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Since our last edition, a recent trend has been the urge for change across campus. Buildings are being demolished, budgets are being cut, mass donations are being made and student interest is still a major topic of conversation. Where does the future of Bloomsburg's campus lie?

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NEWS

Confer Radio Talent Institute seeks participants

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Opportunities for new and rising media jobs are created by Commonwealth University in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania through the Confer Radio Talent Institute™. It serves as a breeding ground for well-rounded college students and recent graduates who are driven to succeed in the media industry and have a strong enthusiasm for it.

The institute is seeking more participants this year for the Monday, May 20 until Saturday, May 25 event.

Bob Lawrence of the National Radio Talent System says, “Radio is not your dad’s radio... It has expanded to other platforms.” He hopes that students interested in participating will see the worth in networking with important people of the industry in all realms of media, and especially radio.

Only accepting twenty five applicants, the Confer Radio Talent Institute takes place on the Bloomsburg campus, sponsored by generous donors Kerby and Judy Confer.

According to the NRTS website, “70% of students who attend the Confer Radio Talent Institute get their first job in broadcasting after graduation.”

The Confers funded a \$5 million donation towards the upcoming Confer Media Center installment in the

renovation of McCormick Center for Humanities & Services on the quadrangle. Kerby Confer, creator of the “Froggy” brand for his country music stations, has been a successful leader of the radio industry for years.

The National Radio Talent System™ (NRTS) consists of many talent institutes at colleges and universities around the US. Each institute invites industry executives from throughout the country as guest speakers, bringing their real-world experience to a rigorous 6-day summer program.

The National Radio Talent System hosts more than 30 radio specialists to the Confer Radio Talent Institute to teach interactive sessions. Throughout the week, participants will meet, mingle, and network with them.

It is only a \$395 deposit and housing can be provided for those who need a “relatively in-expensive” place to stay, according to Lawrence.

To help prospective professionals succeed in the radio industry, the National Radio Talent Institute provides an in-depth experience. The generation of digital content, efficient marketing strategies, and live broadcasting techniques are among the fundamental skills taught to participants.

The institute provides learners with the necessary skills to land a job and succeed

in a variety of professions, from music programming and sales to talk radio hosting, with an emphasis on hands-on training and industry knowledge.



Confer Radio Talent Institute 2023 participants stand with Kerby Confer. Photo by Jeff Schmidt.



A group visit to WMMR studios in Philadelphia. Photo by Jeff Schmidt

Honors College announces new name and receives \$7 million donation

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On March 8th, 2024 it was announced that the Honors College would change its name to the Eileen G. Jones Honors College.

Steve and Melanie Jones gave over \$7 million to the Honors College to help enhance the honors program. \$1.5 million was recently given to the Honors College to renovate the basement of Lycoming Hall, turning it into more study spaces and classrooms dedicated to honors seminar classes.

Steve is an alumnus of Bloomsburg University and



The Jones family- (left to right) Alex, Melanie, Steve, and Zachary.

Photo by CU.

graduated in 1983, and he is currently the chair of the BU Foundation Board of Directors. Steve wanted to name the honors college after his mother as a tribute to her.

This is the largest gift ever given to help benefit students from not only Bloomsburg but Lockhaven and Mansfield as well. This gift allows the honors college to grow

and have students maximize their time at Bloomsburg. With this grant money, the Honors College is hoping to enhance study abroad programs, create more study spaces within Lockhaven and Mansfield, create more scholarships, and have students take field trips within their seminar classes.

In an interview with Dr. Hintz, the director of the honors college, he stated that, "All of these aspects are meant to help build and enhance the experience for not only honors students but high achieving students. If you are gonna do it right, you need to have money to do that."

Dr. Hintz also emphasized that, "We want students to maximize their time here and give them the skills to be leaders on campus."

Dr. Hintz talked about the importance of this money and described the future of the honors college.

"We hope to create bigger and better high impact experiences for students like study abroad and this money can bring to cost down so students are not worried about paying a crazy amount of money to get these experiences."

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CGA addresses concerns over club budget cuts

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Commonwealth University's Bloomsburg Community Government Association (CGA) faces significant budget cuts for the 2024-2025 school year, stirring concern among students.

The decision, made against a backdrop of financial constraints, raises questions about the future of student-led initiatives and campus community engagement.

At Commonwealth University, CGA plays a crucial role in allocating funds to student organizations. Bloomsburg's

CGA provides an opportunity for students to govern themselves in a democratic manner, according to their mission on the Commonwealth University - Bloomsburg website. However, this process is not as simple as it may seem.

When approached, Neil D'Amato, the Comptroller of CGA overseeing club budgeting and financial auditing, conveyed that he is not able to provide a statement at this time. However, he expressed his willingness to engage in a discussion to address the significance of the current challenges and directed The Voice to CGA president Matt Yurkunas.

"Funding for all student organizations stems from the student activities fee included in each student's bill," stated Yurkunas. "This fee, similar to the health and recreation center fee, is a percentage of in-state tuition. The collected fees serve as one of the primary sources of funding for CGA's budget allocations."

Budget allocations are a meticulous process that involves examining each organization's needs and requests.

Open student organizations are prioritized for funding. A dedicated Budget Committee convenes to review every

budget proposal, ensuring fair consideration for all.

Beyond budget allocations, CGA encourages fundraising efforts to supplement its funding initiatives.

The organization also offers various services, including access to CGA vehicles at reduced costs and scholarships through the foundation. Additionally, CGA provides avenues for student concerns to be heard directly at senate meetings, with advisors present to facilitate discussions.

Integration process to last 'about five years'

CARLY BUSFIELD
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With the forecasted \$7.1 million deficit reaching a reality of \$10.4 million, Commonwealth University administration does not display much surprise as the rest of the community has. The overall process has been planned to take years of time says the CU

administration.

"The reaction, like President Hanna said, was not a surprise. We knew going into [that] it would be a multi-year process", said Dan Knorr, Director of External and Government Relations at Commonwealth University, in an interview on Monday, Mar. 18.

Knorr continued to share that it is about a five year process because the mix of enrollment increasing, resizing and facilities management. "It is going to take time", he elaborated.

Recovering from expenses is a "constant effort", emphasized Knorr. The administration is constantly making hard

decision of what expenses they need for the year and on, especially if they do not need that service anymore. "It is important to ask this [hard] questions", said Knorr.

Funding expenses and revenue

Roughly 30% of the funding for the university is supplied

by the state, according to Knorr, which leaves the rest for the university to cover. The state colleges rely on requesting more money each year from the state and the most recent request was for a 6.5% increase.

Knorr elaborated on their "aggressive" strategy in sourcing funding. The strong

relationship between university and state government allow for support of frozen tuition rates. This consistent funding along with constant support from donors play important roles.

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University plans to demolish two buildings following McCormick renovation

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NEWS EDITOR

The Waller Administration building and Old Science Hall are scheduled to be demolished following the completion of the McCormick renovation. Waller will become a parking lot with a receiving dock and Old Science will become a green space.

The plans for the removal of these buildings have been on the University's agenda for years.

"Old Science has been on the list for demolition for decades," says Executive Communications and Editorial Director, Elizabeth Arnold.

This long-time-coming plan is due to the building's age. Both Waller and Old Science are not up to modern standards, according to Assistant Director of Facilities for Planning and Construction, Emil Mikle.

Currently, the university is in the beginning stages of tackling this massive project. They are in what Mikle calls the consulting phase. As a capital project, a request for proposals was made inviting architectural companies to submit proposals to take on the projects. The Department of General Services (DGS) created a short list of three firms most suitable for the job. Then those firms tour the site to get an idea of the bid they will submit. Two weeks ago, a meeting was held on campus to tour buildings to see the infrastructure and begin assessing how to go about the demolition.

According to Mikle, the next phase of the project will involve hearing presentations from contractors, assessing their bids and selecting the best bid.

Currently, the university does not have any set timeline for the project nor a concise look at the dollar amount associated with this project.

Old Science, currently the school of nursing is pictured here. Old Science is right next to Schuylkill Hall. Photo by Connor Davis.



Waller is currently housing several departments who formerly lived in McCormick. Photo by Connor Davis.

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Club Corner: National Council of Negro Women

MADDIE BOLGER
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What is the NCNW?

The NCNW, which stands for the National Council of Negro Women, is an organization on campus that is dedicated to educating students on black culture. The club on campus is a collegiate branch of the national NCNW organization. According to the NCNW website, the organization's mission is "to lead, empower, and advocate for women of African descent, their families, and communities."

Givens speaks directly about the club's purpose here on campus. She states, "On campus, we are really just here to like invite everyone to learn more about things that are going on in the black communities, such as health or even social things that are happening." She also explained that the club is working to build up the Multicultural Center on campus as well as bring more underclassmen into the club. Currently, the club's president is Clarisse Irapayne. The vice president is Cora Cotson. The secretary is Mekelle Brathwaite. And the treasurer is Raziya Givens.

How can I join the club?

Anyone can join the NCNW, no matter their gender, race, or ethnicity. Givens states, "Normally, people will hear the word woman or hear the word negro and think it has to be a black woman or



Member of Bloomsburg's chapter of the National Council of Negro Women. Photo submitted by Raziya Givens.

a black male. It doesn't; it can be anyone." The club is open to anyone and everyone who wants to join, listen, and learn.

The NCNW meets on Wednesday nights, every other week, from 5:30–6:30. Club meetings are held in the Kehr Union building in either multipurpose room A or B. The club currently has 26 members, about 15 of whom regularly attend meetings. Givens also explained that the club is a closed organization, which means "you are a paid member, so you would have to pay \$5 a semester or \$10 for the whole year to be a member collegiately and then \$10 [to be a member] na-

tionally." Therefore, it costs \$20 per year to be an official member of this organization.

What to expect at club meetings?

A typical club meeting usually begins with an informational session, where club members learn about a specific topic in black culture. This is the main message of the meeting and includes the main information club members should learn. Then, the second half of the club meeting involves playing a game or doing an activity that is related to the message or the information learned at the beginning of the meeting.

If students attend a meeting of the NCNW, students should expect "to learn something but then also to have fun, meet brand new people that you have probably never seen before on campus but now you are seeing." Givens also explains that the club includes many students in various years, which lends itself well to mentorships within the club.

Why NCNW?

Looking into her time in the club, Givens initially joined the NCNW because she felt she had to find people that she could relate to. She states, "That group was just

filled with a whole bunch of black women who just were empowering each other and I was just like I want to be a part of it." As a member of the club, Givens had the opportunity to go to Harrisburg last semester and meet some of the upper-level administration members of the organization, which she really enjoyed. She expressed that this gave her a great opportunity to network with people she never would have met before.

Givens is now the treasurer of Bloomsburg's NCNW chapter. She says that while she knew this would be a role she would enjoy, she also took the position because the spot needed to be filled. Every member of the board of the club from last year had graduated, so those spots needed to be filled, or the club "was going to die." Speaking about the club, Givens says she believes it is beneficial to the Bloomsburg campus, so "being a part of the board, keeping it alive, is what we are really trying to focus on."

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NCNW to host Flea Market

MADDIE BOLGER
STAFF WRITER

On April 10th, the National Council of Negro Women will be hosting a flea market on campus. The event will be held in Kehr Union, multipurpose room 345, from 1 to 5 p.m. This will be the second annual flea market the NCNW has put on at Bloomsburg. At this flea market, there will be many different vendors coming in to sell their products and make themselves known to students. The vendors will be selling clothes, jewelry, crocheted items, candles, wax melts, and more.

Raziya Givens, a sophomore medical imaging major and the treasurer of Bloomsburg's

chapter of the NCNW, states, "There [are] people coming in from Danville to sell their stuff. We have a Native American vendor who wants to come in and sell some Native American pieces, which we are really excited for."

In addition, the organizers of this event hope they can include some businesses run by students in this flea market, to help promote students with businesses that are not very well-known on campus. They are reaching out to students who do hair and/or nails on campus to come in and advertise at this flea market. Givens explains that these students could set up a table showcasing some of the work they have done in the past, hand out busi-

ness cards to spread awareness about their business, and other things similar to that, as opposed to actually doing hair and nails during the event.

The cost to enter the flea market is \$5 for members of the general public and \$3 for NCNW club members. The proceeds from these entrance fees will go towards the club, helping them fund events they wish to put on in the future. This entrance fee must be paid in cash at the door of the event, but then once you get into the event, other forms of payment may be used, such as venmo, cashapp, etc. Be sure to stop by this flea market to check out the items and support the NCNW!



A photo from last year's flea market. Photo submitted by Raziya Givens.

3 weeks; 8 castaways; 1 Sole Survivor

MADDIE BOLGER
STAFF WRITER

Lots of excitement has gone down in Episodes 7 and 8 of Survivor-Bloomsburg. In Episode 7, castaways were competing in challenges held in the Quest Woods on upper campus and this episode brought the elimination of castaways Owen (OZ) Zulli and Lee Habalar. Episode 8 took place in the Kehr Union ballroom, where castaways participated in a real-life Among Us type game. Episode 8 also included the elimination of Anthony Witzak and Hailey Carter, leaving 8 castaways to battle for the title of Sole-Survivor.

Episode Seven Recap

The first challenge of Episode Seven was titled "Don't Bug Out. It's a SURVIVOR Woods Workout." This challenge was completed in pairs and involved an advantage earned by Jake Casella at the end of Episode Six. Casella's advantage was that he could choose his partner for this challenge as well as pair up two other castaways as a team. Casella chose to pair himself up with Lee Habalar, and he put Jay Maurer and Alyssa Barnes together to form the orange team. After that, the remaining castaways were randomly paired up. The purple team, consisting of Marcus Vener and Alek Harkins, pulled out a win for this challenge.

Then, the castaways were sent to Tribal Council, where they voted out Owen (Oz) Zulli.

The second challenge of the night was entitled "The SURVIVOR Trivia Teeter Totter Fire-making Relay." This challenge was also competed in teams, which Marcus Vener and Alek Harkins got to create due to their victory in the first challenge. They created the following teams: Alek Harkins, Claire Schmoke, and Jake Casella on team one; Hailey Carter, Jay Maurer, and Katelyn Doebler on team two; Anthony Witzak, Brady Armstrong, and Alyssa Barnes on team three; and Marcus Vener and Lee Habalar on team four. These four teams competed against each

other in the second challenge of the night. The winning team was team one, consisting of Alek Harkins, Claire Schmoke, and Jake Casella. Upon the completion of this challenge, the castaways went to Tribal Council and decided to eliminate Lee Habalar.

Episode Eight recap

The first challenge of Episode eight was titled, "IMPOSTER Live Action AMONG US." In this challenge, the castaways played two rounds of a lifesize version of Among Us. In the first round, the imposter did not win, as Jake Casella and Katelyn Doebler both successfully completed their tasks before being eliminated by

the imposter or voted out by the group. This provided them both with an advantage for the second challenge of the night, which is explained below.

In the second round of Among Us, Marcus Vener was the imposter and he successfully eliminated all the players in the game before they could complete their tasks. This win allowed him to also receive an advantage for the second challenge of the night.

Read the rest in the Howl section of www.buvoice.com.

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Live on Air: Bloomsburg's first radio DJ

CALEB BROWN
HOWL EDITOR

Late in the evening of October 14th, 1975, Carole Boughter sat alone in the quiet space of the newly built Bloomsburg State College (BSC) radio station. In front of her stood a mic, and off to her side was a stack of vinyl records that included some of her favorite musical artists, such as Tower of Power, the Grateful Dead, and Stanley Clark, and would make up the music that she would play that night. A date that saw Carole Boughter become the campus's first radio DJ.

Meet the DJ

As an English and Art History major, there was a lot about BSC that Boughter found inviting. "There were a lot of new things that were evolving."

Boughter talked about what specifically drew her to the radio station when she heard that one would be established on campus. "I always loved music; my family loves music; there have been many things I have done associated with music. Doing the radio station was one of the early things I was able to

participate in."

However, it wasn't just the radio station, that caught her attention. "I fell in love with all these extra things we could do. The radio station or running the campus activities board."

When the Kehr Union building was first built, the station was housed within it. Using phone lines, the station functioned as a closed-circuit facility. This meant that phone lines were the only way for the station to be picked up in residence halls and other university buildings.

The station also operated as an AM station, and along with the control board, it was outfitted with a turntable, a reel-to-reel machine, and some microphones.

According to Boughter, "We brought a lot of our own records to the station or we borrowed them from other people." She described the station, stating it wasn't large. She recalled it as "not too small but it wasn't a very large room."



A photo of Carole Boughter in the station published in *The Campus Voice* on Oct. 23rd 1975. Photo taken by Wayne Palmer.

Forged intimacy with the audience

Boughter would play her music late into the night for nearly two years at the little Kehr Union station. She viewed the station as a tranquil place, even with all the music blasting from the turn tables. This gave her a sense that she was a member of a private club.

She would play her music, occasionally delivering commentary to anyone who happened to be listening, although it was impossible to know how many. She could also feel a personal

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Café Emily: Strawberries and Cream Frappuccino

EMILY KESLER
COLUMNIST

Spring is here and what better way to capture its essence than with none other than a Starbucks Strawberries and Cream Frappuccino? This delectable drink combines the sweetness of ripe strawberries with the creamy richness of whipped cream, creating a harmonious blend of flavors that will satisfy your palate.

With each sip, you'll experience the balance of sweet strawberries and creamy whipped cream, a wonderful combination for such a refreshing drink. The beautiful pink hue of this drink adds a pop of color, reminding us of images of blooming flowers and sunny days to come. As the weather continues to warm up, the strawberries and cream frappuccino offers a cool and pleasing treat that is perfect for enjoying on a sunny afternoon. This beverage is a delightful way to kick off the spring season. Its combination of flavors is both comforting and invigorating, making the strawberries and cream frappuccino a must-try for anyone looking to embrace the joys of spring.

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you why a song or string or songs had a personal meaning to them.”

Boughter wasn’t the only student operating the station at the time. In her own words, “She just happened to be the first on-air.” Other prominent students present, when the station went live, included names such as station manager Rick Eckrote, whom Boughter described as “easygoing.”

Along with Eckrote, there was continuity director Peggy Moran and program director Joe Daley. However,

Boughter could remember that there were, in total, anywhere from eight to ten members of the station.

Beyond the airwaves

Thinking back about her role as Bloomsburg’s first DJ, she said, “I think it’s a little monumental.” Before stating, “I was lucky enough to be in firsts a lot of times,” such as one of the first people to run a festival on campus known as “The Jamboree.”

Boughter would even-

tually graduate from BSC in 1978. After graduation, she joined the Bloomsburg Theater Ensemble, where she stayed for two years. During her time there, she founded a music co-op. She would then move to Philadelphia, where she took on a role as the director of the Folklife Center, working to bring many styles of song, dance, and art to the local community.

Reflecting on the impact her tenure at the station had, she said, “It provided me with some confidence in my ability to introduce individuals to meaningful content.”



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Photo

A windy off-season football practice

ISABELLA SALVATORE
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On Monday afternoon, the Bloomsburg football team held a windy practice on the Danny Hale Field for an exciting practice. The players worked through energetic drills and began to prepare for the upcoming season.



KJ Riley, #2 Quarterback from Danville, PA.



Garrett Varano, #40 Wide Receiver from Mount Carmel, PA.



Jon Seamans, #33 Wide Receiver from Scott Township, PA.

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Growl

Op-Ed

What if our idea of healthy relationships needs to be reevaluated?

AMY JOY
CONTRIBUTOR

Efforts to raise awareness of partner violence continues to branch out across Bloomsburg's campus. Compelling, reported abuse statistics from the National Domestic Violence Hotline states that 35% women and 28.5% men in the US, "experienced rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner in their lifetime."

This kind of abuse has been reported by about 50% of the population, which has justified a valid investigation into the frequency of unreported cases and more subtle kinds of manipulation. Many victims get stuck in a self-blame cycle as a result of being psychologically manipulated in a way that takes advantage of social blind spots. It is a form of brainwashing while they slip through the proverbial cracks in society.

Director, of Commonwealth University Police, Leo V. Sokoloski said, "I don't believe anyone ever enters into a relationship thinking they will be treated poorly." Adding onto police director's thoughts, Monica Johnson, the Counselor and Director of the Women's and LGBTQA Resource Centers, said "often people might not realize it's happening, they might just think that it's physical abuse, but we know that it's mental and emotional, financial."

Johnson listed ways that may

not be in the forefront of our minds when we think of abuse such as keeping people from friends and family, forbidding a friend or partner from pursuing opportunities and even controlling behavior.

To learn more about various forms of abuse, go to the Bloomsburg University Women's Resource Center website and select "relationship violence." Along with a 24/7 hotline for confidential support, information, and help with safety planning to escape dangerous situations, the National Domestic Violence Hotline also offers insights and tools, such as the Power and Control Wheel.

On campus, resources are available. Meredith Norris, who is the graduate student intern for the Dean of Students office located on the main floor of the Student Center on campus. There is a sign at the front desk stating:

"When students face challenges and obstacles that may prevent them from their academic pursuits, the Office of the Dean of Students can help! When unexpected life events occur and you are in need of some assistance, support, someone to talk to or just someone to listen contact Office of the Dean of Students."

During conversation about the details of the sign, Norris gave a picturesque idea referring to this facility as a "big umbrella office." She goes into more detail on the

function of the Dean of Students office, emphasizing how they determine the requirements of the students and cater to them appropriately.

For example, they lead student to tutoring services or put them in touch with the Success Center if they need help with their academic work. In addition, they guide those in need access to the food pantry and offer services for counseling to victims of domestic abuse. "In this building alone, there are over a dozen offices that we can refer students to," Norris said.

Additional resources are accessible to students, including Title IX, overseen by Jennifer Raup in Elwell, addressing sexual assault, dating violence, and various forms of support. Johnson is situated in the Kehr Union, opposite The Commons. The Columbia County District Attorney's office in Bloomsburg, PA, was also referenced.

Sokoloski highlighted the education of BUPD in domestic violence, guiding victims to "necessary resources, medically, emotionally & legally." She further emphasized BU's campus commitment to promoting gender equality and fostering shared respect vital for healthy relationships.

Reducing relationship violence requires prevention, education, and awareness. The Bloomsburg campus is committed to creating

a secure atmosphere that supports wholesome relationships long after graduation. Johnson described how, at an event last month, the women's centers on campus and in the town collaborated to explore "relationship red flags and what are good signs and what are sort of like beige flags."

In honor of Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April, a speaker will be discussing her own experience. For informal social and educational programs, follow \$U_WRC on Instagram. Johnson emphasizes "not blaming yourself" when advising students in abusive relationships to confide in a trusted person for assistance and resource access. People of any gender are welcome at the Women's Resource Center.

The Bloomsburg Campus Police Department employs three simultaneous strategies to ensure campus safety: protect, prevent, and educate. Protect involves deterring crime through marked police vehicles, uniformed officers patrolling on foot and by car, managing emergency calls, and engaging with the community. Prevention tactics include proactive community outreach, crime analysis, environmental design analysis, collaboration with professional organizations, strategic placement of CCTV cameras and blue light call boxes, and ensuring proper campus lighting.

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Growl

Op-Ed

Are Bloomsburg students still interested in study abroad post-covid?

BRI RAYMOND
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JOURNALIST

In a world pre-COVID-19, study abroad was one of the most enticing programs offered at universities.

Since leaving quarantine and returning to normality, one of the biggest challenges is re-starting these types of exciting programs. Studying abroad has been known to be one of the best parts of going to college and getting to experience a new culture and education.

A search for funding:

Dr. Hintz, the director of the honors college, described how difficult it has been since the integration to find the money to make studying abroad more affordable, and to find faculty who have time while wanting to run these different programs.

Before COVID, the honors college used to host an annual affordable trip to Poland, but it was canceled because of the pandemic and has yet to be brought back. Dr. Hintz emphasized that there are plans

to bring back another annual and more affordable trip to study abroad with money that was recently donated to them.

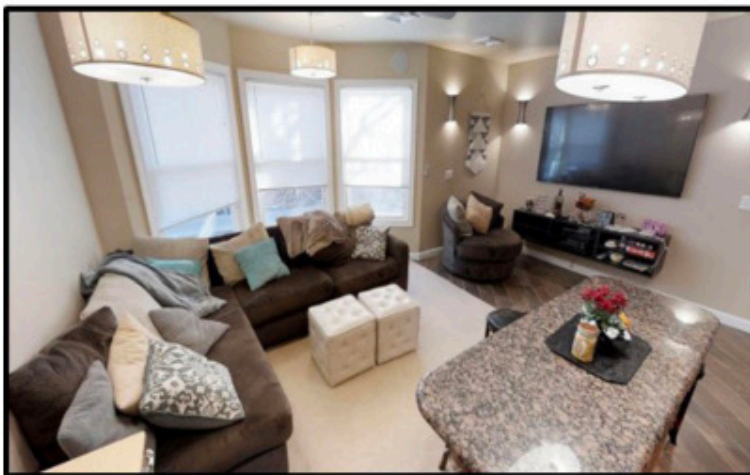
It seems that the most common worry having to do with studying abroad is the money. Right now, on average, a plane ticket to Europe is anywhere from \$500-1,500. Being a college student and having to pay for most things on your own, it can be difficult to rationalize spending that much money on a plane ticket alone.

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Bloomsburg honors student, Micheal Harry. Photo by Bri Raymond.

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SPORTS

Men's Club Volleyball remains hot



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The Bloomsburg Men's Club Volleyball team has been making waves in the collegiate sports scene, establishing themselves as a dominant force to be reckoned with.

The team's impressive string of victories in their recent bout of league games, has been leaving their opponents in the dust. They've showcased their unparalleled skill and teamwork on the court.

The team has been stellar this season with a record of 13-1.

This has been one of the best seasons they have had in recent

history. The team hosted a tournament at the end of Spring Break, where they asserted their dominance by going undefeated in all four games.

Senior middle Colton Bryner has had an impact on the team that cannot be overstated. Bryner's leadership role has been a leading drive to the team's success and will be missed when he graduates.

Fellow middle blocker, Shane Stauffer, has proven himself indispensable to the team's success. Though it is only his first year playing competitive volleyball. The 6' 7" Stauffer has quickly put his talents to use. As middle blockers, the duo have proven themselves to be virtually unstoppable in conference play by

consistently delivering prominent performances.

Another standout player who has made his mark is setter, Drew McIntyre, showcasing himself as a pivotal leader for the team this season.

McIntyre's wealth of experience has proven invaluable, consistently elevating the team's performance whenever he steps onto the court. His seamless partnership with this year's starting front line has been a significant catalyst for the team's success and providing a solid foundation for their offensive scheme.

The team's most recent victory against West Chester has them placed first in the MACVC Conference. The team will be trav-

eling to Shippensburg on the 6th to continue the momentum built throughout the year that has them primed for a run in playoffs. Club President Alex Bartman understands the tasks ahead of him, "We will be going against some tough teams there, but we hope to show them what Bloomsburg University is all about".

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SPORTS

Huskies sweep Kutztown

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The Bloomsburg baseball team brought home two huge wins over Easter weekend.

The Huskies swept Kutztown, 9-4 and 6-1 in a PSAC double header on the road.

The Huskies offense was on fire tailing 21 hits in two games. The work on the mound also showed up for the Huskies, as Blomsburg pitchers gave up only 11 combined hits between the two games.

Game 1

To start the game off the Huskies drew two walks. They had runners on second and third on a wild pitch. The Huskies would be out in front as senior, Jonathan La-

Barbera drove in 2 runs on an RBI groundout to give the Huskies a 2-0 lead.

Kutztown would get on the board and take the lead in the third inning as junior, Jimmy Kerley hit a three-run home run. That would give Kutztown a one run lead.

Bloomsburg didn't get rattled and they reclaimed the lead in the top of the fourth inning.

In the inning the Huskies stayed poised as they hit four consecutive singles. Freshman, Joe Levis and redshirt junior, Jacob Reifer posted RBIs to take the lead back.

The Huskies then added another run in the sixth inning as junior, Dansby Keenan smoked a double and scored on a fielding error. Kennan would also add a two-RBI

single later in the game to give Bloomsburg a 7-3 advantage. The Huskies went on to add two more runs on a walk and sacrifice fly.

Kutztown fought to add one more run in the game. They would go on to lose Game 1 with a score of 9-4.

Game 2

In game 2 the Huskies stayed hot.

In the first inning, Bloomsburg score five runs to make the score 5-0 earlt on. Senior, Wyatt Metzger added a homerun for Bloomsburg in the inning.

It took Kutztown until the 5th inning to get on the board as they added a run on an RBI single. Bloomsburg would then add another run. Reifer added an RBI-

bunt single to bring the run in for the Huskies.

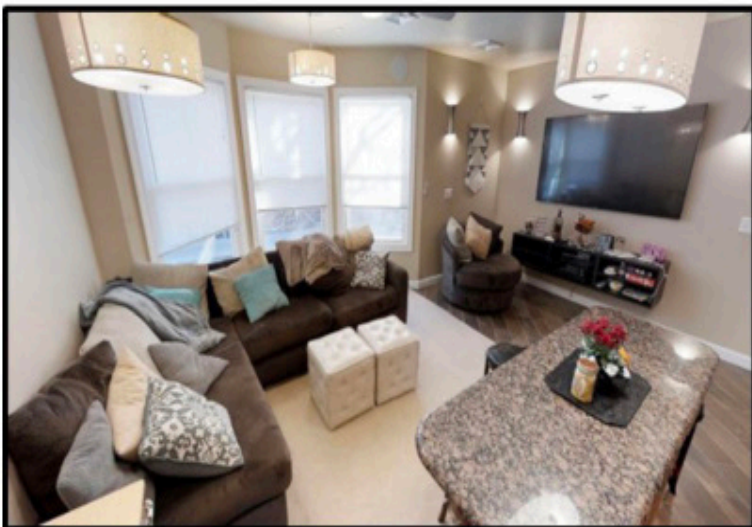
Sophomore pitcher, Will Dean stood out for Huskies. Dean got his second win of the season doing so with a complete game. He finished with four strikeouts and zero earned runs.

Reifer had four hits on the day , along with three RBIs and a run.

Junior, Josh Wilson also had a strong day going 4-8 and scoring twice for the Huskies.

Bloomsburg will take to the field again this week to try and keep up with their winning streak as they host Clarion on Tuesday, April 2 at 3 p.m..

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