to the previous. New York City saw a 140% increase in shooting and a 50% increase in murders in May and August. However, this growth in violent crime was not coterminous with the billion-

dollar cut from the police budget — confirmed in July of this year — or when the protests began in late May. Rather, it has been a pervading issue that has not only affected New York City, but many other cities with boiling racial tensions. In the first half of 2020, for instance, there was an upward trend of shootings and murders in major cities such as Chicago and Philadelphia. While this rise can be associated with the mounting weariness toward police forces, it is equally attributable to growing discontent over the economic fallout and stringent restrictions brought on by COVID-19. In New York, homicides incidents were steadily rising before the lockdowns but skyrocketed soon after.

Moreover, while certain forms of crime have risen, many others have dropped. Drug-related offenses, for example, were already declining before and during the peak of the pandemic. Drug crimes rose once officers exited quarantine and resumed their typical drug searches, but once again dropped significantly following the protests. Although commercial burglaries increased by 58% during the protests, they returned to normal rates soon after they subsided.

The trends revealed in these crime statistics can be found in nearly every major city, so the question remains — why has the Trump administration specifically targeted New York City to

reduce its federal funding? Barr has criticized Portland, Seattle and New York City as so-called “anarchist jurisdictions,” as protests in these cities are the most concentrated and have endured the longest. Each of these cities is led by Democrats, whom many Republicans consider to be far too lenient towards protestors. Barr even stated that he hoped that these cities would “reverse course and become serious about performing the basic function of government and start protecting their citizens.”

Of course, how this administration envisions “protecting citizens” is through reversing budget cuts and arresting protestors. Neither of these moves has effectively stifled a systemic rise in violent crimes — they are merely blackmailing to the highest degree. If these cities do not comply with the mandated forms of policing, then the city could be denied upwards of seven billion dollars in funding.

As a New York City resident, I can attest that the city is far from an “anarchist jurisdiction.” It is far from a place which has, according to the president, allowed “themselves to deteriorate into lawless zones.” This year has been difficult enough without a commander-in-chief who aggressively attempts to gaslight cities into complying with him. New York has endured worse; a tantrum-prone president should be easy to overcome.

A Hungarian lost art dispute to last a lifetime

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Can you imagine having all of your prize-posessions ripped away from you? This is the harsh reality for the heirs of a well-known Hungarian banker and art collector, Baron Mor Lipot Herzog. He had an exquisite eye for picking out some of the most famous masterpieces we have in museums and universities across Europe to date, from artists ranging from Francisco Goya to Anthony Van Dyck. It was not Herzog’s intention for his collection of more than 2,000 pieces to be spread out across the globe, and his relatives are still fighting for its return decades later.

According to the New York Times, after Herzog’s death, his children became the inherited owners of his collection and, although they managed to hide it in an attempt to prevent it from being looted during World War II, Nazi officials in assistance with the Hungarian govern-

ment managed to find and seize many of the works. Some pieces went to museums and universities in Hungary, while others were sent to various locations throughout Europe. Even after the war ended, most of the collection remains in these locations instead of being returned to the Herzog family. The Art Newspaper explains that heirs of Herzog are fighting in court for the return of over 40 pieces that are said to value at over \$100 million. The economic aspect of this case is hard to ignore. If my family had possessions worth \$100 million ripped away from us against our will and not returned eventually, I would hold the same anger as Herzog’s heirs. And while their intentions for wanting to reclaim the collection may not be surrounding its economic value, it would be hard to believe that it is not a massive aspect.

The family has been awaiting the retrieval of the collection since the end of World War II when Herzog’s son-in-law, Alfonz Weiss

de Csepel, began writing to various countries asking for help according to an article from the New York Times. The article explains that even today, there is no end in sight after 75 years of the Herzog family’s efforts and the Hungarian government is being criticized for its lack of action.

Overall, the heirs of Baron Herzog and their fight for the retrieval of his remarkable collection is an illuminating factor of lasting effects of the Nazi era. And the case is a tricky one. From Herzog’s perspective, it is just that the collection that they inherited be returned to them. But the spread of this collection into various universities and museums has fostered knowledge and a greater understanding of the period through the lens of the artists from which Baron had collected from. Is it right for these pieces to be locked up for only a select few to see or are they of more value where anyone can visit and experience the cultures that they depict?

PUBLIC POLICY

The Bucknell Institute for Public Policy (BIPP) will use this section to engage the University community in a discussion about emerging public policy topics and issues. Upcoming publications will include commentary from interns of BIPP in segments, bringing to the forefront important events, trends, and decisions occurring both locally and globally.

Extremist rhetoric and the kidnapping attempt on Governor Gretchen Whitmer

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This month, the FBI revealed there had been a plot to kidnap Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer by two anti-government extremist groups. Since the Oct. 8 revelation, 14 people have been charged with various felonies related to the attempt, including supporting acts of terrorism. Despite the gravity of such an attempt, U.S. President Donald Trump has continued to stoke fear and violence often directed toward Whitmer. This behavior from our Commander in Chief is wholly unacceptable.

Using undercover agents, the FBI discovered transactions of explosives and tactical gear, exposing the plot to kidnap Whitmer from her vacation home with a taser and send her out on a boat into Lake Michigan. They further plotted to place explosives on bridges to delay police response. Eight of the men are allegedly members of the Wolverine Watchmen; the other six are allegedly members of the Three Percenters. Both of these groups are right-wing, anti-government extremist militias that have promoted a “boogaloo,” or civil war, to stop the governor’s “un-

controlled power.” These sentiments are a reaction to Whitmer’s strong and decisive action against the coronavirus, requiring mask-wearing and closing parts of the economy. Three of the extremist agitators involved in this plot engaged in the armed demonstrations at the Michigan Capitol earlier in the summer. The militias had been plotting the kidnapping of Whitmer and a subsequent raid on the Capitol since at least June.

Since this plot was revealed, Trump has refused to dial back his extremist rhetoric, instead choosing to use it against Whitmer. At a campaign rally last week, Trump compared the governor to a prison warden for locking down her state through restrictive measures to stop the spread of the coronavirus. His supporters proceeded to engage in a “Lock Her Up!” chant, perpetuated by the president stating, “Lock them all up!” Trump’s daughter-in-law Lara Trump said the rally was a “fun, light atmosphere” and that he meant no harm to Whitmer. Whitmer, however, disagrees. In a strong rebuke of Trump, Whitmer said that she issued a “rallying cry and call to action” to the two militia groups involved in the kidnapping plot.

By failing to condemn domestic terrorists and continuing to stoke violence, Trump is certainly damaging the already fraught camaraderie among the American people. Trump tweeted that Whitmer was doing a “terrible job” and must open the state. He further supported protestors at the Michigan State Capitol earlier in the summer, tweeting again to “LIBERATE MICHIGAN.” These words promote violence. During the first debate, Trump refused to condemn white supremacy. He told these groups to stand back and stand by. The Wolverine Watchmen and Michigan Three Percenters certainly did.

This behavior is not democratic. It is not American. It is not acceptable. Our elected leaders set an example for the American people. This example cannot be one that encourages right-wing, anti-government, white supremacist, extremist militia groups to “liberate” anything. Domestic terrorism has no place in America. We deserve elected officials who take these matters seriously. We deserve elected officials who confront heavily armed militias of domestic terrorists. We deserve elected officials who condemn extremist hate groups rather than encourage them under the guise of freedom.

Harry Potter
10/23, 6-11 p.m., Uptown
There will be treats, activities and trivia at 7, 8 and 9 p.m. where you could win \$100 cash!

Campus Gets Political

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At the University, students, faculty and staff work

hard to ensure that a diverse array of thoughts, cultures and perspectives are represented. With the upcoming election, it is important to encourage students and

those around us to look into the various ways to get involved politically — and to represent both progressives and conservatives alike. One such way for students

to do this is through participation in political organizations on campus, such as the College Democrats or Bucknell University Conservatives Club (BUCC).

What is College Democrats?

The College Democrats are a grassroots campus organization, which focuses on increasing political participation and awareness regarding progressive policies on the University's campus. While there are nearly fifty students involved in the College Democrats club, around 10 to 20 students regularly attend meetings and events. During these weekly meetings, members discuss current events, watch debates, organize voter registration drives every semester and host conversions with students in BUCC. Voter outreach is a priority for the club. Students participate in canvassing efforts and "Get Out the Vote" (GOTV) efforts aimed at increasing voter turnout and ensuring that individuals can get to the polls. The club also has a close relationship with Union County Democrats, who assist in organizing efforts.

College Democrats President Caroline Schuermann '22 explains that, for her, the club serves as a community for political involvement on a campus

that she feels lacks political engagement. "As a D.C. native, I was so used to politics being the center of my peers' worldviews and of our conversations. I was desperately seeking a community of students with whom I could express my political beliefs and who shared a set of ideals. College Democrats has been that community for me at Bucknell," Schuermann said.

In addition, Schuermann emphasizes the importance of exchanging ideas and participating in discussion and debate, not only with like-minded individuals but also with those who hold different beliefs. "Our regular debates with the Conservatives Club help me challenge my beliefs so I do not become complacent about what I believe in," she said. "Our healthy competition reminds me of why it is important to engage with those with whom you do not agree. I certainly don't think we change each others' minds, but engaging in open dialogue helps us both improve our positions."

How has COVID impacted the club?

Due to COVID-19, this year looks very different for the club. Usually, the students participate in in-person canvassing two to three times a semester; instead, they are currently involved in phone and text banking every other week. Schuermann emphasizes the importance of the upcoming election. "To Democrats everywhere, this election represents a battle for the soul of this nation. Americans have the opportunity to stand up for the preservation of democratic norms, the proper response to a global pandemic, and a commitment to unity over divisive and hateful vitriol," she said. "The stoking of racial tensions, dissolution of democratic norms, and lack of commitment to address-

ing the global climate crisis are the issues at stake with a Trump win. The American people have to decide whether or not they are better off than they were four years ago. Most importantly, how did President Trump's lies and downplaying of COVID affect your life? What and who have you lost as a result?"

Being a part of College Democrats has been an incredibly rewarding experience for Schuermann. "I want young people to understand how much their voices matter and need to be heard. Helping hundreds of students register to vote for the first time this semester has made me so optimistic about the future of this country," she said.

The Counterweight

The Bucknell University Conservatives Club publishes its own student-run newspaper, *The Counterweight*, each semester. According to *The Counterweight's* website, they are a publication "dedicated to promoting the free exchange of ideas in an environment where meaningful debate and ideological diversity are often lacking." Students and faculty who write for the publication aim to benefit the University's community by offering balanced perspectives and viewpoints about a wide spectrum of topics, "describ[ing] logical solutions to issues big and small, while adhering to the Constitution of the United States."

In addition, according to the publication's informational page, "[They] believe that peace is best achieved through strength, that utopia is nowhere, and that true equality is blind to race, creed, sex, and sexuality." The paper hopes to identify flaws in "leftist ideas," and persuade logical thinkers to consider the conservative viewpoint. The organization encourages students at the University who support their mission and ideology to join their publication team.

BUCC President Isabella Carrega '22 noted that aside from the club's regular agenda and events, it serves as a community for all members; students spend time to

gether outside of club meetings, take similar classes, and study with one another. She expresses that many of the students in BUCC feel that they received backlash from the larger campus community due to their conservative views. BUCC provides students a safe environment to voice their opinions. "Because the club encompasses all 'shades' of the right, there is disagreement on some political topics. This allows for constructive dialogue between members that remains respectful and informative," Carrega said.

In addition to providing a safe space for students to express their opinions outside of the classroom, Carrega stresses the importance of establishing this environment inside the classroom. "Viewpoint diversity is what we should be striving for in academic institutions. You should be able to hear both sides of an argument and naturally delineate where you stand. The classroom should not be a place for a professor to advance their own political agenda and deprive students of an entire realm of political thought," she said. "The classroom should be a place for true knowledge creation where students can express themselves, and critically and independently think."

How has COVID impacted the club?

This semester, the club has been holding remote meetings, which guest speakers outside of the University also attend. "This has come with its own set of challenges,

but we've been able to create a leadership board that leads club meetings and events in my absence," Carrega, who is attending classes remotely this semester, said.

The Bucknell University Conservatives Club (BUCC)

According to their page on IN Network, the University's Conservatives Club promotes freedom, liberty and personal responsibility. Similar to the College Democrats, BUCC meets regularly, hosting club events and bipartisan debates, as well as discussions about national and campus issues. This organization specifically considers these issues from the angles of conservative, classical liberal and lib-

ertarian perspectives. There are over 400 students on the club's email list and around 50 members who regularly attend meetings and events.

The club participates in a variety of events and activities throughout the year including debates with the College Democrats club, attending Bucknell Program for American Leadership and Citizenship (BPALC) events, meeting partnerships

with Young Conservatives for Carbon Dividends (YCCD), inviting YAF/TPUSA speakers like Steven Crowder and Dinesh D'Souza to campus, local campaign volunteering with Union County Republicans and Republican Party of Pennsylvania (PAGOP), and organizing an annual 9/11 Memorial, decorating the Elaine Langone Center lawn with nearly 3,000 flags to represent

those lost to the World Trade Center attacks.

In the greater Lewisburg community, members of BUCC volunteer for municipal and congressional campaigns, cater food from local businesses for meetings and invite members of the community to biweekly meetings to speak about conservatism and discuss the role that politics plays in their lives.