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CAP CENTER PUTS ON BLOCK PARTY

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Students pose with goats during Goat Yoga at CAP Core's Block Party

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Juliette Gaggini
News Co-Editor

On Friday, April 23, the University hosted Block Party, consisting of a series of fun outdoor activities for students – including ‘goat yoga’ and a petting zoo. Campus Activities and Programs Core (CAP Core) hosted and executed the Block Party, which lasted from 7 p.m. until 11 p.m. that night.

Two sessions of ‘goat yoga’ classes were held at the

Commons lawn, one at 6:45 p.m. and one at 7:45 p.m. Each session was capped at 50 participants in order to social distance and respect COVID-19 guidelines. The hour long sessions provided students with a time to relax and do yoga, while also being surrounded with baby goats. The goats were friendly, climbing on students during the yoga, and students also had the opportunity to play with the goats at the end of the session.

Claudia Halbreiner '23, had a blast with friends at ‘goat yoga.’ ‘Goat yoga was so much fun! It was a nice break from the stress that comes with the end of the semester, but seeing friends in a COVID-safe setting was so much fun! And the goats were so cute too,’ Halbreiner said.

Heather Kirchner '24 also enjoyed attending a ‘goat yoga’ session. ‘I really enjoy doing yoga and having baby goats there made the experience all the more fun,’

Kirchner said.

Along with this activity, a series of events were hosted at Uptown on Friday night, including a petting zoo, outdoor games, a mechanical bull and a caricature artist. The petting zoo included animals such as goats, alpacas, bunnies and chickens.

CAP Core Marketing Specialist Alvin Huynh '23 spoke with the Bucknellian about the Block Party and the planning behind it. ‘The Block Party is such an

exciting and surprising Friday event. There’s always something new every time. Last Friday night, along with the goat yoga, we had a live petting zoo! We also had a bunch of people competing for the best time on the mechanical bull,’ Huynh said.

Huynh continued, ‘Every time we start planning for the Block Party, we always keep or add things based on the success of the previous one. We work with

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Donor gift benefits many at the University



PHOTO COURTESY OF PRESIDENT JOHN BRAVMAN
Bucknell Professor Emeritus Douglas Candland (left), Psychology and Animal Behavior with Glen Tullman '81

Juliette Gaggini
News Co-Editor

University alumnus Glen Tullman '81 has honored his time and relationship with the University with a generous gift of \$6 million. Tullman majored in Economics in his time at the University, and is now a Chicago-based healthcare services entrepreneur. He has founded several companies, with the latest one, Transcarent, being launched this past March.

Tullman's relationship with the University has been nurtured over the years by psychology and animal behavior professor Douglas Candland. After giving a speech about entrepreneurship at the University 10 years after graduating, Candland inspired Tullman to make a difference and make helping people a guiding principle in his companies.

Tullman's donation will be apportioned in three areas of

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Isolation evaluation: Student experiences in isolation housing

Siobhan Nerz
Contributing Writer

Throughout the 2020-2021 academic year, many students have been in isolation housing due to a positive COVID-19 test or contact tracing. While students have been compliant while going into quarantine to keep the University community safe, the 10-14 day period of seclusion has taken a toll on the mental health of many students.

Olivia Butler '24 maintained a positive outlook on the experience ‘Being in the hotel for two weeks was a challenge, but keeping myself busy with daily walks, classes, homework and relaxing activities made the time go by quickly,’ Butler said.

Unfortunately, many other students did not have positive things to say about their experiences in isolation. ‘The menu options never changed and were really low quality. The hotel WiFi was extremely slow. The WiFi improved after I made several calls,’ Kara Huenink '24 said.

Similarly, Puja Velani '24 disliked the food choices. ‘I also felt that [the hotel] had fewer choices in terms of food since I am vegetarian, but I am glad I was able to select meals either way,’

Velani said. Velani understood the necessity of isolation and expressed a great concern for the health of the campus. However, isolation was a detriment to her personal mental health. Velani said she ‘found it difficult to study and be fully present in classes.’ Additionally, due to bad timing, she had three quizzes during her two weeks in quarantine and it made the experience ‘very stressful mentally.’

In addition to the pressure of schoolwork and unreliable WiFi, students struggled with the lack of social contact that came with confinement in a small hotel room. ‘The 10 days I spent in isolation were very difficult due to the lack of face to face social interactions and time outside. This lack of external stimuli made it increasingly more difficult to focus on classes and coursework,’ Madison Rugh '24 said.

While the time in seclusion is a straining sacrifice for anyone, some unfortunate students have been in isolation multiple times. Sophie Guichardan '23 was in isolation housing during both the fall and spring semesters. Upon reflection, she says that the University ‘made great improvement on the conditions that stu-

dents had to deal with.’

While students who isolated in the spring expressed dissatisfaction with the food, Guichardan says ‘the food was a major improvement, actually allowing students to choose food options rather than just receiving randomly selected meals that discouraged eating.’ Additionally, Guichardan agrees with the sentiment that isolation made learning difficult. ‘Isolation made classes seem like more of a burden than anything else and only contributed further to the decline in mental health. Issues with WiFi and non-understanding professors made academics a struggle in an already hard time,’ Guichardan said. Sadly, isolation seems to have impacted students' outlooks on the semester. Guichardan says that isolation ‘negatively impacted the way students viewed the semester and the campus as a whole since students felt alone and began to question whether or not returning to campus was even worth it.’

In sum, isolation housing is draining for students as poor food and unreliable WiFi contribute to academic stress. Furthermore, the lack of social interaction puts a greater strain on the health

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FOR JAKE PAUL

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GRAPHIC BY ALEX IANNONE

PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

SATURDAY, APRIL 24
THEFT LARISON HALL: REPORT FILED

LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION CHI PHI: STUDENT CONDUCT REFERRAL

SUNDAY, APRIL 25
DRUG/LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION, THEFT SMITH HALL: STUDENT CONDUCT REFERRAL

THEFT LARISON HALL: REPORT FILED

MONDAY, APRIL 26
THEFT LOT 55: UNDER INVESTIGATION

DRUG LAW VIOLATION VEDDER HALL: REPORT FILED

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TUESDAY, APRIL 27
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BREAKING THE BUBBLE

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

Brief by Jaxon White
News Co-Editor

INTERNATIONAL

India is currently going through the worst outbreak of COVID-19 in the world. The country has officially announced over 18 million cases since the last year, but many doubt those numbers express the true totals. With India's numbers soaring, health officials fear that other countries could also experience an uptick in cases.

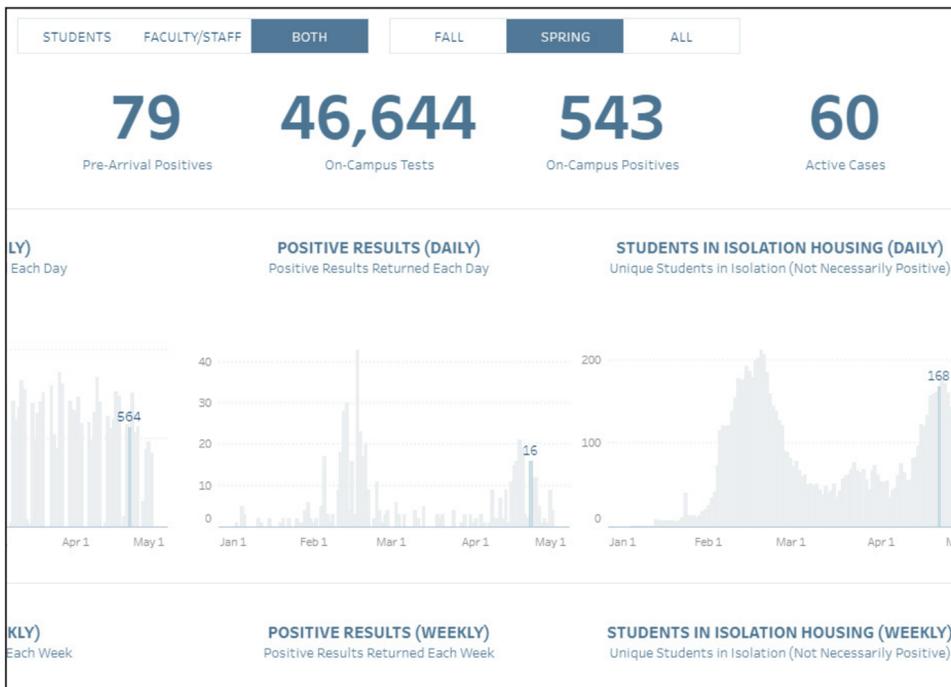
Spain now plans to reopen their borders to overseas travelers in June. Spanish officials say that if tourists can show they have been vaccinated or recently tested negative, they will be allowed to enter the country. This announcement comes as many countries around the world are going through an increase in COVID-19 cases, despite vaccination efforts.

DOMESTIC

U.S. President Joe Biden's first 100 days have passed, and FiveThirtyEight shows that Biden has a net approval rating of roughly 54 percent and a 41.8 percent disapproval rating. These numbers appear to be consistent with many past presidents around this point in their terms.

Biden is expected to announce a proposal for a \$200 billion universal preschool program as part of the infrastructure plan that he has mentioned in recent weeks. The program would give free pre-schooling for all children within the ages of three and four years old. The intent of the legislation also includes allowing parents greater flexibility in joining the workforce.

COVID Dashboard Update



BLOCK PARTY

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each other and figure out which activities students like and which they don't like. We always try to bring back the goat yoga because it's such a popular event each time! But due to COVID, we create sign-up sheets a week before the event and students usually fill it up days before the event. Thus, goat yoga seems like it won't go away any time soon!"

Students enjoyed the Block Party and look forward to more Friday night events. "Uptown always hosts the most fun events on Friday nights!" Kirchner added about the event. "There's so many opportunities to meet other students and socialize. I particularly enjoyed petting the animals at the petting zoo and riding the mechanical bull this past weekend."



PHOTO COURTESY OF CAYLEE JUMBELIC | THE BUCKNELLIAN
Students pose with goats during Goat Yoga at CAP Core's Block Party

DONATION

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need. Three million dollars will be given to endow a discretionary fund for the newly named Douglas K. Candland Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences. This will support high-impact educational activities in the college.

Karl Voss, the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, looks forward to the opportunities this donation will provide. On the University's website, Voss is quoted as saying, "This gift will allow us to move forward with programming and activities that make a significant difference in the educational experiences of Bucknell students and that will encourage the kind of relationships Glen and Doug have benefited from and enjoyed for so many years. The naming of this gift for Doug is a remarkable form of recognition for a faculty member whose career has had a broad and positive impact on the Bucknell community."

The second portion of \$2.5 million will be used to create the Douglas K. Candland Fund for Civic Action to honor the professor's years of service as a teacher, scholar and mentor. The income from the fund

supports civic and community-engaged learning activities.

Faculty and students look forward to the positive effects this will have on the support of civic engagement at the University. The donation came in great timing to support the Engaged Bucknell initiative, which has upcoming goals for 2025. The University's diversity, equity and inclusion efforts will also benefit thanks to the support from the gift.

Candland founded the University's Animal Behavior Program in 1968, and the third portion of the donation, \$500,000, will be given to endow the ongoing costs of operating its animal care facility. The gift provides a fixed endowment to support the Animal Behavior Lab, which is in operation 24/7 with four species of primates in residence.

Tullman's gift to the University will help many people, including many students, faculty and staff. It will also help residents of the surrounding communities of the University. The gift will allow students to access more diverse and engaging educational experiences.

ISOLATION HOUSING

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of students. Hence, the University community should be grateful for the sacrifices

students make for the health of the campus as isolation is no vacation.

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Seven reasons to make the switch to nocturnal living

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Almost 70 percent of mammals are nocturnal, which means they must know something we don't. I wanted to see what the hype is all about, so I compiled a list of possible reasons why, as humans, being nocturnal would be better than being diurnal.

If it's dark out, your face is less visible and therefore the need for makeup or cosmetic enhancements is much less, if not zero. Who are you trying to look nice for? The raccoons?

All fun activities like driving, going to a party, drinking and eating dinner are the best when it's dark out! It can't be a coincidence.

Dinner is the best meal, and it takes place at night. You can eat ANYTHING for dinner and it's socially acceptable. You can even eat breakfast or lunch for dinner, too!

Three words: less human interaction. If you're an extrovert, this might be your worst

nightmare, but for the introverted, this may be of interest to you.

You can't get sunburnt. The moon, stars and planets are visible at night! You could become a self-taught astronomer. Or an astrocartographer, but that would be pretty useless.

You would probably start to develop night vision if you did this correctly for long enough, which would be a really cool "fun fact" about yourself for parties.

These reasons are all very convincing for why you should become nocturnal, but it's important to remember that there is one very, very good reason why none of them matter: nothing will be open when you go to run your errands.

I'm also pretty sure anyone pledging a fraternity is already nocturnal since they all sleep through class but manage to never miss a social function. You could definitely ask them about it if you're interested in becoming nocturnal.

Men, take notes: here's how to plan the perfect date for your dream girl

Max Bean
Senior Writer

As a single, intellectually wealthy bachelor with no relationship prospects aside from the one grasshopper in my window, it's my job as a journalist to give stark and meaningful advice for all you other young men in the business of relationships. The first piece of advice I have? It's not a business. It's like taking care of a pet, except you're the pet and you need to keep from tinkling on the carpet like one of those awful chihuahuas — and that's it. You want a perfect first date? Take her to Taco Bell. You want a perfect second date? Take her there a second time. I think my job here is done.

What do you mean I still have a few more paragraphs to go? Fine, fine.

The key to a perfect date is Mexican food. (Kidding, kidding! Just this once.) The key to a perfect first date is memory. You want her to remember it, and to do that you need to take her out of her comfort zone. A walk in the woods is a perfect starting point. Out there, there won't be a cell tower for miles. It would just be you and her. How romantic! Just bring breadcrumbs so you can find your way back. I forgot to drop some on one trip, but the bear was nice enough to chase us back the way we came once it found the breadcrumbs in my backpack.

I'm sure if you plan out well enough, you could secure a log cabin in the woods. The key to this magic is to keep it all a secret from your future betrothed. If you could keep her guessing until you let her out in the middle of nowhere four hours later, she'll be metaphorically eating out of your hand in terms of excitement. Be careful though, the last time I tried this to a girl, she got so giddy that she ran off and disappeared for two weeks. Last I heard, she and her lawyer filed a restraining order against me.

Another idea for the perfect date is a dinner. Traditionally, when you ask your dream girl what she wants to eat, she'll

dance around the question before criticizing your various suggestions, hopes and dreams. (Sorry, Taco Bell. Maybe next time.) Learning from this, not only should you take her to any restaurant you want, you shouldn't let her order. Now listen, I know I may get some flack for this. But if she can't even give you a straight answer on her restaurant choice, why should she give you an answer on the food? Why should she say "Nah, I don't want any fries," and then proceed to steal fries from your very plate! It is a manipulative system designed to steal your food. Thankfully, this can be averted by just ordering her own side of fries for her! Again folks, I'm not trying to propagandize misogyny or anything like that. Women can order what they want, but they cannot deny that this fry-theft behavior is in any way disconnected from the "not knowing what to eat" question. It's simple logic! Better yet, when you ask your girlfriend what she wants to eat, wouldn't a dream girl, if she truly was a dream girl, just answer? I think so. Nevertheless, this topic brings me into why someone would leave that agonizing choice on your shoulders.

Boys, listen up. Since you're becoming more mature versions of yourselves (I assume), the simple fact is that women do this because they want to test your masculinity. If you can't make those hard decisions now, how are you going to choose which child you love more in the future? How are you going to ration out the food? It's a simple step that goes a long way. By taking all choice of dinner out of the matter for a female, you are not only asserting your masculinity in a healthy way, but you are also showing her that you can make difficult decisions. This is just like my last relationship. She told me that either the grasshopper goes or she goes, and here I am sitting now with a cool-looking giant grasshopper crawling around my keyboard. Let's see what he says! I'm going to Uptown now for a few hours. Maybe I'll meet my dream girl.

The transition from college to adulthood



GRAPHIC BY KYLE PUTT, GRAPHICS ARTIST

Sarah Petnuch
Staff Writer

They say that the transition from high school to college is a big jump, but I would argue that the transition from college to real life is even bigger. You graduate from college and it's game over. You get out into the real world and it's a whole "deer in headlights" type situation. The people who were once big fish in a small pond are now small fish in a big pond. The amount of responsibilities you have goes up,

as do your cortisol levels.

I mean, think about it. Once you graduate from college, you can't be seen drinking Natty Lights anymore. You either have to start pretending to like IPAs or become a red wine person. You also can't walk around in jEaNs aNd A cUtE tOp anymore. An entirely new wardrobe must be purchased that includes suits, ties, heels and blouses. Pulling up in the morning in sweatpants and a hoodie is no longer acceptable, and you know what? I don't understand it. Maybe people would be more produc-

tive if they were comfy. Just a thought. Like, you're telling me I have to wake up every day and look presentable? The thought of it makes me SICK.

Getting away with fun activities in general is a thing of the past. You can't be doing late-night Sheetz runs when you have to get up at 6:41 a.m. for work, and drinking on weeknights? Out of the question. There are bills to pay, deadlines to meet and business calls to be made that cannot be done hungover.

Failing to accomplish goals in college is whatever.

You get a below average grade on your Introduction to Finance exam and it's like, "So what? Who cares?" Your activity in Alpha Gamma Apple Pi can make up for it and get you a job, anyway. But in the real world? The stakes are much higher. You miss a deadline and you get fired from your job. Suddenly you can't pay your bills and you're living in a box on the street. Adulthood is an entirely different ball game.

So to our graduating seniors... good luck out there. I'm sure you'll have a blast.

Black Lives Matter girlfriend, Blue Lives Matter boyfriend team up to make history's most insufferable couple

Liz Whitmer
Satire Co-Editor

The infamous local couple made up of the opposing political forces of Libby Eral and Ray Cist are making headlines as their relationship, to the horror of all who encounter them, is better than ever.

The couple did have a near-fatal altercation when Eral decided to post a colorful infographic proclaiming "justice has been served" after Derek Chauvin, a murderer who was caught on video murdering a citizen on the job, was convicted of murder. "Ever since she went to college, Lib [Eral] changed. The leftists agenda on that campus is a

disgrace," Cist said. Thankfully, Eral, a finance major at the University of Alabama, admitted to Cist off the record that she believes the court of public opinion is coming down on Chauvin a little too hard.

Despite this conceit on the part of Eral, the couple has fundamentally different viewpoints on a number of issues. "I just think it's wrong to hate someone based on their personal beliefs," explained Eral when asked how she can justify describing herself as woke while dating someone who believes all Muslim citizens should be forced to leave the country.

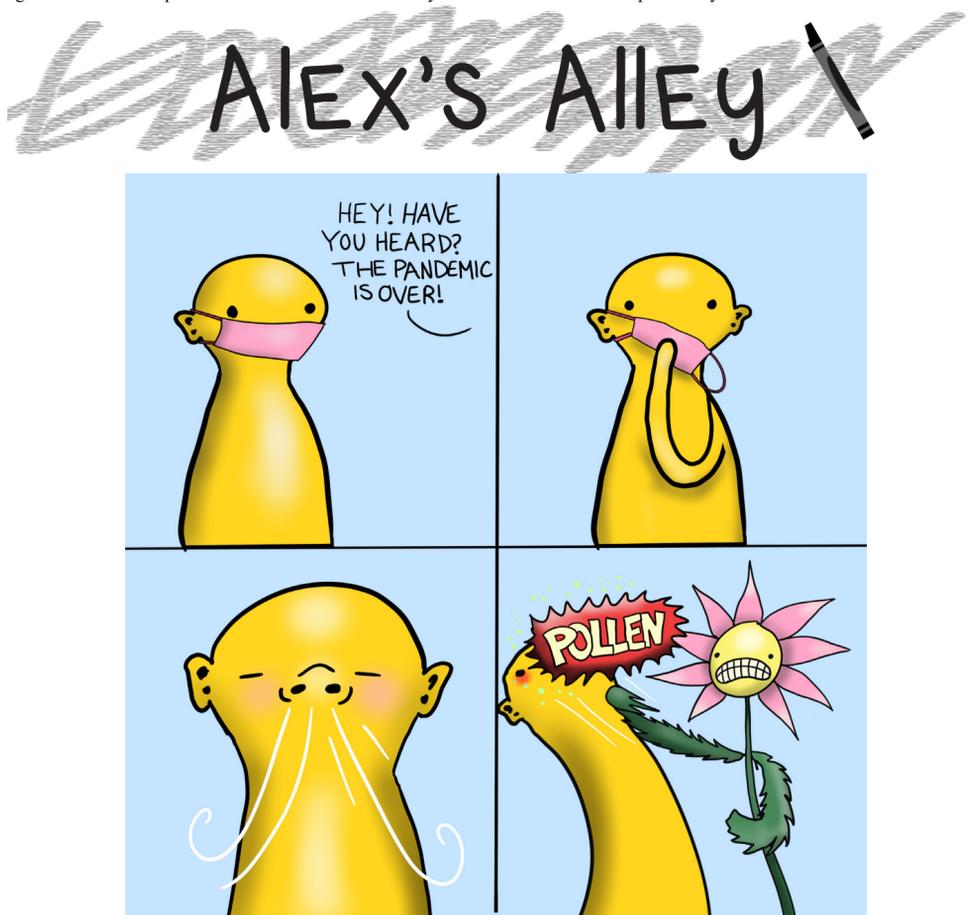
Eral, doing the bare minimum for diversity and

inclusion, considers herself a hero in her love affair with Cist. As the fixer-upper he is, she is proud to reach across the aisle that separates Nazis and vaguely half decent people in showing him the way to basic respect towards other humans, albeit a difficult task.

Even though their political views may make this personal relationship difficult behind closed doors, onlookers cannot believe it can be conceivably worse than what is displayed on social media. Upon every global crisis, mass shooting or hate crime, Eral is the first to step up and make a post talking about how she is personally

impacted. These valiant efforts to spark world peace and topple centuries of institutional racism are no match for the scathing reviews carelessly dispersed by Cist. Comments by Cist of "stop being such a libtard, babe" on Eral's liberal Instagram account, @GodLovesDemocrats, are a source of local entertainment.

Somehow, the couple carries on. One thing, however, is certain: both lovers will continue to ascribe to partisan lines and disrespect every individual who is not a straight, white, cisgender, Christian man in the process. And isn't that what love is all about?



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FIELD HOCKEY WINS FIRST PATRIOT LEAGUE TITLE

PHOTO BY JACQUELINE KERLER | THE BUCKNELLIAN
Ethan Torres '21 attempts a field goal in the Patriot League Championships.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TRACK AND FIELD
@ PATRIOT LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS ON MAY 1
ALL DAY

WOMEN'S TENNIS
@ PATRIOT LEAGUE TOURNAMENT ON MAY 1

MEN'S GOLF
@ PATRIOT LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP ON MAY 1
ALL DAY

WOMEN'S ROWING
VS FORDHAM ON MAY 1
AT 4 PM

MEN'S GOLF
@ PATRIOT LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP ON MAY 2
ALL DAY

WOMEN'S TENNIS
@ PATRIOT LEAGUE TOURNAMENT ON MAY 2

SOFTBALL
@ ARMY ON MAY 1
AT 12 P.M. AND 2 P.M.

Laurel McHale
Contributing Writer

For the first time in program history, the Bison field hockey team has been crowned the Patriot League Champions after defeating top-seeded Boston University, 2-1 in overtime.

The game started quiet, as neither team could even find a shot within the first 15 minutes. Boston U. didn't attempt its first shot until the third quarter as the Bison defense clamped down. It looked

like the game would enter the fourth quarter still scoreless, but a Boston U. penalty corner in the waning seconds of the third resulted in a goal with just one second remaining.

Kari Melberger '24 rocketed a shot from the top of the shooting circle, tying the game with just 5:50 left to play. Erin Zielinski '22 and Kayla Kisthardt '23 assisted this goal.

The Blue and Orange were dominant throughout the afternoon, outshooting the Terriers 15-6 and earning 14 penalty

corners to Boston's five. The Bison were awarded three consecutive corners in the extra period, and it was on the third that Kaelyn Long '21 fired the game-winning shot.

Long scored the game-winning goal with 2:31 left in the overtime period on a penalty corner, receiving the assist from Sara Dimock '21.

"It felt so surreal moments after realizing we won the Patriot League tournament. I almost felt emotionless because I didn't know how or what

to feel! I am so proud to be a member of this team...our motto all season has been to make it fun and control what we can control and we did just that on Saturday with our big win," Long said.

Following the game, Long was named the Tournament MVP. Kisthardt, Zielinski and Clara McCormick '23 were also named to the All-Tournament Team.

Long said, "I am super grateful for the opportunity to play in the NCAA tourna-

ment and represent Bucknell at a higher level...VCU will be a tough matchup as they have been undefeated in their conference this season...but we look forward to giving it all we got against a good team at a competitive level of play!"

The Bison now receive an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. They will play VCU at the Penn State Field Hockey Complex in University Park, Pa. on Friday, April 30 at 12 p.m. for their first NCAA Tournament appearance.

Bison Swimming and Diving end with a big splash



PHOTO COURTESY OF BUCKNELL ATHLETICS
Senior Emily Gorham celebrates with her teammates.

Cat Jamison
Contributing Writer

The Bison men's and women's swimming and diving teams competed in their Patriot League Challenge Meet against American and Loyola Maryland on Saturday, April 24 and Sunday, April 25. The women's team won the first place title, while the men's team finished in a close second.

The Bison women outscored the Greyhounds (994.5 points) and the Eagles (590 points), earning a total of 1,060.5 points. Major wins by Maddie Hartigan '22 and Kate Gottwald '24 led the team to victory. Hartigan won all four of her individual races and contributed as a member of three runner-up relay teams. Hartigan acquired the school record in not one but

two events: the 100 and 1,000 relays. In addition, Gottwald secured a sweep in all the diving events for the fourth-straight meet. The Bison impressed all with a 1-2-3-4-5 in the 200 freestyle and 1-2-3-4 in the 400 IM. The Bison also placed three swimmers in the "A" Finals of the 50 freestyle, 100 breaststroke, 100 butterfly and 200 backstroke.

The men's swimming and diving team totaled 802 points putting them behind the Greyhounds (1,274.5) and ahead of the Eagles (434.5).

The Bison logged nine program top-10 marks on Sunday, securing 16 for the weekend. Will Cadwallader '22 swept the boards by winning the 3-meter dive with a fantastic score of 277.15, now fifth in school history. On Saturday, he placed first on the 1-meter board. The other

individual champion was Christian Stef '23 in the 200 freestyle.

"Seeing as our season ended later in the year than usual, we have the hype and energy from the end of this season going into next season. By having a shortened and strange season, the team is hungry to get out and compete hard in a full on (hopefully COVID-free) season, so I think that many people will see next season as an extension of this past one," said Cadwallader said.

After a successful abbreviated season for the Bison, the women's team finished with a 3-0 Patriot League record and the men's team finished with a 1-2 Patriot League record. Now, swimming and diving anticipate even bigger accomplishments in the upcoming season.

Water Polo Finished up Season at CWPA Championship

Anna Carroll
Senior Writer

Making their first CWPA championship appearance since 1994, the Bison fell short in a 12-5 loss to the host and No. 7 Michigan University in their last game of the season. The Orange and Blue finished with a 8-4 record overall with three of their losses against the powerhouse Michigan Wolverines.

Before playing Michigan in the finals, the Bison defeated St. Francis (Pa.) 8-5 in the semifinal match-up. The Bison used a 4-1 run in the second and third periods to gain a 5-2 advantage that would hold until the end of the game.

Ally Furano '21 opened up the scoring for the bison, finding the back of the cage in the first period. After the Red Flash answered back with a goal of their own, Megan LaCroix '23 gave the Bison the lead once more, bringing the score to 2-1 to end the first period. A. Furano scored three of the four goals during the Bison's scoring run, while her sister Paige Furano '22 added the other. With their victory against St. Francis, the Orange and Blue would make their way to the Championship game against Michigan later that day.

Although the Bison played well and fought hard,

the Wolverines used a nine-goal first half to gain momentum for the rest of the game, and eventually earn a 12-5 victory.

Michigan took control of the game early with a 4-0 lead, before P. Furano was able to score for the Bison. However, the Wolverines answered back quickly with two more goals of their own. Marcela Herrera '21 was the one to stop the Michigan run this time, finding the back of the cage for the Orange and Blue. Michigan scored three more goals to close the second period and give Michigan a commanding 9-3 lead at halftime.

P. Furano led the Bison with three goals along with Herrera and Kali Hyham '21, each adding a goal of their own.

"This past weekend was a great end to a season unlike any that any of us have ever seen. Getting second place in our conference for the first time was an amazing way for all three of us seniors to end our careers at Bucknell," Hyham said.

This past weekend marks the final games for seniors A. Furano, Hyham and Herrera who combined for 64 victories for the women's water polo team, along with the program's highest-ever finish at the CWPA Championships this season.

Bison defeat St. Bonaventure in 7-0 Victory

Emily Doyle
Senior Writer

The Bison women's tennis team had a match against St. Bonaventure on Saturday, April 24. The Orange and Blue were victorious, winning all matches.

The Bison started off strong, winning all three doubles matches. The doubles teams consisted of Daniela Bellini '22/Cayla Koch '21, Tyne Miller '24/Laurel Utterback '24 and Sofia Ayuso '21/Kate Novak '24. The score of each match was 6-2, 6-4 and 6-4, respectively.

"Our win last weekend

gave us a lot of confidence going into our conference championships this weekend. We are all excited to compete together, especially because the patriot league championships were canceled last year due to COVID-19," Novak said.

The Bison carried their winning streak into their singles matches. Bellini's final score for her singles match was 6-4 and 7-5. Koch won her singles match with a score of 6-2 and 6-3. Miller defeated her opponent with a score of 6-4 and 6-1. Ayuso had a win over her opponent, 6-1 and 6-1. Utterback de-

feated her opponent with a score 6-2 and 6-2. Novak finished the match with a win, the scores were 6-1 and 7-5.

"I'm really proud of my team for how we all came together and won our last regular season match against St. Bonaventure. I'm hoping we carry this momentum and energy in the first round of the Patriot League Tournament this Friday at Navy!" Koch said.

The Orange and Blue will head to the Patriot League Tournament at Navy beginning on April 29. Game time and matchups are to be determined.

Women's Lacrosse Handed Loss Against the Black Knights

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Senior Writer

The Bison women's lacrosse team was on the road once again on Saturday, Apr. 24 as they traveled to Army West Point. The Orange and Blue were handed a 19-8 loss after the Black Knights went into halftime with a 13-3 lead. The Bison now sit at 3-4 in the Patriot League and 3-5 overall.

"We had a slow start in our game against Army this weekend and we made a few of the same mistakes multiple times so we are super focused on improving those areas this week. Our mentality moving forward is to play with consistent intensity and to leave everything on the field," Mason

Rode '21 said.

Taylor Kopan '24 came up strong for the Bison with her first career hat trick, while Symone Ryans '23 held down the fort defensively with 11 saves in her first collegiate appearance. Laurel McHale '22 was a steady force with a multi-point outing, contributing a goal and an assist. Rode also added three draw controls, a goal and a caused turnover.

In the second half alone, the Black Knights outscored the Bison 6-5, but the Orange and Blue did not give up. The team responded with a 4-0 run over the course of a six minute span, with Kopan adding two of the goals herself.

The Bison were unable to finish with the advantage as the Black Knights led in shots (43-14), shots on goals (30-12), ground balls (12-9) and draw controls (21-6).

"We have a huge game against Navy this weekend. If we win we make the Patriot League tournament, and if we lose we are done. Going into this game we are really focused on playing a full sixty minutes with no let downs and really playing our hearts out," McHale said.

Next up for the team is a trip to the Naval Academy on Friday, April 30 to face the Midshipmen. This game is a make-up from their cancelled Patriot League opener.

Baseball keeps it rolling against Lehigh

Alex Bolinger
Senior Writer

This was one of the most important weekends for the Bison baseball team as the regular season starts to draw to an end. Looking at their schedule, they would have to win a majority of their games in the last three series against Patriot League opponents if they wanted to get into the playoffs. With two of those series being against fierce rival Lehigh, the Bison knew last weekend was going to be huge for them and their quest for a Patriot League Championship. For the baseball squad, the weekend went exactly as planned. They showed a fierce competitiveness and were able to put together an impressive hitting weekend with equally impressive pitching on the mound. With just a few more weeks left, the Bison are feeling good after taking this weekend's series against Lehigh two games to one.

They were in Bethlehem on Saturday, April 24 for the first double header of the weekend. In game one however, the Bison did not find the start that they were looking for. Going against Mason Black, Le-

high's star ace, they could not find the runs needed to beat the mountain hawks. Black has given the league fits over the last four years and many people consider him one of the best pitchers to come out of the Patriot League. Unfortunately for the Bison they lost the first game of the double header 7-4 but they did not have to hang their heads long as it would be their only loss of the weekend.

In game two on Saturday the outcome was much different. The Bison fought hard to earn a split in the double header by getting some hard earned runs in the second game on Saturday. This was marked by an impressive performance on the mound by Will Greer '23 who threw a complete game and only allowed one earned run with a pair of strikeouts. Greer's pitching performance was the sign of the tides turning for the weekend. While Lehigh could not get anything going offensively, the Bison bats were able to get active with Chris Cannizzaro '22 going 4-for-4 with an RBI and getting across the plate once. The complete game was the first of Greer's career and only the second complete game by a Bison this year (Chris Difiore '23

threw a complete seven inning game). The Orange and Blue walked away with a split on Saturday and won the second game of the double header 3-1.

"After splitting the double header Saturday we all knew we had to perform on Sunday back in Lewisburg. We all knew that Sunday was one of the most important games of the season for us," Greer said.

Sunday in Lewisburg is where the magic really started to happen and the Bison blew away the visiting Mountain Hawks. In one of the most important games of the season the Bison performed to their best. With 13 hits and 14 runs scored, the team put up one of its most dominant offensive performances of the season on Sunday. Kendall Pierson '22 had three hits on five at bats with two RBI's. Difiore got the win on the mound and improved his season record to 4-2. When all the dust settled the Bison won Sunday 14-4.

This weekend's series against rival Lafayette has been postponed due to a COVID outbreak within the Leopards team. However, the Bison added a game against St. Joseph's in Philadelphia this Wednesday, April 28 to remain loose.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

ERIN ZIELINSKI '22
WOMEN'S FIELD HOCKEY



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PROFILE

HOMETOWN: DOWNINGTON, PA

HIGH SCHOOL: VILLA MARIA ACADEMY

Holly Burns
Senior Writer

This past week, the Bison field hockey team captured the Patriot League tournament title, following strong victories over American University and tournament hosts, Boston University. Although the Orange and Blue struggled a bit out of the gate, veteran defensive leaders helped rally to turn the season around.

Center-back Erin Zielinski '22 was one of those important leaders for the Bison, and guided this underdog team to their first league title in program history. Zielinski has tallied an impressive total of 31 games played during her stint with the Orange and Blue, 26 of those being starts. She has started every one of the Bison's matchups since her sophomore season.

"I still can't believe that we won. We worked so hard this season and had to adapt to a lot of changes that were thrown our way, yet our team was incredibly resilient. Starting off the season 0-3 wasn't easy, yet we tried to focus on the progress we were making each game rather than the end result," Zielinski said. "After beating American on our home turf, it really gave us the confidence that we were moving in the right direction. I'm so proud of everything my team has accomplished. It wasn't easy,

especially after our regular session being cancelled, but we worked hard and pushed through together."

Zielinski earned several accolades for her performance leading up to, and during the Patriot League tournament. She was named All-League First Team for her regular season performance; Zielinski was part of a Bison defensive unit that only allowed one goal per game in the latter portion of the season.

Zielinski was also named to the All-Tournament team for her continuing stellar defensive performance. Assisting on the game-winner in overtime versus Boston, the young athlete secured a tournament title for the Bison.

Zielinski spoke on the teams success this season, and how that is preparing the Orange and Blue to compete again this coming fall. "It's crazy that we're already thinking ahead to next season. But, knowing how much we accomplished this year together, I'm really excited for what's to come. As with anything, we still have a ton to work on. However, having been the first team at Bucknell to win the Patriot League title and knowing how it feels to step off the field having earned it, I think we're even more motivated than ever before."

In addition to her contributions on the field, Zielinski is also a standout in the

classroom for the Bison. The Chemical Engineering major is a two-time member of the Patriot League Academic Honor Roll, and one-time member of the NFCA Division I National Academic Squad.

Zielinski credits her success to her strong support system. "Our team is very close, and by creating a team culture in which we support and push each other every day, we were able to become one percent better each game. We are also incredibly fortunate to have incredible support from our parents, coaching staff, athletic trainers and strength coaches. They have all played a part in helping us become the team we are today, on and off the field."

CAREER STATS

31 GAMES PLAYED
26 GAMES STARTED
1645 MINUTES PLAYED
1 ASSIST

Women's Golf finishes in Fourth at PL Championships

Leah Fogelsanger
Sports Co-editor

This past weekend, the Bison women's golf team competed in the 2021 Patriot League Championships in Bethlehem, Pa. at the Saucon Valley Country Club. The Bison finished in fourth place with a 54-hole total of 953.

Casey Morrow '21 and Tatum McKelvey '23 led the Bison on Sunday with scores of 77 as the team posted its best score of the weekend with a

313 in the final round. Both the senior and sophomore moved into the top 15 with their Sunday scores of 77, with Morrow finishing 13th and McKelvey tying for 15th.

Other notable performances came from Cristina Canales '24 who closed the tournament with a 78. This score made her the Bison's low player for the championship. Canales tied for 11th place with a total of 236, but unfortunately missed earning All-Patriot League honors by just one stroke.

The Orange and Blue also saw Kelsey Yi '24 posting an 81, Erin Holmes '21 with an 82 and Morgan Hennessey '22 with an 89. Morrow, Canales and McKelvey combined for the Bison's eight birdies on Sunday with two apiece.

The field was rounded out by Navy taking the top title with a 305 team score, followed by Boston with 307, Richmond in third at 932, the Bison (953), Lehigh (993) and Holy Cross (1055).

Men's tennis beat by Colgate in the Patriot League

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Senior Writer

The Bison men's tennis team was seeded fourth for the Patriot League tournament this past weekend at Lehigh, but were beat by the fifth-seeded Colgate. They will not move ahead in the tournament.

Because of their seeding, the team, along with seven others, skipped the first round of the tournament on Thursday, April

22 and went straight to the quarterfinals on Friday, April 23.

In the previous matchup against the Raiders, the Orange and Blue were victorious, winning 4-1. However the roles reversed in the tournament, with Colgate claiming the win, 4-3.

Bison on courts 4, 5, and 6 all picked up individual victories. Nick Mueller '23 won 6-7, 6-2, 6-2, Tim Zelikovsky '24 won 6-1, 3-6, 6-0, and Sam Yildirimlar '21 won 3-6, 7-5, 6-4.

Although the Bison did not win the doubles point for their team, duo Marwan Abaza '21 and Cooper Bradshaw '22 defeated their Colgate opponents 6-0.

On Saturday, April 24, the Raiders eventually fell to the eventual Patriot League Champions, Navy, 0-4. Congratulations to the team on completing their season despite these unprecedented times.

BEYOND THE BISON

SPORTS NEWS ACROSS THE NATION

Coming Back Home

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Senior Writer

This past year, Kim Mulkey returned to Baton Rouge, La. as head coach of the LSU women's basketball team. Before coming to LSU, Mulkey coached the Baylor University women's team from 1999-2021, leading the Bears to their first ever tournament appearance in her first year of coaching in 2000. With patience and victory, winning at least 20 games in every season except one, the pinnacle was finally achieved in 2005

when the lady bears won their first national title against Michigan State.

The move to Baton Rouge was not easy. During her press conference, she was vulnerable in her situation and the difficulty that came with it. It was hard to leave something that she spent so much time and energy building. Leaving the people, players, and experiences that have been with her for the last 22 years.

When you dedicate yourself to a special place and people with a high level of unwavering pas-

sion and intensity, it's hard to let go. The conversation between her and LSU's athletic director Scott Woodward was no more than 15 minutes long. They discussed many things that the public will never know, but most importantly they agreed on the fact that the experience for her at LSU and with her players is going to be about more than just basketball.

Coach Mulkey has been a winner her whole life. She grew up in Tickfaw, La., an hour down the road from Baton Rouge.

She was the only girl on her elementary school baseball team and was named an all-star. In high school, she won four state titles and led her team to the first ever NCAA Women's basketball championship at Louisiana Tech in 1982. With her title win in 2005, she became the first ever to win a national title as a player, assistant coach and head coach.

More than her success on the basketball court, Mulkey is a trailblazer and mentor for young women through sport. Every per-

son she has ever coached has walked away from the program with their degree.

This hire speaks to the magnitude of the institution of LSU and their prioritization of women's athletics. The former head coach of the Tiger's basketball team, Nikki Fargas, left LSU to pursue a job with Las Vegas Aces. The tradition of LSU basketball stems back to the early days of Mulkey's tenure at Baylor. The Tigers made five NCAA final fours in 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008. They also reached eight NCAA elite eights and 14 NCAA sweet 16s.

Mulkey faced off against LSU as a player and a head coach. The first encounter was during her playing career at LA Tech, when they beat the Tigers as the number one seed in 1984. In the 2005 final four, the Baylor Bears defeated the Tigers 68-57 as the fifth year head coach for Baylor. Mulkey and her squad went on to win the national championship that season.

Mulkey watched from afar as her home team had a run of success and a taste of glory. As a Louisiana native, she is happy to say she has finally returned home.

Men's and Women's Track Gear up For Patriot League Championships

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Both the Bison men's and women's track and field teams competed this past Saturday, April 24 in their final tune up before the Patriot League Championships.

There were a number of standouts on both the men's and women's teams. On the track, Ashley Blair '21 was a star. Blair took first place in what turned out to be more of an emotional race than was expected and nearly cracked an all-time Bison record in the 1500 with a time of 4:40.04.

"This weekend was a great tune-up for the Patriot League Championships this weekend. I had the honor of running in a secondary event with my senior teammates (Kelsey Bordash, Sarah Bain

and Kaitlin Ryan) who were running their last race," Blair said. "The win was great, but it was definitely a bitter-sweet moment since I won't be racing with some of my senior teammates again. The team has a great attitude going into this weekend considering last year's competition was canceled. I think we're all going into this meet trying to make up for what we lost last year. It should be a great weekend."

Besides Blair, a number of other men and women earned a top four position in their events. Katie Phillips '22 also landed on the podium, earning herself a second place finish in the 400 hurdles with a time of 1:05.58.

Dylan Pearman '24 posted a dominant time in the 200, narrowly losing to Monmouth with a 22.96 time. Sam Lopes '22 placed third in the triple jump by jumping 37-5.

Dom Campagna '23 finished third, narrowly beating his teammate Ryan Miele '22, in the 5000 with a time of 15:37.08 over Miele's 15:43.33. Matt Fedorovich '24 also took a podium finish in the long jump, earning third with a 21-10. Sprinter Max Spaulding '24 also finished third in the 400 hurdles with a 58.52.

For the throwers, James Kelly '21 earned second in the javelin with a 186-8. Robert Feeney '24 finished fourth in the hammer with a 178-1.

The men's and women's teams had a solid day on the track and in the field, gearing up for a redemption bout at the Patriot League Championship meet. After the Bison were stripped of a chance to compete outdoors last year due to COVID-19, this Friday, April 30 they are looking to take back what's theirs.

Bison Take Down the Mountain Hawks at Home

Morgan Sohosky
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The Bison men's golf team stayed home this weekend to take on the Lehigh Mountain Hawks in a close dual match. There was good weather for the 18-hole event; sunny and 65 degrees with little to no wind. This was very fortunate for the Bison being that the majority of their season has been in both cold and windy weather.

With the play-6, count-4 format, the Bison had Chris Tanabe '21, Jason

Lohwater '22, Jack Gardener '23, Josh Holtschlag '23, Jackson Bussell '23 and Blake Wisdom '23 playing for the team along with Dylan Ford '22 and Max Orwicz '24 playing individually. Wisdom mentioned that his favorite part from the weekend was "playing against our rival and winning! It was a blast getting to play with one of my teammates and having some students watch us!"

Bussell, Wisdom and Tanabe, the Bison's best from this match, all came

in with 72s. Holtschlag and Lohwater came in right behind with 73s and following was Jack Gardener who carded a 76 on the day. Ford and Orwicz shot 76 and 83, respectively. As for Lehigh, their top three players came in with 73s and their fourth player carded a 75.

The Bison will travel to Annapolis, Md. to play in the Patriot League Championship hosted by Navy this coming weekend, May 1 and 2. This tournament consists of 54 holes, with 36 of them being the first day.

Bison struggle in 4 game set against Lehigh

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The Bison softball team finished 1-3 on the weekend in a 4 game set against Lehigh. The teams split a pair of games at Lehigh on April 24 and Lehigh swept both games of a doubleheader in Lewisburg the next day.

Both games on Saturday went to extra innings as there was little between the two squads. The Bison struck early in game one as Nicole Rivait '22 scored Taylor Wolfgang '21 on a double in the first inning. Kaiya Burton '23 pitched well for the Orange and Blue, only surrendering eight hits while pitching the complete game. The Bison looked like they would emerge victorious when they took a 2-1 lead in the eighth inning thanks to a hit by Niki Mabry '24 and had the Mountain Hawks down to their final out. Unfortunately for the Bison, Lehigh

was able to hit back-to-back doubles to score twice and win 3-2.

The second game of the double header saw a lot more offense than the first. Tara Baglivo '21 knocked in the first run of the game in the second inning to get the offenses going. After Lehigh scored three unanswered runs, Zoie Smith '24 gave the Bison the lead again with a three-run home run in the fifth inning. Lehigh was able to knock in one more run to send the game to extras tied 4-4. In the top of the eighth, Jess Hom '21 doubled to score Baglivo and make the score 5-4. In the bottom half of the inning, Olivia Marinelli '23 retired the Mountain Hawks in order to clinch the victory.

The doubleheader in Lewisburg did not fare as well for the Bison. The Orange and Blue were unable to score in either game, falling by scores of 2-0 and 10-0. In game one of the day, the Bison were able to hold Lehigh scoreless until the third in-

ning. Lehigh knocked in two runs that inning that proved to be the difference. Kelly Toomey '22 kept the Lehigh bats at bay pitching 4.2 innings and only giving up two hits. Unfortunately, the Bison weren't able to get back into the game. The second game of the doubleheader was very similar to the first. The Bison were able to hold Lehigh scoreless for four innings, but then the Mountain Hawks got hot and scored seven runs in the fifth. While the offense as a whole struggled, Mabry, Jazmyn Stokes '21 and Sarah Baluch '22 all finished with multi-hit afternoons.

The Bison will look to rebound and get the offense going this coming weekend in a four game series with Army. All four games are scheduled to be played in West Point, N.Y. The first two games will be on May 1 at 12 p.m. and 2 p.m., while the remaining two games will be played May 2 at the same times.

Bison Fight Back Against Juggernaut Mountain Hawks, Fall Short

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It's never an easy task facing the number six ranked team in the nation, especially on the road. On Saturday, Lehigh utilized its crisp passing, electric speed and physical style of play to keep the Bison men's lacrosse team on its heels and handed the Bison their sixth loss of the season, an 18-12 defeat.

Despite the final score, the Bison played strong throughout the game, pestering ball handlers and creating a lot of nice fast-break opportunities. The defense struggled to contain Lehigh sophomore Christian Mule, who notched 10 points on seven goals and three assists.

But overall, they hung tough against a Mountain Hawk squad that boasted more than one preseason All-American ("Inside Lacrosse").

Dutch Furlong '24 continued his hot streak for the Bison, scoring two goals and adding two assists. Jack Freda '23 (3g-1a), Alston Tarry '22 (3g-1a) and Tommy Sopko '21 (1g-3a) all posted four points apiece as well. Daniel Parson '23 made a career-high 13 saves between the pipes. The teams were even in shots at 44 each, while the Mountain Hawks led in ground balls (43-27) and faceoffs (24-9).

The Bison scored four goals in the final quarter, twice cutting the deficit to just four, but Lehigh would

ultimately hang on to stay undefeated and earn their ninth victory of the short-season.

Unfortunately, the loss does mark the final collegiate lacrosse game for many of the seniors. "It's always very bittersweet," Furlong said. "This senior class is a real great group of guys and are definitely role models on and off the field. I'm excited to see what the future holds for them and all of the accomplishments they achieve."

The Bison men's lacrosse showed magnificent effort all season. With plenty of talent returning, this performance against Lehigh should create a lot of momentum going into 2022

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It's not just your private FBI agent anymore

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How would you feel if you knew the police were spying on you, not through their own surveillance, but through buying their data from other people?

Most Americans are familiar with the First, Second and maybe Fifth Amendments to the Constitution guaranteeing certain rights: freedom of speech, the right to bear arms and the right against self-incrimination, respectively. Most, however, are not familiar with the remaining amendments, especially the Fourth: the protection "against unreasonable searches and seizures" without a signed warrant from some judge.

As has been shown repeatedly by a long line of digital whistleblowers, warrantless mass surveillance by a smattering of three-letter organizations (NSA, CIA, FBI, etc.) is not fantasy, but reality. The Guardian's leak that propelled Edward Snowden's fame was, namely, a secret court ruling that Verizon must turn over millions of phone records to the FBI. Those records included phone numbers, call logs and durations, and other information that could eventually uniquely identify users.

That was 2013, however, so times and methods have changed: now law enforcement agencies work with third parties to compile the data that they want. For instance, VICE has reported that an app "Muslim Pro", downloaded by tens of millions of individuals, reports data to the U.S. military intelligence services through a third party. While the data is anonymous, VICE quoted their source as saying, "[the third party] could absolutely deanonymize a person." Further, companies like Palantir

offer the combination of public sector data and Palantir data with private law enforcement databases to track people with greater ease. The Los Angeles Police Department is one of their largest clients, and one community organizer remarked, "[Palantir] is not actually improving things... It's expanding the power that police have." Moves like these could inevitably lead to the continuation of over-policing and exploitation that studies have shown is endemic to low income black and brown communities.

In a rare stroke of technological literacy, a bipartisan group of senators has introduced the "The Fourth Amendment Is Not For Sale Act," which would require a court order before law enforcement agencies purchase user data from third parties. For instance, the bill's sponsors specifically targeted another firm, Clearview. AI, who "illicitly obtained photos to power a facial recognition service it sells to government agencies, which they can search without a court order."

The logic behind this move raises an important point: even for data that, as of now, can be obtained fully legally and remain apparently anonymous, new tools can essentially remove that individual protection nearly instantly. Technological capabilities for intrusions like that are cause for real concern, even for those who "have nothing to hide." De-ferring the impact of this law enforcement data market only works if an individual agrees with every aspect of the practices of their government. To put it another way, individuals who participate in civil disobedience, individuals protesting against aggressive regimes, individuals whose religion or

sexual orientation doesn't align with their government do have something legitimate to hide. Ultimately, those who implement technologies here in the United States must be mindful (and guard against) the worst-case implementation anywhere in the world. And, considering the fact that many companies whose services are used worldwide happen to be based within the United States, our nation is in a unique position to be able to shape the use of individual data worldwide.

The United States could serve as a leader in the rights to individual privacy, to life and liberty as guaranteed under our Constitution, to individuals' ownership of their data and obligations to have it used ethically. Digital devices, now more than ever, are extensions of the human brain; they can (and do) carry more data than diaries, travel logs and rolls of film ever could. Unfortunately, however, we still live in a nation where the laws are more suited to the technology of the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries than the 21st. Lawmakers have an ethical obligation to ensure that those same moral individual protections guaranteed nearly 250 years ago extend to the modern day.

The way that the public interacts with their technology has changed dramatically in the past few decades, and it remains truly vital that lawmakers keep up. For once, a bipartisan common-sense measure to both protect individuals and curtail problems endemic to the law enforcement system is up for serious debate. I sincerely hope that the necessity for the protection of the individual, and the moral imperative to use data equitably and fairly, does not remain lost on those in power in Washington.

The fall of Jake Paul



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The American Youtuber, rapper, former Vine star and social media influencer Jake Paul is a narcissistic sociopath who is somehow still supported despite his many mistakes and numerous scandals. With his passion for creating and editing videos, Paul was first seen on the app Vine, where he pulled pranks on his friends and occasionally strangers. Paul was often seen embarrassing others or getting himself in trouble on camera for his viewers enjoyment. In the years following his first appearance on Vine, Paul has acquired 20 million YouTube subscribers and joined the "Hype House," a group of TikTok and YouTube personalities in Los Angeles. For someone who once was a fun and entertaining influencer, Paul has created a horrible reputation for himself and has the biggest and most notorious name in the influencer industry. Paul's lack of respect for others and his offensive nature has impacted many as his controversies and continuous unacceptable behavior propels him to fame and fortune.

Many wonder how and why Paul remains a consistent influencer. Leveraging his bad reputation to keep his career, Paul uses his narcissistic and sociopathic

ways to entertain his viewers. After graduating from Vine, Paul simultaneously became one of the most popular and most hated YouTubers. Hatred for Paul grew as his platform heightened through his appearance on YouTube. Purchasing a house with a few other influencers, neighbors described living next to Paul as a "living hell" and a "war zone," as the teen started massive fires in the neighborhood, performed dangerous dirt bike stunts, building a water slide to propel his friends into the pool and leaking his address online. Paul has also influenced his younger viewers that school is not necessary, and that education does not advance an individual as he shared that he was able to become successful without school. Paul continues to be called out for his actions on Twitter, Instagram and YouTube by other influencers, but this only boosts his ego and audience.

Not only has Paul negatively impacted those who are in close proximity to him and his young fans, but his use of derogatory terms and lack of remorse for his actions is disgusting and unacceptable. In January 2018, TMZ surfaced a video of Paul at Coachella from three years prior. The video showed Paul rapping over the song, "Throw Sum Mo," by Rae Sremmurd, saying the n-word twice, calling himself a "little a** n*****" and refer-

ring to a friend as a "n*****." This video blew up on various social media platforms and offended and hurt many of his viewers and YouTube users. Paul never apologized for his behavior. Apology or not, this is completely unacceptable. Recently, Paul caused another controversy when he was caught hosting a massive party in Calabasas during the height COVID-19 cases in California. Videos of this large party surfaced, showing other social media influences swinging from dangerous equipment in his backyard, maskless and intoxicated. "I personally am not the type of person who's gonna sit around and not live my life," Paul told Insider when questioned about his massive party. Many were disgusted with Paul's comment as they learned that keeping the surrounding community safe was not a priority.

Having a need for an excessive amount of attention and admiration, along with his lack of empathy and disregard for others, Paul will eventually hit rock bottom. Currently taking advantage of his narcissistic and sociopathic ways for viewer's entertainment, Paul will continue his downward spiral and reach a point of no return. Paul should have been cancelled years ago. Paul is a horrible influencer who does not deserve a spotlight or fame; he needs professional help.

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DC Statehood

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In the wake of the recent passing of a bill that would institute Washington, D.C. as the 51st state in the House of Representatives, the American people have once again been called upon to examine their perspective on the age-old adage: “no taxation without representation.” The saying, which symbolizes the earliest calls for Revolution in the thirteen colonies, finds new meaning today — specifically, that an entire federal district with a population larger than that of the entire state of Wyoming has no legislative representation. The very logic behind a representative democracy is that each citizen should have this power, and the rights granted alongside the inherent freedom and self-determination in a people’s government. Yet, such an issue is somehow incredibly partisan, as Republicans have repeatedly shot down any attempts to give the population of the District of Columbia the same rights they enjoy. It’s a power play that, if nothing else, illustrates the ever-present reality that America has never been a democracy for everyone, and as such, has never really lived up to the idea of democracy at all.

Republicans’ argument for denying Washington, D.C. its statehood is painfully simple: if the District of Columbia were to enjoy the privilege of statehood, it would receive two seats in the Senate, which would more than likely go to Democrats. Republicans would find it difficult to overcome this majority, and such a phenomenon would “throw off the balance of power.” These legislators seem to miss the blatantly obvious point that if 692,683 people have to go

without a voice in Congress for a party to keep a chance at majority status, that party probably shouldn’t be in power. That is, in the most elementary terms possible, how democracy works.

There is a deeper layer to this, however; Republicans have toed the line in defense of the United States Electoral College to make sure the voices of Americans in states like Wyoming are heard. Yet the difference between Wyoming and Washington, D.C., besides their respective political leanings, is their population demographics. Wyoming, once described by GOP Senator Tom Cotton as “a well rounded, working class state” is in direct juxtaposition with Washington: Wyoming has a population that is 92.5 percent white, with only 6 percent of residents below the poverty line. In contrast, 47.1 percent of Washington, D.C.’s population is made up of Black Americans, and 16.8 percent sit below the poverty line. Income inequality in the city has been described as the worst in the country. While statistics can be tricky, the numbers really don’t lie on this one. The bottom line? Republicans’ repeated denial of Washington, D.C. statehood is a classic example of voter suppression’s disproportionate effect on low-income and minority communities. This strategic disenfranchisement is entirely intentional, and falls right alongside mass incarceration in making sure minorities can’t vote for leaders and policies that will benefit them — or mildly inconvenience white people, to Cotton’s dismay.

An added injury to the reality of this bill is that it will likely be shot down in the Senate via filibuster, a controversial tactic with Jim Crow-era roots which requires 60 votes to shoot down.

With the continued existence of a legislative tactic that was founded in the intention of denying Civil Rights legislation, the Democrats’ majority in the Senate means nothing—as does the vote of the American people. Congress remains in gridlock with the word of a single senator, and a bill that would give basic political human rights to thousands of American citizens will die because somehow Republicans just can’t imagine a world without Republican Senator Mitch McConnell. At the end of the day, Americans elected Democrats into the executive and both legislative branches in 2020. Whether their votes were motivated by Trump fatigue or genuine hope for change, they voted for the platform that U.S. President Joe Biden and his associates put forward.

If Republicans (plus West Virginia Democratic Senator Joe Manchin), despite fumbling the support of the majority of the country, can block every direly needed policy change with a twiddle of their thumbs, what is the point of even electing our leaders at all? It seems that while the citizens of the District of Columbia aren’t even having their voices heard, the rest of America may never see their wishes executed. Biden cannot govern the nation by Executive Order; this tactic is fundamentally flawed, antithetical to democratic principles, and far too volatile. Human rights cannot be on the chopping block every four years because no policy lives beyond its signatory. America has voted, and it is time to hold Biden & Co. accountable for the promises they made — but change can only occur if the U.S. Congress chooses to become compatible with the basic principles of representative government.

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.

Covid-19 Vaccinations: How the EU Dropped the Ball

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As the race against COVID-19 continues, the rates of vaccinations globally have been exceptionally varied. In large, industrialized, western countries there is a particularly interesting phenomenon. In the United States and the United Kingdom, over 40 percent of each population has received at least one dose of a vaccine and in the United States 29 percent have been fully vaccinated. By stark contrast, many European countries such as Germany, Belgium and Italy report partial vaccination percentages in the low 20s and full vaccination percentages in the single digits, according to the New York Times. Given that the European Union (EU) is a relatively similar size and has equal bargaining power with the United States and the United Kingdom, why is this vast disparity occurring?

There are many possible explanations as to why the EU is lagging behind the United Kingdom and the United States in terms of vaccinations: a lack of uniformity in member-state health care systems, the recent blot clot concerns in the AstraZeneca vaccine (their primary vaccine contract) and cultural differences in public health

perceptions all contribute to the current low amount of vaccinations in the EU. However, the most prominent reason for the EU’s shortfalls is actually something much different — pharmaceutical contracts.

Earlier in the pandemic, when vaccines were still being developed, many countries invested and partnered with private companies in order to help accelerate vaccine creation. The United States spent over \$9 billion in vaccine contracts with pharmaceutical companies, not including the additional doses purchased after original contracts were set. For instance, the United States committed close to a billion dollars in development of the Moderna vaccine and close to two billion in the manufacturing and delivery of the Pfizer vaccine (Pfizer did not accept federal funding for vaccine research). Moreover, the United States contracted with Moderna, Pfizer, AstraZeneca, Johnson & Johnson, Novavax and other companies, each for 100 million doses or more. Additionally, the United States and the United Kingdom have largely refrained from exporting domestically produced doses of vaccines such as Moderna and AstraZeneca, respectively.

The EU, on the other

hand, did not invest nearly as much in vaccine development nor did it cast as wide of a net in contracting with pharmaceutical companies. Instead, they took a more free market approach that focused their vaccine procurement on simply buying instead of development and production. The EU only spent around \$3 billion on vaccines, and had significantly less restrictive vaccine contracts with pharmaceutical companies. Unlike the United States and the United Kingdom, as of late March the EU had exported almost 80 million European-produced doses worldwide to non-EU countries. For instance, Europe shipped a mere 16 million doses to member state Germany but exported 20 million doses to the United Kingdom.

In short, the United States and the United Kingdom invested widely and early, and kept what they domestically produced, which has helped them to reach the reported vaccination levels. While it is important to note that there are a variety of other contributing factors to the EU’s failure, the fact that the EU did not invest heavily in development and did not block exports of doses are clearly the most significant contributors to their current vaccination crisis.

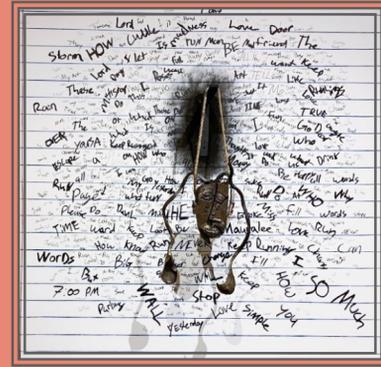
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A Look Inside *The Samek*



AN ACADEMIC ART LAB

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The Samek Art Museum is one of the key components of the arts culture at the University. It is not just any old museum, but a place where art and creation that is specifically curated for our community is showcased. With two locations—on campus and in downtown Lewisburg—it truly brings everyone together. Since it was first established, the Samek, like all other art facilities, has gone

through various waves of artistic style and culture.

Their mission, according to their website, is to “create meaningful encounters between artists, students, scholars, the public and works of art.” They fulfill this through various exhibits and installations at the Campus Gallery on the top floor of the Elaine Langone Center (ELC), the Downtown Gallery on Market Street, the Collection Study Room in Bertrand Library and even across campus with pop-up exhibits. They show-

case visual fine art of many subjects and mediums.

According to the Samek’s mission statement they present art “in critical contexts consistent with Bucknell’s high academic standards,” and “the museum challenges students and extends the intellectual life of campus in an informal life long learning environment.” They describe their facilities as “academic art labs” that fosters experimentation, innovation and engagement when it comes to art.

In the past, the Samek

has invited classes and organizations to spend a class period or a day at the museum in order to connect their studies and work to art. In this way, the artworks become more than just painting, drawings, graphics and collages on a wall—they take on multiple meanings through the different lenses and perspectives that the classes and organizations bring. The museum interacts with the community population by exhibits pieces created by faculty and students.

ART IN THE PANDEMIC

This past year, the Samek has been extra creative in order to execute their mission and keep the gallery open and running through the pandemic. From beginning the pandemic short-staffed, the museum managed to turn things around

and share artwork with the community when they needed it most. “We managed to pivot with the pandemic and keep both of our museum locations open and welcome classes/visitors with new safety precautions, including requiring

masks and limiting attendance to a couple of visitors at a time,” Tiffany Demmon, the Public Programs and Outreach Manager said. During the past year, the museum held 10 exhibitions, displayed artworks chosen by faculty for class

engagement and put on numerous educational virtual events. Demmon said that she is “incredibly proud and grateful to [her] colleagues, Bucknell students, staff, faculty and the Lewisburg community for the year the Samek has had.”

CURRENT EXHIBITS

The Samek Art Museum’s campus gallery currently houses two student-driven exhibits: “Field Notes: Annual Senior Student Art Exhibition” and “Expressions: The Body Now.”

The first showcases the artwork of graduating senior studio art majors and studio assistants. This year, the theme of the annual exhibition is field work; inspired by the methodology of scientists and researchers, students engaged in their own “recording and interpreting of the empirical world” in order to “bring meaning and comprehension to otherwise unexplainable phenomena.” Each senior selected their own topic and executed their own “field work” in order to produce a collection of artworks.

Senior studio art majors featured in this exhibit are: Kelvin Adjei-Akosah, Kalista Kocinski, Jenna Marek, Lydia Palumbo, Ethan Sales, Steven Sedig, Olivia Sherman, Chris Urin, Ruoying Zhang, Isabella Convertino, Lya Finston and Jackson Saylor. Their collections cover a range of styles and mediums, including paintings, prints, photographs, sculptures and even digitized works.

Marek used her project as an exploration of diversity at the University. “In the context of recent events and

movements, I thought it was important to explore what diversity actually means, because it isn’t just race and ethnicity, and how it is present in our campus community.” Her project served to “give voice to other students who don’t fit the stereotypical mold to talk about their story and what makes them diverse.” Marek first created a poster to showcase her personal story and allow students interested in being a part of the project to come to her; she then interviewed each person and “interpreted those conversations to convert them into digitally illustrated art pieces.”

Marek went on to say, “The seniors this year all used their work to address really important topics and create conversations, which is what art should do, so I am proud of the senior studio art majors as a whole.”

Sales focused his project on the heavily personal topic of depression. He used sculpture to illustrate the relationship between medical marijuana as a treatment and the legal barriers on it at the University. He expressed how his exhibited pieces have a “strong duality,” and went on to say, “I have experienced hardship and changes while in school but simultaneously it has made me who I am in addition to motivating

me to produce art I’m proud of.” Sales concluded by saying, “I am tied to Bucknell in a weird way” and “I feel a great sense of closure in having the art up.”

“The senior exhibition provided an opportunity to display my artwork and ideas for the entire Bucknell community,” Sherman said. She further expressed that it was important to her “that all Bucknellians, not just those who are interested enough in art to visit the Samek, would have access to [her] message.”

A virtual event was organized for the Senior Art show, “Field Notes;” this recording can be accessed through the museum’s website.

The second is a curated exhibition by students in the Museum & Contemporary Curating class taught by Richard Rinehart, the museum’s director, and teaching assistant Rachel Martine. All artworks were selected from the Samek’s permanent collection by students in the course this semester as the class project. This year’s curation explores “the vulnerability of the body” and highlights “how the physical body evokes mental sensations and immerses the viewer in a sea of emotions induced by both facial expression and body lan-

guage.”

Two artworks were curated by these nine students in the course: Will Woods ’21, Yusef Chisholm ’22, Josie Lippincott ’22, Isabelle D’Enzo ’21, Ian Heinicke ’24, Noa Evenhaim ’21, Zoe Stupek ’23, Alex Hong ’24, Caroline Fitzgerald ’21, Kalista Kocinski ’21 and Caio Jordao ’21. The works include photographs, lithographs, watercolors, prints and etchings by artists such as Elliot Erwitt, David Seltzer, Ralph Gibson, Andy Warhol and the Guerilla Girls.

Lippincott shared that this course allowed her to “understand the museum’s role in society as well as story-telling mechanisms that can be applied to other areas of my life.” She went on to say, “While I have always enjoyed visiting museums, being on the other side of the exhibits has opened my eyes to the function of exhibitions and their relationship to the broader society.”

The downtown gallery is currently exhibiting “Santina Amato: Convulsive Beauty.” Santina Amato worked with Lisa Freiman, a guest curator, to bring this exhibition to the University. A weblink for the show and a recording of the virtual event can be found on the museum’s website.