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On 18th of October, South Asian Student's Association (SASA) held their Annual Dinner and Dance in Larison Dining Hall. The event was started thirty-seven years ago to celebrate the South Asian festival of Diwali—the Hindu festival of lights, and Eid—the commemoration of the completion of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan. Since then the event has grown to encompass a general expression and awareness of the vibrancy of South Asian culture not only through its culinary experiences but also through music and dance prepared and presented by the members of the organization. Over the years, the celebration has come to enjoy a large following not only amongst the Bucknell community but also other communities in the Susquehanna region.

This year the event began with a formal three course dinner catered by the India Pavilion Restaurant, located at Penn State. Accompanying the dinner were various South Asian dance performances to music from popular songs in Bollywood—India’s booming entertainment industry. In addition, there was a guest performance of the Indian classical dance of Bharat Natyam by an eight year old from Lewisburg. Nearly 300 students, faculty and staff from Bucknell attended the dinner to show support for the performances and to enjoy some spicy Indian food.

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The members of SASA truly embody the Bucknell drive for diversity with members from different parts of the world who came together to bring a part of South Asia to this campus in central Pennsylvania.
Culture & Service
Trip to New York

BY, ERICA LOPATOF SKY

On Saturday, September 21st 2008, 17 Bucknell students and 2 staff members embarked for a weekend of Culture and Service in Brooklyn, NY. The weekend consisted of an opportunity to perform community service and attend a performance of The MAAFA Suite at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church in Brooklyn. Bucknell Alum, the Rev. Kirby Spivey ’97, invited Bucknell students to attend the performance.

For our community service we thoroughly cleaned and reorganized the school classrooms. Kindergarten classroom in particular required a lot of effort. The kindergarten students who have asthma had been having difficulty breathing because of the dust and grime in the classroom. The walls had also been recently re-plastered but the room was not properly cleaned since the walls had been completed. We worked in the school for about 5 hours, before boarding our buses and heading to the hotel.

Next morning the group attended services at St. Paul’s Baptist Church. The African-American church providing the service was very active and upbeat. For most of the students on the trip, this was their first time in a Black church.

We spent some time that afternoon exploring Brooklyn and meeting as a group to discuss what we had experienced that morning. In the early evening, we changed into the all-white clothing we had brought to wear to The MAAFA Suite. The MAAFA Suite is a psychodrama that the church performs each year that explores the history and experiences of the middle passage and the impact slavery has had on African Americans. The performance was an extremely powerful and moving experience.

Those who participated in the Culture & Service trip had an eye opening, rewarding, and educa-

Wacky Wednesday
November 20, 2008

At 10pm in the Cultural Center-Vedder Hall
Fun, Food & Fellowship! Come eat and be merry….or silly :-)

Photos by Jess Hess
Homecoming 2008

This year’s Homecoming celebration cleverly tagged with the slogan “Forever Orange and Blue,” was filled with events and excitement despite inclement weather and a crushing loss in football to Colgate University.

Friday kicked off with Alumni Board Meetings and Homecoming Festivities. Several Bucknell alumni were honored Friday night at the Awards gala held in Trout Auditorium: Jessica Jackley Flannery, a 2000 graduate who was honored with the Distinguished Citizenship Young Alumni Award; Edward F. Staiano ’58, receiving the Engineering Alumni Association Alumni Award; and William C. Westenhofer ’90 was honored with the Association for the Arts Academy of Artistic Achievement Award. In addition the late Charles R. Pollock ’70 was given the Distinguished Citizenship Award.

Following the gala, all guests of the event were invited to take a stroll down the moonlit quad and over to the Langone Center for the Gala reception. The terrace room was decked out in brown and orange décor—perfect for the season. Guests were greeted with a luxurious spread of cheeses and beverages. A small ensemble played relaxing tunes in the background as the attendees were invited to dance the night away.

The following day the BAA (Black Alumni Association) hosted their annual Brawley fund meeting at 10:00 AM and their general board meeting followed at 11:00 AM. Each of these meetings was held at the library in the Traditional Reading Room.

In addition to the current Bucknell students and staff many former Bucknell students attended the meetings. Attending staff members included Jessica Hess, Director of Multicultural Student Services, Kurt Thiede VP for Enrollment Management, and Laura Denbow, Executive Director Alumni Relations and Careers Services. Following the meetings, many folks chose to brave the fierce winds and down pours to support our Bucknell Bison football team as they prepared to take on Colgate University. Despite a strong start and excellent display of defensive strategy, Colgate defeated our Bucknell Bison in a homecoming loss of 52-28.

After the game, many people headed off to 7th street house to get dry and partake in some Caribbean cuisine. Hosted jointly by the brothers of Kappa Alpha Psi and the residents of 7th Street house, this event was a huge success. Former alum and current students were invited to socialize, network, and get some good food during this three hour event which took place from 4-7pm.

Comedian Alonzo Boden who was later featured at the campus comedy show, stopped by to make a special guest appearance and take a photo with the hosting Fraternity Kappa Alpha Psi. Students, faculty and staff filled the 7th street house with laughter and old memories as they celebrated yet another Bucknell homecoming.

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Mark Your Calendar!!

Nov 4, 08: Student Success Series-Research, Library Lab-Lower Level 1, 6pm

Nov 5, 08: MLK Commemoration Community Service project Information Session, LC Center Room, 6pm

Nov 8, 08: Fall Dance Showcase, Harvey Powers Theater, 4pm

Nov 10, 08: Multicultural Movement Mondays, Larison Hall, 7pm

Nov 11, 08: Blood Drive, Larison Dining Hall, 10am

Nov 13, 08: MLK Commemoration Community Service project Information Session, Arches Lounge, 8pm

Nov 15, 08: OAR Concert, Sojka Pavilion, 8pm

Nov 19, 08: Student Success Series-Degree Requirements/Academic Checkpoints, Cultural Center, 6pm

Nov 19, 08: Wacky Wednesday, Vedder Lounge, 10pm

Nov 21, 08: International Coffee Hour, Vedder Lounge, 4pm